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1 Introduction

This document describes the electronic specifications, RF specifications, interfaces, mechanical characteristics and testing results of the SIMCom SIM7028 module. With the help of this document and other SIM7028 software application notes/user guides, users can understand and use SIM7028 module to design and develop applications quickly.

1.1 Product Outline

The SIM7028 module support LTE Category NB2, 2-HARQ. The physical dimension of SIM7028 is 17.6mm ×15.7mm×2.3 mm. It is designed for applications that need low latency, Low throughput data communication in a variety of radio propagation conditions.

Table 1: SIM7028 frequency bands

| Network Type | Band | SIM7028 |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| | Category | NB2 |
| | LTE-FDD B1 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B2 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B3 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B4 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B5 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B8 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B12 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B13 | ✓ |
| LTE-HD-FDD | LTE-FDD B14 | ✓ |
| LIE-ND-FDD | LTE-FDD B17 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B18 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B19 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B20 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B25 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B26 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B28 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B66 | ✓ |
| | LTE-FDD B70 | √ |
| | LTE-FDD B85 | ✓ |

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1.2 Hardware Interface Overview

The interfaces are described in detail in the next chapters include:

- Power Supply
- UART Interface
- SIM Interface
- ADC
- Power Output
- GPIOs
- Antenna Interface

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1.3 Hardware Block Diagram

The block diagram of the SIM7028 module is shown in the figure below.

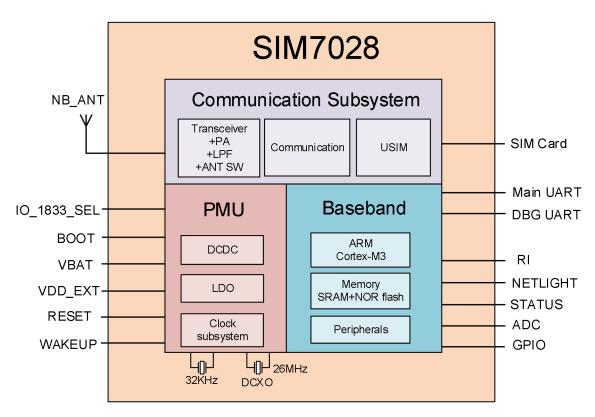


Figure 1: SIM7028 block diagram

1.4 Functional Overview

Table 2 describes the features of the SIM7028 modules.

Table 2: General features

| Feature | Implementation |
|-----------------------|---|
| Power supply | Power supply voltage: 2.2V~4.3V. |
| | DRX:0.11mA (DRX=2.56s) |
| Power saving | eDRX:0.018mA (PTW=25.6s; eDRX=163.84s; DRX=2.56s) |
| | PSM mode Typical: 0.8uA |
| Radio frequency bands | Please refer to the table 1 |
| Transmitting power | LTE power class: 3 (23dBm±2.7dB) |
| Data Transmission | LTE CAT NB2: 127Kbps (DL). |
| Throughput | LTE CAT NB2: 159Kbps (UL). |
| Antenna | LTE main antenna. |



| SIM interface | Support identity card: 1.8V/3V. |
|--------------------------|---|
| UART1 interface | A full modem serial port by default Can be used as the AT commands Can be used for firmware upgrade and RF calibration Baud rate: default:115200bps |
| UART0 | Software debugging and debugging log output. The default baud rate is 3Mbps. |
| Firmware upgrade | Firmware upgrade over UART1 interface |
| Physical characteristics | Size: $17.6 \text{mm} \times 15.7 \text{mm} \times 2.3 \text{ mm}$ Weight: $1.3 \text{g} \pm 0.2 \text{g}$ |
| Temperature range | operation temperature: -40°C to +85°C Storage temperature: -45°C to +90°C |

NOTE

When VBAT is lower than 3V, the radio frequency can work but the performance of some indicators may not meet the 3GPP standard.



2 Package Information

2. 1 Pin Assignment Overview

All functions of the SIM7028 will be provided through 42 pads that will be connected to the customers' platform. The Figure 2 is the pin assignment of the SIM7028.

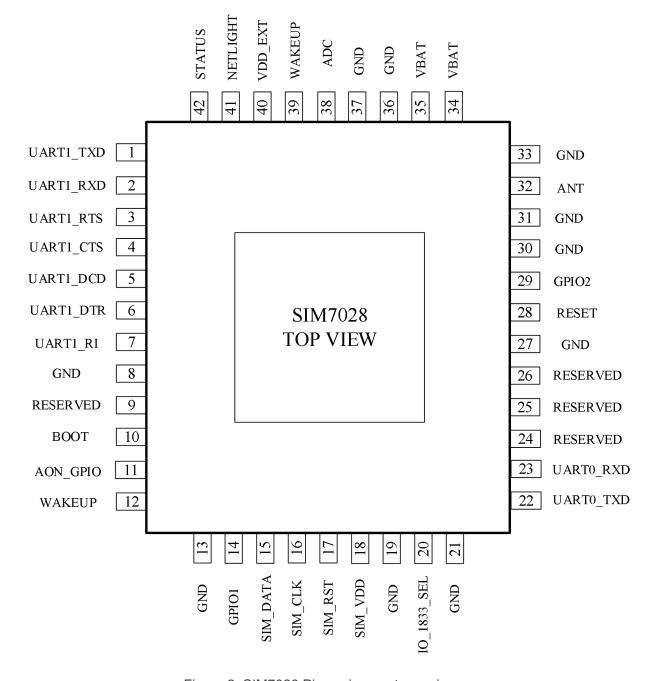


Figure 2: SIM7028 Pin assignment overview

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Table 3: Lists the SIM7028 module pin numbers and pin definitions

| Pin No. | Pin Name | Pin No. | Pin Name |
|---------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 | UART1_TXD | 22 | UART0_TXD |
| 2 | UART1_RXD | 23 | UART0_RXD |
| 3 | UART1_RTS | 24 | RESERVED |
| 4 | UART1_CTS | 25 | RESERVED |
| 5 | UART1_DCD | 26 | RESERVED |
| 6 | UART1_DTR | 27 | GND |
| 7 | UART1_RI | 28 | RESET |
| 8 | GND | 29 | GPIO2 |
| 9 | RESERVED | 30 | GND |
| 10 | BOOT | 31 | GND |
| 11 | AON_GPIO | 32 | ANT |
| 12 | WAKEUP | 33 | GND |
| 13 | GND | 34 | VBAT |
| 14 | GPIO1 | 35 | VBAT |
| 15 | SIM_DATA | 36 | GND |
| 16 | SIM_CLK | 37 | GND |
| 17 | SIM_RST | 38 | ADC |
| 18 | SIM_VDD | 39 | WAKEUP |
| 19 | GND | 40 | VDD_EXT |
| 20 | IO_1833_SEL | 41 | NETLIGHT |
| 21 | GND | 42 | STATUS |

2.2 Pin Description

This section describes the SIM7028 of pins and pin function definitions

Table 4: IO parameters definition

| Pin type | Description |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| PI | Power input |
| PO | Power output |
| Al | Analog input |
| AIO | Analog input/output |
| I/O | Bidirectional input /output |
| DI | Digital input |



| DO | Digital output |
|-----|--------------------------------|
| DOH | Digital output with high level |
| DOL | Digital output with low level |
| PU | Pull up |
| PD | Pull down |

