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# 1 Introduction

This document defines EC20 Mini PCIe module and describes its hardware interfaces which are connected with your application and air interfaces.

This document can help you to quickly understand the interface specifications, electrical and mechanical details and related product information of the EC20 Mini PCIe module. To facilitate its application in different fields, relevant reference design documents are also provided. Associated with application notes and user guide of EC20 Mini PCIe module, you can use the module to design and set up mobile applications easily.

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## 1.1. Safety Information

The following safety precautions must be observed during all phases of the operation, such as usage, service or repair of any cellular terminal or mobile incorporating EC20 Mini PCIe module. Manufacturers of the cellular terminal should send the following safety information to users and operating personnel and to incorporate these guidelines into all manuals supplied with the product. If not so, Quectel does not take on any liability for customer failure to comply with these precautions.



Full attention must be given to driving at all times in order to reduce the risk of an accident. Using a mobile while driving (even with a handsfree kit) cause distraction and can lead to an accident. You must comply with laws and regulations restricting the use of wireless devices while driving.



Switch off the cellular terminal or mobile before boarding an aircraft. Make sure it switched off. The operation of wireless appliances in an aircraft is forbidden to prevent interference with communication systems. Consult the airline staff about the use of wireless devices on boarding the aircraft, if your device offers a Airplane Mode which must be enabled prior to boarding an aircraft.



Switch off your wireless device when in hospitals or clinics or other health care facilities. These requests are desinged to prevent possible interference with sentitive medical equipment.



Cellular terminals or mobiles operate over radio frequency signal and cellular network and cannot be guaranteed to connect in all conditions, for example no mobile fee or an invalid SIM card. While you are in this condition and need emergent help, please remember using emergency call. In order to make or receive call, the cellular terminal or mobile must be switched on and in a service area with adequate cellular signal strength.



Your cellular terminal or mobile contains a transmitter and receiver. When it is ON, it receives and transmits radio frequency energy. RF interference can occur if it is used close to TV set, radio, computer or other electric equipment.



In locations with potentially explosive atmospheres, obey all posted signs to turn off wireless devices such as your phone or other cellular terminals. Areas with potentially exposable atmospheres including fuelling areas, below decks on boats, fuel or chemical transfer or storage facilities, areas where the air contains chemicals or particles such as grain, dust or metal powders.

## 2 Product Concept

### 2.1. General Description

EC20 Mini PCIe module provides data connectivity on FDD-LTE, TDD-LTE, WCDMA, TD-SCDMA and GSM networks with PCI Express Mini Card 1.2 standard interface. It supports embedded operating system such as WinCE, Linux and Android etc., and also provides audio, high-speed data transmission and GPS/GLONASS functionality for your applications.

EC20 Mini PCIe module can be applied in the following fields:

- PDAs and Laptop Computer
- Remote Monitor System
- Vehicle System
- Wireless POS System
- Intelligent Meter Reading System
- Wireless Router and Switch
- Other Wireless Terminal Device

This chapter generally introduces the following aspects of EC20 Mini PCIe module:

- Product Series
- Key Features
- Functional Diagram

#### NOTE

EC20 Mini PCIe contains **Telematics** version and **Data-Only** version. **Telematics** version supports voice and data, while **Data-Only** version only supports data.

## 2.2. Description of Product Series

The following table shows the product series of EC20 Mini PCIe module.

**Table 1: Description of EC20 Mini PCIe**

| Product Series   | Description  |
|------------------|--|
| EC20-A Mini PCIe | Support GSM: 850/1900MHz<br>Support WCDMA: B2/B4/B5<br>Support LTE FDD: B2/B4/B5/B12/B17<br>Support LTE/WCDMA receive diversity<br>Support GPS/GLONASS <sup>1)</sup><br>Support digital audio <sup>2)</sup>  |
| EC20-C Mini PCIe | Support GSM: 900/1800MHz<br>Support WCDMA: B1/B8<br>Support TD-SCDMA: B34/B39<br>Support LTE FDD: B1/B3/B8<br>Support LTE TDD: B38/B39/B40/B41<br>Support LTE/WCDMA/TD-SCDMA receive diversity<br>Support GPS/GLONASS <sup>1)</sup><br>Support digital audio <sup>2)</sup> |
| EC20-E Mini PCIe | Support GSM: 850/900/1800/1900MHz<br>Support WCDMA: B1/B5/B8<br>Support LTE FDD: B1/B3/B5/B7/B8/B20<br>Support LTE/WCDMA receive diversity<br>Support GPS/GLONASS <sup>1)</sup><br>Support digital audio <sup>2)</sup>   |

### NOTES

- <sup>1)</sup>GPS/GLONASS function is optional.
- <sup>2)</sup>Digital audio (PCM) function is only supported in **Telematics** version.

## 2.3. Key Features

The following table describes the detailed features of EC20 Mini PCIe module.

**Table 2: Key Features of EC20 Mini PCIe**

| Feature                    | Details  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Function Interface         | PCI Express Mini Card 1.2 Standard Interface   |
| Power Supply               | Supply voltage: 3.0~3.6V<br>Typical supply voltage: 3.3V   |
| Transmitting Power         | Class 4 (33dBm±2dB) for GSM850 and EGSM900<br>Class 1 (30dBm±2dB) for DCS1800 and PCS1900<br>Class E2 (27dBm±3dB) for GSM850 and EGSM900 8-PSK<br>Class E2 (26dBm±3dB) for DCS1800 and PCS1900 8-PSK<br>Class 3 (24dBm+1/-3dB) for WCDMA and TD-SCDMA bands<br>Class 3 (23dBm±2dB) for LTE FDD and TDD bands   |
| LTE Features               | Support 3GPP R9 CAT3 FDD and TDD<br>Support 1.4 to 20MHz RF bandwidth<br>Support 2 × 2 MIMO in DL direction<br>FDD: Max 100Mbps (DL), Max 50Mbps (UL)<br>TDD: Max 61Mbps (DL), Max 18Mbps (UL)   |
| WCDMA Features             | Support 3GPP R8 DC-HSPA+<br>Support 16-QAM, 64-QAM and QPSK modulation<br>3GPP R6 HSUPA: Max 5.76Mbps (UL)<br>3GPP R8 DC-HSPA+: Max 42Mbps (DL)  |
| TD-SCDMA Features          | Support 3GPP R8 1.28 TDD<br>Max 4.2Mbps (UL), 2.2Mbps (DL)   |
| GSM Features               | R99: CS data: 9.6k, 14.4kbps<br>GPRS: Support GPRS multi-slot class 12 (12 by default)<br>Coding scheme: CS-1, CS-2, CS-3 and CS-4<br>Maximum of four Rx time slots per frame<br>EDGE: Support EDGE multi-slot class 12 (12 by default)<br>Support GMSK and 8-PSK for different MCS (Modulation and Coding Scheme)<br>Downlink coding schemes: CS 1-4, MCS 1-9<br>Uplink coding schemes: CS 1-4, MCS 1-9 |
| Internet Protocol Features | Support TCP/UDP/PPP/FTP/HTTP/SMTP/MMS/NTP/PING/QMI protocols<br>Support the protocols PAP (Password Authentication Protocol) and CHAP (Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol) usually used for PPP connections   |
| SMS                        | Text and PDU mode<br>Point to point MO and MT<br>SMS cell broadcast<br>SMS storage: ME by default  |
| USIM Interface             | Support USIM/SIM card: 1.8V, 3.0V  |

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| UART Interface           | Baud rate can reach up to 230400bps, 115200bps by default<br>Used for AT command<br>Support multiplexing function   |
| Audio Feature            | Support one digital audio interface: PCM interface<br>GSM: HR/FR/EFR/AMR/AMR-WB<br>WCDMA: AMR/AMR-WB<br>LTE: AMR/AMR-WB<br>Support echo cancellation and noise suppression  |
| PCM Interface            | Support 8-bit A-law <sup>1)</sup> , $\mu$ -law <sup>1)</sup> and 16-bit linear data formats<br>Support long frame sync and short frame sync<br>Support master and slave mode, but must be the master in long frame sync   |
| USB Interface            | Compliant with USB 2.0 specification (slave only), the data transfer rate can reach up to 480Mbps<br>Used for AT command communication, data transmission, firmware upgrade, software debug and GNSS NMEA output<br>USB Driver: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8/8.1, Window CE 5.0/6.0/7.0, Linux 2.6 or later, Android 2.3/4.0/4.2/4.4/5.0 |
| Antenna Interface        | Include main antenna, diversity antenna and GNSS antenna  |
| Rx-diversity             | Support LTE/WCDMA/TD-SCDMA Rx-diversity   |
| GNSS Features            | gpsOne Gen8A of Qualcomm (GPS and GLONASS)<br>Protocol: NMEA 0183   |
| AT Commands              | Compliant with 3GPP TS 27.007, 27.005 and Quectel enhanced AT commands  |
| Physical Characteristics | Size: 51.0±0.1 × 30.0±0.1 × 4.9±0.2 mm<br>Weight: approx. 9.8g  |
| Temperature Range        | Normal operation: -30°C ~ +70°C<br>Restricted operation: -40°C ~ -30°C and +70°C ~ +80°C <sup>2)</sup><br>Storage temperature: -45°C ~ +90°C  |
| Firmware Upgrade         | USB interface and DFOTA   |
| RoHS                     | All hardware components are fully compliant with EU RoHS directive  |

#### NOTES

- <sup>1)</sup>This function is under development.
- <sup>2)</sup>When the module works within this temperature range, RF performance might degrade. For example, the frequency error or the phase error may increase.

