

# EC800G-CN

# Reference Design

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1.1	2023-01-09	Frank WANG /Kyle CHEN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Updated the description on reserved test points for USB and UART interfaces (Sheets 3 and 10).</li><li>2. Updated the reference design of VBAT (Sheet 5).</li><li>3. Added the description on reserved test points for RESET and VDD_EXT (Sheet 10).</li></ol>

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# 1 Reference Design

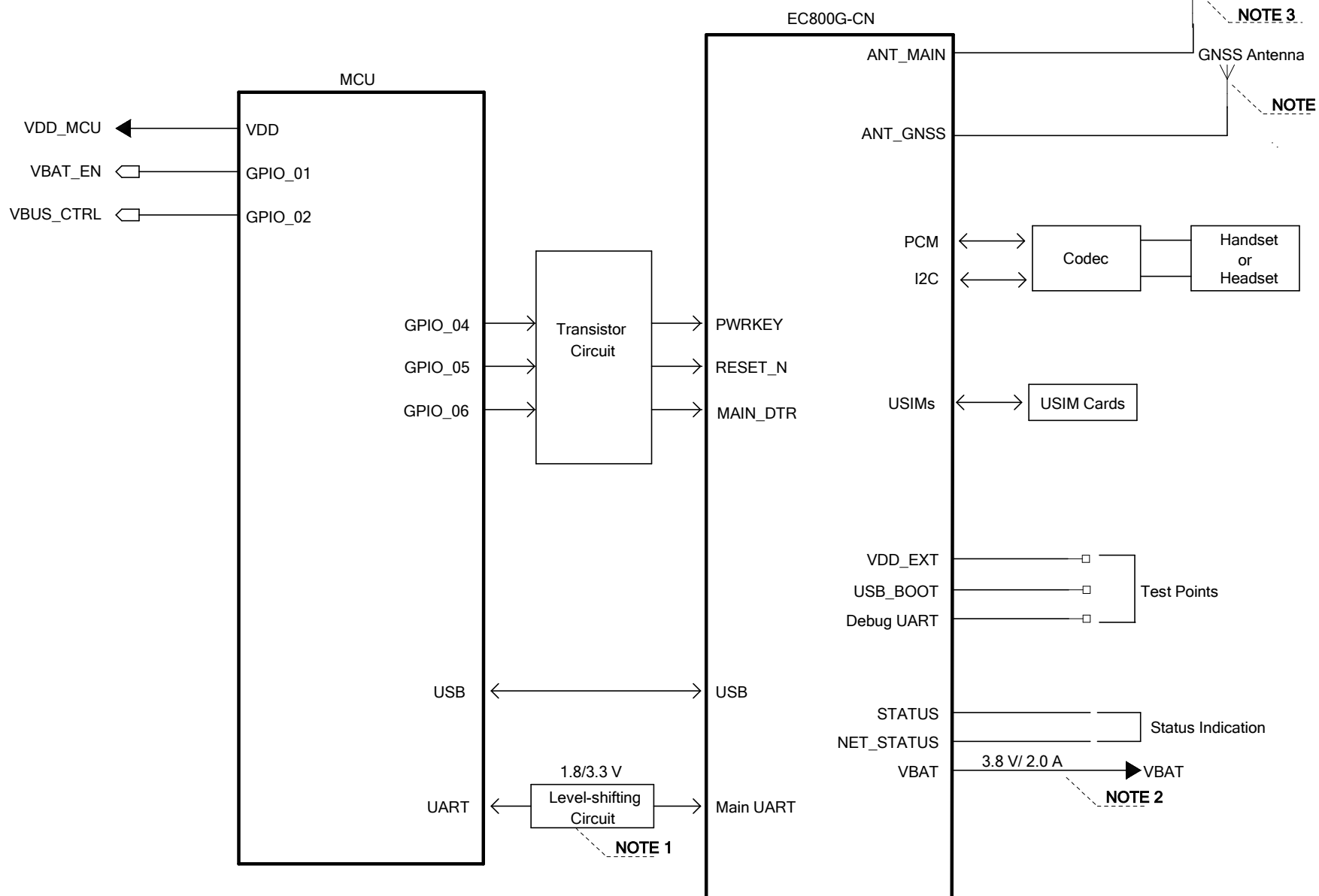
## 1.1. Introduction

This document provides the reference design for Quectel EC800G-CN module. The reference design mainly includes block diagrams of power supply, UART, USIM and RF interfaces.

## 1.2. Schematics

The schematics illustrated in the following pages are provided for your reference only.

