



# **Voice Intelligent Technology**

## **Integration Guide**



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## 1 Reference & Abbreviations

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Abbreviations	
VIT	Voice Intelligent Technology
WWE	Wake Word Engine
VCE	Voice Commands Engine

*Table 2: Abbreviations*

## 2 Introduction

Voice Intelligent Technology product is providing Voice services aiming to wake up and control IOT, Home devices.

Current version of VIT is supporting a low power VAD (Voice Activity Detection), 2/3 MICs Audio Front-End, a WakeWord Text2Model and a Voice Commands Text2Model functionalities.

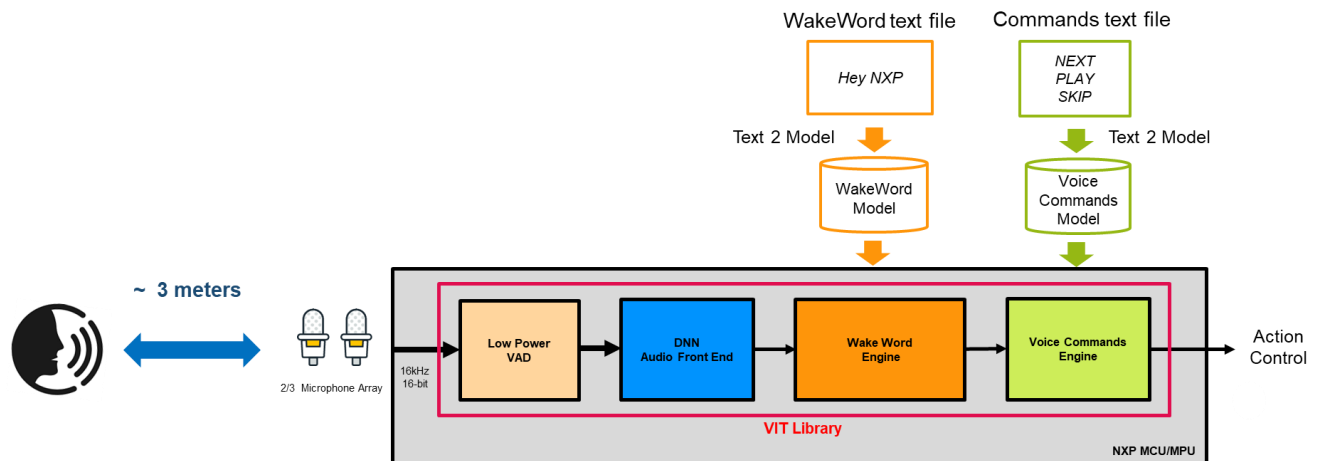


Figure 1 : VIT overview

The role of the Audio Front-End (AFE) is to reduce noise in far-field condition to improve WakeWord and Voice commands detection. The AFE is supporting 2 or 3 Mics.

The WakeWord model and the Voice Commands Model are built from a Text2Model approach which does not require any Command audio dataset.

The VIT lib is provided with two models:

- VIT\_Model\_en.h for English support : “Hey NXP” key word and Voice Commands
- VIT\_Model\_cn.h for the Mandarin support : detection of the 你好恩智浦 (Nǐ hǎo NXP : Hello NXP) key word and Voice Commands.

The commands supported are listed in the different model files : VIT\_Model.h.

The role of the Low Power VAD is too limit CPU load with minimizing wakeword/voice command processing in silence conditions.

The enablement of the different features of VIT can be controlled via VIT\_OperatingMode (see VIT.h).



Scenario supported by the VIT LIB (English model example):

- Wake Word detection only : “Hey NXP”
- WakeWord + Voice Commands detection  
Eg “Hey NXP – Play Music” - “Hey NXP – Next”

The Voice command should be pronounced in a 3 seconds time frame after the Wake word. See Appendix section for further details.

VIT will return an “UNKOWN” command if the audio captured after the WakeWord does not correspond to any targeted command.

The VIT lib is processing 10ms audio frame @16kHz - 16-bit data - mono

The VIT Lib has been ported on 3 cores :

- The VIT lib has been built for cortex-M7 core and validated on the IMXRT1060 and IMX RT1170 platform.
- The VIT lib has been built for HIFI4 core and validated on the IMXRT600 platform.
- The VIT lib has been built for FUSIONF1 core and validated on the IMXRT500 platform.

#### Notes :

Enabling the LPVAD can impact the first keyword detection, this is dependent on the ambient conditions (silence / noisy). The LPVAD decision is maintained during a hangover time of 15s after the latest burst detection.

