# **VSC7513 Datasheet 8-Port L2 Gigabit Ethernet Switch**





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# <span id="page-15-0"></span>**1 Revision History**

This section describes the changes that were implemented in this document. The changes are listed by revision, starting with the most current publication.

#### <span id="page-15-1"></span>**1.1 Revision 4.2**

Revision 4.2 of this datasheet was published in May 2019. The following is a summary of the changes in revision 4.2 of this document.

• VeriPHY descriptions were updated. For functional details of the VeriPHY suite and operating instructions, see the *ENT-AN0125 PHY, Integrated PHY-Switch VeriPHY - Cable Diagnostics Application Note*.

# <span id="page-15-2"></span>**1.2 Revision 4.1**

Revision 4.1 of this datasheet was published in January 2018. The following is a summary of the changes in revision 4.1 of this document.

- Product overview was updated to reflect the correct number of supported 2.5G ports. For more information, see [Product Overview, page 3](#page-17-4).
- The recovered clock settings table has been split into two. For more information, see [Table 123,](#page-167-4) [page 153](#page-167-4) and [Table 124, page 153.](#page-167-5)
- The SI timing master and slave mode specification sections were updated. For more information, see [SI Timing Master Mode Specifications, page 281](#page-295-5) and [SI Timing Slave Mode Specifications,](#page-296-2) [page 282.](#page-296-2)
- The REFCLK rise and fall time was updated. For more information, see [Table 223, page 273.](#page-287-6)

# <span id="page-15-3"></span>**1.3 Revision 4.0**

The following is a summary of the changes in revision 4.0 of this document.

- Product overview was updated to add feature highlights. For more information, see [General](#page-17-5) [Features, page 3.](#page-17-5)
- Information about configuring I/O delays was added. For more information, see [Configuring I/O](#page-171-3) [Delays, page 157.](#page-171-3)
- Fan controller information was updated. For more information, see [Fan Controller, page 212.](#page-226-2)
- Electrical specifications were updated. For more information, see [Electrical Specifications,](#page-283-8) [page 269.](#page-283-8)
- Pin type symbols were defined and the pins by function table was updated. For more information, see [Table 248, page 289](#page-303-5) and [Pins by Function, page 292](#page-306-3).
- Moisture sensitivity level (MSL) is level 4.
- ESD (electrostatic discharge) was added. For human body model (HBM), it is a Class 2 rating. For charged device model (CDM), it is ±250 V.
- Information on design guidelines was added. For more information, see [Design Guidelines,](#page-327-5) [page 313.](#page-327-5)
- Information on power supply sequencing was added. For more information, see [Power Supply](#page-303-6) [Sequencing, page 289.](#page-303-6)

# <span id="page-15-4"></span>**1.4 Revision 2.1**

The following is a summary of the changes in revision 2.1 of this document.

- [Electrical Specifications, page 269C](#page-283-8)urrent and power consumption values were updated. For more information, see [Table 246, page 288.](#page-302-4)
- Limits for DDR3/DDR3L leakage (IL) changed to 40 uA. For more information, see [Table 215,](#page-283-9) [page 269](#page-283-9) and [Table 216, page 270.](#page-284-4)



# <span id="page-16-0"></span>**1.5 Revision 2.0**

Revision 2.0 was the first publication of this document.



# <span id="page-17-4"></span><span id="page-17-0"></span>**2 Product Overview**

The VSC7513 Industrial IoT Ethernet switch contains four integrated dual media 10/100/1000BASE-T PHYs, two 1G SGMII/SerDes, and an option for either a 1G/2.5G SGMII/SerDes Node Processor Interface (NPI) or a PCIe interface for external CPU connectivity. The NPI/PCIe can operate as a standard Ethernet port. The device provides a rich set of Industrial Ethernet switching features such as fast protection switching, 1588 precision time protocol, and synchronous Ethernet. Advanced TCAMbased VLAN and QoS processing enable delivery of differentiated services. Security is assured through frame processing using Microsemi's TCAM-based Versatile Content Aware Processor. In addition, the device contains a powerful 500 MHz CPU, enabling full management of the switch.

The device supports the following main port configurations.

<span id="page-17-3"></span>*Table 1 •* **Main Port Configurations**

| <b>Ports</b> | 1G Dual Media 1G SGMII QSGMII |  | <b>2.5G NPI</b> | <b>PCIe</b> |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------|
| $6 + NPI$    |                               |  |                 |             |
| $6 + PCIe$   |                               |  |                 |             |
| $8 + NPI$    |                               |  |                 |             |
| $8 + PCIe$   |                               |  |                 |             |

# <span id="page-17-1"></span>**2.1 General Features**

- <span id="page-17-5"></span>• 1.75 megabits of integrated shared packet memory
- 4 × integrated dual media copper PHYs/SGMII ports
- Fully nonblocking wire-speed switching performance with weighted random early detection (WRED) for all frame sizes
- Eight QoS classes and eight queues per port with strict or deficit weighted round robin scheduling
- Dual leaky bucket policers, per QoS class and per port
- Dual leaky bucket policers, flow-based through TCAM matching
- DWRR and strict priority egress scheduler/shaper and 9 dual leaky bucket shapers per egress port.
- TCAM-based classification entries for Quality of Service (QoS) and VLAN membership
- TCAM-based host identity entries for source IP guarding
- TCAM-based security enforcement entries
- TCAM-based egress tagging entries
- L1 Synchronous Ethernet
- VeriTime™—Microsemi's patent-pending distributed timing technology that delivers the industry's most accurate IEEE 1588v2 timing implementation for both one-step and two-step clocks
- Audio/Video bridging (AVB) with support for time-synchronized, low-latency audio and video streaming services
- Energy Efficient Ethernet (IEEE 802.3az)
- VCore-III CPU system with integrated 500 MHz MIPS 24KEc™ CPU with MMU and DDR3 SDRAM controller
- PCIe 1.x and NPI CPU interface
- Internal shared memory buffer (8 queues per port) Integrated 10/100/1000BASE-T Ethernet copper transceiver (IEEE 802.3ab compliant) with the industry's only non-TDR-based VeriPHY™ cable diagnostics algorithm
- Patented line driver with low EMI voltage mode architecture and integrated line-side termination resistors
- Wake-on-LAN using magic packets
- HP Auto-MDIX and manual MDI/MDIX support

### <span id="page-17-2"></span>**2.1.1 Layer 2 Switching**

- 4,096 MAC addresses
- 4,096 VLANs (IEEE 802.1Q)



- Push/pop/translate up to three VLAN tags; translation on ingress and/or on egress
- Policing with storm control and MC/BC protection
- TCAM-based VLAN classification and translation with pattern matching against Layer 2 through Layer 4 information such as MAC addresses, VLAN tag headers, EtherType, DSCP, IP addresses, and TCP/UDP ports and ranges
- QoS and VLAN TCAM entries
- VLAN egress tagging TCAM entries
- Link aggregation (IEEE 802.3ad)
- Link aggregation traffic distribution is programmable and based on Layer 2 through Layer 4 information
- Wire-speed hardware-based learning and CPU-based learning configurable per port
- Independent and shared VLAN learning
- Provider Bridging (VLAN Q-in-Q) support (IEEE 802.1ad)
- Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol support (IEEE 802.1w)
- Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol support (IEEE 802.1s)
- Jumbo frame support
- TCAM-based classification and VCAP-II security

### <span id="page-18-0"></span>**2.1.2 Layer 2 Multicast**

- IPv4/IPv6 multicast Layer-2 switching with up to 4,096 groups and 64 port masks
- Internet Group Management Protocol version 2 (IGMPv2) support
- Internet Group Management Protocol version 3 (IGMPv3) support with source specific multicast forwarding
- Multicast Listener Discovery (MLDv1) support
- Multicast Listener Discovery (MLDv2) support with source specific forwarding

## <span id="page-18-1"></span>**2.1.3 Quality of Service**

- Eight QoS classes and two drop precedence levels
- Eight QoS queues per port with Deficit Weighted Round-robin (DWRR) or Frame Based Roundrobin (FBRR) scheduling
- TCAM-based QoS and VLAN classification with pattern matching against Layer 2 through Layer 4 information
- DSCP translation, both ingress and/or egress
- DSCP remarking based on QoS class and drop precedence level
- VLAN (PCP, DEI, and VID) translation, both ingress and egress
- PCP and DEI remarking based on QoS class and drop precedence level
- Policers, selectable per QoS class, per queue, per port, and per security entry through TCAM-based pattern matching, programmable in steps of 33.3 kbps
- Dual leaky bucket shaping per port and per QoS class, programmable in steps of 100 kbps
- Full-duplex flow control (IEEE 802.3X) and half-duplex backpressure, symmetric and asymmetric
- Priority-based full-duplex flow control (IEEE 802.1Qbb)
- Multicast and broadcast storm control with flooding control
- QoS classification based on IEEE 802.1p and IPv4/IPv6 DSCP

# <span id="page-18-2"></span>**2.1.4 Security**

- Versatile Content Aware Processor (VCAP) packet filtering engine using ACLs for ingress and egress packet inspection
	- Security VCAP entries
	- Source IP guarding entries
	- Shared VCAP rate policers with rate measurements in frames per second or bits per second
	- Eight shared range checkers supporting ranges based on TCP/UDP port numbers, DSCP values, and VLAN identifiers
	- VCAP match patterns supporting generic MAC, ARP, IPv4, and IPv6 protocols
	- VCAP actions including permit/deny, police, count, CPU-copy, and mirror
	- Special support for IP fragments, UDP/TCP port ranges, and ARP sanity check
	- Extensive CPU DoS prevention by VCAP rate policers and hit-me-once functions
	- Surveillance functions supported by 32-bit VCAP counters
- Generic storm controllers for flooded broadcast, flooded multicast, and flooded unicast traffic



- Selectable CPU extraction queues for segregation of CPU redirected traffic, with 8 extraction queues supported
- Per-port, per-address registration for copying/redirecting/discarding of reserved IEEE MAC addresses (BPDU, GARP, CCM/Link trace)
- Port-based and MAC-based access control (IEEE 802.1X)
- Per-port CPU-based learning with option for secure CPU-based learning
- Per-port ingress and egress mirroring
- Mirroring per VLAN and per VCAP match

### <span id="page-19-0"></span>**2.1.5 Management**

- VCore-III™ CPU system with integrated 500 MHz MIPS 24KEc CPU with MMU and DDR3/DDR3L SDRAM controller
- PCIe 1.x CPU interface
- CPU frame extraction (eight queues) and injection (two queues) through DMA, which enables efficient data transfer between Ethernet ports and CPU/PCIe
- EJTAG debug interface
- Configurable 16-bit or 8-bit DDR3 SDRAM interface supporting up to one gigabyte (GB) of memory
- Twenty-two pin-shared general-purpose I/Os:
	- Serial GPIO and LED controller controlling up to 32 ports with four LEDs each
	- Dual PHY management controller (MIIM)
	- Dual UART Built-in two wire serial interface multiplexer
	- External interrupts
	- 1588 synchronization I/Os
	- SFP loss of signal inputs
- External access to registers through PCIe, SPI, MIIM, or through an Ethernet port with inline Microsemi's Versatile Register Access Protocol (VRAP)
- Per-port counter set with support for the RMON statistics group (RFC 2819) and SNMP interfaces group (RFC 2863)
- Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) (IEEE 802.3az)
- Synchronous Ethernet, with two clock outputs recovered from any port
- Support for CPU modes with internal CPU only, external CPU only, or dual CPU

# <span id="page-19-1"></span>**2.1.6 Product Parameters**

All SerDes, copper transceivers, packet memory, and configuration tables necessary to support network applications are integrated. The following table lists the primary parameters for the device.



#### <span id="page-19-2"></span>*Table 2 •* **Product Parameters**



#### *Table 2 •* **Product Parameters** *(continued)*



# <span id="page-20-0"></span>**2.2 Applications**

VSC7513 targets unmanaged and managed applications in industrial Ethernet, Internet of Things (IoT), Enterprise, SMB, Customer-premises Equipment (CPE), and Network Termination Equipment (NTE).

# <span id="page-20-1"></span>**2.3 Functional Overview**

This section provides an overview of all major blocks and functions involved in the forwarding operation in the same order as a frame traverses through the VSC7513 device. It also outlines other major functionality of the device such as the CPU port module, the CPU system, and CPU interfaces.

The following illustration is a block diagram for the device.



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# <span id="page-21-0"></span>**2.3.1 Frame Arrival**

The Ethernet interfaces receive incoming frames and forwards these to the port modules. The 1G SGMII and 2.5G SGMII ports support both 100BASE-X and 1000BASE-X-SERDES.

Each port module contains a Media Access Controller (MAC) that performs a full suite of checks, such as VLAN Tag aware frame size checking, Frame Check Sequence (FCS) checking, and Pause frame identification.

Each port module that connects to a SerDes block contains a Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS), which perform 8 bits/10 bits encoding, auto-negotiation of link speed and duplex mode, and monitoring of the link status.

Full-duplex is supported for all speeds, and half-duplex is supported for 10 Mbps and 100 Mbps. Symmetric and asymmetric pause flow control are both supported as well as priority-based flow control (IEEE 802.1Qbb).

All Ethernet ports support Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) according to IEEE 802.3az. The shared queue system is capable of controlling the operating states, active or low-power, of the PCS. The PCS understands the line signaling as required for EEE. This includes signaling of active, sleep, quiet, refresh, and wake.



# <span id="page-22-0"></span>**2.3.2 Basic and Advanced Frame Classification**

The basic and advanced frame classification in the ingress processing module receive all frames. The basic and advanced classifiers determine a range of frame properties such as VLAN, Quality of Service (QoS) class, and drop precedence level. This information is carried through the switch together with the frame and affects policing, drop precedence marking, statistics collecting, security enforcement, Layer-2 forwarding, and rewriting.

The classification is a combination of a basic classification using configurable logic and more advanced classification using a TCAM.

The classification engine understands up to two VLAN tags and can look for Layer-3 and Layer-4 information behind two VLAN tags. If frames are triple tagged, the higher-layer protocol information is not extracted.

The following illustration shows the basic and advanced frame classification.

<span id="page-22-1"></span>*Figure 2 •* **Basic and Advanced Frame Classification**



The basic classification classifies each frame to a VLAN, a QoS class, a drop precedence (DP) level, DSCP value, and an aggregation code. The basic classification also performs a general frame acceptance check. The output from the basic classification may be overwritten or changed by the more intelligent advanced classification using the IS1 TCAM.

**Frame Acceptance** The frame acceptance filter checks for valid combinations of VLAN tags against the ingress port's VLAN acceptance filter where it is possible to configure rules for accepting untagged, priority-tagged, C-, and S-tagged frames. In addition, the filter also enables discarding of frames with illegal MAC addresses (for instance null MAC address or multicast source MAC address).

**VLAN** Every incoming frame is classified to a VLAN by the basic VLAN classification. This is based on the VLAN in the frame, or if the frame is untagged or the ingress port is VLAN unaware, it is based on the ingress port's default VLAN. A VLAN classification includes the whole TCI (PCP, DEI, and VID) and also the TPID (C-tag or S-tag).

For double-tagged frames, it is selectable whether the inner or the outer tag is used.

The device can recognize S-tagged frames with the standard TPID (0x88A8) or S-tagged frames using a custom programmable value. One custom value is supported by the device.

**QoS, DP, and DSCP** Each frame is classified to a Quality of Service (QoS) class and a drop precedence level (frame color: green/yellow). The QoS class and DP level are used throughout the device for providing queuing, scheduling, and congestion control guarantees to the frame according to what is configured for that specific QoS class and color.



The QoS class and DP level in the basic classification are based on the class of service information in the frame's VLAN tags (PCP and DEI) and/or the DSCP values from the IP header. Both IPv4 and IPv6 are supported. If the frame is non-IP or untagged, the port's default QoS class and DP level are used.

The DSCP values can be remapped before being used for QoS. This is done using a common table mapping the incoming DSCP to a new value. Remapping is enabled per port. In addition, for each DSCP value, it is possible to specify whether the value is trusted for QoS purposes.

Each IP frame is also classified to an internal DSCP value. By default, this value is taken from the IP header but it may be remapped using the common DSCP mapping table or rewritten based on the assigned QoS class. The classified DSCP value may be written into the frame at egress – this is programmable in the rewriter.

**Aggregation Code** The basic classification calculates an aggregation code, which is used to select between ports that are member of a link aggregation group. The aggregation code is based on selected Layer-2 through Layer-4 information, such as MAC addresses, IP addresses, IPv6 flow label, ISDX, and TCP/UDP port numbers. The aggregation code ensures that frames belonging to the same conversation are using the same physical ports in a link aggregation group.

### **2.3.2.1 Advanced Classification**

Following basic classification, Layer-2 and Layer-4 information is extracted from each frame and matched against a TCAM, IS1, with one of the following six different IS1 keys:

- NORMAL. Up to 128 entries with primary fields in key consisting of SMAC, outer VLAN tag, 32-bit source IP address, IP protocol, TCP/UDP source and destination port
- NORMAL\_IP6. Up to 64 entries with primary fields in key consisting of SMAC, inner and outer VLAN tags, 128-bit source IP address, IP protocol, TCP/UDP source and destination port
- 7TUPLE. Up to 64 entries with primary fields in key consisting of source and destination MAC addresses, inner and outer VLAN tags, 64-bit source and destination IP addresses, IP protocol, TCP/UDP source and destination port
- 5TUPLE IP4. Up to 128 entries with primary fields in key consisting of inner and outer VLAN tags, 32-bit source and destination IP addresses, IP protocol, TCP/UDP source and destination port
- 5TUPLE\_IP6. Up to 64 entries with primary fields in key consisting of inner and outer VLAN tags, 128-bit source and destination IP addresses, IP protocol, TCP/UDP source and destination port
- S1\_DBL\_VID. Up to 256 entries with primary fields in key consisting of inner and outer VLAN tags

The TCAM embeds powerful protocol awareness for well-known protocols such as LLC, SNAP, IPv4, IPv6, and UDP/TCP. For each frame, three keys are generated and matched against the TCAM. The keys are selectable per ingress port per frame type (IPv4, IPv6, non-IP) per IS1 lookup.

The actions associated with each entry (programmed into the TCAM action RAM) include the ability to overwrite or translate the classified VLAN, overwrite the priority code point (PCP) or the drop eligibility indicator (DEI), overwrite the QoS class and DP level, or overwrite the DSCP value. Each of these actions is enabled individually for each of the three lookup.

In addition, a policy association group (PAG) is assigned to the frame. The PAG identifies a security profile to which the frame belongs. The PAG is used in the succeeding security frame processor, IS2, to select which access control lists to apply to the frame. The PAG enables creating efficient ACLs that only are applicable to frames with the same PAG.

A lookup in IS1 can enable the use of a custom lookup in IS2, the security enforcement TCAM. The custom lookup can match against selectable frame fields from the incoming frame. In total, 40 bytes from the frame are matched against the TCAM. This is a powerful future-proofing feature enabling handling of new protocols.

# <span id="page-23-0"></span>**2.3.3 Versatile Content Aware Processor (VCAP)**

All frames are inspected by the VCAP IS2 before they are passed on to the Layer-2 forwarding. The following illustration depicts VCAP security enforcement.



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The VCAP uses a TCAM-based frame processor enabling implementation of a rich set of security features. The flexible VCAP engine supports wire-speed frame inspection based on Layer 2-4 frame information, including the ability to perform longest prefix matching and identifying port ranges. The action associated with each VCAP entry (programmed into the VCAP action RAM) includes the ability to do frame filtering, dual leaky bucket rate limitation (frame or byte based), snooping to CPU, redirection to CPU, mirroring, 1588 time stamping, and accounting. Even though the VCAP is located in the ingress path of the device, it possesses both ingress and egress capabilities.

The VCAP embeds powerful protocol awareness for well-known protocols such as LLC, SNAP, ARP, IPv4, IPv6, and UDP/TCP. IPv6 is supported with full matching against both the source and the destination IP addresses.

Each frame is looked up three times in IS2. The first lookup is a host match lookup for IPv4 and IPv6 frames enabling MAC/IP binding and IP source guarding. The key consists of information identifying the source host: ingress port number, source MAC address, and full source IP address. The output is an action informing the following two lookups in IS2 of whether the host is accepted into the network. The following two lookups in IS2 construct a key based on the frame type (LLC, SNAP, ARP, IPv4, IPv6, UDP/TCP, OAM, custom) extracting relevant information. IS2 supports up to 256 host match entries, 128 LLC, SNAP, ARP, IPv4-TCP/UDP, or OAM entries and 64 IPv6-TCP/UDP, and custom entries.

# <span id="page-24-0"></span>**2.3.4 Policing**

Each frame is subject to a number of different policing operations. The device features 192 programmable policers. The policers are split into the followings groups:

- Queue policers: ingress port number and QoS class determine which policer to use.
- Port policers: ingress port number determines which policer to use.
- VCAP IS2 policers: an IS2 action can point to a policer.

The internal CPU port is the 12th port and also includes port and queue policers. The policers can measure frame rates or bit rates.

Each frame can trigger up to three policers: a queue policer, a port policer, and a VCAP IS2 policer.

Each policer is a MEF-compliant dual leaky bucket policer supporting both color-blind and color-aware operation. The initial frame color is derived from the drop precedence level from the frame classification. For color-aware operation, a coupling mode is configurable for each policer.



Each frame is counted in statistics reflecting the ingress port, the QoS class, and whether the frame was discarded by one of the policers or not.

Finally, the analyzer contains a group of storm control policers that are capable of policing various kinds of flooding traffic as well as CPU directed learn traffic. These policers are global policers working on all frames received by the switch. Storm policers measure frame rates.

## <span id="page-25-0"></span>**2.3.5 Layer-2 Forwarding**

After the policers, the Layer-2 forwarding block (the analyzer) handles all fundamental forwarding operations and maintains the associated MAC table, the VLAN table, and the aggregation table. The device implements an 4K MAC table and a 4K VLAN table.

The main task of the analyzer is to determine the destination port set of each frame. This forwarding decision is based on various information such as the frame's ingress port, the source MAC address, the destination MAC address, the VLAN identifier, as well as the frame's VCAP action, mirroring, and the destination port's link aggregation configuration.

The switch performs Layer-2 forwarding of frames. For unicast and Layer-2 multicast frames, this means forwarding based on the destination MAC address and the VLAN. For IPv4 and IPv6 multicast frames, the switch performs Layer-2 forwarding, but based on Layer-3 information, such as the source IP address. The latter enables source-specific IPv4 multicast forwarding (IGMPv3) and source-specific IPv6 multicast forwarding (MLDv2).

The following are some of the contributions to the Layer-2 forwarding.

- VLAN classification. VLAN-based forward filtering includes source port filtering, destination port filtering, VLAN mirroring, asymmetric VLANs, and so on.
- Security enforcement. The security decision made by the VCAP can, for example, redirect the frame to the CPU based on some abnormality detection filters.
- MSTP. The VLAN identifier maps to a Multiple Spanning Tree instance, which determines MSTPbased destination port filtering.
- MAC addresses. Destination and source MAC address lookups in the MAC table determine if a frame is a learn frame, a flood frame, a multicast frame, or a unicast frame.
- Learning. By default, the device performs wire-speed learning on all ports. However, certain ports could be configured with secure learning enabled, where an incoming frame with unknown source MAC address is classified as a "learn frame" and is redirected to the CPU. The CPU performs the learning decision and also decides whether the frame is forwarded.

Learning can also be disabled. In that case, it does not matter if the source MAC address is in the MAC table.

- Link aggregation. A frame targeted at a link aggregate is further processed to determine which of the link aggregate group ports the frame must be forwarded to.
- Mirroring. Mirror probes may be set up in different places in the forwarding path for monitoring purposes. As part of a mirror a copy of the frame is sent either to the CPU or to another port.

# <span id="page-25-1"></span>**2.3.6 Shared Queue System and Egress Scheduler**

The analyzer provides the destination port set of a frame to the shared queue system. It is the queue system's task to control the frame forwarding to all destination ports.

The shared queue system embeds 1.75 megabits of memory that can be shared between all queues and ports. The queue system implements egress queues per priority per ingress port. The sharing of resources between queues and ports is controlled by an extensive set of thresholds. The overall frame latency through the switch is low due to the shared queue system storing the frame only once.

Each egress port implements a scheduler and shapers as shown in the following illustration. Per egress port, the scheduler sees the outcome of aggregating the egress queues (one per ingress port per QoS class) into eight QoS classes. The aggregation is done in a frame based round-robin fashion (FBRR) per QoS class serving all ingress ports equally. By default, strict scheduling is performed between QoS classes for the port. QoS class 7 has strict highest priority while QoS class 0 has strict lowest priority.





#### <span id="page-26-0"></span>*Figure 4 •* **Default Egress Scheduler and Shaper Configuration**

Scheduling between QoS classes within the port can use one of three methods:

- Strict. Frames with the highest QoS class are always transmitted before frames with lower QoS class. This is shown in [Figure 4, page 12](#page-26-0).
- Combination of strict and Deficit Weighted Round Robin (DWRR) scheduling. Any split of strict and DWRR QoS classes can be configured. [Figure 3, page 10](#page-24-1) shows an example where QoS classes 6 and 7 are strict while QoS classes 0 through 5 are weighted. Each QoS class sets a DWRR weight ranging from 0 to 31.
- Combination of strict and Frame Based Round Robin (FBRR) scheduling. Any split between strict and FBRR QoS classes can be configured.

All shapers shown in the following illustrations are single leaky bucket shapers.





#### <span id="page-27-1"></span>*Figure 5 •* **Alternative Egress Scheduler and Shaper Configuration**

### <span id="page-27-0"></span>**2.3.7 Rewriter and Frame Departure**

Before transmitting the frame on the egress line, the rewriter can modify selected fields in the frame, such as VLAN tags, DSCP value, time stamping, and FCS.

The rewriter controls the final VLAN tagging of frames based on the classified VLAN, the VLAN pop count, and egress-determined VLAN actions from the ES0 TCAM lookup. The egress VLAN actions are by default given by the egress port settings. These include normal VLAN operations such as pushing a VLAN tag, untagging for specific VLANs, and simple translations of DEI and PCP.



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By using the egress TCAM, ES0, much more advanced VLAN tagging operations can be achieved. ES0 enables pushing up to two VLAN tags and allows for a flexible translation of the VLAN tag header. The key into ES0 is the combination of the ingress port, the egress port, and the classified VLAN tag header.

The PCP and DEI bits in the VLAN tag are subject to remarking based on translating the classified tag header or by using the classified QoS value and the frame's drop precedence level from ingress.

In addition, the DSCP value in IP frames can be updated using the classified DSCP value and the frame's drop precedence level from ingress. The DSCP value can be remapped at egress before writing it into the frame.

Finally, the rewriter updates the FCS if the frame was modified before the frame is transmitted.

The egress port module controls the flow control exchange of pause frames with a neighboring device when the interconnection link operates in full-duplex flow control mode. When the connected device triggers flow control through transmission of a pause frame, the MAC stops the egress scheduler's forwarding of frames out of the port. Traffic then builds up in the queue system, but sufficient queuing is available to ensure wire speed loss-less operation.

In half-duplex operation, the port module's egress path responds to back pressure generation from a connected device by collision detection and frame retransmission.

# <span id="page-28-0"></span>**2.3.8 CPU Port Module**

The CPU port module contains eight CPU extraction queues and two CPU injection queues. These queues provide an interface for exchanging frames between the internal CPU system and the switch core. An external CPU using the serial interface can also inject and extract frames to and from the switch core by using the CPU port module. Any Ethernet interface on the device can also be used for extracting and injecting frames.

The switch core can intercept a variety of different frame types and copy or redirect these to the CPU extraction queues. The classifier can identify a set of well-known frames such as IEEE, reserved destination MAC addresses (BPDUs, GARPs, CCM/Link trace), and IP-specific frames (IGMP, MLD). The security TCAM, IS2, provides another very flexible way of intercepting all kinds of frames, for instance specific OAM frames, ARP frames or explicit applications based on TCP/UDP port numbers. In addition, frames can be intercepted based on the MAC table, the VLAN table, or the learning process.

Whenever a frame is copied or redirected to the CPU, a CPU extraction queue number is associated with the frame and used by the CPU port module when enqueuing the frame into the 8 CPU extraction queues. The CPU extraction queue number is programmable for every interception option in the switch core.

# <span id="page-28-1"></span>**2.3.9 Synchronous Ethernet and Precision Time Protocol**

The device supports Layer-1 ITU-T G.8261 Synchronous Ethernet and Layer-2 IEEE 1588 Precision Time Protocol for synchronizing network timing throughout a network.



Synchronous Ethernet allows for the transfer of network timing from one reference to all network elements. In the device, each port can recover its ingress clock and output the recovered clock to one of up to two recovered clock output pins. External circuitry can then generate a stable reference clock input used for egress and core logic timing in the device.

The Precision Time Protocol (PTP) allows for the network-wide synchronization of precise time of day. It is also possible to derive network timing. PTP can operate with a one-step clock or a two-step clock. For one-step clocks, a frame's residence time is calculated and stamped into the frame at departure. For twostep clocks, a frame's residence time is simply recorded and provided to the CPU for further processing. The CPU can then initiate a follow-up message with the recorded timing.

PTP is supported for a range of encapsulations including PTP over Ethernet/IEEE 802.3 and PTP over UDP over IPv4/IPv6.

### <span id="page-29-0"></span>**2.3.10 CPU System and Interfaces**

The device contains a powerful 500 MHz MIPS 24KEc-compatible microprocessor, a high bandwidth Ethernet Frame DMA engine, and a DDR3/DDR3L controller supporting up to 1 gigabyte (GB) of memory. This complete system-on-chip supports Linux or embedded operating systems, enabling full management of the switch and advanced software applications.

The device supports external CPU register access through the on-chip PCIe 1.x endpoint controller, through specially formatted Ethernet frames on the NPI port (Microsemi's Versatile Register Access Protocol), or through register access interface using SPI protocol. External CPUs can inject or extract Ethernet frames through NPI port, through PCIe DMA access, or through register read/writes (using any register-access interface).



# <span id="page-30-0"></span>**3 Functional Descriptions**

This section provides information about the functional aspects of the VSC7513 Industrial IoT Ethernet switch device, available configurations, operational features, and testing functionality.

# <span id="page-30-1"></span>**3.1 Port Numbering and Mappings**

The switch core contains an internal port numbering domain where ports are numbered from 0 through 11. A port connects to a port module, which connects to an interface macro, which connects to I/O pins on the device. The interface macros are SERDES1G, SERDES6G, or copper transceivers.

Some ports are internal to the device and do not connect to port modules or interface macros. For example, internal ports are used for frame injection and extraction to the CPU queues.

The following table shows the default port numbering and how the ports map to port modules and interface macros.



#### <span id="page-30-2"></span>*Table 3 •* **Default Port Numbering and Port Mappings**

Ports 0 through 3 are dual-media ports and support either a 1G SerDes interface or a 1G copper transceiver.

Ports 11 is an internal port used for injection and extraction of frames towards a CPU. It does not have an associated port module and interface macro.

The following table shows the fixed mapping from interface macros to the device I/O pins.

#### <span id="page-30-3"></span>*Table 4 •* **Interface Macro to I/O Pin Mapping**





# <span id="page-31-0"></span>**3.1.1 Supported SerDes Interfaces**

The device support a range of SerDes interfaces. The following table lists the SerDes interfaces supported by the SerDes ports, including standards, data rates, connectors, medium, and coding for each interface.



#### <span id="page-31-5"></span>*Table 5 •* **Supported SerDes Interfaces**

1. QSGMII is supported by SERDES6G\_0.

## <span id="page-31-1"></span>**3.1.2 Dual-Media Mode**

Ports 0 through 3 are dual-media ports and support either a 1G copper transceiver or a 1G SERDES interface. In dual-media mode, the PCS can be held active while using the copper transceiver. In Half-Duplex mode, the DEV[0-3]:PORT\_MODE:PORT\_MISC.HDX\_FAST\_DIS must be set, when the MAC selects the copper tranceiver and resets when the MAC uses the PCS interface.

### <span id="page-31-2"></span>**3.1.3 QSGMII**

The SERDES6G\_0 macro supports QSGMII. This is enabled in HSIO::HW\_CFG.QSGMII\_ENA. When QSGMII is enabled, four ports are associated with the SERDES macro to form a QSGMII port with four 1G ports. The muxing related to QSGMII is listed in the following table.

| <b>Port Number</b> | <b>Port Module</b> | <b>SERDES Macros</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
|                    | DEV <sub>[4]</sub> | SERDES6G 0           |
| 5                  | DEV <sub>[5]</sub> | SERDES6G 0           |
| 6                  | DEV <sub>[6]</sub> | SERDES6G 0           |
|                    | DEV[7]             | SERDES6G 0           |

<span id="page-31-6"></span>*Table 6 •* **QSGMII Mode**

Note that when QSGMII is enabled, the default port connections are removed.

## <span id="page-31-3"></span>**3.1.4 PCIe Mode**

SerDes macro SERDES6G\_2 can either be used as a standard Ethernet interface or as a PCIe interface. This is controlled in HSIO::HW\_CFG.PCIE\_ENA. When PCIe is enabled, port 10 cannot be used in option 0 as the SerDes is occupied by the PCIe.

# <span id="page-31-4"></span>**3.1.5 Logical Port Numbers**

The analyzer and the rewriter uses in many places a logical port number. For instance, when link aggregation is enabled, all ports within a link aggregation group must be configured to use the physical



port number of the port with the lowest port number within the group as logical port group ID. The mapping to a logical port number is configured in ANA:PORT:PORT CFG.PORTID VAL.

# <span id="page-32-0"></span>**3.2 Port Modules**

All port modules contain a MAC. Dual-media ports and ports connecting to a high-speed I/O SerDes macro also contain a PCS.

# <span id="page-32-1"></span>**3.2.1 MAC**

This section provides information about the high-level functionality and the configuration options of the Media Access Controller (MAC) that is used in each of the port modules.

The MAC supports the following speeds and duplex modes:

- SERDES1G ports: 10/100/1000 Mbps in full-duplex mode and 10/100 Mbps in half-duplex mode
- SERDES6G ports: 10/100/1000/2500 Mbps in full-duplex mode and 10/100 Mbps in half-duplex mode.

The following table lists the registers associated with configuring the MAC.

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### **3.2.1.1 Reset**

There are a number of resets in the port module. All of the resets can be set and cleared simultaneously. By default, all blocks are in the reset state. With reference to register CLOCK\_CFG, the resets are as follows:

- MAC\_RX\_RST: Reset of the MAC receiver
- MAC\_TX\_RST: Reset of the MAC transmitter
- PORT RST: Reset of the ingress and egress queues
- PCS\_RX\_RST: Reset of the PCS decoder
- PCS\_TX\_RST: Reset of the PCS encoder

When changing the MAC configuration, the port must go through a reset cycle. This is done by writing register CLOCK CFG twice. On the first write, the reset bits are set. On the second write, the reset bits are cleared. Bits that are not reset bits in CLOCK\_CFG must keep their new value for both writes.

For more information about resetting a port, see [Port Reset Procedure, page 222.](#page-236-5)

### **3.2.1.2 Port Mode Configuration**

The MAC provides a number of handles for configuring the port mode. With reference to the MAC\_MODE\_CFG, MAC\_IFG\_CFG, and MAC\_ENA\_CFG registers, the handles are as follows:



- Duplex mode (FDX ENA). Half or full duplex.
- Data sampling (GIGA MODE ENA). Must be 1 in 1 Gbps and 2.5 Gbps and 0 in 10 Mbps and 100 Mbps.
- Enabling transmission and reception of frames (TX\_ENA/RX\_ENA). Clearing RX\_ENA stops the reception of frames and further frames are discarded. An ongoing frame reception is interrupted. Clearing TX ENA stops the dequeuing of frames from the egress queues, which means that frames are held back in the egress queues. An ongoing frame transmission is completed.
- Tx-to-Tx inter-frame gap (TX\_IFG)

The link speed is configured using CLOCK\_CFG.LINK\_SPEED with the following options.

Link speed (CLOCK\_CFG.LINK\_SPEED) 1 Gbps (125 MHz clock) Ports 8 and 9: 1 Gbps or 2.5 Gbps (125 MHz or 312.5 MHz clock). The actual clock frequency depends on the SerDes configuration. 100 Mbps (25 MHz clock) 10 Mbps (2.5 MHz clock)

### **3.2.1.3 Half Duplex**

A number of special configuration options are available for half-duplex (HDX) mode:

- **Seed for back-off randomizer**. Field MAC\_HDX\_CFG.SEED seeds the randomizer used by the backoff algorithm. Use MAC\_HDX\_CFG.SEED\_LOAD to load a new seed value.
- **Backoff after excessive collision**. Field MAC\_HDX\_CFG.WEXC\_DIS determines whether the MAC backs off after an excessive collision has occurred. If set, backoff is disabled after excessive collisions.
- **Retransmission of frame after excessive collision**. Field MAC\_HDX\_CFG.RETRY\_AFTER\_EXC\_COL\_ENA determines whether the MAC retransmits frames after an excessive collision has occurred. If set, a frame is not dropped after excessive collisions, but the backoff sequence is restarted. This is a violation of IEEE 802.3, but is useful in non-dropping half-duplex flow control operation.
- Late collision timing. Field MAC\_HDX\_CFG.LATE\_COL\_POS adjusts the border between a collision and a late collision in steps of 1 byte. According to IEEE 802.3, section 21.3, this border is permitted to be on data byte 56 (counting frame data from 1); that is, a frame experiencing a collision on data byte 55 is always retransmitted, but it is never retransmitted when the collision is on byte 57. For each higher LATE\_COL\_POS value, the border is moved 1 byte higher.
- **Rx-to-Tx inter-frame gap**. The sum of MAC\_IFG\_CFG.RX\_IFG1 and MAC\_IFG\_CFG.RX\_IFG2 establishes the time for the Rx-to-Tx inter-frame gap. RX\_IFG1 is the first part of half-duplex Rx-to-Tx inter-frame gap. Within RX\_IFG1, this timing is restarted if carrier sense (CRS) has multiple highlow transitions (due to noise). RX\_IFG2 is the second part of half-duplex Rx-to-Tx inter-frame gap. Within RX IFG2, transitions on CRS are ignored.

When enabling a port for half-duplex mode, the switch core must also be enabled (SYS::FRONT\_PORT\_MODE.HDX\_MODE).

### **3.2.1.4 Frame and Type/Length Check**

The MAC supports frame lengths of up to 16 kilobytes. The maximum length accepted by the MAC is configurable in MAC\_MACLEN\_CFG.MAX\_LEN.

The MAC allows tagged frames to be 4 bytes longer and double-tagged frames to be 8 bytes longer than the specified maximum length (MAC\_TAGS\_CFG.VLAN\_LEN\_AWR\_ENA). The MAC must be configured to look for VLAN tags. By default, EtherType 0x8100 identifies a VLAN tag. In addition, a custom EtherType can be configured in MAC\_TAGS\_CFG.TAG\_ID. The MAC can be configured to look for none, one, or two tags (MAC\_TAG\_CFG.VLAN\_AWR\_ENA, MAC\_TAG\_CFG.VLAN\_DBL\_AWR\_ENA).

The type/length check (MAC\_ADV\_CHK\_CFG.LEN\_DROP\_ENA) causes the MAC to discard frames with type/length errors (in-range and out-of-range errors).



## **3.2.1.5 Flow Control (IEEE 802.3x)**

The device supports both standard full-duplex flow control (IEEE 802.3x) and priority-based flow control (IEEE 802.1Qbb). This section describes standard full-duplex flow control, and Priority-Based Flow Control (IEEE 802.1Qbb), page 20 describes priority-based flow control.

In full-duplex mode, the MAC provides independent support for transmission of pause frames and reaction to incoming pause frames. This allows for asymmetric flow control configurations.

The MAC obeys received pause frames (MAC\_FC\_CFG.RX\_FC\_ENA) by pausing the egress traffic according to the timer values specified in the pause frames. In order to evaluate the pause time in the incoming pause frames, the link speed must be specified (SYS::MAC\_FC\_CFG.FC\_LINK\_SPEED).

The transmission of pause frames is triggered by assertion of a flow control condition in the ingress queues caused by a queue filling exceeding a watermark. For more information, see [Ingress Pause](#page-140-1)  [Request Generation, page 126.](#page-140-1) The MAC handles the formatting and transmission of the pause frame. The following configuration options are available:

- Transmission of pause frames (MAC\_CFG\_CFG.TX\_FC\_ENA).
- Pause timer value used in transmitted pause frames (MAC\_FC\_CFG.PAUSE\_VAL\_CFG).
- Flow control cancellation when the ingress queues de-assert the flow control condition by transmission of a pause frame with timer value 0 (MAC\_FC\_CFG.ZERO\_PAUSE\_ENA).
- Source MAC address used in transmitted pause frames (MAC\_FC\_MAC\_HIGH\_CFG, MAC\_FC\_MAC\_LOW\_CFG).

The MAC has the option to discard incoming frames when the remote link partner is not obeying the pause frames transmitted by the MAC. The MAC discards an incoming frame if a Start-of-Frame is seen after the pause frame was transmitted. It is configurable how long reaction time is given to the link partner (MAC\_FC\_CFG.FC\_LATENCY\_CFG). The benefit of this approach is that the queue system is not risking being overloaded with frames due to a non-complying link partner.

In half-duplex mode, the MAC does not react to received pause frames. If the flow control condition is asserted by the ingress queues, the industry-standard backpressure mechanism is used. Together with the ability to retransmit frames after excessive collisions

(MAC\_HDX\_CFG.RETRY\_AFTER\_EXC\_COL\_ENA), this enables non-dropping half-duplex flow control.

### **3.2.1.6 Priority-Based Flow Control (IEEE 802.1Qbb)**

The device supports priority-based flow control on all ports for all QoS classes. The following table lists the specific registers associated with priority-based flow control.

| <b>Register</b>          | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Replication</b> |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|
| SYS::MAC FC CFG          | Flow control configuration   | Per port           |
| DEV::MAC FC MAC LOW CFG  | LSB of SMAC used in pause frames   | Per port           |
| DEV::MAC FC MAC HIGH CFG | MSB of SMAC used in pause frames   | Per port           |
| ANA::PFC CFG             | Configuration of Rx priority-based flow<br>control per priority.                               | Per port           |
| QSYS:SWITCH PORT MODE    | Configuration of Tx priority-based flow<br>control per priority                                | Per port           |
|                          | DEV::PORT MISC.FWD CTRL ENA Enabling forwarding of priority-based pause<br>frames to analyzer. | Per port           |
| ANA:: CPU FWD BPDU CFG   | Disable forwarding of priority-based pause<br>frames beyond the analyzer                       | Per port           |

<span id="page-34-0"></span>*Table 8 •* **Priority-Based Flow Control Configuration Registers**

The device provides independent support for transmission of pause frames and reaction to incoming pause frames, which allows asymmetric flow control configurations.



The device obeys received pause frames per priority (ANA::PFC\_CFG.RX\_PFC\_ENA) by pausing the egress traffic according to the timer values specified in the pause frames. Transmission of frames belonging to QoS class n is paused if bit *n* is set in the priority\_enable\_vector in the incoming pause frame. The pause time for QoS class *n* is given by time[*n*] from the pause frame. The link speed must be specified in order to evaluate the pause times (ANA::PFC\_CFG.FC\_LINK\_SPEED).

The transmission of priority-based pause frames is triggered by assertion of a flow control condition in the ingress queues caused by the memory consumption for a priority for an ingress port exceeding the BUF\_Q\_RSRV\_I watermark. For more information about the watermark, see [Table 97, page 122.](#page-136-1) The MAC handles the formatting and transmission of the priority-based pause frame. The following configuration options are available:

- Transmission of priority-based pause frames per QoS class (QSYS::SWITCH\_PORT-MODE.TX\_PFC\_ENA).
- Pause timer value used in transmitted priority-based pause frames (SYS::MAC\_FC\_CFG.PAUSE\_VAL\_CFG). All congested priorities use the same pause timer value. Uncongested priorities use pause timer value 0.
- Source MAC address used in transmitted priority-based pause frames (MAC\_FC\_MAC\_HIGH\_CFG, MAC\_FC\_MAC\_LOW\_CFG).
- Priority protection mode (QSYS::SWITCH\_PORT\_MODE.TX\_PFC\_MODE), which enables that when a priority congests and causes a pause frame to be sent, then the pause frame will also pause all lower priorities.

All transmitted priority-based pause frames have the priority enable vector set to 0xFF, independently of whether a priority is enabled for flow control. However, the pause timer value, time[*n*], is always 0 for disabled priorities.

The MAC generates and transmits a priority-based pause frames whenever a queue is congested. The device prevents excessive pause frame generation by waiting half the pause timer value between transmissions of pause frames.

When an ingress queue de-asserts the flow control condition, the MAC does not generate a prioritybased pause frame with pause timer 0 for the priority. Instead, the timer in the link partner must expire. However, if another queue asserts flow control, then a priority-based pause frame is generated for that priority and for all uncongested queues a pause timer 0 is signaled to the link partner.

### **3.2.1.7 Frame Aging**

The following table lists the registers associated with frame aging.

| Register              | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Replication</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| SYS::FRM AGING        | Frame aging time    | None               |
| REW::PORT CFG.AGE DIS | Disable frame aging | Per port           |

<span id="page-35-0"></span>*Table 9 •* **Frame Aging Configuration Registers**

The MAC supports frame aging where frames are discarded if a maximum transit delay through the switch is exceeded. All frames, including CPU-injected frames, are subject to aging. The transit delay is time from when a frame is fully received until that frame is scheduled for transmission through the egress MAC. The maximum allowed transit delay is configured in SYS::FRM\_AGING.

Frame aging can be disabled per port (REW::PORT\_CFG.AGE\_DIS).

Discarded frames due to frame aging are counted in the c\_tx\_aged counter.


### **3.2.1.8 Rx and Tx Time Stamps**

The following table lists the registers associated with Rx and Tx time stamping.

#### *Table 10 •* **Rx and Tx Time Stamping Register**



The MAC supports Rx and Tx time stamping where a frame's receive time and transmit time are sampled using a nanoseconds counter. The receive and transmit time stamps are shifted in time so that the resulting time stamps align with the exact reception and transmission of the first byte in the frame. This adjusts for local delays in the receive path and the transmit path. The time stamps are individually adjusted as follows:

- Rx time stamp: Sampling of the MAC's nanoseconds counter plus DEV:PORT\_MODE:RX\_PATH\_DELAY.
- Tx time stamp: Sampling of the MAC's nanoseconds counter plus DEV:PORT\_MODE:TX\_PATH\_DELAY.

The Rx and Tx path delays are signed so negative adjustments can be achieved by setting the most significant bit.

The PTP\_PREDICT\_CFG register must be configured according to the operating mode of the port.

When the ingress port is operating in backplane mode (ANA:PORT:PTP\_CFG.PTP\_BACKPLANE\_MODE), the Rx time stamp is set to the value of the 4-byte reserved field at offset 16 bytes in the incoming frame's PTP header instead of using the adjusted Rx time stamp from the MAC.

The Rx time stamp follows the frame to the rewriter where it can be used to calculate the frame's residence time or it can be sent to the CPU together with the frame. The Tx time stamp is used by the rewriter to calculate the frame's residence time or it can be written to a time stamp FIFO queue accessible by the CPU. For more information about hardware time stamping, see [Configuring I/O Delays,](#page-171-0)  [page 157.](#page-171-0)

### **3.2.2 PCS**

This section provides information about the Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS) block, where the auto-negotiation process establishes mode of operation for a link. The PCS supports both SGMII mode and two SerDes modes, 1000BASE-X and 100BASE-FX.

The following table lists the registers associated with PCS.

#### *Table 11 •* **PCS Configuration Registers**









The PCS is enabled in PCS1G\_CFG.PCS\_ENA and supports both SGMII and 1000BASE-X SERDES mode (PCS\_MODE\_CFG.SGMII\_MODE\_ENA), as well as 100BASE-FX. For information about enabling 100BASE-FX, see 100BASE-FX, page 25.

The PCS also supports the IEEE 802.3, Clause 66 unidrectional mode, where the transmission of data is independent of the state of the receive link (PCS\_MODE\_CFG.UNIDIR\_MODE\_ENA).

#### **3.2.2.1 Auto-Negotiation**

Auto-negotiation is enabled in PCS1G\_ANEG\_CFG.ANEG\_ENA. To restart the auto-negotiation process, PCS1G\_ANEG\_CFG.ANEG\_RESTART\_ONE\_SHOT must be set.

The advertised word for the auto-negotiation process (base page) is configured in PCS1G\_ANEG\_CFG.ADV\_ABILITY. The next page information is configured in PCS1G\_ANEG\_NP\_CFG.NP\_TX.

When the auto-negotiation state machine has exchanged base page abilities, the PCS1G\_ANEG\_STATUS.PAGE\_RX\_STICKY is asserted indicating that the link partner's abilities were received (PCS1G\_ANEG\_STATUS.LP\_ADV\_ABILITY).

If next page information is exchanged, PAGE\_RX\_STICKY must be cleared, next page abilities must be written to PCS1G\_ANEG\_NP\_CFG.NP\_TX, and PCS1G\_ANEG\_NP\_CFG.NP\_LOADED\_ONE\_SHOT must be set. When the auto-negotiation state machine has exchanged the next page abilities, the PCS1G\_ANEG\_STATUS.PAGE\_RX\_STICKY is asserted again, indicating that the link partner's next page abilities were received (PCS1G\_ANEG\_STATUS.LP\_NP\_RX). Additional exchanges of next page information are possible using the same procedure.

After the last next page is received, the auto-negotiation state machine enters the IDLE\_DETECT state and the PCS1G\_ANEG\_STATUS.PR bit is set indicating that ability information exchange (base page and possible next pages) is finished and software can now resolve priority. Appropriate actions, such as Rx or Tx reset, or auto-negotiation restart, can then be taken, based on the negotiated abilities. The LINK\_OK state is reached one link timer period later.

When the auto-negotiation process reaches the LINK\_OK state, PCS1G\_ANEG\_STATUS.ANEG\_COMPLETE is asserted.

#### **3.2.2.2 Link Surveillance**

The current link status can be observed through PCS1G\_LINK\_STATUS.LINK\_STATUS. The LINK\_STATUS is defined as either the PCS synchronization state or as bit 15 of PCS1G\_ANEG\_STATUS.LP\_ADV\_ABILTY, which carries information about the link status of the attached PHY in SGMII mode.

Link down is defined as the auto-negotiation state machine being in neither the AN\_DISABLE\_LINK\_OK state nor the LINK OK state for one link timer period. If a link down event occurs, PCS1G\_STICKY.LINK\_DOWN\_STICKY is set, and PCS1G\_LINK\_DOWN\_CNT is incremented. In SGMII mode, the link timer period is 1.6 ms; in SerDes mode, the link timer period is 10 ms.

The PCS synchronization state can be observed through PCS1G\_LINK\_STATUS.SYNC\_STATUS. Synchronization is lost when the PCS is not able to recover and decode data received from the attached serial link.



## **3.2.2.3 Signal Detect**

The PCS can be enabled to react to loss of signal through signal detect (PCS1G SD CFG.SD ENA). At loss of signal, the PCS Rx state machine is restarted, and frame reception stops. If signal detect is disabled, no action is taken upon loss of signal. The polarity of signal detect is configurable in PCS1G\_SD\_CFG.SD\_POL.

The source of signal detect is selected in PCS1G\_SD\_CFG.SD\_SEL to either the SerDes PMA or the PMD receiver. If the SerDes PMA is used as source, the SerDes macro provides the signal detect. If the PMD receiver is used as source, signal detect is sampled externally through one of the GPIO pins on the device. For more information about the configuration of the GPIOs and signal detect, see [SI Boot](#page-201-0)  [Controller, page 187.](#page-201-0)

PCS1G\_LINK\_STATUS.SIGNAL\_DETECT contains the current value of the signal detect input.

#### **3.2.2.4 Tx Loopback**

For debug purposes, the Tx data path in the PCS can be looped back into the Rx data path. This feature is enabled through PCS1G\_LB\_CFG.TBI\_HOST\_LB\_ENA.

#### **3.2.2.5 Test Patterns**

The following table lists the registers associated with configuring test patterns.





PCS1G\_TSTPAT\_MODE\_CFG.JTP\_SEL overwrites normal operation of the PCS and enables generation of jitter test patterns for debugging. The jitter test patterns are defined in IEEE 802.3, Annex 36A, and the following patterns are supported.

- High frequency test pattern
- Low frequency test pattern
- Mixed frequency test pattern
- Continuous random test pattern with long frames
- Continuous random test pattern with short frames

PCS1G\_TSTPAT\_MODE\_STATUS register holds information about error and lock conditions while running the jitter test patterns.

#### **3.2.2.6 Low Power Idle**

The following table lists the registers associated with low power idle (LPI).

#### *Table 13 •* **Low Power Idle Registers**



The PCS supports Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) as defined by IEEE 802.3az. The PCS converts Low Power Idle (LPI) encoding between the MAC and the serial interface transparently. In addition, the PCS provides control signals allowing to stop data transmission in the SerDes macro. During low power idles the serial transmitter in the SerDes macro can be powered down, only interrupted periodically while transmitting refresh information, which allows the receiver to notice that the link is still up but in power down mode.



For more information about powering down the serial transmitter in the SerDes macros, see [SERDES1G,](#page-39-0)  [page 25](#page-39-0) or [SERDES6G, page 30.](#page-44-0)

It is not necessary to enable the PCS for EEE, because it is controlled indirectly by the shared queue system. It is possible, however, to manually force the PCS into the low power idle mode through PCS1G\_LPI\_CFG.TX\_ASSERT\_LPIDLE. During LPI mode, the PCS constantly encodes low power idle with periodical refreshes. For more information about EEE, see [Energy Efficient Ethernet, page 127](#page-141-0).

The current low power idle state can be observed through PCS1G\_LPI\_STATUS for both receiver and transmitter:

- RX\_LPI\_MODE: Set if the receiver is in low power idle mode.
- RX\_QUIET: Set if the receiver is in the Quiet state of the low power idle mode. If cleared while RX LPI MODE is set, the receiver is in the refresh state of the low power idle mode.

The same is observable for the transmitter through TX\_LPI\_MODE and TX\_QUIET.

If an LPI symbol is received, the RX\_LPI\_EVENT\_STICKY bit is set, and if an LPI symbol is transmitted, the TX\_LPI\_EVENT\_STICKY bit is set. These events are sticky.

The PCS1G\_LPI\_WAKE\_ERROR\_CNT wake-up error counter increments when the receiver detects a signal and the PCS is not synchronized. This can happen when the transmitter fails to observe the wakeup time or if the receiver is not able to synchronize in time.

#### **3.2.2.7 100BASE-FX**

The following table lists the registers associated with 100BASE-FX configuration.



#### *Table 14 •* **100BASE-FX Registers**

The PCS supports a 100BASE-FX mode in addition to the SGMII and 1000BASE-X SerDes modes. The 100BASE-FX mode uses 4-bit/5-bit coding as specified in IEEE 802.3 Clause 24 for fiber connections. The 100BASE-FX mode is enabled through PCS\_FX100\_CFG.PCS\_ENA, which masks out all PCS1G related registers.

The following options are available:

**Far-End Fault facility**. In 100BASE-FX, the PCS supports the optional Far-End Fault facility. Both Far-End Fault generation (PCS\_FX100\_CFG.FEF\_GEN\_ENA) and Far-End Fault Detection (PCS\_FX100\_CFG.FEF\_CHK\_ENA) are supported. An Far-End Fault incident is recorded in PCS\_FX100\_STATUS.FEF\_FOUND.

**Signal Detect**. 100BASE-FX has a similar signal detect scheme to the SGMII and SerDes modes. For 100BASE-FX, PCS\_FX100\_CFG.SD\_ENA enables signal detect, PCS\_FX100\_CFG.SD\_POL controls the polarity, and PCS\_FX100\_CFG.SD\_SEL selects the input source. The current status of the signal detect input can be observed through PCS\_FX100\_STATUS.SIGNAL\_DETECT. For more information about signal detect, see Signal Detect, page 24.

**Link Surveillance**. The PCS synchronization status can be observed through PCS\_FX100\_STATUS.SYNC\_STATUS. When synchronization is lost, the link breaks and PCS\_FX100\_STATUS.SYNC\_LOST\_STICKY is set. The PCS continuously tries to recover the link.

**Unidirectional mode**. 100BASE-FX has a similar unidirectional mode as SGMII and SerDes modes. PCS\_FX100\_CFG.UNIDIR\_MODE\_ENA enables unidirectional mode.

# <span id="page-39-0"></span>**3.3 SERDES1G**

SERDES1G is a high-speed SerDes interface that operates at 1 Gbps (SGMII/SerDes) and 100 Mbps (100BASE-FX). The 100BASE-FX mode is supported by oversampling.



The following table lists the registers associated with SERDES1G.

*Table 15 •* **SERDES1G Registers**

| <b>Registers</b>    | <b>Description</b>          | <b>Replication</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| SERDES1G COMMON CFG | Common configuration        | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES1G_DES_CFG    | Deserializer configuration  | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES1G IB CFG     | Input buffer configuration  | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES1G SER CFG    | Serializer configuration    | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES1G_OB_CFG     | Output buffer configuration | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES1G PLL CFG    | PLL configuration           | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES1G MISC CFG   | Miscellaneous configuration | Per SerDes         |

For increased performance in specific application environments, SERDES1G supports the following:

- Programmable loop-bandwidth and phase regulation of deserializer
- Input buffer signal detect/loss of signal (LOS) options
- Input buffer with equalization
- Programmable output buffer features, including:
	- De-emphasis
	- Amplitude drive levels
	- Slew rate control
	- Idle mode
- Synchronous Ethernet support
- Loopbacks for system test

## **3.3.1 SERDES1G Basic Configuration**

The SERDES1G is enabled in SERDES1G\_COMMON\_CFG.ENA\_LANE. By default, the SERDES1G is held reset and must be released from reset before the interface is active. This is done through SERDES1G\_COMMON\_CFG.SYS\_RST and SERDES1G\_MISC\_CFG.LANE\_RST.

#### **3.3.1.1 SERDES1G Frequency Configuration**

To operate the SERDES1G block at 1.25 GHz (corresponding to 1 Gbps data rate), the internal macro PLL must be configured as follows:

- 1. Configure SERDES1G\_PLL\_CFG.PLL\_FSM\_CTRL\_DATA to 200.
- 2. Set SYS\_RST = 0 (active) and PLL\_FSM\_ENA = 0 (inactive).
- 3. Set SYS\_RST = 1 (deactive) and PLL\_FSM\_ENA = 1 (active).

### **3.3.2 SERDES1G Loopback Modes**

The SERDES1G interface supports two different loopback modes for testing and debugging data paths: equipment loopback and facility loopback.

### **3.3.2.1 Equipment Loopback (SERDES1G\_COMMON\_CFG.ENA\_ELOOP)**

Data is looped back from serializer output to deserializer input, and the receive clock is recovered. The equipment loopback includes all transmit and receive functions, except for the input and output buffers. The Tx data can still be observed on the output.

### **3.3.2.2 Facility Loopback (SERDES1G\_COMMON\_CFG.ENA\_FLOOP)**

The clock and parallel data output from deserializer are looped back to the serializer interface. Incoming serial data passes through the input buffer, the CDR, the deserializer, back to the serializer, and finally out through the output buffer.

Only one of the loopbacks can be enabled at the same time.

The following illustration shows the loopback paths.



*Figure 7 •* **SERDES1G Loopback Modes**



# **3.3.3 Synchronous Ethernet**

The SERDES1G block can recover the clock from the received data and apply the clock to either a per-SerDes recovered clock output pin (SERDES1G\_COMMON\_CFG.RECO\_SEL\_A) or a common recovered clock output pin that may also be driven by another SerDes macros as well (SERDES1G\_COMMON\_CFG.RECO\_SEL\_B). Note that only one macro should drive the common recovered clock output pin at the same time.

In addition, it is possible to squelch the recovered clock if the associated PCS cannot detect valid data (SERDES1G\_COMMON\_CFG.SE\_AUTO\_SQUELCH\_A\_ENA and SERDES1G\_COMMON\_CFG.SE\_AUTO\_SQUELCH\_B\_ENA).

For more information about Synchronous Ethernet, see [Layer 1 Timing, page 152](#page-166-0).

## **3.3.4 SERDES1G Deserializer Configuration**

The SERDES1G block includes digital control logic that interacts with the analog modules within the block and compensates for the frequency offset between the received data and the internal high-speed reference clock. To gain high jitter performance, the phase regulation is a PI-type regulator, whose proportional (P) and integrative (I) characteristics can be independently configured. The integrative part of the phase regulation loop is configured inSERDES1G\_DES\_CFG.DES\_PHS\_CTRL. The limits of the integrator are programmable, allowing different settings for the integrative regulation while guaranteeing that the proportional part still is stronger than the integrative part. Integrative regulation compensates frequency modulation from DC up to cut-off frequency. Frequencies above the cut-off frequency are compensated by the proportional part. The time constant of the integrator is controlled independently of the proportional regulation by SERDES1G\_DES\_CFG.DES\_BW\_HYST. The DES\_BW\_HYST register field is programmable in a range from 3 to 7. The lower the configuration setting, the smaller the timeconstant of the integrative regulation. For normal operation, configure DES\_BW\_HYST to 5.

The cut-off-frequency is calculated to:

fco =  $1/(2 \times P) \times 128 \times PLL$  period  $\times 32 \times 2^{(0)$  DES\_BW\_HYST + 1 – DES\_BW\_ANA))

PLL period = 1/(data rate)

The integrative regulator can compensate a static frequency offset within the programmed limits down to



around the exact value, and the proportional part of the phase regulation takes care of the remaining phase error.

The loop bandwidth for the proportional part of the phase regulation loop is controlled by configuring SERDES1G\_DES\_CFG.DES\_BW\_ANA.

The fastest loop bandwidth setting (lowest configuration value) results in a loop bandwidth that is equal to the maximum frequency offset compensation capability. For improved jitter performance, use a setting with sufficient margin to track the expected frequency offset rather than using the maximum frequency offset. For example, if a 100 ppm offset is expected, use a setting that is four times higher than the offset.

The following table provides the limits for the frequency offset compensation. The values are theoretical limits for input signals without jitter, because the actual frequency offset compensation capability is dependent on the toggle rate of the input data and the input jitter. Note that only applicable configuration values are listed.

| <b>DES BW ANA Limits</b> |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
|                          |          |
| 4                        | 1953 ppm |
| 5                        | 977 ppm  |
| 6                        | 488 ppm  |
|                          | 244 ppm  |

*Table 16 •* **SERDES1G Loop Bandwidth**

In the event of an 180° phase jump of the incoming data signal, the sampling stage of the deserializer may become stuck. To prevent this situation, the SERDES1G provides a 180° deadlock protection mechanism (SERDES1G\_DES\_CFG.DES\_MBTR\_CTRL). If this mechanism is enabled, a small frequency offset is applied to the phase regulation loop. The offset is sufficient to move the sampling point out of the 180° deadlock region, while at the same time, small enough to allow the regulation loop to compensate when the sample point is within the data eye.

### **3.3.5 SERDES1G Serializer Configuration**

The serializer provides the ability to align the phase of the internal clock and data to a selected source (SERDES1G\_SER\_CFG.SER\_ENALI). The phase align logic is used when SERDES1G operates in the facility loopback mode.

### **3.3.6 SERDES1G Input Buffer Configuration**

The SERDES1G input buffer supports the following configurable options:

- 100BASE-FX mode support
- Signal detection, threshold configurable
- Configurable equalization including corner frequency configuration for the equalization filter
- DC voltage offset compensation
- Configurable common mode voltage (CMV) termination
- Selectable hysteresis, configurable hysteresis levels

When the SerDes interface operates in 100BASE-FX mode, the input buffer of the SERDES1G macro must also be configured for 100BASE-FX (SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_FX100\_ENA).

The input buffer provides an option to configure the threshold level of the signal detect circuit to adapt to different input amplitudes. The signal detect circuit can be configured by SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_ENA\_DETLEV and SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_DET\_LEV.

The SERDES1G block offers options to compensate for channel loss. Degraded signals can be equalized, and the corner frequency of the equalization filter can be adapted to the channel behavior. The equalization settings are configured by SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_EQ\_GAIN and SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_CORNER\_FREQ.

The SERDES1G block can compensate for possible DC-offset, which can distort the received input signal, by enabling SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_ENA\_OFFSET\_COMP during normal reception.



