

RA6M2 Group

Capacitive Touch Low Power Guide

Introduction

This application note explains the electrostatic Capacity Touch measurement that uses the Asynchronous General-Purpose Timer (AGT) function and Low power mode (Deep Software standby mode) installed in RA6M2.

Target Device

RA6M2 Group

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1. Specification

1.1 Project description

Sample code that this application note describes is confirmed to operate on RA6M2 Group Capacitive Touch Evaluation System (RTK0EG0021S01001BJ). The setting of this project is adjusted to R7FA6M2AF3CFB implemented on RA6M2 Group Capacitive Touch Evaluation System. Modify the device setting in the project when you use the other device.

1.2 Used Peripherals

Table 1.1 lists the used peripherals in the sample code.

Table 1.1 Peripherals in the sample code

Used Peripherals	Functions
Capacitive Touch Sensing Unit (CTSUSU)	- Measures electrostatic capacitance of the touch sensor.
Data Transfer Controller (DTC)	- Transfers CTSUSUSC, CTSUSUSO0 and CTSUSUSO1 setting value in RAM to CTSUSU register. - Transfers CTSUSUSC and CTSUSURC counter in CTSUSU register to RAM.
Asynchronous General-Purpose Timer (AGT)	Timer used to cancel Deep Software Standby mode.
Event Link Controller (ELC)	- Starts CTSUSU measurement by Snooze entry.

1.3 CPU Operation Mode

Table 1.2 lists CPU mode used in this sample code.

Table 1.2 CPU operation mode

CPU operation mode	Transition condition
Normal mode (MCU startup and Touch measurement Start process)	Transition from Reset state after 100ms timer has elapsed in Deep Software Standby mode
Software Standby mode	Transition by API of r_lpm driver.
Snooze mode	Transition from AGT counter underflow in Software Standby mode
Normal mode (Touch measurement End process and Touch On/Off detection process)	Transition from CTSUSU measurement end interrupt in Snooze mode
Deep Software Standby mode	Transition by API of r_lpm driver.

1.4 CTSU Operation Status

Table 1.3 lists CTSU operation status used in this sample code.

Table 1.3 CTSU operation status

CTSU Operation Status	Transition condition
Stop	Reset status
Start (Suspended)	Enable power-saving function during wait state
Start	Start touch measurement
Stop	Stop CTSU module
Stop (Undefined)	Deep Software Standby mode

1.5 Register settings

Register settings changed from the reset value are shown below.

Table 1.4 Register settings

Function	Register	Value	Remarks
I/O Ports	P000PFS	0x00000000	
	P001PFS	0x00000000	
	P002PFS	0x00000000	
	P003PFS	0x00000000	
	P004PFS	0x00000000	
	P005PFS	0x00000000	
	P006PFS	0x00000000	
	P007PFS	0x00000000	
	P108PFS	0x00000000	
	P109PFS	0x00000000	
	P110PFS	0x00000000	
	P201PFS	0x00000000	
	P300PFS	0x00000000	
Battery Backup Function	VBTICTLR	0x00	
Realtime Clock (RTC)	RCR2	0x00	Set according to 26.6.7 "Initialization Procedure When RTC Is Not to Be Used" in RA6M2 Group User's Manual: Hardware.
	RCR4	0x01	RCKSEL bit (Count Source Select in normal operation mode): 1 LOCO is selected
Low Power Modes	SBYCR	0x8000	The settings for each bit are as follows. OPE bit (Output Port Enable): 0 Set the address bus and bus control signals to the high-impedance state SSBY bit (Software Standby): 1 Deep Software Standby mode

	SNZCR	0x82	<p>The settings for each bit are as follows. (In case of Snooze mode)</p> <p>RXDREQEN bit (RXD0 Snooze Request Enable) : 0 Ignore RXD0 falling edge in Software Standby mode</p> <p>SNZDTCEN bit (DTC Enable in Snooze mode) : 1 Enable DTC operation</p> <p>SNZE (Snooze mode Enable) : 1 Enable Snooze mode</p>
	DPSBYCR	0x80	<p>The settings for each bit are as follows.</p> <p>DEEPCUT[1:0] bits (Power-Supply Control): 0 Supply power to the Standby SRAM, low-speed on-chip oscillator, AGTn, and USBFS resume detecting unit in Deep Software Standby mode</p> <p>IOKEEP bit (I/O Port Retention): 0 When Deep Software Standby mode is canceled, clear the I/O ports to the reset state</p> <p>DPSBY bit (Deep Software Standby): 1 Deep Software Standby mode</p>
Clock Generation Circuit	SOSCCR	0x01	<p>SOSTP bit (Sub-Clock Oscillator Stop): 1 Stop the sub-clock oscillator</p>

1.6 File Configuration

Table 1.5 lists the file added or changed in the sample code generated by RA configurator and QE for Capacitive Touch.

Table 1.5 Files added or changed in the sample code

Name	Outline	Remarks
qe_touch_sample.c	Main processing	Changed file
r_captouch_lpm.c	Standby RAM processing	Added file
r_captouch_lpm.h	Definition of Standby RAM processing function	Added file
r_user_warm_start.c	Reset source and Deep Software Standby cancel source detection processing	Added file
r_user_warm_start.h	Definition of reset source and Deep Software Standby cancel source detection processing	Added file

2. Operation Conditions

This application note confirms operation based on the items and conditions stated below.

Table 2.1 Operation Conditions

Item	Description
MCU	R7FA6M2AF3CFB (RA6M2 Group)
Operating frequency	20MHz Middle-speed on-chip oscillator (HOCO) 32kHz Low-speed on-chip oscillator (LOCO)
Operating voltage	5.0V
Target board	RA6M2 Group Capacitive Touch Evaluation System (RTK0EG0021S01001BJ)
Integrated development environment	e ² studio (2021-10)
C compiler	GCC Arm Embedded (9.3.1.20200408)
Operation mode	Single chip mode
Debugger	E2 Emulator Lite
FSP Version	Ver.3.4.0
Sample code Version	Ver.1.00

3. Software Description

The sample code operates as follows by using the FSP driver and middleware functions.

1. After reset release by power on, the sample code opens rm_touch middleware and executes offset tuning and initial calibration to be able to detect Touch On/Off.
2. The sample code saves information about rm_touch middleware to Standby RAM.
3. Transits to Deep Software Standby mode.
4. After reset release from Deep Software Standby, the sample code loads the information about rm_touch middleware from Standby RAM.
5. Transits to Software Standby mode.
6. Transits to Snooze mode by AGT counter underflow and start CTSU measurement by Snooze entry.
7. Save result of Touch On/Off detection.
8. Repeat step 2 from step 7 and the sample code flashes user LED when Touch On is detected five times in a row.

3.1 Operation image

Figure 3-1 shows CPU operation mode and CTSU operation status according to the process in the sample code.

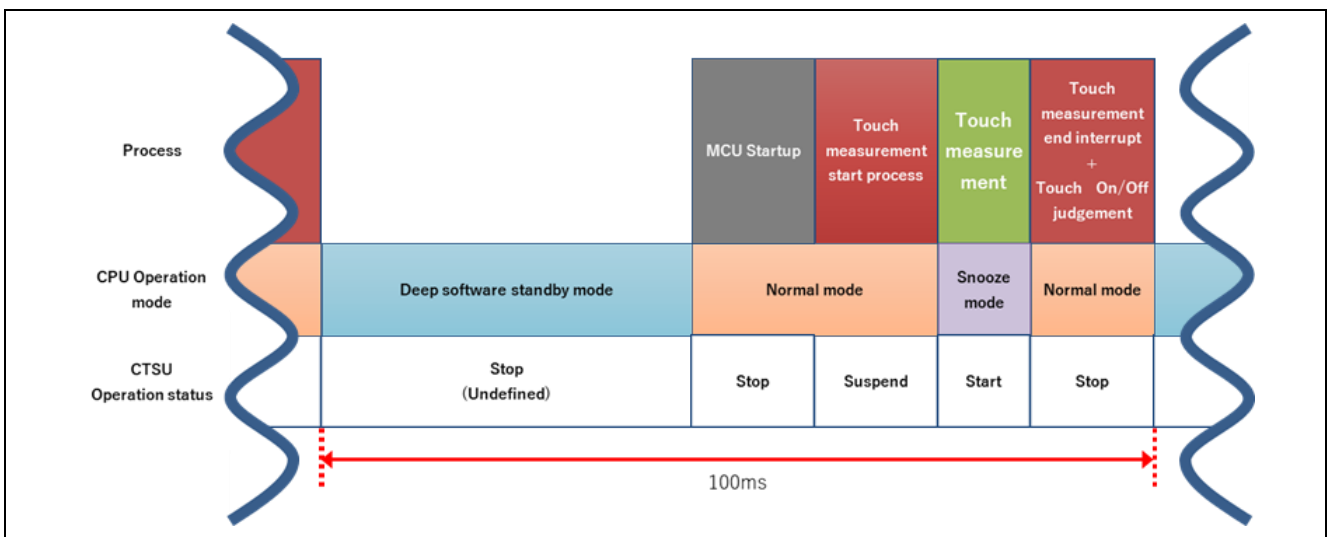


Figure 3-1 Operation image

3.2 FSP driver and middleware

Table 3.1 lists FSP driver and middleware used in the sample code.

Table 3.1 FSP driver and middleware used in the sample code

FSP driver, middleware	Version
Board Support Package (BSP)	3.4.0
CTSU Driver (r_ctsu)	3.4.0
Capacitive Touch Middleware (rm_touch)	3.4.0
I/O Port Driver (r_ioport)	3.4.0
Timer Driver (r_agt)	3.4.0
Low Power Mode Driver (r_lpm)	3.4.0
Event Link Controller (r_elc)	3.4.0
DTC Driver (r_dtc)	3.4.0

3.2.1 Standby SRAM Notes

To use Standby SRAM, add definition of Standby SRAM section to section information of linker script file according to the SRAM address and SRAM capacity of the Standby RAM described in the user's manual.

In the sample code, "script\fsp.ld" the linker script file.