Table 5: Pin description

| Pin name | Pin No. | Default status | Description | Comment |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|--|---|
| Power supply | ; у | j | | i |
| VBAT | 34、35 | Pl | Power supply, voltage range: 2.2-4.3V. | |
| VDD_EXT | 40 | PO | Power output. The voltage domain is 1.8V/3.3V optional. The default is 1.8 V. The output voltage of VDD_EXT will not exceed VBAT. | There is no voltage output in PSM mode. It can supply power to the pull-up circuit of the module; it is not recommended to supply power to external circuits. |
| GND | 8、13、19、 21、27、30、 31、33、36、 37 | | Ground | |
| System Cont | rol | | | |
| RESET | 28 | DI, PU | System reset control input, Vnorm = 1.3 V | Active low. |
| WAKEUP Co | ntrol | | | |
| WAKEUP | 12,39 | DI,PU | External interrupt pin; wake up the module from PSM mode. Vnorm = 1.3 V | Active on falling edge. |
| GPIO level so | election | | | |
| IO_1833_SEL | 20 | DI | Module GPIO level selection control pin. When floating: all GPIO levels of the module are 1.8V and the output voltage of VDD_EXT is 1.8V. When connected to GND: all GPIO levels of the module are 3.3V and the output voltage of VDD_EXT is 3.3V. | The default state is floating. |
| BOOT downl | oad control | | | |
| воот | 10 | DI | Download control pin, active low. Pull down this pin and then power on the module or press the reset button, the module will enter the download mode. | It cannot be pulled down before normal boot. |



| SIM interface | 9 | | | | |
|---------------|------------|--------|---|--|--|
| SIM_DATA | 15 | I/O | SIM Card data I/O | | |
| SIM_RST | 17 | DO | SIM Reset | | |
| SIM_CLK | 16 | DO | SIM clock | | |
| SIM_VDD | 18 | PO | Power output for SIM card, its output Voltage depends on SIM card type automatically. | | |
| UART interfa | ice | | | | |
| UART1_TXD | 1 | DOH | Transmit Data | | |
| UART1_RXD | 2 | DI, PU | Receive Data | | |
| UART1_RTS | 3 | DI, PU | Request to send | | |
| UART1_CTS | 4 | DOH | Clear to Send | The voltage domain is | |
| UART1_DCD | 5 | DOH | Data carrier detect | 1.8V/3.3V optional. | |
| UART1_DTR | 6 | DI,PU | Transmit Data | Default 1.8 V. | |
| UART1_RI | 7 | DOH | Ring Indicator | | |
| UART0_TXD | 22 | DOH | Transmit Data | | |
| UART0_RXD | 23 | DI,PU | Receive Data | | |
| GPIO | | | | | |
| NETLIGHT | 41 | DOH | LED control output as network status indication. VOLmax = 0.45 V VOHmin = 0.7 x VDD_EXT | | |
| STATUS | 42 | DO | Operating status output. High level: Power on and firmware ready Low level: Power off | The voltage domain is 1.8V/3.3V optional. Default 1.8 V. | |
| GPIO1 | 14 | Ю | | | |
| GPIO2 | 29 | Ю | 0 (| | |
| AON_GPIO | 11 | IO | Controllable level after entering sleep | | |
| RF interface | | | | | |
| ANT | 32 | Al | antenna | | |
| Other interfa | ice | | | | |
| ADC | 38 | Al | Analog-digital converter input. Voltage range: 0-3.3V. | If unused, keep them open. | |
| RESERVED | 9,24,25,26 | | | Keep it open | |

NOTE

BOOT is the download control pin, this pin cannot be pulled down before the normal boot. Otherwise, it will enter the download mode.



2.3 Mechanical Information

The following figure shows the package outline drawing of SIM7028.

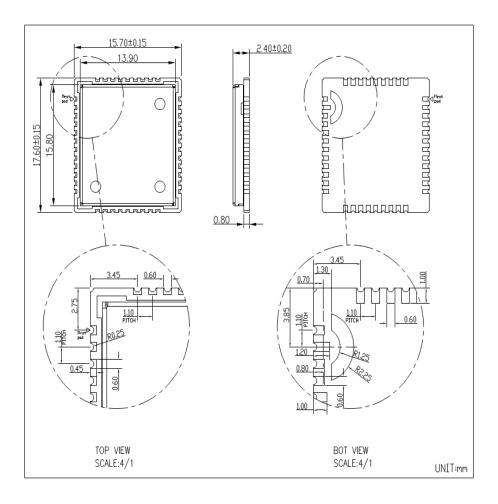


Figure 3: Dimensions (Unit: mm)



2.4 Footprint Recommendation

The following figure shows the Foot printer commended of the SIM7028.

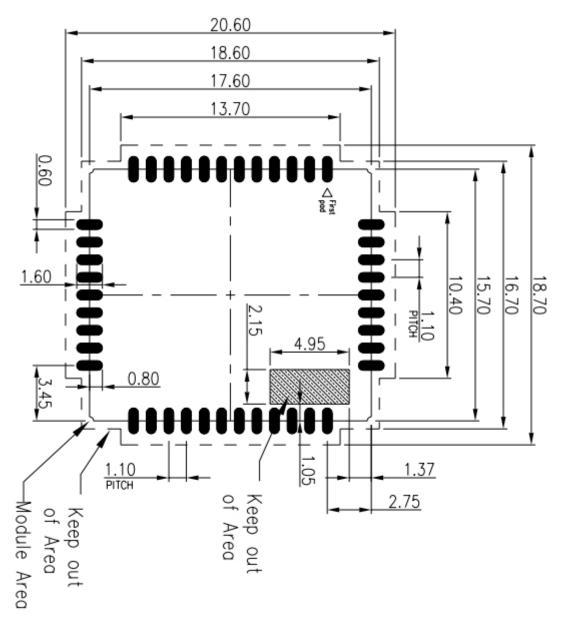


Figure 4: Footprint recommendation (Unit: mm)

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3 Interface Application

3.1 Power Supply

Pin 34 and pin 35 are VBAT power input.

The power supply for SIM7028 must be able to provide sufficient current up to more than 500mA in order to satisfy the power supply current for maximum consumption.

The module can use an LDO with a low quiescent current output capability of 1 A as the power supply, or it can be powered by a battery. When the module is working in the digital transmission mode, it must be ensured that the power drop does not fall below the minimum working voltage of the module 2.2 V, otherwise the module will be abnormal.

At the VBAT pin of the module, you can refer to the following devices, where CA is a low ESR 100μ F tantalum capacitor. In addition, to prevent surges and static electricity, it is recommended to connect TVS in parallel with the VBAT pin of the module. If you choose a Zener tube, please pay special attention to the static power consumption of the Zener tube. During PCB layout, the capacitor and TVS should be as close as possible to the VBAT pin of the module.

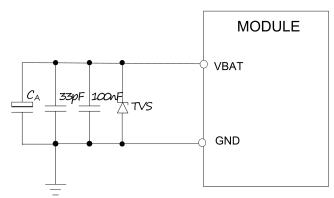


Figure 5: Power supply application circuit

3. 2 Power on/Power off/Reset Function

3.2.1 Power on

The module is automatically turned on after power on, without a power button. Under the condition that the RESET pin is not pulled low by the outside, the module will automatically power on after supplying a voltage

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of 2.2V to 4.3V to the VBAT pin.

NOTE

- 1.The voltage of VBAT must be lower than 0.7 V before power-on, and the power supply must rise to above 2.2 V within 10 ms.
- 2. After VBAT is powered on, RESET automatically rises to a high level due to an internal pull-up.
- 3. After the VBAT voltage rises above 2.2V, the system will automatically turn on. After turning on the VBAT voltage, the jitter cannot be lower than 2.2V, otherwise the system will be abnormal. The system can be reset via RESET.

3.2.2 Power off

The module can be shut down by disconnecting the VBAT power supply.

3.2.3 Reset Function

SIM7028 can reset the module by keeping the RESET pin low for at least 50ms. The module can also be reset by the AT command "AT+NRB".

The RESET signal has been pulled up inside the chip, and the RESET signal will immediately change to a high level after the module is powered on.

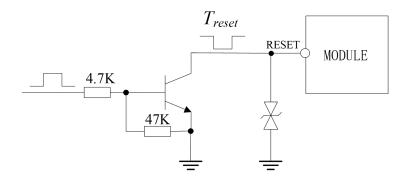


Figure 6:Reference reset circuit

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Table 6: RESET pin electronic characteristic

| Symbol | Description | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Unit |
|--------------------|--|------|------|------|------|
| T _{reset} | The active low level time impulse on RESET pin to reset module | 50 | - | _ | ms |
| V_{IH} | Input high level voltage | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | V |
| V _{IL} | Input high level voltage | - | - | 0.3 | V |

3.3 WAKEUP Description

After SIM7028 enters sleep mode, it can be awakened by pulling down the WAKEUP pin.

WAKEUP is a falling edge wake-up. After the MCU pulls down the WAKEUP pin, it needs to send an AT command to the module within 10ms. If the RXD end of the module does not receive any AT command within 10ms, it will immediately enter the sleep mode. If the RXD end of the module receives data within 10ms, it will execute the corresponding instruction and then enter the sleep mode.