## 2.4. Functional Diagram

The following figure shows a block diagram of EC20 Mini PCIe.

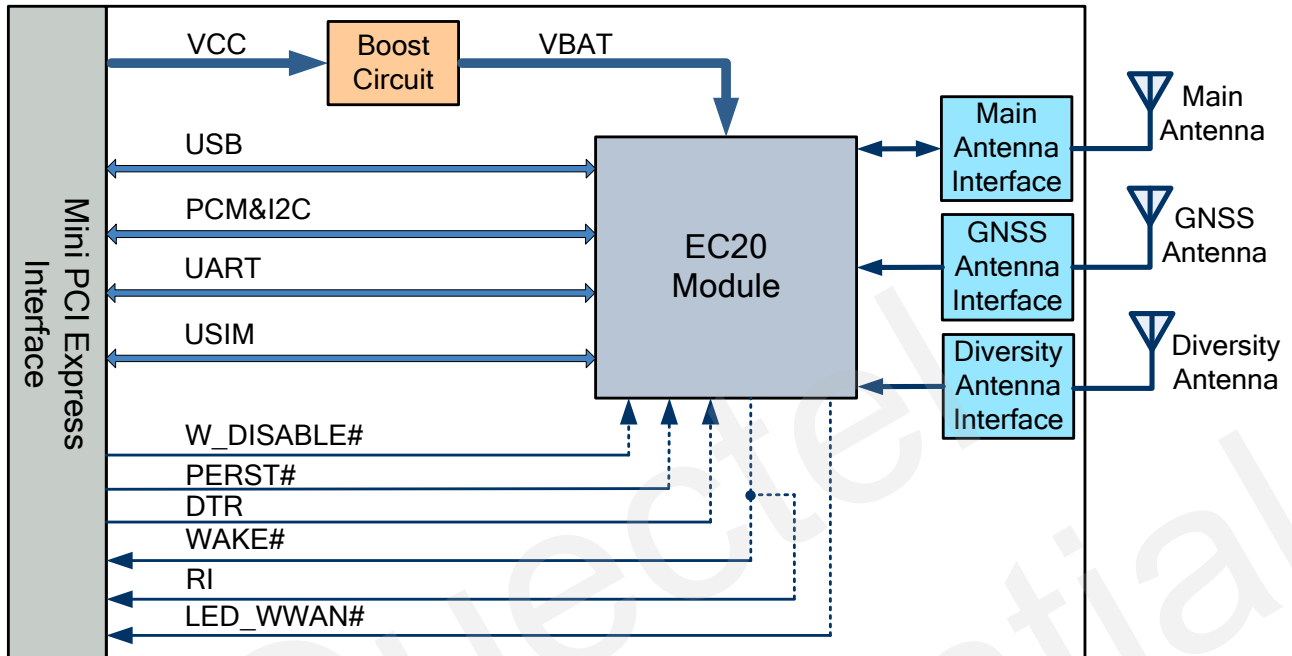


Figure 1: Functional Diagram

# 3 Application Interface

## 3.1. General Description

The physical connections and signal levels of EC20 Mini PCIe comply with PCI Express Mini CEM specifications. This chapter mainly describes the following interface definition and application of EC20 Mini PCIe:

- Power supply
- USIM interface
- USB interface
- UART interface
- PCM&I2C interface
- Control signals
- Antenna interface

## 3.2. EC20 Mini PCIe Interface

### 3.2.1. Definition of Interface

The following tables show the pin assignments of EC20 Mini PCIe on the 52-pin application.

**Table 3: Definition of IO Parameters**

| Type | Description                |
|------|----------------------------|
| IO   | Bidirectional input/output |
| DI   | Digital input              |
| DO   | Digital output             |
| OC   | Open collector             |
| OD   | Open drain                 |
| PI   | Power input                |

PO Power output

**Table 4: Description of Pin**

| Pin No. | Mini PCI Express Standard Name | EC20 Mini PCIe Pin Name | I/O | Description                                    | Comment             |
|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|--|---------------------|
| 1       | WAKE#                          | WAKE#                   | OC  | Output signal can be used to wake up the host. |                     |
| 2       | 3.3Vaux                        | VCC_3V3                 | PI  | 3.3V DC supply                                 |                     |
| 3       | COEX1                          | RESERVED                | —   | Reserved                                       |                     |
| 4       | GND                            | GND                     |     | Mini Card ground                               |                     |
| 5       | COEX2                          | RESERVED                | —   | Reserved                                       |                     |
| 6       | 1.5V                           | NC                      | —   | —  |                     |
| 7       | CLKREQ#                        | RESERVED                | —   | Reserved                                       |                     |
| 8       | UIM_PWR                        | USIM_VDD                | PO  | Power source for the USIM/SIM card             |                     |
| 9       | GND                            | GND                     |     | Mini Card ground                               |                     |
| 10      | UIM_DATA                       | USIM_DATA               | IO  | USIM/SIM data signal                           |                     |
| 11      | REFCLK-                        | UART_RX                 | DI  | UART receive data                              | Connect to DTE's TX |
| 12      | UIM_CLK                        | USIM_CLK                | DO  | USIM/SIM clock signal                          |                     |
| 13      | REFCLK+                        | UART_TX                 | DO  | UART transmit data                             | Connect to DTE's RX |
| 14      | UIM_RESET                      | USIM_RST                | DO  | USIM/SIM reset signal                          |                     |
| 15      | GND                            | GND                     |     | Mini Card ground                               |                     |
| 16      | UIM_VPP                        | RESERVED                | —   | Reserved                                       |                     |
| 17      | RESERVED                       | RESERVED                | —   | Reserved                                       |                     |
| 18      | GND                            | GND                     |     | Mini Card ground                               |                     |
| 19      | RESERVED                       | RESERVED                | —   | Reserved                                       |                     |
| 20      | W_DISABLE#                     | W_DISABLE#              | DI  | Disable wireless communications                | Pull-up, Active low |
| 21      | GND                            | GND                     |     | Mini Card ground                               |                     |
| 22      | PERST#                         | PERST#                  | DI  | Functional reset to the card                   | Active low          |



|    |           |           |    |  |                                  |
|----|-----------|-----------|----|--|----------------------------------|
| 23 | PERn0     | UART_CTS  | DI | UART clear to send   | Connect to DTE's RTS             |
| 24 | 3.3Vaux   | RESERVED  | —  | Reserved   |                                  |
| 25 | PERp0     | UART_RTS  | DO | UART request to send                                       | Connect to DTE's CTS             |
| 26 | GND       | GND       |    | Mini Card ground   |                                  |
| 27 | GND       | GND       |    | Mini Card ground   |                                  |
| 28 | 1.5V      | NC        | —  | —  |                                  |
| 29 | GND       | GND       |    | Mini Card ground   |                                  |
| 30 | SMB_CLK   | I2C_SCL   | OD | I2C serial clock   | Require external pull-up to 1.8V |
| 31 | PETn0     | DTR       | DI | Sleep mode control   |                                  |
| 32 | SMB_DATA  | I2C_SDA   | OD | I2C serial data  | Require external pull-up to 1.8V |
| 33 | PETp0     | RESERVED  | —  | Reserved   |                                  |
| 34 | GND       | GND       |    | Mini Card ground   |                                  |
| 35 | GND       | GND       |    | Mini Card ground   |                                  |
| 36 | USB_D-    | USB_DM    | IO | USB differential data (-)                                  |                                  |
| 37 | GND       | GND       |    | Mini Card ground   |                                  |
| 38 | USB_D+    | USB_DP    | IO | USB differential data (+)                                  |                                  |
| 39 | 3.3Vaux   | VCC_3V3   | PI | 3.3V DC supply   |                                  |
| 40 | GND       | GND       |    | Mini Card ground   |                                  |
| 41 | 3.3Vaux   | VCC_3V3   | PI | 3.3V DC supply   |                                  |
| 42 | LED_WWAN# | LED_WWAN# | OC | Active-low LED signal for indicating the state of the card |                                  |
| 43 | GND       | GND       |    | Mini Card ground   |                                  |
| 44 | LED_WLAN# | RESERVED  | —  | Reserved   |                                  |
| 45 | RESERVED  | PCM_CLK*  | IO | PCM clock signal   |                                  |

