LE920A4 Auto

Hardware User Guide

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Applicability Table

This documentation applies to the following products:

Table 1: Applicability Table

Module Name	Description
LE920A4-NA	North America regional variant (AT&T, T-Mobile)
LE920A4-NV	North America regional variant (Verizon)
LE920A4-EU	Europe regional variant
HE920A-EU	Non-LTE Europe variant
LE920A4-CN	China variant
LE920A4-AP	APAC variant

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1.1. Scope

This document introduces the Telit LE920A4 module and presents possible and recommended hardware solutions for developing a product based on the LE920A4 module. All the features and solutions detailed in this document are applicable to all LE920A4 variants, where “LE920A4” refers to the variants listed in the applicability table.

If a specific feature is applicable to a specific product only, it will be clearly marked.

NOTE:

LE920A4 refers to all modules listed in the Applicability Table.

This document takes into account all the basic functions of a wireless module; a valid hardware solution is suggested for each function, and incorrect solutions and common errors to be avoided are pointed out.

Obviously, this document cannot embrace every hardware solution or every product that can be designed. Obviously, avoiding invalid solutions must be considered mandatory. Where the suggested hardware configurations need not be considered mandatory, the information given should be used as a guide and a starting point for properly developing your product with the Telit LE920A4 module.

NOTE:

The integration of the GSM/GPRS/EGPRS/WCDMA/HSPA+/LTE LE920A4 cellular module within a user application must be done according to the design rules described in this manual.

1.2. Audience

This document is intended for Telit customers, especially system integrators, about to implement their applications using the Telit LE920A4 module.

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1.4. Text Conventions

The following conventions are used to emphasize specific types of information:

DANGER:

This information MUST be followed or catastrophic equipment failure or bodily injury may occur.

CAUTION or WARNING:

Alerts the user to important points about integrating the module. If these points are not followed, the module and end user equipment may fail or malfunction.

NOTE:

Tip or Information – Provides advice and suggestions that may be useful when integrating the module.

All dates are in ISO 8601 format, that is, YYYY-MM-DD.

1.5. Related Documents

Table 2: Related Documents

Document Title	Document Number
Ref 1: LE920A4 AT Command User Guide	80490ST10778A
Ref 2: LE920A4 Software Guide	1VV0301332
Ref 3: Generic EVB HW User Guide	1VV0301249
Ref 4: LE920A4 Interface Board HW User Guide	1VV0301248
Ref 5: xE920 Audio Settings Application Note	80404NT10095A
Ref 6: LE920 Hardware User Guide	1VV0301026
Ref 7: SIM Integration Design Guide Application Note Rev10	80000NT10001A
Ref 8: Telit_LE920A4_LE910Cx_Wi-Fi_Interface_Application_Note_r1	80490NT11511A
Ref 9: Antenna Detection Application Note	80000NT10002A
Ref 10: High-Speed Inter-Chip USB Electrical Specification, version 1.0 (a supplement to the USB 2.0 specification, Section 3.8.2)	

1.6. Abbreviations

Term	Definition
ADC	Analog-to-digital converter
AE	Application-enabled
DAC	Digital-to-analog converter
DTE	Data Terminal Equipment
FDD	Frequency division duplex
GLONASS	Global orbiting navigation satellite system
GNSS	Global navigation satellite system
GPIO	General-purpose input/output

Term	Definition
GPRS	General packet radio services
GPS	Global positioning system
GSM	Global system for mobile communications
HSIC	High-speed inter-chip
I2C	Inter-integrated circuit
LTE	Long term evolution
SD	Secure digital
SGMII	Serial Gigabit media-independent interface
SIM	Subscriber identity module
SOC	System-on-Chip
SMX	SmartMX
SPI	Serial peripheral interface
UART	Universal asynchronous receiver transmitter
UMTS	Universal mobile telecommunications system
USB	Universal serial bus
WCI	Wireless Coexistence Interface
WCDMA	Wideband code division multiple access

2. General Product Description

2.1. Overview

LE920A4 is Telit's platform for automotive telematics on-board units (OBU's) for applications, such as automotive telematics and eCall, based on the following technologies:

- 4G cellular for voice and data communication
- GNSS - GPS, GLONASS, BeiDou, Galileo, QZSS, for positioning service
- Embedded security
  - ARM Trust Zone services
  - Hardware security processor (optional)
- Designed for automotive markets[1] quality needs

In its most basic use case, LE920A4 can be applied as a wireless communication front-end for telematics products, offering GNSS and mobile communication features to an external host CPU through its rich interfaces.

LE920A4 can further support customer software applications and security features. LE920A4 provides a software application development environment with sufficient system resources for creating rich on-board applications. Thanks to a dedicated application processor and embedded security resources, product developers and manufacturers can create products that guarantee fraud prevention and tamper evidence without extra effort for additional security precautions.

LE920A4 can be self-sufficient and serve as a fully integrated solution for applications, such as location-based cellular telematics, navigation, road pricing and eCall. In such a case, the customer would simply complement the module with a power supply, speaker amplifier, microphone, antennas, and an HMI (if applicable).

LE920A4 is available in hardware variants as listed in Table 1: Applicability Table. The designated RF band sets per each variant are detailed in Section 2.6.1, RF Bands per Regional Variant.

2.2. Applications

LE920A4 can be used for telematics applications where tamper-resistance, confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity of end-user information are required, for example:

- Emergency call
- Telematics services
- Road pricing
- Pay-as-you-drive insurance
- Stolen vehicles tracking
- Internet connectivity

[1] In accordance with Telit's Robustness Validation, using AEC-Q100-defined qualification tests.

2.3. General Functionality and Main Features

The LE920A4 family of automotive cellular modules features LTE and multi-RAT modem together with an on-chip powerful application processor and a rich set of interfaces.

The major functions and features are listed below.

Table 3: Main Features

Function	Features
Modem	• Multi-RAT cellular modem for voice and data communication ○ LTE FDD/TDD Cat4 (150/50 Mbps DL/UL) ○ GSM/GPRS/EDGE ○ WCDMA up to DC HSPA+, Rel.9 ○ TD-SCDMA (China variant only) • Support for European eCall , US E911, and ERA Glonass • Support for SIM profile switching • Regional variants with optimal choice of RF bands for worldwide coverage of countries and MNOs • State-of-the-art GNSS solution with GPS/GLONASS/BeiDou/Galileo/QZSS receiver
Audio subsystem	• Embedded analog codec with two microphone inputs • Embedded analog codec with one stereo or two mono outputs • PCM/I2S digital audio interface • Up to 48 kHz sample rate, 16 bit words
Two USIM ports – dual voltage	• Class B and Class C support • Hot swap support • Clock rates up to 4 MHz
Application processor	Application processor to run customer application code • 32 bit ARM Cortex-A7 up to 1.2 GHz running the Linux operating system • Flash + DDR are large enough to allow for customer's own software applications • Default memory configuration is 4Gb (512MB) Flash + 2Gb (256MB) RAM • Other memory configuration can be supported upon request, for example: 2Gbit Flash + 2Gbit DDR, 4Gbit Flash + 4Gbit DDR.

Function	Features
Interfaces	Rich set of interfaces, including: • SD/MMC Card Interface supporting SD3.0 standard • SDIO for external WiFi transceiver supporting SDIO3.0 standard • SGMII for external Ethernet transceiver (optional) ○ Compliant with IEEE802.3 ○ Full duplex operation at 1 Gbps ○ Half/full duplex operation at 10/100 Mbps ○ Support for VLAN tagging ○ Support for IEEE1588, PTP (Precision Time Protocol) • USB2.0 – USB port is typically used for: ○ Flashing of firmware and module configuration ○ Production testing ○ Accessing the Application Processor's file system ○ AT command access ○ High-speed WWAN access to external host ○ Diagnostic monitoring and debugging ○ Communication between Java application environment and an external host CPU ○ NMEA data to an external host CPU • HSIC ○ High-speed 480 Mbps (240 MHz DDR) USB transfers are 100% host driver compatible with traditional USB cable connected topologies ○ Bidirectional data strobe signal (STROBE) ○ Bidirectional data signal (DATA) ○ No power consumption unless a transfer is in progress ○ Maximum trace length 10 cm ○ Signals driven at 1.2V standard LVCMOS levels • Peripheral Ports – SPI, I2C, UART • GPIOs • Analog audio I/F • Antenna ports

Function	Features
Major software features	• Advanced security features ○ Boot integrity of firmware up to customer applications ○ Disable/secure re-enable of debug ○ Embedded security • FOTA (optional) • Telit Unified AT command set • Java VM (optional) with the following features: ○ Rich and standardized application environment for customer applications ○ State-of-the-art and high performance Java SE8 embedded Virtual Machine ○ Oracle Java SE8 Embedded, Compact Profile 1 ○ JIT-enabled
Form factor	Form factor (40x34mm), accommodating the multiple RF bands in each region variant
Environment and quality requirements	The entire module is designed and qualified by Telit for satisfying the environment and quality requirements for use in automotive applications[2].
Single supply module	The module generates all its internal supply voltages.
RTC	RTC is maintained as long as VBATT is supplied
Operating temperature	Range -40 °C to +85 °C (conditions as defined in Section 2.5.1, Temperature Range)

[2] In accordance with Telit's Robustness Validation, using AEC-Q100-defined qualification tests

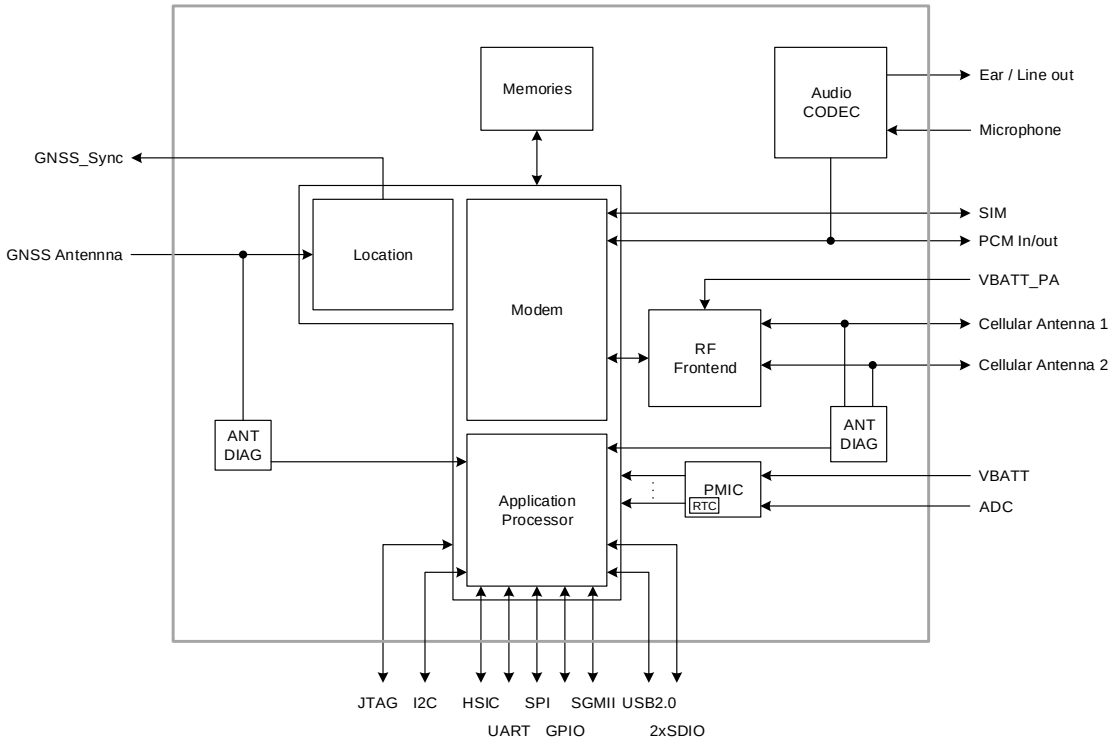
2.4. Block Diagram

Figure 1 shows an overview of the internal architecture of the LE920A4 module.

It includes the following sub-functions:

- Application processor, Modem subsystem and Location processing with their external interfaces. These three functions are contained in a single SOC.
- RF front end, including antenna diagnosis circuitry
- Analog Audio codec for attaching external speaker amplifier and microphone
- Rich IO interfaces. Depending on which LE920A4 software features are enabled, some of its interfaces that are exported through multiplexing may be used internally and thus may not be usable by the application.
- PMIC with the RTC function inside

Figure 1: LE920A4 Block Diagram



2.5. Environmental Requirements

2.5.1. Temperature Range

Operating temperature range	-20 ~ +55°C This range is defined by 3GPP (the global standard for wireless mobile communication). Telit guarantees its modules to comply with all the 3GPP requirements and to have full functionality of the module with in this range.
	-40 ~ +85°C Telit guarantees full functionality within this range as well. However, there may possibly be some performance deviations in this extended range relative to 3GPP requirements, which means that some RF parameters may deviate from the 3GPP specification in the order of a few dB. For example: receiver sensitivity or maximum output power may be slightly degraded. Even so, all the functionalities, such as call connection, SMS, USB communication, UART activation etc., will be maintained, and the effect of such degradations will not lead to malfunction.
	–40°C ~ +95°C eCall must be functional (until the module is broken)
Storage and non-operating temperature range	–40°C ~ +105°C

2.5.2. RoHS Compliance

As a part of the Telit corporate policy of environmental protection, the LE920A4 complies with the RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) directive of the European Union (EU directive 2011/65/EU).

2.6. Frequency Bands

The operating frequencies in GSM850, EGSM900, DCS1800, PCS1900, WCDMA & LTE modes conform to the 3GPP specifications.

2.6.1. RF Bands per Regional Variant

Table 4 summarizes all region variants within the LE920A4 family, showing the supported band sets in each variant.

Table 4: RF Bands per Regional Variant

Region Variant	LTE FDD	LTE TDD	HSPA+	TD-SCDMA	2G
LE920A4-NA	2, 4, 5, 7(*), 12	-	2, 4, 5	-	2, 5
LE920A4-NV (TBD)	2, 4, 5, 7(*), 13	-	2, 5	-	-
LE920A4-EU	1, 3, 5(*), 7, 8, 20, 28(*)	-	1, 3, 5(*), 8	-	3, 8
HE920A-EU (Non-LTE, TBD)	-	-	1, 3, 5, 8	-	2, 3, 5, 8
LE920A4-CN	1, 3, 5, 8, 26	38, 39, 40, 41M	1, 5, 8	34, 39	3, 8
LE920A4-AP (TBD)	1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 19, 21, 26, 28	-	1, 3, 5, 8, 19	-	2, 3, 5, 8

(*) Indicates optional bands, with a different schedule than the standard configuration

Band 41M for China: 2,555-2,655 MHz

2.6.2. Reference Table of RF Bands Characteristics

Table 5: RF Bands Characteristics

Mode	Freq. Tx (MHz)	Freq. Rx (MHz)	Channels	Tx-Rx Offset
PCS 1900	1850.2 ~ 1909.8	1930.2 ~ 1989.8	512 ~ 810	80 MHz
DCS 1800	1710 ~ 1785	1805 ~ 1880	512 ~ 885	95 MHz
GSM 850	824.2 ~ 848.8	869.2 ~ 893.8	128 ~ 251	45 MHz
EGSM 900	890 ~ 915	935 ~ 960	0 ~ 124	45 MHz
	880 ~ 890	925 ~ 935	975 ~ 1023	45 MHz
WCDMA 2100 – B1	1920 ~ 1980	2110 ~ 2170	Tx: 9612 ~ 9888 Rx: 10562 ~ 10838	190 MHz
WCDMA 1900 – B2	1850 ~ 1910	1930 ~ 1990	Tx: 9262 ~ 9538 Rx: 9662 ~ 9938	80 MHz
WCDMA 1800 – B3	1710 ~ 1785	1805 ~ 1880	Tx: 937 ~ 1288 Rx: 1162 ~ 1513	95 MHz
WCDMA AWS – B4	1710 ~ 1755	2110 ~ 2155	Tx: 1312 ~ 1513 Rx: 1537 ~ 1738	400 MHz
WCDMA 850 – B5	824 ~ 849	869 ~ 894	Tx: 4132 ~ 4233 Rx: 4357 ~ 4458	45 MHz
WCDMA 900 – B8	880 ~ 915	925 ~ 960	Tx: 2712 ~ 2863 Rx: 2937 ~ 3088	45 MHz
WCDMA 1800 – B9	1750 ~ 1784.8	1845 ~ 1879.8	Tx: 8762 ~ 8912 Rx: 9237 ~ 9387	95 MHz
WCDMA 800 – B19	830 ~ 845	875 ~ 890	Tx: 312 ~ 363 Rx: 712 ~ 763	45 MHz
TDSCDMA 2000 – B34	2010 ~ 2025	2010 ~ 2025	Tx: 10054 ~ 10121 Rx: 10054 ~ 10121	0 MHz

Mode	Freq. Tx (MHz)	Freq. Rx (MHz)	Channels	Tx-Rx Offset
TDSCDMA 1900 – B39	1880 ~ 1920	1880 ~ 1920	Tx: 9404 ~ 9596 Rx: 9404 ~ 9596	0 MHz
LTE 2100 – B1	1920 ~ 1980	2110 ~ 2170	Tx: 18000 ~ 18599 Rx: 0 ~ 599	190 MHz
LTE 1900 – B2	1850 ~ 1910	1930 ~ 1990	Tx: 18600 ~ 19199 Rx: 600 ~ 1199	80 MHz
LTE 1800 – B3	1710 ~ 1785	1805 ~ 1880	Tx: 19200 ~ 19949 Rx: 1200 ~ 1949	95 MHz
LTE AWS – B4	1710 ~ 1755	2110 ~ 2155	Tx: 19950 ~ 20399 Rx: 1950 ~ 2399	400 MHz
LTE 850 – B5	824 ~ 849	869 ~ 894	Tx: 20400 ~ 20649 Rx: 2400 ~ 2649	45 MHz
LTE 2600 – B7	2500 ~ 2570	2620 ~ 2690	Tx: 20750 ~ 21449 Rx: 2750 ~ 3449	120 MHz
LTE 900 – B8	880 ~ 915	925 ~ 960	Tx: 21450 ~ 21799 Rx: 3450 ~ 3799	45 MHz
LTE 1800 – B9	1749.9 ~ 1784.9	1844.9 ~ 1879.9	Tx: 21800 ~ 2149 Rx: 3800 ~ 4149	95 MHz
LTE AWS+ – B10	1710 ~ 1770	2110 ~ 2170	Tx: 22150 ~ 22749 Rx: 4150 ~ 4749	400 MHz
LTE 700a – B12	699 ~ 716	729 ~ 746	Tx : 23010 ~ 23179 Rx : 5010 ~ 5179	30 MHz
LTE 700c – B13	777 ~ 787	746 ~ 756	Tx : 27210 ~ 27659 Rx : 9210 ~ 9659	-31 MHz
LTE 700b – B17	704 ~ 716	734 ~ 746	Tx: 23730 ~ 23849 Rx: 5730 ~ 5849	30 MHz

Mode	Freq. Tx (MHz)	Freq. Rx (MHz)	Channels	Tx-Rx Offset
LTE 800 – B19	830 ~ 845	875 ~ 890	Tx: 24000 ~ 24149 Rx: 6000 ~ 6149	45 MHz
LTE 800 – B20	832 ~ 862	791 ~ 821	Tx: 24150 ~ 24449 Rx: 6150 ~ 6449	-41 MHz
LTE 1500 – B21	1447.9 ~ 1462.9	1495.9 ~ 1510.9	Tx: 24450 ~ 24599 Rx: 6450 ~ 6599	48 MHz
LTE 850+ – B26	814 ~ 849	859 ~ 894	Tx: 26690 ~ 27039 Rx: 8690 ~ 9039	45 MHz
LTE 700 – B28	703 ~ 748	758 ~ 803	Tx : 27210 ~ 27659 Rx : 9210 ~ 9659	45 MHz
LTE TDD 2600 – B38	2570 ~ 2620	2570 ~ 2620	Tx: 37750 ~ 38250 Rx: 37750 ~ 38250	0 MHz
LTE TDD 1900 – B39	1880 ~ 1920	1880 ~ 1920	Tx: 38250 ~ 38650 Rx: 38250 ~ 38650	0 MHz
LTE TDD 2300 – B40	2300 ~ 2400	2300 ~ 2400	Tx: 38650 ~ 39650 Rx: 38650 ~ 39650	0 MHz
LTE TDD 2500 – B41	2496 ~ 2690	2496 ~ 2690	Tx: 39650 ~ 41590 Rx: 39650 ~ 41590	0 MHz

2.7. Sensitivity

LE920A4 maximum sensitivity levels are as follow:

- -108 dBm (TBD) @ 2G
- -111 dBm (TBD) @ 3G
- -102 dBm (TBD) @ 4G FDD (BW=5 MHz)

2.8. LE920A4 Mechanical Specifications

2.8.1. Dimensions

The LE920A4 module's overall dimensions are:

- Length: 34 mm, +/- 0.15 mm tolerance
- Width: 40 mm, +/- 0.15 mm tolerance
- Thickness: 2.9 mm, +/- 0.15 mm tolerance

2.8.2. Weight

The nominal weight of the LE920A4 module is 9.0 gram.