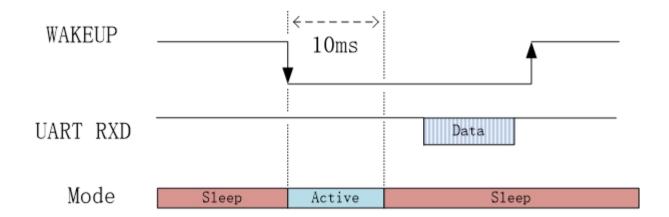
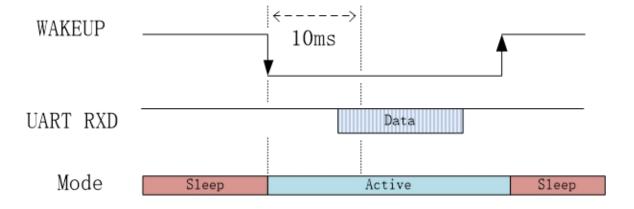


Figure 7: WAKEUP wakes up the serial communication is abnormal



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Figure 8: WAKEUP wakes up the serial communication successfully

The recommended circuit for WAKEUP is as follows:

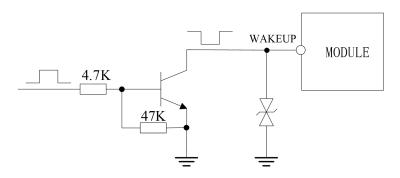


Figure 9: WAKEUP recommended circuit

Table 7: WAKEUP pin electrical parameters

| Symbol | Description | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Unit |
|--------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Т | The active low level time impulse | 500 | - | _ | ms |
| VIH | Input high level voltage | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | V |
| VIL | Input low level voltage | - | - | 0.3 | V |

NOTE

When the serial port baud rate is less than or equal to 9600bps, there is no need to wake up by WAKEUP, and the module can be waked up directly by sending an AT command through UART1. When the baud rate is greater than 9600bps, the module wake-up needs to be realized by pulling down the WAKEUP pin.

3. 4 GPIO power domain 1.8V/3.3V selection

The GPIO power domain of SIM7028 has two configurations of 1.8V and 3.3V. The default power domain is 1.8V. The two GPIO levels can be switched by setting the state of the pin IO_1833_SEL. The user can flexibly select the GPIO port level of the module according to the GPIO level of the external single-chip microcomputer to achieve the purpose of level matching, without adding an additional IO level conversion circuit between the single-chip microcomputer and the module.

Table 8: Pin definition

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| Pin name | Pin number | I/O direction | Description | Comment |
|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| IO_1833_SEL | 20 | I | GPIO level control input | When floating, the pin level is 1.1V |

When the IO_1833_SEL pin is floating, after setting "AT+VIOSET=1", the power domain of the module's GPIO is 1.8V. When "AT+VIOSET" is not set, its default value is "1".

When the IO_1833_SEL pin is grounded, after setting "AT+VIOSET=3", the power domain of the GPIO port of the module will be set to 3.3V.

NOTE

The voltage of the GPIO of the module will not exceed the voltage of VBAT. When VBAT<3.3V, even if the IO_1833_SEL pin is grounded, the level of the GPIO port will be lower than 3.3V. The GPIO of the module includes three UART ports, RI, SPI, NETLIGHT, SWDIO/SWDCLK. When the module's GPIO level selection is switched, VDD_EXT will also follow the switch.

3.5 UART Interface

SIM7028 provides two serial ports: UART1 and UART0.

Table 9: UART electrical parameters

| Symbol | Description | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Unit |
|--------|---------------------------|---------------|---------|---------------|------|
| VIH | Input high level voltage | 0.7 x VDD_EXT | VDD_EXT | VDD_EXT | V |
| VIL | Input low level voltage | -0.3 | 0 | 0.2 x VDD_EXT | V |
| VOH | Output high level voltage | 0.7 x VDD_EXT | VDD_EXT | VDD_EXT | V |
| VOL | Output low level voltage | 0 | 0 | 0.45 | V |

3.5.1 UART1 is used for serial communication

UART1 is the main serial port, which can be used for AT command communication. UART1 supports adaptive baud rate and can be configured as 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400, 460800 bps. It can be set by AT command "AT+IPR".

3.5.2 UART1 is used for firmware upgrade and calibration

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SIM7028 download baud rate defaults to 115200bps. Download steps: first trigger the module to enter the download mode: to ensure that the module is successfully powered on, first pull down BOOT, then pull down RESET to reset the module. After the module is successfully reset, release RESET first, and then release it. BOOT, so the module will enter the download mode and wait for the data transmitted by the download tool. After the module enters the download mode, set the port, baud rate and software version on the download tool, and click the "Download" button to start downloading data.

3.5.3 Debug serial port UART0

UART0 is the debug serial port. Customers can view the underlying log information through the debug serial port for software debugging.

Need to use a special EPAT log tool.

The baud rate that needs to be set when capturing EPAT log cannot be less than 3Mbps, otherwise the log will be lost.

The default baud rate of DBG UART is 3 Mbps.

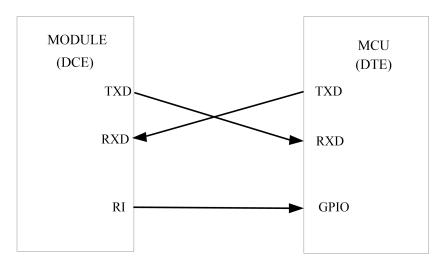
NOTE

When using EPAT log tool to capture log, you need to select a serial cable with a baud rate greater than 3Mbps.

3.5.4 Serial Port Voltage Level Matching

1.8V as default voltage for the serial port of the module. Costumer can also configure the voltage of the serial port to 3.3V upon the requirements, to match the IO level of MCU.

When serial port of the module and serial port of MCU have the same voltage level, the serial port and GPIO of module can connect to the MCU directly, the voltage level translator circuit is not needed, as shown below:



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Figure 10: Connection of serial port with level matching

When serial port of MCU does not match the serial port of the module, the voltage level translator circuit is recommended between them to let the voltage level match.

The following figure is the reference design circuit with translator IC:

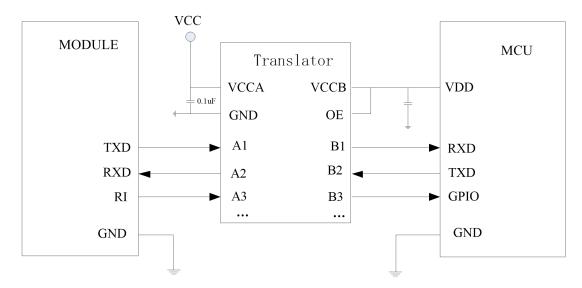


Figure 11: The recommended circuit with the translator IC

The second level translator circuit as shown in the figure below:

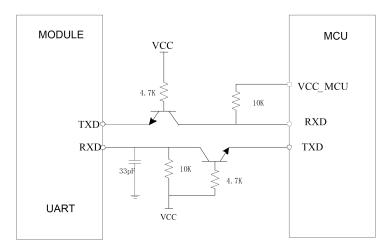


Figure 12: The recommended circuit with MOSFET

% Note

Using pin of IO_1833_SEL to configure the power domain of serial port is recommended to match the serial port of MCU to simplify the hardware design and to have the optimum cost.

The pin of VDD_EXT is not recommended as power supply of the VCC, because VCC will be shut

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down as the module goes to sleep, which cannot be awake by AT command through the serial port, only can be awake by WAKEUP pin. The external LDO as the power supply is recommended.

3. 6 RI signal behaviors

RI always keep at the high level, when SMS received or URC outputs, the module will inform DTE through RI pin.



Figure 13: RI signal behaviors(SMS, URC)

Note

For details of this AT command, please refer to document [1].

3.7 ADC

SIM7028 provides one ADC, the electrical characteristics shown as below:

Table 10: ADC electrical characteristics

| Characteristics | Min | Тур | Max | Unit |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| ADC resolution | _ | 12 | _ | bits |
| Voltage range | 0 | - | 3.3 | V |

% Note

Customer can use AT command "AT+CADC?" to read the voltage value. For details of this AT command, please refer to document [1].

