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1 Introduction

This document defines the EC21-QuecOpen module and describes its air interface and hardware interface which are connected with your application.

This document can help you quickly understand module interface specifications, electrical and mechanical details, as well as other related information of EC21-QuecOpen module. Associated with application note and user guide, customers can use EC21-QuecOpen 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 EC21-QuecOpen module. Manufacturers of the cellular terminal should send the following safety information to users and operating personnel, and incorporate these guidelines into all manuals supplied with the product. If not so, Quectel assumes no liability for the customer's 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) causes 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 is switched off. The operation of wireless appliances in an aircraft is forbidden, so as to prevent interference with communication systems. Consult the airline staff about the use of wireless devices on boarding the aircraft, if your device offers an Airplane Mode which must be enabled prior to boarding an aircraft.



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



Cellular terminals or mobiles operating over radio frequency signal and cellular network cannot be guaranteed to connect in all conditions, for example no mobile fee or with an invalid USIM/SIM card. While you are in this condition and need emergent help, please remember using emergency call. In order to make or receive a 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 explosive atmospheres include 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, etc.

2 Product Concept

2.1. General Description

QuecOpen[™] is an application solution where the module acts as a main processor. With the development of communication technology and the ever-changing market demands, more and more customers have realized the advantages of QuecOpen[™] solution. Especially, its advantage in reducing the product cost is greatly valued by customers. With QuecOpen[™] solution, development flow for wireless application and hardware design will be simplified. Main features of QuecOpen[™] solution are listed below:

- Simplifies the development of embedded applications, and shortens product development cycle
- Simplifies circuit design, and reduces product cost
- Decreases the size of terminal products
- Reduces power consumption
- Supports remote upgrade of firmware wirelessly
- Improves products' cost-performance ratio, and enhances products' competitiveness

EC21-QuecOpen module is a baseband processor platform based on ARM Cortex A7 kernel. The maximum dominant frequency is up to 1.2GHz. Customers can use EC21-QuecOpen modules as the basis for development of QuecOpen[™] applications.

EC21-QuecOpen is a series of LTE-FDD/LTE-TDD/WCDMA/GSM wireless communication module with receive diversity, and provides data connectivity on LTE-FDD, LTE-TDD, DC-HSPA+, HSPA+, HSDPA, HSUPA, WCDMA, EDGE and GPRS networks. It also provides GNSS¹⁾ and voice²⁾ functionalities for your specific application.

NOTES

- 1) GNSS function is optional.
- 2) EC21-QuecOpen series module includes **Data-only** and **Telematics** versions. **Data-only** version does not support voice function, while **Telematics** version supports it.

With a compact profile of 32.0mm × 29.0mm × 2.4mm, EC21-QuecOpen can meet almost all requirements for M2M applications such as automobile, metering, tracking system, security, router, wireless POS, mobile computing device, PDA phone, tablet PC, etc.

EC21-QuecOpen is an SMD type module which can be embedded in applications through its 144-pin pads, including 80 LCC signal pads and 64 LGA signal pads.

2.2. Key Features

The following table describes the detailed features of EC21-QuecOpen module.

Table 1: Key Features of EC21-QuecOpen Module

Feature	Details
Power Supply	Supply voltage: 3.3V~4.3V Typical supply voltage: 3.8V
Transmitting Power	Class 4 (33dBm±2dB) for GSM850 Class 4 (33dBm±2dB) for GSM900 Class 1 (30dBm±2dB) for DCS1800 Class 1 (30dBm±2dB) for PCS1900 Class E2 (27dBm±3dB) for GSM850 8-PSK Class E2 (27dBm±3dB) for GSM900 8-PSK Class E2 (26dBm±3dB) for DCS1800 8-PSK Class E2 (26dBm±3dB) for PCS1900 8-PSK Class 3 (24dBm+1/-3dB) for WCDMA bands Class 3 (23dBm±2dB) for LTE-FDD bands Class 3 (23dBm±2dB) for LTE-TDD bands
LTE Features	Support up to non-CA CAT1 Support 1.4 to 20MHz RF bandwidth Support MIMO in DL direction FDD: Max 5Mbps (UL), 10Mbps (DL) TDD: Max 3.1Mbps (UL), 8.96Mbps (DL)
WCDMA Features	Support 3GPP R8 DC-HSPA+ Support 16-QAM, 64-QAM and QPSK modulation 3GPP R6 CAT6 HSUPA: Max 5.76Mbps (UL) 3GPP R8 CAT24 DC-HSPA+: Max 42Mbps (DL)
GSM Features	R99: CSD: 9.6kbps, 14.4kbps GPRS: Support GPRS multi-slot class 12 (12 by default) Coding scheme: CS-1, CS-2, CS-3 and CS-4 Maximum of four Rx time slots per frame EDGE: Support EDGE multi-slot class 12 (12 by default) Support GMSK and 8-PSK for different MCS (Modulation and Coding)

	<p>Scheme)</p> <p>Downlink coding schemes: CS 1-4 and MCS 1-9</p> <p>Uplink coding schemes: CS 1-4 and MCS 1-9</p>
Internet Protocol Features	<p>Support TCP/UDP/PPP/FTP/HTTP/NTP/PING/QMI/HTTPS*/SMTP*/MMS*/FTPS*/SSL* protocols</p> <p>Support the protocols PAP (Password Authentication Protocol) and CHAP (Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol) usually used for PPP connections</p>
SMS	<p>Text and PDU modes</p> <p>Point to point MO and MT</p> <p>SMS cell broadcast</p> <p>SMS storage: ME by default</p>
USIM Interface	<p>Support USIM/SIM card: 1.8V, 3.0V</p>
Audio Features	<p>Support one digital audio interface: PCM interface</p> <p>GSM: HR/FR/EFR/AMR/AMR-WB</p> <p>WCDMA: AMR/AMR-WB</p> <p>LTE: AMR/AMR-WB</p> <p>Support echo cancellation and noise suppression</p>
PCM Interface	<p>Used for audio function with external codec</p> <p>Support 8-bit A-law*, μ-law* and 16-bit linear data formats</p> <p>Support long frame synchronization and short frame synchronization</p> <p>Support master and slave modes, but must be the master in long frame synchronization</p>
USB Interface	<p>Compliant with USB 2.0 specification (slave only); the data transfer rate can reach up to 480Mbps</p> <p>Used for AT command communication, data transmission, GNSS NMEA output, software debugging and firmware upgrade</p> <p>Support USB drivers for: Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8/8.1, Windows 10, Linux 2.6 or later, Android 4.0/4.2/4.4/5.0/5.1/6.0</p>
UART Interface	<p>Main UART:</p> <p>Used for AT command communication only</p> <p>Baud rate reach up to 3000000bps, 115200bps by default</p> <p>Support RTS and CTS hardware flow control</p> <p>Debug UART:</p> <p>Used for Linux console, log output</p> <p>115200bps baud rate</p> <p>UART1:</p> <p>Used for communication with peripherals</p> <p>Baud rate reach up to 3000000bps, 115200bps by default</p> <p>Support RTS and CTS hardware flow control</p> <p>UART2 (Multiplexing with SPI):</p> <p>Used for communication with peripherals</p>

	Baud rate reach up to 3000000bps, 115200bps by default Support RTS and CTS hardware flow control
SD Card Interface	Compliant with SD3.0 protocol
SPI Interface	Support master mode only Maximum clock frequency rate: 50MHz
I2C Interface	Compliant with I2C specification 5.0 Multi-master is not supported
Wireless Connectivity Interfaces	Support a low-power SDIO 3.0 interface for WLAN and UART/PCM interfaces for Bluetooth*
Rx-diversity	Support LTE/WCDMA Rx-diversity
GNSS Features	Gen8C-Lite of Qualcomm Protocol: NMEA 0183
AT Commands	Compliant with 3GPP TS 27.007, 27.005 and Quectel enhanced AT commands
Network Indication	NET_STATUS is used to indicate network connectivity status
Antenna Interface	Including main antenna interface (ANT_MAIN), Rx-diversity antenna interface (ANT_DIV) and GNSS antenna interface (ANT_GNSS)
Physical Characteristics	Size: (32.0±0.15)mm × (29.0±0.15)mm × (2.4±0.2)mm Weight: approx. 4.9g
Temperature Range	Operation temperature range: -35°C ~ +75°C ¹⁾ Extended temperature range: -40°C ~ +85°C ²⁾
Firmware Upgrade	USB interface and DFOTA*
RoHS	All hardware components are fully compliant with EU RoHS directive

NOTES

- ¹⁾ Within operation temperature range, the module is 3GPP compliant.
- ²⁾ Within extended temperature range, the module remains the ability to establish and maintain a voice, SMS, data transmission, emergency call, etc. There is no unrecoverable malfunction. There are also no effects on radio spectrum and no harm to radio network. Only one or more parameters like P_{out} might reduce in their value and exceed the specified tolerances. When the temperature returns to the normal operating temperature levels, the module will meet 3GPP specifications again.
- "*" means under development.

2.3. Functional Diagram

The following figure shows a block diagram of EC21-QuecOpen and illustrates the major functional parts.

- Power management
- Baseband
- DDR+NAND flash
- Radio frequency
- Peripheral interfaces

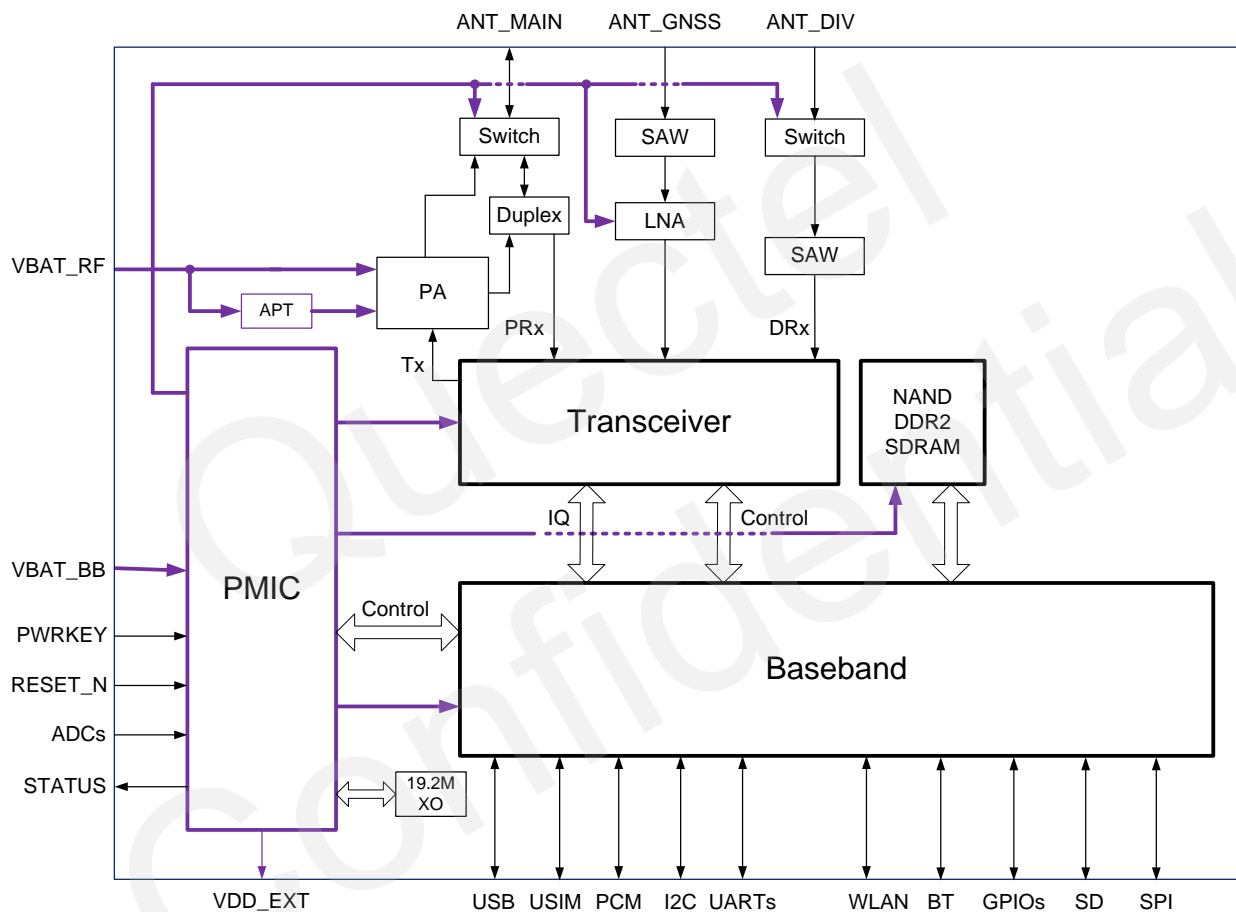


Figure 1: Functional Diagram

2.4. Evaluation Board

In order to help customers develop applications conveniently with EC21-QuecOpen module, Quectel supplies the evaluation board (EVB), USB data cable, earphone, antenna and other peripherals to control or test the module.

3 Application Interfaces

3.1. General Description

EC21-QuecOpen is equipped with 80-pin LCC pads plus 64-pin LGA pads. Sub-interfaces included in these pads are described in detail in the following chapters:

- Power supply
- USIM card interface
- USB interface
- UART interfaces
- PCM and I2C interfaces
- SD card interface
- SPI interface
- Wireless connectivity interface
- ADC interface
- Status indication interfaces
- USB_BOOT interface

3.2. Pin Assignment

The following figure shows the pin assignment of EC21-QuecOpen module.

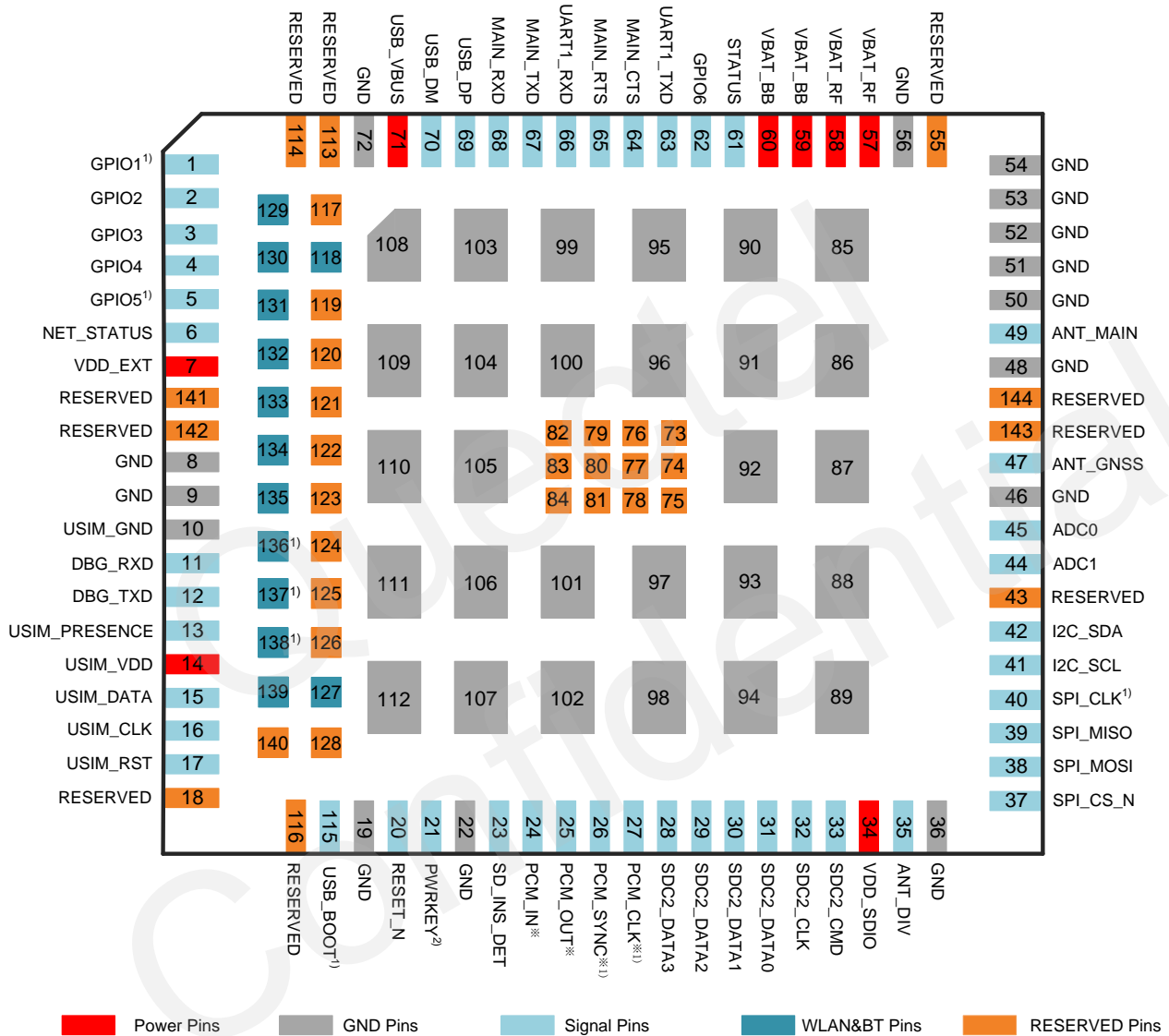


Figure 2: Pin Assignment (Top View)

NOTES

- ¹⁾ means these pins cannot be pulled up before startup.
- ²⁾ PWRKEY output voltage is 0.8V because of the diode drop in the Qualcomm chipset.
- Pads 37~40, 118, 127 and 129~139 are wireless connectivity interfaces, among which pads 127 and

129~138 are WLAN function pins, and others are Bluetooth (BT) function related pins. BT function is under development.

4. Pads 24~27 are multiplexing pins used for audio design on EC21-QuecOpen module and BT function on FC20 module.
5. Keep all RESERVED pins and unused pins unconnected.
6. GND pads 85~112 should be connected to ground in the design, and RESERVED pads 73~84 should not be designed in schematic and PCB decal.
7. “※” means these interface functions are only supported on **Telematics** version.

3.3. Pin Description

The following tables show the pin definition, alternate function and GPIO pull up/down resistance of EC21-QuecOpen module.

Table 2: I/O Parameters Definition

Type	Description
IO	Bidirectional
DI	Digital input
DO	Digital output
PI	Power input
PO	Power output
AI	Analog input
AO	Analog output
OD	Open drain
B	Bidirectional digital with CMOS input
BH	High-voltage tolerant bidirectional digital with CMOS input
PU	Pull up
PD	Pull down
H	High level
L	Low level

Table 3: Pin Description

Power Supply					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
VBAT_BB	59, 60	PI	Power supply for module baseband part	V _{max} =4.3V V _{min} =3.3V V _{norm} =3.8V	It must be able to provide sufficient current up to 0.8A.
VBAT_RF	57, 58	PI	Power supply for module RF part	V _{max} =4.3V V _{min} =3.3V V _{norm} =3.8V	It must be able to provide sufficient current up to 1.8A in a burst transmission.
VDD_EXT	7	PO	Provide 1.8V for external circuit	V _{norm} =1.8V I _{Omax} =50mA	Power supply for external GPIO's pull up circuits.
GND	8, 9, 19, 22, 36, 46, 48, 50~54, 56, 72, 85~112		Ground		
Turn on/off					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
PWRKEY	21	DI	Turn on/off the module	V _{IHmax} =2.1V V _{IHmin} =1.3V V _{ILmax} =0.5V	The output voltage is 0.8V because of the diode drop in the Qualcomm chipset.
RESET_N	20	DI	Reset the module	V _{IHmax} =2.1V V _{IHmin} =1.3V V _{ILmax} =0.5V	Pull-up to 1.8V internally. Active low.
Status Indication					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
STATUS	61	OD	Indicate the module operating status	The drive current should be less than 0.9mA.	Require external pull-up. If unused, keep it open.
NET_STATUS	6	DO	Indicate the module network activity status	V _{OHmin} =1.35V V _{OLmax} =0.45V	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
USB Interface					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment

USB_VBUS	71	PI	USB detection	Vmax=5.25V Vmin=3.0V Vnorm=5.0V	
USB_DP	69	IO	USB differential data bus	Compliant with USB 2.0 standard specification.	Require differential impedance of 90 ohm.
USB_DM	70	IO	USB differential data bus	Compliant with USB 2.0 standard specification.	

