

## How to build a LoRa® application with STM32CubeWL

### Introduction

This application note guides the user through all the steps required to build specific LoRa® applications based on STM32WL Series microcontrollers.

LoRa® is a type of wireless telecommunication network designed to allow long-range communications at a very-low bitrate and to enable long-life battery-operated sensors. LoRaWAN® defines the communication and security protocol that ensures the interoperability with the LoRa® network.

The firmware in the STM32CubeWL MCU Package is compliant with the LoRa Alliance® specification protocol named LoRaWAN® and has the following main features:

- Application integration ready
- Easy add-on of the low-power LoRa® solution
- Extremely low CPU load
- No latency requirements
- Small STM32 memory footprint
- Low-power timing services

The firmware of the STM32CubeWL MCU Package is based on the STM32Cube HAL drivers.

This document provides customer application examples on the STM32WL Nucleo-64 boards NUCLEO\_WL55JC (order codes NUCLEO-WL55JC1 for high-frequency band and NUCLEO-WL55JC2 for low-frequency band).

To fully benefit from the information in this application note and to create an application, the user must be familiar with the STM32 microcontrollers, the LoRa® technology, and understand system services such as low-power management and task sequencing.



# 1 Overview

The STM32CubeWL runs on STM32WL Series microcontrollers based on the Arm® Cortex®-M processor.

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## 1.1 Acronyms

**Table 1. Acronyms**

Acronym	Definition
ABP	Activation by personalization
ADR	Adaptive data rate
BSP	Board support package
HAL	Hardware abstraction layer
LoRa	Long range radio technology
LoRaWAN	LoRa wide-area network
LPWAN	Low-power wide-area network
MAC	Media access control
MCPS	MAC common part sublayer
MIB	MAC information base
MLME	MAC sublayer management entity
MSC	Message sequence chart
<target>	STM32WL Nucleo-64 boards (NUCLEO-WL55JC)

## 1.2 Reference documents

- [1] User manual *STM32 LoRa Expansion Package for STM32Cube* (UM2073)
- [2] STM32WLEx reference manual (RM0461)
- [3] Application note *LoRaWAN AT commands for STM32CubeWL* (AN5481)
- [4] Application note *Building wireless applications with STM32WB Series microcontrollers* (AN5289)
- [5] IEEE Std 802.15.4TM - 2011. Low-Rate Wireless Personal Area Networks (LR-WPANs)

## 1.3 LoRa standard

Refer to document [1] for more details on LoRa and LoRaWAN recommendations.

## 2 STM32CubeWL architecture

### 2.1 STM32CubeWL overview

The firmware of the STM32CubeWL MCU Package includes the following resources (see [Figure 1](#)):

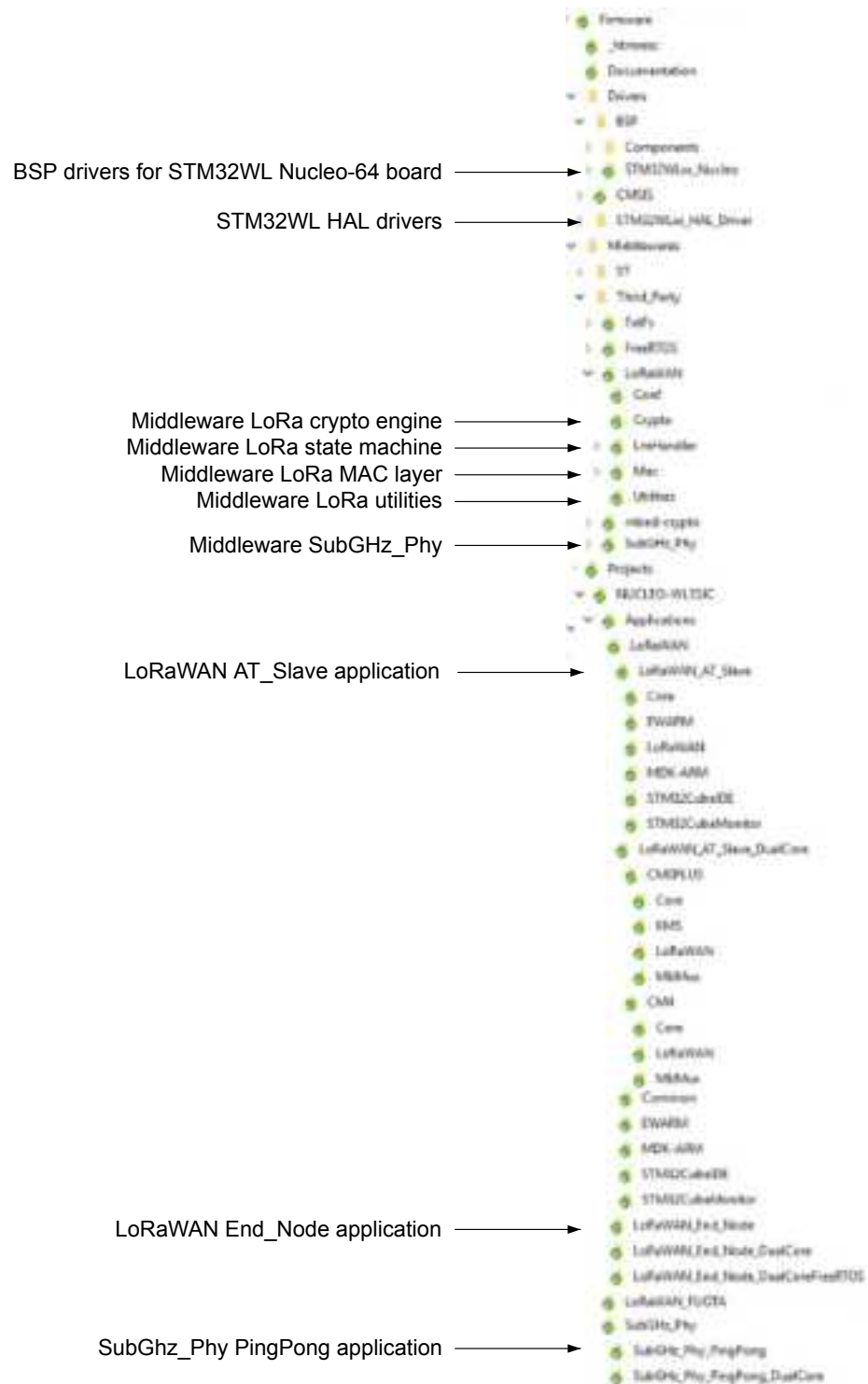
- Board support package: STM32WLxx\_Nucleo drivers
- STM32WLxx\_HAL\_Driver
- Middleware:
  - LoRaWAN containing:
    - LoRaWAN layer
    - LoRa utilities
    - LoRa software crypto engine
    - LoRa state machine
  - SubGHz\_Phy layer middleware containing the radio and radio\_driver interfaces
- LoRaWAN applications:
  - AT\_Slave
  - End\_Node
- SubGHz\_Phy application:
  - PingPong

In addition, this application provides efficient system integration with the following:

- a sequencer to execute the tasks in background and enter low-power mode when there is no activity
- a timer server to provide virtual timers running on RTC (in Stop and Standby modes) to the application

For more details refer to [Section 7 Utilities description](#).

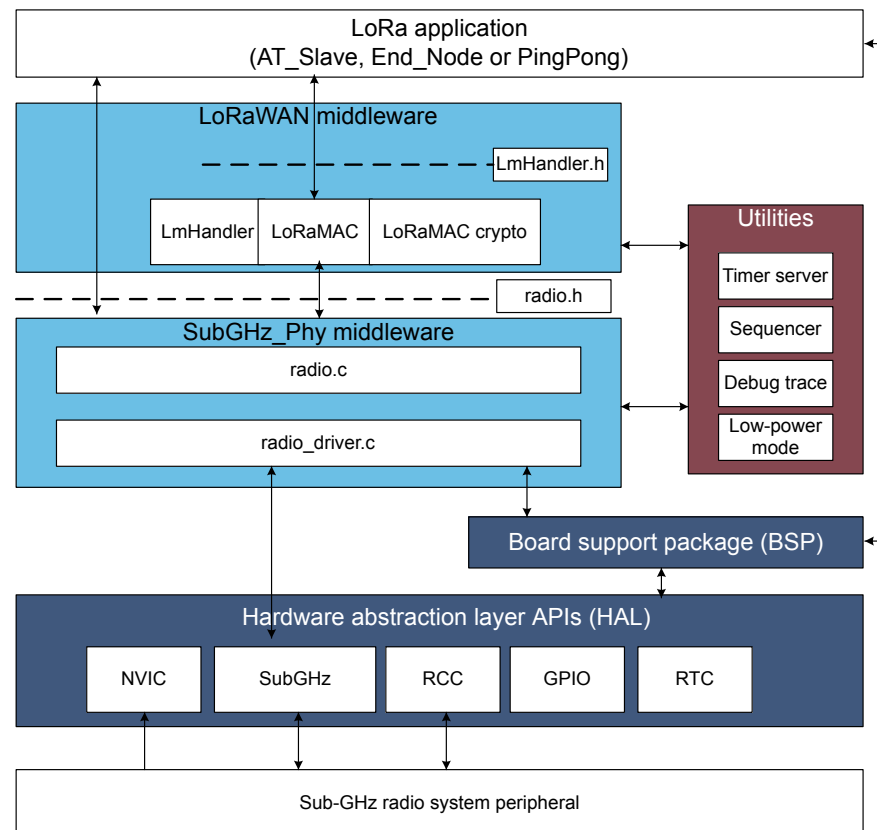
Figure 1. Project file structure



## 2.2 Static LoRa architecture

The figure below describes the main design of the firmware for the LoRa application.

**Figure 2. Static LoRa architecture**



The HAL uses STM32Cube APIs to drive the MCU hardware required by the application. Only specific hardware is included in the LoRa middleware as it is mandatory to run a LoRa application.

The RTC provides a centralized time unit that continues to run even in low-power mode (Stop 2 mode). The RTC alarm is used to wake up the system at specific timings managed by the timer server.

The radio driver uses the SubGHz HAL to control the radio (see the above figure). The radio driver also provides a set of APIs to be used by higher-level software.

The radio driver is split in the following parts:

- `radio.c`: contains all functions that are radio dependent only.
- `radio_driver.c`: contains low-level radio drivers.

The MAC controls the SubGHz\_Phy using the 802.15.4 model. The MAC interfaces with the SubGHz\_Phy driver and uses the timer server to add or remove timed tasks.

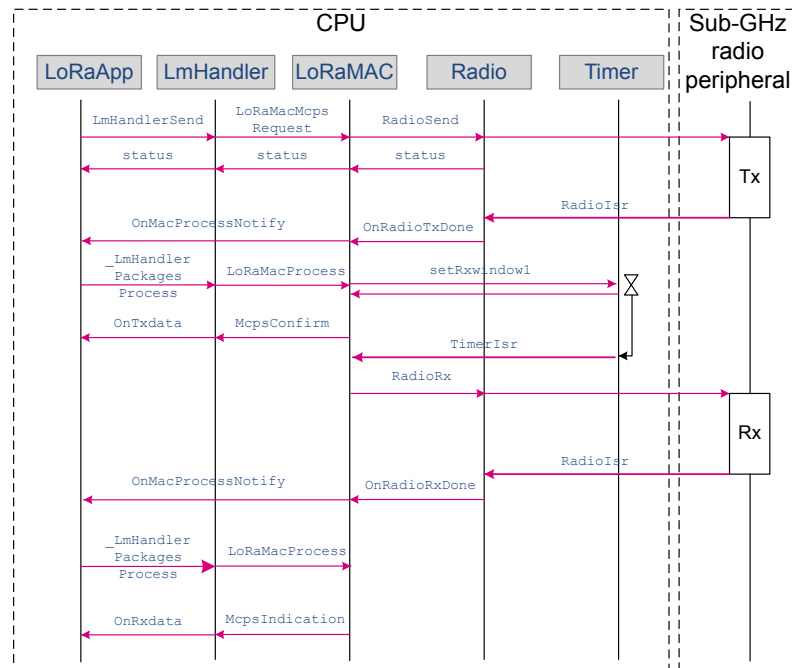
Since the state machine that controls the LoRa Class A, is sensitive, an intermediate level of software is inserted (`loramac`) between the MAC and the application (refer to LoRaMAC driver in the above figure). With a limited set of APIs, the user is free to implement the Class A state machine at application level. For more details, refer to [Section 6](#).

The application, built around an infinite loop, manages the low-power, runs the interrupt handlers (alarm or GPIO) and calls the LoRa Class A if any task must be done.

## 2.3 Dynamic view

The MSC (message sequence chart) shown in the figure below depicts a Class A device transmitting an application data and receiving application data from the server.

**Figure 3. Class A Tx and Rx processing MSC**



Once the radio has completed the application data transmission, an asynchronous RadioIRQ wakes up the system. The Radiolr here calls `txDone` in the handler mode.

All Radiolr and MAC timer call a `LoRaMacProcessNotify` callback to request the application layer to update the LoRaMAC state and to do further processing when needed.

For instance, at the end of the reception, `rxDone` is called in the ISR (handler), but all the Rx packet processing including decryption must not be processed in the ISR. This case is an example of call sequence. If no data is received into the Rx1 window, then another Rx2 window is launched..

## 3 SubGHz HAL driver

This section focuses on the SubGHz HAL (other HAL functions such as timers or GPIO are not detailed).

The SubGHz HAL is directly on top of the sub-GHz radio peripheral (see [Figure 2. Static LoRa architecture](#)).

The SubGHz HAL driver is based on a simple one-shot command-oriented architecture (no complete processes). Therefore, no LL driver is defined.

This SubGHz HAL driver is composed the following main parts:

- Handle, initialization and configuration data structures
- Initialization APIs
- Configuration and control APIs
- MSP and events callbacks
- Bus I/O operation based on the SUBGHZ\_SPI (Intrinsic services)

As the HAL APIs are mainly based on the bus services to send commands in one-shot operations, no functional state machine is used except the RESET/READY HAL states.

### 3.1 SubGHz resources

The following HAL SubGHz APIs are called at the initialization of the radio:

- Declare a SUBGHZ\_HandleTypeDef handle structure.
- Initialize the sub-GHz radio peripheral by calling the `HAL_SUBGHZ_Init(&hUserSubghz)` API.
- Initialize the SubGHz low-level resources by implementing the `HAL_SUBGHZ_MspInit()` API:
  - PWR configuration: Enable wakeup signal of the sub-GHz radio peripheral.
  - NVIC configuration:
    - Enable the NVIC radio IRQ interrupts.
    - Configure the sub-GHz radio interrupt priority.

The following HAL radio interrupt is called in the `stm32wlxx_it.c` file:

- `HAL_SUBGHZ_IRQHandler` in the `SUBGHZ_Radio_IRQHandler`.

### 3.2 SubGHz data transfers

The **Set** command operation is performed in polling mode with the `HAL_SUBGHZ_ExecSetCmd()` ; API.

The **Get Status** operation is performed using polling mode with the `HAL_SUBGHZ_ExecGetCmd()` ; API.

The read/write register accesses are performed in polling mode with following APIs:

- `HAL_SUBGHZ_WriteRegister();`
- `HAL_SUBGHZ_ReadRegister();`
- `HAL_SUBGHZ_WriteRegisters();`
- `HAL_SUBGHZ_ReadRegisters();`
- `HAL_SUBGHZ_WriteBuffer();`
- `HAL_SUBGHZ_ReadBuffer();`

## 4 BSP STM32WL Nucleo-64 boards

This BSP driver provides a set of functions to manage:

- an application dependent part, implementing external control of on-board components: RF switches, TCXO, RF losses and LEDs/sensors available on the STM32WL Nucleo-64 board (NUCLEO-WL55JC)
- a fixed part implementing the internal radio accesses (reset, busy and the NVIC radio IRQs)

**Note:** *In the current implementation, due to STM32CubeMX limitation, the firmware does not use BSP files but `radio_board_if.c/.h` for radio related items, and `board_resources.c/.h` for LED and push buttons. The choice between the two implementations is done into `Core/Inc/platform.h` by selecting `USE_BSP_DRIVER` or `MX_BOARD_PSEUDODRIVER`.*

### 4.1 Frequency band

Two types of Nucleo board are available on the STM32WL Series:

- NUCLEO-WL55JC1: high-frequency band, tuned for frequency between 865 MHz and 930 MHz
- NUCLEO-WL55JC2: low-frequency band, tuned for frequency between 470 MHz and 520 MHz

Obviously, If the user tries to run a firmware compiled at 868 MHz on a low-frequency band board, very poor RF performances are expected.

