

#### **USER'S GUIDE**

#### **Apollo3 Blue Plus Voice-on-SPOT Kit**

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#### Introduction

This document describes example builds in the Voice-on-SPOT® (VoS®) ultra-low power framework project that demonstrate Sound Pre-Processing (SPP), Key Word Detection (KWD) Engines and other features on the Ambiq Apollo3 Blue Plus SoC. These examples support the following configurations and features:

- Inclusion or exclusion of audio and other functional features to create baseline and diagnostic builds.
- One or two PDM-driven digital microphones connected to Apollo SoC's stereo PDM interface.
- Capture of an audio buffer output over Bluetooth Low Energy (AMA protocol) to Amazon Alexa app for using Alexa Voice Service (AVS).
- Capture of an audio buffer output over Bluetooth Low Energy (ATV Voice Service protocol) to Android TV or set-top box for using Google Assistant.
- Transfer of an audio buffer between Apollo family EVBs and over SEGGAR RTT interface to a PC for the generation of a WAV file.
- Ambiq's patented SPOT® technology provides up to 10x lower active power consumption than standard Cortex-M4 core.

#### **Access and Licensing**

See Section 6 Project Configuration to Select Target Board on page 17 for descriptions of audio processing modules.

#### 2.1 Production IP Licensing

DSP Concepts, Sensory, and Ambiq have agreed to a third party software ecosystem licensing model to share IP.

#### 2.2 **Support Contact Information**

Table 2-1: Support Contact Information

Company	Email
Ambiq	support@amiq.com
Sensory	techsupport@sensoryinc.com

#### **IDE Support**

Voice-on-SPOT SDK is developed based on AmbiqSuite SDK v3.1.1.

- IAR Embedded Workbench IDE
  - Developed and tested using IAR IDE version Arm 9.40.2
- Keil uVision IDE
  - uVision v5.27.1.0



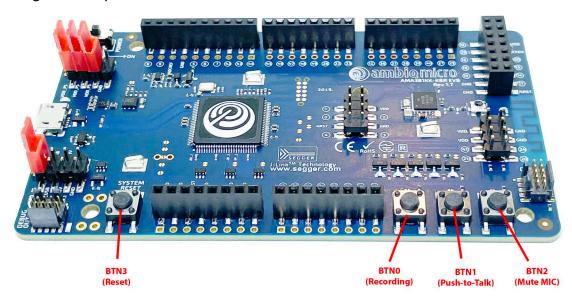
#### **Supported Hardware**

This section describes the supported hardware for Apollo3 Blue Plus VoS.

#### 4.1 Apollo3 Blue Plus EVB

- Apollo3 Blue Plus SoC
- Contains sockets for the Shield board

Figure 4-1: Apollo3 Blue Plus EVB

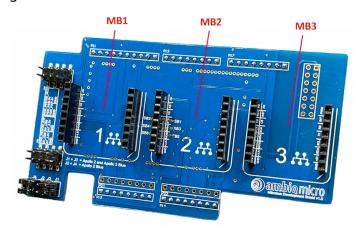


#### 4.2 MikroBUS Shield Board (AM\_MBS\_R20)

MikroBUS Shield Board (3 slots - MB1/MB2/MB3)

**NOTE:** Make sure J1 and J3 jumper on the shield board is shorted to support Apollo3 Blue Plus EVB.

Figure 4-2: MikroBUS Shield Board with 3 Slots



#### 4.3 Memsensing MIC MikroBUS Board (AM-STD-CL)

- Memsensing MSM261D4030H1CPM digital MICS with selectable 1-mic or 2mic configuration
- If 2 mics, 1cm or 2cm spacing depending on SBx (solder bridge) configuration
- Default is 2 top-mounted mics with 2cm spacing
- Configuration definition:

USE\_DMIC\_MB3

Figure 4-3: Top-Mount Microphone MikroBUS Board





#### **4.4** TDK MIC MikroBUS Board (TDK T5838)

- TDKT5838 digital MICs with selectable 1-mic or 2-mic configuration
- If 2 mics, 0.5cm, 1cm or 2cm spacing depending on SBx (solder bridge) configuration
- Default is 2 bottom-mounted MICs (C1, C5) with 2cm spacing
- Configuration definition: USE\_DMIC\_MB3 or USE\_DMIC\_MB3\_T5838

Figure 4-4: Top-Mount Microphone MikroBUS Board





section 5

#### **Project Directory Structure**

Table 5-1: Project Directory Structure

Project	Directory
VoS Code – Common	ambiq_vos\am_vos
VoS Code – BLE Common	ambiq_vos\am_vos_ble
VoS Code – MCU Dependent	ambiq_vos\am_vos_mcu
VoS Code - Sound Pre-processing Algorithms	ambiq_vos\am_vos_spp
VoS Code - Codec	ambiq_vos\codec
VoS Code – BLE Protocols	ambiq_vos\protocol
VoS Project	boards\apollo3p_evb\examples
Third-Party Add-ons (DSPC, Sensory)	third_party\

# **Project Configuration to Select Target Board**

#### **6.1** Top-Level Feature of the VoS SDK

The VoS SDK include the following top-level features:

Table 6-1: Top-Level Feature of the VoS SDK

IP	IP Provider	Description
AB	Ambiq	Universal Audio Buffer (Raw, Encoded Audio data buffer)
THF	Sensory	Truly Hands Free Keyword Detection function - "Alexa" THF models are 64K v3c models
OPUS	IETF/Xiph Org	Audio codec that incorporates technology from Skype SILK codec and Xiph.Org's CELT.
mSBC	BlueZ	Modified Sub Band Coding Audio Encoder (Open Source)
ADPCM	SpanDSP	Adaptive differential pulse-code modulation encoder (Open Source)

The SDK consists of 2 base example projects:

- vos\_ble\_thf contains Sensory Truly Hands Free features.
- vos\_ble\_lite contains no keyword detection engine. This version supports manual trigger (e.g., "push to talk") and Bluetooth Low Energy transfer with AMA/ATVV protocol.

