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1 Introduction

This document describes the hardware application interfaces and air interfaces provided by HUAWEI ME909u-521 Mini PCIe module (hereinafter referred to as the ME909u-521 module).

This document helps hardware engineer to understand the interface specifications, electrical features and related product information of the ME909u-521 module.

2 Overall Description

2.1 About This Chapter

This chapter gives a general description of the ME909u-521 module and provides:

- Function Overview
- Circuit Block Diagram

2.2 Function Overview

Table 2-1 Features

Feature	Description
Physical Dimensions	• Dimensions (L × W × H): 51 mm × 30.4 mm × 3.35 mm • Weight: about 12 g
Operating Temperature	–20°C to +60°C
Storage Temperature	–40°C to +85°C
Power Voltage	DC 3.0 V–3.6 V (typical value is 3.3 V)
Application Interface (52-pin Mini PCIe interface	One standard USIM (Universal Subscriber Identity Module) card (Class B and Class C)
	Audio interface: PCM interface (the software version is under development)
	USB 2.0 (High Speed)
	RESIN_N: Reset module
	WAKE#: Wake up signal
	W_DISABLE# signal (the firmware with this feature is in plan)

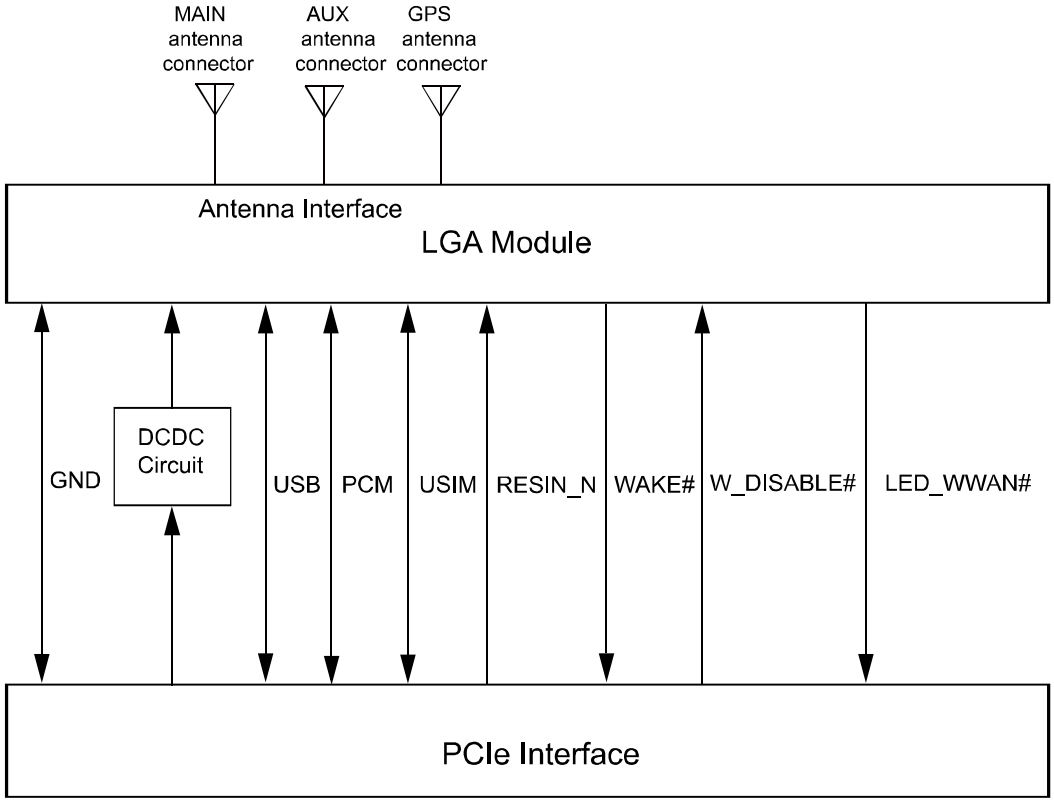
Feature	Description
	LED_WWAN#: Active-low LED signal indicating the state of the module (the software is under development)
Antenna Connector	WWAN MAIN antenna connector x1 WWAN AUX antenna connector x1 GPS antenna connector x1

2.3 Circuit Block Diagram

Figure 2-1 shows the circuit block diagram of the ME909u-521 Mini PCIe Adapter. The major functional unit of the Mini PCIe Adapter contains the following parts:

- DCDC Circuit
- LGA Module
- Control signals
- Antenna Connectors

Figure 2-1 Circuit block diagram of the ME909u-521 module



3 Description of the Application Interfaces

3.1 About This Chapter

This chapter mainly describes the external application interfaces of the ME909u-521 module, including:

- Mini PCIe Interface
- Power Sources and Grounds
- Power Supply Time Sequence
- WAKE# Signal
- RESIN_N Signal
- W_DISABLE# Signal
- LED_WWAN# Signal
- USB Interface
- USIM Card Interface
- Audio Interface
- RF Antenna Connector
- Reserved Pins
- NC Pins

3.2 Mini PCIe Interface

The ME909u-521 module uses a Mini PCIe interface as its external interface. For details about the module and dimensions, see "6.2 Dimensions and Interfaces".

Figure 3-1 shows the sequence of pins on the interface of the Mini PCIe Adapter.

Figure 3-1 Sequence of Mini PCIe interface

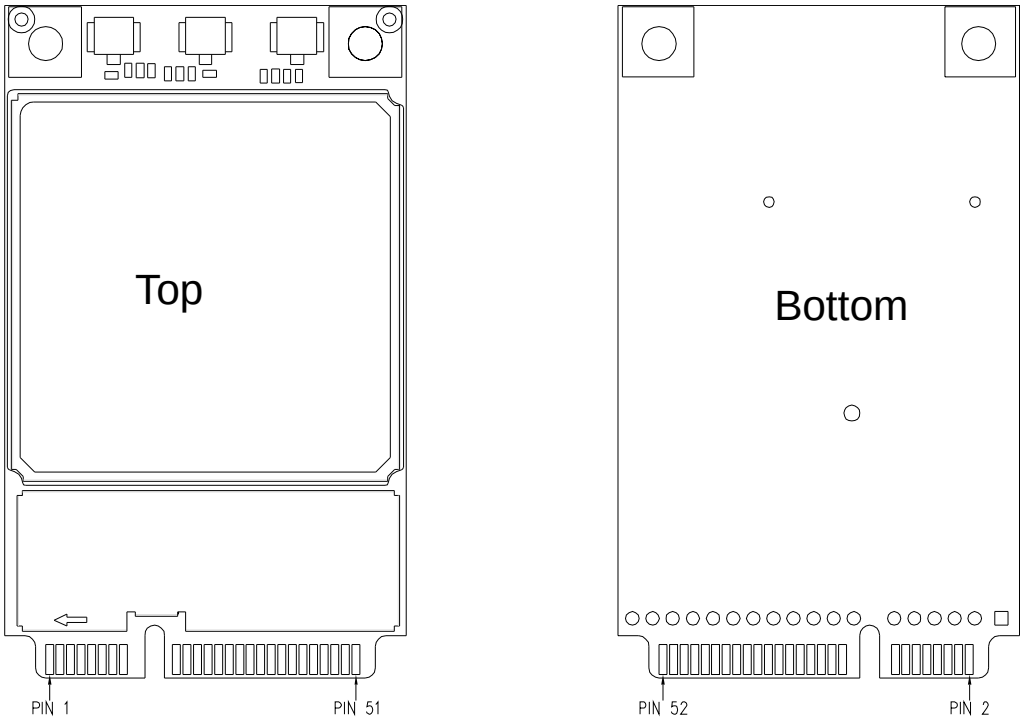


Table 3-1 shows the pin definitions of the Mini PCIe interface.

Table 3-1 Pin definitions of the Mini PCIe interface

PIN No.	Pin Name		I/O	Description	DC Characteristics (V)		
	Mini PCI Express Standard Description	HUAWEI Pin Description			Min.	Typ.	Max.
1	WAKE#	WAKE#	O	Open collector active low signal. This signal is used to wake up the host.	–0.3	-	-
2	3.3Vaux	VCC_3V3	P	3.3 V DC supply rails from the PC side.	3.0	3.3	3.6
3	COEX1	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
4	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
5	COEX2	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
6	1.5 V	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-

PIN No.	Pin Name		I/O	Description	DC Characteristics (V)		
	Mini PCI Express Standard Description	HUAWEI Pin Description			Min.	Typ.	Max.
7	CLKREQ#	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
8	UIM_PWR	UIM_PWR	P	Power source for the external USIM card	-	1.8/2.85	-
9	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
10	UIM_DATA	UIM_DATA	I/O	External USIM data signal	-	1.8/2.85	-
11	REFCLK-	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
12	UIM_CLK	UIM_CLK	O	External USIM clock signal	-	1.8/2.85	-
13	REFCLK+	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
14	UIM_RESET	UIM_RESET	O	External USIM reset signal	-	1.8/2.85	-
15	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
16	UIM_Vpp	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
17	Reserved	Reserved	-	Reserved	-	-	-
18	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
19	Reserved	Reserved	-	Reserved	-	-	-
20	W_DISABLE#	W_DISABLE#	I	The W_DISABLE# signal is an active low signal that when asserted (driven low) by the system shall disable radio operation. The software version is in plan.	-	-	-
21	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
22	PERST#	RESIN_N	I	Reset module Active-low	-	-	-
23	PERn0	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
24	3.3Vaux	VCC_3V3	P	3.3 V DC supply rails from the PC side.	3.0	3.3	3.6

PIN No.	Pin Name		I/O	Description	DC Characteristics (V)		
	Mini PCI Express Standard Description	HUAWEI Pin Description			Min.	Typ.	Max.
25	PERp0	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
26	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
27	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
28	1.5 V	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
29	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
30	SMB_CLK	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
31	PETn0	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
32	SMB_DATA	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
33	PETp0	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
34	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
35	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
36	USB_D-	USB_DM	I/O	USB signal D-	-	-	-
37	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
38	USB_D+	USB_DP	I/O	USB signal D+	-	-	-
39	3.3Vaux	VCC_3V3	P	3.3 V DC supply rails from the PC side	3.0	3.3	3.6
40	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
41	3.3Vaux	VCC_3V3	P	3.3 V DC supply rails from the PC side	3.0	3.3	3.6
42	LED_WWAN#	LED_WWAN#	O	Active-low LED signal indicating the state of the card The software feature is under development and do not support this function now. Drive strength: 10 mA	-	-	-
43	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
44	LED_WLAN#	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-

PIN No.	Pin Name		I/O	Description	DC Characteristics (V)		
	Mini PCI Express Standard Description	HUAWEI Pin Description			Min.	Typ.	Max.
45	Reserved	PCM_CLK	O	PCM interface clock The software feature is under development and do not support this function now.	–0.3	1.8	2.1
46	LED_WPAN#	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
47	Reserved	PCM_DOUT	O	PCM I/F data out	–0.3	1.8	2.1
48	1.5 V	NC	-	Not connected	-	-	-
49	Reserved	PCM_DIN	I	PCM I/F data in	–0.3	1.8	2.1
50	GND	GND	-	Ground	-	-	-
51	Reserved	PCM_SYNC	O	PCM interface sync	–0.3	1.8	2.1
52	3.3Vaux	VCC_3V3	P	3.3 V DC supply rails from the PC side	3.0	3.3	3.6

NOTE

- **P** indicates power pins; **I** indicates pins for digital signal input; **O** indicates pins for digital signal output. **AI** indicates pins for analog signal input.
- The **Reserved** pins are internally connected to the module. Therefore, these pins should not be used, otherwise they may cause problems. Please contact with us for more details about this information.
- The **NC** (Not Connected) pins are floating and there are no signal connected to these pins. Therefore, these pins should not be used.