The firmware does not check the band of the board on which it runs.

### 4.2 RF switch

The STM32WL Nucleo-64 board embeds an RF 3-port switch (SP3T) to address, with the same board, the following modes:

- high-power transmission
- low-power transmission
- reception

**Table 2. BSP radio switch**

Function	Description
<code>int32_t BSP_RADIO_Init(void)</code>	Initializes the RF switch.
<code>BSP_RADIO_ConfigRFSwitch(BSP_RADIO_Switch_TypeDef Config)</code>	Configures the radio switch.
<code>int32_t BSP_RADIO_DeInit (void)</code>	De-initializes the RF switch.
<code>int32_t BSP_RADIO_GetTxConfig(void)</code>	Returns the board configuration: high power, low power or both.

The RF states versus the switch configuration are given in the table below.

**Table 3. RF states versus switch configuration**

RF state	FE_CTRL1	FE_CTRL2	FE_CTRL3
High-power transmission	Low	High	High
Low-power transmission	High	High	High
Reception	High	Low	High



### 4.3 RF wakeup time

The sub-GHz radio wakeup time is recovered with the following API.

**Table 4. BSP radio wakeup time**

Function	Description
<code>uint32_t BSP_RADIO_GetWakeUpTime(void)</code>	Returns RF_WAKEUP_TIME value.

The user must start the TCXO by setting the command `RADIO_SET_TCXOMODE` with a timeout depending of the application.

The timeout value can be updated in `stm32wlxx_nucleo_conf.h`. Default template value is defined below.

```
#define RF_WAKEUP_TIME 10U
```

### 4.4 TCXO

Various oscillator types can be mounted on the user application. On the STM32WL Nucleo-64 boards, a TCXO (temperature compensated crystal oscillator) is used to achieve a better frequency accuracy.

**Table 5. BSP radio TCXO**

Function	Description
<code>uint32_t BSP_RADIO_IsTCXO(void)</code>	Returns IS_TCXO_SUPPORTED value.

The user can change this value in `stm32wlxx_nucleo_conf.h`:

```
#define IS_TCXO_SUPPORTED 1U
```

### 4.5 Power regulation

Depending on the user application, a LDO or an SMPS (also named DCDC) is used for power regulation. An SMPS is used on the STM32WL Nucleo-64 boards.

**Table 6. BSP radio SMPS**

Function	Description
<code>uint32_t BSP_RADIO_IsDCDC(void)</code>	Returns IS_DCDC_SUPPORTED value.