Base VoS SDK package (**AmbiqVoS\_R3.x.x.zip**) can build only one example - **vos\_ble\_lite**.

To build TalkTo, THF examples, it needs additional files and libraries. They are going to be provided as separate packages.

Sensory THF: AmbiqVoS\_R3.x.x\_Sensory\_THF.zip

The subsections that follow describe the settings in the configuration file and the selection of specific files for building each of the 4 base projects, or variations of those projects. Target MIC board and feature selections are selected/enabled by #define's in am\_vos\_sys\_config.h. These selections are followed by the target selection in the boards\apollo3p\_evb\examples\vos\_ble\_xxx\src folder of the VoS project.

### 6.2 Audio Signal Chain and Key Word Detection Library Selection in the Configuration File

Selected by project target.

Figure 6-1: Audio Chain and Detection Engine Selection

#### 6.3 Feature Selection in the Configuration File

Table 6-2: Feature Selection in the Configuration File

Field in Configuration File	1	0
configUSE_RTT_RECORDER	RTT audio recorder enabled (SWO)	Disabled
configUSE_STDIO_PRINTF	Debug print log enabled (UART / RTT / SWO)	No debug log printing.
configUSE_AMBIQ_VAD	Enable Ambiq VAD (Voice Activity Detection)	Disabled
configUSE_BLE	Enable audio data transfer via Bluetooth Low Energy.	Disabled
configUSE_AUDIO_CODEC	During audio streaming, enable OPUS / ADPCM encoding.	Disabled
configUSE_PAIRING_MODE_BTN	Enable removing pairing information button switch	Disabled
configUSE_PUTH_TO_TALK	Enable push to talk using on-board button switch.	Disabled
configUSE_MUTE_MIC	Enable mute MIC using button switch.	Disabled

Table 6-2: Feature Selection in the Configuration File (Continued)

Field in Configuration File	1	0
configUSE_PREROLL	Buffer pre-roll feature for key word verification.	No pre-roll
configUSE_AMVOS_AMA	Use AMA protocol to support Alexa app.	Common GATT profile support Read/Write notification.
configUSE_AMVOS_ATVV	Use ATVV protocol to support Android TV connecting as a remote controller.	Common GATT profile support Read/Write notification.

# 6.4 Bluetooth Low Energy Protocol and Codec Selection in the Configuration File

- 1 : Should be 1 when use it with specific service/protocol
- 0 : Should be 0 (not supported)
- : This could be selected as the user's design requires

Table 6-3: Bluetooth Low Energy Service/Protocol Selection in Configuration File

Field in Configuration File	AMA (Alexa)	ATVV (Google)	Common GATT
configUSE_BLE	1	1	1
configUSE_AUDIO_CODEC	1	1	1
configUSE_AMVOS_AMA	1	0	0
configUSE_AMVOS_ATVV	0	1	0
configUSE_AMVOS_HID	0	1	0
configUSE_PREROLL	1	0	0
configUSE_OPTIM_OPUS	•	0	•
configUSE_ADPCM	0	1	•

## 6.5 Audio Feature Configuration in the am\_vos\_audio.h File

Table 6-4: Feature Configuration in the am\_vos\_audio.h File

Field in Configuration	Description
AUDIO_KWD_TIMEOUT_S	Timeout of streaming in seconds after wake word detected. Default is 8 seconds.
AUDIO_PREROLL_TIME_MS	If audio buffer transfer is enabled for UART or Bluetooth Low Energy, this defines ms of pre-roll data before key word (wake word) is detected from pre-buffer to transfer. Current value is 500 ms.

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# Building the SDK to Create a Custom Binary for Standalone Mode

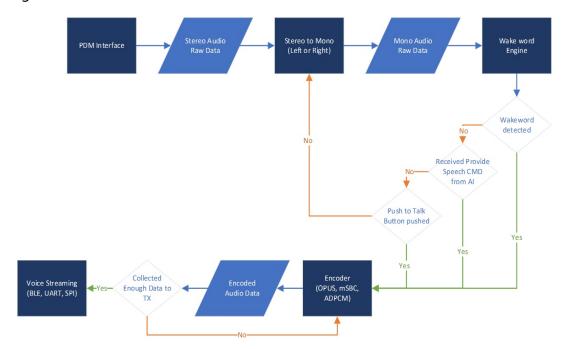
Use the following procedure to build the SDK to create a custom binary for standalone mode:

- 1. In IAR, build the project, complete the following:
  - a. Select **Project**, then select **Clean**.
  - b. Select **Project**, then select **Rebuild All**.
- 2. Confirm the board is connected by USB, and powered.
- 3. In IAR, download the bin file by selecting **Project**, then select **Download**, and then select **Download active application**.
- 4. Cycle power on EVB after Flashing MCU to initiate operation.

#### **VoS SDK Tuning Guide**

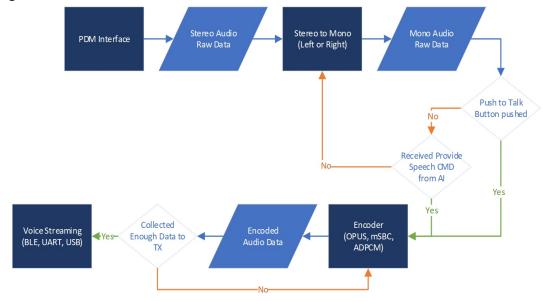
#### 8.1 VoS/THF Flow Chart

Figure 8-1: VoS/THF Flow Chart



#### 8.2 VoS Lite Flow Chart

Figure 8-2: VoS Lite Flow Chart



#### 8.3 Voice Activity Detection (VAD)

VAD is designed for reducing CPU runtime for wake word detection engine and save power consumption.

#### 8.3.1 Ambiq VAD

The Ambiq VAD algorithms, as part of the Voice-on-SPOT software suite, provides two low-complexity, low-power algorithms that provide reasonable separation of voiced speech from background noise for always-on listening.

The audio frame, typically 16-160 samples at 16 kHz sampling rate, is passed to the VAD algorithm, which provides a binary classification of speech/no-speech. These VAD algorithms can operate sample-by-sample as well.