3. LE920A4 Module Connections

3.1. Pin-out

Table 6: LE20A4 Pin-out

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
USB HS 2.0 Communication Port					
D19	USB_D+	I/O	USB differential data(+)		
F19	USB_D-	I/O	USB differential data(-)		
A18	USB_VBUS	AI	Power sense for the internal USB transceiver	Power	2.5V-5.5V
B19	USB_ID	AI	USB ID for supporting USB2.0 OTG		
Asynchronous UART					
AH19	C103/TXD	I	Serial data input (TXD) from DTE	1.8V	
AF19	C104/RXD	O	Serial data output to DTE	1.8V	
AA18	C105/RTS	I	Input for Request To Send signal (RTS) from DTE	1.8V	
AK19	C106/CTS	O	Output for Clear To Send signal (CTS) to DTE	1.8V	
AG18	C107/DSR	O	Output for Data Set Ready (DSR) to DTE	1.8V	Alternate Fn GPIO_32
AC18	C108/DTR	I	Input for Data Terminal Ready (DTR) from DTE	1.8V	Alternate Fn GPIO_34
AE18	C109/DCD	O	Output for Data Carrier Detect (DCD) to DTE	1.8V	Alternate Fn GPIO_33
AJ18	C125/RING	O	Output for Ring Indication (RI) to DTE	1.8V	Alternate Fn GPIO_31
Asynchronous Auxiliary UART					
AB19	TX_AUX	O	Auxiliary UART (Tx Data to DTE)	1.8V	
AD19	RX_AUX	I	Auxiliary UART (Rx Data from DTE)	1.8V	

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
SPI – Serial Peripheral Interface					
P19	SPI_CLK	O	SPI clock output	1.8V	
M19	SPI_MISO	I	SPI data Master Input Slave Output	1.8V	
K19	SPI_MOSI	O	SPI data Master Output Slave Input	1.8V	
N18	SPI_CS	O	SPI chip select output	1.8V	
SD/MMC Card Interface					
AH17	SD/MMC_CMD	O	SD command	1.8/2.95V	
AD17	SD/MMC_CLK	O	SD card clock	1.8/2.95V	
Y17	SD/MMC_DATA0	I/O	SD Serial Data 0	1.8/2.95V	
AF17	SD/MMC_DATA1	I/O	SD Serial Data 1	1.8/2.95V	
AB17	SD/MMC_DATA2	I/O	SD Serial Data 2	1.8/2.95V	
W17	SD/MMC_DATA3	I/O	SD Serial Data 3	1.8/2.95V	
U17	SD/MMC_CD	I	SD card detect input	1.8V	Active Low
S17	VMMC	-	Power supply for MMC card pull-up resistors	1.8/2.95V	
WiFi (SDIO) Interface					
AB3	WiFi_SD_CMD	O	WiFi SD command	1.8V	
AM3	WiFi_SD_CLK	O	WiFi SD clock	1.8V	
AD3	WiFi_SD_DATA0	I/O	WiFi SD Serial Data 0	1.8V	
AF3	WiFi_SD_DATA1	I/O	WiFi SD Serial Data 1	1.8V	
AH3	WiFi_SD_DATA2	I/O	WiFi SD Serial Data 2	1.8V	
AK3	WiFi_SD_DATA3	I/O	WiFi SD Serial Data 3	1.8V	
Y3	WiFi_SDRST	O	WiFi Reset / Power enable control	1.8V	Active Low
AA4	WLAN_SLEEP_CLK	O	WiFi Sleep clock output	1.8V	

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
X4	RFCLK2_QCA	O	WiFi low-noise RF clock output	1.8V	
LTE-WiFi Coexistence					
AS3	WCI_TX	O	Wireless coexistence interface TXD	1.8V	
AT2	WCI_RX	I	Wireless coexistence interface RXD	1.8V	
SIM Card Interface 1					
A10	SIMCLK1	O	External SIM 1 signal – Clock	1.8/2.85V	
B11	SIMRST1	O	External SIM 1 signal – Reset	1.8/2.85V	
B9	SIMIO1	I/O	External SIM 1 signal - Data I/O	1.8/2.85V	Internally PU 20 kΩ to SIMVCC1
B7	SIMIN1	I	External SIM1 signal - Presence	1.8V	Active low
A8	SIMVCC1	-	External SIM1 signal – power supply for SIM1	1.8/2.85V	
E8	Reserved for ESIM_RST	I	Reserved for eSIM signal – Reset	1.8/2.85V	Reserved
SIM Card Interface 2					
C16	SIMCLK2	O	External SIM 2 signal – Clock	1.8/2.85V	
D17	SIMRST2	O	External SIM 2 signal – Reset	1.8/2.85V	
E16	SIMIO2	I/O	External SIM 2 signal – Data I/O	1.8/2.85V	Internally PU 20kΩ to SIMVCC2
C18	SIMIN2	I	External SIM 2 signal – Presence	1.8V	Active low
D15	SIMVCC2	-	External SIM2 signal – Power supply for SIM2	1.8/2.85V	
Analog Audio interface					
B5	EAR1_MT+	AO	Earphone signal output1, phase +	Audio	
A4	EAR1_MT-	AO	Earphone signal output1, phase -	Audio	

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
B3	MIC1_MT+	AI	Mic signal input1, phase +	Audio	
A2	MIC1_MT-	AI	Mic signal input1, phase -	Audio	
G6	MICBIAS	AO	Mic BIAS	Audio	
E2	EAR2_MT+	AO	Earphone signal output2, phase +	Audio	
D1	EAR2_MT-	AO	Earphone signal output2, phase -	Audio	
C2	MIC2_MT+	AI	Mic signal input2, phase +	Audio	
B1	MIC2_MT-	AI	Mic signal input2, phase -	Audio	
Digital Voice Interface (DVI)					
D11	DVI_WA0	O	Digital Voice interface (WA0 master output)	1.8V	
C8	DVI_RX	I	Digital Voice interface (Rx)	1.8V	
D9	DVI_TX	O	Digital Voice interface (Tx)	1.8V	
C10	DVI_CLK	O	Digital Voice interface (CLK master output)	1.8V	
C12	REF_CLK	O	Reference clock for external Codec	1.8V	
General Purpose Digital I/O					
F9	GPIO_01	I/O	GPIO_01	1.8V	Alternate Fn I2C
E10	GPIO_02	I/O	GPIO_02	1.8V	Alternate Fn I2C
F11	GPIO_03	I/O	GPIO_03	1.8V	Alternate Fn I2C
E12	GPIO_04	I/O	GPIO_04	1.8V	Alternate Fn I2C
F13	GPIO_05	I/O	GPIO_05	1.8V	Alternate Fn I2C
E14	GPIO_06	I/O	GPIO_06	1.8V	Alternate Fn I2C

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
W19	GPIO_10	I/O	GPIO_10	1.8V	Alternate Fn I2C
AN4	GPIO_20	I/O	GPIO_20	1.8V	
RF Section					
AD1	Antenna	I/O	GSM/EDGE/UMTS/LTE main antenna (50 Ohm)	RF	
AU9	ANT_DIV	I	UMTS/LTE antenna diversity input (50 Ohm)	RF	
GPS Section					
S1	ANT_GPS	I	GPS antenna (50 Ohm)	RF	
V2	GPS_LNA_EN	O	Enables the external regulator for GPS LNA	1.8V	
W3	GPS_SYNC	O	GPS sync signal for Dead Reckoning	1.8V	
Miscellaneous Functions					
AN8	RESET_N	I	Reset input		Active low
AS1	ON_OFF_N	I	Power ON / Power OFF input		Active low
AN12	SHDN_N	I	Unconditional Shutdown input		Active low
P17	VAUX/PWRMON	O	Supply output for external accessories / Power ON monitor	1.8V	
D5	ADC_IN1	AI	Analog/Digital Converter Input 1	Analog	
E6	ADC_IN2	AI	Analog/Digital Converter Input 2	Analog	
F7	ADC_IN3	AI	Analog/Digital Converter Input 3	Analog	
AU3	STAT_LED	O	Status Indicator LED	1.8V	
AN10	SW_RDY	O	Indicates that the boot sequence has completed successfully	1.8V	
SGMII Interface					
ZZ11	SGMII_RX_P	AI	SGMII receive - plus	PHY	

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
ZZ13	SGMII_RX_M	AI	SGMII receive - minus	PHY	
ZZ15	SGMII_TX_P	AO	SGMII transmit - plus	PHY	
ZZ17	SGMII_TX_M	AO	SGMII transmit - minus	PHY	
Ethernet PHY Control Interface					
G14	MAC_MDC	O	MAC to PHY Clock	2.85V	
G12	MAC_MDIO	I/O	MAC to PHY Data	2.85V	
G8	ETH_RST_N	O	Ethernet PHY Reset	2.85V	
G10	ETH_INT_N	I	Ethernet PHY Interrupt	2.85V	
HSIC Interface					
A14	HSIC_DATA	I/O	High-speed inter-chip interface - data	1.2V	
A16	HSIC_STB	I/O	High-speed inter-chip interface - strobe	1.2V	
I2C Interface					
C14	I2C_SCL	I/O	I2C clock	1.8V	Internally PU 2.2kΩ to 1.8V
D13	I2C_SDA	I/O	I2C Data	1.8V	Internally PU 2.2kΩ to 1.8V
Power Supply					
AP17	VBATT	-	Main Power Supply (Digital Section)	Power	
AP19	VBATT	-	Main Power Supply (Digital Section)	Power	
AR18	VBATT	-	Main Power Supply (Digital Section)	Power	
AR20	VBATT	-	Main Power Supply (Digital Section)	Power	
AS17	VBATT_PA	-	Main Power Supply (RF Section)	Power	
AS19	VBATT_PA	-	Main Power Supply (RF Section)	Power	
AT18	VBATT_PA	-	Main Power Supply (RF Section)	Power	

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
AU17	VBATT_PA	-	Main Power Supply (RF Section)	Power	
AU19	VBATT_PA	-	Main Power Supply (RF Section)	Power	
AT20	VBATT_PA	-	Main Power Supply (RF Section)	Power	
A0	GND	-	Ground		
N0	GND		Ground		
R0	GND	-	Ground		
T0	GND	-	Ground		
V0	GND	-	Ground		
X0	GND	-	Ground		
AA0	GND	-	Ground		
AC0	GND	-	Ground		
AE0	GND	-	Ground		
AG0	GND	-	Ground		
AJ0	GND	-	Ground		
AL0	GND	-	Ground		
AN0	GND	-	Ground		
AR0	GND	-	Ground		
AV0	GND	-	Ground		
ZZ1	GND	-	Ground		
F1	GND	-	Ground		
M1	GND	-	Ground		
P1	GND	-	Ground		
U1	GND	-	Ground		

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
W1	GND	-	Ground		
Y1	GND	-	Ground		
AB1	GND	-	Ground		
AF1	GND	-	Ground		
AH1	GND	-	Ground		
AK1	GND	-	Ground		
AU1	GND	-	Ground		
N2	GND	-	Ground		
R2	GND	-	Ground		
T2	GND	-	Ground		
X2	GND	-	Ground		
AA2	GND	-	Ground		
AC2	GND	-	Ground		
AE2	GND	-	Ground		
AG2	GND	-	Ground		
AJ2	GND	-	Ground		
AL2	GND	-	Ground		
AN2	GND	-	Ground		
AR2	GND	-	Ground		
D3	GND	-	Ground		
P3	GND	-	Ground		
AP3	GND	-	Ground		
C4	GND	-	Ground		

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
AR4	GND	-	Ground		
AT4	GND	-	Ground		
AP5	GND	-	Ground		
AS5	GND	-	Ground		
AU5	GND	-	Ground		
A6	GND	-	Ground		
C6	GND	-	Ground		
AR6	GND	-	Ground		
AT6	GND	-	Ground		
D7	GND	-	Ground		
AP7	GND	-	Ground		
AS7	GND	-	Ground		
AU7	GND	-	Ground		
T8	GND	-	Ground		
V8	GND	-	Ground		
X8	GND	-	Ground		
AA8	GND	-	Ground		
AR8	GND	-	Ground		
AT8	GND	-	Ground		
AV8	GND	-	Ground		
U9	GND	-	Ground		
W9	GND	-	Ground		
Y9	GND	-	Ground		

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
AP9	GND	-	Ground		
AS9	GND	-	Ground		
T10	GND	-	Ground		
V10	GND	-	Ground		
X10	GND	-	Ground		
AA10	GND	-	Ground		
AR10	GND	-	Ground		
AT10	GND	-	Ground		
AV10	GND	-	Ground		
U11	GND	-	Ground		
W11	GND	-	Ground		
Y11	GND	-	Ground		
AP11	GND	-	Ground		
AS11	GND	-	Ground		
AU11	GND	-	Ground		
A12	GND	-	Ground		
T12	GND	-	Ground		
V12	GND	-	Ground		
X12	GND	-	Ground		
AA12	GND	-	Ground		
AR12	GND	-	Ground		
AT12	GND	-	Ground		
AV12	GND	-	Ground		

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
B13	GND	-	Ground		
AP13	GND	-	Ground		
AS13	GND	-	Ground		
AR14	GND	-	Ground		
AT14	GND	-	Ground		
AV14	GND	-	Ground		
B15	GND	-	Ground		
AP15	GND	-	Ground		
AS15	GND	-	Ground		
AU15	GND	-	Ground		
AN16	GND	-	Ground		
AR16	GND	-	Ground		
AT16	GND	-	Ground		
AV16	GND	-	Ground		
B17	GND	-	Ground		
AK17	GND	-	Ground		
AM17	GND	-	Ground		
E18	GND	-	Ground		
G18	GND	-	Ground		
T18	GND	-	Ground		
V18	GND	-	Ground		
X18	GND	-	Ground		
AL18	GND	-	Ground		

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
AN18	GND	-	Ground		
AV18	GND	-	Ground		
ZZ19	GND	-	Ground		
H19	GND	-	Ground		
Y19	GND	-	Ground		
AM19	GND	-	Ground		
A20	GND	-	Ground		
L20	GND	-	Ground		
N20	GND	-	Ground		
AV20	GND	-	Ground		
Reserved					
C0	Reserved	-	Reserved		
E0	Reserved	-	Reserved		
G0	Reserved	-	Reserved		
J0	Reserved	-	Reserved		
L0	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AT0	Reserved	-	Reserved		
K1	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AM1	Reserved	-	Reserved		
G2	Reserved	-	Reserved		
J2	Reserved	-	Reserved		
L2	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AV2	Reserved	-	Reserved		

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
ZZ3	Reserved	-	Reserved		
F3	Reserved	-	Reserved		
H3	Reserved	-	Reserved		
K3	Reserved	-	Reserved		
M3	Reserved	-	Reserved		
S3	Reserved	-	Reserved		
U3	Reserved	-	Reserved		
E4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
G4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
J4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
L4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
N4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
R4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
T4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
V4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AG4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AJ4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AL4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AV4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
ZZ5	Reserved	-	Reserved		
F5	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AM5	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AN6	Reserved	-	Reserved		

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
AV6	Reserved	-	Reserved		
ZZ7	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AM7	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AP1	Reserved	-	Reserved for RESET_N in case that backward compatibility to LE920 is needed (instead of Pad AN8)		Refer to Sec. 5.3.3,Unconditional Hardware Reset
ZZ9	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AM9	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AM11	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AM13	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AU13	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AN14	Reserved	-	Reserved		
F15	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AM15	Reserved	-	Reserved		
G16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
J16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
L16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
N16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
R16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
T16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
V16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
X16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AA16	Reserved	-	Reserved		

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
AC16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AE16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AG16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AJ16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AL16	Reserved	-	Reserved		
F17	Reserved	-	Reserved		
H17	Reserved	-	Reserved		
K17	Reserved	-	Reserved		
M17	Reserved	-	Reserved		
C20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
E20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
G20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
J20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
R20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
T20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
V20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
X20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AA20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AC20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AE20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AG20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AJ20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AL20	Reserved	-	Reserved		

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
AN20	Reserved	-	Reserved		
R18	Reserved	-	Reserved		
S19	Reserved	-	Reserved		
U19	Reserved	-	Reserved		
L18	Reserved	-	Reserved		
J18	Reserved	-	Reserved		
H1	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AE4	Reserved	-	Reserved		
AC4	Reserved	-	Reserved		

NOTE:

GPIO_20 and WCI_RX are used as special HW flags during boot.

If they are used as GPIOs, they must be connected via a 3-state buffer to avoid any undesirable effect during the boot.

NOTE:

When the UART signals are used as the communication port between the Host and the Modem, RTS must be connected to GND (on the module side) if flow control is not used.

If the UART port is not used, UART signals can be left floating.

NOTE:

Unless otherwise specified, RESERVED pins must be left unconnected (Floating).

3.2. LE920A4 Signals That Must Be Connected

Table 7 specifies the LE920A4 signals that must be connected even if not used by the end application:

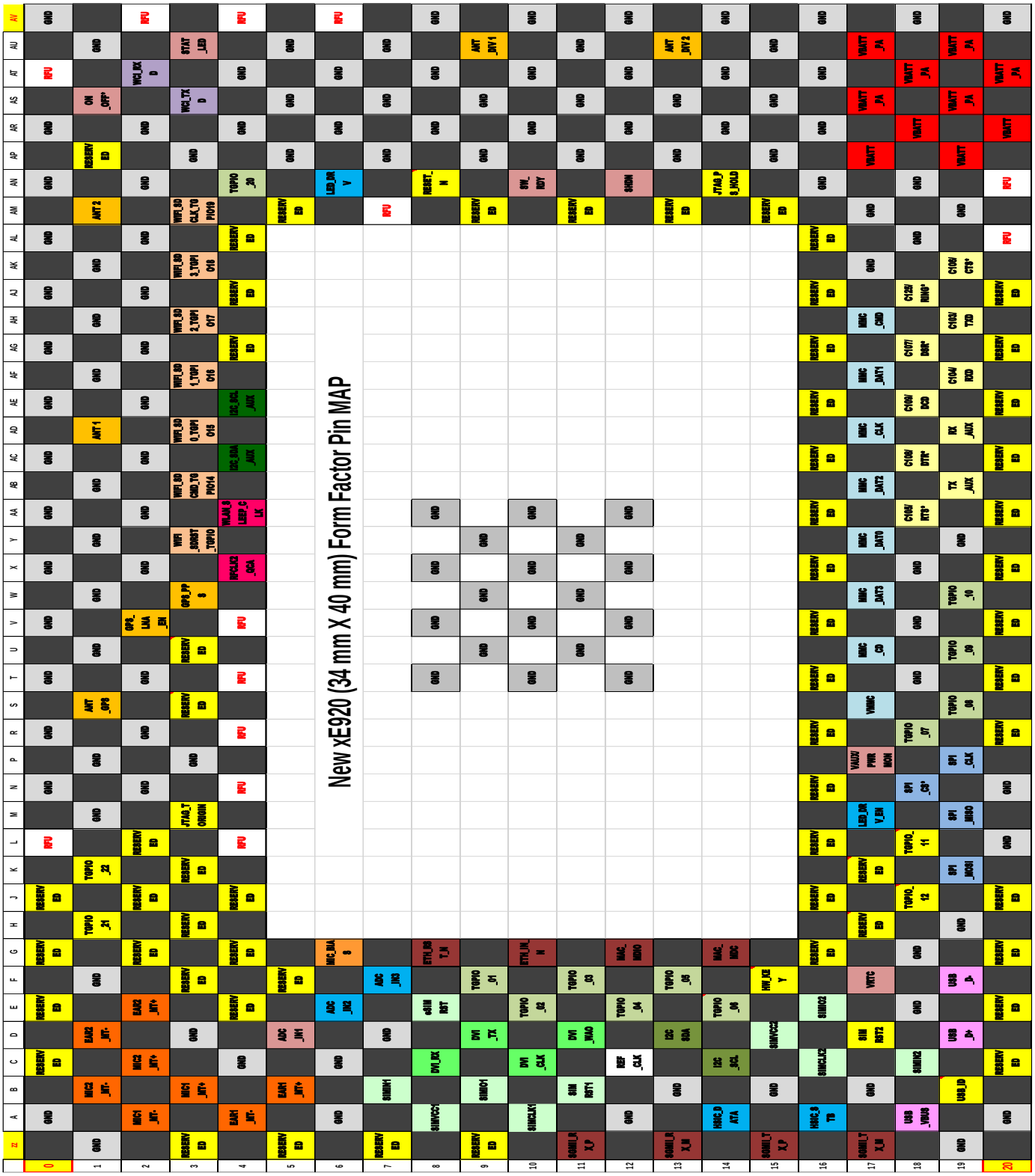
Table 7: Mandatory Signals

PAD	Signal	Notes
AP17, AP19, AR18, AR20, AS17, AS19, AT18, AU17, AU19, AT20	VBATT & VBATT_PA	
A0, N0, R0, T0, V0, X0, AA0, AC0, AE0, AG0, AJ0, AL0, AN0, AR0, AV0, ZZ1, F1, M1, P1, U1, W1, Y1, AB1, AF1, AH1, AK1, AU1, N2, R2, T2, X2, AA2, AC2, AE2, AG2, AJ2, AL2, AN2, AR2, D3, P3, AP3, C4, AR4, AT4, AP5, AS5, AU5, A6, C6, AR6, AT6, D7, AP7, AS7, AU7, T8, V8, X8, AA8, AR8, AT8, AV8, U9, W9, Y9, AP9, AS9, T10, V10, X10, AA10, AR10, AT10, AV10, U11, W11, Y11, AP11, AS11, AU11, A12, T12, V12, X12, AA12, AR12, AT12, AV12, B13, AP13, AS13, AR14, AT14, AV14, B15, AP15, AS15, AU15, AN16, AR16, AT16, AV16, B17, AK17, AM17, E18, G18, T18, V18, X18, AL18, AN18, AV18, ZZ19, H19, Y19, AM19, A20, L20, N20, AV20	GND	
AS1	ON/OFF	Main power on off signal
AN12	SHDN_N	Emergency power off
D19	USB_D+	If not used, connect to a test point or an USB connector
F19	USB_D-	If not used, connect to a test point or an USB connector
A18	USB_VBUS	If not used, connect to a test point or an USB connector
AH19	C103/TXD	If not used, connect to a test point
AF19	C104/RXD	If not used, connect to a test point

PAD	Signal	Notes
AA18	C105/RTS	If flow control is not used, connect to GND
AK19	C106/CTS	If not used, connect to a test point
AB19	TX_AUX	If not used, connect to a test point
AD19	RX_AUX	If not used, connect to a test point
AD1	Antenna	MAIN antenna
AU9	ANT_DIV	
S1	ANT_GPS	
J2, L2, F3, H3, K3, E4, AN14	Reserved	Connect to a test point for Telit internal use
AN4	GPIO_20	If not used, connect to a test point
AT2	WCI_RX	If not used, connect to a test point

3.3. LGA Pads Layout

Figure 2: LGA Pads Layout



3.4. Backward Compatibility to LE920

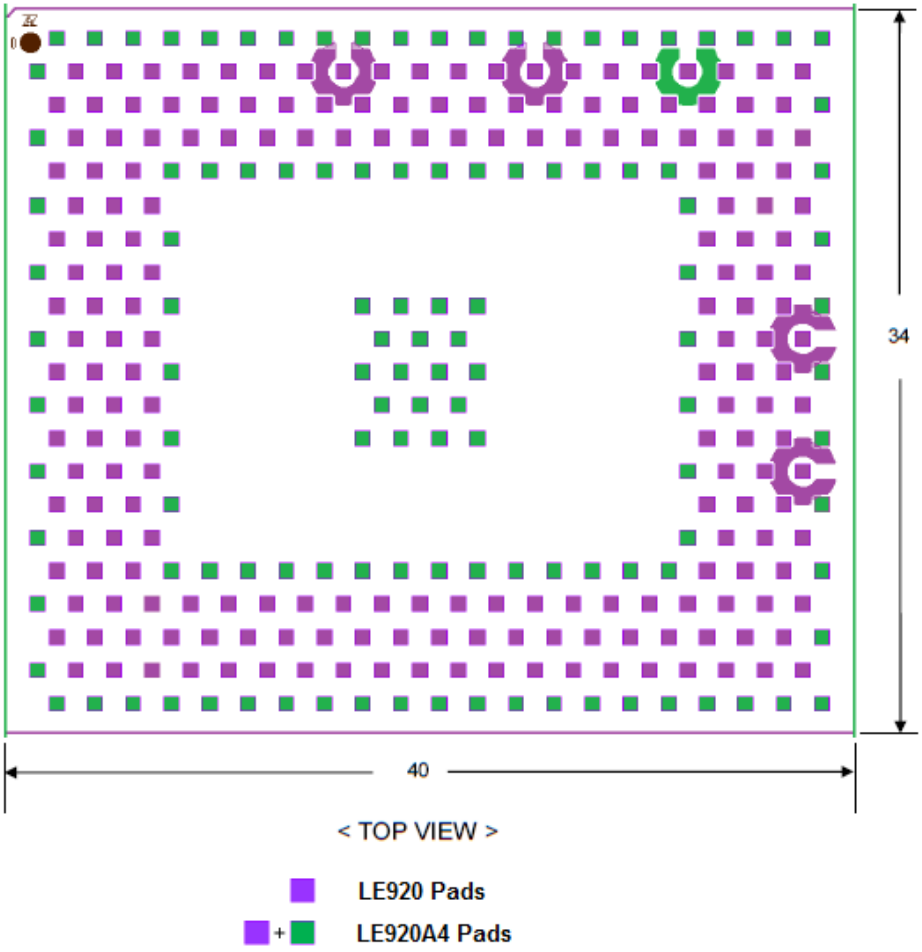
The LE920A4 is the successor of LE920 and is fully backward compatible to the previous LE920 in terms of:

- Mechanical dimensions
- Package and pin-map

To support the extra features and additional interfaces, the LE920A4 introduces more pins compared to the LE920. The extra pins of the LE920A4 can be considered as optional if not needed and can be left unconnected (floating) if not used. In this case, the new LE920A4 can be safely mounted on existing carrier boards designed for the previous LE920.