3.8 SIM Card Interface

SIM7028 supports 1.8V and 3.0V SIM card. The power supply of SIM card provides by the internal LDO.

Table 11: SIM card pin definition

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| Pin name | Pin number | I/O | Description | Comment |
|----------|------------|-----|---|---------|
| SIM_DATA | 15 | I/O | SIM data input/output | |
| SIM_RST | 16 | DO | SIM reset | |
| SIM_CLK | 17 | DO | SIM clock | |
| SIM_VDD | 18 | РО | Voltage supply for SIM card. Support 1.8V or 3V SIM card depends on SIM card type | |

% Note

3.0 V < VBAT \leq 4.5 V, 1.8/3.0 V SIM card is supported; 2.2 V \leq VBAT \leq 3 V, only 1.8 V SIM card is supported.

The following figure is the reference circuit for SIM card. The component of circuit should be placed as close as possible to the SIM card holder.

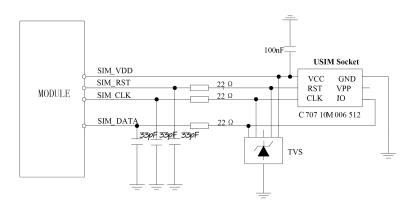


Figure 14: Reference circuit of SIM card interface

SIM card signal could be interference by some high frequency signal, it is strongly recommended to follow these guidelines while designing:

- Add some TVS which parasitic capacitance should not exceed 50pF
- SIM card holder should be far away from GSM antenna
- SIM traces should keep away from RF lines, VBAT and high-speed signal lines, the traces should be as short as possible
- Keep SIM card holder's GND connect to main ground directly
- Shielding the SIM CLK to prevent the interference to other signals

3.9 Network Status

NETLIGHT pin to indicate the current network status, which is used to control Network Status LED, its reference circuit is shown in the following figure.

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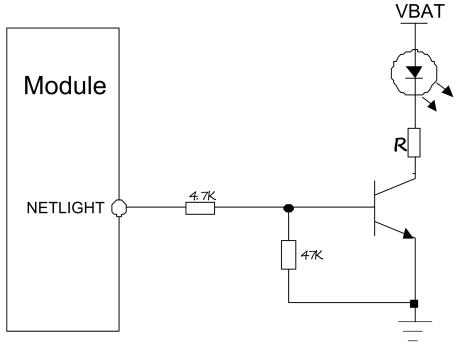


Figure 15: NETLIGHT reference circuit

NETLIGHT signal to control the network status LED, the pin status shown in the below table:

Table 12: NETLIGHT pin status

| NETLIGHT pin status | Module status |
|---------------------|---|
| 64ms ON, 800ms OFF | No registered network |
| 64ms ON, 2000ms OFF | Registered network (PS domain registration success) |
| OFF | Power off or PSM mode |

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4 Operation Mode

4.1 Operating mode

SIM7028 module has modes which are listed below:

Table 13: Module operating mode

| Mode function | on | Description |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---|
| | Active | Power saving mode is not active, the system will stay in loop-waiting status, even has no tasks, high power consumption. All the function work properly for data transmitting and receiving. |
| | Idle | The core clock will be shut down when the system has no tasks, any interrupt could wake up the system and restart the core clock. IDLE mode only receive the paging message, which means monitor the network paging, if the data detected, the module will switch to ACTIVE mode from IDLE mode. |
| Normal operating mode | operating | The module will shut down all the peripherals and part of registers based on the IDLE mode, the interrupt of the peripherals cannot wake up the system. The paging message cannot be received in SLEEP mode. When the module needs to receive the paging message, it will switch to IDLE mode to receive the network paging message, then switch to SLEEP mode. |
| | PSM | CPU will be shut down, only RTC function works; the network is disconnect and the module cannot receive the download data; the module can exist PSM mode by setting the timer of RTC and switch to ACTIVE mode. |

The module can be configured to different sleep mode, which the system shuts down the different number of the internal power supply, to has different power consumption. The sleep mode can be set by AT command "AT+ECPMUCFG" and "AT+ECPMUCFG=1,4" as default.

The detailed information is listed below:

Table 14: Sleep mode

| AT command | Setting mode | Description |
|-----------------|--------------|--|
| AT+ECPMUCFG=0 | Active | Power saving mode is not active, the system will stay in loop-waiting status, even has no tasks, high power consumption. |
| AT+ECPMUCFG=1,1 | Idle | The core clock will be shut down when the system has no tasks, any interrupt |

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| | | could wake up the system and restart the core clock. |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
| AT+ECPMUCFG=1,2 | Sleep1 | The module will shut down all the peripherals and part of registers based on the IDLE mode, the interrupt of the peripherals cannot wake up the system. |
| AT+ECPMUCFG=1,3 | Sleep2 | The 256KB memory will be shut down based on SLEEP1 mode, only 16KB Retention Memory is kept. |
| AT+ECPMUCFG=1,4 | Hibernate | The 16KB Retention Memory will be shut down based on SLEEP2 mode. |

The paging message cannot be received in SLEEP1 mode, SLEEP2 mode and Hibernate mode. When the module needs to receive the paging message, it will switch to IDLE mode to receive the network paging message, then switch back. The interrupt of the peripherals cannot wake up the system in SLEEP1 mode, SLEEP2 mode and Hibernate mode. The module could be wake up by sending AT command of LPUART function in UART1, and also pull down the pin of WAKEUP.

SLEEP1, SLEEP2, HIBERATE mode has difference with PSM mode. In the SLEEP1, SLEEP2, HIBERATE mode, the system will shut down the internal power supply of module to reduce the power consumption. When the communication with the networks is required, the module will switch to the IDLE mode. In PSM mode, the module will enable the PSM function and the network send the timer of T3324 and T3412, the module will enter the low power consumption when all the conditions are met.

4.2 **PSM**

The PSM function of SIM7028 could be opened by AT command "AT+CPSMS=1", when the conditions are met, the module will switch to PSM automatically. The module in PSM has low current(typically: 800nA). PSM aims to reduce the power consumption of module and extend the power-on time of battery.

The following figure shows the power consumption of module in different mode:

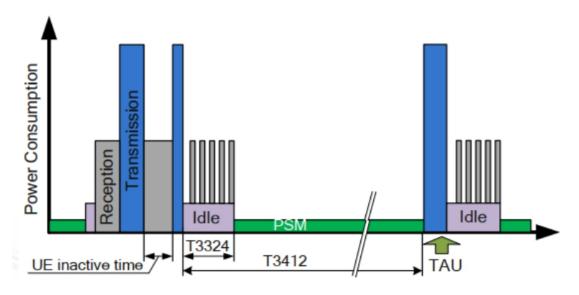


Figure 16: Power consumption of module in different mode

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PSM will start after the data connection terminated or TAU updated. When the module connects to the network or update TAU, the network will send timer of T3324 and T3412 to the module, then the module will enter IDLE mode. In this mode, the module will transfer data with network(DRX status). When the timer of T3324 over time, the module will enter PSM.

In PSM, the module in power saving status, terminate the connection of network, shut down the most of power supply, only RTC function is kept, the module cannot be awake. When the timer of T3412 over time, the module will wake up.

4. 3 PSM wake up

In PSM, the network connection of SIM7028 will terminated, the module cannot respond to the request of user.

If the customer want to use AT command by UART, they need to wake up the module first.

The following methods will wake up the module from PSM:

- When the timer T3412 expires, the module will automatically woken up.
- Communicate by LPUART(UART1) with baud rate 9600, send AT command to the module and RXD
 has data receiving, the module will automatically woken up
- Pulling WAKEUP pin to low level to wake up the module. When the module detects the falling edge, AT command must be send in 10ms to wake up the module.
- Pulling RESET pin to low level to wake up the module. The module will restart in network registration, network searching, some settings will lost.

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5 RF Specifications

5. 1 LTE RF Specifications

Table 15: Conducted transmission power

| Frequency | Power | Min. |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| LTE-FDD B1 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B2 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B3 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B4 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B5 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B8 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B12 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B13 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B14 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B17 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B18 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B19 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B20 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B25 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B26 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B28 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B66 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B70 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |
| LTE-FDD B85 | 23dBm +/-2.7dB | <-40dBm |

NOTE

The max power is tested result for single-tone in CAT-NB2. Multi-tone test results please refer to 3GPP, Maximum power reduction please refer to part 6.2.3F.3.