#### 8.4 PDM Interface

- am\_pdm0\_isr() function is called each time the PDM interrupt is triggered.
- Puts stereo data in a ring buffer and sends notification to the audio processing task.

Figure 8-3: am\_pdm0\_isr() in am\_vos\_isr.c File

```
// Test code for PDM wakeup time measurement
//am_hal_gpio_state_write(LED_SYSTEM, AM_HAL_GPIO_OUTPUT_TOGGLE);
//
// Once our DMA transaction completes, we will disable the PDM and send a
// flag back down to the main routine. Disabling the PDM is only necessary
// because this example only implemented a single buffer for storing FFT
// data. More complex programs could use a system of multiple buffers to
// allow the CPU to run the FFT in one buffer while the DMA pulls PCM data
// into another buffer.
//
if (ui32Status & AM_HAL_PDM_INT_DCMP)
{
    // trigger next traction
    PDMn(0)->DMATOTCOUNT = AM_SPP_FRAME_SAMPLES * SAMPLE_32BIT; // FIFO unit in bytes
    am_audio_buffer_push(AM_AUDIO_BUFFER_STEREO, g_ui32PDMDataBuffer, PCM_FRAME_SIZE * SAMPLE_32BIT);
##if confidISE_OWAP_DOUBLE_TAP
```

#### 8.5 Stereo to Mono (without SPP)

 The am\_vos\_stereo\_to\_mono\_proc() function converts stereo data to mono audio data.

Figure 8-4: am\_vos\_stereo\_to\_mono\_proc() in am\_vos\_audio.c File

 Other audio pre-processing functions can be added here (e.g., Beam Former, Noise Reduction)

#### 8.6 Key Word (Command Phrase) Engine

- VoS supports several third-party keyword and command phrase detection engine.
  - Sensory THF (with VoiceHub): keyword and command phrase
- When mono audio buffer reaches the specific size, call am\_vos\_engine\_process() function to checking trigger of key word (command phrase).
- am\_vos\_engine\_process() function is implemented for each key word engine's usage. Sensory THF engine example is as below.

Figure 8-5: Keyword Detection Check in am\_vos\_engine\_process()

 If THF engine detects the key word, the SensoryFindStartpoint() and SensoryFindEndpoint() functions are called to calculating the start/end index of the key word.

#### 8.7 Audio Codec Encoder (OPUS or ADPCM)

 After the key word is detected (or **Push to Talk/Provided Speech** command is received), the codec task checks the status of the ring buffer, and then runs the OPUS or ADPCM codec.

Figure 8-6: Ring Buffer Status Check and Encode Audio Data in am\_vos\_codec\_task()

```
AM_CRITICAL_BEGIN_VOS;
ui32StreamLen = am_app_utils_get_ring_buffer_status(&(g_sAmUtil.sRingBuf[AM_AUDIO_BUFFER_MON

AM_CRITICAL_END_VOS;
while(ui32StreamLen)
{
    //    // Attempt to clear mono buffer
    //
    if(ui32StreamLen > codecInBufRemaining)
}
```

#### 8.8 Bluetooth Low Energy TX

 Encoded audio data is collected and sent to the Alexa app or Android TV through Bluetooth Low Energy when it is at least the designated size.

Figure 8-7: Encoded Audio Data Size Check in am\_vos\_codec\_task()

 User can disable AMA protocol by defining the below configUSE\_AM-VOS\_AMA/configUSE\_AMVOS\_ATVVto 0, then the VoS application is working as common GATT profile, and can read/write data using a Bluetooth Low Energy test app (e.g., LightBlue<sup>TM</sup>).

Figure 8-8: Define Example for AMA Protocol Enabled

```
#if configUSE_BLE
#define configUSE_AMVOS_AMA
#define configUSE_AMVOS_ATW
#define configUSE_BLE_WATCHDOG
#define configUSE_BLE_WATCHDOG
#define configUSE_BLE_SECURE_CONNECTION
#define configUSE_BLE_BURST_MODE
#define configUSE_BLE_
```

#### **Operation with the Alexa App**

#### 9.1 EVB LED Indication

Table 9-1: LED Indications of System Status

Operation	LED	Description
Boot up	All LEDs	LEDs swirl twice
Advertising (not connected to App) or Bluetooth Low Energy disabled	LED D5	Blinks twice every second.
Connected with App	LED D5	Blinks once every second.
Keyword detected	All LEDs	Swirls one time
CMD phrase detected	LED pattern indicates each command.	e.g., D5 "Louder", D6 "Pause Music"
RTT recording started	LED D5	Blinks every 300 ms.

#### 9.2 Building VoS Firmware Binary for AMA Protocol

Use the following procedure to build VoS firmware binary for AMA protocol:

- 1. Configure defines for Alexa app support. (refer Table 6-3 on page 19)
  - a. configUSE\_BLE, configUSE\_AUDIO\_CODEC, configUSE\_AM-VOS\_AMA, configUSE\_PREROLL to 1.
  - b. Codec selection: OPUS (**configUSE\_OPTIM\_OPUS**). OPUS codec has better audio quality that is recommended by Amazon.
- 2. Build and download image to EVB, then reset the board.

#### 9.3 iOS App Installation

Download the Alexa app from the Apple App Store by searching for **Alexa**: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/amazon-alexa/id944011620?mt=8

**NOTE:** This will require a US or supported country's Apple Store account.

#### 9.4 Android App Installation

Use the following procedure to install the Alexa app from Google Play:

 Download the Alexa app from Google Play Store by searching for Alexa: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.amazon.dee.app&hl=en

**NOTE:** This will require a US or supported country's Google Play Store account.

2. Connect KWD device with mobile phone app.

#### 9.5 Connecting VoS EVB Device with Mobile Phone App

Use the following procedure to connect a VoS EVB device with mobile phone app:

- 1. With the device programmed and powered up, open the **Amazon Alexa App**.
- 2. Tap **Device** icon on bottom of screen and complete the following:
  - a. Tap + icon on top right of screen.
  - b. Select **Add Device**, and then select **Choose Headphones**.
- 3. Connect to VoS-xx-AMA-xxxx.

