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Silicon Errata for the Apollo4 Plus SoC

1. Introduction

This document is a detailed compilation of known device errata for the general availability revision of the Apollo4 Plus SoC and Apollo4 Blue Plus SoC. Unless stated otherwise, all listed errata apply to both Blue and non-Blue versions, and all packages, of the SoC.

2. Document Revision History

| Rev No. | Date | Description | | | |
|------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| 1.0 | Jan 2022 | Initial General Release Version | | | |
| 2.0 | Jun 2022 | Updated errata: ERR063: Removed as fixed. ERR065: Updated title and application impact. ERR091: Updated with expanded workaround. Added errata: ERR099, ERR101 - ERR106, ERR109 | | | |
| 3.0 | Sep 2022 | Added errata: - ERR110 - ERR113 | | | |
| 4.0 | Jul 2023 | Updated errata: ERR056: Updated pull-down requirement in workaround to 2 Mohm. Updated the AmbiqSuite Workaround Status to note that power sequencing has been updated in dsc_apollo4.c.in SDK version 4.4.0. ERR071: Removed from list as was fixed on this device. ERR074: Removed from list as was fixed on this device. ERR105: Clarified by specifying TCM as the problematic section of SRAM. Added errata: ERR114, ERR118, ERR121 - ERR124 | | | |

Table 1: Document Revision History

| Rev No. | Date | Description | | | |
|------------|-----------|---|--|--|--|
| 5.0 | Feb 2024 | Updated errata: ERR002: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR003: Updated Description and Erratum Resolution Status ERR040: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR041: Updated Workarounds field ERR064: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR065: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR066: Updated Description, Resolution and Erratum Resolution Status fields. ERR073: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR075: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR078: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR078: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR078: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR098: Clarified Description, Workarounds and AmbiqSuite Workaround Status fields. ERR098: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR098: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR091: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR091: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR092: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR093: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR094: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR095: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR096: Clarified Description, Workarounds and AmbiqSuite Workaround Status fields. ERR099: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR091: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR092: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR093: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR094: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR095: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR095: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR095: Updated Erratum Resolution Status ERR105: Updated Description Added errata: ERR125 | | | |
| 6.0 | June 2024 | Removed errata: ERR092 (Combined with ERR002) Updated errata: ERR002: Updated to also apply to AUDADC. ERR090: Updated Workaround. ERR091: Updated Workaround. ERR098: Updated Description and AmbiqSuite Workaround Status. ERR113: Updated Workaround and AmbiqSuite Workaround Status. Added errata: ERR119, ERR127 - ERR130 | | | |
| 7.0 | Feb 2025 | Updated errata: ERR129: Updated multiple fields for clarity. ERR130: Updated Application Impact field to specify that USB-HS is no longer supported. | | | |

Table 1: Document Revision History

3. Errata Summary List

Below is a list of the errata described in this document. The reference number for each erratum is listed along with its description and link to the page where detailed information can be found.

Reference to fixes on earlier versions implies that those fixes are on the latest Apollo4 Plus SoC revision as well unless otherwise stated.

| Erratum Number, Title and Page | Affected Silicon Revisions | Resolution Status | Workaround |
|--|----------------------------------|---|--|
| "ERR002: ADC/AUDADC: DMA ISR cannot be prop- erly triggered" on page 11 | All existing | No Fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR003: CACHE: Some modes are unsupported" on page 12 | All existing | Partially fixed; no fur- ther fix planned. | No workaround |
| "ERR008: GPIO: Dual-edge interrupts are not vec- toring" on page 13 | All existing | No fix planned | Software and/or hard- ware workaround |
| "ERR038: IOM: CQ fails to complete DMA read transfers" on page 14 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR039: IOS: MISO line is not tri-stated when CE driven high" on page 15 | All existing | No fix planned | Software/hardware work- around |
| "ERR040: IOS: FIFO read gets stuck/stalled" on page 16 | All existing | Partially fixed; no fur- ther fix planned. | No workaround |
| "ERR041: USB: Induced D+ output pulse may cause unintended disconnect" on page 17 | All existing | No fix planned | Software/hardware work- around |
| "ERR043: DMA: Incorrect reads/writes near memory boundaries" on page 18 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR046: GPIO: FIEN/FOEN not operational on GPIO0" on page 19 | All existing | No fix planned | Software/hardware work- around |
| "ERR056: USB: High leakage current in USB PHY" on page 20 | All existing | No fix planned | Hardware workaround |
| "ERR064: IOM: I2C power save/restore failure" on page 21 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR065: MSPI: CM4 hard fault not triggered when it should be" on page 22 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR066: IOS: Fails in FIFO mode at specific range of clock frequencies" on page 23 | All existing | No fix planned | No workaround |
| "ERR073: GPU: Blit overruns destination texture" on page 24 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR075: I2S: Clocks incorrectly gated while in deep sleep" on page 25 | All existing | No fix planned | Limited software work- around |
| "ERR077: DSI: Cannot free DBI when reading DSI register" on page 26 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |

 Table 2: Errata Summary

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| Erratum Number, Title and Page | Affected Silicon Revisions | Resolution Status | Workaround |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| "ERR078: MSPI: Potential race condition when using RXNEG and RXDQSDELAY concurrently" on page 27 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR079: INFO0: SIMO Buck cannot be enabled via INFO0 setting" on page 28 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR080: MSPI: Command Queue may disable DMAEN while data is still pending in internal buffer" on page 29 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR082: Memory: Potential lockup when DC/GFX accesses MSPI/ Extended Memory while MSPI is DMAing to there" on page 30 | All existing | No fix planned | System configuration |
| "ERR085: IOS: Possible failure in FIFO mode in wrap configuration" on page 31 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR087: MCU_CTRL: POR failure due to VDDC/ VDDF not rising to proper level" on page 32 | All existing | No fix planned | Hardware workaround |
| "ERR088: SDIO: DDR mode not supported" on page 33 | All existing | No fix planned | No workaround |
| "ERR090: ADC: No CNVCMP interrupt for first sin- gle scan" on page 34 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR091: ADC: Loss of first scan data" on page 35 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR094: BootROM: Does not accept source/desti- nation address higher than 0x101D7FFF" on page 36 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR096: DC: DPI-2 interface is not supported" on page 37 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR097: MSPI: Non-DQS SDR Octal not reliably operable at 48 MHz or 96 MHz" on page 38 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR098: STIMER: Constraints on writing to SCM- PRn registers and handling Compare interrupts" on page 39 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR099: IOM: CQ does not pause via the BLE module" on page 41 | All existing | No fix planned | No workaround |
| "ERR101: IOM: Command write causes CQ opera- tions to pause and never restart" on page 42 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR102: IOM: CQ does not pause immediately after triggering event" on page 43 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR103: IOM: FIFO threshold interrupt incorrectly triggered" on page 44 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR104: IOM: Data corrupted on I2C when OFF- SETCNT=0 and I2CLSB=1" on page 45 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR105: GPU: System hang when GPU fetches data from TCM" on page 46 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |

| Erratum Number, Title and Page | Affected Silicon Revisions | Resolution Status | Workaround |
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| "ERR106: AUDADC: MCU hangs when attempting to configure with disabled XTALHS clock" on page 47 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR109: MSPI: Dedicated DQS falling edge delay settings do not work in DEV0DDR register" on page 49 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR110: DAXI: Out-of-order SSRAM read and write returns incorrect read value" on page 50 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR111: MSPI: Delayed MSPI write b-response may cause MSPI state machine deadlock" on page 52 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR112: ADC: Dummy trigger causes immediate (invalid) interrupt" on page 54 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR113: ADC: Occasional corrupt conversion results at 48 MHz" on page 55 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR114: BLE: Performance not guaranteed during concurrent USB operation" on page 56 | All existing | No fix planned | No workaround |
| "ERR118: DC: Cannot read data from display panel in SPI mode" on page 58 | All existing | Fix planned on future SoC family | No workaround |
| "ERR119: ADC: Incorrect sample rate when using Internal ADC Timer as repeat clock source" on page 59 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR121: CLKGEN: XTAL32K is activated when XTAL_HS is selected as module clock" on page 60 | All existing | No fix planned | No workaround |
| "ERR122: BootROM: Incorrect total RAM size used for source address" on page 61 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR123: TIMER: Timer module reset required between HW trigger-initiated timer operations" on page 63 | All existing | No fix planned for Apollo4 or Plus. Fixed on Lite. | Software workaround |
| "ERR124: MSPI: Mixed Mode 1-1-4 does not work as expected" on page 64 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR125: BLE: Corrupted non-volatile memory pre- vents boot-up of the BLE controller" on page 65 | Blue ver- sions only | No fix planned | Hardware workaround |
| "ERR127: BLE: Image corruption at boot or reset" on page 66 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR128: MSPI: D3:D1 lines are pulled low instead of staying in high impedance mode" on page 67 | All existing | No fix planned | Hardware workaround |
| "ERR129: RTC: CB field value is unpredictable when year = 99 and CEB = 1." on page 68 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |
| "ERR130: CLOCKGEN: HF2ADJ-introduced jitter may cause incorrect HFRC2 adjustment" on page 69 | All existing | No fix planned | Software workaround |

Table 2: Errata Summary

4. Detailed Silicon Errata

This section gives detailed information about each erratum. Information covered for each erratum includes the following:

- Erratum Reference Number and Title Lists reference number and title of the erratum
- **Description** Provides a detailed description of the erratum
- Affected Silicon Revisions Specifies the silicon revisions on which the erratum exists
- Application Impact Describes the impact of the erratum on a user application
- **Workarounds** Proposes software or hardware workarounds to minimize or eliminate the risk of the erratum occurring
- Erratum Resolution Status Specifies which silicon revision, if any, that the erratum was initially fixed
- **AmbiqSuite Workaround Status** Specifies whether the erratum has been worked around in the AmbiqSuite software

4.1 ERR002: ADC/AUDADC: DMA ISR cannot be properly triggered

4.1.1 Description

The ADC/AUDADC DMA ISR cannot be properly triggered and results in missing interrupt conditions for the DMA Transfer Complete (DCMP) and DMA ERROR (DERR) interrupts.