|    |           |           |    |                  |
|----|-----------|-----------|----|------------------|
| 46 | LED_WPAN# | RESERVED  | —  | Reserved         |
| 47 | RESERVED  | PCM_DOUT* | DO | PCM data output  |
| 48 | 1.5V      | NC        | —  | —                |
| 49 | RESERVED  | PCM_DIN*  | DI | PCM data input   |
| 50 | GND       | GND       |    | Mini Card ground |
| 51 | RESERVED  | PCM_SYNC* | IO | PCM frame sync   |
| 52 | 3.3Vaux   | VCC_3V3   | PI | 3.3V DC supply   |

## NOTES

1. The typical supply voltage is 3.3V.
2. Keep all NC, reserved and unused pins unconnected.
3. “\*” means digital audio (PCM) function is only supported on **Telematics** version.

### 3.2.2. Pin Assignment

The following figure shows the pin assignment of EC20 Mini PCIe module. The top side contains EC20 module and antenna connectors.

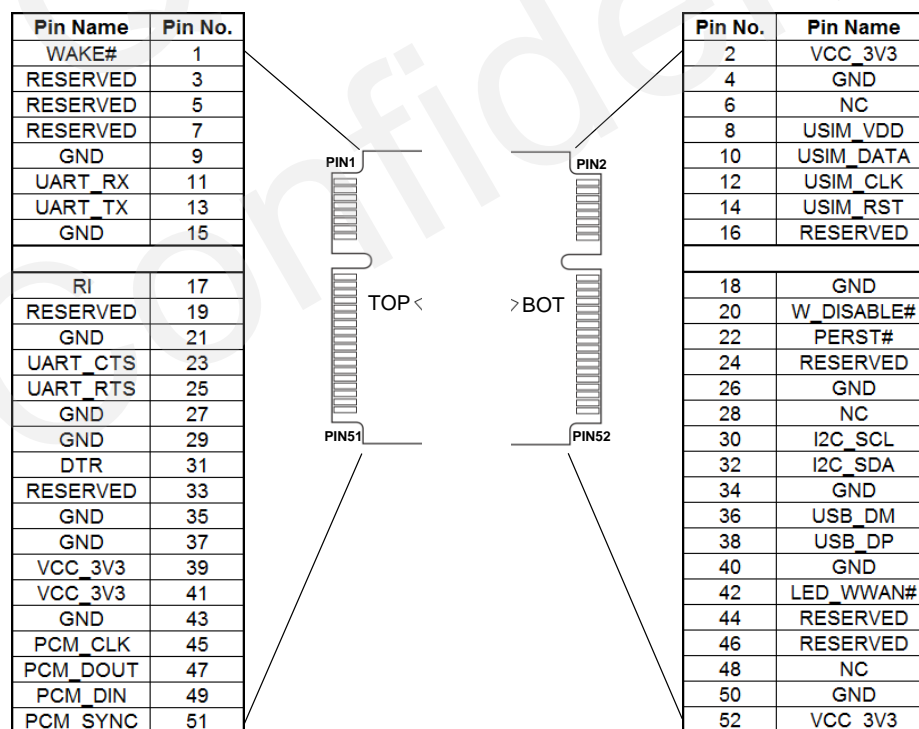


Figure 2: Pin Assignment

### 3.3. Power Supply

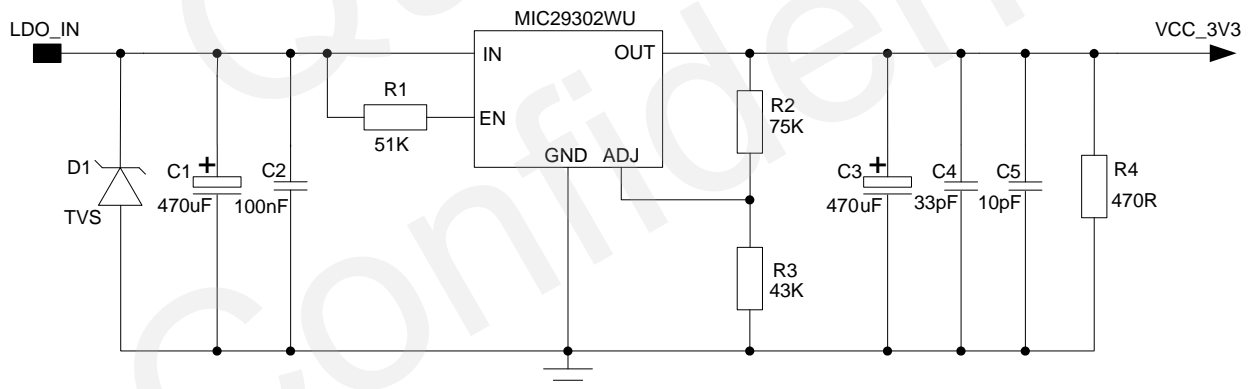
The following table shows the VCC\_3V3 pins and ground pins.

**Table 5: VCC\_3V3 and GND Pin Definition**

| Pin No.  | Pin Name | I/O | Power Domain | Description      |
|--|----------|-----|--------------|------------------|
| 2, 39, 41, 52  | VCC_3V3  | PI  | 3.0~3.6V     | 3.3V DC supply   |
| 4, 9, 15, 18, 21,<br>26, 27, 29, 34, 35,<br>37, 40, 43, 50 | GND      |     |              | Mini Card ground |

The typical supply voltage of EC20 Mini PCIe is 3.3V. In the 2G networks, the input peak current may reach to 2.7A during the transmitting time, therefore the power supply must be able to provide enough current, and a bypass capacitor of no less than 470 $\mu$ F with low ESR should be used to prevent the voltage from dropping.

The following figure shows a reference design of power supply. The precision of resistor R2 and R3 is 1%, and the capacitor C3 needs a low ESR.



**Figure 3: Reference Design of Power Supply**

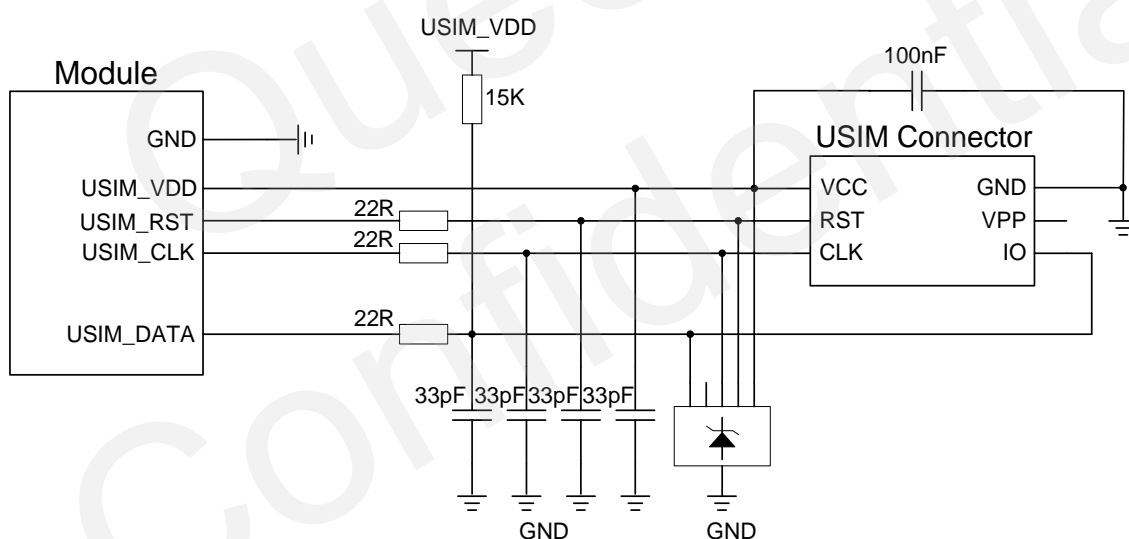
### 3.4. USIM Card Interface

The following table shows the pin definition of the USIM card interface.