3.3 List of Constants

The modifiable constant is show in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2 The modifiable constant (qe_touch_sample.c)

Constants	Initial value	Setting
DETECTED_PRESSES	5U	Number of Touch On detection
TOUCH_BUTTON_00	1U	Bit position to check Touch On/Off of Touch Button
NO_DETECTED_PRESS	0U	Non-detection of Touch On
LED_LOOP_MAX	10U	Number of LED processing at Touch On detection
LED_CYCLE_MS	50U	LED lighting cycle at Touch On detection
RTC_STABLIZATION_TIME_US	190U	Time to wait for RTC clock to stabilize
DEEP_STBY_TIME	0xcc0	Time in deep software standby mode

Table 3.3 the modifiable constant (r_user_warm_start.h)

Constants	Initial value	Setting
IWDT_RESET_ENABLED	0	0: Disable Independent watchdog timer reset 1: Enable Independent watchdog timer reset
WDT_RESET_ENABLED	0	0: Disable Watchdog timer reset 1: Enable Watchdog timer reset
VOLTAGE_MONITOR_0_RESET_ENABLED	0	0: Disable Voltage monitor 0 reset 1: Enable Voltage monitor 0 reset
VOLTAGE_MONITOR_1_RESET_ENABLED	0	0: Disable Voltage monitor 1 reset 1: Enable Voltage monitor 1 reset
VOLTAGE_MONITOR_2_RESET_ENABLED	0	0: Disable Voltage monitor 2 reset 1: Enable Voltage monitor 2 reset
SRAM_PARITY_RESET_ENABLED	0	0: Disable SRAM parity error reset 1: Enable SRAM parity error reset
SRAM_ECC_RESET_ENABLED	0	0: Disable SRAM ECC error reset 1: Enable SRAM ECC error reset
BUS_MPU_SLAVE_RESET_ENABLED	0	0: Disable Bus slave MPU error reset 1: Enable Bus slave MPU error reset
BUS_MPU_MASTER_RESET_ENABLED	0	0: Disable Bus master MPU error reset 1: Enable Bus master MPU error reset
CPU_SP_RESET_ENABLED	0	0: Disable Stack pointer error reset 1: Enable Stack pointer error reset
CPU_DEEP_SW_STBY_RESET_ENABLED	1	0: Disable Deep Software Standby reset 1: Enable Deep Software Standby reset
CPU_SOFTWARE_RESET_ENABLED	1	0: Disable Software reset 1: Enable Software reset

3.4 List of Structures

Structures added in this sample code are shown below.

3.4.1 Reset source (r_user_warm_start.h)

```

/* Reset source */
typedef struct st_reset_source
{
    union
    {
        volatile uint16_t all;

        struct
        {
            volatile uint16_t power_on_reset_detect_flag : 1; /* Power-On
reset */
            volatile uint16_t voltage_monitor_0_reset_detect_flag : 1; /*
Voltage monitor 0 reset */
            volatile uint16_t voltage_monitor_1_reset_detect_flag : 1; /*
Voltage monitor 1 reset */
            volatile uint16_t voltage_monitor_2_reset_detect_flag : 1; /*
Voltage monitor 2 reset */
            volatile uint16_t deep_software_standby_reset_flag : 1; /* Deep
Software Standby reset */
            volatile uint16_t independent_watchdog_timer_reset_detect_flag :
1; /* IWDT underflow/refresh error reset */
            volatile uint16_t watchdog_timer_reset_detect_flag : 1; /* WDT
underflow/refresh error reset */
            volatile uint16_t software_reset_detect_flag : 1; /* Software
reset */
            volatile uint16_t sram_parity_error_reset_detect_flag : 1; /* SRAM
parity error reset */
            volatile uint16_t sram_ecc_error_reset_detect_flag : 1; /* SRAM
ECC error reset */
            volatile uint16_t bus_slave_mpu_error_reset_detect_flag : 1; /*
MPU bus slave error reset */
            volatile uint16_t bus_master_mpu_error_reset_detect_flag : 1; /*
MPU bus master error reset */
            volatile uint16_t sp_error_reset_detect_flag : 1; /* CPU stack
pointer monitor reset */
            volatile uint16_t cold_warm_start_determination_flag : 1; /*
Cold/Warm Start detection */
            volatile uint16_t : 2;
        } flag;
    };
} reset_source_t;

```

3.4.2 Deep Software Standby mode cancel source (r_user_warm_start.h)

```
/* Deep Software Standby cancel source */
typedef struct st_dp_sw_stby_source
{
    union
    {
        volatile uint32_t all;

        struct
        {
            volatile uint32_t irq0_ds : 1;    /* IRQ0 */
            volatile uint32_t irq1_ds : 1;    /* IRQ1 */
            volatile uint32_t irq2_ds : 1;    /* IRQ2 */
            volatile uint32_t irq3_ds : 1;    /* IRQ3 */
            volatile uint32_t irq4_ds : 1;    /* IRQ4 */
            volatile uint32_t irq5_ds : 1;    /* IRQ5 */
            volatile uint32_t irq6_ds : 1;    /* IRQ6 */
            volatile uint32_t irq7_ds : 1;    /* IRQ7 */
            volatile uint32_t irq8_ds : 1;    /* IRQ8 */
            volatile uint32_t irq9_ds : 1;    /* IRQ9 */
            volatile uint32_t irq10_ds : 1;   /* IRQ10 */
            volatile uint32_t irq11_ds : 1;   /* IRQ11 */
            volatile uint32_t irq12_ds : 1;   /* IRQ12 */
            volatile uint32_t irq13_ds : 1;   /* IRQ13 */
            volatile uint32_t irq14_ds : 1;   /* IRQ14 */
            volatile uint32_t irq15_ds : 1;   /* IRQ15 */
            volatile uint32_t lvd1_ds : 1;    /* LVD1 */
            volatile uint32_t lvd2_ds : 1;    /* LVD2 */
            volatile uint32_t rtcint_ds : 1;  /* RTC Interval */
            volatile uint32_t rtcalm_ds : 1;  /* RTC Alarm */
            volatile uint32_t nmi_ds : 1;     /* NMI */
            volatile uint32_t usbf_ds : 1;    /* USBFS */
            volatile uint32_t usbh_ds : 1;    /* USBHS */
            volatile uint32_t agt1_ds : 2;    /* AGT1 */
        } flag;
    };
} dp_sw_stby_source_t;
```

3.5 List of Variables

Variables added and changed in this sample code are shown below.

Table 3.4 Variables (qe_touch_sample.c)

Attribute	Variable name	Description
static uint8_t	g_button_status[DETECTED_PRESSES]	Store result of Touch On/Off detection in last 5 times.
static uint32_t	g_button_status_index	Index of buffer to store the result of Touch On/Off detection
static uint64_t	button_status	Result of Touch On/Off detection

Table 3.5 Variables (r_user_warm_start.h)

Attribute	Variable name	Description
volatile reset_source_t	g_reset_source	Reset source
volatile dp_sw_stby_source_t	g_dp_sw_stby_source	Deep Software Standby cancel source

Table 3.6 Variables (r_captouch_lpm.c)

Attribute	Variable name	Description
static uint16_t	g_power_on_reset_symbol	Power-on reset detection flag
static uint16_t	g_touch_button_threshold_ssram[TOUCH_CFG_NUM_BUTTONS]	Threshold for Touch Button
static uint16_t	g_touch_button_hysteresis_ssram[TOUCH_CFG_NUM_BUTTONS]	Hysteresis for Touch Button
static uint16_t	g_touch_button_reference_ssram[TOUCH_CFG_NUM_BUTTONS]	Reference Value for Touch Button
static uint16_t	g_touch_button_on_count_ssram[TOUCH_CFG_NUM_BUTTONS]	Touch On counter for Touch Button
static uint16_t	g_touch_button_off_count_ssram[TOUCH_CFG_NUM_BUTTONS]	Touch Off counter for Touch Button
static uint32_t	g_touch_button_drift_buffer_ssram[TOUCH_CFG_NUM_BUTTONS]	Sum of Count Value for Touch Button until Drift Correction Execution
static uint16_t	g_touch_button_drift_count_ssram[TOUCH_CFG_NUM_BUTTONS]	Drift Correction Interval for Touch Button
static uint8_t	g_ctsu_tuning_complete_ssram[CTSU_CFG_NUM_SELF_ELEMENTS + CTSU_CFG_NUM_MUTUAL_ELEMENTS]	Result of Initial Calibration

static int32_t	g_ctsu_tuning_diff_ssram[CTSUCFG_NUM_SELF_ELEMENTS + CTSUCFG_NUM_MUTUAL_ELEMENTS]	Difference between Count Value and ideal Count Value in Initial Calibration
static ctsu_ctsuwr_t	g_ctsu_ctsuwr_ssram[(CTSUCFG_NUM_SELF_ELEMENTS + CTSUCFG_NUM_MUTUAL_ELEMENTS) * CTSU_MULTI_NUM]	Setting value of CTSUSSC, CTSUSO0, CTSUSO1 register for Touch Button
static ctsu_self_buf_t	g_ctsu_self_raw_ssram[CTSUCFG_NUM_SELF_ELEMENTS * CTSU_MULTI_NUM]	Value of CTSUSC and CTSURC register for Touch Button
static uint16_t	g_ctsu_self_data_ssram[CTSUCFG_NUM_SELF_ELEMENTS]	Count Value for Touch Button
static ctsu_instance_ctrl_t	g_qe_ctsu_ctrl_config_ssram	Configuration of CTSU driver control
static touch_instance_ctrl_t	g_qe_touch_ctrl_config_ssram	Configuration of Touch middleware control
static transfer_info_t	gp_dtc_vector_table_ssram[CTSUCFG_VECTOR_TABLE_ENTRIES]	Vector table for DTC
static uint32_t	dtc_vector_table_addresses_ssram	Address of Vector table for DTC
static dtc_instance_ctrl_t	g_transfer0_ctrl_ssram	Configuration of DTC for CTSUWR interrupt
static dtc_instance_ctrl_t	g_transfer1_ctrl_ssram	Configuration of DTC for CTSURD interrupt

- Variables in r_captouch_lpm.c are assigned to Standby RAM address.

3.6 List of Functions

The specification for functions added in this sample code are shown below.