The user can change this value in `stm32wlxx_nucleo_conf.h`:

```
#define IS_DCDC_SUPPORTED 1U
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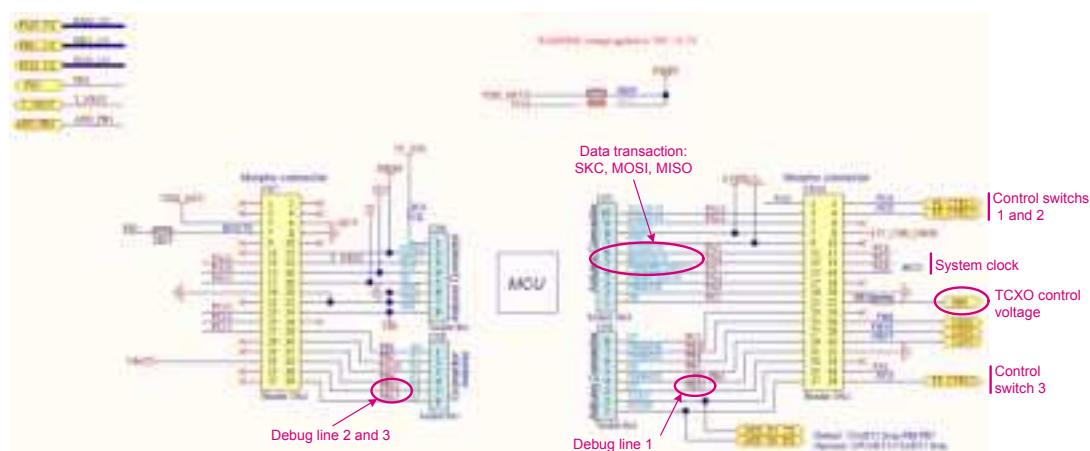
The SMPS on the board can be disabled by setting `IS_DCDC_SUPPORTED` to 0.

## 4.6 STM32WL Nucleo-64 board schematic

The figure below details the STM32WL Nucleo-64 board, MB1389 reference board schematic, highlighting some useful signals:

- control switches on PC4, PC5 and PC3
- TCXO control voltage PIN on PB0
- debug lines on PB12, PB13 and PB14
- system clock on PA8
- SCK on PA5
- MISO on PA6
- MOSI on PA7

Figure 4. NUCLEO-WL55JC schematic



## 5 SubGHz\_Phy layer middleware description

The radio abstraction layer is composed of two layers:

- high-level layer (`radio.c`)  
It provides a high-level radio interface to the stack middleware. It also maintains radio states, processes interrupts and manages timeouts. It records callbacks and calls them when radio events occur.
- low-level radio drivers  
It is an abstraction layer to the RF interface. This layer knows about the register name and structure, as well as detailed sequence. It is not aware about hardware interface.

The SubGHz\_Phy layer middleware contains the radio abstraction layer that interfaces directly on top of the hardware interface provided by BSP (refer [Section 4 BSP STM32WL Nucleo-64 boards](#)).

The SubGHz\_Phy middleware directory is divided in two parts

- `radio.c`: contains a set of all radio generic callbacks, calling `radio_driver` functions. This set of APIs is meant to be generic and identical for all radios.
- `radio_driver.c`: low-level radio drivers

## 5.1 Middleware radio driver structure

A radio generic structure, *struct Radio\_s Radio {}*, is defined to register all the callbacks, with the fields detailed in the table below.

**Table 7. Radio\_s structure callbacks**

Callback	Description
RadioInit	Initializes the radio.
RadioGetStatus	Returns the current radio status.
RadioSetModem	Configures the radio with the given modem.
RadioSetChannel	Sets the channel frequency.
RadioIsChannelFree	Checks if the channel is free for the given time.
RadioRandom	Generates a 32-bit random value based on the RSSI readings.
RadioSetRxConfig	Sets the reception parameters.
RadioSetTxConfig	Sets the transmission parameters.
RadioCheckRfFrequency	Checks if the given RF frequency is supported by the hardware.
RadioTimeOnAir	Computes the packet time on air in ms, for the given payload.
RadioSend	Sends the buffer of size. Prepares the packet to be sent and sets the radio in transmission.
RadioSleep	Sets the radio in Sleep mode.
RadioStandby	Sets the radio in Standby mode.
RadioRx	Sets the radio in reception mode for the given time.
RadioStartCad	Starts a CAD (channel activity detection).
RadioSetTxContinuousWave	Sets the radio in continuous wave transmission mode.
RadioRssi	Reads the current RSSI value.
RadioWrite	Writes the radio register at the specified address.
RadioRead	Reads the radio register at the specified address.
RadioSetMaxPayloadLength	Sets the maximum payload length.
RadioSetPublicNetwork	Sets the network to public or private. Updates the sync byte.
RadioGetWakeUpTime	Gets the time required for the board plus radio to exit Sleep mode.
RadioIrqProcess	Processes radio IRQ.
RadioRxBoosted	Sets the radio in reception mode with max LNA gain for the given time.
RadioSetRxDutyCycle	Sets the Rx duty-cycle management parameters.
RadioTxPrbs	Sets the transmitter in continuous PRBS mode.
RadioTxCw	Sets the transmitter in continuous unmodulated carrier mode.

## 5.2 Radio IRQ interrupts

The possible sub-GHz radio interrupt sources are detailed in the table below.

**Table 8. Radio IRQ bit mapping and definition**

Bit	Source	Description	Packet type	Operation
0	txDone	Packet transmission finished	LoRa and GFSK	Tx
1	rxDone	Packet reception finished		Rx
2	PreambleDetected	Preamble detected		
3	SyncDetected	Synchronization word valid	GFSK	
4	HeaderValid	Header valid	LoRa	
5	HeaderErr	Header error		
6	Err	Preamble, sync word, address, CRC or length error	GFSK	CAD
	CrcErr	CRC error	LoRa	
7	CadDone	Channel activity detection finished		
8	CadDetected	Channel activity detected		
9	Timeout	Rx or TX timeout	LoRa and GFSK	Rx and Tx

For more details, refer to the product reference manual.

## 6 LoRaWAN middleware description

The LoRa stack middleware is split into the following modules:

- LoRaMAC layer module (in `Middlewares\Third_Party\LoRaWAN\Mac`)
- LoRa utilities module (in `Middlewares\Third_Party\LoRaWAN\Utilities`)
- LoRa crypto module (in `Middlewares\Third_Party\LoRaWAN\Crypto`)
- LoRa LmHandler module (in `Middlewares\Third_Party\LoRaWAN\LmHandler`)

### 6.1 LoRaWAN middleware features

- Compliant with the specification for the LoRa Alliance protocol, named LoRaWAN
- On-board LoRaWAN Class A, Class B and Class C protocol stack
- EU 868MHz ISM band ETSI compliant
- EU 433MHz ISM band ETSI compliant
- US 915MHz ISM band FCC compliant
- KR 920Mhz ISM band defined by Korean government
- RU 864Mhz ISM band defined by Russian regulation
- CN 779Mhz and CN470Mhz ISM bands defined by Chinese government
- AS 923Mhz ISM band defined by Asian governments
- AU 915Mhz ISM bands defined by Australian government
- IN 865Mhz ISM bands defined by Indian government
- End-device activation either through OTAA or through activation-by-personalization (ABP)
- Adaptive data rate support
- LoRaWAN test application for certification tests included
- Low-power optimized

### 6.2 LoRaWAN middleware initialization

The initialization of the LoRaMAC layer is done through the `LoRaMacInitialization` API, that initializes both the preamble run time of the LoRaMAC layer and the callback primitives of the MCPS and MLME services (see the table below).

**Table 9. LoRaWAN middleware initialization**

Function	Description
<code>LoRaMacStatus_t LoRaMacInitialization</code> <code>(LoRAMacPrimitives_t *primitives,</code> <code>LoRaMacCallback_t *callback,</code> <code>LoRaMacRegion_t region)</code>	Initializes the LoRaMac layer module (see <a href="#">Section 6.4 Middleware MAC layer callbacks</a> )

### 6.3 Middleware MAC layer APIs

The provided APIs follow the definition of “primitive” defined in IEEE802.15.4-2011 (see document [5]).

The interfacing with the LoRaMAC is made through the request-confirm and the indication-response architecture. The application layer can perform a request that the LoRaMAC layer confirms with a confirm primitive.

Conversely, the LoRaMAC layer notifies an application layer with the indication primitive in case of any event.

The application layer may respond to an indication with the response primitive. Therefore, all the confirm or indication are implemented using callbacks.

The LoRaMAC layer provides the following services:

- **MCPS services**

In general, the LoRaMAC layer uses the MCPS services for data transmissions and data receptions.

**Table 10. MCPS services**

Function	Description
LoRaMacStatus_t LoRaMacMcpsRequest (McpsReq_t *mcpsRequest)	Requests to send Tx data.

- **MLME services**

The LoRaMAC layer uses the MLME services to manage the LoRaWAN network.

**Table 11. MLME services**

Function	Description
LoRaMacStatus_t LoRaMacMlmeRequest (MlmeReq_t *mlmeRequest )	Generates a join request or requests for a link check.

- **MIB services**

The MIB stores important runtime information (such as MIB\_NETWORK\_ACTIVATION or MIB\_NET\_ID) and holds the configuration of the LoRaMAC layer (for example the MIB\_ADR, MIB\_APP\_KEY).

**Table 12. MIB services**

Function	Description
LoRaMacStatus_t LoRaMacMibSetRequestConfirm (MibRequestConfirm_t *mibSet)	Sets attributes of the LoRaMAC layer.
LoRaMacStatus_t LoRaMacMibGetRequestConfirm (MibRequestConfirm_t *mibGet )	Gets attributes of the LoRaMAC layer.

## 6.4 Middleware MAC layer callbacks

The LoRaMAC user event functions primitives (also named callbacks) to be implemented by the application are the following:

- **MCPS**

**Table 13. MCPS primitives**

Function	Description
<code>void ( *MacMcpsConfirm ) (McpsConfirm_t *McpsConfirm)</code>	Response to a McpsRequest
<code>Void ( *MacMcpsIndication) (McpsIndication_t *McpsIndication)</code>	Notifies the application that a received packet is available.

- **MLME**

**Table 14. MLME primitive**

Function	Description
<code>void ( *MacMlmeConfirm ) ( MlmeConfirm_t *MlmeConfirm )</code>	Manages the LoRaWAN network.

- **MIB**  
No available functions.

## 6.5 Middleware MAC layer timers

- **Delay Rx window**  
Refer to document [1], section 'End-device classes' for more details.

**Table 15. Delay Rx window**

Function	Description
<code>void OnRxWindow1TimerEvent (void)</code>	Sets the RxDelay1 (ReceiveDelayX - RADIO_WAKEUP_TIME).
<code>void OnRxWindow2TimerEvent (void)</code>	Sets the RxDelay2.

- **Delay for Tx frame transmission**

**Table 16. Delay for Tx frame transmission**

Function	Description
<code>void OnTxDelayedTimerEvent (void)</code>	Sets the timer for Tx frame transmission.



- Delay for Rx frame

Table 17. Delay for Rx frame

Function	Description
<code>void OnAckTimeoutTimerEvent (void)</code>	Sets timeout for received frame acknowledgment.

## 6.6 Middleware LmHandler application function

The interface to the MAC is done through the MAC interface `LoRaMac.h` file, in one of the following modes:

- Standard mode
 

An interface file (LoRaMAC driver, see [Figure 2](#) ) is provided to let the user start without worrying about the LoRa state machine. This file is located in `Middlewares\Third_Party\LoRaWAN\LmHandler\LmHandler.c` and implements:

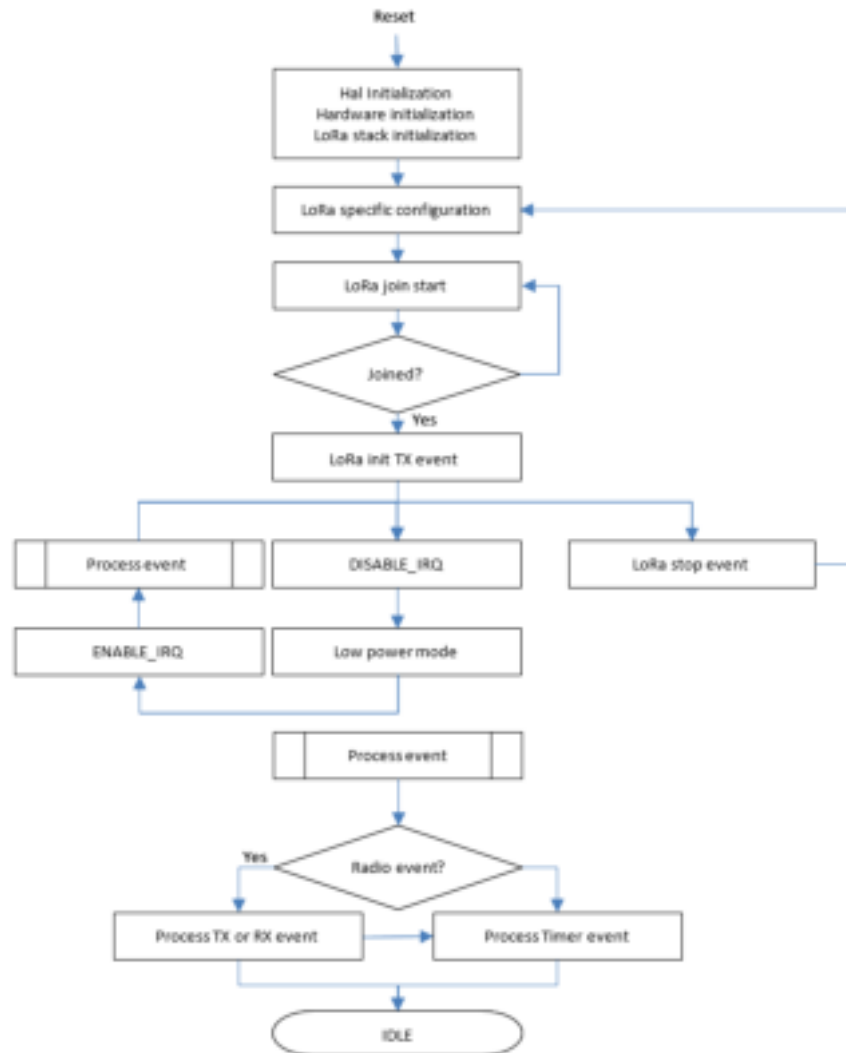
  - a set of APIs to access to the LoRaMAC services
  - the LoRa certification test cases that are not visible to the application layer
- Advanced mode
 

The user accesses directly the MAC layer by including the MAC in the user file.

### 6.6.1 Operation model

The operation model proposed for the LoRa End\_Node is based on 'event-driven' paradigms including 'time-driven' (see the figure below). The behavior of the LoRa system is triggered either by a timer event or by a radio event plus a guard transition.

Figure 5. Operation model



The next sections detail the End\_Node and AT\_Slave APIs used to access the LoRaMAC services. The corresponding interface files are located in:

`Middlewares\Third_Party\LoRaWAN\LmHandler\LmHandler.c`

The user must implement the application with these APIs.

An example of End\_Node application is provided in

`\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\End_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora_app.c`.

An example of AT\_Slave application is provided in

`\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\AT_Slave\LoRaWAN\App\lora_app.c`.

## 6.6.2 Main application functions definition

**Table 18. LoRa initialization**

Function	Description
<code>LmHandlerErrorStatus_t LmHandlerInit (LmHandlerCallbacks_t *handlerCallbacks)</code>	Initialization of the LoRa finite state machine

**Table 19. LoRa configuration**

Function	Description
<code>LmHandlerErrorStatus_t LmHandlerConfigure (LmHandlerParams_t *handlerParams)</code>	Configuration of all applicative parameters

**Table 20. LoRa End\_Node join request entry point**

Function	Description
<code>void LmHandlerJoin (ActivationType_t mode)</code>	Join request to a network either in OTAA mode or ABP mode.

**Table 21. LoRa stop**

Function	Description
<code>void LmHandlerStop (void)</code>	Stops the LoRa process and waits a new configuration before a rejoin action.

**Table 22. LoRa request class**

Function	Description
<code>LmHandlerErrorStatus LmHandlerRequestClass (DeviceClass_t newClass)</code>	Requests the MAC layer to change LoRaWAN class.

**Table 23. Send an uplink frame**

Function	Description
<code>LmHandlerErrorStatus_t LmHandlerSend (LmHandlerAppData_t *appData, LmHandlerMsgTypes_t isTxConfirmed) TimerTime_t *nextTxIn, bool allowDelayedTx)</code>	Sends an uplink frame. This frame can be either an unconfirmed empty frame or an unconfirmed/confirmed payload frame.

## 6.7 Application callbacks

Callbacks in the tables below are used for both End\_Node and AT\_Slave applications.

**Table 24. Current battery level**

Function	Description
<code>uint8_t GetBatteryLevel (void)</code>	Gets the battery level.

**Table 25. Current temperature**

Function	Description
<code>uint16_t GetTemperature (void)</code>	Gets the current temperature (in °C) of the device in q7.8 format.

**Table 26. LmHandler process**

Function	Description
<code>void (*OnMacProcess) (void)</code>	Calls LmHandler Process when a Radio IRQ is received.

**Table 27. Join status**

Function	Description
<code>void OnJoinRequest (LmHandlerJoinParams_t *joinParams)</code>	Notifies the upper layer that a network has been joined.

**Table 28. Tx frame done**

Function	Description
<code>void OnTxData (LmHandlerTxParams_t *params)</code>	Notifies the upper layer that a frame has been transmitted

**Table 29. Rx frame received**

Function	Description
<code>void OnRxData ( LmHandlerAppData_t *appData, LmHandlerRxParams_t *params)</code>	Notifies the upper layer that an applicative frame has been received.

## 6.8 Extended application functions

These callbacks are used for both LoRaWAN\_End-Node and LoRaWAN\_AT-Slave applications.

**Table 30. Getter/setter functions**

Function	Description
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetCurrentClass( DeviceClass_T *deviceClass)</code>	Gets the current LoRaWAN class.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetDevEUI( uint8_t *devEUI)</code>	Gets the LoRaWAN device EUI.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetDevEUI( uint8_t *devEUI)</code>	Sets the LoRaWAN device EUI (if OTAA).
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetAppEUI( uint8_t *appEUI)</code>	Gets the LoRaWAN App EUI.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetAppEUI( uint8_t *appEUI)</code>	Sets the LoRaWAN App EUI.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetAppKey( uint8_t *appKey)</code>	Gets the LoRaWAN App Key.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetAppKey( uint8_t *appKey)</code>	Sets the LoRaWAN App Key.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetNetworkID( uint32_t *networkId)</code>	Gets the LoRaWAN Network ID.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetNetworkID uint32_t networkId)</code>	Sets the LoRaWAN Network ID.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetDevAddr( uint32_t *devAddr)</code>	Gets the LoRaWAN device address.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetDevAddr( uint32_t devAddr)</code>	Sets the LoRaWAN device address (if ABP).
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetNwkSKey( uint8_t *nwkSKey)</code>	Sets the LoRaWAN Network Session Key.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetAppSKey( uint8_t *appSKey)</code>	Sets the LoRaWAN Application Session Key.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetActiveRegion( LoRaMacRegion_t *region)</code>	Gets the active region.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetActiveRegion( LoRaMacRegion_t region)</code>	Sets the active region.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetAdrEnable( bool *adrEnable)</code>	Gets the adaptive data rate state.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetAdrEnable( bool adrEnable)</code>	Sets the adaptive data rate state.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetTxDataRate( int8_t *txDataRate)</code>	Gets the current Tx data rate.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetTxDataRate( int8_t txDataRate)</code>	Sets the Tx data rate (if adaptive DR disabled).
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetDutyCycleEnable( bool *dutyCycleEnable)</code>	Gets the current Tx duty cycle state.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetDutyCycleEnable( bool dutyCycleEnable)</code>	Sets the Tx duty cycle state.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetRX2Params( RxChannelParams_t *rxParams)</code>	Gets the current Rx2 data rate and frequency conf.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetRX2Params( RxChannelParams_t *rxParams)</code>	Sets the Rx2 data rate and frequency conf.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetTxPower( int8_t *txPower)</code>	Gets the current Tx power value.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetTxPower( int8_t txPower)</code>	Sets the Tx power value.
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetRx1Delay( uint32_t *rxDelay)</code>	Gets the current Rx1 delay (after Tx window).
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetRx1Delay( uint32_t rxDelay)</code>	Sets the Rx1 delay (after Tx window).

Function	Description
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetRx2Delay( uint32_t *rxDelay)</code>	Gets the current Rx2 delay (after Tx window).
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetRx2Delay( uint32_t rxDelay)</code>	Sets the Rx2 delay (after Tx window).
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetJoinRx1Delay( uint32_t *rxDelay)</code>	Gets the current Join Rx1 delay (after Tx window).
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetJoinRx1Delay( uint32_t rxDelay)</code>	Sets the Join Rx1 delay (after Tx window).
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetJoinRx2Delay( uint32_t *rxDelay)</code>	Get the current Join Rx2 delay (after Tx window)
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetJoinRx2Delay( uint32_t rxDelay)</code>	Sets the Join Rx2 delay (after Tx window).
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetPingPeriodicity( uint8_t *pingPeriodicity)</code>	Gets the current Rx Ping Slot periodicity (If LORAMAC_CLASSB_ENABLED)
<code>int32_t LmHandlerSetPingPeriodicity( uint8_t pingPeriodicity)</code>	Sets the Rx Ping Slot periodicity (If LORAMAC_CLASSB_ENABLED)
<code>int32_t LmHandlerGetBeaconState( BeaconState_t *beaconState)</code>	Gets the beacon state (If LORAMAC_CLASSB_ENABLED)

## 7 Utilities description

Utilities are located in the `\Utilities` directory.

Main APIs are described below. Secondary APIs and additional information can be found on the header files related to the drivers.

### 7.1 Sequencer

The sequencer provides a robust and easy framework to execute tasks in the background and enters low-power mode when there is no more activity. The sequencer implements a mechanism to prevent race conditions.

In addition, the sequencer provides an event feature allowing any function to wait for an event (where particular event is set by interrupt) and MIPS and power to be easily saved in any application that implements “run to completion” command.

The `utilities_conf.h` file located in the project sub-folder is used to configure the task and event IDs. The ones already listed must not be removed.

The sequencer is not an OS. Any task is run to completion and can not switch to another task like a RTOS would do on RTOS tick. Moreover, one single-memory stack is used. The sequencer is an advanced ‘while loop’ centralizing task and event bitmap flags.

The sequencer provides the following features:

- Advanced and packaged while loop system
- Support up to 32 tasks and 32 events
- Task registration and execution
- Waiting event and set event
- Task priority setting

To use the sequencer, the application must perform the following:

- Set the number of maximum of supported functions, by defining a value for `UTIL_SEQ_CONF_TASK_NBR`.
- Register a function to be supported by the sequencer with `UTIL_SEQ_RegTask()`.
- Start the sequencer by calling `UTIL_SEQ_Run()` to run a background while loop.
- Call `UTIL_SEQ_SetTask()` when a function needs to be executed.

**Table 31. Sequencer APIs**

Function	Description
<code>void UTIL_SEQ_Idle( void )</code>	Called (in critical section - PRIMASK) when there is nothing to execute.
<code>void UTIL_SEQ_Run(UTIL_SEQ_bm_t mask_bm )</code>	Requests the sequencer to execute functions that are pending and enabled in the mask <code>mask_bm</code> .
<code>void UTIL_SEQ_RegTask(UTIL_SEQ_bm_t task_id_bm, uint32_t flags, void (*task)( void ))</code>	Registers a function (task) associated with a signal ( <code>task_id_bm</code> ) in the sequencer. The <code>task_id_bm</code> must have a single bit set.
<code>void UTIL_SEQ_SetTask( UTIL_SEQ_bm_t taskId_bm , uint32_t task_Prio )</code>	Requests the function associated with the <code>task_id_bm</code> to be executed. The <code>task_prio</code> is evaluated by the sequencer only when a function has finished.  If several functions are pending at any one time, the one with the highest priority (0) is executed.

## 7.2 Timer server

The timer server allows the user to request timed-tasks execution. As the hardware timer is based on the RTC, the time is always counted, even in low-power modes.

The timer server provides a reliable clock for the user and the stack. The user can request as many timers as the application requires.

The timer server is located in `Utilities\timer\stm32_timer.c`.

**Table 32. Timer server APIs**

Function	Description
<code>UTIL_TIMER_Status_t UTIL_TIMER_Init( void )</code>	Initializes the timer server.
<code>UTIL_TIMER_Status_t UTIL_TIMER_Create ( UTIL_TIMER_Object_t *TimerObject, uint32_t PeriodValue, UTIL_TIMER_Mode_t Mode, void ( *Callback ) ( void *), void *Argument)</code>	Creates the timer object and associates a callback function when timer elapses.
<code>UTIL_TIMER_Status_t UTIL_TIMER_SetPeriod(UTIL_TIMER_Object_t *TimerObject, uint32_t NewPeriodValue)</code>	Updates the period and starts the timer with a timeout value (milliseconds).
<code>UTIL_TIMER_Status_t UTIL_TIMER_Start ( UTIL_TIMER_Object_t *TimerObject )</code>	Starts and adds the timer object to the list of timer events.
<code>UTIL_TIMER_Status_t UTIL_TIMER_Stop ( UTIL_TIMER_Object_t *TimerObject )</code>	Stops and removes the timer object from the list of timer events.

## 7.3 Low-power functions

The low-power utility centralizes the low-power requirement of separate modules implemented by the firmware, and manages the low-power entry when the system enters idle mode. For example, when the DMA is in use to print data to the console, the system must not enter a low-power mode below Sleep mode because the DMA clock is switched off in Stop mode.

The APIs presented in the table below are used to manage the low-power modes of the core MCU.

**Table 33. Low-power APIs**

Function	Description
<code>void UTIL_LPM_EnterLowPower( void )</code>	Enters the selected low-power mode. Called by idle state of the system.
<code>void LPM_SetStopMode(LPM_Id_t id, LPM_SetMode_t mode)</code>	Sets Stop mode. <code>id</code> defines the process mode requested: <code>LPM_Enable</code> or <code>LPM_Disable</code> . <sup>(1)</sup>
<code>void LPM_SetOffMode(LPM_Id_t id, LPM_SetMode_t mode)</code>	Sets Stop mode. <code>id</code> defines the process mode requested: <code>LPM_Enable</code> or <code>LPM_Disable</code> .
<code>UTIL_LPM_Mode_t UTIL_LPM_GetMode( void )</code>	Returns the selected low-power mode.

1. `LPM_Id_t` are bitmaps. Their shift values are defined in `utilities_def.h` of project sub-folder.



The default low-power mode is Off mode, that may be Standby or Shutdown mode (to be defined in `void PWR_EnterOffMode (void)` from Table 35):

- If Stop mode is disabled and low-power is entered, Sleep mode is selected.
- If Stop mode is not disabled, Off mode is disabled and low-power is entered, the LPStop mode is selected.
- If Stop mode is not disabled, Off mode is not disabled and low-power is entered, low-power Standby or Shutdown mode is selected.

**Table 34. Low-power truth table**

Low-power idle mode	LPM_SetStopMode	LPM_OffStopMode
LPSleep	UTIL_LPM_DISABLE	Enable or disable
LPStop	UTIL_LPM_ENABLE	UTIL_LPM_DISABLE
LP Off	UTIL_LPM_ENABLE	

Low-level APIs must be implemented to define what the system must do to enter/exit a low-power mode. These functions are implemented in `stm32_lpm_if.c` of project sub-folder.

**Table 35. Low-level APIs**

Function	Description
<code>void PWR_EnterSleepMode (void)</code>	API called before entering Sleep mode
<code>void PWR_ExitSleepMode (void)</code>	API called on exiting Sleep mode
<code>void PWR_EnterStopMode (void)</code>	API called before Stop mode
<code>void PWR_ExitStopMode (void)</code>	API called on exiting Stop mode
<code>void PWR_EnterOffMode (void)</code>	API called before entering Off mode
<code>void PWR_ExitOffMode (void)</code>	API called on exiting Off mode

## 7.4 System time

The MCU time is referenced to the MCU reset. The system time is able to record the UNIX® epoch time. The APIs presented in the table below are used to manage the system time of the core MCU.

**Table 36. System time functions**

Function	Description
<code>void SysTimeSet (SysTime_t sysTime)</code>	Based on an input UNIX epoch in seconds and sub-seconds, the difference with the MCU time is stored in the backup register (retained even in Standby mode). <sup>(1)</sup>
<code>SysTime_t SysTimeGet (void)</code>	Gets the current system time. <sup>(1)</sup>
<code>uint32_t SysTimeMkTime (const struct tm* localtime)</code>	Converts local time into UNIX epoch time. <sup>(2)</sup>
<code>void SysTimeLocalTime (const uint32_t timestamp, struct tm *localtime)</code>	Converts UNIX epoch time into local time. <sup>(2)</sup>

1. *The system time reference is UNIX epoch starting January 1st 1970.*
2. *SysTimeMkTime and SysTimeLocalTime are also provided in order to convert epoch into tm structure as specified by the time.h interface.*

To convert UNIX time to local time, a time zone must be added and leap seconds must be removed. In 2018, 18 leap seconds must be removed. In Paris summer time, there are two hours difference from Greenwich time, assuming time is set, local time can be printed on terminal with the code below.