The common-mode voltage (CMV) input termination can be set to either an internal reference voltage or to VDD A. To allow external DC-coupling of the input buffer to an output buffer, set the CMV input termination to the internal reference voltage, with internal DC-coupling disabled. SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_ENA\_DC\_COUPLING controls internal DC-coupling, and SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_ENA\_CMV\_TERM controls CMV input termination. The following modes are defined by CMV input termination and DC-coupling.

- SGMII compliant mode with external AC coupling (IB\_ENA\_DC\_COUPLING = 0, IB\_ENA\_CMV\_TERM = 1)
- Microsemi-mode with external DC-coupling to another Versatile output buffer, which can operate DC-coupled to the input buffer (IB\_ENA\_DC\_COUPLING = 0, IB\_ENA\_CMV\_TERM = 0)
	- 100BASE-FX low frequency mode (IB\_ENA\_DC\_COUPLING = 1, IB\_ENA\_CMV\_TERM = 1)

The SERDES1G macro supports input hysteresis, which is required for some standards (SGMII). The hysteresis function is enabled by SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_ENA\_HYST, and hysteresis levels are defined by SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_HYST\_LEV.

**Note:** Hysteresis and DC offset compensation cannot be enabled at the same time. For more information, see IB\_ENA\_OFFSET\_COMP in the SERDES1G\_IB\_CFG register.

## **3.3.7 SERDES1G Output Buffer Configuration**

The SERDEDS1G output buffer supports the following configurable options.

- Configurable amplitude settings
- Configurable slew rate control
- 3 dB de-emphasis selectable
- Idle mode

The output amplitude of the output buffer is controlled by SERDES1G\_OB\_CFG.OB\_AMP\_CTRL. It can be adjusted in 50 mV steps from 0.4 V to 1.1 V peak-to-peak differential. The output amplitude also depends on the output buffer's supply voltage. For more information about dependencies between the maximum achievable output amplitude and the output buffer's supply voltage, refer to the electrical section for the dependencies between the maximum achievable output amplitude and the output buffer's supply voltage.

Adjust the slew rate adjustment using SERDES1G\_OB\_CFG.OB\_SLP.

The output buffer supports a fixed 3 dB de-emphasis (SERDES1G\_SER\_CFG.SER\_DEEMPH).

The output buffer supports an idle mode (SERDES1G\_SER\_CFG.SER\_IDLE), which results in an differential peak-to-peak output amplitude of less than 30 mV.

## **3.3.8 SERDES1G Clock and Data Recovery (CDR) in 100BASE-FX**

To enable clock and data recovery when operating the SERDES1G in 100BASE-FX mode, set the following registers.

- SERDES1G\_MISC\_CFG.DES\_100FX\_CPMD\_ENA = 1
- SERDES1G\_IBJ\_CFG.IB\_FX100\_ENA = 1
- SERDES1G\_DES\_CFG.DES\_CPMD\_SEL = 2

## **3.3.9 Energy Efficient Ethernet**

The SERDES1G block supports Energy Efficient Ethernet as defined in IEEE 802.3az. To enable the low power modes, SERDES1G\_MISC\_CFG.TX\_LPI\_MODE\_ENA and

SERDES1G\_MISC\_CFG.RX\_LPI\_MODE\_ENA must be set. At this point, the attached PCS takes full control over the high-speed output and input buffer activity.

### **3.3.10 SERDES1G Data Inversion**

The data streams in the transmit and the receive direction can be inverted using SERDES1G\_MISC\_CFG.TX\_DATA\_INV\_ENA and SERDES1G\_MISC\_CFG.RX\_DATA\_INV\_ENA. Effectively this allows for swapping the P and N lines of the high-speed serial link.



# <span id="page-44-0"></span>**3.4 SERDES6G**

The SERDES6G is a high-speed SerDes interface that operates at 100 Mbps (100BASE-FX), 1 Gbps (SGMII/SerDes), 2.5 Gbps (SGMII), and 5 Gbps (QSGMII). The 100BASE-FX mode is supported by oversampling.

The following table lists the registers associated with SERDES6G.

*Table 17 •* **SERDES6G Registers**

| <b>Registers</b>    | <b>Description</b>          | <b>Replication</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| SERDES6G COMMON CFG | Common configuration        | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES6G DES CFG    | Deserializer configuration  | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES6G_IB_CFG     | Input buffer configuration  | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES6G_IB_CFG1    | Input buffer configuration  | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES6G_SER_CFG    | Serializer configuration    | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES6G_OB_CFG     | Output buffer configuration | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES6G_OB_CFG1    | Output buffer configuration | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES6G PLL CFG    | PLL configuration           | Per SerDes         |
| SERDES6G MISC CFG   | Miscellaneous configuration | Per SerDes         |

For increased performance in specific application environments, SERDES6G supports the following:

- Baud rate support, configurable from 1 Gbps to 2.5 G, for quarter and half rate modes
- Programmable loop bandwidth and phase regulation for the deserializer
- Configurable input buffer feature such as signal detect/loss of signal (LOS) options
- Configurable output buffer features such as programmable de-emphasis, amplitude drive levels and slew rate control
- Synchronous Ethernet support
- Loopbacks for system test

## **3.4.1 SERDES6G Basic Configuration**

The SERDES6G is enabled in SERDES6G\_COMMON\_CFG.ENA\_LANE. By default, the SERDES6G is held reset and must be released from reset before the interface is active. This is done through SERDES6G\_COMMON\_CFG.SYS\_RST and SERDES6G\_MISC\_CFG.LANE\_RST.

#### **3.4.1.1 SERDES6G PLL Frequency Configuration**

To operate the SERDES6G block at the correct frequency, configure the internal macro as follows. PLL calibration is enabled through SERDES6G\_PLL\_CFG.PLL\_FSM\_ENA.

- Configure SERDES6G\_PLL\_CFG.PLL\_FSM\_CTRL\_DATA in accordance with data rates listed in the following tables.
- Set SYS\_RST = 0 (active) and PLL\_FSM\_ENA = 0 (inactive).
- Set SYS\_RST = 1 (deactive) and PLL\_FSM\_ENA = 1 (active).

#### *Table 18 •* **PLL Configuration**





#### **3.4.1.2 SERDES6G Frequency Configuration**

The following table lists the range of data rates that are supported by the SERDES6G block.

*Table 19 •* **SERDES6G Frequency Configuration Registers**

| Configuration                | <b>SGMII/SerDes</b><br>1 Gbps | <b>SGMII</b><br>2.5 Gbps |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| SERDES6G PLL CFG.PLL ROT FRQ | - 0                           |                          |
| SERDES6G PLL CFG.PLL ROT DIR |                               |                          |
| SERDES6G PLL CFG.PLL ENA ROT | - 0                           |                          |
| SERDES6G COMMON CFG.QRATE    |                               |                          |
| SERDES6G COMMON CFG.HRATE    | 0                             |                          |

## **3.4.2 SERDES6G Loopback Modes**

The SERDES6G interface supports two different loopback modes for testing and debugging data paths: equipment loopback and facility loopback.

### **3.4.2.1 Equipment Loopback (SERDES6G\_COMMON\_CFG.ENA\_ELOOP)**

Data is looped back from serializer output to the deserializer input, and the receive clock is recovered. The equipment loopback includes all transmit and receive functions, except for the input and output buffers. The Tx data can still be observed on the output.

### **3.4.2.2 Facility Loopback (SERDES6G\_COMMON\_CFG.ENA\_FLOOP)**

The clock and parallel data output from deserializer are looped back to the serializer interface. Incoming serial data passes through the input buffer, the CDR, the deserializer, back to the serializer, and finally out through the output buffer.

Only one of the loopbacks can be enabled at the same time.

The following illustration shows the loopback paths for the SERDESG6.



#### *Figure 8 •* **SERDES6G Loopback Modes**



# **3.4.3 Synchronous Ethernet**

The SERDES6G block can recover the clock from the received data and apply the clock to either a per-SerDes recovered clock output pin (SERDES6G\_COMMON\_CFG.RECO\_SEL\_A) or a common recovered clock output pin that may be driven by another SerDes macros as well (SERDES6G\_COMMON\_CFG.RECO\_SEL\_B). Note that only one macro should drive the common recovered clock output pin at the same time.

In addition, it is possible to squelch the recovered clock if the associated PCS cannot detect valid data (SERDES6G\_COMMON\_CFG.SE\_AUTO\_SQUELCH\_A\_ENA and SERDES6G\_COMMON\_CFG.SE\_AUTO\_SQUELCH\_B\_ENA).

For more information about Synchronous Ethernet, see [Layer 1 Timing, page 152](#page-166-0).

### **3.4.4 SERDES6G Deserializer Configuration**

The SERDES6G block includes digital control logic that interacts with the analog modules within the block and compensates for the frequency offset between the received data and the internal high-speed reference clock. To gain high jitter performance, the phase regulation is a PI-type regulator, whose proportional (P) and integrative (I) characteristics can be independently configured.

The integrative part of the phase regulation loop is configured in

SERDES6G\_DES\_CFG.DES\_PHS\_CTRL. The limits of the integrator are programmable, allowing different settings for the integrative regulation while guaranteeing that the proportional part still is stronger than the integrative part. Integrative regulation compensates frequency modulation from DC up to cut-off frequency. Frequencies greater than the cut-off frequency are compensated by the proportional part.

The DES BW HYST register field controls the time constant of the integrator independently of the proportional regulator. The range of DES\_BW\_HYST is programmable as follows:

- Full rate mode  $=$  3 to 7
- Quarter-rate mode = 1 to 7

The lower the configuration setting the smaller the time-constant of the integrative regulation. For normal operation, configure DES\_BW\_HYST to 5.

The cut-off-frequency is calculated to:

fco =  $1/(2 \times$  PI  $\times$  128  $\times$  PLL period  $\times$  32  $\times$  2^(DES\_BW\_HYST + 1 – DES\_BW\_ANA))

PLL period =  $1/(n \times$  data rate)

where,  $n = 1$  (full rate mode) or 4 (quarter-rate mode)

The integrative regulator can compensate a static frequency offset within the programmed limits down to a remaining frequency error of below 4 ppm. In steady state, the integrator toggles between two values around the exact value, and the proportional part of the phase regulation takes care of the remaining phase error. The loop bandwidth for the proportional part of the phase regulation loop is controlled by configuring SERDES6G\_DES\_CFG.SW.ANA.

The fastest loop bandwidth setting (lowest configuration value) results in a loop bandwidth that is equal to the maximum frequency offset compensation capability. For improved jitter performance, use a setting with sufficient margin to track the expected frequency offset rather than using the maximum frequency offset. For example, if a 100 ppm offset is expected, use a setting that is four times higher than the offset.

The following table provides the limits for the frequency offset compensation. The values are theoretical limits for input signals without jitter, because the actual frequency offset compensation capability is dependent on the toggle rate of the input data and the input jitter. Note that only applicable configuration



values are listed. HRATE and QRATE are the configuration settings of SERDES6G\_COMMON\_CFG.HRATE and SERDES6G\_COMMON\_CFG.QRATE.



#### *Table 20 •* **SERDES6G Loop Bandwidth**

In the event of an 180° phase jump of the incoming data signal, the sampling stage of the deserializer may become stuck. To prevent this situation, the SERDES6G provides a 180° deadlock protection mechanism (SERDES6G\_DES\_CFG.DES\_MBTR\_CTRL). If this mechanism is enabled, a small frequency offset is applied to the phase regulation loop. The offset is sufficient to move the sampling point out of the 180° deadlock region, while at the same time, small enough to allow the regulation loop to compensate when the sample point is within the data eye.

## **3.4.5 SERDES6G Serializer Configuration**

The serializer provides the ability to align the phase of the internal clock and data to a selected source (SERDES6G\_SER\_CFG.SER\_ENALI). The phase align logic is used when SERDES6G operates in the facility loopback mode.

### **3.4.6 SERDES6G Input Buffer Configuration**

The SERDES6G input buffer supports configurable options for:

- Automatic input voltage offset compensation
- Loss of signal detection

The input buffer is typically AC-coupled. As a result, the common-mode termination is switched off (SERDES6G\_IB\_CFG1.IB\_CTERM\_ENA). In order to support type-2 loads (DC-coupling at 1.0 V termination voltage) according to the OIF CEI specifications, common-mode termination must be enabled.

The sensitivity of the level detect circuit can be adapted to the input signal's characteristics (amplitude and noise). The threshold value for the level detect circuit is set in SERDES6G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_VBCOM. The default value is suitable for normal operation.

When the SerDes interface operates in 100BASE-FX mode, the input buffer of the SERDES6G macro must also be configured for 100BASE-FX (SERDES6G\_IB\_CFG.IB\_FX100\_ENA).

During test or reception of low data rate signals (for example, 100BASE-FX), the DC-offset compensation must be disabled. For all other modes, the DC-offset compensation must be enabled for optimized performance. DC-offset compensation is controlled by SERDES6G\_IB\_CFG1.IB\_ENA\_OFFSAC and SERDES6G\_IB\_CFG1.IB\_ENA\_OFFSDC.

## **3.4.7 SERDES6G Output Buffer Configuration**

The SERDEDS6G output buffer supports the following configurable options.

- Amplitude control
- De-emphasis and output polarity inversion
- Slew rate control
- Skew adjustment
- Idle mode



The maximum output amplitude of the output buffer depends on the output buffer's supply voltage. For interface standards requiring higher output amplitudes (backplane application or interface to optical modules, for example), the output buffer can be supplied from a 1.2 V instead of a 1.0 V supply. By default, the output buffer is configured for 1.2 V mode, because enabling the 1.0 V mode when supplied from 1.2 V must be avoided. The supply mode is configured by SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG.OB\_ENA1V\_MODE.

The output buffer supports a four-tap pre-emphasis realized by one pre-cursor, the center tap, and two post cursors. The pre-cursor coefficient, C0, is configured by SERDES6G\_SER\_CFG.OB\_PREC. C0 is a 5-bit value, with the most significant bit defining the polarity. The lower 4-bit value is hereby defined as B0. The first post-cursor coefficient, C2, is configured by SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG.OB\_POST0. C2 is a 6 bit value, with the most significant bit defining the polarity. The lower 5-bit value is hereby defined as B2. The second post-cursor coefficient, C3, is configured by SERDES6G\_SER\_CFG.OB\_POST1. C3 is 5-bit value, with the most significant bit defining the polarity. The lower 4-bit value is hereby defined as B3. The center-tap coefficient, C1, is a 6-bit value. Its polarity can be programmed by SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG.OB\_POL, which is hereby defined as p1. For normal operation SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG.OB\_POL must be set to 1. The value of the 6 bits forming C1 is calculated by the following equation.

Equation 1: C1:  $(64 - (B0 + B2 + B3)) \times p1$ 

The output amplitude is programmed by SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG1.OB\_LEV, which is a 6-bit value. This value is internally increased by 64 and defines the amplitude coefficient K. The range of K is therefore 64 to 127. The differential peak-peak output amplitude is given by 8.75 mV × K. The maximum peak-peak output amplitude depends on the data stream and can be calculated to:

Equation 2: H(Z) = 4.375 mVpp × K × (C0 × z1 + C1 × z0 + C2 × z–1 + C3 × z–2)/64

with z*<sup>n</sup>* denoting the current bits of the data pattern defining the amplitude of *Z*. The output amplitude also depends on the output buffer's supply voltage.

The configuration bits are summarized in the following table.



#### *Table 21 •* **De-Emphasis and Amplitude Configuration**

The output buffer provides the following additional options to configure its behavior.

- Idle mode: Enabling idle mode (SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG.OB\_IDLE) results in a remaining voltage of less than 30 mV at the buffers differential outputs.
- Slew Rate: Slew rate can be controlled by two configuration settings. SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG.OB\_SR\_H provides coarse adjustments, and SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG.OB\_SR provides fine adjustments.
- Skew control: In 1 Gbps SGMII mode, skew adjustment is controlled by SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG1.OB\_ENA\_CAS. Skew control is not applicable to other modes.

## **3.4.8 SERDES6G Clock and Data Recovery (CDR) in 100BASE-FX**

To enable clock and data recovery when operating SERDES6G in 100BASE-FX mode, set the following register fields:

- SERDES1G\_MISC\_CFG.DES\_100FX\_CPMD\_ENA = 1
- SERDES1G IBJ CFG.IB FX100 ENA = 1
- SERDES1G DES CFG.DES CPMD SEL = 2



# **3.4.9 Energy Efficient Ethernet**

The SERDES6G block supports Energy Efficient Ethernet as defined in IEEE Draft P802.3az. To enable the low power modes, SERDES6G\_MISC\_CFG.TX\_LPI\_MODE\_ENA and SERDES6G\_MISC\_CFG.RX\_LPI\_MODE\_ENA must be set. At this point, the attached PCS takes full control over the high-speed output and input buffer activity.

## **3.4.10 SERDES6G Data Inversion**

The data streams in the transmit and the receive direction can be inverted using SERDES6G\_MISC\_CFG.TX\_DATA\_INV\_ENA and SERDES6G\_MISC\_CFG.RX\_DATA\_INV\_ENA. This effectively allows for swapping the P and N lines of the high-speed serial link.

## **3.4.11 SERDES6G Signal Detection Enhancements**

Signal detect information from the SERDES6G macro is normally directly passed to the attached PCS. It is possible to enable a hysteresis such that the signal detect condition must be active or inactive for a certain time before it is signaled to the attached PCS.

The signal detect assertion time (the time signal detect must be active before the information is passed to a PCS) is programmable in SERDES6G\_DIG\_CFG.SIGDET\_AST. The signal detect de-assertion time (the time signal detect must be inactive before the information is passed to a PCS) is programmable in SERDES6G\_DIG\_CFG.SIGDET\_DST.

# **3.4.12 High-Speed I/O Configuration Bus**

The high-speed SerDes macros are configured using the high-speed I/O configuration bus (MCB), which is a serial bus connecting the configuration register set with all the SerDes macros. The HSIO::MCB\_SERDES1G\_ADDR\_CFG register is used for SERDES1G macros and HSIO::MCB\_SERDES6G\_ADDR\_CFG register is used for SERDES6G macros. The configuration busses are used for both writing to and reading from the macros.

The SERDES6G macros are programmed as follows:

- Program the configuration registers for the SERDES6G macro. For more information about configuration options, see [SERDES6G, page 30](#page-44-0).
- Transfer the configuration from the configuration registers to one or more SerDes macros by writing the address of the macro (MCB\_SERDES6G\_ADDR\_CFG.SERDES6G\_ADDR) and initiating the write access (MCB\_SERDES6G\_ADDR\_CFG.SERDES6G\_WR\_ONE\_SHOT).
- The SerDes macro address is a mask with one bit per macro so that one or more macros can be programmed at the same time.
- The MCB\_SERDES6G\_ADDR\_CFG.SERDES6G\_WR\_ONE\_SHOT are automatically cleared when the writing is done.

The configuration and status information in the SERDES6G macros can be read as follows:

- Transfer the configuration and status from one or more SerDes macros to the configuration registers by writing the address of the macro (MCB\_SERDES6G\_ADDR\_CFG.SERDES6G\_ADDR) and initiating the read access (MCB\_SERDES6G\_ADDR\_CFG.SERDES6G\_RD\_ONE\_SHOT).
- The SerDes macro address is a mask with one bit per macro so that configuration and status information from one or more macros can be read at the same time. When reading from more than one macro, the results from each macro are OR'ed together.
- The MCB\_SERDES6G\_ADDR\_CFG.SERDES6G\_RD\_ONE\_SHOT are automatically cleared when the reading is done.

The SERDES1G macros are programmed similarly to the SERDES6G macros, except that MCB\_SERDES1G\_ADDR\_CFG must be used for register access. For more information about configuration options, see [SERDES1G, page 25](#page-39-0).

# **3.5 Copper Transceivers**

This section describes the high-level functionality and operation of four built-in copper transceivers. The integration is kept as close to multichip PHY and switch designs as possible. This allows a fast path for



software already running in a similar distributed design while still benefiting from the cost savings provided by the integration.

## **3.5.1 Register Access**

The registers of the integrated transceivers are not placed in the memory map of the switch, but are attached instead to the built-in MII management controller 0 of the device. As a result, PHY registers are accessed indirectly through the switch registers. For more information, see [MII Management Controller,](#page-217-0)  [page 203.](#page-217-0)

In addition to providing the IEEE 802.3 specified 16 MII Standard Set registers, the PHYs contain an extended set of registers that provide additional functionality. The devices support the following types of registers:

- IEEE Clause 22 device registers with addresses from 0 to 31
- Two pages of extended registers with addresses from 16E1 through 30E1 and 16E2 through 30E2
- General-purpose registers with addresses from 0G to 30G
- IEEE Clause 45 device registers accessible through the Clause 22 registers 13 and 14 to support IEEE 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet registers

The memory mapping is controlled through PHY\_MEMORY\_PAGE\_ACCESS::PAGE\_ACCESS\_CFG. The following illustration shows the relationship between the device registers and their address spaces.

#### *Figure 9 •* **Register Space Layout**



#### **3.5.1.1 Broadcast Write**

The PHYs can be configured to accept MII PHY register write operations, regardless of the destination address of these writes. This is enabled in PHY\_CTRL\_STAT\_EXT::BROADCAST\_WRITE\_ENA. This enabling allows similar configurations to be sent quickly to multiple PHYs without having to do repeated MII PHY write operations. This feature applies only to writes; MII PHY register read operations are still interpreted with "correct" address.

#### **3.5.1.2 Register Reset**

The PHY can be reset through software, enabled in PHY\_CTRL::SOFTWARE\_RESET\_ENA. Enabling this field initiates a software reset of the PHY. Fields that are not described as sticky are returned to their default values. Fields that are described as sticky are only returned to defaults if sticky-reset is disabled through PHY\_CTRL\_STAT\_EXT::STICKY\_RESET\_ENA. Otherwise, they retain their values from prior to the software reset. A hardware reset always brings all PHY registers back to their default values.

## **3.5.2 Cat5 Twisted Pair Media Interface**

The twisted pair interfaces are compliant with IEEE 802.3-2008 and IEEE 802.3az for Energy Efficient Ethernet.

### **3.5.2.1 Voltage-Mode Line Driver**

Unlike many other gigabit PHYs, this PHY uses a patented voltage-mode line driver that allows it to fully integrate the series termination resistors (required to connect the PHY's Cat5 interface to an external 1:1



transformer). Also, the interface does not require placement of an external voltage on the center tap of the magnetic. The following illustration shows the connections.





### **3.5.2.2 Cat5 Auto-Negotiation and Parallel Detection**

The integrated transceivers support twisted pair auto-negotiation as defined by clause 28 of the IEEE 802.3-2008. The auto-negotiation process evaluates the advertised capabilities of the local PHY and its link partner to determine the best possible operating mode. In particular, auto-negotiation can determine speed, duplex configuration, and master or slave operating modes for 1000BASE-TX. Auto-negotiation also allows the device to communicate with the link partner (through the optional "next pages") to set attributes that may not otherwise be defined by the IEEE standard.

If the Cat5 link partner does not support auto-negotiation, the device automatically use parallel detection to select the appropriate link speed.

Auto-negotiation can be disabled by clearing PHY\_CTRL.AUTONEG\_ENA. If auto-negotiation is disabled, the state of the SPEED\_SEL\_MSB\_CFG, SPEED\_SEL\_LSB\_CFG, and DUPLEX\_MODE\_CFG fields in the PHY\_CTRL register determine the device's operating speed and duplex mode. Note that while 10BASE-T and 100BASE-T do not require auto-negotiation, 1000BASE-T does require it (defined by clause 40).

### **3.5.2.3 1000BASE-T Forced Mode Support**

The integrated transceivers provides support for a 1000BASE-T forced test mode. In this mode, the PHY can be forced into 1000BASE-T mode and does not require manual setting of master/slave at the two ends of the link. This mode is only for test purposes. Do not use in normal operation. To configure a PHY in this mode, set PHY\_EEE\_CTRL.FORCE\_1000BT\_ENA = 1, with

PHY\_CTRL.SPEED\_SEL\_LSB\_CFG = 1 and PHY\_CTRL.SPEED\_SEL\_LSB\_CFG = 0.



### **3.5.2.4 Automatic Crossover and Polarity Detection**

For trouble-free configuration and management of Ethernet links, the integrated transceivers include a robust automatic crossover detection feature for all three speeds on the twisted-pair interface (10BASE-T, 100BASE-T, and 1000BASE T). Known as HP Auto-MDIX, the function is fully compliant with clause 40 of the IEEE 802.3-2002.

Additionally, the device detects and corrects polarity errors on all MDI pairs—a useful capability that exceeds the requirements of the standard.

Both HP Auto-MDIX detection and polarity correction are enabled in the device by default. Default settings can be changed using the POL INV\_DIS and PAIR\_SWAP\_DIS fields in the PHY\_BYPASS\_CTRL register. Status bits for each of these functions are located in the PHY\_AUX\_CTRL\_STAT register.

The integrated transceivers can be configured to perform HP Auto-MDIX, even when auto-negotiation is disabled (PHY\_CTRL.AUTONEG\_ENA = 0) and the link is forced into 10/100 speeds. To enable the HP Auto-MDIX feature, set PHY\_BYPASS\_CTRL.FORCED\_SPEED\_AUTO\_MDIX\_DIS to 0.

The HP Auto-MDIX algorithm successfully detects, corrects, and operates with any of the MDI wiring pair combinations listed in the following table.



#### *Table 22 •* **Supported MDI Pair Combinations**

### **3.5.2.5 Manual MDI/MDI-X Setting**

As an alternative to HP Auto-MDIX detection, the PHY can be forced to be MDI or MDI X using PHY\_EXT\_MODE\_CTRL.FORCE\_MDI\_CROSSOVER\_ENA. Setting this field to 10 forces MDI, and setting 11 forces MDI-X. Leaving the bits 00 enables the MDI/MDI-X setting to be based on FORCED\_SPEED\_AUTO\_MDIX\_DIS and PAIR\_SWAP\_DIS in the register PHY\_BYPASS\_CTRL.

#### **3.5.2.6 Link Speed Downshift**

For operation in cabling environments that are incompatible with 1000BASE-T, the device provides an automatic link speed "downshift" option. When enabled, the device automatically changes its 1000BASE-T auto-negotiation advertisement to the next slower speed after a set number of failed attempts at 1000BASE-T. No reset is required to exit this state if a subsequent link partner with 1000BASE-T support is connected. This is useful in setting up in networks using older cable installations that may include only pairs A and B and not pairs C and D.

Link speed downshifting is configured and monitored using SPEED\_DOWNSHIFT\_STAT, SPEED\_DOWNSHIFT\_CFG, and SPEED\_DOWNSHIFT\_ENA in the register PHY\_CTRL\_EXT3.

### **3.5.2.7 Energy Efficient Ethernet**

The integrated transceivers support IEEE 802.3az Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE). This standard provides a method for reducing power consumption on an Ethernet link during times of low use.



#### *Figure 11 •* **Low Power Idle Operation**



Using LPI, the usage model for the link is to transmit data as fast as possible and then return to a low power idle state. Energy is saved on the link by cycling between active and low power idle states. Power is reduced during LPI by turning off unused circuits and, using this method, energy use scales with bandwidth utilization.

The transceivers use LPI to optimize power dissipation in 100BASE-TX and 1000BASE-T operation. In addition, IEEE 802.3az defines a 10BASE-Te mode that reduces transmit signal amplitude from 5 V to approximately 3.3 V, peak-to-peak. This mode reduces power consumption in 10 Mbps link speed and can fully interoperate with legacy 10BASE-T compliant PHYs over 100 m Cat5 cable or better.

To configure the transceivers in 10BASE-Te mode, set PHY\_EEE\_CTRL.EEE\_LPI\_RX\_100BTX\_DIS to 1 for each port. Additional Energy Efficient Ethernet features are controlled through Clause 45 registers as defined in Clause 45 registers to Support Energy Efficient Ethernet

## **3.5.3 Wake-On-LAN and SecureOn**

The device supports Wake-on-LAN, an Ethernet networking standard to awaken hosts by using a "magic packet" that is decoded to ascertain the source, and then assert an interrupt pin or an LED. The device also supports SecureOn to secure Wake-on-LAN against unauthorized access. The following illustration shows an overview of the Wake-on-LAN functionality.

#### *Figure 12 •* **Wake-On-LAN Functionality**



Wake-on-LAN detection is available in 10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, and 1000BASE-T modes., It is enabled by setting the interrupt mask register PHY\_INT\_MASK. WOL\_INT\_ENA and its status is read in the interrupt status register PHY\_INT\_STAT. WOL\_INT\_PEND. Wake-on-LAN and SecureOn are configured for each port using the PHY\_WOL\_MDINT\_CTRL register. The MAC address for each port is saved in its local register space (PHY\_WOL\_MAC\_ADDRx).

## **3.5.4 Ethernet Inline Powered Devices**

The integrated transceivers can detect legacy inline powered devices in Ethernet network applications. The inline powered detection capability can be part of a system that allows for IP-phone and other



office digital phones receiving power from a Private Branch Exchange (PBX) office switch over the telephone cabling. This can eliminate the need of an external power supply for an IP-phone. It also enables the inline powered device to remain active during a power outage (assuming the Ethernet switch is connected to an uninterrupted power supply, battery, back-up power generator, or some other uninterruptable power source).

The following illustration shows an example of this type of application.

#### *Figure 13 •* **Inline Powered Ethernet Switch**



The following procedure describes the process that an Ethernet switch must perform to process inline power requests made by a link partner (LP); that is, in turn, capable of receiving inline power.

- 1. Enables the inline powered device detection mode on each transceiver using its serial management interface. Set PHY\_CTRL\_EXT4.INLINE\_POW\_DET\_ENA to 1.
- 2. Ensures that the Auto-Negotiation Enable bit (register 0.12) is also set to 1. In the application, the device sends a special Fast Link Pulse (FLP) signal to the LP. Reading PHY\_CTRL\_EXT4.INLINE\_POW\_DET\_STAT returns 00 during the search for devices that require Power-over-Ethernet (PoE).
- 3. The transceiver monitors its inputs for the FLP signal looped back by the LP. An LP capable of receiving PoE loops back the FLP pulses when the LP is in a powered down state. This is reported when PHY\_CTRL\_EXT4.INLINE\_POW\_DET\_STAT reads back 01. If an LP device does not loop back the FLP after a specific time, PHY\_CTRL\_EXT4.INLINE\_POW\_DET\_STAT automatically resets to 10.
- 4. If the transceiver reports that the LP needs PoE, the Ethernet switch must enable inline power on this port, externally of the PHY.
- 5. The PHY automatically disables inline powered device detection if PHY\_CTRL\_EXT4.INLINE\_POW\_DET\_STAT automatically resets to 10, and then automatically changes to its normal auto-negotiation process. A link is then auto-negotiated and established when the link status bit is set (PHY\_STAT.LINK\_STAT is set to 1).
- 6. In the event of a link failure (indicated when PHY\_STAT.LINK\_STAT reads 0), the inline power must be disabled to the inline powered device external to the PHY. The transceiver disables its normal auto-negotiation process and re-enables its inline powered device detection mode.



# **3.5.5 IEEE 802.3af PoE Support**

The integrated transceivers are also compatible with switch designs intended for use in systems that supply power to Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) by means of the MDI or twisted pair cable, as described in clause 33 of the IEEE 802.3af.

## **3.5.6 ActiPHY™ Power Management**

In addition to the IEEE-specified power-down control bit (PHY\_CTRL.POWER\_DOWN\_ENA), the device also includes an ActiPHY power management mode for each PHY. The ActiPHY mode enables support for power-sensitive applications. It uses a signal detect function that monitors the media interface for the presence of a link to determine when to automatically power-down the PHY. The PHY "wakes up" at a programmable interval and attempts to wake-up the link partner PHY by sending a burst of FLP over copper media.

The ActiPHY power management mode in the integrated transceivers is enabled on a per-port basis during normal operation at any time by setting PHY\_AUX\_CTRL\_STAT.ACTIPHY\_ENA to 1.

Three operating states are possible when ActiPHY mode is enabled:

- Low power state
- LP wake-up state
- Normal operating state (link up state)

The PHY switches between the low power state and the LP wake-up state at a programmable rate (the default is two seconds) until signal energy is detected on the media interface pins. When signal energy is detected, the PHY enters the normal operating state. If the PHY is in its normal operating state and the link fails, the PHY returns to the low power state after the expiration of the link status time-out timer. After reset, the PHY enters the low power state.

When auto-negotiation is enabled in the PHY, the ActiPHY state machine operates as described. If autonegotiation is disabled and the link is forced to use 10BT or 100BTX modes while the PHY is in its low power state, the PHY continues to transition between the low power and LP wake-up states until signal energy is detected on the media pins. At that time, the PHY transitions to the normal operating state and stays in that state even when the link is dropped. If auto-negotiation is disabled while the PHY is in the normal operation state, the PHY stays in that state when the link is dropped and does not transition back to the low power state.

The following illustration shows the relationship between ActiPHY states and timers.

#### *Figure 14 •* **ActiPHY State Diagram**



### **3.5.6.1 Low Power State**

All major digital blocks are powered down in the lower power state.



In this state, the PHY monitors the media interface pins for signal energy. The PHY comes out of low power state and transitions to the normal operating state when signal energy is detected on the media. This happens when the PHY is connected to one of the following:

- Auto-negotiation capable link partner
- Another PHY in enhanced ActiPHY LP wake-up state

In the absence of signal energy on the media pins, the PHY transitions from the low power state to the LP wake-up state periodically based on the programmable sleep timer

(PHY\_CTRL\_EXT3.ACTIPHY\_SLEEP\_TIMER). The actual sleep time duration is random, from –80 ms to 60 ms, to avoid two linked PHYs in ActiPHY mode entering a lock-up state during operation.

After sending signal energy on the relevant media, the PHY returns to the low power state.

#### **3.5.6.2 Link Partner Wake-up State**

In the link partner wake-up state, the PHY attempts to wake up the link partner. Up to three complete FLP bursts are sent on alternating pairs A and B of the Cat5 media for a duration based on the wake-up timer, which is set using register bits 20E1.12:11.

After sending signal energy on the relevant media, the PHY returns to the low power state.

### **3.5.6.3 Normal Operating State**

In normal operation, the PHY establishes a link with a link partner. When the media is unplugged or the link partner is powered down, the PHY waits for the duration of the programmable link status time-out timer, which is set using ACTIPHY\_LINK\_TIMER\_MSB\_CFG and ACTIPHY\_LINK\_TIMER\_LSB\_CFG in the PHY\_AUX\_CTRL\_STAT register. It then enters the low power state.

### **3.5.7 Testing Features**

The integrated transceivers include several testing features designed to facilitate performing systemlevel debugging.

#### **3.5.7.1 Ethernet Packet Generator (EPG)**

The Ethernet Packet Generator (EPG) can be used at each of the 10/100/1000BASE-T speed settings for copper Cat5 media to isolate problems between the MAC and the PHY, or between a local PHY and its remote link partner. Enabling the EPG feature effectively disables all MAC interface transmit pins and selects the EPG as the source for all data transmitted onto the twisted pair interface.

**Important** The EPG is intended for use with laboratory or in-system testing equipment only. Do not use the EPG testing feature when the PHY is connected to a live network.

To use the EPG feature, set PHY\_1000BT\_EPG2.EPG\_ENA to 1.

When PHY\_1000BT\_EPG2.EPG\_RUN\_ENA is set to 1, the PHY begins transmitting Ethernet packets based on the settings in the PHY\_1000BT\_EPG1 and PHY\_1000BT\_EPG2 registers. These registers set:

- Source and destination addresses for each packet
- Packet size
- Inter-packet gap
- FCS state
- Transmit duration
- Payload pattern

If PHY\_1000BT\_EPG1.TRANSMIT\_DURATION\_CFG is set to 0, PHY\_1000BT\_EPG1.EPG\_RUN\_ENA is cleared automatically after 30,000,000 packets are transmitted.

#### **3.5.7.2 CRC Counters**

Two separate CRC counters are available in the PHY: a 14-bit good CRC counter available through PHY\_CRC\_GOOD\_CNT.CRC\_GOOD\_PKT\_CNT and a separate 8-bit bad CRC counter in PHY\_CTRL\_EXT4.CRC\_1000BT\_CNT.



## **3.5.7.3 Far-End Loopback**

The far-end loopback testing feature is enabled by setting

PHY\_CTRL\_EXT1.FAR\_END\_LOOPBACK\_ENA to 1. When enabled, it forces incoming data from a link partner on the current media interface, into the MAC interface of the PHY, to be re-transmitted back to the link partner on the media interface as shown in the following illustration. The incoming data also appears on the receive data pins of the MAC interface. Data present on the transmit data pins of the MAC interface is ignored when using this testing feature.

- **Note:** The far-end loopback is only operational in 1Gbps mode.
- *Figure 15* **Far-End Loopback**



### **3.5.7.4 Near-End Loopback**

When the near-end loopback testing feature is enabled (by setting PHY\_CTRL.LOOPBACK\_ENA to 1), data on the transmit data pins (TXD) is looped back in the PCS block, onto the device receive data pins (RXD), as shown in the following illustration. When using this testing feature, no data is transmitted over the network.

#### *Figure 16 •* **Near-End Loopback**



### **3.5.7.5 Connector Loopback**

The connector loopback testing feature allows the twisted pair interface to be looped back externally. When using the connector loopback feature, the PHY must be connected to a loopback connector or a loopback cable. Pair A must be connected to pair B, and pair C to pair D, as shown in the following illustration. The connector loopback feature functions at all available interface speeds.

#### *Figure 17 •* **Connector Loopback**



When using the connector loopback testing feature, the device auto-negotiation, speed, and duplex configuration is set using device registers 0, 4, and 9. For 1000BASE-T connector loopback, the following additional writes are required, executed in the following steps:

- 1. Enable the 1000BASE-T connector loopback. Set
	- PHY\_CTRL\_EXT2.CON\_LOOPBACK\_1000BT\_ENA to 1.
- 2. Disable pair swap correction. Set PHY\_CTRL\_EXT2.CON\_LOOPBACK\_1000BT\_ENA to 1.

### **3.5.8 VeriPHY™ Cable Diagnostics**

The integrated transceivers include a comprehensive suite of cable diagnostic functions that are available through the on-board processor. These functions enable cable operating conditions and status to be accessed and checked. The VeriPHY suite has the ability to identify the cable length and operating conditions and to isolate common faults that can occur on the Cat5 twisted pair cabling.

For the functional details of the VeriPHY suite and the operating instructions, see the *ENT-AN0125, PHY, Integrated PHY-Switch VeriPHY - Cable Diagnostics Feature* Application Note.



# **3.6 Statistics**

The following table lists the registers for the statistics module.

#### *Table 23 •* **Counter Registers**



The device implements a statistics block containing the following counter groups:

- Receive statistics available per physical ingress port
- Transmit statistics available per physical egress port
- FIFO Drop statistics available per physical ingress port

Each counter is 32 bits wide, which is large enough to ensure a wrap-around time longer than 13 seconds for port statistics on a 2.5G port and longer than 30 seconds for port statistics on a 1G port.

Each switch core port has 44 Rx counters, 18 FIFO drop counters, and 31 Tx counters. The following lists the counters.

### **3.6.1 Port Statistics**

The following table defines the per-port available Rx counters and lists the counter's address in the common statistics block.

*Table 24 •* **Receive Counters in the Statistics Block**

| <b>Type</b> | <b>Short Name</b>     | Counter<br><b>Address</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Rx</b>   | c rx oct              | 0x00                      | Received octets in good and bad frames.                                     |
| <b>Rx</b>   | c rx uc               | 0x01                      | Number of good broadcasts.  |
| <b>Rx</b>   | c rx mc               | 0x02                      | Number of good multicasts.  |
| <b>Rx</b>   | $c$ <sub>_rx_bc</sub> | 0x03                      | Number of good unicasts.  |
| <b>Rx</b>   | c rx short            | 0x04                      | Number of short frames with valid CRC (<64 bytes).                          |
| <b>Rx</b>   | c_rx_frag             | 0x05                      | Number of short frames with invalid CRC (<64 bytes).                        |
| <b>Rx</b>   | c rx jabber           | 0x06                      | Number of long frames with invalid CRC (according to<br>MAXLEN.MAX LENGTH). |
| <b>Rx</b>   | c rx crc              | 0x07                      | Number of CRC errors, alignment errors and RX ER<br>events.                 |
| Rx          | c rx symbol err       | 0x08                      | Number of frames with RX ER events.   |













The following table defines the per-port available Tx counters and lists the counter address.

*Table 25 •* **Tx Counters in the Statistics Block**

| <b>Type</b> | <b>Short Name</b> | Counter<br><b>Address</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Tx          | c tx oct          | 0x40                      | Transmitted octets in good and bad frames.   |
| Tx          | c tx uc           | 0x41                      | Number of good unicasts.   |
| Tx          | c tx mc           | 0x42                      | Number of good multicasts.   |
| Tx          | c tx bc           | 0x43                      | Number of good broadcasts.   |
| Tx          | c tx col          | 0x44                      | Number of transmitted frames experiencing a collision.<br>An excessive collided frame gives 16 counts. |
| Tx          | c txdrop          | 0x45                      | Number of frames dropped due to excessive collisions<br>or late collisions.                            |
| Tx          | c txpause         | 0x46                      | Number of transmitted pause frames.  |
| Tx          | c tx sz $64$      | 0x47                      | Number of 64-byte frames in good and bad frames.   |
| Tx          | c tx sz 65 127    | 0x48                      | Number of 65-127-byte frames in good and bad frames.   |
| Tx          | c tx sz 128 255   | 0x49                      | Number of 128-255-byte frames in good and bad<br>frames.   |



### *Table 25 •* **Tx Counters in the Statistics Block** *(continued)*





The following table defines the per-port available FIFO drop counters and lists the counter address.





## **3.6.2 Accessing and Clearing Counters**

The counters are accessed through SYS:STAT:CNT using the counter address given for each counter in the tables in the preceding sections. Only a subset of the counters for all ports are addressable at the same time. The current subset is programmed in STAT\_CFG.STAT\_VIEW and includes port counters (Rx, Tx, drop) for the port number programmed in STAT\_CFG.STAT\_VIEW.

The following illustration shows the layout of the counter subset that are addressable through SYS:STAT:CNT. To change the view, write a new port number to STAT\_CFG.STAT\_VIEW.



#### *Figure 18 •* **Counter Layout (SYS:STAT:CNT) Per View**



Read Example To read the number of good unicast frames transmitted on port 3 (counter c\_tx\_uc), set the current view in STAT\_CFG.STAT\_VIEW to 3 and read SYS:STAT:CNT[0x41]. Note that with the current view, one could also read Rx and drop counters on port 3

The counters can be cleared per counter group per view. Writing to register STAT\_CFG.STAT\_CLEAR\_SHOT clears all counters associated with the counter groups specified by STAT\_CFG.STAT\_CLEAR\_SHOT for the view specified in STAT\_CFG.STAT\_VIEW.

It is possible to select whether to count frames or bytes for the following specific counters.

- The Rx priority counters (c\_rx\_red\_prio\_\*, c\_rx\_yellow\_prio\_\*, c\_rx\_green\_prio\_\*, where x is 0 through 7).
- The Tx priority counters (c\_tx\_yellow\_prio\_\*, c\_tx\_green\_prio\_\*, where x is 0 through 7).
- The Drop priority counters (c\_dr\_yellow\_prio\_\*, c\_dr\_green\_prio\_\*, where x is 0 through 7).

The Rx priority counters are programmed through ANA::AGENCTRL, and the Tx and drop priority counters are programmed through QSYS::STAT\_CNT\_CFG. When counting bytes, the frame length excluding inter frame gap and preamble is counted.

For testing purposes, all counters are both readable and writable. All counters wrap around to 0 when reaching the maximum.

For more information about how the counters map to relevant MIBs, see [Port Counters, page 223.](#page-237-0)

# **3.7 Basic Classifier**

The switch core includes a common basic classifier, which determines a number of properties affecting the forwarding of each frame through the switch. These properties are:

- Frame acceptance filtering. Drop illegal frame types.
- QoS classification. Assign one of eight QoS classes to the frame.
- Drop precedence (DP) classification. Assign one of two drop precedence levels to the frame.
- DSCP classification. Assign one of 64 DSCP values to the frame.
- VLAN classification. Extract tag information from the frame or use the port VLAN.
- Link aggregation code generation. Generate the link aggregation code.
- CPU forwarding determination. Determine CPU Forwarding and CPU extraction queue number

The outcome of the classifier is the basic classification result, which can be overruled by more intelligent frame processing in the VCAP IS1. For more information, see [VCAP, page 60](#page-74-0).

### **3.7.1 General Data Extraction Setup**

This section provides information about the overall settings for data extraction that provides the data input to the classifier, VCAP, analyzer, and rewriter.



The following table lists the registers associated with general data extraction.

#### *Table 27 •* **General Data Extraction Registers**



It is programmable which VLAN tags are recognized. The use of Layer-3 and Layer-4 information for classification and forwarding can also be controlled.

The device recognizes three different VLAN tags:

- Customer tags (C-TAGs), which use TPID 0x8100.
- Service tags (S-TAGs), which use TPID 0x88A8 (IEEE 802.1ad).
- Service tags (S-TAGs), which use a custom TPID programmed in SYS::VLAN\_ETYPE\_CFG.

The device can parse and use information from up to two VLAN tags of any of the kinds described above.

By default, the outer VLAN tag is extracted and used for both the basic classification and the VCAP IS1 key generation. However, for both the basic classification and the VCAP IS1, there is an option to use the inner VLAN tag instead for frames with at least two VLAN tags. For basic classification, this is controlled in VLAN\_CFG.VLAN\_INNER\_TAG\_ENA and affects both QoS, DP, and VLAN classification as well as the frame acceptance filter. For IS1, this is controlled per lookup in S1\_VLAN\_INNER\_TAG\_ENA. Note that several keys in IS1 always contain both the inner VLAN tag and the outer VLAN tag.

Various blocks in the device uses Layer-3 and Layer-4 information for classification and forwarding. Layer-3 and Layer-4 information can be extracted from a frame with up to two VLAN tags. Frames with more than two VLAN tags are considered non-IP frames.

The actual use of Layer-3 and Layer-4 information for classification, forwarding, and rewriting is enabled in SYS::PORT\_MODE.L3\_PARSE\_CFG. The following blocks are affected by this functionality:

- Basic classification: QoS, DP, and DSCP classification, link aggregation code generation, CPU forwarding
- VCAP: TCAM keys (IS1, IS2) using Layer 3 and Layer4 information
- Analyzer: Flooding and forwarding of IP multicast frames
- Rewriter: Rewriting of IP information

## **3.7.2 Frame Acceptance Filtering**

The following table lists the registers associated with frame acceptance filtering.





Based on the configurations in the DROP\_CFG and PORT\_MISC registers, the classifier instructs the queue system to drop or forward certain frames types, such as:

• Frames with a multicast source MAC address



- Frames with a null source or null destination MAC address (address = 0x000000000000)
- Frames with errors signaled by the MAC (for example, an FCS error)
- MAC control frames
- Pause frames after flow control processing in the MAC.
- Untagged frames (excluding frames with reserved destination MAC addresses from the BPDU, GARP, and Link trace/CCM address ranges).
- Priority S-tagged frames
- Priority C-tagged frames
- VLAN S-tagged frames
- VLAN C-tagged frames

By default, MAC control frames, pause frames, and frames with errors are dropped by the classifier.

The VLAN acceptance filter decides whether a frame's VLAN tagging is allowed on the port. By default, the outer VLAN tag is used as input to the filter, however, there is an option to use the inner VLAN tag instead for double tagged frames (VLAN\_CFG.VLAN\_INNER\_TAG\_ENA).

The following illustration shows the flowchart for the VLAN acceptance filter.







If the frame is accepted by the VLAN acceptance filter, it can still be discarded in other places of the switch, such as the following:

- Policers, due to traffic exceeding a peak information rate.
- IS2 Security TCAM, due to permit/deny rules.
- Analyzer, due to forwarding decisions such as VLAN ingress filtering.
- Queue system, due to lack of resources, frame aging, or excessive collisions.



# **3.7.3 QoS, DP, and DSCP Classification**

This section provides information about the functions in the QoS, DP, and DSCP classification. The three tasks are described as one, because the tasks have a significant amount of functionality in common.

The following table lists the registers associated with QoS, DP, and DSCP classification.





The basic classification provides the user with control of the QoS, DP, and DSCP classification algorithm. The result of the basic classification are the following frame properties, which follow the frame through the switch:

- The frame's QoS class. This class is encoded in a 3-bit field, where 7 is the highest priority QoS class and 0 is the lowest priority QoS class. The QoS class is used by the queue system when enqueuing frames and when evaluating resource consumptions, for policing, statistics, and rewriter actions.
- The frame's DP level. This level is encoded in a 1-bit field, where frames with DP = 1 have the highest probability of being dropped and frames with DP = 0 have the lowest probability. The DP level is used by the dual leaky bucket policers for measuring committed and peak information rates, for restricting memory consumptions in the queue system, for collecting statistics, and for rewriting priority information in the rewriter. The DP level is incremented by the policers if a frame is exceeding a programmed committed information rate.
- The frame's DSCP. This value is encoded in a 6-bit fields. The DSCP value is forwarded with the frame to the rewriter where it is translated and rewritten into the frame. The DSCP value is only applicable to IPv4 and IPv6 frames.

The classifier looks for the following fields in the incoming frame to determine the QoS, DP, and DSCP classification:

- Port default QoS class and DP level. The default DSCP value is the frame's DSCP value. For non-IP frames, the DSCP is 0 and it is not used elsewhere in the switch.
- Priority Code Point (PCP) when the frame is VLAN tagged or priority tagged. There is an option to use the inner tag for double tagged frames (VLAN\_CFG.VLAN\_INNER\_TAG\_ENA). Both S-tagged and C-tagged frames are considered.
- Drop Eligible Indicator (DEI) when the frame is VLAN tagged or priority tagged. There is an option to use the inner tag for double tagged frames (VLAN\_CFG.VLAN\_INNER\_TAG\_ENA). Both S-tagged and C-tagged frames are considered.
- DSCP (all 6 bits, both for IPv4 and IPv6 packets). The classifier can look for the DSCP value behind up to two VLAN tags.

The following illustration shows the flow chart of basic QoS and DP classification.





*Figure 20 •* **QoS and DP Basic Classification Flow**

The following illustration shows the flow chart for basic DSCP classification.





#### *Figure 21 •* **Basic DSCP Classification Flow Chart**

The translation part of the DSCP classification is common for both QoS, DP, and DSCP classification.

The basic classified QoS, DP, and DSCP can be overwritten by more intelligent decisions made in the VCAP IS1.

## **3.7.4 VLAN Classification**

The following table lists the registers associated with VLAN classification.







#### *Table 30 •* **VLAN Configuration Registers** *(continued)*



The VLAN classification determines a tag header for all frames. The tag header includes the following information:

- Priority Code Point (PCP)
- Drop Eligible Indicator (DEI)
- VLAN Identifier (VID)
- Tag Protocol Identifier (TPID) type (TAG\_TYPE). This field informs whether tag used for classification was a C-tag or an S-tag.

The tag header determined by the classifier is carried with the frame through the switch and is used in various places such as the analyzer for forwarding and the rewriter for egress tagging operations.

The device recognizes three kinds of tags based on the TPID, which is the EtherType in front of the tag:

- Customer tags (C-TAGs), which use TPID 0x8100.
- Service tags (S-TAGs), which use TPID 0x88A8 (IEEE 802.1ad).
- Service tags (S-TAGs), which use a custom TPID programmed in SYS::VLAN\_ETYPE\_CFG.

For customer tags and service tags, both VLAN tags (tags with nonzero VID) and priority tags (tags with VID = 0) are processed.

The tag header is either retrieved from a tag in the incoming frame or from a default port-based tag header. The port-based tag header is configured in ANA:PORT:VLAN\_CFG.

For double tagged frames, there is an option to use the inner tag instead of the outer tag (VLAN\_CFG.VLAN\_INNNER\_TAG\_ENA).

In addition to the tag header, the port decides the number of VLAN tags to pop at egress (VLAN\_POP\_CNT). If the configured number of tags to pop is greater than the actual number of tags in the frame, the number is reduced to the number of actual tags in the frame.

The following illustration shows the flow chart for basic VLAN classification.







Basic classified tag header (TAG\_TYPE, PCP, DEI, VID)

The basic classifier can overwrite the basic classified PCP value with the frame's basic classified QoS class coming from the basic QoS classification. This option is enabled in ANA:PORT:PTP\_DLY1\_CFG.USE\_QOS\_AS\_PCP\_ENA. The basic classified tag header can be overwritten by more intelligent decisions made in the VCAP IS1.

## **3.7.5 Link Aggregation Code Generation**

This section provides information about the functions in link aggregation code generation.


The following table lists the registers associated with aggregation code generation.

#### *Table 31 •* **Aggregation Code Generation Registers**



The classifier generates a link aggregation code, which is used in the analyzer when selecting to which port in a link aggregation group a frame is forwarded.

The following contributions to the link aggregation code is configured in the AGGR\_CFG register:

- Destination MAC address—use the lower 12 bits of the DMAC.
- Source MAC address—use the lower 12 bits of the SMAC.
- IPv6 flow label—use the 20 bits of the flow label.
- IPv4 source and destination IP addresses—use the lower 8 bits of the SIP and DIP.
- TCP/UDP source and destination port for IPv4 and IPv6 frames—use the lower 8 bits of the SPORT and DPORT.
- Random aggregation code—use a pseudo-random number instead of the frame information.

Each of the enabled contributions are XOR'ed together, yielding a 4-bit aggregation code ranging from 0 to 15. For more information about how the aggregation code is used, see [Link Aggregation, page 247.](#page-261-0)

# **3.7.6 CPU Forwarding Determination**

The following table lists the registers associated with CPU forwarding in the basic classifier.

| Register                  | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Replication</b> |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------|
| CPU FWD CFG               | Enables CPU forwarding for various frame types.                  | Per port           |
| CPU FWD BPDU CFG          | Enables CPU forwarding per BPDU address.                         | Per port           |
| CPU FWD GARP CFG          | Enables CPU forwarding per GARP address.                         | Per port           |
| CPU_FWD_CCM CFG           | Enables CPU forwarding per CCM/Link trace<br>address             | Per port           |
| CPUQ CFG and<br>CPUQ CFG2 | CPU extraction queues for various frame types                    | None               |
| CPUQ 8021 CFG             | CPU extraction queues for BPDU, GARP, and CCM None<br>addresses. |                    |
| <b>VRAP CFG</b>           | VLAN configuration of VRAP filter.                               | None               |
| VRAP HDR DATA             | Data match against VRAP header.                                  | None               |
| VRAP HDR MASK             | Mask used to don't care bits in the VRAP header.                 | None               |

*Table 32 •* **CPU Forwarding Determination**

The classifier has support for determining whether certain frames must be forwarded to the CPU extraction queues. Other parts of the device can also determine CPU forwarding, for example, the analyzer, or the VCAP IS2. All events leading to CPU forwarding are OR'ed together, and the final CPU extraction queue mask, which is available to the user, contains the sum of all events leading to CPU extraction. For more information, see [CPU Extraction and Injection, page 264.](#page-278-0)

Upon CPU forwarding by the classifier, the frame type determines whether the frame is redirected or copied to the CPU. Any frame type or event causing a redirection to the CPU cause all front ports to be removed from the forwarding decision - only the CPU receives the frame. When copying a frame to the CPU, the normal forwarding of the frame is unaffected.



The following table lists the standard frame types, with respect to CPU forwarding, that are recognized by the classifier.





In addition, the classifier can recognize Versatile Register Access Protocol (VRAP) frames and redirect such frames to the CPU. This is a proprietary frame format, which is used for reading and writing switch configuration registers through ethernet frames. For more information, see [VRAP Engine, page 148](#page-162-0).

To determine if a frame is a VRAP frame, the VRAP filter in the classifier performs three checks:

- VLAN check. The filter can be either VLAN unaware or VLAN aware (ANA::VRAP\_CFG.VRAP\_VLAN\_AWARE\_ENA). If VLAN unaware, VRAP frames must be untagged. If VLAN aware, VRAP frames must be VLAN tagged and the frame's VID must match a configured value (ANA::VRAP\_CFG.VRAP\_VID). Double VLAN tagged frames always fail this check.
- EtherType and EPID check. The EtherType must be 0x8880 and the EPID must be 0x0004 (bytes 0 and 1 after the EtherType).
- VRAP header check. The VRAP header (bytes 0, 1, 2, and 3 after the EPID) must match a 32-bit configured value (ANA::VRAP\_HDR\_DATA) where any bits can be don't cared by a mask (ANA::VRAP\_HDR\_MASK).

If all three checks are fulfilled, frames are redirected to CPU extraction queue ANA::CPUQ\_CFG2.CPUQ\_VRAP.

The VRAP filter is enabled in ANA:PORT:CPU\_FWD\_CFG.



# **3.8 VCAP**

The VCAP is a content-aware packet processor for wire-speed packet inspection for rich implementation of, for example, advanced VLAN and QoS classifications and manipulations, IP source guarding, and security features for wireline and wireless applications.

The following describes three VCAPs implemented in the device: IS1, IS2, and ES0. IS1 and IS2 are generic ingress VCAPs working on the incoming frames while ES0 is an egress VCAP working on all outgoing frames.

When a VCAP is enabled, each frame is examined to determine the frame type (for example IPv4 TCP frame) so that the frame information is extracted according to the frame type. Together with port-specific configuration and classification results from the basic classification, the extracted frame information makes up an entry key, which is passed to a TCAM and matched against entries in the TCAM.

An entry in the TCAM consists of a pattern and a mask, where the mask allows pattern-matching with the use of "don't cares". The first matching entry is then used to select an action. The following illustration provides a functional overview of a general TCAM.





Each frame results in up to six ingress VCAP lookups and one egress lookup per destination port. The lookups use different keys and the results determine the frame's ingress classification, security handling, and egress VLAN manipulation. The six ingress lookups and the associated VCAPs are:

- Advanced ingress classification, first lookup:
	- VCAP: IS1
	- Key: IS1
	- Entry: IS1 Control Entry
- Advanced ingress classification, second lookup:
	- VCAP: IS1
	- Key: IS1
	- Entry: IS1 Control Entry
	- Advanced ingress classification, third lookup:
	- VCAP: IS1
	- Key: IS1
	- Entry: IS1 Control Entry
- IP source guarding check:
	- VCAP: IS2
	- Key: SMAC\_SIP4 (IPv4 frames) or SMAC\_SIP6 (IPv6 frames)
	- Entry: SMAC\_SIP4 Control Entry or SMAC\_SIP6 Control Entry
- Security enforcement, first lookup:
	- VCAP: IS2



- Key: MAC\_ETYPE, MAC\_LLC, MAC\_SNAP, ARP, IP4\_OTHER, IP4\_TCP\_UDP, IP6\_STD, IP6\_OTHER, IP6\_TCP\_UDP, OAM, CUSTOM, depending on frame type
	- **Entry: Access Control Entry**
- Security enforcement, second lookup
	- VCAP: IS2
	- Key: MAC\_ETYPE, MAC\_LLC, MAC\_SNAP, ARP, IP4\_OTHER, IP4\_TCP\_UDP, IP6\_STD, IP6\_OTHER, IP6\_TCP\_UDP, OAM, CUSTOM, depending on frame type
	- Entry: Access Control Entry

The egress lookup per destination port and associated VCAP is:

- Egress tagging and frame manipulations
- VCAP: ES0
	- Key: ES0
	- Entry: Egress Control Entry

The IP source guarding check is only carried out for IP frames.

CPU injected frames are subject to all the above VCAP lookups in IS1, IS2, and ES0.

With respect to IS1 and IS2, each frame is classified to one of seven overall VCAP frame types. The frame type determines the information to extract from the frame and also which VCAP entries to match against. The following table lists which frame types are used and which VCAP entries the frame types are matched against in IS1 and IS2. **Note** The lookup in ES0 is independent of the frame type, and all frames match against all entries in the TCAM.

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In addition, Precision Time Protocol (PTP) frames are handled by IS2. The following encapsulations of PTP frames are supported:

- PTP over Ethernet: ETYPE frame with Type/Len = 0x88F7. Matched against MAC\_ETYPE entries.
- PTP over UDP over IPv4: IPv4 UDP frame with UDP destination port numbers 319 or 320. Matched against IP4\_TCP\_UDP entries. • PTP over UDP over IPv6
- IPv6 UDP frame with UDP destination port numbers 319 or 320. Matched against IP6\_TCP\_UDP entries.

PTP frames may be untagged, single tagged, or double tagged.

For PTP over Ethernet, the following PTP fields are always extracted:

- TransportSpecific (byte 0)
- MessageType (byte 0)
- VersionPTP (byte 1)
- DomainNumber (byte 4)
- FlagField: flags 1, 2, and 7 (byte 6)

**Note** Byte 0 is the byte immediately following the EtherType, then byte 1, byte 2, and so on.

For PTP over UDP, the following PTP fields are always extracted:

- MessageType (byte 0)
- VersionPTP (byte 1)
- DomainNumber (byte 4)
- FlagField: flags 1, 2, and 7 (byte 6)

**Note** Byte 0 is the byte immediately following the UDP header, then byte 1, byte 2, and so on.

# **3.8.1 Port Configuration**

This section provides information about special port configurations that control the key generation for the VCAPs.



The following table lists the registers associated with port configuration for VCAP.





Each port module affects the key generation for VCAPs IS1 and IS2 through the VCAP\_CFG, VCAP\_S1\_KEY\_CFG, and VCAP\_S2\_CFG registers, and the rewriter affects VCAP ES0 through the REW:PORT:PORT\_CFG.ES0\_ENA register.

### **3.8.1.1 VCAP IS1 Port Configuration**

The following port configurations are available for IS1:

- Enable lookups in IS1 (VCAP CFG.S1 ENA). If disabled, frames received by the port module are not matched against rules in VCAP IS1.
- Use destination information rather than source information (VCAP\_CFG.S1\_DMAC\_DIP\_ENA). By default, the two advanced classification lookups in IS1 use the source MAC address and source IP address from the incoming frame when generating the key. Through S1\_DMAC\_DIP\_ENA, the corresponding destination information, destination MAC address, and destination IP address can be used instead. This can be controlled per lookup so that, for example, the first lookup applies source information, and the second applies destination information.
- Use inner VLAN tag rather than outer VLAN tag (VCAP\_CFG.S1\_VLAN\_INNER\_TAG\_ENA). By default, the two advanced classification lookups in IS1 use the outer VLAN tag from the incoming frame when generating the key. Through S1\_VLAN\_INNER\_TAG\_ENA, the inner tag for double tagged frames can be used. This can be controlled per lookup so that, for example, the first lookup applies the outer tag, and the second lookup applies the inner tag. For single tagged frames, the outer VLAN tag is always used.
- Select which IS1 key to use for IPv6 frames (VCAP\_S1\_CFG.S1\_KEY\_IP6\_CFG). This can be controlled per lookup in IS1. IPv6 frames can use any of the six supported keys in IS1. For more information about the IS1 keys, see [VCAP IS1, page 65](#page-79-0).
- Select which IS1 key to use for IPv4 frames (VCAP\_S1\_CFG.S1\_KEY\_IP4\_CFG). This can be controlled per lookup in IS1. IPv4 frames can use S1\_NORMAL, S1\_7TUPLE, S1\_5TUPLE\_IP4, or S1\_DBL\_VID keys.
- Select which IS1 key to use for non-IP frames (VCAP S1 CFG.S1 KEY OTHER CFG). This can be controlled per lookup in IS1. Non-IP frames can use S1\_NORMAL, S1\_7TUPLE, or S1\_DBL\_VID keys.

# **3.8.1.2 VCAP IS2 Port Configuration**

The following port configurations are available for IS2:

- Enable lookups in IS2 (VCAP S2\_CFG.S2\_ENA). If disabled, frames received by the port module are not matched against rules in VCAP IS2.
- Default PAG value (VCAP\_CFG.PAG\_VAL). This PAG value is the initial value. Actions out of IS1 can change the PAG value before it is used in the key for IS2.

Each port module can control a hierarchy of which entry types in IS2 to use for different frame types. This is controllable per lookup. For instance, it is controllable whether IPv6 TCP frames are matched against IP6\_TCP\_UDP entries, IP6\_STD entries, IP4\_TCPUDP entries, or MAC\_ETYPE entries. Note that matching against an entry type controls how the key is generated.



With reference to the VCAP\_S2\_CFG register, the following table lists the hierarchy for different frame types.







# **3.8.1.3 VCAP ES0 Port Configuration**

The rewriter configures VCAP ES0 through REW:PORT:PORT CFG.ES0 ENA. If ES0 is disabled, frames transmitted on the port are not matched against rules in ES0.