4.1.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.1.3 Application Impact

The application needs to service more frequent ADC interrupts in order to check for DMA completion following completion of a conversion, scan, or FIFO threshold trigger.

4.1.4 Workarounds

A workaround for this issue is to use the FIFO 75% full interrupt (FIFOOVR1), triggered when the INTSTAT_FIFOOVR1 status bit is set, instead of using the INTSTAT_CNVCMP interrupt. Inside the ISR, read the DMA_STAT_DMACPL bit until it is set indicating the DMA transfer is complete.

4.1.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum on Apollo4 family SoCs.

4.1.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK provides a software workaround for this issue and is implemented in the audadc_rtt_stream example in the SDK

4.2 ERR003: CACHE: Some modes are unsupported

4.2.1 Description

Of the 6 major MRAM cache modes set in CPU_CACHECFG_CONFIG:

- W1_128B_512E = 0x4, // Direct mapped, 128-bit linesize, 512 entries (4 SRAMs active)
- W2_128B_512E = 0x5, // Two-way set associative, 128-bit linesize, 512 entries (8 SRAMs active)
- W1_128B_1024E = 0x8, // Direct mapped, 128-bit linesize, 1024 entries (8 SRAMs active)
- W1_128B_2048E = 0xC, // Direct mapped, 128-bit linesize, 2048 entries (4 SRAMs active)
- W2_128B_2048E = 0xD, // Two-way set associative, 128-bit linesize, 2048 entries (8 SRAMs active)
- W1_128B_4096E = 0xE // Direct mapped, 128-bit linesize, 4096 entries (8 SRAMs active)

Only 5 are supported:

- W1_128B_512E
- W2 128B 512E
- W1_128B_1024E
- W2_128B_2048E
- W1_128B_4096E

And only one of these modes, W1_128B_4096E, may be used with MSPI memory-mapped/XIP.

4.2.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.2.3 Application Impact

The cache must be configured as one of the supported modes. There is no negative impact to user applications if system can effectively utilize one of the four supported cache configurations. If there is a need to support XIP caching with a 2-way set associative configuration, then there are limitations on the affected revisions to support this.

4.2.4 Workarounds

There is no workaround for this limitation.

4.2.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum on Apollo4 family SoCs.

4.2.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no software workaround in the AmbiqSuite SDK.

4.3 ERR008: GPIO: Dual-edge interrupts are not vectoring

4.3.1 Description

GPIO dual-edge interrupts are not vectoring to the respective IRQ. Basically for PINCFGn_IRPTENn = 3 (INTANY) the ISR is only called for the falling edges and misses the rising edge. When the individual edges are specified (i.e., IRPTEN = 1 or 2), the ISR is called appropriately.

4.3.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.3.3 Application Impact

Dual-edge interrupt capability is not possible without adding additional functionality in the ISR or a hardware modification to utilize a separate GPIO for each edge interrupt.

4.3.4 Workarounds

Two possible workarounds are available to enable both rising and falling edge GPIO interrupts:

- 1. Initially set IRPTEN to either 1 or 2. When the ISR is called, toggle the setting and handle the interrupt.
- 2. Physically tie the target pin to an unused GPIO. Set one GPIO for rising edge and the other for falling edge.

4.3.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There is no plan to fix this erratum.

4.3.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

Both of the workarounds cited have been tested in the Ambiqsuite SDK using existing functions.

4.4 ERR038: IOM: CQ fails to complete DMA read transfers

4.4.1 Description

IOM Command Queue (CQ) with DMA fails to transfer the last 1 to 3 bytes left in the read FIFO when the read threshold (FIFORTHR) is set to 4. The CQ doesn't wait until the DMA completes for the specified TOTCOUNT. The CQ ends the transfer before the DMA completes. Due to this, the residual bytes are not transferred by DMA.

4.4.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.4.3 Application Impact

If an IOM transfer count is not a multiple of 4, then a DMA transfer may not complete. Depending on what is being transferred, and by which peripheral, an incomplete transfer could cause various anomalies within the system.

4.4.4 Workarounds

A workaround is to use a transfer count which is a multiple of 4, or a read threshold of 8 or more.

4.4.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum.

4.4.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK offers HAL functionality to implement the workaround described above.

4.5 ERR039: IOS: MISO line is not tri-stated when CE driven high

4.5.1 Description

When configured as a SPI slave using the IOS module, the Apollo4 does not tri-state the MISO pin when CE is driven high. Instead, the MISO pin is driven static low when CE is driven high.

4.5.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.5.3 Application Impact

If there are multiple slaves on the same SPI bus as an Apollo4 configured as a SPI slave, other slave devices will be prevented from driving data onto the MISO line.

4.5.4 Workarounds

Workarounds include:

- 1. Do not have any other slave devices on the SPI bus.
- 2. Add an external tri-state buffer between the Apollo4 MISO pin and the MISO line of the SPI bus so that the MISO pin on Apollo4 does not drive the bus when CE is driven high by the SPI master device.
- 3. Implement a software workaround that reconfigures and tri-states the Apollo4 MISO pin when the Apollo4 CE signal is driven high by the SPI master device.

4.5.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum.

4.5.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no specific workaround in the AmbiqSuite SDK for this issue.

4.6 ERR040: IOS: FIFO read gets stuck/stalled

4.6.1 Description

If the SPI master pauses the SPI SCK, an Apollo4 slave CPU may get stuck waiting for the next SCK from the SPI master when accessing IOS registers. The control state machine of the IOS assumes that once the interface starts an operation (read or write), it finishes it and the bus is held off until that happens because only one operation can take place with the LRAM at a time. The read or write request is asserted for one interface clock cycle, so if the clock stops the request will be held and the IOS (and MCU) will be stalled.

This could also happen when inside an ISR, causing extended delays in interrupt context. For example, the AmbiqSuite SDK HAL implements larger size IOS nonblocking transactions using a SW assisted replenishing of the hardware FIFO, by servicing the FSIZE interrupts. This issue could cause the ISR handler to get stuck when servicing the interrupt.

4.6.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.6.3 Application Impact

Getting stuck in an ISR may block other interrupts from being serviced. For example, such an occurrence may be the STIMER tick interrupt being blocked resulting in delayed scheduling of the RTOS. After the occurrence of several such blocking events, the STIMER may get overrun (e.g., the compare value is less than the counter without INSTAT getting set).

4.6.4 Workarounds

There is no workaround for this issue. The master needs to ensure that it does not insert long pauses in the clock once it has started a transaction.

4.6.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans to implement any further fix for this erratum in the Apollo4 family of SoCs.

4.6.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no software workaround in the AmbiqSuite SDK.

4.7 ERR041: USB: Induced D+ output pulse may cause unintended disconnect

4.7.1 Description

An output pulse on the D+ line while VDDUSB0P9 and/or VDDUSB33 are/is rising may be interpreted by a host as a connect event immediately followed by the disconnect one, causing the host USB SW to report about the unexpected disconnect from Apollo4. Such a report/message could be safely ignored for the USB-compliant hosts which would attempt USB device re-enumeration. An enumeration attempt performed when all USB power rails are stable succeeds.

4.7.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.7.3 Application Impact

The Apollo4 may fail to connect or stay connected with USB hosts that deviate from strict USB 2.0 specifications.

4.7.4 Workarounds

USB 2.0 compliant hosts are not affected by this erratum. While there is no workaround for the hosts that are not strictly USB 2.0 compliant, the proper system initialization and shutdown sequences minimize the chances of the non-compliant host being affected by the erratum. The proper USB power-up/power-down sequences can be found in the USB section of the Apollo4 Plus SoC Datasheet.

4.7.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum.

4.7.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

No workaround is needed in the AmbiqSuite SDK.

4.8 ERR043: DMA: Incorrect reads/writes near memory boundaries

4.8.1 Description

The APBDMA reads or writes unexpected values near the boundaries of target memories when the target DMA start address is not 32-byte aligned. This issue may occur when DMA transactions straddle SRAM and SSRAM, SSRAM and DSP0_IRAM, DSP0_IRAM and DSP1_DRAM, or DSP1_DRAM and DSP1_IRAM.

The Display Controller also exhibits a similar issue when the frame buffer is set across memories (SSRAM - DSP0_RAM, DSP0_RAM - DSP1_RAM, DSP_IRAM - DSP_DRAM) and starts on addresses which are not 32-byte aligned and even some that are 32-byte aligned addresses. Frame buffer start addresses must be *64-byte* aligned addresses.

4.8.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.8.3 Application Impact

DMA accesses can result in erroneous data when a non-aligned read/write crossing a memory boundary is made.

4.8.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to ensure that the DMA start addresses are 32-byte aligned for the APB-DMA, and 64-byte aligned for the Display Controller.

4.8.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum.

4.8.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

No software workaround is needed in the AmbiqSuite SDK.

4.9 ERR046: GPIO: FIEN/FOEN not operational on GPIO0

4.9.1 Description

Function selections Force Input Enable Active (FIEN) and Force Output Enable Active (FOEN) are not operational on GPIO0. All other selectable functions for GPIO0 work as documented, and FIEN/FOEN operations on other GPIO are not affected by this erratum.

4.9.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.9.3 Application Impact

User applications may be affected by this erratum if the FIEN or FOEN function is needed on GPIO0. When either the FIEN and FOEN bit is set, input or output enable is active regardless of the function selected for the GPIO and when that function sets the enable. Therefore the selected function enables the input/output only when needed.

4.9.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this limitation is to use a GPIO other than GPIO0, if possible.

4.9.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum.

4.9.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no software workaround in the AmbiqSuite SDK related to this loss of functionality on GPIO0.

4.10 ERR056: USB: High leakage current in USB PHY

4.10.1 Description

There is a high-current leakage path drawing about 34 mA from the 3.3 V VDDUSB33 rail when the digital PHY rail (0.8 V) is not powered.

4.10.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.10.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications by drawing excessive power under the conditions described above.