3.6.1 `qe_touch_main ()`

<code>qe_touch_main ()</code>	
Outline	Main processing
Declaration	<code>void qe_touch_main (void)</code>
Description	<p>Controls Touch measurement and transition to Deep Software Standby mode. Processes the followings according to reset source.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Power-on reset, Software reset by debugger, Reset pin <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open Touch middleware 2. Initial calibration for Touch Button 3. Save data for Touch middleware to Standby SRAM 4. Transition to Deep Software Standby mode (cancel after 100ms) - Others <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Load data for Touch middleware in Standby SRAM to RAM 2. Prepare Touch measurement 3. Start Touch measurement 4. Blink user LED with detection Touch-On of Touch Button in 5 times continuously 5. Save data for Touch middleware to Standby SRAM 6. Transition to Deep Software Standby mode (cancel after 100ms)
Argument	-
Return value	-

3.6.2 `r_captouch_low_power_scan`

<code>r_captouch_low_power_scan ()</code>	
Outline	Control touch measurement
Declaration	<code>void r_captouch_low_power_scan (void)</code>
Description	<p>Controls touch measurement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start touch measurement. 2. Start count of AGT. 3. Transit to Software Standby mode. 4. Stop AGT count.
Argument	-
Return value	-

4. Flowcharts

4.1 qe_touch_main ()

Flowchart is shown below.

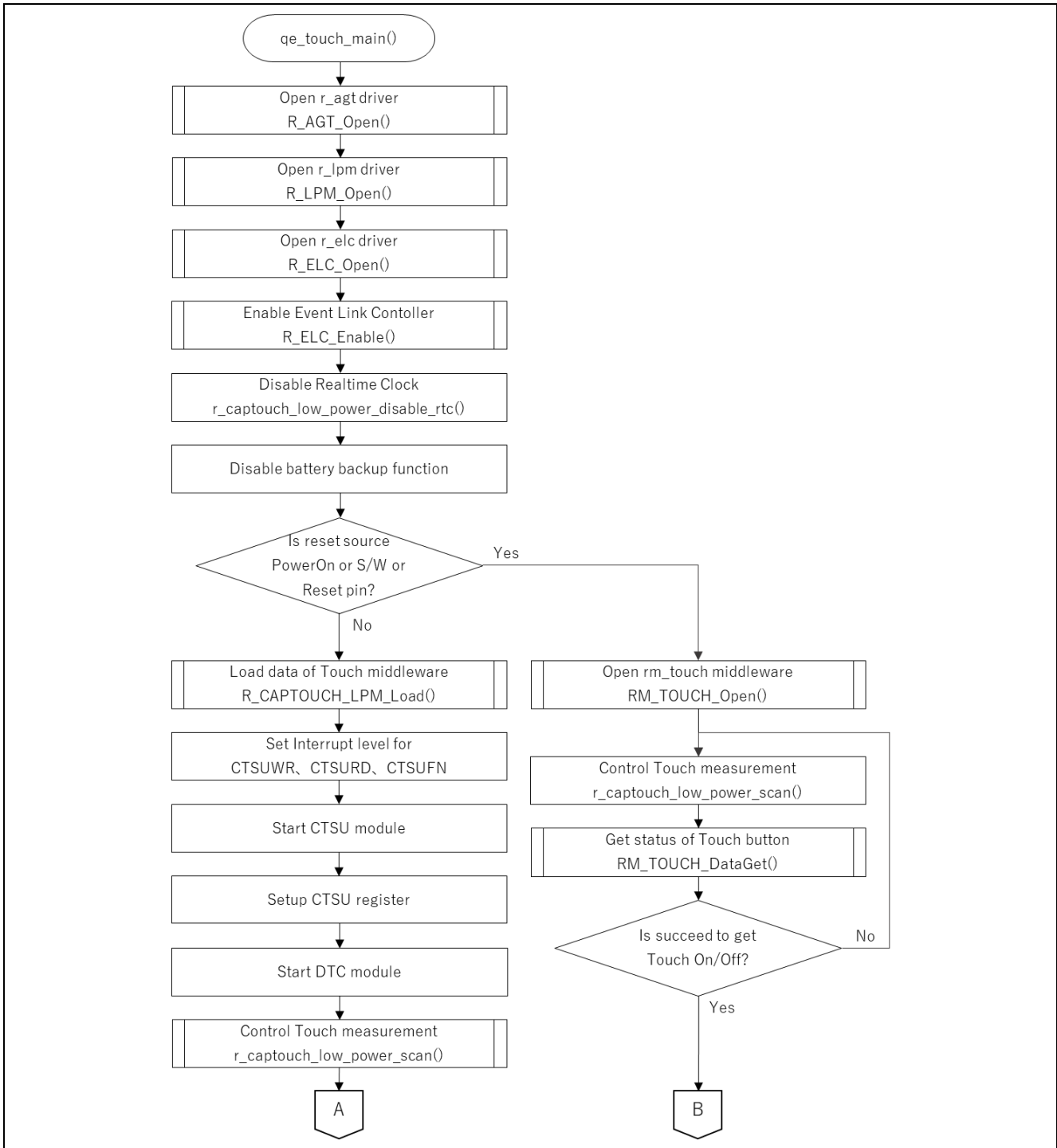


Figure 4-1 qe_touch_main () (1/2)

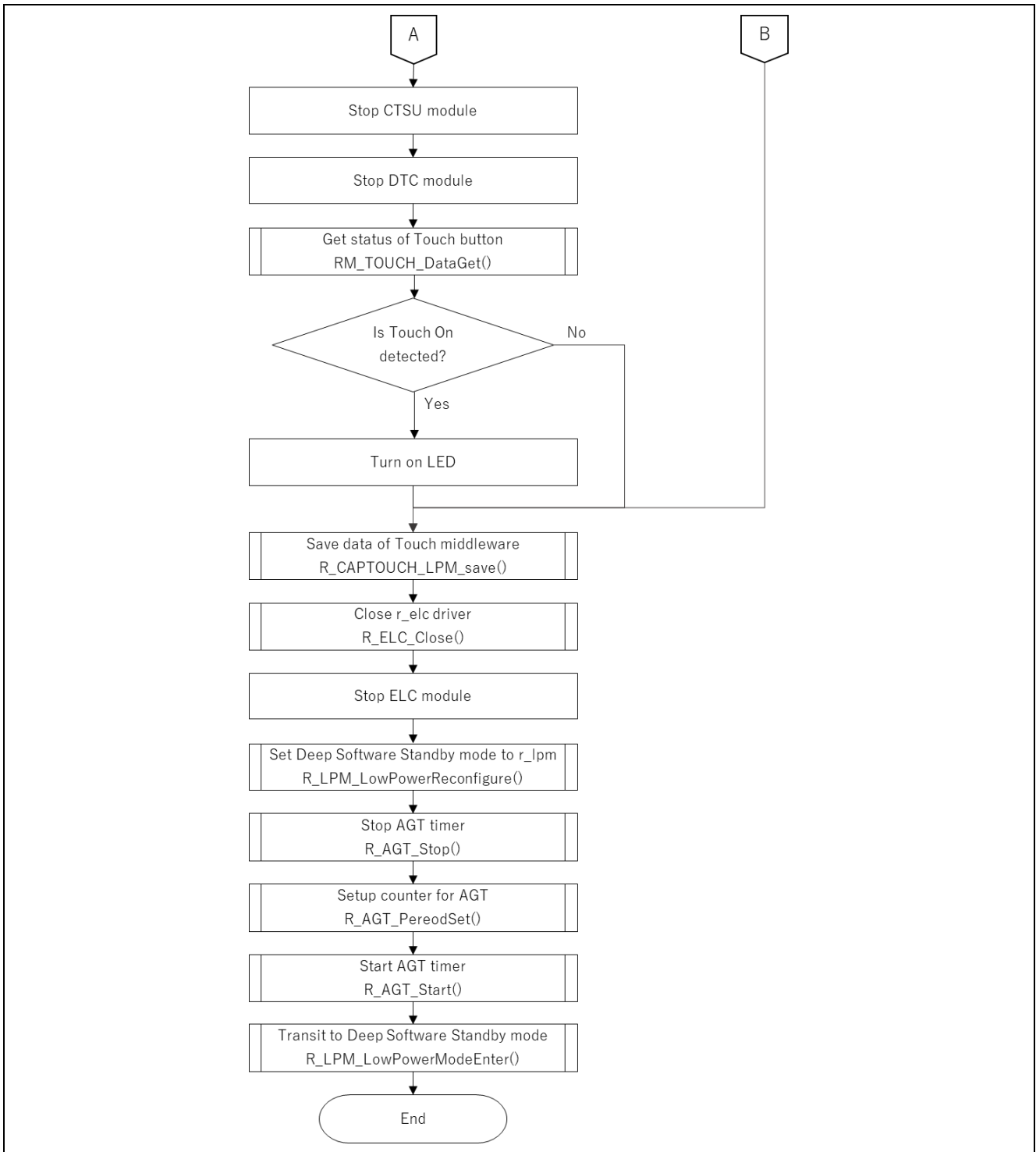


Figure 4-2 qe_touch_main () (2/2)

4.2 r_captouch_low_power_scan ()

Flowchart is shown below.

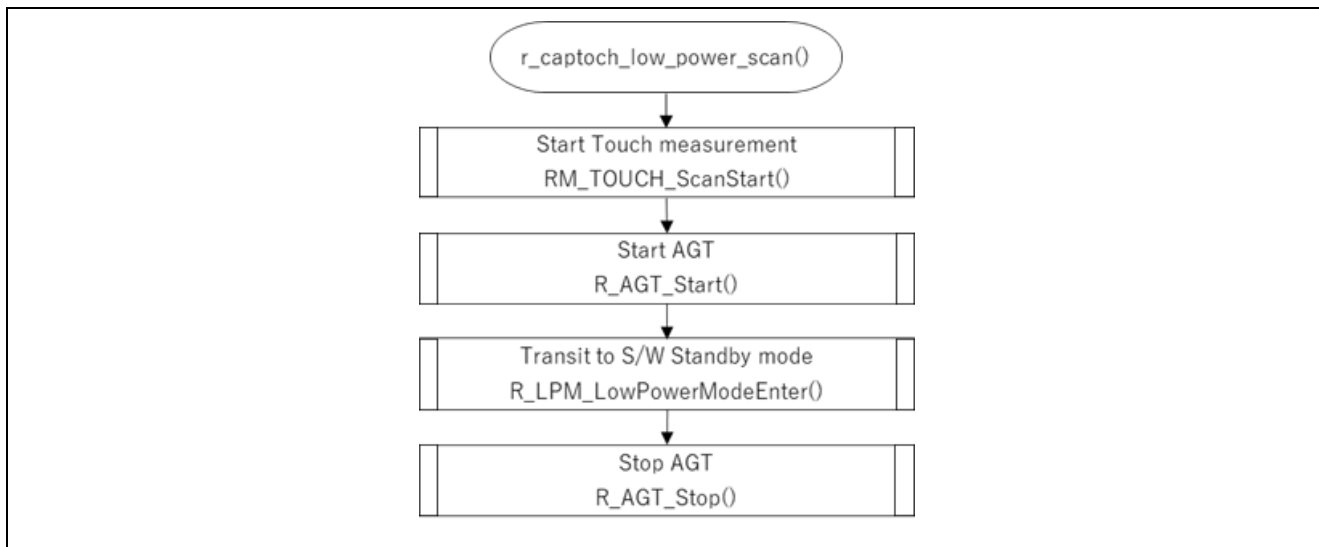


Figure 4-3 r_captouch_low_power_scan ()

4.3 r_captouch_low_power_disable_rtc ()

Flowchart is shown below.