The additional pins of the LE920A4 are shown in Figure 3 (marked as Green)

Figure 3: LE920A4 vs. LE920 Pin-out Comparison



4. Electrical Specifications

4.1. Absolute Maximum Ratings – Not Operational

CAUTION:

A deviation from the value ranges listed below may harm the LE920A4 module.

Table 8: Absolute Maximum Ratings – Not Operational

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
VBATT	Battery supply voltage on pin VBATT	-0.5	+6.0	[V]
VBATT TRANSIENT	Transient voltage on pin VBATT (< 10 ms)	-0.5	+7.0	[V]
VBATT_PA	Battery supply voltage on pin VBATT_PA	-0.3	+6.0	[V]

4.2. Recommended Operating Conditions

Table 9: Recommended Operating Conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
T_{amb}	Ambient temperature	-40	+25	+85	[°C]
VBATT	Battery supply voltage on pin VBATT	3.4	3.8	4.2	[V]
VBATT_PA	Battery supply voltage on pin VBATT_PA	3.4	3.8	4.2	[V]
I_{BATT_PA} + I_{BATT}	Peak current to be used to dimension decoupling capacitors on pin VBATT_PA	-	80	2000	[mA]

4.3. Logic Level Specifications

Unless otherwise specified, all the interface circuits of the LE920A4 are 1.8V CMOS logic.

Only few specific interfaces (such as USIM and SD Card) are capable of dual voltage I/O.

The following tables show the logic level specifications used in the LE920A4 interface circuits. The data specified in the tables below is valid throughout all drive strengths and the entire temperature ranges.

CAUTION:

Do not connect LE920A4's digital logic signal directly to OEM's digital logic signal with a level higher than 2.7V for 1.8V CMOS signals.

4.3.1. 1.8V Pads - Absolute Maximum Ratings

Table 10: Absolute Maximum Ratings - Not Functional

Parameter	Min	Max
Input level on any digital pin when on	-0.3V	+2.16V
Input voltage on analog pins when on	-0.3V	+2.16 V

4.3.2. 1.8V Standard GPIOs

Table 11: Operating Range – Interface Levels (1.8V CMOS)

Pad	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit	Comment
VIH	Input high level	1.25V	--	[V]	
VIL	Input low level	--	0.6V	[V]	
VOH	Output high level	1.4V	--	[V]	
VOL	Output low level	--	0.45V	[V]	
IIL	Low-level input leakage current	-1	--	[uA]	No pull-up
IIH	High-level input leakage current	--	+1	[uA]	No pull-down
RPU	Pull-up resistance	30	390	[kΩ]	See Note

Pad	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit	Comment
RPD	Pull-down resistance	30	390	[kΩ]	See Note
Ci	Input capacitance	--	5	[pF]	

NOTE:

Pull-Up and Pull-Down resistance of GPIO5 is different than above mentioned

GPIO5 pull resistance is specified as 10KΩ to 50KΩ

4.3.3. 1.8V SD Card Pads

Table 12: Operating Range – SD Card Pads Working at 1.8V

Pad	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit	Comment
VIH	Input high level	1.27V	2V	[V]	
VIL	Input low level	-0.3V	0.58V	[V]	
VOH	Output high level	1.4V	--	[V]	
VOL	Output low level	0	0.45V	[V]	
IIL	Low-level input leakage current	-2	-	[uA]	No pull-up
IIH	High-level input leakage current	-	2	[uA]	No pull-down
RPU	Pull-up resistance	10	100	[kΩ]	
RPD	Pull-down resistance	10	100	[kΩ]	
Ci	Input capacitance		5	[pF]	

4.3.4. 1.8V SIM Card Pads

Table 13: Operating Range – SIM Pads Working at 1.8V

Pad	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit	Comment
VIH	Input high level	1.35V	2V	[V]	
VIL	Input low level	-0.3V	0.43V	[V]	

Pad	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit	Comment
VOH	Output high level	1.35V	1.875V	[V]	
VOL	Output low level	0V	0.4V	[V]	
IIL	Low-level input leakage current	-2	-	[uA]	No pull-up
IIH	High-level input leakage current	-	2	[uA]	No pull-down
RPU	Pull-up resistance	10	100	[kΩ]	
RPD	Pull-down resistance	10	100	[kΩ]	
Ci	Input capacitance		5	[pF]	

4.3.5. Dual Voltage Pads - Absolute Maximum Ratings

Table 14: Absolute Maximum Ratings - Not Functional

Parameter	Min	Max
Input level on any digital pin when on	-0.3V	+3.6V
Input voltage on analog pins when on	-0.3V	+3.6 V

4.3.6. SD Card Pads @ 2.95V

Table 15: Operating Range – For SD Card Pads Operating at 2.95V

Pad	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit	Comments
VIH	Input high level	1.9V	3.1V	[V]	
VIL	Input low level	-0.3V	0.7V	[V]	
VOH	Output high level	2.1V	3.05V	[V]	
VOL	Output low level	0V	0.4V	[V]	
IIL	Low-level input leakage current	-10		[uA]	No pull-up
IIH	High-level input leakage current		10	[uA]	No pull-down

Pad	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit	Comments
RPU	Pull-up resistance	10	100	[kΩ]	
RPD	Pull-down resistance	10	100	[kΩ]	
Ci	Input capacitance		5	[pF]	

4.3.7. SIM Card Pads @2.95V

Table 16: Operating Range – For SIM Pads Operating at 2.95V

Pad	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit	Comment
VIH	Input high level	2.1V	3.1V	[V]	
VIL	Input low level	-0.3V	0.55V	[V]	
VOH	Output high level	2.25V	3.1V	[V]	
VOL	Output low level	0V	0.4V	[V]	
IIL	Low-level input leakage current	-10		[uA]	No pull-up
IIH	High-level input leakage current		10	[uA]	No pull-down
RPU	Pull-up resistance	10	100	[kΩ]	
RPD	Pull-down resistance	10	100	[kΩ]	
Ci	Input capacitance		5	[pF]	

5. Hardware Commands

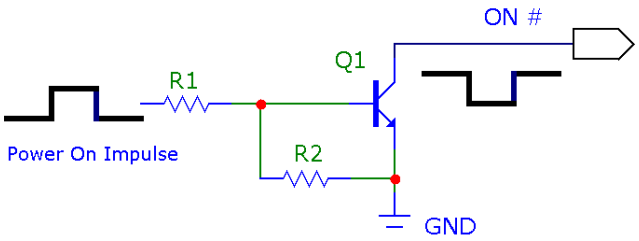
5.1. Turning on the LE920A4 Module

To turn on the LE920A4 module, the ON/OFF pad must be asserted low for at least 1 second and then released.

The maximum current that can be drained from the ON/OFF pad is 0.1 mA. This pin is internally pulled up; customers should expect to see ~ 800 mV on the output.

Figure 4 illustrates a simple circuit to power on the module using an inverted buffer output.

Figure 4: Power-on Circuit



5.2. Initialization and Activation State

After turning on the LE920A4 module, the LE920A4 is not yet activated because the SW initialization process of the LE920A4 module is still in process internally. It takes some time to fully complete the HW and SW initialization of the module.

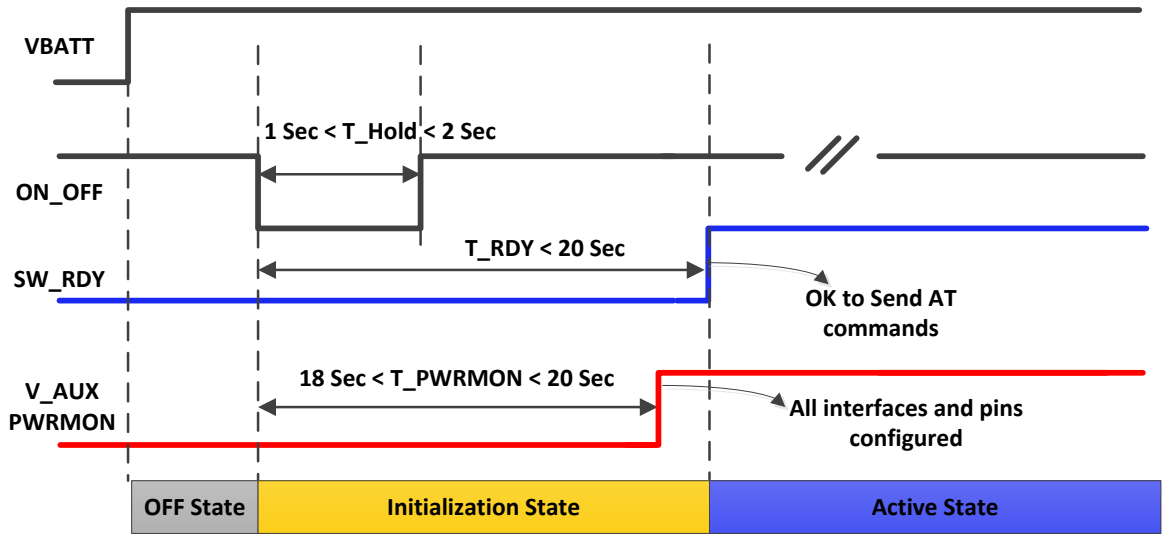
For this reason, it is impossible to access LE920A4 during the Initialization state.

As shown in Figure 5, the LE920A4 becomes operational (in the Activation state) at least 20 seconds after the assertion of ON_OFF.

NOTE:

During the Initialization state, AT commands are not available. The DTE host must wait for the Activation state prior to communicating with the LE920A4.

Figure 5: LE920A4 Initialization and Activation



NOTE:

To check if the LE920A4 has completely powered on, monitor the SW_RDY hardware line. When SW_RDY goes high, the module has completely powered on and is ready to accept AT commands.

NOTE:

During SW initialization of the LE920A4, the SW configures all pads and interfaces to their desired mode. When PWRMON goes high, this indicates that the initialization of all I/O pads is completed.

NOTE:

Do not use any pull-up resistor on the ON/OFF line as it is internally pulled up. Using a pull-up resistor may cause latch-up problems on the LE920A4 power regulator and improper powering on/off of the module. The ON/OFF line must be connected only in an open-collector configuration.

NOTE:

Active low signals are labeled with a name that ends with "_N"

NOTE:

To avoid a back-powering effect, it is recommended to avoid having any HIGH logic level signal applied to the digital pins of the module when it is powered OFF or during an ON/OFF transition.

5.3. Turning off the LE920A4 Module

Turning off the device can be done in four different ways:

- AT#SHDN software command
- Hardware shutdown using ON/OFF pad
- Hardware Unconditional Shutdown using the SHDN_N

When the device is shut down by a software command or a hardware shutdown, it issues a detach request to the network, informing the network that the device will not be reachable any more.

NOTE:

To check if the device has powered off, monitor the PWRMON hardware line. When PWRMON goes low, this indicates that the device has powered off.

NOTE:

To avoid a back-powering effect, it is recommended to avoid having any HIGH logic level signal applied to the digital pins of the module when it is powered OFF or during an ON/OFF transition.

NOTE:

Using the RESET_N for resetting the LE920A4 is not recommended

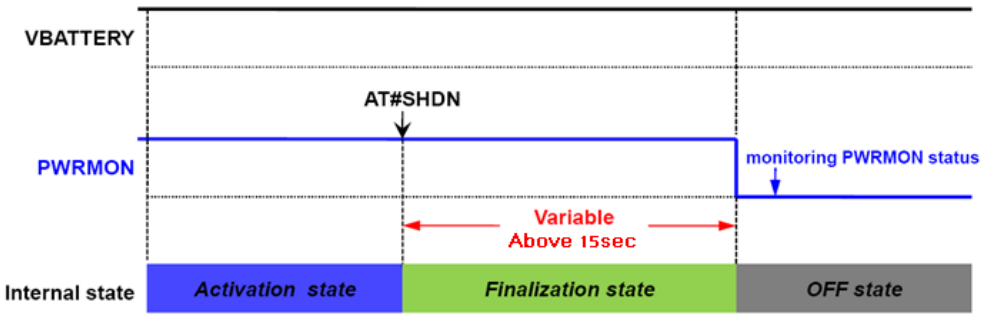
5.3.1. Shutdown by Software Command

The LE920A4 module can be shut down by a software command.

When a shutdown command is sent, LE920A4 goes into the Finalization state and at the end of the finalization process shuts down PWRMON. The duration of the finalization state can differ according to the current situation of the module, so a value cannot be defined.

Usually, it will take more than 15 seconds from sending a shutdown command until reaching a complete shutdown. The DTE should monitor the status of PWRMON to observe the actual power-off.

Figure 6: Shutdown by Software Command



NOTE:

To check whether the device has powered off, monitor the PWRMON hardware line. When PWRMON goes low, the device has powered off.

5.3.2. Hardware Shutdown

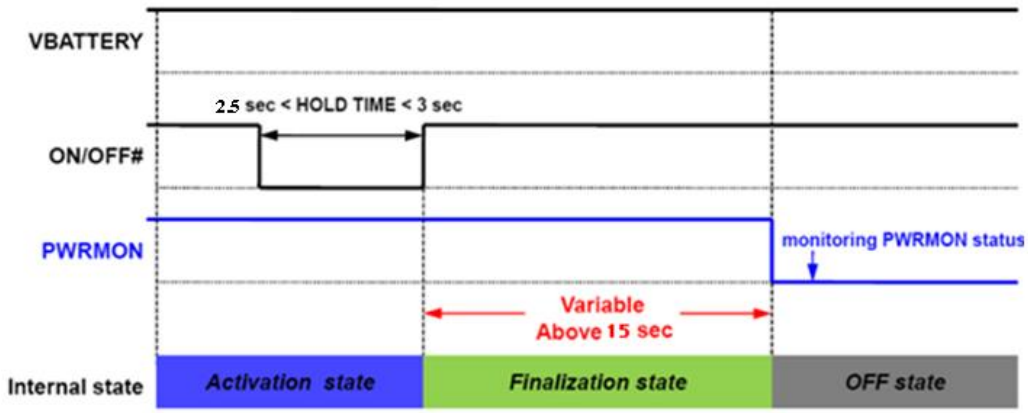
To turn off LE920A4 module, the ON/OFF pad must be asserted low for at least 2.5 seconds and then released. Use the same circuitry and timing for power-on.

When the hold time of ON/OFF is above 2.5 seconds, LE920A4 goes into the Finalization state and in the end shuts down PWRMON.

The duration of the Finalization state can differ according to the current situation of the module, so a value cannot be defined.

Usually, it will take more than 15 seconds from sending a shutdown command until reaching a complete shutdown. DTE should monitor the status of PWRMON to observe the actual power-off.

Figure 7: Hardware Shutdown via ON_OFF



NOTE:

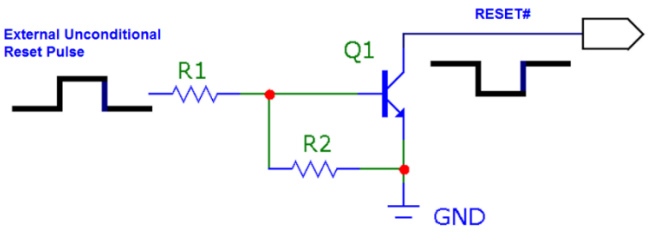
To check whether the device has powered off, monitor the PWRMON hardware line. When PWRMON goes low, the device has powered off.

5.3.3. Unconditional Hardware Reset

To unconditionally restart the LE920A4 module, the RESET_N pad must be asserted low for a period of 500-2000 milliseconds and then released.

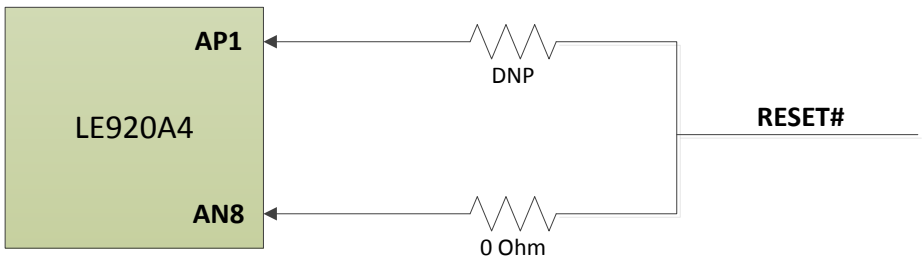
Figure 8 shows a simple circuit for this action.

Figure 8: Circuit for Unconditional Hardware Reset



For keeping backward compatibility to LE920, it is recommended to prepare an alternate connection of the RESET_N pad also to Pad AP1 while keeping Pad AN8 as the default connection as is shown in Figure 9.

Figure 9: Alternate Connection of RESET_N Pad



NOTE:

In general, using RESET_N is not recommended.

The Unconditional Hardware Reset must always be implemented on the boards, but the software must use it only as an emergency exit procedure, and not as a normal Reset operation.

NOTE:

Do not use any pull-up resistor on the RESET_N line or any totem pole digital output. Using a pull-up resistor may cause latch-up problems on the LE920A4 power regulator and improper functioning of the module. The RESET_N line must be connected only in an open-collector configuration.

NOTE:

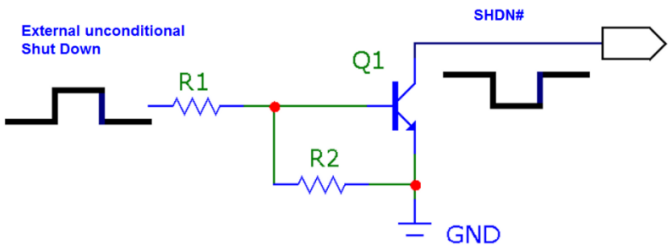
Asserting t_{RESET} low for period longer than 2000 milliseconds will cause the module to shut down.

5.3.4. Unconditional Hardware Shutdown

To unconditionally shut down the LE920A4 module, the SHDN_N pad must be tied low for at least 200 milliseconds and then released.