**Table 6: USIM Pin Definition**

| Pin No. | Pin Name  | I/O | Power Domain | Description                        |
|---------|-----------|-----|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 8       | USIM_VDD  | PO  | 1.8V/3.0V    | Power source for the USIM/SIM card |
| 10      | USIM_DATA | IO  | 1.8V/3.0V    | USIM/SIM data signal               |
| 12      | USIM_CLK  | DO  | 1.8V/3.0V    | USIM/SIM clock signal              |
| 14      | USIM_RST  | DO  | 1.8V/3.0V    | USIM/SIM reset signal              |

EC20 Mini PCIe supports 1.8V and 3.0V USIM cards. The following figure shows the reference design of the 6-pin USIM connector.



**Figure 4: Reference Circuit of the 6-Pin USIM Connector**

In order to enhance the reliability and availability of the USIM card in your application, please follow the criteria below in the USIM circuit design:

- Keep layout of USIM card as close to the module as possible. Assure the length of the trace as less than 200mm as possible.
- Keep USIM card signal away from RF and power supply alignment.
- Keep the width of ground and USIM\_VDD no less than 0.5mm to maintain the same electric potential. The decouple capacitor of USIM\_VDD should be less than 1uF and must near to USIM connector.

- To avoid cross-talk between USIM\_DATA and USIM\_CLK, keep them away from each other and shield them with surrounding ground.
- In order to offer good ESD protection, it is recommended to add TVS. The 22ohm resistors should be added in series between the module and USIM card so as to suppress the EMI spurious transmission and enhance the ESD protection. The 33pF capacitors are used for filtering interference of GSM850/EGSM900. Please note that the USIM peripheral circuit should be close to the USIM card holder.
- The pull-up resistor on USIM\_DATA line can improve anti-jamming capability when long layout trace and sensitive occasion are applied, and should be placed close to the connector.

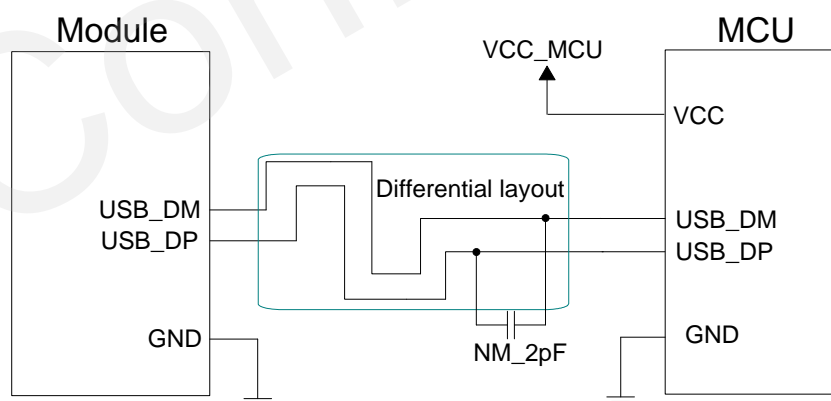
### 3.5. USB Interface

The following table shows the pin definition of USB interface.

**Table 7: USB Pin Definition**

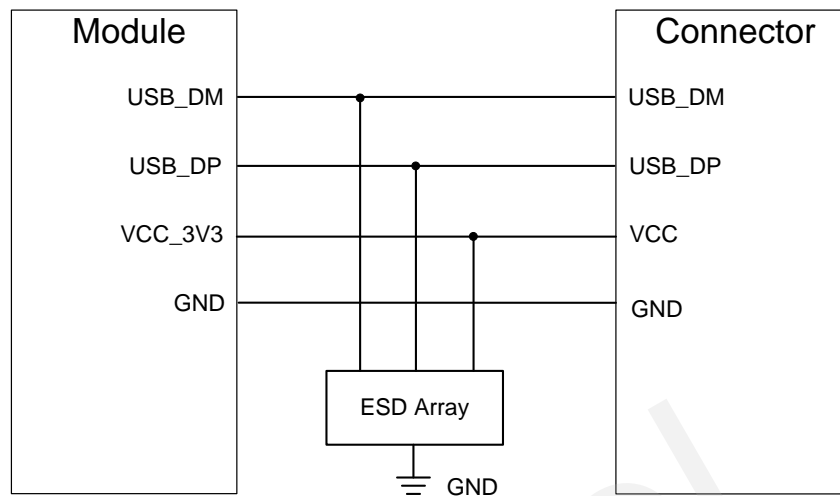
| Pin No. | Pin Name | I/O | Description               | Comment                               |
|---------|----------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 36      | USB_DM   | IO  | USB differential data (-) | Require differential impedance of 90Ω |
| 38      | USB_DP   | IO  | USB differential data (+) | Require differential impedance of 90Ω |

EC20 Mini PCIe is compliant with USB 2.0 specification. It can only be used as a slave device. Meanwhile, it supports high speed (480Mbps) and full speed (12Mbps) mode. The USB interface is used for AT command, data transmission, GNSS NMEA output, software debug and firmware upgrade. The following figure shows the reference circuit of USB interface.



**Figure 5: Reference Circuit of USB Interface**

The USB interface is recommended to be reserved for firmware upgrade in your design. The following figure shows the recommended test points.



**Figure 6: USB Test Points for Firmware Upgrade**

In order to ensure the USB interface design corresponding with the USB 2.0 specification, please comply with the following principles:

- It is important to route the USB signal traces as differential pairs with total grounding. The impedance of USB differential trace is 90ohm.
- Do not route signal traces under crystals, oscillators, magnetic devices and RF signal traces. It is important to route the USB differential traces in inner-layer with ground shielding, and not only upper and lower layer but also right and left side should be shielded.
- If you use the USB connector, you should keep the ESD components as close to the USB connector as possible. Pay attention to the influence of junction capacitance of ESD component on USB data lines. Typically, the capacitance value should be less than 2pF.
- Keep the ESD components as close as possible to the connector.
- Keep USB data test points traces short to avoid noise coupled on USB data lines. If possible, reserve 0R resistor on these two lines.

## NOTES

There are three preconditions when enabling EC20 Mini PCIe to enter into the sleep mode:

1. Execute AT command **AT+QSCLK=1** to enable the sleep mode. Refer to **document [2]**.
2. DTR pin should be kept in high level (pull-up internally).
3. USB interface on Mini PCIe must be connected with your USB interface and please guarantee USB devices are in the suspended state.

### 3.6. UART Interface

The following table shows the pin definition of the UART interface.

**Table 8: Pin Definition of the UART Interface**

| Pin No. | EC20 Mini PCIe Pin Name | I/O | Power Domain | Description          |
|---------|-------------------------|-----|--------------|----------------------|
| 11      | UART_RX                 | DI  | 3.3V         | UART receive data    |
| 13      | UART_TX                 | DO  | 3.3V         | UART transmit data   |
| 23      | UART_CTS                | DI  | 3.3V         | UART clear to send   |
| 25      | UART_RTS                | DO  | 3.3V         | UART request to send |

The UART interface supports 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200 and 230400bps baud rate. The default is 115200bps. This interface can be used for AT communication.

#### NOTE

AT command **AT+IPR** is used to set the baud rate of the UART, and AT command **AT+IFC** is used to set the hardware flow control (hardware flow control is disabled by default). Please refer to **document [2]** for details.

### 3.7. PCM and I2C Interface

The following table shows the pin definition of PCM interface that can be applied in audio codec design.

