B404X Datasheet



This is a graphic of the B404. The B404X has the same exterior dimensions but the appearance may vary slightly from this graphic.

Functional description

OVERVIEW

The B Series System-on-a-Module (SoM) is a cellular device with support for BLE (Bluetooth LE). It is based on the Nordic nRF52840 micro-controller.

The B Series is designed to be integrated into your circuit board design, plugging into a M.2 NGFF connector on your board, allowing the module to be changed or upgraded easily.

FEATURES

Features - B404X

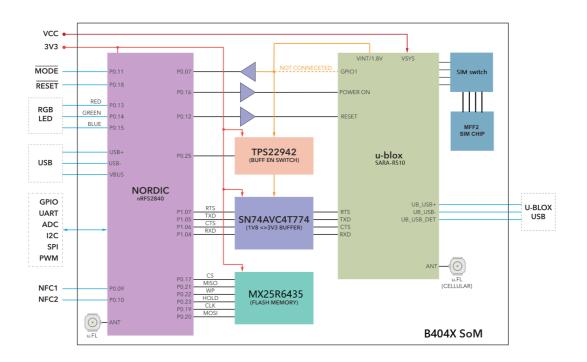
- u-blox SARA-R510S-01B LTE modem (B404X)
- LTE Cat M1 module
- Support for United States, Canada, and Mexico only
- 3GPP Release 14 LTE Cat M1
- Cat M1 bands: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 28, 66, 71, 85¹
- Embedded Particle EtherSIM (B404X)
- Requires Device OS 2.3.0 LTS (or later) or 3.2.0 (or later)

Features - All Models

- Nordic Semiconductor nRF52840 SoC
- ARM Cortex-M4F 32-bit processor @ 64MHz
- 1MB flash, 256KB RAM
- Bluetooth 5: 2 Mbps, 1 Mbps, 500 Kbps, 125 Kbps
- Supports DSP instructions, HW accelerated Floating Point Unit (FPU) calculations
- ARM TrustZone CryptoCell-310 Cryptographic and security module
- Up to +8 dBm TX power (down to -20 dBm in 4 dB steps)
- NFC-A tag
- On-module additional 4MB SPI flash
- 24 mixed signal GPIO (8 x Analog, 8 x PWM), UART, I2C, SPI
- USB 2.0 full speed (12 Mbps)
- JTAG (SWD) pins
- RGB status pins for LED
- Reset and Mode pins for buttons
- On-module MFF2 Particle SIM
- Two on-module U.FL connectors for external antennas
- M.2 interface
- FCC and PTCRB certified
- RoHS compliant (lead-free)

¹ Not all bands enabled in software by default

BLOCK DIAGRAM



POWER

VCC

VCC is used to supply power to the u-blox SARA-R410M/R410S cellular module. The recommended input voltage range on this pin is between 3.6V to 4.2V DC. Make sure that the supply can handle currents of at least 2 A.

3V3

3V3 is used to supply power to nRF52840, logic ICs, memory, etc.. The 3V3 input voltage range is between 3V to 3.6V DC, but 3.3V is recommended. Make sure that the supply can handle at least 150 mA, however it may need to be larger than that if you have additional 3.3V peripherals on your base board.

We do not recommend using a single 3.6V supply for both VCC and 3V3 as the cellular modem performance may be lower below 3.7V. Use two separate regulators for best results.

VBus

VBus is connected to the USB detect pin of nRF52840 to enables the USB interface. The recommended input voltage range is between 4.35V to 5.5V DC.

There are two radios on the B402 module. A BLE radio (nRF52840) and a cellular radio (u-blox). We have provided two u.FL connectors to plug in the cellular and BLE antenna. These are required if you wish to use the cellular and BLE. If you do not need BLE, you do not need to connect the BLE antenna.