Table 16: Maximum Power Reduction (MPR) for UE CAT NB2

| Modulation | QPSK | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------------|------|
| Tone positions for 3 Tones allocation | 0-2 | 3-5 and 6-8 | 9-11 |

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| MPR | ≤ 0.5 dB | 0 dB | | ≤ 0.5 dB |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------|--------|----------|
| Tone positions for 3 Tones allocation | 0-5 and 6-11 | | | |
| MPR | ≤ 1 dB | | ≤ 1 dB | |
| Tone positions for 3 Tones allocation | 0-11 | | | |
| MPR | ≤ 2 dB | | | |

Table 17: E-UTRA operating bands

| E-UTRA | UL Freq. | DL Freq. | Duplex Mode |
|--------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | 1920 ~1980 MHz | 2110 ~2170 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 2 | 1850 ~1910 MHz | 1930 ~1990 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 3 | 1710 ~1785 MHz | 1805 ~1880 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 4 | 1710 ~1755 MHz | 2110 ~2155 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 5 | 824 ~849 MHz | 869 ~894 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 8 | 880 ~915 MHz | 925 ~960 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 12 | 699 ~716 MHz | 729 ~746 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 13 | 777 ~787 MHz | 746 ~756 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 14 | 788 ~798 MHz | 758 ~768 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 17 | 704 ~716 MHz | 734 ~746 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 18 | 815 ~830 MHz | 860 ~875 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 19 | 830 ~845 MHz | 875 ~890 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 20 | 832 ~862 MHz | 791 ~821 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 25 | 1850~1915MHz | 1930~1995MHz | HD-FDD |
| 26 | 814 ~849 MHz | 859 ~894 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 28 | 703 ~748 MHz | 758 ~803 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 66 | 1710 ~1780 MHz | 2110 ~2200 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 70 | 1695 ~1710 MHz | 1995 ~2020 MHz | HD-FDD |
| 85 | 698~716MHz | 728~746MHz | HD-FDD |

Table 18: CAT-NB2 Reference sensitivity (QPSK)

| Operating bands | REFSENS MAX(dBm) 3GPP Request |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | <-108.2 |
| 2 | <-108.2 |
| 3 | <-108.2 |
| 4 | <-108.2 |
| 5 | <-108.2 |
| 8 | <-108.2 |
| 12 | <-108.2 |

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| | <-108.2 |
|----|-----------------|
| 13 | ∼-100. Z |
| 14 | <-108.2 |
| 17 | <-108.2 |
| 18 | <-108.2 |
| 19 | <-108.2 |
| 20 | <-108.2 |
| 25 | <-108.2 |
| 26 | <-108.2 |
| 28 | <-108.2 |
| 66 | <-108.2 |
| 70 | <-108.2 |
| 85 | <-108.2 |

5. 2 LTE Antenna Design Guide

Users should connect antennas to SIM7028 antenna pads through micro-strip line or other types of RF trace and the trace impedance must be controlled in 50Ω . It recommends that the total insertion loss between the antenna pads and antennas should meet the following requirements:

Table 19: Trace loss

| Frequency | Loss |
|-----------------|--------|
| 700MHz-960MHz | <0.5dB |
| 1710MHz-2170MHz | <0.9dB |
| 2300MHz-2650MHz | <1.2dB |

To facilitate the antenna tuning and certification test, a RF connector and an antenna matching circuit should be added. The following figure is the recommended circuit.

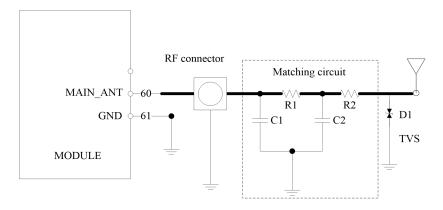


Figure 17: Antenna matching circuit (MAIN_ANT)

In above figure, the components R1, C1, C2 and R2 are used for antenna matching, the values of components can only be achieved after the antenna tuning and usually provided by antenna vendor. By

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default, the R1, R2 are 0Ω resistors, and the C1, C2 are reserved for tuning. The component D1 is a TVS for ESD protection, and it is optional for users according to application environment.

The RF test connector is used for the conducted RF performance test, and should be placed as close as to the module's MAIN_ANT pin. The traces impedance between SIM7028 and antenna must be controlled in 50Ω .

Two TVS are recommended in the table below.

Table 20: Recommended TVS

| Package | Part Number | Vender |
|---------|----------------|--------|
| 0201 | LXES03AAA1-154 | Murata |
| 0402 | LXES15AAA1-153 | Murata |

5. 3 RF Layout Design Guide

5.3.1 RF layout

- The length of RF trace between module and antenna should be as short as possible upon the antenna position and trace loss, the module should be placed as close as possible to the main board edge.
- \triangleright The RF trace(micro-strip trace on top or strip trace in the inner layer) should be shielded by ground and 50Ω impedance.
- RF trace should avoid right angle and acute angle.
- > RF trace should be shielded around GND.
- > RF trace examples shown in the following figure, which isolated from other high-speed signal and shielded by GND.

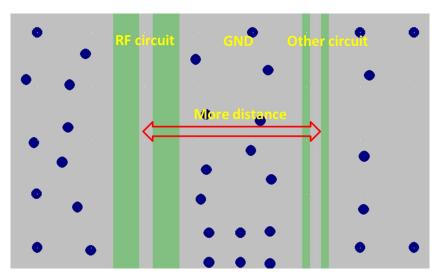


Figure 18: RF trace should be isolated from other signal trace

- Do not trace RF signal across or parallel with other signals
- ➢ If the interface of RF is SMA, GND should has some distance away from RF pads. Do not lay the copper in all the layers on PCB

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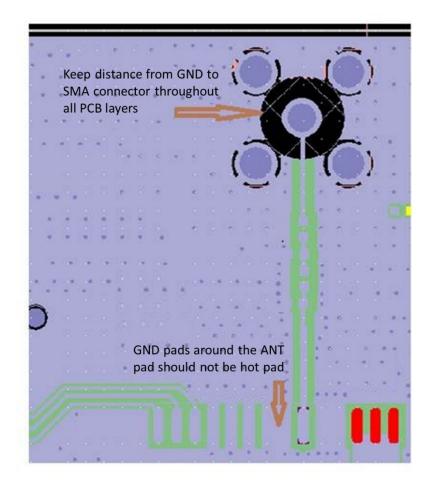


Figure 19: Distance between RF trace and GND

> GND around the ANT pin of RF do not make pads to ensure the integration of the ground.

5.3.2 LTE antenna and other communication system isolation notice

- Efficiency of LTE main antenna in free space should be more than 40%
- > If WLAN supported, isolation of LTE main antenna and WLAN antenna should more than 15dB
- > If GNSS supported, isolation of LTE main antenna and GNSS antenna should more than 30dB

% Note

The isolation of different antennas should be decided by the manufacture. For more details, please refer to the ANTENNA DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR DIVERSITY RECEIVER SYSTEM V1.01.pdf.

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6 Electrical Specifications

6. 1 Normal Operating Conditions

Table 21: Recommended operating ratings

| Parameter | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Unit |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|
| Voltage at VBAT | 2.2 | - | 4.3 | V |

Table 22: Operating temperature

| Parameter | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Unit |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Normal operating temperature | -30 | 25 | 80 | °C |
| Extreme operating temperature | -40 | 25 | 85 | °C |
| Storage temperature | -45 | 25 | 90 | °C |

NOTE

The performance will be reduced slightly from the 3GPP specifications if the temperature in the extreme operating temperature range.

6. 2 Current Consumption

The current consumption is listed in the table below.