USIM Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
USIM_GND	10		Specified ground for USIM card		Connect to ground of USIM card connector.
USIM_VDD	14	PO	Power supply for USIM card	For 1.8V USIM: Vmax=1.9V Vmin=1.7V For 3.0V USIM: Vmax=3.05V Vmin=2.7V IOmax=50mA	Either 1.8V or 3V is supported by the module automatically.
USIM_DATA	15	IO	Data signal of USIM card	For 1.8V USIM: VILmax=0.6V VIHmin=1.2V VOLmax=0.45V VOHmin=1.35V For 3.0V USIM: VILmax=1.0V VIHmin=1.95V VOLmax=0.45V VOHmin=2.55V	
USIM_CLK	16	DO	Clock signal of USIM card	For 1.8V USIM: VOLmax=0.45V VOHmin=1.35V For 3.0V USIM: VOLmax=0.45V VOHmin=2.55V	
USIM_RST	17	DO	Reset signal of USIM card	For 1.8V USIM: VOLmax=0.45V VOHmin=1.35V	

				For 3.0V USIM: $V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=2.55V$	
USIM_	13	DI	USIM card insert detection	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
Main UART Interface					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
MAIN_CTS	64	DO	Clear to send	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
MAIN_RTS	65	DI	Request to send	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
MAIN_TXD	67	DO	Transmit data	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
MAIN_RXD	68	DI	Receive data	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
UART1 Interface					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
UART1_TXD	63	DO	Transmit data	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
UART1_RXD	66	DI	Receive data	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
Debug UART Interface					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
DBG_TXD	12	DO	Transmit data	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.

DBG_RXD	11	DI	Receive data	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
ADC Interface					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
ADC0	45	AI	General purpose analog to digital converter	Voltage range: 0.3V to VBAT_BB	If unused, keep it open.
ADC1	44	AI	General purpose analog to digital converter	Voltage range: 0.3V to VBAT_BB	If unused, keep it open.
PCM Interface					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
PCM_IN	24	DI	PCM data input	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
PCM_OUT	25	DO	PCM data output	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
PCM_SYNC	26	IO	PCM data frame synchronization signal	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. In master mode, it is an output signal. In slave mode, it is an input signal. If unused, keep it open.
PCM_CLK	27	IO	PCM clock	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. In master mode, it is an output signal. In slave mode, it is an input signal. If unused, keep it open.
I2C Interface					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
I2C_SCL	41	OD	I2C serial clock		External pull-up resistor is required.

				1.8V only. If unused, keep it open.
I2C_SDA	42	OD	I2C serial data	External pull-up resistor is required. 1.8V only. If unused, keep it open.

SD Card Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
SDC2_DATA3	28	IO	SD card SDIO data3	For 1.8V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.4V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.58V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.27V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$ For 3.0V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.38V$ $V_{OHmin}=2.01V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.76V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.72V$ $V_{IHmax}=3.34V$	SDIO signal level can be selected according to the one supported by SD card. Please refer to SD 3.0 protocol for more details. If unused, keep it open.
SDC2_DATA2	29	IO	SD card SDIO data2	For 1.8V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.4V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.58V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.27V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$ For 3.0V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.38V$ $V_{OHmin}=2.01V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.76V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.72V$ $V_{IHmax}=3.34V$	SDIO signal level can be selected according to the one supported by SD card. Please refer to SD 3.0 protocol for more details. If unused, keep it open.
SDC2_DATA1	30	IO	SD card SDIO data1	For 1.8V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.4V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$	SDIO signal level can be selected according to the one supported by SD

				$V_{ILmax}=0.58V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.27V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$ For 3.0V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.38V$ $V_{OHmin}=2.01V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.76V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.72V$ $V_{IHmax}=3.34V$	card. Please refer to SD 3.0 protocol for more details. If unused, keep it open.
SDC2_	31	IO	SD card SDIO data0	For 1.8V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.4V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.58V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.27V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$ For 3.0V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.38V$ $V_{OHmin}=2.01V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.76V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.72V$ $V_{IHmax}=3.34V$	SDIO signal level can be selected according to the one supported by SD card. Please refer to SD 3.0 protocol for more details. If unused, keep it open.
SDC2_CLK	32	DO	SD card SDIO clock	For 1.8V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.4V$ For 3.0V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.38V$ $V_{OHmin}=2.01V$	SDIO signal level can be selected according to the one supported by SD card. Please refer to SD3.0 protocol for more details. If unused, keep it open.
SDC2_CMD	33	IO	SD card SDIO command	For 1.8V signaling: $V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.4V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.58V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.27V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$ For 3.0V signaling:	SDIO signal level can be selected according to the one supported by SD card. Please refer to SD3.0 protocol for more details. If unused, keep it open.

				$V_{OLmax}=0.38V$ $V_{OHmin}=2.01V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.76V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.72V$ $V_{IHmax}=3.34V$	
SD_INS_DET	23	DI	SD card insert detection	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
VDD_SDIO	34	PO	SD card SDIO pull up power source	$I_{Omax}=50mA$	Configurable power source. 1.8V/2.85V power domain. If unused, keep it open.

SPI Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
SPI_CS_N	37	DO	SPI chip selection	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
SPI_MOSI	38	DO	SPI master out slave in	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
SPI_MISO	39	DI	SPI master in slave out	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
SPI_CLK	40	DO	SPI serial clock	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.

WLAN Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
WLAN_SLP_CLK	118	DO	WLAN sleep clock		If unused, keep it open.
PM_ENABLE	127	DO	External power enable control	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
SDC1_DATA3	129	IO	WLAN SDIO data3	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.

				$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	open.
SDC1_ DATA2	130	IO	WLAN SDIO data2	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
SDC1_ DATA1	131	IO	WLAN SDIO data1	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
SDC1_ DATA0	132	IO	WLAN SDIO data0	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$ $V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
SDC1_CLK	133	DO	WLAN SDIO clock	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
SDC1_CMD	134	DO	WLAN SDIO command	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
WAKE_ WLAN	135	DI	WLAN wake up module	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. Active low. If unused, keep it open.
WLAN_EN	136	DO	WLAN enabled	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. Active high. If unused, keep it open.
COEX_ UART_RXD	137	DI	LTE/WLAN&BT coexistence signal	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
COEX_ UART_TXD	138	DO	LTE/WLAN&BT coexistence signal	$V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.

RF Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
ANT_DIV	35	AI	Diversity antenna	50 ohm impedance	If unused, keep it open.
ANT_MAIN	49	IO	Main antenna	50 ohm impedance	
ANT_GNSS	47	AI	GNSS antenna	50 ohm impedance	If unused, keep it open.

GPIO Pins

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
GPIO1	1	IO	General purpose input/output	$V_{ILmin} = -0.3V$ $V_{ILmax} = 0.6V$ $V_{IHmin} = 1.2V$ $V_{IHmax} = 2.0V$ $V_{OLmax} = 0.45V$ $V_{OHmin} = 1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
GPIO2	2	IO	General purpose input/output	$V_{ILmin} = -0.3V$ $V_{ILmax} = 0.6V$ $V_{IHmin} = 1.2V$ $V_{IHmax} = 2.0V$ $V_{OLmax} = 0.45V$ $V_{OHmin} = 1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
GPIO3	3	IO	General purpose input/output	$V_{ILmin} = -0.3V$ $V_{ILmax} = 0.6V$ $V_{IHmin} = 1.2V$ $V_{IHmax} = 2.0V$ $V_{OLmax} = 0.45V$ $V_{OHmin} = 1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
GPIO4	4	IO	General purpose input/output	$V_{ILmin} = -0.3V$ $V_{ILmax} = 0.6V$ $V_{IHmin} = 1.2V$ $V_{IHmax} = 2.0V$ $V_{OLmax} = 0.45V$ $V_{OHmin} = 1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
GPIO5	5	IO	General purpose input/output	$V_{ILmin} = -0.3V$ $V_{ILmax} = 0.6V$ $V_{IHmin} = 1.2V$ $V_{IHmax} = 2.0V$ $V_{OLmax} = 0.45V$ $V_{OHmin} = 1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.

GPIO6	62	IO	General purpose input/output	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$ $V_{OLmax}=0.45V$ $V_{OHmin}=1.35V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
Other Interface Pins					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
USB_BOOT	115	DI	Force the module to boot from USB port.	$V_{ILmin}=-0.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.6V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.2V$ $V_{IHmax}=2.0V$	1.8V power domain. If unused, keep it open.
BT_EN*	139	DO	BT function enabled		This function is still under development.
RESERVED Pins					
Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
RESERVED	18, 43, 55, 73~84, 113, 114, 116, 117, 119~126, 128, 140~144		Reserved		Keep these pins unconnected.

NOTES

- Keep all RESERVED pins and unused pins unconnected.
- "*" means under development.

Table 4: Alternate Functions

Pin Name	Pin No.	Model 1 (Default)	Model 2	Model 3	Reset ¹⁾	Wake-up Interrupt ²⁾	Comment
GPIO1	1	GPIO_25	--	--	B-PD,L	YES	BOOT_CONFIG_2
GPIO2	2	GPIO_10	--	--	B-PD,L	NO	
GPIO3	3	GPIO_42	--	--	B-PD,L	YES	

GPIO4	4	GPIO_11	--	--	B-PD,L	YES	
GPIO5	5	GPIO_24	--	--	B-PD,L	NO	BOOT_CONFIG_1
USIM_PRESENCE	13	USIM_PRESENCE	GPIO_34	--	B-PD,L	YES	
SD_INS_DET	23	SD_INS_DET	GPIO_26	--	B-PD,L	YES	
PCM_IN	24	PCM_IN	GPIO_76	--	B-PD,L	YES	
PCM_OUT	25	PCM_OUT	GPIO_77	--	B-PD,L	NO	
PCM_SYNC	26	PCM_SYNC	GPIO_79	--	B-PD,L	YES	BOOT_CONFIG_7
PCM_CLK	27	PCM_CLK	GPIO_78	--	B-PD,L	NO	BOOT_CONFIG_8
SPI_CS_N	37	SPI_CS_N_BLSP6	GPIO_22	UART_RT S_BLSP6	B-PD,L	YES	
SPI_MOSI	38	SPI_MOSI_BLSP6	GPIO_20	UART_TX D_BLSP6	B-PD,L	YES	
SPI_MISO	39	SPI_MISO_BLSP6	GPIO_21	UART_RX D_BLSP6	B-PD,L	YES	
SPI_CLK	40	SPI_CLK_BLSP6	GPIO_23	UART_CT S_BLSP6	B-PU,H	NO	BOOT_CONFIG_4
I2C_SCL	41	I2C_SCL_BLSP2	GPIO_7	UART_CT S_BLSP2	B-PD,L	NO	
I2C_SDA	42	I2C_SDA_BLSP2	GPIO_6	UART_RT S_BLSP2	B-PD,L	NO	
GPIO6	62	GPIO_75	--	--	B-PD,L	YES	
UART1_TXD	63	UART_TXD_BLSP2	GPIO_4	UART_TX D_BLSP2	B-PD,L	NO	
UART1_RXD	66	UART_RXD_BLSP2	GPIO_5	UART_RX D_BLSP2	B-PD,L	YES	
MAIN_CTS	64	UART_CTS_BLSP3	--	--	B-PD,L	--	
MAIN_RTS	65	UART_RTS_BLSP3	--	--	B-PD,L	--	
MAIN_TXD	67	UART_TXD_BLSP3	--	--	B-PD,L	--	
MAIN_RXD	68	UART_RXD_BLSP3	--	--	B-PD,L	--	
SDC1_	129	SDC1_	GPIO_12	--	B-PD,L	YES	

DATA3		DATA3					
SDC1_DATA2	130	SDC1_DATA2	GPIO_13	--	B-PD,L	YES	
SDC1_DATA1	131	SDC1_DATA1	GPIO_14	--	B-PD,L	NO	
SDC1_DATA0	132	SDC1_DATA0	GPIO_15	--	B-PD,L	NO	
SDC1_CLK	133	SDC1_CLK	GPIO_16	--	B-NP,L	YES	
SDC1_CMD	134	SDC1_CMD	GPIO_17	--	B-PD,L	YES	
WAKE_WLAN	135	WAKE_WLAN	GPIO_59	--	B-PD,L	YES	
WLAN_EN	136	WLAN_EN	GPIO_38	--	B-PD,L	YES	BOOT_CONFIG_12
COEX_UART_RXD	137	COEX_UART_RXD	GPIO_37	--	B-PD,L	YES	FORCE_USB_BOOT
COEX_UART_TXD	138	COEX_UART_TXD	GPIO_36	--	B-PD,L	NO	BOOT_CONFIG_3

NOTES

1. The pin function in Model 2 and Model 3 takes effect only after software configuration.
2. ¹⁾ Please refer to **Table 2** for more details about the symbol description.
3. ²⁾ All GPIOs support interrupt function. But not all interrupts can wake up the sleeping module. The wake-up interrupt function is disabled by default.
4. All BOOT_CONFIG and FORCE_USB_BOOT pins are prohibited to be pulled up before the module is powered on.

Table 5: Pull Up/Down Resistance of GPIO

Symbol	Description	Min	Max	Unit
R _{PU}	Pull-up resistance	55	390	kohm
R _{PD}	Pull-down resistance	55	390	kohm

3.4. Operating Modes

The table below briefly summarizes the various operating modes referred in the following chapters.

Table 6: Overview of Operating Modes

Mode	Details
Normal Operation	Idle Software is active. The module has registered on the network, and it is ready to send and receive data.
	Talk/Data Network connection is ongoing. In this mode, the power consumption is decided by network setting and data transfer rate.
Minimum Functionality Mode	AT+CFUN command can set the module to a minimum functionality mode without removing the power supply. In this case, both RF function and USIM card will be invalid.
Airplane Mode	AT+CFUN command can set the module enter into airplane mode. In this case, RF function will be invalid.
Sleep Mode	In this mode, the current consumption of the module will be reduced to the minimal level. During this mode, the module can still receive paging message, SMS, voice call and TCP/UDP data from the network normally.
Power Down Mode	In this mode, the power management unit shuts down the power supply. Software is not active. The serial interface is not accessible. Operating voltage (connected to VBAT_RF and VBAT_BB) remains applied.

3.5. Power Saving

3.5.1. Sleep Mode

EC21-QuecOpen is able to reduce its current consumption to a minimum value during the sleep mode. The following sub-chapters describe the power saving procedure of EC21-QuecOpen module.

3.5.1.1. Main UART Application

If the host communicates with module via Main UART interface, the following preconditions can let the module enter into sleep mode.

- Execute **AT+QSClk=1** command to enable sleep mode.
- Ensure the level of pins that configured as wake-up interrupt in **Table 4** are under none-wakeup status.

The following figure shows the connection between the module and the host.

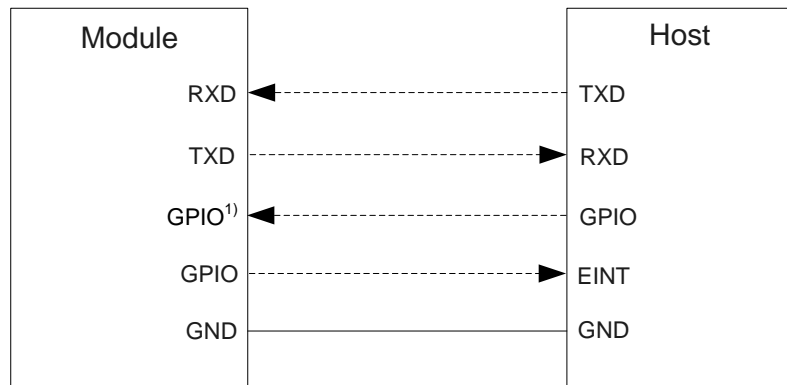


Figure 3: Sleep Mode Application via UART

- Drive the host GPIO to high/low level, or an edge-triggered interrupt will wake up the module (the module supports high/low level wakeup and edge-triggered interrupt wakeup functions which can be configured via software).
- Whenever receiving phone call, short messages, network data or alarm ringing, EC21-QuecOpen will be woken up from sleep mode. The module's GPIO can be used to wake up the host.

NOTE

GPIO¹: GPIOs that configured as wakeup interrupt function.

3.5.1.2. USB Application with USB Remote Wakeup Function

If the host supports USB suspend/resume and remote wakeup function, the following three preconditions must be met to let the module enter into the sleep mode.

- Execute **AT+QSCLK=1** command to enable the sleep mode.
- Ensure the level of pins that configured as wake-up interrupt in **Table 4** are under none-wakeup status.
- The host's USB bus, which is connected with the module's USB interface, enters into suspended state.

The following figure shows the connection between the module and the host.

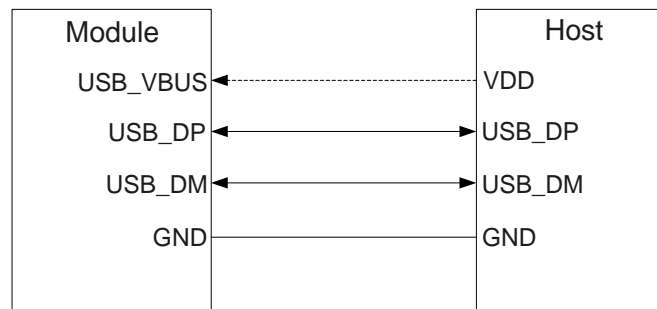


Figure 4: Sleep Mode Application with USB Remote Wakeup

- Sending data to EC21-QuecOpen through USB will wake up the module.
- When EC21-QuecOpen has URC to report, the module will send remote wake-up signals via USB bus so as to wake up the host.

3.5.1.3. USB Application without USB Remote Wakeup Function

If the host supports USB suspend/resume, but does not support remote wake-up function, it needs to be woken up via the module's GPIO.

There are three preconditions to let the module enter into the sleep mode.

- Execute **AT+QSCLK=1** command to enable the sleep mode.
- Ensure the level of pins that configured as wake-up interrupt in **Table 4** are under none-wakeup status.
- The host's USB bus, which is connected with the module's USB interface, enters into suspended state.

The following figure shows the connection between the module and the host.

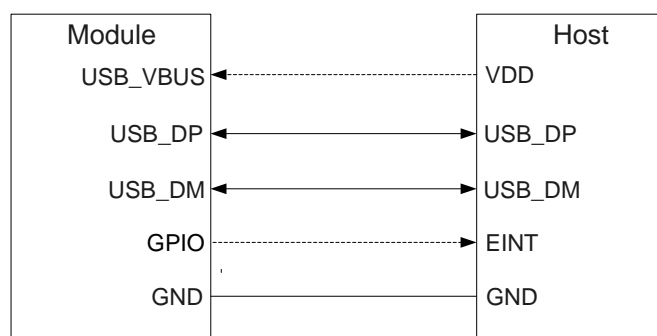


Figure 5: Sleep Mode Application without USB Remote Wakeup

- Sending data to EC21-QuecOpen through USB will wake up the module.
- When EC21-QuecOpen has URC to report, the module's GPIO signal can be used to wake up the host.