# Block Diagram

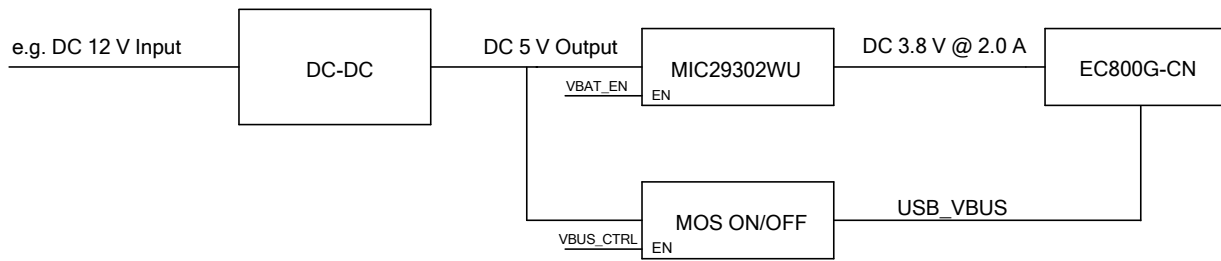


LTE/Wi-Fi Scan Antenna  
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 GNSS Antenna  
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- NOTE:**
1. A level-shifting circuit or a voltage-level translator TXS0108EPWR provided by Texas Instruments is recommended.
  2. The power supply should be able to provide sufficient current up to 2.0 A for the module.
  3. The module supports Wi-Fi Scan function, which shares the same antenna interface with ANT\_MAIN. The two functions cannot be used at the same time.
  4. GNSS function is optional for the module.

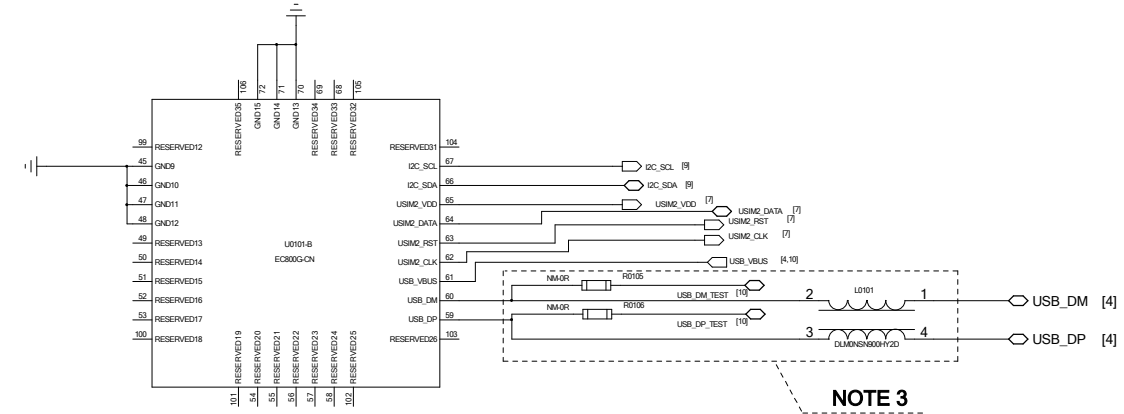
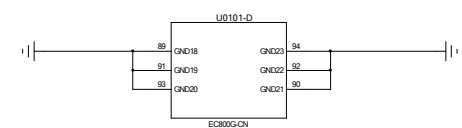
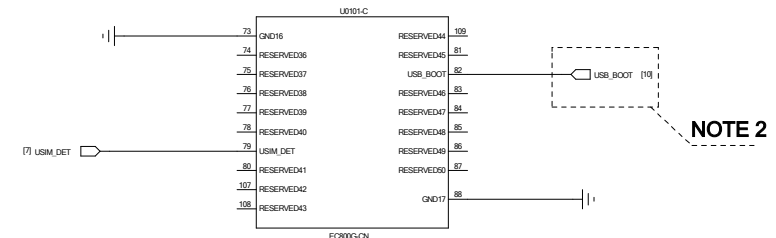
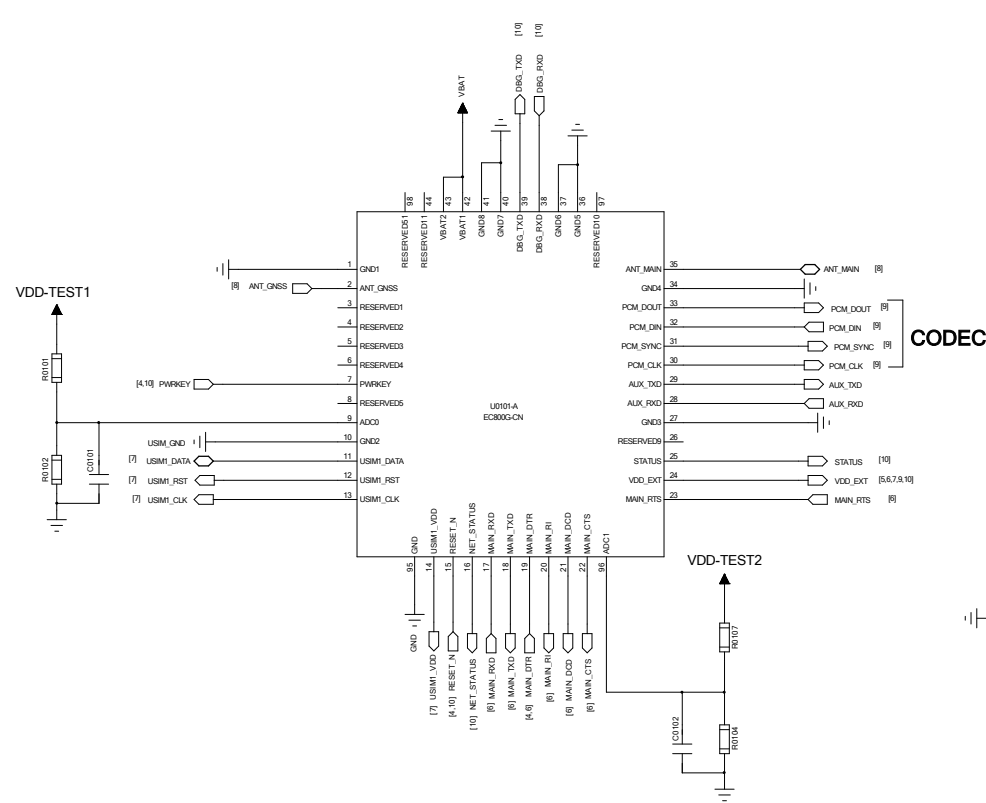
# Power System Block Diagram