Certified Cellular Antenna

SKU	Description
ANTCW2EA	Particle Cellular Flex Antenna 2G/3G/LTE [x1]
ANTCW2TY	Particle Cellular Flex Antenna 2G/3G/LTE Tray of 50 [x50]

• Type: LTE Ultra Wide Band Flex Antenna

• Frequency/band: 698 MHz-2690 MHz

• RoHS Compliant

• Mechanical Specs:

o Dimensions: 97 x 21 x 0.2 mm

• Mounting: 3M adhesive backed for application on non-metallic surfaces

o Connector type: FPC + IPEX connector

o Cable length: 210 mm

o Gain: 4.71 dBi

General Antenna Guidance

- The antenna placement needs to follow some basic rules, as any antenna is sensitive to its
 environment. Mount the antenna at least 10mm from metal components or surfaces, ideally
 20mm for best radiation efficiency, and try to maintain a minimum of three directions free from
 obstructions to be able to operate effectively.
- Needs tuning with actual product enclosure and all components.
- For the BLE antenna, it is recommended to use a 2.4 GHz single-frequency antenna and not a 2.4 GHz + 5 GHz antenna, so as to avoid large gain at the frequency twice of 2.4 GHz which can cause the second harmonic radiation of 2.4 GHz to exceed standards.

PERIPHERALS AND GPIO

Peripheral Type	Qty	Input(I) / Output(O)
Digital	24 (max)	I/O
Analog (ADC)	8 (max)	1
UART	1	I/O
SPI	2	I/O
I2C	2	I/O
USB	1	I/O
PWM	8 (max)	0
NFC	1	0

There are some optional B402 module specific I/O:

• u-blox USB and VBUS (for u-blox firmware upgrades)

Note: All GPIOs are only rated at 3.3VDC max.

The B402 module has 4 pads at the bottom exposing the SWD interface of the nRF52840. This interface can be used to debug your code or reprogram your B402 bootloader, device OS, or the user firmware. We use 4 pogo-pins connecting to these pads during production for firmware flashing.



Memory map

NRF52840 FLASH LAYOUT OVERVIEW

- Bootloader (48KB, @0xF4000)
- User Application
- 256KB @ 0xB4000 (Device OS 3.1 and later)
- 128KB @ 0xD4000 (Device OS 3.0 and earlier)
- System (656KB, @0x30000)
- SoftDevice (192KB)

EXTERNAL SPI FLASH LAYOUT OVERVIEW (DFU OFFSET: 0X80000000)

- OTA (1500KB, @0x00289000)
- Reserved (420KB, @0x00220000)
- FAC (128KB, @0x00200000)
- LittleFS (2M, @0x0000000)

Pins and button definitions

PINOUT DIAGRAM



Pins SOM0 to SOM9 will vary across various SoM modules. For example, cellular-specific pins exists in this range.

Additionally there are RESERVED³ pins, whose functions vary depending on the SoM. For example, nRF52 MCU-based modules use some of these pins for additional ADC and GPIO. They are able to be used as described on the B402, but their function may be be different on future modules.

For maximum cross-module flexibility, you should try to use only the common pins when possible.

PIN DESCRIPTION

#	Pin	Common	Function	nRF52	Description
1	GND	GND	POWER		System ground.
2	VCC	VCC	POWER		System power in, connect to the +LiPo or supply a fixed 3.6-4.2v power.
3	GND	GND	POWER		System ground.
4	VCC	VCC	POWER		System power in, connect to the +LiPo or supply a fixed 3.6-4.2v power.
5	GND	GND	POWER		System ground.
6	VCC	VCC	POWER		System power in, connect to the +LiPo or supply a fixed 3.6-4.2v power.
7	GND	GND	POWER		System ground.
8	VCC	VCC	POWER		System power in, connect to the +LiPo or supply a fixed 3.6-4.2v power.
9	GND	GND	POWER		System ground.
10	3V3	3V3	POWER		System power in, supply a fixed 3.0-3.6v power.
11	USB D+	USB D+	Ю		Data+ pin of the NRF52840 USB port.

