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VT-SOM-AH Wi-Fi HaLow Module

1. Overview

1.1 Product Brief

VT-SOM-AH offers a complete Wi-Fi HaLow connectivity solution that incorporates the Morse Micro MM6108 single-chip SoC, which is in compliant with IEEE 802.11ah standard, and an ARM Cortex-M33 ultra-low-power MCU that offers a variety of functions including I^2C, UART, USB, CAN, ADC, and GPIO. This smart module is designed to be readily integrated into any embedded device to provide a simplified Wi-Fi HaLow connection solution for customers looking to easily upgrade their prior RF technology to a Wi-Fi HaLow connection while using the latest WPA3 security protocol.

VT-SOM-AH offers an SPI slave interface. Its MAC supports both station (STA) and access point (AP) roles. Moreover, it operates between 850MHz and 950MHz bands and supports 1/2/4/8MHz channel width to provide extended transmission range and faster data rate.

With support for multiple network protocol stacks and a range of I/O options, VT-SOM-AH speeds up the development of customized Wi-Fi HaLow solutions for IoT applications, especially in smart home appliances, industrial IoT devices, smart retail devices, gym instruments, etc.

1.2 Features

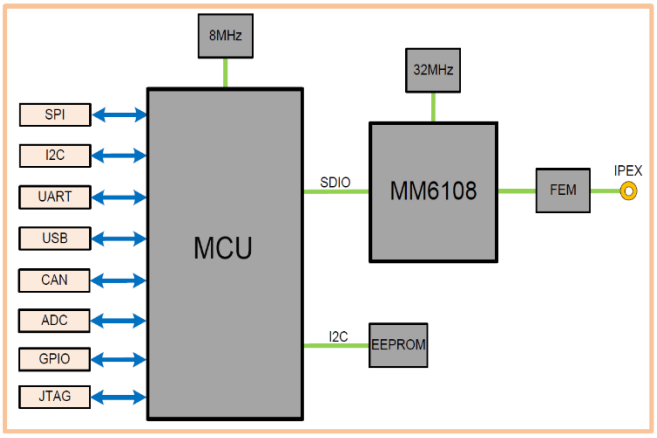
- Single-stream data rate up to 32.5 Mbps @8MHz or 15 Mbps @4MHz channel bandwidth
- Support worldwide Sub-1 GHz frequency bands

  Frequency range: 850MHz~950 MHz

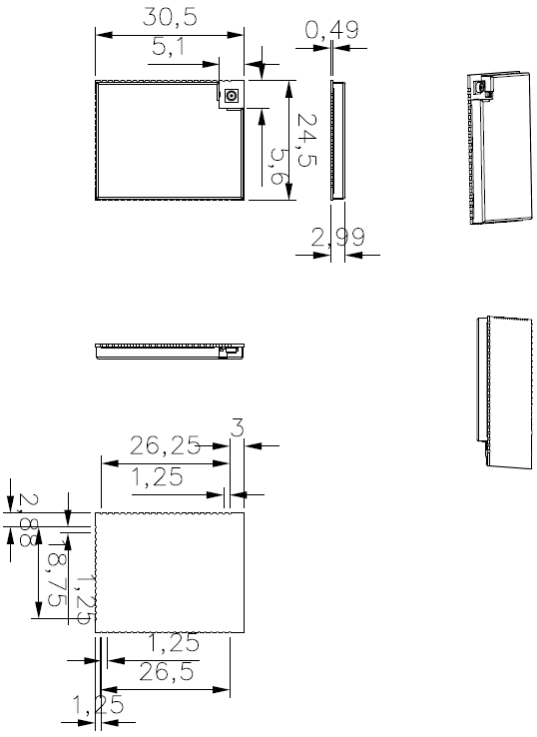
  Channel bandwidth options: 1/2/4/8 MHz

  Support 1 MHz and 2 MHz duplicate modes
- Packet detection & channel equalization
- BPSK & QPSK, 16-QAM & 64-QAM Modulation
- Modulation and Coding Scheme (MCS) levels: MCS 0~7 and MCS 10
- ARM Cortex-M33 MCU & Morse Micro MM6108 SoC
- Packaging: LGA
- RTOS system, complete Wi-Fi HaLow solution
- Compact size, self-contained functions
- Easy integration to any embedded device
- SPI, I2C, UART, GPIO for flexible expansion
- Ultra-low-power, reduced cost & time-to-market