**Table 9: PCM and I2C Pin Definition**

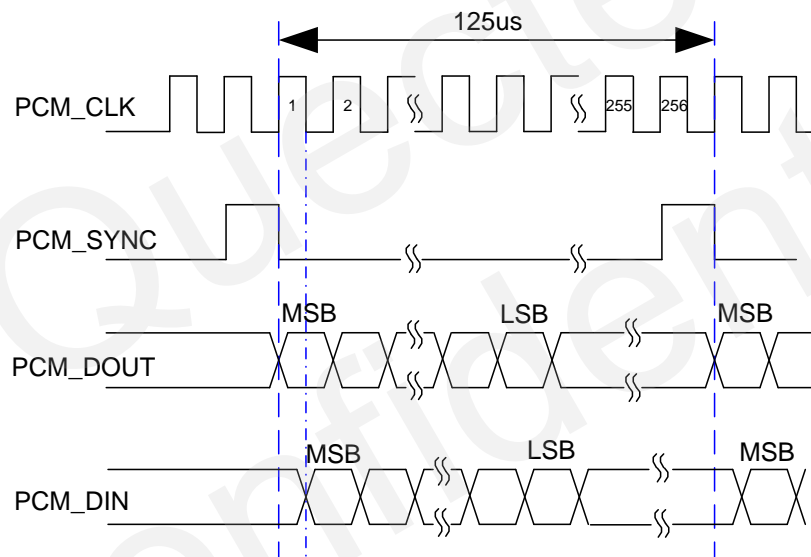
| Pin No. | Pin Name | I/O | Power Domain | Description      |
|---------|----------|-----|--------------|------------------|
| 45      | PCM_CLK  | IO  | 1.8V         | PCM clock signal |
| 47      | PCM_DOUT | DO  | 1.8V         | PCM data output  |
| 49      | PCM_DIN  | DI  | 1.8V         | PCM data input   |
| 51      | PCM_SYNC | IO  | 1.8V         | PCM frame sync   |

|    |         |    |      |  |
|----|---------|----|------|--|
| 30 | I2C_SCL | OD | 1.8V | I2C serial clock, require external pull-up to 1.8V |
| 32 | I2C_SDA | OD | 1.8V | I2C serial data, require external pull-up to 1.8V  |

EC20 Mini PCIe provides one PCM digital interface, which supports 8-bit A-law and  $\mu$ -law, 16-bit linear data formats and the following modes:

- Primary mode (short sync, works as either master or slave)
- Auxiliary mode (long sync, works as master only)

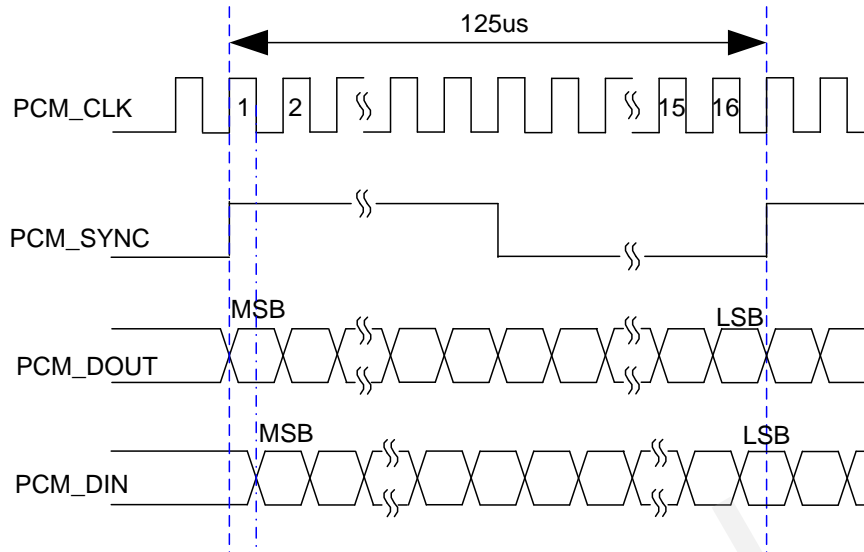
In primary mode, the data is sampled on the falling edge of the PCM\_CLK and transmitted on the rising edge; the PCM\_SYNC falling edge represents the MSB. In this mode, PCM\_CLK supports 128kHz, 256kHz, 512kHz, 1024kHz, 2048kHz and 4096kHz. The following figure shows timing relationship in primary mode with 8kHz PCM\_SYNC and 2048kHz PCM\_CLK.



**Figure 7: Timing of Primary Mode**

In auxiliary mode, the data is sampled on the falling edge of the PCM\_CLK and transmitted on the rising edge; while the PCM\_SYNC rising edge represents the MSB. In this mode, PCM interface operates with a 128kHz PCM\_CLK and an 8kHz, 50% duty cycle PCM\_SYNC only. The following figure shows the timing relationship in auxiliary mode with 8kHz PCM\_SYNC and 128kHz PCM\_CLK.

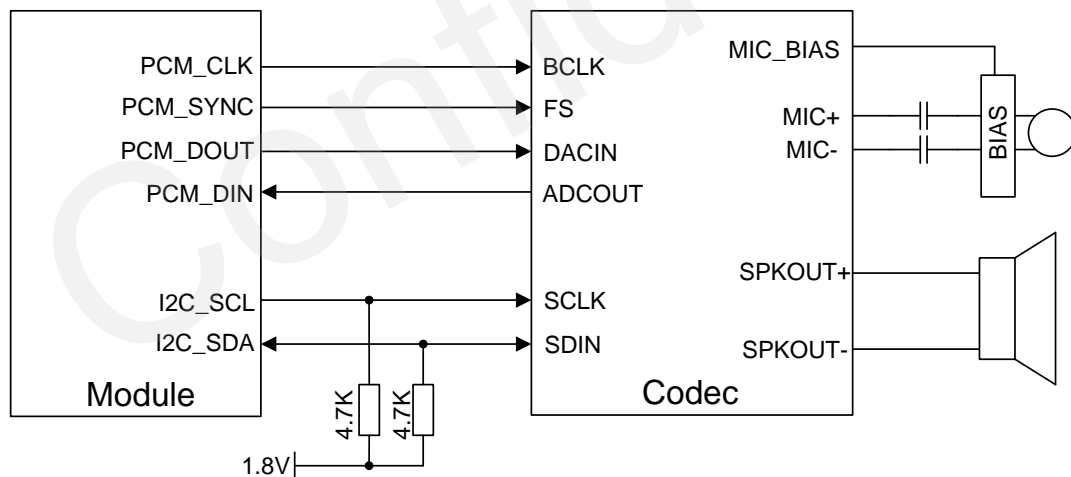




**Figure 8: Timing of Auxiliary Mode**

Clock and mode can be configured by AT command, and the default configuration is master mode using short sync data format with 2048kHz PCM\_CLK and 8kHz PCM\_SYNC. In addition, EC20 Mini PCIe's firmware has integrated the configuration on ALC5616 application with I2C interface. Refer to **document [2]** about the command **AT+QDAI** for details.

The following figure shows the reference design of PCM interface with external codec IC (such as ALC5616).



**Figure 9: Reference Circuit of PCM Application with Audio Codec**

## 3.8. Control Signals

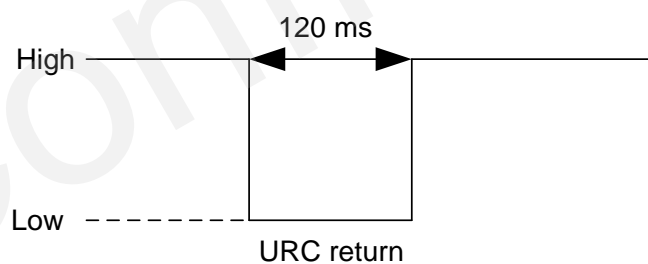
The following table shows the pin definition of control signals.

**Table 10: Control Signal Pin Definition**

| Pin No. | Pin Name   | I/O | Power Domain | Description  |
|---------|------------|-----|--------------|--|
| 17      | RI         | DO  | 3.3V         | URC ring indication, can be used to wake up the host.            |
| 31      | DTR        | DI  | 3.3V         | Sleep mode control.  |
| 20      | W_DISABLE# | DI  | 3.3V         | Disable wireless communications, pull-up by default, active low. |
| 22      | PERST#     | DI  | 3.3V         | Functional reset to the card, active low.                        |
| 42      | LED_WWAN#  | OC  | —            | Active-low LED signal for indicating the state of the Module.    |
| 1       | WAKE#      | OC  | —            | Output signal can be used to wake up the host.                   |

### 3.8.1. RI Signal

The RI signal can be used to wake up the host. When URC returns, there will be the following behavior on the RI pin after executing AT command **AT+QCFG="risignalttype", "physical"**.



**Figure 10: RI Behavior**

### 3.8.2. DTR Signal

The DTR signal supports sleep control function, drive it to low level will wake up the module. AT command **AT+QCFG="pwrsavedtr",0** is used to disable the sleep control function.