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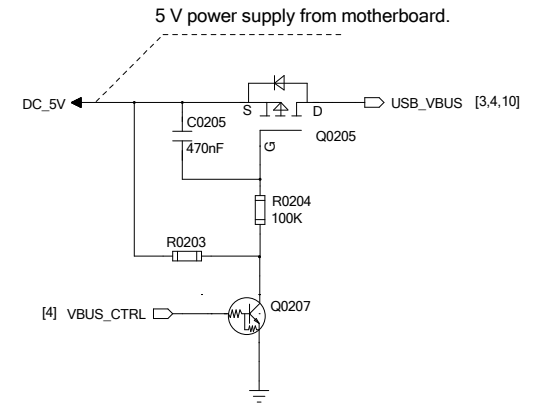
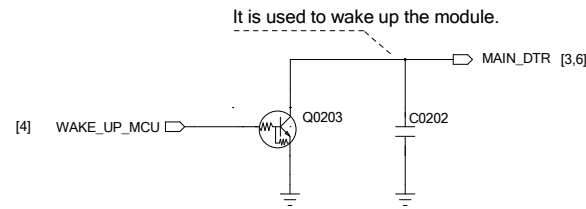
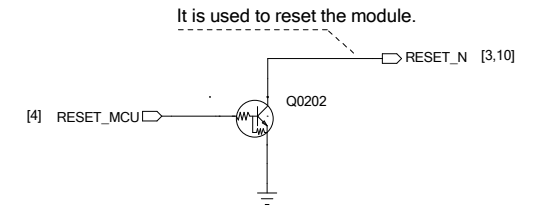
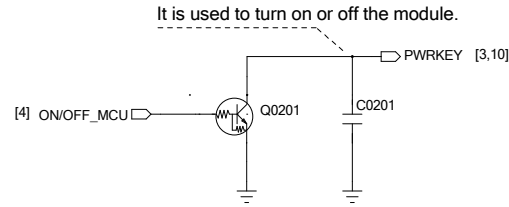
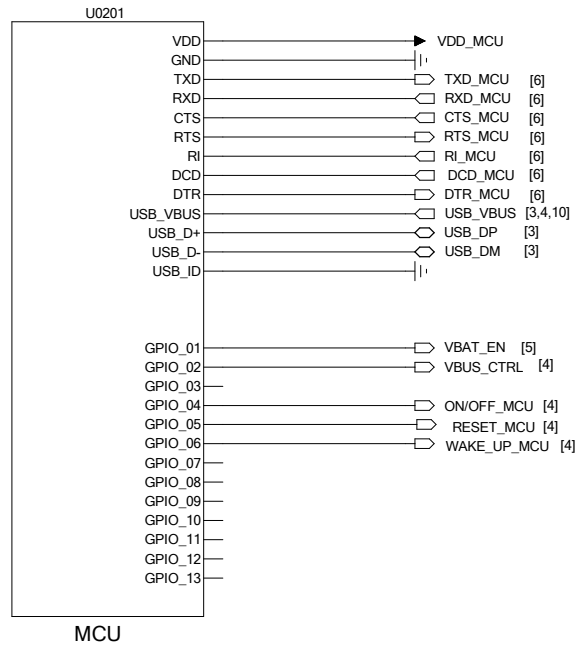
# Module Interfaces