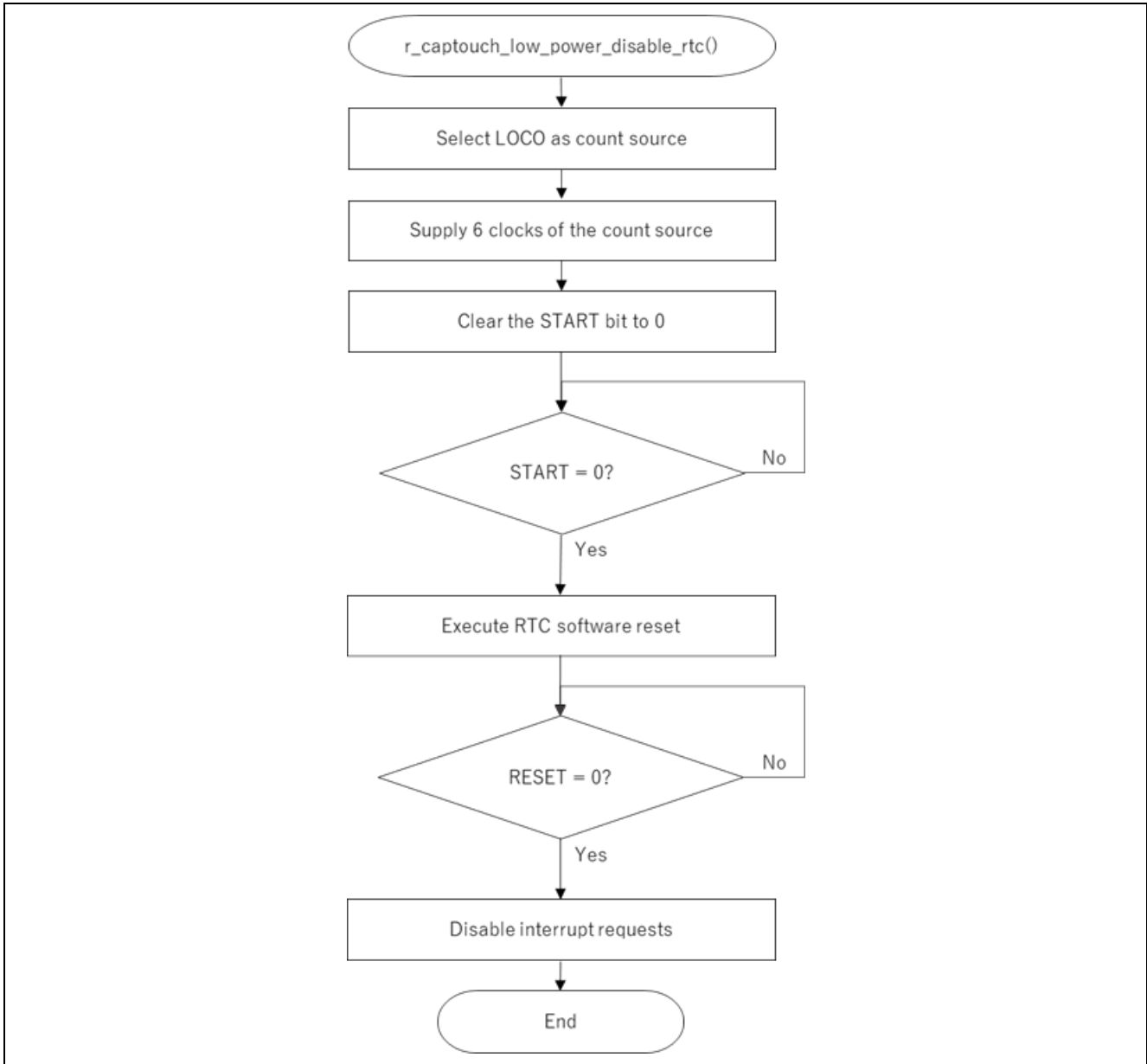


Figure 4-4 r_captouch_low_power_disable_rtc ()

4.4 R_BSP_WarmStart ()

Flowchart is shown below.

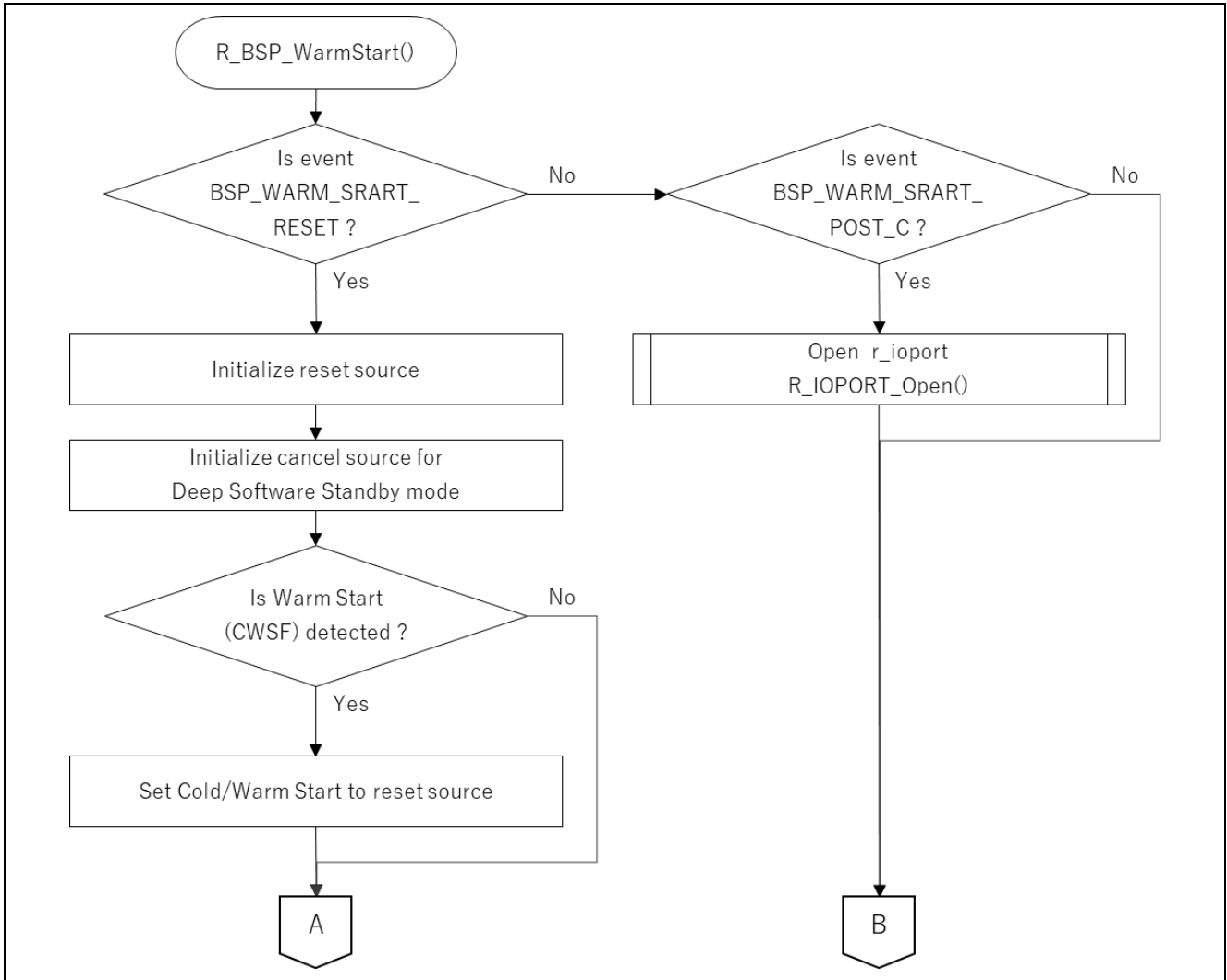


Figure 4-5 R_BSP_WarmStart () (1/4)

