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# PN7160 frequently asked questions Rev. 1.1 — 12 October 2023

**Application note** 

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# **Revision history**

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Rev	Date	Description
v.1.1	20231012	<ul> <li>DPC Check - FW Version clarification. The DPC Check function is available from the FW version 12.50.06.</li> <li>Reader functions at low temperatures. The PN7160 Receiver can receive too much</li> </ul>
		noise → RX Gain must be reduced.  • PMU configurator table. Added the excel sheet that helps to generate the right NCI command for the Power Management Unit.
		<ul> <li>FW version check. Added chapter how to get the PN7160 FW version.</li> <li>Card emulation mode. Added chapter how to adjust the ALM level using different CE modes.</li> <li>Section 26: added</li> <li>Section 23: updated</li> </ul>
v.1.0	20230505	Initial version

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# 1 Introduction

Target of this application note is to answer frequently asked questions on PN7160 product.

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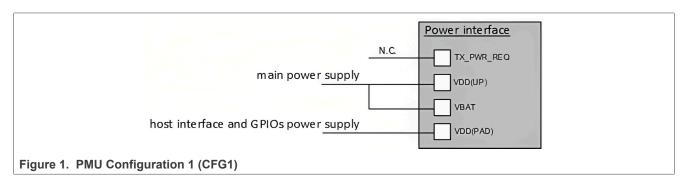
# 2 Which power configuration to choose - CFG1 or CFG2

#### 2.1 CFG1

In **CFG 1**, the **Main power supply** (VDD(UP) and VBAT) is taken from **a battery** (e.g., a cell phone battery). So this configuration is optimized for a user case when a battery power supply is used.

In this configuration TXLDO voltage possible settings are 2.7 V, 3 V, 3.3 V, 3.6 V.

VDD(PAD) is supplied by 1.8 V or 3.3 V.



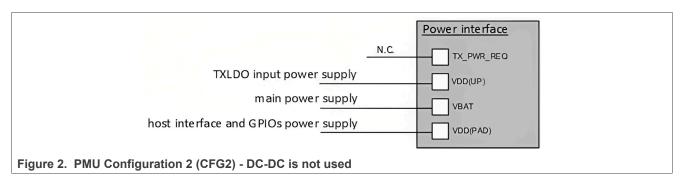
**Note:** The details of the power management configuration are described in the dedicated documents  $\rightarrow$  AN12988 and UM11495.

#### 2.2 CFG2 - DC-DC converter is not used

In **CFG 2**, the VDD(UP) pin is connected to an external power supply. VBAT pin can be connected to the same PMU/Regulator which supply VDD(UP). See the example in <u>Figure 3</u>.

In this configuration, TXLDO voltage possible settings are 2.7 V/3 V/3.3 V/3.6 V/3.9 V/4.2 V/4.5 V/4.7 V/4.75 V/5 V/5.25 V.

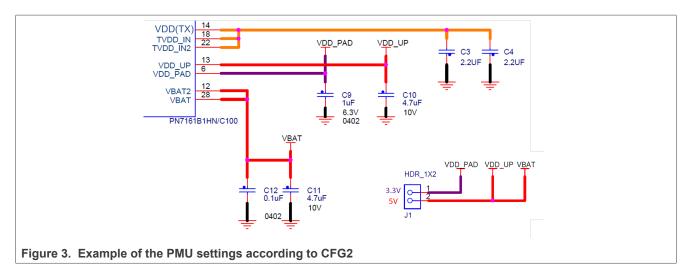
VDD(PAD) is supplied by 1.8 V or 3.3 V.



The picture below shows a common example of the PN7160 power supply using the same external 5 V supply source for VDD(UP) and VBAT.

For this example, the VDD(PAD) pin is supplied by 3.3 V.

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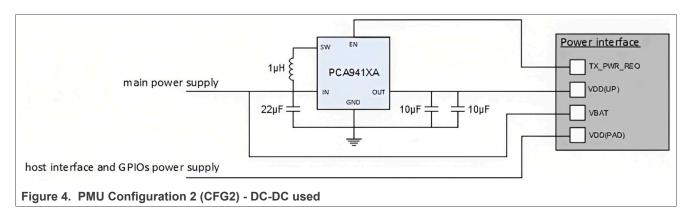
**Note:** The details of the power management configuration are described in the dedicated documents → AN12988 and UM11495.

#### 2.3 CFG2 - DC-DC converter is used

In **CFG 2**, a DC-DC converter can be used in order to increase VDD(UP) voltage the main supply voltage. VBAT pin is typically connected to a PMU/regulator which also supply the DC-DC converter input.

In this configuration, TXLDO voltage possible settings are 2.7 V/3 V/3.3 V/3.6 V/3.9 V/4.2 V/4.5 V/4.7 V/4.75 V/5 V/5.25 V.

VDD(PAD) is supplied by 1.8 V or 3.3 V.



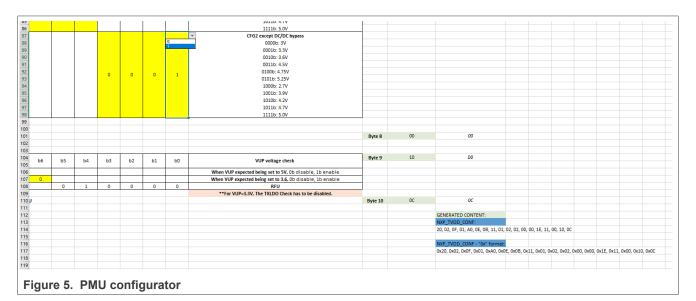
This configuration is useful if you want to use TXLDO 5 V or 5.25 V voltage output (Then the VDD(UP) requires to be 5.25 V or 5.4 V)

**Note:** The details of the power management configuration are described in the dedicated application note → AN12988 and UM11495.

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# 2.4 PMU configurator

For easier PMU configuration the "PMU\_CONFIG\_PN7160.xlsx" can be used. This excel sheet is available as the attachment of this document.



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# 3 Which power matching to choose - symmetrical or asymmetrical

The main criterium for considering symmetrical or asymmetrical matching is a Dynamic Power Control (DPC).

If the design is to be as simple as possible, and a sufficiently large antenna is used. (e.g. 40 mm vs 40 mm => 1600 mm<sup>2</sup>) + The maximum output power of the IC is not required for the target application. Then the asymmetrical matching is a good choice.

Once the maximum output power is the main criterium and/or small antenna (e.g. 40 mm vs 20 mm => 800 mm<sup>2</sup>) is used in the design, then the symmetrical matching + DPC feature has to be used.

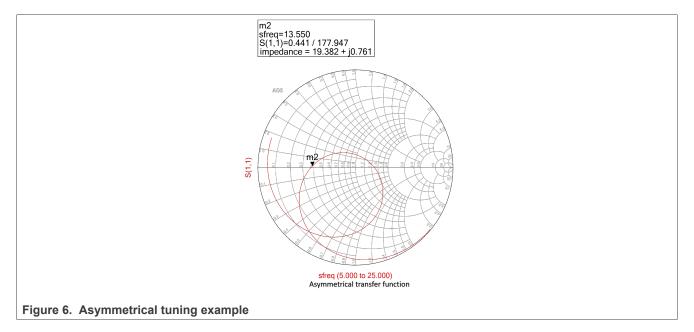
More details about the DPC can be found in the dedicated Application note  $\rightarrow$  AN13224.

Don´t use the symmetrical tuning without Dynamic Power Control. This matching is more detuning and loading sensitive → It may lead to TXLDO overcurrent.