- NOTE:**
- Keep unused and RESERVED pins open, and connect all GND pins to the ground network.
  - If emergency download is not required, USB\_BOOT cannot be pulled down to low level or pulled up to high level and should be kept open before the module is successfully turned on.
  - A common mode choke L0101 is recommended to be added in series between the module and your MCU in order to suppress EMI spurious transmission. Meanwhile, test points must be reserved for upgrading firmware and debugging software over USB interface and minimize the extra stubs of the trace. L0101 and the two resistors R0105, R0106 should be placed close to the module to ensure the integrity of USB signal.
  - Considering the difference of ADC voltage range among Quectel modules, when it is necessary to use ADC pins, it is strongly recommended to reserve the voltage divider circuit for better compatibility with other Quectel modules. The resistance of the divider must be less than 100 kΩ, otherwise the measurement accuracy of the ADC will be significantly reduced. When the divider circuit is not used, the ADC pins require 1 kΩ resistors in series.
  - Circuit wiring design consideration:  
Please ensure that there is a complete reference ground plane below the module, and the ground plane is as close to the module layer as possible. It is recommended to design at least 4 layers.

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# MCU Interfaces



## NOTE:

- U0201 represents your MCU. The power domain of GPIO interfaces of the module is 1.8 V.  
If the GPIO interfaces of U0201 share the same power domain, the related level-shifting circuit can be omitted.
- The USB 2.0 interface of the module only serves as a slave device and supports high-speed and full-speed modes.  
To communicate with the USB interface, MCU needs to support USB host or OTG function. The USB\_VBUS pin of the module should be powered by an external power system for USB detection, and VBUS\_CTRL is used to turn on/off the USB\_VBUS power supply.
- It is recommended to select the default low-level GPIO pins of MCU as the control pins for PWRKEY and RESET\_N of the module.  
Please ensure that the maximum load capacitance of pins PWRKEY and RESET\_N does not exceed 10 nF.
- When the sleep function of the module is enabled, pulling down MAIN\_DTR can wake up the module from the sleep mode. You can choose either the open-collector control circuit or the level-shifting circuit on the "UART Design" sheet in the design.  
For more information, please refer to the hardware design document of the module.

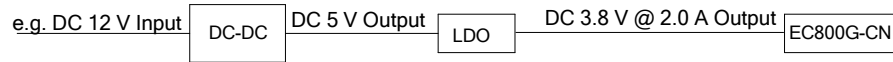
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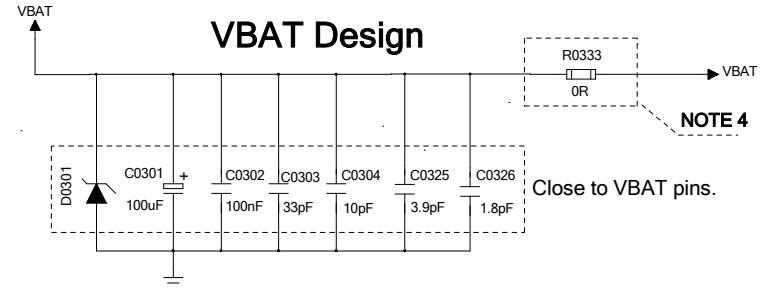
# Power Supply Design

## DC-DC Application

When the input voltage is above 7.0 V, use a DC-DC converter to convert the input voltage into a 5.0 V first, and then convert it to 3.8 V typical voltage with an LDO. The rated output current of LDO must meet 2.0 A.



## VBAT Design

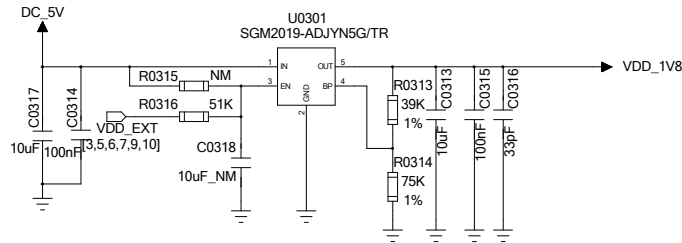


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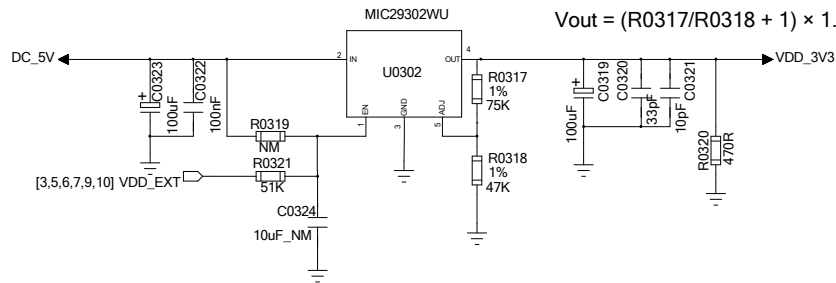
1. The power supply should be able to provide sufficient current up to 2.0 A for the module.
2. The width of VBAT trace should be not less than 2 mm.
3. The typical operating voltage of VBAT is 3.8 V.
4. It is recommended to reserve a 0 Ω resistor (the size should be not smaller than 0603 package) for future debugging. It needs to be placed close to VBAT pins.