1.3 Block Diagram



1.4 Product Outlines



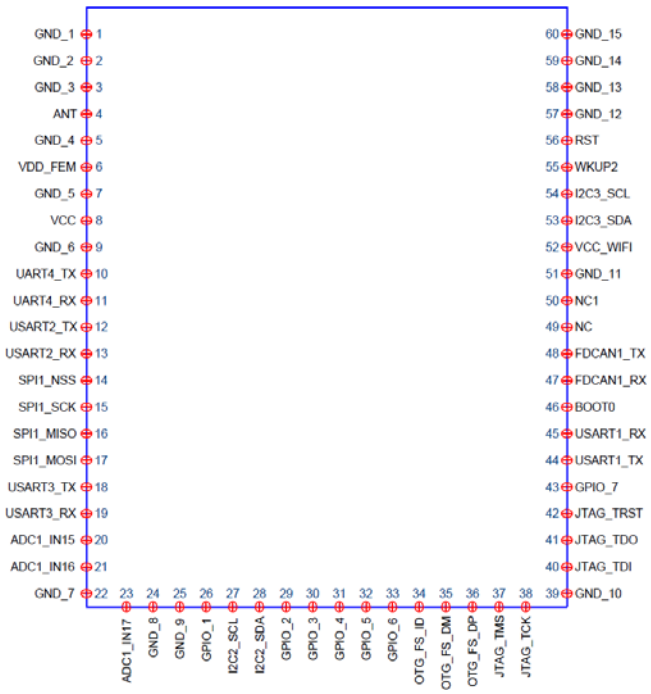
1.5 Applications

- Home automation
  - Alarm system, security cameras, smart doorbells
  - Entertainment (media streaming adapters, speakers)
  - Baby monitors
  - Garage door openers
  - Door locks
  - Smart appliances
  - Energy management
  - Voice control frontends
  - Consumer robotics
- Portables & Wearables
  - Smart watches
  - Smart glasses
  - Kids trackers
- Building automation
  - Building access control & security
  - HVAC & air quality control
  - Smart city network
  - Commercial robotics
  - EV battery charger telemetry
  - Vehicle firmware OTA update
- Retail & Logistics
  - Digital signage
  - Kiosks / POS / vending
  - Fleet management
  - Inventory management / scanners
- Industrial Automation
  - Autonomous mobile robotics
  - Material handlers / trackers

1.6 Specifications

VT-SOM-AH					
System	SoC	Morse Micro MM6108			
	MCU	STM32U			
I/O	Pin signals	1 x SPI			
		2 x I^2C			
		4 x UART			
		1 x USB			
		1 x CAN			
		3 x ADC			
		7 x GPIO (Min.)			
		JTAG supported			
	Antenna	1 x U.FL antenna connector			
WLAN Features	Wi-Fi standard	IEEE 802. 11ah			
	Frequency range (Sub 1 GHz bands)	850MHz ~ 950MHz			
	Channel bandwidth	1 / 2 / 4 /8 MHz			
	Data rate	1 MHz	2 MHz	4 MHz	8 MHz
		3.33Mbps (Max.)	7.22Mbps (Max.)	15Mbps (Max.)	32.5Mbps (Max.)
	Security	AES encryption engine SHA1 and SHA2 hash functions (SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512) WPA3 including protected management frames (PMF)			
Mechanical	Dimensions	30.5mm x 24.5mm x 2.99mm			
	Voltage	VCC: 3.3V	VDD_FEM: 3.3V	VCC_WIFI: 3.3V	
	Temperature	Operating: -40℃ ~ +85℃	Storage: -40℃ ~ +90℃		
	Humidity	Less than 85% RH (non-condensing)			
	Certification	FCC, IC, CE			

1.7 Pinout



Pin	Name	Type	Description
1	GND_1	Power	Ground
2	GND_2	Power	Ground
3	GND_3	Power	Ground
4	ANT	Analog	Do Not Connect
5	GND_4	Power	Ground
6	VDD_FEM	Power	3.3V Frontend Module Supply
7	GND_5	Power	Ground
8	VCC	Power	3.3V MCU Supply
9	GND_6	Power	Ground
10	UART4_TX	O	UART4 Transmit Data
11	UART4_RX	I	UART4 Receive Data
12	USART2_TX	O	UART2 Transmit Data
13	USART2_RX	I	UART2 Receive Data
14	SPI1_NSS	I	SPI Chip Select
15	SPI1_SCK	O	SPI Serial Clock
16	SPI1_MISO	I	SPI Master Input Slave Output
17	SPI1_MOSI	O	SPI Master Output Slave Input
18	USART3_TX	O	UART3 Transmit Data
19	USART3_RX	I	UART3 Receive Data
20	ADC1_IN15	I	Analog to Digital Converter IN

