

# SARA-R4/N4 series

## LTE Cat M1 / NB1 and EGPRS modules

**Data Sheet** 



#### **Abstract**

Technical data sheet describing the size-optimized SARA-R4/N4 series LTE Cat M1/NB1 and EGPRS cellular modules. The modules are a complete and cost efficient solution offering multi band data transmissions for Low Power Wide Area solutions in a compact form factor.





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## 1 Functional description

#### 1.1 Overview

SARA-R4/N4 series modules are an LTE Cat M1, LTE Cat NB1 and EGPRS multi-mode solution in the miniature SARA LGA form factor (26.0 x 16.0 mm, 96-pin). They allow an easy integration into compact designs and a seamless drop-in migration from other u-blox cellular module families.

SARA-R4/N4 series modules provide software-based multi-band configurability enabling international multi-regional coverage in LTE Cat M1 / NB1 and (E)GPRS radio access technologies.

Variants specifically designed to operate in LTE Cat NB1 only, or in LTE Cat M1 band 13 only, or in LTE Cat M1 bands 2, 4, 5 and 12 only are also available.

SARA-R4/N4 series modules offer data communications up to 375 kb/s over an extended operating temperature range of –40 °C to +85 °C, with low power consumption, and with coverage enhancement for deeper range into buildings and basements (and underground with NB1).

With many interface options and an integrated IP stack, SARA-R4/N4 series modules are the optimal choice for LPWA applications with low to medium data throughput rates, as well as devices that require long battery lifetimes, such as used in smart metering, smart lighting, telematics, asset tracking, remote monitoring, alarm panels, and connected health.

Customers can future-proof their solutions by means of Over-The-Air firmware updates, thanks to the uFOTA client/server solution that utilizes LWM2M, a light and compact protocol ideal for IoT applications.

SARA-R4/N4 series modules will also support VoLTE over Cat M1. The flexibility extends further through dynamic mode selection as M1-only/preferred or NB1-only/preferred.

## 1.2 Product features

| Model          | Model Region Bands |                       | Pos               | itio           | ning           | Interfaces     |                    | Au          | dio  | o Features |     |      |           | Grade |              | е             |                   |      |                    |                        |                    |                      |                               |          |              |            |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|------|------------|-----|------|-----------|-------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|
|                |                    | 3GPP Release Baseline | 3GPP LTE category | LTE FDD bands  | (E)GPRS 4-band | GNSS via modem | AssistNow software | CellLocate® | UART | USB 2.0    | SPI | SDIO | DDC (I2C) | GPIOs | Analog audio | Digital audio | Power Saving Mode | eDRX | Antenna supervisor | Embedded TCP/UDP stack | Embedded HTTP, FTP | Dual stack IPv4/IPv6 | FW update over the air (FOTA) | Standard | Professional | Automotive |
| SARA-R404M     | USA                | 13                    | M1                | 13             |                |                |                    |             | •    | •          |     |      |           | •     |              |               | •                 |      | •                  | •                      | •                  | •                    | •                             |          | •            |            |
| SARA-R410M-01B | North<br>America   | 13                    | M1                | 2,4<br>5,12    |                |                |                    |             | •    | •          |     |      |           | •     |              |               | •                 |      | •                  | •                      | •                  | •                    | •                             |          | •            |            |
| SARA-R410M-02B | Multi Region       | 13                    | M1<br>NB1         | *              |                | •              | •                  | 0           | •    | •          | 0   | 0    | •         | •     |              | 0             | •                 | •    | •                  | •                      | •                  | •                    | •                             |          | •            |            |
| SARA-R410M-52B | North<br>America   | 13                    | M1                | 2,4,5<br>12,13 |                | •              | •                  | 0           | •    | •          | 0   | 0    | •         | •     |              |               | •                 | •    | •                  | •                      | •                  | •                    | •                             |          | •            |            |
| SARA-R412M-02B | Multi Region       | 13                    | M1<br>NB1         | *              | •              | •              | •                  | 0           | •    | •          | 0   | 0    | •         | •     |              |               | •                 | •    | •                  | •                      | •                  | •                    | •                             |          | •            |            |
| SARA-N410-02B  | Multi Region       | 13                    | NB1               | *              |                | •              | •                  | 0           | •    | •          | 0   | 0    | •         | •     |              |               | •                 | •    | •                  | •                      | •                  | •                    | •                             |          | •            |            |