#### 3.1 Asymmetrical matching

#### Asymmetrical tuning

- More robust against detuning and loading → tuning increases under detuning and loading conditions
- Cut off frequency ≈ 20 MHz 22 MHz
- · No need to use DPC function
- · Potentially lower operating volume
- Typically lower output power (Due to the higher target impedance, typically 20-25 Ω)

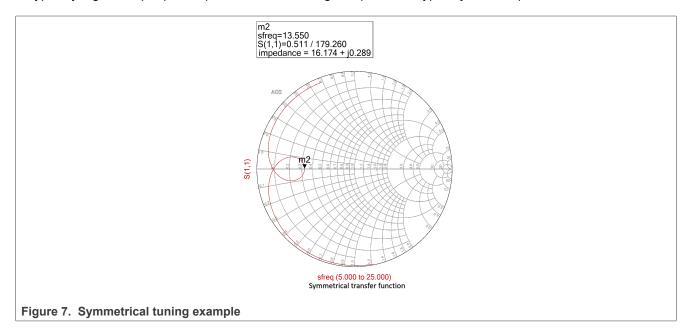


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# 3.2 Symmetrical matching

#### Symmetrical tuning

- More detuning and loading sensitive → tuning decreases under detuning and loading conditions
- Cut off frequency ≈ 14.4 MHz -14.7 MHz
- DPC function is required
- · Increases the operating volume
- · Allows using smaller antennas
- Typically higher output power (Due to the lower target impedance, typically 16-17  $\Omega$ )



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# 4 Dynamic power control - configuration

The dynamic power control description is available in the following application note  $\rightarrow$  <u>AN13224</u>. The **AN13224** application note describes the DPC configuration using the NFC Factory Test Application (see <u>Figure 8</u>).

```
NFC Factory Test Application

ENVISO NFC controller detected
Select the test to run:

1. Continuous RF ON mode
2. Functional mode
3. FRBS mode
4. Standby mode
4. Standby mode
6. Set RF settings
6. Set RF settings
7. Get Not! parameter value
8. Set Not! parameter value
10. Set proprietary parameter value
11. Get current value
12. DFC Check
enter 0 to leave the application
Your choice: 10
Set proprietary parameter value menu (enter ff during tag ID selection step to leave):

- enter proprietary parameter tag ID in (hexadecimal): A00B
- enter length: 57
- enter value (in hexadecimal) LSB first: 10 10 90 SF 0F 4E 00 45 95 B7 AA 45 9F A7 99
04 00 AE 9F 02 00 B6 9F 00 00 BC 1F 00 00 C6 1F 00 00 D1 1F 00 00
Proprietary parameter successfully set

Figure 8. NFC Factory Test Application - DPC settings
```

However, the configuration can be done using the configuration file (*libnfc-nxp.conf*) as well as using MCUXpresso. See the examples below.

The DPC function can be enabled/disabled using the **orange marked byte**. For this example → **0x10** DPC is Disabled, **0xF0** DPC is Enabled. The dedicated NCI command is given by *PN7160\_DPC\_configuration\_table.xlsx*, which is part of the PN7160 dynamic power control guide.

```
| Section | Non-NCCQ_ICCSSSe, examples lindserver PVIngdate, Debug Jaunch | Non-NCCQ_ICCSSSe, examples lindserver PVIngdate, D
```

The DPC entries are different for a different antenna, VDD(UP) value, and antenna tuning.

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The DPC Check function (Described in AN13224) is supported from the FW version 12.50.06.

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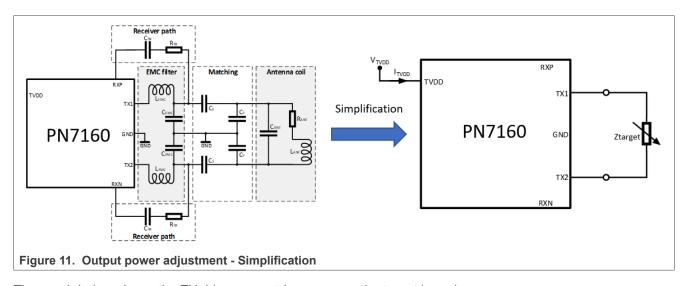
# 5 DPC in continuous RF on mode and PRBS mode

When entering Continuous RF on mode or PRBS mode, all interrupts are disabled. That means that DPC will not work. The DPC is supported in functional modes (polling mode, writing mode).

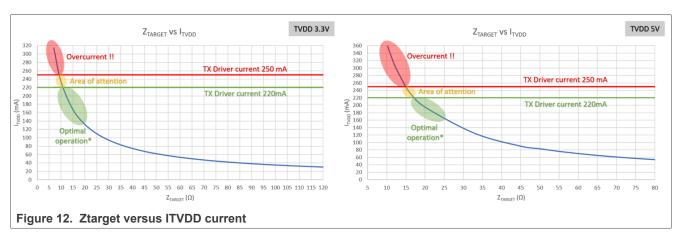
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# 6 How to adjust the output power

The target impedance of the circuit connected between TX1 and TX2 nodes defines the output power of the PN7160 IC RF transmitter.



The graph below shows the TX driver current I<sub>TVDD</sub> versus the target impedance.



**Note:** For PN7160  $\rightarrow$  *TVDD*=>*VDD(UP)* 

- The green area shows the "optimal" operation of the NFC Transmitter.
  - For symmetrical tuning, it is recommended to choose the target impedance corresponding to the TX Driver current 210 mA - 230 mA
  - For asymmetrical tuning, the target current of the TX driver is typically 160 mA 180 mA

The antenna shall be tuned to never exceed the 250 mA maximum current.

I<sub>TVDD</sub> is a general naming for the TX Driver current which NXP typically uses. This current can be physically measured on the VDD(UP) or VDD(TX) pins or measured using the NCI command "Antenna self-test 1 command".

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# 7 How to support/pass ETSI and FCC tests

The device having CE or/and FCC marking indicates that the electromagnetic radiation from the device is below the limits specified by European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) and/or Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

For the ETSI test, The EUT (**E**quipment **U**nder **T**est) e.g. an NFC reader is tested according to the applicable standards as referenced below:

Table 1 FTSI test list

	EMISSION	
Description of Test Item	Standard	Limits
Conducted Disturbance at the Mains Terminal	EN 55032: 2015+A11: 2020	Class A
Conducted Common Mode Disturbance at telecommunication Port	EN 55032: 2015+A11: 2020	Class A
Radiated Disturbance	EN 55032: 2015+A11: 2020	Class A
IMMUNITY (E	N 55024: 2010+A1:2015, EN 55035: 201	i7+A11:2020)
Description of Test Item	Basic Standard	Performance Criteria
Radio-frequency, Radiated Immunity	IEC 61000-4- 3:2006+A1:2007+A2: 2010	А
Intentional Radiator (ETSI EN 300 330: V2.1.1)		
Description of Test Item	Basic Standard	Clause
5 " 1		
Permitted range of operating frequencies	ETSI 300 330: V2.1.1	4.3.1
	ETSI 300 330: V2.1.1  ETSI 300 330: V2.1.1	4.3.1
operating frequencies		
operating frequencies Operating frequency ranges	ETSI 300 330: V2.1.1	4.3.2
operating frequencies  Operating frequency ranges  Modulation bandwidth	ETSI 300 330: V2.1.1 ETSI 300 330: V2.1.1	4.3.2 4.3.3

For the FCC test, The EUT (**E**quipment **U**nder **T**est) e.g. an NFC Reader is tested according to the applicable standards as referenced below:

Table 2. FCC test list

Description of Test Item	Standard	Limits
Powerline Conducted Emission Measurement	47 CFR FCC Part 15 Subpart B ANSI C63.4-2014	15.107(b) Class A
Powerline Conducted Emission Measurement	47 CFR FCC Part 15 Subpart C ANSI C63.10-2013	15.207(a)
Radiated Emission Measurement (30-1000MHz)	47 CFR FCC Part 15 Subpart B ANSI C63.4 -2014	15.109(b) Class A
Radiated Emission	47 CFR FCC Part 15 Subpart C	15.209(a)

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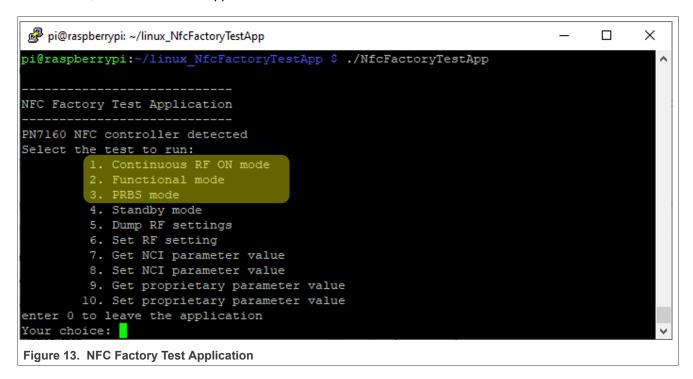
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Table 2. FCC test list...continued

Measurement (30-1000MHz)	ANSI C63.10-2013	
Radiated Emission Measurement (Above 1 GHz)	47 CFR FCC Part 15 Subpart C ANSI C63.10-2013	15.109(b) Class A
Radiated Emission Measurement (Above 1 GHz)	47 CFR FCC Part 15 Subpart C ANSI C63.10-2013	15.209(a)
Occupied bandwidth	FCC RULES AND REG ULATIONS PART 2 AND ANSI C63.10-2013	2.1049
In-band and out band Emissions	FCC RULES AND REGULA TIONS PART 15 SUBPART C AND ANSI C63.10-2013	15.225(a)(b)(c) (d)
Frequency Tolerance	FCC RULES AND REGULA TIONS PART 15 SUBPART C AND ANSI C63.10-2013	15.225(e)

Before testing, always check the current version of the standard and limits.