AFE support per platform :

- RT1060 : 2 MICs AFE
- RT1170/RT600 : 2 and 3 MICs AFE
- RT500 : No AFE

## **3 Release description**

The VIT release is including following files :

- Lib/libVIT\_PLATFORM\_VERSION.a : PLATFORM can be either HIFI4\_FUSIONF1 or Cortex-M7
- Lib/VIT.h : file describing VIT public API
- Lib/VIT\_Model.h : file containing VIT model description for the WakeWord and Voice Commands Engines – The commands supported are also listed in this file.
- Lib/Inc : folder integrating additional VIT public interface definitions
- ExApp/VIT\_ExApp.c : VIT Integration example



## 4 Public interfaces description

### 4.1 Header files

#### 4.1.1 VIT.h

VIT.h describes all the definitions required for VIT configuration and usage:

- Operating mode to enable VIT features
- Detection status enumerator
- Instance parameters structure
- Control parameters structure
- Status parameters structure
- All VIT public functions

#### 4.1.2 VIT\_Model.h

VIT\_Model.h contains the Model array.

The VIT\_Model array can be stored in ROM (Flash) or in RAM.

- If the Model is stored in flash, VIT will make the necessary memory reservation to copy part of the Model in RAM before using it : current Cortex-M7 case.
- If the Model is stored in RAM, VIT will use directly the model from its original memory location. : HIFI4 and FusionF1 case.

#### 4.1.3 PL\_platformTypes\_CortexM7.h

PL\_platformTypes\_CortexM7.h describes the dedicated platform definition for VIT library.

#### 4.1.4 PL\_platformTypes\_HIFI4\_FUSIONF1.h

PL\_platformTypes\_HIFI4\_FUSIONF1.h describes the dedicated platform definition for VIT library.

#### 4.1.5 PL\_memoryRegion.h

PL\_memoryRegion.h describes all the memories definition dedicated to the VIT handle allocation.

### 4.2 Public APIs

The VIT library present different public functions to control and exercise the library:

- VIT\_SetModel
- VIT\_GetMemoryTable



- VIT\_GetInstanceHandle
- VIT\_SetControlParameters
- VIT\_Process
- VIT\_GetVoiceCommandFound
- VIT\_GetLibInfo (subsidiary interface)
- VIT\_GetModelInfo (subsidiary interface)
- VIT\_ResetInstance (subsidiary interface)
- VIT\_GetControlParameters (subsidiary interface)
- VIT\_GetStatusParameters (subsidiary interface)

For detailed description of the different APIs (Parameters, return values, usage...) – Please refer to the VIT.h file.

#### 4.2.1 Main APIs

The Main VIT APIs has to be called (in the right sequence) in order to instantiate, control and exercise VIT algorithms.

##### 4.2.1.1 VIT\_SetModel

VIT\_ReturnStatus\_en VIT\_SetModel (PL\_UINT8\* pVITModelGroup, VIT\_Model\_Location\_en Location)

###### 4.2.1.1.1 Goal:

Save the address of the VIT Model and check whether the Model provided is supported by the VIT library.

###### 4.2.1.1.2 Input parameters:

The address of the VIT Model in memory.

The location of the Model (ROM or RAM).

###### 4.2.1.1.3 Output parameters:

None

###### 4.2.1.1.4 Return value:

A value of type PL\_ReturnStatus\_en.

If PL\_SUCCESS is returned, then:

- VIT Model address is saved
- VIT Model is supported by the VIT library





#### 4.2.1.2 VIT\_GetMemoryTable

```
VIT_ReturnStatus_en VIT_GetMemoryTable(VIT_Handle_t      phInstance,  
                                         PL_MemoryTable_st *pMemoryTable,  
                                         VIT_InstanceParams_st *pInstanceParams);
```

##### 4.2.1.2.1 Goal:

Goal is to inform the SW application about the required memory needed by the VIT library.

4 kinds of memory are identified:

- Fast data
- Slow data
- Fast coefficient
- Temporary or scratch

##### 4.2.1.2.2 Input parameters:

- 1- A pointer to an instance of VIT. It must be a Null pointer as instance is not reserved yet.
- 2- A pointer to a memory table structure.
- 3- The instance parameter of the VIT library.

##### 4.2.1.2.2.1 Output parameters:

The memory table structure is filled. It informs about the memory size required for each memory type.

##### 4.2.1.2.3 Return value:

A value of type PL\_ReturnStatus\_en.

If PL\_SUCCESS is returned, then VIT is succeeding to get memory requirement of

- Each sub module
- The VIT Model

#### 4.2.1.3 VIT\_GetInstanceHandle

```
VIT_ReturnStatus_en VIT_GetInstanceHandle(VIT_Handle_t      *phInstance,  
                                           PL_MemoryTable_st  *pMemoryTable,  
                                           VIT_InstanceParams_st *pInstanceParams );
```

##### 4.2.1.3.1 Goal:

Goal is to set and initialize the instance of VIT before processing call.