```
{
SysTime_t UnixEpoch = SysTimeGet();
struct tm localtime;
UnixEpoch.Seconds-=18; /*removing leap seconds*/
UnixEpoch.Seconds+=3600*2; /*adding 2 hours*/
SysTimeLocalTime(UnixEpoch.Seconds, & localtime);
PRINTF ("it's %02dh%02dm%02ds on %02d/%02d/%04d\n\r",
localtime.tm_hour, localtime.tm_min, localtime.tm_sec,
localtime.tm_mday, localtime.tm_mon+1, localtime.tm_year + 1900);
}
```

## 7.5 Trace

The trace module enables to print data on a COM port using DMA. The APIs presented in the table below are used to manage the trace functions.

**Table 37. Trace functions**

Function	Description
UTIL_ADV_TRACE_Status_t UTIL_ADV_TRACE_Init( void )	TraceInit must be called at the application initialization. Initializes the com or vcom hardware in DMA mode and registers the callback to be processed at DMA transmission completion.
UTIL_ADV_TRACE_Status_t UTIL_ADV_TRACE_FSend(uint32_t VerboseLevel, uint32_t Region, uint32_t TimeStampState, const char *strFormat, ...)	Converts string format into a buffer and posts it to the circular queue for printing.
UTIL_ADV_TRACE_Status_t UTIL_ADV_TRACE_Send(uint8_t *pdata, uint16_t len)	Posts data of length = len and posts it to the circular queue for printing.
UTIL_ADV_TRACE_Status_t UTIL_ADV_TRACE_ZCSend (uint32_t VerboseLevel, uint32_t Region, uint32_t TimeStampState, uint32_t length, void (*usercb)(uint8_t*, uint16_t, uint16_t))	Writes user formatted data directly in the FIFO (Z-Cpy).

The status values of the trace functions are defined in the structure UTIL\_ADV\_TRACE\_Status\_t as follows.

```
typedef enum {
  UTIL_ADV_TRACE_OK           = 0,      /*Operation terminated successfully*/
  UTIL_ADV_TRACE_INVALID_PARAM = -1,    /*Invalid Parameter*/
  UTIL_ADV_TRACE_HW_ERROR     = -2,    /*Hardware Error*/
  UTIL_ADV_TRACE_MEM_ERROR     = -3,    /*Memory Allocation Error*/
  UTIL_ADV_TRACE_UNKNOWN_ERROR = -4,    /*Unknown Error*/
} UTIL_ADV_TRACE_Status_t;
```

The UTIL\_ADV\_TRACE\_FSend (..) function can be used:

- in polling mode when no real time constraints apply: for example, during application initialization

```
#define PRINTF(...) do{} while (0!= UTIL_ADV_TRACE_FSend (0, NO_MASK , TS_ON,
__VA_ARGS__)) //Polling Mode
```

- in real-time mode: when there is no space left in the circular queue, the string is not added and is not printed out in com port

```
#define TPRINTF(...) do {
UTIL_ADV_TRACE_FSend (0, NO_MASK , TS_ON, __VA_ARGS__); } while(0)
```

where:

- UTIL\_ADV\_TRACE\_FSend (..) is the VerboseLevel of the trace.
- The application verbose level, TraceVerbose (VLEVEL\_OFF, VLEVEL\_L, VLEVEL\_M or VLEVEL\_H) is set in the sys\_app.h file.  
UTIL\_ADV\_TRACE\_FSend (..) is displayed only if TraceVerbose > VerboseLevel.
- The third parameter of UTIL\_ADV\_TRACE\_FSend (..) is TS\_ON or TS\_OFF, and allows a timestamp to be added to the trace.

The buffer length can be increased in case it is saturated in the stm32\_adv\_trace.c file with:

```
#define UTIL_ADV_TRACE_TMP_BUF_SIZE 256U
```

The utility provides hooks to be implemented in order to forbid the system to enter Stop or lower modes while the DMA is active:

- ```
void UTIL_ADV_TRACE_PreSendHook (void) { UTIL_LPM_SetStopMode((1 <<
CFG_LPM_UART_TX_Id) , UTIL_LPM_DISABLE ); }
```
- ```
void UTIL_ADV_TRACE_PostSendHook (void){ UTIL_LPM_SetStopMode((1 <<
CFG_LPM_UART_TX_Id) , UTIL_LPM_ENABLE ); }
```

## 8 End\_Node application

This application measures the battery level and the temperature of the MCU. These values are sent periodically to the LoRa network using the LoRa radio in Class A at 868 MHz.

In order to launch the LoRa End\_Node project, the user must go to:

`\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN_End_Node` and choose the favorite toolchain folder (in the IDE environment). The user selects then the LoRa project from the proper target board.

The user must focus on the configuration described below to setup the application.

### 8.1 Device configuration

#### 8.1.1 Activation methods and keys

There are two ways to activate a device on the network, either by OTAA or by ABP.

The global variable "ActivationType" in the application must be adjusted to activate the device with the selected mode.

```
static ActivationType_t ActivationType = LORAWAN_DEFAULT_ACTIVATION_TYPE;
```

in `\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN_End_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora_app.c` and

```
#define LORAWAN_DEFAULT_ACTIVATION_TYPE ACTIVATION_TYPE_OTAA
```

in `\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN_End_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora_app.h` where `ActivationType_t` enum is defined as follows:

```
typedef enum eActivationType {
    ACTIVATION_TYPE_NONE = 0, /* None */
    ACTIVATION_TYPE_ABP = 1, /* Activation by personalization */
    ACTIVATION_TYPE_OTAA = 2, /* Over the Air Activation */
}
```

`\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN_End_Node\LoRaWAN\App\se-identity.h` file contains commissioning data useful for device activation.

#### 8.1.2 LoRa Class activation

By default, Class A is defined. To change the class activation (three possible values: Class A, Class B, Class C), the user must:

- set the code below in `\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN_End_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora_app.h`

```
#define LORAWAN_DEFAULT_CLASS CLASS_B;
```

- uncomment the following define: `/*#define LORAMAC_CLASSB_ENABLED*/` in `\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN_End_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lorawan_conf.h`.

### 8.1.3 Tx trigger

There are two ways to generate an uplink action, with the “EventType” global variable in

\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora\_app.c:

- by timer
- by an external event

with the code

```
static TxEventType_t EventType = TX_ON_TIMER;
```

where TxEventType\_t enum is defined as follows:

```
typedef enum TxEventType_e {
    TX_ON_TIMER = 0, /* App data transmission issue based on timer */
    TX_ON_EVENT = 1, /* App data transmission by external event */
}TxEventType_t;
```

The “TX\_ON\_EVENT” feature uses the button 1 as event in the End\_Node application.

### 8.1.4 Duty cycle

The duty cycle value (in ms) to be used for the application is defined in

\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora\_app.h, with the code below (for example):

```
#define APP_TX_DUTYCYCLE 10000 /* 10s duty cycle */
```

### 8.1.5 Application port

The application port to be used for the application is defined in

\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora\_app.h, with the code below (for example):

```
#define LORAWAN_APP_PORT 2
```

**Note:** LORAWAN\_APP\_PORT must not use port 224 that is reserved for certification.

### 8.1.6 Confirm/unconfirmed mode

The confirm/unconfirmed mode to be used for the application is defined in

\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora\_app.h, with the code below:

```
#define LORAWAN_DEFAULT_CONFIRM_MSG_STATE LORAMAC_HANDLER_UNCONFIRMED_MSG
```

### 8.1.7 Data buffer size

The size of the buffer sent to the network is defined in

\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora\_app.h, with the code below:

```
#define LORAWAN_APP_DATA_BUFF_MAX_SIZE 242
```

### 8.1.8 Adaptive data rate (ADR)

The ADR is enabled in

\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora\_app.h, with the code below:

```
#define LORAWAN_ADR_STATE LORAMAC_HANDLER_ADR_ON
```

When the ADR is disabled, the default rate is set in

\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora\_app.h, with the code below:

```
#define LORAWAN_DEFAULT_DATA_RATE DR_0
```

### 8.1.9 Ping periodicity

If the device is able to switch in Class B, the default Rx Ping slot periodicity must be enabled in

\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\App\lora\_app.h with the code below.

```
#define LORAWAN_DEFAULT_PING_SLOT_PERIODICITY 4
```

where the expected value must be in the 0-7 range.

The resulting period time is defined by:

```
period = 2^ LORAWAN_DEFAULT_PING_SLOT_PERIODICITY
```

### 8.1.10 LoRa band selection

The region and its corresponding band selection are defined in \Projects\<target>

\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\target\lorawan\_conf.h with the code below:

```
#define REGION_AS923
#define REGION_AU915
#define REGION_CN470
#define REGION_CN779
#define REGION_EU433
#define REGION_EU868
#define REGION_KR920
#define REGION_IN865
#define REGION_US915
```

**Note:** Several regions can be defined on the same application.

Depending on the region, the default active region must be defined in \Projects\<target>

\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\Core\Inc\sys\_conf.h with the code (example for Europe)

```
#define ACTIVE_REGION LORAMAC_REGION_EU868
```

### 8.1.11 Debug switch

The debug mode is enabled in \Projects\<target>

\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN\_End\_Node\LoRaWAN\Core\Inc\sys\_conf.h with the code below:

```
#define DEBUGGER_ON 1 /* ON=1, OFF=0 */
```

The debug mode enables `DBG_GPIO_SET` and `DBG_GPIO_RST` macros as well as the debugger mode, even when the MCU goes in low-power.

*Note:* In order to enable a true low-power, `#define DEBUGGER_ON` must be set.

### 8.1.12 Low-power switch

When the system is in idle, it enters the low-power Stop 2 mode.

This entry in Stop 2 mode can be disabled in `\Projects\<target>`

`\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN_End_Node\LoRaWAN\Core\Inc\sys_conf.h` with the code below:

```
#define LOW_POWER_DISABLE    0 /* Low power enabled = 0, Low power disabled = 1 */
```

The system then waits in Sleep mode.

### 8.1.13 Trace level

The trace mode is enabled in `\Projects\<target>`

`\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN_End_Node\LoRaWAN\Core\Inc\sys_conf.h` with the code below:

```
#define APP_LOG_ENABLED      1
```

The trace level is selected in

`\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN_End_Node\LoRaWAN\Core\Inc\sys_app.h` with the code below :