Pin	Name	Type	Description
21	ADC1_IN16	I	Analog to Digital Converter IN
22	GND_7	Power	Ground
23	ADC1_IN17	I	Analog to Digital Converter IN
24	GND_8	Power	Ground
25	GND_9	Power	Ground
26	GPIO_1	I/O	General Purpose IO
27	I2C2_SCL	O	I2C-controller serial input clock
28	I2C2_SDA	I/O	I2C-controller data input/output
29	GPIO_2	I/O	General Purpose IO
30	GPIO_3	I/O	General Purpose IO
31	GPIO_4	I/O	General Purpose IO
32	GPIO_5	I/O	General Purpose IO
33	GPIO_6	I/O	General Purpose IO
34	OTG_FS_ID	I	USB Port ID
35	OTG_FS_DM	I/O	USB port differential data plus
36	OTG_FS_DP	I/O	USB port differential data minus
37	JTAG_TMS	I	JTAG Mode Select
38	JTAG_TCK	I	JTAG Clock
39	GND_10	Power	Ground
40	JTAG_TDI	I	JTAG Data In
41	JTAG_TDO	O	JTAG Data Out
42	JTAG_TRST	I	JTAG Reset
43	GPIO_7	I/O	General Purpose IO
44	USART1_TX	O	UART1 Transmit Data
45	USART1_RX	I	UART1 Receive Data
46	BOOT0	I	MCU BOOT
47	FDCAN1_RX	I	CAN Receive Data
48	FDCAN1_TX	O	CAN Transmit Data
49	NC	NC	Do Not Connect
50	NC1	NC	Do Not Connect
51	GND_11	Power	Ground
52	VCC_WIFI	Power	3.3V WIFI Supply
53	I2C3_SDA	I/O	I2C-controller data input/output
54	I2C3_SCL	O	I2C-controller serial input clock
55	WKUP2	I	MCU Wake up
56	RST	I	MCU Reset
57	GND_12	Power	Ground
58	GND_13	Power	Ground
59	GND_14	Power	Ground
60	GND_15	Power	Ground

2. System Design

2.1 Power Management

VT-SOM-AH does not have a power jack, and it is powered by 3.0V ~ 3.6V supply derived from an external power source via pins VDD_FEM, VCC, and VCC_WIFI.

Please refer to 2.3 Recommended Usage Schematics for the connection of the power pins.

2.2 Interfaces

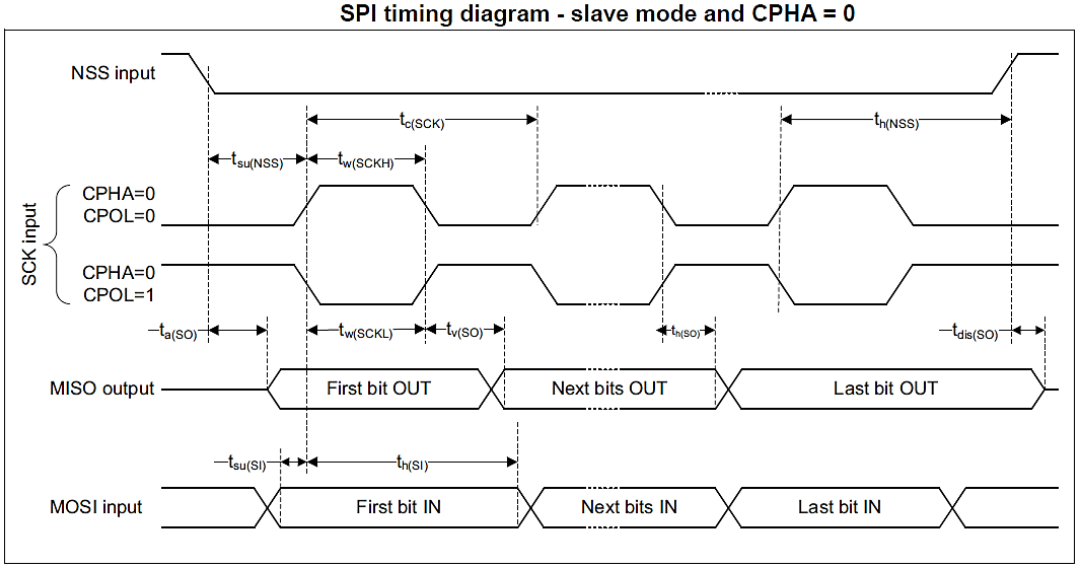
VT-SOM-AH offers multiple interfaces for connecting peripherals/host devices to give full play to its functions. User can use UART1 to connect the module to a host computer to debug the module.