3.3 Power Sources and Grounds

For the Mini PCIe Adapter, +3.3 Vaux is the only voltage supply that is available. The input voltage is 3.3 V±9%, as specified by *PCI Express Mini CEM Specifications 1.2.*

Table 3-2 Power and ground specifications

Pin No.	Pin Name	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
2, 24, 39, 41 and 52	VCC_3V3	3.0 V	3.3 V	3.6 V

Pin No.	Pin Name	Minimum	Typical	Maximum
4, 9, 15, 18, 21, 26, 27, 29, 34, 35, 37, 40, 43, and 50	GND	-		

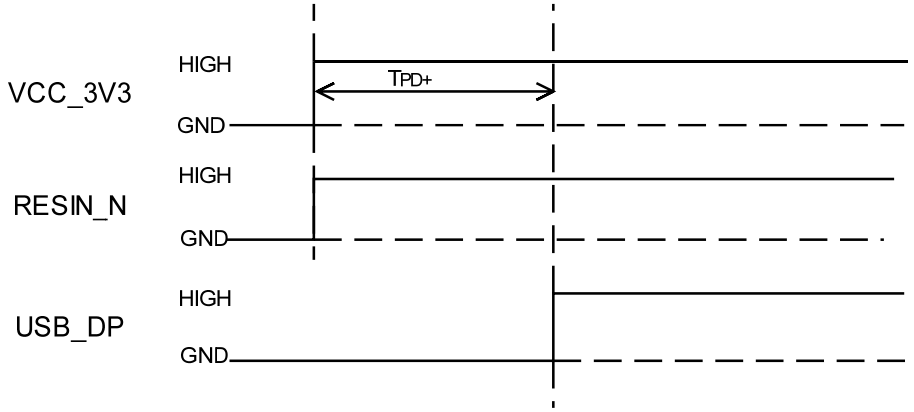
NOTE
To minimize the RF radiation through the power lines, it is suggested to add ceramic capacitors of 10 pF and 100 nF in the power lines beside the Mini PCIe connector on the host side.

3.4 Power Supply Time Sequence

Power on sequence

Do not toggle RESIN_N pin during the power on sequence. Pulling RESIN_N pin low will extend time for module startup.

Figure 3-2 Power on timing sequence

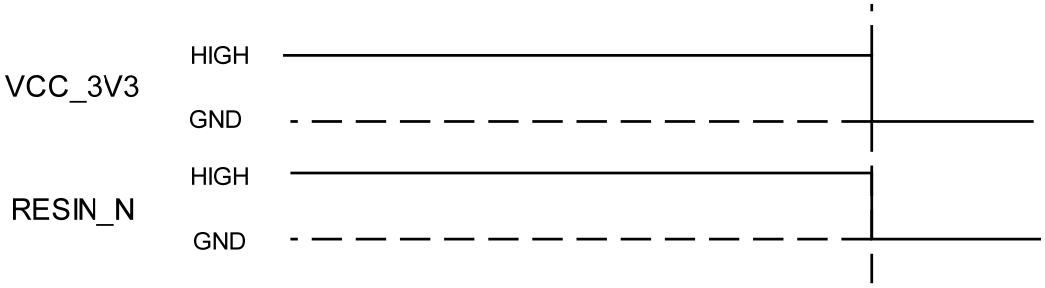


Parameter	Remarks	Time (Nominal value)	Unit
T_{PD+}	Power Valid to USB D+ high	14	s

Power off Sequence

Cutting off 3.3 V will power off the module.

Figure 3-3 Power off timing sequence



3.5 WAKE# Signal

WAKE# pin (the signal that the module uses to wake up the PC) supports software control.

This signal is used for module to wake up the host. It is designed as an OC gate, so it should be pulled up by the host and it is active-low.

When the module wakes up the host, the WAKE# pin will output low-level-voltage to wake the host.

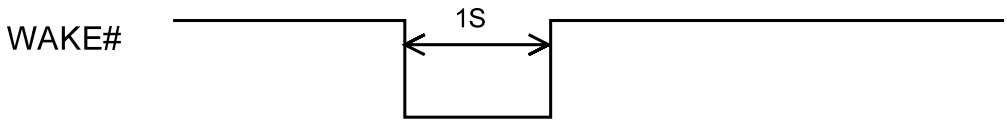
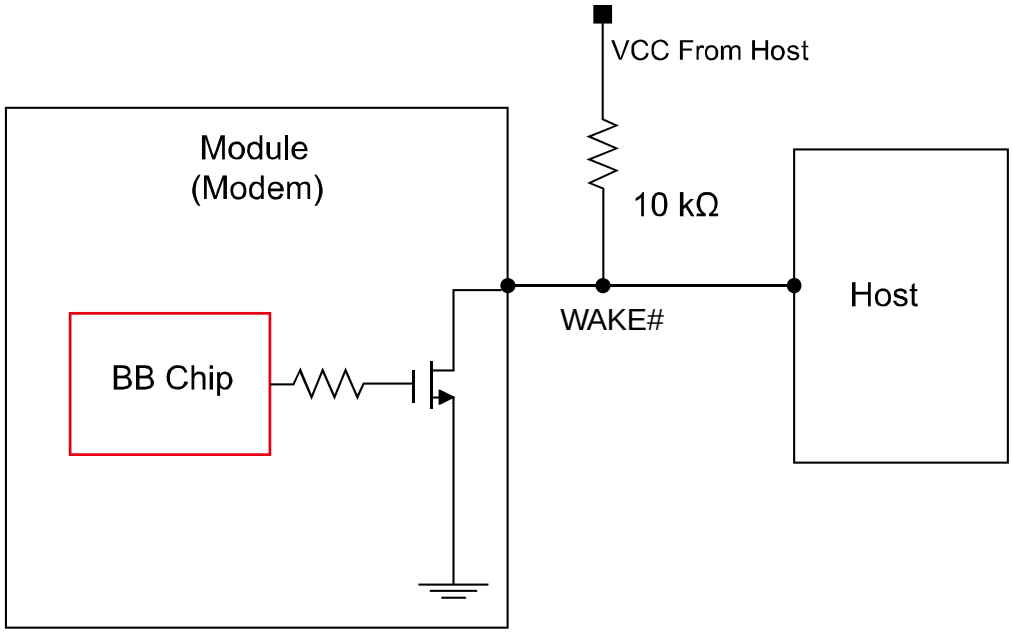


Figure 3-4 Connections of the WAKE# pin

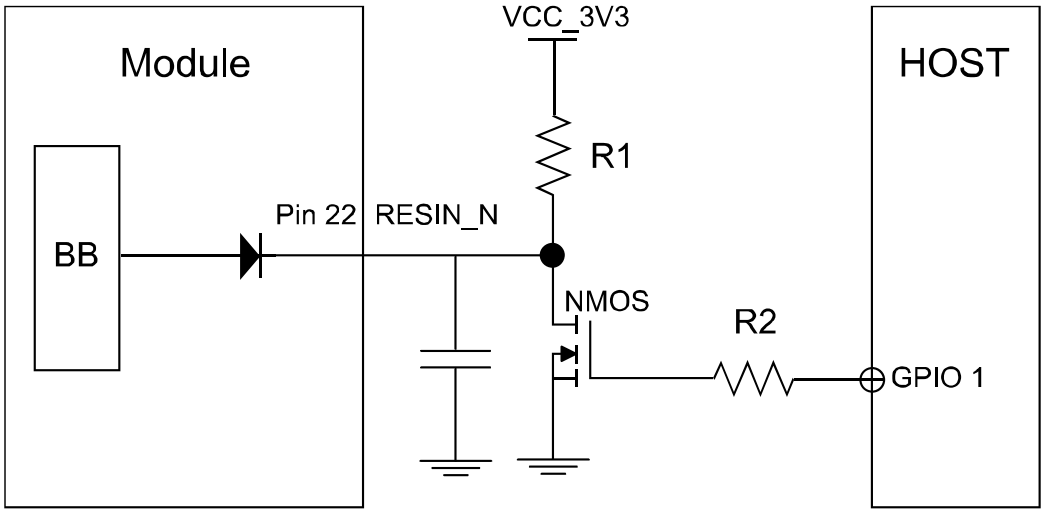


3.6 RESIN_N Signal

The RESIN_N pin is used to reset the module's system. When the module software stops responding, the RESIN_N pin can be pulled down to reset the module hardware.

The RESIN_N signal is internally pulled up to 1.8 V, which is automatically on when 3.3 V is applied and it is active-low.

Figure 3-5 Connections of the RESIN_N pin

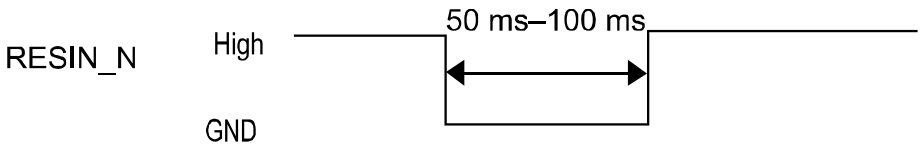


CAUTION

- As the RESIN_N signal are relatively sensitive, it is recommended that you install a 10 nF to 0.1 µF capacitor near the RESIN_N pin of the interface for filtering. In addition, when you design a circuit on the PCB of the interface board, it is recommended that the circuit length should not exceed 20 mm and that the circuit should be kept at a distance of 2.54 mm (100 mil) at least from the PCB edge. Furthermore, you need to wrap the area adjacent to the signal wire with a ground wire. Otherwise, the module may be reset due to interference.
- The maximum Forward Voltage Drop of the diode used in the module is 0.6 V. So when the host wants to reset the module, the low-level-voltage in the RESIN_N pin should below 50 mV.

The ME909u-521 module supports hardware reset function. If the software of the ME909u-521 module stops responding, you can reset the hardware through the RESIN_N signal as shown in Figure 3-6 . When a low-level pulse is supplied through the RESIN_N pin, the hardware will be reset. After the hardware is reset, the software starts powering on the module and reports relevant information according to the actual settings. For example, the AT command automatically reports ^SYSSTART.

Figure 3-6 Reset pulse timing



NOTE

- The RESIN_N pin must not be pulled down for more than 1s.
- The RESIN_N pin is optional, which can be not connected.
- The maximum Forward Voltage Drop of the diode used in the module is 0.6 V.

3.7 W_DISABLE# Signal

The W_DISABLE# signal is provided to allow users to disable wireless communications of the module.

The software version is in plan.

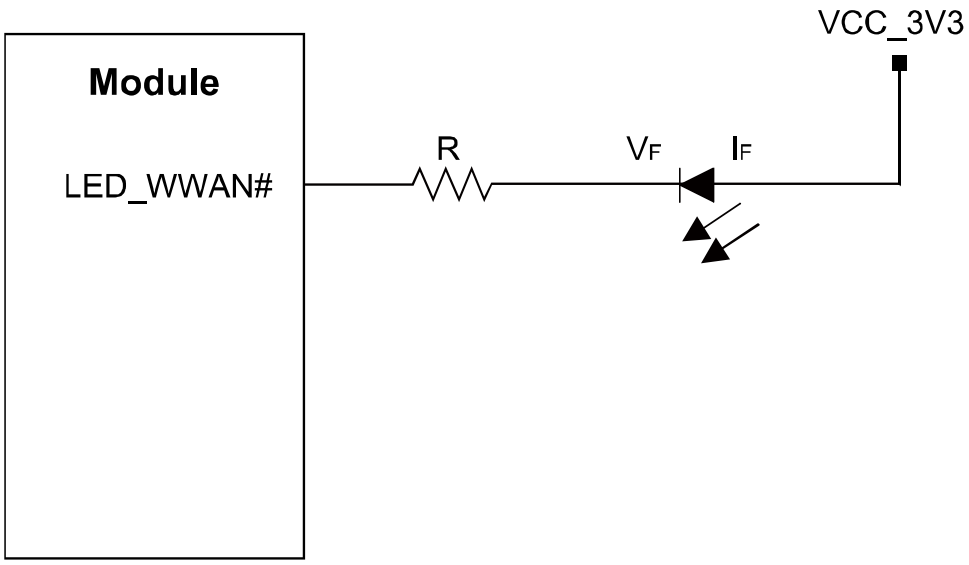
3.8 LED_WWAN# Signal

If you need the LED function, you need reserve circuit and refer to the following figure till the relative firmware is ready.

External Circuits

Figure 3-7 shows the recommended circuits of the LED_WWAN# pin. According to LED feature, you can adjust the LED brightness by adjusting the resistance of resistor R.

Figure 3-7 Driving circuit



3.9 USB Interface

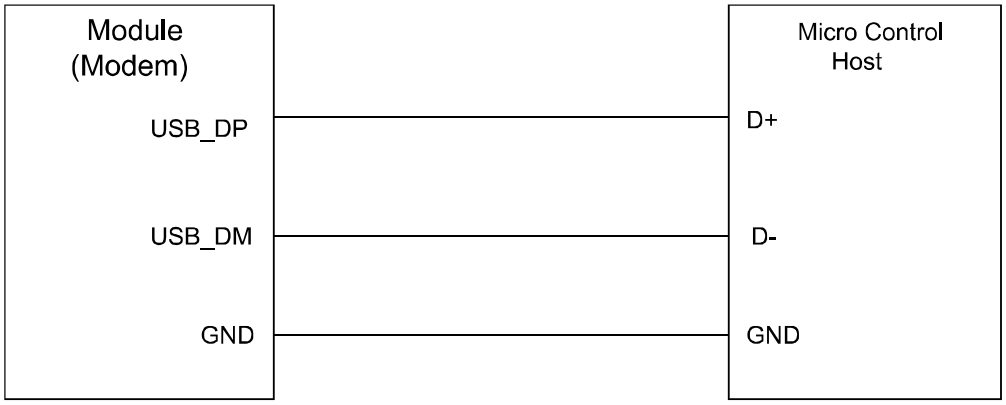
The ME909u-521 module is compliant with USB 2.0 protocol. The USB interface is powered directly from the VBAT supply. The USB input/output lines are compatible with the USB 2.0 signal specifications. Figure 3-8 shows the circuit of the USB interface.