All memory is mapped to the required buffer of each sub module.



#### 4.2.1.3.2 Input parameters:

- 1- Pointer to the future instance of VIT.
  - 2- A pointer to the memory table structure. Memory allocation must be done and memory address per memory type has been saved in the table.
  - 3- The instance parameter of the VIT library.
- Depending the value of the instance parameter, sub module initialization is different.

#### 4.2.1.3.3 Output parameters:

Address of the VIT instance is set.

#### 4.2.1.3.4 Return value:

A value of type `PL_ReturnStatus_en`.

If `PL_SUCCESS` is returned, then:

- VIT instance has been set and initialize correctly
- VIT Model layers are copied in dedicated memory.

#### 4.2.1.4 *VIT\_SetControlParameters*

```
VIT_ReturnStatus_en VIT_SetControlParameters(VIT_Handle_t          phInstance,  
                                              const VIT_ControlParams_st *const pNewParams);
```

##### 4.2.1.4.1 Goal:

Set or modify the control parameter of VIT instance. The New parameters won't be set immediately. Indeed, to avoid processing artifact due to the new parameters themselves the update sequence is under internal processing condition and will occur as soon as possible.

##### 4.2.1.4.2 Input parameters:

- 1- VIT Handle
- 2- Pointer to a control parameter structure

Operating mode supported : see `VIT.h`

##### 4.2.1.4.3 Output parameters:

None

##### 4.2.1.4.4 Return value:

A value of type `PL_ReturnStatus_en`.



If PL\_SUCCESS then control parameter structure has been considered and will be effective as soon as possible.

#### 4.2.1.5 VIT\_Process

```
VIT_ReturnStatus_en VIT_Process ( VIT_Handle_t      phInstance,  
                                  VIT_DataIn_st      *pVIT_InputBuffers,  
                                  VIT_DetectionStatus_en *pVIT_DetectionResults  
                                  );
```

##### 4.2.1.5.1 Goal:

Analyse the audio flow to detect a “Hot Word” or a Voice command.

##### 4.2.1.5.2 Input parameters:

- 1- VIT Handle
- 2- Temporal audio samples (160 samples @16kHz – 16-bit data)

##### 4.2.1.5.3 Output parameters:

Detection status can have 3 different states:

- VIT\_NO\_DETECTION : No detection
- VIT\_WW\_DETECTED : WakeWord has been detected
- VIT\_VC\_DETECTED: a Voice Command has been detected

When VIT\_WW\_DETECTED is returned – VIT will switch in a Voice commands detection phase for ~3s.

When VIT\_VC\_DETECTED is returned – VIT\_GetVoiceCommandFound() shall be called to know which command has been detected.

VIT\_VC\_DETECTED is also indicating the end of the Voice command research period and the switch to a WakeWord detection phase until the WakeWord is detected again. See Appendix section for further details.

##### 4.2.1.5.4 Return value:

A value of type PL\_ReturnStatus\_en.

If PL\_SUCCESS then the process of the new audio frame has successfully been done.



#### 4.2.1.6 VIT\_GetVoiceCommandFound

VIT\_ReturnStatus\_en VIT\_GetVoiceCommandFound (VIT\_Handle\_t pVIT\_Instance,  
VIT\_VoiceCommands\_t \*pVoiceCommand);

##### 4.2.1.6.1 Goal:

Retrieve the command ID and name (when present) detected by VIT.

The function shall be called only when VIT\_Process() is informing that a Voice Command has been detected (\*pVIT\_DetectionResults==VIT\_VC\_DETECTED)

##### 4.2.1.6.2 Input parameters:

- 1- VIT Handle
- 2- Pointer to a Voice Commands struct type

##### 4.2.1.6.3 Output parameters:

pVoiceCommand will be filled with the ID and name of the command detected.

A “UNKNOWN” command is returned if VIT does not identify any targeted command during the voice command detection phase.

##### 4.2.1.6.4 Return value:

A value of type PL\_ReturnStatus\_en. If PL\_SUCCESS then pVoiceCommand can be considered.

### 4.2.2 Secondary APIs

The secondary VIT APIs are not mandatory for good usage of VIT algorithms. They can be used in order to reset VIT in case of discontinuity in the audio recording flow (see VIT\_ResetInstance description), get information on the VIT library, VIT Model and get information on the internal state of VIT.

#### 4.2.2.1 VIT\_GetModelInfo

VIT\_ReturnStatus\_en VIT\_GetModelInfo (VIT\_LibInfo\_t \*pLibInfo)

##### 4.2.2.1.1 Goal:

This function returns different information of the VIT library



#### 4.2.2.1.2 Input parameters:

- 1- Pointer to a VIT\_LibInfo structure

#### 4.2.2.1.3 Output parameters:

VIT\_LibInfo will be filled with the details on VIT library.  
See VIT.h for further information.