12					
	3V3	3V3	POWER		System power in, supply a fixed 3.0-3.6v power.
13	USB D-	USB D-	Ю		Data- pin of the NRF52840 USB port.
14	NC	RESERVED ³	NC		Leave unconnected.
15	GND	GND	POWER		System ground.
16	VUSB	VUSB	POWER		System power in, USB detect pin for nRF52840. 5V on this pin enables the USB interface.
17	NFC1	SOM3 ³	NFC input	P0.9	NFC antenna connection.
18	NC	RESERVED ³	NC		Leave unconnected.
19	NFC2	SOM4 ³	NFC input	P0.10	NFC antenna connection.
20	D1	SCL	Ю	P0.27	I2C SCL, and digital only GPIO.
21	GND	GND	POWER		System ground.
22	D0	SDA	Ю	P0.26	I2C SDA, and digital only GPIO.
23	AO	ADC0	Ю	P0.3	Analog input ADC0 ² , and digital GPIO.
32	MODE	MODE	Ю	P0.11	Connected to the MODE button input, and digital only GPIO.
33	A1	ADC1	Ю	P0.4	Analog input ADC1 ² , and digital GPIO.
34	RESET	RESET	I		Active-low reset input.
35	A2	ADC2	Ю	P0.28	Analog input ADC2 ² , and digital GPIO.
36	D9	TX	Ю	P0.6	Primarily used as UART TX, but can also be used as a digital GPIO.
37	A3	ADC3	Ю	P0.29	Analog input ADC3 ² , and digital GPIO.
38	D10	RX	Ю	P0.08	Primarily used as UART RX, but can also be used as a digital GPIO.
39	AGND	AGND	POWER		System analog ground.
40	D3	RESERVED ³	Ю	P1.1	UART flow control CTS, SCL1 (Wire1), SPI1 MOSI, digital only GPIO.
40	D3	RESERVED ³	10	P1.1 P0.30	
					GPIO.
41	A4	RESERVED ³	Ю	P0.30	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO.
41	A4 D2	RESERVED ³	10	P0.30 P1.2	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wire1), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO.
41 42 43	A4 D2 A5 u-blox USB	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³	10 10 10	P0.30 P1.2	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wire1), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO.
41 42 43	A4 D2 A5 u-blox USB D+	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOM0	10 10 10	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wire1), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port.
41 42 43 44 45	A4 D2 A5 u-blox USB D+ A6 u-blox USB	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOM0 RESERVED ³	10 10 10 10	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wire1), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO.
41 42 43 44 45	A4 D2 A5 U-blox USB D+ A6 U-blox USB D-	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOM0 RESERVED ³ SOM1	10 10 10 10	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31 P0.5	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wire1), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO. Data- pin of the cellular modem USB port.
41 42 43 44 45 46	A4 D2 A5 U-blox USB D+ A6 U-blox USB D- A7	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOMO RESERVED ³ SOM1 RESERVED ³	10 10 10 10 10	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31 P0.5	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wire1), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO. Data- pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC7 ² , and digital GPIO.
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48	A4 D2 A5 U-blox USB D+ A6 U-blox USB D- A7 D8	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOM0 RESERVED ³ SOM1 RESERVED ³	10 10 10 10 10 10	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31 P0.5	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wire1), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO. Data- pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC7 ² , and digital GPIO. SPI interface CS, and digital only GPIO.
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49	A4 D2 A5 U-blox USB D+ A6 U-blox USB D- A7 D8 AGND	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOMO RESERVED ³ SOM1 RESERVED ³ CS AGND	IO IO IO IO IO IO POWER	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31 P0.5 P0.5	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDAI (Wirel), SPII SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO. Data- pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC7 ² , and digital GPIO. SPI interface CS, and digital only GPIO. System analog ground.
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49	A4 D2 A5 U-blox USB D+ A6 U-blox USB D- A7 D8 AGND D11	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOMO RESERVED ³ SOM1 RESERVED ³ AGND MISO	IO IO IO IO IO O POWER	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31 P0.5 P0.5	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDAI (Wirel), SPII SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO. Data- pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC7 ² , and digital GPIO. SPI interface CS, and digital only GPIO. System analog ground. SPI interface MISO, and digital only GPIO.
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50	A4 D2 A5 U-blox USB D+ A6 U-blox USB D- A7 D8 AGND D11 NC	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOMO RESERVED ³ SOMI RESERVED ³ AGND MISO RESERVED ³	IO IO IO IO IO O POWER IO NC	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31 P0.5 P0.5 P1.3	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wirel), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO. Data- pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC7 ² , and digital GPIO. SPI interface CS, and digital only GPIO. System analog ground. SPI interface MISO, and digital only GPIO. Leave unconnected.
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51	A4 D2 A5 U-blox USB D+ A6 U-blox USB D- A7 D8 AGND D11 NC D12	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOMO RESERVED ³ SOM1 RESERVED ³ CS AGND MISO RESERVED ³	IO IO IO IO IO O POWER IO NC	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31 P0.5 P0.5 P1.3	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wire1), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO. Data- pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC7 ² , and digital GPIO. SPI interface CS, and digital only GPIO. System analog ground. SPI interface MISO, and digital only GPIO. Leave unconnected. SPI interface MOSI, and digital only GPIO.
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53	A4 D2 A5 U-blox USB D+ A6 U-blox USB D- A7 D8 AGND D11 NC D12 NC	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOMO RESERVED ³ SOM1 RESERVED ³ CS AGND MISO RESERVED ³ MOSI RESERVED ³	IO IO IO IO IO IO O IO IO IO IO IO IO NC IO NC	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31 P0.5 P0.5 P1.3 P1.14	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wire1), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO. Data- pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC7 ² , and digital GPIO. SPI interface CS, and digital only GPIO. System analog ground. SPI interface MISO, and digital only GPIO. Leave unconnected. SPI interface MOSI, and digital only GPIO. Leave unconnected.
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54	A4 D2 A5 U-blox USB D+ A6 U-blox USB D- A7 D8 AGND D11 NC D12 NC D13	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOMO RESERVED ³ SOM1 RESERVED ³ CS AGND MISO RESERVED ³ MOSI RESERVED ³	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 NC 10 NC 10 NC	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31 P0.5 P0.5 P1.3 P1.14	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wire1), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO. Data- pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC7 ² , and digital GPIO. SPI interface CS, and digital only GPIO. System analog ground. SPI interface MISO, and digital only GPIO. Leave unconnected. SPI interface MOSI, and digital only GPIO. Leave unconnected. SPI interface SCK, and digital only GPIO.
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55	A4 D2 A5 U-blox USB D+ A6 U-blox USB D- A7 D8 AGND D11 NC D12 NC D13 NC	RESERVED ³ RESERVED ³ SOMO RESERVED ³ SOMI RESERVED ³ CS AGND MISO RESERVED ³ MOSI RESERVED ³ SCK RESERVED ³	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 NC 10 NC 10 NC	P0.30 P1.2 P0.31 P0.5 P0.5 P1.3 P1.14	GPIO. Analog input ADC4 ² , and digital GPIO. UART flow control RTS, SDA1 (Wirel), SPI1 SCK, digital only GPIO. Analog input ADC5 ² , and digital GPIO. Data+ pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC6 ² , and digital GPIO. Data- pin of the cellular modem USB port. Analog input ADC7 ² , and digital GPIO. SPI interface CS, and digital only GPIO. System analog ground. SPI interface MISO, and digital only GPIO. Leave unconnected. SPI interface MOSI, and digital only GPIO. Leave unconnected. SPI interface SCK, and digital only GPIO. Leave unconnected.