# <span id="page-79-0"></span>**3.8.2 VCAP IS1**

This section provides information about the IS1 keys and associated actions.

IS1 supports six different keys. The main characteristics of these keys are listed in the following table.





# **3.8.2.1 IS1 Entry Key Encoding**

All frame types are subject to the three IS1 lookups. The VCAP IS1 port configuration (VCAP\_S1\_CFG) determines the key generated for each lookup. Keys that are applicable to multiple frame types (for instance S1\_NORMAL) contain frame type flags inside the key that indicate the originating frame type. In addition, certain key fields are overloaded with different frame fields depending on the frame type flag settings.

The following illustration shows the entry fields are available for quad, half, and full keys in IS1.





VCAP IS1 can hold the following number of IS1 entries:

- S1\_NORMAL: Up to 128 entries.
- S1\_5TUPLE\_IP4: Up to 128 entries.
- S1\_NORMAL\_IP6: Up to 64 entries.
- S1\_7TUPLE: Up to 64 entries.<br>• S1\_5TUPLE\_IP6: Up to 64 ent
- S1\_5TUPLE\_IP6: Up to 64 entries.
- S1\_DBL\_VID: Up to 256 entries.



The following table provides information about how the quad key, S1\_DBL\_VID is generated.









#### *Table 38 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Quad Key S1\_DBL\_VID** *(continued)*

The following three tables provide information about how the half keys, S1\_NORMAL and S1\_5TUPLE\_IP4, are generated. The first table lists the common fields between the half keys.

*Table 39 •* **IS1 Common Key Fields for Half keys**

| <b>Field Name</b>  | Bit Width | Description  |  |
|--------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Lookup Information |           |  |  |
| IS1 TYPE HALF      |           | 0: S1 NORMAL entries.<br>1: S1 5TUPLE IP4 entries. |  |







# *Table 40 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Half Key S1\_NORMAL**





# *Table 40 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Half Key S1\_NORMAL** *(continued)*







#### *Table 40 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Half Key S1\_NORMAL** *(continued)*

#### *Table 41 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Half Key S1\_5TUPLE\_IP4**





#### *Table 41 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Half Key S1\_5TUPLE\_IP4** *(continued)*



The following four tables provide information about how the full keys, S1\_NORMAL\_IP6, S1\_7TUPLE, and S1\_5TUPLE\_IP6, are generated. The first table lists the common fields between the full keys.



#### *Table 42 •* **IS1 Common Key Fields for Full keys**







*Table 43 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Full Key S1\_NORMAL\_IP6**





#### *Table 43 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Full Key S1\_NORMAL\_IP6** *(continued)*



# *Table 44 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Full Key S1\_7TUPLE**







#### *Table 44 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Full Key S1\_7TUPLE** *(continued)*

#### *Table 45 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Full Key S1\_5TUPLE\_IP6**





#### *Table 45 •* **Specific Fields for IS1 Full Key S1\_5TUPLE\_IP6** *(continued)*



Fields not applicable to a certain frame type (for example, L3\_OPTIONS for an IPv6 frame) must be set to don't care for entries the frame type can match.

If L3\_FRAGMENT or L3\_OPTIONS are set to 1 or set to don't care, Layer 4 information cannot be trusted and should be set to don't-care for such entries.

### **3.8.2.2 IS1 Action Encoding**

The VCAP generates an action vector from each of the three IS1 lookups. All matches return the same action vector, independently of the match entry type. The action vectors are combined into one action vector, which is applied to the classification of the frame.

There are no default action vectors for the IS1.

The following table lists the available fields for the IS1 action vector.



#### *Table 46 •* **IS1 Action Fields**





#### *Table 46 •* **IS1 Action Fields** *(continued)*

Each lookup returns an action vector if there is a match. The potentially three IS1 action vectors are applied in three steps. First, the action vector from the first lookup is applied, then the action vector from the second lookup is applied to the result from the first action vector, and finally, the action vector from the third lookup is applied to the result from the second action vector. This implies that if two or more lookups return an action of DP\_ENA = 1; for example, the DP\_VAL from the last lookup is used.

The CUSTOM\_ACE\_TYPE\_ENA action in IS1 enables the use of custom keys in IS2. Two different custom keys are supported:

- CUSTOM\_IP: 40 bytes are extracted from the frame starting from byte-position 34. This position corresponds to the first byte after the IPv4 header if the frame is IPv4. The 40 bytes are matched against the CUSTOM entries in IS2.
- CUSTOM SMAC: 40 bytes are extracted from the frame starting from byte-position 12. This position corresponds to the first byte after the source MAC address. The 40 bytes are matched against the CUSTOM entries in IS2.

**Note** Up to two VLAN tags (two for double VLAN tagged frames and one for single VLAN tagged frames) are removed from the frame before extracting the data.



# **3.8.3 VCAP IS2**

This section provides information about the IS2 keys, the SMAC\_SIP4 and SMAC\_SIP6 keys, and associated actions.

# **3.8.3.1 IS2 Entry Key Encoding**

All frame types are subject to the two IS2 lookups. The frame type determines the key entry type. For more information about VCAP frame types, see [Table 34, page 61](#page-75-0). The following illustrations show entry fields available for each frame type (indicated by the field IS2\_TYPE\_HALF and IS2\_TYPE\_FULL) for half and full entries.



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*Figure 25 •* **IS2 Half Entry Type Overview**





#### *Figure 26 •* **IS2 Half Entry Type Overview**



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VCAP IS2 can hold the following number of IS2 entries:

- MAC\_ETYPE: Up to 128 entries.
- MAC\_LLC: Up to 128 entries.
- MAC\_SNAP: Up to 128 entries.
- ARP: Up to 128 entries.
- IP4\_TCP\_UDP: Up to 128 entries.
- IP4\_OTHER: Up to 128 entries.
- IP6\_STD: Up to 128 entries.
- IP6\_TCP\_UDP: Up to 64 entries.



- IP6\_OTHER: Up to 64 entries.
- OAM: Up to 128 entries.

The following tables provide information about how the IS2 half keys are generated. The first table lists the common fields between the half keys.

*Table 47 •* **IS2 Common Key Fields for Half keys**

| <b>Field Name</b>                                 | Bit          | Width          | <b>Description</b>   |
|---|--------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Lookup Information</b>                         |              |                |  |
| S2 TYPE HALF                                      | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\overline{4}$ | 0: MAC ETYPE entries<br>1: MAC LLC entries<br>2: MAC SNAP entries<br>3: ARP entries<br>4: IPv4 TCP/UDP entries<br>5: IPv4 OTHER entries<br>6: IPv6 STD entries<br>7: OAM entries<br>(8: SMAC_SIP6 entries) |
| <b>FIRST</b>                                      | 4            | $\mathbf{1}$   | Set for first lookup and cleared for second lookup.  |
| <b>Interface Information</b>                      |              |                |  |
| <b>PAG</b>  | 5            | 8              | Policy association group. Action from VCAP IS1.  |
| IGR_PORT_MASK                                     | 13           | 12             | Ingress port mask. VCAP generated with one bit set in<br>the mask corresponding to the ingress port.   |
| <b>Tagging and IP Source Guarding Information</b> |              |                |  |
| <b>RESERVED</b>                                   | 26           | 1              | Reserved. Must be set to don't care.   |
| HOST_MATCH  | 26           | 1              | The action from the SMAC_SIP4 or SMAC_SIP6<br>lookups. Used for IP source guarding.  |
| L2 MC   | 27           | $\mathbf{1}$   | Set if frame's destination MAC address is a multicast<br>address (bit $40 = 1$ ).  |
| $L2$ _BC  | 28           | 1              | Set if frame's destination MAC address is the broadcast<br>address (FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF).  |
| VLAN_TAGGED                                       | 29           | 1              | Set if frame has one or more Q-tags. Independent of<br>port VLAN awareness.  |
| <b>VID</b>  | 30           | 12             | Classified VID which is the result of the VLAN<br>classification in basic classification and IS1.  |
| DEI   | 42           | 1              | Classified DEI which is the final result of the VLAN<br>classification in basic classification and IS1.  |
| <b>PCP</b>  | 43           | 3              | Classified PCP which is the final result of the VLAN<br>classification in basic classification and IS1.  |

#### *Table 48 •* **IS2 MAC\_ETYPE Key**





#### *Table 48 •* **IS2 MAC\_ETYPE Key** *(continued)*



#### *Table 49 •* **IS2 MAC\_LLC Key**



#### *Table 50 •* **IS2 MAC\_SNAP Key**



#### *Table 51 •* **IS2 ARP Key**





# *Table 51 •* **IS2 ARP Key** *(continued)*



# *Table 52 •* **IS2 IP4\_TCP\_UDP Key**







#### *Table 52 •* **IS2 IP4\_TCP\_UDP Key** *(continued)*

Frames with IP options (L3\_OPTIONS set to 1 in key) or fragmented frames, which are not the initial fragment (L3\_FRAG\_OFS\_GT0 set to 1 in key), do not carry Layer-4 information. The Layer-4 fields in the key (L4\_SPORT, L4\_DPORT, L4\_RNG, SPORT\_EQ\_DPORT, SEQUENCE\_EQ0, L4\_FIN, L4\_SYN, L4\_RST, L4\_PSH, L4\_ACK, L4\_URG, L4\_1588\_DOM, and L4\_1588\_VERSION) are automatically set to don't care.

#### *Table 53 •* **IS2 IP4\_OTHER Key**





#### *Table 54 •* **IS2 IP6\_STD Key**



#### <span id="page-99-0"></span>*Table 55 •* **IS2 OAM Key**



The following tables provide information about how the IS2 full keys are generated. The first table lists the common fields between the full keys.

*Table 56 •* **IS2 Common Key Fields for Full keys**

| <b>Field Name</b>         | Bit | Width | <b>Description</b> |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|--------------------|
| <b>Lookup Information</b> |     |       |                    |







*Table 57 •* **IS2 IP6\_TCP\_UDP Key**





# *Table 57 •* **IS2 IP6\_TCP\_UDP Key** *(continued)*



### *Table 58 •* **IS2 IP6\_OTHER Key**



#### *Table 59 •* **IS2 CUSTOM Key**







#### *Table 59 •* **IS2 CUSTOM Key** *(continued)*

# **3.8.3.1.1 IS2 Action Encoding**

The VCAP generates an action vector from each of the two IS2 lookups for each frame.

The first IS2 lookup returns a default action vector per ingress port when no entries are matched, and the second IS2 lookup returns a common default action vector when no entries are matched. There are no difference between an actionvector from a match and a default action vector.

The following table lists the available fields for the action vector.



### *Table 60 •* **IS2 Action Fields**





#### *Table 60 •* **IS2 Action Fields** *(continued)*

The two action vectors from the first and second lookups are combined into one action vector, which is applied in the analyzer. For more information, see [Forwarding Engine, page 109.](#page-123-0) The actions are combined as follows:

• HIT\_ME\_ONCE, CPU\_COPY\_ENA, CPU\_QU\_NUM:

If any of the two action vectors have HIT\_ME\_ONCE or CPU\_COPY\_ENA set, CPU\_COPY\_ENA is



forwarded to the analyzer. The settings in the action vector from second lookup takes precedence with respect to the CPU extraction queue number.

- MIRROR\_ENA: If any of the two action vectors have MIRROR\_ENA set, MIRROR\_ENA is forwarded to the analyzer.
- LRN DIS:
- If any of the two action vectors have LRN\_DIS set, LRN\_DIS is forwarded to the analyzer. REW OP:
- The settings in the action vector from the second lookup takes precedence unless the second lookup returns REW\_OP[3:0] = 0.
- ACL\_ID:

If both lookups in IS2 hit an entry with CPU\_COPY\_ENA set, then the resulting value is the addition of the two ACL\_ID values. This allow for unique identification of both rules in IS2 through ACL\_ID if each lookup manipulates its own part of the ACL\_ID. For instance, first lookup returns ACL ID = 0:15, and second lookup returns ACL ID = 0, 16, 32, or 48.

• POLICE\_ENA, POLICE\_IDX, POLICE\_VCAP\_ONLY: Only applies to actions from the first lookup.

The following table lists the combinations for MASK\_MODE and PORT\_MASK when combining actions from the first and second lookups.

#### *Table 61 •* **MASK\_MODE and PORT\_MASK Combinations**



1. P: Resulting PORT\_MASK to analyzer.

2. P2: PORT\_MASK from second match.

3. *P1:* PORT\_MASK *from first match.*

Policy forwarding for frames matching an IPv4 and IPv6 multicast entry in the MAC table is not possible. Policy forwarding is handled as a permit/deny action for such frames.

### **3.8.3.1.2 SMAC\_SIP4 and SMAC\_SIP6 Entry Key Encoding**

The following illustration shows which entry fields are available for SMAC\_SIP4 and SMAC\_SIP6 keys in IS2.

#### *Figure 27 •* **SMAC\_SIP Entry Type Overview**



**SMAC\_ SI P6 ( h alf en t r y , TYPE= 1 0 0 0 )**

VCAP IS2 can hold the following number of SMAC\_SIP entries.

- SMAC SIP6: Up to 128 entries.
- SMAC\_SIP4: Up to 256 entries.



All IPv6 frames are subject to a SMAC\_SIP6 lookup in IS2. The following table lists the SMAC\_SIP6 key.

#### *Table 62 •* **SMAC\_SIP6 Key**



All IPv4 frames are subject to a SMAC\_SIP4 lookup in IS2. The following table lists the SMAC\_SIP4 key.

#### *Table 63 •* **SMAC\_SIP4 Key**



# **3.8.3.1.3 SMAC\_SIP4 and SMAC\_SIP6 Action Encoding**

The VCAP generates an action vector from the SMAC\_SIP4 or SMAC\_SIP6 lookup if there is a match. There is no default action vector if no match.

The following table lists the available fields for the action vector from both the SMAC\_SIP4 and SMAC\_SIP6 lookups.







The HOST\_MATCH flag is used as input into the IS2 keys. This enables further handling of frames either matching or not matching a host pair in the SMAC\_SIP table.

# **3.8.4 VCAP ES0**

This section provides information about the ES0 key and associated actions.

### **3.8.4.1 ES0 Entry Key Encoding**

All frames are subject to one ES0 lookup per destination port. The key in ES0 is generated based on the frame's VLAN classification.

VCAP ES0 can hold 256 ES0 entries.

The following table lists the ES0 key.



#### *Table 65 •* **ES0 Key**

# **3.8.4.2 ES0 Action Encoding**

The VCAP generates one action vector from the ES0 lookup. The lookup returns a default action vector per egress port when no entries are matched. There are no difference between an action vector from a match and a default action vector.

The following table lists the available action fields for ES0. For more information about how the actions are applied to the VLAN manipulations, see [VLAN Editing, page 133](#page-147-0).

*Table 66 •* **ES0 Action Fields**

| <b>Action Field</b> | <b>Bit</b> | Width | <b>Description</b>   |
|---------------------|------------|-------|--|
| PUSH OUTER TAG 0    |            | 2     | Controls outer tagging.<br>0: No ES0 tag A: Port tag is allowed if enabled on port.<br>1: ES0 tag A: Push ES0 tag A. No port tag.<br>2: Force port tag: Always push port tag. No ES0 tag A.<br>3: Force untag: Never push port tag or ES0 tag A. |
| PUSH INNER TAG 2    |            |       | Controls inner tagging.<br>0: Do not push ES0 tag B as inner tag.<br>1: Push ES0 tag B as inner tag.   |








# **3.8.5 Range Checkers**

The following table lists the registers associated with configuring range checkers.





All IS1 entries, together with the IP4\_TCP\_UDP and IP6\_TCP\_UDP entries in IS2, contain eight range checker flags (L4\_RNG), which are matched against an 8-bit range key. The range key is generated for each frame based on the extracted frame data and the configuration in ANA::VCAP\_RNG\_TYPE\_CFG and ANA::VCAP\_RNG\_VAL\_CFG. Each of the eight range checkers can be configured to one of the following range types:

- TCP/UDP destination port range Input to the range is the frame's TCP/UDP destination port number.
- TCP/UDP source port range
- Input to the range is the frame's TCP/UDP source port number.
- TCP/UDP source and destination ports range. Range is matched if either source or destination port is within range.

Input to the range are the frame's TCP/UDP source and destination port numbers.

- VID range
	- IS1: Input to the range is the frame's VID or the port VID if the frame is untagged. IS2: Input to the range is the classified VID.
- DSCP range
	- IS1: Input to the range is the translated DSCP value from basic classification.
	- IS2: Input to the range is the classified DSCP value.

For IS2, the range key is only applicable to TCP/UDP frames. For IS1, the range key is generated for any frame types. Specific range types not applicable to a certain frame type (for example, TCP/UDP port ranges for IPv4 Other frames) must be set to don't care in entries the frame type can match.

Range start points and range end points are configured in ANA::VCAP\_RNG\_VAL\_CFG.

## **3.8.6 VCAP Configuration**

This section provides information about how the VCAPs (IS1, IS2, and ES0) are configured.

Each VCAP implements its own set of the registers listed in the following two tables.

Entries in a VCAP are accessed indirectly through an entry and action cache. The cache is accessible using the VCAP configuration registers listed in following table. As shown in the following illustration, an entry in the VCAP consists of a TCAM entry and an associated action and counter entry.

The following table lists the registers associated with VCAP configuration.







#### *Table 68 •* **VCAP Configuration Registers** *(continued)*



Each VCAP has defined various constants and are accessed using the registers listed in the following table.

### <span id="page-109-0"></span>*Table 69 •* **VCAP Constants**



#### *Figure 28 •* **VCAP Configuration Overview**



A TCAM entry consists of entry data, an entry mask, and a type-group value. The type-group value is used internally to differentiate between VCAP lookups of different subword sizes. Each TCAM entry has an associated action entry. In addition, the action RAM has an entry for each of the default actions in the VCAP. The entries in the action RAM consists of action data and a counter value.

For a write access, the TCAM and action entry must be written to the cache and then copied from the cache to the TCAM/RAM. For a read access, the TCAM and action entry must first be retrieved from the TCAM/RAM before being read from the cache. When a read or write operation is initiated, it is possible to individually select if the operation should be applied to the TCAM and/or action RAM. When data is moved between the cache and the TCAM/RAM, it is always the entire entry that is moved. For VCAPs with several subwords per entry, this must be taken into account if only a single subword of a TCAM entry should be updated. To modify a single subword, the entire TCAM entry must be read, then the subword must be modified in the cache, and finally the entry must be written back to the TCAM.

The cache can hold only one VCAP entry (TCAM and action entry) at a time. After the TCAM and action entry are written to the cache, the cache must be copied to the TCAM and RAM before new entries can be written to the cache.



The following table lists the different parameters for the four VCAPs available in the device. The parameters are needed to format the data to be written to the cache. The parameters can also be read in the registers listed in [Table 69, page 95](#page-109-0).

<span id="page-110-1"></span>



## **3.8.6.1 Creating a VCAP Entry in the Cache**

Before a VCAP entry can be created in the TCAM and RAM, the entry must be created in the cache. The cache is accessed through the following 32-bit registers.

- VCAP\_ENTRY\_DAT
- VCAP\_MASK\_DAT
- VCAP\_ACTION\_DAT
- VCAP\_CNT\_DAT
- VCAP\_TG\_DAT

Each of the cache registers is replicated 64 times; however, only the bits used by the VCAP are mapped to physical registers. For example, for VCAP IS1, only the lowest 384 bits of VCAP\_ENTRY\_DAT and VCAP\_MASK\_DAT is mapped to physical registers. As mentioned previously, a VCAP entry consists of a TCAM entry and an action entry.

The TCAM entry consists of entry data, mask data, a type value, and a type-group value. The entry data prefixed with the type value is written to VCAP\_ENTRY\_DATA. The mask data is written to VCAP\_MASK\_DATA, and the type-group value is written to VCAP\_TG\_DAT. The type and type-group values are used internally in the VCAP to distinguish between the different entry types. The following table lists the type and type-group value for each of the entry types.



## <span id="page-110-0"></span>*Table 71 •* **Entry, Type, and Type-Group Parameters**







Note that the type value is not used for all entry types. If the type value is not used for an entry type, write the entry data from bit 0 of VCAP\_ENTRY\_DAT.

As an example of how a TCAM entry is laid out in the cache register, the following illustration shows a TCAM entry of the IP6\_TCP\_UDP entry type for the VCAP IS2.





Generally, the type value must never be masked. However, by masking the type bits a lookup in the VCAP is able to match several different entry types. For example, the IS2 entry types MAC\_ETYPE and MAC\_LLC have the binary type values 0000 and 0001, respectively. By masking bit 0, a lookup is able to match both entry types.

The entry type used in the preceding example only has one subword per entry in the TCAM. Creating a TCAM entry with an entry type that has several subwords per TCAM entry is a little more complicated. As shown in the following example, the ARP entry type of the VCAP IS2 is used. The ARP entry type has two subwords per TCAM entry. From [Table 71, page 96,](#page-110-0) it can be seen that the ARP entry type has a width of 163 bits per subword. A row in the IS2 TCAM is 384 bits wide. For more information, see [Table 70, page 96](#page-110-1). Each subword is assigned to half a TCAM row; that is, subword 0 is assigned to bits 0-187 and subword 1 is assigned to bits 188-375. Because the ARP entry only is 167 bits wide, there are 21 unused bits for each subword, as shown in the following illustration. The layout for VCAP\_MASK\_DAT is similar to VCAP\_ENTRY\_DAT. In addition, a type-group value is associated to each subword. The type-group values are laid out back-to-back in VCAP\_TG\_DAT as shown in the following illustration.







To invalidate an entry in the TCAM (so a lookup never matches the entry), set the type-group for the entry to 0. If there are more subwords in the entry, each subword can be individually invalidated by setting its corresponding type-group value to 0.

The action entry is written to VCAP\_ACTION\_DAT. Similar to an entry data, an action entry also has a prefixed type value. The following table lists the parameters for the different action types available in VCAPs.





An action that is associated with an entry type with several subwords per entry has an equal number of subwords. For actions with several subwords, the subwords are simply concatenated together.

The following illustration shows the action layout in the VCAP\_ACTION\_DAT register for an SMAC\_SIP action entry. The SMAC\_SIP has four subwords per row.

### *Figure 31 •* **Action Layout in Register Example**



The counter value associated to the action is written to VCAP\_CNT\_DAT. VCAP\_CNT\_DAT contains a counter value for each subword in the TCAM entry. For action entries, the counter values for each subword are simply concatenated together.

## **3.8.6.2 Copying Entries Between Cache and TCAM/RAM**

When an entry and associated action is created in the cache, the data in the cache must be copied to a given address in the TCAM and RAM using the VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL register. Use the following procedure.

- 1. Set VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.UPDATE\_CMD to copy from cache to TCAM/RAM.
- 2. Set the address for the entry in VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.UPDATE\_ADDR.
- 3. Set VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.UPDATE\_SHOT to initiate the copy operation. The bit is cleared by hardware when the operation is finished.



Initiating another operation before the UPDATE\_SHOT field is cleared is not allowed. The delay between setting the UPDATE\_SHOT field and the clearing of that field depends on the type of operation and the traffic load on the VCAP.

By setting the fields UPDATE\_ENTRY\_DIS, UPDATE\_ACTION\_DIS, and/or UPDATE\_CNT\_DIS in the VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL register the writing of the TCAM, action, and/or the counter entry can be disabled.

Copying a VCAP entry from the TCAM/RAM to the cache is done in a similar fashion by setting VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.UPDATE\_CMD to copy from TCAM/RAM to the cache. Note that due to internal mapping of the entry data and mask data, the values that are read back from the TCAM cannot always match with the values that were originally written to the TCAM. The internal mapping that happens is listed in the following table. There are differences, because a masked 1 is read back as a masked 0, which is functionally the same.





If an entry match is not found during a lookup for a given frame, a default action is selected by the VCAP. Default actions and counter values are copied between the cache and the action RAM similar to a regular VCAP entry. The default actions are stored in the RAM right below the last regular action entry; for example, VCAP IS2 has 256 regular entries, so the first default action in VCAP IS2 is stored at address 256, the second at address 257, and so on. For more information about the number of regular VCAP entries in each VCAP, see [Table 70, page 96.](#page-110-1) When a default action is copied from the cache to the RAM, VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.UPDATE\_ENTRY\_DIS must be set to disable the update of the TCAM. If updating of the TCAM is not disabled, the operation may overwrite entries in the TCAM.

The cache can be cleared by setting VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.CLEAR\_CACHE. This sets all replications of VCAP\_ENTRY\_DAT, VCAP\_MASK\_DAT, VCAP\_ACTION\_DAT, VCAP\_CNT\_DAT, and VCAP\_TG\_DAT to zeros. The CLEAR\_CACHE field is automatically cleared by hardware when the cache is cleared.

## **3.8.7 Advanced VCAP Operations**

The VCAP supports a number of advanced operations that allow easy moving and removal of entries and actions during frame traffic.

## **3.8.7.1 Moving a Block of Entries and Actions**

A number of entries and actions can be moved up or down by several positions in the TCAM and RAM. This is done using the VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL and VCAP\_MV\_CFG registers.

A Move operation is performed by:

- Setting VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.UPDATE\_ADDR equal to the address of the entry with the lowest address, among the entries that must be moved.
- Setting VCAP\_MV\_CFG.MV\_SIZE to the number of entries that must be moved; n + 1 entries are moved.
- Setting VCAP\_MV\_CFG.MV\_NUM\_POS to the number of positions the entries must be moved. The entries are moved n positions up or down.
- Setting UPDATE\_ENTRY\_DIS, UPDATE\_ACTION\_DIS, and/or UPDATE\_CNT\_DIS to only move some parts of the VCAP entry.
- Setting VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.UPDATE\_CMD to move up (decreasing addresses) or move down (increasing addresses).
- Initiating the Move operation by setting VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.VCAP\_UPDATE\_SHOT.



A new command must not be setup until after the VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.VCAP\_UPDATE\_SHOT field has automatically cleared. Also note that the cache is used by the VCAP while a Move operation is being performed. As a result, any value in cache prior to a Move operation is lost, and a write is not permitted to the cache while a Move operation is performed.

The following illustration shows an example of a Move operation.





A Move operation can be performed hitlessly during frame traffic, that is, all entries and actions are still available during a Move operation, and all hits are counted by the action hit counters. The TCAM entries at the original positions are invalidated after the Move operation is complete.

During heavy frame traffic, it can take some time for a large move operation to complete, because the moving of individual rows are restarted each time a lookup is performed. If it is not important that the hit counters are accurately updated while the move operation is processed,

VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.MV\_TRAFFIC\_IGN can be set. This prevents the VCAP from restarting moves and consequently, decreases the time it takes for the move operation to complete. It may, however, lead to inaccurate hit counter values. Note that even if MV\_TRAFFIC\_IGN is set, the VCAP still processes all lookups correctly.

Default actions can also be moved, however, VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.UPDATE\_ENTRY\_DIS must be set.

If a row is moved to a negative address (above address 0), the row is effectively deleted. If a block is partly moved above address 0, the block is also only partially deleted. In other words, the rows that are effectively moved to an address below 0 are not deleted. If one or more rows are deleted during a move operation, the sticky bit VCAP\_STICKY.VCAP\_ROW\_DELETED\_STICKY is set.

## **3.8.7.2 Initializing A Block of Entries**

A block of entries can be set to the value of the cache in a single operation. For example, it can be used to initialize all TCAM, action, and counter entries to a specific value. The block of entries to initialize can also include the default action and counter entries.

To perform an initialization operation:

- Set VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.UPDATE\_ADDR equal to the address of the entry with the lowest address, among the entries that should be written.
- Set VCAP\_MV\_CFG.MV\_SIZE to the number of entries that must be included in the initialization operation: n + 1 entries are included.
- Set UPDATE\_ENTRY\_DIS, UPDATE\_ACTION\_DIS, and/or UPDATE\_CNT\_DIS to select if the TCAM, action RAM, and/or the counter RAM should be excluded from the initialization operation.
- Set VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.UPDATE\_CMD to the initialization operation.
- Start the initialization operation by setting VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.VCAP\_UPDATE\_SHOT.



A new command must not be set up until after the VCAP\_UPDATE\_CTRL.VCAP\_UPDATE\_SHOT field is automatically cleared neither must the cache be written to before VCAP\_UPDATE\_SHOT is cleared.

# **3.9 Analyzer**

The analyzer module is responsible for a number of tasks:

- Determining the set of destination ports, also known as the forwarding decision, for frames received by port modules. This includes Layer-2 forwarding, CPU-forwarding, mirroring, and SFlow sampling.
- Keeping track of network stations and their MAC addresses through MAC address learning and aging.
- Holding VLAN membership information (configured by CPU) and applying this to the forwarding decision.

The analyzer consists of the following main blocks.

- MAC table
- VLAN table
- Forwarding Engine

The MAC and VLAN tables are the main databases used by the forwarding engine. The forwarding engine determines the forwarding decision and initiates learning in the MAC table when appropriate.

The analyzer operates on analyzer requests initiated by the port modules. For each received frame, the port module requests the analyzer to determine the forwarding decision. Initially, the analyzer request is directed to the VCAP. The result from the VCAP (the IS2 action) is forwarded to the analyzer along with the original analyzer request. For more information about VCAP, see [VCAP, page 60.](#page-74-0)

The analyzer request contains the following frame information.

- Destination and source MAC addresses.
- Physical port number where the frame was received (referred to as PPORT).
- Logical port number where the frame was received (referred to as LPORT). By default, LPORT and PPORT are the same. However, when using link aggregation, multiple physical ports map to the same logical port. The LPORT value is configured in ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.PORTID\_VAL in the analyzer.
- Frame properties derived by the classifier and VCAP IS1:
	- Classified VID
	- Link aggregation code
	- Basic CPU forwarding
	- CPU forwarding for special frame types determined by the classifier

Based on this information, the analyzer determines an analyzer reply, which is returned to the ingress port modules. The analyzer reply contains:

- The forwarding decision (referred to as DEST). This mask contains 11 bits, 1 bit for each front port. DEST does not include the CPU port. The CPU port receives a copy of the frame if the CPU extraction queue mask, CPUQ, has any bits set.
- The CPU extraction queue mask (referred to as CPUQ). This mask contains 8 bits, 1 bit for each CPU extraction queue.

The terms PPORT, LPORT, DEST and CPUQ, as previously defined, are used throughout the remainder of this section.

## <span id="page-115-0"></span>**3.9.1 MAC Table**

This section provides information about the MAC table block in the analyzer. The following table lists the registers associated with MAC table access.









### *Table 74 •* **MAC Table Access** *(continued)*

The analyzer contains a MAC table with 4096 entries containing information about stations learned by the device. The table is organized as a hash table with four buckets and 1024 rows. Each row is indexed by an 10-bit hash value, which is calculated based on the station's (MAC, VID) pair, as shown in the following illustration.





The following table lists the fields for each entry in the MAC table.







| <b>Field</b>       | <b>Bits</b>   | <b>Description</b>   |
|--------------------|---------------|--|
| ENTRY TYPE         | $\mathcal{P}$ | Entry type:<br>0: Normal entry subject to aging.<br>1: Normal entry not subject to aging (locked).<br>2: IPv4 multicast entry not subject to aging. Full port set is encoded in<br>MAC table entry.<br>3: IPv6 multicast entry not subject to aging. Full port set is encoded in<br>MAC table entry. |
| AGED FLAG          | -1            | Entry is aged once by an age scan. See Age Scan, page 103.   |
| MAC CPU COP 1      |               | Copy frames from or to this station to the CPU.  |
| <b>SRC KILL</b>    |               | Do not forward frames from this station.<br><b>Note:</b> This flag is not used for destination lookups.  |
| <b>IGNORE VLAN</b> | -1            | Do not use the VLAN PORT MASK from the VLAN table when<br>forwarding frames to this station.   |

*Table 75 •* **MAC Table Entry** *(continued)*

Entries in the MAC table can be added, deleted, or updated in three ways:

- Hardware-based learning of source MAC addresses (that is, inserting new (MAC, VID) pairs in the MAC table).
- Age scans (setting AGED\_FLAG and deleting entries).
- CPU commands (for example, for CPU-based learning).

## **3.9.1.1 Hardware-Based Learning**

The analyzer adds an entry to the MAC table when learning is enabled, and the MAC table does not contain an entry for a received frame's (SMAC, VID). The new entry is formatted as follows:

- VALID is set.
- MAC is set to the frame's SMAC.
- VID is set to the frame's VID prepended with 0.
- ENTRY TYPE is set to 0 (normal entry subject to aging).
- DEST IDX is set to the frame's LPORT.
- MAC\_CPU\_COPY is set to AGENCTRL.LEARN\_CPU\_COPY.
- SRC\_KILL is set to AGENCTRL.LEARN\_SRC\_KILL.
- IGNORE\_VLAN is set to AGENCTRL.LEARN\_IGNORE\_VLAN.
- All other fields are cleared.

When a frame is received from a known station, that is, the MAC table already contains an entry for the received frame's (SMAC, VID), the analyzer can update the entry as follows.

For entries of entry type 0 (unlocked entries):

- The AGED FLAG is cleared. This implies the station is active, avoiding the deletion of the entry due to aging.
- If the existing entry's DEST\_IDX differs from the frame's LPORT, then the entry's DEST\_IDX is set to the frame's LPORT. This implies the station has moved to a new port.

For entries of entry type 1 (locked entries):

The AGED FLAG is cleared. This implies the station is active.

Entries of entry types 2 and 3 are never updated, because their multicast MAC addresses are never used as source MAC addresses.

For more information about learning, see SMAC Analysis, page 114.

## **3.9.1.2 Age Scan**

The analyzer scans the MAC table for inactive entries. An age scan is initiated by either a CPU command or automatically performed by the device with a configurable age scan period (AUTOAGE). The age scan



checks the flag AGED\_FLAG for all entries in the MAC table. If an entry's AGED\_FLAG is already set and the entry is of entry type 0, the entry is removed. If the AGED\_FLAG is not set, it is set to 1. The flag is cleared when receiving frames from the station identified by the MAC table entry. For more information, see Hardware-Based Learning, page 103.

## **3.9.1.3 CPU Commands**

The following table lists the set of commands that a CPU can use to access the MAC table. The MAC table command is written to MACACCESS.MAC\_TABLE\_CMD. Some commands require the registers MACLDATA, MACHDATA, and MACTINDX to be preloaded before the command is issued. Some commands return information in MACACCESS, MACLDATA, and MACHDATA.



#### *Table 76 •* **MAC Table Commands**



## **3.9.1.4 Known Multicasts**

From a CPU, entries can be added to the MAC table with any content. This makes it possible to add a known multicast address with multiple destination ports:

- Set the MAC and VID in MACHDATA and MACLDATA.
- Set MACACCESS.ENTRY\_TYPE = 1, because this is not an entry subject to aging.
- Set MACACCESS.AGED FLAG to 0.
- Set MACACCESS.DEST\_IDX to an unused value.
- Set the destination mask in the destination mask table pointed to by DEST\_IDX to the desired ports.

**Example** All frames in VLAN 12 with MAC address 0x010000112233 are to be forwarded to ports 8, 9, and 12.

This is done by inserting the following entry in the MAC table:

```
VID = 12MAC = 0x010000112233
ENTRY_TYPE = 1
VALID = 1AGED FLAG = 0DEST IDX = 40
```
and configuring the destination mask table PGID[40] = 0x1300.

IPv4 and IPv6 multicast entries can be programmed differently without using the destination mask table. This is described in the following subsection.

## **3.9.1.5 IPv4 Multicast Entries**

MAC table entries with the ENTRY\_TYPE = 2 settings are interpreted as IPv4 multicast entries.

IPv4 multicasts entries match IPv4 frames, which are classified to the specified VID, and which have DMAC = 0x01005Exxxxxx, where xxxxxx is the lower 24 bits of the MAC address in the entry.

Instead of a lookup in the destination mask table (PGID), the destination set is programmed as part of the entry MAC address. This is shown in the following table.

*Table 77 •* **IPv4 Multicast Destination Mask**

| <b>Destination Ports</b> | <b>Record Bit Field</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ports 10-0               | MAC[34-24]              |

**Example**: All IPv4 multicast frames in VLAN 12 with MAC 01005E112233 are to be forwarded to ports 3, 8, and 9. This is done by inserting the following entry in the MAC table entry:

 $VALID = 1$  $VID = 12$ MAC = 0x000308112233 ENTRY\_TYPE = 2  $DEF\_IDX = 0$ 

## **3.9.1.6 IPv6 Multicast Entries**

MAC table entries with the ENTRY TYPE = 3 settings are interpreted as IPv6 multicast entries. IPv6 multicasts entries match IPv6 frames, which are classified to the specified VID, and which have DMAC=0x3333xxxxxxxx, where xxxxxxxx is the lower 32 bits of the MAC address in the entry.

Instead of a lookup in the destination mask table (PGID), the destination set is programmed as part of the entry MAC address. This is shown in the following table.

*Table 78 •* **IPv6 Multicast Destination Mask**

| <b>Destination Ports</b> | <b>Record Bit Field</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ports 10 through 0       | MAC [42-32]             |



**Example:** All IPv6 multicast frames in VLAN 12 with MAC 333300112233 are to be forwarded to ports 3, 8, and 9.

This is done by inserting the following entry in the MAC table entry:

```
VID = 12MAC = 0x030800112233
ENTRY TYPE = 3VALID
```
1  $DEF\_IDX = 0$ 

#### **Port, VLAN, and Domain Filter**

The following table lists the registers associated with the ageing filter.

#### *Table 79 •* **VID/Port/Domain Filters**



The ANAGEFIL register can be used to only hit specific VLANs or ports when doing certain operations. If the filter is enabled, it affects the Manual age scan command (MACACCESS.MAC\_TABLE\_CMD = AGE).

The GET\_NEXT MAC table command. For more information, see CPU Commands, page 104.

When two or more filters are enabled at the same time, for example, port and domain, all conditions must be fulfilled before the operation (aging, GET\_NEXT) is carried out.

## **3.9.1.7 Shared VLAN Learning**

The following table lists the location of the Filter Identifier (FID) used for shared VLAN learning.





In the default configuration, the device is set up to do Independent VLAN Learning (IVL), that is, MAC addresses are learned separately on each VLAN. The device also supports Shared VLAN Learning (SVL), where a MAC table entry is shared among a group of VLANs. For shared VLAN learning, a MAC address and a Filter Identifier (FID) define each MAC table entry. A set of VIDs then map to the FID.

The device supports shared VLAN learning in three ways:

- Through the IS1 actions FID\_SEL and FID\_VAL specifying the FID to use.
- Through the per-VID mapping table FID\_MAP.
- Through the AGENCTRL.FID\_MASK, which controls a general mapping between FID and VIDs.



The IS1 action FID\_SEL selects whether to use the FID\_VAL for the DMAC lookup, for the SMAC lookup (learning), or for both lookups. If set for a lookup, the FID\_VAL replaces the VID when calculating the hash key into the MAC table and when comparing with the entry's VID. If used during the SMAC lookup, new entries are learned using the FID–VAL. If an IS1 action returns a FID–SEL > 0, it overrules the use of the FID mapping table for the frame. In addition, FID SEL > 0 overrules the use of the FID MASK for the MAC table lookups specified in FID\_SEL.

The FID mapping table, FID\_MAP, maps the frame's classified VID to a FID. If the returned FID is larger than 0, then the FID overrules the use of the FID\_MASK for both the DMAC and SMAC lookups in the MAC table. Learning is done using the returned FID.

If neither IS1 nor the FID\_MAP table have instructed changes to the FID, then the FID\_MASK is applied. The 12-bit FID\_MASK masks out the corresponding bits in the VID. The FID used for learning and lookup is therefore calculated as FID = VID AND (NOT FID\_MASK). The FID used in the MAC table is 13 bits so the calculated FID is prepended with 0. Bit 13 in the FID in the MAC table is only selectable through the FID ENA action out of IS1.

All VIDs mapping to the same FID share the same MAC table entries.

**Example:** Configure all MAC table entries to be shared among all VLANs.

This is done by setting FID\_MASK to 111111111111.

**Example:** Split the MAC table into two separate databases: one for even VIDs and one for odd VIDs.

This is done by setting FID\_MASK to 111111111110.

## **3.9.1.8 Learn Limit**

The following table lists the registers associated with controlling the number of MAC table entries per port.



#### *Table 81 •* **Learn Limit Definition Registers**

The ENTRYLIM.ENTRYLIM register specifies the maximum number of unlocked entries in the MAC table that a port is allowed to use. Locked and IPMC entries are not taken into account.

After the limit is reached, both auto-learning and CPU-based learning on unlocked entries are denied. A learn frame causing the limit to be exceeded can be copied to the CPU (PORT\_CFG.LIMIT\_CPU) and the forwarding to other front ports can be denied (PORT\_CFG.LIMIT\_DROP).

The ENTRYLIM.ENTRYSTAT register holds the current number of entries in the MAC table. MAC table aging and manual removing of entries through the CPU cause the current number to be reduced. If a MAC table entry moves from one port to another port, this is also reduces the current number. If the move causes the new port's limit to be exceeded, the entry is denied and removed from the MAC table.

The LEARNDISC counts all events where a MAC table entry is not created or updated due to a learn limit.



# <span id="page-122-0"></span>**3.9.2 VLAN Table**

The following table lists the registers associated with the VLAN Table.





The analyzer has a VLAN table that contains information about the members of each of the 4096 VLANs. The following table lists fields for each entry in the VLAN table.

#### *Table 83 •* **Fields in the VLAN Table**



By default, all ports are members of all VLANs. This default can be changed through a CPU command. The following table lists the set of commands that a CPU can issue to access the VLAN table. The VLAN table command is written to VLANACCESS.VLAN\_TBL\_CMD.

### *Table 84 •* **VLAN Table Commands**





# **3.9.3 Forwarding Engine**

The analyzer determines the set of ports to which each frame is forwarded, in several configurable steps. The resulting destination port set can include any number of front ports, excluding the CPU port. The CPU port is handled through te CPU extraction queue mask.

The analyzer request from the port modules is passed through all the processing steps of the forwarding engine. As each step is carried out, the destination port set (DEST) and CPU extraction queue mask (CPUQ) are built up.

In addition to the forwarding decision, the analyzer determines which frames are subject to learning (also known as learn frames). Learn frames trigger insertion of a new entry in the MAC table or update of an existing entry. Learning is presented as part of the forwarding, because in some cases, learning changes the normal forwarding of a frame, such as secure learning.

During the processing, the analyzer determines a local frame property. The learning-disabled flag, LRN DIS is used in the SMAC Learning step:

- If the learning-disabled flag is set, learning based on (SMAC, VID) is disabled.
- If the learning-disabled flag is cleared, learning is conducted according to the configuration in the SMAC learning step.

The following illustration shows the configuration steps in the analyzer.



## *Figure 34 •* **Analysis Steps**



## **3.9.3.1 DMAC Analysis**

During the DMAC analysis step, the (DMAC, VID) pair is looked up in the MAC table to get the first input to the calculation of the destination port set. For more information about the MAC table, see [MAC Table,](#page-115-0)  [page 101.](#page-115-0)



The following table lists the registers associated with the DMAC analysis step.

#### *Table 85 •* **DMAC Analysis Registers**



The (DMAC, VID) pair is looked up in the MAC table. A match is found when the (DMAC, VID) pair matches that of an entry.

If a match is found, the entry is returned and DEST is determined based on the MAC table entry. For more information, see [MAC Table, page 101.](#page-115-0)

If an entry is found in the MAC table entry of ENTRY\_TYPE 0 or 1 and the CPU port is set in the PGID pointed to by the MAC table entry, CPU extraction queue PGID.DST\_PGID is added to the CPUQ.

If an entry is not found for the (DMAC, VID) in the MAC table, the frame is flooded. The forwarding decision is set to one of the seven flooding masks defined in ANA::FLOODING or ANA::FLOODING\_IPMC, based on one of the flood type definitions listed in the following table.

#### *Table 86 •* **Forwarding Decisions Based on Flood Type**







### *Table 86 •* **Forwarding Decisions Based on Flood Type** *(continued)*

In addition, the MAC table flag MAC\_CPU\_COPY is processed. If MAC\_CPU\_COPY is set, the CPUQ\_CFG.CPUQ\_MAC is added to CPUQ.

The processing of this flag can be disabled through AGENCTRL.IGNORE\_DMAC\_FLAGS.

Next, CPU-forwarding from the basic classifier, and the IS2 SMAC\_SIP lookup is processed if:

- The basic classifier decided to copy the frame to the CPU, the corresponding CPU extraction queue is added to CPUQ.
- The basic classifier decided to redirect the frame to the CPU, DEST is cleared and the corresponding CPU extraction queue is added to CPUQ.
- The IS2 SMAC\_SIP result decided to copy the frame to the CPU (SMAC\_SIP\_ACTION.CPU\_COPY\_ENA), the corresponding CPU extraction queue, SMAC\_SIP\_ACTION.CPU\_QU\_NUM is added to CPUQ.
- The IS2 SMAC\_SIP result decided to discard the frame (SMAC\_SIP\_ACTION.FWD\_KILL\_ENA set), DEST is cleared.

For more information about frame type definitions for CPU forwarding in the basic classifier, see [Table 33, page 59](#page-73-0).

## **3.9.3.2 VLAN Analysis**

During the VLAN analysis step, VLAN configuration is taken into account. As a result, ports can be removed from the forwarding decision. For more information about VLAN configuration, see [VLAN Table,](#page-122-0)  [page 108.](#page-122-0)

The following table lists the registers associated with VLAN analysis.



### *Table 87 •* **VLAN Analysis Registers**







The frame's VID is used as an address for lookup in the VLAN table and the returned VLAN information is processed as follows:

- All ports that are not members of the VLAN are removed from DEST, except if the (DMAC, VID) match in the MAC table has VLAN\_IGNORE set, or if there is no match in the MAC table and AGENCTRL.FLOOD\_IGNORE\_VLAN is set.
- **Note** These two exceptions are skipped if AGENCTRL.IGNORE\_DMAC\_FLAGS is set. If the VLAN\_PRIV\_VLAN flag in the VLAN table is set, the VLAN is private, and isolated and community ports must be treated differently. An isolated port is identified as an ingress port for which PPORT is cleared in the ISOLATED PORTS register. An community port is identified as an ingress port for which PPORT is cleared in the COMMUNITY\_PORTS register. For frames received on an isolated port, all isolated and community ports are removed from the forwarding decision. For frames received on a community port, all isolated ports are removed from the forwarding decision. If VLAN ingress filtering is enabled, it is checked whether PPORT is member of the VLAN
- (VLAN\_PORT\_MASK). If this is not the case, DEST is cleared.

VLAN ingress filtering is enabled per port in the VLANMASK register or per VLAN in the VLAN\_SRC\_CHK flag in the VLAN table. If either is set, VLAN ingress filtering is performed.

Next, it is checked whether the ingress port is enabled to forward frames to other front ports and the source mask (PGID[80+PPORT]) is processed as follows:

If PORT CFG.RECV ENA for PPORT is 0, DEST is cleared.

• Any ports, which are cleared in PGID[80+PPORT], are removed from DEST.

Finally, SMAC learning is disabled by setting the LRN\_DIS flag when either of the following two conditions is fulfilled as follows:

- VLAN\_LEARN\_DISABLED is set in the VLAN table for the VLAN.
- A frame is subject to VLAN ingress filtering (frame dropped due to PPORT not being member of VLAN), and ADVLEARN.VLAN\_CHK is set.

## **3.9.3.3 Aggregation**

During the aggregation step, link aggregation is handled. The following table lists the registers associated with aggregation.





The aggregation step ensures that when a frame is destined for an aggregation group, it is forwarded to exactly one of the group's member ports.

For non-aggregated ports, there is a one-to-one correspondence between logical port (LPORT) and physical port (PPORT). The aggregation step does not change the forwarding decision.

For aggregated ports, all physical ports in the aggregation group map to the same logical port, and the entry in the destination mask table for the logical port includes all physical ports, which are members of



the aggregation group. As a result, all but one member port must be removed from the destination port set.

The link aggregation code generated in the classifier is used to look up an aggregation mask in the aggregation masks table. Finally, ports that are cleared in the selected aggregation mask are removed from DEST.

For more information about link aggregation, see [Link Aggregation, page 247.](#page-261-0)

## **3.9.3.4 VCAP Action Handling**

VCAP IS2 actions are processed during the VCAP IS2 action handling step. The following table lists the processing of the VCAP actions. The order of processing is from top to bottom.

| <b>IS2 Action Field</b>       | <b>Description</b>  |
|-------------------------------|---|
| CPU COPY ENA<br>CPU QU NUM    | If CPU COPY ENA is set, the CPU QU NUM bit is set in CPUQ.  |
| HIT ME ONCE<br>CPU QU NUM     | If HIT ME ONCE is set and the HIT CNT counter is zero, the<br>CPU QU NUM bit is set in CPUQ.  |
| LRN DIS                       | If set, learning is disabled (LRN DIS flag is set).   |
| POLICE ENA<br>POLICE IDX      | If POLICE ENA is set (only applies to first lookup), the POLICE IDX<br>instructs which policer to use for this frame. See Policers, page 118.   |
| POLICE VCAP ONLY              | If POLICE VCAP ONLY is set (only applies to first lookup), the only active<br>policer for this frame is the VCAP policer. Other policers (QoS, port) are<br>disabled. See Policers, page 118.   |
| <b>MASK MODE</b><br>PORT MASK | The following actions are defined for MASK MODE.<br>0: No action.<br>1: Permit. Ports cleared in PORT MASK are removed from DEST.<br>2: Policy. DEST from the DMAC analysis step is replaced with<br>PORT_MASK.<br>3: Redirect. DEST as the outcome of the DMAC, VLAN, service, and<br>aggregation analysis steps is replaced with PORT_MASK. |
| <b>MIRROR ENA</b>             | If MIRROR ENA is set, mirroring is enabled. This is used in the mirroring<br>step. See Mirroring, page 117.   |

*Table 89 •* **VCAP IS2 Action Processing**

## **3.9.3.5 SMAC Analysis**

During the SMAC analysis step, the MAC table is searched for a match against the (SMAC, VID), and the MAC table is updated due to learning. Either the B-MAC table or the C-MAC table is searched. The learning part is skipped if the LRN\_DIS flag was set by any of the previous steps.

The following table lists the registers associated with SMAC learning.







### *Table 90 •* **SMAC Learning Registers** *(continued)*



Three different type of learn frames are identified:

- **Normal learn frames**. Frames for which an entry for the (SMAC, VID) is not found in the MAC table or the (SMAC, VID) entry in the MAC table is unlocked and has a DEST\_IDX different from LPORT. In addition, the learn limit for the LPORT must not be exceeded (ENTRYLIM).
- **Learn frames exceeding the learn limit**. Same condition as for normal learn frames except that the learn limit for the LPORT is exceeded (ENTRYLIM)
- **Learn frames triggering a port move of a locked MAC table entry**. Frames for which the (SMAC, VID) entry in the MAC table is locked and has a DEST\_IDX different from LPORT.

For all learn frames, the following must apply before learning related processing is applied.

- Learning is enabled by PORT\_CFG.LEARN\_ENA.
- The LRN DIS flag from previous processing steps must be cleared, which implies the following: Learning is not disabled due to VLAN ingress filtering Learning is not disabled due to VCAP IS2 action Learning is enabled for the VLAN (VLAN\_LEARN\_DISABLED is cleared in the VLAN table)

In addition, learning must not be disabled due to the ingress policer having policed the frame. For more information, see [Policers, page 118](#page-132-0).

If learning is enabled, learn frames are processed according to the setting of the following configuration parameters.

### **3.9.3.5.1 Normal Learn Frames**

- Automatic learning. If PORT\_CFG.LEARNAUTO is set for PPORT, the (SMAC, VID) entry is automatically added to the MAC table in the domain being searched.
- Drop learn frames. If PORT\_CFG.LEARNDROP is set for PPORT, DEST is cleared for learn frames. Therefore, learn frames are not forwarded on any ports. This is used for secure learning, where the CPU must verify a station before forwarding is allowed.
- Copy learn frames to the CPU. If PORT\_CFG.LEARNCPU is set for PPORT, the CPU port is added to DEST for learn frames and CPUQ\_CFG.CPUQ\_LRN is set in CPUQ. This is used for CPU based learning.

### **3.9.3.5.2 Learn Frames Exceeding the Learn Limit**

- Drop learn frames. If PORT\_CFG.LIMIT\_DROP is set for PPORT, DEST is cleared for learn frames. As a result, learn frames are not forwarded on any ports.
- Copy learn frames to the CPU If PORT\_CFG.LIMIT\_CPU is set for PPORT, the CPU port is added to DEST and CPUQ CFG.CPUQ LRN is set in CPUQ for learn frames.

### **3.9.3.5.3 Learn Frames Triggering a Port Move of a Locked MAC Table Entry**

• Drop learn frames. If PORT\_CFG.LOCKED\_PORTMOVE\_DROP is set for PPORT, DEST is cleared for learn frames. Therefore, learn frames are not forwarded on any ports.



• Copy learn frames to the CPU. If PORT\_CFG.LOCKED\_PORTMOVE\_CPU is set for PPORT, the CPU port is added to DEST and CPUQ\_CFG.CPUQ\_LOCKED\_PORTMOVE is added to CPUQ.

Finally, if a match is found in the MAC table for the (SMAC, VID), adjustments can be made to the forwarding decision.

- If the (SMAC, VID) match in the MAC table has SRC KILL set, DEST is cleared.
- If the (SMAC, VID) match in the MAC table has MAC\_CPU\_COPY set, CPUQ\_CFG.CPUQ\_MAC\_COPY is added to CPUQ.

The processing of the MAC table flags from the (SMAC, VID) match can be disabled through AGENCTRL.IGNORE\_SMAC\_FLAGS.

## **3.9.3.6 Storm Policers**

The storm policers are activated during the storm policers step. The following table lists the registers associated with storm policers.

#### *Table 91 •* **Storm Policer Registers**



The analyzer contains four storm policers that can limit the maximum allowed forwarding frame rate for various frame types. The storm policers are common to all ports and, as a result, measure the sum of traffic forwarded by the switch. A frame can activate several policers, and the frame is discarded if any of the activated policers exceed a configured rate.

Each policer can be configured to a frame rate ranging from 1 frame per second to 1 million frames per second.

The following table lists the available policers.



#### *Table 92 •* **Storm Policers**

For each of the policers, a maximum rate is configured in STORMLIMIT\_CFG and STORMLIMIT\_BURST:

- STORM UNIT chooses between a base unit of 1 frame per second or 1 kiloframes per second.
- STORM\_RATE sets the rate to 1, 2, 4, 8, …, 1024 times the base unit (STORM\_UNIT).
- STORM BURST configures the maximum number of frames in a burst.
- STORM MODE specifies how the policer affects the forwarding decision. The options are:
	- When policing, clear CPUQ.
	- When policing, clear DEST.
	- When policing, clear DEST and CPUQ.

Frames where the DMAC lookup returned a PGID with the CPU port set are always forwarded to the CPU even when the frame is policed by the storm policers. For more information, see DMAC Analysis, page 110.



## **3.9.3.7 sFlow Sampling**

This process step handles sFlow sampling. The following table lists the registers associated with sFlow sampling.





sFlow is a standard for monitoring high-speed switch networks through statistical sampling of incoming and outgoing frames. Each port in the device can be setup as an sFlow agent monitoring the particular link and generating sFlow data. If a frame is sFlow sampled, it is copied to the sFlow CPU extraction queue (CPUQ\_SFLOW).

An sFlow agent is configured through SFLOW\_CFG with the following options:

- SF\_RATE specifies the probability that the sampler copies a frame to the CPU. Each frame being candidate for the sampler has the same probability of being sampled. The rate is set in steps of 1/4096.
- SF SAMPLE RX enables incoming frames on the port as candidates for the sampler.
- SF\_SAMPLE\_TX enables outgoing frames on the port as candidates for the sampler.

The Rx and Tx can be enabled independently. If both are enabled, all incoming and outgoing traffic on the port is subject to the statistical sampling given by the rate in SF\_RATE.

## **3.9.3.8 Mirroring**

This processing step handles mirroring. The following table lists the registers associated with mirroring.



#### *Table 94 •* **Mirroring Registers**

Frames subject to mirroring are identified based on the following mirror probes:

- Learn mirroring if ADVLEARN.LEARN\_MIRROR is set and frame is a learn frame.
- CPU mirroring if AGENCTRL.MIRROR\_CPU is set and the CPU port is set in DEST.
- Ingress mirroring if PORT\_CFG.SRC\_MIRROR\_ENA is set.
- Egress mirroring if any port set in EMIRRORMASK is also set in DEST.
- VLAN mirroring if VLAN\_MIRROR set in the VLAN table entry.
- VCAP mirroring if an action is hit that requires mirroring.



The following adjustment is made to the forwarding decision for frames subject to mirroring:

• Ports set in MIRRORPORTS are added to DEST.

If the CPU port is set in the MIRRORPORTS, CPU extraction queue CPUQ\_CFG.CPUQ\_MIRROR is added to the CPUQ.

For learn frames with learning enabled, all ports in ADVLEARN.LEARN\_MIRROR are added to DEST. For more information, see SMAC Analysis, page 114.

For more information about mirroring, see [Mirroring, page 250](#page-264-0).

Finally, if AGENCTRL.CPU CPU KILL ENA is set, the CPU port is removed if the ingress port is the CPU port itself. This is similar to source port filtering done for front ports and prevents the CPU from sending frames back to itself.

## **3.9.4 Analyzer Monitoring**

Miscellaneous events in the analyzer can be monitored, which can provide an understanding of the events during the processing steps. The following table lists the registers associated with analyzer monitoring.

| <b>Register</b>  | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Replication</b> |
|------------------|--|--------------------|
| ANMOVED          | ANMOVED [n] is set when a known station has moved to port n.                               | None               |
| ANEVENTS         | Sticky bit register for various events.  | None               |
| <b>LEARNDISC</b> | The number of learn events that failed due to a lack of storage<br>space in the MAC table. | None               |

*Table 95 •* **Analyzer Monitoring**

Port moves, defined as a known station moving to a new port, are registered in the ANMOVED register. A port move occurs when an existing MAC table entry for (MAC, VID) is updated with new port information (DEST\_IDX). Such an event is registered in ANMOVED by setting the bit corresponding to the new port.

Continuously occurring port moves may indicate a loop in the network or a faulty link aggregation configuration.

A list of events, such as frame flooding or policer drop, can be monitored in ANEVENTS.

The LEARNDISC counter registers every time an entry in the MAC table cannot be made or if an entry is removed due to lack of storage.

# <span id="page-132-0"></span>**3.10 Policers**

The device has 192 policers that can be allocated to ingress ports, QoS classes per port, and VCAP IS2 entries. The policers limit the bandwidth of received frames by discarding frames exceeding configurable rates. All policers are MEF compliant dual leaky bucket policers that are capable of handling committed and excess peak information rates.

Each frame can hit up to three policers: One port policer, one VCAP policer and one QoS policer. The order in which the policers are applied to a frame is programmable.

In addition to the policers, the device also supports a number of storm policers and an egress scheduler with shaping capabilities. For more information, see Storm Policers, page 116 and [Scheduler and](#page-142-0)  [Shapers, page 128.](#page-142-0)

The following table lists the registers associated with policer control.

#### *Table 96 •* **Policer Control Registers**





### *Table 96 •* **Policer Control Registers** *(continued)*



## **3.10.1 Policer Allocation**

The different policer types are assigned a policer from the pool of policers the following ways:

- Port policers. Frames received on physical port 'p' use policer 'p'. Each of physical ports can be assigned to its own policer.
- QoS policers. Frames classified to QoS class 'q' on physical port 'p' use policer 32 + 8x 'p' + 'q'. Each of the eight per-port QoS classes per port can be assigned to its own policer.
- VCAP IS2 policers. Policers 128 through 191 can be allocated to VCAP policing. The action IS2\_ACTION.POLICE\_IDX points to the policer that is used.

The policer pool layout is illustrated in the following drawing.

### *Figure 35 •* **Policer Pool Layout**



By default, none of the policers from the pool are allocated.

Port policers are allocated through ANA:PORT:POL\_CFG.PORT\_POL\_ENA per port and QoS policers are allocated through ANA:PORT:POL\_CFG.QUEUE\_POL\_ENA per QoS class per port.

Finally, VCAP IS2 policers are allocated by creating IS2 rules with POLICE\_ENA and POLICE\_IDX actions. IS2 policers actions are only valid in the first lookup in IS2. The VCAP can point to any unused policer in addition to the dedicated VCAP policers.

Any frame received by the MAC and forwarded to the classifier is applicable to policing. Frames with errors, pause frames, or MAC control frames are not forwarded by the MAC and, as a result, they are not accounted for in the policers. That is, they are not policed and are not adding to the rate measured by the policers.

In addition, the following special frame types can bypass the policers:



- If ANA:PORT:POL\_CFG.POL\_CPU\_REDIR\_8021 is set, frames being redirected to the CPU due to the classifier detecting the frames as being BPDU, ALLBRIDGE, GARP, or CCM/Link trace frames are not policed.
- If ANA:PORT:POL\_CFG.POL\_CPU\_REDIR\_IP is set, frames being redirected to the CPU due to the classifier detecting the frames as being IGMP or MLD frames are not policed.

These frames are still considered part of the rates being measured so the frames add to the relevant policer buckets but they are never discarded due to policing.

The VCAP IS2 has the option to disable the port policing and QoS class policing. This is done with the action POLICE\_VCAP\_ONLY. If POLICE\_VCAP\_ONLY is set, only a VCAP assigned policer can police the frame. The other policers are inactive meaning the frame does not add to the policers' buckets and the frame is never discarded due to policing by the policers.

The order in which the policers are executed is controlled through ANA:PORT:POL\_CFG.POL\_ORDER. The order can take the following main modes:

- Serial The policers are checked one after another. If a policer is closed, the frame is discarded and the subsequent policer buckets are not updated with the frame. The serial order is programmable.
- **Parallel with independent bucket updates** The three policers are working in parallel independently of each other. Each frame is added to a policer bucket if the policer is open, otherwise the frame is discarded. A frame may be added to one policer although another policer is closed.
- **Parallel with dependent bucket updates** The three policers are working in parallel but dependent on each other with respect to bucket updates. A frame is only added to the policer buckets if all three policers are open.

## **3.10.2 Policer Burst and Rate Configuration**

Each of the policers is MEF-compliant dual leaky bucket policers. This implies that each policer supports the following configurations:

- Committed Information Rate (CIR). Specified in POL\_CIR\_CFG.CIR\_RATE in steps of 33.3 kbps. Maximum rate is 1.09 Gbps. If higher bandwidths are required, the policer for 2.5G ports must be disabled.
- Committed Burst Size (CBS). Specified in POL\_CIR\_CFG.CIR\_BURST in steps of 4 kilobytes. Maximum is 252 kilobytes.
- Excess Information Rate (EIR). Specified in POL PIR CFG.PIR RATE in steps of 33.3 kbps. Maximum rate is 1.09 Gbps. If higher bandwidths are required, the policer for 2.5G ports must be disabled.
- Excess Burst Size (EBS). Specified in POL\_PIR\_CFG.PIR\_BURST in steps of 4 kilobytes. Maximum is 252 kilobytes.
- Coupling flag. If POL\_MODE\_CFG.DLB\_COUPLED is set, frames classified as yellow (DP level = 1) are allowed to use of the committed information rate when not fully used by frames classified as green (DP level = 0). If cleared, the rate of frames classified as yellow are bounded by EIR.
- Color mode. Color-blind or color-aware. A policer always obey the frame color assigned by the classifier. To achieve color-blindness, the classifier must be set up to classify all incoming frames to DP level  $= 0$ .

The following parameters can also be configured per policer:

- The leaky bucket calculation can be configured to include or exclude preamble and inter-frame gap through configuration of POL\_MODE\_CFG.IPG\_SIZE.
- Each policer can be configured to measure frame rates instead of bit rates (POL\_MODE\_CFG.FRM\_MODE). The rate unit can be configured to 100 frames per second or 1 frame per second.
- Each policer can operate as a single leaky bucket by disabling POL\_MODE\_CFG.CIR\_ENA. When operating as a single leaky bucket, the POL\_PIR\_CFG register controls the rate and burst of the policer.

By default, a policer discards frames while the policer is closed. A discarded frame is neither forwarded to any ports (including the CPU) nor is it learned.

Each port policer, however, has the option to run in flow control where the policer instructs the MAC to issue flow control pause frames instead of discarding frames. This is enabled in



ANA:PORT:POL\_FLOWC. Common for all port policers, POL\_HYST.POL\_FC\_HYST specifies a hysteresis, which controls when the policer can re-open after having closed.