## Power Supply for PCM Codec

$$V_{out} = (R0313/R0314 + 1) \times 1.207 = 1.8 \text{ V}$$



$$V_{out} = (R0317/R0318 + 1) \times 1.24 = 3.3 \text{ V}$$



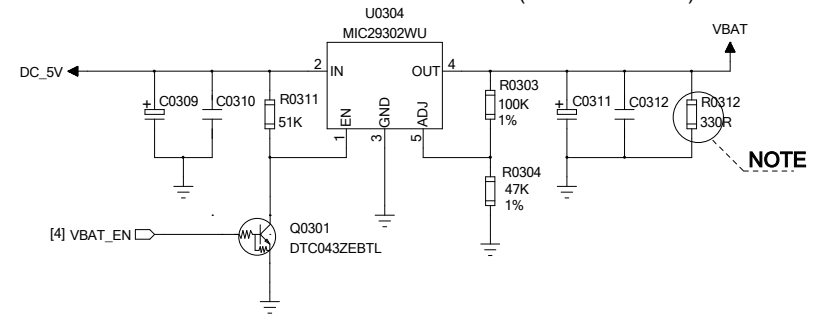
### NOTE:

VDD\_EXT is used to turn on/off VDD\_1V8 and VDD\_3V3.

## LDO Application

When the input voltage is below 7.0 V, use an LDO to convert the input voltage to 3.8 V.

$$V_{BAT} = (R0303/R0304 + 1) \times 1.24 = 3.88 \text{ V}$$



### NOTE:

The recommended load current is greater than 10 mA.

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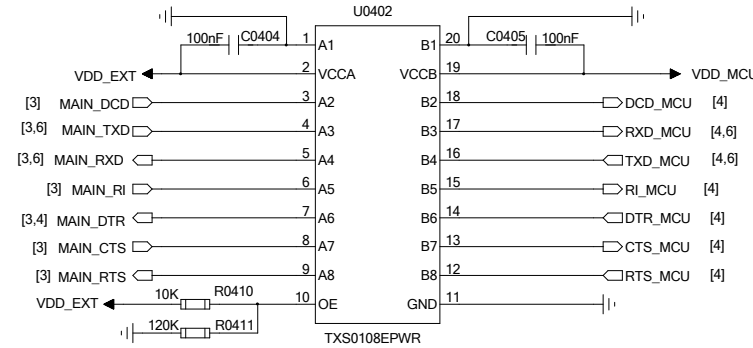
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# UART Design

## UART Level-shifting Circuit - Transistor Solution



## UART Level-shifting Circuit - IC Solution



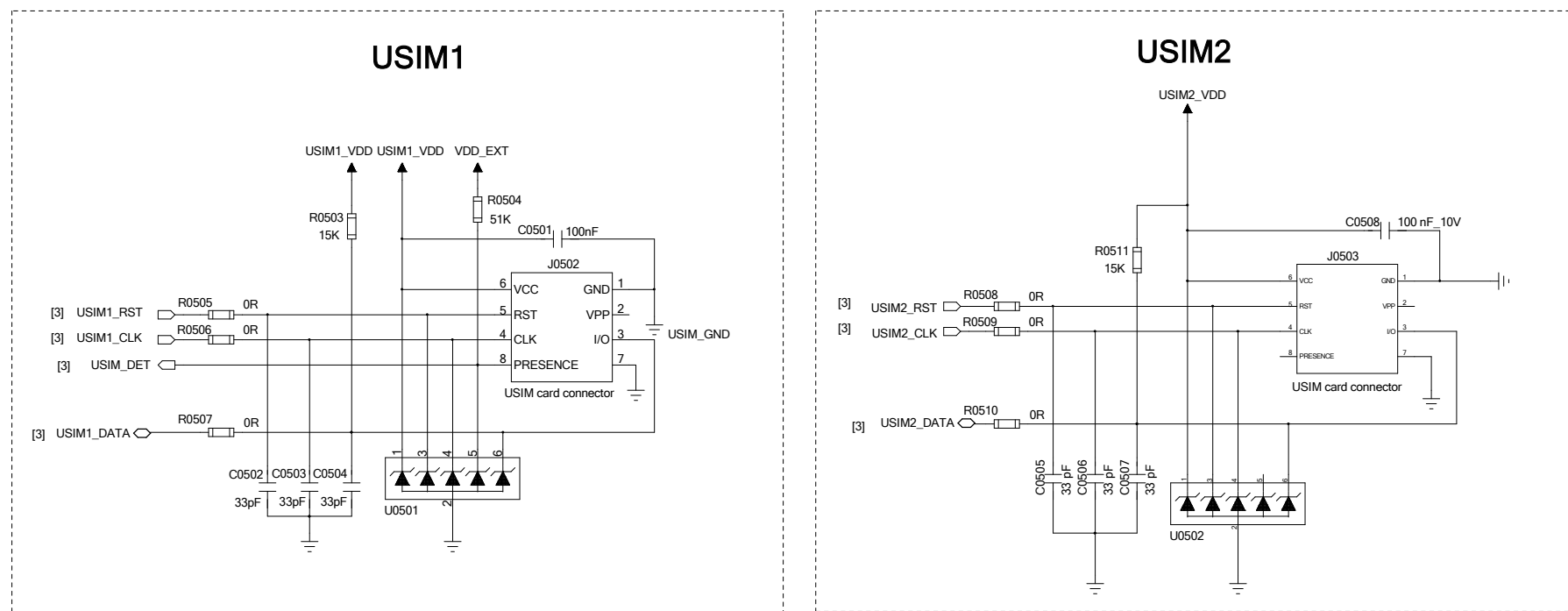
### NOTE:

- There are two level-shifting solutions: transistor and IC solutions, and the latter of which is recommended.
- The power supply of TXS0108EPWR's VCCA should not exceed that of VCCB.  
For more information, please refer to the datasheet of TXS0108EPWR.
- The transistor solution is not suitable for applications with baud rates exceeding 460 kbps.  
The 1 nF capacitors (C0401 and C0402) can improve the signal quality.
- MAIN\_RTS and MAIN\_DTR level-shifting circuits are similar to that of the MAIN\_RXD.  
MAIN\_CTS, MAIN\_RI and MAIN\_DCD level-shifting circuits are similar to that of the MAIN\_TXD.

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# USIM Interface Design



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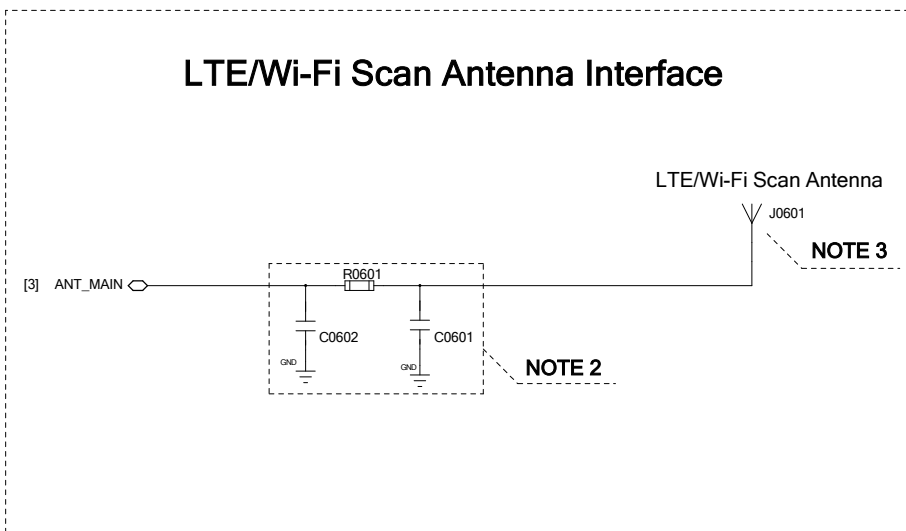
1. U0501 and U0502 are recommended to be used to offer good ESD protection, and the parasitic capacitance should be less than 15 pF.
2. The pull-up resistors R0503 and R0511 can improve anti-jamming capability, and should be placed close to the USIM card connector.
3. R0505-R0507 and R0508-R0510 are used for debugging, and C0502-C0504 and C0505-C0507 are used for filtering out RF interference.
4. C0501 and C0508's capacitance should be less than 1  $\mu$ F and they should be placed close to the USIM card connector.
5. The GND of the USIM card connector is recommended to be connected to the GND layer directly.
6. For more information about the layout of USIM interface, please refer to the hardware design document of the module.

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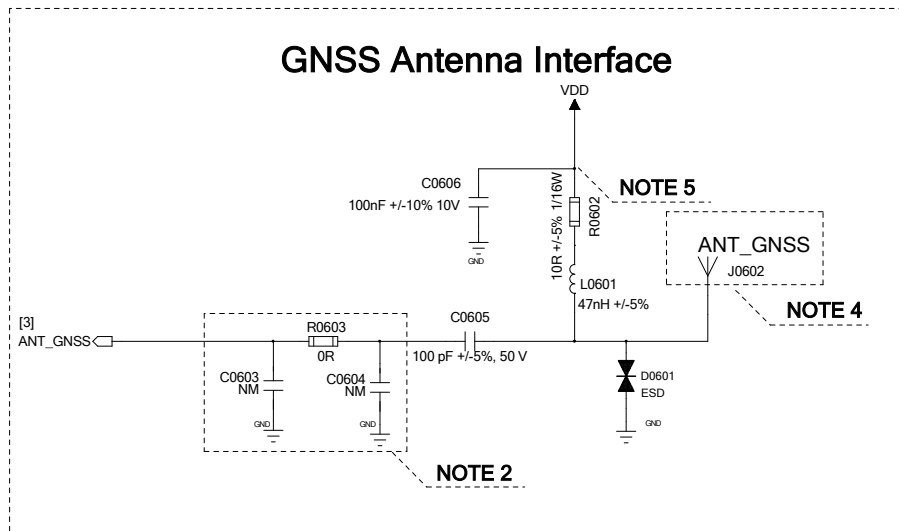
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# RF Interface Design