3.5.1.4. USB Application without USB Suspend Function

If the host does not support USB suspend function, USB_VBUS should be connected with an external control circuit to let the module enter into sleep mode.

- Execute **AT+QSCLK=1** command to enable the sleep mode.
- Ensure the level of pins that configured as wake-up interrupt in **Table 4** are under none-wakeup status.
- Disconnect USB_VBUS.

The following figure shows the connection between the module and the host.

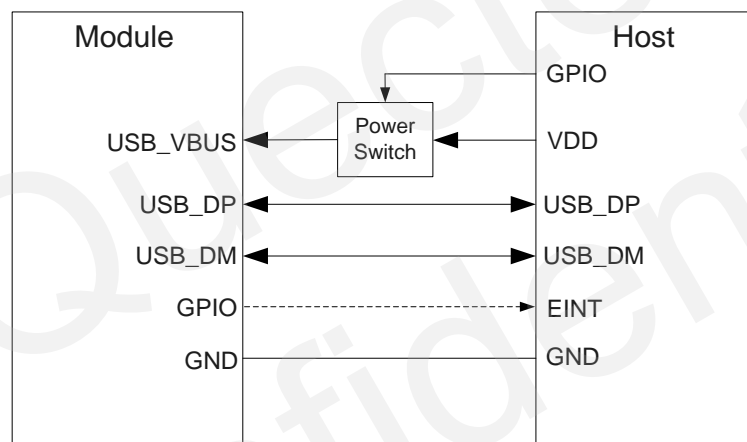


Figure 6: Sleep Mode Application without Suspend Function

Switching on the power switch to supply power to USB_VBUS will wake up the module.

NOTE

Please pay attention to the level match shown in dotted line between the module and the host. Refer to **document [1]** for more details about the module's power management application.

3.5.2. Airplane Mode

When the module enters into airplane mode, the RF function does not work, and all AT commands correlative with RF function will be inaccessible. The mode can be set via **AT+CFUN=<fun>** command. The parameter **<fun>** indicates the module's functionality levels, as shown below.

- **AT+CFUN=0:** Minimum functionality mode; both USIM and RF functions are disabled.
- **AT+CFUN=1:** Full functionality mode (by default).
- **AT+CFUN=4:** Airplane mode. RF function is disabled.

NOTE

The execution of **AT+CFUN** command will not affect GNSS function.

3.6. Power Supply

3.6.1. Power Supply Pins

EC21-QuecOpen provides four VBAT pins for connection with an external power supply. There are two separate voltage domains for VBAT.

- Two VBAT_RF pins for module RF part
- Two VBAT_BB pins for module baseband part

The following table shows the details of VBAT pins and ground pins.

Table 7: VBAT and GND Pins

Pin Name	Pin No.	Description	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
VBAT_RF	57, 58	Power supply for module RF part	3.3	3.8	4.3	V
VBAT_BB	59, 60	Power supply for module baseband part	3.3	3.8	4.3	V
GND	8, 9, 19, 22, 36, 46, 48, 50~54, 56, 72, 85~112	Ground		0		V

3.6.2. Decrease Voltage Drop

The power supply range of the module is from 3.3V to 4.3V. Please make sure that the input voltage will never drop below 3.3V. The following figure shows the voltage drop during burst transmission in 2G network. The voltage drop will be less in 3G and 4G networks.

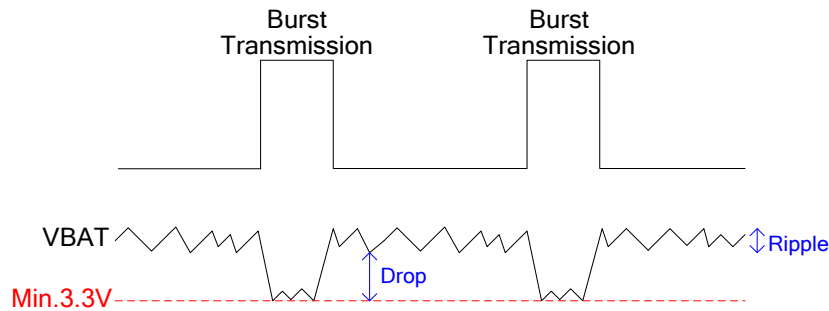


Figure 7: Power Supply Limits during Burst Transmission

To decrease voltage drop, a bypass capacitor of about 100μF with low ESR should be used, and a multi-layer ceramic chip (MLCC) capacitor array should also be used to provide the low ESR. The main power supply from an external application has to be a single voltage source and expanded to two sub paths with star structure. The width of VBAT_BB trace should be no less than 1mm; and the width of VBAT_RF trace should be no less than 2mm. In principle, the longer the VBAT trace is, the wider it will be.

Three ceramic capacitors (100nF, 33pF, 10pF) are recommended to be applied to the VBAT pins. These capacitors should be placed close to the VBAT pins. In addition, in order to get a stable power source, it is suggested that you should use a zener diode of which reverse zener voltage is 5.1V and dissipation power is more than 0.5W. The following figure shows the star structure of the power supply.

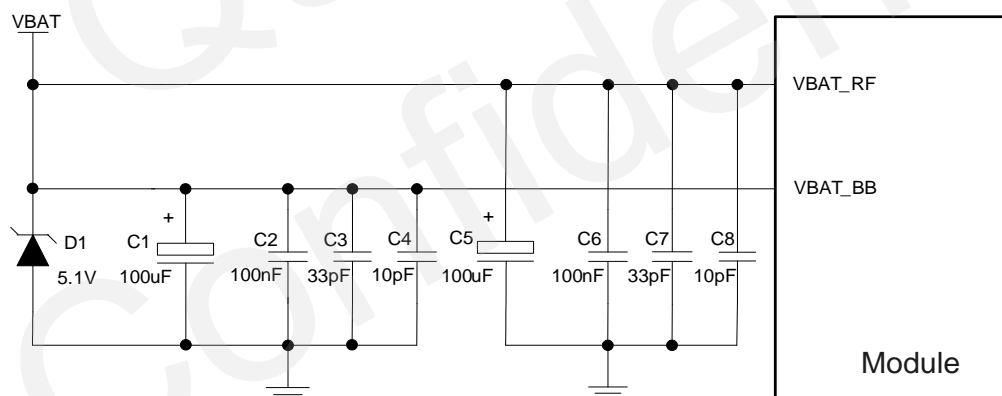


Figure 8: Star Structure of the Power Supply

3.6.3. Reference Design for Power Supply

Power design for the module is very important, as the performance of the module largely depends on the power source. The power supply is capable of providing sufficient current up to 2A at least. If the voltage drop between the input and output is not too high, it is suggested that you should use an LDO to supply power for the module. If there is a big voltage difference between the input source and the desired output (VBAT), a buck converter is preferred to be used as the power supply.

The following figure shows a reference design for +5V input power source. The designed output for the power supply is about 3.8V and the maximum load current is 3A.

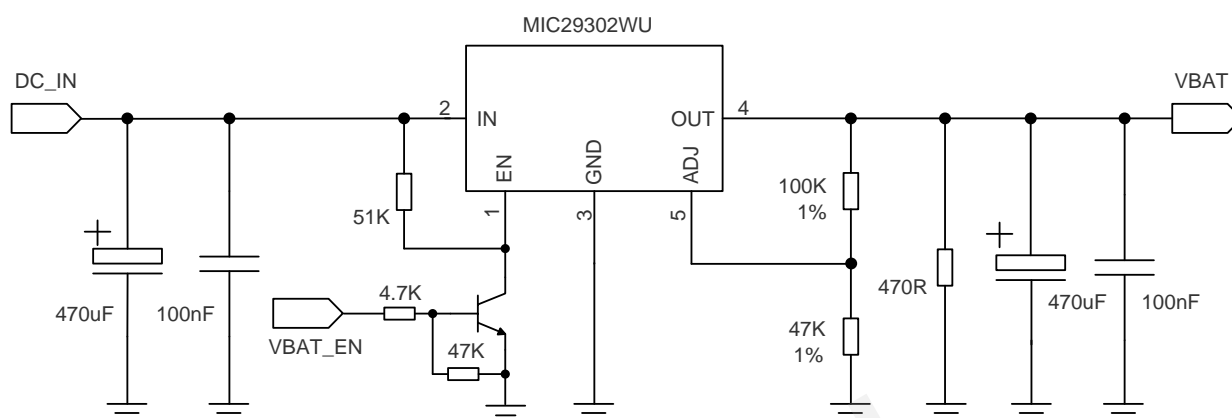


Figure 9: Reference Circuit of Power Supply

3.6.4. Monitor the Power Supply

AT+CBC command can be used to monitor the VBAT_BB voltage value. Please refer to [document \[2\]](#) for more details.

3.7. Turn on and off Scenarios

3.7.1. Turn on Module Using the PWRKEY

The following table shows the pin definition of PWRKEY.

Table 8: PWRKEY Pin Description

Pin Name	Pin No.	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
PWRKEY	21	Turn on/off the module	$V_{IHmax}=2.1V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.5V$	The output voltage is 0.8V because of the diode drop in the Qualcomm chipset.

When EC21-QuecOpen is in power down mode, it can be turned on to normal mode by driving the PWRKEY pin to a low level for at least 100ms. It is recommended to use an open drain/collector driver to control the PWRKEY. After STATUS pin (require external pull-up) outputting a low level, PWRKEY pin can be released. A simple reference circuit is illustrated in the following figure.

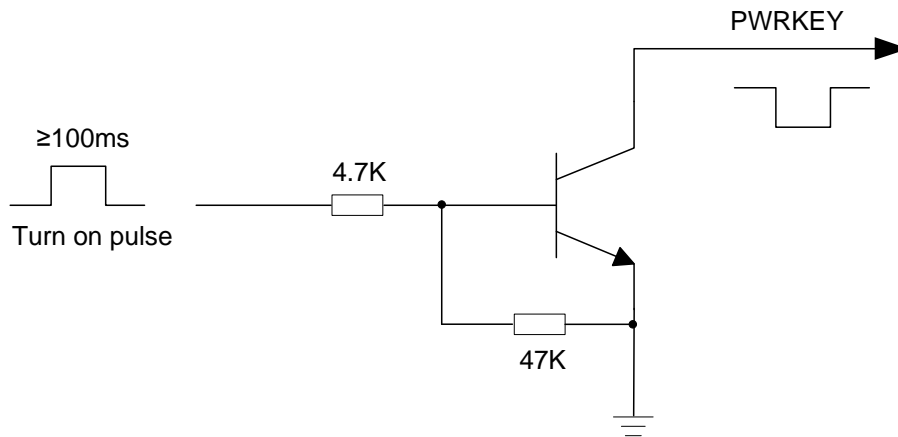


Figure 10: Turn on the Module Using Driving Circuit

The other way to control the PWRKEY is using a button directly. When pressing the key, electrostatic strike may generate from finger. Therefore, a TVS component is indispensable to be placed nearby the button for ESD protection. A reference circuit is shown in the following figure.

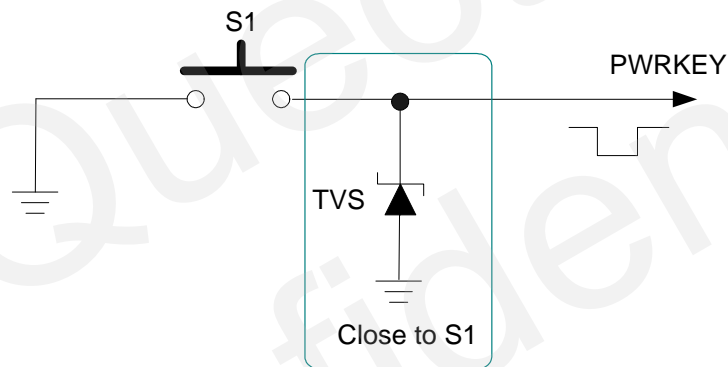


Figure 11: Turn on the Module Using Keystroke

The turn on scenario is illustrated in the following figure.

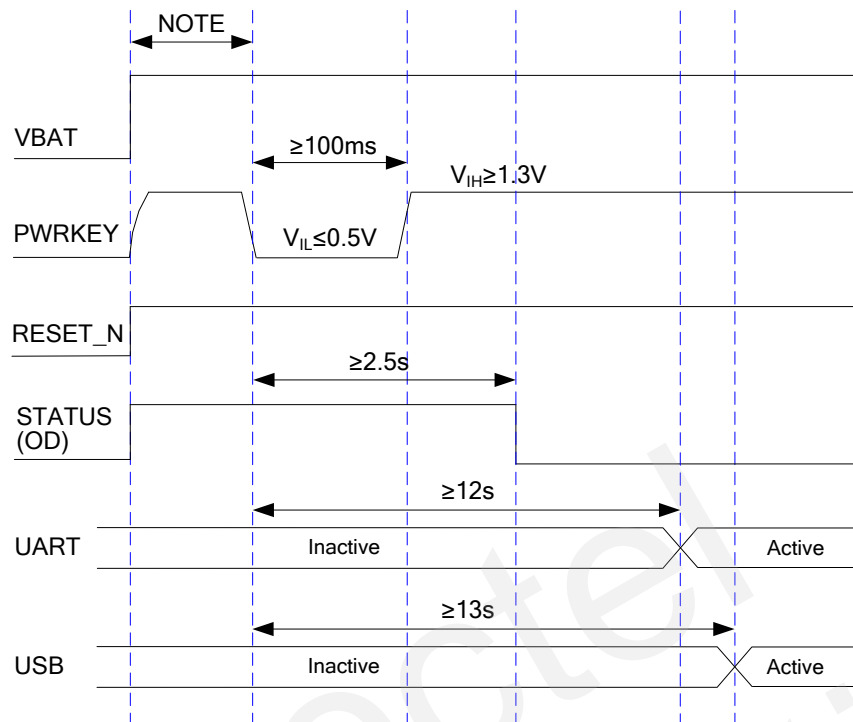


Figure 12: Timing of Turning on Module

NOTES

1. Please make sure that VBAT is stable before pulling down PWRKEY pin. The time between them is no less than 30ms.
2. Recommended pull up level range is 1.3V~2.1V if there is any pull up circuit added on PWRKEY pin.

3.7.2. Turn off Module

The following procedures can be used to turn off the module:

- Normal power down procedure: Turn off the module using the PWRKEY pin.
- Normal power down procedure: Turn off the module using AT command or API interface.

3.7.2.1. Turn off Module Using the PWRKEY Pin

Driving the PWRKEY pin to a low level voltage for at least 650ms, the module will execute power-down procedure after the PWRKEY is released. The power-down scenario is illustrated in the following figure.

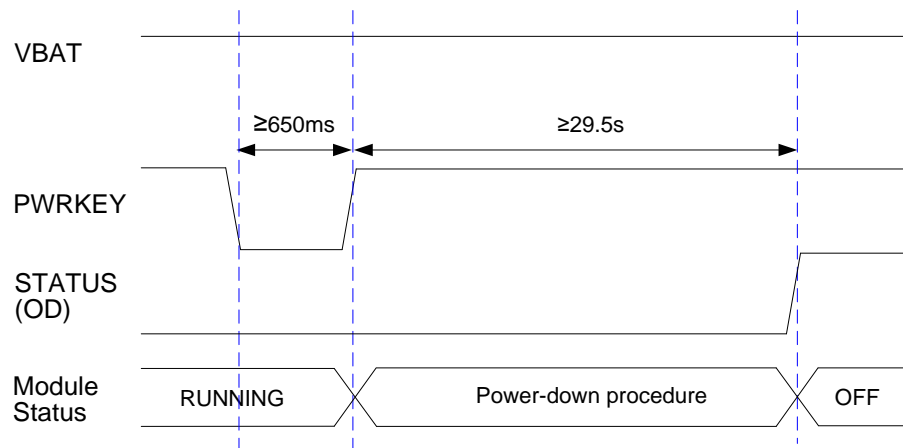


Figure 13: Timing of Turning off Module

3.7.2.2. Turn off Module Using AT Command or API Interface

It is also a safe way to use AT command or API interface to turn off the module, which is similar to turning off the module via PWRKEY Pin.

Please refer to **document [2]** for details.

NOTES

1. In order to avoid damaging the internal flash, do not switch off the power supply when the module works normally. Only after the module is shut down by PWRKEY or AT command or API interface, the power supply can be cut off.
2. When turn off module with AT command or API, please keep PWRKEY at high level after the execution of power off command. Otherwise the module will turn on again after successfully turn-off.

3.7.3. Reset The Module

The RESET_N can be used to reset the module. The module can be reset by driving the RESET_N to a low level voltage for time between 150ms and 460ms. As the RESET_N pin is sensitive to interference, the routing trace on the interface board of the module is recommended to be as short as possible and totally ground shielded.

Table 9: RESET_N Pin Description

Pin Name	Pin No.	Description	DC Characteristics	Comment
RESET_N	20	Reset the module	$V_{IHmax}=2.1V$ $V_{IHmin}=1.3V$ $V_{ILmax}=0.5V$	Pull-up to 1.8V internally. Active low.

The recommended circuit is similar to the PWRKEY control circuit. An open drain/collector driver or button can be used to control the RESET_N.

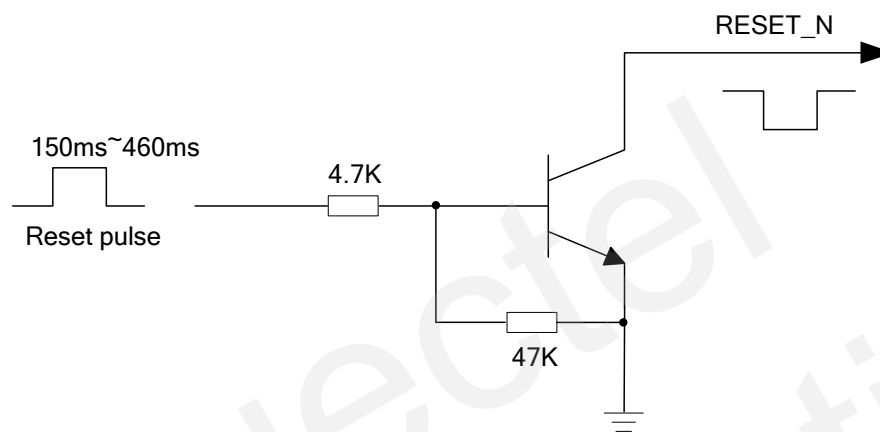


Figure 14: Reference Circuit of RESET_N by Using Driving Circuit

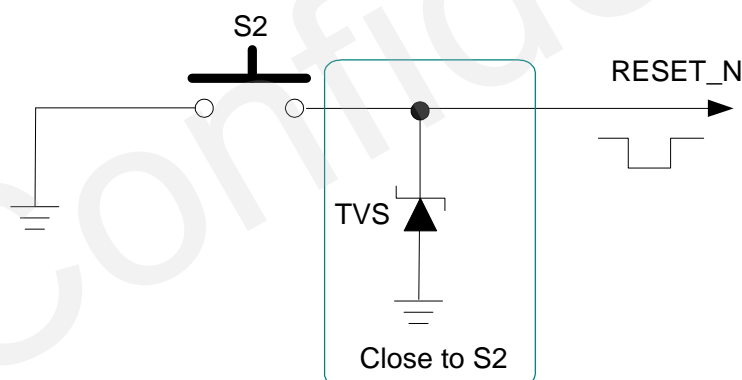


Figure 15: Reference Circuit of RESET_N by Using Button

The reset scenario is illustrated in the following figure.