NXP provides the **NFC Factory Test Application** that puts the PN7160 into the correct modes for testing. For more details, see the dedicated application note  $\rightarrow$  AN13287.

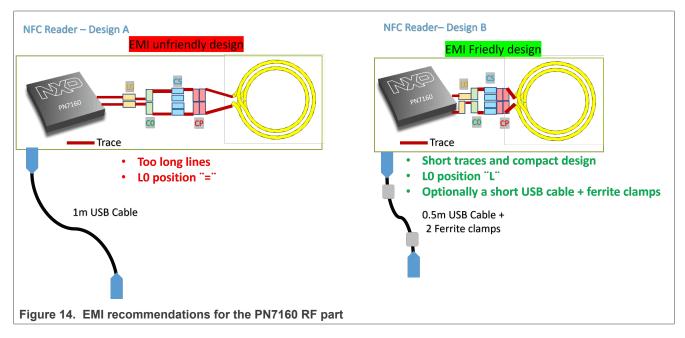


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#### 7.1 EMI recommendations

Typically the EMI issues (overshooting of given limits) are caused by:

- · Incorrect matching network layout and wrong components placement
  - EMI filter (L0 and C0) is too far from the NFCC
  - Generally long RF traces
- Antenna detuning → too high radiated power



**Note:** More details about the EMI optimization are described in the dedicated application note  $\rightarrow$  AN12988.

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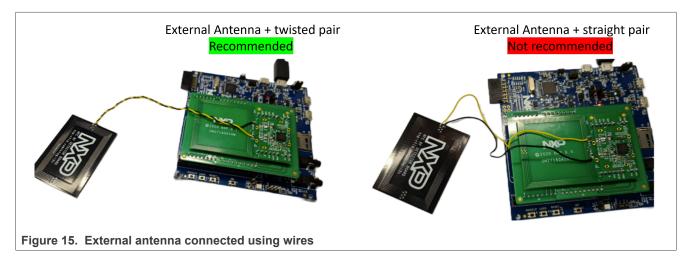
#### 8 How to use an external antenna

If you decide to go for an external antenna. There are several rules to consider. The electrical antenna parameters are changed by adding a feeding line (wires or coax cable). Typically, the inductance and resistance is getting higher. This needs to be considered during the antenna + the feeding line selection. The external antenna + the feeding line should meet requirements described in the AN13219.

Also, adding a long feeding line can reduce EMI immunity. If your design requires the feeding line between the PCB and the antenna, consider the recommendations described below.

# 8.1 Antenna with a twisted-pair feeding

The most cheapes/effective solution is to use wires. For EMI robustness, it is highly recommended to use a twisted pair as shown below.



The matching procedure is the same as described in the AN13219.

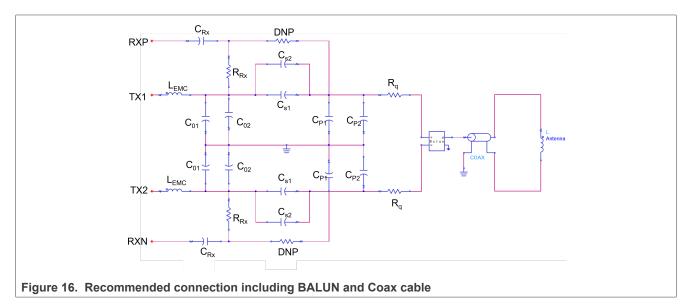
The wire length must be considered during the antenna desing/selection. The length of the wires has a direct effect on overall Antenna inductance.

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### 8.2 Antenna with a coax cable feeding

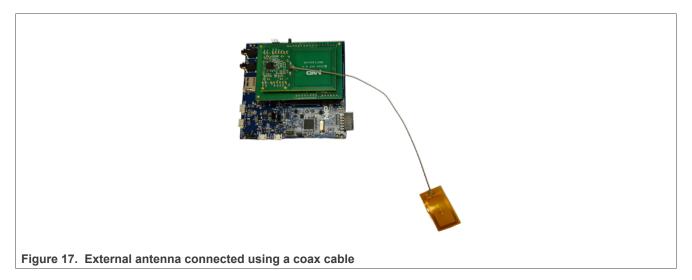
In case one wants to use a coax cable, the matching circuit requires some changes. The PN7160 has a differential (balanced) output and the coax cable is supposed to be used for unbalanced signals (single ended).

Therefore a BALUN (balanced to unbalanced) must be used. The length of the coax cable should not be more than 1.5 m



For this example, the following BALUN has been used: DXW21BN2511NL

See an example of the external antenna with BALUN + coax cable below.

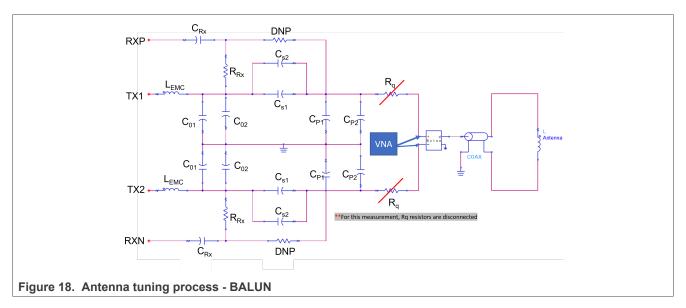


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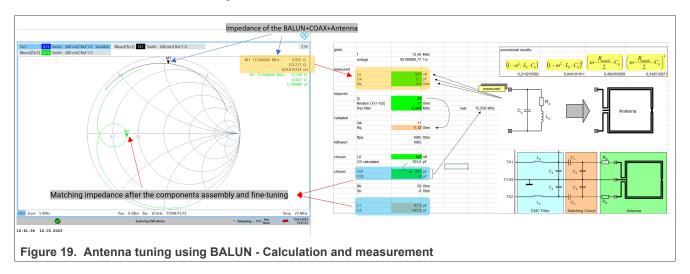
#### 8.2.1 Antenna + BALUN tuning

The matching procedure is the following.

- 1. Measure the antenna + coax cable + BALUN by a VNA (disconnect the rest of the tuning circuit → Figure 18)
- 2. Insert the measured La and Ra to the Excell sheet (*PN7160\_matching\_calculator.xls*) which is available as an attachment of the antenna application note
- 3. Calculate the tuning components and assemble them
- 4. Measure the matching with the help of the VNA (It is already the same approach as described in the antenna application note.)
- 5. Adjust the matching if needed



After the first step (measurement of the BALUN + coax cable + antenna), the tuning approach is the same as for standard NFC reader antenna tuning described in AN13219.



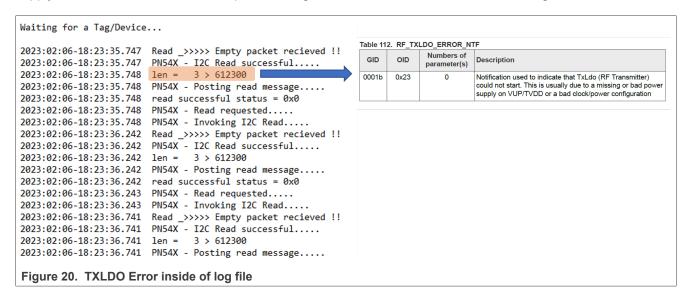
Since the BALUN and Coax cables have significant resistance, the final quality factor is typically lower than 20. Therefore, the damping resistors  $0 \Omega$  are typically chosen.