Please refer to 2.3 Recommended Usage Schematics for the connection of CAN/UART/I^{2}C.

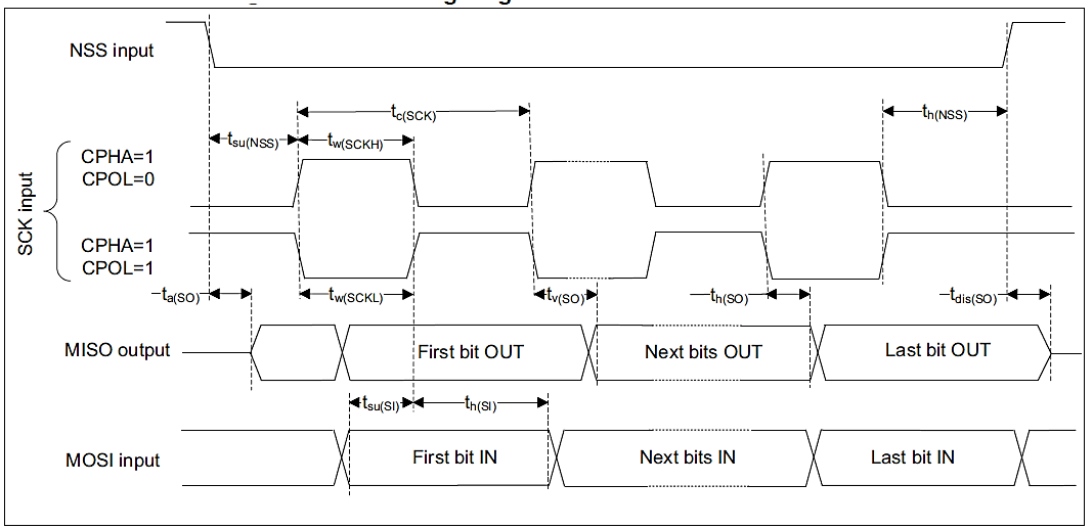
■ SPI Bus Timing

The SPI interface supports a clock rate up to 50MHz.

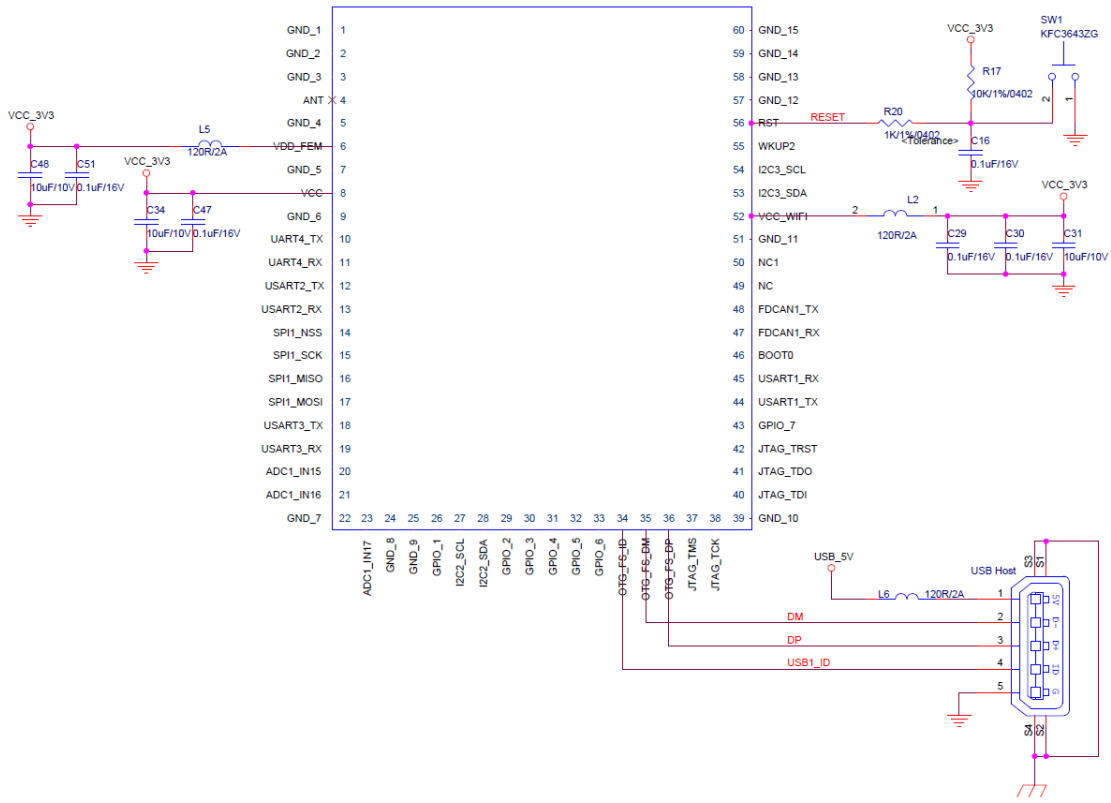
SPI timing diagram - slave mode and CPHA = 0