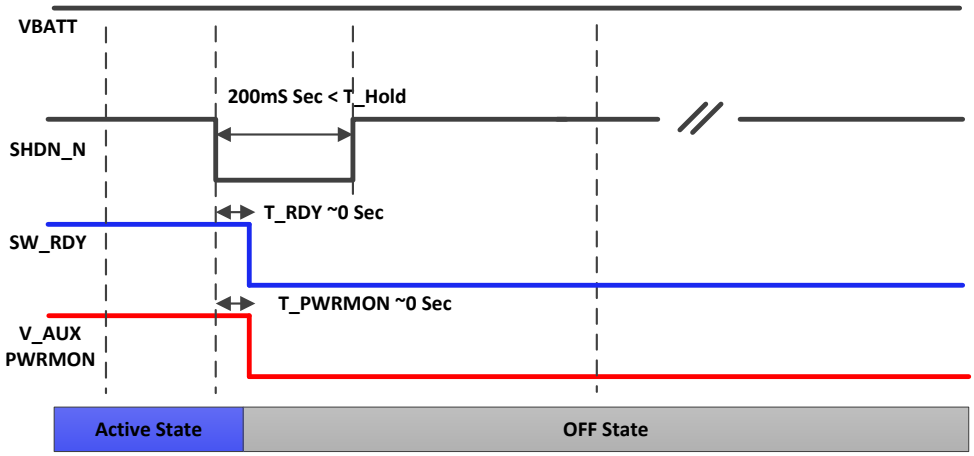
A simple circuit for applying unconditional shutdown is shown below:

Figure 10: Circuit for Unconditional Hardware Shutdown



The system power down timing for using SHDN_N is shown below

Figure 11 Power down timing using SHDN_N



NOTE:

Do not use any pull-up resistor on the SHDN_N line or any totem pole digital output. Using a pull-up resistor may cause latch-up problems on the LE920A4 power regulator and improper functioning of the module. The SHDN_N line must be connected only in an open-collector configuration.

NOTE:

The Unconditional Hardware Shutdown must always be implemented on the boards, but the software must use it only as an emergency exit procedure, and not as a normal power-off operation.

6. Power Supply

The power supply circuitry and board layout are very important parts of the full product design, with critical impact on the overall product performance. Read the following requirements and guidelines carefully to ensure a good and proper design.

6.1. Power Supply Requirements

The LE920A4 power requirements are as follows:

Table 17: Power Supply Requirements

Nominal supply voltage	3.8V
Supply voltage range	3.4V – 4.2V
Maximum ripple on module input supply	30 mV

Table 18 provides typical current consumption values of LE920A4 for various operation modes.

Table 18: LE920A4 Current Consumption

Mode		Average [Typ.]	Mode Description
Switched Off			
Switched off		25 µA	Module is powered but switched off (RTC is on)
IDLE Mode (Standby Mode; No Call in Progress)			
AT+CFUN=4		1.0 mA	Tx and Rx are disabled; module is not registered on the network (Flight mode)
DRX	GSM	2.0 mA	DRx2
		1.4 mA	DRx5
	WCDMA	1.4 mA	DRx7
		1.2 mA	DRx8
	LTE	1.8 mA	Paging cycle #128 frames (1.28 sec DRx cycle)
		1.4 mA	Paging cycle #256 frames (2.56 sec DRx cycle)

Mode	Average [Typ.]	Mode Description
Operative Mode (LTE)		
LTE (0 dBm)	190 mA	LTE CAT 4 channel BW 20 MHz, RB=1, Tx = 0 dBm (Test case: BAND 1, Channel 300)
LTE (22 dBm)	500 mA	LTE CAT 4 channel BW 20 MHz, RB=1, Tx = 22 dBm (Test case: BAND 1, Channel 300)
Operative Mode (WCDMA)		
WCDMA Voice	200 mA	WCDMA voice call (Tx = 10 dBm)
WCDMA HSDPA (0 dBm)	150 mA	WCDMA data call (Cat 14, Tx = 0 dBm, Max throughput)
WCDMA HSDPA (22 dBm)	310 mA	WCDMA data call (Cat 14, Tx = 22 dBm, Max throughput)
Operative Mode (GSM)		
GSM Tx and Rx mode		
GSM900 PL5	250 mA	GSM voice call
DCS1800 PL0	170 mA	
GPRS 4 Tx + 1 Rx		
GSM900 PL5	430 mA	GPRS Sending Data mode (CS-4)
DCS1800 PL0	340 mA	

* Worst/best case current values depend on network configuration - not under module control.

NOTE:

The electrical design for the power supply must ensure a peak current output of at least 2A.

NOTE:

In GSM/GPRS mode, RF transmission is not continuous, but is packed into bursts at a base frequency of about 216 Hz with relative current peaks as high as about 2A. Therefore, the power supply must be designed to withstand these current peaks without big voltage drops. This means that both the electrical design and the board layout must be designed for this current flow.

If the layout of the PCB is not well designed, a strong noise floor is generated on the ground. This will reflect on all the audio paths producing an audible annoying noise at 216 Hz.

If the voltage drops during the peaks, current absorption is too high. The device may even shut down as a consequence of the supply voltage drop.

6.2. General Design Rules

The principal guidelines for the Power Supply Design embrace three different design steps:

- Electrical design
- Thermal design
- PCB layout

6.2.1. Electrical Design Guidelines

The electrical design of the power supply depends strongly on the power source where this power is drained. Power sources can be distinguished by three categories:

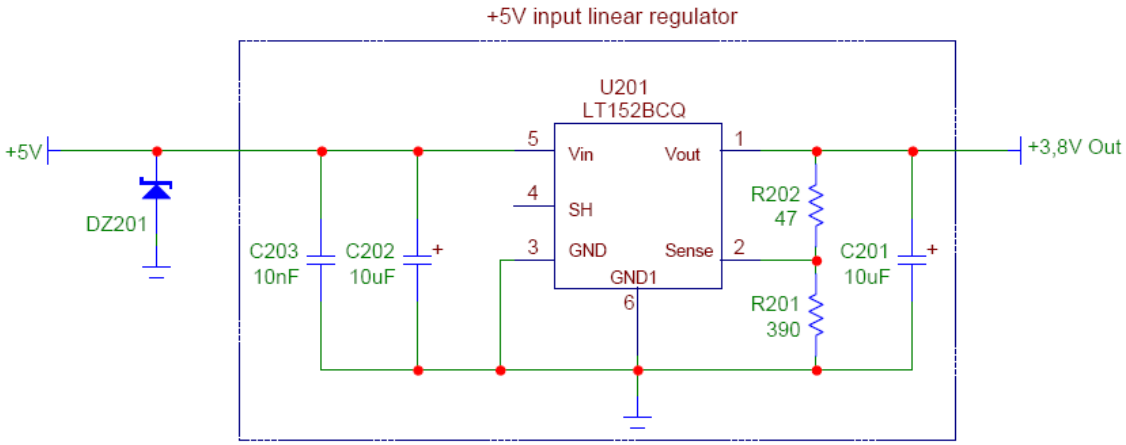
- +5V input (typically PC internal regulator output)
- +12V input (typically automotive)
- Battery

6.2.1.1. + 5V Input Source Power Supply – Design Guidelines

- The desired output for the power supply is 3.8V. So, the difference between the input source and the desired output is not big, and therefore a linear regulator can be used. A switching power supply is preferred to reduce power consumption.
- When using a linear regulator, a proper heat sink must be provided to dissipate the power generated.
- A bypass low ESR capacitor of adequate capacity must be provided to cut the current absorption peaks close to the LE920A4 module. A 100 µF tantalum capacitor is usually suitable (on both VBATT and VBATT_PA together).
- Make sure that the low ESR capacitor on the power supply output (usually a tantalum one) is rated at least 10V.
- A protection diode must be inserted close to the power input to protect the LE920A4 module from power polarity inversion.

Figure 12 shows an example of linear regulator with 5V input.

Figure 12: Example of Linear Regulator with 5V Input



6.2.1.2. + 12V Input Source Power Supply – Design Guidelines

- The desired output for the power supply is 3.8V. Due to the big difference between the input source and the desired output, a linear regulator is unsuitable and must not be used. A switching power supply is preferable because of its better efficiency, especially with the 2A peak current load which is expected during GSM Tx.
- When using a switching regulator, a 500-kHz or higher switching frequency regulator is preferable because of its smaller inductor size and its faster transient response. This allows the regulator to respond quickly to the current peaks absorption.
- In any case, the selection of the frequency and switching design is related to the application to be developed due to the fact that the switching frequency can also generate EMC interference.
- For car batteries (lead-acid accumulators) the input voltage can rise up to 15.8V. This must be kept in mind when choosing components: all components in the power supply must withstand this voltage.
- A bypass low ESR capacitor of adequate capacity must be provided to cut the current absorption peaks. A 100µF tantalum capacitor is usually suitable (on both VBATT and VBATT_PA together).
- Make sure that the low ESR capacitor on the power supply output (usually a tantalum one) is rated at least 10V.
- For automotive applications, a spike protection diode must be inserted close to the power input to clean the supply of spikes.
- A protection diode must be inserted close to the power input to protect the LE920A4 module from power polarity inversion. This can be the same diode as for spike protection.

Figure 13 and Figure 14 show an example of switching regulator with 12V input.

Figure 13: Example of Switching Regulator with 12V Input – Part 1

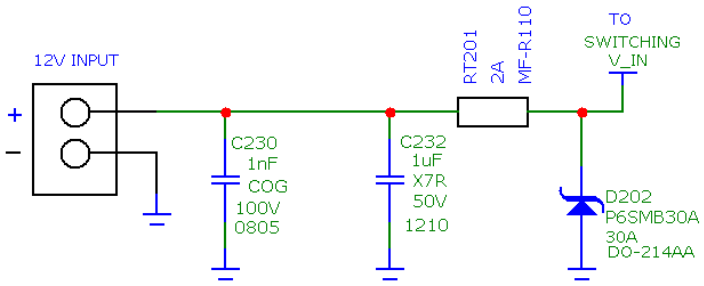
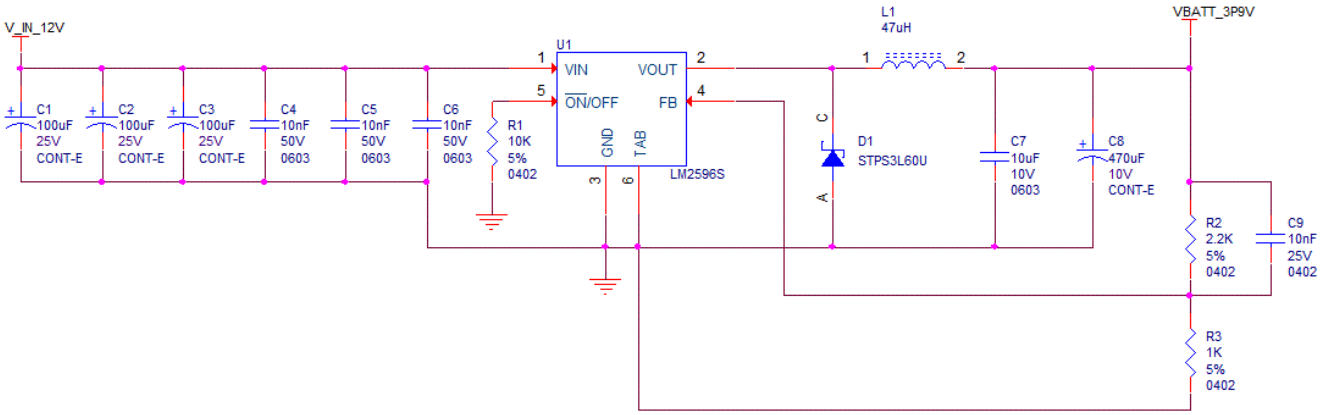


Figure 14: Example of Switching Regulator with 12V Input – Part 2



6.2.1.3. Battery Source Power Supply – Design Guidelines

- The desired nominal output for the power supply is 3.8V, and the maximum allowed voltage is 4.2V. Hence, a single 3.7V Li-Ion cell battery type is suitable for supplying the power to the LE920A4 module.

CAUTION:

Do not use any Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, and Pb battery types directly connected to the LE920A4 module. Their use can lead to overvoltage on the LE920A4 and damage it. Use only Li-Ion battery types.

- A bypass low ESR capacitor of adequate capacity must be provided to cut the current absorption peaks; a 100µF tantalum capacitor is usually suitable (on both VBATT and VBATT_PA together).
- Make sure that the low ESR capacitor (usually a tantalum one) is rated at least 10V.
- A protection diode must be inserted close to the power input to protect the LE920A4 module from power polarity inversion. Otherwise, the battery connector must be done in a way to avoid polarity inversions when connecting the battery.
- The battery capacity must be at least 900 mAh to withstand the current peaks of 2A.

6.2.2. Thermal Design Guidelines

The thermal design for the power supply heat sink must be done with the following specifications:

- Average current consumption during RF transmission @PWR level max in LE920A4 as shown in Section 6.1, Table 18
- Average current consumption during Class12 GPRS transmission @PWR level max as shown in Section 6.1, Table 18
- Average GPS current during GPS ON (Power Saving disabled) : mA (TBD)

NOTE:

The average consumption during transmission depends on the power level at which the device is requested to transmit via the network. Therefore, the average current consumption varies significantly.

NOTE:

The thermal design for the power supply must be made keeping an average consumption at the maximum transmitting level during calls of LTE/HSPA/GPRS plus average consumption in GPS Tracking mode.

Considering the very low current during Idle, especially if the Power Saving function is enabled, it is possible to consider from the thermal point of view that the device absorbs significant current only during an Active Call or Data session.

For the heat generated by the LE920A4 module, consider it to be 2W max during transmission at Class12 GPRS upload. The generated heat is mostly conducted to the ground plane under the LE920A4 module. Ensure that your application can dissipate heat.

In LTE/WCDMA/HSPA mode, the LE920A4 emits RF signals continuously during transmission. Therefore, you must pay special attention how to dissipate the heat generated.

While designing the application board, the designer must make sure that the LE920A4 module is mounted on a large ground area of the application board, with many ground vias available beneath the module for effective heat dissipation.

Even though peak current consumption in GSM mode is higher than in LTE/WCDMA/HSPA, considerations for heat sink are more important in the case of WCDMA due to the continuous transmission conditions.

6.2.3. Power Supply PCB Layout Guidelines

As seen in the electrical design guidelines, the power supply must have a low ESR capacitor on the output to cut the current peaks and a protection diode on the input to protect the supply from spikes and polarity inversion. The placement of these components is crucial for the correct operation of the circuitry. A misplaced component can be useless or can even decrease the power supply performances.

- The bypass low ESR capacitor must be placed close to the LE920A4 power input pads, or if the power supply is of a switching type, it can be placed close to the inductor to cut the ripple, as long as the PCB trace from the capacitor to LE920A4 is wide enough to ensure a drop-less connection even during the 2A current peaks.
- The protection diode must be placed close to the input connector where the power source is drained.
- The PCB traces from the input connector to the power regulator IC must be wide enough to ensure that no voltage drops occur during the 2A current peaks.

Note that this is not done to save power loss but especially to avoid the voltage drops on the power line at the current peaks frequency of 216 Hz that will reflect on all the components connected to that supply (also introducing the noise floor at the burst base frequency.)

For this reason while a voltage drop of 300-400 mV may be acceptable from the power loss point of view, the same voltage drop may not be acceptable from the noise point of view. If your application does not have an audio interface but only uses the data feature of the LE920A4, this noise is not so disturbing, and the power supply layout design can be more forgiving.

- The PCB traces to LE920A4 and the bypass capacitor must be wide enough to ensure that no significant voltage drops occur when the 2A current peaks are absorbed. This is needed for the same above-mentioned reasons. Try to keep these traces as short as possible.
- The PCB traces connecting the switching output to the inductor and the switching diode must be kept as short as possible by placing the inductor and the diode very close to the power switching IC (only for the switching power supply). This is done to reduce the radiated field (noise) at the switching frequency (usually 100-500 kHz).
- Use a good common ground plane.
- Place the power supply on the board in a way to guarantee that the high current return paths in the ground plane do not overlap any noise sensitive circuitry, such as the microphone amplifier/buffer or earphone amplifier.
- The power supply input cables must be kept separate from noise sensitive lines, such as microphone/earphone cables.

7. Antenna(s)

Antenna connection and board layout design are the most important parts in the full product design, and they have a strong influence on the product's overall performance. Read carefully and follow the requirements and guidelines for a good and proper design.

7.1. GSM/WCDMA/LTE Antenna Requirements

The antenna for the LE920A4 device must meet the following requirements:

Table 19: GSM / WCDMA/ LTE Antenna Requirements

Frequency range	The customer must use the most suitable antenna band width for covering the frequency bands provided by the network operator and also supported by the car OEM while using the Telit module. The bands supported by each variant of the LE920A4 module family are provided in Section 2.6.1, RF Bands per Regional Variant.
Gain	Gain < 3 dBi
Impedance	50 Ohm
Input power	> 33 dBm(2 W) peak power in GSM > 24 dBm average power in WCDMA & LTE
VSWR absolute max	<= 10:1
VSWR recommended	<= 2:1

Since there is no antenna connector on the LE920A4 module, the antenna must be connected to the LE920A4 antenna pad (AD1) by a transmission line implemented on the PCB.

If the antenna is not directly connected to the antenna pad of the LE920A4, a PCB line is required to connect to it or to its connector.

This transmission line must meet the following requirements:

Table 20: Antenna Line on PCB Requirements

Characteristic impedance	50 Ohm
Max attenuation	0.3 dB
Avoid coupling with other signals.	
Cold End (Ground Plane) of the antenna must be equipotential to the LE920A4 ground pads.	

Furthermore, if the device is developed for the US and/or Canada market, it must comply with the FCC and/or IC approval requirements.

NOTE:

This device is to be used only for mobile and fixed application. The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons and must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. End-Users must be provided with transmitter operation conditions for satisfying RF exposure compliance. OEM integrators must ensure that the end user has no manual instructions to remove or install the LE920A4 module. Antennas used for this OEM module must not exceed 3dBi gain for mobile and fixed operating configurations.

7.2. GSM/WCDMA/LTE Antenna – PCB Line Guidelines

- Make sure that the transmission line's characteristic impedance is 50 Ohm.
- Keep the line on the PCB as short as possible since the antenna line loss should be less than around 0.3 dB.
- Line geometry should have uniform characteristics, constant cross sections, and avoid meanders and abrupt curves.
- Any suitable geometry/structure can be used for implementing the printed transmission line affecting the antenna.
- If a ground plane is required in the line geometry, this plane must be continuous and sufficiently extended so the geometry can be as similar as possible to the related canonical model.
- Keep, if possible, at least one layer of the PCB used only for the ground plane. If possible, use this layer as reference ground plane for the transmission line.
- Surround the PCB transmission line with ground (on both sides). Avoid having other signal tracks facing the antenna line track directly.
- Avoid crossing any un-shielded transmission line footprint with other tracks on different layers.
- The ground surrounding the antenna line on the PCB must be strictly connected to the main Ground plane by means of via-holes (once per 2 mm at least) placed close to the ground edges facing the line track.
- Place EM-noisy devices as far as possible from LE920A4 antenna line.
- Keep the antenna line far away from the LE920A4 power supply lines.
- If EM-noisy devices are present on the PCB hosting the LE920A4, such as fast switching ICs, take care to shield them with a metal frame cover.
- If EM-noisy devices are not present around the line, geometries like Micro strip or Grounded Coplanar Waveguide are preferred because they typically ensure less attenuation compared to a Strip line having the same length.

7.3. GSM/WCDMA/LTE Antenna – Installation Guidelines

- Install the antenna in a location with access to the network radio signal.
- The antenna must be installed such that it provides a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons and must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.
- The antenna must not be installed inside metal cases.
- The antenna must be installed according to the antenna manufacturer's instructions.

7.4. Antenna Diversity Requirements

This product includes an input for a second Rx antenna to improve radio sensitivity. The function is called Antenna Diversity.

Table 21: Antenna Diversity Requirements

Frequency range	The customer must use the most suitable antenna band width for covering the frequency bands provided by the network operator and also supported by the car OEM while using the Telit module. The bands supported by each variant of the LE920A4 module family are provided in Section 2.6.1, RF Bands per Regional Variant
Impedance	50Ω
VSWR recommended	≤ 2:1

Since there is no antenna connector on the LE920A4 module, the antenna must be connected to the LE920A4 antenna pad by means of a transmission line implemented on the PCB.

If the antenna is not directly connected at the antenna pad of the LE920A4, a PCB line is required to connect to it or to its connector.

The second Rx antenna must not be located in close vicinity of the main antenna. To improve diversity gain and isolation and to reduce mutual interaction, the two antennas should be located at the maximum reciprocal distance possible, taking into consideration the available space within the application.

NOTE:

If Rx Diversity is not used/connected, disable the Diversity functionality using the AT#RXDIV command (refer to the AT User guide) and leave the Diversity pad AU9 unconnected.

7.5. GNSS Antenna Requirements

LE920A4 supports an active antenna.

It is recommended to use antennas as follow:

- An external active antenna (GPS only)
- An external active antenna plus GNSS pre-filter

NOTE:

The external GNSS pre-filter is required for the GLONASS application.

The GNSS pre-filter must meet the following requirements:

- Source and load impedance = 50 Ohm
- Insertion loss (1575.42–1576.42 MHz) = 1.4 dB (Max)
- Insertion loss (1565.42–1585.42 MHz) = 2.0 dB (Max)
- Insertion loss (1597.5515–1605.886 MHz) = 2.0 dB (Max)

NOTE:

It is recommended to add a DC block to the customer's GPS application to prevent damage to the LE920A4 module due to unwanted DC voltage.

7.5.1. Combined GNSS Antenna

The use of a combined RF/GNSS antenna is NOT recommended. This solution can generate an extremely poor GNSS reception. In addition, the combination of antennas requires an additional diplexer, which adds significant power loss in the RF path.

7.5.2. Linear and Patch GNSS Antenna

Using this type of antenna introduces at least 3 dB of loss compared to a circularly polarized (CP) antenna. Having a spherical gain response instead of a hemispherical gain response can aggravate the multipath behavior and create poor position accuracy.

7.5.3. Front End Design Considerations

Since there is no antenna connector on the LE920A4 module, the antenna must be connected to the LE920A4 through the PCB to the antenna pad.

If the antenna is not directly connected at the antenna pad of the LE920A4, a PCB line is required. This line of transmission must meet the following requirements:

Table 22: Antenna Line on PCB Requirements

Characteristic impedance	50 Ohm
Max attenuation	0.3 dB
Avoid coupling with other signals.	
Cold End (Ground Plane) of the antenna must be equipotential to the LE920A4 ground pads.	

Furthermore, if the device is developed for the US and/or Canada market, it must comply with the FCC and/or IC requirements.

This device is to be used only for mobile and fixed application.