Table 23: VBAT current consumption(VBAT=3.3V)

| I _{MAX} | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Peak current (Maximum transient current) | Data transmission Typical: 500mA | at ma | ximum | output | power |
| Idle mode | | | | | |
| LTE supply current (AT\$QCPMUCFG=1,1) | NB-IoT Idle mode | Typical: { | ōmΑ | | |
| Power Saving Mode | | | | | |
| PSM supply current | T3324=20S,T3412=6 Typical: 0.8uA | 00S,DRX= | 2.56S, | PSM | mode |
| e-DRX | | | | | |

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(Tested in sleep mode)

@ PTW=40.96s; eDRX=81.92s; DRX=2.56s, Typical: 0.15mA

@ PTW=25.6s; eDRX=163.84s; DRX=2.56s, Typical: 0.02mA

| LTE C | at-NB data transmiss | sion | | |
|-------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | 15KHz single tone | 15KHz 3 tones | 15KHz 12 tones | 3.75KHz single tone |
| B1 | @23dbm : 101mA | @23dbm : 65mA | @23dbm : 26mA | @23dbm : 192mA |
| | @10dbm: 34mA | @10dbm: 25mA | @10dbm: 15mA | @10dbm: 63mA |
| | @0dbm: 25mA | @0dbm: 19mA | @0dbm: 14mA | @0dbm: 37mA |
| B2 | @23dbm : 101mA | @23dbm : 63mA | @23dbm : 25mA | @23dbm : 191mA |
| | @10dbm: 35mA | @10dbm: 25mA | @10dbm: 15mA | @10dbm: 59mA |
| | @0dbm: 25mA | @0dbm: 19mA | @0dbm: 16mA | @0dbm: 37mA |
| В3 | @23dbm : 99mA | @23dbm : 62mA | @23dbm : 25mA | @23dbm : 187mA |
| | @10dbm: 35mA | @10dbm: 25mA | @10dbm: 15mA | @10dbm: 59mA |
| | @0dbm: 24mA | @0dbm: 19mA | @0dbm: 16mA | @0dbm: 37mA |
| B4 | @23dbm : 100mA | @23dbm : 64mA | @23dbm : 25mA | @23dbm : 189mA |
| | @10dbm: 34mA | @10dbm: 25mA | @10dbm: 15mA | @10dbm: 62mA |
| | @0dbm: 24mA | @0dbm: 19mA | @0dbm: 14mA | @0dbm: 38mA |
| B5 | @23dbm : 91mA | @23dbm : 56mA | @23dbm : 24mA | @23dbm : 167mA |
| | @10dbm: 28mA | @10dbm: 21mA | @10dbm: 13mA | @10dbm: 46mA |
| | @0dbm: 19mA | @0dbm: 16mA | @0dbm: 13mA | @0dbm: 30mA |
| B8 | @23dbm : 94mA | @23dbm : 58mA | @23dbm : 25mA | @23dbm : 172mA |
| | @10dbm: 29mA | @10dbm: 21mA | @10dbm: 14mA | @10dbm: 47mA |
| | @0dbm: 20mA | @0dbm: 16mA | @0dbm: 13mA | @0dbm: 29mA |
| B12 | @23dbm : 109mA | @23dbm : 70mA | @23dbm : 28mA | @23dbm : 207mA |
| | @10dbm: 32mA | @10dbm: 23mA | @10dbm: 14mA | @10dbm: 54mA |
| | @0dbm: 19mA | @0dbm: 16mA | @0dbm: 13mA | @0dbm: 30mA |
| B13 | @23dbm : 97mA | @23dbm : 62mA | @23dbm : 26mA | @23dbm : 185mA |
| | @10dbm: 27mA | @10dbm: 20mA | @10dbm: 13mA | @10dbm: 46mA |
| | @0dbm: 21mA | @0dbm: 16mA | @0dbm: 13mA | @0dbm: 30mA |
| B14 | @23dbm : 98mA | @23dbm : 62mA | @23dbm : 26mA | @23dbm : 185mA |
| | @10dbm: 28mA | @10dbm: 21mA | @10dbm: 14mA | @10dbm: 47mA |
| | @0dbm: 21mA | @0dbm: 16mA | @0dbm: 13mA | @0dbm: 30mA |
| B17 | @23dbm : 109mA | @23dbm : 67mA | @23dbm : 28mA | @23dbm : 207mA |
| | @10dbm: 32mA | @10dbm: 23mA | @10dbm: 14mA | @10dbm: 54mA |
| | @0dbm: 20mA | @0dbm: 16mA | @0dbm: 13mA | @0dbm: 30mA |
| B18 | @23dbm : 91mA | @23dbm : 57mA | @23dbm : 23mA | @23dbm : 171mA |
| | @10dbm: 28mA | @10dbm: 21mA | @10dbm: 14mA | @10dbm: 46mA |
| | @0dbm: 20mA | @0dbm: 17mA | @0dbm: 12mA | @0dbm: 30mA |
| B19 | @23dbm : 91mA | @23dbm : 56mA | @23dbm : 23mA | @23dbm : 167mA |
| | @10dbm: 28mA | @10dbm: 21mA | @10dbm: 14mA | @10dbm: 45mA |
| | @0dbm: 19mA | @0dbm: 17mA | @0dbm: 14mA | @0dbm: 29mA |
| B20 | @23dbm : 89mA | @23dbm : 56mA | @23dbm : 24mA | @23dbm : 167mA |
| | @10dbm: 27mA | @10dbm: 21mA | @10dbm: 14mA | @10dbm: 46mA |
| | @0dbm: 20mA | @0dbm: 16mA | @0dbm: 12mA | @0dbm: 30mA |
| B25 | @23dbm : 101mA | @23dbm : 64mA | @23dbm : 25mA | @23dbm : 191mA |
| | @10dbm: 35mA | @10dbm: 25mA | @10dbm: 15mA | @10dbm: 59mA |
| | @0dbm: 24mA | @0dbm: 18mA | @0dbm: 13mA | @0dbm: 38mA |
| B26 | @23dbm : 90mA | @23dbm : 57mA | @23dbm : 23mA | @23dbm : 169mA |
| | @10dbm: 28mA | @10dbm: 21mA | @10dbm: 14mA | @10dbm: 45mA |
| | @0dbm: 20mA | @0dbm: 17mA | @0dbm: 13mA | @0dbm: 29mA |
| B28 | @23dbm : 106mA | @23dbm : 67mA | @23dbm : 26mA | @23dbm : 203mA |
| | @10dbm: 30mA | @10dbm: 21mA | @10dbm: 14mA | @10dbm: 54mA |
| | @0dbm: 20mA | @0dbm: 16mA | @0dbm: 12mA | @0dbm: 30mA |
| B66 | @23dbm : 100mA | @23dbm : 63mA | @23dbm : 26mA | @23dbm : 189mA |

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| | @10dbm: 34mA | @10dbm: 25mA | @10dbm: 15mA | @10dbm: 59mA |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | @0dbm: 24mA | @0dbm: 19mA | @0dbm: 15mA | @0dbm: 38mA |
| B70 | @23dbm : 96mA | @23dbm : 62mA | @23dbm : 25mA | @23dbm : 185mA |
| | @10dbm: 33mA | @10dbm: 24mA | @10dbm: 15mA | @10dbm: 56mA |
| | @0dbm: 24mA | @0dbm: 19mA | @0dbm: 14mA | @0dbm: 37mA |
| B85 | @23dbm : 110mA | @23dbm : 70mA | @23dbm : 28mA | @23dbm : 206mA |
| | @10dbm: 32mA | @10dbm: 23mA | @10dbm: 14mA | @10dbm: 54mA |
| | @0dbm: 19mA | @0dbm: 17mA | @0dbm: 12mA | @0dbm: 29mA |

6.3 ESD Notes

SIM7028 is sensitive to ESD in the process of storage, transporting, and assembling. When SIM7028 is mounted on the users' mother board, the ESD components should be placed beside the connectors which human body may touch, such as SIM card holder, audio jacks, switches, keys, etc. The following table shows SIM7028 ESD measurement performance without any external ESD component.