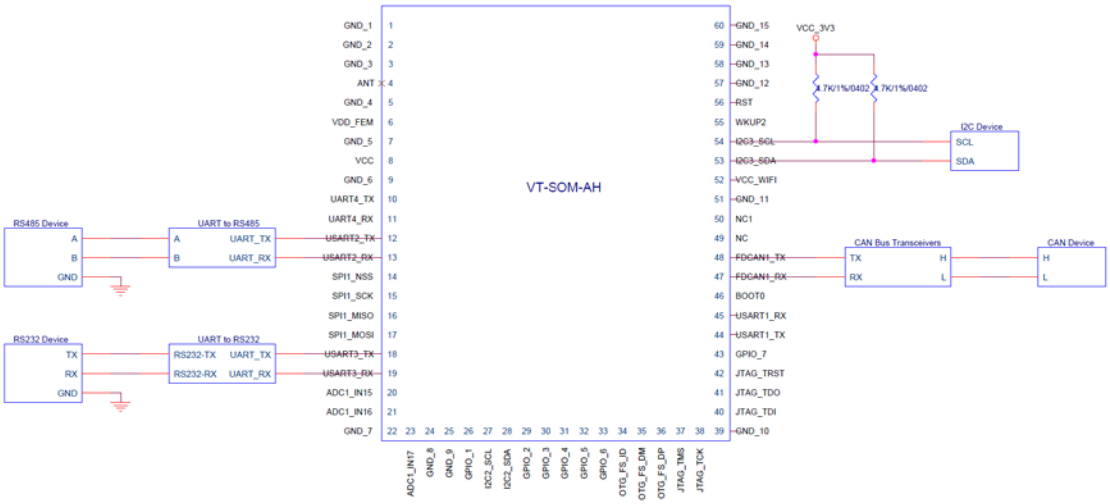
SPI timing diagram - slave mode and CPHA = 1



2.3 Recommended Usage Schematics



Power, Reset &USB



Interfaces

3. Electrical Characteristics

3.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stress beyond absolute maximum ratings may cause permanent damage to the module. Functional operation is guaranteed for recommended operation conditions only. Operation of the device outside of recommended conditions may result in reduced lifetime and/or reliability problems even if the absolute maximum ratings are not exceeded.

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
VDD_FEM voltage	-0.3	3.3	4.3	V
Voltage on WIFI	-0.3	3.3	4.3	V
Voltage on MCU	-0.3	3.3	4.0	V
Storage temperature	-40	25	125	℃

3.2 Recommended Operating Conditions

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Ambient temperature	-40	25	85	℃
VCC voltage	3.0	3.3	3.6	V
VDD_FEM voltage	3.0	3.3	3.6	V
VCC_WIFI voltage	3.0	3.3	3.6	V
Voltage on digital I/O pin	0	3.3	VCC	V
RESET / WAKE I/O Voltage	0	3.3	VCC	V

3.3 Power Consumption

Transmit power consumption

Mode	Condition	VBAT Current			VDD_FEM Current			Unit
	VCC/VCC_WIFI/ VDD_FEM =3.3V	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	
Transmit current (MCS0, 21dBm, 100% D.C.)	1 MHz channel bandwidth	254	257	273	151	152	163	mA
	2 MHz channel bandwidth	254.5	260	273	150.5	152	159.5	mA
	4 MHz channel bandwidth	260.5	266	279.5	146.5	151	156	mA
	8 MHz channel bandwidth	271	278	291.5	142.5	147	153	mA
Transmit current (MCS7, 17dBm, 100% D.C.)	1 MHz channel bandwidth	248	251	262.5	98.5	104	112	mA
	2 MHz channel bandwidth	251.5	255	266.5	97.5	104	112	mA
	4 MHz channel bandwidth	257	262	273	93.5	102	108.5	mA
	8 MHz channel bandwidth	268	272	284	91	99	105.5	mA

