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# Powering up “discoverable bus-attached” devices on DT-based platforms

... or how not all buses are created equal.





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**“Discoverable buses that aren’t quite discoverable...”**

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## Who am I ?

- Linaro engineer working on Qualcomm upstream support
- Involved in upstreaming a couple of recently announced Qualcomm platforms
- Maintainer of NXP's i.MX clocks
- Enjoy understanding HW inner bits from a kernel hacking perspective
- First time attendee at LPC





## Outline

- Introduction
- X13s: Wi-Fi & Bluetooth use case
- Power sequencing Subsystem
- USB Onboard-hub approach
- Conclusion





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# Introduction





Why talk about this?

What's a discoverable bus?

What's a non-discoverable bus?

What's a "DT-based" platform?

What's the problem?





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# X13s: Wi-Fi & Bluetooth use case

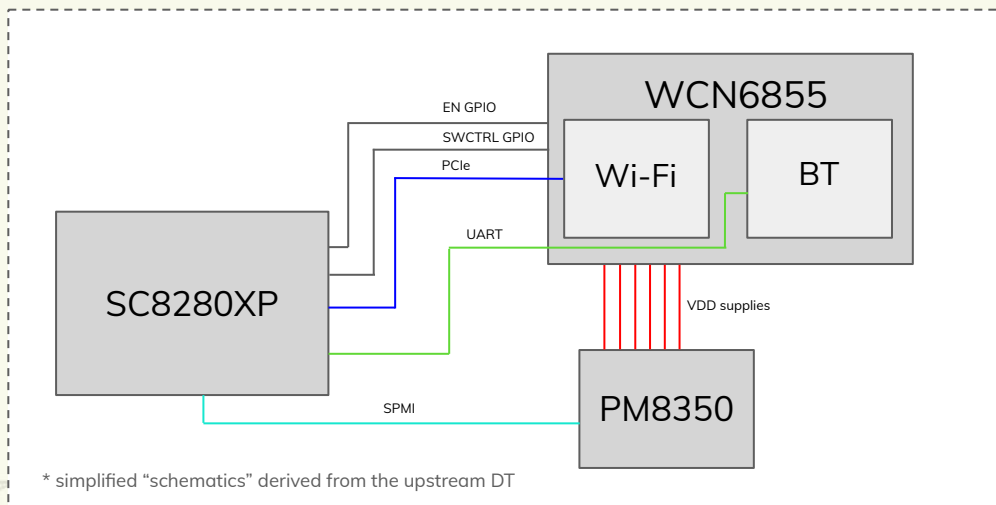






## X13s: PCIe Wi-Fi & UART Bluetooth

- Qualcomm FastConnect 6900 Series - Wi-Fi & Bluetooth (WCN6855)
- Qualcomm Power Management IC (PM8350)
- Qualcomm Snapdragon 8cx Gen 3 Compute Platform (SC8280XP)





## X13s: PM8350 - regulators devicetree node

```
regulators-0 {  
    compatible = "qcom,pm8350-rpmh-regulators";  
    qcom,pmic-id = "b";  
  
    ...  
    vreg_s12b: smps12 {  
        regulator-name = "vreg_s12b";  
        regulator-min-microvolt = <984000>;  
        regulator-max-microvolt = <984000>;  
        regulator-initial-mode = <RPMH_REGULATOR_MODE_HPM>;  
    };  
  
    ...  
};
```



## X13s: Enable Bluetooth in devicetree

```
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    bluetooth {  
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        vddrfacmn-supply = <&vreg_s12b>;  
        vddrfa0p8-supply = <&vreg_s12b>;  
        vddrfa1p2-supply = <&vreg_s11b>;  
        vddrfa1p7-supply = <&vreg_s1c>;  
  
        enable-gpios = <&t1mm 133 GPIO_ACTIVE_HIGH>;  
        swctrl-gpios = <&t1mm 132 GPIO_ACTIVE_HIGH>;  
        ...  
    };  
};
```



## X13s: Bluetooth device probing

```
$ dmesg |grep Bluetooth
[ 1.951305] Bluetooth: hci0: setting up wcn6855
[ 2.022866] Bluetooth: hci0: Frame reassembly failed (-84)
[ 2.078940] Bluetooth: hci0: QCA Product ID :0x00000013
[ 2.078945] Bluetooth: hci0: QCA SOC Version :0x400c0210
[ 2.078946] Bluetooth: hci0: QCA ROM Version :0x00000201
[ 2.078947] Bluetooth: hci0: QCA Patch Version:0x000038e6
[ 2.087204] Bluetooth: hci0: QCA controller version 0x02100201
[ 2.087207] Bluetooth: hci0: QCA Downloading qca/hpbtfw21.tlv
[ 2.585998] Bluetooth: hci0: QCA Downloading qca/hpvn21.bin
[ 2.737875] Bluetooth: hci0: QCA setup on UART is completed
$
```



## X13s: Bluetooth - device “discovery”

- “Discovery” initiated by the Geni SE controller
- Loops through all child nodes of the controller devicetree node
- Registers each available node as a device
- Device can be powered off entirely

```
geni_se_probe()
-> devm_of_platform_populate()
  -> of_platform_bus_create()
    -> of_platform_device_create_pdata()
      -> of_device_add()
        -> device_add()
```



## X13s: Enable PCIe instance in devicetree

```
&pcie4 {  
    vddpe-3v3-supply = <&vreg_wlan>;  
  
    status = "okay";  
};  
  
&pcie4_phy {  
    vdda-phy-supply = <&vreg_l6d>;  
    vdda-pll-supply = <&vreg_l4d>;  
  
    status = "okay";  
};
```