### 3.8.3. W\_DISABLE# Signal

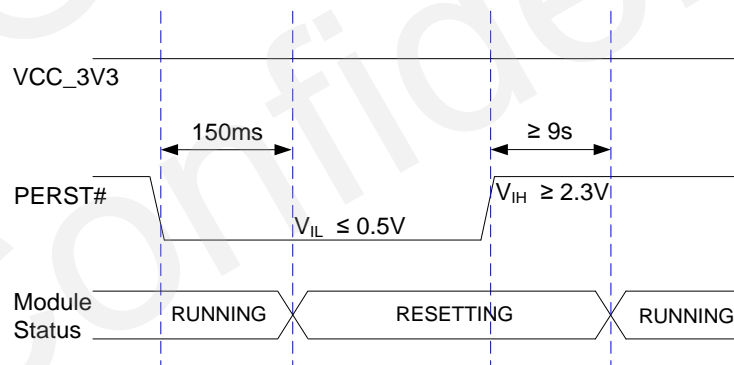
EC20 Mini PCIe provides W\_DISABLE# signal to disable wireless communications through hardware operation. The following table shows the radio operational states of module. Please refer to **document [2]** for related AT commands.

**Table 11: Radio Operational States**

| W_DISABLE# | AT Commands                         | Radio Operation |
|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| High Level | AT+CFUN=1                           | Enabled         |
| High Level | AT+CFUN=0<br>AT+CFUN=4              | Disabled        |
| Low Level  | AT+CFUN=0<br>AT+CFUN=1<br>AT+CFUN=4 | Disabled        |

### 3.8.4. PERST# Signal

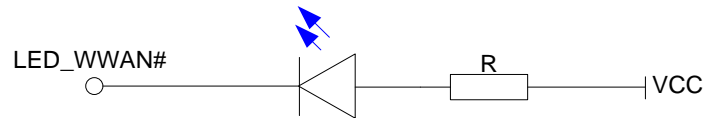
The PERST# signal can be used to force a hardware reset on the card. You can reset the module by driving the PERST# to a low level voltage of more than 150ms and then release it. The reset scenario is illustrated in the following figure.



**Figure 11: Timing of Resetting Module**

### 3.8.5. LED\_WWAN# Signal

The LED\_WWAN# signal of EC20 Mini PCIe is used to indicate the network status of the module, which can absorb the current up to 40mA. According to the following circuit, in order to reduce the current of the LED, a resistor must be placed in series with the LED. The LED is emitting light when the LED\_WWAN# output signal is active low.



**Figure 12: LED\_WWAN# Signal Reference Circuit Diagram**

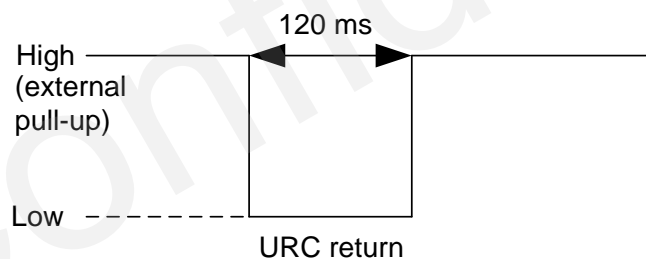
The following table shows the indications of network status of the LED\_WWAN# signal.

**Table 12: Indication of Network Status**

| LED_WWAN#                  | Description  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Low Level (Light on)       | Registered network   |
| High-impedance (Light off) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No network coverage or not registered</li> <li>W_DISABLE# signal is in low level. (Disable the RF)</li> <li>AT+CFUN=0, AT+CFUN=4</li> </ul> |

### 3.8.6. WAKE# Signal

The WAKE# signal is an open collector signal which is similar with RI signal. But a host pull-up resistor and AT command **AT+QCFG="risignalttype","physical"** are required. When URC returns, there will be 120ms low level pulse output as below.



**Figure 13: WAKE# Behavior**

## 3.9. Antenna Interface

EC20 Mini PCIe antenna interfaces include a main antenna interface, a Rx-diversity antenna interface and a GNSS antenna interface. All of these connectors are ECT818000117. The following figure shows the overall sizes of RF connector.

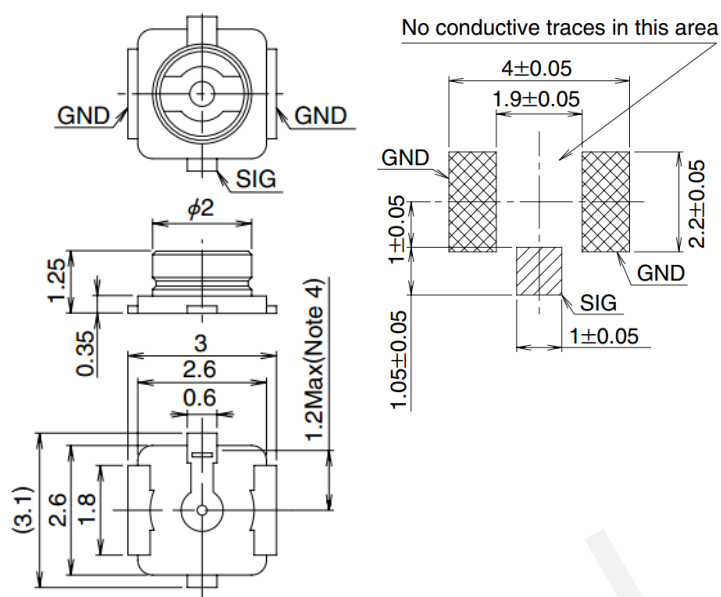


Figure 14: Dimensions of the RF Connector (Unit: mm)

You can use U.FL-LP serial connector listed in the following figure to match the ECT818000117. For more details, please visit <http://www.hirose.com>.

|                  | U.FL-LP-040                  | U.FL-LP-066                                     | U.FL-LP(V)-040               | U.FL-LP-062                | U.FL-LP-088                  |
|------------------|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Part No.         |                              |   |                              |                            |                              |
| Mated Height     | 2.5mm Max.<br>(2.4mm Nom.)   | 2.5mm Max.<br>(2.4mm Nom.)                      | 2.0mm Max.<br>(1.9mm Nom.)   | 2.4mm Max.<br>(2.3mm Nom.) | 2.4mm Max.<br>(2.3mm Nom.)   |
| Applicable cable | Dia. 0.81mm<br>Coaxial cable | Dia. 1.13mm and<br>Dia. 1.32mm<br>Coaxial cable | Dia. 0.81mm<br>Coaxial cable | Dia. 1mm<br>Coaxial cable  | Dia. 1.37mm<br>Coaxial cable |
| Weight (mg)      | 53.7                         | 59.1  | 34.8                         | 45.5                       | 71.7                         |
| RoHS             | YES                          |   |                              |                            |                              |

Figure 15: Mechanicals of U.F.L-LP Connectors

# 4 Electrical and Radio Characteristics

## 4.1. General Description

This chapter mainly describes the following electrical and radio characteristics of EC20 Mini PCIe:

- Power supply requirements
- IO requirements
- Current consumption
- RF characteristics
- GNSS receiver
- ESD characteristics

## 4.2. Power Supply Requirements

The input voltage of EC20 Mini PCIe is  $3.3V \pm 9\%$ , as specified by PCI Express Mini CEM Specifications 1.2. The following table shows the power supply requirements of EC20 Mini PCIe.

**Table 13: Power Supply Requirements**

| Parameter | Description  | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------|--------------|------|------|------|------|
| VCC_3V3   | Power Supply | 3.0  | 3.3  | 3.6  | V    |

### 4.3. IO Requirements

The following table shows the IO requirements of EC20 Mini PCIe.

**Table 14: IO Requirements**

| Parameter | Description         | Min.                  | Max.                  | Unit |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|
| $V_{IH}$  | Input High Voltage  | $0.7 \times VCC\_3V3$ | $VCC\_3V3 + 0.3$      | V    |
| $V_{IL}$  | Input Low Voltage   | -0.3                  | $0.3 \times VCC\_3V3$ | V    |
| $V_{OH}$  | Output High Voltage | $VCC\_3V3 - 0.5$      | $VCC\_3V3$            | V    |
| $V_{OL}$  | Output Low Voltage  | 0                     | 0.4                   | V    |

#### NOTES

1. The PCM and I2C interface belong to 1.8V power domain, and other IO interfaces belong to VCC\_3V3 power domain.
2. The maximum value of  $V_{IL}$  for PERST# signal and W\_DISABLE# signal is 0.5V.

