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INTRODUCTION

The ARTIK 020 Wireless Starter Kit (WSTK) is meant to help you evaluate the ARTIK 020 Module and get you started with your own software development. This user guide helps you get an understanding on the most important components of the ARTIK 020 WSTK. The ARTIK 020 Module is based on Silicon Labs® Wireless Gecko EFR32BG SoC and is using Silicon Labs® Simplicity Studio™ tools for development purposes.

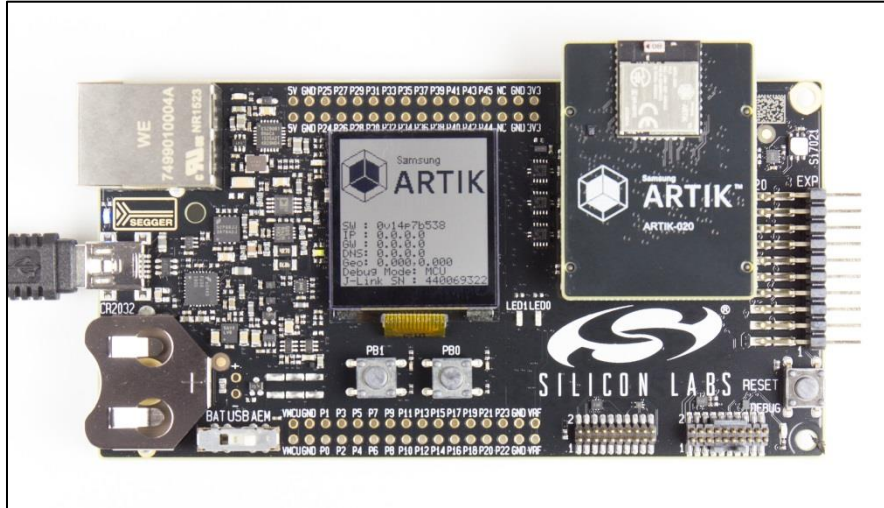


Figure 1. ARTIK 020 Main Board

Figure 1 shows a picture of the ARTIK 020 WSTK and Table 1 covers the various features.

Table 1. ARTIK 020 WSTK Features

| Features | Radio Board | Software |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Ethernet and USB connectivity | ARTIK 020 Radio Board with 256kB Flash and 32kB RAM. | Bluetooth® SDK |
| Advanced Energy Monitor | Integrated high performance chip antenna | Example applications |
| Virtual COM Port | Transmit power up to 8 dBm | iOSTM and AndroidTM applications |
| Packet Trace Interface support | CPU core 32-bit ARM® Cortex®-M4 | |
| SEGGER J-Link on-board debugger | | |
| Debug Multiplexer supporting external hardware as well as radio board | | |
| Relative Humidity and Temperature sensor | | |
| Ultra low power 128x128 pixel Memory LCD | | |
| User LEDs/Pushbuttons | | |
| 20-pin 2.54 mm header for expansion boards | | |
| Breakout pads for direct access to all radio | | |
| Power sources include USB and CR2032 coin cell holder | | |

ARTIK 020 WIRELESS STARTER KIT

DESCRIPTION

The ARTIK 020 WSTK provides a complete development platform for the ARTIK 020 Module. The core of the Kit is the ARTIK 020 Main Board which features an on-board J-Link debugger, an Advanced Energy Monitor for real-time current and voltage monitoring, a virtual COM port interface, and access to the Packet Trace Interface (PTI).

The ARTIK 020 Main Board is paired with a 8dBm ARTIK 020 Radio Board that plugs directly into the Main Board. The ARTIK 020 Radio Board features the ARTIK 020 Module itself and the RF interface. All debug functionality can also be used towards an external target instead of the included Radio Board. To further enhance the WSTK usability, the WSTK Main Board contains sensors and peripherals demonstrating some of the Wireless SoC's many capabilities.

CONTENT

[Table 2](#) provides a list of components that are part of the ARTIK 020 Module Development Kit.

Table 2. ARTIK 020 WSTK Package Content

| ARTIK 020 Module Development Kit |
|--|
| 1x ARTIK 020 Main Board |
| 1x ARTIK 020 Radio Board (with 8 dBm ARTIK 020 Module) |
| 1x Expansion Board with buttons and sensor |
| 1x Lithium battery |
| 1x USB Type A <-> USB Mini-B cables |
| 1x Debug Adapter Board |

ARTIK 020 WSTK MAIN BOARD

Figure 2, shows the picture of the ARTIK 020 Main Board with its associated switches and indicators.

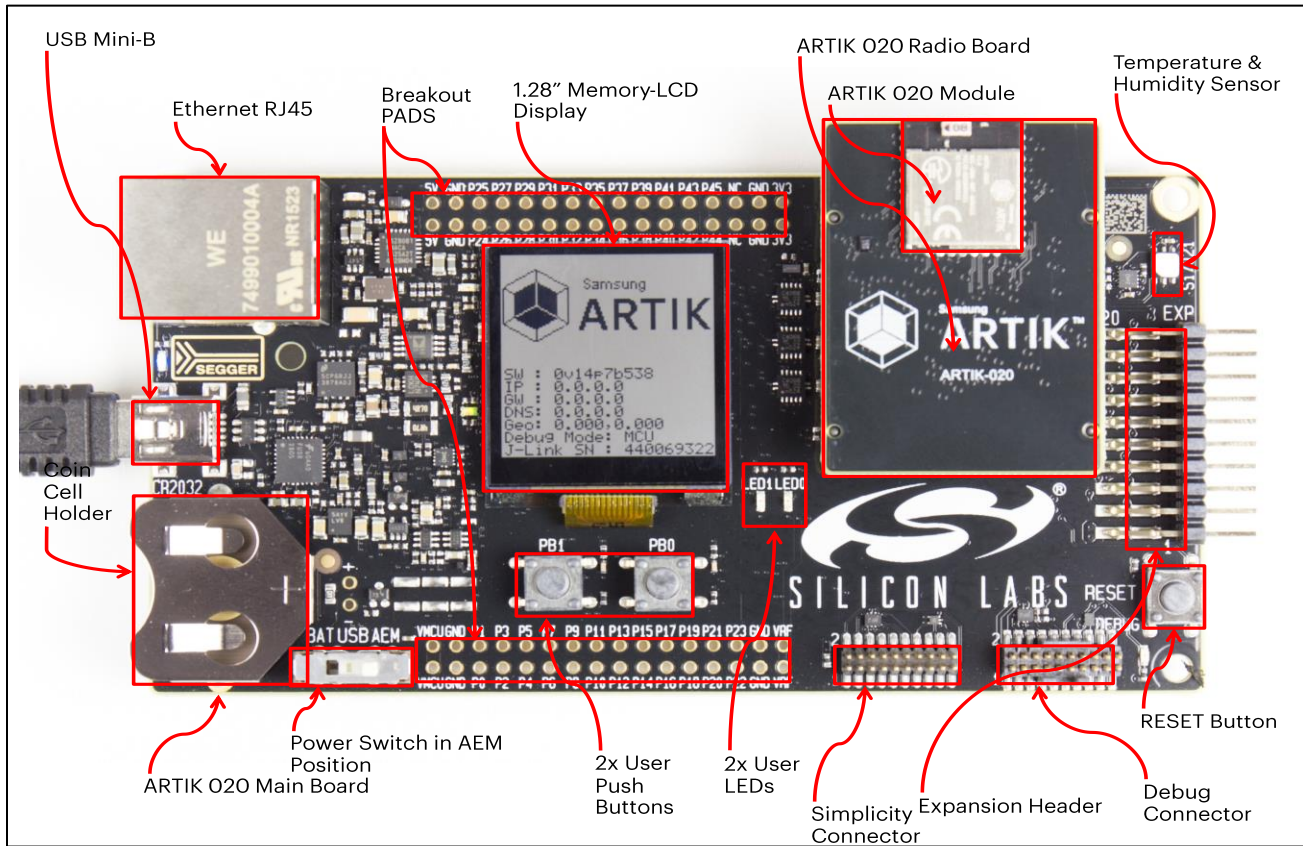


Figure 2. ARTIK 020 Main Board

ARTIK 020 MAIN BOARD BLOCK DIAGRAM

Figure 3 shows the block diagram of the ARTIK 020 Main Board.

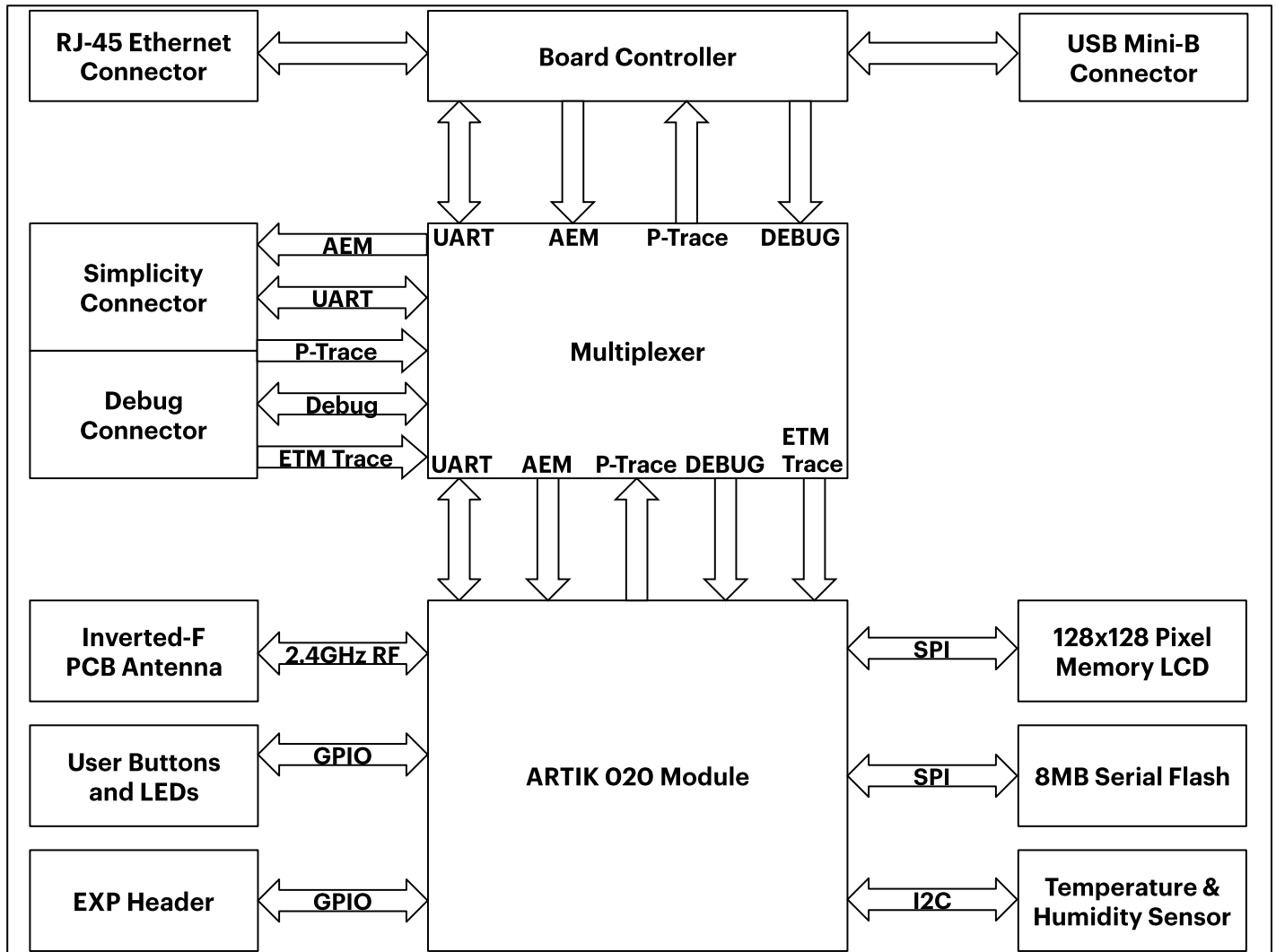


Figure 3. ARTIK 020 Main Board Block Diagram

ARTIK 020 MAIN BOARD CONNECTORS

Figure 4 shows the placement of the various connectors that are present on the ARTIK 020 Main Board.

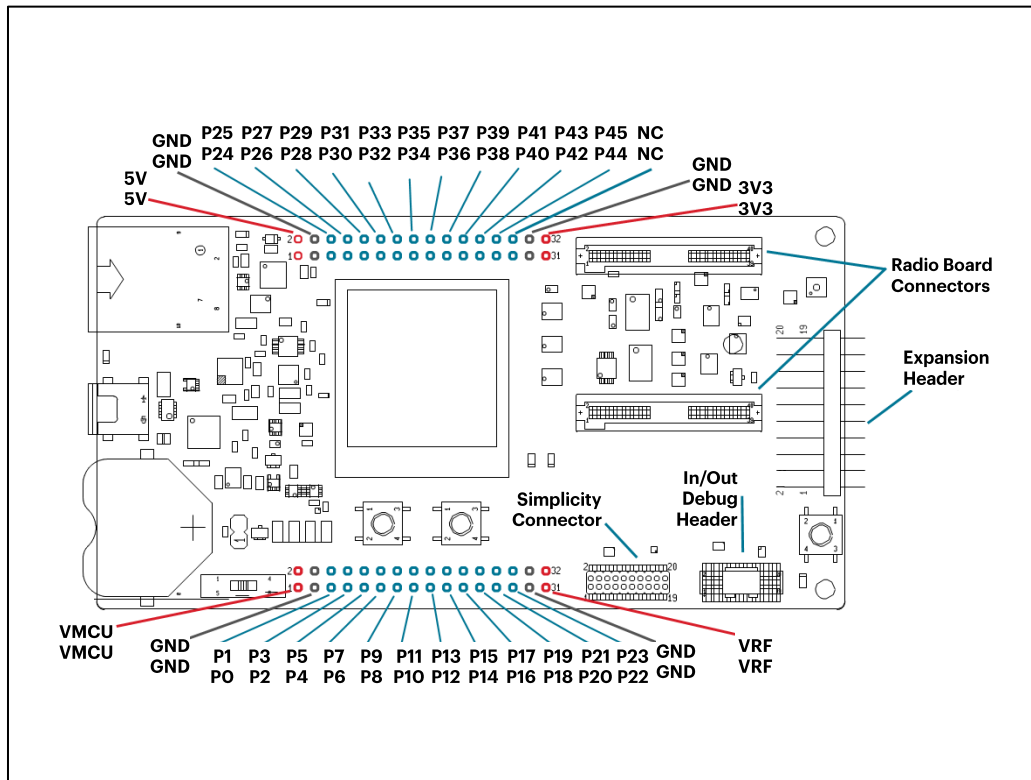


Figure 4. Connector Placement on the ARTIK 020 Main Board

BREAKOUT PADS

Most of the ARTIK 020 Module pins are routed from the radio board to breakout pads at the top and bottom edges of the ARTIK 020 Main Board. A 2.54 mm pitch pin header can be soldered on for easy access to the pins. Figure 5 shows you how the pins of the ARTIK 020 Module are mapped onto the pin numbers printed on the breakout pads. To see the available functions on each, please refer to the ARTIK 020 Module Data Sheet.

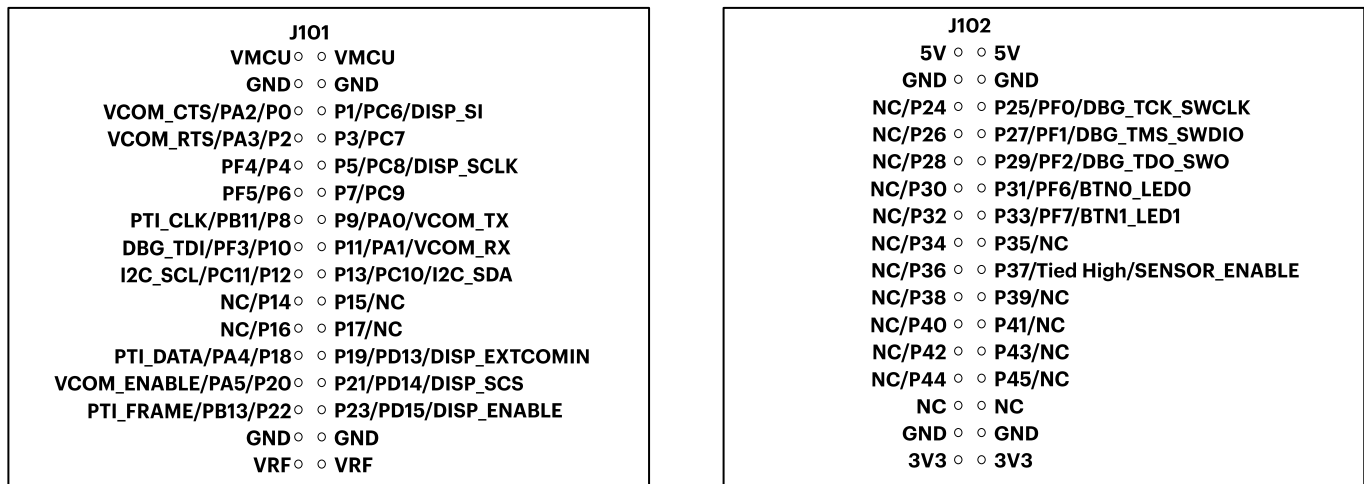


Figure 5. Pin out of the breakout Pad on the ARTIK 020 Main Board

EXPANSION HEADER

On the right hand side of the board an angled 20 pin expansion header is provided to allow connection of peripherals or plugin boards. The connector contains a number of I/O pins that can be used with most of the ARTIK 020 Module features. Additionally, the VMCU, 3V3 and 5V power rails are also exported. The connector follows a standard which ensures that commonly used peripherals such as an SPI, a UART and an I²C bus are available on fixed locations in the connector. The rest of the pins are used for general purpose IO. *Figure 6* shows the pin assignment of the expansion header. Because of limitations in the number of available GPIO pins, some of the expansion header pins are shared between features.

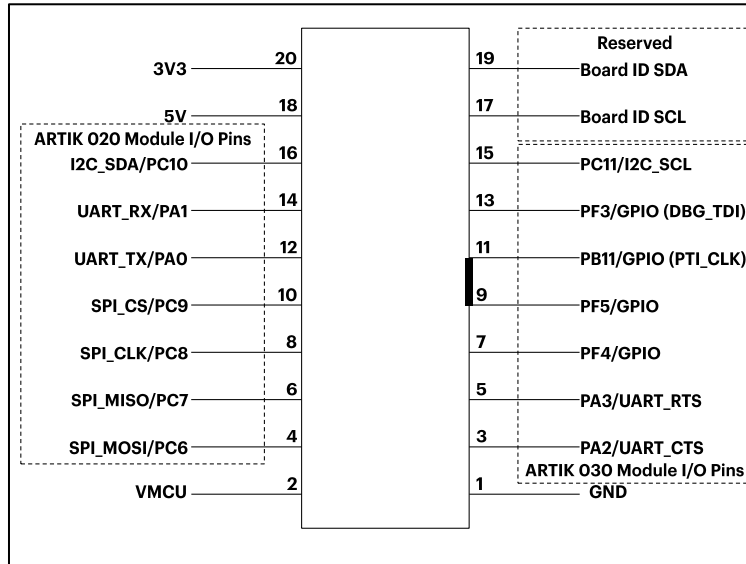


Figure 6. Expansion Header

The pin-routing on the ARTIK 020 Module is very flexible, so most peripherals can be routed to any pin. However, many pins are shared between the Expansion Header and other functions on the Main Board. *Table 3* includes an overview of the Main Board features that share pins with the Expansion Header.

Table 3. Expansion Header Pinout

| Pin | Connection | Expansion Header Function | Main Board Function/ Feature | Peripheral Mapping |
|-----|------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 4 | PC6 | SPI_MOSI | DISP_MOSI | USART1_TX #11 |
| 6 | PC7 | SPI_MISO | | USART1_RX #11 |
| 8 | PC8 | SPI_SCLK | DISP_SCLK | USART1_CLK #11 |
| 10 | PC9 | SPI_CS | | USART1_CS #11 |
| 12 | PA0 | UART_TX | VCOM_TX | USART0_TX #0 |
| 14 | PA1 | UART_RX | VCOM_RX | USART0_RX #0 |
| 16 | PC10 | I2C_SDA | SENSOR_I2C_SDA | I2C0_SDA #15 |
| 3 | PA2 | UART_CTS | VCOM_CTS | USART0_CLK #0 |
| 5 | PA3 | UART_RTS | VCOM_RTS | USART0_CS #0 |
| 7 | PF4 | GPIO | | |
| 9 | PF5 | GPIO | | |
| 11 | PB11 | GPIO | PTI_CLK | |
| 13 | PF3 | GPIO | DBG_TDI | |
| 15 | PC11 | I2C_SCL | SENSOR_I2C_SCL | I2C0_SCL #15 |

*Please note that pin PF3 is used for DBG_TDI in JTAG mode only. When Serial Wire Debugging is used, PF3 can be used for other purposes.

DEBUG CONNECTOR (DBG)

The Debug Connector serves a dual purpose. Based on the "debug mode", that can be selected using Silicon Labs® Simplicity Studio™. In the "Debug IN" mode this connector allows an external debug emulator to be used with the on-board ARTIK 020 Module. In the "Debug OUT" mode this connector allows the kit to be used as a debugger towards an external target. In the "Debug MCU" (default) mode this connector is isolated from the debug interface of both the Board Controller and the on-board target device. Because this connector is automatically switched to support the different operating modes, it is only available when the Board Controller is powered (J-Link USB cable connected). If debug access to the target device is required when the Board Controller is unpowered, this should be done by connecting directly to the appropriate breakout pins. The pinout of the connector follows that of the standard ARM Cortex Debug+ETM 19-pin connector. The pinout is described in detail below.