#### 4.2.2.1.4 Return value:

A value of type PL\_ReturnStatus\_en. If PL\_SUCCESS then \*pLibInfo can be considered.

### 4.2.2.2 VIT\_GetModelInfo

VIT\_ReturnStatus\_en VIT\_GetModelInfo (VIT\_ModelInfo\_t \*pModel\_Info)

#### 4.2.2.2.1 Goal:

This function returns different information of the VIT model registered within VIT lib. The function shall be called only when VIT\_SetModel() is informing that the model is correct. (ReturnStatus == VIT\_SUCCESS).

#### 4.2.2.2.2 Input parameters:

- 2- Pointer to a VIT\_Model\_Info structure

#### 4.2.2.2.3 Output parameters:

VIT\_Model\_Info will be filled with the details on VIT\_Model.  
See VIT.h for further information.

#### 4.2.2.2.4 Return value:

A value of type PL\_ReturnStatus\_en. If PL\_SUCCESS then \*pModel\_Info can be considered.

### 4.2.2.3 VIT\_ResetInstance

VIT\_ReturnStatus\_en VIT\_ResetInstance(VIT\_Handle\_t phInstance);



#### 4.2.2.3.1 Goal:

Reset the instance of VIT with instance parameters saved while VIT\_GetInstanceHandle called. The reset doesn't take effect immediately. Indeed, to avoid processing artifact due to the reset itself the reset sequence is under internal processing condition and will occur as soon as possible.

The VIT\_ResetInstance function should be called whenever there is a discontinuity in the input audio stream. A discontinuity means that the current block of samples is not contiguous with the previous block of samples.

Examples are

- Calling the VIT process function after a period of inactivity
- Buffer underrun or overflow in the audio driver

After resetting VIT Instance, VIT shall be reconfigured (call to VIT\_SetControlParameters()) before continuing the VIT detection process (i.e VIT\_Process()).

#### 4.2.2.3.2 Input parameters:

VIT Handle

#### 4.2.2.3.3 Output parameters:

None

#### 4.2.2.3.4 Return value:

A value of type PL\_ReturnStatus\_en.

If PL\_SUCCESS then the reset has been considered and will be effective as soon as possible.

### 4.2.2.4 VIT\_GetControlParameters

```
VIT_ReturnStatus_en VIT_GetControlParameters(VIT_Handle_t          *phInstance,  
                                              VIT_ControlParams_st *pControlParams);
```

#### 4.2.2.4.1 Goal:

Get the current control parameter of VIT instance.

#### 4.2.2.4.2 Input parameters:

- 1- VIT Handle
- 2- Pointer to a control parameter structure

#### 4.2.2.4.3 Output parameters:

Parameter structure is updated



#### 4.2.2.4.4 Return value:

A value of type PL\_ReturnStatus\_en.

If PL\_SUCCESS then parameter structure has been updated correctly

#### 4.2.2.5 GET\_StatusParameters

```
VIT_ReturnStatus_en VIT_GetStatusParameters( VIT_Handle_t      phInstance,  
                                              VIT_StatusParams_st *pStatusParams);
```

##### 4.2.2.5.1 Goal:

Get the status parameters of the VIT library.