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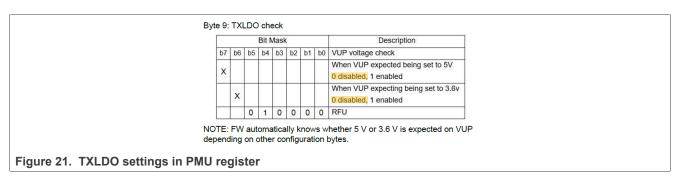
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#### 9 TXLDO check

It could happen that the PN7160 cannot generate an RF field. This is usually due to a missing or bad power supply on VUP/TVDD or a bad clock/power configuration. The error can be indicated in logs.



This typically happens once the 3.3 V as the VUP has been used. This issue can be solved by disabling the TXLDO Check register. The register settings are described in UM11495.



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# 10 Reader functions do not work at low temperatures

This is happening due to the high RX sensitivity. The issue can also occur at "normal" temperatures once the NFC design is noisy.

The typical indicator is that the application is returning **60 07 01 a1** (CORE\_GENERIC\_ERROR\_NTF) during the RF Discovery loop as shown below:

```
Select the test to run:

1. Continuous RF ON mode

2. Functional mode

3. PRBS mode

4. Standby mode

5. Dump RF setting

6. Set RF setting

7. Get NCI parameter value

8. Set NCI parameter value

9. Get proprietary parameter value

10. Set proprietary parameter value
enter 0 to leave the application
Your choice: 2
Functional test mode, starting discovery loop ...

> 21 03 09 04 00 01 01 02 01 06 01

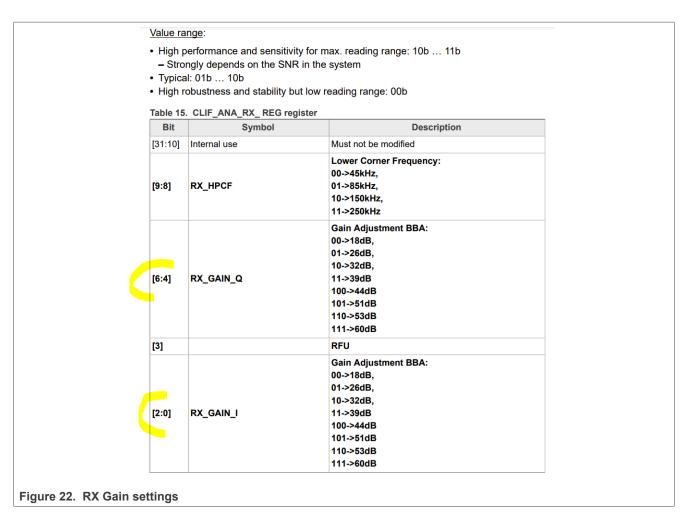
<< 41 03 09 04 00 10 10 10 20 10 60 1

<< 60 07 01 a1

<< 60 07 01 a1
```

To fix it, the lower RX gain must be selected as shown in <u>Figure 22</u>. For more details, please look into the PN7160 RF settings guide. A value of 44 dB is a good starting point as such.

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The RX gain must be adjusted for each technology. See an example in Figure 23.

```
#if NXP_RF_CONF
 ∋ /* NXP-NCI RF configuration
    * Refer to NFC controller Antenna Design and Tuning Guidelines document for more details
  ^{*} Following configuration relates to performance optimization of OM27160 NFC Controller demo kit ^{*}/
  uint8 t NxpNci RF CONF[]={0x20, 0x02, 0x67, 0x0C,
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x03, 0x78, 0x0D, 0x02,
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x03, 0x78, 0x14, 0x02,
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x4C, 0x44, 0x65, 0x09, 0x00, 0x00,
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x4C, 0x2D, 0x05, 0x35, 0x1E, 0x01,
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x82, 0x4A, 0x55, 0x07, 0x00, 0x07,
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x44, 0x44, 0x03, 0x04, 0xC4, 0x00,
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x46, 0x30, 0x50, 0x00, 0x18, 0x00,
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x48, 0x30, 0x50, 0x00, 0x18, 0x00,
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x4A, 0x30, 0x50, 0x00, 0x08, 0x00,
                                                           /* CLIF_ANA_RX_REG - Technology ISO 15693
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x20, 0x44, 0x66, 0x0B, 0x00, 0x00,
                                                              CLIF ANA RX REG
                            0x44.
                                  0x33
                                         0x0A
                                               0x00
                                                     0x00
                                                              AGC_RM_VALUE */
    0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x06, 0x35, 0xF4, 0x05, 0x70, 0x02 /*
  };
  #endif
Figure 23. RX Gain settings for Technology Type A
```

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# 11 Card emulation does not work at close range

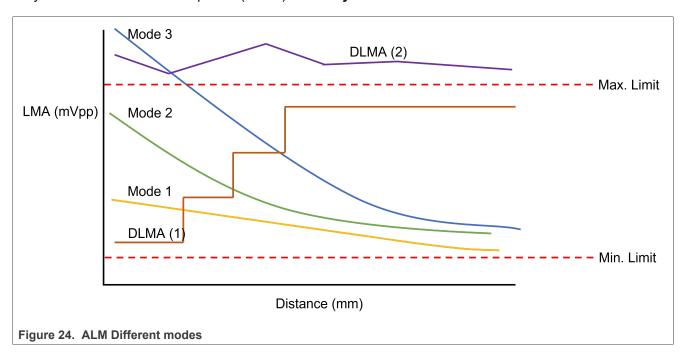
This is typically due to the high level of load modulation Amplitude. By Default, The PN7160 uses the **Dynamic load modulation Amplitude** mode, which is optimized for the PN7160 Development Kit (**DLMA (1)** curve). This feature ensures that for the longer distance between the PN7160 device and the reader, the LMA amplitude gets higher (See Figure 24).

Once your design uses a different antenna and tuning than PN7160 development kit. It can happen that the LMA curve look like **DLMA (2)**. Which might lead to too much LMA power -> Communication issue.

If so, the DLMA must be adjusted, but it requires some effort + using ISO Tower including a Test PCB Assembly 2. To make it more simple, one of the different **modes** can be selected and used instead of DLMA.

The PN7160 uses 4 different "modes" for active load modulation (ALM) generation.

- Mode 1 (only one TX pin generates ALM + ASK is used)
- Mode 2 (both TX pins generate ALM + ASK is used)
- Mode 3 (both TX pins generate ALM + BPSK is used)
- · Dynamic load modulation Amplitude (DLMA) Used by default



If your design does not work properly with default DLMA (especially in close distance). It is recommended to choose **Mode 1**.

#### 11.1 How to switch between card emulation modes

The DLMA mode is activated by default. This "mode" can be enabled/disabled in "Core Config" of PN7160. For **Mode 1** activation, the DLMA must be disabled.

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```
53 #if NXP CORE CONF EXTN
54⊖ /* NXP-NCI extension dedicated setting
                 * Refer to NFC controller User Manual for more details
55
56
57 uint8 t NxpNci CORE CONF EXTN[]={0x20, 0x02, 0x23, 0x04,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         /* CORE SET CONFIG CMD */
                                0xA0, 0x40, 0x01, 0x00,
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  /* TAG DETECTOR CFG */
58
                                0xA0, 0x95, 0x01, 0x01, /* card emulation */
0xA0, 0xAF, 0xOC, 0x03, 0xC0, 0x80, 0xA0, 0x00, 0x03, 0xC0, 0x80, 0xA0, 0x00, 0x0
59
60
                                 0xA0, 0x3A, 0x08, 0x63, 0x01, 0x63, 0x01, 0x63, 0x01, 0x63, 0x01 /* LMA initial phase */
61
60
                                                                                                                                                                               0x03 -> DLMA Disable
                                               0x03 -> DLMA Disable
                                                                                                                                                                               0x83-> DLMA Enable
                                               0x83-> DLMA Enable
Figure 25. DLMA Disable/Enable
```

#### The NCI Command for DLMA Disable

```
0xA0, 0xAF, 0x0C, 0x03, 0xC0, 0x80, 0xA0, 0x00, 0x03, 0xC0, 0x80, 0xA0, 0x00, 0x00, 0x08, /* DLMA- Disable */
```

#### The NCI Command for DLMA Enable

```
0xA0, 0xAF, 0x0C, 0x83, 0xC0, 0x80, 0xA0, 0x00, 0x83, 0xC0, 0x80, 0xA0, 0x00, 0x00, 0x08, /* DLMA- Enable */
```

#### The **Mode 1** activation is done in RF configuration of PN7160.