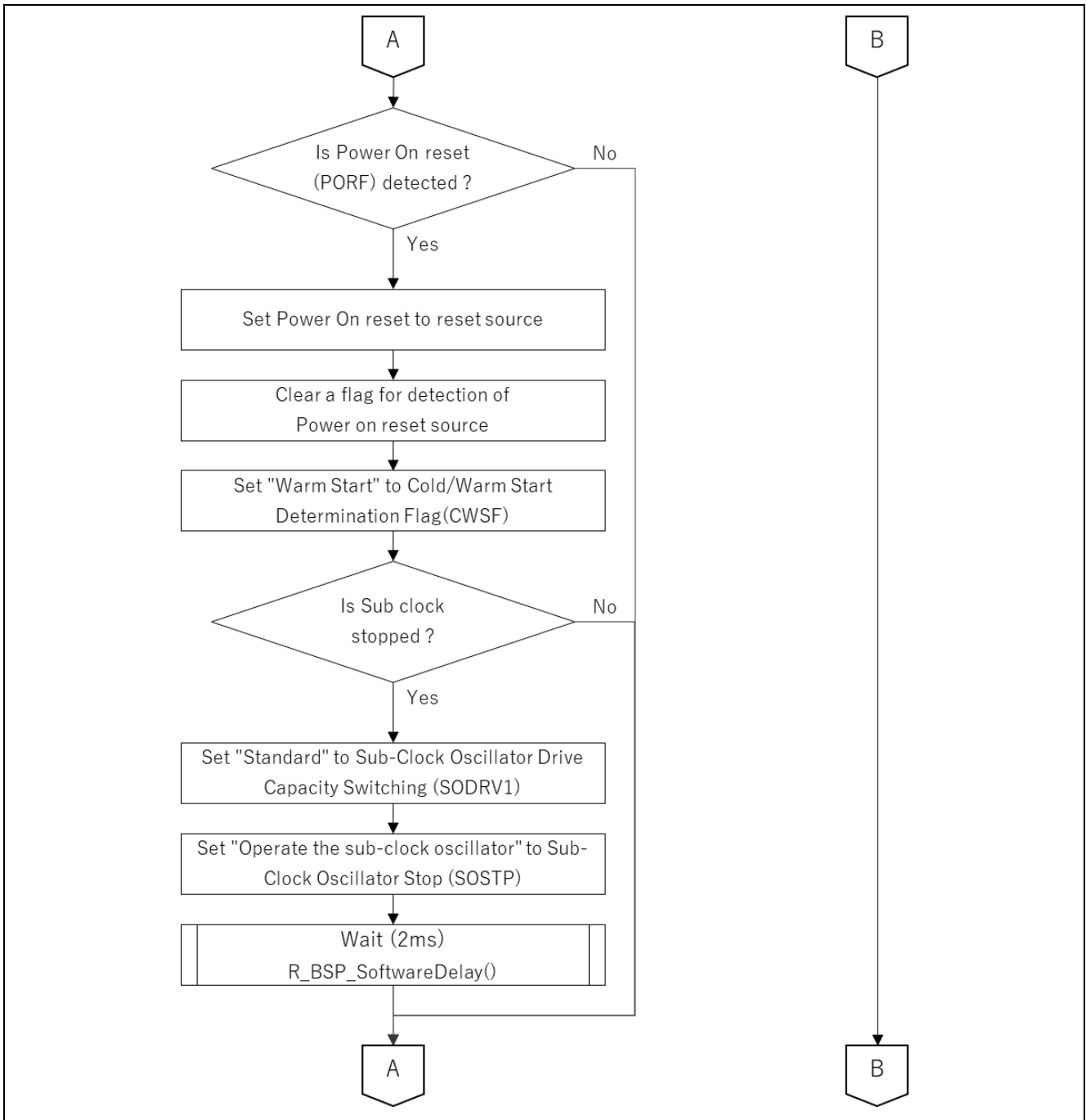


Figure 4-6 R_BSP_WarmStart () (2/4)

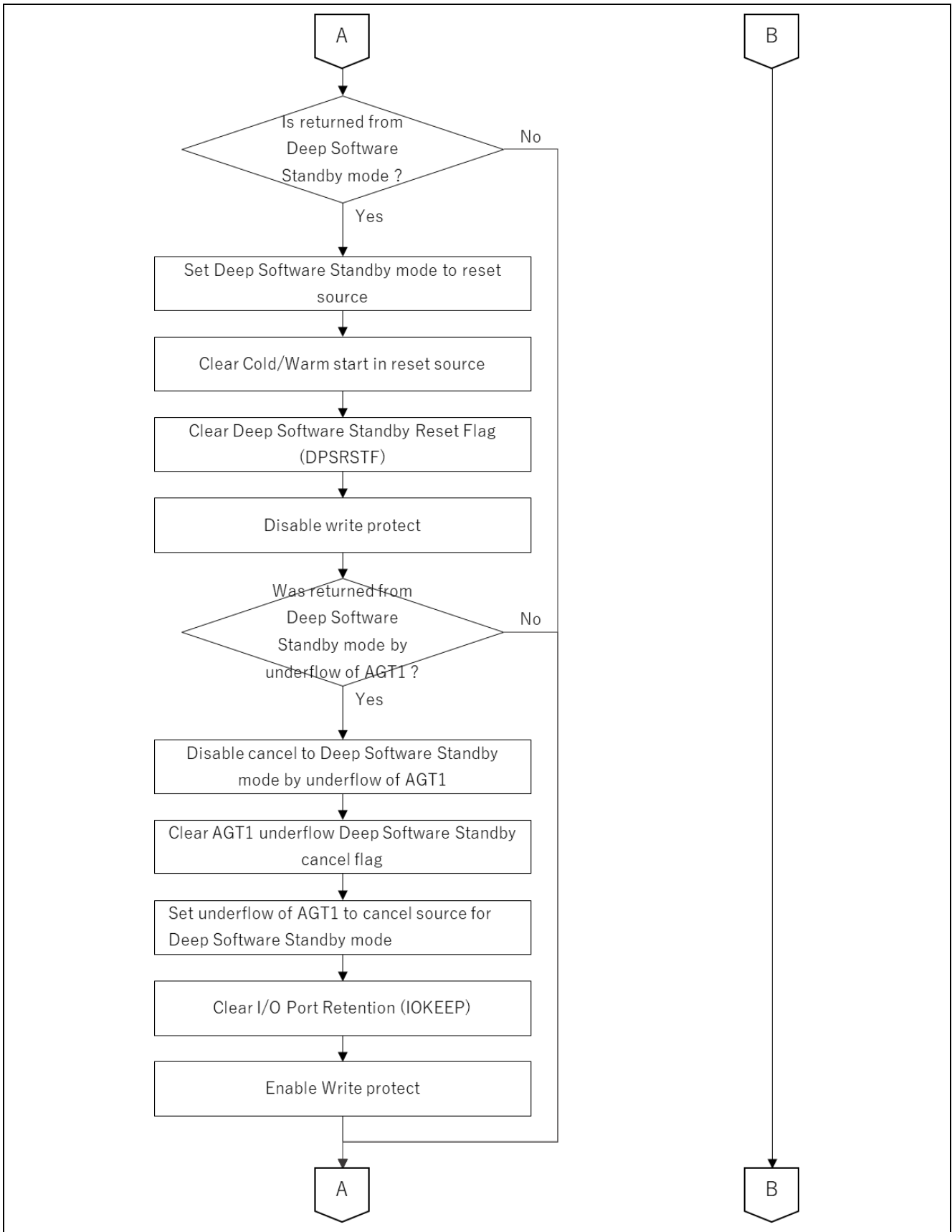


Figure 4-7 R_BSP_WarmStart () (3/4)

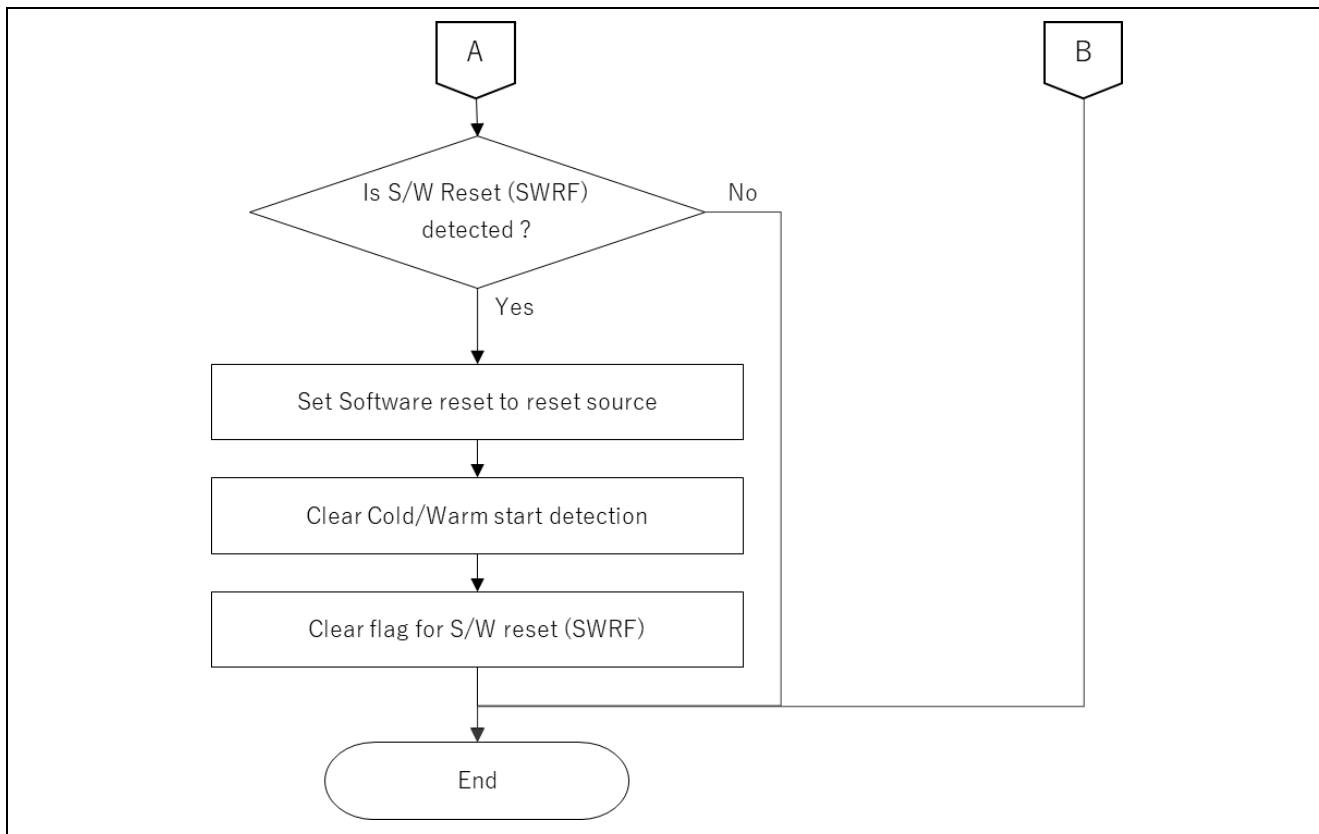


Figure 4-8 R_BSP_WarmStart () (4/4)

4.5 R_CAPTOUCH_LPM_Save ()

Flowchart is shown below.