Table 3-3 Definition of the USB interface

Pin No.	Pin Name	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics (V)		
				Min.	Typ.	Max.
36	USB_DM	I/O	USB signal D-	-	-	-
38	USB_DP	I/O	USB signal D+	-	-	-

According to USB protocol, for bus timing or electrical characteristics of ME909u-521 USB signal, please refer to the chapter 7.3.2 of *Universal Serial Bus Specification 2.0.*

Figure 3-8 Recommended circuit of USB interface



3.10 USIM Card Interface

3.10.1 Overview

The ME909u-521 module provides a USIM card interface complying with the ISO 7816-3 standard and supports both Class B and Class C USIM cards.

Table 3-4 USIM card interface signals

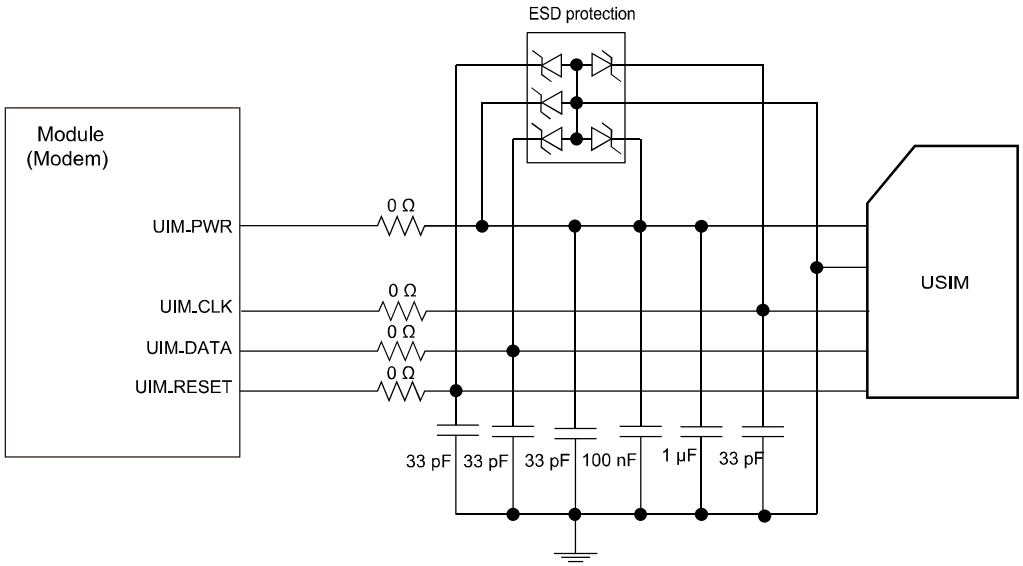
Pin No.	Pin Name	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics (V)		
				Min.	Typ.	Max.
14	UIM_RESET	O	External USIM reset signal.	-	1.8/2.85	-
12	UIM_CLK	O	External USIM clock signal	-	1.8/2.85	-
10	UIM_DATA	I/O	External USIM data signal	-	1.8/2.85	-
8	UIM_PWR	P	Power source for the external USIM card	-	1.8/2.85	-

3.10.2 Circuit Recommended for the USIM Card Interface

As the Mini PCIe Adapter is not equipped with an USIM socket, you need to place an USIM socket on the user interface board.

Figure 3-9 shows the circuit of the USIM card interface.

Figure 3-9 Circuit of the USIM card interface



CAUTION

- To meet the requirements of 3GPP TS 51.010-1 protocols and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) authentication, the USIM socket should be placed near the PCIe interface (it is recommended that the PCB circuit connects the PCIe interface and the USIM socket does not exceed 100 mm), because a long circuit may lead to wave distortion, thus affecting signal quality.
- It is recommended that you wrap the area adjacent to the UIM_CLK and UIM_DATA signal wires with ground. The Ground pin of the USIM socket and the Ground pin of the USIM card must be well connected to the power Ground pin supplying power to the PCIe Adapter.
- A 100 nF capacitor and1 µF capacitor are placed between the UIM_PWR and GND pins in a parallel manner (If UIM_PWR circuit is too long, that the larger capacitance such as 4.7 µF can be employed if necessary). Three 33 pF capacitors are placed between the UIM_DATA and Ground pins, the UIM_RESET and Ground pins, and the UIM_CLK and Ground pins in parallel to filter interference from RF signals.
- It is recommended to take electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection measures near the USIM card socket. The TVS diode with Vrwm of 5 V and junction capacitance less than 10 pF must be placed as close as possible to the USIM socket, and the Ground pin of the ESD protection component is well connected to the power Ground pin that supplies power to the PCIe Adapter.
- It is not recommended that pull the UIM_DATA pin up during design as a 10000-ohm resistor is used to connect the UIM_DATA pin to the UIM_PWR.

3.11 Audio Interface

The ME909u-521 module provides one PCM digital audio interface. Table 3-5 lists the signals on the digital audio interface.

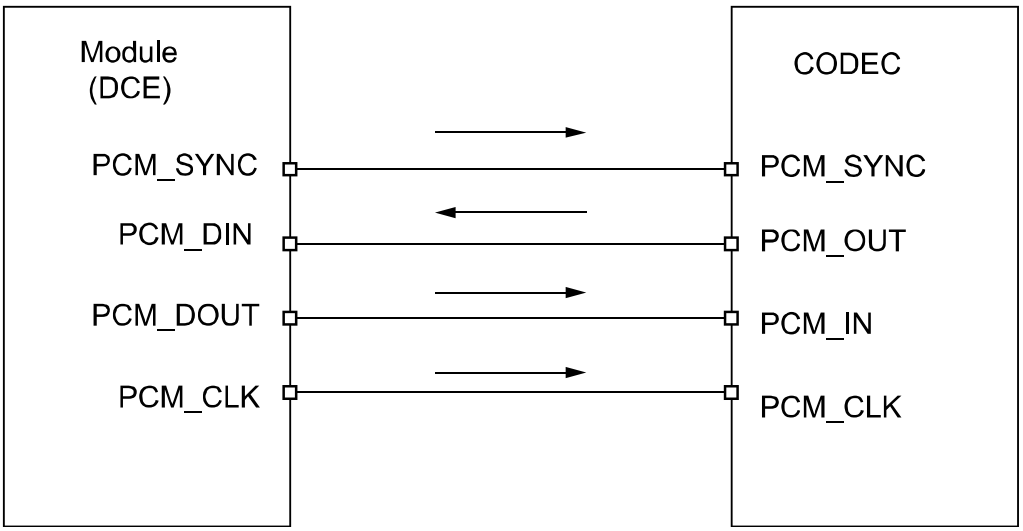
The software feature of PCM is under development.

Table 3-5 Signals on the digital audio interface

Pin No.	Pin Name	I/O	Description	DC Characteristics (V)		
				Min.	Typ.	Max.
45	PCM_CLK	O	PCM clock	–0.3	1.8	2.1
49	PCM_DIN	I	PCM data input	–0.3	1.8	2.1
51	PCM_SYNC	O	PCM interface sync	–0.3	1.8	2.1
47	PCM_DOUT	O	PCM data output	–0.3	1.8	2.1

The ME909u-521 module interface enables communication with an external codec to support linear format.

Figure 3-10 Circuit diagram of the interface of the PCM (ME909u-521 module is used as PCM master)



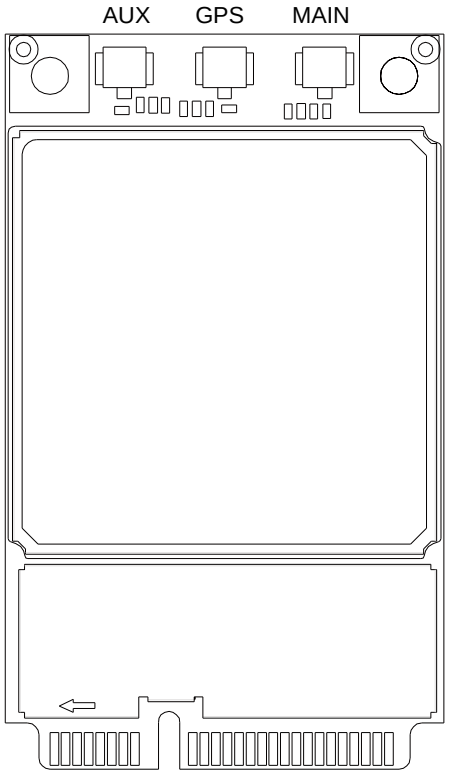
NOTE

- PCM_SYNC: Output when PCM is in master mode;
- PCM_CLK: Output when PCM is in master mode;
- The PCM function of ME909u-521 only supports master mode;
- It is recommended that a TVS be used on the related interface, to prevent electrostatic discharge and protect integrated circuit (IC) components.

3.12 RF Antenna Connector

The ME909u-521 module provides three antenna connectors (MAIN, GPS and AUX) for connecting the external antennas.

Figure 3-11 RF antenna connectors



The antenna connectors must be used with coaxial cables with characteristic impedance of 50 Ω.

3.13 Reserved Pins

The ME909u-521 module provides 2 reserved pins. All of reserved pins cannot be used by the customer.

Table 3-6 Reserved pins

Pin No.	Pin Name	I/O	Description
17, 19	Reserved	-	Reserved, please keep open.

3.14 NC Pins

The ME909u-521 module has 17 NC pins. All of NC pins should not be connected. Please keep these pins open.

Table 3-7 NC pins

Pin No.	Pin Name	I/O	Description
3, 5–7, 11, 13, 16, 23, 25, 28, 30–33, 44, 46, 48	NC	-	Not connected, please keep open.

4 RF Specifications

4.1 About This Chapter

This chapter describes the RF specifications of the ME909u-521 module, including:

- Operating Frequencies
- Conducted RF Measurement
- Conducted Rx Sensitivity and Tx Power
- Antenna Design Requirements

4.2 Operating Frequencies

Table 4-1 shows the RF bands supported by the ME909u-521 module.

Table 4-1 RF bands of ME909u-521

Operating Band	Tx	Rx
UMTS Band I	1920 MHz–1980 MHz	2110 MHz–2170 MHz
UMTS Band II	1850 MHz–1910 MHz	1930 MHz–1990 MHz
UMTS Band V	824 MHz–849 MHz	869 MHz–894 MHz
UMTS Band VIII	880 MHz–915 MHz	925 MHz–960 MHz
GSM 850	824 MHz–849 MHz	869 MHz–894 MHz
GSM 900	880 MHz–915 MHz	925 MHz–960 MHz
GSM 1800(DCS)	1710 MHz–1785 MHz	1805 MHz–1880 MHz
GSM 1900(PCS)	1850 MHz–1910 MHz	1930 MHz–1990 MHz
LTE Band I	1920 MHz–1980 MHz	2110 MHz–2170 MHz
LTE Band II	1850 MHz–1910 MHz	1930 MHz–1990 MHz
LTE Band III	1710 MHz–1785 MHz	1805 MHz–1880 MHz

Operating Band	Tx	Rx
LTE Band V	824 MHz–849 MHz	869 MHz–894 MHz
LTE Band VIII	880 MHz–915 MHz	925 MHz–960 MHz
LTE Band VII	2500 MHz–2570 MHz	2620 MHz–2690 MHz
LTE Band XX	832 MHz–862 MHz	791 MHz–821 MHz
GPS L1	-	1574.42 MHz–1576.42 MHz
GLONASS	-	1597.55 MHz–1605.89 MHz

4.3 Conducted RF Measurement

4.3.1 Test Environment

Test instrument	R&S CMU200, R&S CMW500 ,Agilent E5515C
Power supply	Keithley 2303, Agilent 66319
RF cable for testing	L08-C014-350 of DRAKA COMTEQ or Rosenberger Cable length: 29 cm

NOTE

- The compensation for different frequency bands relates to the cable and the test environment.
- The instrument compensation needs to be set according to the actual cable conditions.