### 4.4. RF Characteristics

The following tables show output power and receiving sensitivity of conducted RF of EC20 Mini PCIe module.

**Table 15: Conducted RF Output Power**

| Frequency              | Max.            | Min.           |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| GSM850/EGSM900         | 33dBm $\pm$ 2dB | 5dBm $\pm$ 5dB |
| DCS1800/PCS1900        | 30dBm $\pm$ 2dB | 0dBm $\pm$ 5dB |
| GSM850/EGSM900(8-PSK)  | 27dBm $\pm$ 3dB | 5dBm $\pm$ 5dB |
| DCS1800/PCS1900(8-PSK) | 26dBm $\pm$ 3dB | 0dBm $\pm$ 5dB |
| WCDMA bands            | 24dBm+1/-3dB    | <-50dBm        |
| TD-WCDMA bands         | 24dBm+1/-3dB    | <-50dBm        |

|               |           |         |
|---------------|-----------|---------|
| LTE FDD bands | 23dBm±2dB | <-44dBm |
| LTE TDD bands | 23dBm±2dB | <-44dBm |

**Table 16: EC20-A Conducted RF Receiving Sensitivity**

| Frequency         | Receive Sensitivity (Typ.) |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| GSM850            | -111dBm                    |
| DCS1800           | -110dBm                    |
| WCDMA B2          | -111dBm                    |
| WCDMA B4          | -111dBm                    |
| WCDMA B5          | -112dBm                    |
| LTE FDD B2 (20M)  | -96dBm                     |
| LTE FDD B4 (20M)  | -96dBm                     |
| LTE FDD B5 (10M)  | -98dBm                     |
| LTE FDD B12 (10M) | -99dBm                     |
| LTE FDD B17 (10M) | -99dBm                     |

**Table 17: EC20-C Conducted RF Receiving Sensitivity**

| Frequency         | Receive Sensitivity (Typ.) |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| EGSM900           | -109.5dBm                  |
| DCS1800           | -109dBm                    |
| WCDMA B1          | -110dBm                    |
| WCDMA B8          | -110dBm                    |
| LTE FDD B1 (20M)  | -95dBm                     |
| LTE FDD B3 (20M)  | -94dBm                     |
| LTE TDD B38 (20M) | -94dBm                     |



|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| LTE TDD B39 (20M) | -94dBm   |
| LTE TDD B40 (20M) | -94dBm   |
| LTE TDD B41 (20M) | -93.5dBm |

**Table 18: EC20-E Conducted RF Receiving Sensitivity**

| Frequency         | Receive Sensitivity (Typ.) |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| GSM850            | -111dBm                    |
| EGSM900           | -110dBm                    |
| DCS1800           | -109dBm                    |
| PCS1900           | -109dBm                    |
| WCDMA B1          | -110dBm                    |
| WCDMA B5          | -112dBm                    |
| WCDMA B8          | -111dBm                    |
| LTE FDD B1 (20M)  | -97dBm                     |
| LTE FDD B3 (20M)  | -96dBm                     |
| LTE FDD B5 (20M)  | -99dBm                     |
| LTE FDD B7 (20M)  | -97dBm                     |
| LTE FDD B8 (20M)  | -98dBm                     |
| LTE FDD B20 (20M) | -96dBm                     |

## 4.5. GNSS Receiver

EC20 Mini PCIe integrates a GNSS receiver that supports gpsOne Gen8A of Qualcomm (GPS and GLONASS), and could be used in Qualcomm gpsOneXTRA technology (one kind of A-GNSS). This technology will download XTRA file from the internet server to enhance the TTFF. XTRA file contains predicted GPS and GLONASS satellites coordinates and clock biases valid for up to 7 days. It is best if XTRA file is downloaded every 1-2 days. Additionally, EC20 Mini PCIe can support standard NMEA-0183 protocol and output NMEA messages with 1Hz via USB NMEA interface.

EC20 Mini PCIe GNSS engine is switched off by default. You must switch on it by AT command. Please refer to **document [3]** for more details about GNSS engine technology and configurations. In addition, it should use passive antenna.

## 4.6. ESD Characteristics

The following table shows characteristics of EC20 Mini PCIe ESD.

**Table 19: ESD Characteristics**

| Part                 | Contact Discharge | Air Discharge | Unit |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------|
| Power Supply and GND | +/-5              | +/-10         | kV   |
| Antenna Interface    | +/-4              | +/-8          | kV   |
| USB Interface        | +/-4              | +/-8          | kV   |
| USIM Interface       | +/-4              | +/-8          | kV   |
| Others               | +/-0.5            | +/-1          | kV   |

# 5 Mechanical Dimensions

## 5.1. General Description

This chapter mainly describes the following dimensions of EC20 Mini PCIe:

- Mechanical Dimensions of EC20 Mini PCIe
- Standard Dimensions of Mini PCI Express
- Packaging

## 5.2. Mechanical Dimensions of EC20 Mini PCIe

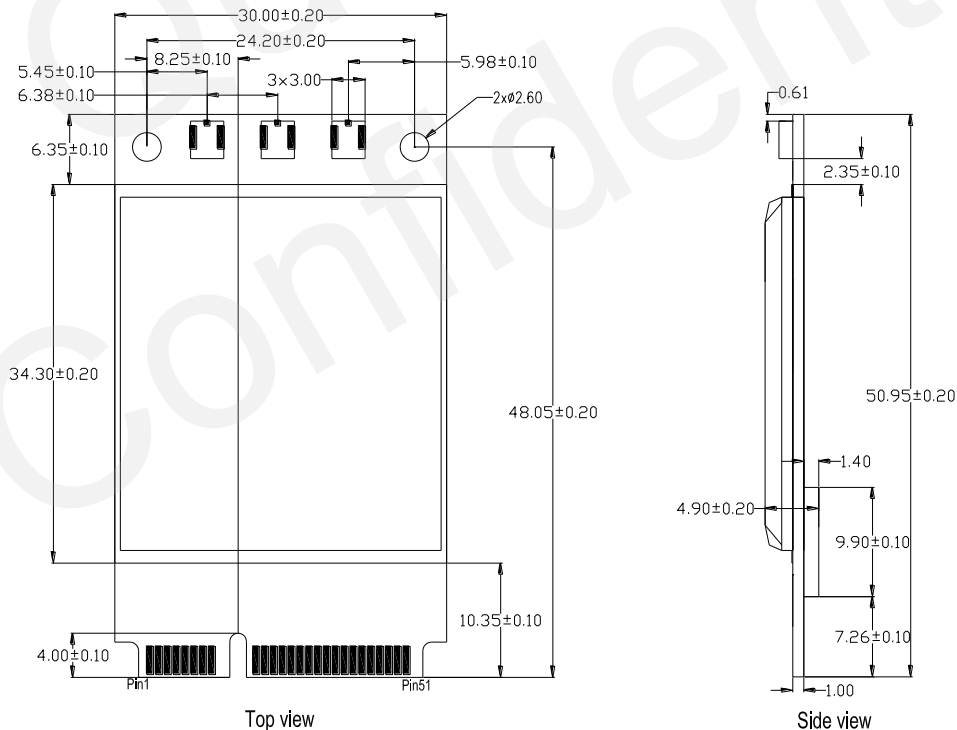


Figure 16: Mechanical Dimensions of EC20 Mini PCIe (Unit: mm)

### 5.3. Standard Dimensions of Mini PCI Express

The following figure shows the standard Dimensions of Mini PCI Express. Please refer to **document [1]** for detailed A and B.