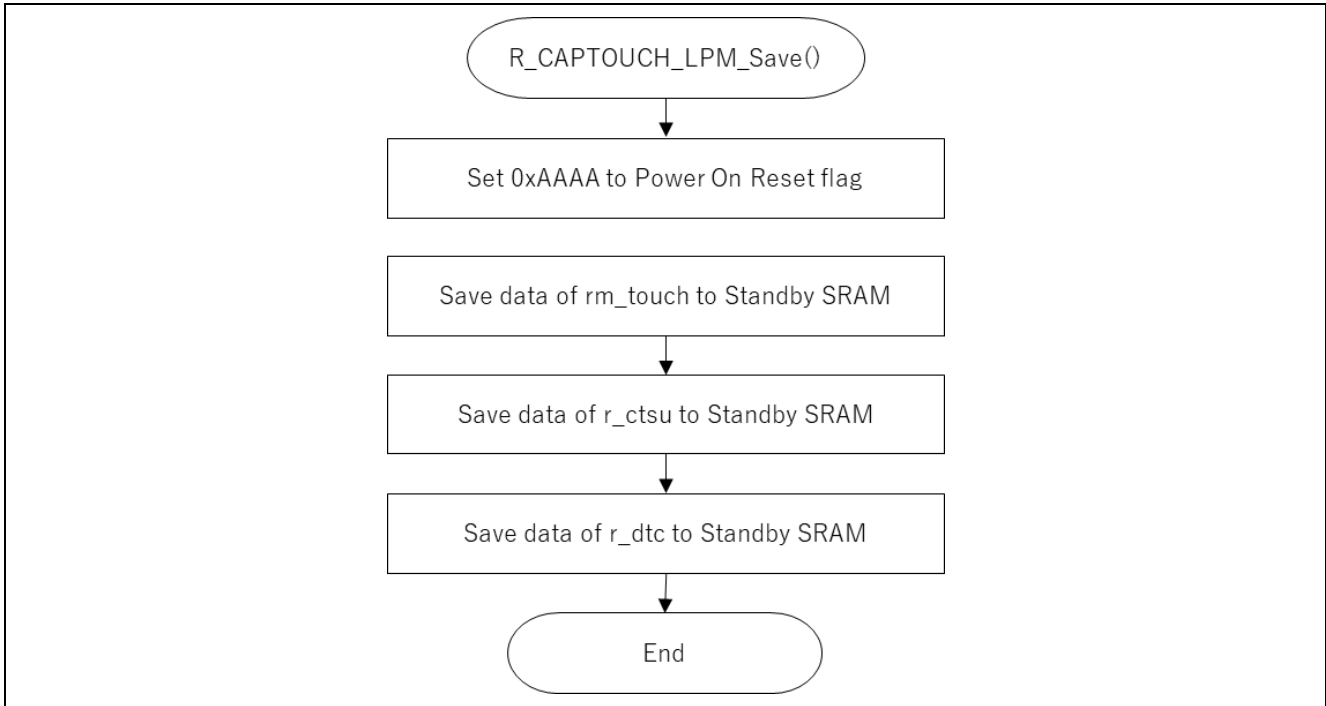


Figure 4-9 R_CAPTOUCH_LPM_Save ()

4.6 R_CAPTOUCH_LPM_Load ()

Flowchart is shown below.

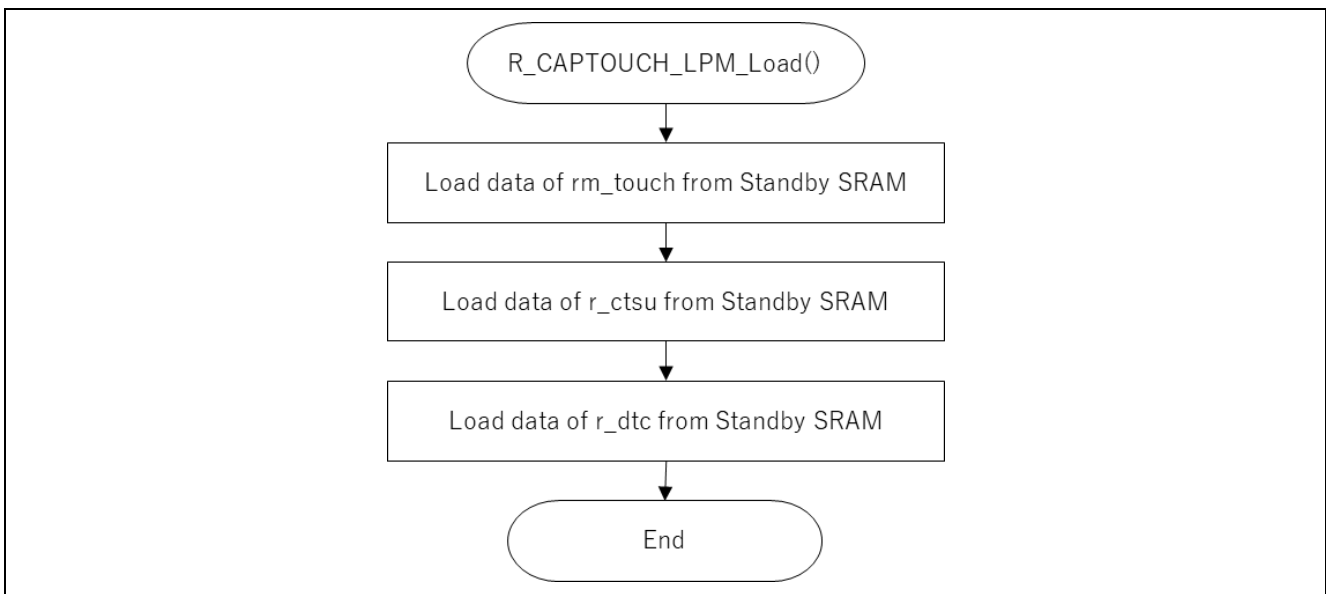


Figure 4-10 R_CAPTOUCH_LPM_Load ()

4.7 R_CAPTOUCH_LPM_IsPowerOnReset ()

Flowchart is shown below.

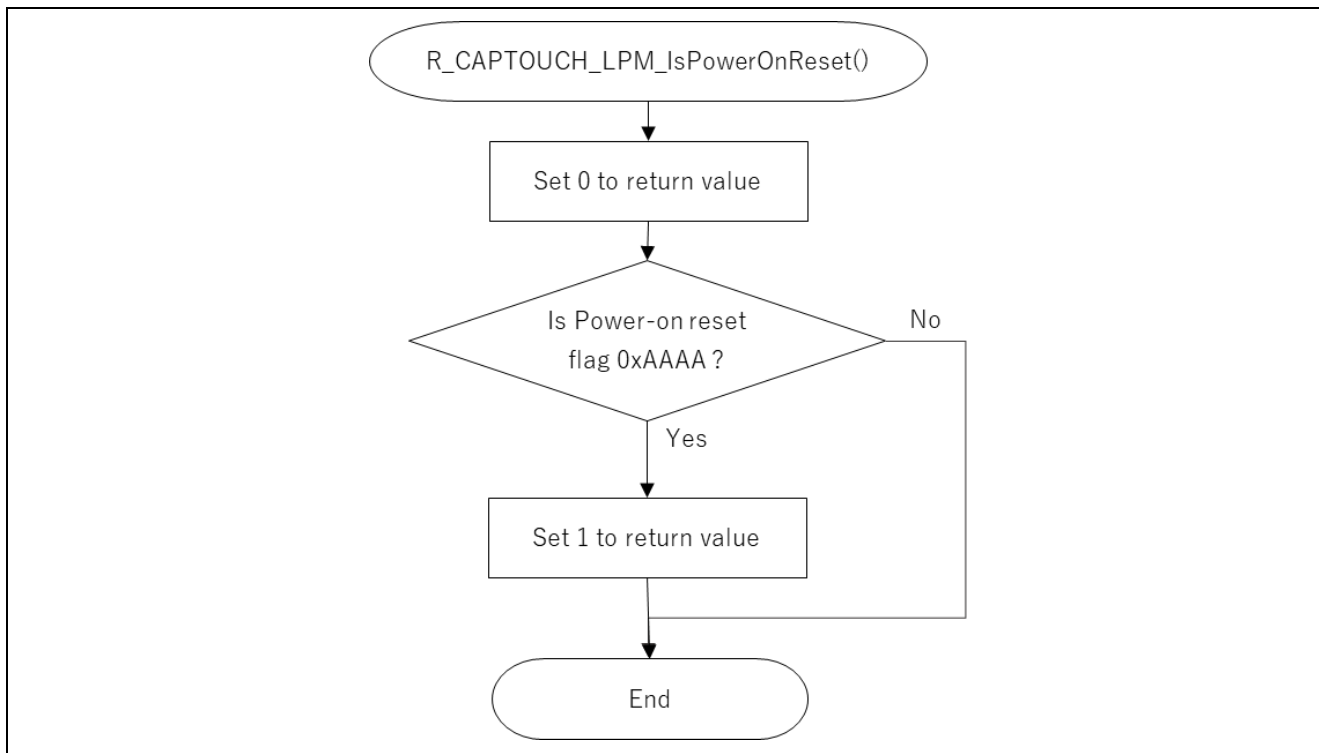


Figure 4-11 R_CAPTOUCH_LPM_IsPowerOnReset ()

5. Current consumption

The system configuration in the following red box shows a model of the electrostatic capacitive touch low power consumption operation described in this application note.

The system is in low power mode and only the capacitive touch button (power button) is being measured in 100ms cycles.