## X13s: Wi-fi device probing

```
$ dmesg |grep ath11k  
$
```





## X13s: Enable PCIe instance in devicetree

```
&pcie4 {  
    ...  
    pcie@0 {  
        device_type = "pci";  
        reg = <0x0 0x0 0x0 0x0 0x0>;  
  
        bus-range = <0x01 0xff>;  
  
        wifi@0 {  
            compatible = "pci17cb,1103";  
            reg = <0x10000 0x0 0x0 0x0 0x0>;  
        };  
    };  
};
```





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```



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        regulator-initial-mode = <RPMH_REGULATOR_MODE_HPM>;
        regulator-always-on;
    };

    ...
};
```



## X13s: Wi-fi device probing

```
$ dmesg |grep ath11k
[ 1.800111] ath11k_pci 0006:01:00.0: BAR 0: assigned [mem ...
[ 1.800184] ath11k_pci 0006:01:00.0: enabling device (0000 -> 0002)
[ 1.814757] ath11k_pci 0006:01:00.0: MSI vectors: 32
[ 1.814781] ath11k_pci 0006:01:00.0: wcn6855 hw2.1
[ 2.859800] ath11k_pci 0006:01:00.0: chip_id 0x2 chip_family 0xb ...
[ 2.859813] ath11k_pci 0006:01:00.0: fw_version 0x110b196e ...
[ 3.216708] ath11k_pci 0006:01:00.0 wlp6p1s0: renamed from wlan0
$
```



## X13s: Wi-fi - device discovery

- Discovery initiated by the PCI host controller
- Loops through all slots by reading over the bus
- Registers only devices accessible
- Device needs to be powered on

```
qcom_pcie_probe()
-> dw_pcie_host_init()
-> pci_host_probe()
    -> pci_scan_child_bus_extend()
        -> pci_scan_slot()
            -> pci_scan_single_device()
                -> pci_device_add()
                    -> device_add()
```



## X13s: Bluetooth vs Wi-fi - device discovery

### Platform device



“Discovery” is based on  
devicetree node, no bus scanning

Can be completely powered off during  
discovery

Devicetree compatible string used for  
driver matching

### Pci device



Discovery is based on  
bus scanning, devicetree ignored

Needs to be powered on for discovery

Devicetree compatible string used for  
device matching





## X13s: Bluetooth power up sequence

```
static int qca_power_on(struct hci_dev *hdev)
{
    ...
    ret = regulator_bulk_enable(power->num_vregs, power->vreg_bulk);
    ...
    ret = clk_prepare_enable(qcadev->susclk);
    ...
    msleep(50);
    gpiod_set_value_cansleep(qcadev->bt_en, 1);
    msleep(50);
    sw_ctrl_state = gpiod_get_value_cansleep(qcadev->sw_ctrl);
    ...
}
```



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# Power Sequencing Subsystem







## Power Sequencing Subsystem

- “... handles complex power sequences, typically useful for subsystems that make use of discoverable buses ...”
- Initially proposed as dedicated subsystem in 2014
- Merged in v4.0 as part of MMC subsystem
- Respun as a dedicated subsystem in 2021
  - NACKed, mainly due to bindings
  - discoverable buses generic implementation need to control the pwrseq device before discovery
  - pwrseq as property of the bus controller might not be HW accurate







## Power Sequencing - consumer

```
struct pwrseq *__must_check devm_pwrseq_get(struct device *dev,  
                                             const char *id)  
  
static inline int pwrseq_pre_power_on(struct pwrseq *pwrseq)  
  
static inline int pwrseq_power_on(struct pwrseq *pwrseq)  
  
static inline void pwrseq_power_off(struct pwrseq *pwrseq)  
  
static inline void pwrseq_reset(struct pwrseq *pwrseq)
```



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```



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```
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    status = "okay";  
  
    bluetooth {  
        compatible = "qcom,wcn6855-bt";  
  
        bt-pwrseq = <&pwrseq 0>;  
        ''';  
    };  
};
```



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# USB onboard hub approach





## The USB onboard hub approach

- Merged in v6.0
- Solves the powering up via separate platform device
  - platform device “discovered” based on devicetree node - in charge with powering up the hub
  - usb device discovered based on USB bus scan - takes care of the rest
  - sysfs link between platform device and usb device
- Platform driver implements power related API - USB driver uses it
  - both drivers implemented in the same file





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# Conclusion







- **Discoverable buses don't use DT node for discovery**
  - Devices don't get discovered if they are powered off
  - Such buses lack support for powering up devices before discovery
  - Resources kept always enabled
- **Dedicated Power sequencing subsystem useful, but optional**
  - Takes the control of resources out of the consumer's hands
  - Resources needed for powering up the device can be shared between multiple devices
  - Sometimes there is no dedicated pwrseq device
- **USB onboard hub approach can be useful, but hacky**
  - Extra platform device and driver needed
  - Shares power related API with bus specific driver



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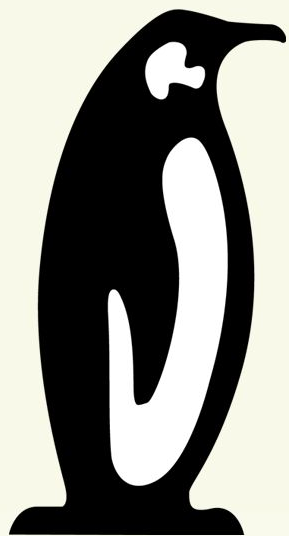




## Resources

- <https://lore.kernel.org/all/20211006035407.1147909-1-dmitry.baryshkov@linaro.org/>
- <https://lwn.net/Articles/602855/>
- <https://www.uwsg.indiana.edu/hypermil/linux/kernel/1406.2/03144.html>
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