To improve fairness between small and large frames being policed by the same policer, POL\_HYST.POL\_DROP\_HYST specifies a hysteresis that controls when the policer can re-open after being closed. By setting it to a value larger than the maximum transmission unit, it guarantees that when the policer opens again, all frames have the same chance of being accepted. This setting only applies to policers working in drop mode.

The current fill level of the dual leaky buckets can be read in POL\_PIR\_STATE and POL\_CIR\_STATE. The unit is 0.5 bits.

# **3.11 Shared Queue System**

The device includes a shared queue system with one ingress queue per ingress port and one egress queue per QoS class per egress port per ingress port. The queue system has 224 kilobytes of buffer.

Frames are linked into the ingress queues after frame analysis. Each egress port module selected by the frame analysis receives a link to the frame and stores the link in the appropriate egress queue selected by mapping various frame properties to a queue number. The transfer from ingress to egress is extremely efficient with a transfer time of 12.8 ns per frame copy (equivalent to a transfer rate from ingress to egress of about 50 Gbps for 64-byte frames and about 1 terabit per second (Tbps) for 1518-byte frames). Each egress port module has a scheduler that selects between the egress queues when transmitting frames.

The following illustration shows the shared queue system.



#### *Figure 36 •* **Queue System Overview**

Resource depletion can prevent one or more of the frame copies from the ingress queue to the egress queues. If a frame copy cannot be made due to lack of resources, the ingress port's flow control mode determines the behavior as follows:

- Ingress port is in drop mode: The frame copy is discarded.
- Ingress port is in flow control mode: The frame is held back in the ingress queue and the frame copy is made when the congestion clears.

For more information about special configurations of the shared queue system with respect to flow control, see [Ingress Pause Request Generation, page 126.](#page-140-0)



# **3.11.1 Buffer Management**

A number of watermarks control how much data can be pending in the egress queues before the resources are depleted. There are no watermarks for the ingress queues, except for flow control, because the ingress queues are empty most of the time due to the fast transfer rates from ingress to egress. For more information, see [Ingress Pause Request Generation, page 126](#page-140-0). When the watermarks are configured properly, congested traffic does not influence the forwarding of non-congested traffic.

The memory is split into two main areas:

- A reserved memory area. The reserved memory area is subdivided into areas per port per QoS class per direction (ingress/egress).
- A shared memory area, which is shared by all traffic.

For setting up the reserved areas, egress watermarks exist per port and per QoS class for both ingress and egress. The following table lists the reservation watermarks.

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All the watermarks, including the ingress watermarks, are compared against the memory consumptions in the egress queues. For example, the ingress watermarks in BUF\_Q\_RSRV\_I compare against the total consumption of frames across all egress queues received on the specific ingress port and classified to the specific QoS class. The ingress watermarks in BUF\_P\_RSRV\_I compare against the total consumption of all frames across all egress queues received on the specific ingress port.

The reserved areas are guaranteed minimum areas. A frame cannot be discarded or held back in the ingress queues if the frame's reserved areas are not yet used.

The shared memory area is the area left when all the reservations are taken out. The shared memory area is shared between all ports, however, it is possible to configure a set of watermarks per QoS class and per drop precedence level (green/yellow) to stop some traffic flows before others. The following table lists the sharing watermarks.



#### <span id="page-136-1"></span>*Table 98 •* **Sharing Watermarks**



The sharing watermarks are maximum areas in the shared memory that a given traffic flow can use. They do not guarantee anything.

When a frame is enqueued into the egress queue system, the frame first consumes from the queue's reserved memory area, then from the port's reserved memory area. When all the frame's reserved memory areas are full, it consumes from the shared memory area.

The following provides some simple examples on how to configure the watermarks and how that influences the resource management.

- Setting BUF\_Q\_RSRV\_E(egress port = 7, QoS class = 4) to 2 kilobytes guarantees that traffic destined for port 7 classified to QoS class 4 have room for 2 kilobytes of frame data before frames can get discarded.
- Setting BUF Q RSRV I(ingress port = 7, QoS class = 4) to 2 kilobytes guarantees that traffic received on port 7 classified to QoS class 4 have room for 2 kilobytes of frame data before frames can get discarded.
- Setting BUF\_P\_RSRV\_I(ingress port 7) to 10 kilobytes guarantees that traffic received on port 7 have room for 10 kilobytes of data before frames can get discarded.
- The three reservations above reserve 14 kilobytes of memory in total (2 + 2+ 10 kilobytes) for port 7. If the same reservations are made for all ports, there are  $224 - 11 \times 14 = 70$  kilobytes left for sharing. If the sharing watermarks are all set to 70 kilobytes, all traffic groups can consume memory from the shared memory area without restrictions.

If, instead, setting BUF\_PRIO\_SHR\_E(QoS class = 7) to 70 kilobytes and the other watermarks BUF\_PRIO\_SHR\_E(QoS class =  $0:6$ ) to 20 kilobytes guarantees that traffic classified to QoS class 7 has 50 kilobytes extra buffer. The buffer is shared between all ports.

The BUF\_PRIO\_SHR\_I, BUF\_PRIO\_SHR\_E, REF\_PRIO\_SHR\_I, and REF\_PRIO\_SHR\_E watermarks can be used for guaranteeing shared resources for each individual QoS class. This is done by setting QSYS::RES\_QOS\_MODE so that the watermarks operate on the current consumption of each QoS class instead of the total use of the shared resources.

## **3.11.2 Frame Reference Management**

Each frame in an egress queue consumes a frame reference, which is a pointer element that points to the frame's data in the memory and to the pointer element belonging to the next frame in the queue. The following illustrations shows how the frame references are used for creating the queue structure.

#### *Figure 37 •* **Frame Reference**



The shared queue system holds a table of 1911 frame references. The consumption of frame references is controlled through a set of watermarks. The set of watermarks is the exact same as for the buffer control. The frame reference watermarks are prefixed REF\_. Instead of controlling the amount of consumed memory, they control the number of frame references. Both reservation and sharing watermarks are available. For more information, see [Table 97, page 122](#page-136-0) and [Table 98, page 122](#page-136-1).



When a frame is enqueued into the shared queue system, the frame consumes first from the queue's reserved frame reference area, then from the port's reserved frame reference area. When all the frame's reserved frame reference areas are full, it consumes from the shared frame reference area.

## **3.11.3 Resource Depletion Condition**

A frame copy is made from an ingress port to an egress port when both a memory check and a frame reference check succeed. The memory check succeeds when at least one of the following conditions is met.

- Ingress memory is available: BUF\_Q\_RSRV\_I or BUF\_P\_RSRV\_I are not exceeded.
- Egress memory is available: BUF\_Q\_RSRV\_E or BUF\_P\_RSRV\_E are not exceeded.
- Shared memory is available: None of BUF\_PRIO\_SHR\_E, BUF\_COL\_SHR\_E, BUF\_PRIO\_SHR\_I, or BUF\_COL\_SHR\_I are exceeded.

The frame reference check succeeds when at least one of the following conditions is met.

- Ingress frame references are available: REF\_Q\_RSRV\_I or REF\_P\_RSRV\_I are not exceeded.
- Egress frame references are available: REF\_Q\_RSRV\_E or REF\_P\_RSRV\_E are not exceeded.
- Shared frame references are available: None of REF\_PRIO\_SHR\_E, REF\_COL\_SHR\_E, REF\_PRIO\_SHR\_I, or REF\_COL\_SHR\_I are exceeded.

## **3.11.4 Configuration Example**

This section provides an example of how the watermarks can be configured for a QoS-aware switch with no color handling and the effects of the settings.



#### *Table 99 •* **Watermark Configuration Example**





### *Table 99 •* **Watermark Configuration Example** *(continued)*

## **3.11.5 Watermark Programming and Consumption Monitoring**

The watermarks previously described are all found in the SYS::RES\_CFG register. The register is replicated 1024 times. The following illustration the organization.

### *Figure 38 •* **Watermark Layout**



The illustration shows the watermarks available for the BUF\_xxx\_I group of watermarks. For the other groups of watermarks (BUF\_xxx\_I, REF\_xxx\_I, BUF\_xxx\_E, and REF\_xxx\_E), the exact same set of watermarks are available.

For monitoring the consumption of resources, SYS::RES\_STAT provides information about current use and the maximum use since the last read of the register. The information is available for each of the watermarks listed and the layout of the RES\_STAT register follows the layout of the watermarks. SYS::MMGT.FREECNT holds the amount of free memory in the shared queue system and SYS::EQ\_CTRL.FP\_FREE\_CNT holds the number of free frame references in the shared queue system.



# **3.11.6 Advanced Resource Management**

A number of additional handles into the resource management system are available for special use of the device. They are described in the following table.

#### *Table 100 •* **Resource Management**



## <span id="page-140-0"></span>**3.11.7 Ingress Pause Request Generation**

During resource depletion, the shared queue system either discards frames when the ingress port operates in drop mode, or holds back frames when the ingress port operates in flow control mode. The following describes special configuration for the flow control mode.

The shared queue system is enabled for holding back frames during resource depletion in SYS:PORT:PAUSE\_CFG.PAUSE\_ENA. In addition, this enables the generation of pause requests to the port module based on memory consumptions. The MAC uses the pause request to generate pause frames or create back pressure collisions to halt the link partner. This is done according to the MAC configuration. For more information about MAC configuration, see [MAC, page 18.](#page-32-0)

The shared queue system generates the pause request based on the ingress port's memory consumption and also based on the total memory consumption in the shared queue system. This enables a larger burst capacity for a port operating in flow control while not jeopardizing the non-dropping flow control.

Generating the pause request partially depends on a memory consumption flag, TOT\_PAUSE, which is set and cleared under the following conditions:

- The TOT\_PAUSE flag is set when the total consumed memory in the shared queue system exceeds the SYS:PORT:PAUSE\_TOT\_CFG.PAUSE\_TOT\_START watermark.
- The TOT\_PAUSE flag is cleared when the total consumed memory in the shared queue system is below the SYS:PORT:PAUSE\_TOT\_CFG.PAUSE\_TOT\_STOP watermark.

The pause request is asserted when both of the following conditions are met.



- The TOT PAUSE flag is set.
- The ingress port memory consumption exceeds the SYS:PORT:PAUSE\_CFG.PAUSE\_START watermark.

The pause request is deasserted the following condition is met:

The ingress port's consumption is below the SYS:PORT:PAUSE\_CFG.PAUSE\_STOP watermark.

## **3.11.8 Tail Dropping**

The shared queue system implements a tail dropping mechanism where incoming frames are discarded if the port's memory consumption and the total memory consumption exceed certain watermarks. Tail dropping implies that the frame is discarded unconditionally. All ports in the device are subject to tail dropping. It is independent of whether the port is in flow control mode or in drop mode.

Tail dropping can be effective under special conditions. For example, tail dropping can prevent an ingress port from consuming all the shared memory when pause frames are lost or when the link partner is not responding to pause frames.

The shared queue system initiates tail dropping by discarding the incoming frame if the following two conditions are met at any point while writing the frame data to the memory.

- If the Ingress port memory consumption exceeds the SYS:PORT:ATOP\_CFG.ATOP watermark
- If the total consumed memory in the shared queue system exceeds the SYS:PORT:ATOP\_TOT\_CFG.ATOP\_TOT watermark

## **3.11.9 Test Utilities**

This section describes some of test utilities that are built into the shared queue system.

Each egress port can enable a frame repeater (SYS::REPEATER), which means that the head-of-line frames in the egress queues are transmitted but not dequeued after transmission. As a result, the scheduler sees the same frames again and again while the repeater function is active.

The SYS:PORT:PORT\_MODE.DEQUEUE\_DIS disables both transmission and dequeuing from the egress queues when set.

# **3.11.10 Energy Efficient Ethernet**

This section provides information about the functions of Energy Efficient Ethernet in the shared queue system. The following table lists the registers associated with Energy Efficient Ethernet.

| <b>Register</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Replication</b> |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| DEV::EEE CFG    | Enables configuration of Energy Efficient Ethernet. Status Per port<br>bit indicating that egress port is in the LPI state. |                    |
| QSYS::EEE CFG   | Configures fast queues.   | Per port           |
| QSYS::EEE THRES | Configures bytes and frame thresholds.  | None               |

*Table 101 •* **Energy Efficient Ethernet Control Registers**

The shared queue system supports Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) as defined by IEEE Draft P802.3az by initiating the Low Power Idle (LPI) mode during periods of low link use. EEE is controlled per port by an egress queue state machine that monitors the queue fillings and ensures correct wake-up and sleep timing. The egress queue state machine is responsible for informing the PCS in the port module of changes in EEE states (active, sleep, low power idle, and wake up).



### *Figure 39 •* **Low Power Idle Operation**



Energy Efficient Ethernet is enabled per port through DEV:: EEE\_CFG. EEE\_ENA.

By default, the egress port is transmitting enqueued data. This is the active state. If none of the port's egress queues have enqueued data for the time specified in DEV::EEE\_CFG.EEE\_TIMER\_HOLDOFF, the egress port instructs the PCS to enter the EEE sleep state.

When data is enqueued in any of the port's egress queues, a timer (DEV::EEE\_CFG.EEE\_TIMER\_AGE) is started. If one of the following conditions is met, the port enters the wake up state.

- A queue specified as high priority (QSYS:PORT:EEE\_CFG.EEE\_FAST\_QUEUES) has any data to transmit.
- The total number of frames in the port's egress queues exceeds QSYS::EEE\_THRES.EEE\_HIGH\_FRAMES.
- The total number of bytes in the port's egress queues exceeds QSYS::EEE\_THRES.EEE\_HIGH\_FRAMES.
- The time specified in DEV::EEE\_CFG.EEE\_TIMER\_AGE has passed. PCS is instructed to wake up.

To ensure that PCS, PHY, and link partner are resynchronized after waking up; the egress port holds back transmission of data until the time specified in DEV::EEE\_CFG.EEE\_TIMER\_WAKEUP has passed. After this time interval, the port resumes transmission of data.

The status bit DEV::EEE\_CFG.PORT\_LPI is set while the egress port holds back data due to LPI (from the sleep state to the wake up state, both included).

# <span id="page-142-0"></span>**3.12 Scheduler and Shapers**

The following table lists the registers associated with the scheduler and egress shaper control.

| <b>Register</b>  | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Replication</b> |
|------------------|--|--------------------|
| QSYS::SHAPER CFG | Configuration of egress shaper's rate and burst.           | 158                |
| QSYS::SE CFG     | Configuration of the scheduling algorithm.                 | 158                |
|                  | QSYS::SE DWRR CFG Configuration of DWRR scheduler's costs. | 158                |
|                  | QSYS::SHAPER STATE Status of the shaper bucket.            | 158                |

*Table 102 •* **Scheduler and Egress Shaper Control Registers**

Each egress port contains a two-level priority-fair egress scheduler. The first scheduler level towards the egress port schedules between QoS classes while the second scheduler level towards the egress queues schedules between the ingress ports.

An egress scheduler is constructed using 9 scheduler elements. Each scheduler elements has 12 inputs and 1 output. It contains a scheduler, which can be strict or mixed with a round robin based scheduling algorithm. The round robin based scheduling algorithm can either be frame-based round robin or bytebased deficit weighted round robin. The output port of a scheduler elements contains a dual leaky bucket shaper.

The following illustration provides an overview of the egress scheduling system for egress port 0.



### *Figure 40 •* **Egress Scheduler Port 0**



Each egress port features a similar egress scheduler. The following table lists which scheduler elements are used by the different ports.






*Table 103 •* **Scheduler Elements Numbering** *(continued)*



### **3.12.1 Scheduler Element**

The following illustration shows the scheduler element.

#### *Figure 41 •* **Scheduler Element**



By default, the scheduler operates in strict priority between all 12 inputs. The inputs are searched in the following prioritized order: Input 11 has highest priority followed by 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and 0.

In addition, the scheduler can operate either in a byte-based deficit weighted round robin (DWRR) mode or a frame-based round robin (RR) mode. This is an overall configuration for the scheduler element and cannot be selected per input. In DWRR mode, the participating inputs are given a weight and the scheduler selects frames from these inputs according to the weights. The DWRR is byte-based and takes the lengths of the frames into account. In RR mode, the participating inputs are selected one after another. The RR is frame-based and does not take the length of the frames into account.

The scheduler supports a mixed mode where some inputs operate in strict priority and others operate in either DWRR or RR. Any number of inputs can be assigned to either group but strict priority inputs must always be selected from highest numbered inputs.

Each scheduler element has an associated leaky-bucket shaper at the output. The shaper limits the overall transmission bandwidth from the scheduler element. Frames are only scheduled if the shaper is open.

Each scheduling element determines whether it has a frame ready for scheduling based on status information of the scheduling element's inputs. For each input, the scheduling element knows if the input has a frame ready for transmission and if the frame is ready due to a work conservation mode. The overall scheduling algorithm within a scheduling element is as follows:

- 1. If the output shaper is closed, frames are only scheduled from the element if the element is enabled for work conservation. Otherwise, frames are held back until the shaper opens.
- 2. If the output shaper is open or in work conservation mode, the scheduling element schedules between inputs that are not work conserving by following the rules for the scheduler configuration: strict inputs are scheduled first then round robin based inputs are scheduled according to either the DWRR algorithm or the RR algorithm.
- 3. If no frames are scheduled during step 2, a second round of scheduling is performed. Inputs that are work conserving become candidates for the second round of scheduling.

The hierarchy of scheduling elements is traversed from the element connected to the egress port through to the element that connects to an egress queue by recursively deciding which input should be scheduled.



# **3.12.2 Egress Shapers**

Each of the scheduling elements contain an output shaper with the following configurations:

- Maximum rate Specified in SHAPER CFG.RATE in steps of 100160 bps. Maximum is 3.282 Gbps.
- Maximum burst size Specified in SHAPER\_CFG.BURST in steps of 4 kilobytes. Maximum is 252 kilobytes.

The shaper can operate byte-based or frame-based (SE\_CFG.SE\_FRM\_MODE). When operating as byte-based, the frame adjustment value HSCH\_MISC.FRM\_ADJ can be used to program the fixed number of extra bytes to add to each frame transmitted (irrespective of QoS class) in the shaper and DWRR calculations. A value of 20 bytes corresponds to line-rate calculation and accommodates for 12 bytes of inter-frame gap and 8 bytes of preamble. Data-rate based shaping and DWRR calculations are achieved by programming 0 bytes.

Each shaper implements two burst modes. By default, a leaky bucket is continuously assigned new credit according to the configured shaper rate. This implies that during idle periods, credit is building up, which allows for a burst of data when there are again data to transmit. This is not convenient in an Audio/Video Bridging (AVB) environment where this behavior enforces a requirement for larger buffers in end-equipment. To circumvent this, each shaper can enable an AVB mode (SE\_CFG.SE\_AVB\_ENA) in which credit is only assigned during periods where the scheduler element has data to transmit and is waiting for another scheduler element to finish a transmission. This AVB mode prevents the accumulation of large amount of credits.

### **3.12.3 Deficit Weighted Round Robin**

The DWRR uses a cost-based algorithm compared to a weight-based algorithm. A high cost implies a small share of the bandwidth. DWRR is enabled when SE\_CFG.SE\_DWRR\_CFG>0 and SE\_CFG.RR\_ENA = 0. The participating inputs are then inputs 0 through SE\_CFG.SE\_DWRR\_CFG-1. Anything from 0 to 12 weighted inputs can participate.

Each input is programmed with a cost (SE\_DWRR\_CFG.DWRR\_COST). A cost is a number between 1 and 32. The programmable DWRR costs determine the behavior of the DWRR algorithm. The costs result in weights for each input to the scheduler element. The weights are relative to one another, and the resulting share of the egress bandwidth for a particular input is equal to the input's weight divided by the sum of all the inputs' weights. The algorithm is byte-based and takes the frame lengths into account.

Costs are easily converted to weights and vice versa given the following two algorithms. The following algorithms are shown with six participating inputs but can be applied to other configurations as well.

**Weights to Costs** Given a desired set of weights (W0, W1, W2, W3, W4, W5), the costs can be calculated using the following algorithm.

- 1. Set the cost of the queue with the smallest weight (Wsmallest) to cost 32.
- 2. For any other queue Qn with weight Wn, set the corresponding cost Cn to Cn = 32 × Wsmallest/Wn

**Costs to Weights**: Given a set of costs for all queues (*C0*, *C1*, *C2*, *C3*, *C4*, *C5*), the resulting weights can be calculated using the following algorithm:

- 1. Set the weight of the queue with the highest cost (Chighest) to 1.
- 2. For any other queue *Qn* with cost *Cn*, set the corresponding weight Wn to Wn = Chighest/Cn

#### **Cost and Weight Conversion Examples**

Implement the following bandwidth distributions.

- Input 0: 5% (*W0* = 5)
- Input 1: 10% (*W1* = 10)
- Input 2: 15% (*W2* = 15)
- Input 3: 20% (*W3* = 20)
- Input 4: 20% (*W4* = 20)
- Input 5: 30% (*W5* = 30)

Given the algorithm to get from weights to costs, the following costs are calculated:

• *C0* = 32 (Smallest weight)



- $C1 = 32*5/10 = 16$
- *C2* = 32\*5/15 = 10.67 (rounded up to 11)
- $C3 = 32*5/20 = 8$
- $C4 = 32*5/20 = 8$
- $C5 = 32*5/30 = 5.33$  (rounded down to 5)

Due to the rounding off, these costs result in the following bandwidth distribution, which is slightly off compared to the desired distribution:

- Input 0: 4.92%
- Input 1: 9.85%
- Input 2: 14.32%
- Input 3: 19.70%
- Input 4: 19.70%
- Input 5: 31.51%

### **3.12.4 Round Robin**

The round robin (RR) uses a simple round robin algorithm where each participating input is served one after another. RR is enabled when SE\_CFG.SE\_DWRR\_CFG>0 and SE\_CFG.RR\_ENA = 1. The participating inputs are then inputs 0 through SE\_CFG.SE\_DWRR\_CFG-1. Anything from 0 to 12 weighted inputs can participate.

The RR algorithm is frame-based and does not take the frame lengths into account.

### **3.12.5 Shaping and DWRR Scheduling Examples**

This section provides examples and additional information about the use of the egress shapers and scheduler. The following assumes a scheduler element is connected to the egress queues.

### **3.12.5.1 Mixing DWRR and Shaping Example**

- Output from scheduler element is shaped down to 500 Mbps.
- Queues 7 and 6 are strict and queues 5 through 0 are weighted.
- Queue 7 is shaped to 100 Mbps.
- Queue 6 is shaped to 50 Mbps.
- The following traffic distribution is desired for queue 5 through 0: *Q0*: 5%, *Q1*: 10%, *Q2*: 15%, *Q3*: 20%, *Q4*: 20%, *Q5*: 30%.
- Each queue receives 125 Mbps of incoming traffic.

The following table lists the DWRR configuration and the resulting egress bandwidth for the various queues.



### *Table 104 •* **Example of Mixing DWRR and Shaping**



### **3.12.5.2 Strict and Work-Conserving Shaping Example**

- Output from scheduler element is shaped down to 500 Mbps.
- All queues are strict.
- All queues are shaped to 50 Mbps.
- Queues 6 and 7 are work-conserving (allowed to use excess bandwidth).
- All queues receive 125 Mbps of traffic each.

The following table lists the resulting egress bandwidth for the various queues.

#### *Table 105 •* **Example of Strict and Work-Conserving Shaping**



## <span id="page-147-0"></span>**3.13 Rewriter**

The device includes a rewriter common for all ports that determines how the egress frame is edited before transmission. The rewriter performs the following editing:

- VLAN editing; tagging of frames and remapping of PCP and DEI.
- DSCP remarking; rewriting the DSCP value in IPv4 and IPv6 frames based on classified DSCP value.
- FCS updating.
- Precision Time Protocol time stamp updating.

Each port module including the CPU port module (CPU port 11 and CPU port 12) has its own set of configuration in the rewriter. Each frame is handled by the rewriter one time per destination port.

Most rewriting functions in the rewriter are independent of each other and can co-exist. For instance, a frame can be VLAN tagged while at the same time being DSCP remarked. However, precision time protocol time stamp updating and DSCP remarking are mutually exclusive with the former taking precedence. If an IS2 action returns any PTP actions then DSCP remarking is automatically disabled for the frame.

### **3.13.1 VLAN Editing**

The following table lists the registers associated with VLAN editing.



#### *Table 106 •* **VLAN Editing Registers**



The rewriter performs five steps related to VLAN editing for each frame and destination:

- 1. VLAN popping Zero, one, or two VLAN tags are popped from the frame.
- 2. ES0 lookup ES0 is looked up for each of the frame's destination ports. The action from ES0 controls the pushing of VLAN tags.
- 3. VLAN push decision Deciding the number of new tags to push and which tag source to use for each tag. Tag sources are: Port and ES0 (tag A and tag B).
- 4. Constructing the VLAN tags The new VLAN tags are constructed based on the tag sources' configuration.
- 5. VLAN pushing the new VLAN tags are pushed.

### **3.13.1.1 VLAN Popping**

The rewriter initially pops the number of VLAN tags specified by the VLAN\_POP\_CNT parameter received with the frame from the classifier or VCAP IS1. Up to two VLAN tags can be popped. The rewriter itself does not influence the number VLAN tags being popped.

### **3.13.1.2 ES0 Lookup**

For each of the frame's destination ports, VCAP ES0 is looked up using the ES0 key. See [VCAP ES0,](#page-106-0)  [page 92](#page-106-0) for more information about ES0. The action from an ES0 hit is used in the following to determine the frame's VLAN editing.

### **3.13.1.3 VLAN Push Decision**

After popping the VLAN tags, the rewriter decides whether to push zero, one, or two new VLAN tags to the outgoing frame according to the port's tagging configuration in register TAG\_CFG and the action from a potential VCAP ES0 hit. The up to two tags can originate from either the port (port tag) or ES0 (ES0 tag A and ES0 tag B).

By default, the port can push one tag according to the port's configuration in TAG\_CFG. If the ES0 lookup results in an entry being hit, the ES0 action can overrule the port configuration and push two tags by itself (ES0 tag A and ES0 tag B) or it can combine port tagging and ES0 tagging.

The following illustration shows an overview of the available tagging options.

#### *Figure 42 •* **Tagging Overview**



(1) Port tag is controlled by REW: PORT: TAG\_CFG.TAG\_CFG.



The following table lists all combinations of port tagging configuration and ES0 actions that control the number of tags to push and which tag source to use (port, ES0 tag A, or ES0 tag B):

*Table 107 •* **Tagging Combinations**

| <b>ES0_ACTION</b>                                      | TAG_CFG              | <b>Tagging action</b>   |
|--|----------------------|---|
| No ES0 hit   | Controls<br>port tag | Port tag is pushed according to TAG_CFG as outer tag.<br>Available options are:<br>Tag all frames with port tag.<br>Tag all frames with port tag, except if classified VID=0<br>or classified VID=PORT_VLAN.PORT_VID.<br>Tag all frames with port tag, except if classified VID=0<br>No port tag<br>No inner tag.   |
| PUSH_OUTER_TAG=0 Controls<br>PUSH_INNER_TAG=0 port tag |                      | Port tag is pushed according to TAG_CFG as outer tag.<br>Available options are:<br>Tag all frames with port tag.<br>Tag all frames with port tag, except if classified VID=0<br>or classified VID=PORT_VLAN.PORT_VID.<br>Tag all frames with port tag, except if classified VID=0<br>No port tag<br>No inner tag.   |
| PUSH OUTER TAG=1 Don't care<br>PUSH_INNER_TAG=0        |                      | ES0 tag A is pushed as outer tag.<br>No inner tag.  |
| PUSH OUTER TAG=2 Don't care<br>PUSH INNER TAG=0        |                      | Port tag is pushed as outer tag. This overrules port settings<br>in TAG CFG.<br>No inner tag.   |
| PUSH_OUTER_TAG=3 Don't care<br>PUSH INNER TAG=0        |                      | No tags are pushed. This overrules port settings in<br>TAG CFG.   |
| PUSH_OUTER_TAG=0 Controls<br>PUSH_INNER_TAG=1 port tag |                      | Port tag is pushed according to TAG_CFG as outer tag.<br>The following options are available:<br>Tag all frames with port tag.<br>Tag all frames with port tag, except if classified VID=0<br>or classified VID=PORT_VLAN.PORT_VID.<br>Tag all frames with port tag, except if classified VID=0<br>No port tag<br>ES0 tag B is pushed as inner tag.<br>ES0 tag B is effectively the outer tag if the port tag is not<br>pushed. |
| PUSH_OUTER_TAG=1 Don't care<br>PUSH_INNER_TAG=1        |                      | ES0 tag A is pushed as outer tag.<br>ES0 tag B is pushed as inner tag.  |
| PUSH OUTER TAG=2 Don't care<br>PUSH_INNER_TAG=1        |                      | Port tag is pushed as outer tag. This overrules port settings<br>in TAG CFG.<br>ES0 tag B is pushed as inner tag.   |
| PUSH_OUTER_TAG=3 Don't care<br>PUSH INNER TAG=1        |                      | No outer tag is pushed. This overrules port settings in<br>TAG_CFG.<br>ES0 tag B is pushed as inner tag.<br>ES0 tag B is effectively the outer tag, because no outer tag<br>is pushed.  |

### **3.13.1.4 Constructing VLAN Tags**

When pushing a VLAN tag, the contents of the tag header, including the TPID, are highly programmable. The starting point is the classified tag header coming from the analyzer containing the PCP, DEI, VID and



tag type. For each of the fields in the resulting tag, it is programmable how the value is determined. For more information, see <figure reference>.

### *Figure 43 •* **Tag Construction (port tag, ES0 tag A, ES0 tag B)**



(\* 1) For port tag, this is classified only.

(\* 2) Use 0x8100 if classified tag type is 0x8100, otherwise custom .

The port tag, ES0 tag A, and ES0 tag B have individual configurations. For the port tag, the available tag field options are:

### **Port tag: PCP**

- Use the classified PCP.
- Use the egress port's port VLAN (PORT\_VLAN.PORT\_PCP).
- Map the DP level and QoS class to a new PCP value using the per-port table PCP\_DEI\_QOS\_MAP\_CFG.
- Use the QoS class directly.

### **Port tag: DEI**

- Use the classified DEI.
- Use the egress port's port VLAN (PORT\_VLAN.PORT\_DEI).
- Map the DP level and QoS class to a new DEI value using the per-port table PCP\_DEI\_QOS\_MAP\_CFG.
- Use the DP level directly.

#### **Port tag: VID**

- Use the classified VID.
- Use the egress port's port VLAN (PORT\_VLAN.PORT\_VID).

#### **Port tag: TPID**

- Use Ethernet type 0x8100 (C-tag).
- Use Ethernet type 0x88A8 (S-tag).
- Use custom Ethernet type programmed in PORT\_VLAN.PORT\_TPID.
- Use custom Ethernet type programmed in PORT\_VLAN.PORT\_TPID unless the incoming tag was a C-tag in which case Ethernet type 0x8100 is used.

Similar options for the ES0 tag A and ES0 tag B are available:

#### **ES0 tag: PCP**

- Use the classified PCP.
- Use ES0\_ACTION.PCP\_A\_VAL for ES0 tag A and use ES0\_ACTION.PCP\_B\_VAL for ES0 tag B.
- Map the DP level and QoS class to a new PCP using the per-port table PCP\_DEI\_QOS\_MAP\_CFG.
- Use the QoS class directly.

#### **ES0 tag: DEI**

- Use the classified DEI.
- Use ES0\_ACTION.DEI\_A\_VAL for ES0 tag A and use ES0\_ACTION.DEI\_B\_VAL for ES0 tag B.
- Map the DP level and QoS class to a new DEI using the per-port table PCP\_DEI\_QOS\_MAP\_CFG.
- Use the DP level directly.



### **ES0 tag: VID**

- Use the classified VID incremented with ES0\_ACTION.VID\_A\_VAL for ES0 tag A and use the classified VID incremented with ES0\_ACTION.VID\_B\_VAL for ES0 tag B.
- Use ES0\_ACTION.VID\_A\_VAL for ES0 tag A and use ES0\_ACTION.VID\_B\_VAL for ES0 tag B.

#### **ES0 tag: TPID**

- Use Ethernet type 0x8100 (C-tag).
- Use Ethernet type 0x88A8 (S-tag).
- Use custom Ethernet type programmed in PORT\_VLAN.PORT\_TPID.
- Use custom Ethernet type programmed in PORT\_VLAN.PORT\_TPID unless the incoming tag was a C-tag in which case Ethernet type 0x8100 is used.

### **3.13.1.5 VLAN Pushing**

In the final VLAN editing step, the VLAN tags derived from the previous steps are pushed to the frame.

### **3.13.2 DSCP Remarking**

The following table lists the registers associated with DSCP remarking.



#### *Table 108 •* **DSCP Remarking Registers**

The rewriter can remark the DSCP value in IPv4 and IPv6 frames, that is, write a new DSCP value to the DSCP field in the frame.

If a port is enabled for DSCP remarking (DSCP\_CFG.DSCP\_REWR\_CFG), the new DSCP value is derived by using the classified DSCP value from the analyzer (the basic classification or the VCAP IS1) in the ingress port. This DSCP value can be mapped before replacing the existing value in the frame. The following options are available:

- No DSCP remarking Leave the DSCP value in the frame untouched.
- Update the DSCP value in the frame with the value received from the analyzer
- Update the DSCP value in the frame with the value received from the analyzer remapped through DSCP\_REMAP\_CFG. This is done independently of the value of the drop precedence level.
- Update the DSCP value in the frame with the value received from the analyzer remapped through DSCP\_REMAP\_CFG or DSCP\_REMAP\_DP1\_CFG dependent on the drop precedence level. This enables one mapping for green frames and another for yellow frames so that the resulting DSCP value can reflect the color of the frame.

In addition, the IP checksum is updated for IPv4 frames. Note that the IPv6 header does not contain a checksum. As a result, checksum updating does not apply for IPv6 frames.

DSCP remarking is not possible for frames where PTP time stamps are also generated and is automatically disabled.

### **3.13.3 FCS Updating**

The following table lists the registers associated with FCS updating.







### *Table 109 •* **FCS Updating Registers** *(continued)*



The rewriter updates a frame's FCS when required or instructed to do so. Different handling is available for frames injected by the CPU and for all other frames.

For non-CPU injected frames, the following update options are available:

- Never update the FCS.
- Conditional update: Update the FCS if the frame was modified due to PTP time stamping, VLAN tagging, or DSCP remarking.
- Always update the FCS.

In addition, the rewriter can update the FCS for all frames injected from the CPU through the CPU injection queues in the CPU port module:

- Never update the FCS.
- Always update the FCS.

### **3.13.4 PTP Time Stamping**

The following table lists the registers associated with PTP time stamping.

#### *Table 110 •* **PTP Time Stamping Registers**



The rewriter can do various different PTP time stamping in the egress frame:

**Residence time**. Adds the frame's residence time through the switch to the PTP correction field (byteoffset 8).

**Add/subtract**. Adds the frame's Tx time to the correction field (byte-offset 8) or subtract the frame's Rx time from the correction field.

**Time-of-day**. Samples and writes the 80-bit time-of-day into the PTP origin time stamp (byte-offset 34).

Set reserved bytes. Writes the RxTime into the PTP reserved bytes (byte-offset 16).

**Clear reserved bytes**. Writes zero into the PTP reserved bytes (byte-offset 16).

This can be done for PTP frames over IEEE802.3/Ethernet, PTP frames over UDP over IPv4, and PTP frames over UDP over IPv6. In addition, frames can be VLAN tagged. The rewriter automatically finds the correct location of the PTP header in the frame.

The rewriter takes the following frame properties from the analyzer as input.

- IS2 rewriter action (IS2\_ACTION.REW\_OP[2:0]), which can be either one-step, two-step, or origin.
- The frame's Rx time stamp, adjusted for I/O path delays and ingress delays according to ingress actions.
- IS2 rewriter actions for one-step PTP: Add/subtract mode, egress delay adjustment.
- Ingress backplane mode ANA:PORT:PTP\_CFG.PTP\_BACKPLANE\_MODE from the frame's ingress port.

In addition, the following egress port properties are used.

- Egress port delay (REW:PORT:PTP\_DLY1\_CFG).
- Egress backplane mode (REW:PORT:PTP\_CFG.PTP\_BACKPLANE\_MODE).



The following table shows the resulting rewriter actions for the one-step PTP action, depending on the add/subtract mode and ingress and egress backplane mode settings.

| <b>PTP Action</b><br>(from IS2) | <b>Add/Subtract</b> | <b>Ingress</b><br><b>Backplane</b> | <b>Egress</b><br><b>Backplane</b> | <b>PTP time stamp Rewriter Actions</b>   |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| One-step                        | Disabled            | Disabled                           | <b>Disabled</b>                   | Residence time: Adds frame's residence<br>time to PTP correction field.<br>Egress port delay is added to correction<br>field if specified by IS2.                          |
| One-step                        | <b>Disabled</b>     | <b>Disabled</b>                    | Enabled                           | Sets reserved bytes: Writes frame's Rx<br>time stamp into the reserved bytes.  |
| One-step                        | Disabled            | Enabled                            | Disabled                          | Residence time: Adds frame's residence<br>time to PTP correction field.<br>Egress port delay is added to correction<br>field if specified by IS2.<br>Clear reserved bytes. |
| One-step                        | Disabled            | Fnabled                            | Fnabled                           | Does not apply.  |
| One-step                        | Enabled             | Disabled                           | Disabled                          | Residence time: Adds frame's residence<br>time to PTP correction field.<br>Egress port delay is added to correction<br>field if specified by IS2.                          |
| One-step                        | Enabled             | <b>Disabled</b>                    | Enabled                           | Add/subtract: Subtracts frame's Rx time<br>stamp from PTP correction field.  |
| One-step                        | Enabled             | Enabled                            | Disabled                          | Add/subtract: Adds frame's Tx time stamp<br>to PTP correction field.<br>Egress port delay is added to correction<br>field if specified by IS2.<br>Clear reserved bytes.    |
| One-step                        | Enabled             | Enabled                            | Enabled                           | Does not apply.  |

*Table 111 •* **PTP Time Stamping for One-step PTP**

All actions associated with one-step or origin can be disabled per egress port through REW:PORT:PTP\_CFG.PTP\_1STEP\_DIS.

The following table shows the resulting rewriter actions for the two-step PTP action, depending on the ingress and egress backplane mode settings.





All actions associated with two-step can be disabled per egress port through REW:PORT:PTP\_CFG.PTP\_2STEP\_DIS.



The following table shows the resulting rewriter actions for the origin PTP action, depending on the ingress and egress backplane mode settings.

| <b>PTP Action</b><br>$(from$ IS2) | <b>Ingress</b><br><b>Backplane</b> | <b>Egress</b><br><b>Backplane</b> | <b>PTP time stamp Rewriter Actions</b>                                      |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Origin                            | Disabled                           | <b>Disabled</b>                   | Time-of-day: Write the time-of-day into the PTP origin<br>time stamp field. |
| Origin                            | Disabled                           | Fnabled                           | None.   |
| Origin                            | Enabled                            | Disabled                          | Time-of-day: Write the time-of-day into the PTP origin<br>time stamp field. |
| Origin                            | Enabled                            | Enabled                           | Does not apply.   |

*Table 113 •* **PTP Time Stamping for Origin PTP**

The following describes each of the PTP time stamping rewriter actions.

**Residence Time**. The frame's residence time is calculated as Tx time stamp - Rx time stamp. For information about how the Rx and Tx time stamps are derived, see [Rx and Tx Time Stamps, page 22](#page-36-0). The residence time is adjusted for an optional egress delay (REW:PORT:PTP\_DLY1\_CFG) enabled through IS2\_ACTION.REW\_OP[5] = 1. The resulting residence time is added to the correction field value in the PTP header. The result is written back into the frame.

**Add/subtract.** Add the frame's Tx time to the correction field or subtract the frame's Rx time from the correction field. This is used in backplane applications. This mode requires a rollover protection mode to handle the situation where the nanosecond counter rolls over during the backplane transfer. The rollover protection mode is configured in SYS::PTP\_CFG.PTP\_CF\_ROLL\_MODE and must be the same in both the ingress and the egress backplane unit.

**Time-of-Day**. The time-of-day consists of a 48-bit seconds part and a 32-bit nanoseconds part. The current time-of-day is derived by sampling the time-of-day seconds counter (SYS::PTP\_TOD\_LSB, SYS::PTP\_TOD\_MSB) and the nanoseconds counter (Tx time stamp) at the time of the frame's departure from the switch. Note that the time-of-day value is adjusted for I/O path delay. For more information, see [Rx and Tx Time Stamps, page 22.](#page-36-0)

**Set Reserved Bytes**. This action write the frame's Rx time stamp into the reserved bytes of the PTP header.

**Clear Reserved Bytes**. This action clears the reserved byte of the PTP header by setting the four bytes to 0.

In addition, the UDP checksum is handled for IPv4 frames and IPv6 frames after any PTP modifications by the rewriter. For IPv4, the UDP checksum is cleared while for IPv6, the two bytes immediately following the PTP header are updated so that the UDP checksum remains correct.

All internal calculations on nanoseconds time stamps are signed and use 48 bits of precision. When enabling a port for backplane mode, it is possible specify the number of bits to use from the 48-bit counter. This is specified in SYS::PTP\_CFG.PTP\_STAMP\_WID. This means that the time stamp values carried in the reserved bytes or in the correction field in the PTP header can be for instance 30 bits instead of the default 32 bits.

### **3.13.5 Special Rewriter Operations**

VCAP IS2 can trigger a special rewriter operation through IS2\_ACTION.REW\_OP[3:0] = 8 (rewriter special), where the frame's MAC addresses are swapped:

- The original destination MAC address becomes the new source MAC address.
- The original source MAC address becomes the new destination MAC address.

Bit 40 is cleared in the new source MAC address to prevent the possibility of transmitting an illegal frame with a multicast source MAC address.



The swapping of MAC addresses is useful when implementing a general hairpinning functionality where an IS2-identified flow is hardware looped back to the source port while swapping the MAC addresses.

In addition, VCAP IS2 can trigger replacement of the source MAC address by setting IS2\_ACTION.SMAC\_REPLACE\_ENA = 1. The new source MAC address is configurable per egress port through SYS::REW\_MAC\_LOW\_CFG and SYS::REW\_MAC\_HIGH\_CFG.

The operations of swapping of MAC addresses and replacing the source MAC address are mutually exclusive and must not be enabled at the same time.

# **3.14 CPU Port Module**

The CPU port module connects the switch core to the CPU system so that frames can be injected from or extracted to the CPU. It is also possible to use a regular front port as a CPU port. This is known as a Node Processor Interface (NPI).

The following illustration shows how the switch core interfaces to the CPU system through the CPU port module for injection and extraction of frames.







# **3.14.1 Frame Extraction**

The following table lists the registers associated with frame extraction.

### *Table 114 •* **Frame Extraction Registers**



In the switch core, CPU extracted frames are forwarded to one of the eight CPU extraction queues. Each of these queues is mapped to one of two CPU ports (port 11 and port 12) through QSYS::CPU\_GROUP\_MAP. For each CPU port, there is a scheduler working either in strict mode or round robin, which selects between the CPU extraction queues mapped to the same CPU port. In strict mode, higher queue numbers are preferred over smaller queue numbers. In round robin, all queue are serviced one after another.

The two CPU ports contain the same rewriter as regular front ports. The rewriter modifies the frames before sending them to the CPU. In particular, the rewriter inserts an extraction header (SYS::PORT\_MODE.INCL\_XTR\_HDR), which contains relevant side band information about the frame such as the frame's classification result (VLAN tag information, DSCP, QoS class), ingress time stamp, and the reason for sending the frame to the CPU. For more information about the rewriter, see [Rewriter,](#page-147-0)  [page 133.](#page-147-0)

The device CPU contains the functionality for reading out the frames. This can be done through the frame DMA or regular register access. The Versatile Register Access Protocol (VRAP) Engine can also be attached to one of the CPU extraction groups. This allows an external device to access internal registers through Ethernet frames.

The following table lists the contents of the CPU extraction header.



#### <span id="page-156-0"></span>*Table 115 •* **CPU Extraction Header**





### *Table 115 •* **CPU Extraction Header** *(continued)*

### **3.14.2 Frame Injection**

The following table lists the registers associated with frame injection.





The CPU injects frames through the two CPU injection groups that are independent of each other. The injection groups connect to the two CPU ports (port 11 and port 12) in the CPU port module. In CPU port module, each of the two CPU ports have dedicated access to the switch core. Inside the switch core, all CPU injected frames are seen as coming from CPU port (port 11). This implies that both CPU injection groups consume memory resources from the shared queue system for port 11 and that analyzer configuration for port 11 are applied to all frames.

In the switch core, the CPU port can be preferred over other ingress ports when transferring frames to egress queues by enabling precedence of the CPU port (QSYS::EQ\_PREFER\_SRC).



The first 20 bytes of a frame written to a CPU injection group is an injection header containing relevant side band information about how the frame must be processed by the switch core. The CPU ports must be enabled to expect the CPU injection header (SYS::PORT\_MODE.INCL\_INJ\_HDR).

On a per-frame basis, the CPU controls whether frames injected through the CPU port module are processed by the analyzer. If the frame is processed by the analyzer, it is sent through the processing steps to calculate the destination ports for the frame. If analyzer processing is not selected, the CPU can specify the destination port set and related information to fully control the forwarding of the frame. For more information about the analyzer's processing steps, see [Forwarding Engine, page 109](#page-123-0).

The contents of the CPU injection header is listed in the following table.



#### *Table 117 •* **CPU Injection Header**



*Table 117 •* **CPU Injection Header** *(continued)*

| Field             | Bit | <b>Width</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|-------------------|-----|--------------|--|
| REW OP            | 117 | 9            | Rewriter operation command. Used when BYPASS = 1. The<br>following commands are supported:<br>No operation: $REW_OPI[3:0] = 0$ .<br>No operation.<br>Special Rewrite: REW OP[3:0] = 8.<br>Swap the MAC addresses and clear bit 40 in the new SMAC<br>when transmitting the frame.<br>DSCP remark: REW OP $[2:0] = 1$ .<br>REW_OP[8:3] contains the frame's classified DSCP to be used<br>at egress for remarking.<br>One-step PTP: REW OP $[2:0] = 2$ .<br>The frame's residence time is added to the correction field in the<br>PTP frame. The following sub-commands can be encoded:<br>REW_OP[5]: Set if egress delay must be added to residence<br>time.<br>Two-step PTP: $REW_OP[2:0] = 3$ .<br>The frame's departure time stamp is saved in the time stamp<br>FIFO queue at egress. REW_OP[8:3] contains the PTP time<br>stamp identifier used by the time stamp FIFO queue. Identifiers<br>0 through 3 are pre-allocated to be used by CPU injected<br>frames.<br>Origin PTP: REW_OP[2:0] = 5.<br>The time of day at the frame's departure time is written into the<br>origintime stamp field in the PTP frame.<br>Unspecified bits must be set to 0. |
| <b>REW VAL</b>    | 85  | 32           | By default, this field contains the frame's receive time stamp. For<br>injected frames, this can be set by the CPU to indicate when the<br>injection started. The rewriter can then calculate a residence<br>time based on REW_VAL and the frame's transmission time<br>stamp.<br>If TFRM_TIMER > 0, then REW_VAL contains the transmission<br>slot for periodic frame transmission (0 through 1023).  |
| <b>RESERVED</b>   | 69  | 17           | Reserved.  |
| DEST              | 56  | 12           | This is the destination set for the frame. DEST[11] is the CPU.<br>Used when BYPASS = 1.   |
| <b>RESERVED</b>   | 47  | 9            | Reserved.  |
| SRC_PORT          | 43  | 4            | The port number where the frame was injected (0-12).   |
| <b>RESERVED</b>   | 41  | 2            | Reserved.  |
| <b>TFRM TIMER</b> | 37  | 4            | Selects timer for periodic transmissions (1 through 8). If<br>TFRM TIMER=0 then normal injection.  |
| <b>RESERVED</b>   | 31  | 6            | Reserved.  |
| <b>DP</b>         | 30  | 1            | The frame's drop precedence (DP) level after policing. Used<br>when $BYPASS = 1$ .   |



| Field      | <b>Bit</b> | Width | <b>Description</b>  |
|------------|------------|-------|---|
| POP CNT    | 28         | 2     | Number of VLAN tags that must be popped in the rewriter before<br>adding new tags. Used when BYPASS = 1.<br>0: No tags must be popped.<br>1: One tag must be popped.<br>2: Two tags must be popped.<br>3: Disable all rewriting of the frame. The rewriter can still update<br>the FCS. |
| CPUQ       | 20         | 8     | CPU extraction queue mask (one bit per CPU extraction queue).<br>Each bit set implies the frame must be forwarded by the CPU to<br>the specific queue.<br>Used when BYPASS = 1 and DEST[11] = 1.  |
| QOS CLASS  | 17         | 3     | The frame's classified QoS class.<br>Used when $BYPASS = 1$ .   |
| TAG TYPE   | 16         | 1     | The tag information's associated Tag Protocol Identifier (TPID).<br>Used when BYPASS = 1.<br>0: C-tag: EtherType = $0 \times 8100$ .<br>1: S-tag: EtherType = $0x88A8$ or custom value.   |
| <b>PCP</b> | 13         | 3     | The frame's classified PCP. Used when BYPASS = 1.   |
| DEI        | 12         | 1     | The frame's classified DEI. Used when BYPASS = 1.   |
| VID        | 0          | 12    | The frame's classified VID. Used when BYPASS = 1.   |

*Table 117 •* **CPU Injection Header** *(continued)*

### **3.14.3 Node Processor Interface (NPI)**

The following table lists the registers associated with the NPI.





Any front port can be configured as an NPI through which frames can be injected from and extracted to an external CPU. Only one port can be an NPI at the same time.

QSYS::EXT\_CPU\_CFG.EXT\_CPU\_PORT holds the port number of the NPI.

A dual CPU system is possible where both the internal and the external CPU are active at the same time. Through QSYS::EXT\_CPU\_CFG.EXT\_CPUQ\_MSK, it is configurable to which of the eight CPU extraction queues are directed to the internal CPU and which are directed to external CPU. A frame can be extracted to both the internal CPU and the external CPU if the frame is extracted for multiple reasons.

Frames being extracted by the external CPU can have the CPU extraction header inserted in front of the frame (SYS::PORT\_MODE.INCL\_XTR\_HDR). Similarly, frames being injected into the switch core by the external CPU can have the CPU injection header inserted in front of the frame

(SYS::PORT\_MODE.INCL\_INJ\_HDR). In addition, there three different options in terms of inserting a prefix in front of the CPU injection or extraction header. The following illustration shows the different frame formats supported.



#### *Figure 45 •* **CPU Injection and Extraction Prefixes**



Start-of-frame

Note that inserting a CPU extraction header in front of a frame disables all other frame modifications done in the rewriter.

When injecting frames with an CPU injection header all incoming frames are expected to adhere to the configured prefix mode. The following parsing of the frames takes place:

- No prefix. All incoming frames are parsed as if they have a CPU injection header in front of the frame. Forwarding is based on the instructions in the CPU injection header.
- Short prefix. Incoming frames are checked against the expected format (start of frame must include 0x8880000A). If the prefix does not match then an error indication is set (SYS::PORT\_MODE.INJ\_HDR\_ERR). Compliant frames are forwarded based on the instructions in the CPU injection header. Non-compliant frames are forwarded as normal frames where the prefix and CPU injection header equaling the first 20 bytes of the frame are skipped.
- Long prefix. All incoming frames are parsed as if they have a long prefix followed by the CPU injection header in front of the frame. The incoming frames are checked against the expected format (start of frame must include 12 bytes of MAC addresses followed by 0x8880000A). If the prefix does not match then an error indication is set (SYS::PORT\_MODE.INJ\_HDR\_ERR). Both compliant and non-compliant frames are forwarded based on the instructions in the CPU injection header.

The external CPU can control forwarding of injected frames by either letting the frame analyze and forward accordingly or directly specifying the destination set. This is controlled through the BYPASS field in the CPU injection header.

### **3.14.4 Frame Generation Engine for Periodic Transmissions**

The following table lists the registers associated with the frame generation engine.



#### *Table 119 •* **Frame Generation Engine**



The device contains a frame generation engine that can periodically transmit frames on a port with a programmable transmission period. The transmission period can be as low as 200 ns, which implies wire-speed back-to-back transmissions, or as high as several minutes. Up to 1024 periodic transmissions can coexist with up to eight different transmission periods.

To set up a periodic transmission, the CPU must inject a setup frame using the following settings in the injection header:

- REW VAL set to the selected transmission slot (0 through 1023).
- ACL ID set to the selected timer (1 through 8). The transmission period is programmed in steps of 198.2 ns in TFRM\_TIMER\_CFG\_x, where x = ACL\_ID. Note that injecting a frame with ACL\_ID > 0 effectively enables the periodic transmissions. To inject a normal frame, ACL\_ID must be set to 0.
- BYPASS set to 1.
- DEST set to the Tx port to which the periodic transmission applies. Only one Tx port per transmission is possible.
- Other fields in the injection header are applicable the same way as for normal injections. Note, that the periodic transmissions are subject to normal rewriter operations before being transmitted on the Tx port. For more information, see [Rewriter, page 133.](#page-147-0)

After the injection, the setup frame is placed into the selected transmission slot and it is periodically transmitted using the transmission period defined by the selected timer. Every time the transmission period has passed since the last transmission, the frame is scheduled for a new transmission on the associated port. The periodic frame transmission takes precedence over other transmissions on the port, and as a consequence the frame is transmitted immediately after a potential ongoing transmission has ended.

If multiple periodic transmissions on a Tx port use the same timer, multiple frames are scheduled for transmission at the same time when the period has passed. By default, these frames are transmitted in a burst, back-to-back. However, it is also possible to space-out these frames over time and thereby allowing the normal data traffic to be interleaved the periodic transmissions. If the spacing is enabled (TFRM\_PORT\_DLY), timer 8 defines the period between frames in the burst.

Periodic transmissions are cancelled again by programming the slot number in TFRM\_MISC.TIMED\_CANCEL\_SLOT and setting TFRM\_MISC.TIMED\_CANCEL\_1SHOT. This removes the injected frame from the transmission slot.

Transmission slots 0 through 15 support any transmission periods including back-to-back transmissions while slots 16 through 1023 support transmission periods larger than 30 µs.

Frames transmitted from the frame generation engine are counted by the Tx counters just like normal frames using the QoS class specified in the injection header by the setup frame.

# **3.15 VRAP Engine**

The Versatile Register Access Protocol (VRAP) engine allows external equipment to access registers in the device through any of the Ethernet port's on the device. The VRAP engine interprets incoming VRAP requests, and executes read, write, and read-modify-write commands contained in the frames. The results of the register accesses are reported back to the transmitter through automatically generated VRAP response frames.

The device supports version 1 of VRAP. All VRAP frames, both requests and responses, are standard Ethernet frames. All VRAP protocol fields are big-endian formatted.

The registers listed in the following table control the VRAP engine.



#### *Table 120 •* **VRAP Registers**



### *Table 120 •* **VRAP Registers** *(continued)*



The VRAP engine processes incoming VRAP frames that are redirected to the VRAP CPU extraction queue by the basic classifier. For more information about the VRAP filter in the classifier, see [CPU](#page-72-0)  [Forwarding Determination, page 58.](#page-72-0)

The VRAP engine is enabled by allocating one of the two CPU ports as a dedicated VRAP CPU port (DEVCPU\_QS:XTR\_GRP\_CFG:MODE and DEVCPU\_QS:INJ\_GRP:MODE). The VRAP CPU extraction queue (ANA:CPUQ\_CFG2:CPUQ\_VRAP) must be mapped as the only CPU extraction queue to the VRAP CPU port (QSYS:CPU\_GROUP\_MAP:CPU\_GROUP\_MAP). In addition, the VRAP CPU port must disable the use of CPU injection and CPU extraction headers (SYS:PORT\_MODE:INCL\_INJ\_HDR and SYS:PORT\_MODE:INCL\_XTR\_HDR).

The complete VRAP functionality can be enabled automatically at chip startup by the use of special chip boot modes. For more information, see [VCore-III Configurations, page 160](#page-174-0).

The following describes the VRAP frame formats.

### **3.15.1 VRAP Request Frame Format**

The following illustration shows the format of a VRAP request frame.

#### *Figure 46 •* **VRAP Request Frame Format**



VRAP request frames can optionally be VLAN tagged with one VLAN tag.

The EtherType = 0x8880 and the Ethernet Protocol Identifier (EPID) = 0x0004 identify the VRAP frames. The subsequent VRAP header is used in both request and response frames.

The VRAP commands included in the request frame are the actual register access commands. The VRAP engine supports the following five VRAP commands:

- READ: Returns the 32-bit contents of any register in the device.
- WRITE: Writes a 32-bit value to any register in the device.
- READ-MODIFY-WRITE: Does read/modify/write of any 32-bit register in the device.
- IDLE: Does not access registers but is useful for padding and identification purposes.
- PAUSE: Does not access registers but causes the VRAP engine to pause between register access.

Each of the VRAP commands are described in the following sections. Each VRAP request frame can contain multiple VRAP commands. Commands are processed sequentially starting with VRAP command #1, #2, and so on. For more information, see <figure reference>. There are no restrictions on the order or number of commands in the frame.



# **3.15.2 VRAP Response Frame Format**

Having processed a VRAP request frame by executing the register access commands contained in the frame, the VRAP engine generates a VRAP response frame. The response frame uses the swapped DMAC and SMAC addresses in the VRAP request frame and it is transmitted on port where the VRAP request frame was received. If the DMAC in the VRAP request frame is a multicast DMAC, then bit 40 is cleared before using the DMAC as the SMAC in the VRAP response frame. The results of the VRAP commands are inserted into the response frame in the same order as the VRAP commands were processed.

The following illustration shows the format of a VRAP response frame.

#### *Figure 47 •* **VRAP Response Frame Format**



The VRAP response frame follows the VRAP request frame in terms of VLAN tagging: If the VRAP request was tagged, the VRAP response is also tagged using the same VLAN.

Only the READ and IDLE commands require data to be returned to the transmitter of the VRAP request frame. However, even if the VRAP request frame does not contain READ and IDLE commands, a VRAP response frame is generated with enough padding data (zeros) to fulfill the minimum transfer unit size.

### **3.15.3 VRAP Header Format**

Both VRAP request and VRAP response frames contain a 32-bit VRAP header. The VRAP header is used to identify the protocol version and to differentiate between VRAP requests and VRAP response frames. The device supports VRAP version 1. The following illustration shows the VRAP header.

#### *Figure 48 •* **VRAP Header Format**



**Ver sion :**

Set to 0x1 in VRAP response frames. VRAP request frames are ignored if Version < > 1

**Flag s:** 4 bits are used for Flags. Only one flag is defined:

 $R$  Rsv  $|3 \t0|$ 

R: 0= Request, 1= Response Rsv: Set to 0 in VRAP response frames and ignored in VRAP request frames.

**Reser v ed:** Set to 0 in VRAP response frames and ignored in VRAP request frames.

A valid VRAP request frame must use Version = 1 and Flags.R = 1. Frames with an invalid VRAP header are discarded and not processed by the VRAP engine.

### **3.15.4 VRAP READ Command**

The VRAP READ command returns the contents of any 32-bit register inside the device. The 32-bit readdata result is put into the VRAP response frame.



The READ command is 4 bytes wide and consists of one 32-bit address field, which is 32-bit aligned. The 2 least significant bits of the address set to 01. The following illustration shows the request command and the associated response result.

#### *Figure 49 •* **READ Command**



### **3.15.5 VRAP WRITE Command**

The WRITE command writes a 32-bit value to any register inside the device.

The WRITE command is 8 bytes wide and consists of one 32-bit address field, which is 32-bit aligned. The two least significant bits of the address set to 10, followed by one 32-bit write-data field. The following illustration shows the command.

#### *Figure 50 •* **WRITE Command**



### **3.15.6 VRAP READ-MODIFY-WRITE Command**

The READ-MODIFY-WRITE command does read/modify/write-back on any 32-bit register inside the device.

The READ-MODIFY-WRITE command is 12 bytes wide and consists of one 32-bit address field, which is 32-bit aligned. The two least significant bits of the address set to 11 followed by one 32-bit write-data field followed by one 32-bit overwrite-mask field. For bits set in the overwrite mask, the corresponding bits in the write data field are written to the register while bits cleared in the overwrite mask are untouched when writing to the register. The following figure shows the command.

#### *Figure 51 •* **READ-MODIFY-WRITE Command**

Request:



### **3.15.7 VRAP IDLE Command**

The IDLE command does not access registers in the device. Instead it just copies itself (the entire command) into the VRAP response. This can be used for padding to fulfill the minimum transmission unit size, or an external CPU can use it to insert a unique code into each VRAP request frame so that it can separate different replies from each other.

The IDLE command is 4 bytes wide and consists of one 32-bit code word with the four least significant bits of the code word set to 0000. The following illustration depicts the request command and the associated response.

#### *Figure 52 •* **IDLE Command**





# **3.15.8 VRAP PAUSE Command**

The PAUSE command does not access registers in the device. Instead, it causes the VRAP engine to enter a wait state and remain there until the pause time has expired. This can be used to ensure sufficient delay between VRAP commands when this is needed.

The PAUSE command is 4 bytes wide and consists of one 32-bit code word with the four least significant bits of the code word set to 0100. The wait time is controlled by the 28 most significant bits of the wait command. The time unit is 1 us. The following illustration depicts the PAUSE command.

### *Figure 53 •* **PAUSE Command**



# <span id="page-166-0"></span>**3.16 Layer 1 Timing**

There are eight recovered clocks, four outputs that provide timing sources for external timing circuitry in redundant timing implementations, and four internal clocks for the timing-recovery circuit. The following tables list the registers and pins associated with Layer 1 timing.

### *Table 121 •* **Layer 1 Timing Configuration Registers**



#### *Table 122 •* **Layer 1 Timing Recovered Clock Pins**



It is possible to recover receive timing from any 10/100/1000 Mbps and 2.5 Gbps data streams into the device.

The recovered clock outputs have individual divider configuration (through

SYNC\_ETH\_CFG.SEL\_RCVRD\_CLK\_DIV) to allow division of SerDes receive frequency by 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 16, or 25.

The recovered clocks are single-ended outputs, and the suggested divider settings in the following tables are selected to make sure to not output too high a frequency through the input and outputs.

The four CuPHY ports share two recovered clocks. In table [Table 123, page 153](#page-167-0), the two clock resources are called clk and can take the value 0 or 1. The CLK\_SRC\_SEL0 and CLK\_SRC\_SEL1 fields are



programmed with the number of the CuPHY that provides the recovered clock; CuPHYcan take the value 0 through 3.

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The frequency of the PLL can be used as recovered clock. The following table shows the configurations.





The recovered clock from the PLL can also be sent directly out on the differential high-speed CLKOUT output. The recovered clock frequency must be set to copy the switch core using HSIO::PLL5G\_CFG3.CLKOUT\_SEL.

It is possible to automatically squelch the clock output when the device detects a loss of signal on an incoming data stream. This can be used for failover in external timing recovery solutions.

The following table lists how to configure squelch for possible recovered clock sources (configured in SYNC\_ETH\_CFG[n].SEL\_RCVRD\_CLK\_SRC).

*Table 126 •* **Squelch Configuration for Sources**

| <b>SRC</b> | <b>Associated Squelch Configuration</b>  |
|------------|--|
| $0 - 5$    | Set SERDES1G COMMON CFG.SE AUTO SQUELCH ENA in SD macro to enable<br>squelch when receive signal is lost. SD1G macro index is (SRC).   |
| 6-8        | Set SERDES6G COMMON CFG.SE AUTO SQUELCH ENA in SD macro to enable<br>squelch when receive signal is lost. SD6G macro-index is (SRC-6). |

When squelching the clock, it stops when it detects loss of signal (or PLL lock). The clock stops on either high or low level.

The auto squelch function is not supported when 100 Mbit operation on SerDes, so in this mode the auto squelch function must be disabled.



# **3.17 Hardware Time Stamping**

Hardware time stamping provides nanosecond-accurate frame arrival and departure time stamps, which are used to obtain high precision timing synchronization and timing distribution.

All frames are Rx time stamped on arrival with a 48-bit time stamp value using a hardware timer (time stamper) that is implemented in the Media Access Control (MAC) block. The Rx time stamper provides high time stamp accuracy relative to actual arrival time of the first byte of the frame from the PHY device. Within the VCAP IS2, it is decided if the frame and associated Rx time stamp must be redirected or copied to CPU for processing. The frame is forwarded as normal otherwise.