##### 4.2.2.5.2 Input parameters:

- 1- VIT Handle
- 2- Pointer to a status parameter buffer

##### 4.2.2.5.3 Output parameters:

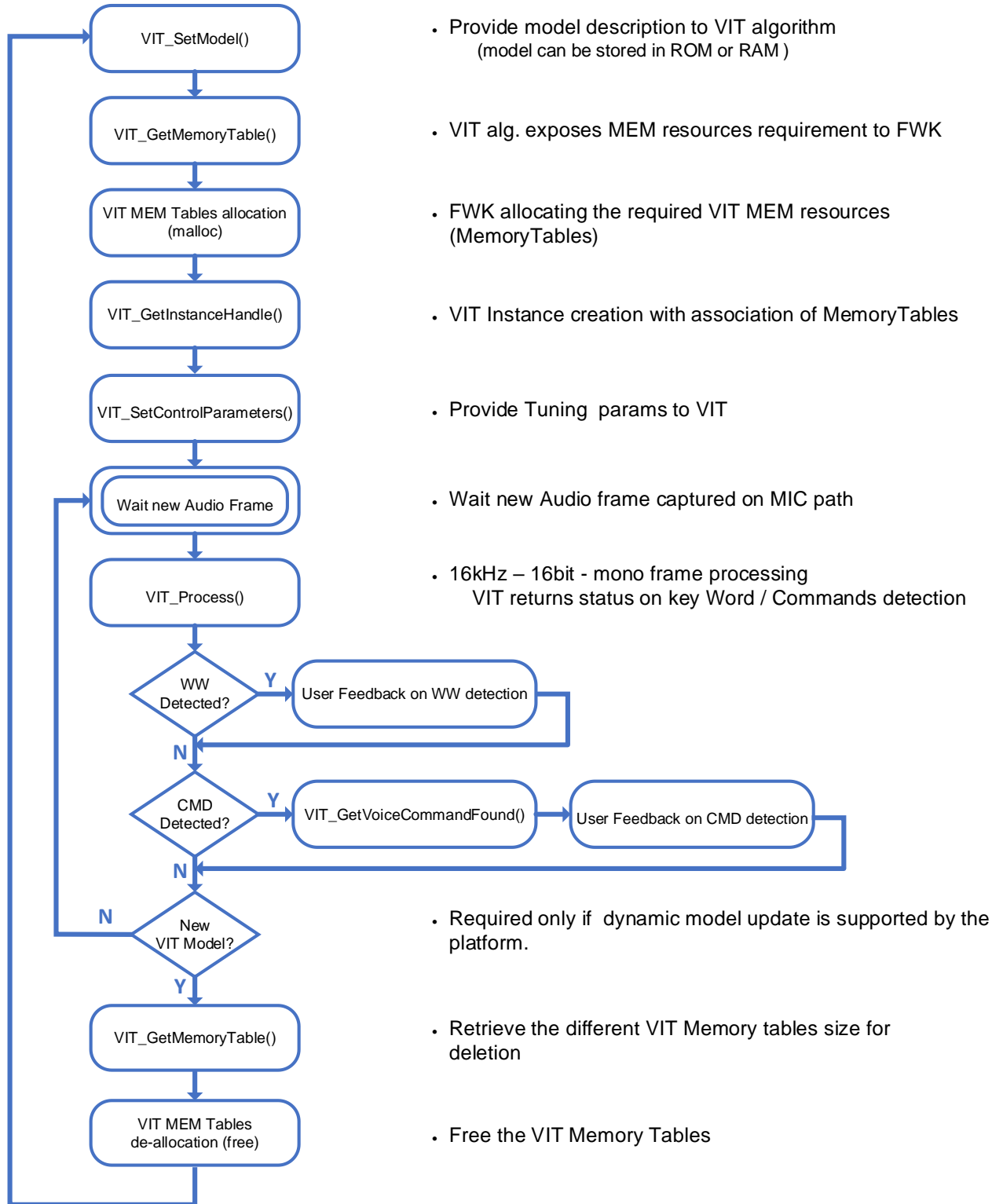
Fill the status parameter structure.

##### 4.2.2.5.4 Return value:

A value of type PL\_ReturnStatus\_en.

If PL\_SUCCESS then the status parameters are valid and can be considered.

## 4.3 Programming sequence







## 4.4 Code Sample

The code sample below aimed to explain the configuration and usage of the main VIT interfaces. See ExApp.c for further details.

### 4.4.1 Initialization phase

Initialization sequence permit to set an instance of VIT. After initialization sequence, VIT is ready to process audio data. Initialization sequence is in the application code and must respect the following order:

#### 1- Local variable declaration:

```
VIT_Handle_t      VITHandle;           // VIT handle pointer
VIT_InstanceParams_st VITInstParams;    // VIT instance parameters structure
VIT_ControlParams_st VITControlParams;  // VIT control parameters structure
PL_MemoryTable_st VITMemoryTable;       // VIT memory table descriptor
PL_ReturnStatus_en Status;              // status of the function
VIT_VoiceCommands_t VoiceCommand;
VIT_DetectionStatus_en VIT_DetectionResults = VIT_NO_DETECTION; // VIT detection result
VIT_DataIn_st VIT_InputBuffers = { PL_NULL, PL_NULL, PL_NULL };
```

#### 2- Set the instance parameters:

Software application code set the instance parameters of VIT function

As an example:

```
VITInstParams.SampleRate_Hz    = VIT_SAMPLE_RATE;
VITInstParams.SamplesPerFrame = VIT_SAMPLES_PER_FRAME;
VITInstParams.NumberOfChannel = _1CHAN;
VITInstParams.DeviceId         = VIT_IMXRT1060;
```

#### 3- Set model address:

```
Status = VIT_SetModel(VIT_Model, VIT_MODEL_IN_ROM); // Pass the address of the VIT Model
```

#### 4- Get memory size and location requirement:

```
Status = VIT_GetMemoryTable(PL_NULL,
                             &VITMemoryTable,
                             &VITInstParams);
```