7.5.4. GNSS Antenna – PCB Line Guidelines

- Ensure that the antenna line impedance is 50 Ohm.
- Keep the line on the PCB as short as possible to reduce the loss.
- The antenna line must have uniform characteristics, constant cross section, avoiding meanders and abrupt curves.
- Keep one layer of the PCB used only for the Ground plane; if possible.
- Surround (on the sides, over and under) the antenna line on the PCB with Ground. Avoid having other signal tracks directly facing the antenna line track.
- The Ground around the antenna line on the PCB must be strictly connected to the main Ground plane by placing vias at least once per 2mm.
- Place EM-noisy devices as far as possible from LE920A4 antenna line.
- Keep the antenna line far away from the LE920A4 power supply lines.
- If EM-noisy devices are around the PCB hosting the LE920A4, such as fast switching ICs, ensure shielding the antenna line by burying it inside the layers of PCB and surrounding it with Ground planes; or shield it with a metal frame cover.
- If you do not have EM-noisy devices around the PCB of LE920A4, use a Micro strip line on the surface copper layer for the antenna line. The line attenuation will be lower than a buried one.

7.5.5. GNSS Antenna – Installation Guidelines

- The LE920A4, due to its sensitivity characteristics, is capable of performing a fix inside buildings. (In any case, the sensitivity could be affected by the building characteristics i.e. shielding.)
- The antenna must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.
- The antenna must not be installed inside metal cases.
- The antenna must be installed according to the antenna manufacturer’s instructions.

8. Hardware Interfaces

Table 23 summarizes all the hardware interfaces of the LE920A4 module.

Table 23: LE920A4 Hardware Interfaces

Interface	LE920A4
SGMII	For Ethernet PHY support
Ethernet Control	For controlling an external Ethernet PHY
HSIC	x1
SDIO	x2 (for SD/MMC card and for WLAN)
USB	USB2.0, OTG support
SPI	Master only, up to 50 MHz
I2C	For sensors, audio control
UART	2 HS-UART (up to 4 Mbps)
Audio I/F	I2S/PCM, Analog I/O
GPIO	8 ~ 23 (8 dedicated + 15 multiplexed with other signals)
USIM	x2, dual voltage each (1.8V/2.85V)
ADC	Up to x3
Antenna ports	2 for Cellular, 1 for GNSS

8.1. USB Port

The LE920A4 module includes a Universal Serial Bus (USB) transceiver, which operates at USB high-speed (480 Mbits/sec). It can also operate with USB full-speed hosts (12 Mbits/sec).

It is compliant with the USB 2.0 specification and can be used for control and data transfers as well as for diagnostic monitoring and firmware update.

The USB port is typically the main interface between the LE920A4 module and OEM hardware.

NOTE:

The USB_D+ and USB_D- signals have a clock rate of 480 MHz. The signal traces must be routed carefully. Minimize trace lengths, number of vias, and capacitive loading. The impedance value should be as close as possible to 90 Ohms differential.

Table 24 lists the USB interface signals.

Table 24: USB Interface Signals

Signal	LE920A4 Pad No.	Usage
USB_VBUS	A18	Power and cable detection for the internal USB transceiver. Acceptable input voltage range 2.5V – 5.5V @ max 5 mA consumption
USB_D-	F19	Minus (-) line of the differential, bi-directional USB signal to/from the peripheral device
USB_D+	D19	Plus (+) line of the differential, bi-directional USB signal to/from the peripheral device
USB_ID	B19	USB ID signal for supporting USB2.0 OTG (see note below)

NOTE:

USB_VBUS input power is internally used to detect the USB port and start the enumeration process. It is not used for supplying power to the internal LE920A4 USB HW block. Therefore, only a maximum of 5 mA is required.

NOTE:

Even if USB communication is not used, it is still highly recommended to place an optional USB connector on the application board.

At least test points of the USB signals are required since the USB physical communication is needed in the case of SW update.

NOTE:

For supporting USB OTG an additional 5V power supply should be added externally

8.2. HSIC Interface

The application processor exposes a High-Speed Inter-Chip (HSIC). HSIC eliminates the analog transceiver from a USB interface for lower voltage operation and reduced power dissipation. The HSIC interface is compliant with Ref 10: High-Speed Inter-Chip USB Electrical Specification, version 1.0 (a supplement to the USB 2.0 specification, Section 3.8.2), and supports the following:

- High-speed 480 Mbps (240 MHz DDR) USB transfers are 100% host driver compatible with traditional USB cable connected topologies
- Bidirectional data strobe signal (STROBE)
- Bidirectional data signal (DATA)
- No power consumption unless a transfer is in progress

Further details will be provided in a future release of this document.

8.3. Ethernet Connectivity (optional)

Ethernet connectivity can be optionally added to LE920A4 by adding an external PHY

PHY connectivity uses SGMII interface for Data and few additional signals for PHY control

8.3.1. SGMII Interface

The LE920A4 includes an integrated Ethernet MAC with an SGMII interface, having the following key features:

- The SGMII interface can be used connect to an external Ethernet PHY, or an external switch.
- When enabled, an additional network interface will be available to the Linux kernel's router.

8.3.2. Ethernet Control interface

When using an external PHY for Ethernet connectivity, the LE920A4 also includes the control interface for managing this external PHY

The table below lists the signals for controlling the external PHY

Table 25: Ethernet Control Interface Signals

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	COMMENT
G14	MAC_MDC	O	MAC to PHY Clock	2.85V	
G12	MAC_MDIO	I/O	MAC to PHY Data	2.85V	
G8	ETH_RST_N	O	Reset to Ethernet PHY	2.85V	
G10	ETH_INT_N	I	Interrupt from Ethernet PHY	2.85V	

NOTE:
The Ethernet control interface is internally (inside SoC) shared with USIM2 port!
When Ethernet PHY is used, USIM2 port cannot be used (and vice versa).

8.4. Serial Ports

The serial port is typically a secondary interface between the LE920A4 module and OEM hardware. Two serial ports are available on the module:

- MODEM SERIAL PORT 1(Main)
- MODEM SERIAL PORT 2 (Auxiliary)

Several configurations can be designed for the serial port on the OEM hardware. The most common are:

- RS232 PC com port
- Microcontroller UART @ 1.8V (Universal Asynchronous Receive Transmit)
- Microcontroller UART @ 3.3V/5V or other voltages different from 1.8V

Depending on the type of serial port on the OEM hardware, a level translator circuit may be needed to make the system operate. The only configuration that does not need level translation is the 1.8V UART.

The levels for LE920A4 UART are the CMOS levels as described in Section 4.3, Logic Level Specifications.

8.4.1. Modem Serial Port 1 Signals

Serial Port 1 on LE920A4 is a +1.8V UART with 7 RS232 signals. It differs from the PC-RS232 in signal polarity (RS232 is reversed) and levels.

Table 26 lists the signals of LE920A4 Serial Port 1.

Table 26: Modem Serial Port 1 Signals

RS232 Pin No.	Signal	LE920A4 Pad No.	Name	Usage
1	DCD - DCD_UART	AE18	Data Carrier Detect	Output from the LE920A4 that indicates carrier presence
2	RXD - TX_UART	AF19	Transmit line *see Note	Output transmit line of the LE920A4 UART
3	TXD - RX_UART	AH19	Receive line *see Note	Input receive line of the LE920A4 UART

RS232 Pin No.	Signal	LE920A4 Pad No.	Name	Usage
4	DTR - DTR_UART	AC18	Data Terminal Ready	Input to LE920A4 that controls the DTE READY condition
5	GND	A6, A12, B13, B15…	Ground	Ground
6	DSR - DSR_UART	AG18	Data Set Ready	Output from the LE920A4 that indicates that the module is ready
7	RTS - RTS_UART	AA18	Request to Send	Input to LE920A4 controlling the Hardware flow control
8	CTS - CTS_UART	AK19	Clear to Send	Output from LE920A4 controlling the Hardware flow control
9	RI - RI_UART	AJ18	Ring Indicator	Output from LE920A4 indicating the Incoming call condition

NOTE:

DCD, DTR, DSR, RI signals that are not used for UART functions can be configured as GPIO using AT commands.

NOTE:

To avoid a back-powering effect, it is recommended to avoid having any HIGH logic level signal applied to the digital pins of the module when it is powered OFF or during an ON/OFF transition.

NOTE:

For minimum implementations, only the TXD and RXD lines needs be connected. The other lines can be left open provided a software flow control is implemented.

NOTE:

According to V.24, Rx/Tx signal names refer to the application side; therefore, on the LE920A4 side, these signal are in the opposite direction: TXD on the application side will be connected to the receive line (here named TXD/ RX_UART) of the LE920A4 serial port and vice versa for Rx.

8.4.2. Modem Serial Port 2

Serial Port 2 on the LE920A4 is a +1.8V UART with Rx and Tx signals only.

Table 27 lists the signals of LE920A4 Serial Port 2.

Table 27: Modem Serial Port 2 Signals

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	COMMENT
AB19	TX_AUX	O	Auxiliary UART (Tx Data to DTE)	1.8V	
AD19	RX_AUX	I	Auxiliary UART (Rx Data to DTE)	1.8V	

NOTE:

To avoid a back-powering effect, it is recommended to avoid having any HIGH logic level signal applied to the digital pins of the module when it is powered OFF or during an ON/OFF transition.

NOTE:

The Auxiliary UART is used as the SW main debug console. It is required to place test points on this interface even if not used.

8.4.3. RS232 Level Translation

To interface the LE920A4 with a PC com port or a RS232 (EIA/TIA-232) application, a level translator is required. This level translator must:

- Invert the electrical signal in both directions
- Change the level from 0/1.8V to +15/-15V

The RS232 UART 16450, 16550, 16650 & 16750 chipsets accept signals with lower levels on the RS232 side (EIA/TIA-562), allowing a lower voltage-multiplying ratio on the level translator. Note that the negative signal voltage must be less than 0V and hence some sort of level translation is always required.

The simplest way to translate the levels and invert the signal is by using a single chip-level translator. There are a multitude of them, differing in the number of drivers and receivers and in the levels (be sure to get a true RS232 level translator, not a RS485 or other standards).

By convention, the driver is the level translator from the 0-1.8V UART to the RS232 level. The receiver is the translator from the RS232 level to 0-1.8V UART.

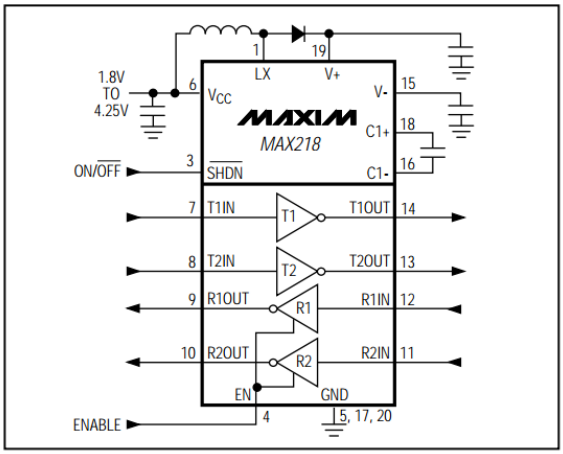
To translate the whole set of control lines of the UART, the following is required:

- 2 drivers
- 2 receivers

NOTE:

The digital input lines operating at 1.8V CMOS have an absolute maximum input voltage of 2.7V. Therefore, the level translator IC must not be powered by the +3.8V supply of the module. Instead, it must be powered from a dedicated +1.8V power supply.

Figure 15: RS232 Level Adaption Circuitry Example



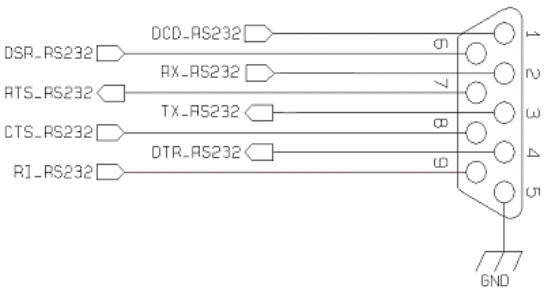
NOTE:

In this case, the length of the lines on the application must be taken into account to avoid problems in the case of High-speed rates on RS232.

For example, RS232 level adaption circuitry could use a MAXIM transceiver (MAX218). This chip as shown in Figure 15, is capable of translating directly from 1.8V to the RS232 levels (Example on 4 signals only).

The RS232 serial port lines are usually connected to a DB9 connector as shown in Figure 16. Signal names and directions are named and defined from the DTE point of view.

Figure 16: RS232 Serial Port Lines Connection Layout



8.5. Peripheral Ports

In addition to the LE920A4 serial ports, the LE920A4 supports the following peripheral ports:

- SPI – Serial Peripheral Interface
- I2C - Inter-integrated circuit
- SD/MMC Card Interface
- SDIO Interface

8.5.1. SPI – Serial Peripheral Interface

The LE920A4 SPI supports the following:

- Master Mode only
- 1.8V CMOS level
- Up to 50 MHz clock rate

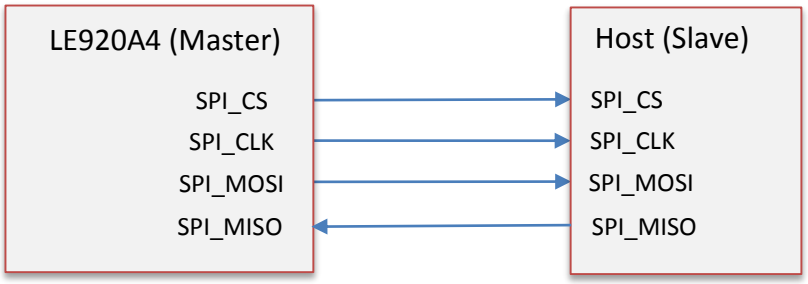
NOTE:

SPI is supported on Linux side only. Master mode only is supported, no Slave mode configuration.

Table 28: SPI Signals

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comment
P19	SPI_CLK	O	SPI clock output	1.8V	
M19	SPI_MISO	I	SPI data Master input Slave output	1.8V	
K19	SPI_MOSI	O	SPI data Master output Slave input	1.8V	
N18	SPI_CS	O	SPI chip-select output	1.8V	

Figure 17: SPI Signal Connectivity



8.5.2. I2C - Inter-integrated Circuit

The LE920A4 supports an I2C interface on the following pins:

- C14 - I2C_SCL
- D13 - I2C_SDA

The I2C interface is used for controlling peripherals inside the module (such as codec, etc.).

The I2C can also be used externally by the end customer application. However, to avoid conflicts, the following addresses must not be used externally by the customer:

- Address 0x30 (8 bit, write), 0x31 (8 bit, read)

- Address 0x90 (8 bit, write), 0x91 (8 bit, read)

In addition, SW emulated I2C functionality can be used on GPIO 1-6 pins.

Any GPIO (among GPIO 1-6) can be configured as SCL or SDA.

LE920A4 supports I2C Master mode only.

NOTE:

SW emulated I2C on GPIO lines is supported only from the Modem side.

For more information, refer to the LE920A4 AT SW manual for command settings.

8.5.3. SD/MMC Card Interface

The LE920A4 provides an SD port supporting the SD3.0 specification, which can be used to support standard SD/MMC memory cards with the following features:

- Interface with SD/MMC memory cards up to 2 Tera Byte
- Max clock @ 2.95V - 50 MHz SDR
  - Max Data: 25 MByte/s
  - SD standard: HS-SDR25 at 2.95V
- Max clock @ 1.8V - 200 MHz SDR
  - Max Data: 100 MByte/s
  - SD standard: UHS-SDR104 at 1.8 V
- Max clock @ 1.8V - 50 MHz DDR
  - Max Data: 50 MByte/s
  - SD standard: UHS-DDR50 at 1.8 V

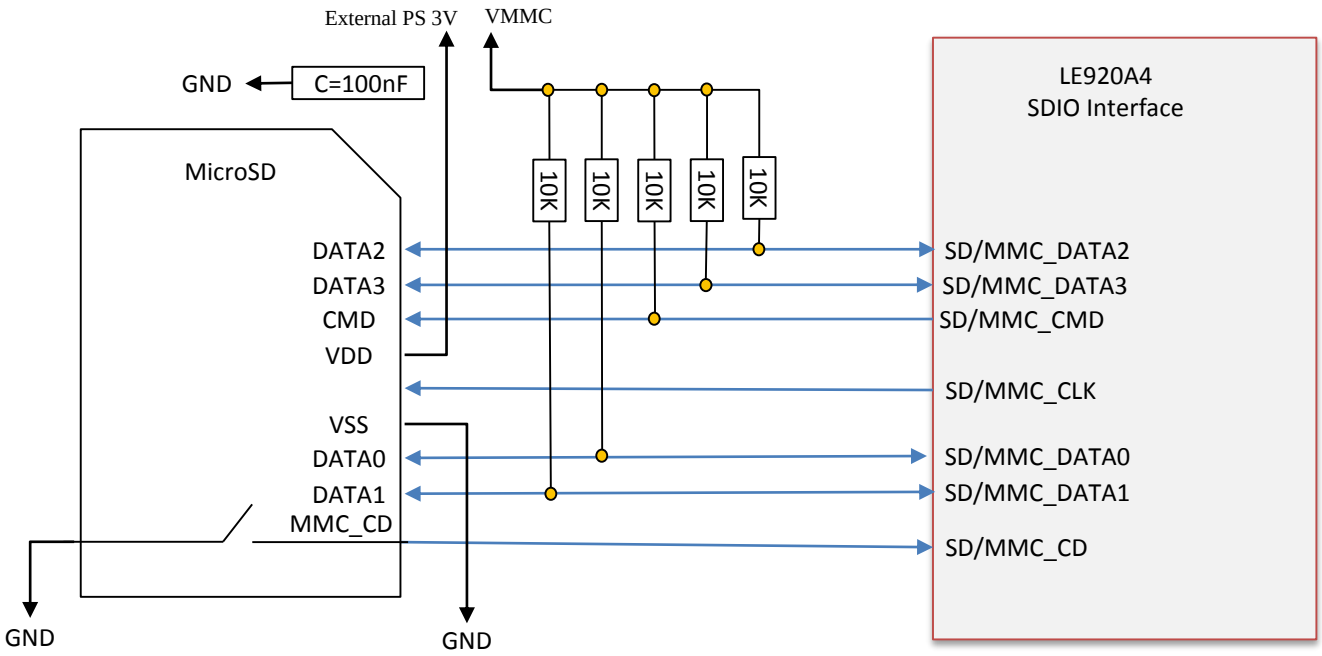
Table 29 lists the LE920A4 SD card signals.

Table 29: SD Card Signals

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comments
AH17	SD/MMC_CMD	O	SD command	1.8/2.95V	
AD17	SD/MMC_CLK	O	SD card clock	1.8/2.95V	
Y17	SD/MMC_DATA0	I/O	SD Serial Data 0	1.8/2.95V	
AF17	SD/MMC_DATA1	I/O	SD Serial Data 1	1.8/2.95V	
AB17	SD/MMC_DATA2	I/O	SD Serial Data 2	1.8/2.95V	
W17	SD/MMC_DATA3	I/O	SD Serial Data 3	1.8/2.95V	
U17	SD/MMC_CD	I	SD card detect input	1.8V	Active Low
S17	VMMC	-	Power supply for MMC card pull-up resistors	1.8/2.95V	Max Current is 50mA

Figure 18 shows the recommended connection diagram of the SD interface.

Figure 18: SD Interface Connectivity



NOTE:

SD/MMC is supported only on the Linux side.

The VMMC supply is limited to 50mA max and can be used only to supply the MMC card external pull-up resistors.

Pull-up resistors must be placed on the host application board.

The card detection input has an internal pull-up resistor.

NOTE:

The power supply to the SD/MMC card VCC is to be provided by the Host application board.

The LE920A4 does not provide a dedicated power supply for the SD/MMC card.

VMMC can be used for enabling of the external power supply (LDO Enable signal)

8.5.4. WiFi SDIO Interface

The LE920A4 provides an SDIO port supporting the SDIO3.0 specification, which can be used to interface with a WiFi chipset (a Qualcomm QCA65x4 chipset or other WiFi solutions - TBD)

The LE920A4 module includes an integrated SW driver for supporting the Qualcomm QCA65x4 chipset.

The SDIO port supports the SDIO 3.0 specification at 1.8V CMOS only, thus cannot be used as an external SD/MMC card connection.

The LE920A4 module supports an LTE/WiFi coexistence mechanism via the WCI (Wireless Coexistence Interface) port, which connects between the module and the external WiFi IC.

For a detailed explanation, refer to 0.

Table 30: WiFi SDIO Interface

Pad	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comments
AB3	WIFI_SD_CMD	O	WiFi SD Command	1.8V	
AM3	WIFI_SD_CLK	O	WiFi SD Clock	1.8V	200 MHz max.
AD3	WIFI_SD_DATA0	I/O	WiFi SD Serial Data 0	1.8V	
AF3	WIFI_SD_DATA1	I/O	WiFi SD Serial Data 1	1.8V	
AH3	WIFI_SD_DATA2	I/O	WiFi SD Serial Data 2	1.8V	
AK3	WIFI_SD_DATA3	I/O	WiFi SD Serial Data 3	1.8V	
Y3	WIFI_SDRST	O	WiFi Reset / Power enable control	1.8V	Active Low
AS3	WCI_TX	O	Wireless coexistence interface TXD	1.8V	
AT2	WCI_RX	I	Wireless coexistence interface RXD	1.8V	

NOTE:

It is recommended that WIFI_RST_CTR be equipped with a pull-up resistor to 1.8V on the host application to disable WiFi reset function if needed.

8.6. Audio Interface

The LE920A4 module supports analog and digital audio interfaces.