4.3.2 Test Standards

Huawei modules meet 3GPP TS 51.010-1, 3GPP TS 34.121-1 and 3GPP TS 36.521-1 test standards. Each module passes strict tests at the factory and thus the quality of the modules is guaranteed.

4.4 Conducted Rx Sensitivity and Tx Power

4.4.1 Conducted Receive Sensitivity

The conducted receive sensitivity is a key parameter that indicates the receiver performance of ME909u-521 module.

Table 4-2 lists the typical tested values of the ME909u-521 module.

Table 4-2 ME909u-521 module conducted Rx sensitivity (Unit: dBm)

Band	Typical Value	Note
GSM 850	–111	BER Class II < 2.44%
GSM 900	–109.5	BER Class II < 2.44%
DCS1800	–109	BER Class II < 2.44%
PCS 1900	–109	BER Class II < 2.44%
WCDMA B1 Main Rx	–110.5	BER < 0.1%
WCDMA B2 Main Rx	–109	BER < 0.1%
WCDMA B5 Main Rx	–111	BER < 0.1%
WCDMA B8 Main Rx	–111	BER < 0.1%
LTE B1 RX	–102	Throughput ≥ 95%, 10 MHz Bandwidth
LTE B2 RX	–100	Throughput ≥ 95%, 10 MHz Bandwidth
LTE B3 RX	–101	Throughput ≥ 95%, 10 MHz Bandwidth
LTE B5 RX	–101	Throughput ≥ 95%, 10 MHz Bandwidth
LTE B7 RX	–101	Throughput ≥ 95%, 10 MHz Bandwidth
LTE B8 RX	–100	Throughput ≥ 95%, 10 MHz Bandwidth
LTE B20 RX	–101	Throughput ≥ 95%, 10 MHz Bandwidth

Table 4-3 ME909u-521 module GPS main characteristics

Item	Typical Value
Receive Sensitivity (Cold start)	–147 dBm
Receive Sensitivity (Hot start)	–157 dBm
Receive Sensitivity (Tracking mode)	–157 dBm
TTFF@–130 dBm (Cold start)	38s
TTFF@–130 dBm (Hot start)	2s

NOTE

- The test values are the average of some test samples.
- LTE sensitivity is tested in SIMO (Main+AUX).

4.4.2 Conducted Transmit Power

The conducted transmit power is another indicator that measures the performance of ME909u-521 module. The conducted transmit power refers to the maximum power that the module tested at the antenna connector can transmit. According to the 3GPP protocol, the required transmit power varies with the power class.

Table 4-4 lists the typical tested values of the ME909u-521 module.

Table 4-4 ME909u-521 module conducted Tx power (unit: dBm)

Band	Minimum Value	Typical Value	Maximum Value
GSM 850	31	32	33.5
GSM 900	31	32	33.5
DCS1800	28	29	30.5
PCS 1900	28	29	30.5
WCDMA B1	22	23	24.5
WCDMA B2	22	23	24.5
WCDMA B5	22	23	24.5
WCDMA B8	22	23	24.5
LTE B1 RX	21.5	22.5	24
LTE B2 RX	21.5	22.5	24
LTE B3 RX	21.5	22.5	24
LTE B5 RX	21.5	22.5	24
LTE B7 RX	21.5	22.5	24
LTE B8 RX	21.5	22.5	24
LTE B20 RX	21.5	22.5	24

NOTE
Maximum Power Reduction (MPR) of LTE is according to 3GPP TS 36.521-1 as below.

Modulation	RB Allocation	MPR(dB)
QPSK	≥ 1 RB; ≤ Partial RB	0
QPSK	> Partial RB	≤ 1
16QAM	≥ 1 RB; ≤ Partial RB	≤ 1
16QAM	> Partial RB	≤ 2

4.5 Antenna Design Requirements

4.5.1 Antenna Design Indicators

Antenna Efficiency

Antenna efficiency is the ratio of the input power to the radiated or received power of an antenna. The radiated power of an antenna is always lower than the input power due to the following antenna losses: return loss, material loss, and coupling loss. The efficiency of an antenna relates to its electrical dimensions. To be specific, the antenna efficiency increases with the electrical dimensions. In addition, the transmission cable from the antenna connector of PCIe Adapter to the antenna is also part of the antenna. The cable loss increases with the cable length and the frequency. It is recommended that the cable loss is as low as possible, for example, MXHP32HP1000 made by Murata or equivalent.

The following antenna efficiency (free space) is recommended for ME909u-521 module to ensure high radio performance of the module:

- Efficiency of the primary antenna: ≥ 40% (below 960 MHz); ≥ 50% (over 1710 MHz)
- Efficiency of the diversity antenna: ≥ half of the efficiency of the primary antenna in receiving band
- Efficiency of the GPS antenna: ≥ 50%

In addition, the efficiency should be tested with the transmission cable.

S11 or VSWR

S11 indicates the degree to which the input impedance of an antenna matches the reference impedance (50 Ω). S11 shows the resonance feature and impedance bandwidth of an antenna. Voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR) is another expression of S11. S11 relates to the antenna efficiency. S11 can be measured with a vector analyzer.

The following S11 value is recommended for the antenna of ME909u-521 module:

- S11 of the primary antenna: ≤ –6 dB
- S11 of the diversity antenna: ≤ –6 dB
- S11 of the GPS antenna: ≤ –10 dB

In addition, S11 is less important than the efficiency, and S11 has weak correlation to wireless performance.

Isolation

For a wireless device with multiple antennas, the power of different antennas is coupled with each other. Antenna isolation is used to measure the power coupling. The power radiated by an antenna might be received by an adjacent antenna, which decreases the antenna radiation efficiency and affects the running of other devices. To avoid this problem, evaluate the antenna isolation as sufficiently as possible at the early stage of antenna design.

Antenna isolation depends on the following factors:

- Distance between antennas
- Antenna type
- Antenna direction

The primary antenna must be placed as near as possible to the ME909u-521 module to minimize the cable length. The diversity antenna needs to be installed perpendicularly to the primary antenna. The diversity antenna can be placed farther away from the ME909u-521 module. Antenna isolation can be measured with a two-port vector network analyzer.

The following antenna isolation is recommended for the antennas on laptops:

- Isolation between the primary and diversity antennas: ≤ –12 dB
- Isolation between the primary(diversity) antenna and the GPS antenna: ≤ –15 dB
- Isolation between the primary antenna and the Wi-Fi antenna: ≤ –15 dB

Polarization

The polarization of an antenna is the orientation of the electric field vector that rotates with time in the direction of maximum radiation.

The linear polarization is recommended for the antenna of ME909u-521 module.

Radiation Pattern

The radiation pattern of an antenna reflects the radiation features of the antenna in the remote field region. The radiation pattern of an antenna commonly describes the power or field strength of the radiated electromagnetic waves in various directions from the antenna. The power or field strength varies with the angular coordinates (θ and φ), but is independent of the radial coordinates.

The radiation pattern of half wave dipole antennas is omnidirectional in the horizontal plane, and the incident waves of base stations are often in the horizontal plane. For this reason, the receiving performance is optimal.

The following radiation patterns are recommended for the antenna of ME909u-521 module.

Primary/Diversity/GPS antenna: omnidirectional

In addition, the diversity antenna's pattern should be complementary with the primary's.

Envelope Correlation Coefficient

The envelope correlation coefficient indicates the correlation between different antennas in a multi-antenna system (primary antenna, diversity antenna, and MIMO antenna). The correlation coefficient shows the similarity of radiation patterns, that is, amplitude and phase, of the antennas. The ideal correlation coefficient of a diversity antenna system or a MIMO antenna system is 0. A small value of the envelope correlation coefficient between the primary antenna and the diversity antenna indicates a high diversity gain. The envelope correlation coefficient depends on the following factors:

- Distance between antennas
- Antenna type

- Antenna direction

The antenna correlation coefficient differs from the antenna isolation. Sufficient antenna isolation does not represent a satisfactory correlation coefficient. For this reason, the two indicators need to be evaluated separately.

For the antennas on laptops, the recommended envelope correlation coefficient between the primary antenna and the diversity antenna is smaller than 0.5.

Gain and Directivity

The radiation pattern of an antenna represents the field strength of the radiated electromagnetic waves in all directions, but not the power density that the antenna radiates in the specific direction. The directivity of an antenna, however, measures the power density that the antenna radiates.

Gain, as another important parameter of antennas, correlates closely to the directivity. The gain of an antenna takes both the directivity and the efficiency of the antenna into account. The appropriate antenna gain prolongs the service life of relevant batteries.

The following antenna gain is recommended for ME909u-521 module.

- Gain of the primary/diversity antenna ≤ 2.5 dBi
- Gain of the GPS antenna ≥ 3 dBi

NOTE

- The antenna consists of the antenna body and the relevant RF transmission cable. Take the RF transmission cable into account when measuring any of the preceding antenna indicators.
- Huawei cooperates with various famous antenna suppliers who are able to make suggestions on antenna design, for example, Amphenol, Skycross, etc.

4.5.2 Interference

Besides the antenna performance, the interference on the user board also affects the radio performance (especially the TIS) of the module. To guarantee high performance of the module, the interference sources on the user board must be properly controlled.

On the user board, there are various interference sources, such as the LCD, CPU, audio circuits, and power supply. All the interference sources emit interference signals that affect the normal operation of the module. For example, the module sensitivity can be decreased due to interference signals. Therefore, during the design, you need to consider how to reduce the effects of interference sources on the module. You can take the following measures: Use an LCD with optimized performance; shield the LCD interference signals; shield the signal cable of the board; or design filter circuits.

Huawei is able to make technical suggestions on radio performance improvement of the module.

4.5.3 GSM/WCDMA/LTE/GPS Antenna Requirements

The antenna for ME909u-521 module must fulfill the following requirements:

Antenna Requirements	
Frequency range	Depending on frequency band(s) provided by the network operator, the customer must use the most suitable antenna for that/those band(s)
Bandwidth of main antenna	70 MHz in GSM850 80 MHz in GSM900 170 MHz in DCS 140 MHz in PCS 250 MHz in WCDMA /LTE Band 1 140 MHz in WCDMA/LTE Band 2 70 MHz in WCDMA/LTE Band 5 80 MHz in WCDMA/LTE Band 8 170 MHz in LTE Band 3 190 MHz in LTE Band 7 71 MHz in LTE Band 20
Bandwidth of diversity antenna	60 MHz in WCDMA/LTE Band 1 60 MHz in WCDMA/LTE Band 2 25 MHz in WCDMA/LTE Band 5 35 MHz in WCDMA/LTE Band 8 75 MHz in LTE Band 3 70 MHz in LTE Band 7 30 MHz in LTE Band 20
Bandwidth of GPS antenna	35 MHz in GNSS
Gain	≤ 2.5 dBi
Impedance	50 Ω
VSWR absolute max	≤ 3:1 (≤2:1 for GPS antenna)
VSWR recommended	≤ 2:1 (≤1.5:1 for GPS antenna)

5 Electrical and Reliability Features

5.1 About This Chapter

This chapter describes the electrical and reliability features of the interfaces in the ME909u-521 module, including:

- Absolute Ratings
- Operating and Storage Temperatures
- Electrical Features of USIM
- Power Supply Features
- Reliability Features
- EMC and ESD Features

5.2 Absolute Ratings

WARNING

Table 5-1 lists the absolute ratings for the ME909u-521 module. Using the module beyond these conditions may result in permanent damage to the module.

Table 5-1 Absolute ratings for the ME909u-521 module

Symbol	Specification	Min.	Max.	Unit
VCC_3V3	External power voltage	–0.3	4.0	V
VI	Digital input voltage	–0.3	2.16	V

5.3 Operating and Storage Temperatures

Table 5-2 lists the operating and storage temperatures for the ME909u-521 module.

Table 5-2 Operating and storage temperatures for the ME909u-521 module

Specification	Min.	Max.	Unit
Normal working temperatures[1]	–20	+60	°C
Ambient temperature for storage	–40	+85	°C

NOTE
[1]: When the ME909u-521 module works at this temperature, all its RF indexes comply with the 3GPP TS 45.005 and 3GPP TS 34.121-1 specifications.

5.4 Electrical Features of USIM

Table 5-3 Electrical features of Digital Pins in the I/O supply domain of the USIM Interface

Parameter	Description	Minimum Value	Maximum Value	Unit
V_{IH}	Logic high-level input voltage	0.65 x V_{DD_PX}	V_{DD_PX} + 0.3	V
V_{IL}	Logic low-level input voltage	–0.3	0.35 x V_{DD_PX}	V
V_{OH}	Logic high-level output voltage	V_{DD_PX} – 0.45	V_{DD_PX}	V
V_{OL}	Logic low-level output voltage	0	0.45	V

5.5 Electrical Features of Application Interfaces

Table 5-4 lists electrical features (typical values).