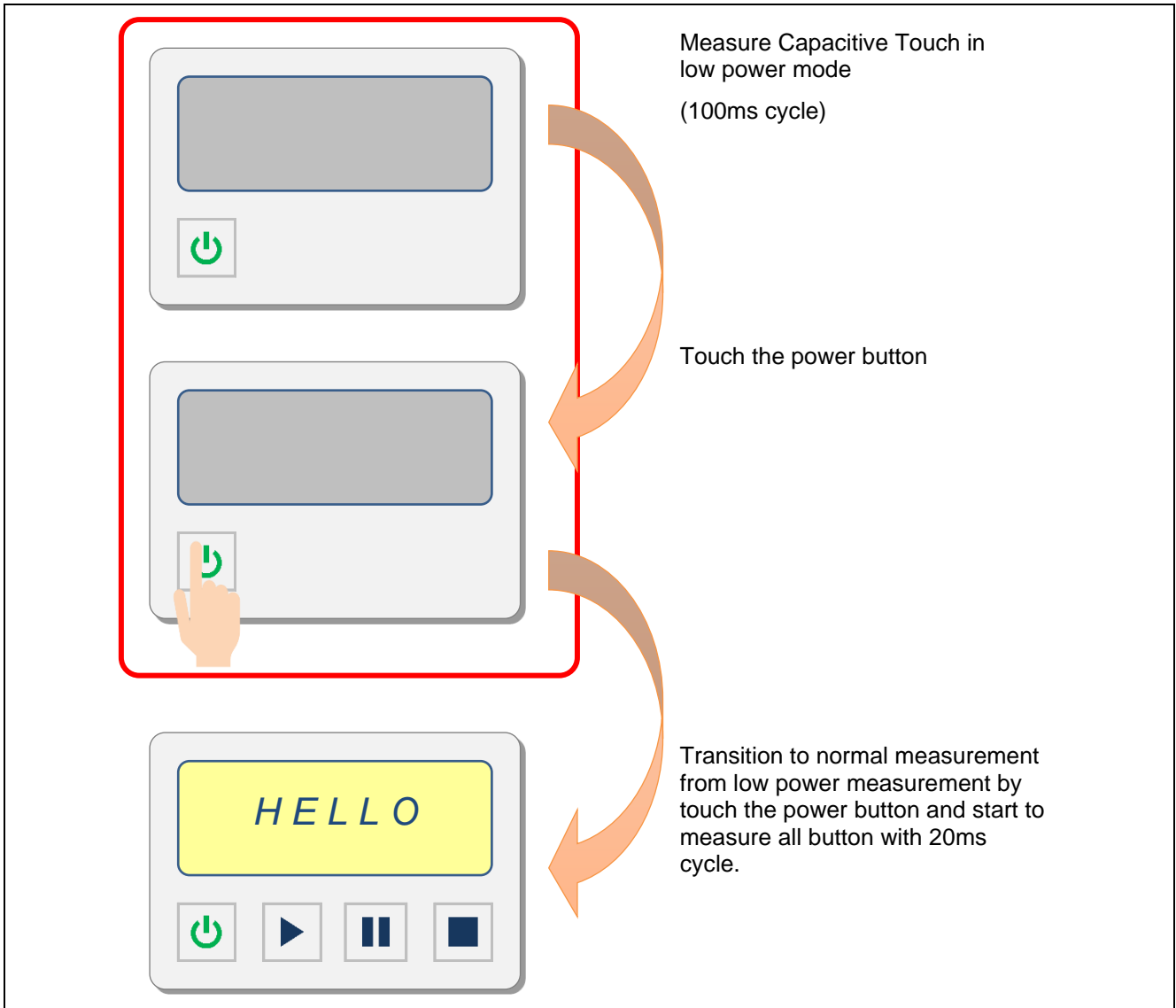


Figure 5-1 Model of the electrostatic capacitive touch low power consumption operation

5.1 Operation Conditions

Table 5.1 shows operation condition.

Table 5.1 Operation Conditions

Item	Description
Operating frequency	20MHz High-speed on-chip oscillator (HOCO) 32kHz Low-speed on-chip oscillator (LOCO)
System clock (ICLK)	20MHz
Peripheral module clock A (PCLKA)	20MHz
Peripheral module clock B (PCLKB)	20MHz
Peripheral module clock C (PCLKC)	20MHz
Peripheral module clock D (PCLKD)	20MHz
Capacitive Touch measurement cycle	100ms
Sensor drive pulse frequency	2MHz
Touch Sensor	TS09
CTSU Measurement Mode	Self-capacitance multi-scan mode
CTSU Power Supply Capacity Adjustment	Normal output
CTSU High-Pass Noise Reduction Function	Turned on
CTSU Spectrum Diffusion Frequency Division	2MHz (0001b)
CTSU Measurement Count	3

5.2 Measurement Environment

Table 5-2 shows equipment and software used in current consumption measurement.

Table 5-2 Equipment and software

Type	Name	Use
Digital multi meter	Keithley DMM7510	Measure current consumption
Power supply	KENWOOD PA18-1.2A	Supply power to RA6M2 Cap Touch CPU board
Software	Keithley KickStart Software	Get result of current consumption measurement from Keithley DMM7510 and output the result to log-file.

5.3 RA6M2 Cap Touch CPU board jumper settings

Table 5-3 shows jumper settings of RA6M2 Cap Touch CPU board to measure current consumption.

Table 5-3 Jumper settings

Position	Circuit group	Jumper	Use
JP1	Power	Open	Measure current consumption
JP2	Power	Close 1-2 pin	Power supply from DC jack

5.4 RA6M2 Cap Touch CPU board

The front of RA6M2 Cap Touch CPU board are as follows.

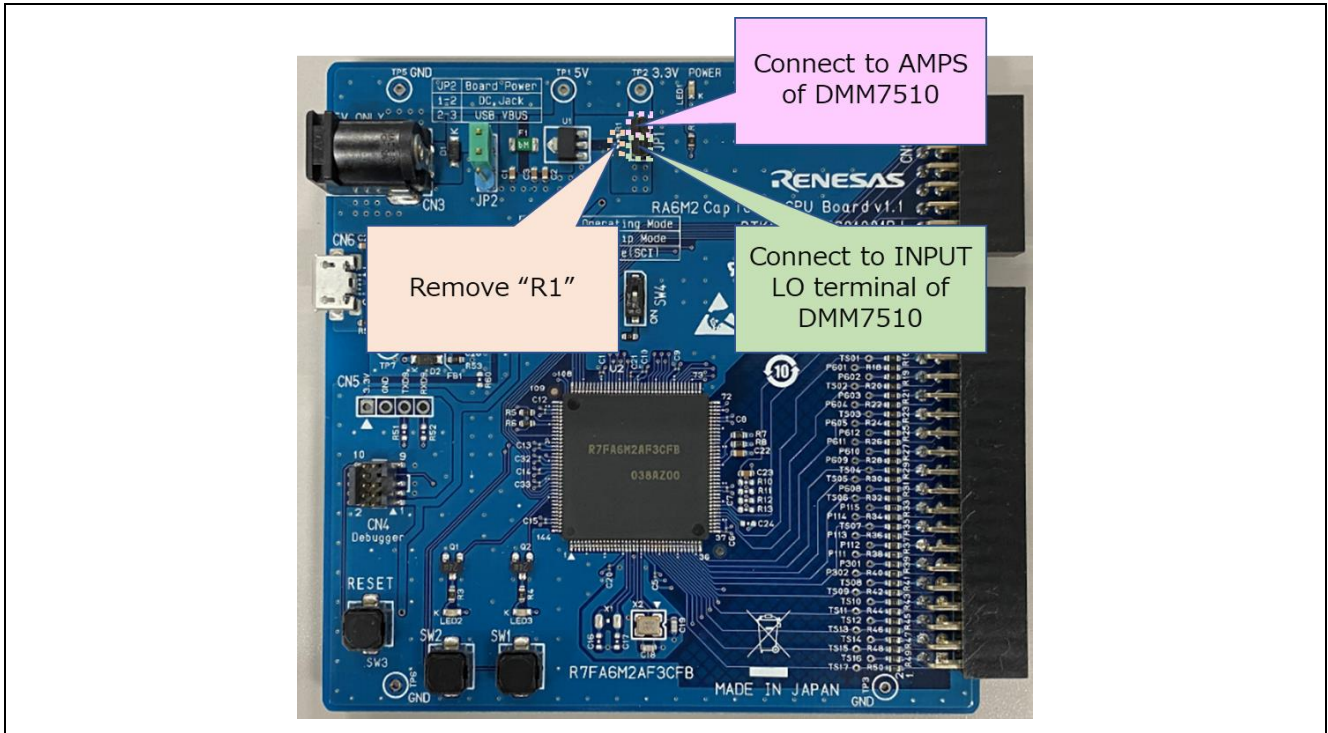


Figure 5-2 RA6M2 Cap Touch CPU board - Front part

5.5 Environment to measure current consumption

Figure 5-3 shows environment to measure current consumption.

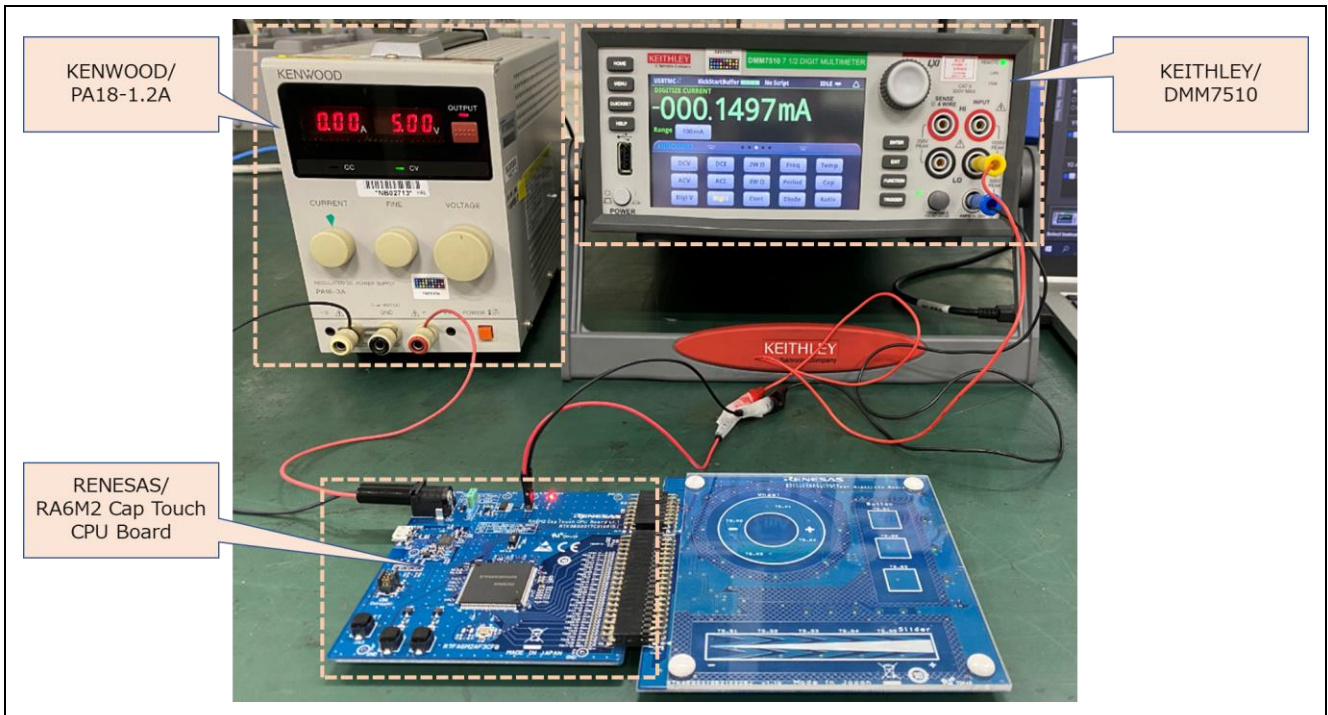


Figure 5-3 Environment to measure current consumption

5.6 Setting to measure current consumption

Table 5- shows settings of Keithley KickStart to measure current consumption.