4.10.4 Workarounds

A workaround for this issue is to add a weak pull-down resistor (2 Mohm) on both D+ and D-.

4.10.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum.

4.10.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The power sequencing has been updated in dsc_apollo4.c.in SDK version 4.4.0 to better match the power up sequence described in section 18.3.3.1.6 of the Apollo4 SoC datasheets.

4.11 ERR064: IOM: I2C power save/restore failure

4.11.1 Description

In internal testing, a power save and restore failure occurs at both 1.755 V and 2.2 V. The power save returns status 3 (AM_HAL_STATUS_IN_USE) and power restore returns status 7 (AM_HAL_STATUS_INVALID_OPERATION). Failures seem to only occur during the first iteration after the frequency has changed.

When the compile switch macro is set to IOM_TEST_NO_POWER_SAVE_RESTORE, all tests for I2C passes without issue. Debug shows that the am_hal_iom_power_ctrl() function quits with error AM_HAL_STATUS_IN_USE. Adding debug code in the HAL shows that the STATUS register read returns a value 0 (unknown) instead of 4 (IDLE).

4.11.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.11.3 Application Impact

User applications may fail when using I2C power save and power restore functions without proper I2C configuration to prevent the failure.

4.11.4 Workarounds

A workaround for this issue is to set up the I2C as follows:

- 1. Update 1 MHz I2C initialization to include setting MI2CCFG_SMPCNT = 2. This sets the number of base clock cycles to wait before sampling the SCL clock to determine if a clock stretch event has occurred.
- 2. Update power save/restore operations to sequence the SUBMODCTL manipulation as a safety measure.

4.11.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum.

4.11.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK includes changes in the IOM HAL that prevent this issue from occurring.

4.12 ERR065: MSPI: CM4 hard fault not triggered when it should be

4.12.1 Description

The CM4 hangs waiting for a ready signal from an MSPI instance when the MSPI memories are read before powering up MSPI. The CM4 should raise a hard fault as it does for every other memory (SSRAM, Extended RAMs etc.). When MSPI is powered down, it is still in reset (hreset_mspi_n) and can't send a valid response to the AXI subsystem. Other memories are reset by different reset logic which is not dependent on the memory being powered on or off.

When the issue happens, the CPU and buses seem to hang where none of the APB/PPB/AHB addresses are accessible anymore. This occurs for MSPI memory of all three MSPI instances. Similar access on powered-down SRAM (0x10002000), shared SRAM (0x10060000) and extended memory (0x10160000) triggers the expected hardfault.

4.12.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.12.3 Application Impact

This issue may hang user applications which access an XIP address through a powered-down MSPI.

4.12.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to ensure that MSPI memories are not read before powering up MSPI.

4.12.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans to fix this erratum in any Apollo4 family SoC.

4.12.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no workaround in the SDK for this issue.

4.13 ERR066: IOS: Fails in FIFO mode at specific range of clock frequencies

4.13.1 Description

There is a timing limitation when the IOS is operating in FIFO mode causing the SPI interface to receive incorrect data during a burst write operation. This has been seen to occur also when the CPU is accessing the LRAM at the same time as a master write. Failures occur at interface frequencies between 500 kHz and 15 MHz.

4.13.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.13.3 Application Impact

This issue limits the rate that a master clocks the IOSLAVE in FIFO mode.

4.13.4 Workarounds

Ensure that the external Master device clocks the IOS in SPI or I2C mode at 15 MHz or higher (SPI only) or 500 kHz or lower (SPI or I2C) when operating in FIFO mode.

4.13.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans to fix this erratum in any Apollo4 family SoC.

4.13.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no workaround in the SDK for this issue. The master frequency is completely controlled by the Master device, so there are no software implications for AmbiqSuite.

4.14 ERR073: GPU: Blit overruns destination texture

4.14.1 Description

A blit can overrun the destination texture (framebuffer) and can write beyond the clipping height boundary and texture dimensions. There is a bug in the GPU hardware which occurs when the right/bottom edge of a geometry is in the range (RESX+0.5, RESY+1).

4.14.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.14.3 Application Impact

This issue affects blit display quality in user applications.

4.14.4 Workarounds

In order to not write outside the framebuffer, a slightly larger framebuffer should be allocated, e.g., (RESX+1, RESY+1).

4.14.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans to fix this erratum in any Apollo4 family SoC.

4.14.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no software workaround needed for this issue in the AmbiqSuite SDK. The stated workaround can be implemented in user code to avoid this issue.

4.15 ERR075: I2S: Clocks incorrectly gated while in deep sleep

4.15.1 Description

I2S Master DMA does not work after entering deep sleep. There is no problem when entering normal sleep. When the issue occurs, there are still I2S CLK & WS signals, but no I2S data and no DMA interrupt, and there will only be 64 samples, one TX FIFO size, transferred on the I2S bus, indicating that the DMA is not triggered or not operating correctly.

4.15.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.15.3 Application Impact

This issue prevents user applications from using I2S in deep sleep mode, thereby possibly causing significantly higher power draw.

4.15.4 Workarounds

The workaround is to keep from entering deep sleep when I2S is powered up and expected to operate.

4.15.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans to fix this erratum in any Apollo4 family SoC.

4.15.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK cannot provide a software workaround for this issue.

4.16 ERR077: DSI: Cannot free DBI when reading DSI register

4.16.1 Description

Cannot free DBI when reading register from DSI display, and display is not connected. When executing a DSI read command, the correct sequence is:

- 1. DBI sends read command.
- 2. DSI IP translates this command to DSI and sends this command to display.
- 3. When DSI gets returned data from display, it sets DBI_DataValid and returns data to DBI.
- 4. DBI receives data and enters idle state.

But when the display is not connected or is damaged, the DSI cannot get returned data and ACK from the display. It will enter error state, and will not set DBI_DataValid. Then the DBI cannot be freed and it will stay in the busy state. The DC status register will indicate "DBI/SPI CS is busy" (bit 14 at 0x400A00FC).

Disabling/enabling DBIB (bit 4 in MODE register) to force DBIB to idle state (bit 26 in DBIB_CFG register) and force CSX to high/low level (bit 29 and bit 30 in DBIB_CFG register), fails to clear bit 14 in NEMADC_REG_STATUS. So the DBIB bus cannot be freed after a read failure.

If MIPICFG_EN_DVALID signal is used, then DBI_DV (DBI_DataValid) signal must also be used to terminate the read transaction.

4.16.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.16.3 Application Impact

This issue may cause the DBI to remain in a busy state when a display panel becomes unconnected or is otherwise unresponsive in a user applications.

4.16.4 Workarounds

When disabling EN_DVALID after read operations in all APIs for DSI reads, the DBI/DSI can be released from busy mode.

4.16.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum.

4.16.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

EN_DVALID has been disabled after read operation in all APIs for DSI reads. There is a timeout in the SDK when checking to see if the panel is connected and responding so that DBI/DSI can be released from busy mode.

4.17 ERR078: MSPI: Potential race condition when using RXNEG and RXDQSDE-LAY concurrently

4.17.1 Description

When (RXNEG + RXDQS) delay combination exceeds 10.4 ns, the byte counter signal for MSPI increments early, causing all receive data on MSPI to be offset by 1 byte. This results in 1 byte of erroneous data at the beginning of a transaction. This applies to non-DQS mode only, and will be seen when tuning MSPI receive data timing.

4.17.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.17.3 Application Impact

This issue has little effect on user applications, as the timing tuning tool takes appropriate action when the race condition is encountered and returns proper delay parameters.

4.17.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is, for > 10.4ns delay, increment the TURNAROUND for 96 MHz (DDR 48 MHz), or use RXCAP for frequencies lower than 96 MHz. Please see the AmbiqSuite Workaround Status below which describes an SDK example utilizing a tuning procedure that discards failing MSPI tuning settings, including failures of this error type.

4.17.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans to fix this erratum in any Apollo4 family SoC.

4.17.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The Ambiqsuite SDK provides an updated HAL device driver as well as an example program, mspi_ddr_octal_psram_example, which demonstrates how timing sweeps are performed. To work around this issue, the tuning procedure discards any tuning values that results in an error.

4.18 ERR079: INFO0: SIMO Buck cannot be enabled via INFO0 setting

4.18.1 Description

The SIMO buck cannot be enabled via code execution in INFO0. The INFO0 field for SIMOBUCK enable has been deprecated, and MUST be kept as 0.

4.18.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.18.3 Application Impact

This issue has little effects on user applications. The only impact is that the SIMO Buck needs to be initiated in software during system initialization.

4.18.4 Workarounds

Enabling SIMO buck can be done in software.

4.18.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum.

4.18.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK workaround for this issue is to enable the SIMO buck via a HAL function: am_hal_pwrctrl_control(AM_HAL_PWRCTRL_CONTROL_SIMOBUCK_INIT, 0).

4.19 ERR080: MSPI: Command Queue may disable DMAEN while data is still pending in internal buffer

4.19.1 Description

The issue occurs when the Command Queue (CQ) has fetched all the data in the MSPI internal buffers and assumes the DMA is complete. The data in the buffer is not flushed to APMEM due to (1) DEV0BOUNDARY_DMATIMELIMIT0 or a DEV0BOUNDARY_DMABOUND0 break is exceeded, or (2) an XIP transaction from GPU or MCU occurs.

When the MSPI XIP DMA finishes per condition (2), there is a transition time of a few cycles that the CQ state machine thinks the data is flushed to APMEM.

The Command Queue state machine writes to the DMAEN register to shut down the DMA. The disabling of DMAEN causes the MSPI XIP DMA's finite state machine (FSM) to hang.

4.19.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.19.3 Application Impact

This issue may affect user applications by losing data in the MSPI buffer by not emptying the buffer before disabling DMA.

4.19.4 Workarounds

To work around this issue, do not disable DMAEN before all data is flushed to external memory. Wait until the following condition is true before all data is flushed to external memory.

(dma_active) | ((CQMASK & CQFLAGS)!=CQMASK).

4.19.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are currently no plans to fix this erratum.

4.19.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The workaround should be implemented in the user application.