Table 5-4 Electrical features of application interfaces

Parameter	Description	Minimum Value	Maximum Value	Unit
V_{IH}	Logic high-level input voltage	0.65 x V_{DD_PX}	V_{DD_PX} + 0.3	V

Parameter	Description	Minimum Value	Maximum Value	Unit
V_{IL}	Logic low-level input voltage	–0.3	0.35 x V_{DD_PX}	V
V_{OH}	Logic high-level output voltage	V_{DD_PX} – 0.45	V_{DD_PX}	V
V_{OL}	Logic low-level output voltage	0	0.45	V

5.6 Power Supply Features

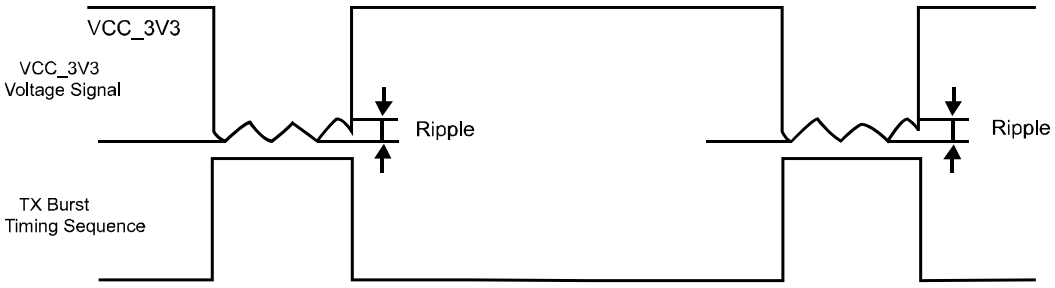
5.6.1 Input Power Supply

Table 5-5 lists the requirements for input power of the ME909u-521 module.

Table 5-5 Requirements for input power for the ME909u-521 module

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Ripple	Unit
VCC_3V3	3.0	3.3	3.6	0.05	V

Figure 5-1 Power Supply During Burst Emission



NOTE

The VCC_3V3 minimum value must be guaranteed during the burst (with 2.7 A Peak in GSM 2 slot mode). So A low-dropout (LDO) regulator or switch power with current output of more than 3.5 A is strongly recommended for external power supply.

Table 5-6 Requirements for input current of the ME909u-521 module

Power	Module	Peak (GSM 2 slot)	Normal (WCDMA)	Normal (LTE 23 dbm)
VCC_3V3	ME909u-521	2750 mA	1000 mA	1250 mA

5.6.2 Power Consumption

The power consumption of ME909u-521 module in different scenarios are respectively listed in Table 5-7 toTable 5-10 .

The power consumption listed in this section are tested when the power supply of ME909u-521 module is normal voltage (3.3 V), and all of test values are measured at room temperature.

Table 5-7 Averaged standby DC power consumption of ME909u-521 (WCDMA/HSDPA/LTE /GSM)

Description		Bands	Test Value (mA)	Notes/Configuration
			Typical	
Sleep	LTE (sleep)	LTE bands	5.2	Module is powered up. DRX cycle=8 (2.56s) Module is registered on the network. USB is in suspend.
	HSPA+/WCDMA (sleep)	UMTS bands	5.3	Module is powered up. DRX cycle=8 (2.56s) Module is registered on the network. USB is in suspend.
	GPRS/EDGE (sleep)	GSM bands	5.5	Module is powered up. MFRMS=5 (1.175s) Module is registered on the network. USB is in suspend.
Idle	LTE (idle)	LTE bands	100	Module is powered up. DRX cycle=8 (2.56s) Module is registered on the network, and no data is transmitted. USB is in active.
	HSPA+/WCDMA (idle)	UMTS bands	110	Module is powered up. DRX cycle=8 (2.56s) Module is registered on the network, and no data is transmitted. USB is in active.

Description		Bands	Test Value (mA)	Notes/Configuration
			Typical	
	GPRS/EDGE (idle)	GSM bands	94	Module is powered up. MFRMS=5 (1.175s) Module is registered on the network, and no data is transmitted. USB is in active.

Table 5-8 Averaged Data Transmission DC power consumption of ME909u-521 (WCDMA/HSDPA/LTE)

Description	Band	Test Value (mA)	Notes/Configuration
		Typical	
WCDMA	Band I (IMT2100)	185	0 dBm Tx Power
		257	10 dBm Tx Power
		975	23.5 dBm Tx Power
	Band II (PCS 1900)	188	0 dBm Tx Power
		260	10 dBm Tx Power
		915	23.5 dBm Tx Power
	Band V (850 MHz)	160	0 dBm Tx Power
		210	10 dBm Tx Power
		684	23.5 dBm Tx Power
	Band VIII (900 MHz)	155	0 dBm Tx Power
		210	10 dBm Tx Power
		658	23.5 dBm Tx Power
HSDPA	Band I (IMT2100)	310	0 dBm Tx Power
		385	10 dBm Tx Power
		985	23.5 dBm Tx Power
	Band II (PCS 1900)	303	0 dBm Tx Power
		405	10 dBm Tx Power
		868	23.5 dBm Tx Power
	Band V (850 MHz)	258	0 dBm Tx Power
		315	10 dBm Tx Power

Description	Band	Test Value (mA)	Notes/Configuration
		Typical	
		710	23.5 dBm Tx Power
	Band VIII (900 MHz)	365	0 dBm Tx Power
		320	10 dBm Tx Power
		705	23.5 dBm Tx Power
LTE	LTE Band I	440	0 dBm Tx Power
		493	10 dBm Tx Power
		1240	23 dBm Tx Power
	LTE Band II	426	0 dBm Tx Power
		490	10 dBm Tx Power
		1105	23 dBm Tx Power
	LTE Band III	423	0 dBm Tx Power
		483	10 dBm Tx Power
		1079	23 dBm Tx Power
	LTE Band V	348	0 dBm Tx Power
		390	10 dBm Tx Power
		755	23 dBm Tx Power
	LTE Band VII	453	0 dBm Tx Power
		480	10 dBm Tx Power
		835	23 dBm Tx Power
	LTE Band VIII	357	0 dBm Tx Power
		400	10 dBm Tx Power
		795	23 dBm Tx Power
	LTE Band XX	418	0 dBm Tx Power
		590	10 dBm Tx Power
		890	23 dBm Tx Power

Table 5-9 Averaged DC power consumption of ME909(GPRS/EDGE)

Description	Test Value (mA)	PCL	Configuration
	Typical		
GPRS850	385	5	1 Up/1 Down
	550		2 Up/1 Down
	716		4 Up/1 Down
	168	10	1 Up/1 Down
	275		2 Up/1 Down
	468		4 Up/1 Down
GPRS900	446	5	1 Up/1 Down
	651		2 Up/1 Down
	860		4 Up/1 Down
	197	10	1 Up/1 Down
	325		2 Up/1 Down
	560		4 Up/1 Down
GPRS1800	233	0	1 Up/1 Down
	338		2 Up/1 Down
	460		4 Up/1 Down
	85	10	1 Up/1 Down
	115		2 Up/1 Down
	165		4 Up/1 Down
GPRS1900	247	0	1 Up/1 Down
	385		2 Up/1 Down
	510		4 Up/1 Down
	88	10	1 Up/1 Down
	120		2 Up/1 Down
	170		4 Up/1 Down
EDGE850	235	8	1 Up/1 Down
	355		2 Up/1 Down
	470		4 Up/1 Down
	110	15	1 Up/1 Down
	170		2 Up/1 Down

Description	Test Value (mA)	PCL	Configuration
	Typical		
	260		4 Up/1 Down
EDGE900	256	8	1 Up/1 Down
	375		2 Up/1 Down
	505		4 Up/1 Down
	118	15	1 Up/1 Down
	175		2 Up/1 Down
	275		4 Up/1 Down
EDGE1800	172	2	1 Up/1 Down
	245		2 Up/1 Down
	340		4 Up/1 Down
	86	10	1 Up/1 Down
	115		2 Up/1 Down
	165		4 Up/1 Down
EDGE1900	188	2	1 Up/1 Down
	270		2 Up/1 Down
	375		4 Up/1 Down
	90	10	1 Up/1 Down
	120		2 Up/1 Down
	175		4 Up/1 Down

NOTE

- All the power consumption test configuration can be referenced by GSM Association Official Document TS.09: Battery Life Measurement and Current Consumption Technique.
- [1] LTE test condition: 10/20 MHz bandwidth; QPSK: 1 RB when testing Max. Tx power and full RB when testing 0 dBm or 10 dBm.
- [2] Test condition: for Max. Tx power ,see 4.4.2 Conducted Transmit Power, which are listed in Table 4-4 . data throughput, see 2.2 Function Overview, which are listed in Table 2-1 .

Table 5-10 Averaged GPS operation DC power consumption of ME909u-521

Description	Test Value (mA)	Notes/Configuration
	Typical	
GPS fixing	100	RF is disabled;

Description	Test Value (mA)	Notes/Configuration
	Typical	
GPS tracking	100	USB is in active; The Rx power of GPS is –130 dBm.

5.7 Reliability Features

Table 5-11 lists the test conditions and results of the reliability of the ME909u-521 module .

Table 5-11 Test conditions and results of the reliability of the ME909u-521 module

Item		Test Condition	Standard	Sample size	Results
Stress	Low-temperature storage	• Temperature: –40ºC • Operation mode: no power, no package • Test duration: 24 h	JESD22-A119-C	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
	High-temperature storage	• Temperature: 85ºC • Operation mode: no power, no package • Test duration: 24 h	JESD22-A103-C	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
	Low-temperature operating	• Temperature: –20ºC • Operation mode: working with service connected • Test duration: 24 h	IEC60068-2-1	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
	High-temperature operating	• Temperature: 60ºC • Operation mode: working with service connected • Test duration: 24 h	JESD22-A108-C	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
	Temperature cycle operating	• High temperature: 60ºC • Low temperature: –20ºC • Operation mode: working with service connected • Test duration: 30 cycles;1 h+1 h/cycle	JESD22-A105-B	3pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok

Item		Test Condition	Standard	Sample size	Results
	Damp heat cycling	• High temperature: 55ºC • Low temperature: 25ºC • Humidity: 95%±3% • Operation mode: working with service connected • Test duration: 6 cycles; 12 h+12 h/cycle	JESD22-A101-B	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
	Thermal shock	• Low temperature: –40º • High temperature: 85ºC • Temperature change interval: < 20s • Operation mode: no power • Test duration: 100 cycles; 15 min+15 min/cycle	JESD22-A106-B	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
	Salty fog test	• Temperature: 35°C • Density of the NaCl solution: 5%±1% • Operation mode: no power, no package • Test duration: Spraying interval: 8 h Exposing period after removing the salty fog environment: 16 h	JESD22-A107-B	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
	Sine vibration	• Frequency range: 5 Hz to 200 Hz • Acceleration: 1 Grms • Frequency scan rate: 0.5 oct/min • Operation mode: working with service connected • Test duration: 3 axial directions. 2 h for each axial direction. • Operation mode: working with service connected	JESD22-B103-B	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok

Item		Test Condition	Standard	Sample size	Results
	Shock test	• Half-sine wave shock • Peak acceleration: 30 Grms • Shock duration: 11 ms • Operation mode: working with service connected • Test duration: 6 axial directions. 3 shocks for each axial direction. • Operation mode: working with service connected	JESD-B104-C	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
	Drop test	• 0.8 m in height. Drop the module on the marble terrace with one surface facing downwards, six surfaces should be tested. • Operation mode: no power, no package	IEC60068-2-32	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
Life	High temperature operating life	• Temperature: 60ºC • Operation mode: working with service connected • Test duration: 168 h, 336 h, 500 h, 1000 h for inspection point	JESD22-A108-B	50 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
	High temperature & high humidity	• High temperature: 85ºC • Humidity: 85% • Operation mode: powered on and no working • Test duration: 168 h, 336 h, 500 h, 1000 h for inspection point	JESD22-A110-B	50 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok Cross section: ok
	Temperature cycle-Non operating	• High temperature: 85ºC • Low temperature: –40ºC • Temperature change slope: 6ºC/min • Operation mode: no power • Test duration: 168 h, 336 h, 500 h, 1000 h for inspection point	JESD22-A104-C	50 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok Cross section: ok

Item		Test Condition	Standard	Sample size	Results
ESD	HBM (Human Body Model)	• 1 kV (Class 1 B) • Operation mode: no power	JESD22-A114-D	3 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
	ESD with DVK (or embedded in the host)	• Contact Voltage: ±2 kV, ±4 kV • Air Voltage : ±2 kV, ±4 kV, ±8 kV • Operation mode: working with service connected	IEC61000-4-2	2 pcs/group	Visual inspection: ok Function test: ok RF specification: ok
NOTE Groups ≥ 2					

5.8 EMC and ESD Features

The following are the EMC design comments:

- Attention should be paid to static control in the manufacture, assembly, packaging, handling and storage process to reduce electrostatic damage to HUAWEI module.
- RSE (Radiated Spurious Emission) may exceed the limit defined by EN301489 if the antenna port is protected by TVS (Transient Voltage Suppressor), which is resolved by making some adjustment on RF match circuit.
- TVS should be added on the USB port for ESD protection, and the parasitic capacitance of TVS on D+/D- signal should be less than 2 pF. Common-mode inductor should be added in parallel on D+/D- signal.
- TVS should be added on the SIM interface for ESD protection. The parasitic capacitance of TVS on USIM signal should be less than 10 pF;
- Resistors in parallel and a 10nF capacitance should be added on RESIN_N signal to avoid shaking, and the distance between the capacitor and the related pins should be less than 100 mil.
- PCB routing should be V-type rather than T-type for TVS.
- An integrated ground plane is necessary for EMC design.