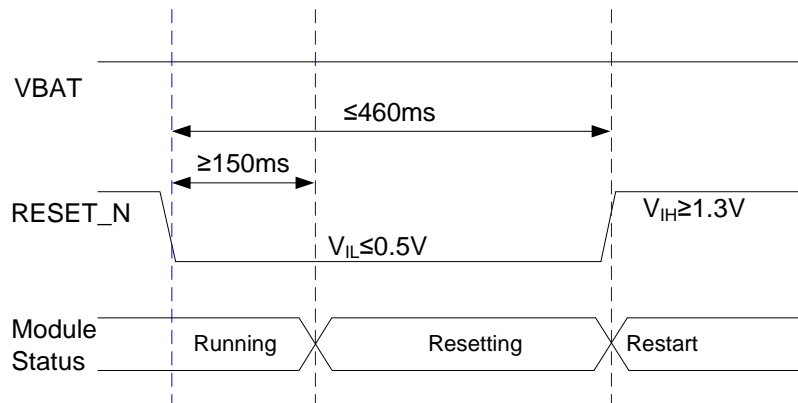


Figure 16: Timing of Resetting Module

NOTES

1. Use RESET_N only when turning off the module by AT command, API interface and PWRKEY pin are all failed.
2. Please assure that there is no large capacitance on PWRKEY and RESET_N pins.

3.8. USIM Card Interface

The USIM card interface circuitry meets ETSI and IMT-2000 SIM interface requirements. Both 1.8V and 3.0V USIM cards are supported.

Table 10: Pin Definition of the USIM Card Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	Comment
USIM_VDD	14	PO	Power supply for USIM card	Either 1.8V or 3.0V is supported by the module automatically.
USIM_DATA	15	IO	Data signal of USIM card	
USIM_CLK	16	DO	Clock signal of USIM card	
USIM_RST	17	DO	Reset signal of USIM card	
USIM_PRESENCE	13	DI	USIM card insertion detection	
USIM_GND	10		Specified ground for USIM card	

EC21-QuecOpen supports USIM card hot-plug via the USIM_PRESENCE pin. The function supports low level and high level detections, and is disabled by default. Please refer to **document [2]** about **AT+QSIMDET** command.

The following figure shows a reference design for USIM card interface with an 8-pin USIM card connector.

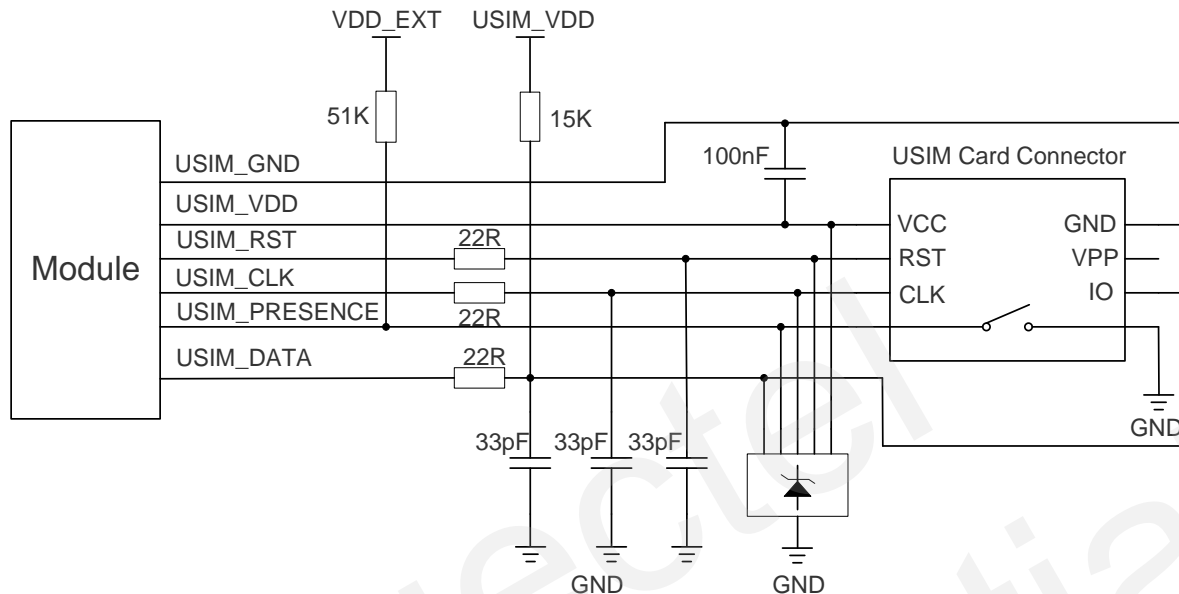


Figure 17: Reference Circuit of USIM Card Interface with an 8-Pin USIM Card Connector

If USIM card detection function is not needed, then USIM_PRESENCE can be used for other function. Please refer to **Table 4** for more details. A reference circuit for USIM card interface with a 6-pin USIM card connector is illustrated in the following figure.

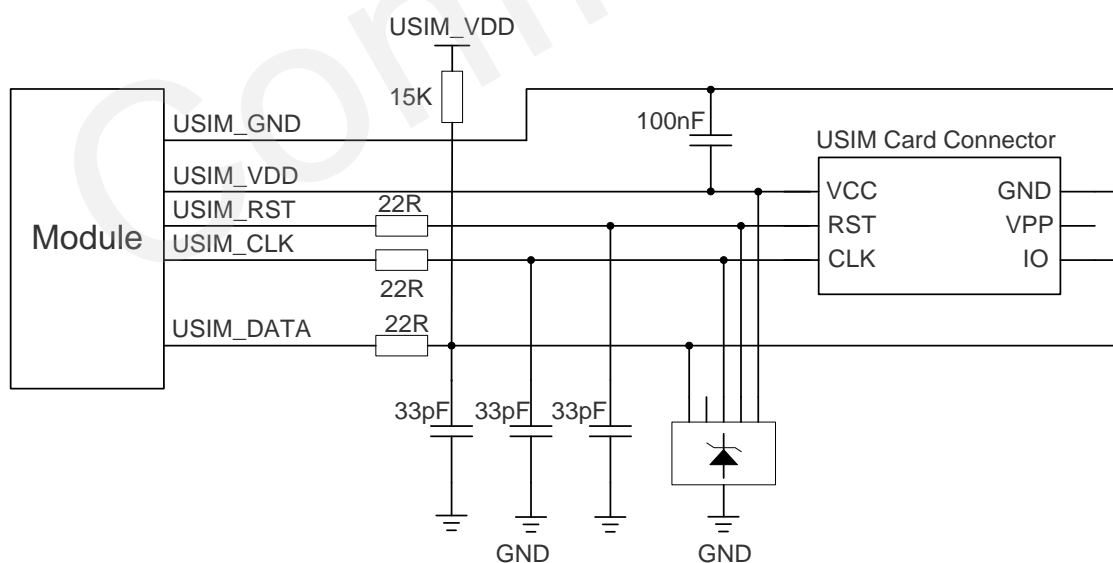


Figure 18: Reference Circuit of USIM Card Interface with a 6-Pin USIM Card Connector

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. Keep the trace length as less than 200mm as possible.
- Keep USIM card signals away from RF and VBAT trace.
- Assure the ground between the module and the USIM card connector short and wide. Keep the trace width of ground and USIM_VDD no less than 0.5mm to maintain the same electric potential.
- To avoid cross-talk between USIM_DATA and USIM_CLK, keep them away from each other and shield them with surrounded ground.
- In order to offer good ESD protection, it is recommended to add a TVS diode array whose parasitic capacitance should not be more than 50pF. The 22 ohm resistors should be added in series between the module and the USIM card so as to suppress EMI spurious transmission and enhance ESD protection. The 33pF capacitors are used for filtering interference of GSM900. Please note that the USIM peripheral circuit should be close to the USIM card connector.
- 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 USIM card connector.

3.9. USB Interface

EC21-QuecOpen contains one integrated Universal Serial Bus (USB) transceiver which complies with the USB 2.0 specification and supports high-speed (480Mbps) and full-speed (12Mbps) modes. The USB interface is used for AT command communication, data transmission, GNSS NMEA sentences output, software debugging, firmware upgrade and voice over USB*. The following table shows the pin definition of USB interface.

Table 11: Pin Description of USB Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	Comment
USB Signal Part				
USB_DP	69	IO	USB differential data bus (positive)	Require differential impedance of 90Ω
USB_DM	70	IO	USB differential data bus (minus)	
USB_VBUS	71	PI	Used for detecting the USB connection	Typical 5.0V
GND	72		Ground	

For more details about the USB 2.0 specifications, please visit <http://www.usb.org/home>.

The USB interface is recommended to be reserved for firmware upgrade in your design. The following figure shows a reference circuit of USB interface.

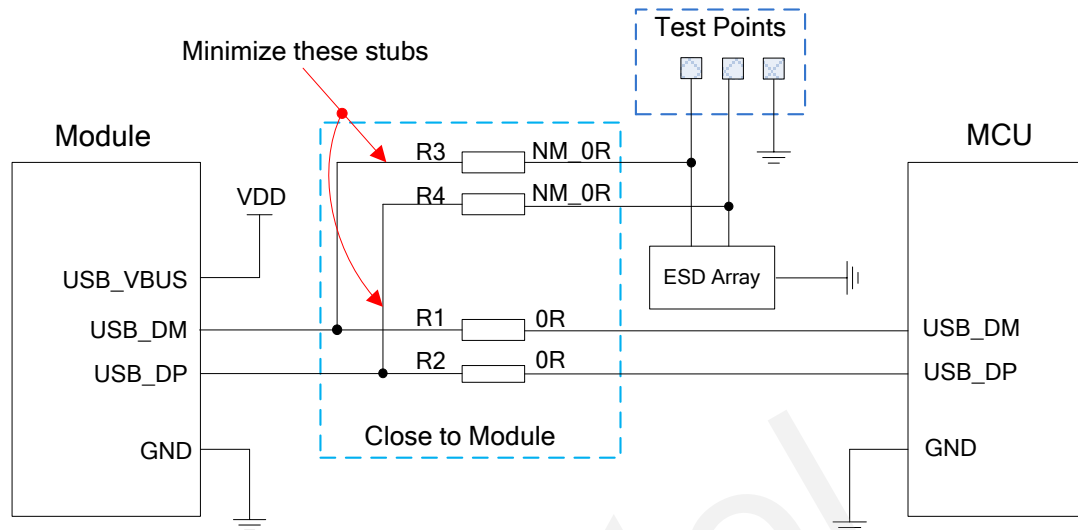


Figure 19: Reference Circuit of USB Application

In order to ensure the integrity of USB data line signal, components R1, R2, R3 and R4 must be placed close to the module, and also these resistors should be placed close to each other. The extra stubs of trace must be as short as possible.

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 90 ohm.
- 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 on not only upper and lower layers but also right and left sides.
- Pay attention to the influence of junction capacitance of ESD protection components on USB data lines. Typically, the capacitance value should be less than 2pF.
- Keep the ESD protection components as close to the USB connector as possible.

NOTES

1. EC21-QuecOpen module can only be used as a slave device and does not support OTG.
2. “*” means under development.

3.10. UART Interfaces

The module provides four UART interfaces: Main UART, Debug UART, UART1 and UART2. UART1 has the same function as UART2. Both of them support RTS/CTS, and can be used for communication with peripherals. UART1's RTS/CTS are multiplexed with I2C, and UART2 is multiplexed with SPI.

The following are the features of these UART interfaces.

- The Main UART interface supports 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400, 460800, 921600 and 3000000bps baud rates, and the default is 115200bps. It supports RTS and CTS hardware flow control, and it is used for AT command communication only.
- The Debug UART interface supports 115200bps baud rate. It is used for Linux console and log output.
- The UART1 interface supports 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400, 460800, 921600 and 3000000bps baud rates, and the default is 115200bps. It supports RTS and CTS hardware flow control, and it is used for communication and data transmission with peripherals.
- The UART2 interface supports 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400, 460800, 921600 and 3000000bps baud rates, and the default is 115200bps. It supports RTS and CTS hardware flow control, and it is used for communication and data transmission with peripherals.

The following tables show the pin definition of the four UART interfaces.

Table 12: Pin Definition of the Main UART Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	Comment
MAIN_CTS	64	DO	Clear to send	1.8V power domain
MAIN_RTS	65	DI	Request to send	1.8V power domain
MAIN_TXD	67	DO	Transmit data	1.8V power domain
MAIN_RXD	68	DI	Receive data	1.8V power domain

Table 13: Pin Definition of the Debug UART Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	Comment
DBG_TXD	12	DO	Transmit data	1.8V power domain
DBG_RXD	11	DI	Receive data	1.8V power domain

Table 14: Pin Definition of the UART1 Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description		
			Alternate function 1 (Default)	Alternate function 2	Alternate function 3
I2C_SCL	41	OD	I2C_SCL_BLSP2	GPIO_7	UART_CTS_BLSP2
I2C_SDA	42	OD	I2C_SDA_BLSP2	GPIO_6	UART_RTS_BLSP2
UART1_TXD	63	DO	UART_TXD_BLSP2	GPIO_4	UART_TXD_BLSP2
UART1_RXD	66	DI	UART_RXD_BLSP2	GPIO_5	UART_RXD_BLSP2

Table 15: Pin Definition of the UART2 Interface (Multiplexed with SPI)

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description		
			Alternate function 1 (Default)	Alternate function 2	Alternate function 3
SPI_CS_N	37	DO	SPI_CS_N_BLSP6	GPIO_22	UART_RTS_BLSP6
SPI_MOSI	38	DO	SPI_MOSI_BLSP6	GPIO_20	UART_TXD_BLSP6
SPI_MISO	39	DI	SPI_MISO_BLSP6	GPIO_21	UART_RXD_BLSP6
SPI_CLK	40	DO	SPI_CLK_BLSP6	GPIO_23	UART_CTS_BLSP6

NOTE

The non-default alternate functions mentioned in the above two tables take effect only after software configuration. Please refer to corresponding chapters for details.

The logic levels of the four UART interfaces are described in the table below.

Table 16: Logic Levels of Digital I/O

Parameter	Min.	Max.	Unit
V_{IL}	-0.3	0.6	V
V_{IH}	1.2	2.0	V
V_{OL}	0	0.45	V
V_{OH}	1.35	1.8	V

The module provides 1.8V UART interfaces. A level translator should be used if your application is equipped with a 3.3V UART interface. A level translator TXS0104EPWR provided by Texas Instrument is recommended. The following figure shows a reference design.

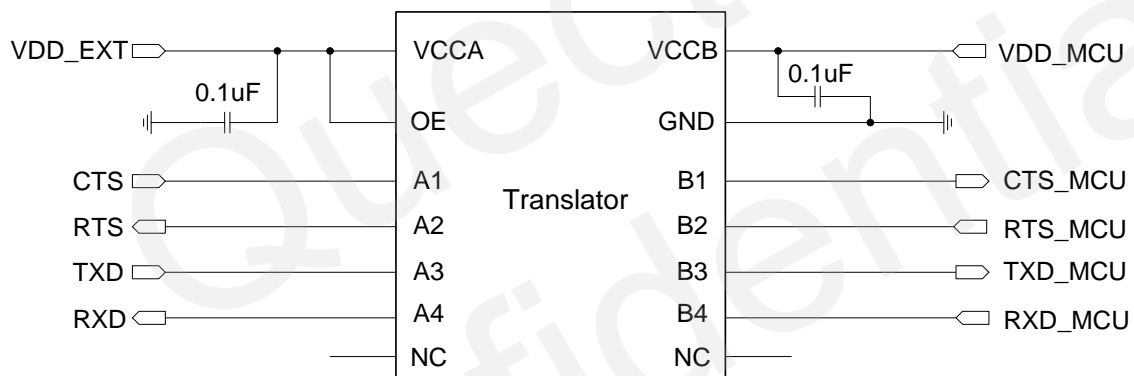


Figure 20: Reference Circuit with Translator Chip

Please visit <http://www.ti.com> for more information.

Another example with transistor translation circuit is shown as below. The circuit design of dotted line section can refer to the design of solid line section, in terms of both module input and output circuit designs, but please pay attention to the direction of connection.

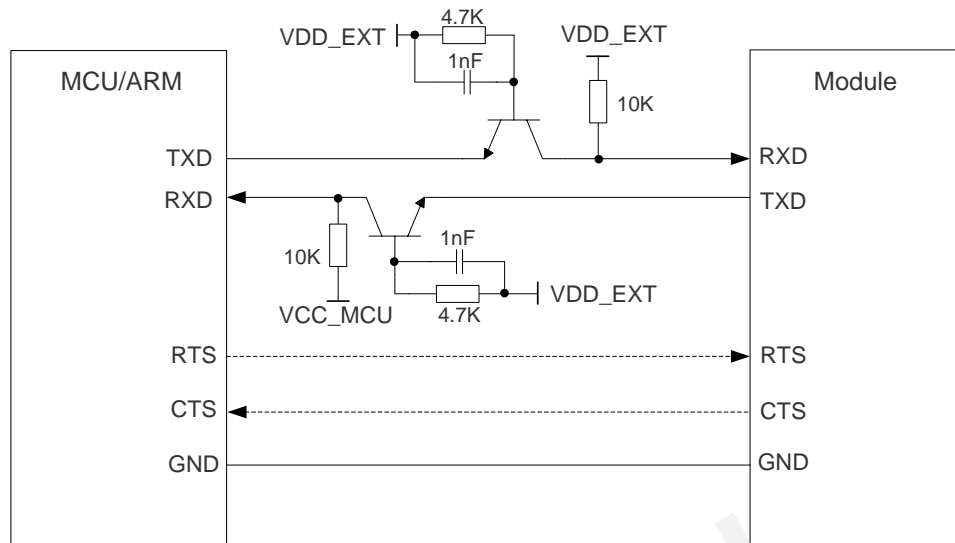


Figure 21: Reference Circuit with Transistor Circuit

NOTE

Transistor circuit solution is not suitable for applications with high baud rates exceeding 460Kbps.

3.11. PCM and I2C Interfaces

EC21-QuecOpen provides one Pulse Code Modulation (PCM) digital interface for audio design, which supports the following modes:

- Primary mode (short frame synchronization, works as both master and slave)
- Auxiliary mode (long frame synchronization, 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 128, 256, 512, 1024 and 2048kHz for different speech codecs.

In auxiliary mode, the data is sampled on the falling edge of the PCM_CLK and transmitted on the rising edge. 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.

EC21-QuecOpen supports 8-bit A-law* and μ -law*, and also 16-bit linear data formats. The following figures show the primary mode's timing relationship with 8kHz PCM_SYNC and 2048kHz PCM_CLK, as well as the auxiliary mode's timing relationship with 8kHz PCM_SYNC and 128kHz PCM_CLK.

