PSCI OS-initiated mode in TF-A

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Intro to power state coordination

- Power domain topology
  - Logical hierarchy of power domains in a system
  - Arises from the dependencies between power domains

- Local power states and composite power states
  - Local power states describe power states for an individual node
  - Composite power states describe the combined power states for an individual node and its parent node(s)

- Power state coordination
  - Entry into low-power states for a node above the core level requires coordinating its children nodes
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- Retention
- Power-Down

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Power States:
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Core Level
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Power States:
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Intro to power state coordination

● Platform-coordinated mode
  ○ Default mode of coordination
  ○ The platform keeps track of the composite power states requested for each core and their parents, and chooses the deepest composite state that is allowed by the requests from the cores

● OS-initiated mode
  ○ Optional mode of coordination
  ○ The OS may request for a composite power state when the last core running in a power domain goes idle
Why OS-initiated mode?

- **Scalability**
  - In platform-coordinated mode, each core independently selects their own idle states
    - Doesn't account for cluster idle states shared between cores
  - In OS-initiated mode, the OS has knowledge of next wakeup for each core and can decide when cluster idle state is appropriate
    - Especially important for multi-cluster SMP systems and heterogeneous systems like big.LITTLE
Why OS-initiated mode?

- Simplicity
  - In platform-coordinated mode, the OS doesn't have visibility in the last core of a power domain going idle
    - Requires communication with an extra API side channel to maintain system and peripheral states
    - Design smell when a platform is using platform-coordinated but actually wants to use OS-initiated
  - In OS-initiated mode, the OS can perform last man activity (e.g. power off shared rail) when the last core goes idle
    - Eliminates the extra API side channel
    - Uses the well documented API between OS and platform
Current vendor implementations and workarounds

- **STMicroelectronics**
  - For ARM32 platforms, currently using OP-TEE to implement OS-initiated mode
  - For future ARM64 platforms, would use TF-A for OS-initiated mode

- **Qualcomm**
  - For mobile platforms, currently using custom secure monitor to implement OS-initiated mode
  - For Chrome OS platforms, currently using platform-coordinated mode in TF-A with custom driver logic for last man activity
    - Would switch to OS-initiated mode to simplify custom driver logic

- **Google**
  - Currently using platform-coordinated mode in TF-A with custom driver logic for last man activity
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**Overview of proposed changes**

- [https://review.trustedfirmware.org/q/topic:psci-osi](https://review.trustedfirmware.org/q/topic:psci-osi)

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Testing on FVP and Google platforms

- [link] https://review.trustedfirmware.org/c/TF-A/tf-a-tests/+/17684
- Added a new PSCI CPU Suspend in OSI mode test suite to TF-A Tests
- Tested on FVP_Base_RevC-2xAEMvA and Google platforms
- Excluded from all other platforms using the build option PLAT_TESTS_SKIP_LIST
Testing on STM32MP15

- Tested by Gabriel Fernandez (gabriel.fernandez@st.com)
- 1 cluster, 2 cores

```c
cpu {
    #address-cells = <1>;
    #size-cells = <0>;

    cpu0: cpu00 {
        compatible = "arm,cortex-a7";
        device_type = "cpu";
        reg = <0>;
        clocks = <&scmi_clk CK_SCM1_MPU>;
        clock-names = "cpu";
        #cooling-cells = <2>;
        enable-method = "psci";
        power-domains = <&CPU_PDO>;
        power-domain-names = "psci";
    };

    cpu1: cpu01 {
        compatible = "arm,cortex-a7";
        device_type = "cpu";
        reg = <1>;
        clocks = <&scmi_clk CK_SCM1_MPU>;
        clock-names = "cpu";
        enable-method = "psci";
        power-domains = <&CPU_PDO>;
        power-domain-names = "psci";
    }
}

idle-states {
    cpu_retention: cpu-retention {
        compatible = "arm,idle-state";
        local-timer-stop;
        entry-latency-us = <130>;
        exit-latency-us = <620>;
        min-residency-us = <700>;
        arm,psci-suspend-param = <0x00000001>;
    };
}

domain-idle-states {
    CLUSTER_STOP: core-power-domain {
        compatible = "domain-idle-state";
        arm,psci-suspend-param = <0x00100001>;
        entry-latency-us = <230>;
        exit-latency-us = <720>;
        min-residency-us = <2000>;
    };
}
}

psci {
    compatible = "arm,psci-1.0";
    method = "smc";
}

CPU_PDO: power-domain-cpu0 {
    #power-domain-cells = <0>;
    domain-idle-states = <&cpu_retention>;
    power-domains = <&pd_core>;
};

CPU_PDO: power-domain-cpu1 {
    #power-domain-cells = <0>;
    domain-idle-states = <&cpu_retention>;
    power-domains = <&pd_core>;
};

pd_core: power-domain-cluster {
    #power-domain-cells = <0>;
    domain-idle-states = <&CLUSTER_STOP>;
};
```
Testing on Qcom SC7280

- **Platform:** Qualcomm SC7280 – Available in upstream kernel and TF-A
  - Currently SC7280 uses PSCI platform-coordinated
- **Tested by Maulik Shah** (quic_mkshah@quicinc.com)
- **Patches to use OS-Initiated on SC7280**
  - Linux: https://patchwork.kernel.org/project/linux-arm- msm/list/?series=722018
  - Trusted Firmware: https://review.trustedfirmware.org/c/TF-A/trusted-firmware-a/+/19487
SC7280 - CPU Idle states