The following are the requirements of ESD environment control:

- The electrostatic discharge protected area (EPA) must have an ESD floor whose surface resistance and system resistance are greater than 1×10^4 Ω while less than 1×10^9 Ω.
- The EPA must have a sound ground system without loose ground wires, and the ground resistance must be less than 4 Ω.
- The workbench for handling ESD sensitive components must be equipped with common ground points, the wrist strap jack, and ESD pad. The resistance between the jack and common ground point must be less than 4 Ω. The surface resistance and system resistance of the ESD pad must be less than 1×10^9 Ω.

- The EPA must use the ESD two-circuit wrist strap, and the wrist strap must be connected to the dedicated jack. The crocodile clip must not be connected to the ground.
- The ESD sensitive components, the processing equipment, test equipment, tools, and devices must be connected to the ground properly. The indexes are as follows:
  - Hard ground resistance < 4 Ω
  - 1×10^5 Ω ≤ Soft ground resistance < 1×10^9 Ω
  - 1×10^5 Ω ≤ ICT fixture soft ground resistance < 1×10^{11} Ω
  - The electronic screwdriver and electronic soldering iron can be easily oxidized. Their ground resistance must be less than 20 Ω.
- The parts of the equipment, devices, and tools that touch the ESD sensitive components and moving parts that are close to the ESD sensitive components must be made of ESD materials and have sound ground connection. The parts that are not made of ESD materials must be handled with ESD treatment, such as painting the ESD coating or ionization treatment (check that the friction voltage is less than 100 V).
- Key parts in the production equipment (parts that touch the ESD sensitive components or parts that are within 30 cm away from the ESD sensitive components), including the conveyor belt, conveyor chain, guide wheel, and SMT nozzle, must all be made of ESD materials and be connected to the ground properly (check that the friction voltage is less than 100 V).
- Engineers that touch IC chips, boards, modules, and other ESD sensitive components and assemblies must wear ESD wrist straps, ESD gloves, or ESD finger cots properly. Engineers that sit when handling the components must all wear ESD wrist straps.
- Noticeable ESD warning signs must be attached to the packages and placement areas of ESD sensitive components and assemblies.
- Boards and IC chips must not be stacked randomly or be placed with other ESD components.
- Effective shielding measures must be taken on the ESD sensitive materials that are transported or stored outside the EPA.

NOTE

There are no any protections against overvoltage in the HUAWEI ME909u-521 module.

6 Mechanical Specifications

6.1 About This Chapter

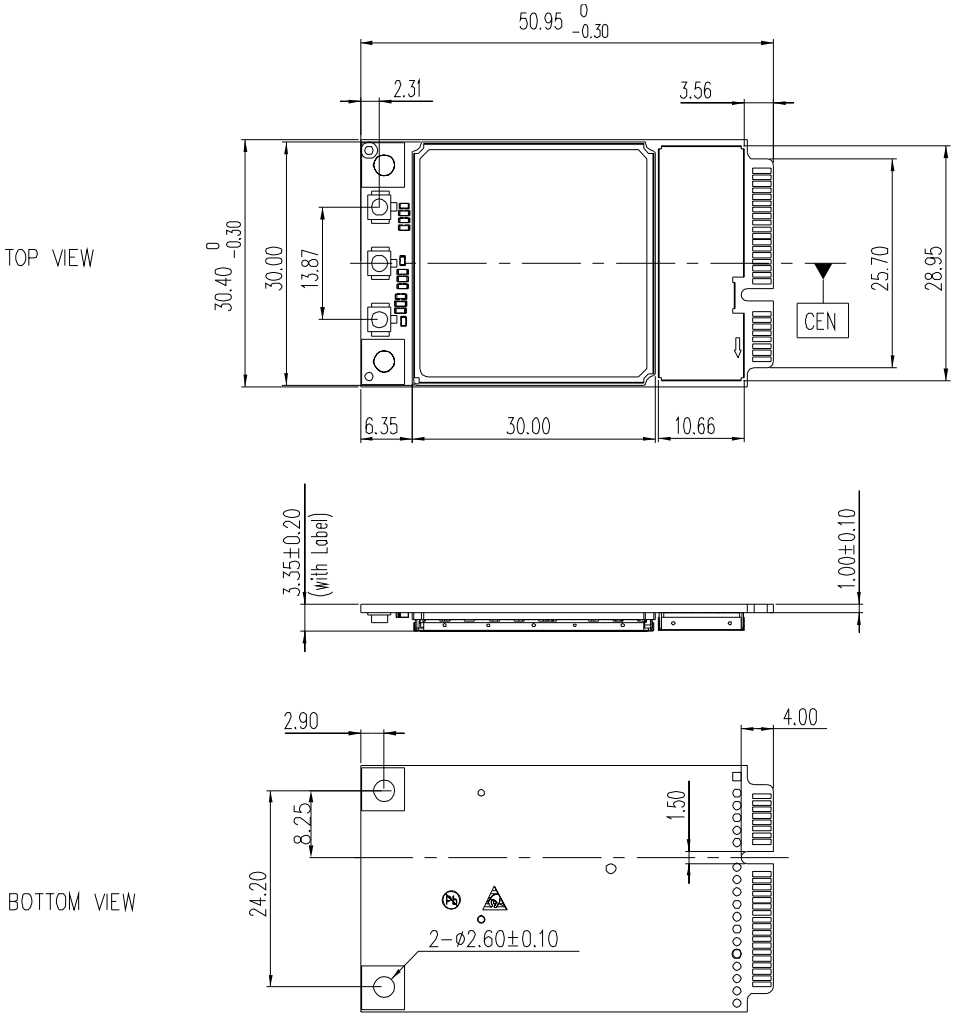
This chapter mainly describes mechanical specifications of ME909u-521 module, including:

- Dimensions and Interfaces
- Dimensions of the Mini PCI Express Connector
- Label
- Specification Selection for Fasteners
- Antenna Plug
- Thermal Design Guide

6.2 Dimensions and Interfaces

The dimensions of the ME909u-521 module are 51 mm (length) × 30.4 mm (width) ×3.35 mm (height). Figure 6-1 shows the dimensions of ME909u-521 module in detail.

Figure 6-1 Dimensions of the ME909u-521 module (unit: mm)

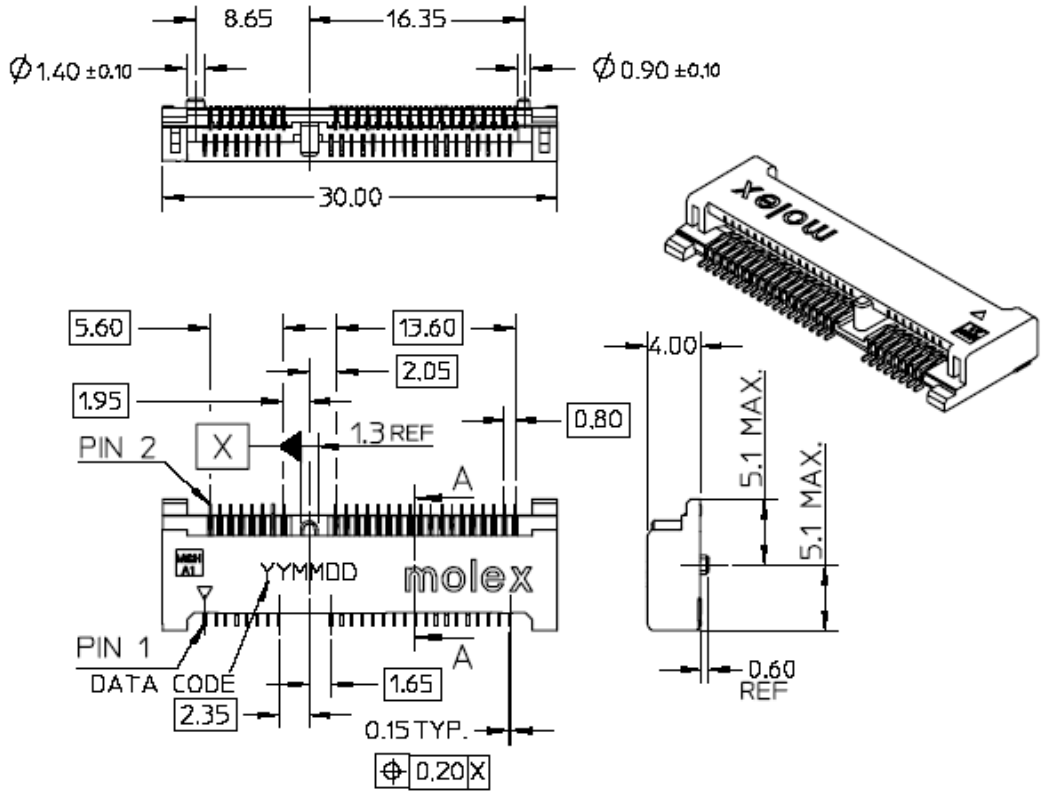


6.3 Dimensions of the Mini PCI Express Connector

The Mini PCIe Adapter adopts a standard Mini PCI Express connector that has 52 pins and complies with the *PCI Express Mini Card Electromechanical Specification Revision 1.2*.

Figure 6-2 shows a 52-pin Mini PCI Express connector (take the Molex 67910002 as an example).

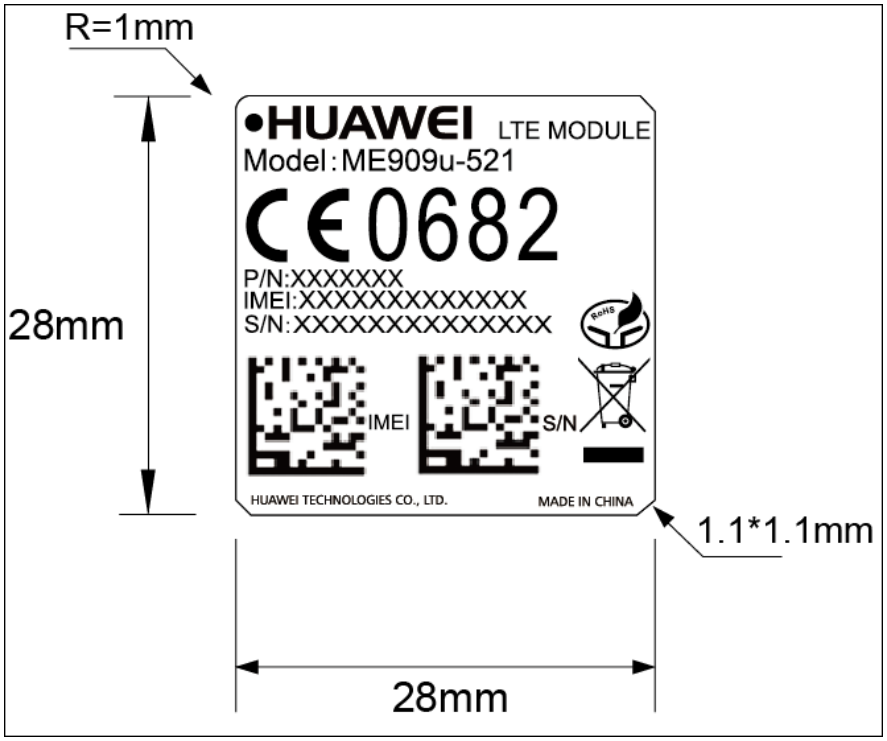
Figure 6-2 Dimensions of the Mini PCI Express connector



6.4 Label

The label is made from fade-resistant material.