#### 5- Reserve memory space:

Based on the VITMemoryTable informations, the software application reserve memory space in the required memory type. The start address of each memory type is saved in VITMemoryTable structure.



```

#define MEMORY_ALIGNMENT 4

//Following pseudo code applied to MemType =
//PL_MEMREGION_PERSISTENT_SLOW_DATA, PL_MEMREGION_PERSISTENT_COEF and
//PL_MEMREGION_TEMPORARY
if (VITMemoryTable.Region[MemType].Size != 0)
{
    pMemory = malloc_in_SLOW_MEMORY (VITMemoryTable.Region[MemType].Size +
        MEMORY_ALIGNMENT);
    VITMemoryTable.Region[MemType].pBaseAddress = (void *) pMemory;
}

//Following pseudo code applied to MemType = PL_MEMREGION_PERSISTENT_FAST_DATA
if (VITMemoryTable.Region[MemType].Size != 0)
{
    pMemory = malloc_in_FAST_MEMORY (VITMemoryTable.Region[MemType].Size +
        MEMORY_ALIGNMENT);
    VITMemoryTable.Region[MemType].pBaseAddress = (void *) pMemory;
}
}

```

#### 6- Get instance of VIT:

```

VITHandle = PL_NULL; // force to null address for correct initialization
Status = VIT_GetInstanceHandle(    &VITHandle,
                                   &VITMemoryTable,
                                   &VITInstParams);

```

#### 7- Set control parameters:

SW application code set the new control parameters and call VIT\_SetControlParameters:

```

VITControlParams.OperatingMode = VIT_ALL_MODULE_ENABLE;
Status = VIT_SetControlParameters( VITHandle,
                                   &VITControlParams);

```

### 4.4.2 Process phase

For each new input audio frame, VIT\_Process is called by the application code.

```

VIT_InputBuffers.pBuffer_Chan1 = Audio_Buffer; //temporal data(10ms @16khz mono 16-bit)
VIT_InputBuffers.pBuffer_Chan2 = PL_NULL;
VIT_InputBuffers.pBuffer_Chan3 = PL_NULL;

Status = VIT_Process( VITHandle,
                     &VIT_InputBuffers,
                     &VIT_DetectionResults ); // VIT detection results

```



Check status of the detection:

```
if (VIT_DetectionResults == VIT_WW_DETECTED)
{
    // WakeWord detected - possible action :
    printf("WakeWord detected \n");
}
else if (VIT_DetectionResults == VIT_VC_DETECTED)
{
    // a Voice Command detected - Retrieve command information :
    Status = VIT_GetVoiceCommandFound(VITHandle, &VoiceCommand);
    printf("Voice Command : %d detected \n", VoiceCommand.Cmd_Id);

    // Retrieve CMD name : OPTIONAL
    // Check first if CMD string is present
    if (VoiceCommand.Cmd_Name != PL_NULL)
    {
        printf(" %s\n", VoiceCommand.Cmd_Name);
    }
}
else
{
    // No specific action since VIT did not detect anything for this frame
}
```

#### 4.4.3 Delete phase

The framework can delete the environment process/task of VIT with stopping calling VIT\_Process. There is no specific VIT APIs in order to free VIT internal memory since the memory allocation is owned by the framework itself (no internal memory allocation).

The framework will have to free the memory associated with the different VIT memoryTables. If the framework did not save the MemoryTables properties, VIT\_GetMemoryTable can be called with VITHandle in order to retrieve base addresses and size of the different MemoryTables.

```
Status = VIT_GetMemoryTable(VITHandle,
                             &VITMemoryTable,
                             &VITInstParams);

// Free memory
for (i = 0; i < PL_NR_MEMORY_REGIONS; i++)
{
    if (VITMemoryTable.Region[i].Size != 0)
    {
        free((PL_INT8 *)VITMemoryTable.Region[i].pBaseAddress);
    }
}
```



#### 4.4.4 Additional code snippet (secondary APIs)

- VIT\_GetStatusParameters

```
VIT_StatusParams_st VIT_StatusParams_Buffer;
VIT_StatusParams_st* pVIT_StatusParam_Buffer = (VIT_StatusParams_st*)&VIT_StatusParams_Buffer;

VIT_GetStatusParameters(VITHandle, pVIT_StatusParam_Buffer, sizeof(VIT_StatusParams_Buffer));
printf("\nVIT Status Params\n");
printf(" VIT LIB Release = 0x%04x\n", pVIT_StatusParam_Buffer->VIT_LIB_Release);
printf(" VIT Model Release = 0x%04x\n", pVIT_StatusParam_Buffer->VIT_MODEL_Release);
printf(" VIT Features = 0x%04x\n", pVIT_StatusParam_Buffer->VIT_Features_Supported);
printf(" VIT Features Selected = 0x%04x\n", pVIT_StatusParam_Buffer->VIT_Features_Selected);
printf(" Nb of channels supported = %d\n", pVIT_StatusParam_Buffer->NumberOfChannels_Supported);
printf(" Nb of channels selected = %d\n", pVIT_StatusParam_Buffer->NumberOfChannels_Selected);
printf(" Device Selected : device id = %d\n", pVIT_StatusParam_Buffer->Device_Selected);
if (pVIT_StatusParam_Buffer->WakeWord_In_Text2Model)
    printf(" VIT WakeWord in Text2Model\n ");
else
    printf(" VIT WakeWord in Audio2Model\n ");
```



## 5 VIT Profiling

Profiling example for a English model supporting 12 commands (with WW in Text2Model and Voice commands in Text2Model). The MHz figures are built from platform measurements and simulations.