#### **NOTES:**

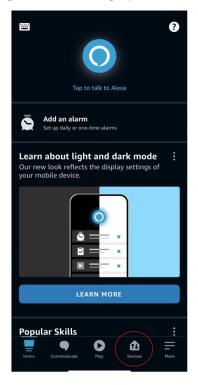
- The last four digits are the last four characters of the MAC address of the device.
- With the board Bluetooth Low Energy connection complete, the screen will change to display Setup Complete confirming connection to AVS.
- If you did not login to Alexa service, you need to login at this time.
- Alexa may not always work in China, so you may need to enable VPN to use this service if you have any network issues.

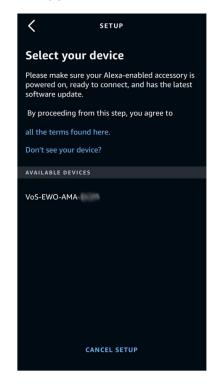
4. Say "Alexa, what's the weather?"

#### **NOTES:**

- The screen will display the activity of the app that transfers data to the AVS. The app will then respond with the weather forecast. You can ask Alexa for any information, and the full host of queries offered by AVS.
- If using Lite version, use the **Push to Talk** option (default is BTN1 on EVB) to trigger Alexa Al.

Figure 9-1: Setting up Device in Alexa App







#### **Operation with Google ATVV**

#### 10.1 Building VoS Firmware Binary for ATVV Protocol

Use the following procedure to build VoS firmware binary for ATVV (Android TV Voice Service) protocol:

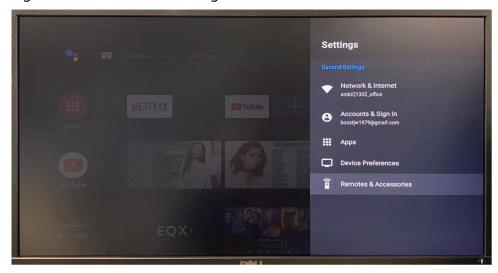
- 1. Configure the following defines for ATVV support to **1** (refer to Table 6-2 on page 18):
  - configUSE\_BLE
  - configUSE\_AMVOS\_ATVV
  - configUSE\_AUDIO\_CODEC
  - configUSE WW Google
  - configUSE\_AMVOS\_HID
  - configUSE\_ADPCM
- 2. Build and download the image to the EVB, then reset the board.

#### 10.2 Connect VoS EVB Device with Android TV (or Set Top Box)

Use the following procedure to connect VoS EVB device with Android TV:

- 1. With the device programmed and powered up, turn on the Android TV.
- 2. Go to **Settings**, then select **Remotes & Accessories**.

Figure 10-1: Android TV Settings Menu

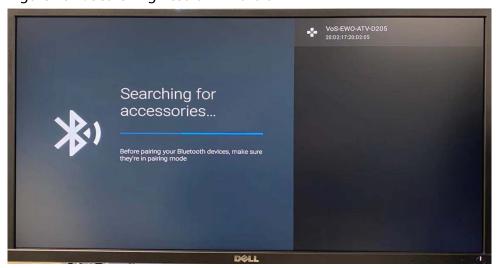


3. Select Add accessories, then select Connect to VoS-Exx-ATV-xxxx.

#### **NOTES:**

- The last four digits are the last four characters of the MAC address of the device.
- With the board Bluetooth Low Energy connection complete, the VoS EVB should now be available in the Remotes & Accessories list.
- The VoS EVB should now connected to Google Assistant.

Figure 10-2: Searching Result in Android TV



#### 4. Say "OK Google, what's the weather?"

**NOTE:** The screen will display the activity of the app that transfers voice command to GVA. The TV will respond with the weather forecast. Ask Google Assistant for any information, and the full host of queries offered by GVA.

Figure 10-3: Google Voice Assistant Response Screen





# AMVoS Profile with Common Bluetooth Low Energy Test App

#### 11.1 Build VoS Firmware

Define configUSE\_AMVOS\_AMA and configUSE\_AMVOS\_ATVV to 0.

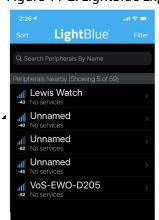
Figure 11-1: Building VoS without AMA/ATVV Protocol

```
#if configUSE_BLE
#define configUSE_AMVOS_AMA
#define configUSE_BLE_WATCHDOG
#define configUSE_BLE_WATCHDOG
#define configUSE_BLE_SECURE_CONNECTION
#define configUSE_BLE_BURST_MODE
#define all 0, then common GATT configuration
#define accessory protocol
#define all 0, then common GATT configuration
#define accessory protocol
#define configUSE_BLE_WATCHDOG
#define configUSE_BLE_W
```

## 11.2 Download and Run General Bluetooth Low Energy Test App

- Recommended app is LightBlue<sup>TM</sup>
- Run LightBlue<sup>™</sup> and connect **VoS-E\*\*-xxxx** device.

Figure 11-2: LightBlue Explorer

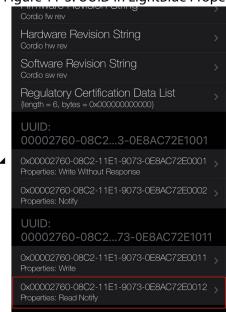


#### 11.3 Streaming Audio Data Through Bluetooth Low Energy

Use the following procedure to stream audio data through Bluetooth Low Energy:

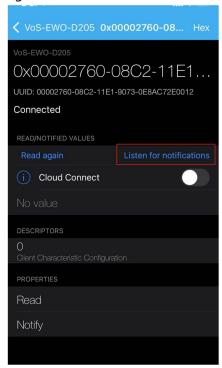
1. Select the UUID ending with **2E0012** and has **Read Notify** properties.