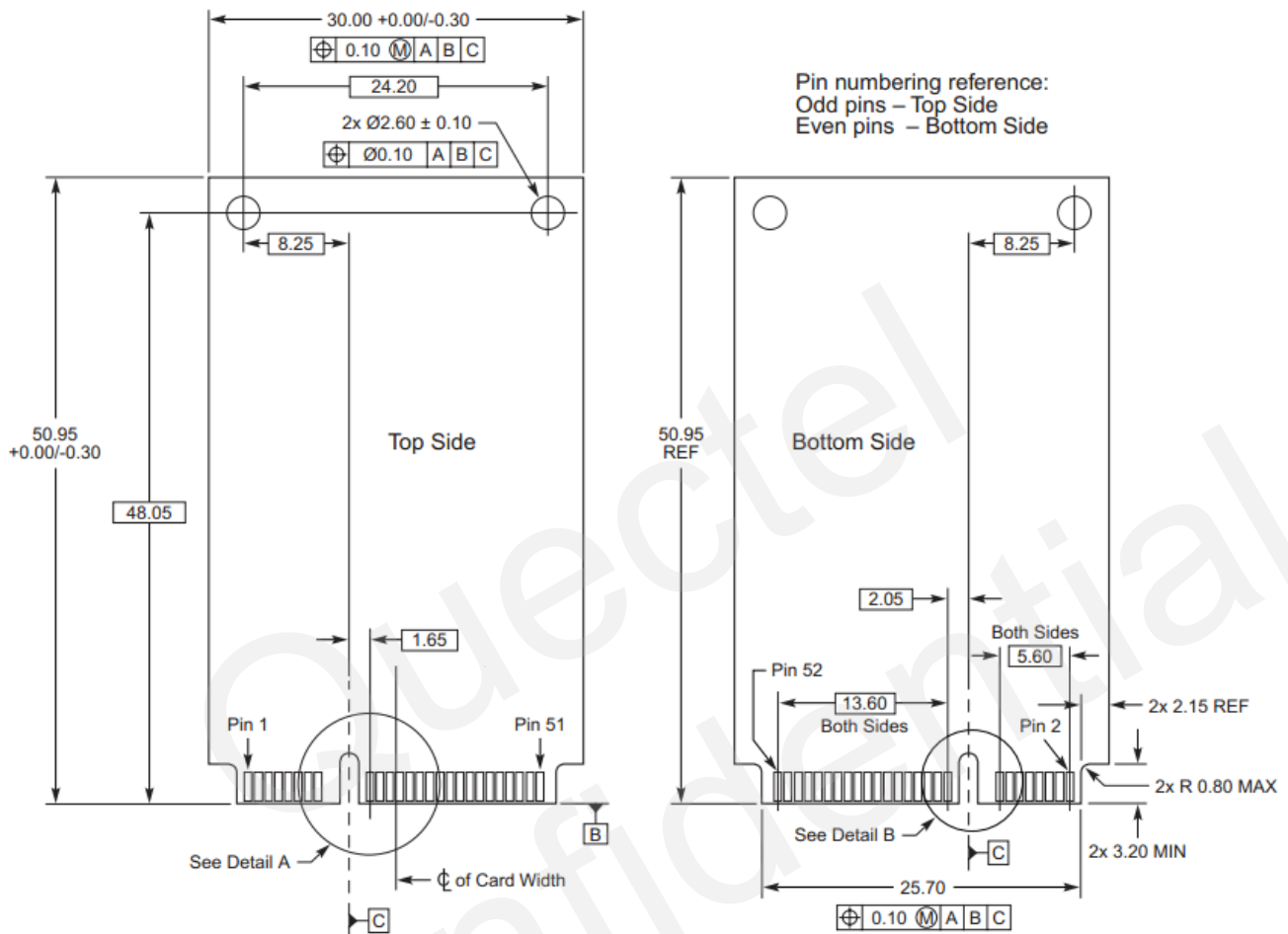


Figure 17: Standard Dimensions of Mini PCI Express (Unit: mm)

EC20 Mini PCIe adopts a standard Mini PCI Express connector which compiles with the directives and standards listed in the **document [1]**. The following figure takes the Molex 679100002 as an example.

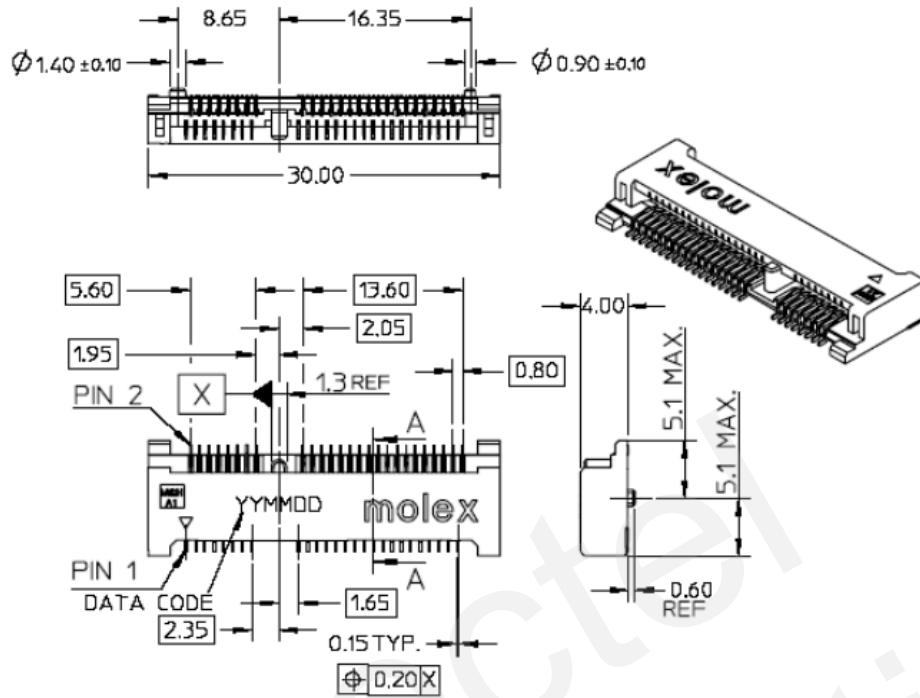


Figure 18: Dimensions of the Mini PCI Express Connector (Unit: mm)

## 5.4. Packaging

The EC20 Mini PCIe is packaged in tray. Each tray contains 10pcs of modules. The smallest package of EC20 Mini PCIe contains 100pcs.

## 6 Appendix Reference

**Table 20: Related Documents**

| SN  | Document Name  | Remark                         |
|-----|--|--------------------------------|
| [1] | PCI Express Mini Card Electromechanical Specification Revision 1.2 | Mini PCI Express Specification |
| [2] | Quectel_EC20_AT_Commands_Manual                                    | EC20 AT Commands Manual        |
| [3] | Quectel_EC20_GNSS_AT_Commands_Manual                               | EC20 GNSS AT Commands Manual   |

**Table 21: Terms and Abbreviations**

| Abbreviation | Description   |
|--------------|---|
| AMR          | Adaptive Multi-rate   |
| bps          | Bits Per Second   |
| CS           | Coding Scheme   |
| DC-HSPA+     | Dual-carrier High Speed Packet Access   |
| DFOTA        | Delta Firmware Upgrade Over The Air   |
| DL           | Down Link   |
| EFR          | Enhanced Full Rate  |
| ESD          | Electrostatic Discharge   |
| FDD          | Frequency Division Duplexing  |
| FR           | Full Rate   |
| GLONASS      | GLOBALnaya Navigatsionnaya Sputnikovaya Sistema, the Russian Global Navigation Satellite System |
| GMSK         | Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying   |

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| GNSS     | Global Navigation Satellite System                      |
| GPS      | Global Positioning System                               |
| GSM      | Global System for Mobile Communications                 |
| HR       | Half Rate   |
| HSPA     | High Speed Packet Access                                |
| HSDPA    | High Speed Downlink Packet Access                       |
| HSUPA    | High Speed Uplink Packet Access                         |
| kbps     | Kilo Bits Per Second                                    |
| LED      | Light Emitting Diode                                    |
| LTE      | Long-Term Evolution                                     |
| Mbps     | Million Bits Per Second                                 |
| ME       | Mobile Equipment (Module)                               |
| MIMO     | Multiple-Input Multiple-Output                          |
| MMS      | Multimedia Messaging Service                            |
| MO       | Mobile Originated                                       |
| MT       | Mobile Terminated                                       |
| PCM      | Pulse Code Modulation                                   |
| PDU      | Protocol Data Unit                                      |
| PPP      | Point-to-Point Protocol                                 |
| RF       | Radio Frequency   |
| Rx       | Receive   |
| USIM     | Universal Subscriber Identification Module              |
| SMS      | Short Message Service                                   |
| TD-SCDMA | Time Division-Synchronous Code Division Multiple Access |
| UART     | Universal Asynchronous Receiver & Transmitter           |

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|       |  |
|-------|--|
| UL    | Up Link                                |
| URC   | Unsolicited Result Code                |
| WCDMA | Wideband Code Division Multiple Access |

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