Table 24: The ESD performance measurement table (Temperature: 25°C, Humidity: 45%.)

| Part | Contact discharge | Air discharge |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
| GND (Shield) | 6±KV | 12±KV |
| GND (RF) | $6\pm {\sf KV}$ | 12±KV |
| VBAT | $5\pm {\sf KV}$ | 10±KV |
| Antenna port | 5±KV | 10±KV |

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7 SMT Production Guide

7. 1 Top and Bottom View of SIM7028

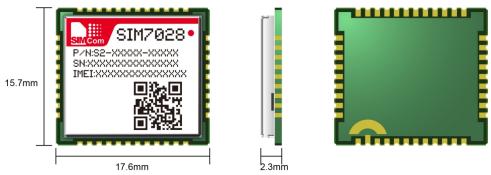


Figure 20: Top and bottom view of SIM7028

7. 2 Typical SMT Reflow Profile

SIMCom provides a typical soldering profile. Therefore the soldering profile shown below is only a generic recommendation and should be adjusted to the specific application and manufacturing constraints.

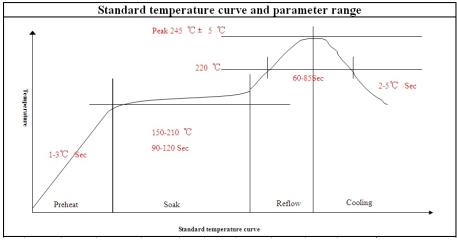


Figure 21: The ramp-soak-spike reflow profile of SIM7028

7.3 Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL)

SIM7028 is qualified to Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL) 3 in accordance with JEDEC J-STD-033.

The following table shows the features of Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL). After seal off, storage conditions must meet the following table. If the storage time was expired, module must be baking before SMT.

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Table 25: Moisture Sensitivity Level and Floor Life

| Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL) | Floor Life (out of bag) at factory ambient≤30°C/60% RH or as stated |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Unlimited at ≤30°C/85% RH |
| 2 | 1 year at ≦30℃/60% RH |
| 2a | 4 weeks at ≦30°C/60% RH |
| 3 | 168 hours at ≦30℃/60% RH |
| 4 | 72 hours at ≦30°C/60% RH |
| 5 | 48 hours at ≦30°C/60% RH |
| 5a | 24 hours at ≦30°C/60% RH |
| 6 | Mandatory bake before use. After bake, it must be re-flowed within the time limit specified on the label. |

7.4 Baking

In order to get better yield, the module need to bake before SMT.

- If the packaging is in perfect condition, the module which dateofproduction is within six months has no use for baking. If the dateofproduction is more than six months, the module must be baking.
- If the packaging had been opened or damaged, the module must be baking.

Table 26: Baking conditions

| Conditions | Parameters |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Baking temperature | 120 ℃ |
| Baking time | 8 hours |

NOTE

IPC / JEDEC J-STD-033standard must be followed for production and storage.

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8 Packaging

8.1 Tray packaging

SIM7028 module support tray packaging.

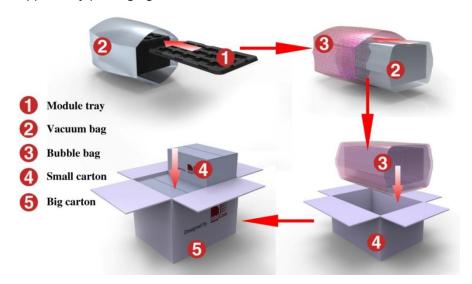


Figure 22: packaging diagram

Module tray drawing:

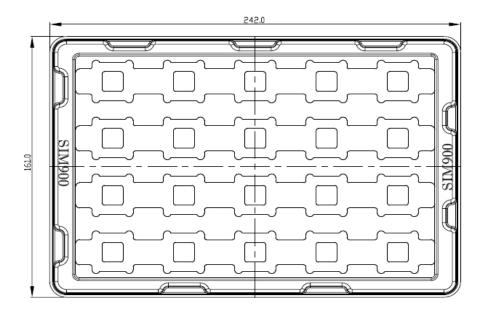


Figure 23: Tray drawing

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Table 27: Tray size

| Length (±3mm) | Width (±3mm) | Module number |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 242.0 | 161.0 | 50 |

Small carton drawing:

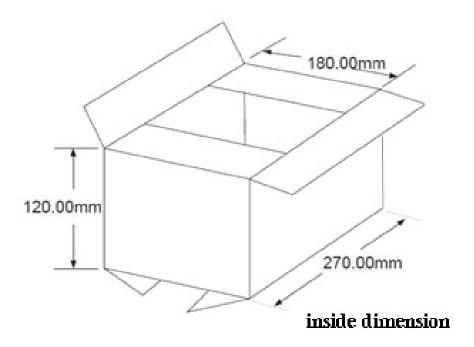


Figure 24: Small carton drawing

Table 28: Small Carton size

| Length (±10mm) | Width (±10mm) | Height (±10mm) | Module number |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 270 | 180 | 120 | 50*20=1000 |

Big carton drawing:

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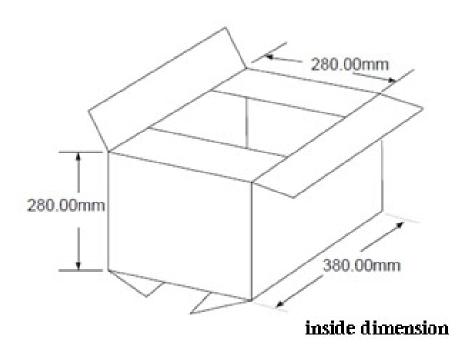


Figure 25: Big carton drawing

Table 29: Big Carton size

| Length (±10mm) | Width (±10mm) | Height (±10mm) | Module number |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 380 | 280 | 280 | 1000*4=4000 |

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9 Appendix

9.1 A.Related Documents

Table 30: Related Documents

| NO. | Title | Description |
|------|---|---|
| [1] | | AT Command Manual |
| [2] | 3GPP TS 51.010-1 | Digital cellular telecommunications system (Release 5); Mobile Station (MS) conformance specification |
| [3] | 3GPP TS 34.124 | Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) for mobile terminals and ancillary equipment. |
| [4] | 3GPP TS 34.121 | Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) for mobile terminals and ancillary equipment. |
| [5] | 3GPP TS 34.123-1 | Technical Specification Group Radio Access Network; Terminal conformance specification; Radio transmission and reception (FDD) |
| [6] | 3GPP TS 34.123-3 | User Equipment (UE) conformance specification; Part 3: Abstract Test Suites. |
| [7] | EN 301 908-02 V2.2.1 | Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Base Stations (BS) and User Equipment (UE) for IMT-2000. Third Generation cellular networks; Part 2: Harmonized EN for IMT-2000, CDMA Direct Spread (UTRA FDD) (UE) covering essential requirements of article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive |
| [8] | EN 301 489-24 V1.2.1 | Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio Spectrum Matters (ERM); Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) standard for radio equipment and services; Part 24: Specific conditions for IMT-2000 CDMA Direct Spread (UTRA) for Mobile and portable (UE) radio and ancillary equipment |
| [9] | IEC/EN60950-1(2001) | Safety of information technology equipment (2000) |
| [10] | 3GPP TS 51.010-1 | Digital cellular telecommunications system (Release 5); Mobile Station (MS) conformance specification |
| [11] | 2002/95/EC | Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 January 2003 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) |
| [12] | Module secondary-SMT-UGD-V1. xx | Module secondary SMT Guidelines |
| [13] | HERACLES324G Series UART Application Note V1.xx | This document describes how to use UART interface of SIMCom modules. |
| [14] | ETSI EN 301 908-13 (ETSI TS 136521-1 R13.4.0) | IMT cellular networks; Harmonized EN covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive; Part 13 |
| [15] | ANTENNA DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR MULTI-ANTENNA SYSTEM V1 01 | Design notice for multi-antenna. |

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9. 2 B. Terms and Abbreviations

Table 31: Terms and Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Description |
|--------------|---|
| ADC | Analog-to-Digital Converter |
| ARP | Antenna Reference Point |
| BER | Bit Error Rate |
| BD | BeiDou |
| BTS | Base Transceiver Station |
| CS | Coding Scheme |
| CSD | Circuit Switched Data |
| CTS | Clear to Send |
| DAC | Digital-to-Analog Converter |
| DRX | Discontinuous Reception |
| DSP | Digital Signal Processor |
| DTE | Data Terminal Equipment (typically computer, terminal, printer) |
| DTR | Data Terminal Ready |
| DTX | Discontinuous Transmission |
| DAM | Downloadable Application Module |
| DPO | Dynamic Power Optimization |
| DRX | Discontinuous Reception |
| e-DRX | Extended Discontinuous Reception |
| EFR | Enhanced Full Rate |
| EGSM | Enhanced GSM |
| EMC | Electromagnetic Compatibility |
| ESD | Electrostatic Discharge |
| ETS | European Telecommunication Standard |
| EVDO | Evolution Data Only |
| FCC | Federal Communications Commission (U.S.) |
| FD | SIM fix dialing phonebook |
| FDMA | Frequency Division Multiple Access |
| FR | Full Rate |
| GMSK | Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying |
| GNSS | Global Navigation Satellite System |
| GPRS | General Packet Radio Service |
| GPS | Global Positioning System |
| GSM | Global Standard for Mobile Communications |
| HR | Half Rate |