2. Click Listen for notifications.

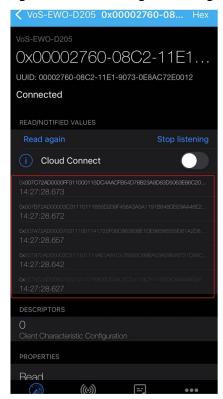
Figure 11-4: Listen for Notifications in LightBlue



3. Send an audio data using a key word trigger (e.g., saying "Alexa, ...") or use the BTN1 (push to talk) option. Then you can see streaming data.

**NOTE:** You should now see streaming data.

Figure 11-5: Streaming Data in LightBlue



**NOTE:** To get and verify this dumped data, use **Log** function of this app.

section 12

#### **Sensory VoiceHub**

Sensory VoiceHub is a customized wake word and voice command solution. VoiceHub can generate a Sensory THF detection model file, and can be used at the VoS SDK.

#### 12.1 Wake Word + Voice Command

- Voice command is followed by specific keyword.
- For example: "Hey, Ambiq. Kitchen lights on"

#### 12.2 Wake Word Only

- Only wake word is detected, command or user utterance is transferred to Al assistant cloud (e.g., Alexa, Google voice assistant).
- For example: "Alexa, What's the weather?"

#### 12.3 Voice Command Only

- Voice command detected by Sensory engine (without wake word).
- For example: "Kitchen lights on", "All lights on"

#### 12.4 VoiceHub Voice Detection Model in VoS

```
NOTE: To use VoiceHub generate models, open: vos_ble_thf, vos_ble_talkto_thf
```

Use the following configure the VoiceHub voice detection model in VoS:

- 1. Use the following procedure to define the configuration:
  - a. Enable the following:
    - configUSE\_THF\_WW (wake word)
    - configUSE\_THF\_CMD (voice command)
  - b. Choose target wake word / command phrase or add generated model.

**NOTE:** Figure 12-1 shows an example using "Hey, Ambiq" wake word and light control command phrase.

Figure 12-1: Sensory Module Configuration

```
*************************
/ Sensory module configuration
f configUSE_Sensory_THF
#define configUSE_THF_WW
#define configUSE_THF_CMD
  #define configUSE_THF_LPSD
if configUSE_THF_WW
  #define configUSE_WW_Alexa
#define configUSE_WW_Google
                                               // "Alexa"
                                               // "Hey, Google"
  #define configUSE_WW_Ambiq
                                                // "Hey, Ambiq", "OK, Sensory"
  configUSE_THF_CMD
   #define configUSE CMD VoiceHubDemo 1
                                               // Light control demo.
  #define configUSE_CMD_LightDemoCN 0
                                               // Light control demo at Chinese
  #define configUSE_THF_Static_Alloc 1
                                               // If CMD phrase is enabled, Static mem allocation i
 dif // configUSE_THF_CMD
 ndif // configUSE_Sensory_THF
```

- 2. Use the following procedure to add vocabulary model files:
  - a. Place generated voice command vocabulary model files in the **third\_party\Sensory\models** folder.
  - b. Include model files in **am\_vos\_thf.c** file as shown in Figure 12-2 on page 37.

Figure 12-2: Include Voice Detection Model Files at am vos thf.c File

```
#if configUSE_WM_Alexa
#include "thfft_alexa_enus_v3c_dsp_64kb_pc40\thfft_alexa_enus_v3c_dsp_64kb_search_2_pc40.c"
#include "thfft_alexa_enus_v3c_dsp_64kb_pc40\thfft_alexa_enus_v3c_dsp_64kb_am_pc40.c"
#endif

#if configUSE_WM_Google
#include "sensory-thf-enUS-heygoogle-c5d48d402-pc60\sensory-thf-enUS-heygoogle-c5d48d402-pc60-6.0.0-
#include "sensory-thf-enUS-heygoogle-c5d48d402-pc60\sensory-thf-enUS-heygoogle-c5d48d402-pc60-6.0.0-
#include "sensory-thf-enUS-heygoogle-c5d48d402-pc60\sensory-thf-enUS-heygoogle-c5d48d402-pc60-6.0.0-
#include "sensory-thf-enUS-heygoogle-c5d48d402-pc60\sensory-thf-enUS-heygoogle-c5d48d402-pc60-6.0.0-
#include "sensory-thf-enUS-heygoogle-c5d48d402-pc60\sensory-thf-enUS-heygoogle-c5d48d402-pc60-6.0.0-
#include "tonfigUSE_WM_Google

#if configUSE_WM_Ambiq

// VoiceHub "VoiceMambia Set_Test_wakeword_pc60\trecs_Command_Set_Test_wakeword_pc60-6.3.1-op05-search
#include "trecs_Command_Set_Test_wakeword_pc60\trecs_Command_Set_Test_wakeword_pc60-6.3.1-op05-search
#include "trecs_Command_Set_Test_command_pc62\trecs_Command_Set_Test_command_pc62_6.1.0-op05-search.
#include "trecs_Command_Set_Test_command_pc62\trecs_Command_Set_Test_command_pc62_6.1.0-op05-search.
#include "trecs_Command_Set_Test_command_pc62\trecs_Command_Set_Test_command_pc62_6.1.0-op05-search.
#include "trecs_Command_Set_Test_command_pc62\trecs_Command_Set_Test_command_pc62_6.1.0-op05-net.c"
#endif // configUSE_CMD_VoiceHubDemo
#fendif // configUSE_CMD_VoiceHubDemo
```

**NOTE:** For distinguishing the wake word and command vocabulary, change Sensory model's variable name as below when add search and net files. (vocabulary file)

#### Wake Word:

gs\_grammarLabel -> gs\_ww\_grammarLabel dnn\_netLabel -> dnn\_ww\_netLabel g\_grammarLabel\_xxx -> WW\_grammarLabel\_xxx (xxx: wake word)

#### Command Phrase:

gs\_grammarLabel -> gs\_**cmd**\_grammarLabel dnn\_netLabel -> dnn\_**cmd**\_netLabel g\_grammarLabel\_yyy -> **CMD**\_grammarLabel\_yyy (yyy: command phrase).

Figure 12-3: Variable Name Modification of Wake Word Files

3. Build and run application at Apollo3 Blue Plus EVB with microphone shield board.

# **Building an OTA Image**

The OTA feature is supported in the IAR and Keil projects.

#### 13.1 Build OTA Firmware Image

**NOTE:** Apollo3 Blue Plus project's OTA feature is enabled by default.

Use the following procedure to build OTA firmware image:

- Use a Python script located at tools/apollo3\_amota/scripts/ to make two images:
  - Starter (OTA bootloader + binary image)
  - Update (binary image only)

**NOTE:** Before running the script, make sure that the path listed in the **tools/ apollo3\_amota/scripts/Makefile** for the bin file created above is correct. It should look like Figure 13-1.

Figure 13-1: OTA Image Generated by Makefile for Apollo3

- 2. Run **Make** in command prompt, then the two binary files will be generated:
  - starter\_binary\_apollo3\_blue.bin: OTA bootloader + 1st firmware image
  - update\_binary\_apollo3\_blue.bin: 2nd firmware image that will be used for OTA reprogramming

#### 13.2 Buildtools Installation

If the **make.exe** is not available to use **Makefile**, and the below error message (Figure 13-2) showed up, install **buildtools** for Windows using the following procedure:

- 1. Download **msys-1.0.7z** package from below link.
  - Box Cloud: https://app.box.com/s/96crrw2muzudqazae87bk1o0kjn4gu7v
  - Baidu Cloud (for China):
     https://pan.baidu.com/s/1cSRxlzvCayd1pPRgXcpLrg (pwd: tyew)
- 2. Extract and add bin folder (e.g. C:\**DevUtils\msys\1.0\bin**) to the system path.

Figure 13-2: Error Message Due to Non-existing make.exe

```
C:\\work\Ambig\K\D\K\D\K\D_RTOS_Frame\ork_master\vos\scripts\vosota\apollo2>make
'make' is not recognized as an internal or external command,
operable program or batch file.
C:\\work\Ambig\K\D\K\D\K\D\K\D_RTOS_Frame\ork_master\vos\scripts\vosota\apollo2>
```

#### 13.3 Python Installation

Python 3.6 or later needs to be installed. The **pycryptodome** package is required to build Apollo3 OTA image.

Use the following procedure to install pycryptodome:

- Install with pip install pycryptodome command.
- If you have any pre-installed crypto related package, uninstall those first.

```
pip uninstall crypto
pip uninstall pycrypto
```

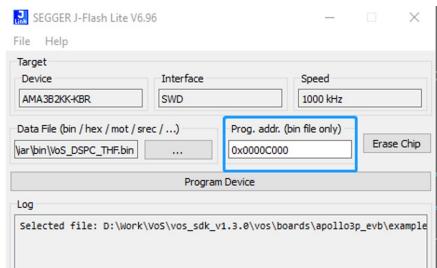
# **OTA Image Download**

#### 14.1 Download Firmware to the EVB

- If the EVB has not been updated with the OTA supported image, the SoC must be programmed with a binary image (.bin) file that contains both the application code, and the code that enables OTA reprogramming. The previous section showed that and, for this demo, that bin file is called **starter\_binary\_apollo3\_blue.bin**.
- Start OTA binary can be programmed using the Segger J-Flash Lite programming utility. It needs to assign **Prog. addr.** to 0x0000C000.

**NOTE:** After installing the latest J-Link S/W (v6.47d or later), this address is updated automatically if Apollo3 Blue Plus (AMA3B2KK) is selected.

Figure 14-1: J-Flash Lite Address Setting for Apollo3 Blue Plus



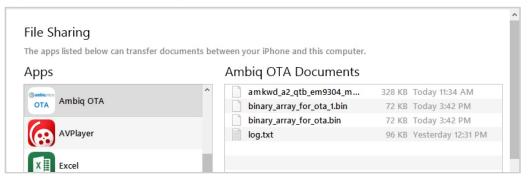
#### 14.2 Update the EVB Firmware Via OTA

The EVB must already have a pre-programmed OTA upgradable image as described above.

Use the following procedure to update the EVB firmware via OTA:

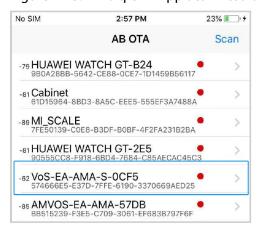
- 1. Install the Ambiq OTA app from the Apple store by searching "Ambiq": https://apps.apple.com/kr/app/ambiq-ota-update/id1506027473
- 2. Add KWD "update" image file (**update\_binary\_apollo3\_blue.bin**) to Ambiq OTA app's internal storage using iTunes (or iTools).
  - a. Connect the phone to the PC.
  - b. Open iTunes, then click the phone icon under the top menu.
  - c. Select **File Sharing**, then select **Ambiq OTA** app from the app list.
  - d. Drag and drop the **update\_binary\_apollo3\_blue.bin** file to the **Documents** box.

Figure 14-2: iTunes File Manager



- 3. Open **Ambig OTA** on the iPhone, and skip the short tutorial.
- 4. Wait for connections to show, and select the EVB (e.g., VoS-xx-AMA-xxxx).

Figure 14-3: Ambiq OTA App Scan Result



- 5. Select **Load bin file,** and choose the update image file (e.g., **update\_bina-ry\_apollo3\_blue.bin**).
- 6. Select **Send to device**. This starts firmware update via OTA.

**NOTE:** This starts firmware update via OTA.

7. Close the app after the update.

# 14.3 OTA App for Android

- Ambig OTA **apk** file is provided in the AmbigSuite SDK.
- File path: AmbiqSuite-KWD\tools\amota\**Application-debug.apk**



# **Audio Data Recording Using RTT or AMU2S**

The VoS SDK supports RTT (J-Link) and AMU2S (SPI to USB) audio recording. AMU2S is supported on Apollo3 Blue Plus EVB only.

#### 15.1 Build Image for Audio Data Recording

Use the following procedure to build image for audio data recording:

- 1. Complete one of the following:
  - For RTT recording, set configUSE\_RTT\_RECORDER to 1.

Figure 15-1: RTT Recorder Definition

For AMU2S recording, set configUSE\_AMU2S\_RECORDER to 1.

Figure 15-2: AMU2S Recorder Definition

```
#define configUSE_SYSVIEWER 0
#define configUSE_SYS_LOG 0
#define configUSE_RTT_RECORDER 0
#define configUSE_AMU2S_RECORDER 1
#define configUSE_STDIO_PRINTF 0
```

2. Select dump data type (e.g., RAW dtaa or SPP processed data).

Figure 15-3: Recorder Data Select

```
#if configUSE_RTT_RECORDER
#define configUSE_RECORD_RAW_PCM 1 // Select which data be recorded
#define configUSE_RECORD_FULL_FILTER
```

3. Set configUSE\_BLE and configUSE\_AUDIO\_CODEC to 0.

Figure 15-4: Disable Codec and Bluetooth Low Energy When Using RTT Recorder

```
#define configUSE_BLE 0
#define configUSE_AUDIO_CODEC 0
#define configUSE_LEDs 1
```

4. Build and download image to board.

#### 15.2 Install Software on PC

#### 15.2.1 Install J-Link v6.47x or Later

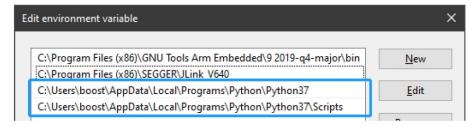
Use the following procedure to install J-Link v6.47x or later:

- 1. Install J-Link v6.47x or later: https://www.segger.com/downloads/jlink/#J-LinkSoftwareAndDocumentationPack
- 2. Add J-Link directory to the system path variable by completing the following:
  - a. Click **Start**, then type **env**.
  - b. Select **Edit system environment variable**, and then select **Environment Variable**.
  - c. Add path directory of J-Link to current path variable.

#### 15.2.2 Install Python 3.6 or Later

- Add the python directory path to the system path variable.
- Install necessary modules (e.g., docopt, soundfile, numpy, pandas) using the command shell: -> pip install docopt soundfile numpy pandas

Figure 15-5: System Path Environment Variable



#### 15.2.3 RTT and AMU2S PCM Recorder Script File Package

- vos audio recorder 200714.7z: Box Cloud
- vos\_audio\_recorder\_200714.7z: Baidu Cloud (for China) pw: 5brv

#### 15.3 Audio (Voice) Data Recording

Use the following procedure to record audio data:

- 1. Connect the board (VoS firmware programmed with above way) to PC. Or reset the board after being programmed.
- 2. Complete the appropriate recording option:
  - RTT recording: run vos\_rtt\_recorder.bat

Figure 15-6: Run RTT datalogger batch file

```
CONNECTED TO SOLUTION BLOCK ... OK. 3 up-channels found.

RIT Channel description:
Index: 1 Name: Datalogger
Size: 131072 bytes.

Output file: D:#Work#VoS#Test#pcm_data_recorder_201912#pcm_record_data_1.bin

Getting RIT data from target. Press any key to quit.

Transfer rate: 0 KByte/s Bytes written: 0 Byte
```

AMU2S recording: run vos\_amu2s\_recorder.bat

Figure 15-7: Run AMU2S audio recorder

- 3. Press **BTN0** on Apollo3 Blue Plus EVB to start recording.
- 4. Press any key to stop recording.

**NOTE:** This generated PCM format file named **pcm\_record\_data\_x.bin** (RTT) or **apollo\_spi\_log\_pcm** (AMU2S).

#### 15.4 Convert Raw Data to WAV File Format

Use the following procedure to convert raw data to wav file format:

- Run pcm\_to\_wav.py to convert it to WAV file format.
  - RTT: Command shell-> python bin\_to\_wav.py pcm -i pcm\_record\_data\_1.bin
  - AMU2S: Command shellpython bin\_to\_wav.py pcm -i apollo\_spi\_log\_pcm

**NOTE:** This generates 2 types of wav files (e.g., before and after normalization).

# **Debug Message Output**

#### 16.1 **UART**

Use the following procedure for UART debugging:

1. Define configUSE\_STDIO\_PRINTF and configUSE\_PRINTF\_UARTO to 1.

Figure 16-1: configUSE\_STDIO\_PRINTF definition in am\_vos\_sys\_config\_h

```
#define configUSE_SYSVIEWER 0
#define configUSE_SYS_LOG 0
#define configUSE_RTT_RECORDER 0
#define configUSE_STDIO_PRINTF 1
```

Figure 16-2: configUSE\_PRINTF\_UARTO definition in am\_vos\_sys\_config\_h

```
#if configUSE_STDIO_PRINTF
#define configUSE_PRINTF_UART0 1
#define configUSE_PRINTF_RTT 0
#define configUSE_PRINTF_SWO 0
```

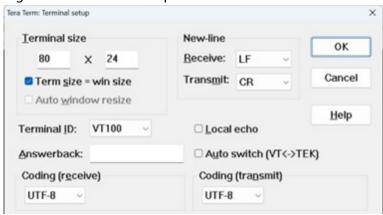
- 2. Complete the Serial port setup window as shown below:
  - a. Select **115200** in the **Speed** drop-down option.
  - b. Select **8 bit** in the **Data** drop-down option.
  - c. Select **none** in the **Parity** drop-down option.
  - d. Select **1 bit** in the **Stop bits** drop-down option.
  - e. Select **none** in the **Flow control** drop-down option.
  - f. Click **New setting**.

Figure 16-3: Serial Port Setup



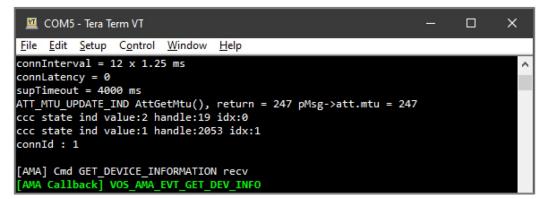
- 3. Complete the following **New-line** section in the Terminal setup window:
  - a. Select **LF** in the **Receive** drop-down option.
  - b. Select **CR** in the **Transmit** drop-down option.
  - c. Click OK.

Figure 16-4: Terminal Setup



UART debugging log is shown in Figure 16-5.

Figure 16-5: UART print out using Tera Term



#### 16.2 SWO Output

Use the following procedure for SWO debugging:

1. Define configUSE\_STDIO\_PRINTF and configUSE\_PRINTF\_SWO to 1.

Figure 16-6: configUSE STDIO PRINTF definition in am vos sys config.h

```
//*******

// System level functional module selection

//*****

#define configUSE_SYSVIEWER

#define configUSE_SYS_LOG

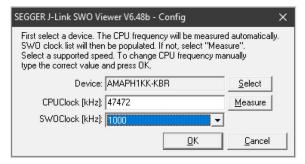
#define configUSE_RTT_RECORDER

#define configUSE_STDIO_PRINTF
```

Figure 16-7: configUSE\_PRINTF\_SWO definition in am\_vos\_sys\_config.h

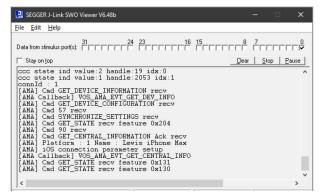
- 2. Run J-Link SWO Viewer and complete the following:
  - a. Select SoC type (e.g., Apollo3 Blue Plus: AMA3B2KK) in the **Device** box.
  - b. Click **Measure**.
  - c. Select 1000 in the SWO Clock [kHz] drop-down option.
  - d. Click OK.

Figure 16-8: SWO device and clock configuration



SWO debugging log message is shown in Figure 16-9.

Figure 16-9: SWO debugging message print out



SECTION

17

# **Power Consumption Profile**

### 17.1 Hardware Setup

Use the following procedure to setup hardware:

Measure current of VDD\_MCU using P19 pin on Apollo3 Plus EVB.

## 17.2 Software Setup

To check power consumption of MCU, SWO logging should be turned off (example: **configUSE\_STDIO\_PRINTF** to 0).

Table 17-1: Power/CPU Profiling Cases Define Settings

Measurement Cases	USE_DMIC_MB0	configUSE_AMBIQ_VAD	configUSE_Sensory_THF
1. Base	0	0	0
2. Base + PDM	1	0	0
3. Base + PDM + VAD	1	1	0
4. Base + PDM + VAD + THF	1	1	1

#### 17.3 Power Measurement

- For getting a PDM power number, get the case #1 (Base) and #2 (Base + PDM) result. Then, calculate the delta of two numbers.
- PDM power (uW) = Case #2 result case #1 result (uW)

# **CPU Usage Profile**

#### 18.1 CPU Usage

CPU usage can calculate the delta of CPU utilization at each case. CPU utilization (percent) is printed out by SWO log.

#### **18.2** Software Setup

 To check overall CPU usage of each case, configUSE\_STDIO\_PRINTF and VOS\_MEASURE\_SYS\_MIPS should be set to 1 in am\_vos\_sys\_config.h file.

Figure 18-1: SWO print enable in am\_vos\_sys\_config.h file

```
54 #define configUSE_SYSVIEWER 0
55 #define configUSE_RTT_RECORDER 0
56 #define configUSE_STDIO_PRINTF 1
```

Figure 18-2: System CPU usage measurement enable in am\_vos\_sys\_config.h

```
#define VOS_MEASURE_AMSPP_MIPS 0

#define VOS_MEASURE_SPP_MIPS 0

#define VOS_MEASURE_WWE_MIPS 0

#define VOS_MEASURE_CODEC_MIPS 0

#define VOS_MEASURE_SYS_MIPS 1

#define VOS_MEASURE_VAD_WAKETIME 0
```

Monitoring period can be configured by AM\_VOS\_BENCHMARK\_TIME\_SEC define in am\_vos\_board\_setup.h file (default is 10 secs)

Figure 18-3: System CPU usage measurement enable in am\_vos\_sys\_config.h

```
//#define AM_VOS_BENCHMARK_TIMER_CLK AM_VOS_BENCH_TIMER_6MHZ

#define AM_VOS_BENCHMARK_TIMER_CLK AM_VOS_BENCH_TIMER_32KHZ

//#define AM_VOS_BENCHMARK_TIMER_CLK AM_VOS_BENCH_TIMER_DWT

#define AM_VOS_BENCHMARK_TIMER_FREQ AM_VOS_BENCHMARK_TIMER_CLK

#define AM_VOS_BENCHMARK_TIMER_FREQ AM_VOS_BENCHMARK_TIMER_CLK

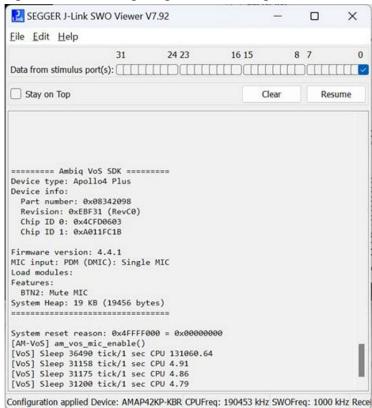
#define AM_VOS_BENCHMARK_TIME_SEC 10
```

### 18.3 Printing Result of CPU Utilization

Use the following procedure to print result of CPU utilization:

1. Run SWO logger, setup the device as **AMA3B2KK-KBR** and speed as 1 MHz.

Figure 18-4: CPU Usage Log Via SWO Debug Print



- 2. Measure the timer counter and accumulate system sleep time for a specific period (e.g., 10 secs). From the above result, the 312K timer counted for a wake-up time with a 95.25% sleep time result. The timer is using 32768 Hz clock source.
- 3. To getting PDM CPU usage, get the case #1 (Base) and #2 (Base + PDM) result.
- 4. Calculate the delta of two results.

  PDM CPU usage (%) = Case #2 CPU usage Case #1 CPU usage (%)



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