4.20 ERR082: Memory: Potential lockup when DC/GFX accesses MSPI/ Extended Memory while MSPI is DMAing to there

4.20.1 Description

There is a possibility of a lock up during concurrent MSPI and extended memory accesses by the Display Controller (DC) or the Graphics Module (GFX) when MSPI is doing DMA transfers to/from the same Extended Memory.

A scenario for this to happen is as follows:

- 1. An MSPI is doing DMA's to/from an Extended Memory space.
- 2. The GFX or DC does a read of the MSPI but cannot complete due to the active DMA operation in (1).
- 3. The GFX or DC does a read of the same Extended Memory space, but the GFX/DC cannot accept the read data in the FIFO because it must first complete the read in (2).

4.20.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all silicon revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.20.3 Application Impact

This issue can possibly affect user applications by causing a lock up.

4.20.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this deadlock situation is for the system configuration and/or program execution to not allow all three events to occur at once. It can be avoided by having a separate Extended Memory space for the GFX/DC's memory and MSPI memory.

4.20.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are currently no plans to fix this erratum.

4.20.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK cannot prevent this issue from occurring - avoiding it must be done within the application design.

4.21 ERR085: IOS: Possible failure in FIFO mode in wrap configuration

4.21.1 Description

When using the IOS's wrap configuration (CFG_WRAPPTR = WRAP), there are two conditions which may cause FIFO mode to fail because of a conflict with the special register space:

- FIFO_BASE is set to 0x10 (halfway into the LRAM) when FIFO reads are to be executed.
- FIFOPTR is set within the range 0x78 to 0x7F.

4.21.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.21.3 Application Impact

The impact of this issue on user applications is that FIFO read transfers will be corrupted because the LRAM address will not be incremented correctly. If FIFO_BASE is set to 0x10, the actual FIFO base address is 0x80. In Wrap mode the address pointer is set to the value of the host access and then mapped to the LRAM (i.e., FIFO space) by adding 8. Thus host accesses to the special space will cause a wraparound of the LRAM address which is not correct.

4.21.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to ensure that FIFO_BASE is not set to 0x10, and that the initial FIFOPTR is never set to an address within the special register space when operating in the Wrap configuration.

4.21.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.21.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK does not perform any error checking to ensure that FIFO_BASE and FIFOPTR are configured properly in Wrap configuration.

4.22 ERR087: MCU_CTRL: POR failure due to VDDC/VDDF not rising to proper level

4.22.1 Description

A POR failure may occur during power-on. The POR design includes a level-shifter without isolation control and during power up, the uncontrolled level-shifter may cause loss of reset in the AOH domain. This in turn could incorrectly enable a strong pull-down path for the SIMOBUCK voltage. The MEMLDO will fail to power up VDDF because of the excessive loading when the SIMOBUCK voltage is pulled down enough.

4.22.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.22.3 Application Impact

The system may fail to power up properly when VDDC/VDDF does not reach specified minimum voltage during POR.

4.22.4 Workarounds

Recommended workaround is to connect a 2.2 uF capacitor between VDDF and VDD (VDD supply to VDDP/VDDH/VDDA).

4.22.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.22.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no software workaround in the AmbiqSuite SDK.

4.23 ERR088: SDIO: DDR mode not supported

4.23.1 Description

The SDIO interface cannot support DDR mode as under certain circumstances the SDIO logic creates a transition on some of the data lines in DDR mode just as the clock is switching, which can cause hold time violations.

4.23.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.23.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications which were intended to use DDR mode to connect over SDIO. Data throughput is limited by the maximum specified clock frequency in SDR mode.

4.23.4 Workarounds

There is no workaround which enables the use of DDR mode. The SDIO interface should be used in SDR mode within the specified clock rate.

4.23.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum on Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.23.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no software workaround in the AmbiqSuite SDK.

4.24 ERR090: ADC: No CNVCMP interrupt for first single scan

4.24.1 Description

When configured for single scan mode, the conversion complete (CNVCMP) bit is not set in ADC INTSTAT register, and the CNVCMP interrupt is not triggered, for the first scan. As well, there is no valid conversion result in the FIFO or FIFOPR register. Issue occurs at any settable clock source/rate, using any input channel, or using any slot.

4.24.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.24.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications which try to use the specified configuration.

4.24.4 Workarounds

NOTE: The below workaround is updated in v6.0 from what was stated previously.

The workaround for this issue is to set both ADC_CALCTRL_ISODLY and ADC_CALCTRL_RESETDLY to 0x3FF (maximum value).

4.24.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.24.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The HAL in AmbiqSuite SDK R4.5.0 sets ISODLY and RESETDLY to 0x3FF in am_hal_adc_pwrctrl, and removes the former workaround for this issue. With these updated settings, this issue is now resolved in R4.5.0 for all Apollo4 family members.

4.25 ERR091: ADC: Loss of first scan data

4.25.1 Description

The first scan result sometimes gets lost. When ADC conversion completes (CNVCMP flag set), the conversion data is not sent to the FIFO.

4.25.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.25.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications which require a conversion result for the first scan.

4.25.4 Workarounds

NOTE: The below workaround is updated in v6.0 from what was stated previously.

The workaround for this issue is to do the following:

- 1. Use the only valid ADC clock setting: HFRC_24MHZ.
- 2. Set both ADC_CALCTRL_ISODLY and ADC_CALCTRL_RESETDLY to 0x3FF (maximum value).

4.25.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.25.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The HAL in AmbiqSuite SDK v4.5.0 sets ISODLY and RESETDLY to 0x3FF in am_hal_adc_pwrctrl).

4.26 ERR094: BootROM: Does not accept source/destination address higher than 0x101D7FFF

4.26.1 Description

The current bootROM code is not updated for the SRAM size in Apollo4 Plus - it follows the Apollo4 definition of SRAM size based on CHIPREV, limiting it to 1888 KB. In the AmbiqSuite SDK, several API interfaces return error code 4 (pui32Src is invalid) when the pui32Src is located at an address higher than 0x101D7FFF. The bootROM helpers which take source/destination buffer in SRAM include:

- am_hal_mram_main_program
- am_hal_mram_info_program
- am_hal_mram_main_words_program
- am_hal_mram_info_read

4.26.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.26.3 Application Impact

This issue affects the execution of bootROM code in applications which currently use source/destination buffers in the higher SRAM address range.

4.26.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to avoid using MRAM HAL source and destination buffers in addresses higher than 0x101D7FFF.

4.26.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.26.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no software workaround in the AmbiqSuite SDK. Applications must use buffers in the allowed space.
4.27 ERR096: DC: DPI-2 interface is not supported

4.27.1 Description

Use of the DPI-2 interface is not supported.

4.27.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.27.3 Application Impact

This issue limits display interface options in user applications to SPI, QSPI or DSI.

4.27.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to use the Display SPI, QSPI or DSI interface.

4.27.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.27.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK provides functionality and examples for the supported display interfaces.

4.28 ERR097: MSPI: Non-DQS SDR Octal not reliably operable at 48 MHz or 96 MHz

4.28.1 Description

The MSPI does not operate reliably at 48 MHz and 96 MHz in octal, non-DQS SDR mode. Note that Octal at 96 Mhz in DQS SDR mode works as intended.

4.28.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.28.3 Application Impact

This issue requires that an application using Octal, non-SDR mode slows down the interface clock to lower than 48 MHz.

4.28.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to clock Octal, non-DQS SDR mode lower than 48 MHz or use DQS mode.

4.28.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.28.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

There is no software workaround in the AmbiqSuite SDK. Applications should use one of the workarounds mentioned above.

4.29 ERR098: STIMER: Constraints on writing to SCMPRn registers and handling Compare interrupts

4.29.1 Description

Compare interrupts are delayed by one STIMER clock. Additionally, on Apollo4 Plus and Apollo4 Lite it takes two STIMER clock cycles for the write to an SCMPRn register (where n is 0 to 7 representing one of the STIMER Compare registers) to get operated on. These timing issues put constraints on the minimum value of delta that can be applied to SCMPRn, which is four for Apollo4 Plus.

In addition, back-to-back writes to SCMPRn may not work reliably (i.e., take the last value) on Apollo4 Plus and Apollo4 Lite unless the application ensures not to write within two STIMER clock cycles of the previous one. As well, after writing to SCMPRn, the application needs to wait for at least three STIMER clock cycles before reading it back for the new value to be reflected.

It takes two STIMER clock cycles for the write to STCFG to take effect. This caused 2 extra cycles to add to the minimum delta.

4.29.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.29.3 Application Impact

This issue may affect user applications by not generating an STIMER interrupt when it is expected, or with unreliable read/write of SCMPRn. Also, when updating the Compare interrupt time by writing to SCMPRn, it is possible that the application may still get a stale interrupt corresponding to the old value even after a new value is written to SCMPRn because of the latency with a write operation. This could happen if SCMPRn is written too close to the imminent interrupt.

4.29.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this potential issue is to ensure that the minimum delta for the next compare is specified correctly. Internal latencies must be accounted for by adjusting (reducing) the delta that is actually supplied in the SCMPRn register, keeping in mind that the programmed delta must be at least 1.

For Apollo4 Plus SoC and Apollo4 Lite SoC, this latency correction is 3. Therefore, the minimum valid delta setting is 4. For Apollo4, the latency correction is 1, resulting in a minimum valid delta setting of 2.

Also the application needs to handle back-to-back writes to SCMPRn and ensure not to write within two STIMER clock cycles of the previous one, and then wait for at least three STIMER clock cycles before reading it back for the new value to be reflected. Application also needs to handle the unlikely event of a stale Compare interrupt.

4.29.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.29.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite HAL contains the workaround for these delays starting in SDK release 4.5.0 by internally adjusting the delta amount to be written to SCMPRn. Specifically, the HAL will account for the Compare interrupts being delayed by one STIMER clock by adjusting the delta value.

In addition, on Apollo4 Plus SoC and Apollo4 Lite SoC, the HAL will account for an extra 2 STIMER clock cycles of latency for the writes to SCMPRn by adjusting the delta value. The HAL will also handle the proper back-to-back writes to COMPARE and read-back, inserting waits if needed.

There is no workaround in the HAL for rare stale Compare interrupts, which could occur if SCMPRn is written too close to the imminent interrupt. The application needs to check for and handle such a case.

4.30 ERR099: IOM: CQ does not pause via the BLE module

4.30.1 Description

The CQ is configured to pause on a BLE CQ Pause flag event, but CQPAUSE through BLE is not connected in the module design (IOM_CQPAUSEN_CQPEN = BLEXOREN has no effect).

4.30.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.30.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications by not supporting the pausing of the CQ via the BLE module.

4.30.4 Workarounds

There is no workaround for this issue.

4.30.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum on Apollo4 family SoCs.

4.30.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

This specific functionality is not supported in the AmbiqSuite SDK's HAL.

4.31 ERR101: IOM: Command write causes CQ operations to pause and never restart

4.31.1 Description

An invalid write of 0b'00 to the IOM Module's CMD_CMD field causes the command queue (CQ) to pause indefinitely.

Proper CQ operation states that if no command is started by the register write, the next doublet (address/ data) will be fetched by the CQ. However, if the CQ is enabled with CQPAUSEEN = 0x0 (no pause events enabled), then the CQ starts processing instruction doublets. When the instruction to write 0x0 to the CMD_CMD field is executed, the CQ is paused (blocked waiting for a CMDCMP from the interface) and never restarts, even though writing 0x0 to this field should result in no command started.

4.31.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.31.3 Application Impact

This issue causes user applications to pause indefinitely when an invalid write to the CMD_CMD field occurs.

4.31.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to ensure that no write of 0x0 by the CQ to the CMD_CMD field occurs.

4.31.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There are no plans at this time to fix this erratum on Apollo4 family SoCs.

4.31.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK does not provide a software workaround for this issue or prevent the issue from occurring. It is the responsibility of the application to ensure that improper register writes by commands in the CQ do not occur.

4.32 ERR102: IOM: CQ does not pause immediately after triggering event

4.32.1 Description

The CQ is configured to pause on a GPIOXOREN event (CQPAUSE_CQPEN = GPIOXOREN), where the input GPIO irq_bit XORed with SWFLAG2 is '1' and the SWFLAG2 path of the pause event is triggered.

A software-triggered CQ pause does not stop immediately upon write to the CQSETCLEAR register - one additional operation occurs after the register write. After hitting a pause event, the CQPAUSE bit is asserted and then de-asserted for 1 clock cycle which allows another CQ buffer entry to be executed.

4.32.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.32.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications by allowing execution of an additional CQ buffer operation after a write to the CQSETCLEAR register which may have an adverse affect on IOM CQ and application operation.

4.32.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to install an extraneous command in the CQ after a command that writes to the CQSETCLEAR field so that there are no adverse effects if the pause occurs after its execution.

4.32.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum on Apollo4 family SoCs.

4.32.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK does not provide a software workaround for this issue or prevent the issue from occurring. It is the responsibility of the application to ensure that execution of an additional CQ command after writing to the CQSETCLEAR field and before the pause occurs has no undesired effect.

4.33 ERR103: IOM: FIFO threshold interrupt incorrectly triggered

4.33.1 Description

In normal read operation, the FIFO threshold interrupt (THR) and associated register bit (INTSTAT_THR) are asserted when the number of valid bytes in the read FIFO (FIFOPTR_FIFOnSIZ) equals or exceeds the value set in the read threshold field (FIFOTHR_FIFORTHR), and similarly for write operation.

When the IOM is set up to do a read transaction (DMA or non-DMA), the FIFOWTHR trigger is gating the read logic.

The FIFOWTHR logic is not being qualified with a "write_event" and the FIFORTHR is not being qualified with a "read_event". Therefore the FIFOWTHR is gating the read process.

4.33.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.33.3 Application Impact

This issue may affect user applications that do not evaluate actual FIFO pointers before initiating a FIFO read operation to determine how much data is ready to be read.

4.33.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is for the application to always inspect the actual FIFO pointers before determining how much data is available to read. It is possible that a false threshold interrupt may be triggered which should be ignored.

4.33.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.33.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK provides all necessary memory and register access functions to enable the application to implement the stated workaround.

4.34 ERR104: IOM: Data corrupted on I2C when OFFSETCNT=0 and I2CLSB=1

4.34.1 Description

The first data byte sent over I2C is sent most significant bit (MSB) first when MI2CCFG_I2CLSB = LSBFIRST and CMD_OFFSETCNT = 0. If OFFSETCNT = 0, all data shifted out should be LSB first but the first byte of the transfer is sent MSB first and the remaining 3 bytes are LSB first.

4.34.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.34.3 Application Impact

This issue may affect user applications and proper I2C data interpretation if LSB first configuration is used.

4.34.4 Workarounds

A workaround for this issue is to avoid it by not configuring the I2C transfers as LSB first, if possible.

4.34.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.34.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK does not provide a software workaround for this issue or prevent the issue from occurring as it does not limit I2C use or configuration. It is the responsibility of the application to avoid or handle this issue.

4.35 ERR105: GPU: System hang when GPU fetches data from TCM

4.35.1 Description

When the GPU fetches data from TCM, a system hang occurs. Graphics output stops during execution of the nema_get_cl_status function due to the statement if (last_cl_id >= cl_id) always returning false. The CL_ID is always 1 higher than LAST_CL_ID.

Output of the same buffer to the screen still occurs when forcing it past this point in the user graphics state buffer. However, it never moves past this issue of CL_ID always being 1 higher than LAST_CL_ID and a hang occurs at this point in the graphics.

Also, running full speed (no delays) causes the GPU to hang and graphics output to stop.

4.35.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.35.3 Application Impact

This issue adversely affects user applications if enabling the GPU to try to access data from TCM.

4.35.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue requires two steps:

- 1. Modify am_memory_map.h to specify new locations of variables from TCM to SSRAM.
- 2. Add delays to prevent CL_ID from getting stuck.

4.35.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.35.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

A non-blocking graphics example with proper memory allocation/use is provided in nemagfx_balls_bench_nb.

4.36 ERR106: AUDADC: MCU hangs when attempting to configure with disabled XTALHS clock

4.36.1 Description

The following sequence will result in MCU hang:

- 1. The high-speed crystal (XTALHS) is enabled.
- 2. The AUDADC module is enabled and configured to be clocked with the XTALHS_24MHz clock option by setting the AUDADC_CFG_CLKSEL field.
- 3. The MCU undergoes a SWPOR reset *without* setting the AUDADC clock source to OFF, HFRC_48MHz or HFRC2_48MHz.
- 4. The AUDADC is attempted to be enabled without first enabling the XTALHS clock source.

Since the AUDADC is attempted to be re-enabled using its prior configuration of using the XTALHS_24MHz clock option without first enabling the high-speed crystal again after the reset, the MCU hangs.

The AUDADC clock selection persists through a Software Power-On Reset instead of having its clock revert to the default value of OFF (no clock selected). A full power-on reset (POR) does set the clock initially to OFF as expected and no hang is experienced when enabling the AUDADC.

4.36.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.36.3 Application Impact

This issue may affect user applications that clock the AUDADC module with the high-speed crystal.

4.36.4 Workarounds

The workarounds for this issue are as follows:

- 1. To fully reset the AUDADC to its default settings, perform a full POR which sets the AUDADC clock to OFF (no clock selected).
- 2. When powering down the AUDADC, set the module's clock to OFF if the clock selection was the XTALHS. Then there will be no problem when the AUDADC is next initialize and powered on. The module's clock source may then be reselected upon re-enabling the AUDADC, making sure that the XTALHS is enabled if it is intended to be the clock source.

4.36.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.36.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK provides the procedure to properly enable clocks and configure the AUDADC with the desired clock source.

4.37 ERR109: MSPI: Dedicated DQS falling edge delay settings do not work in DEV0DDR register

4.37.1 Description

For any of the three MSPI instances, setting the DEV0DDR's RXDQSDELAYNEGEN0 field and the RXDQSDELAYNEG0 field with a delay offset for the falling edge of the DM0/DQS0 signal does not work and has been deprecated. If a value is programmed in the RXDQSDELAY0 register, then this value sets the delay offset for both rising and falling edges of DM0/DQS0. Additionally, the setting of the ENABLEFINEDELAY0 bit has no effect when enabling the DM0/DQS0 delay. Enabling the programmed delay for DM0/DQS0 is done simply by writing a delay value to the RXDQSDELAY0 field.

For MSPI0 (the only MSPI instance that supports hex mode), programming the RXDQSDELAYNEGHI0 field with a delay offset for the falling edge of the DM1/DQS1 signal does not work and has been deprecated. If the RXDQSDELAYHIEN0 bit is set and the RXDQSDELAYHI0 field has been programmed with a delay offset for the rising edge of the DM1/DQS1 signal, the same delay will apply to the falling edge.

In summary, the ENABLEFINEDELAY0, RXDQSDELAYNEGEN0, RXDQSDELAYNEG0, and RXDQSDELAYNEGHI0 fields have no effect and should remain at their default values (0).

4.37.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.37.3 Application Impact

This issue should not have an adverse effect on user applications, as adequate timing can be achieved without the use of separate falling edge delay offsets.

4.37.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to fine-tune the delay of RXDQSDELAY0 and RXDQSDELAYH0 for best timing of both rising and falling edges of their corresponding DQS signals.

4.37.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.37.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK provides the capability to implement the workaround mentioned above to set the timing of the DQS signal(s) adequately.

4.38 ERR110: DAXI: Out-of-order SSRAM read and write returns incorrect read value

4.38.1 Description

Issue Summary:

An out-of-order read of Shared SRAM (SSRAM) may occur when an SSRAM read reaches the SRAM-AXI Read Address FIFO while there is an earlier write to that same address in the SSRAM-AXI Write Address FIFO which has not yet completed.

The effect of this mis-ordering of an SSRAM address read and write is that the read returns the prior value of the SSRAM address before the write has taken place.

Issue Root Cause:

The root cause is that the DAXI allows a read transaction to go out to the same SSRAM address for which there is an in-flight write transaction.

Condition under which issue may occur:

This issue occurs only under the rare condition where write data to SSRAM is delayed from reaching the SSRAM in the DAXI-AXI FIFO, behind slower MSPI XIP memory-mapped write data. This primarily occurs when MSPI accepts a write address, but its write data buffers are full.

The SSRAM has separate read and write address FIFOs which make the SSRAM susceptible to misordering of the read and write operations. However, writes to SSRAM complete as fast as the write addresses can reach the SSRAM FIFO, unless the data for the write is delayed. This issue therefore will not occur if CPU is only writing to SSRAM and/or ESRAM.

Note that the Extended SRAM (ESRAM) and MSPI have combined read/write address FIFOs, so they are not susceptible to this issue.

4.38.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.38.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications by returning incorrect SSRAM data under certain conditions.

4.38.4 Workarounds

The condition under which this issue occurs is rare and can be further minimized, but not eliminated, by locating stacks and data accessed within ISRs in TCM and ESRAM (not SSRAM).

The issue may be completely avoided by not mixing CPU XIP memory-mapped writes to MSPI with CPU writes to SSRAM.

A flush of DAXI must be performed when switching between allowing CPU XIP memory-mapped writes to MSPI and allowing CPU writes to SSRAM. A hardware DAXI flush can be used. For acceptable performance, most or all stacks should be located in Tightly Coupled Memory (TCM) or ESRAM.

One method of separating CPU writes to MSPI from CPU writes to SSRAM is to use the MPU and memory region definitions to enforce that the CPU does not write to one range while writing to another range is allowed.

4.38.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.38.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK does not provide a prevention for this issue. It is the responsibility of the application to avoid or handle this issue by the use of the described workaround.

4.39 ERR111: MSPI: Delayed MSPI write b-response may cause MSPI state machine deadlock

4.39.1 Description

Background:

For every write across the AXI bus, a b-response handshake takes place to confirm to the master that the write has completed successfully. When a write has completed transfer to the target device's FIFOs (address and data), the device puts a b-response on the AXI bus. The master reads the b-response and provides a return b-response to the target. Once the b-response handshake is complete, the target accepts the next transaction (if any).

Issue Summary:

- Acceptance of an MSPI b-response by DAXI is delayed when the DAXI b-response FIFO becomes full. XIP memory-mapped writes to MSPI complete too slowly for the DAXI b-response FIFO to fill on their own, so filling the DAXI b-response FIFO can only occur if there are also some concurrent CPU writes to SSRAM or ESRAM.
- 2. While MSPI b-response is delayed and another master performs an XIP memory-mapped read from or write to MSPI, the MSPI b-response ID changes to this new master even though the b-response to DAXI has not yet taken place. The b-responses complete in order, so any writes to SSRAM or ESRAM are blocked from completing and will start to fill up the SSRAM and ESRAM Address FIFOs.

The result is that the AXI bus deadlock results in a CPU hang, which is typically detected by the Watchdog Timer in most applications.

Issue root cause:

The MSPI Interface does not enforce the correct b-response ID to be maintained on the AXI bus until the master accepts and responds to the b-response.

Condition under which issue may occur:

The condition under which this issue occurs is rare. Normally, the master accepts and responds to the b-response within a clock cycle of the MSPI making the b-response available on the AXI bus. However, if the master's b-response FIFO is full, then there is a delay in accepting and responding to the b-response.

The DAXI master requires 6 cycles to clear its 2-deep b-response FIFO, so its FIFO may be filled if there are more than 2 writes completed every 6 cycles. The MSPI is not capable of completing writes that quickly, so XIP memory-mapped writes to MSPI alone work correctly. CPU writes to SSRAM or ESRAM may be completed in < 3 cycles, so a burst of writes to SSRAM or ESRAM may fill the b-response FIFO. A write to MSPI after a burst of writes to SSRAM/ESRAM may then have its b-response delayed.

In such a case, while the MSPI b-response is delayed, if another master performs a read from or write to MSPI, the MSPI b-response ID changes to this new master even though the target's b-response to the DAXI has not yet completed. This prevents the MSPI b-response from reaching the DAXI.

Since the b-responses are enforced by the AXI bus to complete in order, any subsequent writes to SSRAM or ESRAM are blocked from completing and will start to fill up the SSRAM and ESRAM Address FIFOs.

If the issue was triggered by another master writing to MSPI, the MSPI state machine becomes deadlocked and cannot be recovered due to the b-response to the DAXI being delayed. The Issue becomes unrecoverable because the DAXI-AXI FIFO becomes blocked by writes to SSRAM/ESRAM, as this prevents any DAXI reads or writes from reaching MSPI to clear the issue.

If the issue was triggered by another master reading from MSPI, then the b-response ID issue may be resolved if a DAXI read from or write to MSPI reaches MSPI.

4.39.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.39.3 Application Impact

The occurrence of this issue may cause a CPU hang. However, the hang is recoverable with the use of the Watchdog Timer.

4.39.4 Workarounds

There are two workaround options available:

Option 1:

Prevent masters other than CPU from accessing MSPI memory (read or write) while the CPU is writing to MSPI.

DAXI Flush must be performed before allowing other masters to access MSPI to ensure any in-flight writes to MSPI complete before other masters access MSPI.

Option 2:

Avoid mixing CPU writes to MSPI with CPU writes to SSRAM and ESRAM.

A flush of DAXI must be performed when switching between allowing CPU writes to MSPI and allowing CPU writes to SSRAM/ESRAM. A hardware DAXI flush can be used. For acceptable performance, most or all stacks should be located in Tightly Coupled Memory (TCM).

One method of separating CPU writes to MSPI from CPU writes to SSRAM/ESRAM is to use the MPU and memory allocation adjustments to enforce that the CPU does not write to one range while writing to another range is allowed.

Note that Option 2 is a superset of the workaround for ERR110, and will work as a workaround for both ERR110 and ERR111, if the additional restrictions on ESRAM as described here can be accepted.

4.39.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.39.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK does not provide a prevention for this issue. It is the responsibility of the application to avoid or handle this issue by the use of one of the described workarounds.

4.40 ERR112: ADC: Dummy trigger causes immediate (invalid) interrupt

4.40.1 Description

A CNVCMP interrupt asserts immediately after enabling the NVIC of the ADC even though the CNVCMP interrupt status flag remains cleared. This dummy trigger occurs without enabling the ADC CNVCMP interrupt and clearing the interrupt before enabling the ADC EN bit.

4.40.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.40.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications if the dummy triggered interrupt is processed as a valid interrupt.

4.40.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to disregard the interrupt if no ISR status bits are set when the ISR is asserted.

4.40.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.40.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK HAL does not provide a software workaround for this issue. The application should follow the above workaround.

4.41 ERR113: ADC: Occasional corrupt conversion results at 48 MHz

4.41.1 Description

Conversion data is sometimes corrupted when operating the ADC at 48 MHz clock.

4.41.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.41.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications by occasionally yielding incorrect conversion result.

4.41.4 Workarounds

NOTE: The below workaround is updated in v6.0 from what was stated previously.

The workaround for this issue is to do the following:

1. Use the only valid ADC clock setting of 24 MHz (ADC_CFG_CLKSEL = HFRC_24MHZ).

NOTE: Because of this erratum, 48 MHz ADC clock is no longer supported on any Apollo4 Family SoC. The ADC_CFG_CLKSEL field selections have been updated to indicate that HFRC_24MHZ is the only valid selection.

4.41.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.41.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK HAL allows the selection of the HFRC_24MHZ clock source in support of the specified workaround.

4.42 ERR114: BLE: Performance not guaranteed during concurrent USB operation

4.42.1 Description

Due to interference between USB clock circuitry and the BLE Controller, BLE performance is not guaranteed during simultaneous USB operation. The PLL of the USB module outputs a 480 MHz clock and, when the USB and BLE operate concurrently, the clock's high-order harmonics interfere with the bandwidth of the BLE and affects the radio frequency characteristics of certain BLE channels.

4.42.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all existing revisions of the Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.42.3 Application Impact

This issue affects concurrent BLE and USB operation in user applications.

4.42.4 Workarounds

The use of the USB module is supported only for firmware updates, debugger I/O and serial logging output. One workaround for this issue is to not enable and use the BLE during these limited USB operations if at all possible.

If concurrent USB and BLE operation is necessary, then the influence of the PLL on the BLE can be avoided by adjusting the clock accuracy (negative bias) of HFRC since the reference clock of the USB PLL comes from HFRC.

By default, the output of the HFRC is 96 MHz. The impact of the USB on BLE operation can be avoided by using the function of MCU HFADJ and adjusting the output of HFADJ to 95 MHz by configuring the HFADJ register. This workaround has been shown to effectively avoid the influence of the USB PLL on BLE radio frequency performance through verification in high and low temperature environments.

The software enables HFADJ and configures the HFRC output to 95 MHz with the following code:

| uint32_t ui32Regval = | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| _VAL2FLD(CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFADJMAXDELTA, 14) | /* Max Adjust step size set 14*/ |
| _VAL2FLD(CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFADJGAIN, | |
| CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFADJGAIN_Gain_of_1) | /* HF Adjust with Gain of 1 */ |
| _VAL2FLD(CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFWARMUP, | |
| CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFWARMUP_1SEC) | / * Default value */ |
| _VAL2FLD(CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFXTADJ, 0x5AC) | / * HFRC output ~95M */ |
| _VAL2FLD(CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFADJCK, | |
| CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFADJCK_4SEC) | / * Default value */ |
| _VAL2FLD(CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFADJEN, CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFADJEN | _EN); |
| ui32Regval = _VAL2FLD(CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFADJEN, | |

CLKGEN_HFADJ_HFADJEN_EN);

CLKGEN->HFADJ = ui32Regval;

/* HFADJ Enable */

NOTE: Users should be mindful when utilizing this workaround that all modules that use HFRC will now operate at the reduced frequency. Users should verify that this meets the requirements of their system.