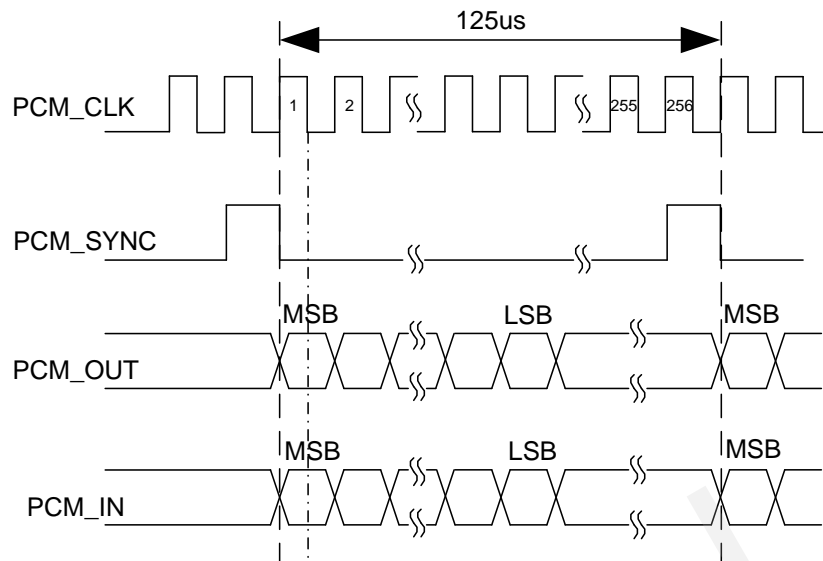


Figure 22: Primary Mode Timing

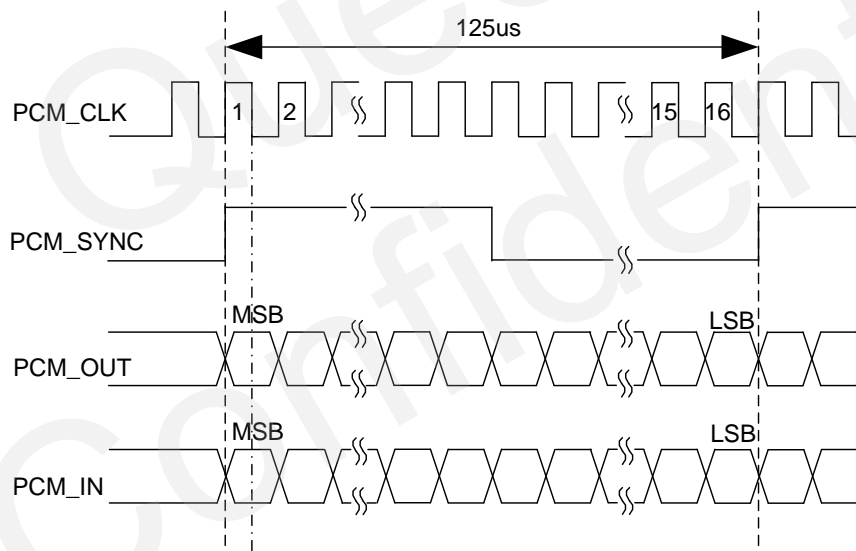


Figure 23: Auxiliary Mode Timing

The following table shows the pin definition of PCM and I2C interfaces which can be applied on audio codec design.

Table 17: Pin Definition of PCM

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description		
			Alternate Function1(Default)	Alternate Function 2	Alternate Function 3
PCM_IN	24	DI	PCM_IN	GPIO_76	
PCM_OUT	25	DO	PCM_OUT	GPIO_77	
PCM_SYNC	26	IO	PCM_SYNC	GPIO_79	
PCM_CLK	27	IO	PCM_CLK	GPIO_78	

Table 18: Pin Definition of I2C Interfaces

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description		
			Alternate Function 1(Default)	Alternate Function 2	Alternate Function 3
I2C_SCL	41	OD	I2C_SCL_BLSP2	GPIO_7	UART_CTS_BLSP2
I2C_SDA	42	OD	I2C_SDA_BLSP2	GPIO_6	UART_RTS_BLSP2

NOTES

- For more details about non-default alternate functions for the pins mentioned in the above two tables, please refer to corresponding chapters.
- "*" means under development.

Clock and mode can be configured by AT command, and the default configuration is master mode using short frame synchronization format with 2048kHz PCM_CLK and 8kHz PCM_SYNC. Please refer to **document [2]** about **AT+QDAI** command for details.

The following figure shows a reference design of PCM interface with an external codec IC.

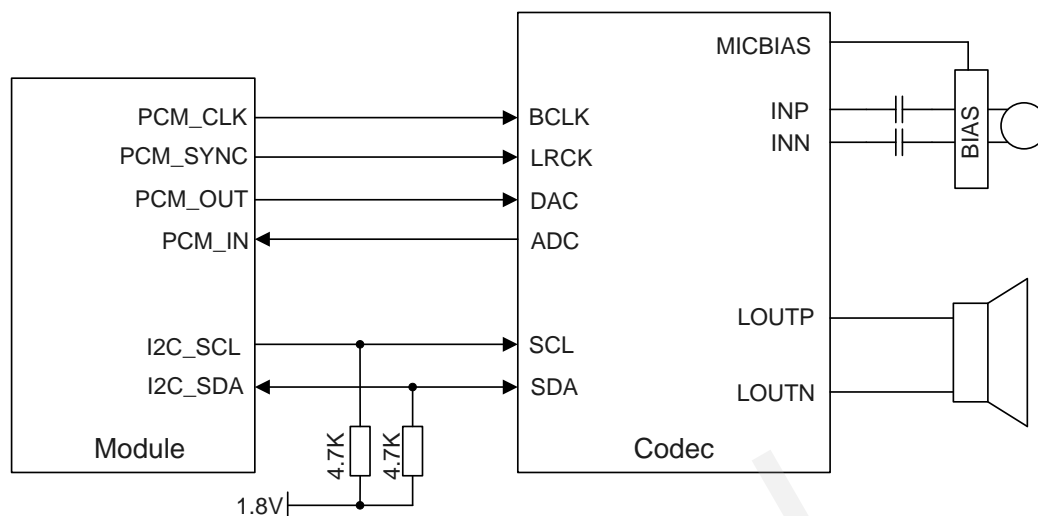


Figure 24: Reference Circuit of PCM Application with Audio Codec

NOTES

1. It is recommended to reserve an RC (R=22ohm, C=22pF) circuit on the PCM lines, especially for PCM_CLK.
2. EC21-QuecOpen works as a master device pertaining to I2C interface.

3.12. SD Card Interface

EC21-QuecOpen provides one SD card interface which supports SD 3.0 protocol. The following tables show the pin definition.

Table 19: Pin Definition of the SD Card Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description			Comment
			Alternate function 1 (Default)	Alternate function 2	Alternate function 3	
SDC2_DATA3	28	IO	SDC2_DATA3			
SDC2_DATA2	29	IO	SDC2_DATA2			

SDC2_DATA1	30	IO	SDC2_DATA1	
SDC2_DATA0	31	IO	SDC2_DATA0	
SDC2_CLK	32	DO	SDC2_CLK	
SDC2_CMD	33	IO	SDC2_CMD	
VDD_SDIO	34	PO	VDD_SDIO	1.8V/2.85V configurable output. Cannot be used for SD card power supply.
SD_INS_DET	23	DI	SD_INS_DET	GPIO_26

NOTE

For more details about non-default alternate functions for the pins mentioned in the above table, please refer to corresponding chapters.

The following figure shows a reference design of SD card interface.

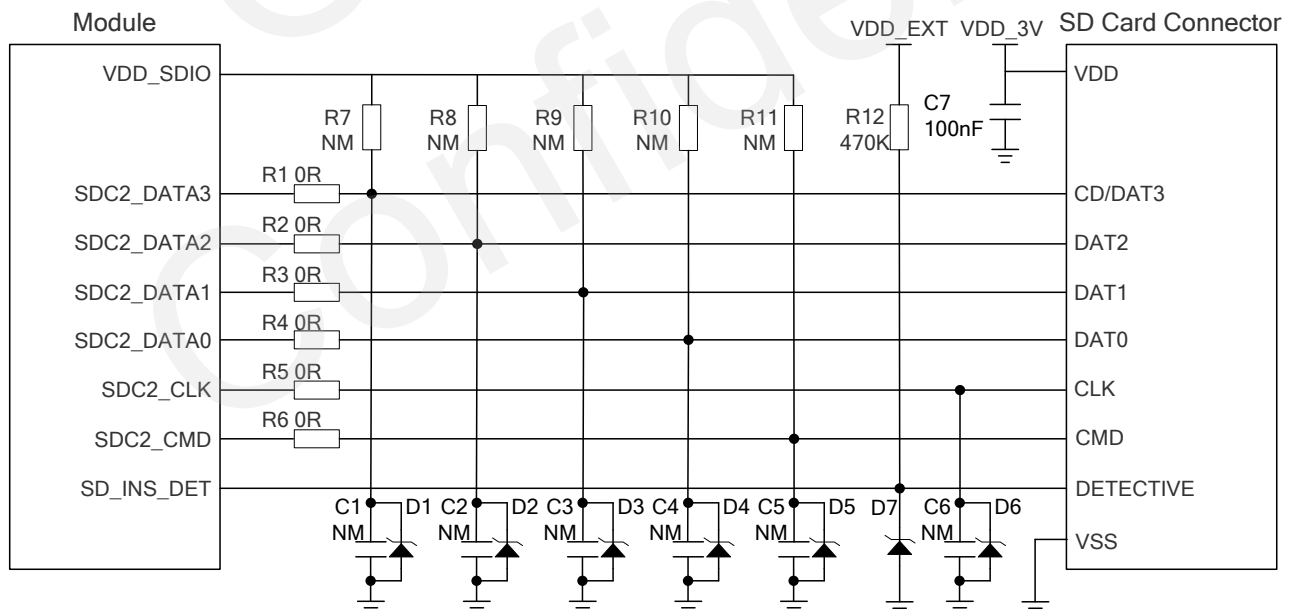


Figure 25: Reference Circuit of SD Card Application

Please follow the principles below in the SD card circuit design:

- The voltage range of SD card power supply VDD_3V is 2.7~3.6V and a sufficient current up to 0.8A should be provided. As the maximum output current of VDD_SDIO is 50mA which can only be used for SDIO pull-up resistors, an externally power supply is needed for SD card.
- To maximally limit the surge current caused by SD card insertion, the bypass capacitor (C7) of SD card power source should not exceed 5uF.
- To avoid jitter of bus, resistors R7~R11 are needed to pull up the SDIO to VDD_SDIO. Value of these resistors is among 10~100kohm and the recommended value is 100kohm. For EC21-QuecOpen module, these resistors can be not mounted.
- In order to improve signal quality, it is recommended to add 0 ohm resistors R1~R6 in series between the module and the SD card. The bypass capacitors C1~C6 are reserved with no mounting by default. All resistors and bypass capacitors should be placed close to the module.
- In order to offer good ESD protection, it is recommended to add TVS on SD card pins.
- The load capacitance of SDIO bus should be less than 40pF.
- It is important to route the SDIO signal traces with total grounding. The impedance of SDIO data trace is 50 ohm ($\pm 10\%$).
- Keep SDIO signals far away from other sensitive circuits/signals such as RF circuits, analog signals, etc., as well as noisy signals such as clock signals, DCDC signals, etc.
- It is recommended to keep the trace length difference between CLK and DATA/CMD less than 1mm and the total routing length less than 50mm. The total trace length inside the module is 27mm, so the exterior total trace length should be less than 23mm.
- Make sure the adjacent trace spacing is two times of the trace width and the bus capacitance is less than 40pF.

3.13. SPI Interface

EC21-QuecOpen provides one SPI interface which supports only master mode with a maximum clock frequency up to 50MHz.

The following table shows the pin definition.

Table 20: Pin Definition of the SPI Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description		
			Alternate function 1 (Default)	Alternate function 2	Alternate function 3
SPI_CS_N	37	DO	SPI_CS_N_BLSP6	GPIO_22	UART_RTS_BLSP6
SPI_MOSI	38	DO	SPI_MOSI_BLSP6	GPIO_20	UART_TXD_BLSP6

SPI_MISO	39	DI	SPI_MISO_BLSP6	GPIO_21	UART_RXD_BLSP6
SPI_CLK	40	DO	SPI_CLK_BLSP6	GPIO_23	UART_CTS_BLSP6

NOTE

For more details about non-default alternate functions for the pins mentioned in the above table, please refer to corresponding chapters.

The following figure shows the timing relationship of SPI interface. The related parameters of SPI timing is shown in the table below.

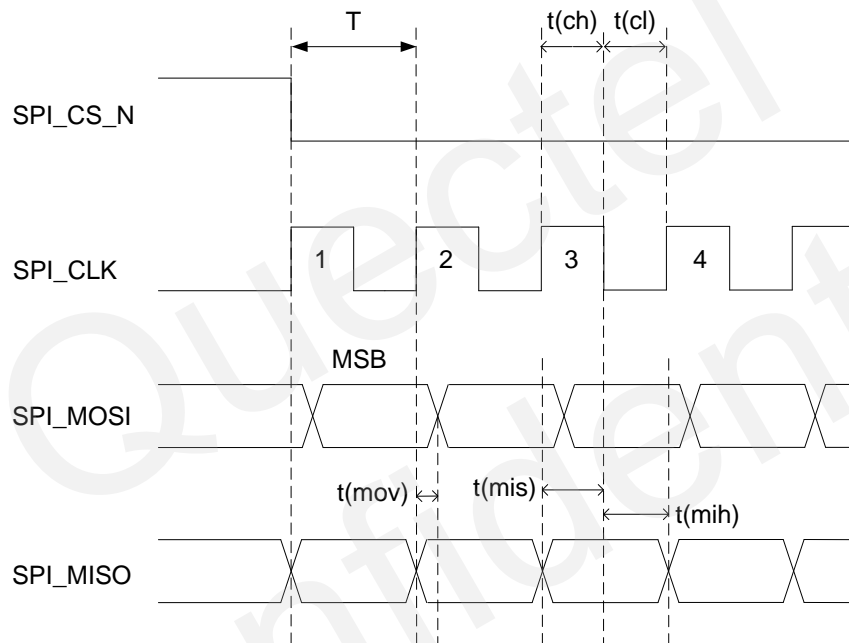


Figure 26: SPI Timing

Table 21: Parameters of SPI Interface Timing

Parameter	Description	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
T	SPI clock period	20.0	-	-	ns
t(ch)	SPI clock high level time	9.0	-	-	ns
t(cl)	SPI clock low level time	9.0	-	-	ns

t(mov)	SPI master data output valid time	-5.0	-	5.0	ns
t(mis)	SPI master data input setup time	5.0	-	-	ns
t(mih)	SPI master data input hold time	1.0	-	-	ns

NOTE

The module provides 1.8V SPI interface. A level translator should be used between the module and the host if customer's application is equipped with a 3.3V processor or device interface.

3.14. Wireless Connectivity Interfaces

EC21-QuecOpen provides an SDIO 3.0 interface with low power consumption for WLAN function, and UART & PCM interfaces for BT function.

The following table shows the pin definition of wireless connectivity interfaces.

Table 22: Pin Definition of Wireless Connectivity Interfaces

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description		
Power Part			Alternate Function 1 (Default)	Alternate Function 2	Alternate Function 3
PM_ENABLE	127	DO	PM_ENABLE		
WLAN Part					
SDC1_DATA3	129	IO	SDC1_DATA3	GPIO_12	
SDC1_DATA2	130	IO	SDC1_DATA2	GPIO_13	
SDC1_DATA1	131	IO	SDC1_DATA1	GPIO_14	
SDC1_DATA0	132	IO	SDC1_DATA0	GPIO_15	
SDC1_CLK	133	DO	SDC1_CLK	GPIO_16	
SDC1_CMD	134	IO	SDC1_CMD	GPIO_17	
WLAN_EN	136	DO	WLAN_EN	GPIO_38	

WLAN_SLP_CLK	118	DO	WLAN_SLP_CLK		
WAKE_WLAN	135	DI	WAKE_WLAN	GPIO_59	
Coexistence Part					
COEX_UART_RXD	137	DI	COEX_UART_RXD	GPIO_37	
COEX_UART_TXD	138	DO	COEX_UART_TXD	GPIO_36	
BT Part*					
BT_EN*	139	DO	BT_EN*		
SPI_CS_N	37	DO	SPI_CS_N_BLSP6	GPIO_22	UART_RTS_BLSP6
SPI_MOSI	38	DO	SPI_MOSI_BLSP6	GPIO_20	UART_TXD_BLSP6
SPI_MISO	39	DI	SPI_MISO_BLSP6	GPIO_21	UART_RXD_BLSP6
SPI_CLK	40	DO	SPI_CLK_BLSP6	GPIO_23	UART_CTS_BLSP6
PCM_IN	24	DI	PCM_IN	GPIO_76	
PCM_OUT	25	DO	PCM_OUT	GPIO_77	
PCM_SYNC	26	IO	PCM_SYNC	GPIO_79	
PCM_CLK	27	IO	PCM_CLK	GPIO_78	

NOTES

1. For more details about non-default alternate functions for the pins mentioned in the above table, please refer to corresponding chapters.
2. When WLAN or BT function is used, the coexistence part mentioned in the above table must be used simultaneously.
3. "*" means under development.

The following figure shows a reference design for the connection between wireless connectivity interfaces and Quectel FC20 module.

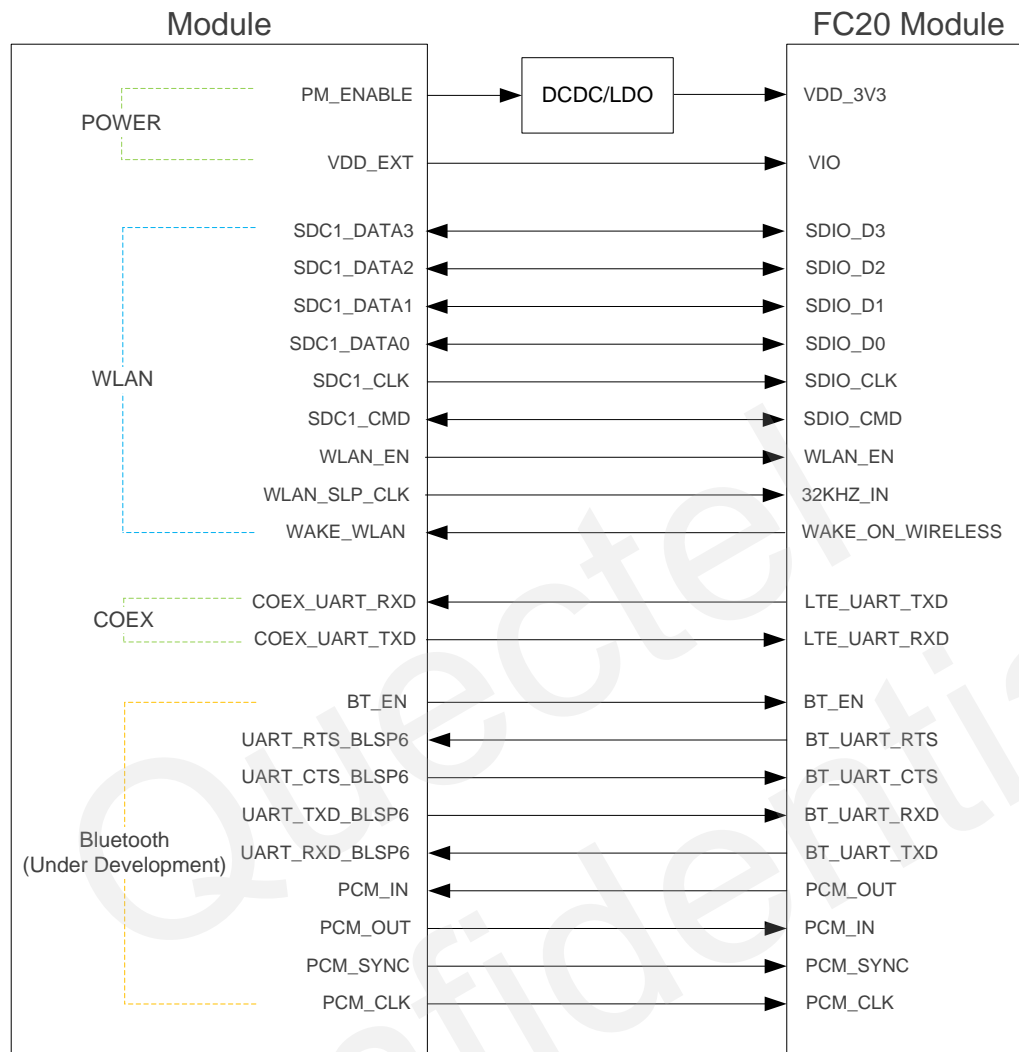


Figure 27: Reference Circuit of Wireless Connectivity Interfaces with FC20 Module

NOTES

1. FC20 module can only be used as a slave device.
2. When BT function is enabled on EC21-QuecOpen module, PCM_SYNC and PCM_CLK pins are only used to output signals.
3. For more information about wireless connectivity interfaces application, please refer to **document [5]**.