The VCAP IS2 also decides if a Tx time stamp must be triggered for a frame. Given the Rx and Tx time stamps, the frame's residence time inside the switch is calculated. The residence time can be stored in a time stamp queue for the CPU to access (two-step time stamping) or the residence time can be used to update the residence time field inside Precision Time Protocol frames (one-step time stamping).

The Tx time stamper is located at the transmit side of the MAC block as close to the PHY device as possible and provides high accuracy of time stamp relative to when the first byte of the frame is actually transmitted to the PHY.

The device also implements a time of day counter with nanosecond-accuracy. The time of day counter is derived from a one-second timer. The one-second timer generates a pulse per second and is either derived from an adjusted system clock or from external timing equipment.

## **3.17.1 Time Stamp Classification**

Frames requiring Rx or Tx time stamping are identified by VCAP IS2. The IS2 action that triggers time stamping is REW\_OP[2:0], with the following options:

- One-step time stamping (REW\_OP[2:0] = 2), which implies adding the frame's residence time to the correction field.
- Two-step time stamping (REW\_OP[2:0] = 3), which implies saving the frame's Tx time in a time stamp queue.
- Origin time stamping (REW\_OP[2:0] = 5), which implies writing the time of day into the origintime stamp field.

IS2 can be configured to identify the following frame formats from IEEE 1588-2008:

- Transport of PTP over UDP over IPv4
- Transport of PTP over UDP over IPv6
- Transport of PTP over IEEE 802.3/Ethernet

In addition, frames can be encapsulated in Q-in-Q tunnels. For more information about the frame encapsulations and PTP protocol fields supported by the VSC7418-01 device, see [VCAP IS2, page 78.](#page-92-0)

### **3.17.2 Time of Day Generation**

The DEVCPU has connection to four GPIOs to be used for 1588 synchronization shown in the following illustration.







Each block using timing has a TimeOfDay instance included. These modules let time pass according to an incoming delta request, instructing it to add the nominal clock period in nanoseconds (+0/+1/–1) for each system clock cycle. This is controlled by a deltaT function in the DEVCPU, which can be configured to do regular adjustments to the time by adding a single nanosecond more or less at specified intervals. The absT function in the DEVCPU can set the full TOD time in the system. This is controlled by the LoadStore controllers.

The DEVCPU includes four LoadStore controllers, each using a designated GPIO pin on the GPIO interface. LoadStore controller 0 uses PTP\_0 pin; LoadStore controller 1 uses PTP\_1 pin, and so forth. Before using the LoadStore controller, the VCore-III CPU must enable the overlaid functions for the appropriate GPIO pins. For more information, see [GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205](#page-219-0).

Each controller has CPU accessible registers with the full time of day set, and can be configured to load these into the TimeOfDay instances, or to store the current values from them. The operation can be done on a detected edge on the associated pin or immediately. The GPIO pin can also generate a clock with configurable high and low periods set in nanoseconds using the TimeOfDay watches or it can generate a pulse at a configured time with a configurable duration and polarity.



#### *Table 127 •* **LoadStore Controller**





### *Table 127 •* **LoadStore Controller** *(continued)*

In addition, the load operation can load a delta to the current time. This is done by executing a LOAD action but using the DELTA command.

Each operation generates an interrupt when executed. For the clock action, the interrupt is generated when the output switches to the active level. The interrupts from each controller can be masked and monitored by the interrupt controller in the ICPU\_CFG register target.

The four controllers are completely equal in their capabilities.

### **3.17.3 Hardware Time Stamping Module**

This section explains the functions of the hardware time stamping module. The following table lists the registers associated with the hardware time stamping module.



#### *Table 128 •* **Hardware Time Stamping Registers**

Each port module contains a hardware time stamping module that measures arrival and departure times based on the master timer. For information about how the Rx and Tx time stamps are derived, see [Rx](#page-36-0)  [and Tx Time Stamps, page 22.](#page-36-0)

### **3.17.3.1 Two-Step Time Stamping**

Two-step time stamping is performed if the IS2 rewriter action is two-step (IS2\_ACTION.REW\_OP[2:0] = 3). This action can be applied to any frame, also non-PTP frames, because the frame itself is not modified. The frame's Tx time stamp is stored in a time stamp FIFO queue, which the CPU can access (SYS::PTP\_STATUS). The time stamp is common for all egress ports and can contain up to 128 time stamps. Each entry in the time stamp queue contains the following fields:

- SYS::PTP\_STATUS.PTP\_MESS\_VLD: A 1-bit valid bit meaning the entry is ready for reading.
- SYS::PTP\_STATUS.PTP\_MESS\_ID: A 6-bit time stamp identifier. A unique time stamp identifier is assigned to each frame for which one or more Tx time stamps are generated. The time stamp identifier is also available in the CPU extraction header for frames extracted to the CPU. The time stamp identifier overloads the DSCP value in the CPU extraction header. For more information about the CPU extraction header, see [Table 115, page 142](#page-156-0). By providing the time stamp identifier in both the time stamp queue and in the extracted frames, the CPU can correlate which time stamps belong to which frames. Note that time stamp identifier value 63 implies that no free identifier could be assigned to the frame. The time stamp entry can therefore not be trusted.
- SYS::PTP\_STATUS.PTP\_MESS\_TXPORT: The port number where the frame is transmitted. When transmitting a frame on multiple ports, there are generated multiple entries in the time stamp queue. Each entry uses the same time stamp identifier but with different Tx port numbers.
- SYS::PTP\_STATUS.PTP\_TXSTAMP\_OAM: For two-step time stamping, this field is always 0. If set, it identifies an entry inserted by the Vitesse OAM processor (VOP).
- SYS::PTP\_TXSTAMP: The frame's Tx time stamp.



The time stamp queue is a simple FIFO that can be read by the CPU. The time stamp queue provides the following handles for reading:

- Overflow of the queue is signaled through SYS::PTP\_STATUS.PTP\_OVFL. Overflow implies that one or more time stamps could not be enqueued due to all 128 entries being in use. time stamps not enqueued are lost.
- The head-of-line entry is read through SYS::PTP\_STATUS and SYS::PTP\_TXSTAMP.
- Writing to the one-shot register SYS::PTP\_NXT, removes the current head-of-line entry and advances the pointer to the next entry in the time stamp queue.

When two-step Tx time stamping is performed for a frame destined for the CPU extraction queues, no entry in the time stamp FIFO queue is made. The frame's Rx time stamp is available through the CPU extraction header.

The time stamp identifiers can take values between 0 to 63. Value 63 implies that all values 0-62 are in use. Values 0 – 3 are pre-assigned to the CPU to be used for injection of frames. The remaining values are assigned by the analyzer to frames requesting time stamping through the VCAP IS2 action. The assigned values must be released again by the CPU by writing to the corresponding bit in ANA::PTP\_ID\_HIGH (values 32 through 63) or ANA::PTP\_ID\_LOW (values 0 through 31). The CPU releases a time stamp identifier when it has read the anticipated time stamp entries from the time stamp queue. Note that multicasted frames generate a time stamp entry per egress port using the same time stamp identifier. Each of these entries must be read before the time stamp identifier is released.

Two-step time stamping can be disabled per egress port using REW:PORT:PTP\_CFG.PTP\_2STEP\_DIS. This setting overrules the IS2 action.

### **3.17.4 Configuring I/O Delays**

After a valid link is established and detected by the involved PCS logic, the I/O delays from the internal time stamping points to the serial line must be configured. The delays are both mode-specific and interface-specific, depending on the core clock frequency.

Ingress barrel shifter states that in 1G mode, the Rx delays must be added 0.8 ns times the value of PCS1G\_LINK\_STATUS.DELAY\_VAR to adjust for barrel shifting state after link establishment. In 2.5G mode, the multiplier is 0.32 ns. In 100FX mode, the Rx delays must be subtracted 0.8 ns times the value of PCS\_FX100\_STATUS.EDGE\_POS\_PTP to adjust for detected data phase.

The Rx and Tx delay values for the different ports and modes are automatically configured in the software API.

# <span id="page-171-0"></span>**3.18 Clocking and Reset**

The reference clock for the PLL (REFCLK P/N) is either differential or single-ended. The frequency can be 25 MHz, 125 MHz, 156.25 MHz, or 250 MHz. The PLL must be configured for the appropriate clock frequency by using strapping inputs REFCLK\_CONF[2:0].

The PLL can be used as a recovered clock source for Synchronous Ethernet. For information about how to configure PLL clock recovery, see [Layer 1 Timing, page 152.](#page-166-0)

<span id="page-171-1"></span>For information about protecting the VCore CPU system during a soft-reset, see [Clocking and Reset,](#page-171-0)  [page 157.](#page-171-0)

### **3.18.1 Pin Strapping**

Configure PLL reference clock and VCore startup mode using the strapping pins on the GPIO interface. The device latches strapping pins and keeps their value when nRESET to the device is released. After



reset is released, the strapping pins are used for other functions. For more information about which GPIO pins are used for strapping, see [GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.](#page-219-0)

### *Table 129 •* **Strapping**



By using resistors to pull the GPIOs either low or high, software can use these GPIO pins for other functions after reset has been released. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs, see [GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205](#page-219-0).

Undefined configurations are reserved and cannot be used. VCore-III configurations that enable a front port or the PCIe endpoint drive VCore\_CFG[3:2] high when the front port or PCIe endpoint is ready to use.



# **4 VCore-III System and CPU Interfaces**

This section provides information about the functional aspects of blocks and interfaces related to the VCore-III on-chip microprocessor system and an external CPU system.

The device contains a powerful VCore-III CPU system that is based on an embedded MIPS24KEccompatible microprocessor and a high bandwidth Ethernet Frame DMA engine. The VCore-III system can control the device independently, or it can support an external CPU, relieving the external CPU of the otherwise time consuming tasks of transferring frames, maintaining the switch core, and handling networking protocols.

When the VCore-III CPU is enabled, it either automatically boots up from serial Flash or an external CPU can manually load a code-image to the device and then start the VCore-III CPU.

An external CPU can be connected to the device through the PCIe interface, serial interface (SI), dedicated MIIM slave interface, or through Versatile Register Access Protocol (VRAP) formatted Ethernet frames using the NPI Ethernet port. Through these interfaces, the external CPU has access to the complete set of device registers and can control them without help from the VCore-IeVCore-III CPU if needed.

The following illustration shows the VCore-III block diagram.

#### *Figure 55 •* **VCore-III System Block Diagram.**



1. When the Vcore-III CPU boots up from the SI Flash, the SI is reserved as boot interface and cannot be used by an external CPU.

2. Inbound PCIe access to BAR0 maps to VCore register space (switch core access block, interrupt controller, timers, two-wire serial<br>master/slave, UARTs, and manual frame injection/extraction). Inbound PCIe access to BAR2 (DDR controller).



# <span id="page-174-1"></span>**4.1 VCore-III Configurations**

<span id="page-174-0"></span>The behavior of the VCore-III system after a reset is determined by four VCore strapping pins that are overlaid on GPIO pins. The value of these GPIOs is sampled shortly after releasing reset to the device. For more information about the strapping pins, see [Pin Strapping, page 157](#page-171-1).

The strapping value determines the reset value for the ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL register. After startup, the behavior of the VCore-III system can be modified by changing some of the fields in this register. The following are common scenarios.

- After starting the device with the VCore-III CPU disabled, an external CPU can manually boot the VCore-III CPU from SI Flash by writing ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.IF\_SI\_OWNER = 1, ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.BOOT\_MODE\_ENA = 1, and ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.CPU\_DIS = 0. Endianess is configured by ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.CPU\_BE\_ENA. Setting GENERAL\_CTRL.IF\_SI\_OWNER disables the SI slave, so the external CPU must use another interface than SI.
- After starting the device with the VCore-III CPU disabled and loading software into DDR3/DDR3Lmemory, an external CPU can boot the VCore-III CPU from DDR3/DDR3L memory by writing ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.BOOT\_MODE\_ENA = 0 and ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.CPU\_DIS = 0. Endianess is configured using ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.CPU\_BE\_ENA.
- After automatically booting from SI Flash, the VCore-III CPU can release the SI interface and enable the SI slave by writing ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.IF\_SI\_OWNER = 0. This enables SI access from an external CPU to the device. A special PCB design is required to make the serial interface work for both Flash and external CPU access.
- MIIM slave can be manually enabled by writing ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.IF\_MIIM\_SLV\_ENA = 1. The MIIM slave automatically takes control of the appropriate GPIO pins.

The EJTAG interface of the VCore-III CPU and the Boundary Scan JTAG controller are both multiplexed onto the JTAG interface of the device. When the JTAG ICE nEN pin is low, the MIPS's EJTAG controller is selected. When the JTAG ICE nEN pin is high, the Boundary Scan JTAG controller is selected.

# <span id="page-174-2"></span>**4.2 Clocking and Reset**

The following table lists the registers associated with reset and the watchdog timer.



### *Table 130 •* **Clocking and Reset Configuration Registers**

The VCore-III CPU runs 500 MHz, the DDR3/DDR3L controller runs 312.50 MHz, and the rest of the VCore-III system runs at 250 MHz.

The VCore-III can be soft reset by setting RESET.CORE\_RST\_FORCE. By default, this resets both the VCore-III CPU and the VCore-III system. The VCore-III system can be excluded from a soft reset by setting RESET.CORE\_RST\_CPU\_ONLY; soft reset using CORE\_RST\_FORCE only then resets the VCore-III CPU. The frame DMA must be disabled prior to a soft reset of the VCore-III system. When CORE\_RST\_CPU\_ONLY is set, the frame DMA, PCIe endpoint, and DDR3/DDR3L controller are not affected by a soft reset and continue to operate throughout soft reset of the VCore-III CPU.

The VCore-III system comprises all the blocks attached to the VCore Shared Bus (SBA), including the PCIe, DDR3/DDR3L, and frame DMA/injection/extraction blocks. Blocks attached to the switch core Register Bus (CSR), including VRAP, SI, and MIIM slaves, are not part of the VCore-III system reset domain. For more information about the VCore-III system blocks, see [Figure 4.1, page 160](#page-174-1).



The device can be soft reset by writing SOFT\_RST.SOFT\_CHIP\_RST. The VCore-III system and CPU can be protected from a device soft reset by writing RESET.CORE\_RST\_PROTECT = 1 before initiating a soft reset. In this case, a chip-level soft reset is applied to all other blocks, except the VCore-III system and the CPU. When protecting the VCore-III system and CPU from a soft reset, the frame DMA must be disabled prior to a chip-level soft reset. The SERDES and PLL blocks can be protected from reset by writing to SOFT\_RST.SOFT\_SWC\_RST instead of SOFT\_CHIP\_RST.

The VCore-III general purpose registers (ICPU\_CFG::GPR) and GPIO alternate modes (DEVCPU GCB::GPIO ALT) are not affected by a soft reset. These registers are only reset when an external reset is asserted.

### **4.2.1 Watchdog Timer**

The VCore system has a built-in watchdog timer (WDT) with a two-second timeout cycle. The watchdog timer is enabled, disabled, or reset through the WDT register. The watchdog timer is disabled by default.

After the watchdog timer is enabled, it must be regularly reset by software. Otherwise, it times out and cause a VCore soft reset equivalent to setting RESET.CORE\_RST\_FORCE. Improper use of the WDT.WDT\_LOCK causes an immediate timeout-reset as if the watchdog timer had timed out. The WDT.WDT\_STATUS field shows if the last VCore-III CPU reset was caused by WDT timeout or regular reset (possibly soft reset). The WDT.WDT\_STATUS field is updated only during VCore-III CPU reset.

To enable or to reset the watchdog timer, write the locking sequence, as described in WDT.WDT\_LOCK, at the same time as setting the WDT.WDT\_ENABLE field.

**Note:** Because watchdog timeout is equivalent to setting RESET.CORE\_RST\_FORCE, the RESET.CORE\_RST\_CPU\_ONLY field also applies to watchdog initiated soft reset.

## **4.3 Shared Bus**

The shared bus is a 32-bit address and 32-bit data bus with dedicated master and slave interfaces that interconnect all the blocks in the VCore-III system. The VCore-III CPU, PCIe inbound, and VCore SBA access block are masters on the shared bus; only they can start access on the bus.

The shared bus uses byte addresses, and transfers of 8, 16, or 32 bits can be made. To increase performance, bursting of multiple 32-bit words on the shared bus can be performed.

All slaves are mapped into the VCore-III system's 32-bit address space and can be accessed directly by masters on the shared bus. There are two possible mappings of VCore-III shared bus slaves, boot mode and normal mode.

- Boot mode is active after power-up and reset of the VCore-III system. In this mode, the SI Flash boot master is mirrored into the lowest address region.
- In normal mode, the DDR3/DDR3L controller is mirrored into the lowest address region.

Changing between boot mode and normal mode is done by first writing and then reading ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.BOOT\_MODE\_ENA. A change takes effect during the read.

The device supports up to 1 gigabyte (GB) of DDR3/DDR3L memory. By default, only 512 megabytes (MB) is accessible in the memory map. Write ICPU\_CFG::MEMCTRL\_CFG.512MBYTE\_PLUS = 1 to accommodate more than 512 MB of memory.



### *Figure 56 •* **Shared Bus memory**



1. To enable support 1 gigabyte (GB) of DDR3/ DDR3L m em ory (and the associated m em ory map), set I CPU\_CFG: : MEMCTRL\_CFG.DDR\_512MBYTE\_PLUS.

**Note:** When the VCore-III system is protected from a soft reset using

ICPU\_CFG::RESET.CORE\_RST\_CPU\_ONLY, a soft reset does not change shared bus memory mapping. For more information about protecting the VCore-III system when using a soft reset, see [Figure 4.2, page 160.](#page-174-2)

If the boot process copies the SI Flash image to DDR3/DDR3L, and if the contents of the SI memory and the DDR3 memory are the same, software can execute from the mirrored region when swapping from boot mode to normal mode. Otherwise, software must be execute from the fixed SI Flash region when changing from boot mode to normal mode.

The Frame DMA has dedicated access to PCIe outbound and to the DDR3/DDR3L. This means that access on the SBA to other parts of the device, such as register access, does not affect Frame DMA injection/extraction performance.



# **4.3.1 VCore-III Shared Bus Arbitration**

The following table lists the registers associated with the shared bus arbitration.



### *Table 131 •* **Shared Bus Configuration Registers**

The VCore-III shared bus arbitrates between masters that want to access the bus. The default is to use a strict prioritized arbitration scheme where the VCore-III CPU has highest priority. The strict priorities can be changed using registers PL CPU, PL PCIE, and PL CSR.

- \*\_CPU registers apply to VCore-III CPU access
- <sup>*E*</sup> PCIE registers apply to inbound PCIe access
- \*\_CSR registers apply to VCore-III SBA access block access

It is possible to enable weighted token arbitration scheme (WT\_EN). When using this scheme, specific masters can be guaranteed a certain amount of bandwidth on the shared bus. Guaranteed bandwidth that is not used is given to other masters requesting the shared bus.

When weighted token arbitration is enabled, the masters on the shared bus are grated a configurable number of tokens (WT\_CPU, WT\_PCIE, and WT\_CSR) at the start of each refresh period. The length of each refresh period is configurable (WT\_TCL). For each clock cycle that the master uses the shared bus, the token counter for that master is decremented. When all tokens are spent, the master is forced to a low priority. Masters with tokens always take priority over masters with no tokens. The strict prioritized scheme is used to arbitrate between masters with tokens and between masters without tokens.

**Example** Guarantee That PCIe Can Get 25% Bandwidth. Configure WT\_TCL to a refresh period of 2048 clock cycles; the optimal length of the refresh period depends on the scenario, experiment to find the right setting. Guarantee PCIe access in 25% of the refresh period by setting WT\_PCIE to 512 (2048 × 25%). Set WT\_CPU and WT\_CSR to 0. This gives the VCore-III CPU and CSR unlimited tokens. Configure PCIe to the highest priority by setting PL\_PCIe to 15. Finally, enable the weighted token scheme by setting WT\_EN to 1. For each refresh period of 2048 clock cycles, PCIe is guaranteed access to the shared bus for 512 clock cycles because it is the highest priority master. When all the tokens are spent, it is put into the low-priority category.

### **4.3.2 Chip Register Region**

Registers in the VCore-III domain and inside the switch core are memory mapped into the chip registers region of the shared bus memory map. All registers are 32-bit wide and must only be accessed using 32 bit reads and writes. Bursts are supported.

Writes to this region are buffered (there is a one-word write buffer). Multiple back-to-back write access pauses the shared bus until the write buffer is freed up (until the previous writes are done). Reads from this region pause the shared bus until read data is available.



### *Figure 57 •* **Chip Registers Memory Map**



The registers in the 0x70000000 through 0x70FFFFFF region are physically located inside the VCore-III system, so read and write access to these registers is fast (done in a few clock cycles). All registers in this region are considered fast registers.

Registers in the 0x71000000 through 0x71FFFFFF region are located inside the switch core; access to registers in this range takes approximately 1 µs. The DEVCPU\_ORG and DEVCPU\_QS targets are special; registers inside these two targets are faster; access to these two targets takes approximately  $0.1 \,\mu s$ .

When more than one CPU is accessing registers, the access time may be increased. For more information, see Register Access and Multimaster Systems.

Writes to the Chip Registers region is buffered (there is a one-word write buffer). Multiple back-to-back write access pauses the shared bus until the write buffer is freed up (until the previous write is done). A read access pause the shared bus until read data is available. Executing a write immediately followed by a read requires the write to be done before the read can be started.

### **4.3.3 SI Flash Region**

Read access from the SI Flash region initiates Flash formatted read access on the SI pins of the device by means of the SI boot controller.

The SI Flash region cannot be written to. Writing to the SI interface must be implemented by using the SI master controller. For more information, see [SI Master Controller, page 189](#page-203-0). For legacy reasons, it is also possible to write to the SI interface by using the SI boot master's software "bit-banging" register interface. For more information, see [SI Boot Controller, page 187](#page-201-0).

### **4.3.4 DDR3/DDR3L Region**

Read and write access from or to the DDR3/DDR3L region maps to access on the DDR3 interface of the device using the DDR3 controller. For more information about the DDR3/DDR3L controller and initializing DDR3/DDR3L memory, see DDR3/DDR3L Memory Controller.



# **4.3.5 PCIe Region**

Read and write access from or to the PCIe region maps to outbound read and write access on the PCIe interface of the device by means of the PCIe endpoint controller. For more information about the PCIe endpoint controller and how to reach addresses in 32-bit and 64-bit PCIe environments, see PCIe Endpoint Controller.

# **4.4 VCore-III CPU**

The VCore-III CPU system is based on a powerful MIPS24KEc-compatible microprocessor with 16-entry MMU, 32 kilobytes (kB) instruction, and 32 kB data caches.

This section describes how the VCore-III CPU is integrated into the VCore-III system. For more information about internal VCore-III CPU functions, such as bringing up caches, MMU, and so on, see the software board support package (BSP) at www.microsemi.com.

When the automatic boot in the little-endian or big-endian mode is enabled using the VCore-III strapping pins, the VCore-III CPU automatically starts to execute code from the SI Flash at byte address 0.

The following is a typical automatic boot sequence.

- 1. Speed up the boot interface. For more information, see SI boot controller.
- 2. Initialize the DDR3/DDR3L controller. For more information, see DDR3/DDR3L Memory Controller
- 3. Copy code-image from Flash to DDR3/DDR3L memory.
- 4. Change memory map from boot mode to normal mode, see Shared Bus.

When automatic boot is disabled, an external CPU is still able to start the VCore-III CPU through registers. For more information, see VCore Configurations.

The boot vector of the VCore-III CPU is mapped to the start of the KESEG1, which translates to physical address 0x00000000 on the VCore-III shared bus.

The VCore-III CPU interrupts are mapped to interrupt inputs 0 and 1, respectively.

## **4.4.1 Little Endian and Big Endian Support**

The VCore-III system is constructed as a little endian system, and registers descriptions reflect little endian encoding. When big endian mode is enabled, instructions and data are byte-lane swapped just before they enter and when they leave the VCore-III CPU. This is the standard way of translating between a CPU in big endian mode and a little endian system.

In big endian mode, care must be taken when accessing parts of the memory system that is also used by users other than the VCore-III CPU. For example, device registers are written and read by the VCore-III CPU, but they are also used by the device (which sees them in little endian mode). The VCore-III BSP contains examples of code that correctly handles register access for both little and big endian mode.

Endianess of the CPU is selected by VCore-III strapping pins or by register configuration when manually booting the CPU. For more information, see VCore-III configurations.

### **4.4.2 Software Debug and Development**

The VCore CPU has a standard MIPS EJTAG debug interface that can be used for breakpoints, loading of code, and examining memory. When the JTAG ICE nEN strapping pin is pulled low, the JTAG interface is attached to the EJTAG controller.

# **4.5 External CPU Support**

An external CPU attaches to the device through the PCIe, SI, MIIM, or VRAP. Through these interfaces, an external CPU can access (and control) the device. For more information about interfaces and connections to device registers, see VCore-III system block diagram.

Inbound PCIe access is performed on the VCore Shared Bus (SBA) in the same way as ordinary VCore-III CPU access. By means of the switch core Access block it is possible to access the Switch Core Register (CSR) bus. For more information about supported PCIe BAR regions, see PCIe Endpoint Controller.


The SI, MIIM, and VRAP interfaces attach directly to the CSR. Through the VCore SBA access block, it is possible to access the VCore shared bus. For more information, see Access to the VCore Shared Bus.

The external CPU can coexist with the internal VCore-III CPU, and hardware-semaphores and interrupts are implemented for inter-CPU communication. For more information, see [Mailbox and Semaphores,](#page-186-0)  [page 172.](#page-186-0)

# **4.5.1 Register Access and Multimaster Systems**

There are three different groups of registers in the device:

- Switch Core
- **Fast Switch Core**
- VCore

The Switch Core registers and Fast Switch Core registers are separated into individual register targets and attached to the Switch Core Register bus (CSR). The Fast Switch Core registers are placed in the DEVCPU\_QS and DEVCPU\_ORG register targets. Access to Fast Switch Core registers is less than 0.1 µs; other Switch Core registers take no more than 1 µs to access.

The VCore registers are attached directly to the VCore shared bus. The access time to VCore registers is negligible (a few clock cycles).

Although multiple masters can access VCore registers and Switch Core registers in parallel without noticeable penalty to the access time, the following exceptions apply.

- When accessing the same Switch Core register target (for example, DEVCPU GCB), the second master to attempt access has to wait for the first master to finish (round robin arbitration applies.) This does not apply to Fast Switch Core register targets (DEVCPU\_QS and DEVCPU\_ORG).
- If both the VCore-IeVCore-III CPU and the PCIe master are performing Switch Core Register bus (CSR) access, both need to be routed through the Switch Core Access block. The second master has to wait for the first master to finish (shared bus arbitration applies).
- If two or more SI, MIIM, or VRAP masters are performing VCore register access, they all need to go through the VCore SBA Access block. Ownership has to be resolved by use of software (for example, by using the built-in semaphores).

The most common multimaster scenario is with an active VCore-III CPU and an external CPU using either SI or VRAP. In this case, Switch Core register access to targets that are used by both CPUs may see two times the access time (no more than 2 µs).

# <span id="page-180-0"></span>**4.5.2 Serial Interface in Slave Mode**

This section provides information about the function of the serial interface in slave mode.

The following table lists the registers associated with SI slave mode.



#### *Figure 58 •* **SI Slave Mode Register**

The serial interface implements an SPI-compatible protocol that allows an external CPU to perform read and write access to register targets within the device. Endianess and bit order is configurable, and several options for high frequencies are supported.

The serial interface is available to an external CPU when the VCore-III CPU does not use the SI for Flash or external SI access. For more information, VCore-III System and CPU interfaces.



The following table lists the serial interface pins when the SI slave is configured as owner of SI interface in GENERAL\_CTRL.IF\_SI\_OWNER.

| <b>Pin Name</b>     | <b>I/O</b> | <b>Description</b>     |
|---------------------|------------|------------------------|
| SI nCS <sub>0</sub> |            | Active-low chip select |
| SI CLK              |            | Clock input            |
| SI DI               |            | Data input (MOSI)      |
| SI DO               |            | Data output (MISO)     |

*Table 132 •* **SI Slave Mode Pins**

SI DI is sampled on rising edge of SI CLK. SI DO is driven on falling edge of SI CLK. There are no requirements on the logical values of the SI\_CLK and SI\_DI inputs when SI\_nCS is deasserted; they can be either 0 or 1. SI DO is only driven during read access when read data is shifted out of the device.

The external CPU initiates access by asserting chip select and then transmitting one bit read/write indication, one don't care bit, 22 address bits, and 32 bits of write data (or don't care bits when reading).

With the register address of a specific register (REG\_ADDR), the SI address (SI\_ADDR) is calculated as:

SI\_ADDR = (REG\_ADDR & 0x00FFFFFF)>>2

Data word endianess is configured through IF\_CTRL[0]. The order of the data bits is configured using IF\_CTRL[1].

The following illustration shows various configurations for write access. The order of the data bits during writing, as depicted, is also used when the device is transmitting data during read operations.



• Use SI\_CLK with a period of minimum twice the access time for the register target. For example, for normal switch core targets (single master):  $1/(2 \times 1 \,\mu s) = 500 \,\text{kHz}$  (maximum)



- Pause the SI\_CLK between shifting of serial address bit 0 and the first data bit with enough time to satisfy the access time for the register target.
- Configure the device to send out padding bytes before transmitting the read data to satisfy the access time for the register target. For example, 1 dummy byte allows enough read time for the SI clock to run up to 6 MHz in a single master system. See the following calculation.

The device is configured for inserting padding bytes by writing to IF\_CFGSTAT.IF\_CFG. These bytes are transmitted before the read data. The maximum frequency of the SI clock is calculated as:

(IF CFGSTAT.IF CFG  $\times$  8 – 1.5)/access-time

For example, for normal switch core targets (single master), 1-byte padding give(1  $\times$  8 – 1.5)  $/1 \,\mu s = 6 \,\text{MHz}$  (maximum). The SI DO output is kept tri-stated until the actual read data is transmitted.

The following illustrations show options for serial read access. The illustrations show only one mapping of read data, little endian with most significant bit first. Any of the mappings can be configured and applied to read data in the same way as for write data.





sends out 0x88888888 and sets IF\_CFGSTAT.IF\_STAT if the SI master does not provide enough time for register read.

When using SI, the external CPU must configure the IF\_CTRL register after power-up, reset, or chiplevel soft reset. The IF\_CTRL register is constructed so that it can be written no matter the state of the interface. For more information about constructing write data for this register, see the instructions in IF\_CTRL.IF\_CTRL.



# **4.5.3 MIIM Interface in Slave Mode**

This section provides the functional aspects of the MIIM slave interface.

The MIIM slave interface allows an external CPU to perform read and write access to the device register targets. Register access is done indirectly, because the address and data fields of the MIIM protocol is less than those used by the register targets. Transfers on the MIIM interface are using the Management Frame Format protocol specified in IEEE 802.3, Clause 22.

The MIIM slave pins on the device are overlaid functions on the GPIO interface. MIIM slave mode is enabled by configuring the appropriate VCore CFG strapping pins. For more information, see VCore-III [Configurations, page 160](#page-174-0). When MIIM slave mode is enabled, the appropriate GPIO pins are automatically overtaken. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs for these signals, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.

The following table lists the pins of the MIIM slave interface.





MIIM\_SLV\_MDIO is sampled or changed on the rising edge of MIIM\_SLV\_MDC by the MIIM slave interface.

The MIIM slave can be configured to answer on one of two different PHY addresses using ICPU\_CFG::GENERAL\_CTRL.IF\_MIIM\_SLV\_ADDR\_SEL or the VCore\_CFG strapping pins.

The MIIM slave has seven 16-bit MIIM registers defined as listed in the following table.



#### *Table 134 •* **MIIM Registers**







A 32-bit switch core register read or write transaction over the MIIM interface is done indirectly due to the limited data width of the MIIM frame. First, the address of the register inside the device must be set in the two 16-bit address registers of the MIIM slave using two MIIM write transactions. The two 16-bit data registers can then be read or written to access the data value of the register inside the device. Thus, it requires up to four MIIM transactions to perform a single read or write operation on a register target.

The address of the register to read/write is set in registers ADDR\_REG0 and ADDR\_REG1. The data to write to the register pointed to by the address in ADDR\_REG0 and ADDR\_REG1 is first written to DATA\_REG0 and then to DATA\_REG1. When the write transaction to DATA\_REG1 is completed, the MIIM slave initiates the switch core register write.

With the register address of a specific register (REG\_ADDR), the MIIM address (MIIM\_ADDR) is calculated as:

MIIM\_ADDR = (REG\_ADDR & 0x00FFFFFF)>>2

The following illustration shows a single MIIM write transaction on the MIIM interface.



*Figure 63 •* **MIIM Slave Write Sequence**

A read transaction is done in a similar way. First, read the DATA\_REG0 and then read the DATA\_REG1. As with a write operation. The switch core register read is not initiated before the DATA\_REG1 register is read. In other words, the returned read value is from the previous read transaction.

The following illustration shows a single MIIM read transaction on the MIIM interface.







# **4.5.4 Access to the VCore Shared Bus**

This section provides information about how to access the VCore shared bus (SBA) from an external CPU attached by means of the VRAP, SI, or MIIM. The following table lists the registers associated with the VCore shared bus access.





An external CPU perform 32-bit reads and writes to the SBA through the VCore Access (VA) registers. In the VCore-III system, a dedicated master on the shared bus handles VA access. For information about arbitration between masters on the shared bus, see VCore Shared Bus Arbitration.

The SBA address is configured in VA\_ADDR. Writing to VA\_DATA starts an SBA write with the 32-bit value that was written to VA\_DATA. Reading from VA\_DATA returns the current value of the register and starts an SBA read access, when the read access completes, the result is automatically stored in the VA\_DATA register.

The VA\_DATA\_INCR register behaves similar to VA\_DATA, except that after starting an access, the VA\_ADDR register is incremented by four (so that it points to the next word address in the SBA domain). Reading from the VA\_DATA\_INCR register returns the value of VA\_DATA, writing to VA\_DATA\_INCR overwrites the value of VA\_DATA.

**Note** By using VA\_DATA\_INCR, sequential word addresses can be accessed without having to manually increment the VA\_ADDR register between each access.

The VA\_DATA\_INERT register provides direct access to the VA\_DATA value without starting access on the SBA. Reading from the VA\_DATA\_INERT register returns the value of VA\_DATA, writing to VA\_DATA\_INERT overwrites the value of VA\_DATA.

The VCore-III shared bus is capable of returning error-indication when illegal register regions are accessed. If a VA access results in an error-indication from the SBA, the VA\_CTRL.VA\_ERR field is set, and the VA\_DATA is set to 0x88888888.

**Note** SBA error indications only occur when non-existing memory regions or illegal registers are accessed. This will not happen during normal operation, so the VA\_CTRL.VA\_ERR indication is useful during debugging only.

**Example** Reading from ICPU CFG::GPR[1] through the VA registers. The GPR register is the second register in the SBA VCore-III Registers region. Set VA\_ADDR to 0x70000004, read once from VA\_DATA (and discard the read value). Wait until VA\_CTRL.VA\_BUSY is cleared, then VA\_DATA contains the value of the ICPU\_CFG::GPR[1] register. Using VA\_DATA\_INERT (instead of VA\_DATA) to read the data is appropriate, because this does not start a new SBA access.

### **4.5.4.1 Optimized Reading**

VCore-III shared bus access is typically much faster than the CPU interface, which is used to access the VA registers. The VA\_DATA register (VA\_DATA\_INCR and VA\_DATA\_INERT) return 0x88888888 while VA\_CTRL.VA\_BUSY is set. This means that it is possible to skip checking for busy between read access to SBA. For example, after initiating a read access from SBA, software can proceed directly to reading from VA\_DATA, VA\_DATA\_INCR, or VA\_DATA\_INERT

• If the second read is different from 0x88888888, then the second read returned valid read data (the SBA access was done before the second read was performed).



• If the second read is equal to 0x88888888, then the VA logic may have been busy during the read and additional actions are required: First read the VA\_CTRL.VA\_BUSY field until the field is cleared (VA logic is not busy). Then read VA\_DATA\_INERT. If VA\_DATA\_INERT returns 0x88888888, then read-data is actually 0x88888888, continue to the next read. Otherwise, repeat the last read from VA\_DATA, VA\_DATA\_INCR, or VA\_DATA\_INERT and then continue to the next read from there.

Optimized reading can be used for single read and sequential read access. For sequential reads, the VA\_ADDR is only incremented on successful (non-busy) reads.

# <span id="page-186-0"></span>**4.5.5 Mailbox and Semaphores**

This section provides information about the semaphores and mailbox features for CPU to CPU communication. The following table lists the registers associated with mailbox and semaphores.

| <b>Register</b>                                       | <b>Description</b>                            |
|---|---|
| DEVCPU ORG:: MAILBOX SET                              | Atomic set of bits in the mailbox register.   |
| DEVCPU ORG:: MAILBOX CLR                              | Atomic clear of bits in the mailbox register. |
| DEVCPU ORG::MAILBOX                                   | Current mailbox state.                        |
| DEVCPU ORG::SEMA CFG                                  | Configuration of semaphore interrupts.        |
| DEVCPU ORG::SEMA0                                     | Taking of semaphore 0.                        |
| <b>DEVCPU ORG::SEMA1</b>                              | Taking of semaphore 1.                        |
| DEVCPU ORG:: SEMA0 OWNER                              | Current owner of semaphore 0.                 |
| DEVCPU ORG::SEMA1 OWNER Current owner of semaphore 1. |   |

*Table 136 •* **Mailbox and Semaphore Registers**

The mailbox is a 32-bit register that can be set and cleared atomically using any CPU interface (including the VCore-III CPU). The MAILBOX register allows reading (and writing) of the current mailbox value. Atomic clear of individual bits in the mailbox register is done by writing a mask to MAILBOX\_CLR. Atomic setting of individual bits in the mailbox register is done by writing a mask to MAILBOX SET.

The device implements two independent semaphores. The semaphores are part of the Switch Core Register Bus (CSR) block and are accessible by means of the fast switch core registers. Semaphore ownership can be taken by interfaces attached to the CSR. That is, the VCore-III, VRAP, SI, and MIIM can be granted ownership. The VCore-IeVCore-III CPU and PCIe interface share the same semaphore, because they both access the CSR through the switch core access block.

Any CPU attached to an interface can attempt to take a semaphore n by reading SEMA0.SEMA0 or SEMA1.SEMA1. If the result is 1, the corresponding semaphore was successfully taken and is now owned by that interface. If the result is 0, the semaphore was not free. After successfully taking a semaphore, all additional reads from the corresponding register will return 0. To release a semaphore, write 1 to SEMA0.SEMA0 or SEMA1.SEMA1.

**Note** Any interface can release semaphores; it does not have to be the one that has taken the semaphore. This allows implementation of handshaking protocols.

The current status for a semaphore is available in SEMA0\_OWNER.SEMA0\_OWNER and SEMA1\_OWNER.SEMA1\_OWNER. See register description for encoding of owners.

Software interrupt is generated when semaphores are free or taken. Interrupt polarity is configured through SEMA\_CFG.SEMA\_INTR\_POL. Semaphore 0 is hooked up to SW0 interrupt and semaphore 1 is hooked up to SW1 interrupt. For configuration of software-interrupt, see Interrupt Controller.

In addition to interrupting on semaphore state, software interrupt can be manually triggered by writing directly to the ICPU\_CFG::INTR\_FORCE register.

Software interrupts (SW0 and SW1) can be individually mapped to either the VCore-III CPU or to external interrupt outputs (to an external CPU).



# **4.6 PCIe Endpoint Controller**

The device implements a single-lane PCIe 1.x endpoint that can be hooked up to any PCIe capable system. Using the PCIe interface, an external CPU can access (and control) the device. Ethernet frames can be injected and extracted using registers or the device can be configured to DMA Ethernet frames autonomously to/from PCIe memory. The device's DDR3/DDR3L memory is available through the PCIe interface, allowing the external CPU full read and write access to DDR3/DDR3L modules attached to the device. The DDR3/DDR3L controller and memory modules can be initialized either via PCIe or by the VCore-III CPU.

Both the VCore-III CPU and Frame DMA can generate PCIe read/write requests to any 32-bit or 64-bit memory region in PCIe memory space. However, it is up to software running on an external CPU to set up or communicate the appropriate PCIe memory mapping information to the device.

The defaults for the endpoints capabilities region and the extended capabilities region are listed in the registers list's description of the PCIE registers. The most important parameters are:

- Vendor (and subsystem vendor) ID: 0x101B, Microsemi
- Device ID: 0xB005, device family ID
- Revision ID: 0x00, device family revision ID
- Class Code: 0x028000, Ethernet Network controller
- Single function, non-Bridge, INTA and Message Signaled Interrupt (MSI) capable device

The device family 0xB005 covers several register-compatible devices. The software driver must determine actual device ID and revision by reading DEVCPU\_GCB::CHIP\_ID from the device's memory mapped registers region.

For information about base address registers, see Base Address Registers, Inbound Requests.

The IDs, class code, revision ID, and base address register setups can be customized before enabling the PCIe endpoint. However, it requires a manual bring-up procedure by software running locally on the VCore-III CPU. For more information, see Enabling the Endpoint.

The endpoint is power management capable and implements PCI Bus Power Management Interface Specification Revision 1.2. For more information, see Power Management.

The endpoint is MSI capable. Up to four 64-bit messages are supported. Messages can be generated on rising and falling edges of each of the two external VCore-III interrupt destinations. For more information, see Outbound Interrupts.

For information about all PCI Express capabilities and extended capabilities register defaults, see the PCIE region's register descriptions.

# **4.6.1 Accessing Endpoint Registers**

The root complex accesses the PCIe endpoint's configuration registers by PCIe CfgRd/CfgWr requests. The VCore-III CPU can read configuration registers by means of the PCIE region. For more information, see Chip Register Region. The PCIE region must not be accessed when the PCIe endpoint is disabled.

The PCIe region is used during manual bring-up of PCIe endpoint. By using this region, it is possible to write most of the endpoint's read-only configuration registers, such as Vendor ID. The PCIe endpoint's read-only configuration register values must not be changed after the endpoint is enabled.

The VCore-III has a few dedicated PCIe registers in the ICPU\_CFG:PCIE register group. An external CPU attached through the PCIe interface has to go through BAR0 to reach these registers.

# **4.6.2 Enabling the Endpoint**

The PCIe endpoint is disabled by default. It can be enabled automatically or manually by either setting the VCore\_CFG strapping pins or by software running in the VCore-III CPU.

The recommended approach is using VCore\_CFG strapping pins, because it is fast and does not require special software running on the VCore-III CPU. The endpoint is ready approximately 50 ms after release of the device's nRESET. Until this point, the device ignores any attempts to do link training, and the PCIe output remains idle (tri-stated).



By using software running on the VCore-III CPU, it is possible to manually start the PCIe endpoint. Note that PCIe standard specifies a maximum delay from nRESET release to working PCIe endpoint so software must enable the endpoint as part of the boot process.

The root complex must follow standard PCIe procedures for bringing up the endpoint.

### **4.6.2.1 Manually Starting MAC/PCS and SerDes**

This section provides information about how to manually start up the PCIe endpoint and customize selected configuration space parameters.

The following table lists the registers related to manually bringing up PCIe.

#### *Table 137 •* **Manual PCIe Bring-Up Registers**



Disable automatic link training for PICe endpoint.

1. PCIE\_CFG.LTSSM\_DIS = 1.

Configure and enable PCIe SERDES for 2G5 mode.

- 1. SERDES6G\_MISC\_CFG = 0x00000031.
- 2. SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG = 0x60000171.
- 3. SERDES6G\_OB\_CFG1 = 0x000000B0.
- 4. SERDES6G\_DES\_CFG = 0x000068A6.
- 5. SERDES6G\_IB\_CFG = 0x3D57AC37.
- 6. SERDES6G\_IB\_CFG1 = 0x00110FF0.
- 7. SERDES6G COMMON CFG =  $0x00024009$ .
- 8. MCB\_SERDES6G\_ADDR\_CFG = 0x80000004 and wait until bit 31 is cleared.
- 9. SERDES6G\_PLL\_CFG = 0x00030F20.
- 10. MCB SERDES6G ADDR CFG = 0x80000004 and wait until bit 31 is cleared.
- 11. Wait at least 20 ms.
- 12. SERDES6G\_IB\_CFG = 0x3D57AC3F.
- 13. SERDES6G\_MISC\_CFG = 0x00000030.
- 14. MCB\_SERDES6G\_ADDR\_CFG = 0x80000004 and wait until bit 31 is cleared.
- 15. Wait at least 60 ms.
- 16. SERDES6G\_IB\_CFG = 0x3D57ACBF.
- 17. SERDES6G\_IB\_CFG1 = 0x00103FF0.
- 18. MCB\_SERDES6G\_ADDR\_CFG = 0x80000004 and wait until bit 31 is cleared.



To optionally disable BAR1:

- 1. PCIE CFG.PCIE BAR WR ENA = 1
- 2.  $BAR1 = 0x00000000$
- 3. PCIE\_CFG.PCIE\_BAR\_WR\_ENA = 0

To optionally increase BAR2 from 128 to 256 megabytes:

- 1. PCIE CFG.PCIE BAR WR ENA = 1
- 2. BAR2 = 0x0FFFFFFF
- 3. PCIE\_CFG.PCIE\_BAR\_WR\_ENA = 0

To optionally change selected PCIe configuration space values:

- Write Vendor ID/Device ID using DEVICE\_ID\_VENDOR\_ID.
- Write Class Code/Revision ID using CLASS\_CODE\_REVISION\_ID.
- Write Subsystem ID/Subsystem Vendor ID using SUBSYSTEM\_ID\_SUBSYSTEM\_VENDOR\_ID.

Enable automatic link training for PCIe endpoint

1. PCIE CFG.LTSSM DIS = 0

The last step enables the endpoint for link training, and the root complex will then be able to initialize the PCIe endpoint. After this the PCIE parameters must not be changed anymore.

### **4.6.3 Base Address Registers Inbound Requests**

The device implements three memory regions. Read and write operations using the PCIe are translated directly to read and write access on the SBA. When manually bringing up the PCIe endpoint, BAR1 can be disabled. For more information, see Manually Starting MAC/PCS and SerDes.



#### *Table 138 •* **Base Address Registers**

This region supports all access types.

To access the BAR1 region, a Flash must be attached to the SI interface of the device. For information about how to set up I/O timing and to program the Flash through BAR0; the Chip Registers Region, see [SI Boot Controller, page 187.](#page-201-0)

To access the BAR2 region, DDR3/DDR3L modules must be present and initialized. For information about initializing the DDR3/DDR3L controller and modules through BAR0; the Chip Registers, see DDR3/DDR3L Memory Controller. During manual bring up of PCIe, the size of the BAR2 region can be changed to match the size of the attached DDR3/DDR3L modules. For more information, see Manually Starting MAC/PCS and SerDes.

### **4.6.4 Outbound Interrupts**

The device supports both Message Signaled Interrupt (MSI) and Legacy PCI Interrupt Delivery. The root complex configures the desired mode using the MSI enable bit in the PCIe MSI Capability Register Set. For information about the VCore-III interrupt controller, see [Interrupt Controller, page 217](#page-231-0).



The following table lists the device registers associated PCIe outbound interrupts.

#### *Table 139 •* **PCIe Outbound Interrupt Registers**



In legacy mode, one interrupt is supported; select either EXT\_DST0 or EXT\_DST1 using PCIE\_INTR\_COMMON\_CFG.LEGASY\_MODE\_INTR\_SEL. The PCIe endpoint uses Assert\_INTA and Deassert INTA messages when configured for legacy mode.

In MSI mode, both EXT\_DST interrupts can be used. EXT\_DST0 is configured though PCIE\_INTR\_CFG[0] and EXT\_DST1 through PCIE\_INTR\_CFG[1]. Enable message generation on rising and/or falling edges in PCIE\_INTR\_CFG[*n*].INTR\_RISING\_ENA and PCIE\_INTR\_CFG[*n*].INTR\_FALLING\_ENA. Different vectors can be generated for rising and falling edges, configure these through PCIE\_INTR\_CFG[*n*].RISING\_VECTOR\_VAL and PCIE\_INTR\_CFG[n].FALLING\_VECTOR\_VAL. Finally, each EXT\_DST interrupt must be given an appropriate traffic class through PCIE\_INTR\_CFG[*n*].TRAFFIC\_CLASS.

After the root complex has configured the PCIe endpoint's MSI Capability Register Set and the external CPU has configured how interrupts from the VCore-III interrupt controller are propagated to PCIe, interrupts must then be enabled by setting PCIE\_INTR\_COMMON\_CFG.PCIE\_INTR\_ENA.

### **4.6.5 Outbound Access**

After the PCIe endpoint is initialized, outbound read/write access to PCIe memory space is initiated by reading or writing the SBA's PCIe DMA region.

The following table lists the device registers associated with PCIe outbound access.

| <b>Register</b>         | <b>Description</b>  |
|-------------------------|---|
| ICPU CFG::PCIESLV SBA   | Configures SBA outbound requests.                         |
| ICPU CFG::PCIESLV FDMA  | Configures FDMA outbound requests.                        |
| <b>PCIE::ATU REGION</b> | Select active region for the ATU * registers.             |
| PCIE:: ATU CFG1         | Configures TLP fields.                                    |
| PCIE:: ATU CFG2         | Enable address translation.                               |
|                         | PCIE::ATU TGT ADDR LOW Configures outbound PCIe address.  |
|                         | PCIE::ATU TGT ADDR HIGH Configures outbound PCIe address. |

*Table 140 •* **Outbound Access Registers**

The PCIe DMA region is 1 gigabyte. Access in this region is mapped to any 1 gigabyte region in 32-bit or 64-bit PCIe memory space by using address translation. Two address translation regions are supported. The recommended approach is to configure the first region for SBA outbound access and the second region for FDMA outbound access.

Address translation works by taking bits [29:0] from the SBA/FDMA address, adding a configurable offset, and then using the resulting address to access into PCIe memory space. Offsets are configurable in steps of 64 kilobytes in the ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_HIGH and ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_LOW registers.

The software on the VCore-III CPU (or other SBA masters) can dynamically reconfigure the window as needed; however, the FDMA does not have that ability, so it must be disabled while updating the 1 gigabyte window that is set up for it.

**Note** Although the SBA and FDMA both access the PCIe DMA region by addresses 0xC0000000 though 0xFFFFFFFF, the PCIe address translation unit can differentiate between these accesses and apply the appropriate translation.



# **4.6.5.1 Configuring Outbound SBA Translation Region**

Configure PCIESLV\_SBA.SBA\_OFFSET = 0 and select address translation region 0 by writing ATU\_REGION.ATU\_IDX = 0. Set PCIE::ATU\_BASE\_ADDR\_LOW.ATU\_BASE\_ADDR\_LOW = 0x0000 and PCIE::ATU\_LIMIT\_ADDR.ATU\_LIMIT\_ADDR = 0x3FFF.

The following table lists the appropriate PCIe headers that must be configured before using the SBA's PCIe DMA region. Remaining header fields are automatically handled.





Configure the low address of the destination window in PCIe memory space as follows:

- Set ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_HIGH.ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_HIGH to bits [63:32] of the destination window. Set to 0 when a 32-bit address must be generated.
- Set ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_LOW.ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_LOW to bits [31:16] of the destination window. This field must not be set higher than 0xC000.

Enable address translation by writing ATU\_CFG2.ATU\_REGION\_ENA = 1. SBA access in the PCIe DMA region is then mapped to PCIe memory space as defined by ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_LOW and ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_HIGH.

The header fields and the PCIe address fields can be reconfigured on-the-fly as needed; however, set ATU\_REGION.ATU\_IDX to 0 to ensure that the SBA region is selected.

### **4.6.5.2 Configuring Outbound FDMA Translation Region**

Configure PCIESLV\_FDMA.FDMA\_OFFSET = 1, and select address translation region 1 by writing ATU\_REGION.ATU\_IDX = 1.

Set PCIE:: ATU\_BASE\_ADDR\_LOW.ATU\_BASE\_ADDR\_LOW = 0x4000 and PCIE::ATU\_LIMIT\_ADDR.ATU\_LIMIT\_ADDR = 0x7FFF.

The FDMA PCIe header must be MRd/MWr type, reorderable, cache-coherent, and without ECRC. Remaining header fields are automatically handled.

#### *Table 142 •* **FDMA PCIe Access Header Fields**



Configure low address of destination window in PCIe memory space as follows:

Set ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_HIGH.ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_HIGH to bits [63:32] of the destination window. Set to 0 when a 32-bit address must be generated.



• Set ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_LOW.ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_LOW to bits [31:16] of the destination window. This field must not be set higher than 0xC000.

Enable address translation by writing ATU\_CFG2.ATU\_REGION\_ENA = 1. The FDMA can be configured to make access in the 0xC0000000 - 0xFFFFFFFF address region. These accesses will then be mapped to PCIe memory space as defined by ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_LOW and ATU\_TGT\_ADDR\_HIGH. The FDMA must be disabled if the address window needs to be updated.

# **4.6.6 Power Management**

The device's PCIe endpoint supports D0, D1, and D3 device power-management states and associated link power-management states. The switch core does not automatically react to changes in the PCIe endpoint's power management states. It is, however, possible to enable a VCore-III interrupt on device power state changes and then have the VCore-III CPU software make application-specific changes to the device operation depending on the power management state.

#### *Table 143 •* **Power Management Registers**



Because the device does not implement a dedicated auxiliary power for the PCIe endpoint, the endpoint is operated from the VDD core power supply. Before the power management driver initializes the device, software can "force" auxiliary power detection by writing PCIE AUX CFG = 3, which causes the endpoint to report that it is capable of emitting Power Management Events (PME) messages in the D3c state.

The current device power management state is available using PCIE\_STAT.PM\_STATE. A change in this field's value sets the PCIE\_INTR.INTR\_PM\_STATE sticky bit. To enable this interrupt, set PCIE\_INTR\_ENA.INTR\_PM\_STATE\_ENA. The current state of the PCIe endpoint interrupt towards the VCore-III interrupt controller is shown in PCIE\_INTR\_IDENT register (if different from zero, then interrupt is active).

The endpoint can emit PMEs if the PME\_En bit is set in the PM Capability Register Set and if the endpoint is in power-down mode.

- Outbound request from either SBA or FDMA trigger PME.
- A change in status for an enabled outbound interrupt (either legacy or MSI) triggers PME. This feature can be disabled by setting

ICPU\_CFG::PCIE\_INTR\_COMMON\_CFG.WAKEUP\_ON\_INTR\_DIS.

In the D3 state, the endpoint transmits a beacon. The beacon function can be disabled and instead drive the WAKE output using the overlaid GPIO function. For more information about the overlaid function on the GPIO for this signal, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.

#### *Table 144 •* **PCIe Wake Pin**



Enable WAKE by setting PCIEPCS\_CFG.BEACON\_DIS. The polarity of the WAKE output is configured in PCIEPCS\_CFG.WAKE\_POL. The drive scheme is configured in PCIEPCS\_CFG.WAKE\_OE.



# **4.6.7 Device Reset Using PCIe**

The built-in PCIe reset mechanism in the PCIe endpoint resets only the PCIe MAC. The device reset is not tied into the MAC reset. To reset the complete the device, use the following procedure.

- 1. Save the state of the PCIe controller registers using operating system.
- 2. Set DEVCPU\_GCB::SOFT\_RST.SOFT\_CHIP\_RST.
- 3. Wait for 100 ms.
- 4. Recover state of PCIe controller registers using operating system.

Setting SOFT\_CHIP\_RST will cause re-initialization of the device.

# **4.7 Frame DMA**

This section describes the Frame DMA engine (FDMA). When FDMA is enabled, Ethernet frames can be extracted or injected autonomously to or from the device's DDR3/DDR3L memory and/or PCIe memory space. Linked list data structures in memory are used for injecting or extracting Ethernet frames. The FDMA generates interrupts when frame extraction or injection is done and when the linked lists needs updating.



#### *Table 145 •* **FDMA Registers**



#### *Table 145 •* **FDMA Registers** *(continued)*



The FDMA implements two extraction channels per CPU port and a total of eight injection channels. Extraction channels are hard-coded per CPU port, and injection channels can be individually assigned to any CPU port.

- FDMA channel 0 corresponds to port 11(group 0) extraction direction.
- FDMA channel 1 corresponds to port 12(group 1) extraction direction.
- FDMA channel 2 through 9 corresponds to port 11 (group 0) injection direction when FDMA\_CH\_CFG[channel].CH\_INJ\_GRP is set to 0.
- FDMA channel 2 through 9 corresponds to port 12 (group 1) injection direction when FDMA\_CH\_CFG[channel].CH\_INJ\_GRP is set to 1.

The FDMA implements a strict priority scheme. Injection and extraction channels can be assigned individual priorities, which are used when the FDMA has to decide between servicing two or more channels. Channel priority is configured in FDMA\_CH\_CFG[ch].CH\_PRIO. When channels have same priority, the higher channel number takes priority over the lower channel number.

When more than one injection channel is enabled for injection on the same CPU port, then priority determines which channel that is allowed to inject data. Ownership is re-arbitrated on frame boundaries.

The internal frame header is added in front of extracted frames and provides useful switching information about the extracted frames.

Injection frames requires an internal frame header for controlling injection parameters. The internal frame header is added in front of frame data. The device recalculates and overwrites the Ethernet FCS for frames that are injected through the CPU when requested by setting in the internal frame header.

For more information about the extraction and injection IFH, see [CPU Port Module, page 141](#page-155-0).

The FDMA supports a manual mode where the FDMA decision logic is disabled and the FDMA takes and provides data in the order that was requested by an external master (internal or external CPU). The manual mode is a special case of normal FDMA operation where only few of the FDMA features apply. For more information about manual operation, see Manual Mode.

The following configuration must be performed before enabling FDMA extraction: Set XTR\_GRP\_CFG[group].MODE = 2.

The following configurations must be performed before enabling FDMA injection:

Set INJ\_GRP\_CFG[group].MODE = 2. Set INJ\_CTRL[group].GAP\_SIZE = 0,

set PORT\_MODE[port].INCL\_INJ\_HDR = 1.

# **4.7.1 DMA Control Block Structures**

The FDMA processes linked lists of DMA Control Block Structures (DCBs). The DCBs have the same basic structure for both injection or for extraction. A DCB must be placed on a 32-bit word-aligned address in memory. Each DCB must have an associated data block that is placed on a 32-bit word aligned address in memory, the length of the data block must be a complete number of 32-bit words.

An Ethernet frame can be contained inside one data block (if the data block is big enough) or the frame can be spread across multiple data blocks. A data block never contains more than one Ethernet frame.



Data blocks that contain start-of-frame have set a special bit in the DCB's status word, likewise for data blocks that contains end of frame. The FDMA stores or retrieves Ethernet frame data in network order. This means that the data at byte address (*n*) of a frame was received just before the data at byte address  $(n + 1)$ .

Frame data inside the DCB's associated data blocks can be placed at any byte offset and have any byte length as long as byte offset and length does not exceed the size of the data block. Byte offset and length is configured using special fields inside the DCB status word. Software can specify offset both when setting up extraction and injection DCBs. Software only specifies length for injection DCBs; the FDMA automatically calculates and updates length for extraction.

**Example** If a DCB's status word has block offset 5 and block length 2, then the DCB's data block contains two bytes of frame data placed at second and third bytes inside the second 32-bit word of the DCB's associated data block.

DCBs are linked together by the DCB's LLP field. The last DCB in a chain must have LLP = NULL. Chains consisting of a single DCB are allowed.

#### *Figure 65 •* **FDMA DCB Layout**



STAT[16] SOF: Set to 1 if data block contains start of frame.

STAT[17] EOF: Set to 1 if data block contains end of frame.

STAT[ 18] ABORT: Abort indication.

Extraction: Set to 1 if the frame associated with the data block was aborted.<br>Injection: If set to 1 when FDMA loads the DCB, it aborts the frame associated with the data block.

STAT[ 19] PD: Pruned/Done indication.

Extraction: Set to 1 if the frame associated with the data block was pruned. Injection: The FDMA set this to 1 when done processing the DCB. If set to 1 when FDMA loads the DCB, it is treated as ABORT.

DATAL[16] SIG: If set to 1 when FDMA loads the DCB, the CH\_CNT\_SIG counter is incremented by one.

DATAL[17] TOKEN: Token indication, only used during injection.<br>If set to 1, the FDMA uses one token (CH\_INJ\_TOKEN\_CNT) when injecting the contents of the DCB. If the token counter is 0 when loading the DCB, then injection is postponed until tokens are made available.

# **4.7.2 Enabling and Disabling FDMA Channels**

To enable a channel (ch), write a valid DCB pointer to FDMA\_DCB\_LLP[ch] and enable the channel by setting FDMA\_CH\_ACTIVATE.CH\_ACTIVATE[ch]. This makes the FDMA load the DCB from memory and start either injection or extraction.

To schedule a channel for disabling, set FDMA\_CH\_DISABLE.CH\_DISABLE[ch]. An active channel does not disable immediately. Instead, it waits until the current data block is done, saves the status word, and then disables.

Channels can be in one of three states: DISABLED, UPDATING, or ACTIVE. Channels are DISABLED by default. When the channel is reading a DCB or writing the DCB status word, it is considered to be UPDATING. The status of individual channels is available in FDMA\_CH\_STAT.CH\_STAT[ch].

The following illustration shows the FDMA channel states.









A channel that has FDMA\_DCB\_LLP[ch].DCB\_LLP==NULL when going from ACTIVE to UPDATING disables itself instead of loading a new DCB. After this it can be re-enabled as previously described. Extraction channels emit an INTR\_LLP-event when loading a DCB with LLP==NULL. Injection channels emit an INTR\_LLP-event when saving status for a DCB that has the LLP==NULL.

**Note:** Extraction channel running out of DCBs during extraction is a problem that software must avoid. A hanging extraction channel will potentially be head-of-line blocking other extraction channels.

It is possible to update an active channels LLP pointer and pointers in the DCB chains. Before changing pointers software must schedule the channel for disabling (by writing FDMA\_CH\_DISABLE.CH\_DISABLE[ch]) and then wait for the channel to set FDMA\_CH\_SAFE.CH\_SAFE[ch]. When the pointer update is complete, soft must re-activate the channel by setting FDMA\_CH\_ACTIVATE.CH\_ACTIVATE[ch]. Setting activate will cancel the deactivate-request, or if the channel has disabled itself in the meantime, it will re activate the channel.

**Note:** The address of the current DCB is available in FDMA\_DCB\_LLP\_PREV[ch]. This information is useful when modifying pointers for an active channel. The FDMA does not reload the current DCB when reactivated, so if the LLP-field of the current DCB is modified, then software must also modify FDMA\_DCB\_LLP[ch].

Setting FDMA\_CH\_CFG[ch].DONEEOF\_STOP\_ENA disables an FDMA channel and emits LLP-event after saving status for DCBs that contains EOF (after extracting or injecting a complete frame). Setting FDMA\_CH\_CFG[ch].DONE\_STOP\_ENA disables an FDMA channel and emits LLP-event after saving status for any DCB.

# **4.7.3 Channel Counters**

The FDMA implements three counters per channel: SIG, DCB, and FRM. These counters are accessible through FDMA\_CH\_CNT[ch].CH\_CNT\_SIG, FDMA\_CH\_CNT[ch].CH\_CNT\_DCB, and



FDMA\_CH\_CNT[ch].CH\_CNT\_FRM, respectively. For more information about how to safely modify these counters, see the register descriptions.

- The SIG (signal) counter is incremented by one each time the FDMA loads a DCB that has the DATAL.SIG bit set to 1.
- The FRM (frame) counter is incremented by one each time the FDMA store status word for DCB that has EOF set. It is a wrapping counter that can be used for software driver debug and development. This counter does not count aborted frames.
- The DCB counter is incremented by one every time the FDMA loads a DCB from memory. It is a wrapping counter that can be used for software driver debug and development.

It is possible to enable channel interrupt whenever the SIG counter is incremented; this makes it possible for software to receive interrupt when the FDMA reaches certain points in a DCB chain.

# **4.7.4 FDMA Events and Interrupts**

Each FDMA channel can generate four events: LLP-event, FRM-event, SIG-event, and ERR-event. These events cause a bit to be set in FDMA\_INTR\_LLP.INTR\_LLP[ch], FDMA\_INTR\_FRM.INTR\_FRM[ch], FDMA\_INTR\_SIG.INTR\_SIG[ch], and FDMA\_EVT\_ERR.EVT\_ERR[ch], respectively.