8.6.1. Analog Audio

The LE920A4 module provides a single analog audio path for transmitting and receiving on the following pins:

Table 31: Analog Audio Signals

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Comments
B5	EAR1_MT+	AO	Earphone signal output1, phase +	Analog	
A4	EAR1_MT-	AO	Earphone signal output1, phase -	Analog	
B3	MIC1_MT+	AI	Mic signal input1, phase +	Analog	
A2	MIC1_MT-	AI	Mic signal input1, phase -	Analog	
G6	MICBIAS	AO	Mic bias	Analog	
E2	EAR2_MT+	AO	Earphone signal output2, phase +	Analog	
D1	EAR2_MT-	AO	Earphone signal output2, phase -	Analog	
C2	MIC2_MT+	AI	Mic signal input2, phase +	Analog	
B1	MIC2_MT-	AI	Mic signal input2, phase -	Analog	

For more details, refer to Ref 5: xE920 Audio Settings Application Note.

WARNING:

The LE920A4 Analog audio implementation uses an internal CODEC (inside the module).

The internal codec uses the same signals as the external LE920A4 Digital audio interface.

Therefore, applications that use analog audio (that is, the codec inside the module) must make sure that the digital audio interface is either not connected, or set to Hi-Z, or set to 'input' at the Host application.

8.6.2. Digital Audio

The LE920A4 module can be connected to an external codec through the digital interface.

The product provides a single Digital Audio Interface (DVI) on the following pins:

Table 32: Digital Audio Interface (DVI) Signals

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	COMMENT
D11	DVI_WA0	O	Digital Audio Interface (WA0)	B-PD 1.8V	PCM_SYNC/I2S WS
C8	DVI_RX	I	Digital Audio Interface (RX)	B-PD 1.8V	PCM_DIN/I2S_DATA_IN
D9	DVI_TX	O	Digital Audio Interface (TX)	B-PD 1.8V	PCM_DOUT/I2S_DATA_OUT
C10	DVI_CLK	O	Digital Audio Interface (CLK)	B-PD 1.8V	PCM_CLK/I2S_CLK
C12	REF_CLK	O	Codec Reference Clock	B-PD 1.8V	I2S_MCLK

LE920A4 DVI has the following characteristics:

- PCM Master mode using short or long frame sync modes
- 16 bit linear PCM format
- PCM clock rates of 256 kHz, 512 kHz, 1024 kHz and 2048 kHz (Default)
- Frame size of 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 & 256 bits per frame
- Sample rates of 8 kHz and 16 kHz

In addition to the DVI port, the LE920A4 module provides a master clock signal (REF_CLK on Pin C12) which can either provide a reference clock to an external codec or form an I2S interface together with the DVI port where the REF_CLK acts as the I2S_MCLK.

The REF_CLK default frequency is 12.288 MHz.

When using the DVI with REF_CLK as an I2S interface, 12.288 MHz is 256 x fs (where fs = 48 kHz).

8.6.2.1. Short Frame Timing Diagrams

Figure 19: Primary PCM Timing

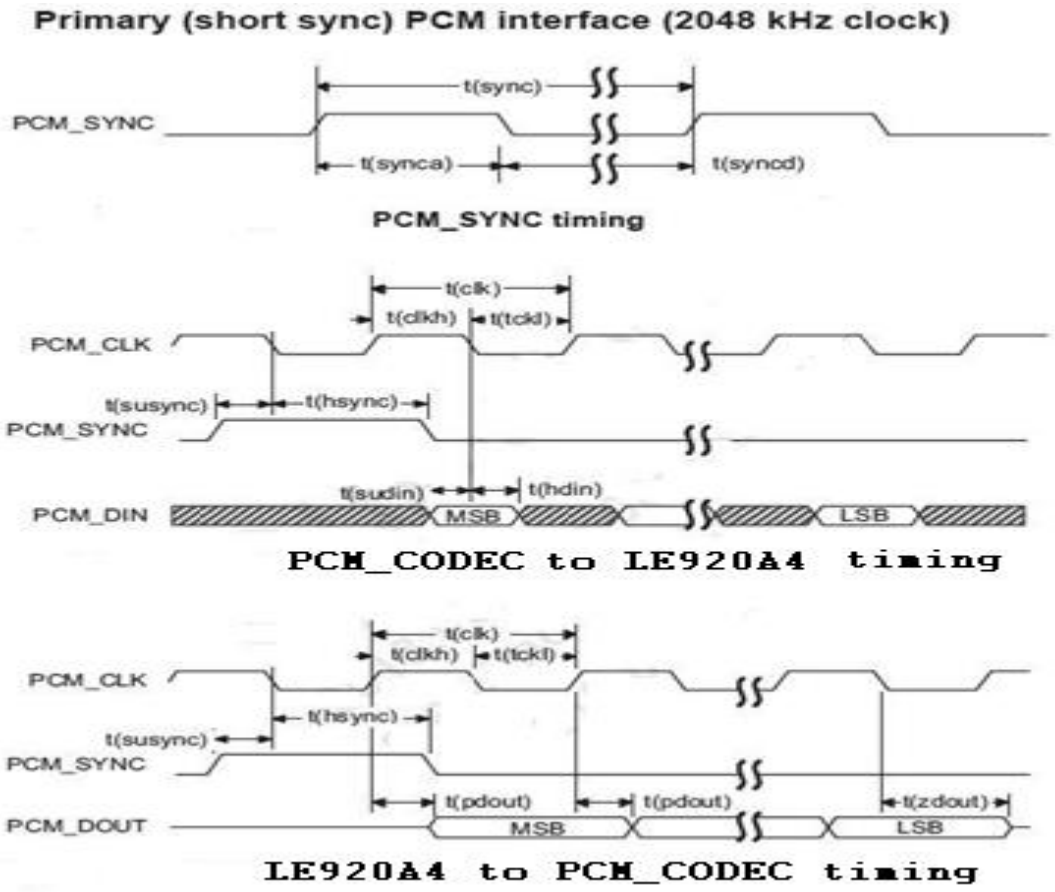


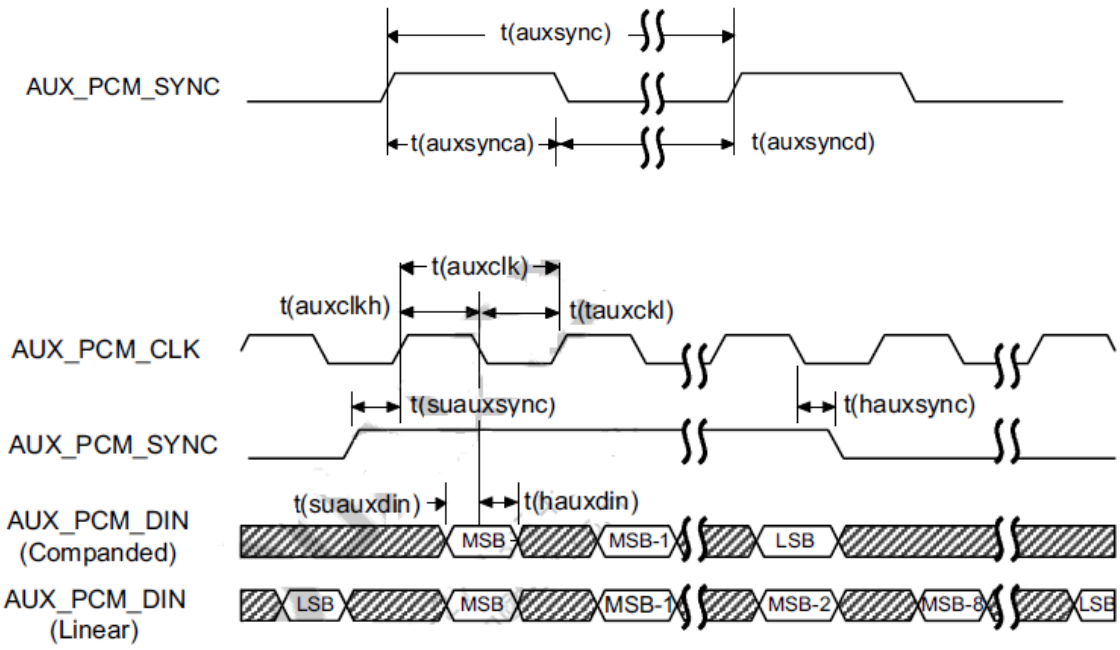
Table 33: PCM_CODEC Timing Parameters

Parameter		Comments	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
t(sync)	PCM_SYNC cycle time		–	125	–	µs
t(synca)	PCM_SYNC asserted time		–	488	–	ns
t(syncd)	PCM_SYNC de-asserted time		–	124.5	–	µs
t(clk)	PCM_CLK cycle time		–	488	–	ns
t(clkh)	PCM_CLK high time		–	244	–	ns
t(clkl)	PCM_CLK low time		–	244	–	ns
t(sync_offset)	PCM_SYNC offset time to PCM_CLK falling		–	122	–	ns
t(sudin)	PCM_DIN setup time to PCM_CLK falling		60	–	–	ns
t(hdin)	PCM_DIN hold time after PCM_CLK falling		60	–	–	ns
t(pdout)	Delay from PCM_CLK rising to PCM_DOUT valid		–	–	60	ns
t(zdout)	Delay from PCM_CLK falling to PCM_DOUT HIGH-Z		–	–	60	ns

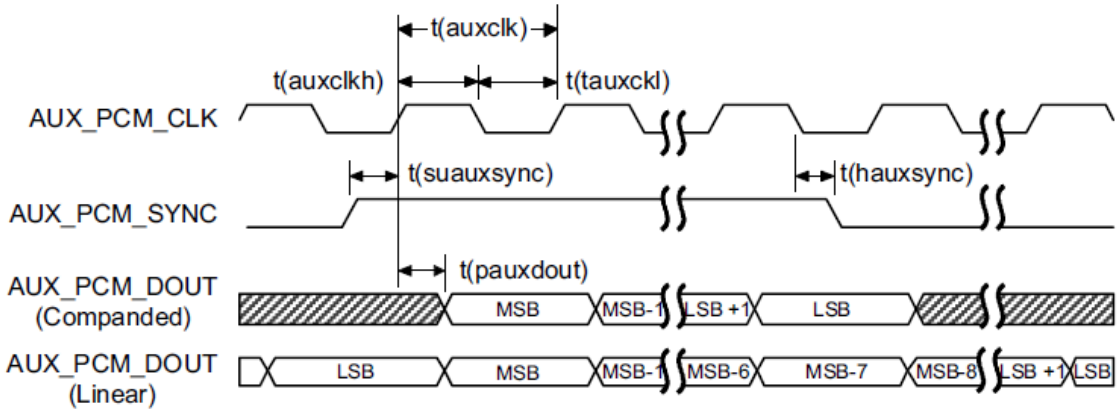
8.6.2.2. Long Frame Timing Diagrams

Figure 20: Auxiliary PCM Timing

Long sync (auxiliary) PCM interface (128 kHz clock)



AUX_PCM_CODEC to MDM timing



MDM to AUX_PCM_CODEC timing

Table 34: AUX_PCM_CODEC Timing Parameters

Parameter		Comments	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
t(auxsync)	AUX_PCM_SYNC cycle time		–	125	–	µs
t(auxsynca)	AUX_PCM_SYNC asserted time		62.4	62.5	–	µs
t(auxsyncd)	AUX_PCM_SYNC de-asserted time		62.4	62.5	–	µs
t(auxclk)	AUX_PCM_CLK cycle time		–	7.8	–	µs
t(auxclkh)	AUX_PCM_CLK high time		3.8	3.9	–	µs
t(auxclkl)	AUX_PCM_CLK low time		3.8	3.9	–	µs
t(suauxsync)	AUX_PCM_SYNC setup time to AUX_PCM_CLK rising		1.95	–	–	ns
t(hauxsync)	PCM_SYNC hold time after AUX_PCM_CLK rising		1.95	–	–	ns
t(suauxdin)	AUX_PCM_DIN setup time to AUX_PCM_CLK falling		70	–	–	ns
t(hauxdin)	AUX_PCM_DIN hold time after AUX_PCM_CLK falling		20	–	–	ns
t(pauxdout)	Delay from AUX_PCM_CLK to AUX_PCM_DOUT valid		–	–	50	ns

8.7. General Purpose I/O

The general-purpose I/O pads can be configured to act in three different ways:

- Input
- Output
- Alternate function (internally controlled)

Input pads can only be read and report digital values (high or low) present on the pad at the read time. Output pads can only be written or queried and set the value of the pad output. An alternate function pad is internally controlled by LE920A4 firmware and acts depending on the implemented function.

The following GPIOs are always available as a primary function on the LE920A4.

Table 35: Primary GPIOs

PAD	Signal	I/O	Function	Type	Drive Strength
F9	GPIO_01	I/O	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
E10	GPIO_02	I/O	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
F11	GPIO_03	I/O	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
E12	GPIO_04	I/O	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
F13	GPIO_05	I/O	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
E14	GPIO_06	I/O	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
W19	GPIO_10	I/O	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AN4	GPIO_20	I/O	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA

The additional GPIOs below can be used if their initial functionality is not used.

Table 36: Additional GPIOs

PAD	Signal	I/O	Initial Function	Alternate Function	Type	Drive Strength
Y3	GPIO_13	I/O	WIFI_SDRST	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AB3	GPIO_14	I/O	WIFI_SDIO_CMD	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AD3	GPIO_15	I/O	WIFI_SDIO_D0	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AF3	GPIO_16	I/O	WIFI_SDIO_D1	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AH3	GPIO_17	I/O	WIFI_SDIO_D2	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AK3	GPIO_18	I/O	WIFI_SDIO_D3	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AM3	GPIO_19	I/O	WIFI_SDIO_CLK	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AJ18	GPIO_31	I/O	UART_RI	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AG18	GPIO_32	I/O	UART_DSR	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AE18	GPIO_33	I/O	UART_DCD	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
AC18	GPIO_34	I/O	UART_DTR	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
P19	GPIO_35	I/O	SPI_CLK	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
M19	GPIO_36	I/O	SPI_MISO	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
K19	GPIO_37	I/O	SPI_MOSI	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA
N18	GPIO_38	I/O	SPI_CS	Configurable GPIO	CMOS 1.8V	2-16 mA

NOTE:

To avoid a back-powering effect, it is recommended to avoid having any HIGH logic level signal applied to the digital pins of the module when it is powered OFF or during an ON/OFF transition.

NOTE:

LE920A4 GPIOs can serve as alternate I2C. Refer to Section 8.5.2, I2C - Inter-integrated Circuit.

8.7.1. Using a GPIO Pad as Input

GPIO pads, when used as inputs, can be tied to a digital output of another device and report its status, provided the device interface levels are compatible with the GPIO 1.8V CMOS levels.

If a digital output of a device is tied to GPIO input, the pad has interface levels different than 1.8V CMOS. It can be buffered with an open collector transistor with a 47 kΩ pull-up resistor to 1.8V.

8.7.2. Using a GPIO Pad as an interrupt

GPIO pads which are used as input can also be used as an interrupt source for the software.

In general all GPIO pads can be also used as interrupts.

However, not all GPIO's can be used as a wakeup source of the module (wakeup from sleep)

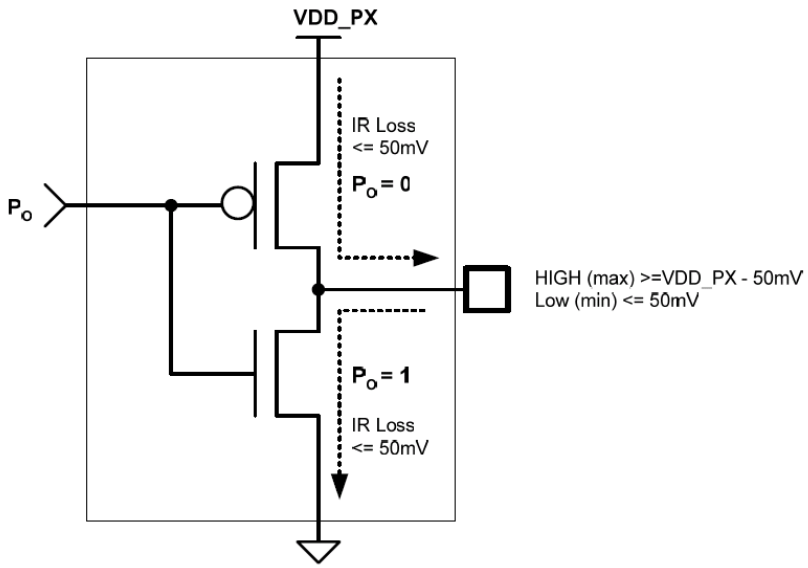
Only the following GPIO's can be used for waking up the system from sleep

- GPIO1
- GPIO4
- GPIO5

8.7.3. Using a GPIO Pad as Output

GPIO pads, when used as outputs, can drive 1.8V CMOS digital devices or compatible hardware. When set as outputs, the pads have a push-pull output, and therefore the pull-up resistor can be omitted.

Figure 21: GPIO Output Pad Equivalent Circuit



9. Miscellaneous Functions

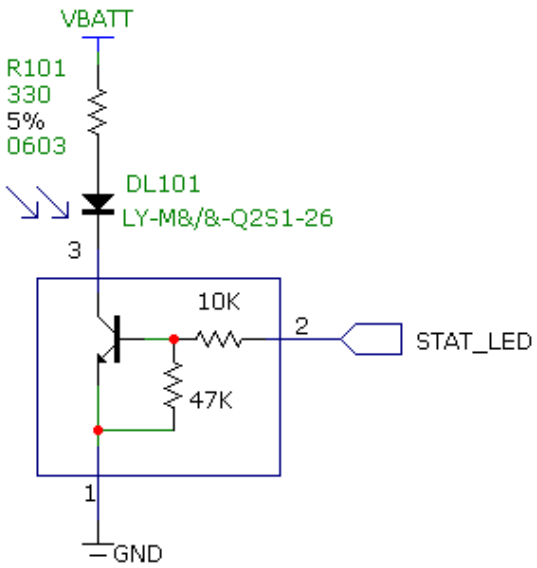
9.1. Indication of Network Service Availability

The STAT_LED pin status shows information on the network service availability and call status. In the LE920A4 modules, the STAT_LED usually needs an external transistor to drive an external LED. The table below shows the device status corresponding to the pin status:

Table 37: Network Service Availability Indication

LED Status	Device Status
Permanently off	Device off
Fast blinking (Period 1s, T_{on} 0,5s)	Net search / Not registered / Turning off
Slow blinking (Period 3s, T_{on} 0,3s)	Registered full service
Permanently on	A call is active

Figure 22: Status LED Reference Circuit



9.2. RTC – Real Time Clock

The RTC within the LE920A4 module does not have a dedicated RTC supply pin. The RTC block is supplied by the VBATT supply.

If the battery is removed, RTC is not maintained so if maintaining an internal RTC is needed, VBATT must be supplied continuously.

In Power OFF mode, the average current consumption is ~25 uA.

9.3. VAUX Power Output

A regulated power supply output is provided to supply small devices from the module. This output is active when the module is ON and goes OFF when the module is shut down. The operating range characteristics of the supply are as follows:

Table 38: Operating Range – VAUX Power Supply

	Min	Typical	Max
Output voltage	1.75V	1.80V	1.85V
Output current			100 mA
Output bypass capacitor (inside the module)			1 µF

9.4. ADC Converter

9.4.1. Description

The LE920A4 module provides three 8-bit Analog to Digital converters. Each ADC reads the voltage level applied on the relevant pin, converts it, and stores it into an 8-bit word.

Table 39 shows the ADC characteristics.

Table 39: ADC Parameters

	Min	Max	Units
Input voltage range	0.1	1.7	Volt
AD conversion	-	8	bits
Resolution	-	< 6.6	mV

9.4.2. Using the ADC Converter

An AT command is available to use the ADC function.

The command is AT#ADC=1,2. The read value is expressed in mV.

Refer to Ref 1: LE920A4 AT Command User Guide for the full description of this function.

9.5. Using the Temperature Monitor Function

The Temperature Monitor permits to control the module's internal temperature and, if properly set (see the #TEMPMON command in Ref 1: LE920A4 AT Command User Guide), raises a GPIO to High Logic level when the maximum temperature is reached.

9.6. Fuel Gauge (optional)

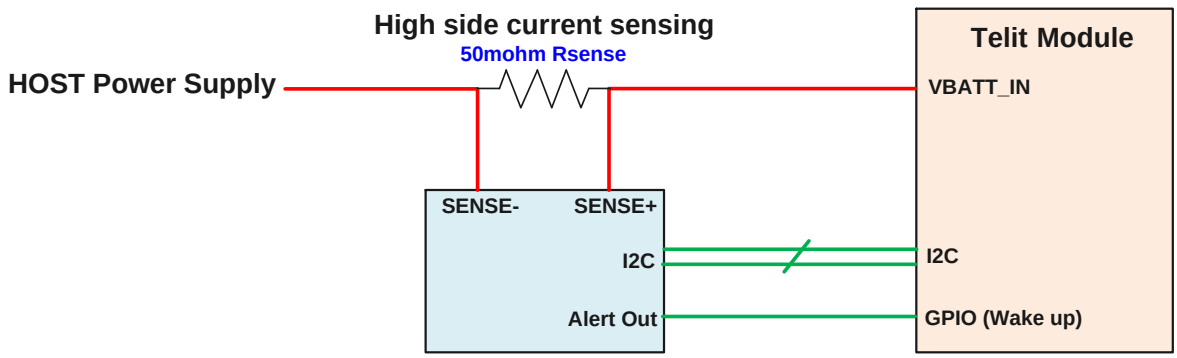
The LE920A4 module can optionally support an external Fuel Gauge solution.

In this case, an external IC that is capable of measuring the current flow in and out of the module must be added on the carrier board.

Figure 23 shows an example of a typical connectivity of such an external fuel gauge to the LE920A4 module.

Detailed design - TBD

Figure 23: Fuel Gauge Connectivity Example



9.7. GNSS Characteristics

The table below specifies the GNSS characteristics and expected performance

The values are related to typical environment and conditions.