Receive power consumption

Mode	Condition	VBAT Current			VDD_FEM Current			Unit
	VCC/VCC_WIFI/ VDD_FEM =3.3V	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	
Listen	1 MHz channel bandwidth	225	226	235.5	4	4.5	4.7	mA
	2 MHz channel bandwidth	226	228	235				mA
	4 MHz channel bandwidth	230	232	240				mA
	8 MHz channel bandwidth	235	237	245.5				mA
Active receive MCS7	1 MHz channel bandwidth	226.5	226	235.5				mA
	2 MHz channel bandwidth	230	230	239.5				mA
	4 MHz channel bandwidth	237.5	240	249				mA
	8 MHz channel bandwidth	254	253	267				mA
Active receive MCS0	1 MHz channel bandwidth	228	226	237				mA
	2 MHz channel bandwidth	229.5	228	238.5				mA
	4 MHz channel bandwidth	236	236	247				mA
	8 MHz channel bandwidth	250	248	262.5				mA

Sleep power consumption

Mode	Condition	VBAT Current			VDD_FEM Current			Unit
	VCC/VCC_WIFI/ VDD_FEM =3.3V	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Min.	Typ.	Max.	
Deep sleep	RC Oscillator on, wake up timer configurable	20.8	201	711.8	0.001	0.05	0.55	μA

3.4 RF Specifications

Receiver

Sensitivities for 10% packet error rate, 1000-byte packets:

MCS index	Modulation scheme	Coding rate	Channel Bandwidth				Minimum receive sensitivity (dBm) per bandwidth			
			1 MHz	2 MHz	4 MHz	8 MHz	1 MHz	2 MHz	4 MHz	8 MHz
0	BPSK	1/2	333	722	1500	3250	-105	-103	-101	-97
1	QPSK	1/2	667	1444	3000	6500	-102	-100	-97	-93
2	QPSK	3/4	1000	2167	4500	9750	-99	-97	-95	-91
3	16-QAM	1/2	1333	2889	6000	13000	-96	-94	-91	-88
4	16-QAM	3/4	2000	4333	9000	19500	-93	-90	-88	-85
5	64-QAM	2/3	2667	5778	12000	26000	-89	-87	-84	-80
6	64-QAM	3/4	3000	6500	13500	29250	-88	-85	-83	-79
7	64-QAM	5/6	3333	7222	15000	32500	-87	-84	-81	-77
10	BPSK	1/2 x 2	167	N/A			-107	N/A		

Transmitter

Although the following transmit power levels are IEEE 802.11ah compliant, they do not take into account any backoffs needed to adhere to regional spectrum compliance (e.g., FCC, IC, TELEC).

Tx output power (1/2 MHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
MCS 0	20	21	22	dBm
MCS 7	16	17	18	dBm

Tx output power (4 MHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
MCS 0	20.5	21	22	dBm
MCS 7	16	17	18	dBm

Tx output power (8 MHz)	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
MCS 0	20.5	21	21.5	dBm
MCS 7	15.5	17	17.5	dBm

4. Ordering Information

Ordering No.	SoC	Main I/Os	Operating Temp.	OS
VT-SOM-AH	Morse Micro MM6108SoC & STMicroelectronics MCU	GPIO, SPI, I^2C, JTAG, U.FL, UART, CAN, ADC, USB	-40℃ ~ +85℃	RTOS

Packing list	
VT-SOM-AH system-on- module	1

Optional accessories	
Wi-Fi antenna	1

5. Company Profile

Since its establishment in 2002 by two Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, Vantron Technology has been at the forefront of the connected IoT devices and IoT platform solutions. Today, Vantron boasts a global customer base that includes several Fortune 500 companies. Its product lines cover edge intelligent hardware, IoT communication devices, industrial displays and BlueSphere cloud device management platforms.

With over 20 years of experience in R&D of embedded edge intelligent hardware, Vantron has provided users with diverse embedded solutions featuring ARM and X86 architectures. Its offerings range from Linux to Windows, from embedded to desktop level, and from gateway to server. In addition, it provides users with system clipping, driver transplantation and other related services.