Figure 6-3 ME909u-521 label



NOTE

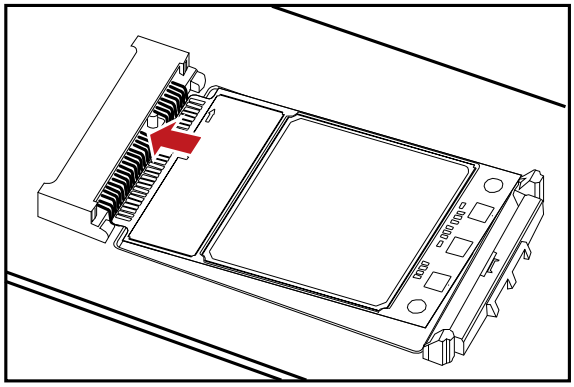
- The picture mentioned above is only for reference.
- The silk-screen should be clear without burrs, and dimensions should be accurate.
- The material and surface finishing and coatings which used have to make satisfied with the EU WEEE and RoHS directives.
- The label can be able to endure the high temperature of 149°C.

6.5 Specification Selection for Fasteners

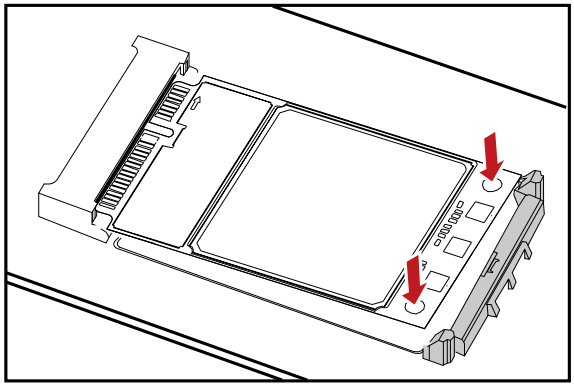
6.5.1 Installing the Mini PCIe Adapter on the Main Board

To install the Mini PCIe Adapter on the main board, do the following:

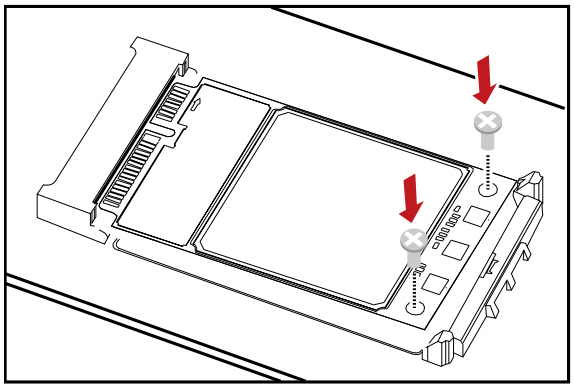
Step 1 Insert the Mini PCIe Adapter into the Mini PCI Express connector on the main board.



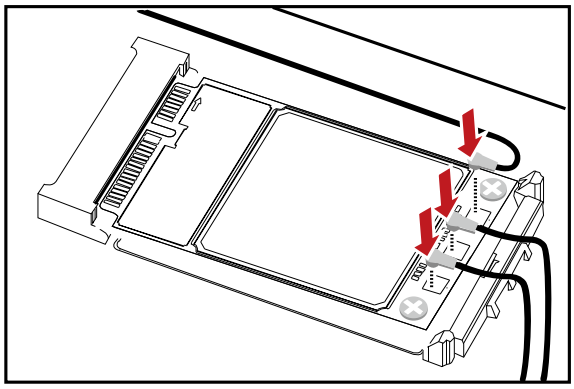
Step 2 Press downwards to fix the Mini PCIe Adapter in the module slot.



Step 3 Use a screwdriver to fix the Mini PCIe Adapter on the main board with two screws provided in the Mini PCIe Adapter packing box.



Step 4 Insert the connector of the main antenna into the MAIN antenna interface (M) of the Mini PCIe Adapter according to the indication on the label of the Mini PCIe Adapter. Insert the connector of the auxiliary antenna into the AUX antenna interface (A) of the Mini PCIe Adapter and the GPS antenna into the GPS antenna interface (G) of the Mini PCIe Adapter in the same way.

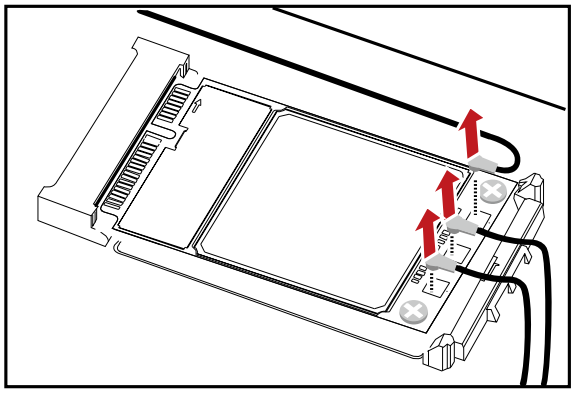


NOTE

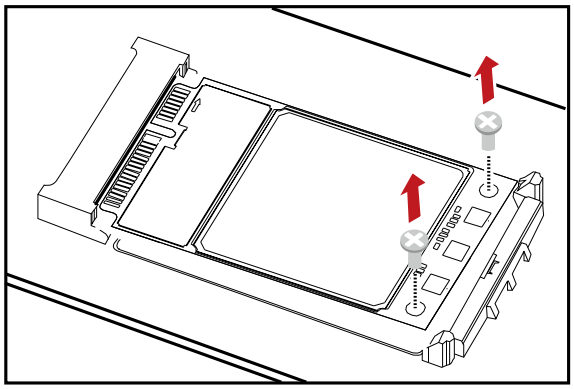
- Insert the antenna connectors vertically into the antenna interfaces of the Mini PCIe Adapter.
- Do not press or squeeze the antenna cable or damage the connectors. Otherwise, the wireless performance of the Mini PCIe Adapter may be reduced or the Mini PCIe Adapter cannot work normally.
- Ensure that the antenna cables are routed through the channel in the frame of the PC and do not lay the cables across the raised edges of the frame.

6.5.2 Removing the Mini PCIe Adapter from the Main Board

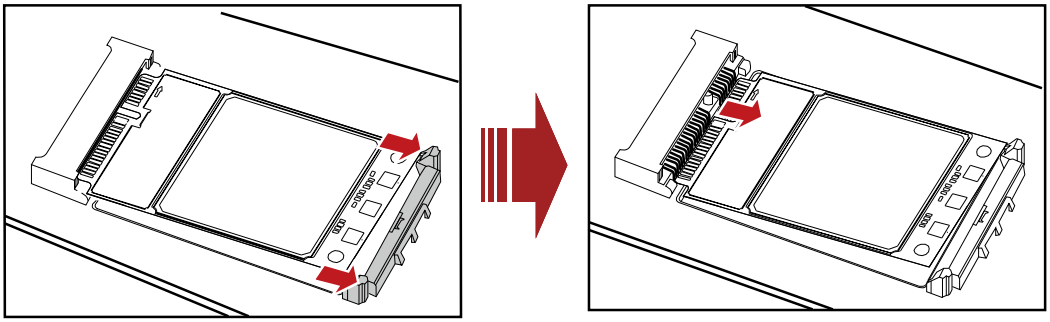
Step 1 Disconnect the antenna cables from the Mini PCIe Adapter. You can lift the connectors using a small screwdriver.



Step 2 Remove the two screws with the screwdriver.

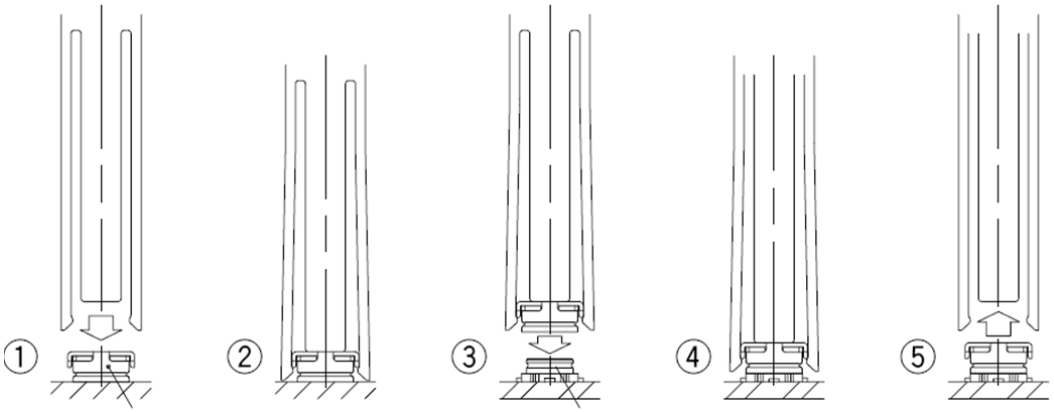


Step 3 Slide backwards the two clips to release the Mini PCIe Adapter from the slot. Then, lift up the Mini PCIe Adapter.



6.6 Antenna Plug

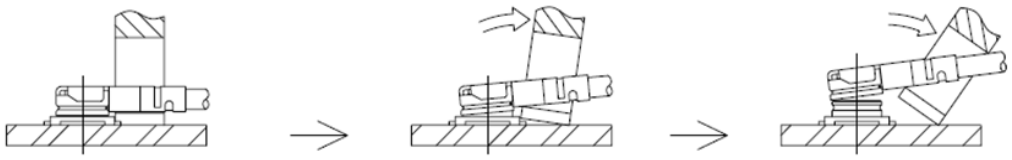
Figure 6-4 Mating the plug



1. Align the mating tool or the mating end of the tool over the plug end of the cable assembly.
2. Firmly place the tool over the plug until it is secured in the tool.

3. Place the plug cable assembly (held in the tool) over the corresponding receptacle.
4. Assure that the plug and receptacle are aligned press-down perpendicular to the mounting surface until both connectors are fully mated.
5. Remove the mating tool by pulling it up carefully.

Figure 6-5 Unmating the plug

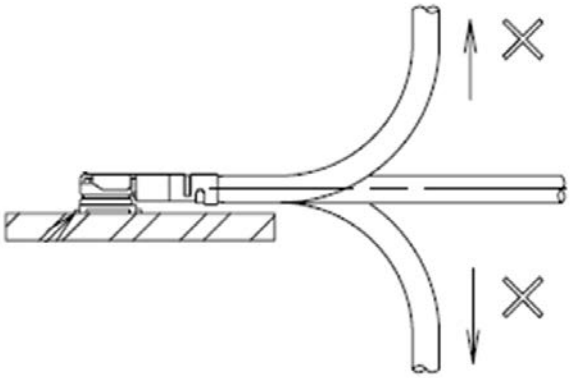


NOTE

- The extraction tool is recommended.
- Any attempt of unmating by pulling on the cable may result in damage and influence the mechanical/electrical performance.

It is recommended not to apply any pull forces after the bending of the cable, as described in Figure 6-6 .

Figure 6-6 Do not apply any pull forces after the bending of the cable



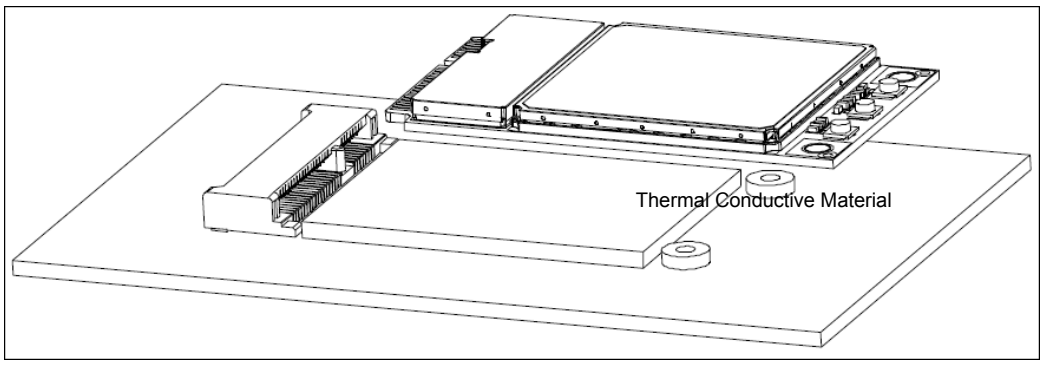
6.7 Thermal Design Guide

When using in the LTE network, the ME909u-521 Mini PCIe module (Mini PCIe) has high power consumption (for details, see Table 5-8). To improve the module reliability and stability, focus on the thermal design of the device to speed up heat dissipation.