## LTE/Wi-Fi Scan Antenna Interface



## GNSS Antenna Interface



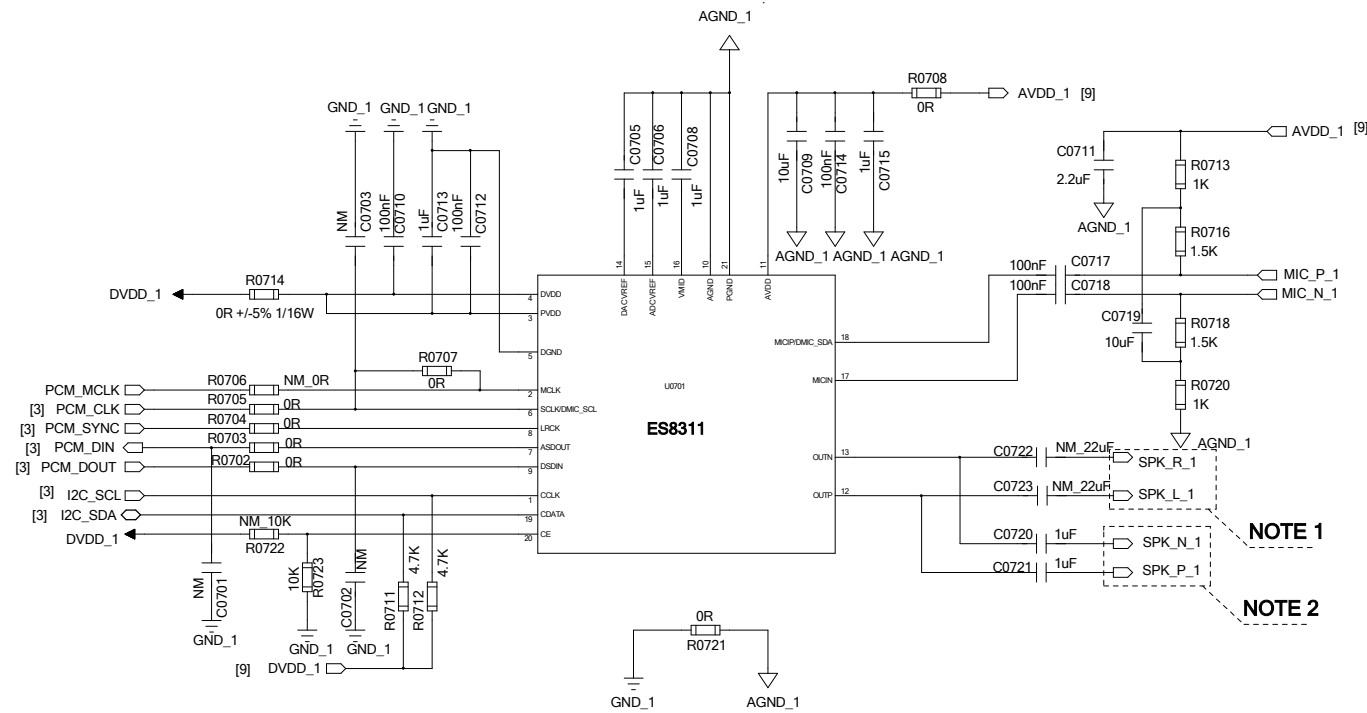
**NOTE:**

1. The single-ended impedance of the RF antenna is 50 Ω.
2. It is recommended to reserve a Π-type matching circuit at these antenna interfaces.
3. The Wi-Fi Scan function shares the same antenna interface with ANT\_MAIN. The two functions cannot be used at the same time.
4. GNSS function is optional for the module.
5. The active antenna uses an LDO for power supply, and VDD circuit is not needed when using passive antenna.