```
#if NXP_RF_CONF
/* NXP-NCI RF configuration
 * Refer to NFC controller Antenna Design and Tuning Guidelines document for more details
 /* Following configuration relates to performance optimization of OM27160 NFC Controller demo kit ^*/
uint8_t NxpNci_RF_CONF[]={0x20, 0x02, 0x74, 0x0E,
  0xA0, 0x0D, 0x03, 0x78, 0x0D, 0x02,
  0xA0, 0x0D, 0x03, 0x78, 0x14, 0x02,
  0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x4C, 0x44, 0x65, 0x09, 0x00, 0x00,
  0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x4C, 0x2D, 0x05, 0x35, 0x1E, 0x01,
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  0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x4A, 0x30, 0x50, 0x00, 0x08, 0x00,
  0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x34, 0x44, 0x04, 0x04, 0xC4, 0x00,
                                                                                        /* CE - RX Gain */
                                                                                        /* CLIF_ANA_TX_UNDERSHOOT_CONFIG_REG Type A */
/* CLIF_ANA_TX_SHAPE_CONTROL_REG Type A */
  0xA0, 0x0D, 0x03, 0x72, 0x16, 0x17,
  0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x72, 0x4A, 0x57, 0x07, 0x00, 0x1B,
                                                                                        /* CLIF ANA TX AMPLITUDE REG Type B */
  0xA0, 0x0D, 0x04, 0x82, 0x42, 0x68, 0x40,
  0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x08, 0x37, 0x28, 0x76, 0x00, 0x00
#endif
                    0x28 -> Mode 1
Figure 26. Card Emulation "Mode 1" activation
```

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### See the corresponding NCI command:

0xA0, 0x0D, 0x06, 0x08, 0x37, 0x28, 0x76, 0x00, 0x00 /\* CE-Mode 1 \*/

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# 12 PN7160 development kit - OM27160

NXP offers the OM27160 evaluation board, a flexible and easy-touse NFC controller board featuring PN7160.

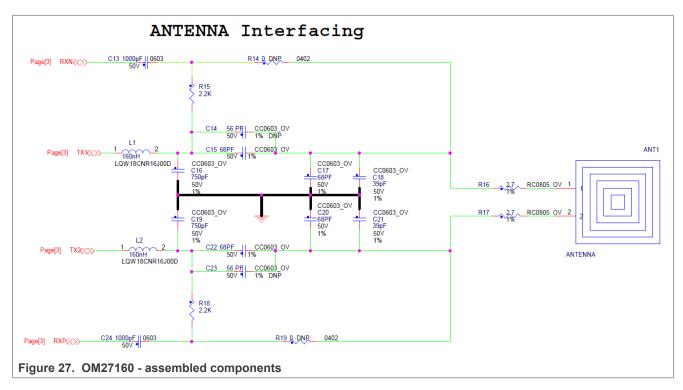
It enables the development of an NFC solution based on PN7160 in a Linux or Android environment or even in system based on RTOS or without OS. It exists in 2 configurations, the only difference is then physical host interface exposed:

- OM27160A1HN featuring PN7160A1HN sample offering I2C host interface
- OM27160B1HN featuring PN7160B1HN sample offering SPI host interface

For more information follow these documents: UM11496 and AN12991.

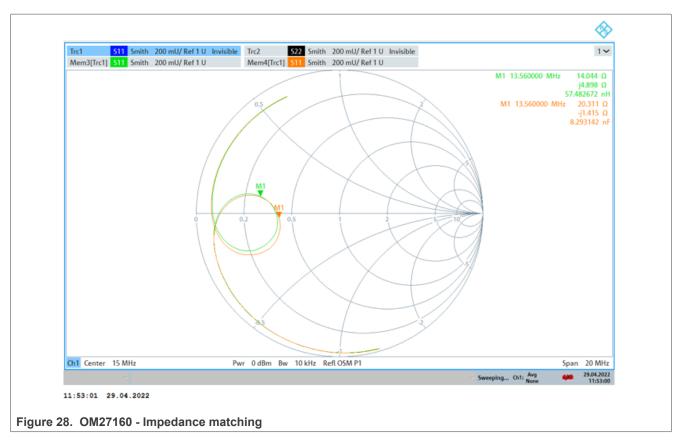
#### 12.1 OM27160 impedance tuning

See the RF tuning network below.



The PN7160 Board (OM27160A1 or OM27160B1) can be used with different host devices (LPC, i.MX, K64, Raspberry Pi, Arduino...) and each affects the tuning differently. See the default tuning for **OM27160A1/B1** (Orange). The green curve shows the tuning after connecting the Raspberry Pi interface board + Raspberry Pi to the **OM27160A1/B1**.

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The following tables show the performance of the OM27160 in reader mode and card mode.

Table 3. Reader mode distances for typical cards

Card type	Communication distance (mm)
NTAG 5 Link Demo Kit (Antenna 54 mm vs 27 mm)	62
NFC Sample Card (NTAG 216 – Class 1 Antenna)	77
ICODE SLIX (SL2S2002 - Class 1 Antenna)	78
NFC Sample Card (MIFARE Ultralight - Class 1 Antenna)	72
MIFARE Ultralight C (Round Antenna 35 mm)	32

Table 4. Card mode distances for typical mobile phones

Device	Communication distance (mm)
Samsung Galaxy S20	57
Huawei P20 Lite	52
iPhone Xs Max	50

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### 12.2 OM27160 - RF registers setting

The default OM27160 RF configuration can be loaded using the NFC Factory Test Application  $\rightarrow$  Dump RF settings. This function uses the  $RF\_GET\_TRANSITION\_CMD$  command which is described in  $\underline{\mathsf{UM11495}} \rightarrow \mathsf{Section}\ 13.3$ .

```
Select the test to run:

1. Continuous RF ON mode

2. Functional mode

3. PRBS mode

4. Standby mode

5. Dump RF settings

6. Set RF setting

7. Get NCI parameter value

8. Set NCI parameter value

9. Get proprietary parameter value

10. Set proprietary parameter value

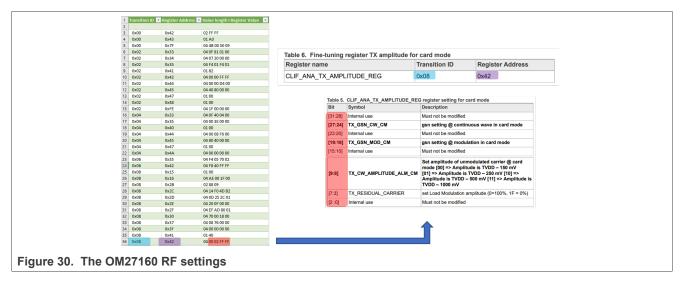
11. Get current value

12. DPC Check
enter 0 to leave the application
Your choice: 5

Dumping all RF settings:
transition 0x00, register 0x42 = 02 FF FF
transition 0x00, register 0x43 = 01 AD
transition 0x00, register 0x43 = 01 AD
transition 0x02, register 0x43 = 04 OF 81 01 00
transition 0x02, register 0x34 = 04 OF 81 01 00
transition 0x02, register 0x34 = 04 OF 81 01 00
transition 0x02, register 0x34 = 04 OF 81 01 OT
transition 0x02, register 0x34 = 04 OF 81 01 OT
transition 0x02, register 0x34 = 04 OF 81 OT
transition 0x02, register 0x41 = 01 82
transition 0x02, register 0x42 = 04 00 00 FF FF