```
#define VERBOSE_LEVEL VLEVEL_M
```

The following trace levels are proposed:

- `VLEVEL_OFF`: all traces disabled
- `VLEVEL_L`: functional traces enabled
- `VLEVEL_M`: debug traces enabled
- `VLEVEL_H`: all traces enabled



## 8.2 Device configuration summary for End\_Node application

**Table 38. Switch options for End\_Node application configuration**

Project module	Detail	Switch option	Definition	Location
LoRa stack	Identification	STATIC_DEVICE_EUI	Static or dynamic end device identifying	se-identity.h
	Address	STATIC_DEVICE_ADDRESS	Static or dynamic end device address	
	Supported regions	REGION_EU868	Regions supported by the device	lorawan_conf.h
		REGION_EU433		
		REGION_US915		
		REGION_AS923		
		REGION_AU915		
		REGION_CN470		
		REGION_CN779		
		REGION_IN865		
		REGION_RU864		
		REGION_KR920		
	Optional class	LORAMAC_CLASSB_ENABLED	End device Class B capability	
Application	Tx trigger	EventType = TX_ON_TIMER	Tx trigger method	lora_app.c
	Class choice	LORAWAN_DEFAULT_CLASS	Sets class of the device.	lora_app.h
	Duty cycle	APP_TX_DUTYCYCLE	Time period between two Tx sent	
	App port	LORAWAN_USER_APP_PORT	LoRa port used by the Tx data frame	
	Confirmed mode	LORAWAN_DEFAULT_CONFIRM_MSG_STATE	Confirmed mode selection	
	Adaptive data rate	LORAWAN_ADR_STATE	ADR selection	
	Default rate	LORAWAN_DEFAULT_DATA_RATE	Data rate if ADR is disabled	
	Data buffer size	LORAWAN_APP_DATA_BUFFER_MAX_SIZE	Buffer size definition	
	Ping period	LORAWAN_DEFAULT_PING_SLOT_PERIODICITY	Rx ping slot period	
	Network Join activation	LORAWAN_DEFAULT_ACTIVATION_TYPE	Activation procedure default choice	
	Initial region	ACTIVE_REGION	Region used at device startup	
	Debug	DEBUGGER_ON	Enables debug lines.	sys_conf.h
	Low power	LOW_POWER_DISABLE	Disables low-power mode	
	Trace enable	APP_LOG_ENABLED	Enables the trace mode.	

Project module	Detail	Switch option	Definition	Location
Application	Trace level	VERBOSE_LEVEL	Enables the trace level.	sys_conf.h

## 9 AT\_Slave application

The purpose of this example is to implement a LoRa modem controlled through the AT command interface over UART by an external host.

The external host can be a host microcontroller embedding the application and the AT driver, or simply a computer executing a terminal.

This application targets the STM32WL Nucleo-64 board (NUCLEO-WL55JC).

The AT\_Slave example implements the LoRa stack driving the built-in LoRa radio. The stack is controlled through the AT command interface over UART. The modem is always in Stop 2 mode unless it processes an AT command from the external host.

To launch the AT\_Slave project, the user must go to

`\Projects\<target>\Applications\LoRaWAN\LoRaWAN_AT_Slave` and follow the same procedure as for the LoRa End\_Node project to launch the preferred toolchain.

The application note referenced in [3] gives the list of AT commands and their description.

The table below summarizes the main options for the AT\_Slave application configuration.

**Table 39. Switch options for AT\_Slave application configuration**

Project module	Detail	Switch option	Definition	Location
LoRa stack	Identification	STATIC_DEVICE_EUI	Static or dynamic end device identifying	se-identity.h
	Address	STATIC_DEVICE_ADDRESS	Static or dynamic end device address	
	Supported regions	REGION_EU868	Regions supported by the device	lorawan_conf.h
		REGION_EU433		
		REGION_US915		
		REGION_AS923		
		REGION_AU915		
		REGION_CN470		
		REGION_CN779		
		REGION_IN865		
		REGION_RU864		
		REGION_KR920		
	Optional class	LORAMAC_CLASSB_ENABLED	End device Class B capability	
Application	Adaptive data rate	LORAWAN_ADR_STATE	ADR selection	lora_app.h
	Default rate	LORAWAN_DEFAULT_DATA_RATE	Data rate if ADR is disabled	
	Ping period	LORAWAN_DEFAULT_PING_SLOT_PERIODICITY	Rx ping slot period	
	Initial region	ACTIVE_REGION	Region used at device startup	
	Debug	DEBUGGER_ON	Enables debug lines.	sys_conf.h
	Low power	LOW_POWER_DISABLE	Disables low-power mode	

Project module	Detail	Switch option	Definition	Location
Application	Trace enable	APP_LOG_ENABLED	Enables the trace mode.	sys_conf.h
	Trace level	VERBOSE_LEVEL	Enables the trace level.	

## 10 PingPong application

This application is a simple Rx/Tx RF link between two LoRa end-devices. By default, each LoRa end-device starts as a master and transmits a 'Ping' message and waits for an answer. The first LoRa end-device receiving a 'Ping' message becomes a slave and answers to the master with a 'Pong' message. The PingPong is then started.

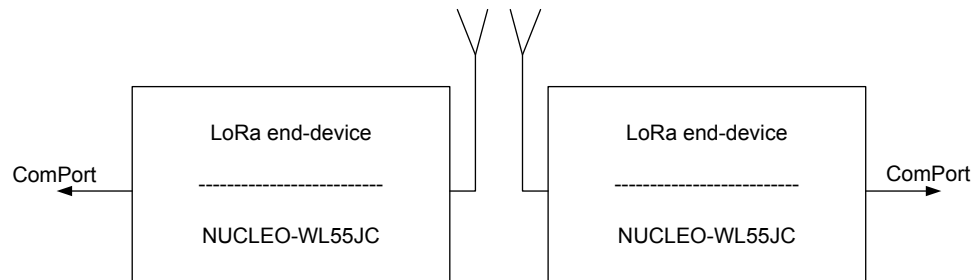
To launch the PingPong project, the user must go to

`\Projects\<target>\Applications\SubGHz_Phy\SubGHz_Phy_PingPong` and follow the same procedure as for the LoRa End\_Node project to launch the preferred toolchain.

### 10.1 Hardware and software environment setup

To setup the STM32WL Nucleo-64 board (NUCLEO-WL55JC), connect this board to the computer with a USB cable type A to mini B to the ST-LINK connector (CN1), as shown in the figure below.

**Figure 6. PingPong application setup**



## 10.2 Device configuration summary for PingPong application

**Table 40. Switch options for PingPong application configuration**

Project module	Detail	Switch option	Definition	Location
Application	Tx/Rx configuration	BUFFER_SIZE	Data buffer size.	subghz_phy_app.c
		RF_FREQUENCY	Frequency used for buffer transmission.	
		RX_TIMEOUT_VALUE	Rx window timeout	
		TX_TIMEOUT_VALUE	Tx window timeout	
	LoRa SetTxConfig parameters	LORA_BANDWIDTH	Bandwidth size	
		LORA_SPREADING_FACTOR	Spreading factor	
		LORA_CODINGRATE	Coding rate	
		LORA_PREAMBLE_LENGTH	Length of Tx/Rx preamble	
		LORA_SYMBOL_TIMEOUT	Number of symbols checked before timeout	
		LORA_FIX_LENGTH_PAYLOAD_ON	Payload length	
		LORA_IQ_INVERSION_ON	IQ samples inversion	
Application	Debug	DEBUGGER_ON	Enables debug lines.	sys_conf.h
	Low power	LOW_POWER_DISABLE	Disables low-power mode	
	Trace	VERBOSE_LEVEL	Enables the trace level.	

## 11 Dual-core management

In the STM32WL5x devices, the choice of a dual core is done to separate the application part mapped on Cortex-M4 (CPU1), from the stack and firmware low layers mapped on Cortex-M0+ (CPU2).

In a dual-core proposed model, two separated binaries are generated: CPU1 (CM4) binary is placed at 0x0800 0000 and CPU2 (CM0PLUS) binary is placed at 0x0802 0000.

A function address from one binary is not known from the other binary: this is why a communication model must be put in place. The aim of that model is that the user can change the application on CPU1 without impacting the core stack behavior on CPU2. However, ST still provides the implementation of the two CPUs in open source.

The interface between cores is done by the IPCC peripheral (inter-processor communication controller) and the inter-core memory, as described in [Section 11.1](#).

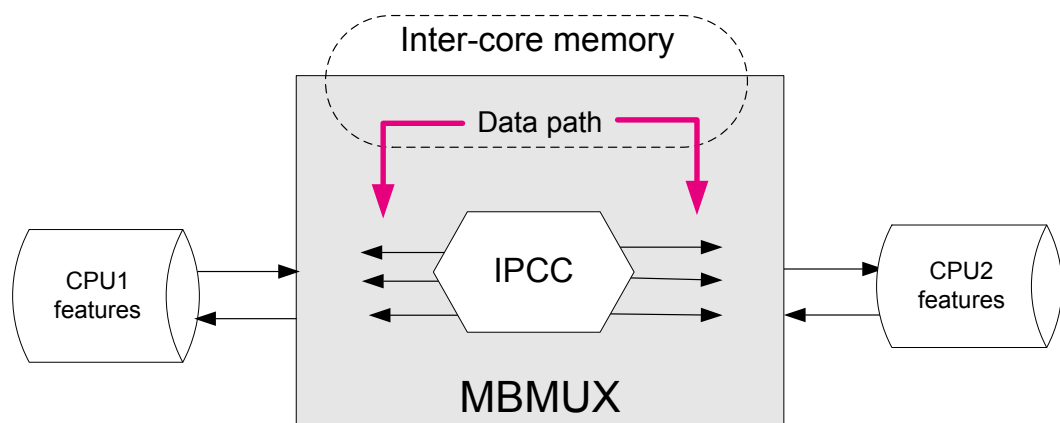