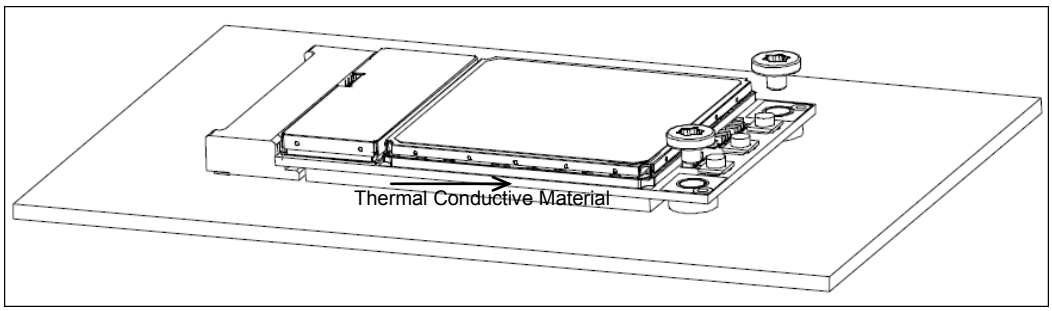
Take the following heat dissipation measures:

- Do not hollow out the customer PCB.

- Attach the thermal conductive material between the Mini PCIe and the customer PCB. The recommended thermal conductivity of the thermal conductive material is 1.0 W/m-k or higher (recommended manufacturers: Laird and Bergquist). The dimensions (W x D) of the thermal conductive material are 38 mm x 28 mm (1.50 in. x 1.10 in.), and its height depends on the height of the Mini PCIe connector you use and the method for installing the Mini PCIe. When deciding the height of the thermal conductive material, you are advised to obey the following rule: After the Mini PCIe is fastened to the customer PCB, the compression amount of the thermal conductive material accounts for 15% to 30% of the thermal conductive material size. For example, if you use a connector shown in the following figure and install the Mini PCIe like this, the recommended height of the thermal conductive material is 1.8 mm (0.07 in.).



- On the customer PCB, reserve two metal screw holes, which are connected to the PCB ground plane. When installing the Mini PCIe, use two metal screws to fasten the Mini PCIe to the customer PCB. See the following figure.



- Ensure that the air flow around the Mini PCIe is sufficient.
- Try not to place any component in the Mini PCIe's projection region on the customer PCB. Do not place components with 1.5 W or higher power consumption or heat sensitive components (such as crystals) near the Mini PCIe.
- Use a large customer PCB. The recommended size (W x D) is 80 mm x 80 mm (3.15 in. x 3.15 in.).
- Apply copper to the region for attaching the thermal conductive material to the customer PCB. Try to use the continuous ground plane design on the customer PCB, and each ground plane must be connected through holes. Therefore, reserve holes as many as possible.

NOTE

If you do not take the preceding heat dissipation measures, the overheat protection mechanism is triggered due to overheated Mini PCIe and the network connection is terminated when the Mini PCIe keeps working in enclosed space with a 60°C temperature and a current of more than 820 mA for a period of time. You can resume the network connection only after the temperature drops.

7 Certifications

7.1 About This Chapter

This chapter gives a general description of certifications of ME909u-521 module.

7.2 Certifications

NOTE
Table 7-1 shows certifications the ME909u-521 module has been implemented. For more demands, please contact us for more details about this information.

Table 7-1 ME909u-521 Product Certifications

Certification	Model name
	ME909u-521
CE	√
RoHS	√
WEEE	√

8 Safety Information

Read the safety information carefully to ensure the correct and safe use of your wireless device. Applicable safety information must be observed.

8.1 Interference

Power off your wireless device if using the device is prohibited. Do not use the wireless device when it causes danger or interference with electric devices.

8.2 Medical Device

- Power off your wireless device and follow the rules and regulations set forth by the hospitals and health care facilities.
- Some wireless devices may affect the performance of the hearing aids. For any such problems, consult your service provider.
- Pacemaker manufacturers recommend that a minimum distance of 15 cm be maintained between the wireless device and a pacemaker to prevent potential interference with the pacemaker. If you are using an electronic medical device, consult the doctor or device manufacturer to confirm whether the radio wave affects the operation of this device.

8.3 Area with Inflammables and Explosives

To prevent explosions and fires in areas that are stored with inflammable and explosive devices, power off your wireless device and observe the rules. Areas stored with inflammables and explosives include but are not limited to the following:

- Gas station
- Fuel depot (such as the bunk below the deck of a ship)
- Container/Vehicle for storing or transporting fuels or chemical products
- Area where the air contains chemical substances and particles (such as granule, dust, or metal powder)
- Area indicated with the "Explosives" sign

- Area indicated with the "Power off bi-direction wireless equipment" sign
- Area where you are generally suggested to stop the engine of a vehicle

8.4 Traffic Security

- Observe local laws and regulations while using the wireless device. To prevent accidents, do not use your wireless device while driving.
- RF signals may affect electronic systems of motor vehicles. For more information, consult the vehicle manufacturer.
- In a motor vehicle, do not place the wireless device over the air bag or in the air bag deployment area. Otherwise, the wireless device may hurt you owing to the strong force when the air bag inflates.

8.5 Airline Security

Observe the rules and regulations of airline companies. When boarding or approaching a plane, power off your wireless device. Otherwise, the radio signal of the wireless device may interfere with the plane control signals.

8.6 Safety of Children

Do not allow children to use the wireless device without guidance. Small and sharp components of the wireless device may cause danger to children or cause suffocation if children swallow the components.

8.7 Environment Protection

Observe the local regulations regarding the disposal of your packaging materials, used wireless device and accessories, and promote their recycling.

8.8 WEEE Approval

The wireless device is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive 2012/19/EU (WEEE Directive).

8.9 RoHS Approval

The wireless device is in compliance with the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS Directive).

8.10 Laws and Regulations Observance

Observe laws and regulations when using your wireless device. Respect the privacy and legal rights of the others.

8.11 Care and Maintenance

It is normal that your wireless device gets hot when you use or charge it. Before you clean or maintain the wireless device, stop all applications and power off the wireless device.

- Use your wireless device and accessories with care and in clean environment. Keep the wireless device from a fire or a lit cigarette.
- Protect your wireless device and accessories from water and vapour and keep them dry.
- Do not drop, throw or bend your wireless device.
- Clean your wireless device with a piece of damp and soft antistatic cloth. Do not use any chemical agents (such as alcohol and benzene), chemical detergent, or powder to clean it.
- Do not leave your wireless device and accessories in a place with a considerably low or high temperature.
- Use only accessories of the wireless device approved by the manufacture. Contact the authorized service center for any abnormity of the wireless device or accessories.
- Do not dismantle the wireless device or accessories. Otherwise, the wireless device and accessories are not covered by the warranty.
- The device should be installed and operated with a minimum distance of 20 cm between the radiator and your body.

8.12 Emergency Call

This wireless device functions through receiving and transmitting radio signals. Therefore, the connection cannot be guaranteed in all conditions. In an emergency, you should not rely solely on the wireless device for essential communications.

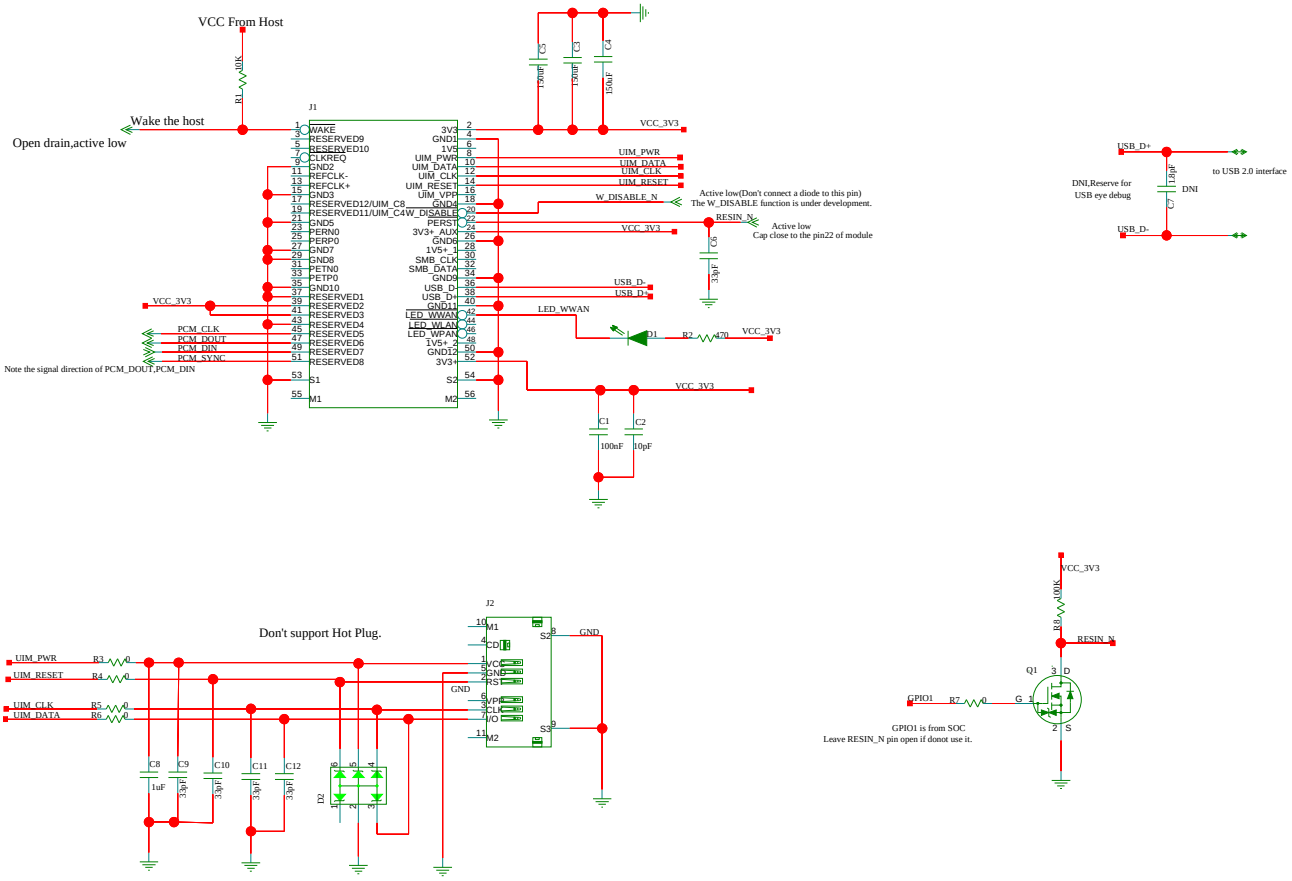
8.13 Regulatory Information

The following approvals and notices apply in specific regions as noted.

8.13.1 CE Approval (European Union)

The wireless device is approved to be used in the member states of the EU. The wireless device is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of the Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment Directive 1999/5/EC (R&TTE Directive).

9 Appendix A Circuit of Typical Interface



10 Appendix B Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym or Abbreviation	Expansion
3GPP	Third Generation Partnership Project
8PSK	8 Phase Shift Keying
AUX	Auxiliary
BER	Bit Error Rate
BIOS	Basic Input Output System
BLER	Block Error Rate
CCC	China Compulsory Certification
CE	European Conformity
CS	Coding Scheme
CSD	Circuit Switched Data
DC	Direct Current
DCE	Data Communication Equipment
EMC	Electromagnetic Compatibility
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge
EU	European Union
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
GPIO	General-purpose I/O
GPRS	General Packet Radio Service
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communication
HBM	Human Body Model

Acronym or Abbreviation	Expansion
HSDPA	High-Speed Downlink Packet Access
HSPA+	Enhanced High Speed Packet Access
HSUPA	High Speed Up-link Packet Access
ISO	International Standards Organization
LCP	Liquid Crystal Polyester
LDO	Low-Dropout
LED	Light-Emitting Diode
LGA	Land Grid Array
LTE	Long Term Evolution
MCP	Multi-chip Package
PCB	Printed Circuit Board
RF	Radio Frequency
RoHS	Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances
TBD	To Be Determined
TTFF	Time to First Fix
TVS	Transient Voltage Suppressor
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunications System
USB	Universal Serial Bus
USIM	Universal Subscriber Identity Module
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio
WCDMA	Wideband Code Division Multiple Access
WEEE	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment