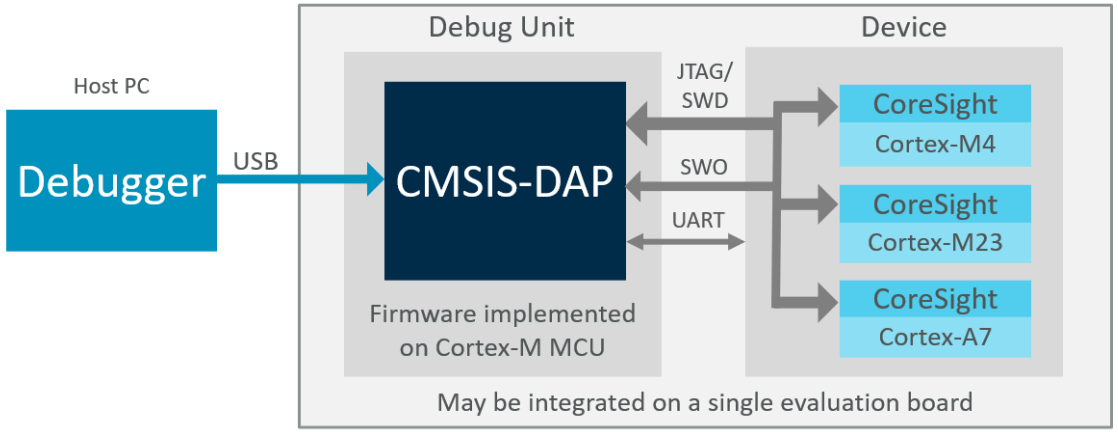
CMSIS-DAP FOR RA

WHAT IS CMSIS-DAP

- Protocol defined by Arm for a debug probe to communicate with Debug Access Port of a Cortex-M device over SWD
  - Part of Arm's "Cortex Microcontroller Software Interface Standard"
- Arm provide source code, under open source license, including some example implementations.
  - DAP-Link (which came out of Arm's mbed project) is one particular implementation of CMSIS-DAP, terms sometimes get confused
- Originally aimed mainly at low cost, low performance on-board probes on eval boards
  - Many – but not all - implementations are still in this category
  - But various standalone probes are also available (e.g. NXP's LPC-Link2 and MCU-Link, RaspberryPI)
- Arm initially tried not to "upset" probe vendors like SEGGER by keeping performance and features limited, now changing :
  - Higher performance
    - Can now use USB bulk endpoints instead of HID in CMSIS-DAP v2.0.
    - Seeing better MCUs used in probe implementations (clock speeds and USB high speed vs Full speed, packet sizes)
  - More functionality : SWO trace

CMSIS-DAP AND RA



❑ Two sides to the “Do we support CMSIS-DAP for RA” question….

1) Probe firmware running on an RA MCU

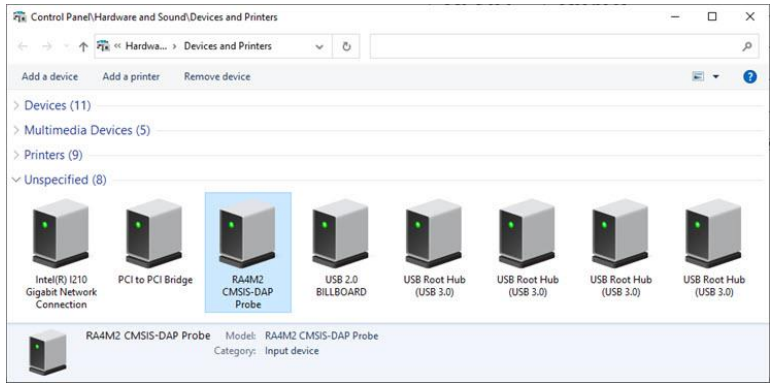
2) Use of a CMSIS-DAP probe (potentially, but not necessarily, running on an RA MCU) to debug an RA MCU target from tools running on a host PC

❑ Remember that for RA “Cortex-M33 with DLM” MCUs, boot mode access is not possible via CMSIS-DAP

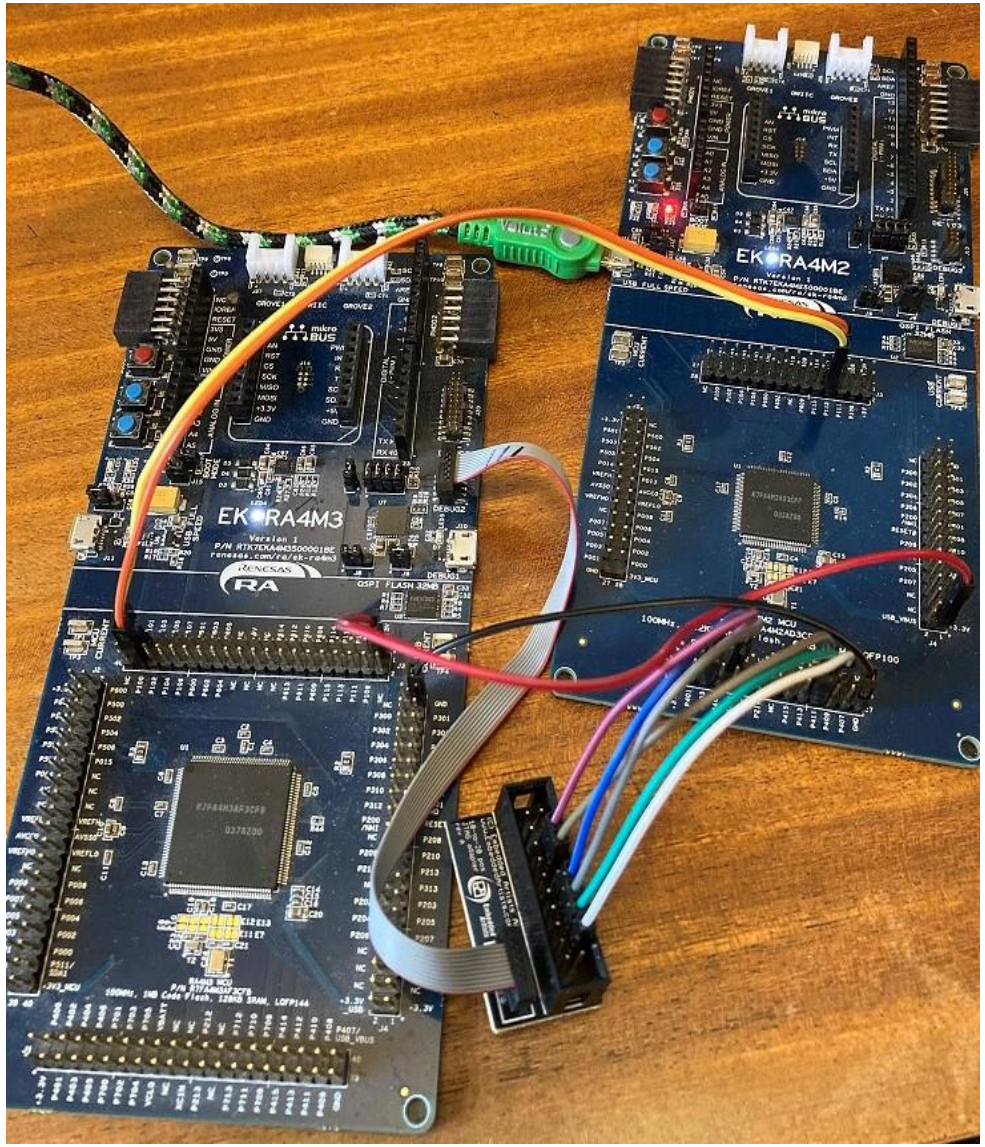
- Currently have to use RFP (or similar) via a separate USB/SCI connection to board (and remember to manually pull MD pin low to put MCU into boot mode)

PORT OF CMSIS-DAP TO RA MCU

- Done under contract by a third party (Ashling), not SDD
  - Targets RA4M2 / EK-RA4M2, built using FSP 4.3 / e^2 studio 2023-01
- Port (source project and prebuilt image) available from:
  - https://github.com/renesas/ra-cmsis-dap-port
  - Provides debug and VCOM interfaces
- Performance
  - Depends on host tools, but much slower than J-Link
  - Aiming to improve by porting to FSP 4.4 - should allow use of USB bulk endpoints instead of HID, due to FSP USB stack enhancement



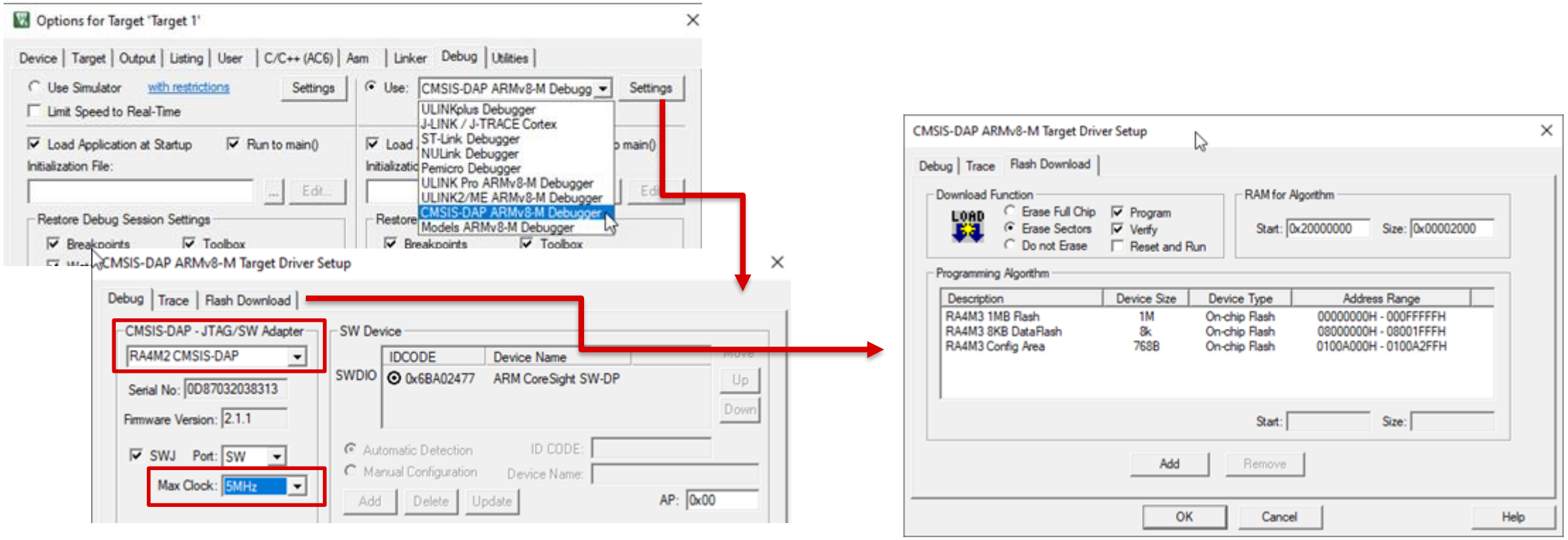
Target Probe



CMSIS-DAP CONFIGURATION

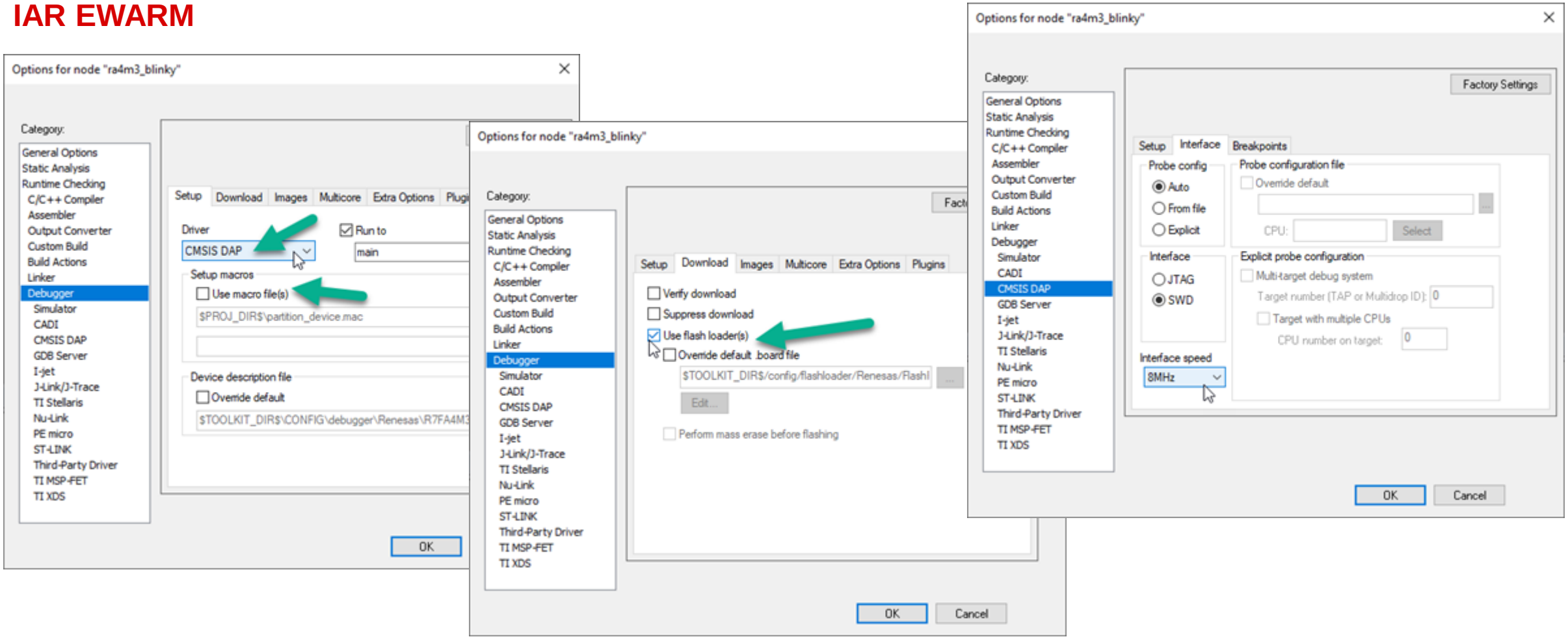
- Use of CMSIS-DAP probes is supported directly by both Keil MDK and IAR EWARM, just by changing the debug settings as appropriate. Remember to also change the flash loader settings!

Keil MDK



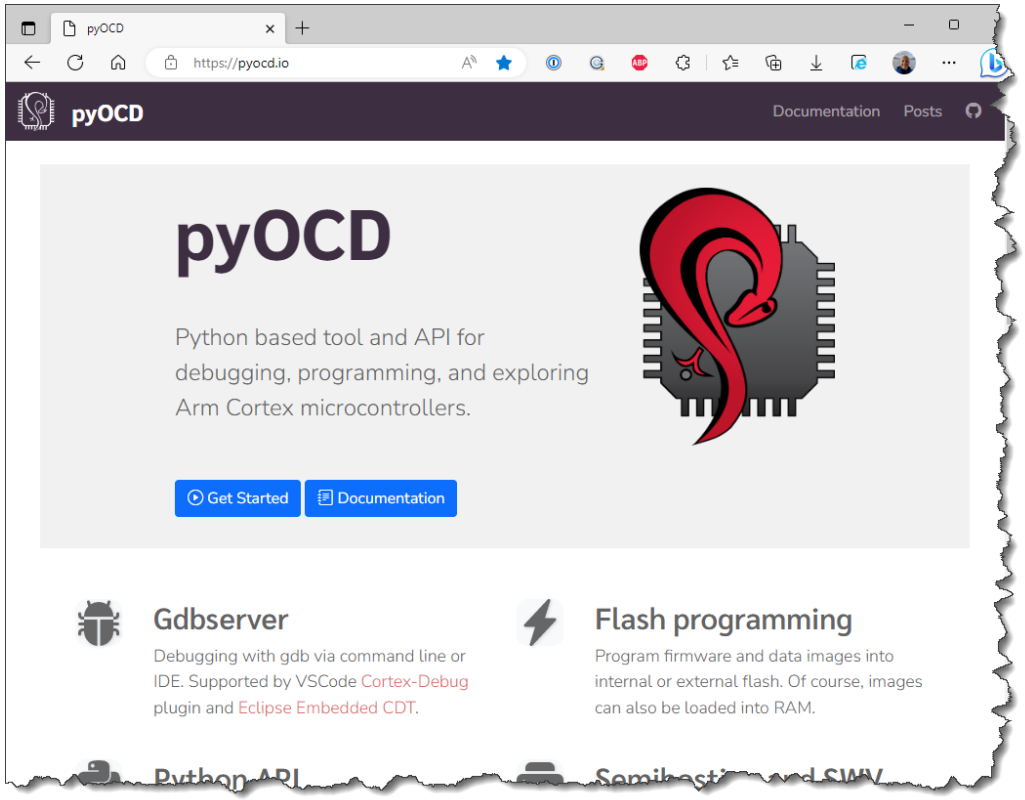
CMSIS-DAP CONFIGURATION (2)

IAR EWARM



PYOCD

- Pyocd is an open source project that provides ability to use a CMSIS-DAP probe from command line
  - Also includes a gdb server that can used from Eclipse (by installing an additional Eclipse Embedded CDT plugin) and hence provide CMSIS-DAP support within e^2 studio
    - Note: Functionality inside e^2 studio that relies upon additional capabilities provided by the e^2 studio gdbserver will not work.



- pyOCD information and docs can be found at:
  - https://pyocd.io/
  - https://github.com/pyocd/pyOCD

INSTALLING PYOCD

- To install from DOS command line (assuming you have python3 on your path):

```
python -m pip install -U pyocd
```

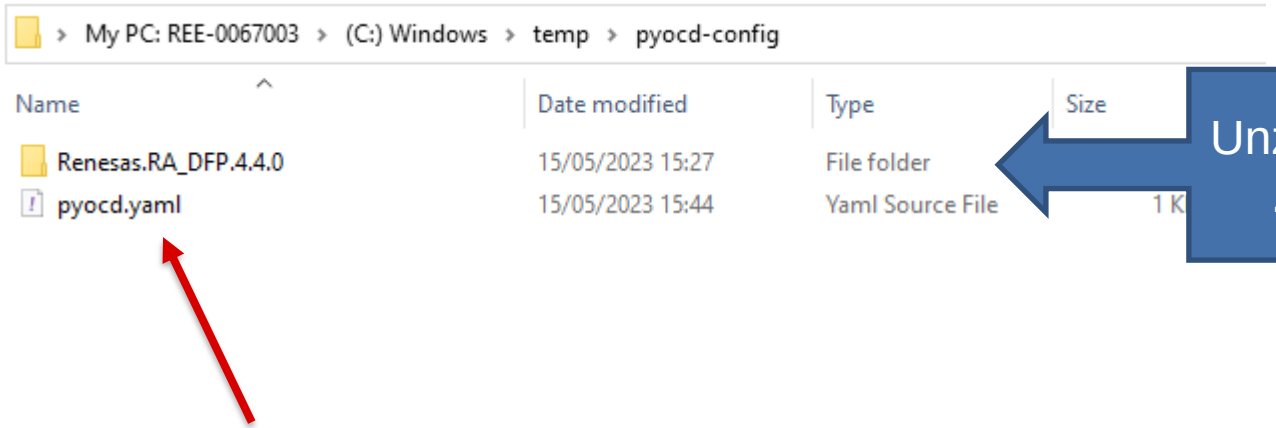
- Note: check where pyocd executables have been installed (for use later in e^2 studio). Will be something like …

```
c:\users\a5131878\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\scripts\pyocd-gdbserver.exe
c:\users\a5131878\appdata\local\programs\python\python310\scripts\pyocd.exe
```

- Also requires our MDK Device Family Pack to provide RA device knowledge, in particular the flash loader
  - Obtain this from latest FSP release :
    - https://github.com/renesas/fsp/releases

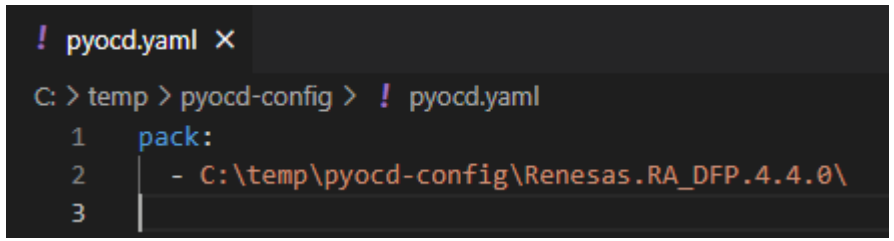
CREATE PYOCD CONFIGURATION

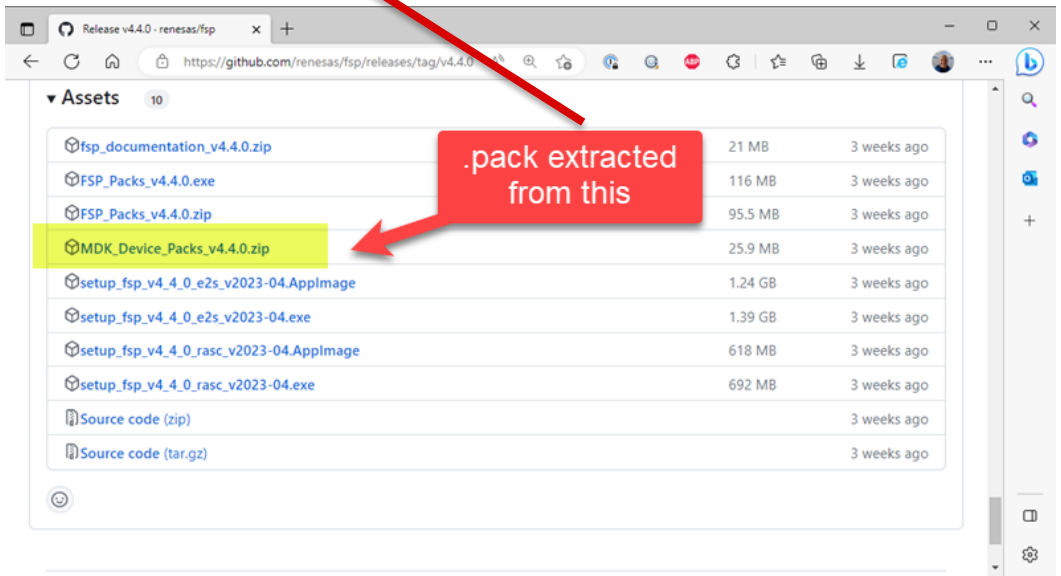
- Create a location to store common pyOCD configuration, including your Device Family Pack (DFP)
  - Note that there are other ways to install DFPs – but I've experienced issues trying to make them work



Unzipped DFP .pack file

Unzipping .pack not essential, but should improve performance slightly





.pack extracted from this

CHECKING PYOCD INSTALLATION FROM COMMAND LINE

- `pyocd list --targets --config c:\temp\pyocd-config\pyocd.yaml`

```
c:\>pyocd list --targets --config c:\temp\pyocd-config\pyocd.yaml
  Name                  Vendor                Part Number                Families                        Source
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
  cc3220sf              Texas Instruments     CC3220SF                                                   builtin
  cortex_m              Generic               CoreSightTarget                                            builtin
  cy8c64_sysap          Cypress               cy8c64_sysap                                               builtin
  cy8c64x5_cm0          Cypress               cy8c64x5_cm0                                               builtin
  nrf52833              Nordic Semiconductor  NRF52833                                                   builtin
  nrf52840              Nordic Semiconductor  NRF52840                                                   builtin
  r7fa2a1ab             Renesas               R7FA2A1AB                  RA2A1 Series, RA2A1_256K        pack
  r7fa2e1a5             Renesas               R7FA2E1A5                  RA2E1 Series, RA2E1_32K         pack
  r7fa2e1a7             Renesas               R7FA2E1A7                  RA2E1 Series, RA2E1_64K         pack
  r7fa2e1a9             Renesas               R7FA2E1A9                  RA2E1 Series, RA2E1_128K        pack
  r7fa2e2a3             Renesas               R7FA2E2A3                  RA2E2 Series, RA2E2_16K         pack
  r7fa2e2a5             Renesas               R7FA2E2A5                  RA2E2 Series, RA2E2_32K         pack
  r7fa2e2a7             Renesas               R7FA2E2A7                  RA2E2 Series, RA2E2_64K         pack
  r7fa2l1a9             Renesas               R7FA2L1A9                  RA2L1 Series, RA2L1_128K        pack
  r7fa6m4af             Renesas               R7FA6M4AF                  RA6M4 Series, RA6M4_1M          pack
  r7fa6m4af_dual        Renesas               R7FA6M4AF_dual             RA6M4 Series, RA6M4_1M          pack
  r7fa6m5ag             Renesas               R7FA6M5AG                  RA6M5 Series, RA6M5_1.5M        pack
  r7fa6m5ah             Renesas               R7FA6M5AH                  RA6M5 Series, RA6M5_2M          pack
  r7fa6m5bf             Renesas               R7FA6M5BF                  RA6M5 Series, RA6M5_1M          pack
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  r7fa6t2bb             Renesas               R7FA6T2BB                  RA6T2 Series, RA6T2_256K        pack
  r7fa6t2bd             Renesas               R7FA6T2BD                  RA6T2 Series, RA6T2_512K        pack
  r7fa6t3bb             Renesas               R7FA6T3BB                  RA6T3 Series, RA6T3_256K        pack
  rp2040                Raspberry Pi          RP2040Core0                                                builtin
  rp2040_core0          Raspberry Pi          RP2040Core0                                                builtin
  rp2040_core1          Raspberry Pi          RP2040Core1                                                builtin
```

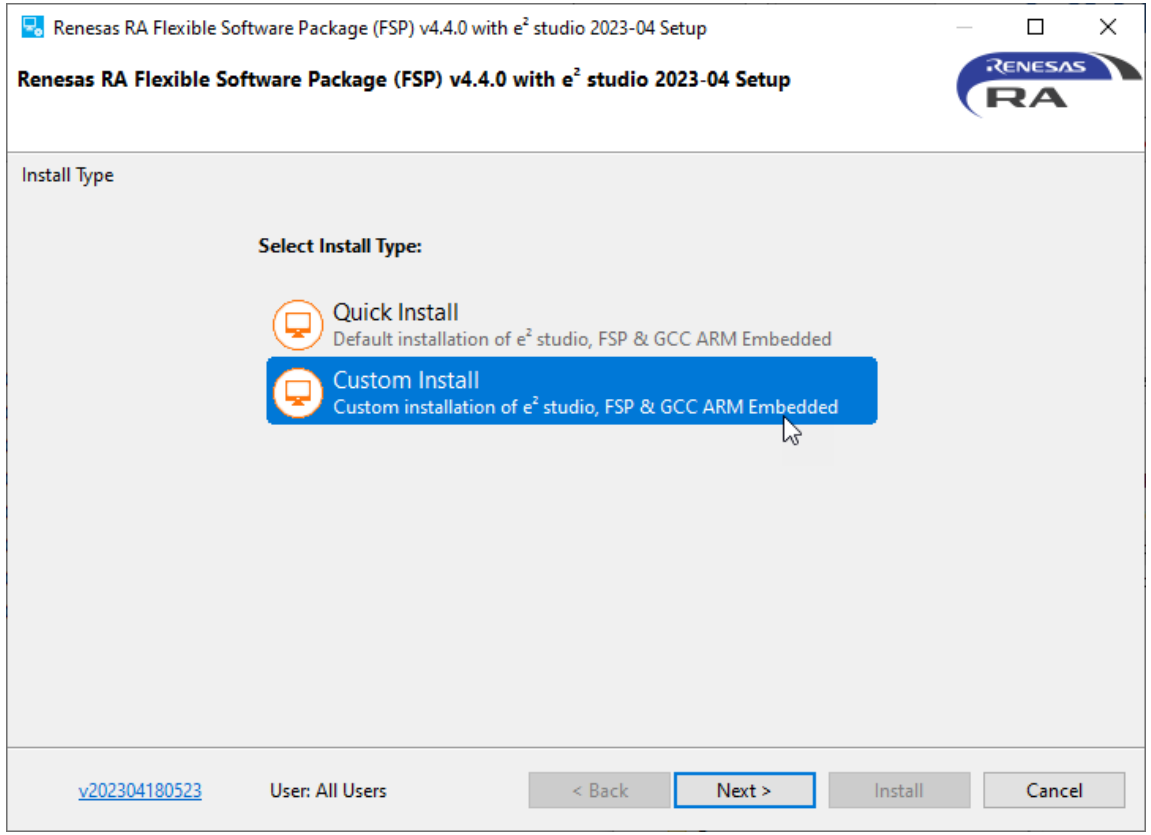
RA MCUs being picked up from our DFP

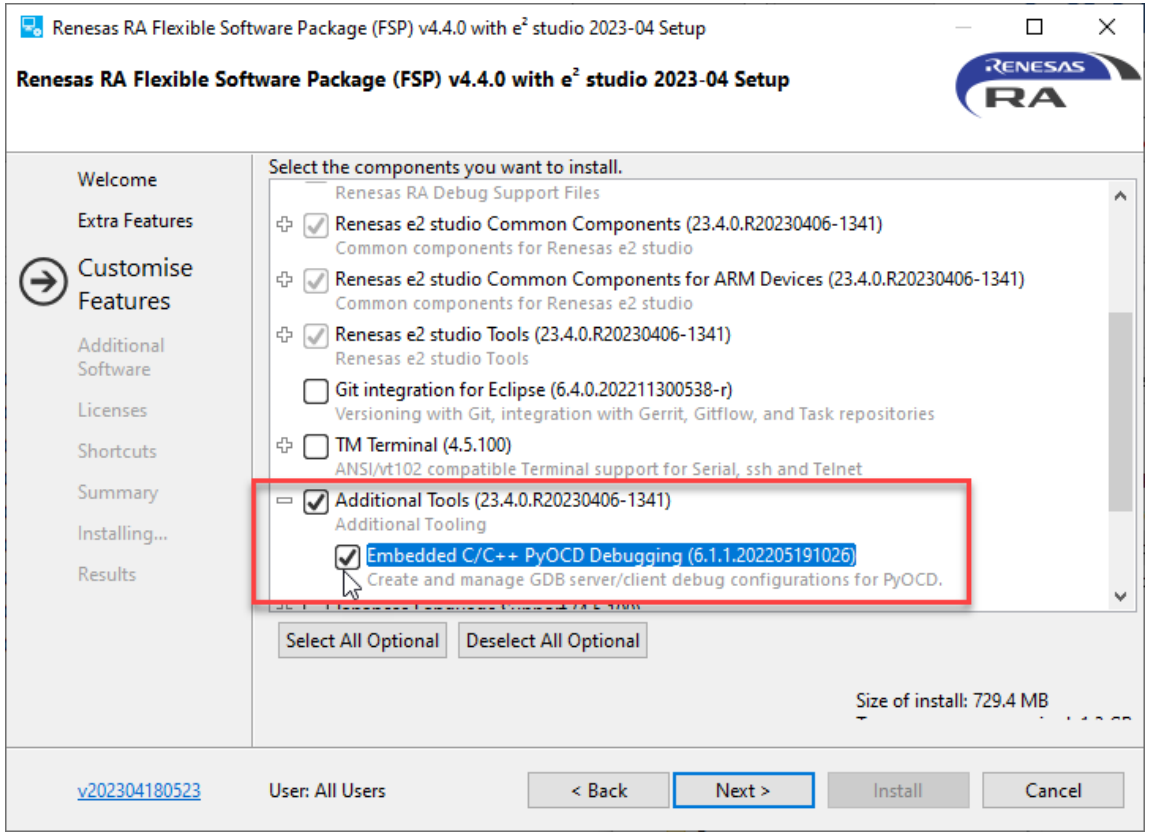
- Many other operations possible:

```
c:\>pyocd erase -t R7FA4M3AF --chip --config c:\temp\pyocd-config\pyocd.yaml
0001390 I Erasing chip... [eraser]
0003705 I Chip erase complete [eraser]
```

INSTALLING PYOCD SUPPORT PLUGIN INTO E² STUDIO

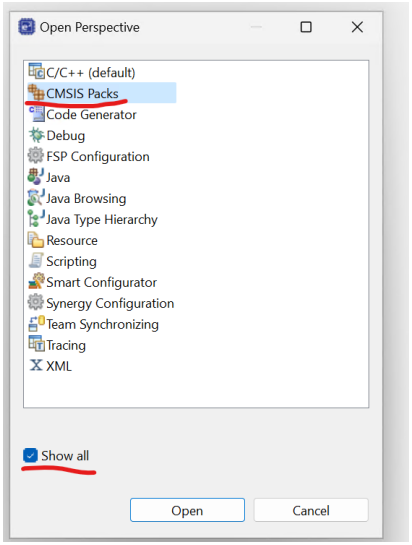
- Available as an optional feature in 2023-04 custom install ….