This dual-core implementation has been designed to behave the same way as the single-core program execution, thanks to a message blocking handling through a mailbox mechanism.

### 11.1 Mailbox mechanism

The mailbox is a service implementing a way to exchange data between the two processors. As shown in the figure below, the mailbox is built over two resources:

- **IPCC:** This hardware peripheral is used to trigger an interrupt to the remote CPU, and to receive an interrupt when it has completed the notification. The IPCC is highly configurable and each interrupt notification may be disabled/enabled. There is no memory management inside the IPCC.
- **Inter-core memory:** This shared memory can be read/written by both CPUs. It is used to store all buffers that contain the data to be exchanged between the two CPUs.

Figure 7. Mailbox overview



The mailbox is specified in such way that it is possible to make some changes of the buffer definition to some extend, without breaking the backward compatibility.

#### 11.1.1 Mailbox multiplexer

As described in [Figure 8](#), the data to be exchanged need to communicate via the 12 available IPCC channels (six for each direction). This is done via the MBMUX (mailbox multiplexer) that is a firmware component in charge to route the messages.

The data type has been divided in groups called features. Each feature interfaces with the MBMUX via its own MBMUXIF (MBUX interface).

The mailbox is used to abstract a function executed by another core.

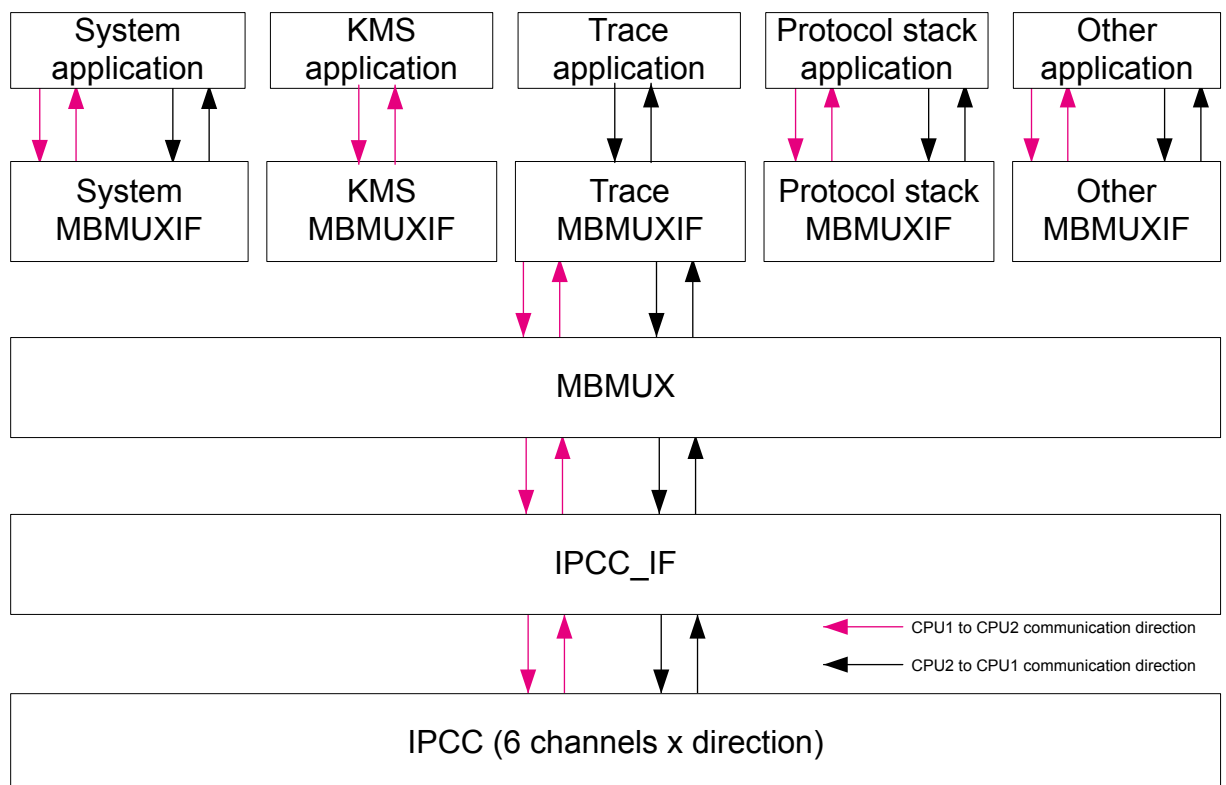
### 11.1.2

#### Mailbox features

In STM32WL5x devices, the CPU2 has the following features:

- **System**, supporting all communications related to the system  
 This includes messages, that are either related to one of the supported stacks or none of them. The CPU1 channel0 (fixed at channel 0) is used to notify the CPU2 that a command has been posted, and to receive the response of that command from the CPU2. The CPU2 channel0 is used to notify the CPU1 that an asynchronous event has been posted.  
 The following services are mapped on system channel:
  - System initialization
  - IPCC channels versus feature registration
  - Information exchanged on feature attributes and capabilities
  - Possible additional system channels for high-priority operations (such RTC notifications)
- **Trace**  
 The CPU2 fills a circular queue for information or debug, that is sent to CPU1 via the IPCC. the CPU1 is in charge to handle this information, by outputting it on the same channel used for CPU1 logs (such as the USART).
- **KMS** (key management services)
- **Radio**  
 It is possible to interface directly to the sub-GHz radio without passing by the stack in CPU2. A dedicated mailbox channel is used.
- **Protocol stack**  
 This channel is used to interface all the protocol stack commands (such as Init or request) and events (response/indication) related to the stack implemented protocol.

**Figure 8. MBMUX - Multiplexer between features and IPCC channels**



In order to use the MBMUX, a feature needs to be registered (except the system feature that is registered by default and always mapped on IPCC channel 0). The registration dynamically assigns to the feature, the requested number of IPCC channels: typically one for each direction (CPU1 to CPU2 and CPU2 to CPU1).



In the following cases, the feature needs just a channel in one direction:

- Trace feature is only meant to send debug information from CPU2 to CPU1.
- KMS is only used by CPU1 to request functions execution to CPU2.

Note:

- The RTC Alarm A transfers the interrupt using one IPCC IRQ, not considered as a feature.
- The user must consider adding KMS wrapper to be able to use it as a feature.

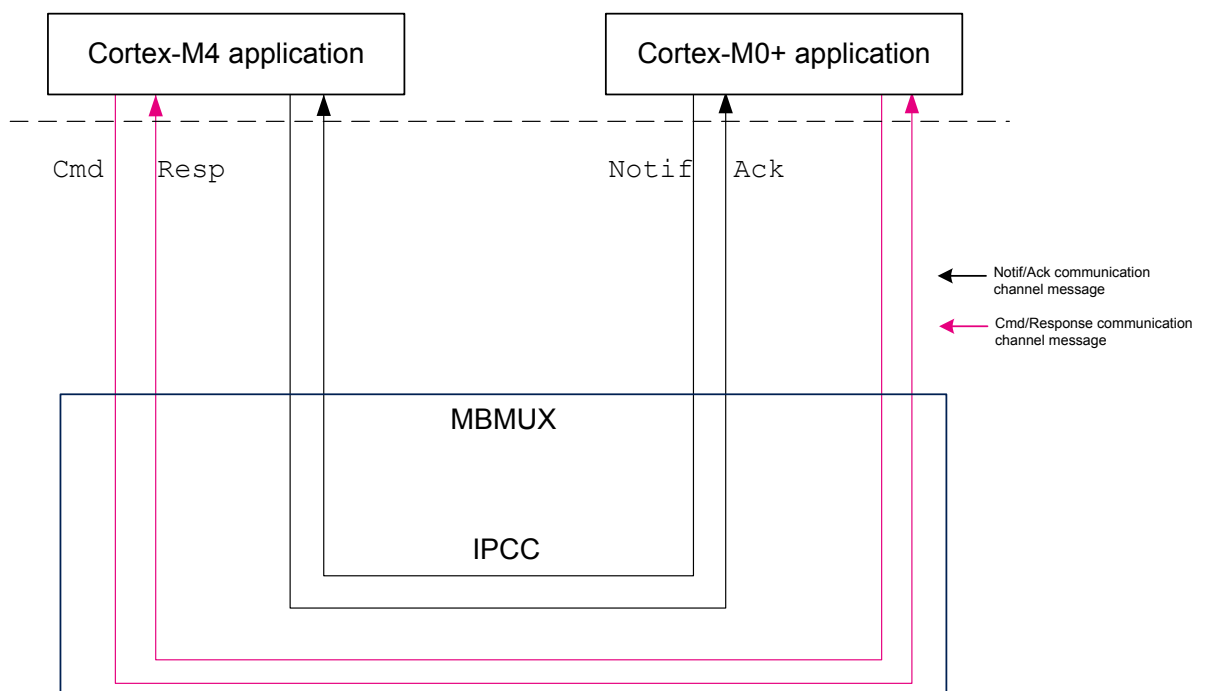
### 11.1.3

#### MBMUX messages

The mailbox uses the following types of messages:

- **Cmd** command sent by the Cortex-M4 to the Cortex-M0+, composed of:
  - `Msg ID` identifies a function called by the Cortex-M4 but implemented on the Cortex-M0+.
  - `Ptr buffer params` points to the buffer containing the parameters of the above function
  - `Number of params`
- **Resp**, response sent by the Cortex-M0+ to the Cortex-M4, composed of:
  - `Msg ID` (same value as `Cmd Msg ID`)
  - `Return value` contains the return value of the above function.
- **Notif**, notification sent by the Cortex-M0+ to the Cortex-M4, composed of:
  - `Msg ID` identifies a callback function called by the Cortex-M0+ but implemented on the Cortex-M4.
  - `Ptr buffer params` points to the buffer containing the parameters of the above function.
  - `Number of params`
- **Ack**, acknowledge sent by the Cortex-M4 to the Cortex-M0+, composed of:
  - `Msg ID` (same value as `Notif Msg ID`)
  - `Return value` contains the return value of the above callback function.

Figure 9. Mailbox messages through MBMUX and IPCC channels



## 11.2 Inter-core memory

The inter-core memory is a centralized memory accessible by both cores, and used by the cores to exchange data, function parameters, and return values.

### 11.2.1 CPU2 capabilities

Several CPU2 capabilities must be known by the CPU1 to detail its supported features (such as protocol stack implemented on the CPU2, version number of each stack, of regions supported).

These CPU2 capabilities are stored in the *features\_info* table. Data from this table are requested at initialization by the CPU1 to expose CPU2 capabilities, as shown in Figure 12.

The *features\_info* table is composed of:

- Feat\_Info\_Feature\_Id: feature name
- Feat\_Info\_Feature\_Version: feature version number used in current implementation

MB\_MEM2 is used to store these CPU2 capabilities.

### 11.2.2 Mailbox sequence to execute a CPU2 function from a CPU1 call

When the CPU1 needs to call a CPU2 *feature\_func\_X()*, a *feature\_func\_X()* with the same API must be implemented on the CPU1:

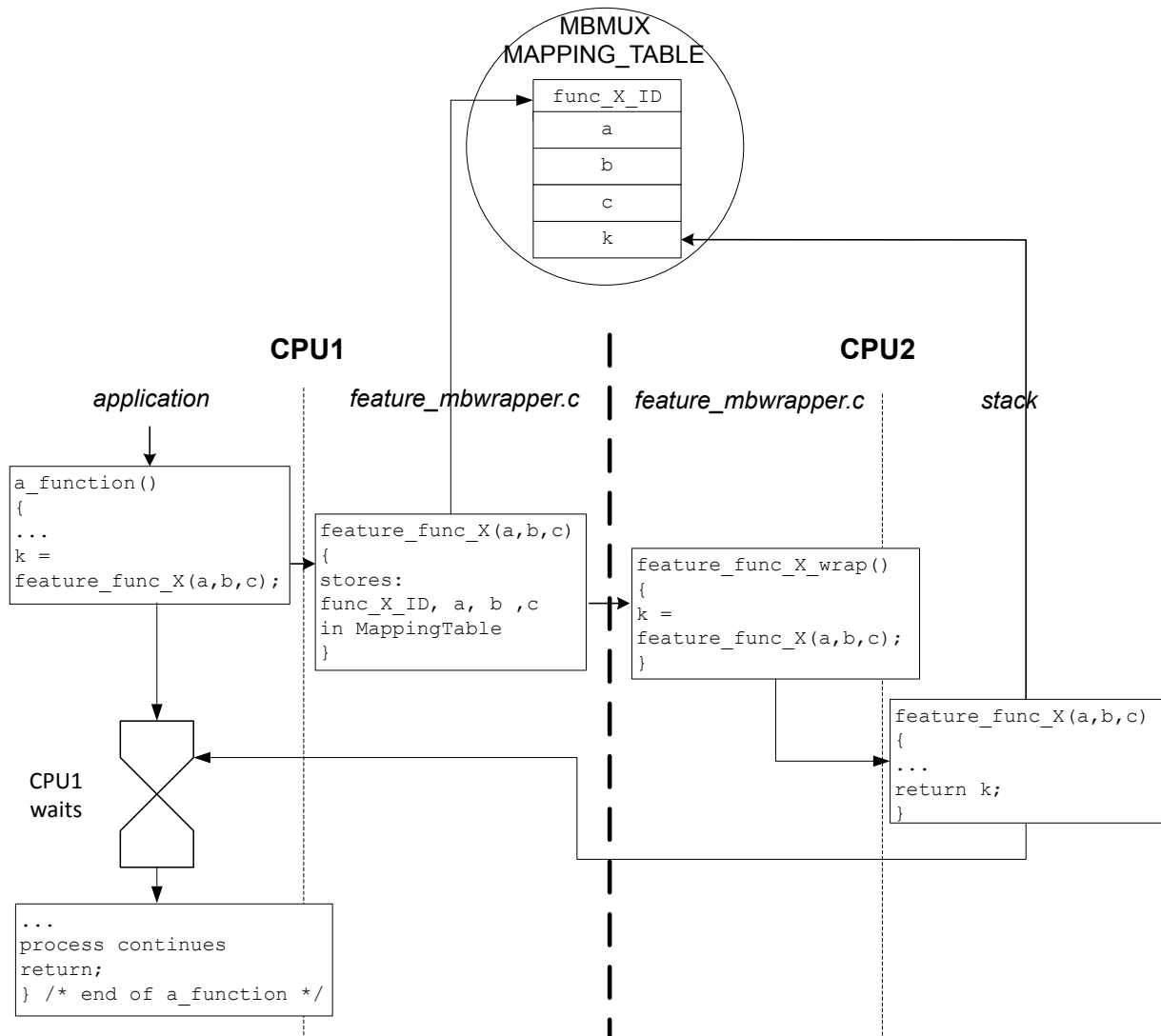
1. The CPU1 sends a **command** containing *feature\_func\_X()* parameters in the *Mapping* table:
  - a. *func\_X\_ID* that was associated to *feature\_func\_X()* at initialization during registration, is added in the *Mapping* table. *func\_X\_ID* has to be known by both cores: this is fixed at compilation time.
  - b. The CPU1 waits the CPU2 to execute the *feature\_func\_X()* and goes in low-power mode.
  - c. The CPU2 wakes up if it was in low-power mode and executes the *feature\_func\_X()*.
2. The CPU2 sends a **response** and fills the *Mapping* table with the return value:
  - a. The IPCC interrupt wakes up the CPU1.
  - b. The CPU1 retrieves the return value from the *Mapping* table.

Conversely, when the CPU2 needs to call a CPU1 *feature\_func\_X\_2()*, a *feature\_func\_X\_2()* with the same API must be implemented on the CPU2:

1. The CPU2 sends a **notification** containing *feature\_func\_X\_2()* in the *Mapping* table.