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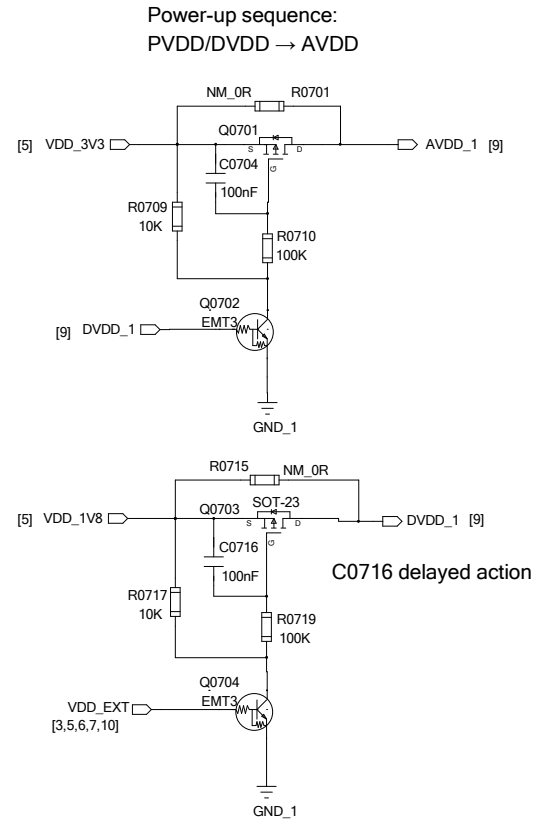
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# Audio Codec Design



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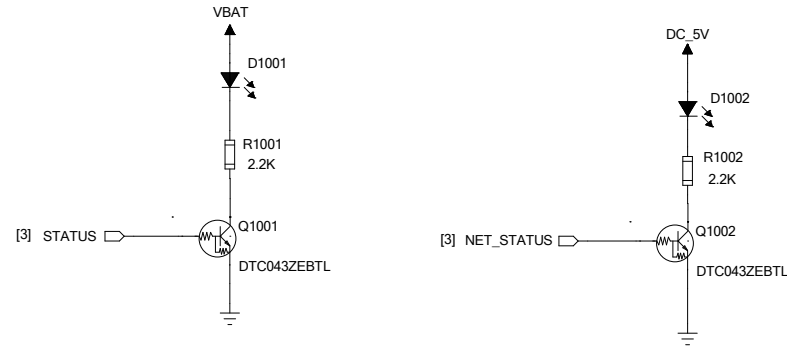
1. Left and right channels that can be connected to headphone.
2. Differential signal that can be connected to audio power amplifier.



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# Other Design

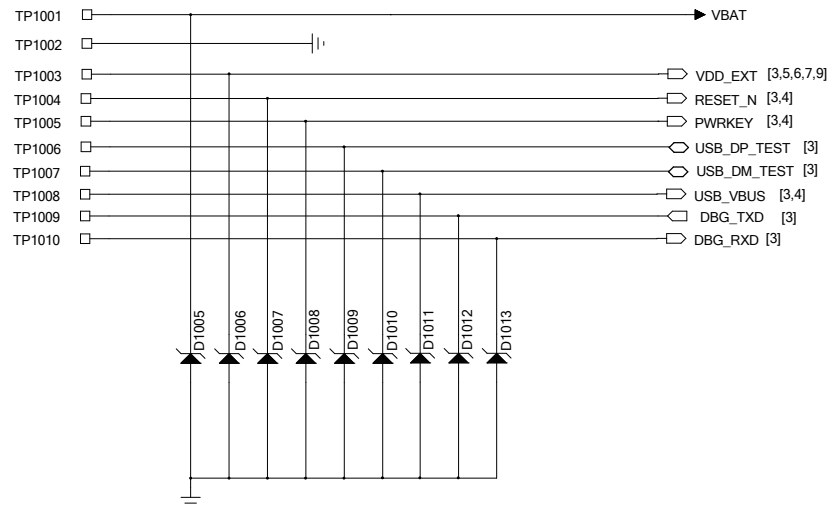
## Indicators



**NOTE:**

1. For more details about STATUS and NET\_STATUS, please refer to the hardware design document of the module.
2. If low current consumption is required when your device is in sleep, replace the power supply VBAT and DC\_5V of the STATUS and NET\_STATUS indicators with the external controllable ones, which can be turned off when the module is in sleep mode to reduce the power consumption.

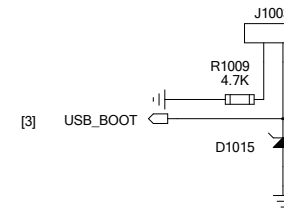
## Reserved Test Points



**NOTE:**

1. Test points for both USB and debug UART interfaces must be reserved for catching logs.
2. Test points for USB interface can also be reserved for firmware upgrade.
3. The parasitic capacitance of the ESD protection components on USB data traces should be less than 2 pF.
4. The debug UART interface supports 1.8 V power domain, and a voltage-level translator should be used if the power domain of your application is 3.3 V.
5. Test points are recommended to be reserved for RESET\_N and VDD\_EXT.

## Emergency Download



**NOTE:**

1. Ensure to reserve the USB\_BOOT interface design and a test point is recommended to be reserved.
2. You can pull down USB\_BOOT to GND before the module is turned on, and the module will enter emergency download mode when it is turned on. In this mode, the module supports firmware upgrade over USB interface.

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