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| HSPA | High Speed Packet Access |
|--------|---|
| I2C | Inter-Integrated Circuit |
| IMEI | International Mobile Equipment Identity |
| LTE | Long Term Evolution |
| MO | Mobile Originated |
| MS | Mobile Station (GSM engine), also referred to as TE |
| MT | Mobile Terminated |
| NMEA | National Marine Electronics Association |
| PAP | Password Authentication Protocol |
| PBCCH | Packet Switched Broadcast Control Channel |
| PCB | Printed Circuit Board |
| PCS | Personal Communication System, also referred to as GSM 1900 |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| RMS | Root Mean Square (value) |
| RTC | Real Time Clock |
| SIM | Subscriber Identification Module |
| SMS | Short Message Service |
| SMPS | Switched-mode power supply |
| TDMA | Time Division Multiple Access |
| TE | Terminal Equipment, also referred to as DTE |
| TX | Transmit Direction |
| UART | Universal Asynchronous Receiver & Transmitter |
| VSWR | Voltage Standing Wave Ratio |
| SM | SIM phonebook |
| NC | Not connect |
| EDGE | Enhanced data rates for GSM evolution |
| HSDPA | High Speed Downlink Packet Access |
| HSUPA | High Speed Uplink Packet Access |
| ZIF | Zero intermediate frequency |
| WCDMA | Wideband Code Division Multiple Access |
| VCTCXO | Voltage control temperature-compensated crystal oscillator |
| SIM | Universal subscriber identity module |
| UMTS | Universal mobile telecommunications system |
| UART | Universal asynchronous receiver transmitter |
| PSM | Power saving mode |
| LD | SIM last dialing phonebook (list of numbers most recently dialed) |
| MC | Mobile Equipment list of unanswered MT calls (missed calls) |
| ON | SIM (or ME) own numbers (MSISDNs) list |
| RC | Mobile Equipment list of received calls |
| SM | SIM phonebook |
| NC | Not connect |
| | |

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9.3 C. Safety Caution

Table 32: Safety Caution

| Marks | Requirements |
|-------|---|
| • | When in a hospital or other health care facility, observe the restrictions about the use of mobiles. Switch the cellular terminal or mobile off, medical equipment may be sensitive and not operate normally due to RF energy interference. Switch off the cellular terminal or mobile before boarding an aircraft. Make sure it is |
| X | switched off. The operation of wireless appliances in an aircraft is forbidden to prevent interference with communication systems. Forgetting to think much of these instructions may impact the flight safety, or offend local legal action, or both. |
| | Do not operate the cellular terminal or mobile in the presence of flammable gases or fumes. Switch off the cellular terminal when you are near petrol stations, fuel depots, chemical plants or where blasting operations are in progress. Operation of any electrical equipment in potentially explosive atmospheres can constitute a safety hazard. |
| | Your cellular terminal or mobile receives and transmits radio frequency energy while switched on. RF interference can occur if it is used close to TV sets, radios, computers or other electric equipment. |
| | Road safety comes first! Do not use a hand-held cellular terminal or mobile when driving a vehicle, unless it is securely mounted in a holder for hands free operation. Before making a call with a hand-held terminal or mobile, park the vehicle. |
| sos | GSM cellular terminals or mobiles operate over radio frequency signals and cellular networks and cannot be guaranteed to connect in all conditions, especially with a mobile fee or an invalid SIM card. While you are in this condition and need emergent help, please remember to use emergency calls. In order to make or receive calls, the cellular terminal or mobile must be switched on and in a service area with adequate cellular signal strength. Some networks do not allow for emergency call if certain network services or phone |
| | features are in use (e.g. lock functions, fixed dialing etc.). You may have to deactivate those features before you can make an emergency call. |
| | Also, some networks require that a valid SIM card be properly inserted in the cellular terminal or mobile. |

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OEM/Integrators Installation Manual

Important Notice to OEM integrators 1. This module is limited to OEM installation ONLY. 2. This module is limited to installation in mobile or fixed applications, according to Part 2.1091(b). 3. The separate approval is required for all other operating configurations, including portable configurations with respect to Part 2.1093 and different antenna configurations 4. For FCC Part 15.31 (h) and (k): The host manufacturer is responsible for additional testing to verify compliance as a composite system. When testing the host device for compliance with Part 15 Subpart B, the host manufacturer is required to show compliance with Part 15 Subpart B while the transmitter module(s) are installed and operating. The modules should be transmitting and the evaluation should confirm that the module's intentional emissions are compliant (i.e. fundamental and out of band emissions). The host manufacturer must verify that there are no additional unintentional emissions other than what is permitted in Part 15 Subpart B or emissions are compliant with the transmitter(s) rule(s). The Grantee will provide guidance to the host manufacturer for Part 15 B requirements if needed.

Important Note

notice that any deviation(s) from the defined parameters of the antenna trace, as described by the instructions, require that the host product manufacturer must notify to Simcom that they wish to change the antenna trace design. In this case, a Class II permissive change application is required to be filed by the USI, or the host manufacturer can take responsibility through the change in FCC ID (new application) procedure followed by a Class II permissive change application

End Product Labeling

When the module is installed in the host device, the FCC ID label must be visible through a window on the final device or it must be visible when an access panel, door or cover is easily re-moved. If not, a second label must be placed on the outside of the final device that contains the following text: "Contains FCC ID: 2AJYU-8EC0001" "The FCC ID can be used only when all FCC compliance requirements are met.

Antenna

- (1) The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users,
- (2) The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna.

In the event that these conditions cannot be met (for example certain laptop configurations or co-location with another transmitter), then the FCC authorization is no longer considered valid and the FCC ID cannot be used on the final product. In these circumstances, the OEM integrator will be responsible for re-evaluating the end product (including the transmitter) and obtaining a separate FCC authorization.

To comply with FCC regulations limiting both maximum RF output power and human exposure to RF

radiation, maximum antenna gain (including cable loss) must not exceed

| Test Mode | Antenna Gain (dBi) | Test Mode | Antenna Gain (dBi) |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| LTE B2 | 7.30 | LTE B14 | 4.30 |
| LTE B4 | 4.30 | LTE B17 | 4.30 |
| LTE B5 | 4.30 | LTE B25 | 7.30 |
| LTE B12 | 4.30 | LTE B26 | 4.30 |
| LTE B13 | 4.30 | LTE B66 | 4.30 |

Manual Information to the End User

The OEM integrator has to be aware not to provide information to the end user regarding how to install or remove this RF module in the user's manual of the end product which integrates this module. The end user manual shall include all required regulatory information/warning as show in this manual

Federal Communication Commission Interference Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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 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.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate this equipment. This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

List of applicable FCC rules

This module has been tested and found to comply with part 22, part 24, part 27, part 90 requirements for Modular Approval.

The modular transmitter is only FCC authorized for the specific rule parts (i.e., FCC transmitter rules) listed on the grant, and that the host product manufacturer is responsible for compliance to any other FCC rules that apply to the host not covered by the modular transmitter grant of certification. If the grantee markets their product as being Part 15 Subpart B compliant (when it also contains unintentional-radiator digital circuity), then the grantee shall provide a notice stating that the final host product still requires Part 15 Subpart B compliance testing with the modular transmitter installed.

This device is intended only for OEM integrators under the following conditions: (For module device use)

- 1) The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users, and
- 2) The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna.

As long as 2 conditions above are met, further transmitter test will not be required. However, the OEM integrator is still responsible for testing their end-product for any additional compliance requirements required with this module installed.

Radiation Exposure Statement

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment.

This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20 cm between the radiator & your body.