VIT figures on FusionF1 :

- 1 MIC solution :

MHz	Code	Data Memory	
		RAM Model storage	RAM
65	32kB	353 kB	253kB

*Figure 2 - VIT profiling figures on RT500*

VIT Stack usage < 2kB

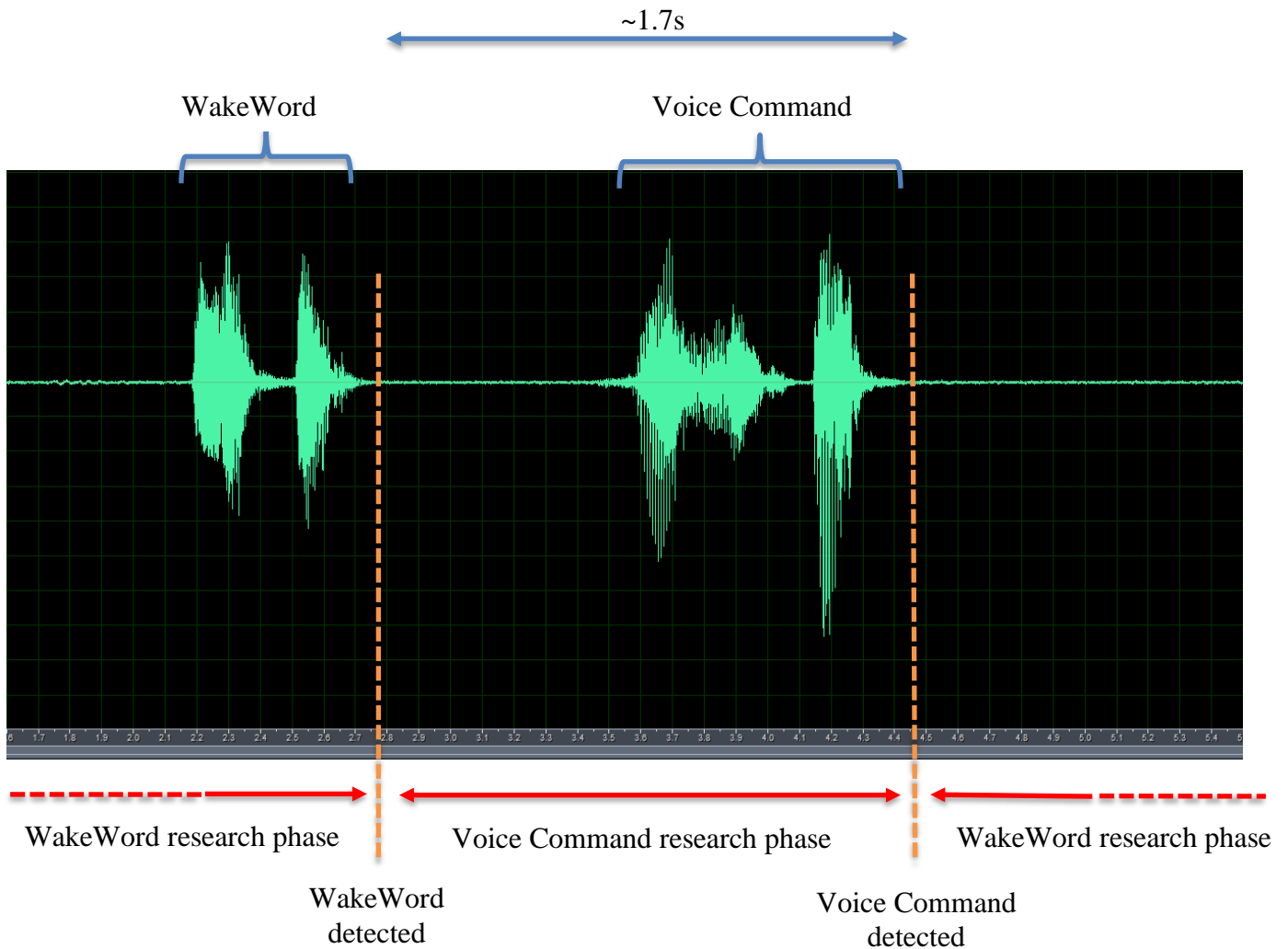
## 6 Appendix

The example below is illustrating the voice command research window : end of Voice Command utterance shall occur in a ~3s window from the wake word.