2. The CPU1 sends an **acknowledge** and fills the *Mapping* table with the return value.

The full sequence is shown in the figure below.

**Figure 10. CPU1 to CPU2 feature\_func\_X() process**

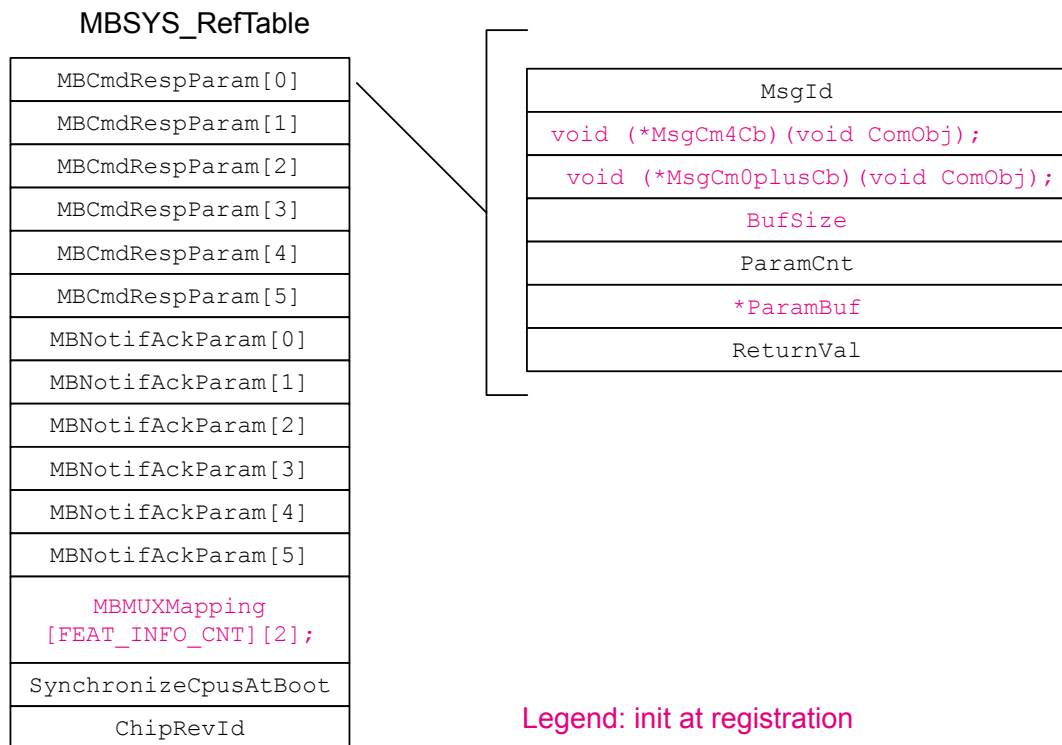


### 11.2.3 Mapping table

The *Mapping* table is common structure in the MBMUX area of Figure 10. In Figure 12, the memory mapping is referenced as MAPPING\_TABLE.

The MBMUX communication table, MBSYS\_RefTable, is described in the figure below.

Figure 11. MBMUX communication table



This MBSYS\_RefTable includes:

- two communication parameters structures for both Command/Response and Notification/Acknowledge parameters for each of the sic IPCC channels.  
Each communication parameter, as shown in MBMUX Mapping table area of Figure 10, is composed of:
  - MsgId: message ID of feature\_func\_X()
  - \*MsgCm4Cb: pointer to CPU1 callback feature\_func\_X()
  - \*MsgCm0plusCb: pointer to CPU2 callback feature\_func\_X()
  - BufSize: buffer size
  - ParamCnt: message parameter number
  - ParamBuf: message pointer to parameters
  - ReturnVal: return value of feature\_func\_X()
- MBMUXMapping: chart used to map channels to features  
This chart is filled at the initialization of MBMUX during the registration. For instance, if the radio feature is associated to Cmd/Response channel number = 1, then MBMUXMapping must associate [FEAT\_INFO\_RADIO\_ID][1].
- SynchronizeCpusAtBoot: flags used to synchronise CPU1 and CPU2 processing as shown in Figure 13 sequence chart.
- ChipRevId: stores the hardware revision ID.

MB\_MEM1 is used to send command/response set () parameter and to get the return values for the CPU1.

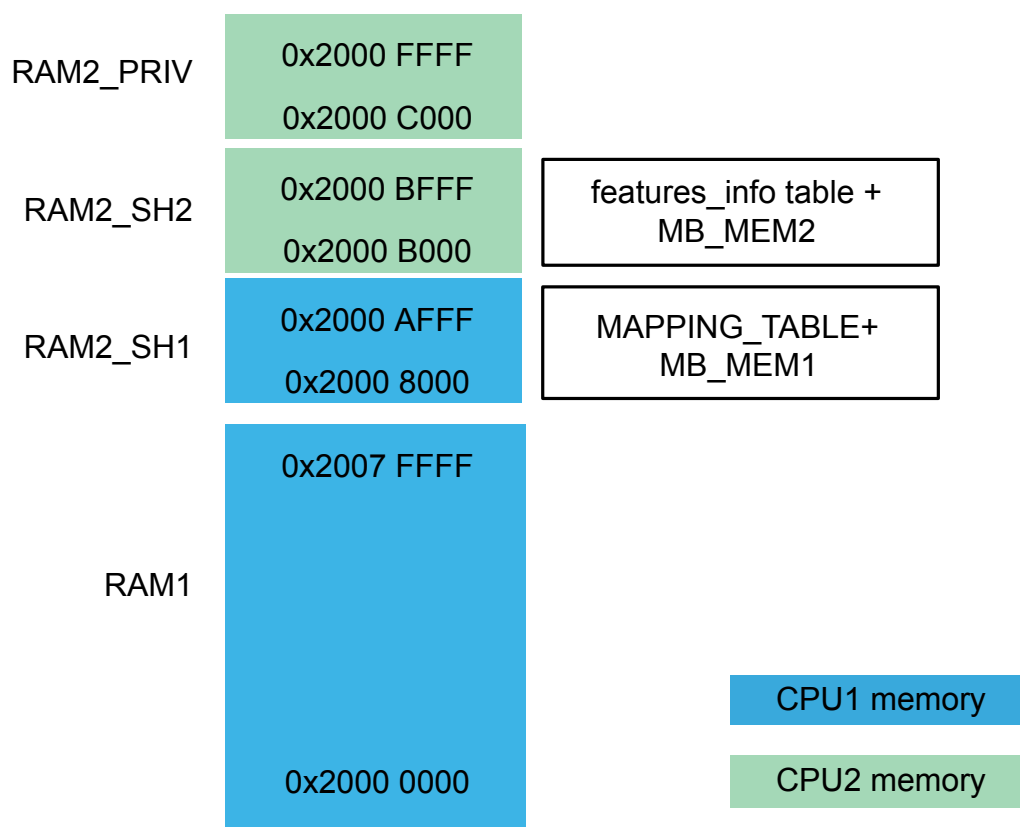
#### 11.2.4 Option byte warning

A trap is placed in the code to avoid erroneous option byte loading (due to an issue reported in the product errata sheet in section 'Option byte loading failure at high MSI system clock frequency'). The trap can be removed if the system clock is set below or equal to 16 MHz.

#### 11.2.5 RAM memory mapping

The figure below shows the mapping of both CPU1 and CPU2 RAM memory areas and the inter-core memory.

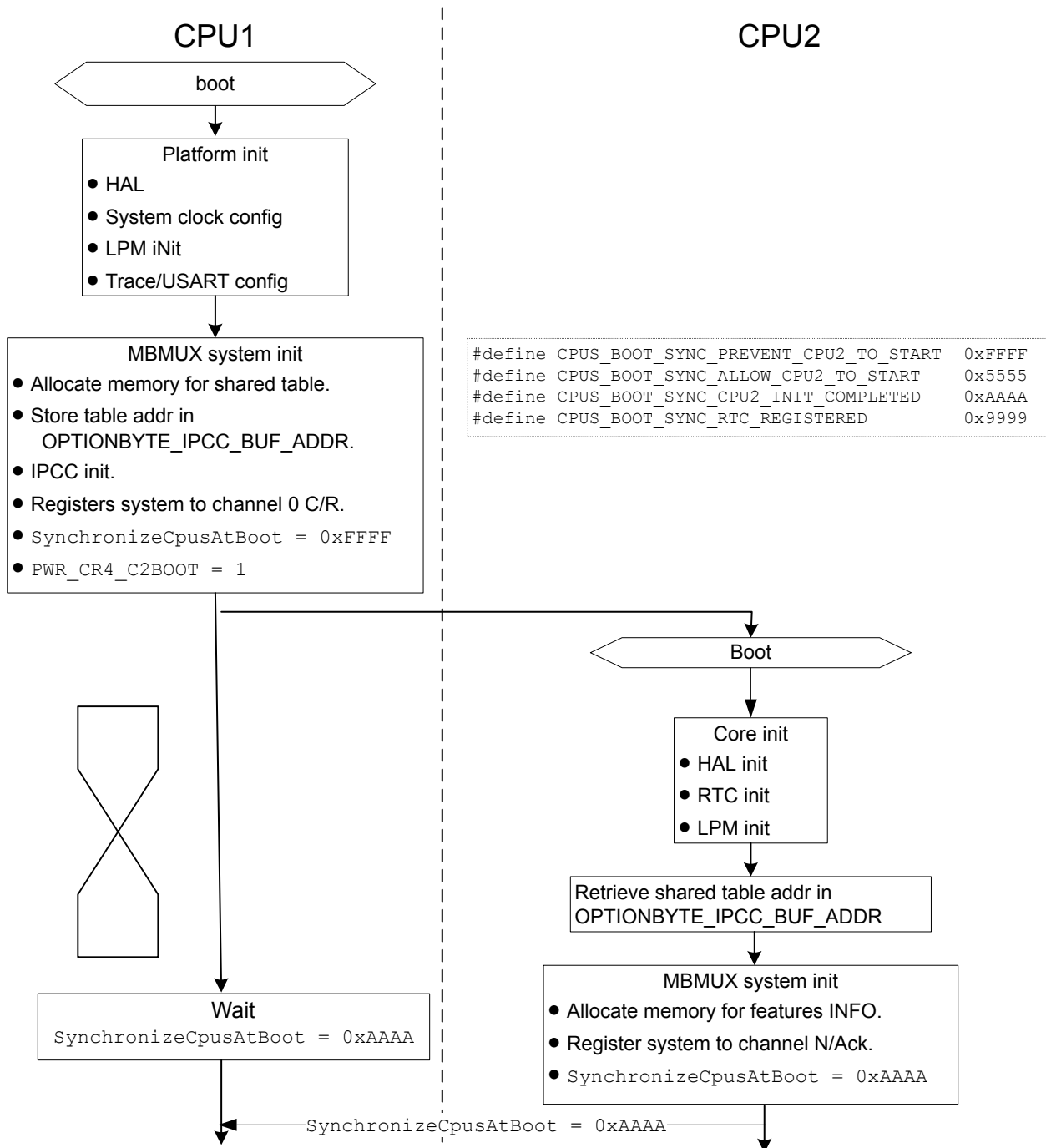
Figure 12. STM32WL5x RAM memory map



### 11.3 Startup sequence

The startup sequence for CPU1 and CPU2 is detailed in the figure below.

Figure 13. Startup sequence

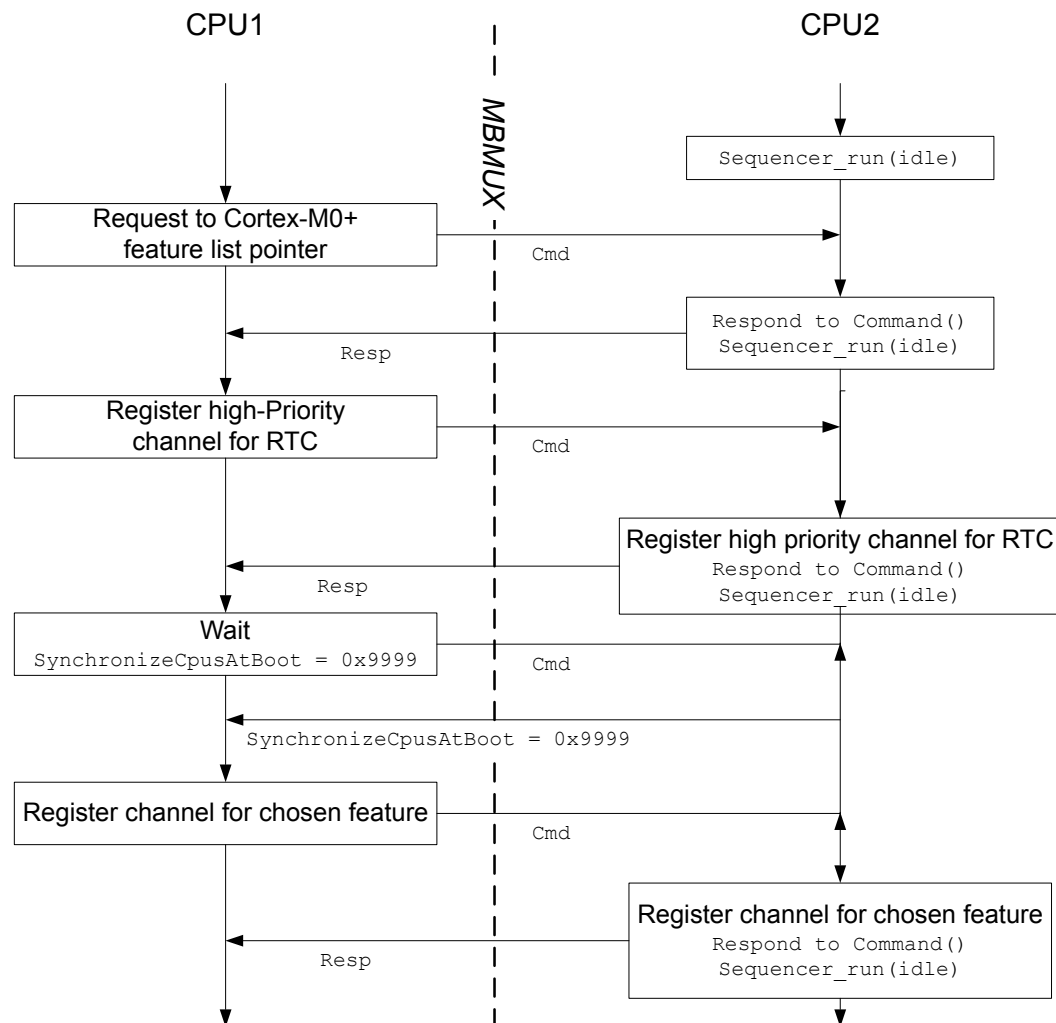


The various steps are the following:

1. The CPU1, that is the master processor in this init sequence:
  - a. executes the platform initialization.
  - b. initializes the MBMUX system.
  - c. sets the `PWR_CR4_C2BOOT` flag to 1, which starts the CPU2.
  - d. waits that CPU2 sets the `SynchronizeCpusAtBoot` flag to 0xAAAA.
2. The CPU2 boots and:
  - a. executes the core initialization.
  - b. retrieves the shared table address.
  - c. initializes the MBMUX system.
  - d. sets the `SynchronizeCpusAtBoot` to 0xAAAA to inform the CPU1 that he has ended its init sequence and that he is ready.
3. The CPU1 acknowledges this CPU2 notification.

Then both cores are initialized, and the initialization goes on via MBMUX, as shown in the figure below.

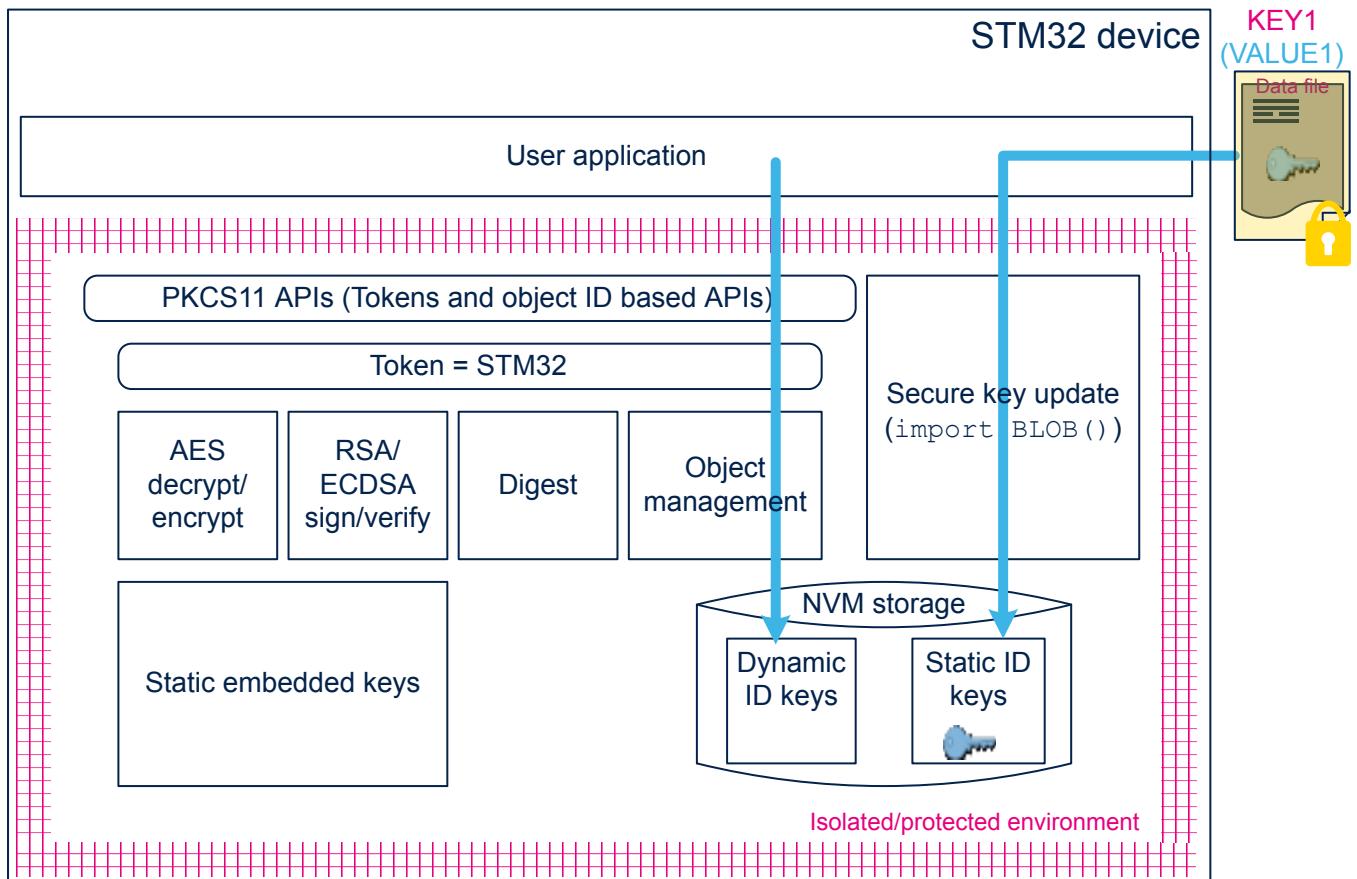
**Figure 14. MBMUX initialization**



## 12 Key management services (KMS)

Key management services (KMS) provide cryptographic services through the standard PKCS#11 APIs (developed by OASIS), are used to abstract the key value to the caller (using object ID and not directly the key value). KMS can be executed inside a protected/isolated environment in order to ensure that key value cannot be accessed by an unauthorized code running outside the protected/isolated environment, as you can see in the figure below.

Figure 15. KMS overall architecture



For more details, refer to KMS section in the user manual *Getting Started with the SBSFU of STM32CubeWL* (UM2767) .

To activate the KMS module, `KMS_ENABLE` must be set to 1 in C/C++ compiler project options.

KMS only supports a subset of PKCS #11 APIs:

- Object management functions: creation/update/deletion
- AES encryption/decryption functions: CBC, CCM, ECB, GCM, CMAC algorithms
- Digesting functions
- RSA and ECDSA signing/verifying functions
- Key management functions: key generation/derivation



## 12.1 KMS key types

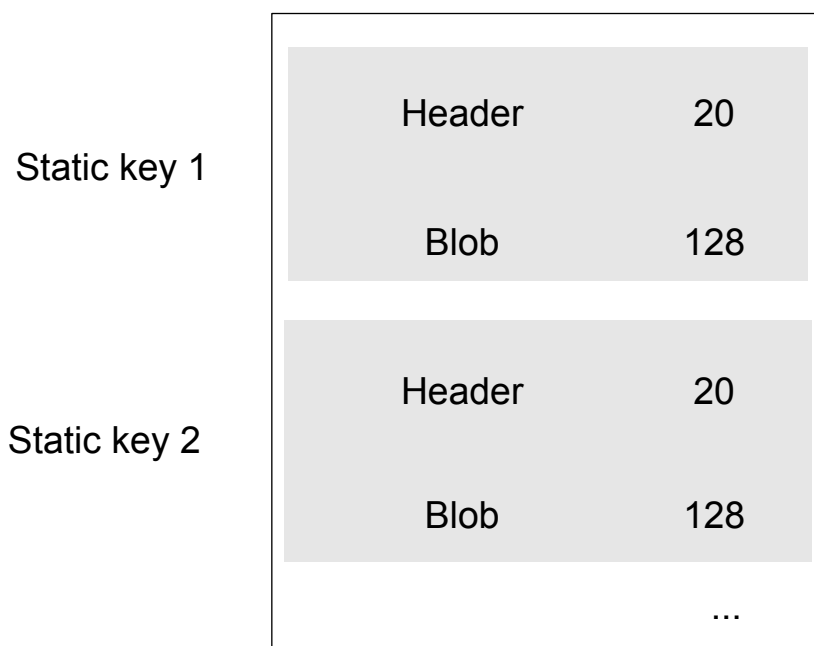
KMS manages three types of keys, only the two following types are used:

- Static embedded keys
  - predefined keys embedded within the code that cannot be modified
  - immutable keys
- NVM\_DYNAMIC keys:
  - runtime keys
  - keys IDs may be defined when keys are created using KMS: `DeriveKey()` or `CreateObject()`
  - keys can be deleted, defined as mutable

## 12.2 KMS keys size

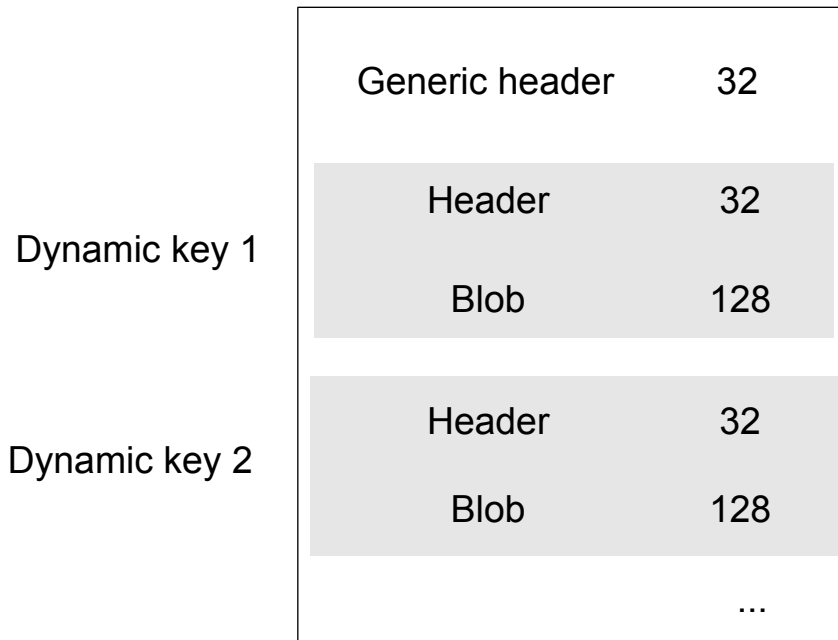
Static and dynamic keys used by LoRaWAN stack occupies different sizes. As described in the figure below, each static key size is 148 bytes = header(20) + blob(128).

**Figure 16. KMS static key size**



As described in the figure below, at the top of KMS key storage, there is a KMS generic header (32 bytes), then each dynamic keys size is 160 bytes = header(32) + blob(128).

**Figure 17. KMS dynamic key size**



## 12.3 LoRaWAN keys

In STM32CubeWL application list, KMS are used on Cortex-M0+ only on dual-core application. The root keys are chosen to be static embedded keys. All derived keys are NVM\_DYNAMIC keys.

For LoRaWAN stack, there are the following immutable root keys:

- `Lorawan_Zero_Key`
- `Lorawan_APP_KEY`
- `Lorawan_NWK_KEY`
- `Lorawan_NWK_S_KEY` (used in ABP)
- `Lorawan_APP_S_KEY` (used in ABP)

All other keys are mutable NVM\_DYNAMIC generated keys:

- `Lorawan_NWK_S_KEY` (used in OTAA)
- `Lorawan_APP_S_KEY` (used in OTAA)
- `MC_ROOT_KEY`
- `MC_KE_KEY`
- `MC_KEY_0`
- `MC_APP_S_KEY_0`
- `MC_NWK_S_KEY_0`
- `SLOT_RAND_ZERO_KEY`

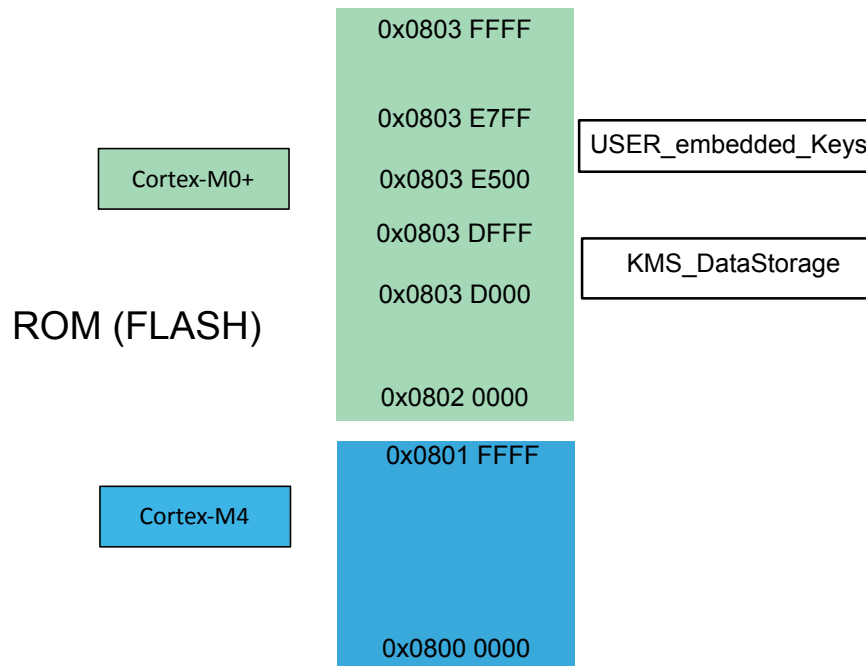
## 12.4 KMS key memory mapping for user applications

Static embedded keys correspond to `USER_embedded_Keys` (used for root keys). They are placed in a dedicated data storage memory in Flash memory/ROM. The linker files for user applications locate them from 0x0803 E500 to 0x0803 E7FF, as shown in the figure below.

NVM\_DYNAMIC keys are placed in KMS key data storage area, `KMS_DataStorage`.

The total data storage area must be 4 Kbytes, as explained in [Section 12.5](#) . They have been placed from: 0x0803 D000 to 0x0803 DFFF, as shown in the figure below. This size may be increased if more keys are necessary.

**Figure 18. ROM memory mapping**



## 12.5 How to size NVM for KMS data storage

The NVM is organized by pages of 2 Kbytes. Due to the double buffering (flip/flop EEPROM emulation mechanism), each page needs a “twin”. So the minimum to be allocated for NVM is 4 Kbytes. The size of the allocation is defined in the linker file.

The linker files proposed by the user applications use the minimum allowed size (2 \* 2 Kbytes). The associated limitations/drawbacks are explained below. The user must size NVM depending on the application specific need.

User applications use the NVM only to store the KMS keys. A LoRaWAN key and the related chosen KMS attributes occupy 128 bytes. As described in [Figure 16](#), the KMS header takes 32 bytes for each key and a global header common to all keys takes 32 bytes. Given the above values, it is possible to calculate how many keys can be stored in 2 Kbytes:

$(2048 - 32) / (32 + 128) = 12,6 \Rightarrow 12$  KMS keys (KMS key meaning key value, key attributes, and header).

User applications are configured such that only `NVM_DYNAMIC` is used. `NVM_STATIC` can be filled via blob, but not covered by user applications.

`NVM_DYNAMIC` can host derived keys (via `C_DeriveKey()`) and root keys (via `C_CreateObject()`).

LoRaWAN End\_Node in ABP mode generates two derived keys each join.

LoRaWAN End\_Node in OTAA mode generates four derived keys each join.

More complex scenarios (that can be achieved for example by setting multicast via LoRaWAN AT\_Slave) may lead to generate up to ten derived keys simultaneously active. If a user wants to write one application that uses more than 12 keys, additional NVM pages must be allocated to the linker file.

Smaller is the NVM size, more the NVM is written and erased, shorter becomes its life expectation.

Destroy a key does not mean that a key is erased but that it is tagged as destroyed. This key is not copied at the next flip-flop switch. A destroy flag also occupies some NVM bytes: after destroying eight keys, the remaining place is less than four keys.

For a scenario where four keys are generated each join, and after having destroyed the one of previous join, an estimation of the life expectation is given below:

- At the third join session, four new keys are derived but no place in page 1 for the last key. All four keys (being still active) are placed in page 2, and page 1 is erased at once, because the NVM page can only be erase fully.
- At the fifth join also, page 2 is erased and keys are stored back on first page. After 40.000 joins, the two NVM pages have been erased 10.000 times, that is the estimated lifetime of the Flash sector.
- If the user application is supposed to join excessively frequently (for example every 2 hours), the expected NVM live is 80.000 hours, around nine years. If the join process is done once a day, the lifetime is much greater than ten years.

Bigger are the amount of requested derived keys simultaneously active (not destroyed), less efficient is the flip-flop mechanism.

To conclude, for applications that need to preserve the NVM life-time duration, it is suggested to keep the NVM size rather bigger than the number of keys active simultaneously (not destroyed).

**Note:** *Obsolete keys must be destroyed otherwise, if page 1 is fully filled by active keys, the flip-flop switch cannot be done and an error is generated.*

## 12.6 KMS configuration files to build the application

The KMS are used in the LoRaWAN example by setting `LORAWAN_KMS = 1` in `CM0PLUS/LoRaWAN/Target/lorawan_conf.h`.

The following files must filled with the SubGhz stack keys information:

- The embedded keys structures are defined in `CM0PLUS/Core/Inc/kms_platf_objects_config.h`.
- The embedded object handles associated to SubGhz stack keys. The use of KMS modules is defined in `CM0PLUS/Core/Inc/kms_platf_objects_interface.h`

## 12.7 Embedded keys

The embedded keys of the SubGHz protocol stack chosen, must be stored in a ROM region in which a secure additional software, like the SBSFU (Secure Boot and Firmware Update), can ensure data confidentiality and integrity. For more details on the SBSFU, refer to the application note *Integration guide of SBSFU on STM32CubeWL* (AN5544).

The positioning of these embedded keys in the ROM are indicated in [Figure 18](#).

## 13 System performances

### 13.1 Memory footprint

Values in the table below are measured for the following configuration of the IAR compiler (EWARM version 8.30.1):

- Optimization level 3 for size
- Debug option off
- Trace option VLEVEL\_LOW (minimal traces)
- Target : NUCLEO-WL55JC1
- End\_Node application
- LoRaMAC Class A
- LoRaMAC region EU868 only

**Table 41. Memory footprint values for End\_Node application**

Project	Flash memory (bytes)	RAM (bytes)	Description
Application layer	2446	513	-
LoRa stack	32457	3715	Includes MAC + RF driver.
HAL	12974	102	-
Utilities	2820	1006	Includes services like sequencer, timer server, low-power manager, traces.
Others	5380	1450	Includes other peripherals such as USART or ADC interfaces.
<b>Total application</b>	<b>56077</b>	<b>6786</b>	<b>Memory footprint for the overall application.</b>

Figure 19. Flash size memory footprint

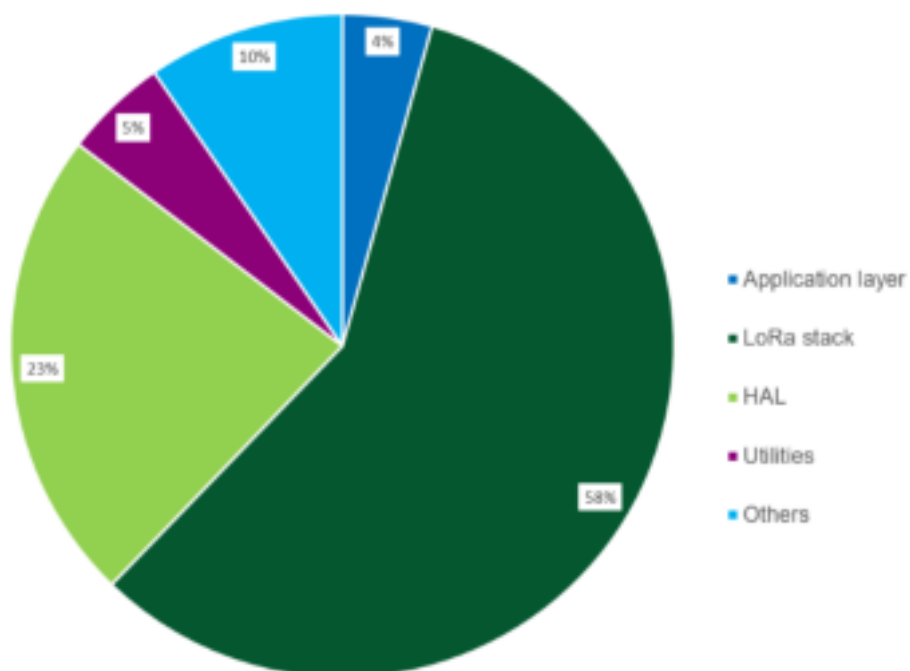
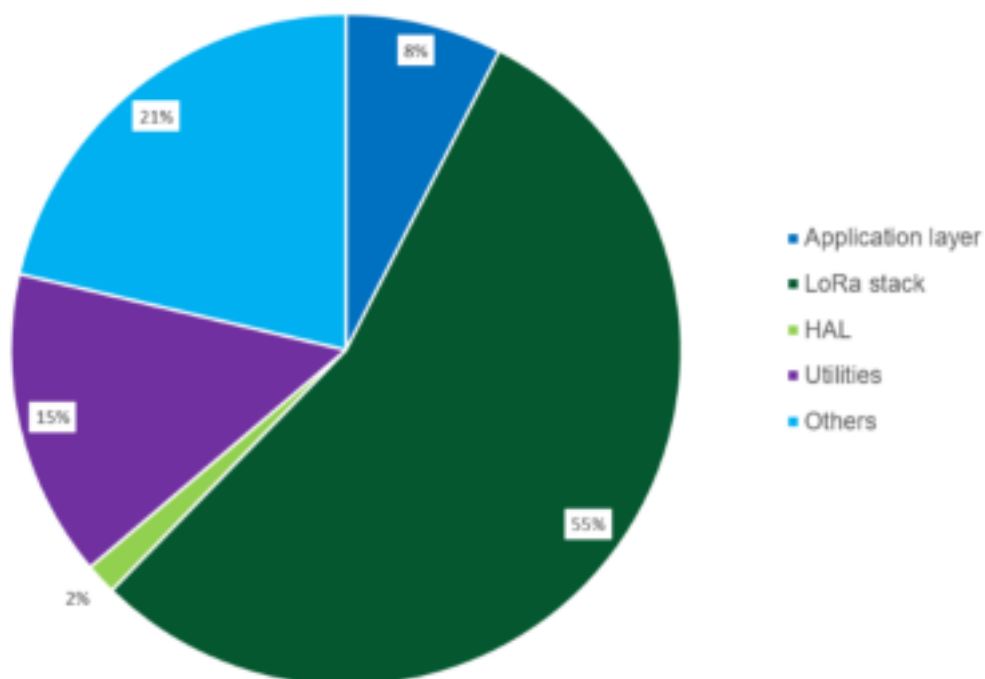


Figure 20. RAM size memory footprint

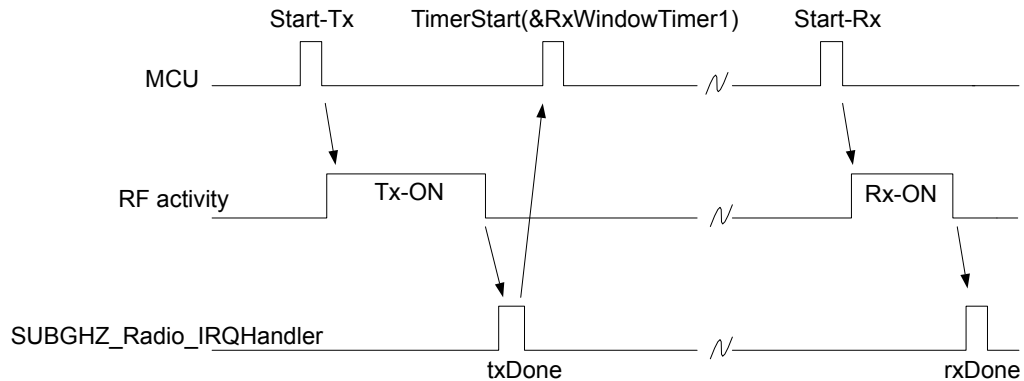


## 13.2 Real-time constraints

The LoRa RF asynchronous protocol implies to follow a strict Tx/Rx timing recommendation (see the figure below).

The STM32WL Nucleo-64 board (NUCLEO-WL55JC) is optimized for user-transparent low-lock time and fast auto-calibrating operation. The BSP integrates the transmitter startup time and the receiver startup time constraints (refer to [Section 4 BSP STM32WL Nucleo-64 boards](#)).

**Figure 21. Rx/Tx time diagram**



Rx window channel starts. The Rx1 window opens 1 second ( $\pm 20 \mu\text{s}$ ) after the txDone falling edge. The Rx2 window opens 1 second ( $\pm 20 \mu\text{s}$ ) after the txDone falling edge.

The JOIN\_ACCEPT uses a 5 seconds ( $\pm 20 \mu\text{s}$ ) and 6 seconds delay after the end of the uplink modulation.

The current scheduling interrupt-level priority must be respected. In other words, all the new user-interrupts must have an interrupt priority higher than the Radio IRQ\_interrupt in order to avoid stalling the received startup time.

## 13.3 Power consumption

The power-consumption measurement is done for the STM32WL Nucleo-64 board (NUCLEO-WL55JC1).

Measurements setup:

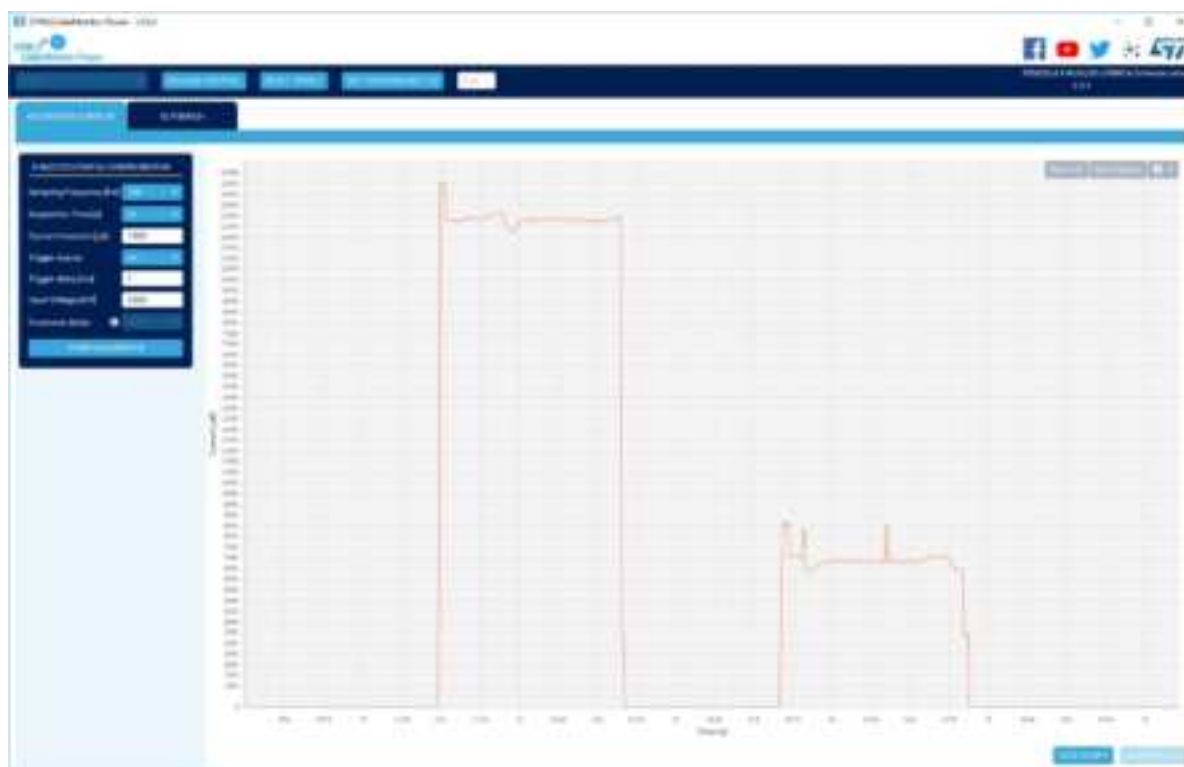
- no debug
- trace level VLEVEL\_OFF (no trace)
- no SENSOR\_ENABLED

Measurements results:

- Typical consumption in Stop 2 mode =  $2 \mu\text{A}$  (see [Figure 23](#)).
- Typical consumption with TCXO in Tx =  $23 \text{ mA}$  (see [Figure 22](#)).
- Typical consumption with TCXO in Rx =  $7 \text{ mA}$  (see [Figure 22](#)).

Measurements figures: instantaneous consumption over 30 seconds.

**Figure 22. NUCLEO-WL55JC1 current consumption versus time**



**Figure 23. NUCLEO-WL55JC1 current consumption in Stop 2 mode**





## Revision history

**Table 42. Document revision history**

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10-Dec-2019	1	Initial release.
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