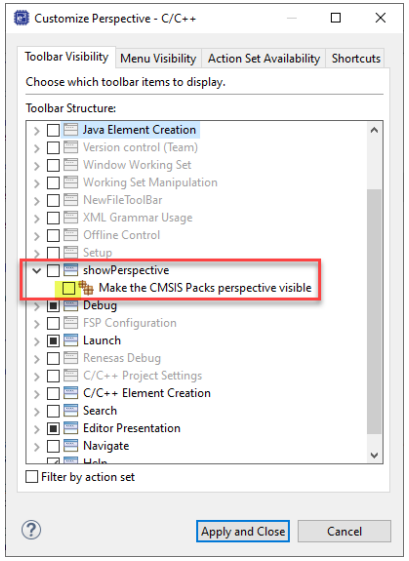


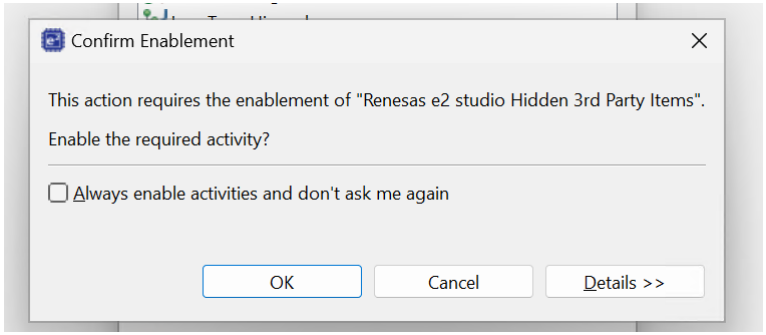


TO MAKE PYOCD DEBUG CONFIGURATIONS ACCESSIBLE…

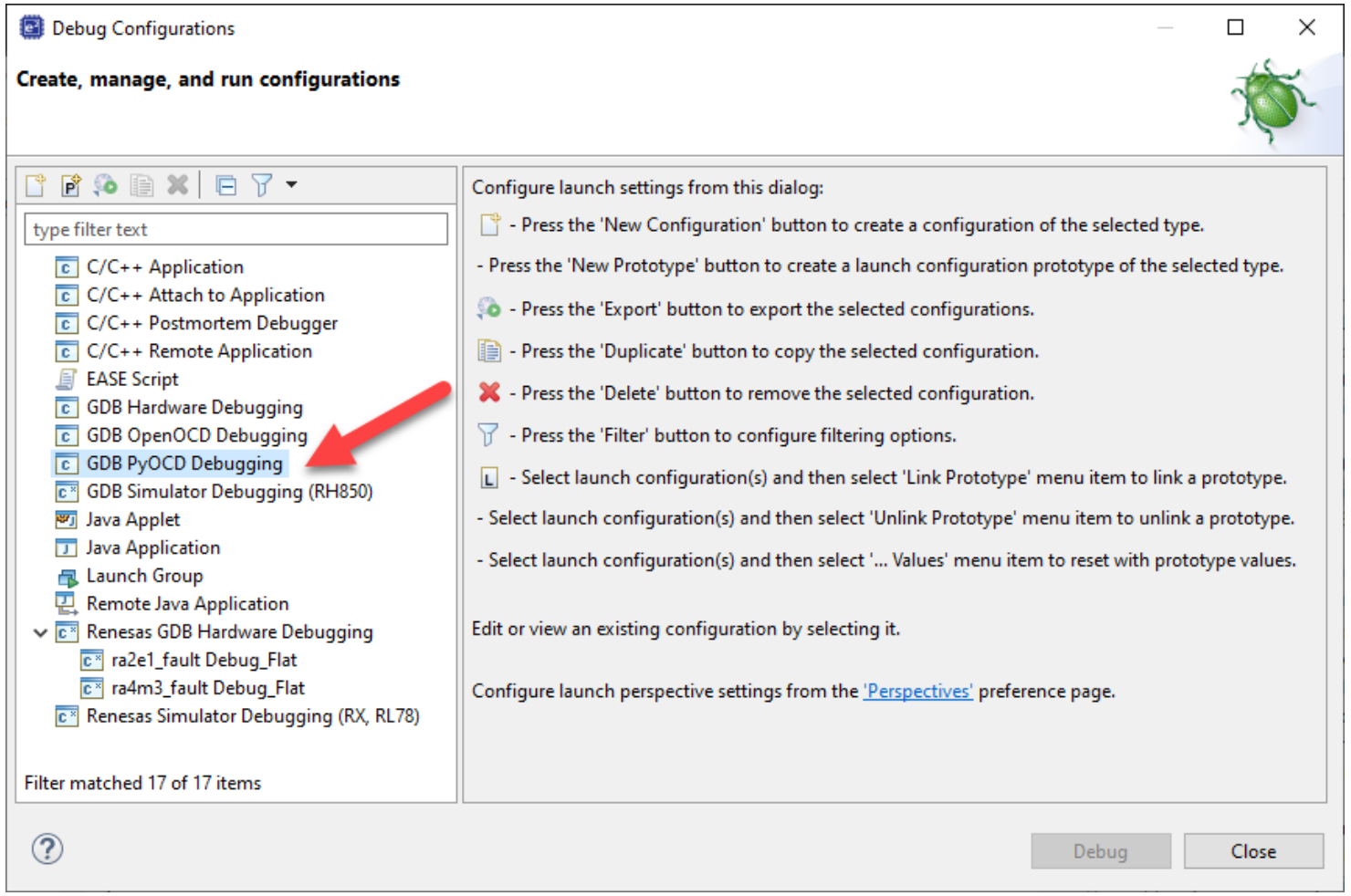
- Recent “UI simplifications” mean that further configuration required to make pyOCD accessible after installing it ☹ And for each new workspace ☹ ☹
- Go to : *Window -> Perspectives -> Open Perspective -> Other...*
  - Select “*CMSIS Packs*” and click OK to confirm activity enablement
- This will switch e^2 studio into the CMSIS-Pack perspective, but this can just be closed.
- Can also remove “CMSIS-Packs” button from C/C++ Perspective Toolbar from *Window -> Perspective -> Customize Perspective*
- Talking to Engineering team to improve this for future releases