Figure 29. How to check the RF settings in the NFC Factory Test Application
```

Received data can be copied and pasted to the Excel or different tool. Then the content can be decoded with the help of the PN7160 RF settings guide application note  $\rightarrow$  AN13218. See an example:



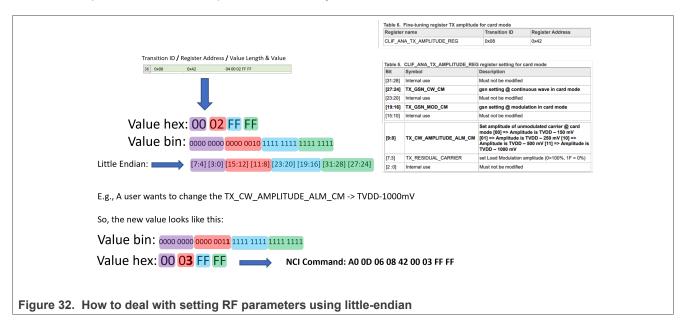
The RF parameters can be changed using the NFC Factory Test Application as shown bellow.

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```
N7160 NFC controller detected
                  Select the test to run:
                          1. Continuous RF ON mode
                          2. Functional mode
                          3. PRBS mode
                          4. Standby mode
                          5. Dump RF settings
                          6. Set RF setting
                          7. Get NCI parameter value
                          9. Get proprietary parameter value
                         10. Set proprietary parameter value
                  enter 0 to leave the application
                 Set RF settings menu (enter 0 during transition ID selection step to leave):
                   enter transition ID in (hexadecimal): 08
                   enter register ID in (hexadecimal): 41
                   enter value length (1, 2 or 4): 1
                   enter value (in hexadecimal): 42
                 RF setting successfully written
Figure 31. How to set RF settings in NFC Factory Test Application
```

Note that the byte order for the register value is defined as little-endian, meaning LSByte written first (LSB to MSB).

See an example how to set an RF parameter correctly.



The full list with default RF settings optimized for OM27160 is available here  $\rightarrow$  RF settings optimized for OM27160 development kit.

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# 13 How to get ECP (PN7161) support?

To get ECP support, contact local Field Application Engineer.

ECP is supported in the PN7161. PN7161 supports same features as PN7160.

How to get access to documentation and SW commands:

- 1. For other applications, engage with your Apple Waller representative
- 2. Get approval from Apple for using PN7161 in the application
- 3. Sign an NXP NDA for Secure Files access  $\rightarrow$  See the guidance <u>here</u>
- 4. Create your Secure Files account
- 5. Request the desired documents on Secure Files

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#### 14 PN7150 vs PN7160

#### Both products are close controllers with few differences:

#### Table 5. RF performances

	PN7150	PN7160
Transmitter voltage	2.7 V to 4.75 V	2.7 V to 5.25 V
Max transmitter current	180 mA	250 mA
Output power	0.8 W	1.3 W
Receiver sensitivity	150mVpp	20mVpp

#### Table 6. Host interface

	PN7150	PN7160
NCI specification	V1.0	V2.0
Host interface	12C	I2C or SPI

#### Table 7. Packages

	PN7150	PN7160
Package	HVQFN40	HVQFN40 and VFBGA64

#### New features in PN7160:

- Autonomous NDEF emulation
- Dynamic power control
- Dynamic load modulation amplitude
- Firmware update

# PN7150 and PN7160 are not pin to pin compatible.

#### Table 8. PN7150 supported Android versions

Android version
Android R (Android 11) (last one supported)
Android Q (Android 10)
Android Pie (Android 9)
Android Oreo (Android 8)
Android Nougat (Android 7)
Android Marshmallow (Android 6)
Android Lollipop (Android 5)
Android KitKat (Android 4)

#### Table 9. PN7160 supported Android versions

Android version
Android 13
Android 12
Android 11

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Be aware, that for other integrations (e.g. PN7160 to Android 10), NXP does not provide any support.

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# 15 Configuration files

PN7160 is controlled via configuration files (attached to every Android release and Linux release).

Packages always contain two configuration files:

- 1. libnfc-nci.conf
- 2. libnfc-nxp.conf

Explanation of flags can be found in Linux porting guide and Android porting guide.

When changes are done:

- 1. In Android, push files with:
  - adb push libnfc-nxp.conf /vendor/etc/
  - adb push libnfc-nci.conf /system/etc/
  - · adb reboot
- 2. In Linux environment:
  - make
  - sudo make install

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# 16 PN7160 reference design

#### PN7160 variants:

Table 10. PN7160/61 configurations

Part number	Control interface	Package	
PN7160 <b>A1</b> EV/C100	I2C	VFBGA64	
PN7160 <b>A1</b> HN/C100	I2C	HVQFN40	
PN7160 <b>B1</b> EV/C100	SPI	VFBGA64	
PN7160 <b>B1</b> HN/C100	SPI	HVQFN40	
PN7161 <b>A1</b> EV/C100	I2C	VFBGA64	
PN7161 <b>A1</b> HN/C100	I2C	HVQFN40	
PN7161 <b>B1</b> EV/C100	SPI	VFBGA64	
PN7161 <b>B1</b> HN/C100	SPI	HVQFN40	

A1 = I2C control interface

B1 = SPI control interface

NXP provides three different reference designs for PN7160:

- 1. Android
  - · Reference design is done with Hikey960 as Device Host
  - Patches can be found here: Android patches
  - Android porting guide: Android porting guide
- 2. Linux
  - Reference design is done with Raspberry pi as Device Host
  - Code base can be found here: Linux code base
  - Linux porting guide: Linux porting guide
- 3. MCUXpresso (BareMetal)
  - Reference design is done with LPC555S6x, LPC82x, and i.MXRT1170
  - Project can be found here: MCUXpresso examples
  - MCUXpresso examples guide: MCUXpresso examples guide

Refer to application note for specific device host, to understand how to switch between control interfaces.

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# 17 PN7160 MIFARE examples

PN7160 MIFARE examples for MCUXpresso project and Linux can be found on <u>PN7160 web page</u> under Software and "Secure files". Follow instructions on website to get access.

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# 18 NCI specification

To get NCI specification, follow steps on NFC Forum website (NCI Specification).

To get differences between specific version of NCI specification, check "Revision History" section in NCI specification.

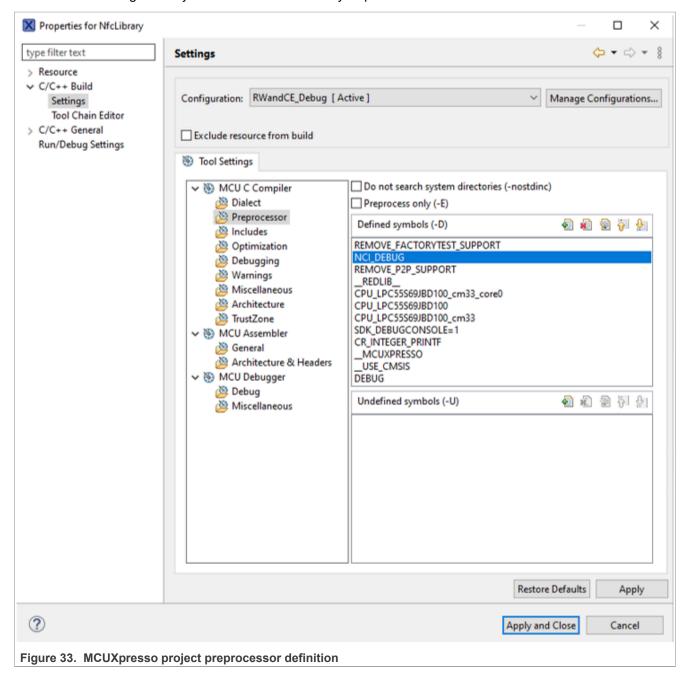
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# 19 Troubleshooting

#### 19.1 How to enable logging

#### MCUXpresso:

Enabling NCI communication traces can be done defining NCI\_DEBUG compile flag inside the project properties (see <u>Figure 33</u>), or directly in NfcLibrary/NxpNci20/inc/ NxpNci.h file, before building the project. Pay attention that this significantly increases overall memory requirement.