59	NC	RESERVED ³	NC		Leave unconnected.
60	NC	RESERVED ³	NC		Leave unconnected.
61	RGBR	RED	Ю	P0.13	Red pin of the RGB LED.
62	D22	GPIO0	Ю	P0.24	GPIO0, digital only.
63	RGBG	GREEN	Ю	P0.14	Green pin of the RGB LED.
64	D23	GPIO1	Ю	P1.9	GPIO1, digital only.
65	RGBB	BLUE	Ю	P0.15	Blue pin of the RGB LED.
66	D4	PWM0	Ю	P1.8	SPI1 MISO, Digital only GPIO, and PWM0.
67	SIM_VCC ¹	SOM5 ³	POWER		Leave unconnected, 1.8V/3V SIM Supply Output from cellular modem.
68	D5	PWM1	Ю	P1.10	Digital only GPIO, and PWM1.
69	SIM_RST ¹	SOM6 ³	Ю		Leave unconnected, 1.8V/3V SIM Reset Output from cellular modem.
70	D6	PWM2	Ю	P1.11	Digital only GPIO, and PWM2.
71	SIM_CLK ¹	SOM7 ³	Ю		Leave unconnected, 1.8V/3V SIM Clock Output from cellular modem.
72	D7	PWM3	Ю	P1.12	Digital only GPIO, and PWM3.
73	SIM_DATA ¹	SOM8 ³	Ю		Leave unconnected, 1.8V/3V SIM Data I/O of cellular modem with internal 4.7 k pull-up.
74	u-blox VBUS	SOM2 ³	Ю		USB detect pin for cellular modem. 5V on this pin enables the u-blox USB interface.
75	NC	SOM9 ³	NC		Leave unconnected.

¹These pins are connected to the internal MFF2 SIM and should be left open.

³SoM-specific and Reserved pins will vary depending on module. They are able to be used on the B402, but their function may be be different on future modules.

By default, the Tinker application firmware enables the use of the bq24195 PMIC and MAX17043 fuel gauge. This in turn uses I2C (D0 and D1) and pin A6 (PM_INT). If you are not using the PMIC and fuel gauge and with to use these pins for other purposes, be sure to disable system power configuration. This setting is persistent, so you may want to disable it with your manufacturing firmware only.

${\tt System.setPowerConfiguration(SystemPowerConfiguration());}$

If you are using Ethernet with the B Series SoM, the following pins are used by Ethernet:

Device OS Pin	M.2 Pin	Ethernet Pin
MISO	50	SPI MISO
MOSI	52	SPI MOSI
SCK	54	SPI SCK
A7	47	nRESET
D22	62	nINTERRUPT
D8	48	nCHIP SELECT

LED STATUS

 $^{^2}$ A0-A7 are 12-bit Analog-to-Digital (A/D) inputs (0-4095).

Unlike the Boron, the B402 module does not have an on-module RGB system status LED. We have provided its individual control pins for you to connect an LED of your liking. This will allow greater flexibility in the end design of your products.

A detailed explanation of different color codes of the RGB system LED can be found here.

Technical specifications

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS [1]

Supply voltages

Parameter	Symbol	Min Typ	Max	Unit
Supply voltages				
Supply Input Voltage	VCC	-0.3	+6.0	V
Supply Input Voltage	3V3	-0.3	+3.9	V
VBUS USB supply voltage	VUSB	-0.3	+5.8	V
I/O pin voltage				
VI/O, VDD ≤ 3.6 V	IO	-0.3	VDD + 0.3	V
VI/O, VDD > 3.6 V	IO	-0.3	+3.9	V
NFC antenna pin current				
I _{NFC1/2}	NFC1/NFC2		80	mA
Radio				
BT RF input level (52840)			10	dBm
Environmental				
Storage temperature		-40	+85	°C

[1] Stresses beyond those listed under absolute maximum ratings may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under recommended operating conditions is not implied. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

RECOMMENDED OPERATING CONDITIONS

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Supply voltages					
Supply Input Voltage	VCC	+3.6	+3.8	+4.2	V
Supply Input Voltage	3V3	+3.0	+3.3	+3.6	V
VBUS USB supply voltage	VUSB	+4.35	+5.0	+5.5	V
Environmental					
Normal operating temperature ¹		-20	+25	+65	°C
Extended operating temperature ²		-40		+85	°C
Humidity Range Non condensing, relative humidity				95	%

Notes:

¹ Normal operating temperature range (fully functional and meet 3GPP specifications).

² Extended operating temperature range (RF performance may be affected outside normal operating range, though module is fully functional)

Values are from B404/B402. Actual operating current with cellular using the R510 modem may vary but should be similar.

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Тур	Peak	Unit
Operating Current (uC on, peripherals and radio disabled)	l _{idle}	4.48	4.71	5.17	mA
Operating Current (uC on, cellular on but not connected)	I _{cell_idle}	5.1	45.2	166	mA
Operating Current (uC on, cellular connecting to tower)	I _{cell_conn_twr}	13.7	56.0	192	mA
Operating Current (uC on, cellular connecting to cloud)	I _{cell_conn_cloud}		63.2	185	mA
Operating Current (uC on, cellular connected but idle)	I _{cell_cloud_idle}	13.4	15.5	98.3	mA
Operating Current (uC on, cellular connected and transmitting)	I _{cell_cloud_tx}	9.47	66.3	192	mA
STOP mode sleep, GPIO wake-up	I _{stop_gpio}	552	555	559	uA
STOP mode sleep, analog wake-up	I _{stop_analog}	554	557	559	uA
STOP mode sleep, RTC wake-up	I _{stop_intrtc}	553	556	558	uA
STOP mode sleep, BLE wake-up, advertising	I _{stop_ble_adv}		631	2650	uA
STOP mode sleep, BLE wake-up, connected	I _{stop_ble_conn}	47.3	630	1540	uA
STOP mode sleep, serial wake-up	I _{stop_usart}	553	556	558	uA
STOP mode sleep, cellular wake-up	I _{stop_cell}	8.87	9.65	63.6	mA
ULP mode sleep, GPIO wake-up	I _{ulp_gpio}	44.7	47.6	49.6	uA
ULP mode sleep, analog wake-up	l _{ulp_analog}	45.0	47.8	49.5	uA
ULP mode sleep, RTC wake-up	I _{ulp_intrtc}	43.4	46.4	47.9	uA
ULP mode sleep, BLE wake-up, advertising	I _{ulp_ble_adv}		130	2560	uA
ULP mode sleep, BLE wake-up, connected	I _{ulp_ble_conn}		121	1010	uA
ULP mode sleep, serial wake-up	I _{ulp_usart}	554	557	559	uA
ULP mode sleep, cellular wake-up	l _{ulp_cell}	0.37	9.47	53.7	mA
HIBERNATE mode sleep, GPIO wake-up	l _{hib_gpio}	23.6	26.0	29.7	uA
HIBERNATE mode sleep, analog wake-up	l _{hib_analog}	23.9	26.5	30.5	uA

¹The min, and particularly peak, values may consist of very short transients. The typical (typ) values are the best indicator of overall power consumption over time. The peak values indicate the absolute minimum capacity of the power supply necessary, not overall consumption.

The B Series SoM has two radio modules.

nRF52840

- Bluetooth® 5, 2.4 GHz
 - \circ 95 dBm sensitivity in 1 Mbps Bluetooth® low energy mode
 - 103 dBm sensitivity in 125 kbps Bluetooth® low energy mode (long range)
 - \circ 20 to +8 dBm TX power, configurable in 4 dB steps

u-blox SARA-R510S-01B

Parameter	Value	FCC Certified
Protocol stack	3GPP Release 14	
RAT	LTE Cat M1 Half-Duplex	
LTE FDD Bands	Band 71 (600 MHz)	
	Band 12 (700 MHz)	✓
	Band 28 (700 MHz)	✓
	Band 85 (700 MHz)	
	Band 13 (750 MHz)	✓
	Band 20 (800 MHz)	✓
	Band 5 (850 MHz)	✓
	Band 18 (850 MHz)	
	Band 19 (850 MHz)	
	Band 26 (850 MHz)	
	Band 8 (900 MHz)	✓
	Band 4 (1700 MHz)	✓
	Band 3 (1800 MHz)	✓
	Band 2 (1900 MHz)	✓
	Band 25 (1900 MHz)	
	Band 1 (2100 MHz)	
Power class	Class 3 (23 dBm)	

- LTE Cat M1 for United States, Canada, and Mexico
- Not all bands are enabled in software by default.
- FCC Certification in the United States only tests bands in use in the United States.
- Particle LTE Cat M1 devices are not certified for use in Europe or other countries that follow EU certification requirements.

These specifications are based on the nRF52840 datasheet.

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
VIH	Input high voltage	0.7 xVDD		VDD	V
VIL	Input low voltage	VSS		0.3 xVDD	V
VOH,SD	Output high voltage, standard drive, 0.5 mA, VDD ≥1.7	VDD - 0.4		VDD	V
VOH,HDH	Output high voltage, high drive, 5 mA, VDD >= 2.7 V	VDD - 0.4		VDD	V
VOH,HDL	Output high voltage, high drive, 3 mA, VDD \geq 1.7 V	VDD - 0.4		VDD	V
VOL,SD	Output low voltage, standard drive, 0.5 mA, VDD \geq 1.7	VSS		VSS + 0.4	V
VOL,HDH	Output low voltage, high drive, 5 mA, VDD \geq 2.7 V	VSS		VSS + 0.4	V
VOL,HDL	Output low voltage, high drive,3 mA, VDD \geq 1.7 V	VSS		VSS + 0.4	V
IOL,SD	Current at VSS+0.4 V, output set low, standard drive, VDD≥1.7	1	2	4	mA
IOL,HDH	Current at VSS+0.4 V, output set low, high drive, VDD >= 2.7V	6	10	15	mA
IOL,HDL	Current at VSS+0.4 V, output set low, high drive, VDD >= 1.7V	3			mA
IOH,SD	Current at VDD-0.4 V, output set high, standard drive, VDD≥1.7	1	2	4	mA
IOH,HDH	Current at VDD-0.4 V, output set high, high drive, VDD >= 2.7V	6	9	14	mA
IOH,HDL	Current at VDD-0.4 V, output set high, high drive, VDD \geq 1.7V	3			mA
tRF,15pF	Rise/fall time, standard drivemode, 10-90%, 15 pF load ¹		9		ns
tRF,25pF	Rise/fall time, standard drive mode, 10-90%, 25 pF load ¹		13		ns
tRF,50pF	Rise/fall time, standard drive mode, 10-90%, 50 pF load ¹		25		ns
tHRF,15pF	Rise/Fall time, high drive mode, 10-90%, 15 pF load ¹		4		ns
tHRF,25pF	Rise/Fall time, high drive mode, 10-90%, 25 pF load ¹		5		ns
tHRF,50pF	Rise/Fall time, high drive mode, 10-90%, 50 pF load ¹		8		ns
RPU	Pull-up resistance	11	13	16	kΩ
RPD	Pull-down resistance	11	13	16	kΩ
CPAD	Pad capacitance		3		pF
CPAD_NFC	Pad capacitance on NFC pads		4		pF
INFC_LEAK	Leakage current between NFC pads when driven to different states		1	10	μΑ