3.14.1. WLAN Interface

EC21-QuecOpen provides a low power SDIO 3.0 interface and a control interface for WLAN design.

SDIO interface supports the following modes:

- Single data rate (SDR) mode (up to 200MHz)
- Double data rate (DDR) mode (up to 52MHz)

As SDIO signals are very high-speed signals, in order to ensure the SDIO interface design corresponds with the SDIO 3.0 specification, please comply with the following principles:

- It is important to route the SDIO signal traces with total grounding. The impedance of SDIO signal trace is 50 ohm ($\pm 10\%$).
- Keep SDIO signals far away from other sensitive circuits/signals such as RF circuits, analog signals, etc., as well as noisy signals such as clock signals, DCDC signals, etc.
- It is recommended to keep the trace length difference between CLK and DATA/CMD less than 1mm and the total routing length less than 50mm.
- Keep termination resistors within 15~24 ohm on clock lines near the module and keep the route distance from the module clock pins to termination resistors less than 5mm.
- Make sure the adjacent trace spacing is two times of the trace width and the bus capacitance is less than 15pF.

3.14.2. BT Interface*

More information about BT interface will be added in the future version of this document.

NOTE

“*” means under development.

3.15. ADC Function

The module provides two analog-to-digital converters (ADC). **AT+QADC=0** command can be used to read the voltage value on ADC0 pin. **AT+QADC=1** command can be used to read the voltage value on ADC1 pin. For more details about these AT commands, please refer to **document [2]**.

In order to improve the accuracy of ADC, the trace of ADC should be surrounded by ground.

Table 23: Pin Definition of the ADC

Pin Name	Pin No.	Description
ADC0	45	General purpose analog to digital converter
ADC1	44	General purpose analog to digital converter

The following table describes the characteristic of the ADC function.

Table 24: Characteristic of the ADC

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
ADC0 Voltage Range	0.3		VBAT_BB	V
ADC1 Voltage Range	0.3		VBAT_BB	V
ADC Resolution		15		bits

NOTES

1. ADC input voltage must not exceed VBAT_BB.
2. It is prohibited to supply any voltage to ADC pins when VBAT is removed.
3. It is recommended to use resistor divider circuit for ADC application.

3.16. Network Status Indication

EC21-QuecOpen provides one network indication pin: NET_STATUS. The pin is used to drive a network status indication LED.

The following tables describe the pin definition and logic level changes of NET_STATUS in different network status.

Table 25: Pin Definition of Network Status Indicator

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	Comment
NET_STATUS	6	DO	Indicate the module's network activity status.	1.8V power domain

Table 26: Working State of the Network Status Indicator

Pin Name	Indicator Status (Logic Level Changes)	Network Status
NET_STATUS	Flicker slowly (200ms High/1800ms Low)	Network searching
	Flicker slowly (1800ms High/200ms Low)	Idle
	Flicker quickly (125ms High/125ms Low)	Data transfer is ongoing
	Always High	Voice calling

A reference circuit is shown in the following figure.

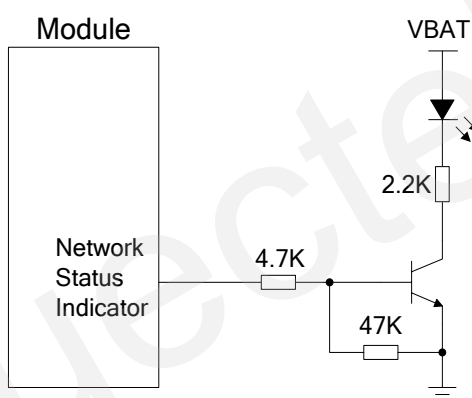


Figure 28: Reference Circuit of the Network Status Indicator

3.17. STATUS

The STATUS pin is an open drain output for indicating the module's operation status. It can be connected to a GPIO of DTE with a pulled up resistor, or as LED indication circuit as below. When the module is turned on normally, the STATUS will present the low state. Otherwise, the STATUS will present high-impedance state.

Table 27: Pin Definition of STATUS

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	Comment
STATUS	61	OD	Indicate the module's operation status	Require external pull-up

The following figure shows different circuit designs of STATUS, and customers can choose either one according to specific application demands.

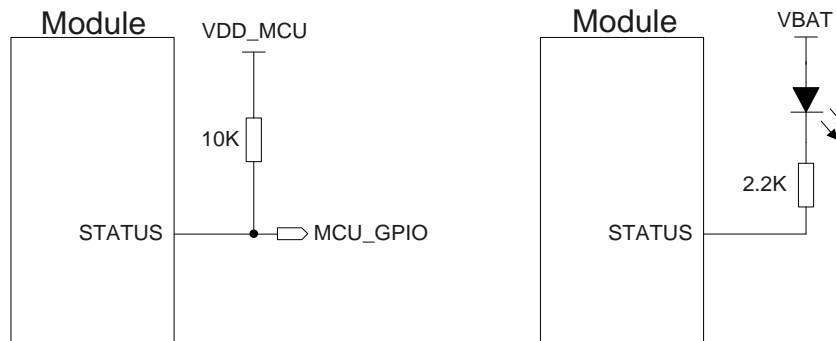


Figure 29: Reference Circuits of STATUS

3.18. USB_BOOT Interface

EC21-QuecOpen provides a USB_BOOT pin. Developers can pull up the USB_BOOT to VDD_EXT before powering on the module, thus the module will enter into forced download mode when it is powered on. In this mode, the module supports firmware upgrade over USB interface.

Table 28: Pin Definition of USB_BOOT Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	Comment
USB_BOOT	115	DI	Force the module to boot from USB port	1.8V power domain. Active high. If unused, keep it open.

The following figure shows a reference circuit of USB_BOOT interface.

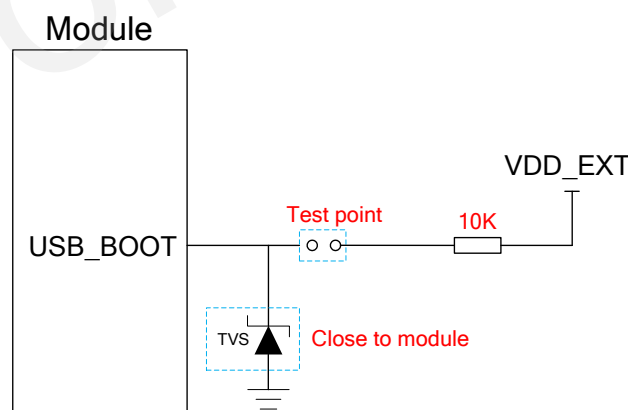


Figure 30: Reference Circuit of USB_BOOT Interface

4 GNSS Receiver

4.1. General Description

EC21-QuecOpen includes a fully integrated global navigation satellite system solution that supports Gen8C-Lite of Qualcomm (GPS, GLONASS, BeiDou, Galileo and QZSS).

EC21-QuecOpen supports standard NMEA-0183 protocol, and outputs NMEA sentences at 1Hz data update rate via USB interface by default.

By default, GNSS engine of the module is switched off. It has to be switched on via AT command. For more details about GNSS engine technology and configurations, please refer to **document [3]**.

4.2. GNSS Performance

The following table shows GNSS performance of EC21-QuecOpen.

Table 29: GNSS Performance

Parameter	Description	Conditions	Typ.	Unit
Sensitivity (GNSS)	Cold start	Autonomous	-146	dBm
	Reacquisition	Autonomous	-157	dBm
	Tracking	Autonomous	-157	dBm
TTFF (GNSS)	Cold start @open sky	Autonomous	35	s
		XTRA enabled	18	s
	Warm start @open sky	Autonomous	26	s
		XTRA enabled	2.2	s
	Hot start	Autonomous	2.5	s

	@open sky	XTRA enabled	1.8	s
Accuracy (GNSS)	CEP-50	Autonomous @open sky	<1.5	m

NOTES

1. Tracking sensitivity: the lowest GNSS signal value at the antenna port on which the module can keep on positioning for 3 minutes.
2. Reacquisition sensitivity: the lowest GNSS signal value at the antenna port on which the module can fix position again within 3 minutes after loss of lock.
3. Cold start sensitivity: the lowest GNSS signal value at the antenna port on which the module fixes position within 3 minutes after executing cold start command.

4.3. Layout Guidelines

The following layout guidelines should be taken into account in your design.

- Maximize the distance among GNSS antenna, main antenna and Rx-diversity antenna.
- Digital circuits such as USIM card, USB interface, camera module, display connector and SD card should be kept away from the antennas.
- Use ground vias around the GNSS trace and sensitive analog signal traces to provide coplanar isolation and protection.
- Keep 50 ohm characteristic impedance for the ANT_GNSS trace.

Please refer to **Chapter 5** for GNSS antenna reference design and antenna installation information.

5 Antenna Interfaces

EC21-QuecOpen include a main antenna interface, an Rx-diversity antenna interface which is used to resist the fall of signals caused by high speed movement and multipath effect, and a GNSS antenna interface. The antenna interfaces have an impedance of 50 ohm.

5.1. Main/Rx-diversity Antenna Interface

5.1.1. Pin Definition

The pin definition of main antenna and Rx-diversity antenna interfaces are shown below.

Table 30: Pin Definition of the RF Antenna

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	Comment
ANT_MAIN	49	IO	Main antenna pad	50 ohm impedance
ANT_DIV	35	AI	Receive diversity antenna pad	50 ohm impedance

5.1.2. Operating Frequency

Table 31: Module Operating Frequencies

3GPP Band	Transmit	Receive	Unit
B1	1920~1980	2110~2170	MHz
B2 (1900)	1850~1910	1930~1990	MHz
B3 (1800)	1710~1785	1805~1880	MHz
B4	1710~1755	2110~2155	MHz
B5 (850)	824~849	869~894	MHz
B7	2500~2570	2620~2690	MHz

B8 (900)	880~915	925~960	MHz
B12	699~716	729~746	MHz
B13	777~787	746~756	MHz
B18	815~830	860~875	MHz
B19	830~845	875~890	MHz
B20	832~862	791~821	MHz
B26	814~849	859~894	MHz
B28	703~748	758~803	MHz
B40	2300~2400	2300~2400	MHz
B41	2555~2655	2555~2655	MHz

5.1.3. Reference Design of RF Antenna Interface

A reference design of ANT_MAIN and ANT_DIV antenna pads is shown as below. It should reserve a π -type matching circuit for better RF performance. The capacitors are not mounted by default.

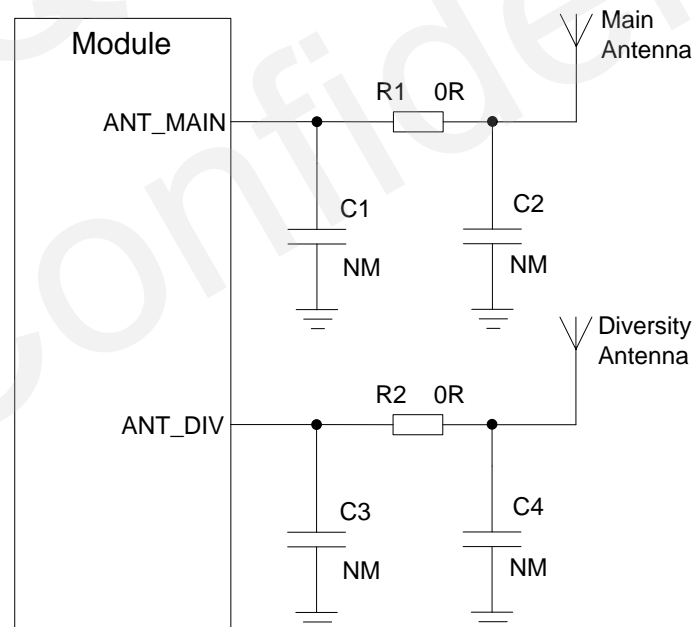


Figure 31: Reference Circuit of RF Antenna Interface

NOTES

1. Keep a proper distance between the main antenna and the Rx-diversity antenna to improve the receiving sensitivity.
2. ANT_DIV function is enabled by default. **AT+QCFG="diversity",0** command can be used to disable receive diversity. Please refer to **document [2]** for details.
3. Place the π -type matching components (R1/C1/C2, R2/C3/C4) as close to the antenna as possible.

5.1.4. Reference Design of RF Layout

For user's PCB, the characteristic impedance of all RF traces should be controlled as 50 ohm. The impedance of the RF traces is determined by the trace width (W), the materials' dielectric constant, the distance between signal layer and reference ground (H), and the clearance between RF trace and ground (S). Microstrip line or coplanar waveguide line is typically used in RF layout for characteristic impedance control. The following are reference designs of microstrip line or coplanar waveguide line with difference PCB structures.

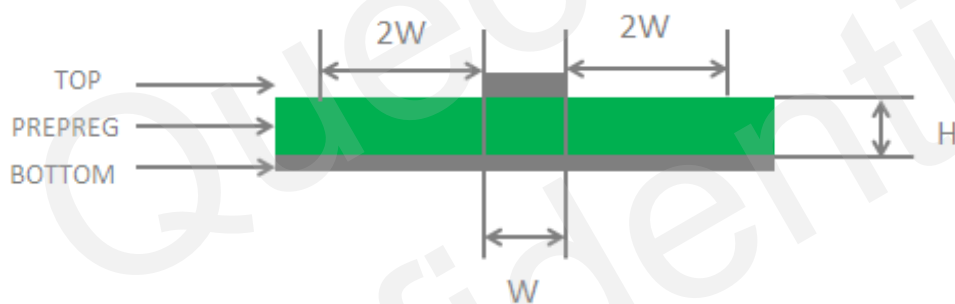


Figure 32: Microstrip Line Design on a 2-layer PCB

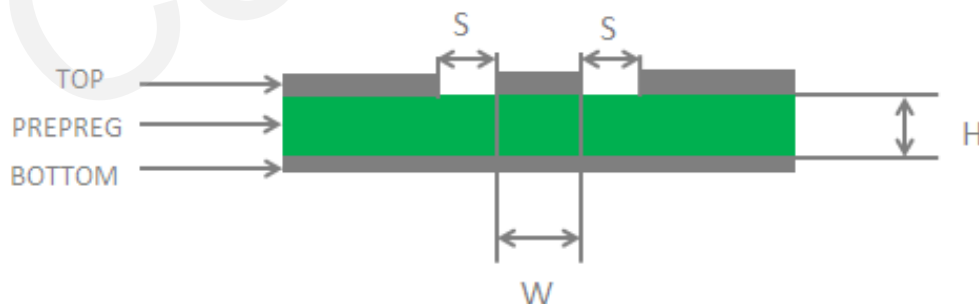


Figure 33: Coplanar Waveguide Line Design on a 2-layer PCB

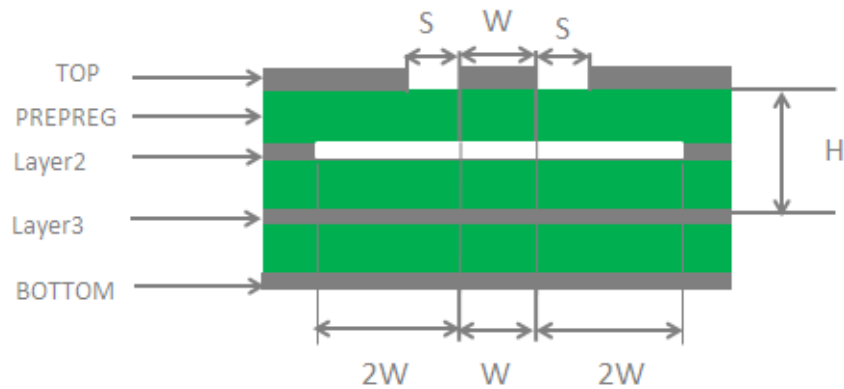


Figure 34: Coplanar Waveguide Line Design on a 4-layer PCB (Layer 3 as Reference Ground)

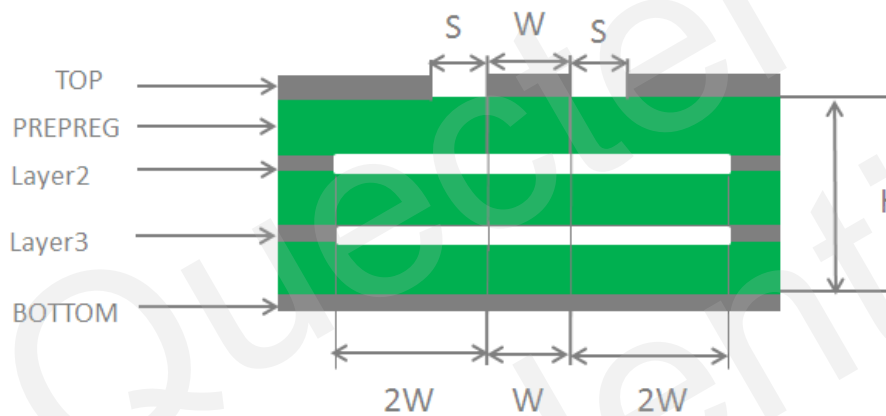


Figure 35: Coplanar Waveguide Line Design on a 4-layer PCB (Layer 4 as Reference Ground)

In order to ensure RF performance and reliability, the following principles should be complied with in RF layout design:

- Use impedance simulation tool to control the characteristic impedance of RF traces as 50 ohm.
- The GND pins adjacent to RF pins should not be hot welded, and should be fully connected to ground.
- The distance between the RF pins and the RF connector should be as short as possible, and all the right angle traces should be changed to curved ones.
- There should be clearance area under the signal pin of the antenna connector or solder joint.
- The reference ground of RF traces should be complete. Meanwhile, adding some ground vias around RF traces and the reference ground could help to improve RF performance. The distance between the ground vias and RF traces should be no less than two times of the width of RF signal traces ($2*W$).

For more details about RF layout, please refer to **document [6]**.

5.2. GNSS Antenna Interface

The following tables show the pin definition and frequency specification of GNSS antenna interface.