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#### Linux and Android:

Inside libnfc-nxp.conf, change value to the following flags:

- NXPLOG EXTNS LOGLEVEL
- NXPLOG NCIHAL LOGLEVEL
- NXPLOG NCIX LOGLEVEL
- NXPLOG NCIR LOGLEVEL
- NXPLOG FWDNLD LOGLEVEL
- NXPLOG TML LOGLEVEL

#### Logging levels:

- NXPLOG\_DEFAULT\_LOGLEVEL 0x01
- NXPLOG\_DEBUG\_LOGLEVEL 0x03
- NXPLOG WARN LOGLEVEL 0x02
- NXPLOG ERROR LOGLEVEL 0x01
- NXPLOG\_SILENT\_LOGLEVEL 0x00

### 19.2 Error messages

Error messages coming from PN7160 are encapsulated into NCI messages. When translating those NCI messages, we can see if there was any error. To find what this error means, refer to NCI specification or user manual (<u>User manual</u>).

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# 20 Card Emulation support

PN7160 support Type A and Type B Card emulation. Both types are supported also in both scenario of CE:

- 1. Card emulation by the DH-NFCEE
- 2. Card emulation over NFCC

Explanation of scenarios is provided here: <u>User manual</u> and here: <u>PN7160 Card emulation</u>.

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### 21 FW update

#### Android:

To update FW on Android, follow next steps: (adb tools must be installed on system.)

- 1. Get FW from GitHub: PN7160 FW
- 2. Open terminal at FW location
- 3. Run following commands:
  - adb push libpn7160\_fw.so vendor/lib64/libpn7160\_fw.so (for 64-bit version) and adb push libpn7160\_fw.so vendor/lib/libpn7160\_fw.so (for 32-bit version)
  - · adb shell svc nfc disable
  - · adb shell svc nfc enable

#### MCUXpresso examples:

Follow steps in application note: PN7160 - MCUXpresso examples guide.

#### Linux:

When getting source code for Linux (<u>Linux code base</u>) change phDnldNfc\_UpdateSeq.cc inside / firmware/pn7160/ folder. Inside phDnldNfc\_UpdateSeq\_Old.cc, there is FW version 12.50.06. Inside phDnldNfc\_UpdateSeq.cc, there is FW version 12.50.09. If we want to switch between versions just copy content from phDnldNfc\_UpdateSeq\_Old.cc to phDnldNfc\_UpdateSeq.cc.

#### 21.1 How to check the current FW version

There are multiple ways how to check the current FW version. For example, it can be done using *nfcDemoApp*. The NCI communication traces must be enabled as shown in Figure 34.

```
# Logging Levels. Suggested value for debugging is 0x03.
                                   NXPLOG_GLOBAL_LOGLEVEL - Configuration for Global logging level
                                   {\tt NXPLOG\_EXTNS\_LOGLEVEL~Configuration~for~extns~logging~level}
                                   NXPLOG_NCIHAL_LOGLEVEL - Configuration for enabling logging of HAL NXPLOG_NCIX_LOGLEVEL - Configuration for enabling logging of NCI TX packets NXPLOG_NCIR_LOGLEVEL - Configuration for enabling logging of NCI RX packets
                                   NXPLOG_FWDNLD_LOGLEVEL - Configuration for enabling logging of FW download functionali NXPLOG_TML_LOGLEVEL - Configuration for enabling logging of TML
                                # Logging Levels
# NXPLOG DEFAULT LOGLEVEL
                                                                   0x01
                                   NXPLOG_DEBUG_LOGLEVEL
                                                                   0x03
                                   NXPLOG_WARN_LOGLEVEL
                                   NXPLOG_ERROR_LOGLEVEL
                                                                   0v01
                                   NXPLOG SILENT LOGLEVEL
                                                                   0x00
                                NXPLOG_EXTNS_LOGLEVEL=0x03
                                NXPLOG_NCIHAL_LOGLEVEL=0x03
                                NXPLOG NCIX LOGLEVEL=0x03
                                NXPLOG_NCIR_LOGLEVEL=0x03
                                NXPLOG_FWDNLD_LOGLEVEL=0x03
                                NXPLOG TML LOGLEVEL=0x03
Figure 34. NCI communication traces enabled in libnfc-nxp.conf
```

Then the *nfcDemoApp poll* can be started and the FW version can be found in the logs as shown below. In the example below, the FW version is **12.50.09**.

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### 22 Android build errors

#### Libnfc-nci.conf previously defined at... error:

```
FAILED:
build/make/core/Makefile:72: error: overriding commands for target `out/target/product/hikey960/system/etc/libnfc-noi.conf', previously defined at out/soong/installs-hikey960.mk:122455
11:05:57 ckati failed with: exit status 1

#### feiled to build some targets (15:46 (mm:ss)) ###
nxf5867881sv05632:-/data/Androidi3_FN71608

Figure 36. libnfc-nci.conf previously defined here error
```

If observed error like in picture (instead of hikey960 some other device), just comment out line number listed in error and run build command. In our example this is out/soong/installs-hikey960.mk:122455.

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### 23 Abbreviations

#### Table 11. Abbreviations

Acronym	Description
ALM	active load emiulation
ASK	amplitude-shift keying
BPSK	binary phase-shift keying
CE	Conformité Européenne - European conformity
CE	card emulation
CFG1	Configuration 1
CFG2	Configuration 2
DC-DC	direct current to direct current
DH	device host
DPC	dynamic power control
EMC	electromagnetic compatibility
EMI	electromagnetic interference
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
EUT	equipment under test
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
mA	milliampere
MHz	megahertz
NCI	NFC controller interface
NFC	near-field communication
NFCC	near-field communication controller (e.g. PN7160)
NFCEE	NFC execution environment
РСВ	printed-circuit board
PMU	power management unit
RF	radio frequency
Q	Quality factor
TXLDO	transmitter low-dropout regulator
V	voltage
VNA	vector network analyzer

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# 24 Annex 1: RF settings optimized for OM27160

List of default RF settings optimized for OM27160 development kit.

Table 12. RF settings optimized for OM27160 development kit

Transition ID	Register Address	Value Length & Register Value
0x00	0x42	02 FF FF
0x00	0x43	01 A0
0x00	0x7F	04 4B 00 50 09
0x02	0x33	04 0F 81 01 00
0x02	0x34	04 07 20 00 00
0x02	0x35	04 F4 01 F4 01
0x02	0x41	01 82
0x02	0x42	04 00 00 FF FF
0x02	0x44	04 00 00 D4 00
0x02	0x45	04 40 80 00 00
0x02	0x47	01 00
0x02	0x48	01 00
0x02	0xFE	04 1F 00 00 00
0x04	0x33	04 0F 40 04 00
0x04	0x35	04 00 3E 00 00
0x04	0x40	01 00
0x04	0x44	04 00 08 F6 00
0x04	0x45	04 80 40 00 00
0x04	0x47	01 00
0x04	0x4A	04 00 00 00 00
0x06	0x35	04 F4 05 70 02
0x06	0x42	04 F8 40 FF FF
0x08	0x15	01 00
0x08	0x16	04 AE 00 1F 00
0x08	0x2B	02 88 09
0x08	0x2C	04 14 F0 4D B2
0x08	0x2D	04 0D 25 2C 01
0x08	0x2E	04 20 0F 00 00
0x08	0x2F	04 EF AD 80 01
0x08	0x30	04 70 00 18 00
0x08	0x37	04 08 76 00 00
0x08	0x3F	04 00 00 00 00
0x08	0x41	01 40

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Table 12. RF settings optimized for OM27160 development kit...continued