Table 40: GNSS Characteristics

Parameters		**Typical Measurement**	**Notes**
Sensitivity	Standalone or MS Based Tracking Sensitivity	-162.3 dBm	
	Acquisition	-162.3 dBm	
	Cold Start Sensitivity	-157.5 dBm	
TTFF	Hot	1.1s	GPS+GLONASS Simulator test
	Warm	22.1s	GPS+GLONASS Simulator test
	Cold	29.94s	GPS+GLONASS Simulator test
Accuracy		0.8 m	GPS+GLONASS Simulator test
Min Navigation update rate		1Hz	
Dynamics		2g	
Operation Limits		515 m/sec	
A-GPS		Supported	

10. Mounting the Module on your Board

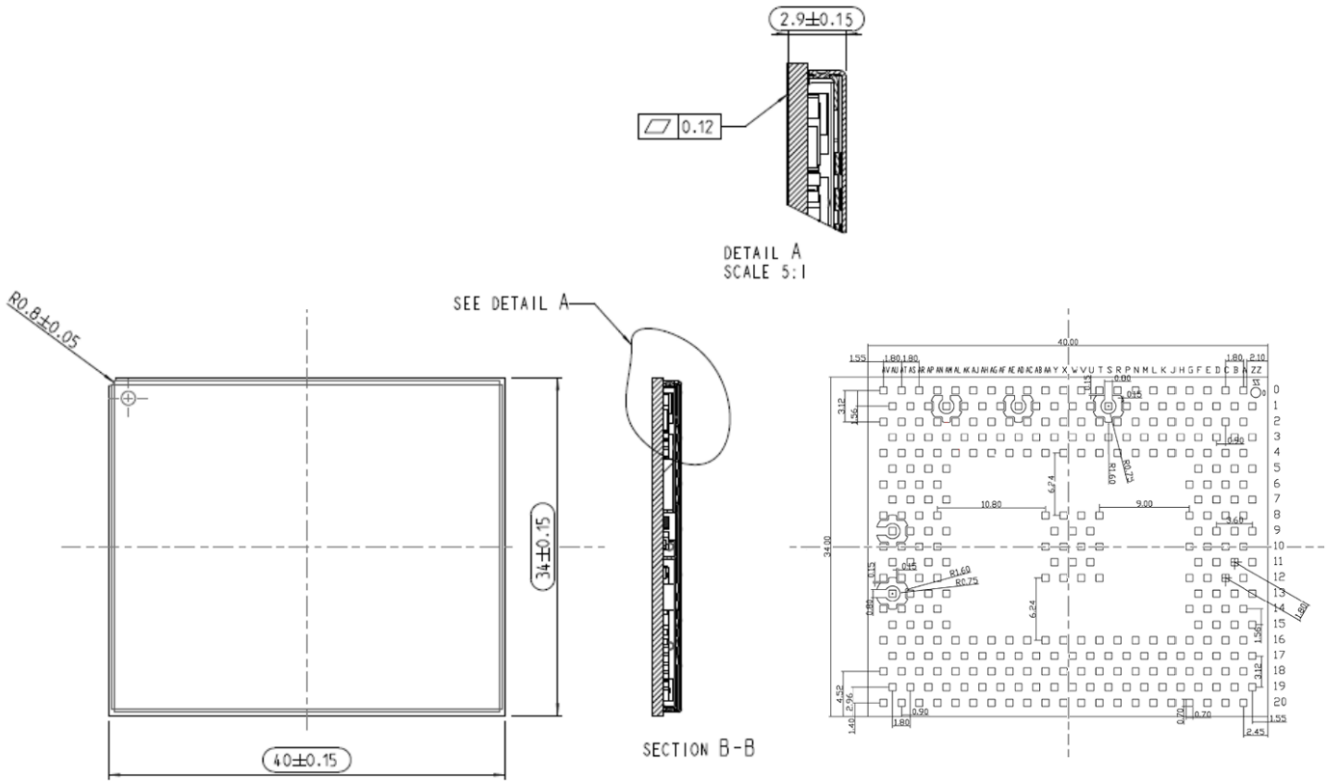
10.1. General

The LE920A4 module was designed to be compliant with a standard lead-free SMT process.

10.2. Finishing & Dimensions

Figure 24 shows the mechanical dimensions of the LE920A4 module.

Figure 24: LE920A4 Mechanical Dimensions



10.3. Recommended Footprint for the Application

Figure 25 shows the recommended footprint for the application board (dimensions are in mm).

To facilitate replacing the LE920A4 module if necessary, it is suggested to design the application with a 1.5 mm placement inhibit area around the module.

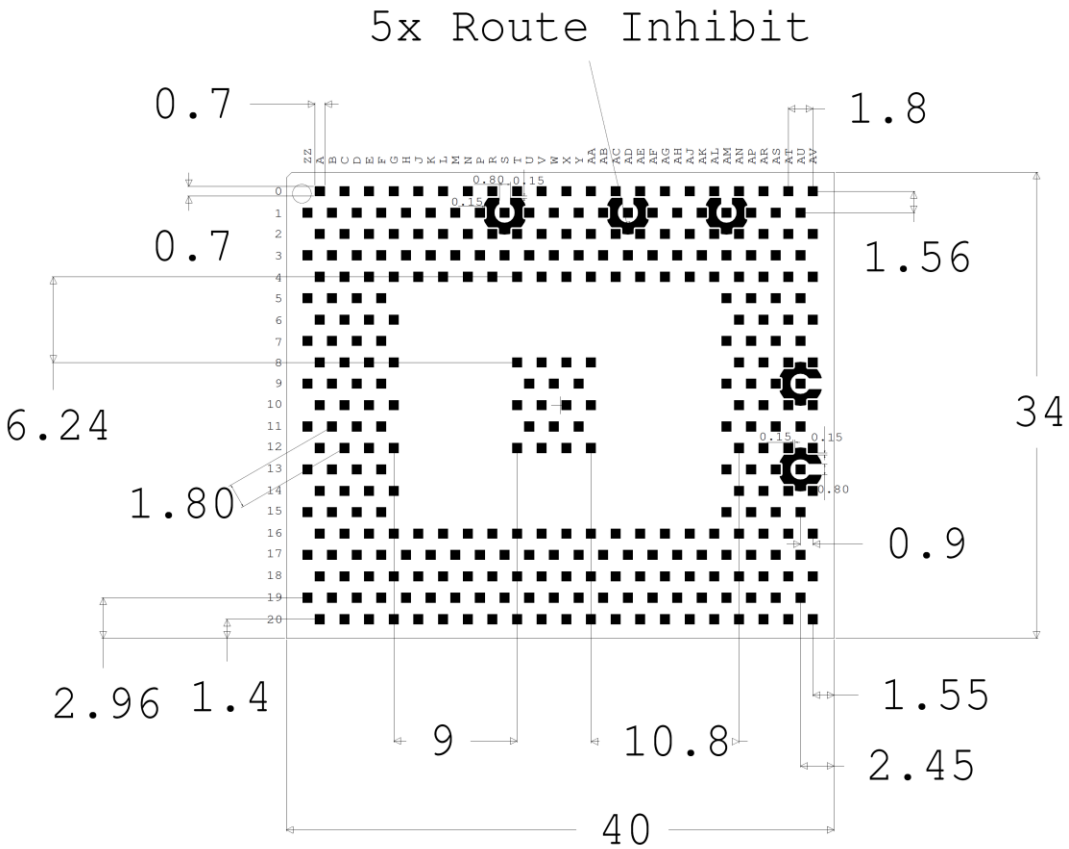
It is also suggested, as a common rule for an SMT component, to avoid having a mechanical part of the application in direct contact with the module.

NOTE:

In the customer application, the 5 crowns marked as INHIBIT in Figure 25 must be clear of any signal wiring or ground polygons.

The 5 crown pads should not exist on the customer application board

Figure 25: Recommended Footprint (Top View)



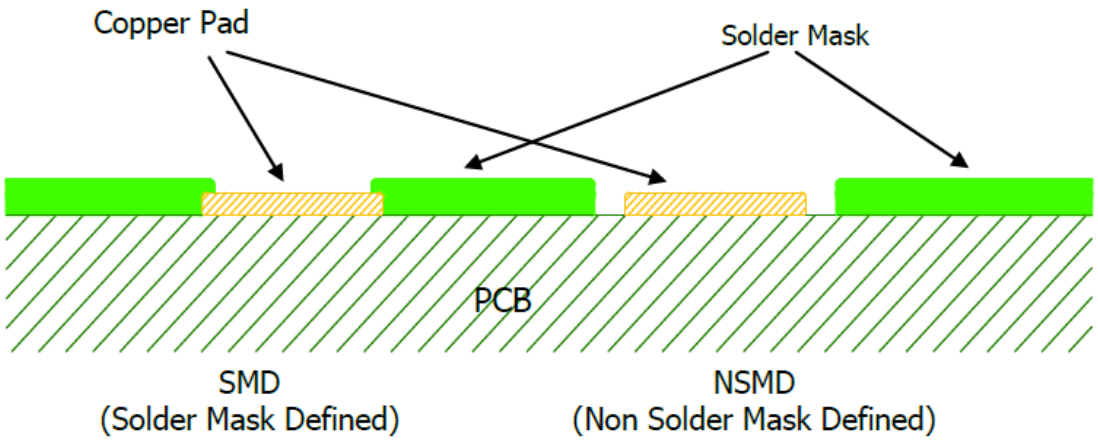
10.4. Stencil

Stencil's apertures layout can be the same as the recommended footprint (1:1). The suggested thickness of stencil foil is greater than 120 µm.

10.5. PCB Pad Design

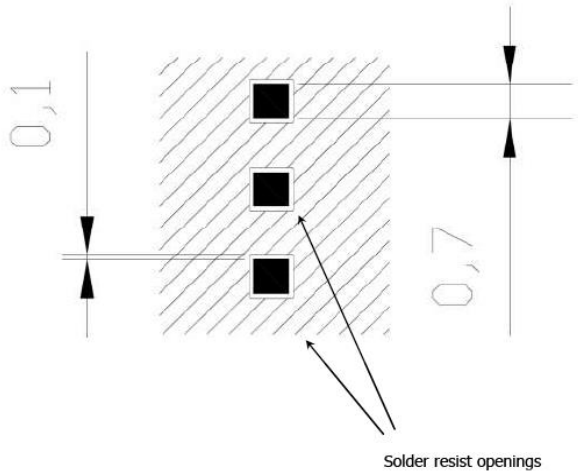
The solder pads on the PCB are recommended to be of the Non Solder Mask Defined (NSMD) type.

Figure 26: PCB Pad Design



10.6. Recommendations for PCB Pad Dimensions (mm)

Figure 27: PCB Pad Dimensions



It is not recommended to place around the pads a via or micro-via that is not covered by solder resist in an area of 0.15 mm unless it carries the same signal as the pad itself. Micro via inside the pads are allowed.

Holes in pad are allowed only for blind holes and not for through holes.

Table 41: Recommendations for PCB Pad Surfaces

Finish	Layer Thickness (um)	Properties
Electro-less Ni / Immersion Au	3-7 / 0.05-0.15	Good solder ability protection, high shear force values

The PCB must be able to resist the higher temperatures, which occur during the lead-free process. This issue should be discussed with the PCB-supplier. Generally, the wettability of tin-lead solder paste on the described surface plating is better compared to lead-free solder paste.

10.7. Solder Paste

We recommend using only “no clean” solder paste to avoid the cleaning of the modules after assembly.

10.7.1. Solder Reflow

Figure 28 shows the recommended solder reflow profile.

Figure 28: Solder Reflow Profile

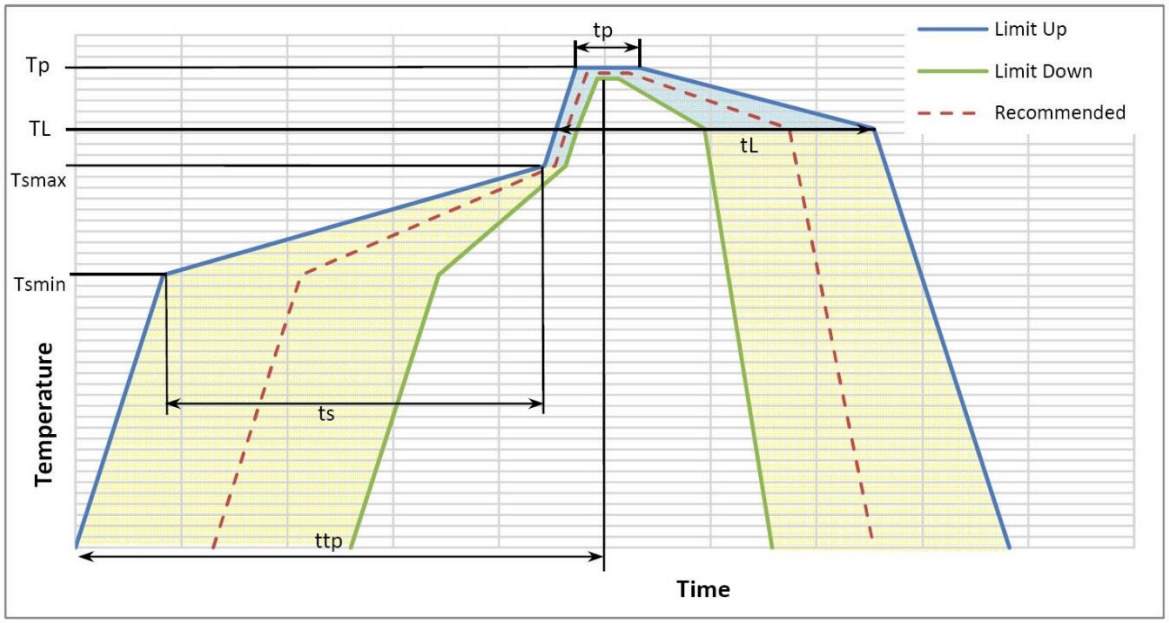


Table 42: Solder Profile Characteristics

Profile Feature	Pb-Free Assembly
Average ramp-up rate (T_L to T_P)	3°C/second max
Preheat – Temperature min (Tsmin) – Temperature max (Tsmax) – Time (min to max) (ts)	 150°C 200°C 60-180 seconds
Tsmax to TL – Ramp-up rate	 3°C/second max
Time maintained above: – Temperature (TL) – Time (tL)	 217°C 60-150 seconds
Peak temperature (Tp)	245 +0/-5°C
Time within 5°C of actual peak Temperature (tp)	10-30 seconds
Ramp-down rate	6°C/second max
Time 25°C to peak temperature	8 minutes max

NOTE:

All temperatures refer to topside of the package, measured on the package body surface.

WARNING:

The LE920A4 module withstands one reflow process only.

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11.1. Debug of the LE920A4 Module in Production

To test and debug the mounting of the LE920A4 module, we strongly recommend to add several test pads on the host PCB for the following purposes:

- Checking the connection between the LE920A4 itself and the application
- Testing the performance of the module by connecting it with an external computer

Depending on the customer application, these test pads include, but are not limited to the following signals:

- TXD
- RXD
- ON/OFF
- SHDN_N
- RESET_N
- GND
- VBATT
- TX_AUX
- RX_AUX
- USB_VBUS
- USB_D+
- USB_D-
- GPIO20
- WCI_RX

In addition, the following signals are also recommended (but not mandatory):

- PWRMON
- STAT_LED
- SW_RDY

11.2. Bypass Capacitor on Power Supplies

When a sudden voltage step is asserted to or a cut from the power supplies, the steep transition causes some reactions such as overshoot and undershoot. This abrupt voltage transition can affect the device causing it to not operate or to malfunction.

Bypass capacitors are needed to alleviate this behavior. The behavior can appear differently depending on the various applications. Customers must pay special attention to this issue when they design their application board.

The length and width of the power lines must be considered carefully, and the capacitance of the capacitors must be selected accordingly.

The capacitor will also prevent ripple of the power supplies and the switching noise caused in TDMA systems such as GSM.

Especially, a suitable bypass capacitor must be mounted on the following lines on the application board:

- VBATT & VBATT_PA (Pads AP17,AP19,AR18,AR20,AS17,AS19,AT18,AU17,AU19,AT20)
- USB_VBUS (Pad A18)

Recommended values are:

- 100uF for both VBATT and VBATT_PA together
- 4.7uF for USB_VBUS (including the 1uF capacitor inside the module)

Customers must still consider that the capacitance mainly depends on the conditions of their application board.

Generally, more capacitance is required when the power line is longer.

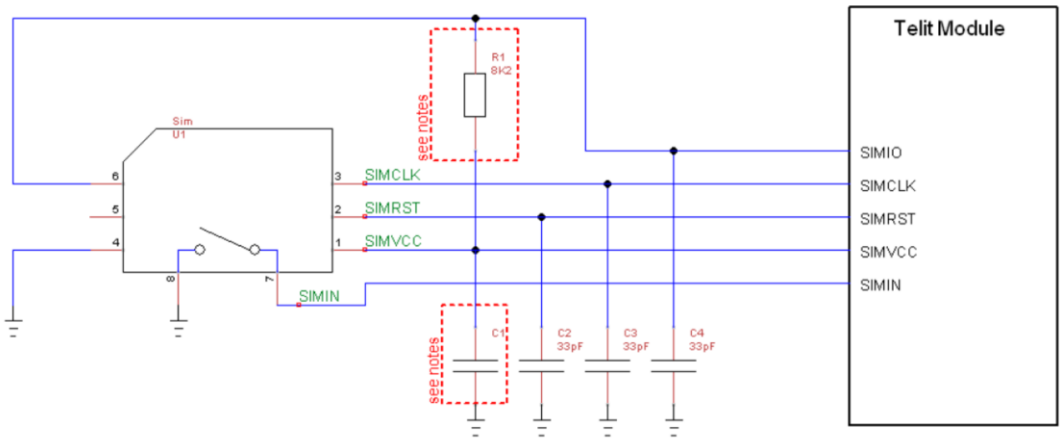
11.3. SIM Interface

This section presents the recommended schematics for the design of SIM interfaces on the application boards. The LE920A4 supports two external SIM interfaces.

11.3.1. SIM Schematic Example

Figure 29 illustrates in particular how the application side should be designed, and what values the components should have.

Figure 29: SIM Schematics



NOTE:

The resistor value on SIMIO pulled up to SIMVCC must be defined to be compliant with the 3GPP specification for USIM electrical testing.

The LE920A4 module contains an internal pull-up resistor of 20K Ω on SIMIO.

However, the un-mounted option in the application design can be recommended to tune R1 if necessary.

Table 43 lists the values of C1 to be adopted with the LE920A4 product:

Table 43: SIM Interface – C1 Range

Product P/N	C1 Range (nF)
LE920A4	100 nF

Refer to the following document for details:

- Ref 7: SIM Integration Design Guide Application Note Rev10

11.4. EMC Recommendations

All LE920A4 signals are provided with some EMC protection. Nevertheless, the accepted level differs according to the specific pin. Table 44 lists the characteristics.

Table 44: EMC Recommendations

Pad	Signal	I/O	Function	Contact	Air
All Pins					
	All			± TBD	± TBD
Antenna					
AD1,AU9,S1	Antenna pads	Analog I/O	Antenna pad	± TBD	± TBD

Appropriate series resistors must be considered to protect the input lines from overvoltage.

11.5. Download and Debug Port

Chose one of the following options in the design of the host system to download or upgrade the Telit software and debug the LE920A4 module when it is already mounted on a host system.

- UART and USB interfaces

  Users who use both UART and USB interfaces to communicate with LE920A4 must implement a USB download method in the host system to upgrade the LE920A4 when it is mounted.

- USB interface only

  Users who use a USB interface only to communicate with the LE920A4 module must arrange for a USB port in the host system to debug or upgrade the LE920A4 when it is mounted.

- UART interface only

  Users who use a UART interface only to communicate with the LE920A4 module must arrange for a UART port in the host system to debug or upgrade the LE920A4 when it is mounted.

11.5.1. Fast Boot Mode

Fast Boot mode is normally used by Telit software to enter SW Download mode.

Fast Boot mode is triggered by GPIO20 (PAD AN4). Asserting this signal high (1.8V) during boot will force the system into Fast Boot mode.

11.5.2. Recovery Boot Mode

An Emergency Boot Download mode is used if a corrupted boot image was flashed into the device or if all other recovery modes failed.

Emergency Boot Download mode is triggered by the WCI_RX signal (PAD AT2). Asserting this signal high (1.8V) during boot will force the system into Emergency Boot Download mode.

NOTE:

The application board must support accessible test pads on the GPIO20 and WCI_RX signals to enable the download recovery modes mentioned above.

11.6. Antenna Detection

The LE920A4 module provides an antenna detection application, indicating for each of the cellular and GNSS antennas whether it is shorted to ground or open.

Refer to Ref 9: Antenna Detection Application Note.

12. Packing System

12.1. Tray

The LE920A4 module is packed on trays.

The tray is JEDEC compliant, injection molded antistatic Modified Polyphenylene ether (MPPO). It has good thermal characteristics and can withstand the standard baking temperature of up to 125°C, thereby avoiding the need of handling the modules if baking is required. The trays are rigid, thus providing more mechanical protection against transport stress. In addition, they are re-usable and so environmentally sustainable.

There are 2 (two) antistatic rubber bands that enclose each envelope.

The carton box is rigid, thus offering mechanical protection. The carton box has one flap across the entire top surface. It is sealed with tape along the edges of the box.

Table 45: Tray Packing

Modules per Tray	Trays per Envelope	Modules per Envelope	Envelopes per Carton Box	Modules per Box
24	5+ 1 empty	120	4	480

Table 46: Tray Packing Quantities

Order Type	Quantity
Minimum Order Quantity (MOQ)	120
Standard Packing Quantity (SPQ)	480

Each tray contains 24 modules as shown in Figure 30.