4.42.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.42.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

Use of the BLE and USB modules is controlled in the user application. The AmbiqSuite SDK provides enablement and initialization functions for each of these modules.

4.43 ERR118: DC: Cannot read data from display panel in SPI mode

4.43.1 Description

In SPI, DualSPI or QuadSPI mode, the Display Controller (DC) cannot read data from a display panel. the DC can correctly write to a panel in each SPI modes. This issue does not affect other DC interface modes.

4.43.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.43.3 Application Impact

This issue prevents reading data from the display panel in a standard SPI interface.

4.43.4 Workarounds

A workaround for not being able to perform a DC-SPI read from the display panel is to enable the DBI Type-B interface before the read, use DC-SPI interface for the read, and then disable DBI Type-B interface after the read. The DBI Type-B interface can be enabled by setting the DBITYPEBEN bit in the DC's Mode register. For the purpose of reading a panel, the DBI Type B interface width can be set to 8-, 9- or 16-bits by configuring the TYPEBWIDTH field of the DC's DBICFG register. DBI mode can be disabled after the read by clearing the DBITYPEBEN bit and reconfiguring for the desired SPI mode.

4.43.5 Erratum Resolution Status

This erratum is intended to be fixed on a future SoC family.

4.43.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK does not provide a software workaround for this issue, but does support the setup and use of the DBI Type-B interface. See the am_devices_display_generic.c and .h files for display mode functions.

4.44 ERR119: ADC: Incorrect sample rate when using Internal ADC Timer as repeat clock source

4.44.1 Description

Using the internal ADC timer as the repeating trigger clock source (ADC_CFG_RPTTRIGSEL = INT), there are two additional, unexpected clock cycles added to the total divide cycle. This means the ADC sample rate will be decreased by two 24 MHz clock cycles.

4.44.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.44.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications by using an incorrect sample rate when the internal ADC timer is used as the periodic trigger clock source.

4.44.4 Workarounds

Workarounds for this issue are the following:

- 1. When using the Internal Repeating Trigger Timer, verify that two additional 24 MHz clock cycles in this sample clock generator will not impact the application. If it does, either configure the ADC_CLKDIV_-TIMERMAX to take into account these two extra clock cycles, or:
- 2. Use Timer 7 as the periodic trigger clock source (ADC_CFG_RPTTRIGSEL = TMR, and TIMER_-GLOBEN_ADCEN = EN).

4.44.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.44.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK does not provide a workaround for this erratum. It is up to the application to take into account these two extra clock cycles if it is a concern.

4.45 ERR121: CLKGEN: XTAL32K is activated when XTAL_HS is selected as module clock

4.45.1 Description

The high-speed crystal clock, referred to as XTHS or XTALHS, is offered as a module clock option (CLKSEL) for the AUDADC, PDM and I2S modules. However, this clock selection operation has the unintended side effect of enabling the 32 kHz crystal at the same time.

4.45.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.45.3 Application Impact

Whenever the high-speed crystal is being used by the AUDADC, PDM or I2S module in active mode or in any low-power mode, the 32 kHz crystal will be enabled and drawing power.

4.45.4 Workarounds

There is no workaround for the 32 kHz crystal being powered and active when the high-speed crystal is selected as the module clock for the AUDADC, PDM or I2S module. To avoid this situation, when possible, clock these modules with one of the other clock options.

4.45.5 Erratum Resolution Status

This erratum is intended to be fixed in a future SoC family.

4.45.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The HAL function, am_hal_mcuctrl_control, in the AmbiqSuite SDK implements the proper way to set up the high-speed crystal in preparation for selecting it as the clock source for the AUDADC, PDM and I2S modules.

4.46 ERR122: BootROM: Incorrect total RAM size used for source address

4.46.1 Description

For Apollo4 Plus, the total size of RAM should be 384+1024+384+1024=2816 kB, or a last valid wordaligned source address of 0x102BFFFC (valid only if writing exactly one word). However, the total size of SRAM/SSRAM used is the same size as Apollo4, which is a maximum of 384+1024+480=1888 kB, resulting in a last valid source address of 0x101D7FFC.

This results in the Apollo4 Plus BootROM helper functions limiting the source memory range to 0x10000000 - 0x101D7FFC, the same as would be valid for Apollo4. Any calling function attempting to use a valid Apollo4 Plus source address of 0x101D8000 - 0x102BFFFC will fail with return code 4.

The issue also affects Apollo4 Lite since it uses the exact same BootROM binary, but affects it in a different way. That is, the Apollo4 Lite RAM should be sized as 384+1024=1408 kB, or a valid address range of 0x10000000 - 0x1015FFFC. However, the BootROM helper functions will accept source addresses up to 0x101D7FFC. So the helper functions will fail in an undetermined way, possibly even a hang situation, if an invalid source address is used.

4.46.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.46.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications or factory production programs which use certain BootROM helper functions using source buffers located in SRAM. On Apollo4 Plus, this issue limits the usable range of RAM addresses passed to a BootROM helper function. The issue affects Apollo4 Lite user applications in an undetermined manner if an out-of-bounds source address is attempted to be written by a helper function.

The helper functions affected are the following:

- nv_program_main()
- nv_program_main2()
- nv_program_info_area()
- nv_program_main_from_sram()
- nv_program_main2_from_sram()
- nv_program_info_area_from_sram()

4.46.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue on Apollo4 Plus and Apollo4 LIte is to limit the range of RAM-based source buffers passed to any of the affected BootROM helper functions (as listed in the description) as follows:

- For Apollo4 Plus, the workaround is to ensure that no part of a RAM-based source buffer exceeds the range 0x10000000 0x101D7FFC. Doing so will result in an error code of 4 being returned to the caller.
- For Apollo4 Lite, the workaround is to ensure that no part of a RAM-based source buffer exceeds the range of 0x10000000 0x1015FFFC, that is, the valid RAM address space for Apollo4 Lite. Doing so will result in undefined behavior.

4.46.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.46.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK provides validation of the source addresses for functions am_hal_mram_main_words_program() and am_hal_mram_info_program(). These are not workarounds, but simply checks of the buffer address range. It is up to the user application to ensure that the source buffer passed directly to a BootROM helper function is valid.

4.47 ERR123: TIMER: Timer module reset required between HW trigger-initiated timer operations

4.47.1 Description

When using a HW trigger to initiate timer start in any mode on any timer, a specific trigger, selected by MODEn_TMRnTRIGSEL, can be used only once before requiring a reset of the Timer module in order to use the trigger source again. A Timer module reset stops all existing timer operations of all timers and requires the reconfiguration and restart of all desired timer operations.

4.47.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.47.3 Application Impact

Since this issue requires a timer module reset and re-initialization of any running timers between sequential trigger-initiated operations, there is timer set-up overhead incurred in user applications. As well, there is a discontinuation of any other concurrent timer operations since the workaround for this issue requires a complete timer module reset (to use the hardware trigger again).

4.47.4 Workarounds

The only way to cause the (re)triggering of a timer operation or a different operation requiring a trigger after a completed triggered-timer operation is to reset the entire Timer module (CTRL_RESET= 1). This terminates all existing timer operations and requires that timers be reconfigured and restarted. If a HW trigger is not used, then the single timer can be reconfigured and operation can be re-initiated as normal and with no disruption to other timer operations.

A software workaround is to use a high-priority interrupt (Timer or GPIO) to generate the desired trigger. Within the ISR of that interrupt, use software commands to start the timer. The penalty in using this workaround is that the ISR causes a slight delay in timer execution/output and requires CPU intervention to run the ISR resulting in a slight cost in power draw.

4.47.5 Erratum Resolution Status

There currently are no plans to fix this erratum for this device. Note that on the Apollo4 Lite and Apollo4 Blue Lite SoCs, this triggering issue is fixed and does not require the resetting of the entire Timer module.

4.47.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK provides the Timer reset function as well as other functions necessary to configure for all supported timer operations.

4.48 ERR124: MSPI: Mixed Mode 1-1-4 does not work as expected

4.48.1 Description

A glitch occurs on the D0 line between address and data in mixed mode D4, or 1-1-4. The glitch is observed only during write operation in 1-1-4 mode and its occurrence may cause data write failures. Even though glitches have been observed on all Apollo4 family devices, data write failures have only been observed on the Apollo4 SoC. Read operation is not affected and therefore it does not pose a problem for XIP/XIPMM reads.

4.48.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.48.3 Application Impact

This issue may cause write data errors in MSPI D4 mode when the glitch is sampled by an external device.

4.48.4 Workarounds

A workaround for this issue is to emulate D4 mode in software. Disable the ADDR phase (DEV0XIP_XIPSENDA = 0), then add extra data at the beginning of the data phase to emulate D4 mode.

There should be no problem for XIP/XIPMM reads but there is no workaround for XIPMM write issue in 1-1-4 mode. Note that XIP/XIPMM across 1-1-4 interface is not a common use case since it is normally used in NAND flash which does not support XIP/XIPMM.

4.48.5 Erratum Resolution Status

Currently there are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.48.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The workaround code is released in the NAND flash driver of the AmbiqSuite SDK.

4.49 ERR125: BLE: Corrupted non-volatile memory prevents boot-up of the BLE controller

4.49.1 Description

In a low percentage of devices, malfunction of the BLE (Bluetooth Low Energy) controller occurs after multiple power cycles. The issue is caused by the BLE controller power supply (VDDB) ramping up too quickly which in turn may cause erroneous erasure of the BLE controller firmware within its non-volatile memory. This erasure prevents the BLE controller from booting up correctly and therefore cannot function and is unrecoverable.

4.49.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of the Blue version of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.49.3 Application Impact

This issue affects user applications by causing the BLE controller to function incorrectly or not at all.