Table 32: Pin Definition of GNSS Antenna Interface

Pin Name	Pin No.	I/O	Description	Comment
ANT_GNSS	47	AI	GNSS antenna interface	50 ohm impedance

Table 33: GNSS Frequency

Type	Frequency	Unit
GPS/Galileo/QZSS	1575.42±1.023	MHz
GLONASS	1597.5~1605.8	MHz
BeiDou	1561.098±2.046	MHz

A reference design of GNSS antenna is shown as below.

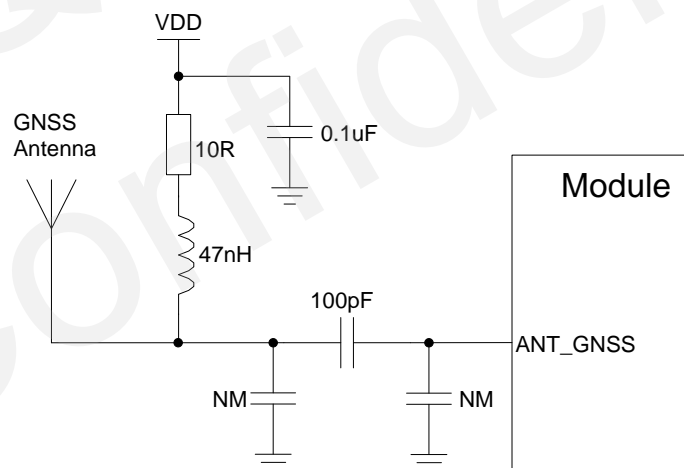


Figure 36: Reference Circuit of GNSS Antenna

NOTES

1. An external LDO can be selected to supply power according to the active antenna requirement.
2. If the module is designed with a passive antenna, then the VDD circuit is not needed.

5.3. Antenna Installation

5.3.1. Antenna Requirement

The following table shows the requirements on main antenna, Rx-diversity antenna and GNSS antenna.

Table 34: Antenna Requirements

Type	Requirements
GNSS	Frequency range: 1561~1615MHz Polarization: RHCP or linear VSWR: <2 (Typ.) Passive antenna gain: >0dBi Active antenna noise figure: <1.5dB Active antenna gain: >-2dBi Active antenna embedded LNA gain: 20dB (Typ.) Active antenna total gain: >18dBi (Typ.)
GSM/WCDMA/LTE	VSWR: ≤2 Gain (dBi): 1 Max input power (W): 50 Input impedance (ohm): 50 Polarization type: Vertical Cable insertion loss: <1dB (GSM850, GSM900, WCDMA B5/B8, LTE B5/B8/B12/B13/B18/B19/B20/B26/B28) Cable insertion loss: <1.5dB (GSM1800, GSM1900, WCDMA B1/B2/B4, LTE B1/B2/B3/B4) Cable insertion loss <2dB (LTE B7/B40/B41)

5.3.2. Recommended RF Connector for Antenna Installation

If RF connector is used for antenna connection, it is recommended to use UF.L-R-SMT connector provided by HIROSE.

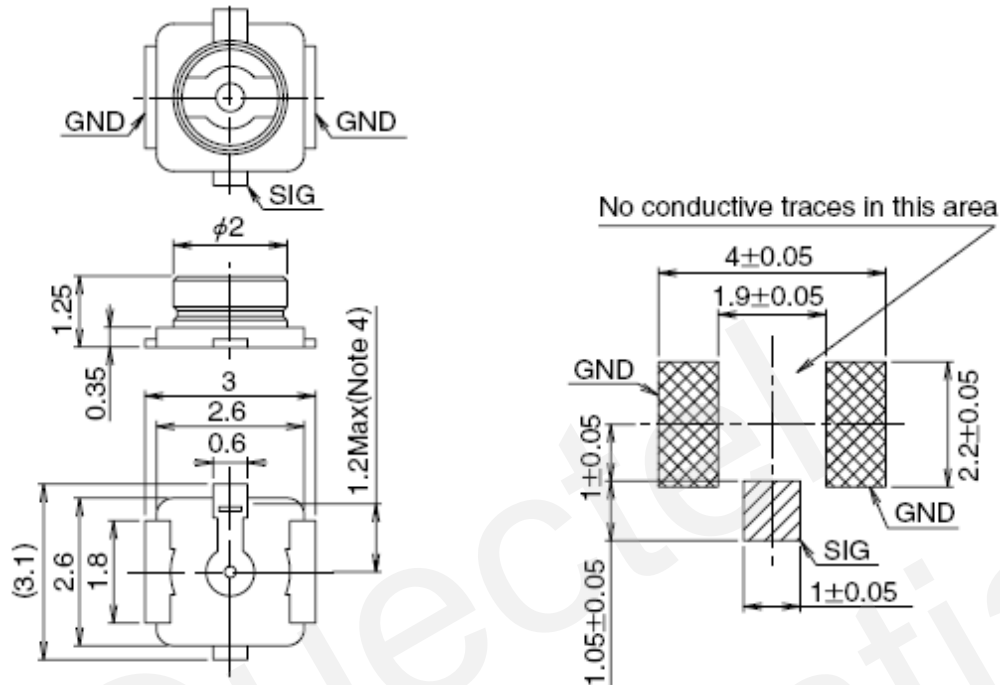


Figure 37: Dimensions of the UF.L-R-SMT Connector (Unit: mm)

U.FL-LP serial connector listed in the following figure can be used to match the UF.L-R-SMT.

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

Figure 38: Mechanicals of UF.L-LP Connectors

The following figure describes the space factor of mated connector.

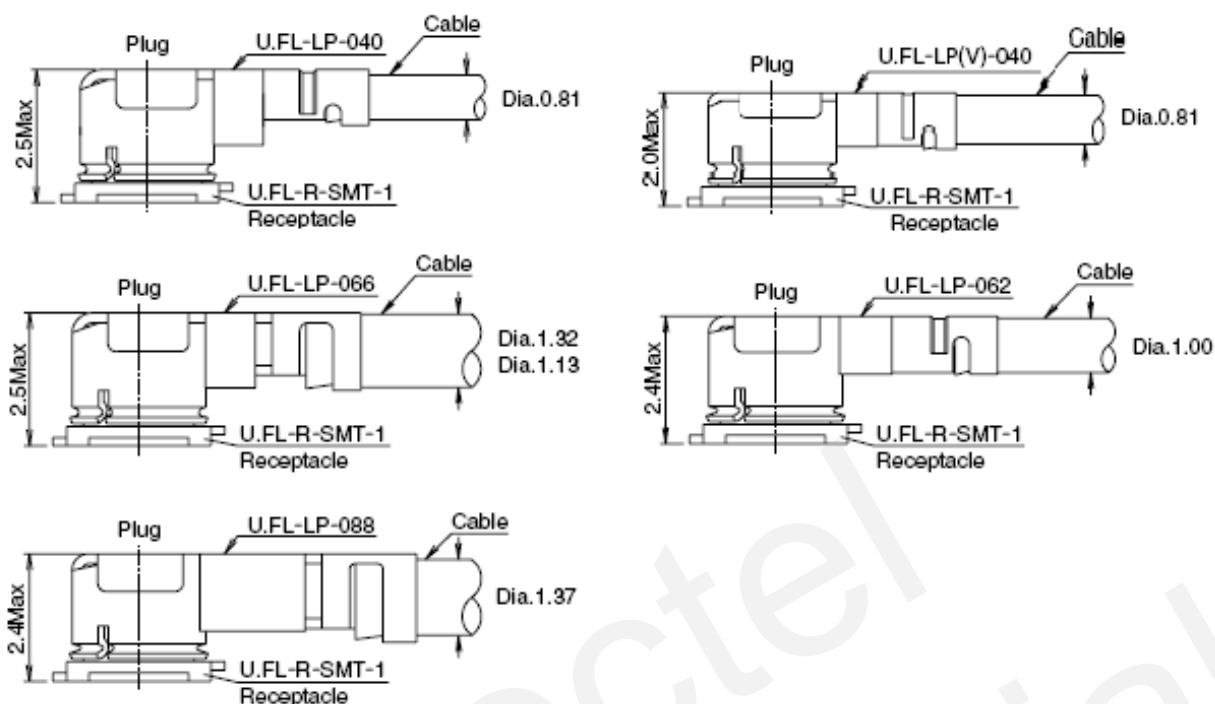


Figure 39: Space Factor of Mated Connector (Unit: mm)

For more details, please visit <http://hirose.com>.

6 Electrical, Reliability and Radio Characteristics

6.1. Absolute Maximum Ratings

Absolute maximum ratings for power supply and voltage on digital and analog pins of the module are listed in the following table.

Table 35: Absolute Maximum Ratings

Parameter	Min.	Max.	Unit
VBAT_RF/VBAT_BB	-0.3	4.7	V
USB_VBUS	-0.3	5.5	V
Peak Current of VBAT_BB	0	0.8	A
Peak Current of VBAT_RF	0	1.8	A
Voltage at Digital Pins	-0.3	2.3	V
Voltage at ADC0	0	VBAT_BB	V
Voltage at ADC1	0	VBAT_BB	V

6.2. Power Supply Ratings

Table 36: Power Supply Ratings

Parameter	Description	Conditions	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
VBAT	VBAT_BB and VBAT_RF	Voltage must stay within the min/max values, including voltage drop, ripple and spikes.	3.3	3.8	4.3	V
	Voltage drop during burst transmission	Maximum power control level on GSM900.			400	mV
I _{VBAT}	Peak supply current (during transmission slot)	Maximum power control level on GSM900		1.8	2.0	A
USB_VBUS	USB detection		3.0	5.0	5.25	V

6.3. Operating Temperature

The operating temperature is listed in the following table.

Table 37: Operating Temperature

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit
Operation Temperature Range ¹⁾	-35	+25	+75	°C
Extended Temperature Range ²⁾	-40		+85	°C

NOTES

- ¹⁾ Within operation temperature range, the module is 3GPP compliant.
- ²⁾ Within extended temperature range, the module remains the ability to establish and maintain a voice, SMS, data transmission, emergency call, etc. There is no unrecoverable malfunction. There are also no effects on radio spectrum and no harm to radio network. Only one or more parameters like P_{out} might reduce in their value and exceed the specified tolerances. When the temperature returns to the normal operating temperature levels, the module will meet 3GPP specifications again.

6.4. Current Consumption

Table 38: GNSS Current Consumption of EC21-QuecOpen Module

Parameter	Description	Conditions	Typ.	Unit
I _{VBAT} (GNSS)	Searching (AT+CFUN=0)	Cold start @Passive Antenna	58	mA
		Lost state @Passive Antenna	58	mA
	Tracking (AT+CFUN=0)	Instrument Environment	33	mA
		Open Sky @Passive Antenna	35	mA
		Open Sky @Active Antenna	43	mA

6.5. RF Output Power

The following table shows the RF output power of EC21-QuecOpen module.

Table 39: RF Output Power

Frequency	Max.	Min.
GSM850/GSM900	33dBm±2dB	5dBm±5dB
DCS1800/PCS1900	30dBm±2dB	0dBm±5dB
GSM850/GSM900 (8-PSK)	27dBm±3dB	5dBm±5dB
DCS1800/PCS1900 (8-PSK)	26dBm±3dB	0dBm±5dB
WCDMA bands	24dBm+1/-3dB	<-50dBm
LTE-FDD bands	23dBm±2dB	<-44dBm
LTE-TDD bands	23dBm±2dB	<-44dBm

NOTE

In GPRS 4 slots TX mode, the maximum output power is reduced by 3.0dB. The design conforms to the GSM specification as described in **Chapter 13.16** of 3GPP TS 51.010-1.

6.6. Electrostatic Discharge

The module is not protected against electrostatics discharge (ESD) in general. Consequently, it is subject to ESD handling precautions that typically apply to ESD sensitive components. Proper ESD handling and packaging procedures must be applied throughout the processing, handling and operation of any application that incorporates the module.

The following table shows the module electrostatic discharge characteristics.

Table 40: Electrostatic Discharge Characteristics

Tested Points	Contact Discharge	Air Discharge	Unit
VBAT, GND	±5	±10	kV
All Antenna Interfaces	±4	±8	kV
Other Interfaces	±0.5	±1	kV

7 Mechanical Dimensions

This chapter describes the mechanical dimensions of the module. All dimensions are measured in mm.

7.1. Mechanical Dimensions of the Module

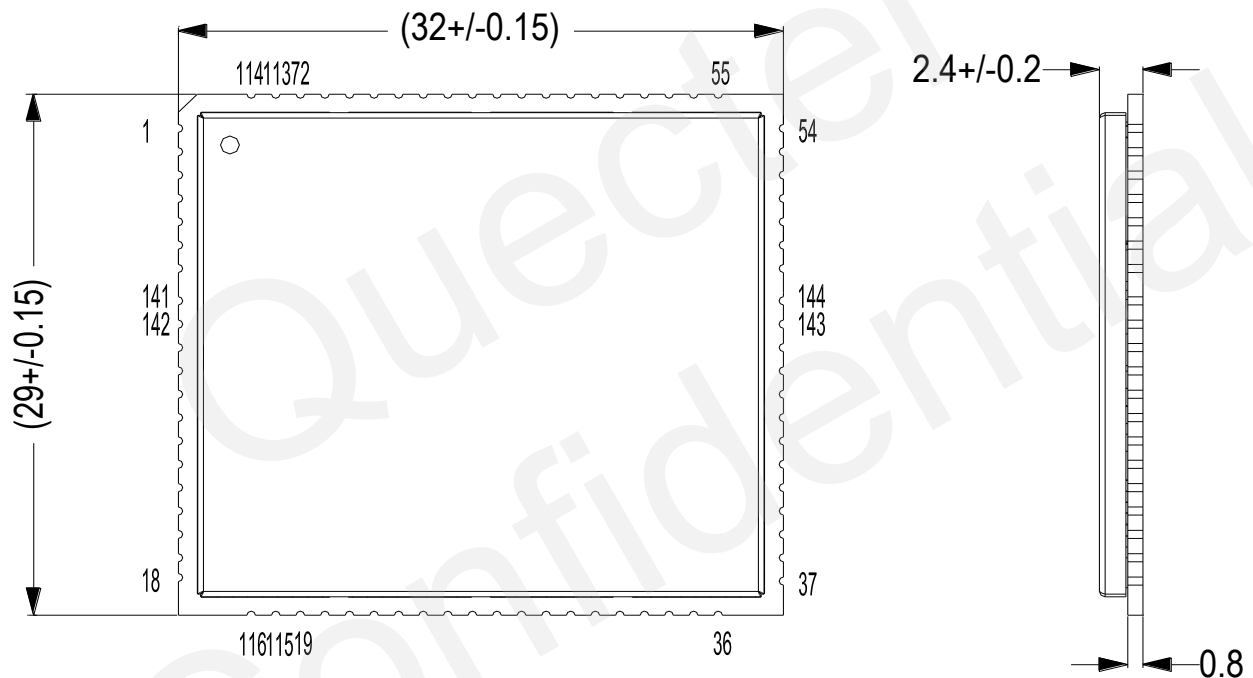


Figure 40: Module Top and Side Dimensions

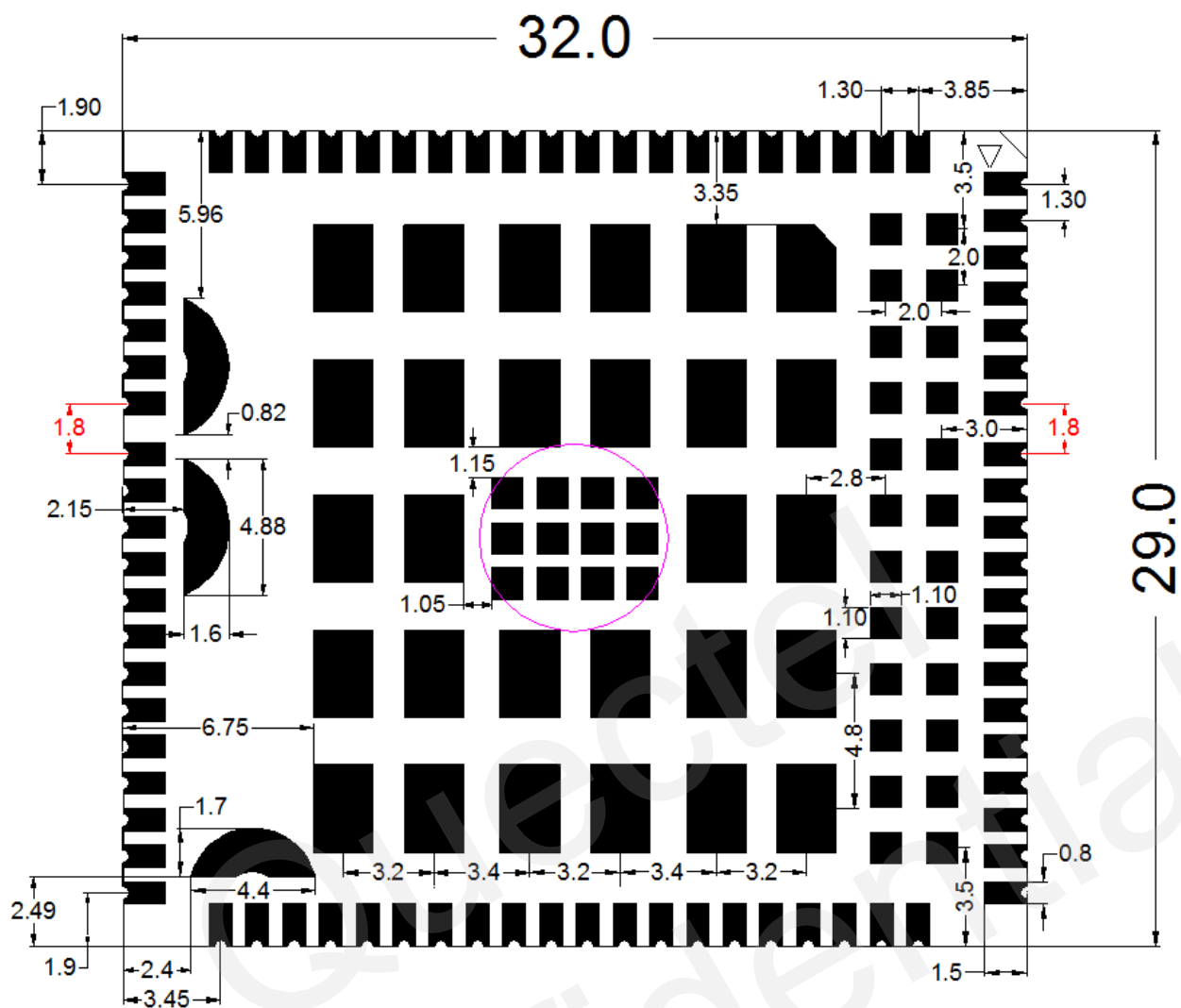


Figure 41: Module Bottom Dimensions (Bottom View)