Figure 30: Tray Packing

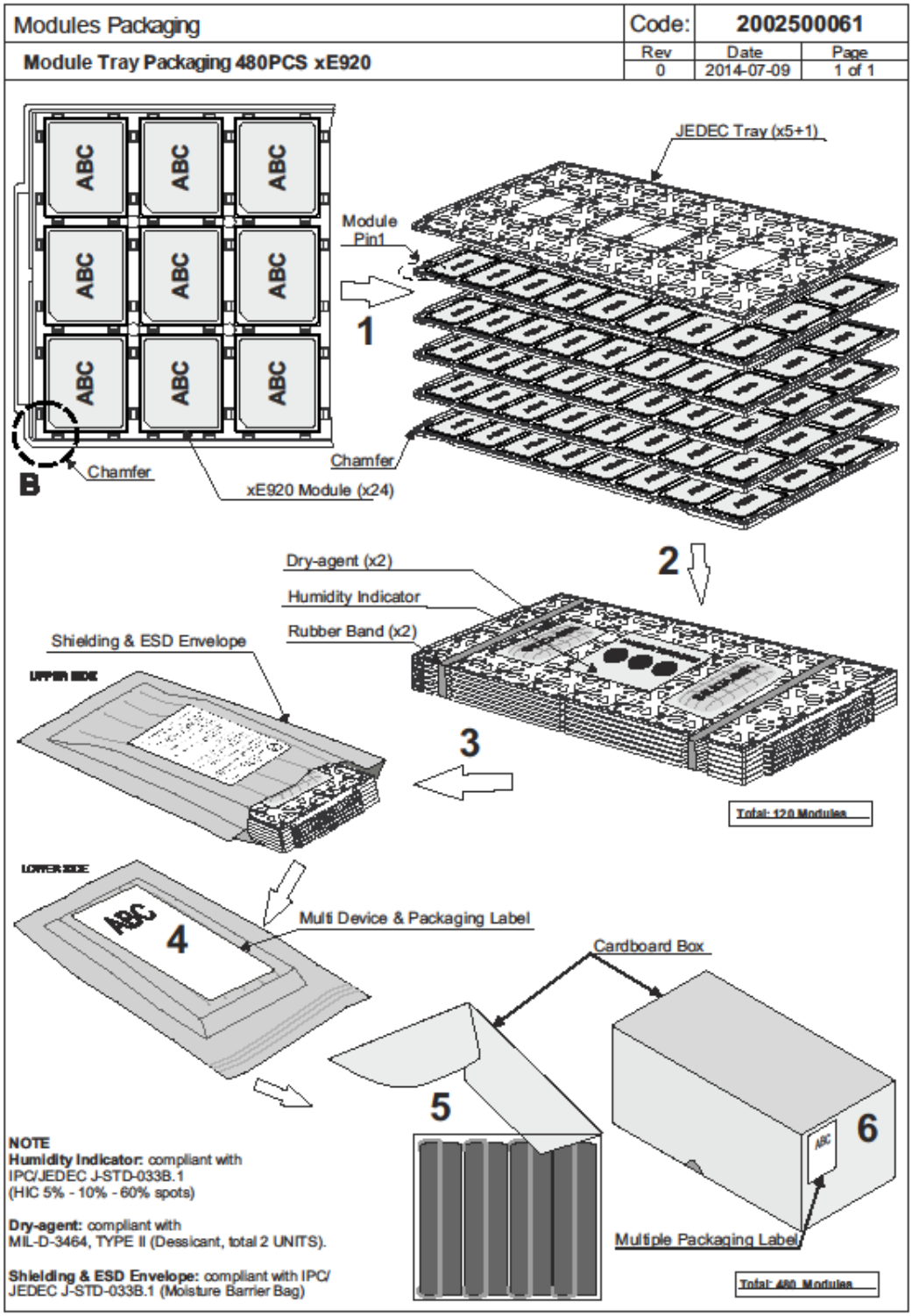
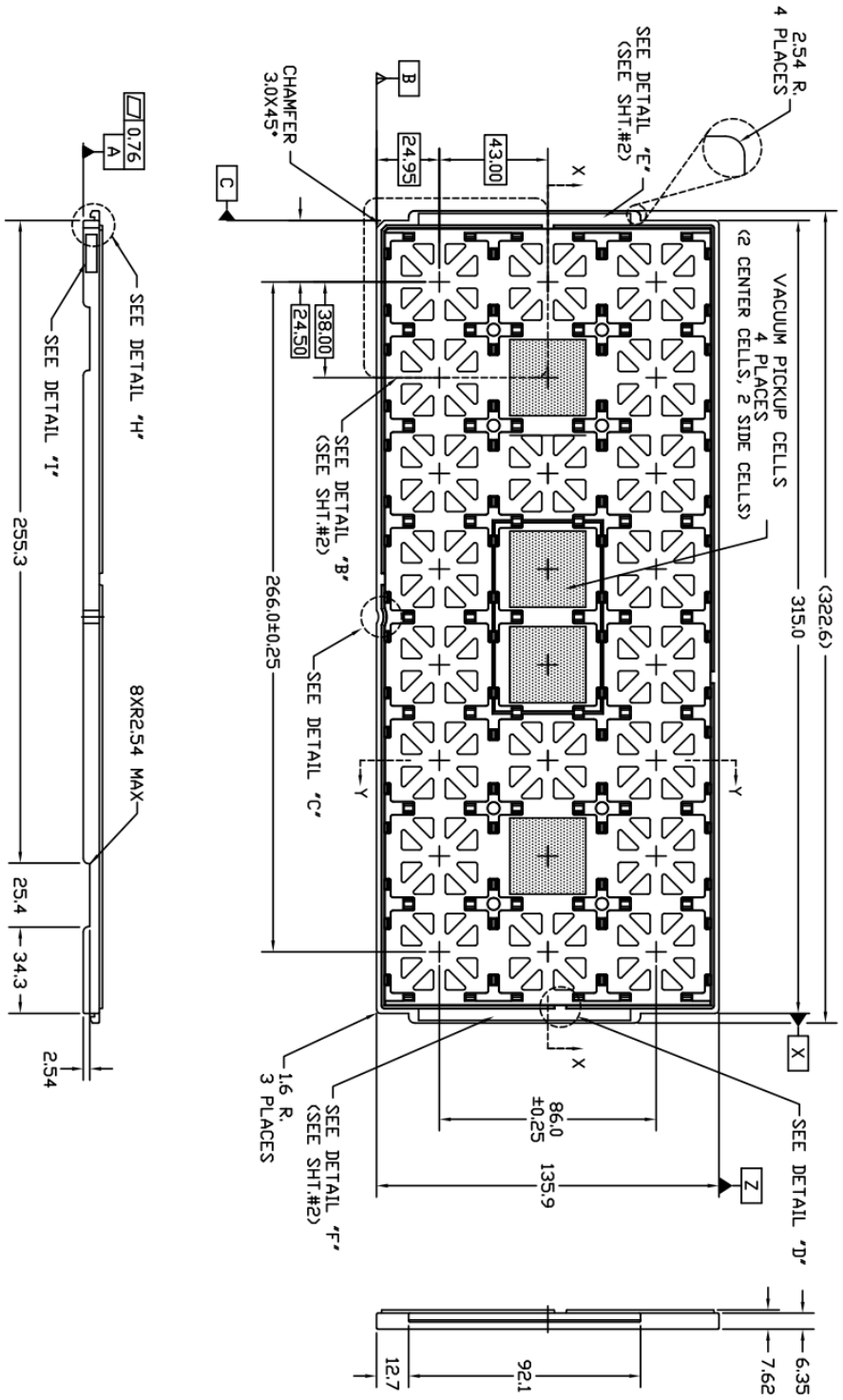


Figure 31: Tray Drawing



12.2. Tape & Reel

The LE920A4 can be packed on tape & reels of 200 pieces each.

Figure 32: Module Positioning into the Carrier

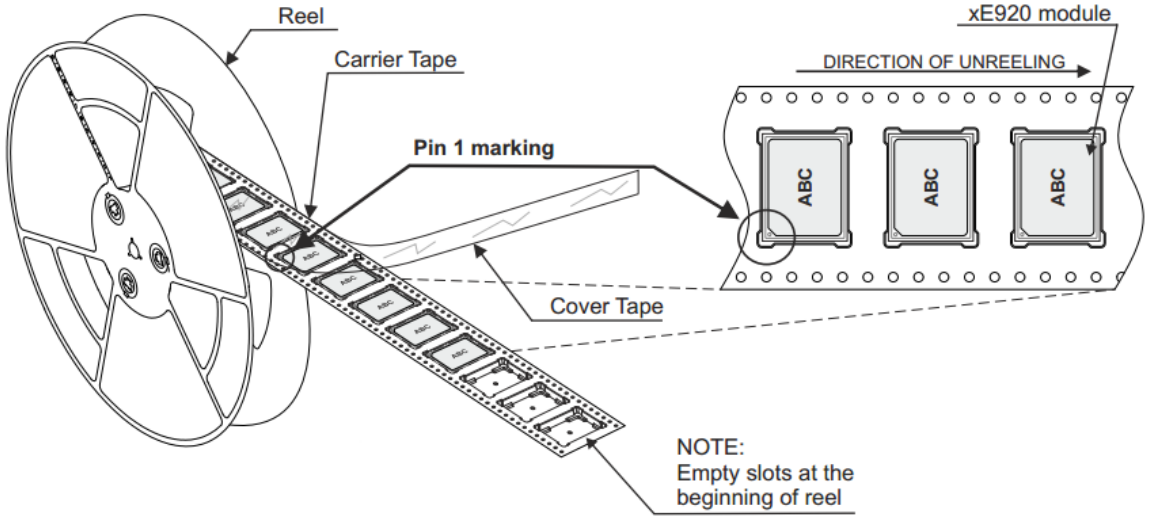
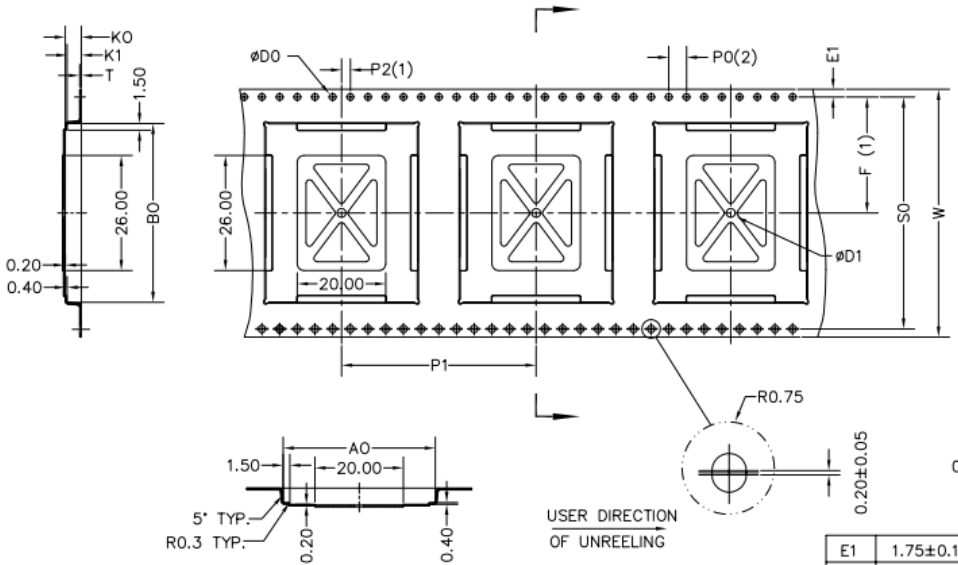


Figure 33: Carrier Tape Detail



E1	1.75±0.1
F	26.2±0.15
P2	2.0±0.15
D0	$1.5^{+0.1}_{0.0}$
D1	2.0MIN
P0	4.0±0.1
S0	52.4±0.1
10P0	40.0±0.2

A0	34.4±0.1
B0	40.4±0.1
K0	3.65±0.1
K1	3.25±0.1
T	0.4±0.05
P1	44.0±0.1
W	56.0±0.3

Figure 34: Reel Detail

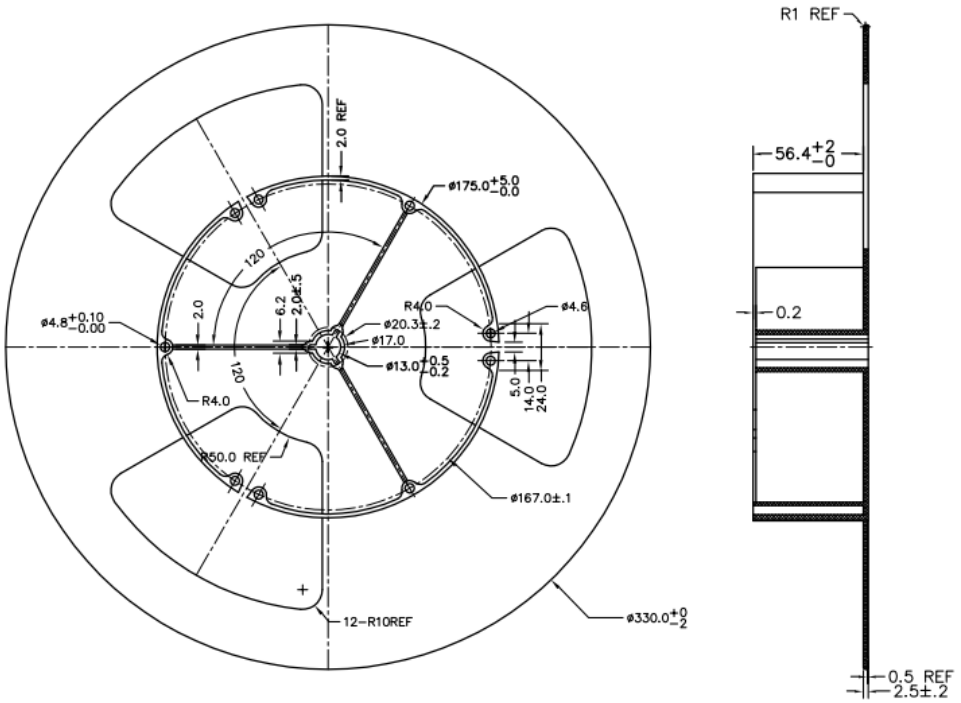
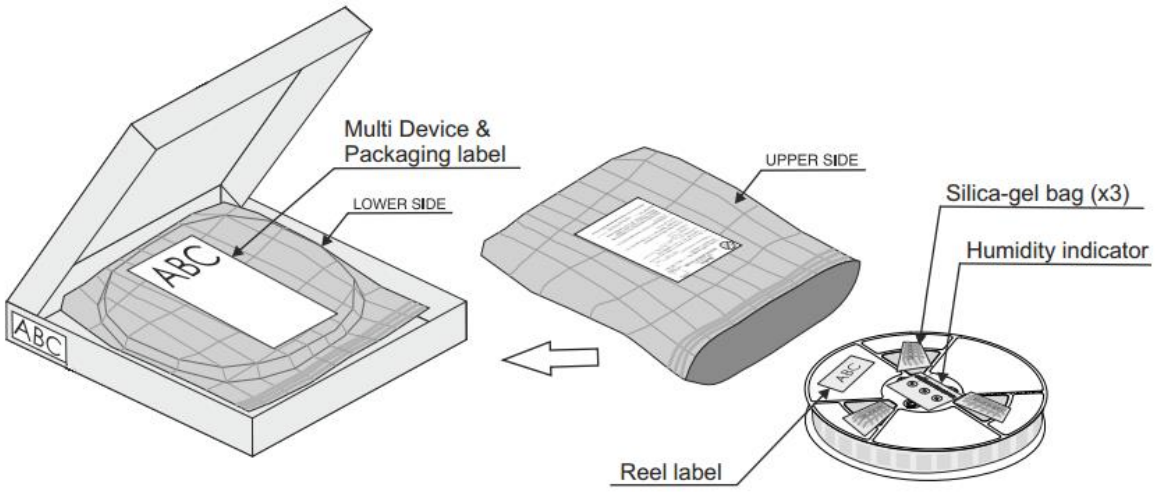


Figure 35: Reel Box Detail



12.3. Moisture Sensitivity

The LE920A4 module is a Moisture Sensitive Device Level 3, in accordance with standard IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020. Observe all of the requirements for using this kind of component.

13. Safety Recommendations

READ CAREFULLY

Be sure that the use of this product is allowed in your country and in the environment required. The use of this product may be dangerous and must be avoided in the following areas:

- Where it can interfere with other electronic devices in environments such as hospitals, airports, aircrafts, etc.
- Where there is risk of explosion, such as gasoline stations, oil refineries, etc.

It is the responsibility of the user to enforce the country regulations and the specific environment regulations.

Do not disassemble the product; any mark of tampering will compromise the warranty validity.

We recommend following the instructions of the hardware user guides for correct wiring of the product. The product must be supplied with a stabilized voltage source and the wiring conform to the security and fire prevention regulations.

The product must be handled with care, avoiding any contact with the pins because electrostatic discharges may damage the product itself. The same caution must be taken for the SIM, checking carefully the instructions for its use. Do not insert or remove the SIM when the product is in power saving mode.

The system integrator is responsible for the functioning of the final product; therefore, care must be taken of the external components of the module, as well as of any project or installation issue, because of the risk of disturbing the GSM network or external devices or having any impact on safety. Should there be any doubt, refer to the technical documentation and the regulations in force.

Every module must be equipped with a proper antenna with the specified characteristics. The antenna must be installed with care to avoid any interference with other electronic devices and must be installed with the guarantee of a minimum 20 cm distance from a human body. If this requirement cannot be satisfied, the system integrator must assess the final product against the SAR regulation.

The European Community provides some Directives for electronic equipment introduced on the market. All the relevant information is available on the European Community website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/rtte/dir99-5.htm

The text of the Directive 99/05 regarding telecommunication equipment is available, while the applicable Directives (Low Voltage and EMC) are available at:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/rtte/dir99-5.htm

14. Conformity assessment issues

14.1. FCC/ISED Regulatory notices

Modification statement

Telit has not approved any changes or modifications to this device by the user. Any changes or modifications could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Telit n'approuve aucune modification apportée à l'appareil par l'utilisateur, quelle qu'en soit la nature. Tout changement ou modification peuvent annuler le droit d'utilisation de l'appareil par l'utilisateur.

Interference statement (if it is not placed in the device)

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules and Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Wireless notice

This device complies with FCC/ISED radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment and meets the FCC radio frequency (RF) Exposure Guidelines and RSS-102 of the ISED radio frequency (RF) Exposure rules. Antenna gain must be below:

Frequency Band	Freq [MHz]	Gain [dBi]
850 MHz	850	0.63
1900 MHz	1900	2.51
1700 MHz	1700	5.00
2500 MHz	2500	8.01
700 MHz	700	5.63

This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Le présent appareil est conforme à l'exposition aux radiations FCC / ISED définies pour un environnement non contrôlé et répond aux directives d'exposition de la fréquence de la FCC radiofréquence (RF) et RSS-102 de la fréquence radio (RF) ISED règles d'exposition. Gain de l'antenne doit être ci-dessous:

Frequency Band	Freq [MHz]	Gain [dBi]
850 MHz	850	0.63
1900 MHz	1900	2.51
1700 MHz	1700	5.00
2500 MHz	2500	8.01
700 MHz	700	5.63

L'émetteur ne doit pas être colocalisé ni fonctionner conjointement avec à autre antenne ou autre émetteur.

FCC Class B digital device notice

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

LE920A4 NA
Contains FCC ID: RI7LE920A4NA
Contains IC: 5131A-LE920A4NA

CAN ICES-3 (B) / NMB-3 (B)

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de classe B est conforme à la norme canadienne ICES-003.

15. Document History

Table 47: Document Revision History

Revision	Date	Changes
3.31	2017-02-16	Adding Section 14: FCC/ISED Regulatory notices Changing Document History section from 14 to 15
3.3	2017-01-03	Remove “Preliminary” label Section 1.5: Updated “Related Documents” table Section 2.3: Added more info on memory supported options Section 3.1: Added PHY control interface Section 3.3: Updated LGA “PinMap” Drawing Section 5.3.3: Added clarification about RESET_N usage Section 5.3.4: Added Figure for SHDN_N power down timing Section 8.1: Added info related to USB OTG Section 8.3: Added info related to PHY control interface Section 8.5.3: Added clarification about VMMC Section 8.6.2: Added clarification about I2S support Section 9.2: Added clarification about RTC Section 9.7: Added GNSS characteristics Section 10.2: Updated mechanical drawing Section 10.3: Updated application footprint drawing
3.2	2016-12-16	Updated Applicability table
3.1	2016-11-27	Section 4.3.2 : Added note regarding pull resistance of special GPIO’s. Section 8.7.2 : Added info regarding wakeup from GPIO’s. Section 10.3 : Updated application board footprint drawing Section 1.5 : Updated link to WIFI application note

Revision	Date	Changes
3.0	2016-09-01	Official Release; Merged and updated the Applicability table (p.2) based on previous Section 1.6 Section 1.5 : Updated the table of related documents Section 2.6.1 : Updated the table of RF bands Section 3.1 : Few updates in the table of pin-out Section 6.1 : Added voltage ripple requirement Section 6.1: Table 18 : Added current consumption values Section 9.1: Updated description Section 9.2: Updated the RTC consumption Section 9.4.1: Updated description Section 11.5: Added sub-sections 11.5.1 and 11.5.2 Section 12: Updated table Section 12.2 : Added information about Tape & Reel packing General editing and formatting

Revision	Date	Changes
2.7	2016-06-15	Official Release; Sec. 2.5.1: Storage temp. is 105 deg.C max. Sec. 3.1 : Updates about pads E8, AN8 Previous Sec. 4.2 (Limiting Values) – Removed New Sec. 4.2 : Updated min. supply voltage levels Sec 4.3 : Updated Logic Level Specification Sec 5.3.3: Updated Reset connection (added future support) Sec 5.2: Updated “Initialization and Activation state” Sec. 5.3.3 : Added recommendation and diagram for future compatibility Sec. 8 : All hardware interfaces are gathered under this section A summary table of the module interfaces is presented Updated number of available GPIO’s inside the summary table Sec. 8.6.2 : Updated the Digital Audio specifications Sec. 9.4.1 : Updated the ADC range of input level Sec. 10.3 : Updated the “Recommended footprint” figure (was previously mistaken) Added “PRELIMINARY” on top of each page
2.2	2016-04-12	Official Release; Moved RoHS paragraph from 2.8.3 to 2.5.1 Sections 4.3 & 6.1: VBAT min is 3.4V (not 3.3V) Added Sec. 15.5 (now 9.5): Temperature Monitor Function

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