4.49.4 Workarounds

Low failure rate is observed when the VDDB power-up ramp rate (the time for VDDB to transition from 0 V to 1.8 V) is less than 100 μ s, and is significantly reduced or eliminated at a ramp rate longer than 350 μ s. Depending on the system configuration, slowing down the VDDB power-up ramp rate could be achieved by one of the following methods:

- Adjusting the external PMIC's slew
- Increasing the external PMIC's or VDDB's bypass cap to slow the rise time
- Adding a simple transistor soft start / slow turn-on circuit in series with the VDDB pin

4.49.5 Erratum Resolution Status

Currently there are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.49.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK does not provide a prevention for this issue. It is the responsibility of the application to avoid or handle this issue with the use of the described workaround.

4.50 ERR127: BLE: Image corruption at boot or reset

4.50.1 Description

Due to the absence of a pull-down on the BLE controller reset line within an Apollo4 family "Blue" SoC, the radio can end up in an indeterminate state at boot-up or reset. When the BLE Controller secure bootloader (SBL) attempts to authenticate the controller firmware image while in an uncertain state, an authentication error may occur. When an authentication failure occurs, the SBL attempts to write a failure flash to the controller flash. If the reset pin or voltage rail status is uncertain, it is possible for the flash write to result in flash memory corruption.

4.50.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.50.3 Application Impact

If the authentication failure flag is written or if the BLE controller flash is corrupted, the BLE controller is no longer functional and becomes unrecoverable.

4.50.4 Workarounds

The BLE Controller SBL has been updated to no longer write to flash when the SBL image authentication fails. This eliminates the possibility of having a permanent authentication failure, and mitigates the possibility of flash corruption.

In addition, the BLE Controller reset pin can be controlled by software to minimize the amount of time the controller is in an unknown state.

4.50.5 Erratum Resolution Status

Currently there are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.50.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK has been updated to add additional BLE Controller reset line control at power-up in am_bsp_low_power_init() for each EVB, as well as when the radio is shut down in hci_drv_cooper.c.

4.51 ERR128: MSPI: D3:D1 lines are pulled low instead of staying in high impedance mode

4.51.1 Description

Behavior of the upper data lines (IO2 and IO3) during the instruction phase of mixed-mode (1-1-4 or 1-4-4) transfers is preventing IO3 to function properly as the nHOLD signal, as is done on certain NAND devices. When nHOLD is pulled low at the start of the transaction and despite pull-ups present, it causes the chip to ignore all other signals. The SoC should leave the upper data lines floating during the instruction phase of mixed-mode transfers.

4.51.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.51.3 Application Impact

Certain NAND devices requiring IO3 to be kept high during mixed-mode (1-1-4 or 1-4-4) operation may not function properly.

4.51.4 Workarounds

Currently there is no workaround for this issue. Use of certain NAND devices requiring IO3 to be kept high during mixed-mode (1-1-4 or 1-4-4) operation is not recommended or supported.

4.51.5 Erratum Resolution Status

Currently there are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.51.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK does not provide a solution for, and does not support, the use of these devices.

4.52 ERR129: RTC: CB field value is unpredictable when year = 99 and CEB = 1.

4.52.1 Description

When the RTC_CTRUP_CEB bit is set to enable the Century bit (RTC_CTRUP_CB) to change, the CB toggles whenever and as long as the Year field (CTRYR) is 99. This happens not just on rollover from 99 to 00 but toggles randomly, which is (essentially) every RTC clock.

4.52.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.52.3 Application Impact

This issue may affect any application using POSIX time which uses January 1, 1970 as its epoch. In such systems a common test involves checking the correct value of the Century bit upon rollover from 1999 to 2000.

4.52.4 Workarounds

The workaround for this issue is to keep the CEB cleared, disabling the CB bit from automatically toggling when the CTRYR register field rolls over from 99 to 00. The century value should be maintained in the CB field by software.

4.52.5 Erratum Resolution Status

Currently there are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.52.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The AmbiqSuite SDK has been modified as follows:

- CEB is no longer supported. The bit should be kept cleared (default) when setting up the RTC in the HAL.
- No automatic toggle of the CB field when the CTRYR field rolls over from 99 to 00.

Note that the CB bit is used to specify 20xx (value = 1) vs 21xx (value = 0) only; 19xx has been removed.

4.53 ERR130: CLOCKGEN: HF2ADJ-introduced jitter may cause incorrect HFRC2 adjustment

4.53.1 Description

When HF2ADJ is enabled, the HFRC2 adjustment circuit may incorrectly adjust the HFRC2 output due to jitter being introduced by the adjustment circuit.

4.53.2 Affected Silicon Revisions

This silicon erratum applies to all revisions of Apollo4 Plus SoC.

4.53.3 Application Impact

The out-of-range adjustments mentioned above can result in clocking issues with USB high-speed and other blocks clocked by HFRC2. As a result of this erratum and its potential impact on the HFRC2 clock, USB high-speed mode is no longer supported on the Apollo4, Apollo4 Blue, Apollo4 Plus and Apollo4 Blue Plus SoCs.

4.53.4 Workarounds

A workaround for this issue is to periodically run a HF2ADJ tuning procedure and average the HF2ADJ trimming output to adjust HFRC2 sufficiently without significantly increasing jitter. The HF2ADJ tuning procedure is summarized in the following sequence.

HFRC2 Adjust (HF2ADJ) Initial Setup Procedure:

- 1. Ensure that the 32 MHz high speed crystal oscillator (XTHS) is running.
- 2. Disable HFRC2 FLL by setting CLKGEN_HF2ADJ0_HF2ADJEN = DIS.
- 3. Set the HF2ADJ trimming offset value in the CLKGEN_HF2ADJ1_HF2ADJTRIMOFFSET field to 0 (default). If user wants to modify this signed 11-bit number, that is permissible.
- 4. The HF2ADJ output selection (CLKGEN_HF2ADJ1_HF2ADJTRIMEN field) sets the output mux and must be set to enable the FLL (bit 0 set), therefore any field option that has bit 0 set (e.g., TRIM_EN1, TRIM_EN5, etc.) such that the output of the FLL is actually used to generate the HFRC2 frequency. If set to TRIM_EN5 the following values are used to generate the HFRC2 output frequency:
 - A. HF2ADJTRIMOUT (output of the FLL)
 - B. HF2TUNE (HFRC2 tune value set in the MCUCTRL_HFRC2_HF2TUNE field)
- 5. Select the clock multiplier/divider for the FLL.
 - A. The input clock for Apollo4 is 32 MHz. This is run through a pre-divider to reduce the frequency below 12 MHz.
 - B. Choose a divider of 4, so the FLL input freq is 8 MHz. In this case the intermediate FLL frequency (IF) will be target-output-freq * 16. For an FLL output target of 24 MHz that IF is 384 MHz.
 - C. For an 8 MHz base FLL input clock, the multiplier to 384 is 48, that is scaled by 2^{15} , so the register value used for 24MHz is: Ratio_value =48 * 2^{15} = 0x180000.
 - D. Set CLKGEN_HF2ADJ2_HF2ADJRATIO = Ratio_value.
- 6. Start the HFRC2 FLL (HF2ADJ) by setting CLKGEN_HF2ADJ0_HF2ADJEN = EN.

- 7. Check the chip revision number (MCUCTRL_CHIPREV) and/or patch configuration to determine if the MCUCTRL_HFRC2_HF2TUNE field is visible to the processor. If the chip does not support HFRC2 tune, leave the HFRC2 FLL running (Pi controller).
- 8. Run the following repeating tune procedure for the first time.

Repeating Tune Procedure:

- 1. Set the trim value to TRIM_EN5 for the HF2ADJ output selection (CLKGEN_HF2ADJ1_HF2ADJTRI-MEN field).
- 2. Enable the 32 MHz high speed crystal oscillator (XTHS) if not running. The 32 Mhz clock takes about 300 μs to start up, so delay for this duration after enabling.
- 3. Enable the HFRC2 FLL by setting CLKGEN_HF2ADJ0_HF2ADJEN = EN.
- 4. Wait for the FLL to stabilize (about 1000 µs delay).
- 5. Average the output of the FLL. Fetch data from the HF2ADJ trimming output (CLK-GEN_HF2VAL_HF2ADJTRIMOUT field).
 - A. The data is 11-bit signed.
 - B. Mask the 11 bits and sign extend to 32-bit signed.
 - C. Sample data no faster than 1 µs per sample.
 - D. Average (sum) the data.
 - E. This averaged data must be converted back to 11-bit signed.
- 6. Load the averaged value into MUCCTRL_HFRC2_HF2TUNE.
- 7. Disable the HFRC2 FLL by setting CLKGEN_HF2ADJ0_HF2ADJEN = DIS.
- 8. Disable the 32 MHz XTHS (if desired).

Repeat the Tune procedure approximately every 10 seconds to compensate for temperature variation.

4.53.5 Erratum Resolution Status

Currently there are no plans to fix this erratum.

4.53.6 AmbiqSuite Workaround Status

The HFRC2 tuning procedure described in the Workaround above is implemented as examples in the AmbiqSuite SDK starting with version 4.5.0:

- power/pwr_32Mhz
- usb/tinyusb_cdc_hfrc2
- usb/tinyusb_cdc_msc_hfrc2

These examples use HFRC2 adjust (HF2ADJ) to create a 24 MHz HFRC2 frequency and calls the function *am_hal_clkgen_HFRC2_adj_recompute()* every 10 seconds.

The function *am_hal_clkgen_HFRC2_adj_recompute()* executes the tune procedure every ten seconds.

5. Ordering Information

| Device Name | Orderable Part Number ^a | MRAM | RAM | Package (mm) | Packing | Temperature Range |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Apollo4 Plus SoC | AMAP42KP-KBR | 2 MB | 2.75 MB | 5.0 x 5.0 146-pin BGA | Tape and Reel | –20 to 60°C |
| Apollo4 Blue Plus SoC | AMA4B2KP-KBR | 2 MB | 2.75 MB | 4.7 x 4.7 131-pin BGA | Tape and Reel | –20 to 60°C |
| Apollo4 Blue Plus SoC | AMA4B2KP-KXR | 2 MB | 2.75 MB | 4.7 x 4.7 131-pin BGA | Tape and Reel | –20 to 60°C |

Table 3: SoC Ordering Information

a. The silicon revision is identified by the first letter in the bottom row of the package's top marking.



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