7.2. Recommended Footprint

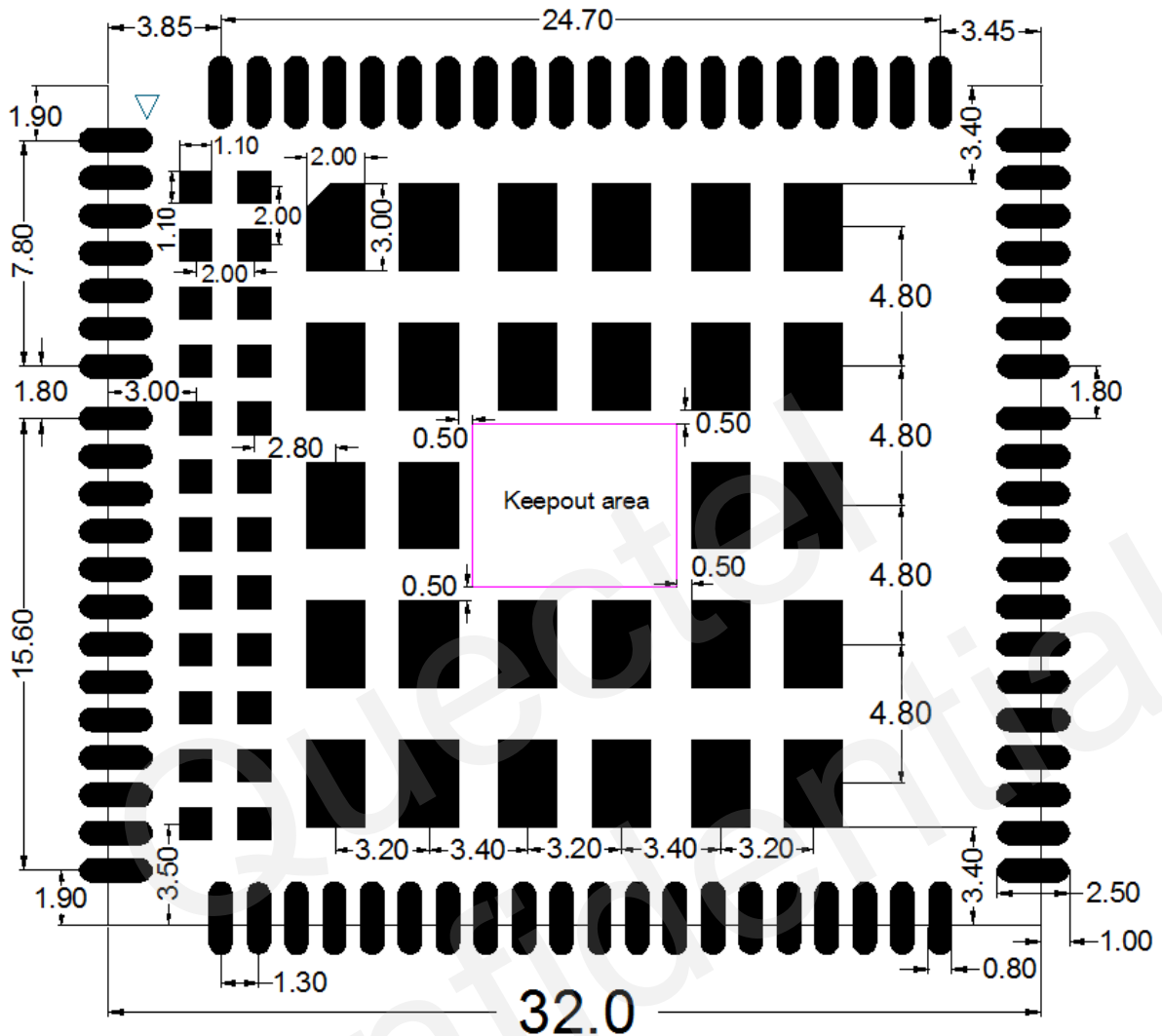


Figure 42: Recommended Footprint (Top View)

NOTES

1. Pads 73~84 should not be designed.
2. For easy maintenance of the module, please keep about 3mm between the module and other components on the host PCB.

7.3. Design Effect Drawings of the Module



Figure 43: Top View of the Module

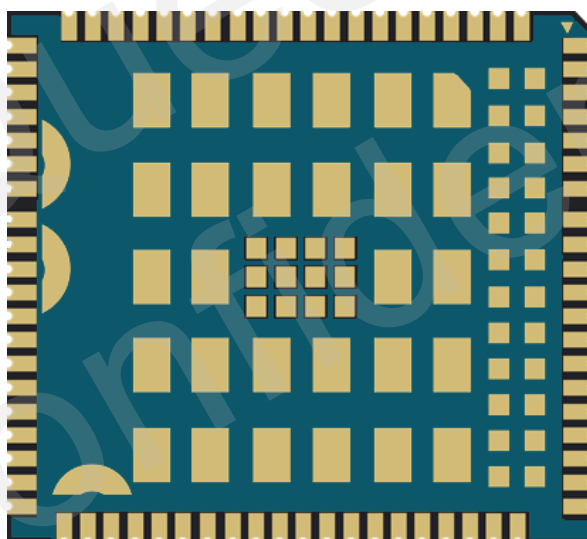


Figure 44: Bottom View of the Module

NOTE

These are design effect drawings of EC21-QuecOpen module. For more accurate pictures, please refer to the module that you get from Quectel.

8 Storage, Manufacturing and Packaging

8.1. Storage

EC21-QuecOpen is stored in a vacuum-sealed bag. The storage restrictions are shown as below.

1. Shelf life in vacuum-sealed bag: 12 months at $<40^{\circ}\text{C}/90\%\text{RH}$.
2. After the vacuum-sealed bag is opened, devices that will be subjected to reflow soldering or other high temperature processes must be:
 - Mounted within 72 hours at the factory environment of $\leq 30^{\circ}\text{C}/60\%\text{RH}$.
 - Stored at $<10\%\text{RH}$.
3. Devices require bake before mounting, if any circumstances below occurs:
 - When the ambient temperature is $23^{\circ}\text{C}\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the humidity indicator card shows the humidity is $>10\%$ before opening the vacuum-sealed bag.
 - Device mounting cannot be finished within 72 hours at factory conditions of $\leq 30^{\circ}\text{C}/60\%\text{RH}$.
 - Stored at $>10\%\text{RH}$ after the vacuum-sealed bag is opened.
4. If baking is required, devices may be baked for 48 hours at $125^{\circ}\text{C}\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$.

NOTE

As the plastic container cannot be subjected to high temperature, it should be removed from devices before high temperature (125°C) baking. If shorter baking time is desired, please refer to *IPC/JEDECJ-STD-033* for baking procedure.

8.2. Manufacturing and Soldering

Push the squeegee to apply the solder paste on the surface of stencil, thus making the paste fill the stencil openings and then penetrate to the PCB. The force on the squeegee should be adjusted properly so as to produce a clean stencil surface on a single pass. To ensure the module soldering quality, the thickness of stencil for the module is recommended to be 0.18mm. For more details, please refer to **document [4]**.

It is suggested that the peak reflow temperature is 235 ~ 245°C (for SnAg3.0Cu0.5 alloy). The absolute max reflow temperature is 260°C. To avoid damage to the module caused by repeated heating, it is suggested that the module should be mounted after reflow soldering for the other side of PCB has been completed. Recommended reflow soldering thermal profile is shown below:

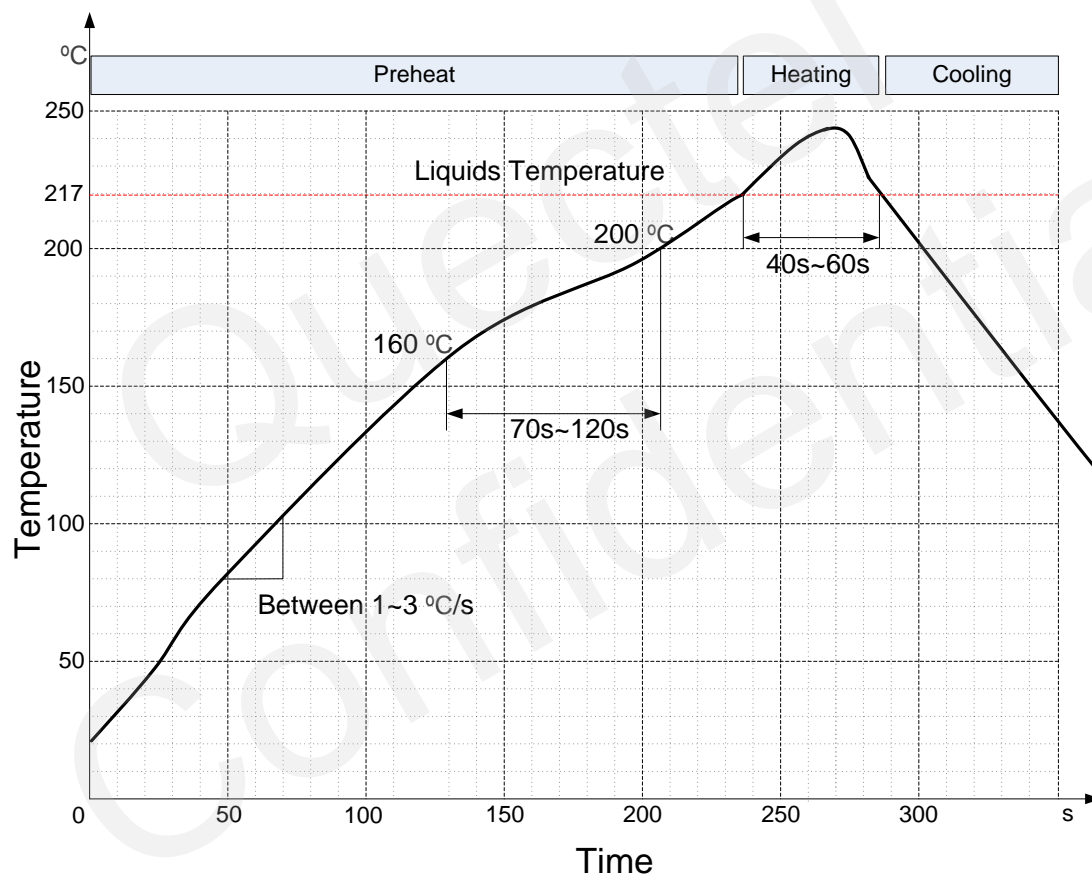


Figure 45: Reflow Soldering Thermal Profile

NOTE

During manufacturing and soldering, or any other processes that may contact the module directly, NEVER wipe the module label with organic solvents, such as acetone, ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, trichloroethylene, etc.

8.3. Packaging

EC21-QuecOpen is packaged in tape and reel carriers. One reel is 12.4m long and contains 250pcs modules. The reel diameter is 330mm. The figure below shows the package details, measured in mm.

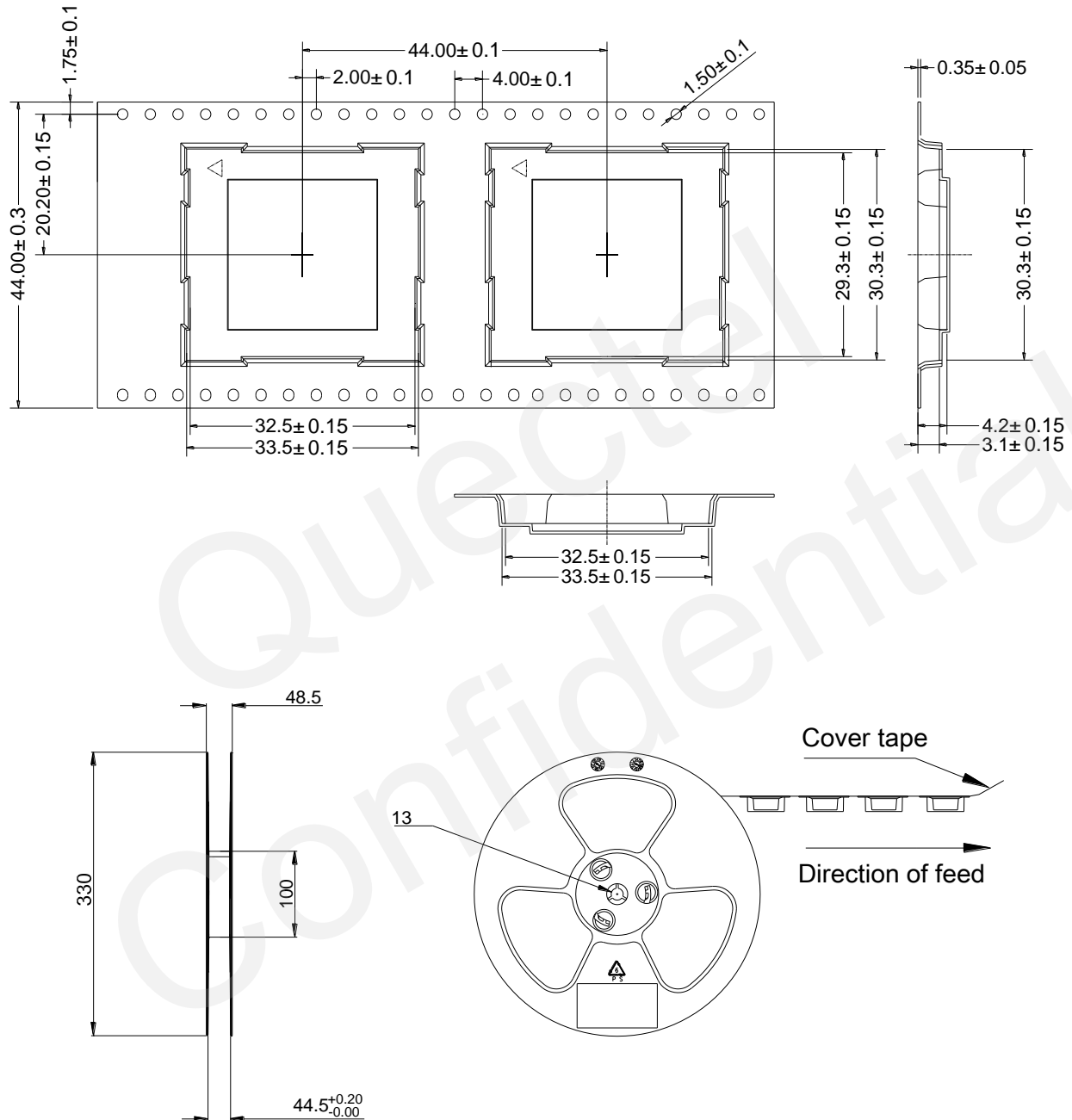


Figure 46: Tape and Reel Specifications

9 Appendix A References

Table 41: Related Documents

SN	Document Name	Remark
[1]	Quectel_EC21_Power_Management_Application_Note	EC21 Power Management Application Note
[2]	Quectel_EC21&EC21_AT_Commands_Manual	EC21 and EC21 AT Commands Manual
[3]	Quectel_EC21&EC21_GNSS_AT_Commands_Manual	EC21 and EC21 GNSS AT Commands Manual
[4]	Quectel_Module_Secondary_SMT_User_Guide	Module Secondary SMT User Guide
[5]	Quectel_EC21_Reference_Design	EC21 Reference Design
[6]	Quectel_RF_Layout_Application_Note	RF Layout Application Note

Table 42: Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
AMR	Adaptive Multi-rate
API	Application Program Interface
bps	Bits Per Second
BT	Bluetooth
CHAP	Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol
CS	Coding Scheme
CSD	Circuit Switched Data
CTS	Clear To Send
DC-HSPA+	Dual-carrier High Speed Packet Access

DFOTA	Delta Firmware Upgrade Over The Air
DL	Downlink
DTR	Data Terminal Ready
DTX	Discontinuous Transmission
EFR	Enhanced Full Rate
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge
FDD	Frequency Division Duplex
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
I/O	Input/Output
Inorm	Normal Current
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LNA	Low Noise Amplifier
LTE	Long Term Evolution
MIMO	Multiple Input Multiple Output
MO	Mobile Originated
MS	Mobile Station (GSM engine)

MT	Mobile Terminated
PAP	Password Authentication Protocol
PCB	Printed Circuit Board
PDU	Protocol Data Unit
PPP	Point-to-Point Protocol
QAM	Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
QPSK	Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
RF	Radio Frequency
RHCP	Right Hand Circularly Polarized
Rx	Receive
SIM	Subscriber Identification Module
SIMO	Single Input Multiple Output
SMS	Short Message Service
TDD	Time Division Duplexing
TDMA	Time Division Multiple Access
TD-SCDMA	Time Division-Synchronous Code Division Multiple Access
TX	Transmitting Direction
UL	Uplink
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunications System
URC	Unsolicited Result Code
USIM	Universal Subscriber Identity Module
V _{max}	Maximum Voltage Value
V _{norm}	Normal Voltage Value
V _{min}	Minimum Voltage Value
V _{IHmax}	Maximum Input High Level Voltage Value

V_{IHmin}	Minimum Input High Level Voltage Value
V_{ILmax}	Maximum Input Low Level Voltage Value
V_{ILmin}	Minimum Input Low Level Voltage Value
V_{Imax}	Absolute Maximum Input Voltage Value
V_{Imin}	Absolute Minimum Input Voltage Value
V_{OHmax}	Maximum Output High Level Voltage Value
V_{OHmin}	Minimum Output High Level Voltage Value
V_{OLmax}	Maximum Output Low Level Voltage Value
V_{OLmin}	Minimum Output Low Level Voltage Value
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio
WCDMA	Wideband Code Division Multiple Access
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network

10 Appendix B GPRS Coding Schemes

Table 43: Description of Different Coding Schemes

Scheme	CS-1	CS-2	CS-3	CS-4
Code Rate	1/2	2/3	3/4	1
USF	3	3	3	3
Pre-coded USF	3	6	6	12
Radio Block excl.USF and BCS	181	268	312	428
BCS	40	16	16	16
Tail	4	4	4	-
Coded Bits	456	588	676	456
Punctured Bits	0	132	220	-
Data Rate Kb/s	9.05	13.4	15.6	21.4

11 Appendix C GPRS Multi-slot Classes

Twenty-nine classes of GPRS multi-slot modes are defined for MS in GPRS specification. Multi-slot classes are product dependent, and determine the maximum achievable data rates in both the uplink and downlink directions. Written as 3+1 or 2+2, the first number indicates the amount of downlink timeslots, while the second number indicates the amount of uplink timeslots. The active slots determine the total number of slots the GPRS device can use simultaneously for both uplink and downlink communications.

The description of different multi-slot classes is shown in the following table.

Table 44: GPRS Multi-slot Classes

Multislot Class	Downlink Slots	Uplink Slots	Active Slots
1	1	1	2
2	2	1	3
3	2	2	3
4	3	1	4
5	2	2	4
6	3	2	4
7	3	3	4
8	4	1	5
9	3	2	5
10	4	2	5
11	4	3	5
12	4	4	5

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Table 45: EDGE Modulation and Coding Schemes

Coding Scheme	Modulation	Coding Family	1 Timeslot	2 Timeslot	4 Timeslot
CS-1:	GMSK	/	9.05kbps	18.1kbps	36.2kbps
CS-2:	GMSK	/	13.4kbps	26.8kbps	53.6kbps
CS-3:	GMSK	/	15.6kbps	31.2kbps	62.4kbps
CS-4:	GMSK	/	21.4kbps	42.8kbps	85.6kbps
MCS-1	GMSK	C	8.80kbps	17.60kbps	35.20kbps
MCS-2	GMSK	B	11.2kbps	22.4kbps	44.8kbps
MCS-3	GMSK	A	14.8kbps	29.6kbps	59.2kbps
MCS-4	GMSK	C	17.6kbps	35.2kbps	70.4kbps
MCS-5	8-PSK	B	22.4kbps	44.8kbps	89.6kbps
MCS-6	8-PSK	A	29.6kbps	59.2kbps	118.4kbps
MCS-7	8-PSK	B	44.8kbps	89.6kbps	179.2kbps
MCS-8	8-PSK	A	54.4kbps	108.8kbps	217.6kbps
MCS-9	8-PSK	A	59.2kbps	118.4kbps	236.8kbps