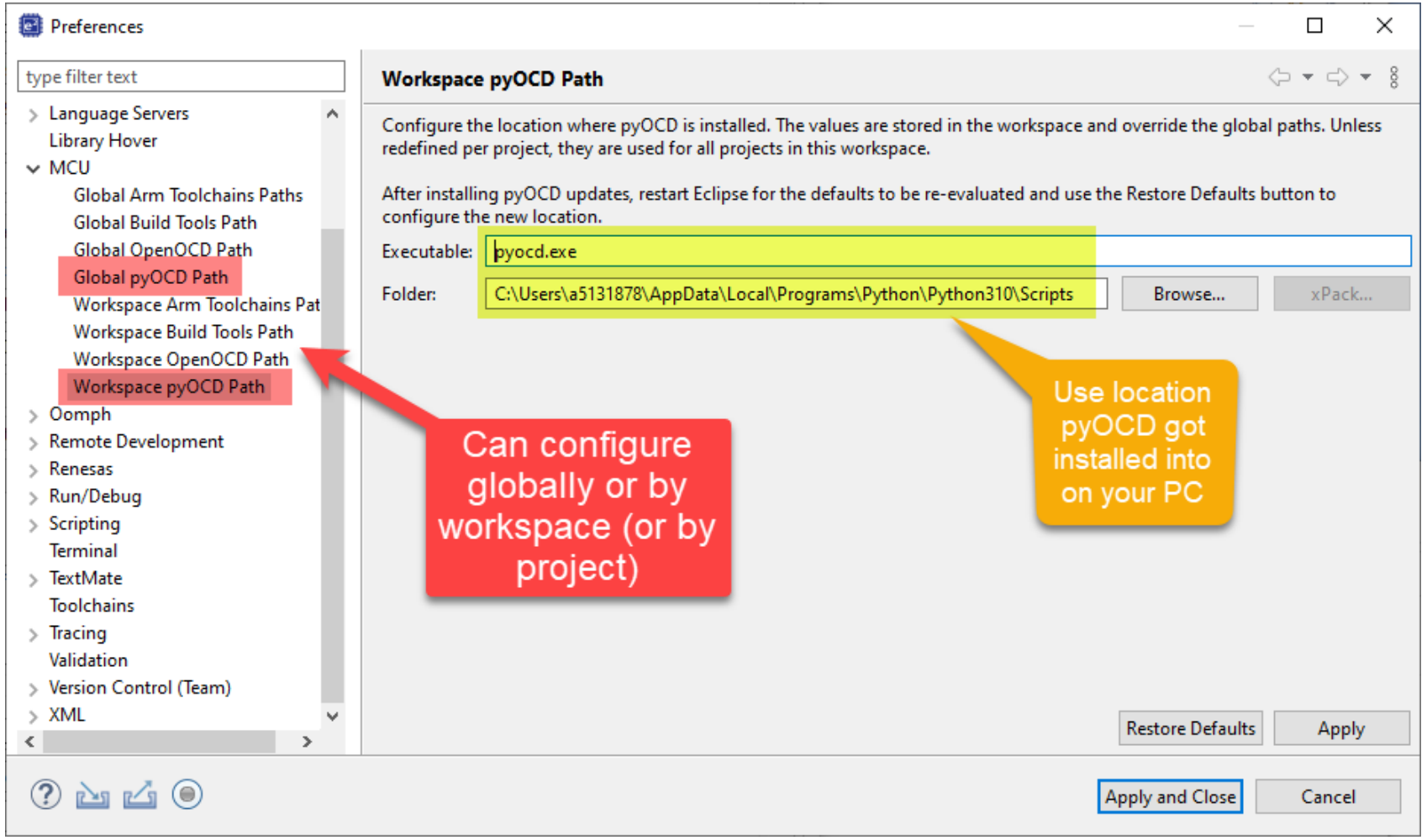




PYOCD DEBUG CONFIGURATION NOW ACCESSIBLE



CONFIGURE E² STUDIO TO FIND PYOCD



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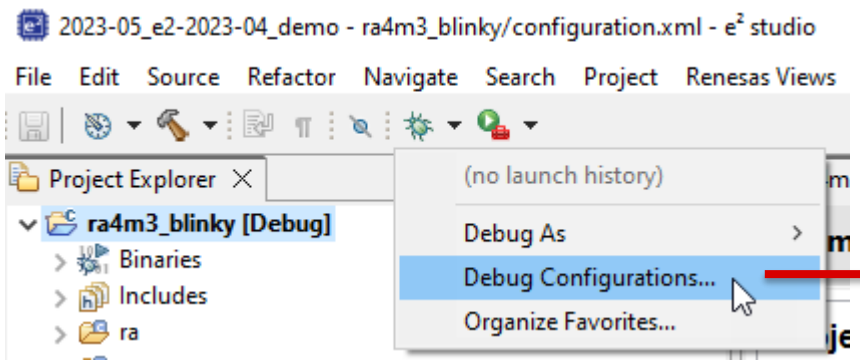