Table 12. IN Settings optimized for Or	vizi 100 developinent kitcommueu	
0x08	0x42	04 00 02 FF FF
0x08	0x44	04 04 04 C4 00
0x08	0x45	04 83 60 40 05
0x08	0x85	04 25 13 00 00
0x09	0x2F	04 00 00 00 01
0x09	0x30	04 00 00 00 00
0x09	0x37	04 00 00 00 00
0x09	0x3F	01 08
0x09	0x41	01 03
0x09	0x42	04 01 10 FF FF
0x09	0x85	04 00 00 00 00
0x0C	0x40	01 01
0x0C	0x45	04 C3 82 71 05
0x0C	0x47	01 02
0x10	0x2D	04 0D 25 2C 01
0x10	0x2E	01 60
0x10	0x2F	04 EF AD 80 01
0x10	0x30	04 70 00 18 00
0x10	0x33	04 03 40 04 80
0x10	0x34	04 F7 7F 10 08
0x10	0x35	01 0C
0x10	0x40	02 00 00
0x10	0x44	01 60
0x10	0x45	04 80 40 00 00
0x10	0x47	01 00
0x10	0x48	01 10
0x11	0x2F	04 00 00 00 01
0x11	0x30	04 00 00 00 00
0x11	0x48	01 00
0x11	0x85	04 00 00 00 00
0x12	0x16	01 00
0x12	0x35	01 0C
0x12	0x37	04 00 00 00 00
0x1A	0x33	04 4B 02 01 00
0x1A	0x34	04 D5 92 E1 03
0x1C	0x44	04 05 04 C4 00
0x1C	0x85	04 25 03 00 00
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Table 12. RF settings optimized for OM27160 development kit...continued

Table 12. Iti settings optimized for Or	nzi 100 developinent kitcommaeu	
0x1E	0x33	04 4B 02 01 00
0x1E	0x34	04 D5 92 E1 03
0x20	0x17	04 00 00 80 00
0x20	0x2D	04 50 44 0C 00
0x20	0x33	04 03 01 00 50
0x20	0x34	04 00 00 EC 03
0x20	0x44	04 55 0A 00 00
0x22	0x2E	02 02 60
0x22	0x44	04 05 04 C4 00
0x22	0x85	04 25 03 00 00
0x24	0x03	01 7F
0x28	0x16	01 00
0x2A	0x41	01 8E
0x2C	0x16	01 00
0x2E	0x41	01 8E
0x30	0x15	01 00
0x30	0x16	04 1F 00 FF FF
0x30	0x41	01 82
0x30	0x42	02 88 40
0x30	0x4A	04 00 00 00 00
0x31	0x16	04 00 00 00 00
0x34	0x2B	02 0C 00
0x34	0x2E	02 20 69
0x34	0x44	04 04 04 C4 00
0x34	0x85	04 25 13 00 00
0x36	0x2E	02 40 69
0x36	0x2F	04 EF F9 80 08
0x36	0x30	04 E0 00 30 00
0x36	0x45	01 70
0x37	0x45	01 60
0x38	0x2E	02 60 69
0x38	0x2F	04 AF 5C 80 08
0x38	0x30	04 40 00 20 00
0x38	0x44	04 02 04 C4 00
0x38	0x85	04 25 03 00 00
0x3A	0x2E	02 60 79
0x3A	0x2F	04 51 0E 10 C1
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Table 12. RF settings optimized for OM27160 development kit...continued

Table 12. Iti settings optimized for On	nzi 100 developinent kitcommueu	
0x3A	0x30	04 26 00 08 00
0x3A	0x44	04 11 00 C4 00
0x3A	0x85	04 0B 03 00 00
0x3C	0x2D	04 DC 40 04 00
0x3C	0x33	04 4B 02 01 70
0x3C	0x34	04 D5 92 E0 03
0x3C	0x44	04 66 0A 00 00
0x3E	0x2D	04 05 35 1E 01
0x3E	0x33	04 0B 83 00 00
0x3E	0x34	04 00 80 E1 03
0x3E	0x44	04 65 09 00 00
0x40	0x2D	04 05 45 1E 01
0x40	0x33	04 0B 83 00 00
0x40	0x34	04 00 80 E1 03
0x40	0x44	04 65 09 00 00
0x42	0x2D	04 05 25 0F 01
0x42	0x33	04 0B 83 00 00
0x42	0x34	04 00 80 E1 03
0x42	0x44	04 55 0A 00 00
0x44	0x2F	04 E3 AD 80 04
0x44	0x30	04 70 00 18 00
0x44	0x44	04 04 04 C4 00
0x44	0x85	04 25 13 00 00
0x46	0x2F	04 E7 5D 80 08
0x46	0x30	04 B0 00 45 00
0x48	0x2F	04 EF 5D 80 08
0x48	0x30	04 B0 00 45 00
0x4A	0x2F	04 6F 5C 80 04
0x4A	0x30	04 70 00 18 00
0x4C	0x2D	04 15 34 1F 01
0x4C	0x44	04 65 0A 00 00
0x4E	0x2D	04 05 35 1E 01
0x4E	0x44	04 65 09 00 00
0x50	0x2D	04 05 35 1E 01
0x50	0x44	04 65 09 00 00
0x52	0x2D	04 05 25 0F 01
0x52	0x44	04 65 0A 00 00
	t .	

Table 12. RF settings optimized for OM27160 development kit...continued

Table 12. IN Settings optimized for Or	vizi 100 developilient kitcommueu	
0x56	0x2B	02 80 00
0x56	0x2F	04 EF A9 80 01
0x56	0x30	01 00
0x57	0x30	01 00
0x58	0x2B	02 80 08
0x58	0x2F	04 0F 5D 20 08
0x5E	0x2D	04 0D 48 0C 01
0x5E	0x44	04 55 08 00 00
0x60	0x2D	04 0D 5A 0C 01
0x60	0x44	04 55 08 00 00
0x62	0x2B	02 0C 00
0x62	0x2F	04 EF AD 80 01
0x62	0x44	04 04 04 C4 00
0x62	0x85	04 25 13 00 00
0x64	0x2B	02 8D 00
0x64	0x2F	04 EF A9 80 01
0x66	0x2B	02 8E 08
0x66	0x2F	04 0F 5D 20 08
0x70	0x16	04 8E 00 1F 00
0x72	0x03	01 3D
0x72	0x0D	01 24
0x72	0x14	01 24
0x72	0x15	01 01
0x72	0x16	01 01
0x72	0x41	04 82 07 00 00
0x72	0x42	02 F8 40
0x72	0x4A	04 53 07 00 1B
0x73	0x41	01 00
0x74	0x0D	01 11
0x74	0x14	01 11
0x74	0x15	01 00
0x74	0x16	01 00
0x74	0x42	02 68 40
0x74	0x4A	04 56 07 01 1B
0x76	0x0D	01 08
0x76	0x14	01 08
0x76	0x15	01 00
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Table 12. RF settings optimized for OM27160 development kit...continued

Table 12. IN Settings optimized for Or	nzi 100 developinioni kitcommueu	
0x76	0x16	01 00
0x76	0x42	02 68 40
0x76	0x4A	04 56 07 01 1B
0x78	0x0D	01 04
0x78	0x14	01 04
0x78	0x15	01 00
0x78	0x16	01 00
0x78	0x41	01 8E
0x78	0x42	02 F0 40
0x78	0x4A	04 11 07 01 1B
0x82	0x0F	04 6C 01 04 00
0x82	0x15	01 00
0x82	0x16	01 00
0x82	0x42	02 68 40
0x82	0x4A	04 33 07 00 07
0x84	0x15	01 00
0x84	0x16	01 00
0x84	0x42	02 68 40
0x84	0x4A	04 13 07 01 07
0x86	0x15	01 00
0x86	0x16	01 00
0x86	0x42	02 68 40
0x86	0x4A	04 12 07 01 07
0x88	0x15	01 00
0x88	0x16	01 00
0x88	0x42	02 68 40
0x88	0x4A	04 11 07 01 07
0x92	0x33	01 04
0x94	0x15	01 00
0x94	0x16	01 00
0x94	0x42	02 78 40
0x94	0x4A	04 43 07 00 07
0x96	0x15	01 00
0x96	0x16	01 00
0x96	0x42	02 80 40
0x96	0x4A	04 11 07 01 07
0x98	0x15	01 01
	1	

Table 12. RF settings optimized for OM27160 development kit...continued

0x98	0x16	01 01
0x9A	0x15	01 00
0x9A	0x16	01 00

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