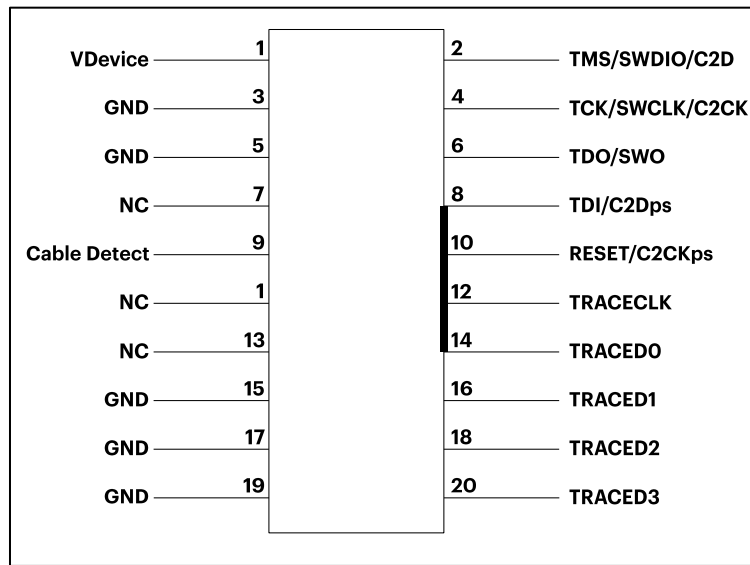


Figure 7. Debug Connector

Note that the pin-out matches the pin-out of an ARM Cortex Debug+ETM connector, but these are not fully compatible as pin 7 is physically removed from the Cortex Debug+ETM connector. Some cables have, a small plug that prevent them from being used when this pin is present. If this is the case, remove the plug, or use a standard 2x10 1.27 mm straight cable instead. For more information of the debug functionality using Silicon Labs® Simplicity Studio™ see the [Debugging](#) section.

Table 4. Debug Connector Description

| Pin | Function | Note |
|--------------|--------------------|---|
| 1 | VTARGET | Target voltage on the debugged application |
| 2 | TMS / SDWIO / C2D | JTAG test mode select, Serial Wire data or C2 data |
| 4 | TCK / SWCLK / C2CK | JTAG test clock, Serial Wire clock or C2 clock |
| 6 | TDO/SWO | JTAG test data out or Serial Wire Output |
| 8 | TDI / C2Dps | JTAG test data in, or C2D "pin sharing" function |
| 10 | RESET / C2CKps | Target device reset, or C2CK "pin sharing" function |
| 12 | TRACECLK | ETM Trace Clock |
| 14 | TRACED0 | ETM Trace Data 0 |
| 16 | TRACED1 | ETM Trace Data 1 |
| 18 | TRACED2 | ETM Trace Data 2 |
| 20 | TRACED3 | ETM Trace Data 3 |
| 9 | Cable detect | This signal must be pulled to ground by the external debugger or application for cable insertion detection. |
| 11,13 | NC | Not Connected |
| 3,5,15,17,19 | GND | Ground |

SIMPLICITY CONNECTOR

The Simplicity Connector featured on the board enables advanced debugging features such as the Advanced Energy Monitor (AEM), the Virtual COM port and the Packet Trace Interface to be used towards an external target. The pinout is illustrated in *Figure 8* whereas the pin description is covered in *Table 5*.

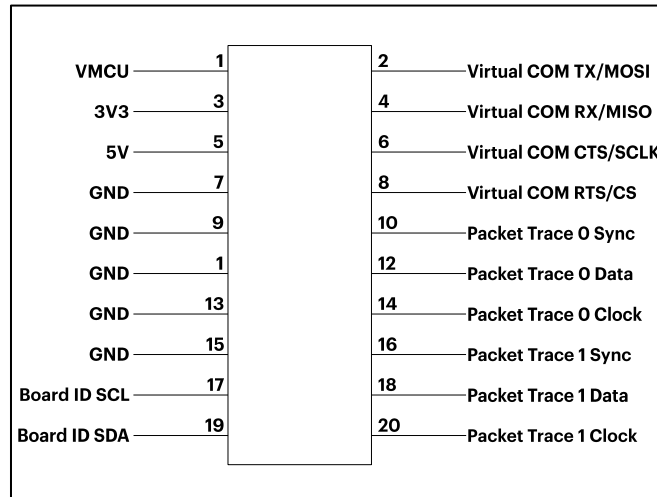


Figure 8. Simplicity Connector

As an example when AEM is used, the current drawn from the VMCU voltage pin is included in the AEM measurements, while the 3V3 and 5V voltage pins are not. To monitor the current consumption of an external target with the AEM, unplug the ARTIK 020 Module from the Main Board to avoid that current consumption is added to the measurements.

Table 5. Simplicity Connector Pin Description

| Pin | Function | Note |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | VMCU | 3.3 V power rail, monitored by the AEM |
| 3 | 3 3V3 3.3 V power rail | 3.3 V power rail |
| 5 | 5 5V 5 V power rail | 5 V power rail |
| 2 | 2 VCOM_TX_MOSI Virtual COM Tx/MOSI | Virtual COM Tx/MOSI |
| 4 | 4 VCOM_RX_MISO Virtual COM Rx/MISO | Virtual COM Rx/MISO |
| 6 | 6 VCOM_CTS_#SCLK Virtual COM CTS/SCLK | Virtual COM CTS/SCLK |
| 8 | VCOM_#RTS_#CS | Virtual COM RTS/CS |
| 10 | PTI0_SYNC | Packet Trace 0 Sync |
| 13 | PTI0_DATA | Packet Trace 0 Data |
| 14 | PTI0_CLK | Packet Trace 0 Clock |
| 26 | PTI1_SYNC | Packet Trace 1 Sync |
| 18 | PTI1_DATA | Packet Trace 1 Data |
| 20 | PTI1_CLK | Packet Trace 1 Clock |
| 17 | EXT_ID_SCL | Board ID SCL |
| 19 | EXT_ID_SDA | Board ID SDA |
| 7,9,11,13,15 | GND | Ground |

ARTIK 020 MAIN BOARD DEBUG ADAPTER

Included with the ARTIK 020 Main Board is one Debug Adapter Board. This board is an adapter which plugs directly into the Debug Connector and the Simplicity Connector on the mainboard. It combines selected functionality to a smaller footprint 10-pin connector, which is more suitable for space constrained designs. For versatility, the Debug Adapter features three different 10-pin debug connectors:

- Silicon Labs® Mini Simplicity Connector
- ARM Cortex 10-pin Debug Connector
- Silicon Labs® ISA3 Packet Trace

The ARM Cortex 10-pin Debug Connector follows the standard Cortex pin-out defined by ARM and allows the Starter Kit to be used to debug hardware designs that use this connector.

The ISA3 connector follows the same pin-out as the Packet Trace connector found on the Silicon Labs® Ember Debug Adapter (ISA3). This allows the Starter Kit to be used to debug hardware designs that use this connector.

The Mini Simplicity Connector is designed to offer advanced debug features from the ARTIK 020 Main Board on a 10-pin connector:

- Serial Wire Debug (SWD) with SWO
- Packet Trace Interface (PTI)
- Virtual COM Port (VCOM)
- AEM Monitored voltage rail

Note: Packet Trace is only available on Wireless STK Main Boards. MCU Starter Kits do not support Packet Trace.

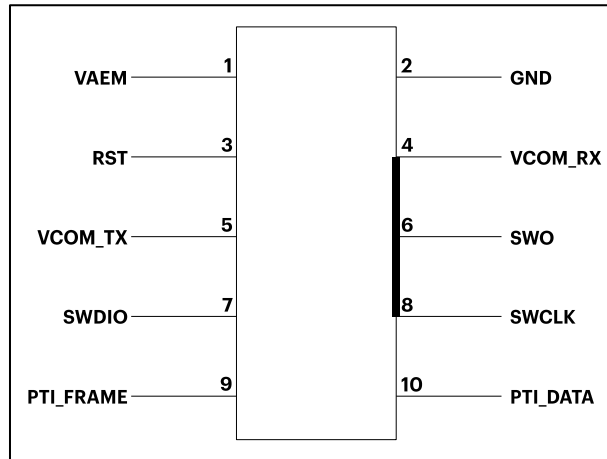


Figure 9. Mini Simplicity Connector

Table 6. Mini Simplicity Connector Pin Description

| Pin | Function | Description |
|-----|-----------|---|
| 1 | VAEM | Target voltage on the debugged application. Supplied and monitored by the AEM when power selection switch is in the "AEM" position. |
| 2 | GND | Ground |
| 3 | RST | Reset |
| 4 | VCOM_RX | Virtual COM Rx |
| 5 | VCOM_TX | Virtual COM Tx |
| 6 | SWO | Serial Wire Output |
| 7 | SWDIO | Serial Wire Data |
| 8 | SWCLK | Serial Wire Clock |
| 9 | PTI_FRAME | Packet Trace Frame Signal |
| 10 | PTI_DATA | Packet Trace Data Signal |

ARTIK 020 MAIN BOARD POWER SUPPLY AND RESET

RADIO BOARD POWER SELECTION

The ARTIK 020 Module can be powered by one of these sources:

1. The debug USB cable
2. A 3V coin cell battery
3. USB regulator on the Radio Board (for devices with USB support only).

The power source for radio board is selected with the slide switch in the lower left corner of the Wireless STK board. shows how the different power sources can be selected with the slide switch.

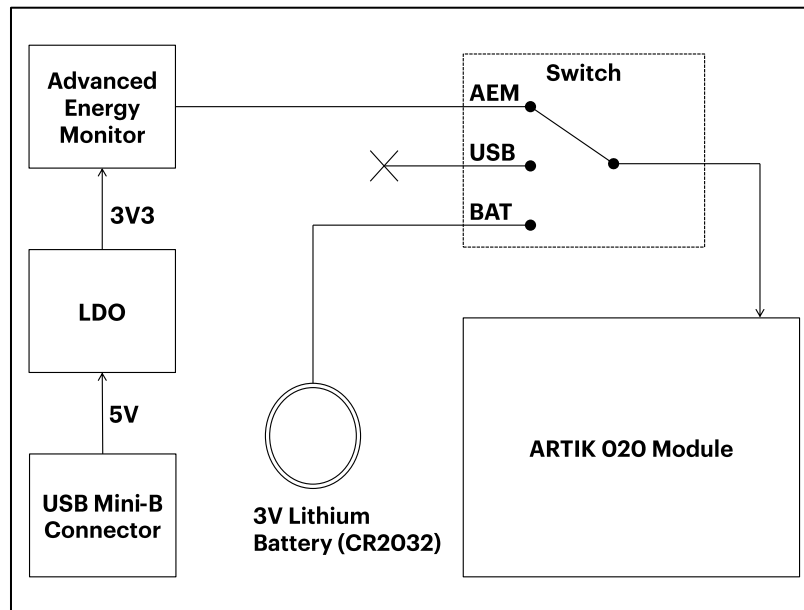


Figure 10. Power Switch Options

With the switch in the AEM position, a low noise 3.3 V LDO on the ARTIK 020 Main Board is used to power the Radio board. This LDO is again powered from the debug USB cable. The Advanced Energy Monitor is now also connected in series, allowing accurate high speed current measurements and energy debugging/profiling.

With the switch in the USB position, radio boards with USB-support can be powered by a regulator on the radio board itself. BRD4151A does not contain an USB regulator, and setting the switch in the USB position will cause the ARTIK 020 Module to be unpowered.

Finally, with the switch in the BAT position, a 20 mm coin cell battery in the CR2032 socket can be used to power the device. With the switch in this position no current measurements are active. This is the recommended switch position when powering the radio board with an external power source.

Note: Please be aware that the current sourcing capabilities of a coin cell battery might be too low to supply certain wireless applications.

Note: The Advanced Energy Monitor can only measure the current consumption of the ARTIK 020 Module when the power selection switch is in the AEM position.

BOARD CONTROLLER POWER

The board controller is responsible for important features such as the debugger and the Advanced Energy Monitor, and is powered exclusively through the USB port in the top left corner of the board. This part of the ARTIK 020 Development Kit resides on a separate power domain, so a different power source can be selected for the target device while retaining debugging functionality. This power domain is also isolated to prevent current leakage from the target power domain when power to the Board Controller is removed. The board controller power domain is exclusively supplied by the J-Link USB cable,

and is not influenced by the position of the power switch. The kit has been carefully designed to keep the board controller and the target power domains isolated from each other as one of them powers down. This ensures that the ARTIK 020 Module will continue to operate in the USB and BAT modes.

ARTIK 020 MODULE RESET

The ARTIK 020 Module can be reset by a few different sources:

1. A user pressing the RESET button
2. The on-board debugger pulling the #RESET pin low
3. An external debugger pulling the #RESET pin low

In addition to the reset sources mentioned above, the Board Controller will also issue a reset to the ARTIK 020 Module when booting up. This means that removing power to the Board Controller (plugging out the J-Link USB cable) will not generate a reset, but plugging the cable back in will, as the Board Controller boots up.

BATTERY HOLDER

In radio applications with high output power, peak current consumption will exceed the current sourcing capacity of a coin-cell battery. To support evaluation of the ARTIK 020 Module in situations where powering the kit from a wired USB connection is impractical, for instance during range-tests, the kit is supplied with a battery holder for 2 AA batteries.

To use the battery holder, first set the power switch in the BAT position. Then attach the cable to pin 1 and 2 on the expansion header, orienting the connector so the black cable goes down towards pin 1, and the red cable up towards pin 2.

Figure 11 explains the situation.

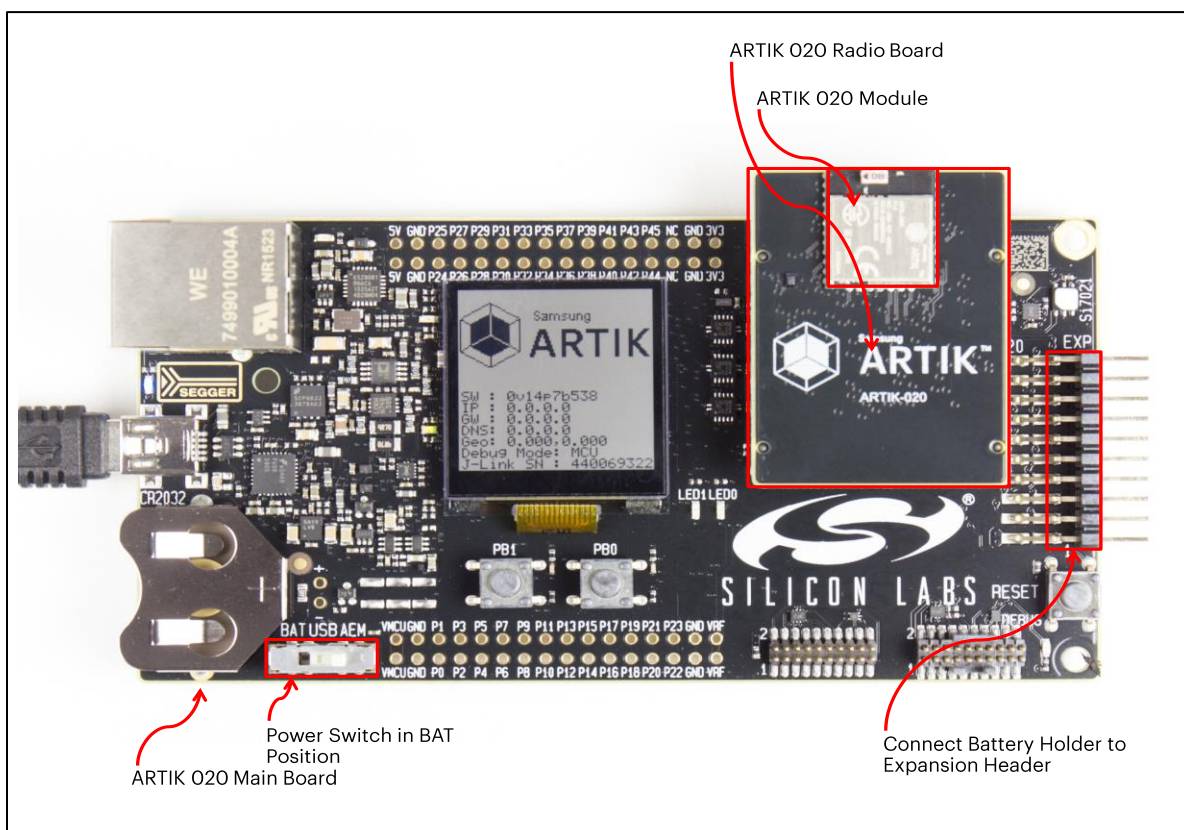


Figure 11. Battery Holder Connection

Warning: There is no reverse voltage protection on the VMCU pin! Ensure that the battery holder is connected the right way. Failure to do so may result in damage to the radio board and its components.

ARTIK 020 MAIN BOARD PERIPHERALS

The ARTIK 020 Main Board has a set of peripherals that showcase some of the features of the ARTIK 020 Module. Be aware that most ARTIK 020 Module I/O routed to peripherals are also routed to the breakout pads. This must be taken into consideration when using the breakout pads for your application.

PUSH BUTTONS AND LEDs

The ARTIK 020 Main Board has two user push buttons marked PB0 and PB1. They are connected directly to the ARTIK 020 Module, and are de-bounced by RC filters with a time constant of 1ms. The buttons are connected to pins PF6 and PF7. The ARTIK 020 Main Board also features two yellow LEDs marked LED0 and LED1 that are controlled by GPIO pins on the ARTIK 020 Module. The LEDs are connected to pins PF4 and PF5 in an active-high configuration.

MEMORY LCD-TFT DISPLAY

A 1.28-inch SHARP Memory LCD-TFT is available on the kit to enable interactive applications to be developed. The display has a high resolution of 128 by 128 pixels, and consumes very little power. It is a reflective monochrome display, so each pixel can only be light or dark, and no backlight is needed in normal daylight conditions. Data sent to the display is stored in the pixels on the glass, which means no continuous refreshing is required to maintain a static image. The display interface consists of an SPI-compatible serial interface and some extra control signals. Pixels are not individually addressable, instead data is sent to the display one line (128 bits) at a time. The Memory LCD-TFT display is shared with the kit Board Controller, allowing the Board Controller application to display useful information when the user application is not using the display. The user application always controls ownership of the display with the DISP_ENABLE line:

- 0: The Board Controller has control of the display
- 1: The user application ARTIK 020 Module has control of the display

Power to the display is sourced from the target application power domain when the ARTIK 020 Module controls the display, and from the Board Controller's power domain when the DISP_ENABLE line is low. Data is clocked in on DISP_MOSI when DISP_CS is high, and the clock is sent on DISP_SCLK. The maximum supported clock speed is 1.1MHz. DISP_COM is the "COM Inversion" line. It must be pulsed periodically to prevent static build-up in the display itself. Please refer to the display application information for details on driving the display: (<http://www.sharpmemorylcd.com/1-28-inch-memory-lcd.html>).

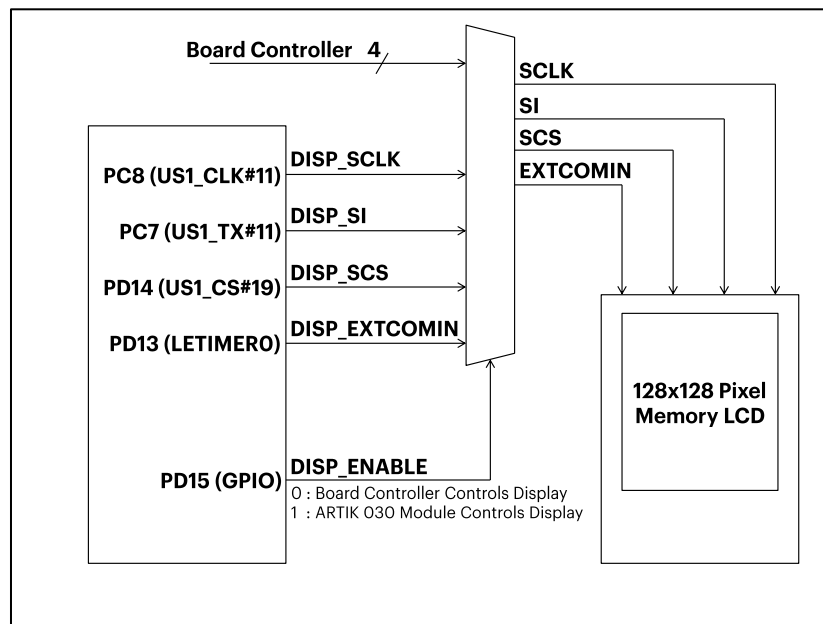


Figure 12. ARTIK 020 Module 128x128 Pixel Memory LCD

SERIAL FLASH

The ARTIK 020 Radio Board is equipped with an 8 Mbit Macronix MX25R SPI flash that is connected directly to the ARTIK 020 Module. [Figure 13](#) shows how the serial flash is connected to the ARTIK 020 Module.

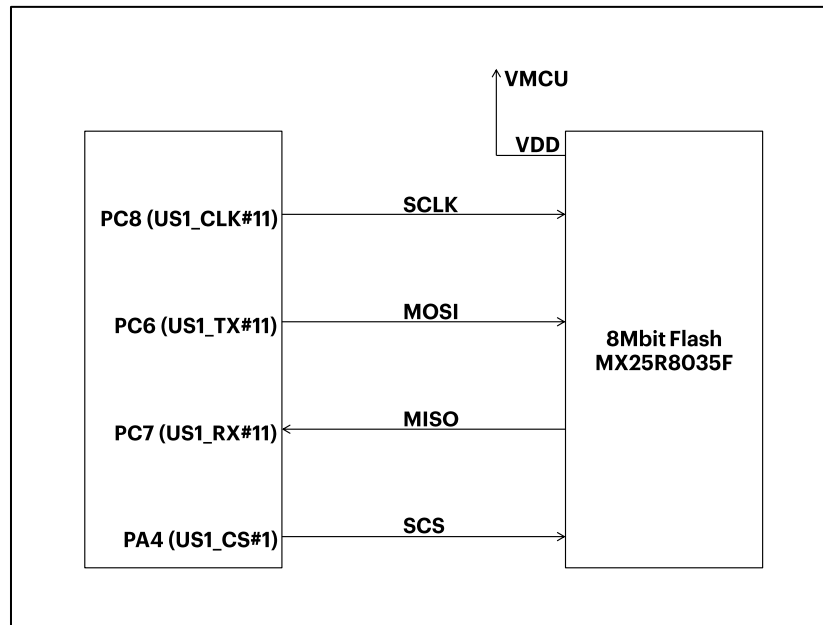


Figure 13. ARTIK 020 Module Flash Connection

The MX25R series are ultra-low power serial flash devices, so there is no need for a separate enable switch to keep current consumption down. However, it is important that the flash is always put in deep power down mode when not used. This is done by issuing a command over the SPI interface. In deep power down, the MX25R typically adds approximately 100nA to the radio board current consumption.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND TEMPERATURE SENSOR

The Si7021 I^2C relative humidity and temperature sensor is a monolithic CMOS IC integrating humidity and temperature sensor elements, an analog-to-digital converter, signal processing, calibration data, and an I^2C Interface. The patented use of industry-standard, low-K polymeric dielectrics for sensing humidity enables the construction of low-power, monolithic CMOS Sensor ICs with low drift and hysteresis, and excellent long term stability. The humidity and temperature sensors are factory-calibrated and the calibration data is stored in the on-chip non-volatile memory. This ensures that the sensors are fully interchangeable, with no recalibration or software changes required. The Si7021 is available in a 3x3mm DFN package and is reflow solder able. It can be used as a hardware- and software-compatible drop-in upgrade for existing RH/ temperature sensors in 3x3mm DFN-6 packages, featuring precision sensing over a wider range and lower power consumption. The optional factory-installed cover offers a low profile, convenient means of protecting the sensor during assembly (e.g., reflow soldering) and throughout the life of the product, excluding liquids (hydrophobic/oleo phobic) and particulates. The Si7021 offers an accurate, low-power, factory-calibrated digital solution ideal for measuring humidity, dew-point, and temperature, in applications ranging from HVAC/R and asset tracking to industrial and consumer platforms. The I^2C bus used for the Si7021 is shared with the Expansion Header. The temperature sensor is normally isolated from the I^2C line. To use the sensor, SENSOR_ENABLE (tied high) must be set high. When enabled, the sensor's current consumption is included in the AEM measurements.

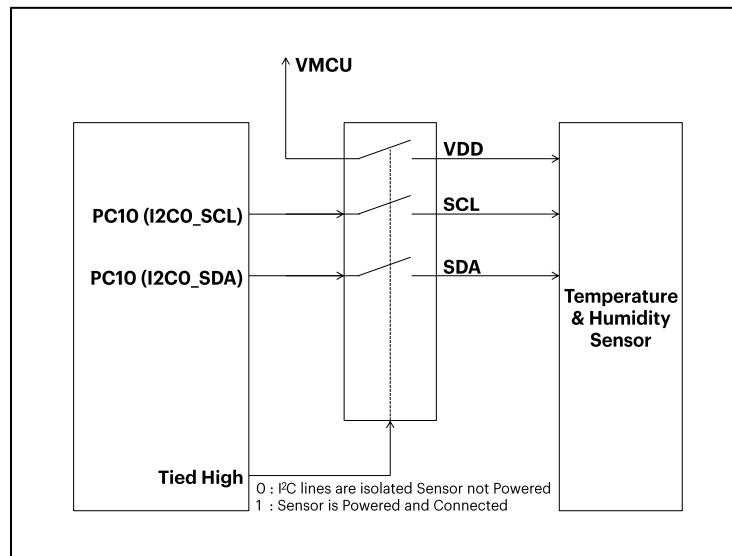


Figure 14. Relative Humidity and Temperature Sensor

EXPANSION BOARD

The Expansion Board included with the WSTK includes the following features:

- 1x 3-axis accelerometer (Bosch Sensortech BMA280)
- 1x Joystick with 9 measurable positions
- 2x Push button and 2x LEDs sharing the same I/O pins

The connections between the Expansion Board and the ARTIK 020 Module are shown in *Figure 15*.

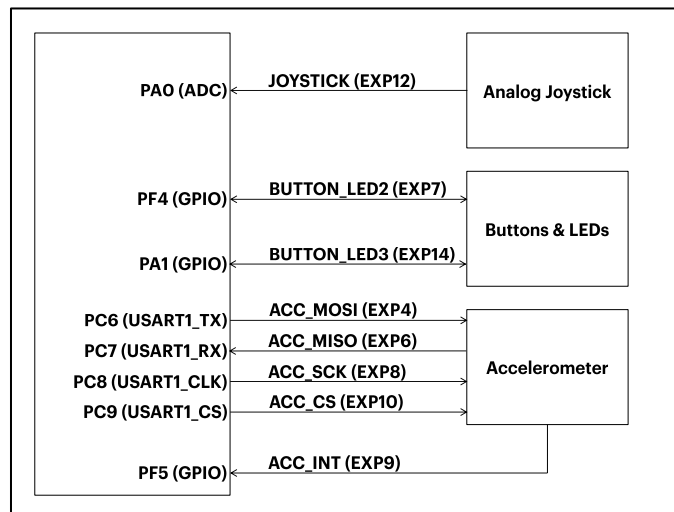


Figure 15. Available Sensors

The subsequent sections contain more detailed information about each feature.

ACCELEROMETER

The Expansion Board contains a Bosch Sensortec BMA280 triaxial, low-power, low-g accelerometer sensor with SPI interface. It features 14-bit digital resolution and allows very low-noise measurement of acceleration in 3 perpendicular axes and can therefore sense tilt, motion, shock and vibration.

For more details on the Bosch Sensortec BMA280 please visit http://www.boschsensortec.com/bst/products/all_products/bma280

PUSH BUTTONS AND LEDs

The Expansion Board contains two push buttons (marked BTN2 and BTN3 on the PCB) and two LEDs (LED2 and LED3 not marked but placed correspondingly above the push button markings correspondingly). The push buttons and LEDs share the same two module I/O pins. Each push button is connected to a LED through a transistor, allowing both I/O's to be used either as an input (for reading the push button state) or as an output (to control the LED state on or off).

When configured as an input, "0" indicates that the button is being pressed and "1" that the push button is not being pressed. Likewise, when configured as an output, "0" will turn the LED on and "1" will turn it off.

Pressing a push button will also light up the corresponding LED because the LED is controlled by the same line (state) regardless of whether it is the Module or the push button that pulls the line low.

The push buttons are de-bounced by RC filters with a time constant of about 1 ms. Pressing the push button while having the pin configured as an output in high state ("1") will not cause damage, but will cause extra current to flow.

JOYSTICK

The WSTK has an analog joystick with 9 measurable positions. This joystick is connected to the ARTIK 020 Module pin PD4 and uses different resistor values to create voltages measurable by the internal ADC on the BGM111 Module. The joystick output is connected to AD Channel 0 (ADC0). The figure below shows the connection between the joystick and the ARTIK 020 Module.

VIRTUAL COM PORT

When enabling virtual serial communication (VCOM), the board controller makes communication possible on the following interfaces:

1. Virtual USB COM port using a CDC driver
2. TCP/IP, by connecting to the WSTK on port 4901 with a telnet client

The VCOM functionality can operate in two different modes:

1. Transparent mode allows the target to communicate using a regular serial driver. The board controller forwards the raw byte stream to its interfaces.
2. BSP-mode is initiated by a BSP call in the target application. This mode enables the target to use all BSP functionality, while having access to VCOM over USB and Ethernet.

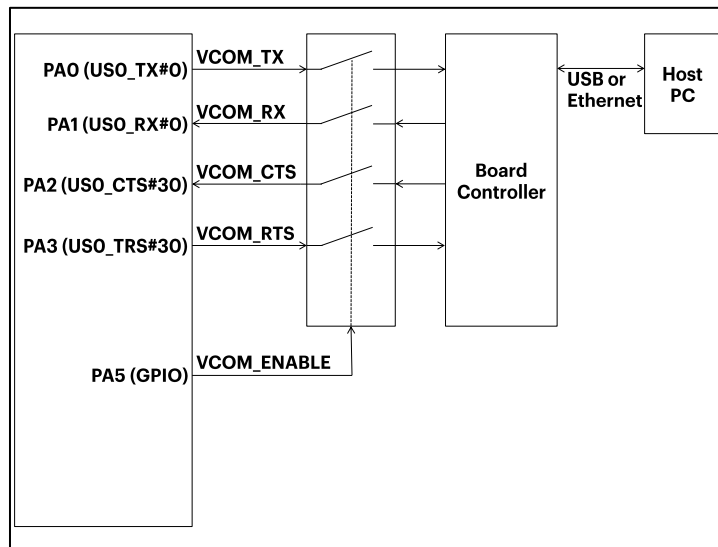


Figure 16. Virtual COM Port Interface

The Virtual COM port consists of a physical UART between the target device and the board controller see [Figure 16](#), and a logical function in the board controller that makes the serial port available to the host PC over USB or Ethernet. The UART interface consists of four pins and an enable signal. Details of the UART Interface are given in [Table 7](#).