Example 1 :

The voice command utterance is ending 1.7s after the WakeWord :

After having detected the WakeWord, VIT will switch to the Voice Command research mode. VIT will detect the Voice command, and switch back to the Wake word detection mode.

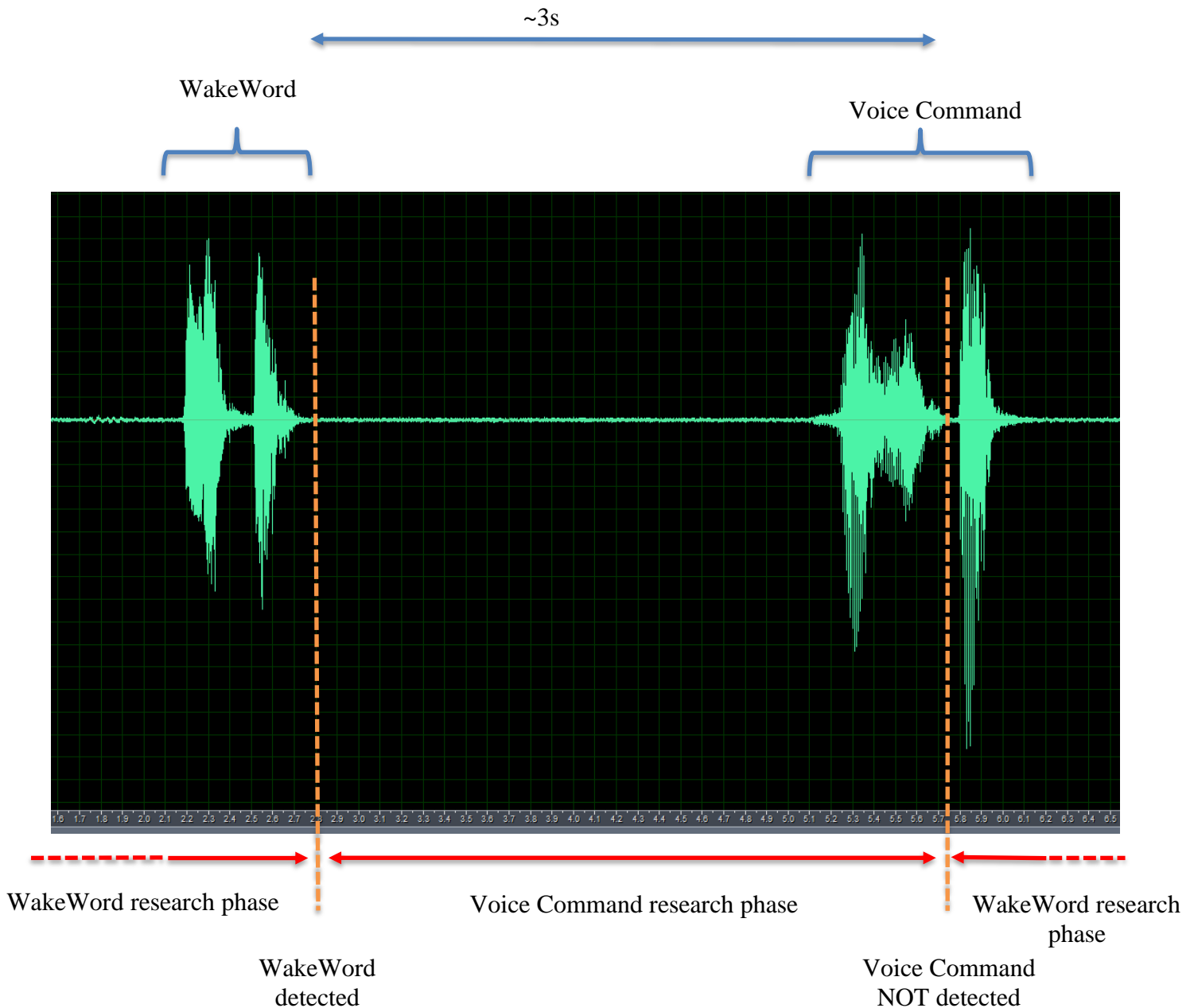


## Example 2:

The voice command utterance is ending 3s after the WakeWord :

After having detected the WakeWord, VIT will switch to the Voice Command research mode. VIT will not be able to detect the Voice command, since the Command is not fitting in the 3s window.

At the end of the 3s research window, VIT will return an “UNKNOWN” command and switch back to the WakeWord detection mode.





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