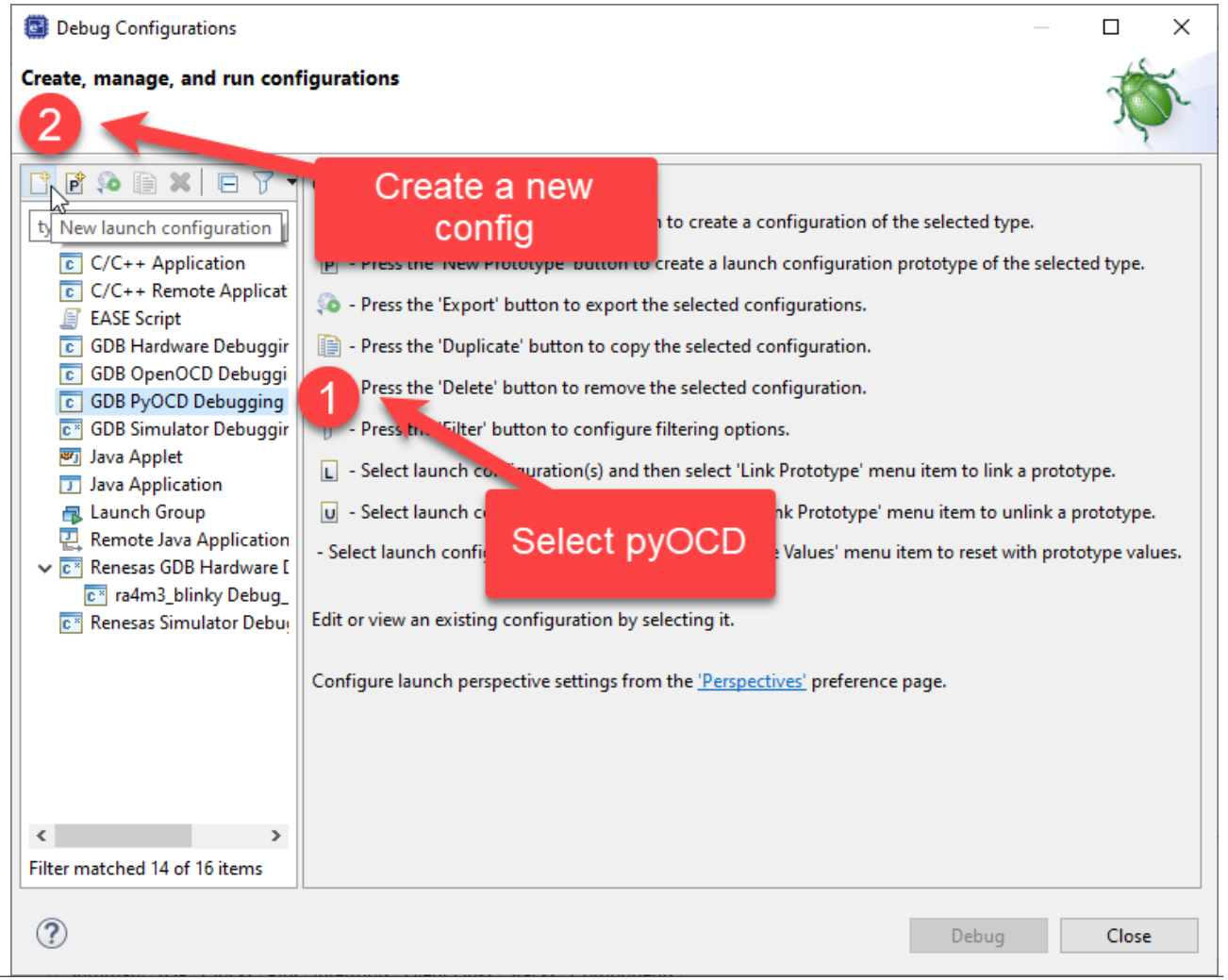

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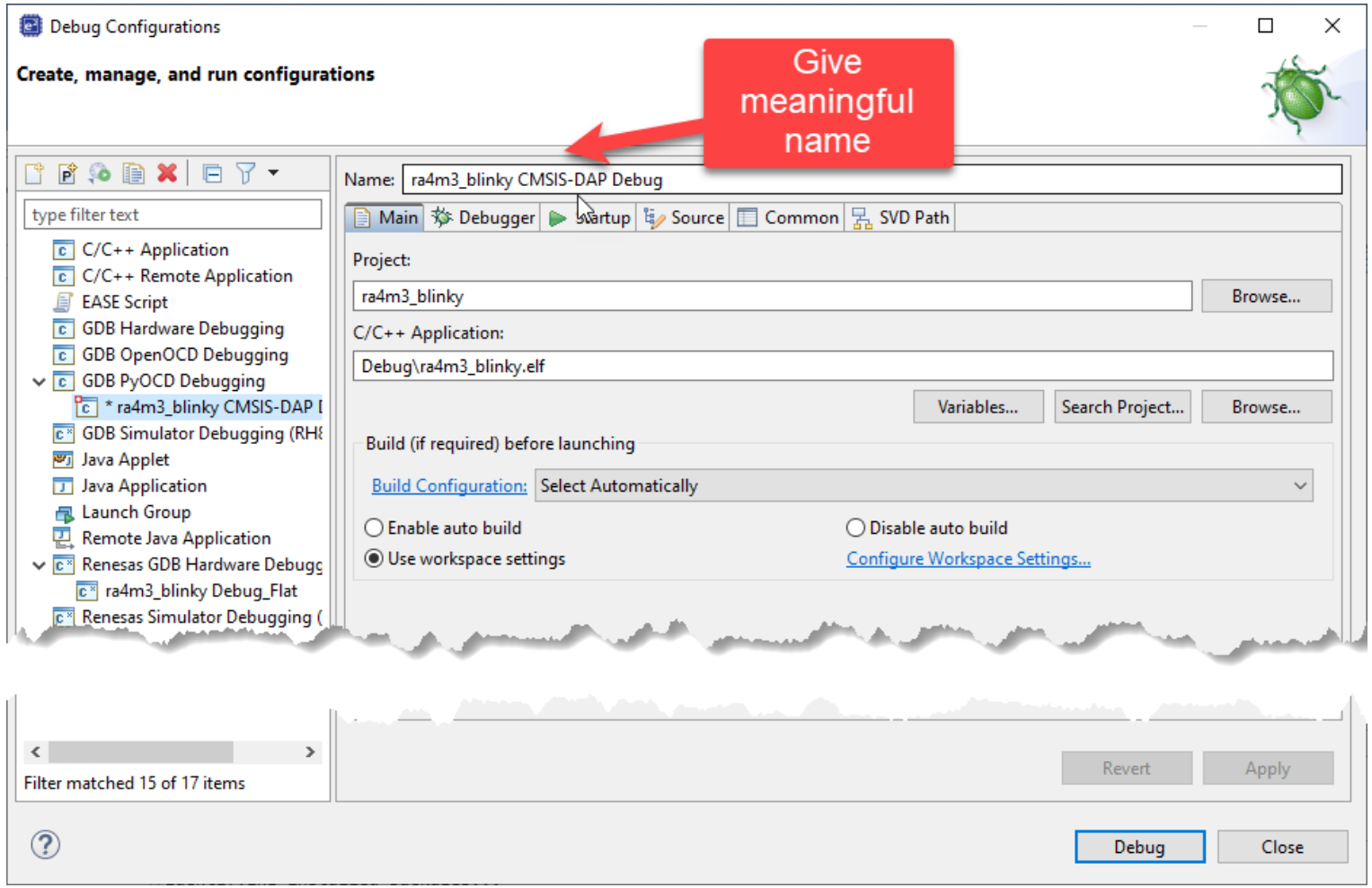

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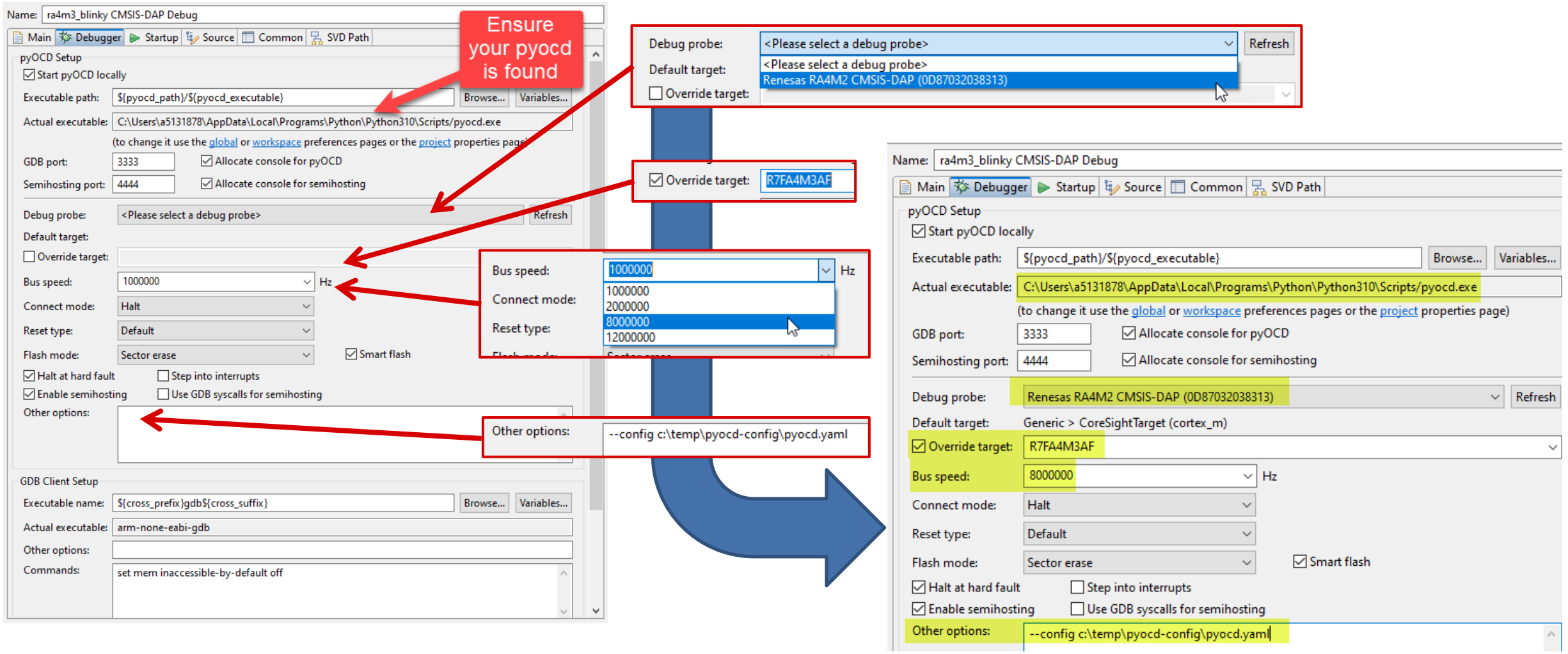
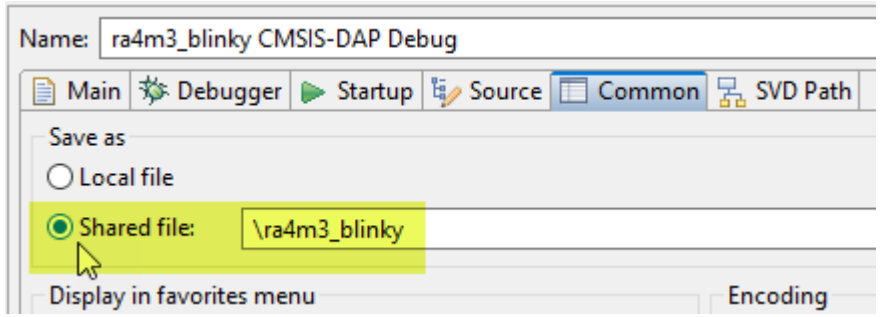


CREATING A DEBUG CONFIG FOR PYOCD (4)

- Make launch configuration part of project (as per our normal launch configurations)



LAUNCH DEBUG SESSION VIA PYOCD & CMSIS-DAP