- 8 CPUs, 1 L3 cache
- CPU Idle States – Platform-coordinated
  - State0 – WFI
  - State1 – Core Collapse
  - State2 – Rail Collapse
  - State3 – L3 off + System resources voted off
- CPU Idle States – OS-Initiated
  - State0 – WFI
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- Cluster domain idle state
  - State3 - L3 off + System resources voted off
PSCI: Flattened v/s Hierarchical view of idle states

Platform-coordinated

OS-Initiated
PSCI - OS-Initiated vs Platform-coordinated comparison

- Use case: display on, wifi, modem off – 10 seconds

- Numbers
  - Residency: Time in seconds cpu / cluster stays in power collapse
  - Count: No. of times cpu / cluster entered in power collapse
  - Average of 3 iterations for actual count and residency
  - Numbers captured with fixed CPU frequencies

- Results for
  - Only single cpu online
  - Multiple cpus (8) online
Stats Comparison – Single CPU

Count

Residency

- Platform-coordinated
- OS-Initiated
Stats Comparison – Multiple CPUs

Count

Residency

- Platform-coordinated
- OS-Initiated
Requirements

- **PSCI_FEATURES**
  - Function to detect whether a PSCI function is implemented and its properties

- **PSCI_SET_SUSPEND_MODE**
  - Function to switch between the two different modes of power state coordination
    - The default mode of coordination is platform-coordinated mode

- **CPU_SUSPEND**
  - Function to move a topology node into a low-power state
  - In platform-coordinated mode, the PSCI implementation coordinates requests from all cores to determine the deepest state to enter
  - In OS-initiated mode, the PSCI implementation must comply with the request
    - If a request is inconsistent with the implementation's view of the system's state, the request must be rejected
Requirements

- Race conditions in OS-initiated mode
  - The OS might request an idle state for a node from one core, while at the same time, the PSCI implementation observes that another core in the node is powering up.
  - If the PSCI implementation doesn't process requests in the order the OS intended, then the implementation can end up in an incorrect state.
Requirements

- Addressing race conditions
  - The OS must specify the deepest power level for which it sees the calling core as the last running core (last man)
    - Even if the OS doesn't want a node at a certain power level to go idle, it must still indicate if the core is the last core to go idle at that power level
  - The PSCI implementation must check whether the calling core is the last core to go idle in the requested power level, or otherwise reject the request
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**Legend:**
- **PD:** Preemptible Down
- **R:** Running
- **Ref:** Rejected
Current implementation of platform-coordinated mode

- The functions of interest in the `CPU_SUSPEND` call stack
  - `psci_validate_power_state`
    - Calls a platform specific `validate_power_state` handler, which updates the `state_info` object with the requested states for each power level
  - `psci_find_target_suspend_lvl`
    - Returns the deepest power level that was requested to enter a low-power state
  - `psci_do_state_coordination`
    - Takes the target power level and the `state_info` object, and updates the `state_info` object with the coordinated target power state for each level
  - `pwr_domain_suspend`
    - This platform specific function performs the necessary actions to suspend the calling core and its parents based on the `state_info` object
Proposed implementation of OS-initiated mode

- Add a boolean build option `PSCI_OS_INIT_MODE` for a platform to enable optional support for PSCI OS-initiated mode
  - Defaults to 0
- If `PSCI_OS_INIT_MODE=0`, the changes on the following slides will not be compiled into the build
Proposed implementation of OS-initiated mode

- **PSCI_FEATURES**
  - Update `psci_features` to return 1 in bit[0] to indicate support for OS-initiated mode for CPU_SUSPEND

- **PSCI_SET_SUSPEND_MODE**
  - Define a `suspend_mode` enum: PLATCOORD and OSINIT
  - Define a `psci_suspend_mode` global variable with a default value of PLATCOORD
  - Implement a new function handler `psci_set_suspend_mode`
Proposed implementation of OS-initiated mode

- **CPU_SUSPEND**
  - Update the platform specific `validate_power_state` handler to populate the `state_info` object based on the state ID from the power state parameter
  - `psci_find_target_suspend_lvl` remains unchanged
  - Implement a new function `psci_validate_state_coordination` that ensures the request satisfies the following conditions
    - The requested power states for each power level are consistent with the system's state
    - The calling core is the last core running at the requested power level
  - **Note:** this differs from `psci_do_state_coordination` in that
    - The `psci_req_local_pwr_states` map must not be modified if the request were rejected
    - The `state_info` argument must not be modified since it contains the requested power states from the OS
Proposed implementation of OS-initiated mode

- **CPU_SUSPEND**
  - Update `psci_cpu_suspend_start` to do the following
    - If `PSCI_SUSPEND_MODE` is `PLAT_COORD`, call `psci_do_state_coordination`
    - If `PSCI_SUSPEND_MODE` is `OS_INIT`, call `psci_validate_state_coordination`
      - If validation fails, propagate the error up the call stack
  - Update the return type of the platform specific `pwr_domain_suspend` handler from `void` to `int`
    - Allows the platform to perform validations based on HW states
Questions?