- LLP-event occurs when an extraction channel loads a DCB that has LLP = NULL or when an injection channel writes status for a DCB that has LLP=NULL. LLP-events are also emitted from channels that have FDMA\_CH\_CFG[ch].DONEEOF\_STOP\_ENA or FDMA\_CH\_CFG[ch].DONE\_STOP\_ENA set. For more information, see Enabling and Disabling FDMA Channels.
- FRM-event is indicated when an active channel loads a new DCB and the previous DCB had EOF. The FRM-event is also indicated for channels that are disabled after writing DCB status with EOF.
- SIG-event is indicated whenever the FDMA\_CH\_CNT[ch].CH\_CNT\_SIG counter is incremented. The SIG (signal) counter is incremented when loading a DCB that has the DATAL.SIG bit set.
- ERR-event is an error indication that is set for a channel if it encounters an unexpected problem during normal operation. This indication is implemented to ease software driver debugging and development. A channel that encounters an error will be disabled, depending on the type of error the channel state may be too corrupt for it to be restarted without system reset. When an ERR-event occurs, the FDMA\_EVT\_ERR\_CODE.EVT\_ERR\_CODE shows the exact reason for an ERR-event. For more information about the errors that are detected, see FDMA\_EVT\_ERR\_CODE.EVT\_ERR\_CODE.

Each of the events (LLP, FRM, SIG) can be enabled for channel interrupt through FDMA\_INTR\_LLP\_ENA.INTR\_LLP\_ENA[ch], FDMA\_INTR\_FRM\_ENA.INTR\_FRM\_ENA[ch], and FDMA\_INTR\_SIG.INTR\_SIG[ch] respectively. The ERR event is always enabled for channel interrupt.

The highest numbered extraction channel supports two additional non-sticky events related to manual extraction: XTR\_SOF\_RDY-event and XTR\_ANY\_RDY-event. An active event causes the following fields to be set: MANUAL\_INTR.INTR\_XTR\_SOF\_RDY and MANUAL\_INTR.INTR\_XTR\_ANY\_RDY respectively. For more information, see Manual Extraction.

- XTR\_SOF\_RDY-event is active when the next word to be manually extracted contains an SOF indication. This event is enabled in MANUAL\_INTR\_ENA.INTR\_XTR\_SOF\_RDY\_ENA.
- XTR\_ANY\_RDY-event is active when any word is available for manually extraction. This event is enabled in MANUAL\_INTR\_ENA.INTR\_XTR\_ANY\_RDY\_ENA respectively.

The highest numbered injection channel supports one additional non-sticky event related to manual injection: INJ\_RDY-event. This event is active when the injection logic has room for (at least) sixteen 32bit words of injection frame data. When this event is active, MANUAL\_INTR.INTR\_INJ\_RDY is set. The INJ RDY-event can be enabled for channel interrupt by setting

MANUAL\_INTR\_ENA.INTR\_INJ\_RDY\_ENA. For more information, see Manual Injection.

The FDMA\_INTR\_ENA.INTR\_ENA[ch] field enables interrupt from individual channels, FDMA\_INTR\_IDENT.INTR\_IDENT[ch] field shows which channels that are currently interrupting. While INTR\_IDENT is non-zero, the FDMA is indicating interrupting towards to the VCore-III interrupt controller.

The following illustration shows the FDMA channel interrupt hierarchy.



#### *Figure 67 •* **FDMA Channel Interrupt Hierarchy**



# **4.7.5 FDMA Extraction**

During extraction, the FDMA extracts Ethernet frame data from the Queuing System and saves it into the data block of the DCB that is currently loaded by the FDMA extraction channel. The FDMA continually processes DCBs until it reaches a DCB with LLP = NULL or until it is disabled.

When an extraction channel writes the status word of a DCB, it updates SOF/EOF/ABORT/PRUNEDindications and BLOCKL. BLOCKO remains unchanged (write value is taken from the value that was read when the DCB was loaded).

Aborting frames from the queuing system will not occur during normal operation. If the queuing system is reset during extraction of a particular frame, then ABORT and EOF is set. Software must discard frames that have ABORT set.

Pruning of frames during extraction is enabled per extraction port through XTR\_FRM\_PRUNING[group].PRUNE\_SIZE. When enabled, Ethernet frames above the configured size are truncated, and PD and EOF is set.

# **4.7.6 FDMA Injection**

During injection, the FDMA reads Ethernet frame data from the data block of the DCB that is currently loaded by the FDMA injection channel and injects this into the queuing system. The FDMA continually processes DCBs until it reaches a DCB with LLP = NULL or until it is disabled.

When an injection channel writes the status word of a DCB, it sets DONE indication. All other status word fields remain unchanged (write value is stored the first time the injection channel loads the DCB).

The rate by which the FDMA injects frames can be shaped by using tokens. Each injection channel has an associated token counter (FDMA\_CH\_INJ\_TOKEN\_CNT[ich]). A DCB that has the DATAL.TOKEN field set causes the injection channel to deduct one from the token counter before the data block of the DCB can be injected. If the token counter is at 0, the injection channel postpones injection until the channels token counter is set to a value different from 0.



Tokens can be added to the token counter by writing the FDMA\_CH\_INJ\_TOKEN\_CNT[ich] register. Tokens can also be added automatically (with a fixed interval) by using the dedicated token tick counter. Setting FDMA\_CH\_INJ\_TOKEN\_TICK\_RLD[ich] to a value *n* (different from 0) will cause one token to be added to that injection channel every *n* x 200 ns.

# **4.7.7 Manual Mode**

The decision making logic of the FDMA extraction path and/or injection paths can be disabled to give control of the FDMA's extraction and/or injection buffers directly to any master attached to the Shared Bus Architecture. When operating in manual mode DCB structure, counters and most of the interrupts do not apply.

Manual extraction and injection use hard-coded channel numbers.

- Manual extraction mode uses FDMA channel 1 (port 12 extraction direction).
- Manual injection mode uses FDMA channel 9 (port 12 injection direction).

To enable manual extraction, set MANUAL\_CFG.XTR\_ENA. The FDMA must not be enabled for FDMA extraction when manual extraction mode is active. To enable manual injection, set MANUAL\_CFG.INJ\_ENA and FDMA\_CH\_CFG[9].CH\_INJ\_CRP = 1. The FDMA must not be enabled for FDMA injection when manual injection mode is active. Extraction and injection paths are independent. For example, FDMA can control extraction at the same time as doing manual injection by means of the CPU.

### **4.7.7.1 Manual Extraction**

Extraction is done by reading one or more blocks of data from the extraction memory area. A block of data is defined by reading one or more data words followed by reading of the extraction status word. The extraction memory area is 16 kilobytes and is implemented as a replicated register region MANUAL XTR. The highest register in the replication (0xFFF) maps to the extraction status word. The status word is updated by the extraction logic and shows the number of frame bytes read, SOF and EOF indications, and PRUNED/ABORT indications.

**Note** During frame extraction, the CPU does not know the frame length. This means that the CPU must check for EOF regularly during frame extraction. When reading a data block from the device, the CPU can burst read from the memory area in such a way that the extraction status word is read as the last word of the burst.



#### *Figure 68 •* **Extraction Status Word Encoding**

The extraction logic updates the extraction status word while the CPU is reading out data for a block. Prior to starting a new data block, the CPU can write the two least significant bits of the BLOCKO field. The BLOCKO value is stored in the extraction logic and takes effect when the new data block is started. Reading the status field always returns the BLOCKO value that applies to the current data block. Unless



written (before stating a data block), the BLOCKO is cleared, so by default all blocks have 0 byte offset. The offset can be written multiple times; the last value takes effect.

The CPU can abort frames that it has already started to read out by writing the extraction status field with the ABORT field set. All other status-word fields will be ignored. This causes the extraction logic to discard the active frame and remove it from the queuing system.

Reading of block data does not have to be done in one burst. As long as the status word is not read, multiple reads from the extraction region are treated as belonging to the same block.

### **4.7.7.2 Manual Injection**

Injection is done by writing one or more blocks of data to the injection memory area. A block of data is defined by writing an injection status word followed by writing one or more data words. The injection memory area is 16 kilobytes and is implemented as a replicated register region MANUAL\_INJ. The first register in this replication maps to the injection status word. The status word for each block defines the following:

- Number of bytes to be injected
- Optional byte offset before injection data
- SOF and EOF indications
- Optional ABORT indication

**Note** In general, it makes sense to inject frames as a single large block of data (containing both SOF and EOF). However, because offset/length can be specified individually for each block, injecting frames through several blocks is useful when compensating for offset/word misalignment. For example, when building a frame from different memory regions in the CPU main memory.





Injection logic updates the PD field of the status word. The status word can be read at any time during injection without affecting current data block transfers. However, a CPU is able to calculate how much data that is required to inject a complete block of data (at least BLOCKO + BLOCKL bytes), so reading the status word is for software development and debug only. Writing status word before finishing a previous data block will cause that frame to be aborted. Frames are also aborted if they do not start with SOF or end with EOF indications.

As long as the status word is not written, multiple writes to the injection region are treated as data belonging to the same block. This means multiple bursts of data words can be written between each injection status word update.



Software can abort frames by writing to injection status with ABORT field set. All other status word fields are ignored. When a frame is aborted, the already injected data is removed from the queuing system.

# **4.8 VCore-III System Peripherals**

This section describes the subblocks of the VCore-III system. Although the subblocks are primarily intended to be used by the VCore-III CPU, an external CPU can also access and control them through the shared bus.

# <span id="page-201-0"></span>**4.8.1 SI Boot Controller**

The SPI boot master allows booting from a Flash that is connected to the serial interface. For information about how to write to the serial interface, see [SI Master Controller, page 189.](#page-203-0) For information about using an external CPU to access device registers using the serial interface, see [Serial Interface in Slave Mode,](#page-180-0)  [page 166.](#page-180-0)

The following table lists the registers associated with the SI boot controller.

#### *Table 146 •* **SI Boot Controller Configuration Registers**



By default, the SI boot controller operates in 24-bit address mode. In this mode, there are four programmable chip selects when the VCore-III system controls the SI. Each chip select can address up to 16 megabytes (MB) of memory.

#### *Figure 70 •* **SI Boot Controller Memory Map in 24-Bit Mode**



The SI boot controller can be reconfigured for 32-bit address mode through SPI\_MST\_CFG.A32B\_ENA. In 32-bit mode, the entire SI region of 256 megabytes (MB) is addressed using chip select 0.

#### *Figure 71 •* **SI Boot Controller Memory Map in 32-Bit Mode**

SI Controller Memory Map (32- bit) SI Controller -

256 MB

Chip Select 0, SI nCS0

Reading from the memory region for a specific SI chip select generates an SI read on that chip select. The VCore-III CPU can execute code directly from Flash by executing from the SI boot controller's memory region. For 32-bit capable SI Flash devices, the VCore-III must start up in 24-bit mode. During the boot process, it must manually reconfigure the Flash device (and SI boot controller) into 32-bit mode and then continue booting.

The SI boot controller accepts 8-bit, 16-bit, and 32-bit read access with or without bursting. Writing to the SI requires manual control of the SI pins using software. Setting SW\_MODE.SW\_PIN\_CTRL\_MODE



places all SI pins under software control. Output enable and the value of SI\_CLK, SI\_DO, SI\_nCS*n* are controlled through the SW\_MODE register. The value of the SI\_DI pin is available in SW\_MODE.SW\_SPI\_SDI. The software control mode is provided for legacy reasons; new implementations should use the dedicated master controller for writing to the serial interface. For more information see [SI Master Controller, page 189.](#page-203-0)

**Note** The VCore-III CPU cannot execute code directly from the SI boot controller's memory region at the same time as manually writing to the serial interface.

The following table lists the serial interface pins when the SI boot controller is configured as owner of SI interface in GENERAL\_CTRL.IF\_SI\_OWNER. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs for these signals, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.

| <b>Pin Name</b>             | 1/O | <b>Description</b>  |
|-----------------------------|-----|---|
| SI nCS0<br>SI nCS[3:1]/GPIO |     | Active low chip selects. Only one chip select can be active at any<br>time. Chip selects 1 through 3 are overlaid functions on GPIO pins. |
| SI CLK                      |     | Clock output.   |
| SI DO                       | O   | Data output (MOSI).   |
| SI DI                       |     | Data input (MISO).  |

*Table 147 •* **Serial Interface Pins**

The SI boot controller does speculative pre-fetching of data. After reading address *n*, the SI boot controller automatically continues reading address *n* + 1, so that the next value is ready if requested by the VCore-III CPU. This greatly optimizes reading from sequential addresses in the Flash, such as when copying data from Flash into program memory.

The following illustrations depict 24-bit address mode. When the controller is set to 32-bit mode (through SPI\_MST\_CFG.A32B\_ENA), 32 address bits are transferred instead of 24.





Data Byte # 0 Data Byte # Data Byte # 2 Data Byte # 3

The default timing of the SI boot controller operates with most serial interface Flash devices. Use the following process to calculate the optimized serial interface parameters for a specific SI device:



- 1. Calculate an appropriate frequency divider value as described in SPI\_MST\_CFG.CLK\_DIV. The SI operates at no more than 25 MHz, and the maximum frequency of the SPI device must not be exceeded. The VCore-III system frequency in the device is 250 MHz.
- 2. The SPI device may require a FAST\_READ command rather than normal READ when the SI frequency is increased. Setting SPI\_MST\_CFG.FAST\_READ\_ENA makes the SI boot controller use FAST\_READ commands.
- 3. Calculate SPI\_MST\_CFG.CS\_DESELECT\_TIME so that it matches how long the SPI device requires chip-select to be deasserted between access. This value depends on the SI clock period that results from the SPI\_MST\_CFG.CLK\_DIV setting.

These parameters must be written to SPI\_MST\_CFG. The CLK\_DIV field must either be written last or at the same time as the other parameters. The SPI\_MST\_CFG register can be configured while also booting up from the SI.

When the VCore-III CPU boots from the SI interface, the default values of the SPI\_MST\_CFG register are used until the SI\_MST\_CFG is reconfigured with optimized parameters. This implies that SI\_CLK is operating at approximately 8.1 MHz, with normal read instructions and maximum gap between chip select operations to the Flash.

**Note** The SPI boot master does optimized reading. SI DI (from the Flash) is sampled just before driving falling edge on SI\_CLK (to the Flash). This greatly relaxes the round trip delay requirement for SI CLK to SI DI, allowing high Flash clock frequencies.

# <span id="page-203-0"></span>**4.8.2 SI Master Controller**

This section describes the SPI master controller (SIMC) and how to use it for accessing external SPI slave devices, such as programming of a serially attached Flash device on the boot interface. VCore booting from serial Flash is handled by the SI boot master.

The following table lists the registers associated with the SI master controller.







The SI master controller supports Motorola SPI and Texas Instruments SSP protocols. The default protocol is SPI, enable SSP by setting CTRLR0.FRF = 1 and GENERAL\_CTRL.SSP\_MODE\_ENA = 1. The protocol baud rate is programmable in BAUDR.SCKDV; the maximum baud rate is 25 MHz.

Before the SI master controller can be used, it must be set as owner of the serial interface. This is done by writing GENERAL\_CTRL.IF\_SI\_OWNER = 2.

The SI master controller has a programmable frame size. The frame size is the smallest unit when transferring data over the SI interface. Using CTRLR0.DFS, the frame size is configured in the range of 4 bits to 16 bits. When reading or writing words from the transmit/receive FIFO, the number of bits that is stored per FIFO-word is always equal to frame size (as programmed in CTRLR0.DFS).

The controller operates in one of three following major modes: Transmit and receive, transmit only, or receive only. The mode is configured in CTRLR0.TMOD.

**Transmit and receive.** software paces SI transactions. For every data frame that software writes to the transmission FIFO, another data frame is made available in the receive FIFO (receive data from the serial interface). Transaction will go on for as long as there is data available in the transmission FIFO.

**Transmit only.** Software paces SI transactions. The controller transmits only; receive data is discarded. Transaction will go on for as long as there is data available in the transmission FIFO.

**Receive only.** The controller paces SI transactions. The controller receives only data, software requests a specific number of data frames by means of CTRLR1.NDF, the transaction will go on until all data frames has been read from the SI interface. Transaction is initiated by software writing one data frame to transmission FIFO. This frame is not used for anything else than starting the transaction. The SI\_DO output is undefined during receive only transfers. Receive data frames are put into the receive FIFO as they are read from SI.

For SPI mode, chip select is asserted throughout transfers. Transmit transfers end when the transmit FIFO runs out of data frames. Software must make sure it is not interrupted while writing data for a multiframe transfer. When multiple distinct transfers are needed, wait for SR.TFE = 1 and SR.BUSY = 0 before initiating new transfer. SR.BUSY is an indication of ongoing transfers, however, it is not asserted immediately when writing frames to the FIFO. As a result, software must also check the SR.TFE (transmit FIFO empty) indication.

The SI master controller supports up to 5 chip selects. Chip select 0 is mapped to the SI nCS pin of the serial interface. The remaining chips selects are available using overlaid GPIO functions. Software controls which chip selects to activate for a transfer using the SER register. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs for these signals, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.

| <b>Pin Name</b>                         | l/O | <b>Description</b>  |
|---|-----|---|
| SI nCS <sub>0</sub><br>SI nCS[4:1]/GPIO | O   | Active low chip selects. Chip selects 1 through 4<br>are overlaid functions on the GPIO pins. |
| SI CLK                                  | O   | Clock output.   |
| SI DO                                   | 0   | Data output (MOSI).   |
| SI DI                                   |     | Data input (MISO).  |

*Table 149 •* **SI Master Controller Pins**

Writing to any DR replication index put data into the transmission FIFO, and reading from any DR replication index take out data from the receive FIFO. FIFO status indications are available in the SR register's TFE, TFNF, RFF, and RFNE fields. For information about interrupting on FIFO status, see SIMC Interrupts, page 192.

It is important to delay the sample of the RXD input signal by writing to SIMC::RX\_SAMPLE\_DLY. Each value represents a single VCore system clock cycle delay on the sample. If this field is programmed with a value that exceeds 25, a zero (0) delay will be applied. For optimal operation, it is suggested to set the value to SIMC::BAUD/2, but no larger than 25. This will delay sampling of RX-data by half clock cycle for SPI frequencies above 5MHz. Below 5 MHz the sampling delay will be 100ns. It is impossible to write to this register when the SIMC is enabled.



After completing all initial configurations, the SI master controller is enabled by writing SIMCEN.SIMCEN = 1. Some registers can only be written when the controller is in disabled state. This is noted in the register-descriptions for the affected registers.

### **4.8.2.1 SPI Protocol**

When the SI master controller is configured for SPI mode, clock polarity and position is configurable in CTRLR0.SCPH and CTRLR0.SCPOL. The following illustration shows the four possible combinations for 8-bit transfers.



*Figure 74 •* **SIMC SPI Clock Configurations**

Data is sampled in the middle of the data-eye.

When using SPI protocol and transferring more than one data frame at the time, the controller performs one consecutive transfer. The following illustration shows a transfer of three data frames of 4 bits each.

**Note** Transmitting transfers end when the transmit FIFO runs out of data frames. Receive only transfers end when the pre-defined number of data-frames is read from the SI interface.

### *Figure 75 •* **SIMC SPI 3x Transfers**



### **4.8.2.2 SSP Protocol**

The SSP protocol for transferring two 6-bit data frames is shown in the following illustration. When using SSP mode, CTRLR0.SCPH and CTRLR0.SCPOL must remain zero.



### **4.8.2.3 SIMC SSP 2x Transfers**



### **4.8.2.4 SIMC Interrupts**

The SI master controller has five interrupt sources:

- RXF interrupt is asserted when the fill level of the receive FIFO (available in RXFLR) exceeds the programmable level set in RXFTLR. This interrupt is non-sticky; it is deasserted when fill level is decreased below the programmable level.
- RXO interrupt is asserted on receive FIFO overflow. This interrupt is cleared by reading the RXOICR register.
- RXU interrupt is asserted when reading from an empty receive FIFO. This interrupt is cleared by reading the RXUICR register.
- TXO interrupt is asserted when writing to a full transmit FIFO. This interrupt is cleared by reading the TXOICR register.
- TXE interrupt is asserted when the fill level of the transmit FIFO (available in TXFLR) is below the programmable level set in TXFTLR. This interrupt is non-sticky; it is deasserted when fill level is increased above the programmable level.

The raw (unmasked) status of these interrupts is available in the RISR register. Each of the interrupts can be individually masked by the IMR register. All interrupts are enabled by default. The currently active interrupts are shown in the ISR register.

If the RXO, RXU, and TXO interrupts occur during normal use of the SI master controller, it is an indication of software problems.

Interrupt is asserted towards the VCore-III interrupt controller when any enabled interrupt is asserted and the SI master controller is enabled.

### **4.8.2.5 SIMC Programming Example**

This example shows how to use the SI master controller to interface with the SI slave of another device. The slave device will be initialized for big endian/most significant bit first mode and then the DEVCPU GCB::GPR register is written with the value 0x01234567. It is assumed that the other device's SI slave is connected on SI nCS1 (and that appropriate GPIO alternate function has been enabled).

The SI slave is using a 24-bit address field and a 32-bit data field. This example uses 4 x 16-bit data frames to transfer the write-access. This means that 8 bits too much will be transferred, this is not a problem for the SI slave interface; it ignores data above and beyond the 56 bit required for a writeaccess.

For information about initialization and how to calculate the 24-bit SI address field, see [Serial Interface in](#page-180-0)  [Slave Mode, page 166.](#page-180-0) The address-field when writing DEVCPU\_GCB::GPR is 0x804001 (including write-indication).

The following steps are required to bring up the SI master controller and write twice to the SI slave device.

**Important** The following procedure disconnects the SI boot master from the SI interface. Booting must be done before attempting to overtake the boot-interface.

- 1. Write GENERAL\_CTRL.IF\_SI\_OWNER = 2 to make SI master controller the owner of the SI interface.
- 2. Write BAUDR = 250 to get 1 MHz baud rate.
- 3. Write SER = 2 to use SI\_nCS1.



- 4. Write CTRLR0 = 0x10F for 16-bit data frame and transmit only.
- 5. Write SIMCEN = 1 to enable the SI master controller.
- 6. Write DR[0] = 0x8000, 0x0081, 0x8181, 0x8100 to configure SI slave for big endian / most significant bit first mode.
- 7. Wait for SR.TFE = 1 and SR.BUSY = 0 for chip select to deassert between accesses to the SI slave.
- 8. Write DR[0] = 0x8040, 0x0101, 0x2345, 0x6700 to write DEVCPU\_GCB::GPR in slave device.
- 9. Wait for SR.TFE = 1 and SR.BUSY = 0, then disable the SI master controller by writing SIMCEN = 0.

When reading from the SI slave, CTRLR0.TMOD must be configured for transmit and receive. One-byte padding is appropriate for a 1 MHz baud rate.

# **4.8.3 DDR3/DDR3L Memory Controller**

This section provides information about how to configure and initialize the DDR3/DDR3L memory controller.

The following table lists the registers associated with the memory controller.

*Table 150 •* **DDR3/DDR3L Controller Registers**

| <b>Register</b>                | <b>Description</b>           |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ICPU CFG::RESET                | Reset Control                |
| ICPU CFG::MEMCTRL CTRL         | Control                      |
| ICPU CFG::MEMCTRL CFG          | Configuration                |
| ICPU CFG:: MEMCTRL STAT        | <b>Status</b>                |
| ICPU_CFG::MEMCTRL_REF_PERIOD   | Refresh period configuration |
| ICPU CFG::MEMCTRL ZQCAL        | DDR3/DDR3L ZQ-calibration    |
| ICPU CFG::MEMCTRL TIMING0      | Timing configuration         |
| ICPU CFG:: MEMCTRL TIMING1     | Timing configuration         |
| ICPU CFG::MEMCTRL TIMING2      | Timing configuration         |
| ICPU CFG::MEMCTRL TIMING3      | Timing configuration         |
| ICPU_CFG::MEMCTRL_MR0_VAL      | Mode register 0 value        |
| ICPU_CFG::MEMCTRL_MR1_VAL      | Mode register 1 value        |
| ICPU_CFG::MEMCTRL_MR2_VAL      | Mode register 2 value        |
| ICPU_CFG::MEMCTRL_MR3_VAL      | Mode register 3 value        |
| ICPU_CFG::MEMCTRL_TERMRES_CTRL | Termination resistor control |
| ICPU_CFG::MEMCTRL_DQS_DLY      | DQS window configuration     |
| ICPU_CFG::MEMPHY_CFG           | SSTL configuration           |
| ICPU CFG::MEMPHY ZCAL          | <b>SSTL</b> calibration      |

The memory controller works with JEDEC-compliant DDR3/DDR3L memory modules. The controller runs 312.50 MHz and supports one or two byte lanes in either single or dual row configurations (one or two chip selects). The controller supports up to 16 address bits. The maximum amount of physical memory that can be attached to the controller is 1 gigabyte.

The memory controller supports ECC encoding/decoding by using one of the two lanes for ECC information. Enabling ECC requires that both byte lanes are populated. When ECC is enabled, half the total physical memory is available for software use; the other half is used for ECC information.

The following steps are required to bring up the memory controller.



- 1. Release the controller from reset by clearing RESET.MEM\_RST\_FORCE.
- 2. Configure timing and mode parameters. These depend on the DDR3/DDR3L module and configuration selected for the device. For more information, see DDR3/DDR3L Timing and Mode Configuration Parameters, page 194.
- 3. Enable and calibrate the SSTL I/Os. For more information, see Enabling and Calibrating SSTL I/Os.
- 4. Initialize the memory controller and modules. For more information, see Memory Controller and Module Initialization.
- 5. Calibrate the DQS read window. For more information, see DQS Read Window Calibration.
- 6. Optionally configure ECC and 1 gigabyte support. For more information see ECC and 1 Gigabyte Support.

**Note** For selected DDR3/DDR3L modules, the bring-up of the memory controller is already implemented as part of the Board Support Package (BSP). For more information about implementing the bring-up procedure, see Microsemi eCos BSP and Tool Chain, which is available on the Microsemi Web site at www.Microsemi.com.

### **4.8.3.1 DDR3/DDR3L Timing and Mode Configuration Parameters**

This section provides information about each of the parameters that must be configured prior to initialization of the memory controller. It provides a quick overview of fields that must be configured and their recommended values. For more information about each field, see the register list.

The memory controller operates at 312.5 MHz, and the corresponding DDR clock period is 3.2 ns (DDR625). When a specific timing value is used in this section (for example,  $t_{\text{MOD}}$ ), it means that the corresponding value from the memory module datasheet is expressed in memory controller clock cycles (divided by 3.2 ns and rounded up and possibly adjusted for minimum clock cycle count).

The following table defines general parameters for DDR3/DDR3L required when configuring the memory controller.



#### *Table 151 •* **General DDR3/DDR3L Timing and Mode Parameters**



The following table lists the memory controller registers that must be configured before initialization. It is recommended to configure all fields listed, even when ODT or dual row configurations are not used.







*Table 152 •* **Memory Controller Configuration** *(continued)*



The memory controller supports two chip selects and automatically selects modules based on the configured address width and bank count. The resulting pool of memory is one large consecutive region.

### **4.8.3.2 On-Die Termination**

An end termination scheme must be configured when writing from the device to the memory modules, the memory module furthest away from the device must be connected to the ODT output. Enable assertion of ODT output for all write access by setting MEMCTRL\_TERMRES\_CTRL = 0x0000000C.

#### *Figure 76 •* **Memory Controller ODT Hookup**



### **4.8.3.3 Enabling and Calibrating SSTL I/Os**

Prior to controller initialization, the device's SSTL I/O drivers must be enabled and calibrated to correct drive strength and termination resistor values. It is recommended that the device's I/O drive and termination strengths be 60  $\Omega$ /60  $\Omega$ .

Complete the following tasks to enable and calibrate the SSTL I/Os.

- 1. Enable the SSTL mode by clearing MEMPHY\_CFG.PHY\_RST and setting MEMPHY\_CFG.PHY\_SSTL\_ENA.
- 2. Perform calibration with the previously mentioned drive and termination strengths by writing 0xEF to MEMPHY\_ZCAL.
- 3. Wait until MEMPHY\_ZCAL.ZCAL\_ENA is cleared (indicates calibration is done).
- 4. Enable drive of the SSTL I/Os by setting MEMPHY\_CFG.PHY\_CK\_OE, MEMPHY\_CFG.PHY\_CL\_OE, and MEMPHY\_CFG.PHY\_ODT\_OE.



The SSTL interface is now enabled and calibrated, and the initialization of the memory controller can commence.

### **4.8.3.4 Memory Controller and Module Initialization**

After memory controller parameters are configured, and after the SSTL I/Os are enabled and calibrated, the memory controller and modules are initialized by setting MEMCTRL\_CTRL.INITIALIZE.

During initialization, the memory controller automatically follows the proper JEDEC defined procedure for initialization and writing of mode registers to the DDR3/DDR3L memory modules.

The memory controller automatically clears MEMCTRL\_CTRL.INITIALIZE and sets the MEMCTRL\_STAT.INIT\_DONE field after the controller and the memory module (or modules) are operational. Software must wait for the INIT\_DONE indication before continuing to calibrate the read window.

### **4.8.3.5 DQS Read Window Calibration**

After initialization of the memory controller, successful writes to the memory are guaranteed. Reading is not yet possible, because the round trip delay between controller and memory modules are not calibrated.

Calibration of the read window includes writing a known value to the start of the DDR memory and then continually reading this value while adjusting the DQS window until the correct value is read from the memory. The calibration procedure depends on the number of byte lanes that are used (see MEMCTRL\_CFG.DDR\_WIDTH).

**Note** For an ECC system, the calibration procedure for two byte lanes must be used, because the memory controller is initialized without ECC enabled.

#### **Calibration of One Byte Lane**

The following procedure applies to systems where MEMCTRL\_CFG.DDR\_WIDTH is 0:

- Write 0x000000FF to SBA address 0x20000000.
- Set the MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[0].DQS\_DLY field to 0.

Perform the following steps to calibrate the read window. Do not increment the DQS\_DLY field beyond its maximum value. If the DQS DLY maximum value is exceeded, it is an indication something is incorrect, and the memory controller will not be operational.

- 1. Read byte address 0x20000000. If the content is different from 0xFF, increment MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[0].DQS\_DLY by one, and repeat step 1, else continue to step 2.
- 2. Read byte address 0x20000000. If the content is different from 0x00, increment MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[0].DQS\_DLY by one, and repeat step 2, else continue to step 3.
- 3. Decrement MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[0].DQS\_DLY by three.

After the last step, which configures the appropriate DQS read window, the memory is ready for random read and write operations. For more information about ECC or 1 gigabyte support, see ECC and 1- Gigabyte Support, page 198.

#### **Calibration of Two Byte Lanes**

This procedure applies to systems where MEMCTRL\_CFG.DDR\_WIDTH is 1:

- Write 0x0000FFFF to SBA address 0x20000000.
- Write 0x00000000 to SBA address 0x20000004.
- Set the MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[0].DQS\_DLY field to 0.
- Set the MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[1].DQS\_DLY field to 0.

Perform the following steps to calibrate the read window. Do not increment the DQS\_DLY fields beyond their maximum value. If a DQS\_DLY maximum value is exceeded, it is an indication something is incorrect, and the memory controller will not be operational.

1. Read byte addresses 0x20000000 and 0x20000001 from memory. If the contents of byte address 0x20000000 is different from 0xFF, increment MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[0].DQS\_DLY by one.



If the contents of byte address 0x20000001 is different from 0xFF, increment MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[1].DQS\_DLY by one.

If any DQS DLY was incremented repeat step 1, else continue to step 2.

2. Read byte addresses 0x20000000 and 0x20000001 from memory. If the contents of byte address 0x20000000 is different from 0x00, increment MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[0].DQS\_DLY by one.

If the contents of byte address 0x20000001 is different from 0x00, increment MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[1].DQS\_DLY by one.

If any DQS DLY was incremented repeat step 2, else continue to step 3.

3. Decrement MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[0].DQS\_DLY by three, and decrement MEMCTRL\_DQS\_DLY[1] by three.

The last step configures the appropriate DQS read windows. After this step the memory is ready for random read and write operations. If ECC or 1 gigabyte is needed, see ECC and 1 Gigabyte Support.

### **4.8.3.6 ECC and 1-Gigabyte Support**

The memory controller supports ECC, allowing correction of two bits and detection of three-bit errors in every byte that is read from memory.

When ECC is enabled, one byte lane is used for data words and the other is used for ECC check-word. After enabling ECC, the amount of memory available to software is half of the physical memory (the lower half of the memory region).

ECC support must be enabled just after read calibration by setting MEMCTRL CFG.DDR ECC ENA = 1 and at the same time setting MEMCTRL\_CFG.BURST\_SIZE = 0.

When ECC is enabled, the memory controller automatically corrects two-bit errors and detects three-bit errors. It is possible to propagate these events to the SBA to trigger a bus-error event in the VCore-III CPU. Non-correctable error indications are forwarded when

MEMCTRL\_CFG.DDR\_ECC\_ERR\_ENA = 1. Correctable "errors" are forwarded when MEMCTRL\_CFG.DDR\_ECC\_COR\_ENA = 1. The VCore-III CPU can generate interrupt on these events so that software can take the appropriate action.

The memory controller supports up to 1 gigabyte of physical memory. To access more than 512 megabytes from the VCore-III CPU, set MEMCTRL\_CFG.DDR\_512MBYTE\_PLUS = 1 to change the SBA memory map. For more information, see Shared Bus. When ECC is enabled with 1 gigabyte of physical memory, MEMCTRL\_CFG.DDR\_512MBYTE\_PLUS does not have to be set, because only half of the physical memory is available to software.

### **4.8.4 Timers**

This section provides information about the timers. The following table lists the registers associated with timers.



#### *Table 153 •* **Timer Registers**

There are three decrementing 32-bit timers in the VCore-III system that run from a common divider. The common divider is driven by a fixed 250 MHz clock and can generate timer ticks from 0.1 µs (10 MHz) to 1 ms (1 kHz), configurable through TIMER\_TICK\_DIV. The default timer tick is 100 µs (10 kHz).



Software can access each timer value through the TIMER\_VALUE[*n*] registers. These can be read or written at any time, even when the timers are active.

When a timer is enabled through TIMER\_CTRL[*n*].TIMER\_ENA, it decrements from the current value until it reaches zero. An attempt to decrement a TIMER\_VALUE[n] of zero generates interrupt and assigns TIMER\_VALUE[*n*] to the contents of TIMER\_RELOAD\_VALUE[*n*]. Interrupts generated by the timers are sent to the VCore-III interrupt controller. From here, interrupts can be forwarded to the VCore-III CPU or to an external CPU. For more information, see Interrupt Controller.

By setting TIMER\_CTRL[*n*].ONE\_SHOT\_ENA, the timer disables itself after generating one interrupt. By default, timers will decrement, interrupt, and reload indefinitely (or until disabled by clearing TIMER\_CTRL[*n*].TIMER\_ENA).

A timer can be reloaded from TIMER\_RELOAD\_VALUE[*n*] at the same time as it is enabled by setting TIMER\_CTRL[*n*].FORCE\_RELOAD and TIMER\_CTRL[*n*].TIMER\_ENA at the same time.

**Example** Configure Timer0 to interrupt every 1 ms. With the default timer tick of 100 us ten timer ticks are needed for a timer that wraps every 1 ms. Configure TIMER\_RELOAD\_VALUE[0] to 0x9, then enable the timer and force a reload by setting TIMER\_CTRL[0].TIMER\_ENA and TIMER\_CTRL[0].FORCE\_RELOAD at the same time.

# **4.8.5 UARTs**

This section provides information about the UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter) controllers. There are two independent UART controller instances in the VCore-III system: UART and UART2. These instances are identical copies and anywhere in this description the word UART can be replaced by UART2.

The following table lists the registers associated with the UART.

| <b>Register</b> | <b>Description</b>                           |
|-----------------|--|
| UART::RBR THR   | Receive buffer/transmit buffer/Divisor (low) |
| UART::IER       | Interrupt enable/divisor (high)              |
| UART::IIR FCR   | Interrupt identification/FIFO control        |
| UART::LCR       | I ine control                                |
| UART::MCR       | Modem control                                |
| UART::LSR       | Line status                                  |
| UART::MSR       | Modem status                                 |
| UART::SCR       | Scratchpad                                   |
| UART::USR       | <b>UART</b> status                           |

*Table 154 •* **UART Registers**

The VCore-III system UART is functionally based on the industry-standard 16550 UART (RS232 protocol). This implementation features a 16-byte receive and a 16-byte transmit FIFO.

#### *Figure 77 •* **UART Timing**



The number of data bits, parity, parity-polarity, and stop-bit lengths are all programmable using LCR.

The UART pins on the device are overlaid functions on the GPIO interface. Before enabling the UART, the VCore-III CPU must enable overlaid modes for the appropriate GPIO pins. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs for these signals, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.



The following table lists the pins of the UART interfaces.



#### *Table 155 •* **UART Interface Pins**

The baud rate of the UART is derived from the VCore-III system frequency. The divider value is indirectly set through the RBR\_THR and IER registers. The baud rate is equal to the VCore-III system clock frequency divided by sixteen times the value of the baud rate divisor. A divider of zero disables the baud rate generator and no serial communications occur. The default value for the divisor register is zero.

**Example** Configuring a baud rate of 9600 in a 250 MHz VCore-III system. To generate a baud rate of 9600, the divisor register must be set to 0x65C (250 MHz/(16 × 9600 Hz)). Set LCR.DLAB and write 0x5C to RBR\_THR and 0x06 to IER (this assumes that the UART is not in use). Finally, clear LCR.DLAB to change the RBR\_THR and IER registers back to the normal mode.

By default, the FIFO mode of the UART is disabled. Enabling the 16-byte receive and 16-byte transmit FIFOs (through IIR\_FCR) is recommended.

**Note:** Although the UART itself supports RTS and CTS, these signals are not available on the pins of the device.

### **4.8.5.1 UART Interrupt**

The UART can generate interrupt whenever any of the following prioritized events are enabled (through IER).

- Receiver error
- Receiver data available
- Character timeout (in FIFO mode only)
- Transmit FIFO empty or at or below threshold (in programmable THRE interrupt mode)

When an interrupt occurs, the IIR\_FCR register can be accessed to determine the source of the interrupt. Note that the IIR\_FCR register has different purposes when reading or writing. When reading, the interrupt status is available in bits 0 through 3. For more information about interrupts and how to handle them, see the IIR\_FCR register description.

**Example** Enabling interrupt when transmit fifo is below one-quarter full. To get this type of interrupt, the THRE interrupt must be used. First, configure TX FIFO interrupt level to one-quarter full by setting IIR\_FCR.TET to 10; at the same time, ensure that the IIR\_FCR.FIFOE field is also set. Set IER.PTIME to enable the THRE interrupt in the UART. In addition, the VCore-III interrupt controller must be configured for the CPU to be interrupted. For more information, see Interrupt Controller.

### **4.8.6 Two-Wire Serial Interface**

This section provides information about the two-wire serial interface controller in the VCore-III system. The following table lists the registers associated with the two-wire serial interface.



#### *Table 156 •* **Two-Wire Serial Interface Registers**







The two-wire serial interface controller is compatible with the industry standard two-wire serial interface protocol. The controller supports standard speed up to 100 kbps and fast speed up to 400 kbps. Multiple bus masters, as well as both 7-bit and 10-bit addressing, are also supported.

The two-wire serial interface controller operates as master only.

The two-wire serial interface pins on the device are overlaid functions on the GPIO interface. Before enabling the two-wire serial interface, the VCore-III CPU must enable overlaid functions for the appropriate GPIO pins. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs for these signals, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.

The following table lists the pins of the two-wire serial interface.






Setting CTRL.ENABLE enables the controller. The controller can be disabled by clearing the CTRL.ENABLE field, there is a chance that disabling is not allowed (at the time when it is attempted); the ENABLE\_STATUS register shows if the controller was successful disabled.

Before enabling the controller, the user must decide on either standard or fast mode (CFG.SPEED) and configure clock dividers for generating the correct timing (SS\_SCL\_HCNT, SS\_SCL\_LCNT, FS SCL HCNT, FS SCL LCNT, and SDA SETUP). The configuration of the divider registers depends on the VCore-III system clock frequency. The register descriptions explain how to calculate the required values.

Some two-wire serial devices require a hold time on TWI\_SDA after TWI\_SCL when transmitting from the two-wire serial interface controller. The device supports a configurable hold delay through the TWI\_CONFIG register.

The two-wire serial interface controller has an 8-byte combined receive and transmit FIFO.

During normal operation of the two-wire serial interface controller, the STATUS register shows the activity and FIFO states.

#### *Figure 78 •* **Two-Wire Serial Interface Timing for 7-bit Address Access**



# **4.8.6.1 Two-Wire Serial Interface Addressing**

To configure either 7-bit or 10 bit addressing, use CFG.MASTER\_10BITADDR.

The two-wire serial interface controller can generate both General Call and START Byte. Initiate this through TAR.GC\_OR\_START\_ENA or TAR.GC\_OR\_START. The target/slave address is configured using the TAR register.

### **4.8.6.2 Two-Wire Serial Interface Interrupt**

The two-wire serial interface controller can generate a multitude of interrupts. All of these are described in the RAW\_INTR\_STAT register. The RAW\_INTR\_STAT register contains interrupt fields that are always set when their trigger conditions occur. The INTR\_MASK register is used for masking interrupts and allowing interrupts to propagate to the INTR\_STAT register. When set in the INTR\_STAT register, the two-wire serial interface controller asserts interrupt toward the VCore-III interrupt controller.

The RAW\_INTR\_STAT register also specifies what is required to clear the specific interrupts. When the source of the interrupt is removed, reading the appropriate CLR \* register (for example, CLR\_RX\_OVER) clears the interrupt.

### **4.8.6.3 Built-in Two-Wire Serial Multiplexer**

The device has built-in support for connecting to multiple two-wire serial devices that use the same twowire serial address. This is done by using the multiplexed clock outputs (TWI\_SCL\_M*n*) for the two-wire serial devices rather than TWI\_SCL. Depending on which device or devices it needs to talk to, software can then enable/disable the various clocks.

From the two-wire serial controller's point of view, it does not know if it is using TWI\_SCL or TWI\_SCL\_M*n* clocks. When using multiplexed mode, software needs to enable/disable individual TWI\_SCL\_Mn connections before initiating the access operation using the two wire serial controller. Feedback on the clock (from slow two-wire serial devices) is automatically done for the TWI\_SCL\_M*n* lines that are enabled.

To enable multiplexed clocks, configure the TWI\_SCL\_Mn overlaid mode in the GPIO controller during initialization. Individual TWI\_SCL\_Mn clocks are then enabled, when needed, by writing 1 to the corresponding GPIO output bit (in DEVCPU\_GCB::GPIO\_OUT). To disable the clock, write 0 to the GPIO output bit. Disabled TWI\_SCL\_Mn clocks are not driven during access and the feedback is disabled.



**Note** In multiprocessor systems, the DEVCPU\_GCB::GPIO\_OUT\_SET and DEVCPU\_GCB::GPIO\_OUT\_CLR registers can be used to avoid race conditions.

# **4.8.7 MII Management Controller**

This section provides information about the MII Management (MIIM) controllers. The following table lists the registers associated with the MII Management controllers.

### *Table 158 •* **MIIM Registers**



The device contains two MIIM controllers with equal functionality. Data is transferred on the MIIM interface using the Management Frame Format protocol specified in IEEE 802.3, Clause 22 or the MDIO Manageable Device protocol defined in IEEE 802.3, Clause 45. The Clause 45 protocol differs from the Clause 22 protocol by using indirect register access to increase the address range. The controller supports both Clause 22 and Clause 45. The first MIIM controller is connected to the internal PHYs of the device.

The MIIM interface pins for the second controller are overlaid functions on the GPIO interface. Before using this MIIM controller, the overlaid functions for the appropriate GPIO pins must first be enabled. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs for these signals, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.





The MDIO signal is changed or sampled on the falling edge of the MDC clock by the controller. The MDIO pin is tri-stated in-between access and when expecting read data.

### *Figure 79 •* **MII Management Timing**



# **4.8.7.1 Clock Configuration**

The frequency of the management interface clock generated by the MIIM controller is derived from the switch core's frequency. The MIIM clock frequency is configurable and is selected with



MII\_CFG.MIIM\_CFG\_PRESCALE. The calculation of the resulting frequency is explained in the register description for MII\_CFG.MIIM\_CFG\_PRESCALE. The maximum frequency of the MIIM clock is 25 MHz.

# **4.8.7.2 MII Management PHY Access**

Reads and writes across the MII management interface are performed through the MII\_CMD register. Details of the operation, such as the PHY address, the register address of the PHY to be accessed, the operation to perform on the register (for example, read or write), and write data (for write operations), are set in the MII\_CMD register. When the appropriate fields of MII\_CMD are set, the operation is initiated by writing 0x1 to MII\_CMD.MIIM\_CMD\_VLD. The register is automatically cleared when the MIIM command is initiated. When initiating single MIIM commands, MII\_CMD.MIIM\_CMD\_SCAN must be set to 0x0.

When an operation is initiated, the current status of the operation can be read in MII\_STATUS. The fields MII\_STATUS.MIIM\_STAT\_PENDING\_RD and MII\_STATUS.MIIM\_STAT\_PENDING\_WR can be used to poll for completion of the operation. For a read operation, the read data is available in MII\_DATA.MIIM\_DATA\_RDDATA after completion of the operation. The value of MII\_DATA.MIIM\_DATA\_RDDATA is only valid if MII\_DATA.MIIM\_DATA\_SUCCESS indicates no read errors.

The MIIM controller contains a small command FIFO. Additional MIIM commands can be queued as long as MII\_STATUS.MIIM\_STAT\_OPR\_PEND is cleared. Care must be taken with read operations, because multiple queued read operations will overwrite MII\_DATA.MIIM\_DATA\_RDDATA.

**Note** A typical software implementation will never queue read operations, because the software needs read data before progressing the state of the software. In this case,

MIIM\_STATUS.MIIM\_STAT\_OPR\_PEND is checked before issuing MIIM read or write commands, for read operations MII\_STATUS.MIIM\_STAT\_BUSY is checked before returning read result.

By default, the MIIM controller operates in Clause 22 mode. To access Clause 45 compatible PHYs, MII\_CFG.MIIM\_ST\_CFG\_FIELD and MII\_CMD.MIIM\_CMD\_OPR\_FIELD must be set according to Clause 45 mode of operation.

### **4.8.7.3 PHY Scanning**

The MIIM controller can be configured to continuously read certain PHY registers and detect if the read value is different from an expected value. If a difference is detected, a special sticky bit register is set or a CPU interrupt is generated, or both. For example, the controller can be programmed to read the status registers of one or more PHYs and detect if the Link Status changed since the sticky register was last read.

The reading of the PHYs is performed sequentially with the low and high PHY numbers specified in MII\_SCAN\_0 as range bounds. The accessed address within each of the PHYs is specified in MII\_CMD.MIIM\_CMD\_REGAD. The scanning begins when a 0x1 is written to

MII\_CMD.MIIM\_CMD\_SCAN and a read operation is specified in MII\_CMD.MIIM\_CMD\_OPR\_FIELD. Setting MII\_CMD.MIIM\_CMD\_SINGLE\_SCAN stops the scanning after all PHYs have been scanned one time. The remaining fields of MII\_CMD register are not used when scanning is enabled.

The expected value for the PHY register is set in MII\_SCAN\_1.MIIM\_SCAN\_EXPECT. The expected value is compared to the read value after applying the mask set in MII\_SCAN\_1.MIIM\_SCAN\_MASK. To don't-care a bit-position, write a 0 to the mask. If the expected value for a bit position differs from the read value during scanning, and the mask register has a 1 for the corresponding bit, a mismatch for the PHY is registered.

The scan results from the most recent scan can be read in MII\_SCAN\_LAST\_RSLTS. The register contains one bit for each of the possible 32 PHYs. A mismatch during scanning is indicated by a 0. MII\_SCAN\_LAST\_RSLTS\_VLD will indicate for each PHY if the read operation performed during the scan was successful. The sticky-bit register MII\_SCAN\_RSLTS\_STICKY has the mismatch bit set for all PHYs that had a mismatch during scanning since the last read of the sticky-bit register. When the register is read, its value is reset to all-ones (no mismatches).

# **4.8.7.4 MII Management Interrupt**

The MII management controllers can generate interrupts during PHY scanning. Each MII management controller has a separate interrupt signal to the interrupt controller. Interrupt is asserted when one or



more PHYs have a mismatch during scan. The interrupt is cleared by reading the MII\_SCAN\_RSLTS\_STICKY register, which resets all MII\_SCAN\_RSLTS\_STICKY indications.

# **4.8.8 GPIO Controller**

This section provides information about the use of GPIO pins.

The following table lists the registers associated with GPIO.

### *Table 160 •* **GPIO Registers**



The GPIO pins are individually programmable. GPIOs are inputs by default and can be individually changed to outputs through GPIO OE. The value of the GPIO pins is reflected in the GPIO IN register. GPIOs that are in output mode are driven to the value specified in GPIO\_OUT.

In a system where multiple different CPU threads (or different CPUs) may work on the GPIOs at the same time, the GPIO\_OUT\_SET and GPIO\_OUT\_CLR registers provide a way for each thread to safely control the output value of individual GPIOs, without having to implement locked regions and semaphores.

The GPIO\_ALT registers are only reset by external reset to the device. This means that software reset of the DEVCPU GCB is possible without affecting the mapping of overlaid functions on the GPIOs.

# **4.8.8.1 GPIO Overlaid Functions**

Most of the GPIO pins have overlaid (alternative) functions that can be enabled through replicated GPIO\_ALT registers.

To enable a particular GPIO[*n*] pin with the alternate function, set the G\_ALT[*n*] register field in the replicated registers as follows:

- Overlaid mode 1, set GPIO\_ALT[1][*n*], GPIO\_ALT[0][*n*] = 1.
- Overlaid mode 2, set GPIO\_ALT[1][*n*], GPIO\_ALT[0][*n*] = 2.
- Normal GPIO mode, set GPIO\_ALT[1][*n*], GPIO\_ALT[0][*n*] = 0.

When the MIIM slave mode is enabled through the VCore CFG strapping pins, specific GPIO pins are overtaken and used for the MIIM slave interface.

During reset, the VCore CFG interface is sampled and used for VCore configuration. After reset, the device is released, and the GPIOs can be used for output or inputs. For more information, see [VCore-III](#page-174-0)  [Configurations, page 160](#page-174-0).



The following table maps the GPIO pins and available overlaid functions.





# **4.8.8.2 GPIO Interrupt**

The GPIO controller continually monitors all inputs and set bits in the GPIO\_INTR register whenever a GPIO changes its input value. By enabling specific GPIO pins in the GPIO\_INTR\_ENA register, a change indication from GPIO\_INTR is allowed to propagate (as GPIO interrupt) from the GPIO controller to the VCore-III Interrupt Controller.

The currently interrupting sources can be read from GPIO\_INTR\_IDENT, this register is the result of a binary AND between the GPIO\_INTR and GPIO\_INTR\_ENA registers.

### **4.8.8.3 Parallel Signal Detect**

The GPIO controller has 6 programmable parallel signal detects, SFP0\_SD through SFP5\_SD. When parallel signal detect is enabled for a front port index, it overrides the signal-detect/loss-of-signal value provided by the serial GPIO controller.

To enable parallel signal detect *n*, first configure which port index from the serial GPIO controller that must be overwritten by setting GPIO\_SD\_MAP[*n*].G\_SD\_MAP, then enable the SFP*n*\_SD function on the GPIOs.



The following table lists parallel signal detect pins, which are overlaid on GPIOs. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs for these signals, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.

*Table 162 •* **Parallel Signal Detect Pins**

| <b>Register</b> | <b>I/O</b> | <b>Description</b>       |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|
| SFP0 SD/GPIO    |            | Parallel signal detect 0 |
| SFP1 SD/GPIO    |            | Parallel signal detect 1 |
| SFP2 SD/GPIO    |            | Parallel signal detect 2 |
| SFP3 SD/GPIO    |            | Parallel signal detect 3 |
| SFP4 SD/GPIO    |            | Parallel signal detect 4 |
| SFP5 SD/GPIO    |            | Parallel signal detect 5 |

# **4.8.9 Serial GPIO Controller**

The device features one serial GPIO (SIO) controller. By using a serial interface, the SIO controller significantly extends the number of available GPIOs with a minimum number of additional pins on the device. The primary purpose of the SIO controller is to connect control signals from SFP modules and to act as an LED controller.

Each SIO controller supports up to 128 serial GPIOs (SGPIOs) organized into 32 ports, with four SGPIOs per port.

The following table lists the registers associated with the SIO controller.



#### *Table 163 •* **SIO Registers**



The following table lists the SIO controller pins, which are overlaid functions on GPIO pins. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs for these signals, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.



### *Table 164 •* **SIO Controller Pins**

The SIO controller works by shifting SGPIO values out on SG0\_DO though a chain of shift registers on the PCB. After shifting a configurable number of SGPIO bits, the SIO controller asserts SG0\_LD, which causes the shift registers to apply the values of the shifted bits to outputs. The SIO controller can also read inputs while shifting out SGPIO values on SG0\_DO by sampling the SG0\_DI input. The values sampled on SG0 DI are made available to software.

If the SIO controller is only used for outputs, the use of the load signal is optional. If the load signal is omitted, simpler shift registers (without load) can be used, however, the outputs of these registers will toggle during shifting.

When driving LED outputs, it is acceptable that the outputs will toggle when SGPIO values are updated (shifted through the chain). When the shift frequency is fast, the human eye is not able to see the shifting though the LEDs.

The number of shift registers in the chain is configurable. The SIO controller allows enabling of individual ports through SIO\_PORT\_ENA; only enabled ports are shifted out on SG0\_DO. Ports that are not enabled are skipped during shifting of GPIO values.

**Note:** SIO\_PORT\_ENA allows skipping of ports in the SGPIO output stream that are not in use. The number of GPIOs per (enabled) port is configurable as well, through SIO\_CFG.SIO\_PORT\_WIDTH this can be set to 1, 2, 3, or 4 bits. The number of bits per port is common for all enabled ports, so the number of shift registers on the PCB must be equal to the number of enabled ports times the number of SGPIOs per port.

Enabling of ports and configuration of SGPIOs per port applies to both output mode and input mode. Unlike a regular GPIO port, a single SGPIO position can be used both as output and input. That is, software can control the output of the shift register AND read the input value at the same time. Using SGPIOs as inputs requires load-capable shift registers.

Regular shift registers and load-capable shift-registers can be mixed, which is useful when driving LED indications for integrated PHYs while supporting reading of link status from SFP modules, for example.



### *Figure 80 •* **SIO Timing**



The SGPIO values are output in bursts followed by assertion of the SG0\_LD signal. Values can be output as a single burst or as continuous bursts separated by a configurable burst gap. The maximum length of a burst is 32 × 4 data cycles. The burst gap is configurable in steps of approximately 1 ms, from 0 ms to 33 ms through SIO\_CFG.SIO\_BURST\_GAP\_DIS and SIO\_CFG.SIO\_BURST\_GAP.

A single burst is issued by setting SIO\_CFG.SIO\_SINGLE\_SHOT. The field is automatically cleared by hardware when the burst is finished. To issue continuous bursts, set SIO\_CFG.SIO\_AUTO\_REPEAT. The SIO controller continues to issue bursts until SIO\_CFG.SIO\_AUTO\_REPEAT is cleared.

SGPIO output values are configured in SIO\_PORT\_CFG.BIT\_SOURCE. The input value is available in SIO\_INPUT\_DATA.

The following illustration shows what happens when the number of SGPIOs per port is configured to two (through SIO\_CFG.SIO\_PORT\_WIDTH). Disabling ports (through SIO\_PORT\_ENA) is handled in the same way as disabling the SGPIO ports.



### *Figure 81 •* **SIO Timing with SGPIOs Disabled**

The frequency of the SG0\_CLK clock output is configured through SIO\_CLOCK.SIO\_CLK\_FREQ. The SG0\_LD output is asserted after each burst; this output is asserted for a period of 25 ns to 30 ns. The polarity of SG0\_LD is configured in SIO\_CFG.SIO\_LD\_POLARITY.

The SG0\_LD output can be used to ensure that outputs are stable when serial data is being shifted through the registers. This can be done by using the SG0\_LD output to shift the output values into serialto-parallel registers after the burst is completed. If serial-to-parallel registers are not used, the outputs will toggle while the burst is being shifted through the chain of shift registers. A universal serial-to-parallel shift register outputs the data on a positive-edge load signal, and a universal parallel-to-serial shift register shifts data when the load pin is high, so one common load signal can be used for both input and output serial parallel conversion.

The assertion of SG0\_LD happens after the burst to ensure that after power up, the single burst will result in well-defined output registers. Consequently, to sample input values one time, two consecutive



bursts must be issued. The first burst results in the input values being sampled by the serial-to-parallel registers, and the second burst shifts the input values into the SIO controller.

The port order required in the serial bitstream depends on the physical layout of the shift register chain. Often the input and output port orders must be opposite in the serial streams. The port order of the input and output bitstream is independently configurable in SIO\_CFG.SIO\_REVERSE\_INPUT and SIO\_CFG.SIO\_REVERSE\_OUTPUT.

The following illustration shows the port order.





# **4.8.9.1 Output Modes**

The output mode of each SGPIO can be individually configured in SIO\_PORT\_CFG.BIT\_SOURCE. The SIO controller features three output modes:

- **Static**
- Blink
- **Link activity**

The output mode can additionally be modified with PWM (SIO\_PORT\_CFG.PWM\_SOURCE) and configurable polarity (SIO\_PORT\_CFG.BIT\_POLARITY).

**Static Mode** The static mode is used to assign a fixed value to the SGPIO, for example, fixed 0 or fixed 1.

**Blink Mode** The blink mode makes the SGPIO blink at a fixed rate. The SIO controller features two blink modes that can be set independently. A SGPIO can then be configured to use either blink mode 0 or blink mode 1. The blink outputs are configured in SIO\_CFG.SIO\_BMODE\_0 and SIO\_CFG.SIO\_BMODE\_1. To synchronize the blink modes between different devices, reset the blink counter using SIO\_CFG.SIO\_BLINK\_RESET. All the SIO controllers on a device must be reset at same time to maintain the synchronization. The burst toggle mode of blink mode 1 toggles the output with every burst.

| <b>Register</b>     | <b>Description</b>   |
|---------------------|--|
| Blink Mode 0        | 0: 20 Hz blink frequency<br>1: 10 Hz blink frequency<br>2: 5 Hz blink frequency<br>3: 2.5 Hz blink frequency |
| <b>Blink Mode 1</b> | 0: 20 Hz blink frequency<br>1: 10 Hz blink frequency<br>2: 5 Hz blink frequency<br>3: Burst toggle           |

*Table 165 •* **Blink Modes**



**Link Activity Mode** The link activity mode makes the output blink when there is activity on the port module (Rx or Tx). The following table lists the mapping between the SIO port number and port modules.



### *Table 166 •* **SIO Controller Port Mapping**

The link activity mode uses an envelope signal to gate the selected blinking pattern (blink mode 0 or blink mode 1). When the envelope signal is asserted, the output blinks, and when the envelope pattern is deasserted, the output is turned off. To ensure that even a single packet makes a visual blink, an activity pulse from the port module is extended to minimum 100 ms. If another packet is sent while the envelope



signal is asserted, the activity pulse is extended by another 100 ms. The polarity of the link activity modes can be set in SIO\_PORT\_CFG.BIT\_SOURCE.

The following illustration shows the link activity timing.

### *Figure 83 •* **Link Activity Timing**



# **4.8.9.2 SIO Interrupt**

The SIO controller can generate interrupts based on the value of the input value of the SGPIOs. All interrupts are level sensitive.

Interrupts are enabled using the two registers. Interrupts can be individually enabled for each port in SIO INTR\_ENA (32 bits) and in SIO\_CFG.SIO\_GPIO\_INTR\_ENA (4 bits) interrupts are enabled for the four inputs per port. In other words, SIO\_CFG.SIO\_GPIO\_INTR\_ENA is common for all 32 ports.

The SIO controller has four interrupt registers that each has one bit for each of the 128 GPIOs:

- SIO\_INTR\_RAW is high if the corresponding input bit is high (corrected for polarity as configured in SIO INTR POL). This register changes when the input changes.
- SIO INTR is high if the condition of the configured trigger mode for the bit is met. The trigger mode can be configured in SIO\_INTR\_TRIGGER0 and SIO\_INTR\_TRIGGER1 between level-triggered, edge-triggered, falling-edge-triggered, and rising-edge-triggered interrupt. This register is a sticky bit vector and can only be cleared by software. A bit is cleared by writing a 1 to the bit position.
- SIO\_INTR\_IDENT is the result of SIO\_INTR with the disabled interrupts (from SIO\_INTR\_ENA and SIO\_GPIO\_INTR\_ENA) removed. This register changes when SIO\_INTR or the enable registers change.

The SIO controller has one interrupt output connected to the main interrupt controller, which is asserted when one or more interrupts in SIO\_INTR\_IDENT are active. To determine which SGPIO is causing the interrupt, the CPU must read this register. The interrupt output remains high until all interrupts in SIO\_INTR\_IDENT are cleared (either by clearing SIO\_INTR or disabling the interrupts in SIO\_INTR\_ENA and SIO\_GPIO\_INTR\_ENA).

# **4.8.9.3 Loss of Signal Detection**

The SIO controller can propagate loss of signal detection inputs directly to the signal detection input of the port modules. This is useful when, for example, SFP modules are connected to the device. The mapping between SIO ports and port modules is the same as for the link activity outputs; port 0 is connected to port module 0, port 1 is connected to port module 1, and so on.

The value of SGPIO bit 0 of each SIO port is forwarded directly to the loss of signal input on the corresponding port module. The port module must enable the loss of signal input locally.

Loss of signal can also be taken directly from overlaid functions on the regular GPIOs. In that case, the input from the SIO controller is ignored.

The polarity of the loss of signal input is configured using SIO INT POL, meaning the same polarity must be used for loss of signal detect and interrupt.

# **4.8.10 Fan Controller**

The device includes a fan controller that can be used to control and monitor a system fan. A pulse width modulation (PWM) output regulates the fan speed. The fan speed is monitored using a TACHO input.



The fan controller is especially powerful when combined with the internal temperature sensor. For more information, see [Temperature Sensor, page 214.](#page-228-0)

The following table lists the registers associated with the fan controller.

*Table 167 •* **Fan Controller**

| <b>Register</b>      | <b>Description</b>             |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| DEVCPU GCB::FAN CFG  | General configuration          |
| DEVCPU GCB::PWM FREQ | Configuration of PWM frequency |
| DEVCPU GCB::FAN CNT  | Fan revolutions counter        |

The following table lists fan controller pins, which are overlaid on GPIOs. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs for these signals, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.



#### *Table 168 •* **Fan Controller Pins**

The PWM output frequency depends on the value of DEVCPU\_GCB::PWM\_FREQ and the switch core clock frequency. If *pwm\_freq* is the desired PWM frequency and *core\_freq* is the switch core frequency, then DEVCPU\_GCB::PWM\_FREQ must be configured with value *core\_freq/pwm\_freq/256*. The DEVCPU GCB::PWM\_FREQ configuration register is 16bit wide and it defaults to value 24. The supported PWM frequency range depends on the core clock frequency. With 156.25MHz core frequency, the PWM can be configured in the range of 10Hz - 610kHz. The default PWM frequency is ~25kHz.

The low frequencies can be used for driving three-wire fans using a FET/transistor. The 25 kHz frequency can be used for four-wire fans that use the PWM input internally to control the fan. The duty cycle of the PWM output is programmable from 0% to 100%, with 8-bit accuracy. The polarity of the output can be controlled by FAN\_CFG.INV\_POL, so a duty-cycle of 100%, for example, can be either always low or always high.

The PWM output pin can be configured to act as a normal output or as an open-collector output, where the output value of the pin is kept low, but the output enable is toggled. The open-collector output mode is enabled by setting FAN\_CFG.PWM\_OPEN\_COL\_ENA.

**Note:** By using open-collector mode, it is possible to externally pull-up to a higher voltage than the maximum GPIO I/O supply. The GPIO pins are 3.3 V-tolerable.

The speed of the fan is measured using a 16-bit counter that counts the rising edges on the TACHO input. A fan usually gives one to four pulses per revolution, depending on the fan type. The counter value is available in the FAN\_CNT register. Depending on the value of FAN\_CFG.FAN\_STAT\_CFG, the FAN CNT register is updated in two different ways:

- If FAN\_CFG.FAN\_STAT\_CFG is set, the FAN\_CNT register behaves as a 16-bit wrapping counter that shows the total number of ticks on the TACHO input.
- If FAN\_CFG.FAN\_STAT\_CFG is cleared, the FAN\_CNT register is updated one time per second with the number of TACHO ticks received during the last second.

Optionally, the TACHO input is gated by the polarity-corrected PWM output by setting FAN\_CFG.GATE\_ENA, so that only TACHO pulses received while the polarity corrected PWM output is high are counted. Glitches on the TACHO input can occur right after the PWM output goes high. As a result, the gate signal is delayed by 10 us when PWM goes high. There is no delay when PWM goes low, and the length of the delay is not configurable. Software must read the counter value in FAN\_CNT and calculate the RPM of the fan.

An example of how to calculate the RPM of the fan is if the fan controller is configured to 100 Hz and a 20% duty cycle, each PWM pulse is high in 2 ms and low in 8 ms. If gating is enabled, the gating of the



TACHO input is open in 1.99 ms and closed in 8.01 ms. If the fan is turning with 100 RPMs and gives two TACHO pulses per revolution, it will ideally give 200 pulses per minute. TACHO pulses are only counted in 19.99% of the time, so it will give  $200 \times 0.1999 = 39.98$  pulses per minute. If the additional 10 us gating time is ignored, the counter value is multiplied by 2.5 to get the RPM value, because there is a 20% duty cycle with two TACHO pulses per revolution. By multiplying with 2.5, the RPM value is calculated to 99.95, which is 0.05% off the correct value (due to the 10 µs gating time).

# <span id="page-228-0"></span>**4.8.11 Temperature Sensor**

This section provides information about the on-die temperature sensor. When enabled the temperature sensor logic will continually monitor the temperature of the die and make this available for software.

The following table lists the registers associated with the temperature monitor.

*Table 169 •* **Temperature Sensor Registers**

| Register               | <b>Description</b> |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| HSIO::TEMP SENSOR CTRL | Enabling of sensor |
| HSIO::TEMP SENSOR STAT | Temperature value  |

The temperature sensor is enabled by setting TEMP\_SENSOR\_CTRL.SAMPLE\_ENA. After this the temperature sensor will sample temperature every 500 µs and show current temperature through TEMP\_SENSOR\_STATE.TEMP. The formula for converting TEMP field value to centigrade temperature is:

Temp ( $^{\circ}$ C) = 177.4 – 0.8777 × TEMP\_SENSOR\_STATE.TEMP

It takes approximately 500 µs after setting SAMPLE\_ENA until the first temperature sample is ready. The TEMP\_SENSOR\_SATE.TEMP\_VALID field is set when the temperature value is available.

# <span id="page-228-1"></span>**4.8.12 Memory Integrity Monitor**

Soft errors happen in all integrated circuits, these are a result of natural alpha decay, cosmic radiation, or electrical disturbances in the environment in which the device operates. The chance of soft errors happening in a memory (RAM) is higher than for flip-flop based logic, because the memory structures are physically small and changes require less outside force than in flip flops. The device has built-in protection from soft errors by using error correcting code (ECC) on critical memories. In addition, the device allows monitoring and reporting of soft error events.

The following table lists the registers associated with the memory integrity monitor.

*Table 170 •* **Integrity Monitor Registers**

| <b>Register</b>          | <b>Description</b>                              |
|--------------------------|---|
| DEVCPU GCB::MEMITGR CTRL | Trigger monitor state changes.                  |
| DEVCPU GCB::MEMITGR STAT | Current state of the monitor and memory status. |
| DEVCPU GCB::MEMITGR INFO | Shows indication when in DETECT state.          |
| DEVCPU GCB::MEMITGR IDX  | Shows memory index when in DETECT state.        |
| DEVCPU GCB:: MEMITGR DIV | Monitor speed.                                  |

The memory integrity monitor looks for memory soft-error indications. Correctable (single bit) and noncorrectable (multibit or parity) indications are detected during memory read and can be reported to software by the ITGR software interrupt. For information about how to enable this interrupt, see [Interrupt](#page-231-0)  [Controller, page 217.](#page-231-0)

The memory integrity monitor operates in three different states: IDLE, LISTEN, and DETECT. After a reset, the monitor starts in the IDLE state.



**IDLE** The monitor is deactivated and in quiet mode. In IDLE mode, the memories still correct, detect, and store indications locally, but they are not able to report indications to the monitor.

**LISTEN** In the LISTEN state, the monitor looks for indications in the memories. MEMITGR\_STAT.INDICATION is set (and interrupt is asserted) when indications are detected.

**DETECT** DETECT state is used when indications are read from the memories. It means that a valid indication is available in MEMITGR\_INFO and the corresponding memory index in MEMITGR\_IDX.

The current state of the monitor is reported in MEMITGR\_STAT.MODE\_IDLE,

MEMITGR\_STAT.MODE\_DETECT, and MEMITGR\_STAT.MODE\_LISTEN. Software initiates transitions between states by setting the one-shot MEMITGR\_CTRL.ACTIVATE field. It may take some time to transition from one state to the next. The MEMITGR\_CTR.ACTIVATE field is not cleared before the next state is reached (also the MEMITGR\_STAT.MODE\_BUSY field is set while transitioning between states).

#### *Figure 84 •* **Monitor State Diagram**



The first time after reset that MEMITGR\_CTRL.ACTIVATE is set, the monitor resets the detection logic in all the memories and transitions directly from IDLE to LISTEN state.

Before setting MEMITGR\_CTRl.ACTIVATE for the first time, speed up the monitor by setting MEMITGR\_DIV.MEM\_DIV to the value specified in the registers list. The memories of the PCIe MAC are clock-gated and bypassed when PCIe interface is not enabled; enable monitoring of PCIe MAC memories by setting ICPU\_CFG::PCIE\_CFG.MEM\_RING\_CORE\_ENA. This field must not be set when PCIe interface is not enabled.

To read out indications, first transition from LISTEN to IDLE, then continue transitioning until the LISTEN state is reached. Every time the monitor ends up in the DETECT state, an indication is available in the MEMITGR\_INFO and MEMITGR\_IDX registers. Each memory stores one indication. Indications are cleared when they are read by way of the monitor. Each indication contains four flags and one memory address.



- The MEM\_ERR flag is set when a non-correctable upset is detected and the corresponding address is available in MEM\_ADDR.
- The MEM\_ERR\_OVF flag is set when a non-correctable upset is detected for which address could not be stored.
- The MEM COR flag is set when a correctable upset is detected and the corresponding address is available in MEM\_ADDR.
- The MEM\_COR\_OVF flag is set when a correctable upset is detected for which address could not be stored.

Information about non-correctable upsets is prioritized over correctable upsets. Address can only be saved when the monitor is in LISTEN mode. The following flowchart shows how the detection logic sets flags and address.





If the MEM\_ERR\_OVF or MEM\_COR\_OVF flag is set, at least one event has occurred for which the address could not be stored.

The following table shows ECC-enabled memories in the device, their index, and the recommended approach for handling indications. If the controller reports an index that is not mentioned in the list, the recommended approach is to reboot the device.





The VCore-III CPU implements parity protection of all VCore-III cache structures as specified by MIPS architecture. For information about how to enable parity protection and interrupt on parity upsets, see the MIPS documentation.



Reading from uninitialized memory locations has a high plausibility of triggering non correctable or correctable indications. This is useful when developing integrity monitor software driver. For example, powering up a system without initializing the VCAPs and reading actions and sticky bits will trigger monitor indications. Note that the contents of memories are not changed by device reset, so power cycle is needed to reset the memories.

# <span id="page-231-0"></span>**4.8.13 Interrupt Controller**

This section provides information about the VCore-III interrupt controller.

The following table lists the registers associated with the interrupt controller.

#### *Table 172 •* **Interrupt Controller Registers**



The interrupt controller maps interrupt sources from VCore-III and switch core blocks, port modules, and external interrupt inputs to four interrupt destinations. Two interrupt destinations are mapped to the VCore-III CPU, and two can be transmitted from the device using the overlaid functions on GPIOs or using PCIe inband interrupt signaling.



The following table lists the available interrupt sources in the device.









#### *Table 173 •* **Interrupt Sources** *(continued)*

The following table lists the available interrupt destinations in the device.

### *Table 174 •* **Interrupt Destinations**



All interrupts, events, and indications inside in the interrupt controller are active high. If an interrupt source supports polarity correction, it is applied before going into the interrupt controller. If an interrupt destination supports polarity correction, it is applied after leaving the interrupt controller.

### **4.8.13.1 Interrupt Source Configuration**

Interrupt sources are handled identically inside the interrupt controller. This section describes interrupt source n, which refers to the bit index of that interrupt source in the INTR\_\* and DST\_INTR\_\* registers. The following illustration shows the logic associated with a single interrupt source.

#### *Figure 86 •* **Interrupt Source Logic**



INTR\_RAW.INTR\_RAW[n]

The current value of an interrupt source is available in INTR\_RAW.INTR\_RAW[*n*]. INTR\_STICKY.INTR\_STICKY[n] is set when the interrupt controller detects an interrupt. There are two detection methods:

- When INTR\_TRIGGER.INTR\_TRIGGER[*n*] is set to level-activated, the interrupt controller continually sets INTR\_STICKY.INTR\_STICKY[*n*] for as long as the interrupt source is active.
- When INTR\_TRIGGER.INTR\_TRIGGER[*n*] is set to edge-triggered, the interrupt controller only sets INTR\_STICKY.INTR\_STICKY[*n*] when the interrupt source changes value.



- When INTR\_TRIGGER.INTR\_TRIGGER[*n*] is set to falling-edge-triggered, the interrupt controller only sets INTR\_STICKY.INTR\_STICKY[n] when the interrupt source changes from active to inactive value.
- When INTR\_TRIGGER.INTR\_TRIGGER[*n*] is set to rising-edge-triggered, the interrupt controller only sets INTR\_STICKY.INTR\_STICKY[n] when the interrupt source changes from inactive to active value.

Software can clear INTR\_STICKY.INTR\_STICKY[*n*] by writing 1 to bit n. However, the interrupt controller will immediately set this bit again if the source input is still active (when INTR\_TRIGGER is 0) or if it sees a triggering event on the source input (when INTR\_TRIGGER different from 0).

The interrupt source is enabled in INTR\_ENA.INTR\_ENA[*n*]. When INTR\_STICKY.INTR\_STICKY[*n*] is set and the interrupt is enabled, the interrupt is indicated towards the interrupt destinations. For more information, see Interrupt Destination Configuration. An active and enabled interrupt source sets INTR\_IDENT.INTR\_IDENT[*n*].

On rare occasions it is desirable to bypass the stickiness of interrupt sources and use INTR\_RAW.INTR\_RAW[*n*] directly instead of INTR\_STICKY.INTR\_STICKY[*n*]. Set INTR\_BYPASS.INTR\_BYPASS[*n*] to enable bypass and ignore INTR\_STICKY and INTR\_TRIGGER configurations.

**Note** The bypass function may be useful for some software interrupt handler architectures. It should only be used for interrupt sources that are guaranteed to be sticky in the source block. For example, the GPIO interrupts that are generated from sticky bits in DEVCPU\_GCB::GPIO\_INTR may be applicable for the bypass mode.

# **4.8.13.2 Interrupt Destination Configuration**

The four interrupt destinations are handled identically in the interrupt controller. This section describes destination d, which refers to the replication index of that interrupt in the DST\_INTR\_\* registers. The following illustration shows the logic associated with a single interrupt destination.

### *Figure 87 •* **Interrupt Destination Logic**



The interrupt destination can enable individual sources for interrupt by writing a mask to DST\_INTR\_MAP[d].DST\_INTR\_MAP. When a source is enabled in DST\_INTR\_MAP then an interrupt from this source will be propagated to the interrupt destination.

The currently active and enabled source interrupts for a destination can be seen by reading DST\_INTR\_IDENT[d].DST\_INTR\_IDENT.

### **4.8.13.3 Port Module Interrupts**

Each port module can generate an interrupt. Because there are too many modules to handle the interrupts in parallel with the other source interrupts in the INTR \* registers, the port module interrupts are aggregated in a separate source interrupt hierarchy before being presented to the interrupt controller source logic as the DEV source interrupt.



### *Figure 88 •* **Port Module Interrupt Logic**



The module interrupt polarity is configurable in DEV\_INTR\_POL.DEV\_INTR\_POL[m].

DEV\_INTR\_RAW, DEV\_INTR\_TRIGGER, DEV\_INTR\_STICKY, DEV\_INTR\_BYPASS, DEV\_INTR\_ENA, and DEV\_INTR\_IDENT works in the same way as the INTR\_\* counterparts, see Interrupt Source Configuration for more information.

The final step when handling module interrupts is an aggregation of all individual module interrupts to the DEV source interrupt.

### **4.8.13.4 External Interrupts**

The interrupt controller supports two external source interrupts (inputs to the device) and two external destination interrupts (outputs from the device). The external interrupts are mapped to GPIOs using overlaid functions. For more information about overlaid functions on the GPIOs for these signals, see GPIO Overlaid Functions, page 205.

Source and destination interrupts works independently from each other and can be used at the same time. The polarity (active high or low) of source and destination interrupts is configured in EXT\_SRC\_INTR\_POL and EXT\_DST\_INTR\_POL respectively.



#### *Table 175 •* **External Interrupt Pins**

For destination interrupts it is possible to drive the output pin permanently or emulate open-collector output.

- To drive permanently, configure EXT INTR DRV[e] = 0.
- To emulate open collector output, configure EXT\_INTR\_DRV[e] = 1 and EXT\_INTR\_POL[e] = 0. To safely enable open-collector output, the EXT\_INTR\_DRV and EXT\_INTR\_POL registers must be configured before enabling the overlaid function in the GPIO controller.
- **Note:** Open collector output mode is required when multiple interrupt sources are hooked up to the same interrupt wire on the PCB and the wire is be pulled high with a resistor. Each interrupt source can then drive the wire low through open-collector output when they want to signal interrupt.



# **5 Features**

This section provides information about specific features supported by individual blocks in the device and how these features are administrated by configurations across the entire device. Examples of various standard features are included such as the support for different spanning tree versions and VLAN operations, as well as more advanced features such as QoS and VCAP.

# **5.1 Switch Control**

This section provides information about the minimum requirements for switch operation.

# **5.1.1 Switch Initialization**

The following initialization sequence is required to ensure proper operation of the switch.

- 1. Soft-reset the switch core: DEVCPU\_GCB::SOFT\_RST.SOFT\_SWC\_RST = 1
- 2. Wait for DEVCPU\_GCB::SOFT\_RST.SOFT\_SWC\_RST to clear. Initialize memories: SYS::RESET\_CFG.MEM\_ENA = 1 SYS::RESET\_CFG.MEM\_INIT = 1
- 3. Wait 100 us for memories to initialize (SYS::RESET\_CFG.MEM\_INIT cleared).
- 4. Enable the switch core:
	- SYS::RESET\_CFG.CORE\_ENA = 1
- 5. Enable each port module through QSYS:PORT:SWITCH\_PORT\_MODE.PORT\_ENA = 1

# **5.2 Port Module Control**

This section provides information about the features and configurations for port reset and port counters.

# **5.2.1 Port Reset Procedure**

When changing a switch port's mode of operation or restarting a switch port, the following port reset procedure must be followed:

- 1. Disable the MAC frame reception in the switch port. DEV::MAC\_ENA\_CFG.RX\_ENA = 0
- 2. Disable traffic being sent to or from the switch port. QSYS:PORT:SWITCH\_PORT\_MODE\_ENA = 0
- 3. Disable shaping to speed up flushing of frames. QSYS::PORT\_MODE.DEQUEUE\_DIS = 1
- 4. Wait at least the time it takes to receive a frame of maximum length at the port. Worst-case delays for 10 kilobyte jumbo frames are:
	- 8 ms on a 10M port
	- 800 µs on a 100M port
	- 80 µs on a 1G port
	- $32 \mu s$  on a 2.5G port
- 5. Disable HDX backpressure. SYS::FRONT\_PORT\_MODE.HDX\_MODE = 0
- 6. Flush the queues associated with the port. REW:PORT:PORT\_CFG.FLUSH\_ENA = 1
- 7. Enable dequeuing from the egress queues. QSYS::PORT\_MODE.DEQUEUE\_DIS = 0
- 8. Wait until flushing is complete. QSYS:PORT:SW\_STATUS.EQ\_AVAIL must return 0
- 9. Reset the switch port by setting the following reset bits in CLOCK CFG:



- DEV::CLOCK\_CFG.MAC\_TX\_RST = 1
- DEV::CLOCK\_CFG.MAC\_RX\_RST = 1
- DEV::CLOCK CFG.PORT RST = 1
- 10. Clear flushing again. REW:PORT:PORT\_CFG.FLUSH\_ENA = 0
- 11. Set up the switch port to the new mode of operation. Keep the reset bits in CLOCK\_CFG set.
- 12. Release the switch port from reset by clearing the reset bits in CLOCK\_CFG.

**Note:** It is not necessary to reset the SerDes macros.

# **5.2.2 Port Counters**

The statistics collected in each port module provide monitoring of various events. This section describes how industry-standard Management Information Bases (MIBs) can be implemented using the counter set in the device. The following MIBs are considered.

- RMON statistics group (RFC 2819)
- IEEE 802.3-2005 Annex 30A counters
- SNMP interfaces group (RFC 2863)
- SNMP Ethernet-like group (RFC 3536)

# **5.2.2.1 RMON Statistics Group (RFC 2819)**

The following table provides the mapping of RMON counters to port counters.

### *Table 176 •* **Mapping of RMON Counters to Port Counters**







### *Table 176 •* **Mapping of RMON Counters to Port Counters** *(continued)*

# **5.2.2.2 IEEE 802.3-2005 Annex 30A Counters**

This section provides the mapping of IEEE 802.3-2005 Annex 30A counters to port counters. Only counter groups with supported counters are listed.





### *Table 178 •* **Optional Counters**





### *Table 178 •* **Optional Counters** *(continued)*



### *Table 179 •* **Recommended MAC Control Counters**



### *Table 180 •* **Pause MAC Control Recommended Counters**



# **5.2.2.3 SNMP Interfaces Group (RFC 2863)**

The following table provides the mapping of SNMP interfaces group counters to port counters.

### *Table 181 •* **Mapping of SNMP Interfaces Group Counters to Port Counters**





# **5.2.2.4 SNMP Ethernet-Like Group (RFC 3536)**

The following table provides the mapping of SNMP Ethernet-like group counters to port counters.





# **5.3 Layer-2 Switch**

This section describes the following Layer-2 switch features.

- **Switching**
- VLAN and GVRP
- Rapid and Multiple Spanning Tree
- Link aggregation
- Port-based access control
- **Mirroring**
- SNMP support

# **5.3.1 Basic Switching**

Basic switching covers forwarding, address learning, and address aging.

# **5.3.1.1 Forwarding**

The device contains a Layer-2 switch and frames are forwarded using Layer-2 information only. Exceptions to this are possible using VCAP capabilities. For example, to provide source-specific IP multicast forwarding.

The switch is designed to comply with the IEEE Bridging standard in Std 802.1D and the IEEE VLAN standard in Std 802.1Q:

- Unicast frames are forwarded to a single destination port that corresponds to the DMAC.
- Multicast frames are forwarded to multiple ports determined by the DMAC multicast group. The CPU configures multicast groups in the MAC table and the port group identifier (PGID) table. A multicast group can span across any set of ports.



- Broadcast frames (DMAC = FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF) are, by default, flooded to all ports except the ingress port. Also, in compliance with the standard, a unicast or multicast frame with unknown DMAC is flooded to all ports except the ingress port. It is possible to configure flood masks to restrict the flooding of frames. There are separate flood masks for the following frame types:
	- Unicast (ANA::FLOODING.FLD\_UNICAST)
	- Layer 2 multicast (ANA::FLOODING.FLD\_MULTICAST)
	- Layer 2 broadcast (ANA::FLOODING.FLD\_BROADCAST)
	- IPv4 multicast data (ANA::FLOODING\_IPMC.FLD\_MC4\_DATA)
	- IPv4 multicast control (ANA::FLOODING\_IPMC.FLD\_MC4\_CTRL)
	- IPv6 multicast data (ANA::FLOODING\_IPMC.FLD\_MC6\_DATA)
	- IPv6 multicast control (ANA::FLOODING\_IPMC.FLD\_MC6\_CTRL)

For frames with a known destination MAC address, the destination mask comes from an entry in the port group identifier table (ANA::PGID). The PGID table contains 92 entries (entry 0 through 91), where entry 0 through 63 are used for destination masks. The remaining PGID entries are used for other parts of the forwarding and are described below.

The following table shows the PGID table organization.

| <b>Entry Type</b>        | <b>Number</b>            |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Unicast entries          | $0 - 11$ (including CPU) |
| Multicast entries        | $12 - 63$                |
| <b>Aggregation Masks</b> | $64 - 79$                |
| Source Masks             | $80 - 91$                |

*Table 183 •* **Port Group Identifier Table Organization**

The unicast entries contains only the port number corresponding to the entry number.

Destination masks for multicast groups must be manually entered through the CPU into the destination masks table. IPv4 and IPv6 multicast entries can also be entered using direct encoding in the MAC table, where the destination masks table is not used. For information about forwarding and configuring destination masks, see <need reference>.

The aggregation masks ensures that a frame is forwarded to exactly one member of an aggregation group.

For all forwarding decisions, a source mask prevents frames from being sent back to the ingress port. The source mask removes the ingress port from the destination mask.

All ports are enabled for receiving frames by default. This can be disabled by clearing ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.RECV\_ENA.

### **5.3.1.2 Address Learning**

The learning process minimizes the flooding of frames. A frame's source MAC address is learned together with its VID. Each entry in the MAC table is uniquely identified by a (MAC,VID) pair. In the forwarding process, a frame's (DMAC,VID) pair is used as the key for the MAC table lookup.

The learning of unknown SMAC addresses can be either hardware-based or CPU-based. The following list shows the available learn schemes, which can be configured per port:

- **Hardware-based learning** autonomously adds entries to the MAC table without interaction from the CPU. Use the following configuration:
	- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARN\_ENA = 1
	- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARNCPU = 0
	- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARNDROP = 0
	- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARNAUTO = 1
- **CPU-based learning** copies frames with unknown SMACs, or when the SMAC appears on a different port, to the CPU. These frames are forwarded as usual. Use the following configuration.
	- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARN\_ENA = 1
	- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARNCPU = 1



- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARNDROP = 0
- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARNAUTO = 0
- **Secure CPU-based learning** is similar to CPU-based learning, except that it allows the CPU to verify the SMAC addresses before both learning and forwarding. Secure CPU-based learning redirects frames with unknown SMACs, or when the SMAC appears on a different port, to the CPU. These frames are not forwarded by hardware. Use the following configuration.
	- ANA::PORT CFG.LEARN ENA = 1
	- ANA::PORT CFG.LEARNCPU = 1
	- ANA::PORT\_CFG.LEARNDROP = 1
	- ANA::PORT\_CFG.LEARNAUTO = 0
- **No learning** where all learn frames are discarded. Frames with known SMAC in the MAC table are forwarded by hardware. Use the following configuration.
	- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARN\_ENA = 1
	- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARNCPU = 0
	- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARNDROP = 1
	- ANA:PORT:PORT\_CFG.LEARNAUTO = 0

Frames forwarded to the CPU for learning can be extracted from the CPU extraction queue configured in ANA:PORT:CPUQ\_CFG.CPUQ\_LRN.

During CPU-based learning, the rate of frames subject to learning being copied or redirected to the CPU can be controlled with the learn storm policer (ANA::STORMLIMIT\_CFG[3]). This policer puts a limit on the number of frames per second that are subject to learning being copied or redirected to the CPU. The learn frames storm policer can help prevent a CPU from being overloaded when performing CPU based learning.

# **5.3.1.3 MAC Table Address Aging**

To keep the MAC table updated, an aging scan is conducted to remove entries that were not recently accessed. This ensures that stations that have moved to a new location are not permanently prevented from receiving frames in their new location. It also frees up MAC table entries occupied by obsolete stations to give room for new stations.

In IEEE 802.1D, the recommended period for aging-out entries in the MAC address table is 300 seconds per entry. The device aging implementation checks for the aging-out of all the entries in the table. The first age scan sets the age bit for every entry in the table. The second age scan removes entries where the age bit has not been cleared since the first age scan. An entry's age bit is cleared when a received frame's (SMAC, VID) matches an entry's (MAC, VID); that is, the station is active and transmits frames. To ensure that 300 seconds is the longest an entry can reside inaccessible (and unchanged) in the table, the maximum time between age scans is 150 seconds.

The device can conduct age scans in two ways:

- Automatic age scans
- CPU initiated age scans

When using automatic aging, the time between age scans is set in the ANA::AUTOAGE register in steps of 1 second, in the range from 1 second to 12 days.

When using CPU-initiated aging, the CPU implements the timing between age scans. A scan is initiated by sending an aging command to the MAC address table (ANA::MACACCESS.MAC\_TABLE\_CMD).

The CPU-controlled age scan process can conveniently be used to flush the entire MAC table by conducting two age scans, one immediately after the other.

Flushing selective MAC table entries is also possible. Incidents that require MAC table flushing are:

- Reconfiguration of Spanning Tree protocol port states, which may cause station moves to occur.
- If there is a link failure notification (identified by a PHY layer device), flush the MAC table on the specific port where the link failed.

To deal with these incidents, the age scan process is configurable to run only for entries learned on a specified port or for a specified VLAN (ANA::ANAGEFIL.VID VAL). The filters can also be combined to do aging on entries that match both the specific port and the specific VLAN.



Single entries can be flushed from the MAC table by sending the FORGET command to the MAC address table.

# <span id="page-243-0"></span>**5.3.2 Standard VLAN Operation**

This section provides information about configuring and operating the device as a standard VLAN-aware switch. Subsequent sections discuss the switch as a Q-in-Q enabled provider bridge and the use of private VLANs and asymmetric VLANs.

The following table lists the port module registers for standard VLAN operation.

*Table 184 •* **Port Module Registers for Standard VLAN Operation**

| <b>Register/Register Field</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Replication</b> |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| MAC TAGS CFG                   | Allows tagged frames to be 4 bytes longer than the Per port<br>length configured in MAC MAXLEN CFG. |                    |

The following table lists the analyzer configurations and status bits for standard VLAN operation.

#### *Table 185 •* **Analyzer Registers for Standard VLAN Operation**





The following table lists the rewriter registers for standard VLAN operation.





In a VLAN-aware switch, each port is a member of one or more virtual LANs. Each incoming frame must be assigned a VLAN membership and forwarded according to the assigned VID. The following information draws on the definitions and principles of operations in IEEE 802.1Q. Note that the switch supports more features than mentioned in the following section, which only describes the basic requirements for a VLAN aware switch.

Standard VLAN operation is configured individually per switch port using the following configuration:

- MAC\_TAGS\_CFG.VLAN\_AWR\_ENA = 1
- MAC\_TAGS\_CFG.VLAN\_LEN\_AWR\_ENA = 1
- VLAN\_CFG.VLAN\_AWARE\_ENA = 1, VLAN\_CFG.VLAN\_POP\_CNT = 1

Each switch port has an Acceptable Frame Type parameter, which is set to Admit Only VLAN tagged frames or Admit All Frames:

- Admit Only VLAN-tagged frames:
	- DROP\_CFG.DROP\_UNTAGGED\_ENA = 1
	- DROP\_CFG.DROP\_PRIO\_C\_TAGGED\_ENA = 1
	- DROP\_CFG.DROP\_C\_TAGGED = 0
- Admit All Frames:
	- DROP\_CFG.DROP\_UNTAGGED\_ENA = 0
	- DROP\_CFG.DROP\_PRIO\_C\_TAGGED\_ENA = 0
	- DROP\_CFG.DROP\_C\_TAGGED = 0

Frames that are not discarded are subject to the VLAN classification. Untagged and priority-tagged frames are classified to a Port VLAN Identifier (PVID). The PVID is configured per port in VLAN\_CFG.VLAN\_VID. Tagged frames are classified to the VID given in the frame's tag. For more information about VLAN classification, see [VLAN Classification, page 55](#page-69-0).

# **5.3.2.1 Forwarding**

Forwarding is always based on the combination of the classified VID and the destination MAC address. By default, all switch ports are members of all VLANs. This can be changed in VLANACCESS and VLANTIDX where port masks per VLAN are set up.

### **5.3.2.2 Ingress Filtering**

VLAN ingress filtering can be enabled per switch port with the register VLANMASK.

The filter checks for all incoming frames to determine if the ingress port is a member of the VLAN to which the frame is classified. If the port is not a member, the frame is discarded. Whenever a frame is discarded due to lack of VLAN membership, the ANEVENTS.VLAN\_DISCARD sticky bit is set. To ensure that VLAN ingress filtered frames are not learned, ADVLEARN.VLAN\_CHK must be set.

### **5.3.2.3 GVRP**

GARP VLAN Registration Protocol (GVRP) is used to propagate VLAN configurations between bridges. On a GVRP-enabled switch, all GVRP frames must be redirected to the CPU for further processing. The GVRP frames use a reserved GARP MAC address (01-80-C2-00-00-21) and can be redirected to the CPU by setting bit 1 in the analyzer register CPU\_FWD\_GARP\_CFG.

### **5.3.2.4 Shared VLAN Learning**

The device can be configured for either Independent VLAN learning or Shared VLAN learning. Independent VLAN learning is the default.



Shared VLAN learning, where multiple VLANs map to the same filtering database, is enabled through Filter Identifiers (FIDs). Basically, this means that learning is unique for a (MAC, FID) set and that a learned MAC address is learned for all VIDs that map to the FID. Shared VLAN learning is configured in FID MAP per VLAN. The device supports 64 different FIDs. Any number of VLANs can map to the same FID.

# **5.3.2.5 Untagging**

An untagged set can be configured for each egress port, which defines the VIDs for which frames are transmitted untagged. The untagged set can consist of zero, one, or all VIDs. For all VIDs not in the untagged set, frames are transmitted tagged. The available configurations in the rewriter are:

- The untagged set is empty. REW:PORT:TAG\_CFG.TAG\_CFG = 3
- The untagged set consists of all VIDs. REW:PORT:TAG\_CFG.TAG\_CFG = 0
- The untagged set consists of one VID <VID>. REW:PORT:TAG\_CFG.TAG\_CFG = 1 REW:PORT:PORT\_VLAN\_CFG.PORT\_VID = <VID>

Optionally, frames received as priority-tagged frames (VID = 0) can also be transmitted as untagged (REW:PORT:TAG\_CFG.TAG\_CFG=2).

### **Port-Based VLAN Example**

VLANACCESS.VLAN\_TBL\_CMD = 2

### **Situation:**

Ports 0 and 1 are isolated from ports 2 and 3 using port-based VLANs. Ports 0 and 1 are assigned port VID 1 and ports 2 and 3 port VID 2. All frames in the network are untagged.

### **Resolution:**

```
# Port module configuration of ports 0 – 1.
# Configure the ports to always use the port VID.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_AWARE_ENA = 0
# Allow only untagged frames.
DROP_CFG.DROP_UNTAGGED_ENA = 0
DROP_CFG.DROP_PRIO_C_TAGGED = 1
DROP_CFG.DROP_C_TAGGED = 1
# Configure the port VID to 1.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_VID = 1
# Port module configuration of ports 2 – 3.
# Same as for ports 0-1, except that the port VID is set to 2.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_VID = 2
# Analyzer configuration.
# Configure VLAN 1 to contain ports 0-1.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 1
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 1
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x03
VLANACCESS.VLAN_TBL_CMD = 2
# Configure VLAN 2 to contain ports 2-3.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 2
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 1
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x0C
```


# **5.3.3 Provider Bridges and Q-in-Q Operation**

The following table lists the port module configurations for provider bridge VLAN operation.

### *Table 187 •* **Port Module Configurations for Provider Bridge VLAN Operation**



The following table lists the port module configurations for provider bridge VLAN operation.

### *Table 188 •* **System Configurations for Provider Bridge VLAN Operation**



The following table lists the analyzer configurations for provider bridge VLAN operation.

#### *Table 189 •* **Analyzer Configurations for Provider Bridge VLAN Operation**



The device supports the standard provider bridge features in IEEE 802.1ad (Provider Bridges). Features related to provider bridges are:

- Support for multiple tag headers (EtherTypes 0x8100, 0x88A8, and a programmable value are recognized as tag header EtherTypes)
- Pushing and popping of up to two VLAN tags
- Selective VLAN classification using either inner or outer VLAN tag
- Translating VLAN tag headers at ingress and/or at egress (using the IS1 and ES0 TCAMs)
- Enabling or disabling learning per VLAN



The following section discusses briefly how to configure these different features in the switch.

The device supports multiple VLAN tags. They can be used in MAN applications as a provider bridge, aggregating traffic from numerous independent customer LANs into the MAN space. One of the purposes of the provider bridge is to recognize and use VLAN tags so that the VLANs in the MAN space can be used independent of the customers' VLANs. This is accomplished by adding a VLAN tag with a MAN-related VID for frames entering the MAN. When leaving the MAN, the tag is stripped, and the original VLAN tag with the customer-related VID is again available. This provides a tunneling mechanism to connect remote customer VLANs through a common MAN space without interfering with the VLAN tags. All tags use EtherType 0x8100 for customer tags and EtherType 0x88A8, or a programmable value, for service provider tags.

In cases where a given service VLAN only has two member ports on the switch, the learning can be disabled for the particular VLAN (VLANTIDX.VLAN\_LEARN\_DISABLE) and can rely on flooding as the forwarding mechanism between the two ports. This way, the MAC table requirements are reduced.

### **5.3.3.0.1 MAN Access Switch Example**

#### **Situation:**

The following is an example of setting up the device as a MAN access switch with the following requirements:

- Customer ports are aggregated into a network port for tunneling through the MAN to access remote VLANs.
- Local switching between ports of the different customers must be eliminated.
- Frames must be label-switched from network port to correct customer port without need for MAC address learning.



### *Figure 89 •* **MAN Access Switch Setup**







#### Fram es in This Segm ent





This example is typically accomplished by letting each customer port have a unique port VID (PVID), which is used in the outer VLAN tag (the service provider tag). In the MAN, the VID directly indicates the customer port from which the frame is received or the customer port to which the frame is going.

A customer port is VLAN-unaware and classifies to a port-based VLAN. In the egress direction of the customer port, frames are transmitted untagged, which facilitates the stripping of the outer tag. That is, the provider tag is stripped, but the customer tag is kept. The port must allow frames with a maximum size of 1522 bytes.

#### **Resolution:**

```
# Configuration of customer 1's port (port 8).
# Allow for a single VLAN tag in the length check and set the maximum length 
without VLAN
# tag to 1518 bytes.
MAC_TAGS_CFG.VLAN_LEN_AWR_ENA = 1
MAC_TAGS_CFG.VLAN_AWAR_ENA = 1
MAC MAXLEN CFG.MAX LEN = 1518
```


```
# Configure the port to leave any incoming tags in the frame and to ignore any
# incoming VLAN tags in the VLAN classification. The port VID is always used 
in the
# VLAN classification.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_POP_CNT = 0
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_AWARE_ENA = 0
# Allow both C-tagged and untagged frames coming in to the device to also 
support customer traffic not using VLANs to be carried across the MAN.
DROP_CFG.DROP_UNTAGGED_ENA = 0
DROP_CFG.DROP_C_TAGGED = 0
DROP_CFG.DROP_PRIO_C_TAGGED = 0
DROP_CFG.DROP_S_TAGGED = 1
DROP_CFG.DROP_PRIO_S_TAGGED = 1
# Use service provider tagging when frames from this port exit the switch.
# (EtherType 0x88A8).
VLAN_CFG.VLANTAG_TYPE = 1
# Configure the port VID to 1.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_VID = 1
# Configure the egress side of the port to not insert tags.
# (The service provider tags are stripped in the ingress side of the MAN port).
TAG_CFG.TAG_CFG = 0
# Configuration of customer 2's port (port 9).
# Same as for customer 1's port (port 8), except that the port VID is set to 2.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_VID = 2
# Configuration of the network port (port 16).
# MAN traffic in transit between network ports is supported by configuring all 
network
# ports as follows:
# Allow for two VLAN tags in the length check and set the max length without
# VLAN tags to 1518 bytes.
MAC_TAGS_CFG.VLAN_LEN_AWR_ENA = 1
MAC_TAGS_CFG.VLAN_AWAR_ENA = 1
MAC_TAGS_CFG.PB_ENA =1
MAC_MAXLEN_CFG.MAX_LEN = 1518
# Configure the port to use incoming VLAN tags in the VLAN classification,
# and to remove the first (outer) VLAN tag (the service tag) from incoming 
frames.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_POP_CNT = 1
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_AWARE_ENA = 1
# Allow only S-tagged frames.
DROP_CFG.DROP_UNTAGGED_ENA = 1
DROP_CFG.DROP_C_TAGGED = 1
DROP_CFG.DROP_PRIO_C_TAGGED = 1
DROP_CFG.DROP_S_TAGGED = 0
DROP_CFG.DROP_PRIO_S_TAGGED = 0
# The tag type is unused on the network port
VLAN_CFG.VLANTAG_TYPE = 0
# Configure the egress side of the port to insert tags.
TAG_CFG.TAG_CFG = 1
# Common configuration in the analyzer.
# Configure VLAN 1 to contain customer 1's port (port 8) and the network port
# (port 16). Disable learning in VLAN 1. Ingress filtering is don't care for 
port
# based VLANs.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 1
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 1
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 0 (don't care, for this example)
```


```
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x00010100
VLANACCESS.VLAN_TBL_CMD = 2
# Configure VLAN 2 to contain customer 2's port (port 9) and the network port
# (port 16). Disable learning in VLAN 2. Ingress filtering is don't-care for 
port
# based VLANs.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 2
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 1
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x00010200
VLANACCESS.VLAN_TBL_CMD = 2
```
# **5.3.4 Private VLANs**

The following table lists the analyzer configuration registers for private VLAN support.

| <b>Register</b>        | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Replication</b> |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>VLANACCESS</b>      | VLAN table command. For indirect access to configuration of None<br>the 4096 VLANs. |                    |
| <b>VLANTIDX</b>        | VLAN table index. For indirect access to configuration of the None<br>4096 VLANs.   |                    |
| <b>ISOLATED PORTS</b>  | VLAN port mask indicating isolated ports in private VLANs.                          | None               |
| <b>COMMUNITY PORTS</b> | VLAN port mask indicating community ports in private<br><b>VLANs.</b>               | None               |

*Table 190 •* **Private VLAN Configuration Registers**

When a VLAN is configured to be a private VLAN, communication between ports within that VLAN can be prevented. Two application examples are:

- Customers connected to an ISP can be members of the same VLAN, but they are not allowed to communicate with each other within that VLAN.
- Servers in a farm of web servers in a Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) are allowed to communicate with the outside world and with database servers on the inside segment, but are not allowed to communicate with each other

For private VLANs to be applied, the switch must first be configured for standard VLAN operation. For more information, see [Standard VLAN Operation, page 229](#page-243-0). When this is in place, one or more of the configured VLANs can be configured as private VLANs. Ports in a private VLAN fall into one of three groups:

- Promiscuous ports
	- Ports from which traffic can be forwarded to all ports in the private VLAN
	- Ports that can receive traffic from all ports in the private VLAN
- Community Ports
	- Ports from which traffic can only be forwarded to community and promiscuous ports in the private VLAN
	- Ports that can receive traffic from only community and promiscuous ports in the private VLAN
- Isolated ports
	- Ports from which traffic can only be forwarded to promiscuous ports in the private VLAN
	- Ports that can receive traffic from only promiscuous ports in the private VLAN
- The configuration of promiscuous, community, and isolated ports applies to all private VLANs.

The forwarding of frames classified to a private VLAN happens:

• When traffic comes in on a promiscuous port in a private VLAN, the VLAN mask from the VLAN table is applied.



- When traffic comes in on a community port, the ISOLATED\_PORT mask is applied in addition to the VLAN mask from the VLAN table.
- When traffic comes in on an isolated port, the ISOLATED PORT mask and the COMMUNITY PORT mask are applied in addition to the VLAN mask from the VLAN table.

### **5.3.4.1 ISP Example**

### **Situation:**

Customers A, B, and C are connected to the same switch at the ISP. Customers A and B are allowed to communicate with each other, as well as the ISP. Customer C can only communicate with the ISP. VLAN 1 is the private VLAN that isolates Customers A, B from C. Traffic on VLAN 1 coming in from the ISP (port 8) uses the VLAN mask in the VLAN table. Traffic on VLAN 1 from customer A or B has the ISOLATED\_PORTS mask applied in addition to the mask from the VLAN table, with the result that traffic from customer A and B is not forwarded to customers C. Traffic on VLAN 1 from customer C has the ISOLATED\_PORTS mask and the COMMUNITY\_PORTS mask applied in addition to the mask from the VLAN table, with the result that traffic from customer C is not forwarded to customers A and B.

The following illustration shows the desired setup.

### *Figure 90 •* **ISP Example for Private VLAN**



#### **Resolution:**

```
# It is assumed that Port VID and tag handling for VLAN 1 is already
# configured according to the description in Standard VLAN Operation.
# Configure VLAN 1 as a private VLAN in the VLAN table by performing these 
steps:
# - Point to VLAN 1.
```


```
# - Set it as private.
# - Disable mirroring of the VLAN (not important for the example).
# - Enable learning within the VLAN (not important for the example).
# - Disable source check within the VLAN (not important for the example).
# - Include ports 0, 1, 2, and 8 in the VLAN mask.
# Insert the entry into the VLAN table.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 1
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 1
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x00000107
VLANACCESS.VLAN_TBL_CMD = 2
# Configure the private VLAN mask so that port 8 is a promiscuous
# port, ports 0 and 1 are community ports, and port 2 is an isolated port.
ISOLATED_PORTS.ISOL_PORTS = 0x00000103
COMMUNITY_PORTS.COMM_PORTS = 0x00000104
```
#### **5.3.4.2 DMZ Example**

#### **Situation:**

VLAN 17 is a private VLAN that isolates Server1 and Server2. Traffic on VLAN 17 coming from the internal or the external router (ports 8 and 9) uses the VLAN mask in the VLAN table. Traffic on VLAN 17 from Server1 and Server2 (ports 14 and 15) has the ISOLATED\_PORTS applied in addition to the mask from the VLAN table, with the result that traffic from Server1 is not forwarded to Server2 and visa versa.

The following illustration shows the desired setup.



#### *Figure 91 •* **DMZ Example for Private VLAN**

#### **Resolution:**

# It is assumed that Port VID and tag handling for VLAN 17 is already # configured according to the description in Standard VLAN Operation. # Configure VLAN 17 as a private VLAN in the VLAN table by performing these steps:

- # Point to VLAN 17.
- # Set it as private.
- # Disable mirroring of the VLAN (not important for the example).
- # Enable learning within the VLAN (not important for the example).



```
# - Disable source check within the VLAN (not important for the example).
# - Include ports 8, 9, 14, and 15 in the VLAN mask.
# - Insert the entry into the VLAN table.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 17
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 1
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x0000C300
VLANACCESS.VLAN_TBL_CMD = 2
# Configure the private VLAN mask so that ports 8 and 9 are promiscuous
# ports.
ISOLATED_PORTS.ISOL_PORTS = 0x00000300
```
## **5.3.5 Asymmetric VLANs**

Asymmetric VLANs use the same configuration registers as for standard VLAN operation. For more information about standard VLAN operation, see [Standard VLAN Operation, page 229.](#page-243-0)

Asymmetric VLANs can be used to prevent communication between hosts in a network. This behavior is similar to what can be obtained by using private VLANs. For more information, see[Private VLANs,](#page-250-0)  [page 236.](#page-250-0)

#### **Situation:**

A server and two hosts are connected to a switch. Communication between the hosts and the server should be allowed, but the hosts are not allowed to communicate directly. All traffic between the server and the hosts is untagged. Host 1 is connected to port 9, host 2 to port 10, and the server to port 8.

The host-1 port gets port VID 1 and the host-2 port gets port VID 2. The server port is a member of both VLANs 1 and 2. The server port gets port VID 3, and the two host ports are members of VLAN 3, as shown in the following illustration.

#### *Figure 92 •* **Asymmetric VLANs**



#### **Resolution:**

```
# Analyzer configurations common for ports 8, 9, and 10.
# Allow only untagged frames.
DROP_CFG.DROP_UNTAGGED_ENA = 0
```


```
DROP_CFG.DROP_C_TAGGED_ENA = 1
DROP_CFG.DROP_PRIO_C_TAGGED_ENA = 1
# As tagged frames are dropped all frames are classified to the port VID.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_AWARE_ENA = 0 (don't care, for this example)
# Configure the egress side of the port to not insert tags.
TAG CFG.TAG CFG = 0
# Analyzer configuration specific for port 8. Set the port VID to 3.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_VID = 3
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_DEI = 0 (don't care, for this example)
# Analyzer configuration specific for port 9. Set the port VID to 1.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_VID = 1
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_DEI = 0 (don't care, for this example)
# Analyzer configuration specific for port 10. Set the port VID to 2.
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_VID = 2
VLAN_CFG.VLAN_DEI = 0 (don't care, for this example)
# Analyzer configuration common to all ports.
# Configure VLAN 1 to contain port 8.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 1
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 0
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x00000100
VLANACCESS.VLAN_TBL_CMD = 2
# Configure VLAN 2 to contain port 8.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 2
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 0
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x00000100
VLANACCESS.VLAN_TBL_CMD = 2
# Configure VLAN 3 to contain ports 9 and 10.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 3
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 0
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x00000600
VLANACCESS.VLAN_TBL_CMD = 2
```
## **5.3.6 Spanning Tree Protocols**

This section provides information about Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP) support and Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP) support. The device also supports legacy Spanning Tree Protocol (STP). STP was obsoleted by RSTP in IEEE 802.1D and is not described in this document.

It is assumed that only LAN ports connected to the switch core participate in the spanning tree protocol. This implies that BPDUs are terminated by the switch core.



## **5.3.6.1 Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol**

The following table lists the analyzer configuration registers for Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (RSTP) operation.





To eliminate potential loops in a network, the Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol in IEEE 802.1D creates a single path between any two bridges in a network, adding stability and predictability to the network. The protocol is implemented by assigning states to all ports. Each state controls a port's functionality, limiting its ability to receive and transmit frames and learn addresses.

Establishing a spanning tree is done through the exchange of BPDUs between bridge entities. BPDUs are frequently exchanged between neighboring bridges. These frames are identified by the Bridge protocol address range (DMAC = 01-80-C2-00-00-0x).

When there is a change in the network topology, the protocol reconfigures the port states.



#### *Figure 93 •* **Spanning Tree Example**

The following table lists the Rapid Spanning Tree port state properties.





The legacy STP states disabled, blocking, and listening correspond to the discarding state of RSTP.



All frames with a Bridge protocol address must be redirected to the CPU. This is configured in CPU\_FWD\_BPDU\_CFG. BPDUs are forwarded to the CPU irrespective of the port's RSTP state. CPUQ\_8021\_CFG.CPUQ\_BPDU\_VAL can be used to configure in which CPU extraction queue the BPDUs are placed. BPDU generation is done through frame injection from the CPU.

Frame forwarding is controlled through ingress filtering and egress filtering. Ingress filtering can be done by using the source masks (PGID[80-91]), and egress filtering can be done by using the aggregation masks (PGID[64-79]). Forwarding can be disabled for ports not in the Forwarding state by clearing their source masks and excluding them from all aggregation masks. The use of the aggregation masks for egress filtering does not preclude the combination of link aggregation and RSTP support. All ports in a link aggregation group that are not in the Forwarding state must be disabled in all aggregation masks. For link aggregated ports in the Forwarding state, the aggregation masks must be configured for link aggregation (such as when RSTP is not supported.)

Learning can be enabled per port with the PORT\_CFG.LEARN\_ENA.

The following table provides an overview of the port state configurations for port p.



#### <span id="page-256-0"></span>*Table 193 •* **RSTP Port State Configuration for Port p**

#### **5.3.6.1.1 RSTP Example**

#### **Situation:**

Port 0 is in the RSTP Discarding state. Port 2 is in the RSTP Learning state. Port 3 is in the RSTP Forwarding state. All other ports on the switch are unused.

#### **Resolution:**

```
# Get Spanning Tree Protocol BDPUs to CPU extraction queue 0 for port 0, 2, 
and 3.
CPU_FWD_BPDU_CFG[0].BPDU_REDIR_ENA[0] = 1
CPU_FWD_BPDU_CFG[2].BPDU_REDIR_ENA[0] = 1
CPU_FWD_BPDU_CFG[3].BPDU_REDIR_ENA[0] = 1
CPUQ_8021_CFG.CPUQ_BPDU_VAL[0] = 0
# Configure the source mask for port 0 (Discarding state).
PGID[80] = 0x00# Configure the source mask for port 2 (Learning state).
PGID[82] = 0x00# Configure the source mask for port 3 (Forwarding state).
PGID[83] = 0x77
# Configure the aggregation masks to only allow forwarding to port 3
# (Forwarding state).
PGID[64-79] = 0x08# Configure the learn mask to only allow learning on ports
# 2 (Learning state) and 3 (Forwarding state).
PORT_CFG[0].LEARN_ENA = 0
PORT_CFG[2].LEARN_ENA = 1
PORT_CFG[3].LEARN_ENA = 1
```


## **5.3.6.2 Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol**

The following table lists the analyzer configuration registers for Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP) operation.





The Multiple Spanning Tree Protocol (MSTP) in IEEE 802.1Q increases network use, relative to RSTP, by creating multiple spanning trees that VLANs can map to independently, rather than having only one path between bridges common for all VLANs. The multiple spanning trees are created by assigning different bridge identifiers for each spanning tree. Mapping the VLANs to spanning trees is done arbitrarily.





The Learning state is not supported for MSTP. However, this has limited impact, because when the port is taken to the Forwarding state, learning is done at wire-speed, and, as a result, the SMAC learn delay is less important. MSTP is supported for all VLANs.



The following table lists the multiple spanning tree port state properties.

#### *Table 195 •* **MSTP Port State Properties**



To enable the MSTP port states:

- Ensure that the switch is VLAN-aware. For more information, see [Standard VLAN Operation,](#page-243-0)  [page 229.](#page-243-0)
- Set the ADVLEARN. VLAN\_CHK bit to prevent learning of frames discarded due to VLAN ingress filtering.
- Configure all ports as defined for the forwarding state of the RSTP port. For more information, see [Table 193, page 242](#page-256-0).

Port states per VLAN are hereafter solely configured through the VLAN masks as listed in the following table for port p and VLAN v.





As an alternative to setting the VLANACCESS.VLAN\_SRC\_CHK bit in all VLAN entries in the VLAN table, VLAN ingress filtering can be enabled globally for all VLANs on a per port basis through VLANMASK.

For all multiple spanning tree instances, BPDUs are forwarded to the CPU irrespective of the port states.

#### **5.3.6.2.1 MSTP Example**

#### **Situation:**

Ports 10 and 11 are both members of VLANs 20 and 21. Two spanning trees are used:

- Spanning tree for VLAN 20, where both ports 10 and 11 are in the Forwarding state
- Spanning tree for VLAN 21, where port 10 is in the Discarding state and port 11 is in the Forwarding state

All other ports on the switch are unused.

#### **Resolution:**

```
# Get all BDPUs to CPU queue 0.
CPU_FWD_BPDU_CFG[*].BPDU_REDIR_ENA[0] = 1
CPUQ_8021_CFG.CPUQ_BPDU_VAL[0] = 0
# Enable learning on all ports. The VLAN table controls forwarding and 
learning.
DEV::PORT_CFG.LEARN_ENA = 1
# Disable learning of VLAN membership source port filtered frames.
ADVLEARN.VLAN_CHK = 1
# Configure VLAN 20 for ports 10 and 11 in Forwarding state.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 20
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
```


```
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 1
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x00000C00
VLANACCESS.VLAN_TBL_CMD = 2
# Configure VLAN 21 for port 10 in Discarding state and port 11 in Forwarding 
state.
VLANTIDX.INDEX = 21
VLANTIDX.VLAN_PRIV_VLAN = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_MIRROR = 0 (don't care, for this example)
VLANTIDX.VLAN_LEARN_DISABLE = 0
VLANTIDX.VLAN_SRC_CHK = 1
VLANACCESS.VLAN_PORT_MASK = 0x00000800
VLANACCESS.VLAN_TBL_CMD = 2
```
## **5.3.7 IEEE 802.1X: Network Access Control**

IEEE 802.1X, Port-Based Network Access Control, provides a standard for authenticating and authorizing devices attached to a LAN port.

Generally, IEEE 802.1X is port-based; however, the device also supports MAC-based network access control.

This section provides information about the configuration settings for port-based and MAC-based network access control.

### **5.3.7.1 Port-Based Network Access Control**

The following table lists the configuration settings required for port-based network access control.



#### *Table 197 •* **Configurations for Port-Based Network Access Control**

The configuration settings required for port-based network access control enable the following functionality:

- Redirects frames with DMAC 01-80-C2-00-00-03 to CPU, even if the port is not yet authenticated.
- Stops forwarding of frames to ports that are not yet authenticated. This is configured in ANA::PGID[64-79].
- Stops forwarding of frames received on ports that are not yet authenticated. This is configured in ANA::PGID[80-91].



## **5.3.7.2 MAC-Based Authentication with Secure CPU-Based Learning**

The following table lists the configuration settings required for MAC-based network access control with secure CPU-based learning.





The MAC-based network access control with secure CPU-based learning enables the following functionality:

- Redirects frames with DMAC 01-80-C2-00-00-03 to CPU.
- Only frames from known, authenticated MAC addresses are forwarded to other ports.
- Frames from unknown MAC addresses are redirected to CPU for authentication. After the address is authenticated, the CPU must insert an entry in the MAC table. The authentication process may be initiated from the CPU when receiving learn frames.

## **5.3.7.3 MAC-Based Authentication with No Learning**

The following table lists the configuration settings required for MAC-based network access control with no learning.

#### *Table 199 •* **Configurations for MAC-Based Network Access Control with No Learning**



The MAC-based network access control with no learning enables the following functionality:

• Frames with DMAC 01-80-C2-00-00-03 are redirected to CPU. Unauthenticated and unauthorized devices must initiate an 802.1X session by sending 802.1X BPDUs (MAC address:



 $01-80-C2-00-00-03$ ). After the address is authenticated, the CPU must insert an entry in the MAC table.

- Only frames from known, authenticated MAC addresses are forwarded to other ports.
- Frames from unknown MAC addresses are discarded and the CPU can therefore not initiate the authentication process.

## **5.3.8 Link Aggregation**

Link aggregation bundles multiple ports (member ports) together into a single logical link. It is primarily used to increase available bandwidth without introducing loops in the network and to improve resilience against faults. A link aggregation group (LAG) can be established with individual links being dynamically added or removed. This enables bandwidth to be incrementally scaled based on changing requirements. A link aggregation group can be quickly reconfigured if faults are identified.

Frames destined for a LAG are sent on only one of the LAG's member ports. The member port on which a frame is forwarded is determined by a 4-bit aggregation code (AC) that is calculated for the frame.

The aggregation code ensures that frames belonging to the same frame flow (for example, a TCP connection) are always forwarded on the same LAG member port. For that reason, reordering of frames within a flow is not possible. The aggregation code is based on the following information:

- **SMAC**
- DMAC
- Source and destination IPv4 address.
- Source and destination TCP/UDP ports for IPv4 packets
- Source and destination TCP/UDP ports for IPv6 packets
- IPv6 Flow Label

For best traffic distribution among the LAG member ports, enable all contributions to the aggregation code.

Each LAG can consist of up to 16 member ports. Any quantity of LAGs may be configured for the device (only limited by the quantity of ports on the device.) To configure a proper traffic distribution, the ports within a LAG must use the same link speed.

A port cannot be a member of multiple LAGs.

## **5.3.8.1 Link Aggregation Configuration**

The following table lists the registers associated with link aggregation groups.

*Table 200 •* **Link Aggregation Group Configuration Registers**

| Register/Register Field            | <b>Description / Value</b>   | <b>Replication</b> |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| $ANA::PGID[0 - 63]$                | Destination mask   | 64                 |
| $ANA::PGID[80 - 91]$               | Source mask.   | Per port           |
| $ANA::PGID[64 - 79]$               | Aggregation mask.  | 16                 |
| ANA::PORT CFG.PORTID VAL           | Logical port number. Must be set to the<br>same value for all ports that are part of a<br>given LAG; for example, the lowest port<br>number that is a member of the LAG. | Per port           |
| ANA::AGGR CFG. AC IP6 FLOW LBL ENA | Use IPv6 flow label when calculating AC.<br>Configure identically for all ports.<br>Recommended value is 1.  | None               |
| ANA:: AGGR CFG. AC IP4 SIPDIP ENA  | Use IPv4 source and destination IP address None<br>when calculating aggregation code.<br>Configure identically for all ports.<br>Recommended value is 1.                 |                    |





*Table 200 •* **Link Aggregation Group Configuration Registers** *(continued)*

To set up a link aggregation group, the following destination masks, source masks, and aggregation masks must be configured:

- **Destination Masks: ANA::PGID[0-63]**. For each of the member ports, the corresponding destination mask must be configured to include all member ports of the LAG.
- **Source Masks: ANA::PGID[80-91]**. The source masks must be configured to avoid flooding frames that are received at one member port back to another member port of the LAG. As a result, the source masks for each of the member ports must be configured to exclude all of the LAG's member ports.
- **Aggregation Masks: ANA::PGID[64-79]**. The aggregation masks must be configured to ensure that when a frame is destined for the LAG, it gets forwarded to exactly one of the LAG's member ports. Also, the distribution of traffic between member ports is determined by this configuration.

The following illustration shows an example of a LAG configuration.



#### *Figure 95 •* **Link Aggregation Example**

Configuration, Switch A



In this example, ports 0, 1, 4, and 5 of switch A are configured as a LAG. These ports are connected to 4 ports (4, 5, 6, 7) of switch B, providing an aggregated bandwidth of 4 Gbps between the two switches.

The aggregation masks for switch A are configured such that frames (destined for the LAG) are distributed on the member ports as follows:

• Port 0 if frame's aggregation code (AC) is 0x0, 0x4, 0x8, 0xC

- Port 1 if frame's aggregation code (AC) is 0x1, 0x5, 0x9, 0xD
- Port 4 if frame's aggregation code (AC) is 0x2, 0x6, 0xA, 0xE
- Port 5 if frame's aggregation code (AC) is 0x3, 0x7, 0xB, 0xF

#### **5.3.8.2 Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP)**

LACP allows switches connected to each other to automatically discover if any ports are member of the same LAG.

To implement LACP, any LACP frames must be redirected to the CPU. Such frames are identified by the DMAC being equal to 01-80-C2-00-00-02 (Slow Protocols Multicast address).



The following table lists the registers associated with configuring the redirection of LACP frames to the CPU.





## **5.3.9 Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)**

This section provides information about the port module registers and the analyzer registers for SNMP operation.

The following table lists the system registers for SNMP operation.

#### *Table 202 •* **System Registers for SNMP Support**



The following table lists the analyzer registers for SNMP support.

#### *Table 203 •* **Analyzer Registers for SNMP Support**



For SNMP support according to IETF RFC 1157, use the following features:

- **RMON** counters
- MAC table GET\_NEXT function

For more information about the supported RMON counters, see [Port Counters, page 223.](#page-237-0)

For more information about the MAC table GET\_NEXT function, see [Table 76, page 104](#page-118-0).

## <span id="page-264-0"></span>**5.3.10 Mirroring**

To debug network problems, selected traffic can be copied, or mirrored, to a mirror port where a frame analyzer can be attached to analyze the frame flow.

The traffic to be copied to the mirror port can be selected as follows:

- All frames received on a given port (also known as ingress mirroring)
- All frames transmitted on a given port (also known as egress mirroring
- Frames selected through configured VCAP entries
- All frames classified to specific VIDs
- All frames sent to the CPU (may be useful for software debugging)
- Frames where the source MAC address is to be learned (also known as learn frame), which may be useful for software debugging

The mirror port may be any port on the device, including the CPU.

## **5.3.10.1 Mirroring Configuration**

The following table lists configuration registers associated with mirroring.



#### *Table 204 •* **Configuration Registers for Mirroring**

The following illustration shows a port mirroring example.

#### *Figure 96 •* **Port Mirroring Example**



All traffic to and from the server on port 3 (the probe port) is mirrored to port 2 (the mirror port). Note that the mirror port may become congested, because both the Rx frames and Tx frames on the probe port become Tx frames on the mirror port. The following mirror configuration is required:

```
ANA::PORT_CFG[3].SRC_MIRROR_ENA = 1
ANA::EMIRRORMASK[3] = 1
ANA: : MIRRORPORTS = 0x0000004
```
In addition to the mirror configuration settings, the egress configuration of the mirror port (port 2) must be configured identically to the egress configuration of the probe port (port 3). This is to ensure that VLAN tagging and DSCP remarking at the mirror port is performed consistently with that of the probe port, such that the frame copies at the mirror port are identical to the original frames on the probe port.



Multiple mirror conditions, such as mirror multiple probe ports, VLANs, and so on, can be enabled concurrently to the same mirror port. However, in such configurations, it may not be possible to configure the egress part of the mirror port to perform tagging and DSCP remarking consistent with that of the original frame.

# **5.4 IGMP and MLD Snooping**

This section provides information about the features and configurations related to Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) and Multicast Listener Discovery (MLD) snooping.

By default, Layer-3 multicast data traffic is flooded in a Layer-2 network in the broadcast domain spanned by the VLAN. This causes unnecessary traffic in the network and extra processing of unsolicited frames in hosts not listening to the multicast traffic. IGMP and MLD snooping enables a Layer-2 switch to listen to IGMP and MLD conversations between host and routers. The switch can then prune multicast traffic from ports that do not have a multicast listener, and as a result, do not need a copy of the multicast frame. This is done by managing the multicast group addresses and the associated port masks.

IGMP is used to manage IPv4 multicast memberships, and MLD is used to manage IPv6 multicast memberships.

The device supports IGMPv2/v3 and MLDv1/v2. IGPMv2 and MLDv1 use any-source multicasting (ASM), where the multicast listener joins a group and can receive the multicast traffic from any source. IGMPv3 and MLDv2 introduce source-specific multicasting (SSM), where both source and group are specified by the multicast listener when joining a group.

The support in the device is two-fold:

- Control plane: IGMP and MLD frames are redirected to the CPU. This enables the CPU to listen to the queries and reports.
- Data plane: By monitoring the multicast group registrations and de-registrations signaled through the IGMP and MLD frames, the CPU can setup multicast group addresses and associated ports.

## **5.4.1 IGMP and MLD Snooping Configuration**

To implement IGMP and MLD snooping, any IGMP or MLD frames must be redirected to the CPU. For information about by the conditions by which such frames are identified, see [CPU Forwarding](#page-72-0)  [Determination, page 58](#page-72-0). IGMP and MLD frames can be independently snooped and assigned individual CPU extraction queues.

The following table lists the registers associated with configuring the redirection of IGMP and MLD frames to the CPU.



#### *Table 205 •* **Configuration Registers for IGMP and MLD Frame Redirection to CPU**



# **5.4.2 IP Multicast Forwarding Configuration**

The following table lists the registers associated with configuring the multicast group addresses and the associated ports.



#### *Table 206 •* **IP Multicast Configuration Registers**

IPv4 and IPv6 multicast group addresses are programmed in the MAC table as IPv4 and IPv6 multicast entries. For more information, see [MAC Table, page 101](#page-115-0). The entry in the MAC table also holds the set of egress ports associated with the group address.

By default, programming an IPv4 or IPv6 multicast entry in the MAC table makes it an any-source multicast, because the actual source IP address is insignificant with respect to forwarding.

To create source-specific IPv4 or IPv6 multicast entries, the Filter Identifier (FID) action in VCAP IS1 can be used, which enables creation of specific FIDs per source IP address. Entries in IS1 can contain the full IPv4 or IPv6 source address. Multiple MAC table entries holding the same IPv4 or IPv6 multicast group address but different FIDs can then be created. This effectively enables source-specific multicasting.

The switch provides full control of flooding of unknown IP multicast frames. For more information, see [DMAC Analysis, page 110.](#page-124-0) Generally, an IGMP and MLD snooping switch disables flooding of unknown multicast frames, except to ports connecting to multicast routers. Note that unknown IPv4 multicast control frames should be flooded to all ports, because IPv4 is not as strict as IPv6 in terms of registration for IP multicast groups.

# **5.5 Quality of Service (QoS)**

This section discusses features and configurations related to QoS.

The device includes a number of features related to providing low-latency guaranteed services to critical network traffic such as voice and video in contrast to best-effort traffic such as web traffic and file transfers.

All incoming frames are classified to a QoS class, which is used in the queue system when assigning resources, in the arbitration from ingress to egress queues and in the egress scheduler when selecting the next frame for transmission. The device provides two methods for classifying to a QoS class and for remarking priority information in the frame: Basic and Advanced classification.

Basic QoS classification enables predefined schemes for handling Priority Code Points (PCP), Drop Eligible Indicator (DEI), and Differentiated Service Code Points (DSCP):

• QoS classification based on PCP and DEI for tagged frames. The mapping table from PCP and DEI to QoS class is programmable per port.



- QoS classification based on DSCP values. Can optionally use only trusted DSCP values. The mapping table from DSCP value to QoS class is common between all ports.
- The device has the option to work as a DS boundary node connecting two DS domains together by translating incoming/outgoing DSCP values for selected ports.
- The DSCP values can optionally be remarked based on the frame's classified QoS class.

• For untagged or non-IP frames, a default per-port QoS class is programmable.

Advanced QoS classification uses the VCAP IS1, which provides a flexible classification:

- A large range of higher layer protocol fields (Layer 2 through Layer 4) are available for rule matching.
- The IS1 action vector returns a QoS class, and translations of PCP, DEI, and DSCP values are also possible.
- Through programming of entries in IS1, QoS rules can be made as specific as needed.For example; per source MAC address, per TCP/UDP destination port number, or combination of both.

For more information about advanced QoS classification using the VCAP IS1, see [Ingress Control Lists,](#page-272-0)  [page 258.](#page-272-0)

## **5.5.1 Basic QoS Configuration**

The following table lists the registers associated with configuring basic QoS.





#### **Situation:**

Assume a configuration with the following requirements:

- All frames with DSCP=7 must get QoS class 7.
- All frames with DSCP=8 must get QoS class 5.
- DSCP = 9 is untrusted and all frames with DSCP=9 should be treated as a non-IP frame.
- VLAN-tagged frames with PCP=7 must get QoS class 7
- All other IP frames must get QoS class 1.
- All other non-IP frames must get QoS class 0.

#### **Solution:**

```
# Program overall QoS configuration
QOS_CFG.QOS_DSCP_ENA = 1
QOS_CFG.QOS_PCP_ENA = 1
```

```
# Program DSCP trust configuration ("*" = 0 through 63)
DSCP_CFG[*].DSCP_TRUST_ENA = 1
DSCP_CFG[9].DSCP_TRUST_ENA = 0
```

```
# Program DSCP QoS configuration ("*" = 0 through 63)
DSCP_CFG[*].QOS_DSCP_VAL = 1
DSCP_CFG[7].QOS_DSCP_VAL = 7
```

```
DSCP_CFG[8].QOS_DSCP_VAL = 5
```

```
# Program PCP QoS configuration ("*" = 0 through 15)
# Note: both 7 and 15 are programmed in order to don't care DEI
QOS_PCP_DEI_MAP_CFG[*] = 0
QOS_PCP_DEI_MAP_CFG[7] = 7
```


```
QOS_PCP_DEI_MAP_CFG[15] = 7
```

```
# Program default QoS class for non-IP, non-tagged frames.
QOS_CFG.QOS_DEFAULT_VAL = 0
```
## <span id="page-269-0"></span>**5.5.2 IPv4 and IPv6 DSCP Remarking**

IPv4 and IPv6 packets include a 6-bit Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP), which switches and routers can use to determine the QoS class of a frame. With a proper value in the DSCP field, packets can be prioritized consistently throughout the network. Compared to QoS classification based on user priority, classification based on DSCP provides two main advantages

- DSCP field is already present in all packets (assuming all traffic is IPv4/IPv6).
- DSCP value is preserved during routing and is therefore better suited for end-to-end QoS signaling.

Some hosts may be able to send packets with an appropriate value in the DSCP field, whereas other hosts may not provide an appropriate value in the DSCP field.

For packets without an appropriate value in the DSCP field, the device can be configured to write a new DSCP value into the frame, based on the QoS class of the frame. For example, the device may have determined the QoS class based on the VLAN tag priority information (PCP and DEI). After the packet is transmitted by the egress port, the DSCP field can be rewritten with a value based on the QoS class of the frame. Any subsequent routers or switches can then be easily prioritize the frame, based on the rewritten DSCP value.

The DSCP rewriting functionality available in the device provides flexible, per-ingress port and per-DSCP-value configuration of whether frames should be subject to DSCP rewrite. If it is determined at the ingress port that the DSCP value should be rewritten and to which value, this is then signaled to the egress ports, where the actual change of the DSCP field is done.

In addition, the IS1 can be programmed to return a DSCP value as part of the action vector. This value overrules the potential DSCP value coming out of the DSCP rewrite functionality described previously. A DSCP value from either the basic classification or the advanced IS1 classification obey the same egress rules for the actual DSCP remarking.

## **5.5.2.1 DSCP Remarking Configuration**

The following table lists the configuration registers associated with DSCP remarking.



#### *Table 208 •* **Configuration Registers for DSCP Remarking**







The configuration related to the ingress port controls whether a frame is to be remarked. For each ingress port, a DSCP rewrite mode is configured in ANA:PORT:DSCP\_REWR\_CFG. This register defines the four different modes as follows:

- 0x0: No DSCP rewrite, that is, never change the received DSCP value.
- 0x1: Rewrite if DSCP is zero. This may be useful if a DSCP value of zero indicates that the host has not written any value to the DSCP field.
- 0x2: Rewrite selected DSCP values. In ANA::DSCP\_CFG.DSCP\_REWR\_ENA specific DSCP values can be selected for rewrite, for example, if only certain DSCP values are allowed in the network.
- 0x3: Rewrite all DSCP values.

After a frame is selected for DSCP rewrite, based on the configuration for the ingress port, the new DSCP value is determined by mapping the QoS class and DP level to a new DSCP value (ANA::DSCP\_REWR\_CFG.DSCP\_QOS\_REWR\_VAL).

This DSCP value is overruled by IS1 if a hit in IS1 returns an action vector with DSCP\_ENA set.

The resulting DSCP value is forwarded to the Rewriter at the egress port, which determines whether to actually write the new DSCP value into the frame (REW::DSCP\_CFG.DSCP\_REWR\_CFG). Optionally, the DSCP value may be translated before written into the frame (REW::DSCP\_REMAP\_CFG, REW::DSCP\_REMAP\_DP1\_CFG) for applications where the switch acts as an DS boundary node.

When an IPv4 DSCP is rewritten, the IP header checksum is updated accordingly.

## **5.5.3 Voice over IP (VoIP)**

This section provides information about QoS in applications with Voice over IP (VoIP).

In a typical workgroup switch application with VoIP phones, both workstations and VoIP phones are connected to the switch. A workstation can be connected through a VoIP phone. Traffic from the workstation is usually untagged, whereas traffic from the VoIP phone may or may not be tagged. The QoS classification mechanism applied on the access port depends on the capabilities of the VoIP phone; these capabilities vary from phone to phone. With different VoIP phone models in the network, different access ports require different QoS classification mechanisms. The access switch can perform QoS classification, depending on the VoIP phone model, to achieve consistent VoIP QoS across the network.

Voice traffic can be identified in the following ways.

- **Source MAC address (OUI): Most vendors use a dedicated OUI for VoIP phones.**
- **EtherType:** Legacy phones may use a special EtherType for VoIP.
- **VID**: A special VID used for voice traffic.
- **UDP Port Range**: Voice traffic often uses a well-known port range for the Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP).
- **DSCP or ToS Precedence**: Many phones can set the DSCP value or the ToS precedence bits.
- **Priority Code Point**: Many phones send VLAN tagged frames and can set the priority code point.

All of these identification methods are supported by QoS classification through IS1. They can be used to determine the VoIP traffic's QoS class when entering the switch. For more information about the IS1, see [VCAP IS1 Port Configuration, page 63.](#page-77-1)

To ensure consistent QoS across the network, frames can be remarked on the uplink port. Priority Code Points and DSCP values can be remarked based on the QoS class determined by the QCLs. For more information about Priority Code Point and DSCP remarking, see [VLAN Editing, page 133](#page-147-0), and [IPv4 and](#page-269-0)  [IPv6 DSCP Remarking, page 255.](#page-269-0)

Traffic received on the uplink port can usually rely on simple DSCP or PCP QoS classification.



# **5.6 VCAP Applications**

This section provides information about Versatile Content Aware Processor (VCAP) applications for QoS classification, source IP guarding, and access control.

The following table shows the different control lists that the VCAP can be used to build.

*Table 209 •* **Control Lists and Application**

| <b>Control List</b>                        | <b>Description</b>  |
|--|---|
| Ingress control lists (ICLs)               | QoS classification<br>VI AN classification and translation<br>policy association group classification |
| IPv4 source guarding control lists (S4CLs) | IPv4 source guarding  |
| IPv6 source guarding control lists (S6CLs) | IPv6 source quarding  |
| Access control lists (ACLs)                | Access control  |
| Egress control lists (ECLs)                | Tagging and egress translations   |

## **5.6.1 Notation for Control Lists Entries**

Setting up a control list typically requires a large amount of register configurations. To maintain the overview of the VCAP functionality, the following control list notations are used. The register configurations are not listed. For more information about the VCAP configurations, see [VCAP, page 60](#page-74-0).

The notation used is:

```
entry_number vcap entry_type {entry_field=value}
→ {action_field=value}
```
Each control entry in the notation consists of:

- The entry number specifying the TCAM address for the specific TCAM
- The VCAP used (IS1, IS2, ES0)
- The entry type (for instance NORMAL or MAC\_ETYPE).
- Zero, one, or more entry fields with specified values. If no value is supplied, it is assumed that the value is 1.
- The action (indicated with  $\rightarrow$ )
- Zero, one, or more action fields with specified values. If no value is supplied, it is assumed that the value is 1.

All entry fields not listed in the entry part of the control entry are set to don't care.

All action fields not listed in the action part of the control entry are set to zero.

Default actions are special, because they do not have an entry type and a pattern to match:

default vcap (first|second) port=value  $\rightarrow$  { action\_field= value}

The notation is illustrated by the following examples.

#### **Example 1:**

An example of an ACL entry:

```
255 is2 ipv4_other first igr_port_mask=(1<<7) sip=10.10.12.134
\rightarrow
```
This ACL entry is located in entry number 255. It is matched for the first lookup, and it is part of the port ACL for port 7. The type is ipv4 other, and the action is not to change the normal flow for frames with  $SIP = 10.10.12.134.$ 

#### **Example 2:**



Policy ACL A can include a monitoring rule that disables forwarding and learning of all incoming IPv4 traffic, but redirects a copy to CPU extraction queue number 3 using the hit-me-once filter. The hit-meonce filter enables the CPU to control when it ready to accept a new frame. The rule would look like this:

```
254 is2 ipv4_other first pag=A
→ hit_me_once cpu_qu_num = 3
```
#### **Example 3:**

This example shows an ACE that allows forwarding and learning of ARP requests from port 7, if the source IP address is 10.10.12.134. The ACL entry also performs ARP sanity checks that frames must pass to match. The checks include checking that it is a Layer-2 broadcast, that the hardware address space is Ethernet, that the protocol address space is IP, that the MAC address and IP address lengths are correct, and that the sender hardware address (SMAC) matches the SMAC of the frame.

```
253 is2 arp first igr_port_mask=(1<<7) l2_bc opcode=arp_request
sip=10.10.12.134
arp_addr_space_ok arp_proto_space_ok arp_len_ok
arp_sender_match
\rightarrow
```
#### **Example 4:**

If the default action from first lookup for port 7 is to discard all traffic, the following notation is used:

default is2 first port=7 → mask\_mode=1 port\_mask=0x0

## <span id="page-272-0"></span>**5.6.2 Ingress Control Lists**

The following table lists the registers associated with advanced QoS configuration through Ingress Control Lists.

#### *Table 210 •* **Advanced QoS Configuration Register Overview**



#### **Situation:**

Assume a configuration with the following requirements:

- All frames with DSCP = 7 must get QoS class 2.
- All frames with TCP/UDP port numbers in the range 0 1023 must get QoS class 3, except frames with TCP/UDP port 25, which must get QoS class 1.
- All other frames must get QoS class 0.

#### **Solution:**

The resulting QoS Control List looks like this:

```
255 is1 normal first etype_len ip_snap dscp = 7
\rightarrow qos_ena=1, qos_val = 2
254 is1 normal first etype_len ip_snap l4_sport = 25
\rightarrow qos_ena=1, qos_val = 1
253 is1 normal first etype_len ip_snap etype = 25
\rightarrow qos_ena=1, qos_val = 1
252 is1 normal first etype_len ip_snap l4_sport=(key:0, mask: 0x3FF)
\rightarrow qos_ena=1, qos_val = 3
251 is1 normal first etype_len ip_snap etype = (key: 0, mask: 0x3FF)
\rightarrow qos_ena=1, qos_val = 3
ANA:PORT:QOS_CFG.QOS_DEFAULT_VAL = 0.
```


# **5.6.3 Access Control Lists**

The examples operate with three levels of ACLs:

- Port ACL<sub>s</sub>
- Policy ACLs
- Switch ACLs

The port ACLs are specific to a single port or a group of ports that form a link aggregation group. For example, a port ACL can be used for source IP filtering, locking a specific source IP address to a port. For more information about this example, see Restrictive SIP Filter Using IS2, page 260.

The policy ACLs are shared for a group of ports that must have the same policy applied. For example, there could be one policy for ports through which workstations access the network and another policy for ports to which servers are connected.

The switch ACLs apply to all ports of the switch. They specify some general rules that apply to all traffic passing through the switch. The rules can still be rather specific, for example, covering a specific VLAN or a specific IP address.

In the examples, the resulting ACL can include one port ACL, one policy ACL, and the switch ACL. This is determined by the way the ingress port mask (IGR\_PORT\_MASK) and the policy association group (PAG) are used. For information about IGR\_PORT\_MASK and PAG, see [VCAP IS2, page 78.](#page-92-0) There are several ways to use the 8-bit PAG, but in this section, all eight bits are used to point out a policy ACL. The IGR\_PORT\_MASK points out the port ACL. This permits one port ACL per port and a total of 256 policy ACLs. Note that ports may share the same port ACL and a port by don't caring bits in the port ACL's IGR\_PORT\_MASK.

Each port has a default PAG assigned to it. The IS1 VCAP can be used to change the value of the PAG based on specific protocol fields matched in the IS1 lookup. The resulting PAG is used in the IS2 VCAP lookup and is matched against the PAG field of the ACL entries.

For an ACL entry in the IS2 VCAP, the PAG and IGR\_PORT\_MASK use this notation:

PAG = PolicyACL\_ID IGR\_PORT\_MASK = 1<<PortACL\_ID

**Note:** The "<<" operator is the bitwise left shift operator. It shifts the left operand bit-wise to the left the number of positions specified by the right operand.

The IGR\_PORT\_MASK is a mask so the port number is left-shifted to create the mask.

For an ACL entry that is part of a port ACL for port 8, the PAG would be (\*) and IGR\_PORT\_MASK would be (1<<8) = 0x100. The asterisk is a wildcard, which means that the PolicyACL\_ID is a don't-care. For an ACL entry that is part of policy ACL A, the PAG would be (A) and the IGR\_PORT\_MASK would be (\*). In this case, the PortACL\_ID is a don't-care.

If, for example, port 8 must have policy A applied, the PAG assigned to port 8 is (A). Using this PAG value, the following ACLs match the lookup:

- Port ACL for port 8 with PAG =  $(*)$  and IGR\_PORT\_MASK =  $(1\le 8)$
- Policy ACL A with PAG = (A) and IGR\_PORT\_MASK =  $(*)$
- Switch ACL with PAG =  $(*)$  and IGR\_PORT\_MASK =  $(*)$

The ordering of the port ACL, the policy ACL, and switch ACL in the resulting ACL follows the ordering in the TCAM. In the following illustration, the switch ACL has the highest priority, followed by the policy ACL A, and finally, the port ACL for port 8.

The resulting ingress ACL in the example is made up of the ingress ACL entries in the switch ACL, the policy ACL A, the port ACL for port 8, and the default action for port 8. The VCAP also does a second lookup, for which the resulting ACL has a common default action as the last rule.





#### *Figure 97 •* **Resulting ACL for Lookup with PAG = (A) and IGR\_PORT\_MASK = (1<<8)**

## **5.6.4 Source IP Filter (SIP Filter)**

The VCAP enables filtering of source IP (SIP) addresses on a port also known as source IP guarding. This can be used to only allow IP traffic from a specific SIP to enter the switch on a given port. Doing this can prevent the following denial of service (DoS) attacks: LAND attack, SMURF attack, SYN flood attack, Martian attack, and Ping attack.

#### **5.6.4.1 Restrictive SIP Filter Using IS2**

A restrictive SIP filter can be applied per port in networks where only IP traffic is allowed. The filter locks a specific SIP to the port and only permits ARP frames and IPv4 frames with the specified SIP to enter the switch on the given port.

For monitoring purposes, it is possible to permit IPv4 frames with other SIPs than the SIP locked to the port. The action is to redirect to the CPU, and the amount of traffic can be reduced by using the hit-meonce feature. The ACL entry for this can be part of a policy ACL for all ports on which the SIP filter is applied.

The port ACL has the following options:

- Permit IPv4 with trusted SIP
- Permit ARP with trusted SIP passing ARP sanity checks
- Permit all IPv4 CPU redirect with hit-me-once filter (for monitoring)
- Default port action discard all traffic

#### **Situation:**

Apply the restrictive SIP filter on port 7 with SIP 10.10.12.134.

#### **Resolution:**



#### The resulting ACL for port 7 looks like this:

```
255 is2 ipv4_tcp_udp first igr_port_mask=(1<<7) sip=10.10.12.134
\rightarrow254 is2 ipv4_other first igr_port_mask=(1<<7) sip=10.10.12.134
\rightarrow253 is2 arp first igr_port_mask=(1<<7) l2_bc opcode=arp_request
sip=10.10.12.134
arp_addr_space_ok arp_proto_space_ok arp_len_ok
arp_sender_match
\rightarrow252 is2 ipv4_tcp_upd first pag=A
→ hit_me_once cpu_queue=3
251 is2 ipv4_other first pag=A
→ hit_me_once cpu_queue=3
default is2 first port=11
→ mask_mode=1 port_mask=0x0
```
Applying this SIP filter requires to two entries per port plus three common entries.

#### **5.6.4.2 Restrictive SIP Filter Using IS1 and IS2**

The same filter as listed above can be achieved using the host\_match actions from IS1.

#### **Situation:**

Apply the restrictive SIP filter on port 7 with SIP 10.10.12.134.

#### **Resolution:**

The resulting ACL for port 7 looks like this:

IS1:

```
255 is1 smac_sip4 igr_port=7 sip=10.10.12.134
→ host_match
IS2:
255 is2 ip4_tcp_upd first host_match=1
\rightarrow254 is2 ip4_other first host_match=1
\rightarrow253 is2 arp first igr_port_mask=(1<<7) l2_bc opcode=arp_request
sip=10.10.12.134
arp_addr_space_ok arp_proto_space_ok arp_len_ok
arp_sender_match
\rightarrow252 is2 ipv4_tcp_udp first pag=A
→ hit_me_once cpu_queue=3
251 is2 ipv4_other first pag=A
→ hit_me_once cpu_queue=3
default is2 first port=7
→ mask_mode=1 port_mask=0x0
```
Applying this SIP filter requires to one entry in IS1 per port and five common entries in IS2.

#### **5.6.4.3 Less Restrictive SIP Filter Using IS2**

For networks in which non-IP protocols are allowed, for example IPX and ARP, a less restrictive SIP filter can be applied with the following port ACL:

- Permit IPv4 with trusted SIP
- Discard all IPv4
- Default port action; Permit all traffic (non-IPv4, because all IPv4 traffic is covered by the ACL entries from other two items)



For monitoring purposes, the "Discard all IPv4" ACL can be changed to perform CPU redirect. This allows the CPU to monitor all incoming IPv4 frames with source IP addresses different from the trusted SIP, but without allowing these frames to be forwarded to other ports.

#### **Situation:**

Apply the less restrictive SIP filter on port 8 with source IP address 10.10.12.134, and monitor any IPv4 traffic with unauthorized source IP addresses with hit-me-once filtering to CPU extraction queue number 2. The monitoring rule is part of policy ACL A that is applied to all user ports.

#### **Resolution:**

The resulting ingress ACL for port 8 looks like this:

```
255 is2 ipv4_tcp_udp first igr_port_mask=(1<<8) sip=10.10.12.134
\rightarrow254 is2 ipv4_other first igr_port_mask=(1<<8) sip=10.10.12.134
\rightarrow63 is2 ipv4_tcp_udp first pag=A
→ hit_me_once cpu_queue=2
62 is2 ipv4_other first pag=A
→ hit_me_once cpu_queue=2
default is2 first port=10
\rightarrow
```
Applying this SIP filter requires two entries per port plus two common entries.

## **5.6.5 DHCP Application**

A DHCP application can be supported using one policy ACL for the user ports and another policy ACL for the DHCP server ports.

On the user ports, the DHCP requests must be snooped to be able to automatically reset the SIP filters that are applied per port. DHCP replies should be prevented from being forwarded from user ports. For monitoring purposes, such illegal replies are redirected to the CPU.

On the DHCP server ports, DHCP replies are snooped to be able to automatically update the SIP filter for the user port where the reply goes.

In addition, an egress rule is needed to prevent forwarding of all DHCP requests to user ports.

#### **Situation:**

Policy ACL A is used for the user port DHCP policy, and policy ACL B is used for the DHCP server policy. The server ports are ports 8 and 9.

Snoop DHCP requests from user ports in CPU extraction queue 1, using policer 0 to protect the CPU. DHCP replies from the servers are snooped in queue 2, and are also subject to policing with policer 0. The illegal DHCP replies from user ports are redirected to queue 3 using the hit-me-once filter.

#### **Resolution:**

The PAG assigned to the user ports is (A). The PAG assigned to the DHCP server ports (8 and 9) is (B).

The following shows the ACL entries for the DHCP application:

```
255 is2 ipv4_tcp_udp protocol=udp
sport=bootp_client dport=bootp_server
→ mask_mode=1 port_mask=0x0000300
63 is2 ipv4_tcp_udp first pag=A protocol=udp
sport=bootp_client dport=bootp_server
→ cpu_copy_ena cpu_queue=1 police_ena police_idx=0
62 is2 ipv4_tcp_udp first pag=A protocol=udp
sport=bootp_server dport=bootp_client
→ hit_me_once cpu_queue=3
31 is2 ipv4_tcp_udp first pag=B protocol=udp
sport=bootp_server dport=bootp_client
```


```
→ cpu_copy_ena cpu_queue=2 police_ena police_idx=0
default is2 first
→ mask_mode=1 port_mask=0x0
default is2 second
\rightarrow
```
Regardless of the number of ports covered, four ACL entries are used: one in the switch ACL, two in policy ACL A, and one in policy ACL B.

## **5.6.6 ARP Filtering**

The VCAP support two useful ARP filters:

- Policing ARP requests to the switch's IP address to mitigate DoS attacks by ARP flooding
- Performing general ARP sanity checks

Because these are general rules, it is sensible to make them part of the switch ACL.

#### **Situation:**

Discard all ARP frames that do not pass the ARP sanity checks. Police ARP requests to the switch's IP address 10.10.12.1 using ACL policer 2. ACL policer 2 is configured to allow 16 frames per second, and the frames are copied to CPU extraction queue 0.

RARP is not allowed in the network.

#### **Resolution:**

To do ARP filtering in the switch ACL, perform the filtering for the switch's IP address first, then allow all ARP frames passing the sanity checks, and finally, discard all remaining ARP frames. This is illustrated by the following:

```
255 is2 arp first l2_bc opcode=arp_request
dip=10.10.12.1
arp_addr_space_ok arp_proto_space_ok arp_len_ok
arp_sender_match
→ cpu_copy_ena cpu_queue=0 police_ena police_idx=255
254 is2 arp first l2_bc opcode=(arp_request or arp_reply)
arp_addr_space_ok arp_proto_space_ok arp_len_ok
arp_sender_match
\rightarrow253 is2 arp
→ mask_mode=1 port_mask=0x0
The ACL policer configuration for policer 255 is done as follows:
```

```
# Set the base unit to 1 frame per second, enable the policer, and set the rate 
to 16 frames per second and a burst of 1 frame:
ANA:POL[255]:POL_MODE_CFG.FRM_MODE = 1
ANA:POL[255]:POL_PIR_CFG.PIR_RATE = 16
ANA:POL[255]:POL_PIR_CFG.PIR_BURST = 3
```
Three ACL entries are used, irrespective of the number of ports covered.

## **5.6.7 Ping Policing**

The network can easily be protected against ping attacks using a switch ACL rule that applies an ACL policer to all ping packets.

#### **Situation:**

Allow no more than 128 ping packets per second to be forwarded through the switch by means of ACL policer 15. Ping packets in excess of 128 frames per second are discarded.

#### **Resolution:**



Ping packets are ICMP frames with ICMP Type = Echo Request. Echo Request is specified by the first byte of the ICMP frame being 0x08. The rest of the ICMP frame is don't-care. ICMP frames are carried in IPv4 frames with the protocol value 0x01.

The resulting switch ACL entry is as follows:

127 is2 ipv4\_other first protocol=icmp ip4\_payload\_high=0x8\* → police\_ena police\_idx=15

ACL policer 15 in the policer pool is configured to 128 frames per second like this:

- ANA:POL[15]:POL\_MODE\_CFG.FRM\_MODE = 1
- ANA:POL[15]:POL\_PIR\_CFG.PIR\_RATE = 128
- ANA:POL[15]:POL\_PIR\_CFG.PIR\_BURST = 1

One ACE is used, regardless of the number of ports covered.

## **5.6.8 TCP SYN Policing**

A server in the network can be protected against TCP SYN DoS attacks by policing TCP connection requests to the server's IP address.

#### **Situation:**

Allow no more than 128 new TCP connections per second to the server with IP address 10.10.12.99. Use ACL policer 5.

#### **Resolution:**

TCP connection requests are TCP frames with the SYN flag set. The resulting switch ACL entry is as follows:

```
127 is2 ipv4_tcp_udp first protocol=tcp
dip=10.10.12.99
syn
```
→ police\_ena police\_idx=5

ACL policer 5 in the policer pool is configured to 128 frames per second by the following:

- ANA:POL[5]:POL\_MODE\_CFG.FRM\_MODE = 1
- ANA:POL[5]:POL\_PIR\_CFG.PIR\_RATE = 128
- ANA:POL[5]:POL\_PIR\_CFG.PIR\_BURST = 1

One ACE is used, regardless of the number of ports covered.

# <span id="page-278-0"></span>**5.7 CPU Extraction and Injection**

This section provides information about how the CPU extracts and injects frames to and from the switch core.

The following illustration shows the CPU port module used for injection and extraction.



#### *Figure 98 •* **CPU Extraction and Injection**



The switch core forwards CPU extracted frames to eight CPU extraction queues. Each of these queue is then mapped to one of two CPU Extraction Groups. For each extraction group there is a scheduler (strict or round robin) which selects between the CPU extraction queues mapped to the same group.

When injecting frames, there are two CPU Injection Groups available where for instance one can be used for the Frame DMA and one can be used for manually injected frames. Both CPU injection groups have access to the switch core. However, within the switch-core, CPU injected frames are all seen as coming from port 11 in terms of queue system and analyzer configuration.

## **5.7.1 Forwarding to CPU**

Several mechanisms can be used to trigger redirection or copying of frames to the CPU. They are listed in the following table.









#### *Table 211 •* **Configurations for Redirecting or Copying Frames to the CPU** *(continued)*

## <span id="page-280-0"></span>**5.7.2 Frame Extraction**

The CPU receives frames through the eight CPU extraction queues in the CPU port module. The eight queues are using resources (memory and frame descriptor pointers) from the shared queue system and are subject to the thresholds and congestion rules programmed for the CPU port (port 11) and the shared queue system in general.

The CPU can read frames from the CPU extraction queues in two ways:

- Reading registers in the CPU port module. For more information, see [Frame Extraction, page 142.](#page-156-0)
- FDMA from CPU port module to RAM. For more information, see [Frame DMA, page 179.](#page-193-0)



In addition, the VRAP engine may attach to one of the CPU extraction groups and use this to receive and process all extracted VRAP requests.

The switch core may place the 20-byte long CPU extraction header before the DMAC or after the SMAC (SYS::PORT\_MODE.INCL\_XTR\_HDR). The CPU extraction header contains relevant side band information about the frame such as the frame's classification result (VLAN tag information, DSCP, QoS class, Rx time stamp) and the reason for sending the frame to the CPU. For more information about the contents of the CPU extraction header, see [Table 115, page 142.](#page-156-1)

## <span id="page-281-0"></span>**5.7.3 Frame Injection**

The CPU can inject frames through the two CPU injection groups. The injection queues use resources (memory and frame descriptor pointers) from the shared queue system and are subject to the thresholds and congestion rules programmed for the CPU port (port 11) and the shared queue system in general.

The CPU can write frames to the CPU injection groups in two ways:

- Registers access to the CPU port module. For more information, see [CPU Extraction and Injection,](#page-278-0)  [page 264.](#page-278-0)
- FDMA to CPU port module. For more information, see [Frame DMA, page 179.](#page-193-0)

In addition, the VRAP engine may attach to one of the CPU injection groups and transmit and use this for transmitting VRAP replies.

The first 20 bytes of a frame written into a CPU group is an injection header containing relevant side band information about how the frame must be processed by the switch core (SYS::PORT\_MODE.INCL\_INJ\_HDR). For more information, see [Table 96, page 118.](#page-132-0)

## **5.7.4 Frame Extraction and Injection Using An External CPU**

The following table lists the configuration registers associated with using an external CPU.



#### *Table 212 •* **Configuration Registers When Using An External CPU**

An external CPU can connect up to any front port module and use the Ethernet interface for extracting and injecting frames into the switch core.

**Note:** If an external CPU is connected by means of the serial interface or PCIe interface, the frame extraction and injection is performed. For more information, see [Frame Extraction, page 266](#page-280-0) and [Frame Injection,](#page-281-0)  [page 267.](#page-281-0)

When injecting or extracting frames, the CPU injection or extraction header is placed before the DMAC with an optional prefix. For more information about the prefixing, see Node Processor Interface (NPI), [page 146.](#page-160-0) When injecting frames, the CPU injection header controls whether a frame is processed by the analyzer or forwarded directly to the destination set specified in the injection header.

An internal and external CPU may coexist in a dual CPU system where the two CPUs handles different run-time protocols. When extracting CPU frames, it is selectable which CPU extraction queues are connected to the external CPU and which remain connected to the internal CPU

(SYS::EXT\_CPU\_CFG.EXT\_CPUQ\_MSK). If a frame is forwarded to the CPU for more than one reason (for example, a BPDU which is also a learn frame), the frame can be forwarded to both the internal CPU extraction queues and to the external CPU.

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# **6 Registers**

Information about the registers for this product is available in the attached file. To view or print the information, double-click the attachment icon.



# **7 Electrical Specifications**

This section provides the DC characteristics, AC characteristics, recommended operating conditions, and stress ratings for the VSC7513 device.

# **7.1 DC Specifications**

This section contains the DC characteristics for the VSC7513 device.

## **7.1.1 Internal Pull-Up or Pull-Down Resistors**

The following table lists the specifications for the internal resistors used by I/O signals in the device. For more information, see [Pins by Function, page 292](#page-306-0).

#### *Table 213 •* **Internal Resistor Characteristics**



## **7.1.2 Reference Clock Inputs**

The following table lists the reference clock input specifications.

#### *Table 214 •* **Reference Clock Input Characteristics**



1. Input common-mode voltage and amplitude must not exceed 1200 mV.

## **7.1.3 PLL Clock Outputs**

The following table lists the PLL clock outputs specifications.

#### *Table 215 •* **PLL Clock Outputs Characteristics**



1. Output swing is register programmable in 16 steps.

2. Driver amplitude depends on driver-to-receiver adaptation configured in register. Increased amplitudes can be achieved if receiver is common-mode terminated to  $V_{DD-A}$ , and if driver is configured accordingly.



# **7.1.4 DDR3 SDRAM Signals**

The following table lists the specifications of DDR3 SDRAM signals.



#### *Table 216 •* **DDR3 SDRAM Signals Characteristics**

1. DDR\_V<sub>REF</sub> is expected to track variations in V<sub>DD\_IODDR</sub>. Peak-to-peak AC noise on DDR\_V<sub>REF</sub> must not exceed ±2% of DDR\_VREF.

2. With  $34 \Omega$  output driver impedance.

## **7.1.5 DDR3L SDRAM Signals**

The following table lists the specifications of DDR3L SDRAM signals.

#### *Table 217 •* **DDR3L SDRAM Signals Characteristics**



1. DDR\_V<sub>REF</sub> is expected to track variations in V<sub>DD\_IODDR</sub>. Peak-to-peak AC noise on DDR\_V<sub>REF</sub> must not exceed  $\pm 2\%$  of DDR\_V<sub>REF</sub>.

2. With  $34 \Omega$  output driver impedance.



# **7.1.6 SERDES1G**

The following table lists the SERDES1G specifications.





1. Output amplitude is configurable in 16 steps.

#### *Table 219 •* **SERDES1G Characteristics for 1G Receiver**



1. Compatibility to SGMII transmitters requires external AC-coupling. The maximum common-mode voltage is provided without a differential signal. It is limited by the minimum and maximum input voltage range and the signal amplitude of input.

2. For more information about optional DC-coupling, contact your Microsemi sales representative.

3. Common-mode termination disabled. The maximum differential peal-to-peak input is limited by the maximum input voltage range.

4. Applies to all the supported modes. For 100BASE-FX mode, disable internal AC-coupling.

## **7.1.7 SERDES6G**

The following table lists the SERDES6G specifications.

#### *Table 220 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics for 6G Transmitter**





#### *Table 220 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics** *(continued)* **for 6G Transmitter** *(continued)*



1. Drive level depends on register configuration.

2. Compatibility to SGMII receiver requires AC-coupling.

3. Compatibility to supported standards requires 1.2 V supply for driver.

#### *Table 221 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics for 6G Receiver**



1. Mode for common-mode termination is specified by configuration register setting. Input amplitude in DC-coupled mode must not exceed maximum input voltage range. For more information about optional DC-coupling, contact your Microsemi representative.

2. Compatibility to SGMII transmitter requires AC-coupling.

## **7.1.8 GPIO, SI, JTAG, and Miscellaneous Signals**

The following table lists the specifications of GPIO, SI, JTAG, and miscellaneous signals.

#### *Table 222 •* **GPIO, SI, JTAG, and Miscellaneous Signals Characteristics**



1. VDD IO=2.38 V for minimum, VDD IO=2.50 V for typical.

2. Input high current and input low current equals the maximum leakage current, excluding the current in the built-in pull resistors.



# **7.1.9 Thermal Diode**

The device includes an on-die diode and internal circuitry for monitoring die temperature (junction temperature). The operation and accuracy of the diode is not guaranteed and should only be used as a reference.

The on-die thermal diode requires an external thermal sensor, located on the board or in a stand-alone measurement kit. Temperature measurement using a thermal diode is very sensitive to noise. The following illustration shows a generic application design.

#### *Figure 99 •* **Thermal Diode**



**Note:** Microsemi does not support or recommend operation of the thermal diode under reverse bias.

The following table provides the diode parameter and interface specifications with the pins connected internally to VSS in the device.

#### *Table 223 •* **Thermal Diode Parameters**



1. Typical value is device dependent.

The ideality factor, n, represents the deviation from ideal diode behavior as exemplified by the following diode equation:

 $I_{FW} = I_S(e^{(qV_D)/(nkT)} - 1)$ 

where,  $I_S$  = saturation current, q = electron charge,  $V_D$  = voltage across the diode, k = Boltzmann  $constant$ , and  $T = absolute temperature$  (Kelvin).

# **7.2 AC Specifications**

This section contains the AC characteristics for the VSC7513 device.

## **7.2.1 REFCLK Reference Clock (1G and 6G Serdes)**

The following table lists the REFCLK reference clock input specifications.

#### *Table 224 •* **Reference Clock Input Characteristics**




#### *Table 224 •* **Reference Clock Input Characteristics** *(continued)*



1. Peak-to-peak values are typically higher than the RMS value by a factor of 10 to 14.

### **7.2.2 PLL Clock Outputs**

The following table lists the PLL clock outputs specifications.

#### *Table 225 •* **PLL Clock Outputs Characteristics**





# **7.2.3 SERDES1G**

The following table lists the SERDES1G specifications (applies to the S[5:0]\_TXN/P pins).

#### *Table 226 •* **SERDES1G Characteristics for 100BASE-FX, SGMII, SFP, 1000BASE-KX Transmitter**



1. Slew rate is programmable.

#### *Table 227 •* **SERDES1G Characteristics for 100BASE-FX, SGMII, SFP, 1000BASE-KX Receiver**





#### *Table 227 •* **SERDES1G Characteristics** *(continued)* **for 100BASE-FX, SGMII, SFP, 1000BASE-KX Receiver**



1. Jitter requirements represent high-frequency jitter (above 637 kHz) and not low-frequency jitter or wander.

### **7.2.4 SERDES6G**

The following table lists the SERDES6G specifications (applies to the S[8:6]\_TXN/P pins).

#### *Table 228 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics for 100BASE-FX, SGMII, SFP, 2.5G, 1000BASE-KX Transmitter**





#### *Table 228 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics for 100BASE-FX, SGMII, SFP, 2.5G, 1000BASE-KX Transmitter**



1. Slew rate is programmable.

2. Compatibility to supported standards requires 1.2 V supply for driver.

#### *Table 229 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics for 100BASE-FX, SGMII, SFP, 2.5G, 1000BASE-KX Receiver**





1. Jitter requirements represent high-frequency jitter (above 637kHz) and not low-frequency jitter or wander.



#### *Table 230 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics for QSGMII Transmitter**

1. Slew rate is programmable.

#### *Table 231 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics for QSGMII Receiver**





#### *Table 231 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics for QSGMII Receiver** *(continued)*



#### *Table 232 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics for PCIe Transmitter**



1. Slew rate is programmable. Configure accordingly for compliance to supported standard.

2. Compatibility to supported standards requires 1.2 V supply for driver.

#### *Table 233 •* **SERDES6G Characteristics for PCIe Receiver**



### **7.2.5 Reset Timing Specifications**

The following illustration shows the nReset signal waveform and the required measurement points for the timing specification.



#### *Figure 100 •* **Reset Signal Timing**



The following table lists the specifications for the signal applied to the nReset input at the reset pin.

*Table 234 •* **Reset Timing Characteristics**

| <b>Parameter</b>   | Symbol             | <b>Minimum</b> | <b>Maximum</b> | Unit |
|--|--------------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| nReset assertion time after power<br>supplies and clock stabilizes | tw                 | 2              |                | ms   |
| Recovery time from reset inactive<br>to device fully active        | $t_{\mathsf{REC}}$ |                | 10             | ms   |
| nReset pulse width   | $t_{W(RL)}$        | 100            |                | ns   |
| Hold time for GPIO-mapped<br>strapping pins relative to nRESET     | <sup>І</sup> нсға  | 50             |                | ns   |

### **7.2.6 MIIM Timing Specifications**

The following table lists the specifications for the signal applied to the MIM input at the MIM pin.



#### *Table 235 •* **MIIM Timing Characteristics**

1. For the maximum value, the device supports an MDC clock speed of up to 20 MHz for faster communication with the PHYs. If the standard frequency of 2.5 MHz is used, the MIIM interface is designed to meet or exceed the IEEE 802.3 requirements of the minimum MDC high and low times of 160 ns and an MDC cycle time of minimum 400 ns, which is not possible at faster speeds.

2. Calculated as  $t_C = 1/f$ .



# **7.2.7 SI Boot Timing Master Mode Specifications**

The following table lists the specifications for the signal applied to the SI boot timing master mode input at the SI boot timing master mode pin.



#### *Table 236 •* **SI Boot Timing Master Mode Characteristics**

1. Frequency is programmable. The startup frequency is 8.1 MHz.

### **7.2.8 SI Timing Master Mode Specifications**

All serial interface (SI) timing requirements for master mode are specified relative to the input low and input high threshold levels. The following illustration shows the timing parameters and measurement points.

#### *Figure 101 •* **SI Timing Diagram for Master Mode**



The following table lists the specifications for the signal applied to the SI timing master mode input at the SI timing master mode pin.

*Table 237 •* **SI Timing Master Mode Characteristics**

| <b>Parameter</b> | <b>Symbol</b> | Minimum | Maximum            | Unit            | Condition |
|------------------|---------------|---------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Clock frequency  |               |         | 31.25 <sup>1</sup> | MH <sub>7</sub> |           |
| Clock cycle time | ւ∼            | 32      |                    | ns              |           |
| Clock time high  | W(CH)         | 12      |                    | ns              |           |



#### *Table 237 •* **SI Timing Master Mode Characteristics**



1. Frequency is programmable. The startup frequency is 8.1 MHz.<br>2. Delay is programmable in 4 ns steps using register bitfield SIMO

Delay is programmable in 4 ns steps using register bitfield SIMC:RX\_SAMPLE\_DLY:RSD.

## **7.2.9 SI Timing Slave Mode Specifications**

All serial interface (SI) slave mode timing requirements are specified relative to the input low and input high threshold levels. The following illustrations show the timing parameters and measurement points for SI input and output data.

#### *Figure 102 •* **SI Input Data Timing Diagram for Slave Mode**





#### *Figure 103 •* **SI Output Data Timing Diagram for Slave Mode**



The following table lists the specifications for the signal applied to the SI timing slave mode input at the SI timing slave mode pin.





1.  $t_{\text{LAG1}}$  is defined only for write operations to the devices, not for read operations.<br>2. The last rising edge on the clock is necessary for the external master to read in the 2. The last rising edge on the clock is necessary for the external master to read in the data. The lag time depends on the necessary hold time on the external master data input.

3. Pin begins to float when a 300 mV change from the loaded  $V_{OH}$  or  $V_{OL}$  level occurs.



### **7.2.10 DDR3/DDR3L SDRAM Input Signal Specifications**

The following table lists the DDR3 / DDR3L SDRAM input signal specifications.

#### *Table 239 •* **DDR3 / DDR3L SDRAM Input Signal Characteristics**



1. These requirements are dependent on the operation frequency of the DDR SDRAM interface. Stated limits are for DDR3-800,

# **7.2.11 DDR3/DDR3L SDRAM Output Signal Specifications**

The following table lists the DDR3 / DDR3L SDRAM output signal specifications.

#### *Table 240 •* **DDR3 / DDR3L SDRAM output Signal Characteristics**





#### *Table 240 •* **DDR3 / DDR3L SDRAM output Signal Characteristics**



1. Timing reference is DDR\_CK/DDR\_CKn crossing ±0.1 V.

### **7.2.12 JTAG Interface Specifications**

The following table lists the JTAG interface specifications.

#### *Table 241 •* **JTAG Interface Characteristics**



1. The pin begins to float when a 300 mV change from the actual  $V_{OH}/V_{OL}$  level occurs.



# **7.2.13 Serial I/O Timing Specifications**

The following table lists the serial I/O timing specifications.

#### *Table 242 •* **Serial I/O Timing Characteristics**



1. SIO clock frequency is programmable.

### **7.2.14 Recovered Clock Outputs Specifications**

The following table lists the recovered clock outputs specifications.

#### *Table 243 •* **Recovered Clock Outputs Characteristics**



1. Maximum jitter on the recovered signal.

### **7.2.15 Two-Wire Serial Interface Specifications**

This section contains information about the device two-wire serial slave interface. The following table lists the two-wire serial timing specifications.



#### *Table 244 •* **Two-Wire Serial Timing Characteristics**



#### *Table 244 •* **Two-Wire Serial Timing Characteristics** *(continued)*



1. An external device must provide a hold time of at least 300 ns for the TWI\_SDA signal to bridge the undefined region of the falling edge of the TWI\_SCL signal.

2. Some external devices may require more data in hold time (target device's  $t_{HD\_DATA}$ ) than what is provided by  $t_{VD\_DATA}$ , for example, 300 ns to 900 ns. The minimum value of  $t_{VD\_DATA}$  is adjustable; the given value represents the recommended minimum value, which is enabled in ICPU\_CFG::TWI\_CONFIG.TWI\_DELAY\_ENABLE.

3. Configurable in the register ICPU\_CFG::TWI\_SPIKE\_FILTER\_CFG. The default register value results in spike suppression up to 4 ns. The recommended register value is 12, resulting in spike suppression up to 52 ns.

The following illustration shows the two-wire serial interface timing.





S = START, P = STOP, and Sr = repeated START.



# **7.2.16 IEEE1588 Time Tick Output Specifications**

The following table lists the IEEE1588 Time Tick Output specifications.

#### *Table 245 •* **IEEE1588 Time Tick Output Characteristics**



1. Frequency is programmable.<br>2. Both high and low periods are

2. Both high and low periods are configured to the identical value using

DEVCPU\_PTP::PIN\_WF\_HIGH\_PERIOD and DEVCPU\_PTP::PIN\_WF\_LOW\_PERIOD.

3. Timing corrections performed by register writes and high/low periods that do not match a fixed number of 156.25 MHz clock cycles will create jitter up to 3.5 ns.

# **7.3 Current and Power Consumption**

The following tables lists the current and power consumption for the VSC7513 device respectively.

#### *Table 246 •* **Current and Power Consumption**



1. DDR3 on-die termination is disabled.

2. Unloaded pins.



# **7.4 Operating Conditions**

The following table lists the recommended operating conditions for the VSC7513 device.

#### *Table 247 •* **Recommended Operating Conditions**



1. Minimum specification is ambient temperature, and the maximum is junction temperature.

### **7.4.1 Power Supply Sequencing**

During power on and off,  $V_{DD\_A}$ , and  $V_{DD\_VS}$  must never be more than 300 mV above VDD.

 $V_{DD-VS}$  must be powered, even if the associated interfaces are not used. These power supplies must not remain at ground or be left floating.

A maximum delay of 100 ms from  $V_{DD\_IODDR}$  to  $V_{DD}$  is recommended. There is no requirement from  $V_{DD}$ to  $V_{DD}$   $_{\text{IODDR}}$ .

The V<sub>DD</sub><sub>IODDR</sub> supply can remain at ground or be left floating if not used. If V<sub>DD</sub><sub>IODDR</sub> is grounded, DDR\_Vref must also be grounded.

There are no sequencing requirements for  $V_{DD-IO}$ .

The nRESET and JTAG\_nTRST inputs must be held low until all power supply voltages have reached their recommended operating condition values.

### **7.5 Stress Ratings**

This section contains the stress ratings for the VSC7513 device.

**Warning** Stresses listed in the following table may be applied to devices one at a time without causing permanent damage. Functionality at or exceeding the values listed is not implied. Exposure to these values for extended periods may affect device reliability.

*Table 248 •* **Stress Ratings**

| <b>Parameter</b>                         | Symbol            | Minimum |      | <b>Maximum Unit Condition</b> |
|--|-------------------|---------|------|-------------------------------|
| Power supply voltage for core supply     | V <sub>DD</sub>   | $-0.3$  | 1.10 | Design                        |
| Power supply voltage for analog circuits | <sup>V</sup> DD A | $-0.3$  | 1.10 | Desian                        |



#### *Table 248 •* **Stress Ratings** *(continued)*



1. This device has completed all required testing as specified in the JEDEC standard JESD22-A114, *Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Sensitivity Testing Human Body Model (HBM)*, and complies with a Class 2 rating. The definition of Class 2 is any part that passes an ESD pulse of 2000 V, but fails an ESD pulse of 4000 V.

**Note:** This device can be damaged by electrostatic discharge (ESD) voltage. Microsemi recommends that all integrated circuits be handled with appropriate precautions. Failure to observe proper handling and installation procedures may adversely affect reliability of the device.



# **8 Pin Descriptions**

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The VSC7513 device has 256 pins, which are described in this section. The pin information is also provided in the attached file, which you can copy, sort, or manipulate, as desired.

# **8.1 Pin Diagram**

The following illustration is a representation of the VSC7513 device, as seen from the bottom view.



#### *Figure 105 •* **Pin Diagram, Top Left**





#### *Figure 106 •* **Pin Diagram, Top Right**

# **8.2 Pins by Function**

This section describes the functional pin descriptions for the VSC7513 device.

The following table lists the definitions for the pin type symbols.







#### *Table 249 •* **Pin Type Symbol Definitions** *(continued)*



The following table lists the functional pin descriptions for the VSC7513 device.

#### *Table 250 •* **Pins by Function**







Pin Descriptions





















































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# **9 Package Information**

The VSC7513XKS is a is a lead-free (Pb-free), 256-pin, plastic ball grid array (BGA) with a 17 mm × 17 mm body size, 1 mm pin pitch, and 1.8 mm maximum height.

Lead-free products from Microsemi comply with the temperatures and profiles defined in the joint IPC and JEDEC standard IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020. For more information, see the IPC and JEDEC standard.

This section provides the package drawing, thermal specifications, and moisture sensitivity rating for the VSC7513 device.

## **9.1 Package Drawing**

The following illustration shows the package drawing for the VSC7513 device. The drawing contains the top view, bottom view, side view, detail views, dimensions, tolerances, and notes.



#### *Figure 107 •* **Package Drawing**



### **Notes**

- 1. All dimensions and tolerances are in millimeters (mm).
- 2. Ball diameter is 0.50 mm.
- 3. Radial true position is represented by typical values.
- $\sqrt{4}$  Primary datum Z and seating plane are defined by the spherical crowns of the solder balls.
- $\sqrt{5}$  Dimension is measured at the maximum solder ball diameter, parallel to primary datum Z.

## **9.2 Thermal Specifications**

Thermal specifications for this device are based on the JEDEC JESD51 family of documents. These documents are available on the JEDEC Web site at www.jedec.org. The thermal specifications are modeled using a four-layer test board with two signal layers, a power plane, and a ground plane (2s2p



PCB). For more information about the thermal measurement method used for this device, see the JESD51-1 standard.



#### *Table 251 •* **Thermal Resistances**

To achieve results similar to the modeled thermal measurements, the guidelines for board design described in the JESD51 family of publications must be applied. For information about applications using BGA packages, see the following:

- JESD51-2A, *Integrated Circuits Thermal Test Method Environmental Conditions, Natural Convection (Still Air)*
- JESD51-6, *Integrated Circuit Thermal Test Method Environmental Conditions, Forced Convection (Moving Air)*
- JESD51-8, *Integrated Circuit Thermal Test Method Environmental Conditions, Junction-to-Board*
- JESD51-9, *Test Boards for Area Array Surface Mount Package Thermal Measurements*

## **9.3 Moisture Sensitivity**

This device is rated moisture sensitivity level 4 as specified in the joint IPC and JEDEC standard IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020. For more information, see the IPC and JEDEC standard.



# **10 Design Guidelines**

This section provides information about design guidelines for the VSC7513 device.

## **10.1 Power Supplies**

The following guidelines apply to designing power supplies for use with the VSC7513 device.

- Make at least one unbroken ground plane (GND).
- Use the power and ground plane combination as an effective power supply bypass capacitor. The capacitance is proportional to the area of the two planes and inversely proportional to the separation between the planes. Typical values with a 0.25 mm (0.01 inch) separation are 100 pF/in2. This capacitance is more effective than a capacitor of equivalent value, because the planes have no inductance or Equivalent Series Resistance (ESR).
- Do not cut up the power or ground planes in an effort to steer current paths. This usually produces more noise, not less. Furthermore, place vias and clearances in a configuration that maintains the integrity of the plane. Groups of vias spaced close together often overlap clearances. This can form a large slot in the plane. As a result, return currents are forced around the slot, which increases the loop area and EMI emissions. Signals should never be placed on a ground plane, because the resulting slot forces return currents around the slot.
- Vias connecting power planes to the supply and ground balls must be at least 0.25 mm (0.010 inch) in diameter, preferably with no thermal relief and plated closed with copper or solder. Use separate (or even multiple) vias for each supply and ground ball.

## **10.2 Power Supply Decoupling**

Each power supply voltage should have both bulk and high-frequency decoupling capacitors. Recommended capacitors are as follows:

- For bulk decoupling, use 10 µF high capacity and low ESR capacitors or equivalent, distributed across the board.
- For high-frequency decoupling, use 0.1 µF high frequency (for example, X7R) ceramic capacitors placed on the side of the PCB closest to the plane being decoupled, and as close as possible to the power ball. A larger value in the same housing unit produces even better results.
- Use surface-mounted components for lower lead inductance and pad capacitance. Smaller form factor components are best (that is, 0402 is better than 0603).

### **10.2.1 Reference Clock**

The device reference clock can be a 25 MHz, 125 MHz, 156.25 MHz, or 250 MHz clock signal. It can be either a differential reference clock or a single-ended clock. For more information, see [Reference Clock](#page-283-0)  [Inputs, page 269.](#page-283-0)

## **10.2.2 Single-Ended REFCLK Input**

An external resistor network is required to use a single-ended reference clock. The network limits the amplitude and adjusts the center of the swing. Depending on the clock driver output impedance, the resistor values may need to be adjusted so that the REFCLK\_P signal meets requirements. For information about these requirements, see [Table 214, page 269](#page-283-1).

The following illustrations show configurations for a single-ended reference clock.



#### *Figure 108 •* **2.5 V CMOS Single-Ended REFCLK Input Resistor Network**



#### *Figure 109 •* **3.3 V CMOS Single-Ended REFCLK Input Resistor Network**



## **10.3 Interfaces**

This section provides general recommendations for all interfaces and information related to the specific interfaces on the device.

### **10.3.1 General Recommendations**

High-speed signals require excellent frequency and phase response up to the third harmonic. The best designs provide excellent frequency and phase response up to the seventh harmonic. The following recommendations can improve signal quality and minimize transmission distances:

- Keep traces as short as possible. Initial component placement should be considered very carefully.
- The impedance of the traces must match the impedance of the termination resistors, connectors, and cable. This reduces reflections due to impedance mismatches.
- Differential impedance must be maintained in a 100  $\Omega$  differential application. Routing two 50  $\Omega$ traces is not adequate. The two traces must be separated by enough distance to maintain differential impedance. When routing differential pairs, keep the two trace lengths identical. Differences in trace lengths translate directly into signal skew. Note that the differential impedance may be affected when separations occur.
- Keep differential pair traces on the same layer of the PCB to minimize impedance discontinuities. In other words, avoid using vias.
- Do not group all the passive components together. The pads of the components add capacitance to the traces. At the frequencies encountered, this can result in unwanted reductions in impedance. Use surface-mounted 0603 (or smaller) components to reduce this effect.
- Eliminate or reduce stub lengths.
- Reduce, if not eliminate, vias to minimize impedance discontinuities. Remember that vias and their clearance holes in the power/ground planes can cause impedance discontinuities in nearby signals. Keep vias away from other traces.
- Keep signal traces away from other signals that might capacitively couple noise into the signals. A good rule of thumb is to keep the traces apart by ten times the width of the trace.
- Do not route digital signals from other circuits across the area of the high-speed transmitter and receiver signals.
- Using grounded guard traces is typically not effective for improving signal quality. A ground plane is more effective. However, a common use of guard traces is to route them during the layout, but remove them prior to design completion. This has the benefit of enforcing keep-out areas around sensitive high-speed signals so that vias and other traces are not accidentally placed incorrectly.



- When signals in a differential pair are mismatched, the result is a common-mode current. In a welldesigned system, common-mode currents should make up less than one percent of the total differential currents. Mode currents represent a primary source of EMI emissions. To reduce common-mode currents, route differential traces so that their lengths are the same. For example, a 5-mm (0.2-inch) length mismatch between differential signals having the rise and fall times of 200 ps results in the common-mode current being up to 18% of the differential current.
- **Note:** Because of the high application frequency, proper care must be taken when choosing components (such as the termination resistors) in the designing of the layout of a printed circuit board. The use of surfacemount components is highly recommended to minimize parasitic inductance and lead length of the termination resistor.

Matching the impedance of the PCB traces, connectors, and balanced interconnect media is also highly recommended. Impedance variations along the entire interconnect path must be minimized, because these degrade the signal path and may cause reflections of the signal.

## **10.3.2 SerDes Interfaces (SGMII, 2.5G, QSGMII)**

The SGMII interface consists of a Tx and Rx differential pair operating at 1250 Mbps. The 2.5G interface consists of a Tx and Rx differential pair operating at 3125 Mbps. The QSGMII interface consists of a Tx and Rx differential pair operating at 5 Gbps.

The SerDes signals can be routed on any PCB trace layer with the following constraints:

- Tx output signals in a pair should have matched electrical lengths.
- Rx input signals in a pair should have matched electrical lengths.
- SerDes Tx and Rx pairs must be routed as 100  $\Omega$  differential traces with ground plane as reference.
- Keep differential pair traces on the same layer of the PCB to minimize impedance discontinuities. In other words, avoid the use of vias wherever possible.
- AC-coupling of Tx and Rx may be needed, depending on the attached PHY or module. External ACcoupling is recommended for use with most PHYs. SFP and SFP+ modules have internal ACcoupling, so they do not require additional AC-coupling capacitors. If AC-coupled, the VSC7513 SerDes inputs are self-biased. It is recommended to use small form factor capacitors, 0402 or smaller, to reduce the impedance mismatch caused by the capacitor pads.
- To reduce the crosstalk between pairs or other PCB lines, it is recommended that the spacing on each side of the pair be larger than four times the track width. The characteristic impedance of the pairs must predominantly be determined by the distance to the reference plane, and not the distance to neighboring traces.

## **10.3.3 Serial Interface**

If the serial CPU interface is not used, all input signals can be left floating.

The SI bus consists of the SI\_CLK clock signal, the SI\_DO and SI\_DI data signals, and the SI\_nCS0 device select signal.

When routing the SI CLK signal, be sure to create clean edges. If the SI bus is connected to more than one slave device, route it in a daisy-chain configuration with no stubs. Terminate the SI\_CLK signal properly to avoid reflections and double clocking.

If it is not possible (or desirable) to route the bus in a daisy-chain configuration, the SI\_CLK signal should be buffered and routed in a star topology from the buffers. Each buffered clock should be terminated at its source.

## **10.3.4 PCI Express Interface**

The VSC7513 device does not accept spread spectrum modulated PCIe input. Although the device only supports PCI Express Base Specification Revision 1.1, the PCIe transmitter and receiver support the PCI Express Base Specification Revision 2.0 Electrical sub-block specifications under the following conditions:

- Only 2.5 gigatransfers per second (GT/s) is supported.
- Full swing output signaling is only supported when  $V_{DD-VS}$  = 1.2 V.
- Low swing signaling is supported for  $V_{DD-VS}$  = 1.2 V and  $V_{DD-VS}$  = 1.0 V.



During PCIe startup (VCORE\_CFG = 1001), only low swing signaling with no de-emphasis is supported, regardless of the  $V_{DD-VS}$  voltage. After startup, configure the PCIe interface as desired.

## **10.3.5 Two-Wire Serial Interface**

The two-wire serial interface is capable of suppressing small amplitude glitches. The duration of the glitch which can be suppressed is set in register ICPU\_CFG::TWI\_SPIKE\_FILTER\_CFG. The default value of 0 will suppress a 4ns glitch. It is recommended that SPIKE\_FILTER\_CFG be set to 12, which will suppress a 52ns glitch.

## **10.3.6 DDR3 SDRAM Interface**

The DDR3 SDRAM interface is designed to interface with 8-bit or 16-bit DDR SDRAM devices. The maximum amount of physical memory that can be addressed is one gigabyte. Possible combinations of memory modules are:

- One 8-bit device, connect to CS0 byte lane 0.
- Two 8-bit devices, connect to CS0 and both byte lanes.
- Four 8-bit devices, connect to both chip-selects and both byte lanes.
- One 16-bit device, connect to CS0 and both byte lanes.
- Two 16-bit devices, connect to both chip-selects and both byte lanes.

When using a single 8-bit device, the memory controller must be configured for 8-bit mode. All other configurations use 16-bit mode.

All signals on this interface must be connected one-to-one with the corresponding signals on the DDR SDRAM device. When using only one 8-bit device, the DDR\_UDQS, DDR\_UDQSn, DDR\_UDM, and DDR\_DQ[15:8] signals must be left unconnected. When using DDR2 SDRAM devices that has only four banks, the DDR BA[2] signal must be left unconnected.

When using four 8-bit devices or two 16-bit devices, the CS1 memory modules must be placed inbetween the VSC7513 device and the CS0 memory modules so that the DDR-DQS, DDR-DM, and DDR DQ signals pass the CS1 devices first before reaching the CS0 devices.

The placement of the VSC7513 interface signals is optimized for point-to-point routing directly to a single DDR3 16-bit SDRAM.

#### *Figure 110 •* **16-Bit DDR3 SDRAM Point-to-Point Routing**



Because reflections are absorbed by the devices, keep the physical distance of all the SDRAM interface signals as low as possible. Omit external discrete termination on the address, command, control, and clock lines.

When routing the DDR interface, attention must be paid to the skew, primary concern is skew within the byte lane between the differential strobe and the single-ended signals. Skew recommendations for the DDR interface are listed in the following table.

#### *Table 252 •* **Recommended Skew Budget**





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Power supply recommendations:

- Use a shared voltage reference between the VSC7513's device's DDR Vref supply and the DDR device's reference voltage.
- Generate the DDR\_Vref from the V<sub>DD\_IODDR</sub> supply using a resistor divider with value of 1 kΩ and an accuracy of 1% or better.
- Use a decoupling capacitance of at least 0.1  $\mu$ F on the supply in a manner similar to V<sub>DD</sub> <sub>IODDR</sub> and  $V_{SS}$  to ensure tracking of supply variations; however, the time constant of the resistor divider and decoupling capacitance should not exceed the nRESET assertion time after power on.
- $V_{DD-1ODDR}$  pins must not share vias. Use at least one through for each  $V_{DD-1ODDR}$  pin. The extra inductance from sharing vias may cause bit errors in the DDR interface.

Routing recommendations:

- DDR\_CK/DDR\_CKn must be routed as a differential pair with a 100  $\Omega$  differential characteristic impedance.
- DDR\_*x*DQS/DDR\_*x*DQSn must be routed as a differential pair with a 100 Ω differential characteristic impedance.
- To minimize crosstalk, the characteristic impedance of the single-ended signals should be determined predominantly by the distance to the reference plane and not the distance to the neighboring traces.
- The crosstalk should be below -20 dB.
- If the DDR interface is not used, connect  $V_{DD-IODB}$  and DDR\_ $V_{REF}$  to ground. Leave all other DDR signals unconnected (floating).  $V_{DD}$  <sub>IODDR</sub> can also be left floating; however, DDR\_V<sub>REF</sub> must also then be left floating.

### **10.3.7 Thermal Diode External Connection**

The internal on-die thermal diode can be used with an external temperature monitor to easily and accurately measure the junction temperature of this device.

The thermal diode is extremely sensitive to noise. To minimize the temperature measurement errors, follow these guidelines:

- Route the THERMDC and THERMDA signals as a differential pair with a differential impedance less than 100  $Ω$ .
- Place the external temperature monitor as close as is possible to this device.
- Add a 47  $\Omega$  resistor in series with the external temperature monitor supply to filter noise.
- When using a grounded sensor circuit, place a de-coupling capacitor between the external temperature monitor supply pin and the THERMDC signal. For more information about using a grounded sensor circuit, see [Figure 99, page 273.](#page-287-0)

Place the capacitor close to the external temperature sensor, as shown in the following illustration.



Connect the external temperature monitor  $V_{SS}$  pin directly to the THERMDC pin, which has the connection to  $\mathrm{V_{SS}}$ , as shown in the following illustration. Do not connect the external temperature monitor  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{SS}}$  pin to the global  $\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{SS}}$  plane.

#### *Figure 111 •* **External Temperature Monitor Connection**





# **11 Ordering Information**

The VSC7513XKS is a is a lead-free (Pb-free), 256-pin, plastic ball grid array (BGA) with a 17 mm × 17 mm body size, 1 mm pin pitch, and 1.8 mm maximum height.

Lead-free products from Microsemi comply with the temperatures and profiles defined in the joint IPC and JEDEC standard IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020. For more information, see the IPC and JEDEC standard.

The following table lists the ordering information for the VSC7513 device.

#### *Table 253 •* **Ordering Information**