Measurement Settings		Trigger	
Function	Digitize Current	Trigger Mode	Immediate
Range	100mA	Acquisition	
Aperture (s)	0.000001	Sample Rate	100000
Auto Aperture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sample Count	100000
Display Digits	6.5	Start at HH:MM	2022/05/16 11:49:29 <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rel		Timestamp Format	Relative

Table 5-4 Settings of Keithley KickStart to measure current consumption

5.7 Current Consumption Results

Figure 5-5 to Figure 5-6 show the current consumption waveforms for a series of operations in which the CPU operation mode transitions to Deep Standby mode, Normal mode(MCU wake up, Touch measurement start process), Snooze mode (touch measurement processing) and Normal mode (Touch measurement end processing and Touch On/Off judgment processing).

Figure 5-5 and Figure 5-6 show the touch measurement at TS pin 1 channel.

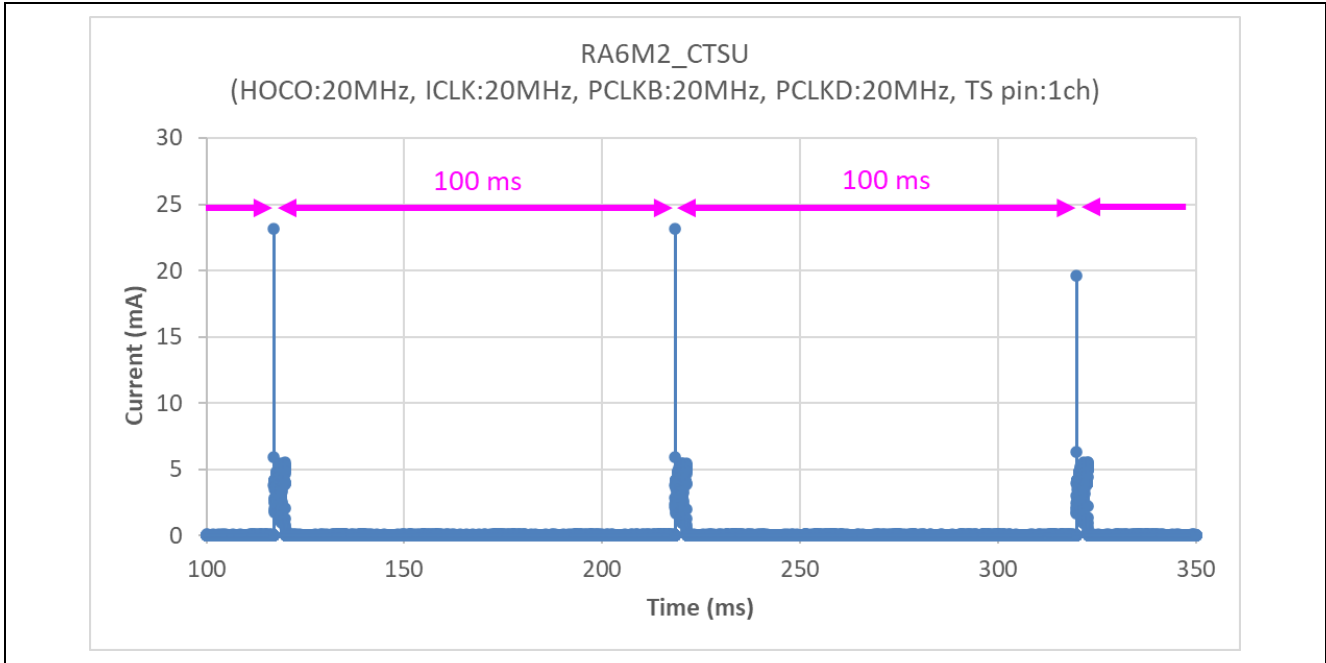


Figure 5-5 Current consumption waveform (1/2)

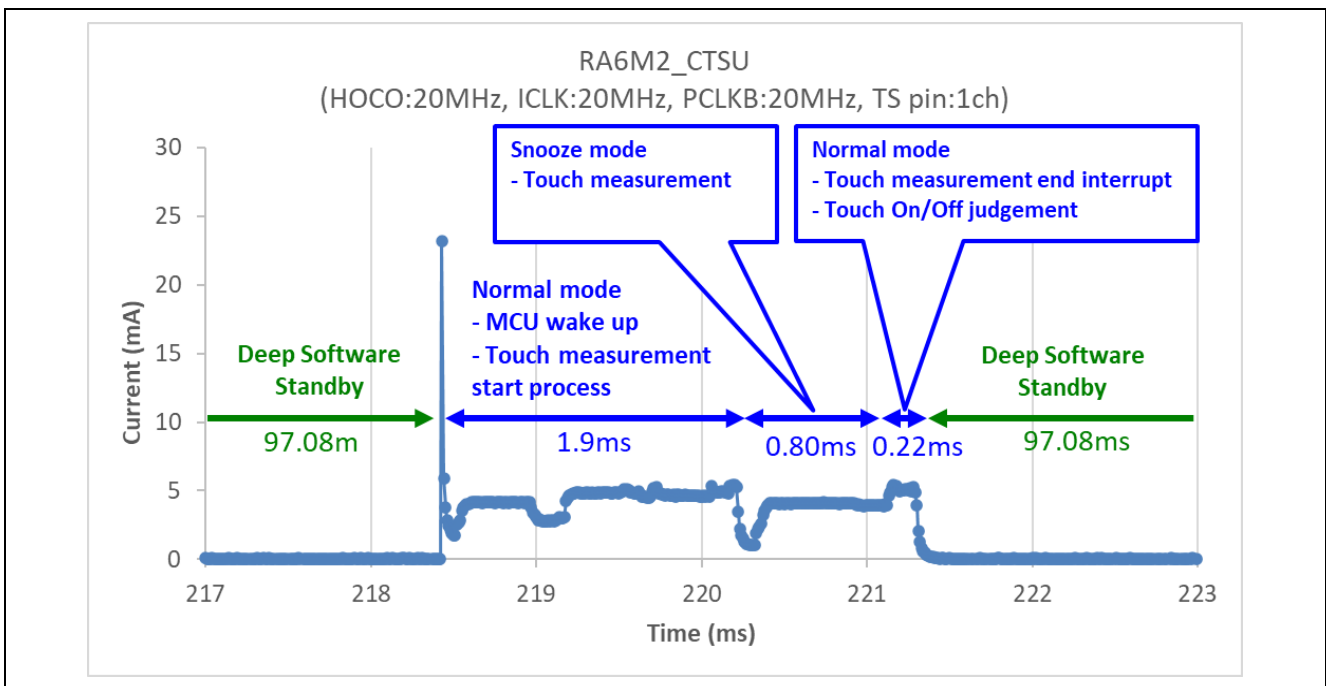


Figure 5-6 Current consumption waveform (2/2)

5.8 Current Consumption Calculation Results

The average current consumption of TS pin 1 channel measured with a touch measurement cycle of 100ms is shown below (Figure 5-7).

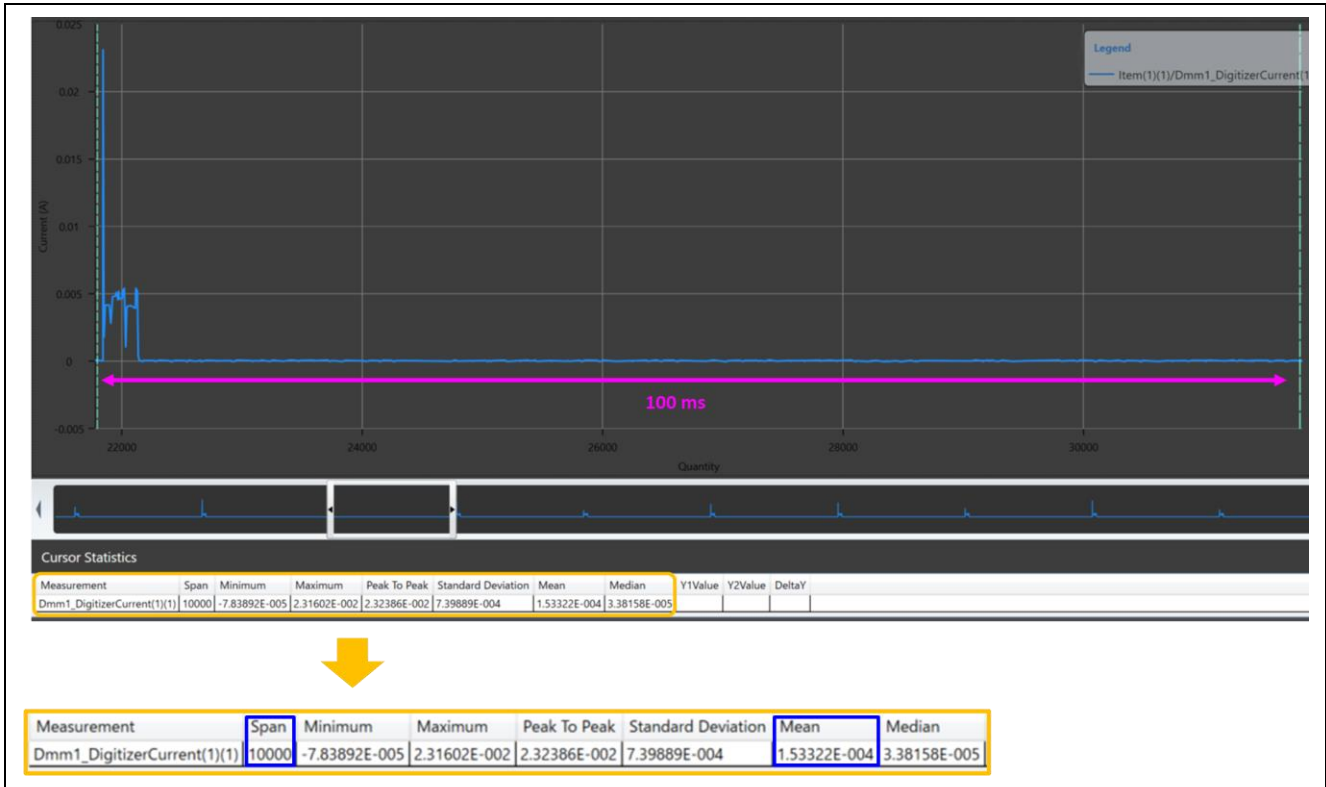


Figure 5-7 Timing of actual program

Current consumption (touch measurement cycle of 100ms) = 153.322 μ A

6. References

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