Table 7. Virtual COM Port Interface Pins

| Signal | Description |
|-------------|--|
| VCOM_TX | Transmit data from the ARTIK 020 Module to the board controller |
| VCOM_RX | Receive data from the board controller to the ARTIK 020 Module |
| VCOM_CTS | Clear to Send hardware flow control input, asserted by the board controller when it is ready to receive more data |
| VCOM_RTS | Request to Send hardware flow control output, asserted by the ARTIK 020 Module when it is ready to receive more data |
| VCOM_ENABLE | Enables the VCOM interface, allowing data to pass through to the board controller |

BOARD CONTROLLER

The ARTIK 020 Main Board contains a board controller that is responsible for performing various board-level tasks, such as handling the debugger and the Advanced Energy Monitor. An interface is provided between the ARTIK 020 Module and the board controller in the form of a UART connection. The connection is enabled by setting the VCOM_ENABLE (PA5) line high, and using the lines VCOM_TX (PA0) and VCOM_RX (PA1) for communication.

Specific library functions have been provided in the ARTIK 020 Module Main Board BSP that support various requests to be made to the board controller, such as querying AEM voltage or current.

Note: The board controller is only available when USB power is connected.

ADVANCED ENERGY MONITOR

INTRODUCTION

Any embedded developer seeking to make his embedded code spend as little energy as the underlying architecture supports, needs tools to easily and quickly discover inefficiencies in the running application. This is what the Simplicity Studio™ Energy Profiler is designed to do. It will in real-time graph and log current as a function of time while correlating this to the actual target application code running on the ARTIK 020 Module. There are multiple features in the profiler software that allows for easy analysis, such as markers and statistics on selected regions of the current graph or aggregate energy usage by different parts of the application.

ADVANCED ENERGY MONITOR - THEORY OF OPERATION

The AEM circuitry on the board is capable of measuring current signals in the range of $0.1\mu\text{A}$ to 95mA , which is a dynamic range of almost 120dB. It can do this while maintaining approximately 10kHz of current signal bandwidth. This is accomplished through a combination of a highly capable current sense amplifier, multiple gain stages and signal processing within the kit's board controller before the current sense signal is read by a host computer for display and/or storage.

The current sense amplifier measures the voltage drop over a small series resistor, and the gain stage further amplifies this voltage with two different gain settings to obtain two current ranges. The transition between these two ranges occurs around $250\mu\text{A}$. The current signal is combined with the target processor's Program Counter (PC) sampling by utilizing a feature of the ARM CoreSight debug architecture. The ITM (Instrumentation Trace Macrocell) block can be programmed to sample the MCU's PC at periodic intervals (50kHz) and output these over SWO pin ARM devices. When these two data streams are fused and correlated with the running application's memory map, an accurate statistical profile can be built over time, that shows the energy profile of the running application in real-time.

At power-up or on a power-cycle, an automatic AEM calibration is performed. This calibration compensates for any offset errors in the current sense amplifiers.

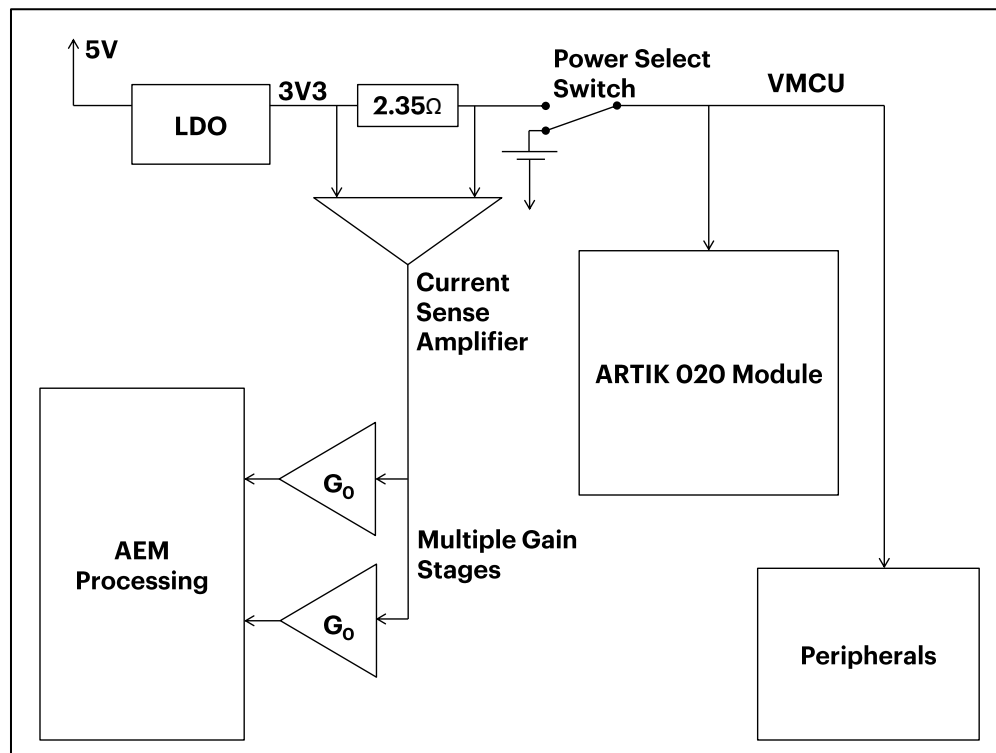


Figure 17. Advanced Energy Monitor

AEM ACCURACY AND PERFORMANCE

The Advanced Energy Monitor is capable of measuring currents in the range of 0.1 μ A to 95mA. For currents above 250 μ A, the AEM is accurate within 0.1mA. When measuring currents below 250 μ A, the accuracy increases to 1 μ A. Even though the absolute accuracy is 1 μ A in the sub 250 μ A range, the AEM is able to detect changes in the current consumption as small as 100nA. The AEM current sampling rate is 10kHz.

Note: The AEM circuitry only works when the kit is powered and the power switch is in the AEM position.

USAGE

The AEM (Advanced Energy Monitor) data is collected by the board controller and can be displayed by the Simplicity Studio™ Energy Profiler, available through Silicon Labs® Simplicity Studio™. By using the Simplicity Studio™ Energy Profiler, current consumption and voltage can be measured and linked to the actual code running on the ARTIK 020 Module in real time.

DEBUGGING

The ARTIK 020 Main Board comes with an integrated debugger, which can be used to download code and debug the ARTIK 020 Module. In order for debugging to work properly, make sure you have the appropriate debug interface selected.

DEBUG MODES

Programming external devices is done by connecting to a target board through the provided Debug IN/OUT Connector, and by setting the debug mode to [Out]. The same connector can also be used to connect an external debugger to the ARTIK 020 Module, by setting the debug mode to [In]. A summary of the different supported debug modes is given in

Table 8. Debug Modes

| Mode | Description |
|-----------|--|
| Debug MCU | In this mode the on-board debugger is connected to the ARTIK 020 Module on the ARTIK 020 Main Board. |
| Debug In | In this mode, the on-board debugger is disconnected, and an external debugger can be connected to debug the ARTIK 020 Module on the ARTIK 020 Module Main Board. |
| Debug Out | In this mode, the on-board debugger can be used to debug a supported device mounted on a custom board. |

Selecting the active debug mode is done with a drop-down menu in the Kit Manager tool, which is available through Simplicity Studio™.

DEBUGGING DURING BATTERY OPERATION

When the ARTIK 020 Module is powered by battery and the J-Link USB is still connected, the on-board debug functionality is available. If the USB power is disconnected, the Debug In mode will stop working. If debug access is required when the target is running of another energy source such as a battery, and the board controller is powered down, the user should make direct connections to the GPIO used for debugging. This can be done by connecting to the appropriate pins of the breakout pads.

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