- Rise and fall times based on simulations
- GPIO default to standard drive (2mA) but can be reconfigured to high drive (9mA) in Device OS 2.0.0 and later using the pinSetDriveStrength() function.

Mechanical specifications

DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT

Parameters	Value	Unit
Width	30	mm
Height	42	mm
Thickness	5.5	mm
Weight	6.2	grams

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Dimensions are in millimeters.

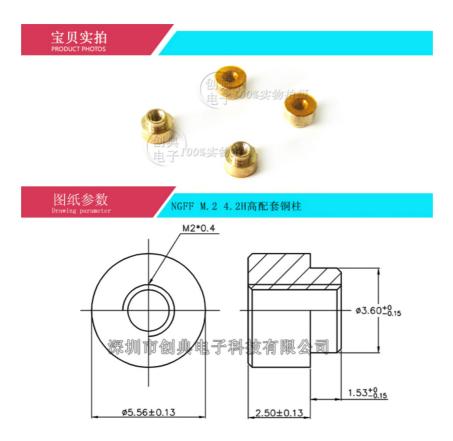
The mating connector is a an M.2 (NGFF) type 4. Note that there are several different key configurations for the M.2, and type 4 is different than is commonly used on SSDs.

One compatible connector is the <u>TE 2199230-4</u>. It is widely available including at suppliers such as <u>DigiKey</u>.



The M.2 SoM requires a screw to hold the SoM in place because the M.2 connector does not have integrated locks and the SoM will pop up if not attached to the base board. The screw also provides better vibration resistance than locking clips.

• This is one style of standoff.



• An <u>alternative design</u> uses a <u>JAE SM3ZS067U410-NUTI-R1200</u> standoff. It's reflow soldered to your base board and has a threaded hole for a M2*3 screw to hold down the SoM. This may be easier to obtain.

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

We strongly recommend against placing components under the SOM board because there is not enough height.



Product Handling

ESD PRECAUTIONS

The B series contains highly sensitive electronic circuitry and is an Electrostatic Sensitive Device (ESD). Handling an B series without proper ESD protection may destroy or damage it permanently. Proper ESD handling and packaging procedures must be applied throughout the processing, handling and operation of any application that incorporates the B series module. ESD precautions should be implemented on the application board where the B series is mounted. Failure to observe these precautions can result in severe damage to the B series!

CONNECTORS

The U.FL antenna connector is not designed to be constantly plugged and unplugged. The antenna pin is static sensitive and you can destroy the radio with improper handling. A tiny dab of glue (epoxy, rubber cement, liquid tape or hot glue) on the connector can be used securely hold the plug in place.

The M.2 edge connector is static sensitive and should be handled carefully. The M.2 connector is not designed for repeated removal and insertion of the module.

Schematics

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SIM AND FLASH



Default settings

The B series comes pre-programmed with a bootloader and a user application called Tinker. This application works with an iOS and Android app also named Tinker that allows you to very easily toggle digital pins, take analog and digital readings and drive variable PWM outputs.

The bootloader allows you to easily update the user application via several different methods, USB, OTA, Serial Y-Modem, and also internally via the Factory Reset procedure. All of these methods have multiple tools associated with them as well.

Country compatibility

Country	Model	Technologies	Carriers
Canada	B404	M1	Bell Mobility, Rogers Wireless, Telus
Mexico	B404	M1	AT&T
United States	B404	M1	AT&T

Ordering information

SKU	Description	Region	Modem	EtherSIM	Lifecycle	Replacement
B404XMEA	B Series LTE CAT-M1 (NorAm), [x1]	NORAM	R510	✓	In development	
B404XMTY	B Series LTE CAT-M1 (NorAm), Tray [x50]	NORAM	R510	1	In development	

Revision history

Revision Date		Author	Comments
018	2022-08-29	RK	Split out from B404 and B402