<sup>\* =</sup> LTE Cat M1/NB1 Bands may include 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 28 (and band 39 in M1-only)

Table 1: SARA-R4/N4 series main features summary

<sup>• =</sup> supported by all FW versions • = supported by future FW versions



## 1.3 Block diagram

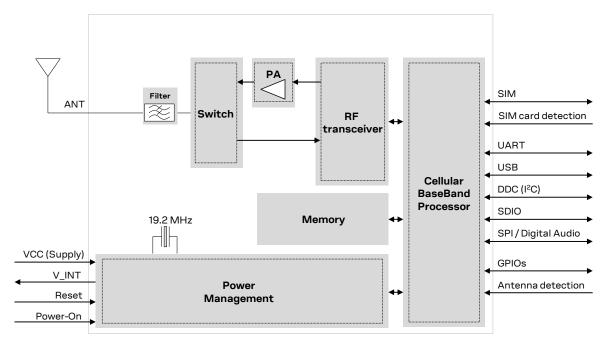


Figure 1: SARA-R4/N4 series block diagram

- SARA-R404M-00B and SARA-R410M-01B modules, i.e. the "00" and "01" product versions of the SARA-R4/N4 series modules, do not support the following interfaces, which should be left unconnected and should not be driven by external devices:
  - o DDC (I2C) interface
  - SDIO interface
  - o SPI interface
  - o Digital audio interface
- SARA-R410M-02B, SARA-R410M-52B, SARA-R412M-02B and SARA-N410-02B modules, i.e. the "02" and "52" product versions of the SARA-R4/N4 series modules, do not support the following interfaces, which should be left unconnected and should not be driven by external devices:
  - SDIO interface
  - SPI interface
  - Digital audio interface



## 1.4 Product description

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include the following variants / product versions:

- SARA-R404M LTE Cat M1 module, mainly designed for operation in LTE band 13
- SARA-R410M-01B LTE Cat M1 module, mainly designed for operation in LTE bands 2, 4, 5, 12
- SARA-R410M-02B LTE Cat M1 / NB1 module, mainly designed for operation in LTE bands 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 20, 28
- SARA-R410M-52B LTE Cat M1 module, mainly designed for operation in LTE bands 2, 4, 5, 12, 13
- SARA-R412M-02B LTE Cat M1 / NB1 and 2G module,
   mainly designed for operation in LTE bands 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 20 and 2G Quad-band
- SARA-N410-02B LTE Cat NB1 module, mainly designed for operation in LTE bands 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 28

| Item           | SARA-R404M             | SARA-R410M   | SARA-R412M  | SARA-N410   |
|----------------|------------------------|--|---|---|
| Protocol stack | 3GPP Release 13        | 3GPP Release 13  | 3GPP Release 13   | 3GPP Release 13   |
| RAT            | LTE Cat M1 Half-Duplex | LTE Cat M1 Half-Duplex<br>LTE Cat NB1 Half-Duplex <sup>1</sup>   | LTE Cat M1 Half-Duplex<br>LTE Cat NB1 Half-Duplex<br>2G GPRS / EGPRS  | LTE Cat NB1 Half-Duplex   |
| LTE FDD Bands  | Band 13 (750 MHz)      | Band 12 (700 MHz) Band 17 (700 MHz) 1,2,3 Band 28 (700 MHz) 1 Band 13 (750 MHz) 1 Band 20 (800 MHz) 1 Band 26 (850 MHz) 1,2 Band 18 (850 MHz) 1,2 Band 5 (850 MHz) Band 19 (850 MHz) 1,2 Band 8 (900 MHz) 1 Band 4 (1700 MHz) Band 3 (1800 MHz) 1 Band 2 (1900 MHz) 1 Band 25 (1900 MHz) 1,2,3 Band 1 (2100 MHz) 1 | Band 12 (700 MHz) Band 28 (700 MHz) Band 13 (750 MHz) Band 20 (800 MHz) Band 5 (850 MHz) Band 8 (900 MHz) Band 4 (1700 MHz) Band 3 (1800 MHz) Band 2 (1900 MHz) | Band 12 (700 MHz) Band 28 (700 MHz) Band 13 (750 MHz) Band 20 (800 MHz) Band 5 (850 MHz) Band 8 (900 MHz) Band 4 (1700 MHz) Band 3 (1800 MHz) Band 2 (1900 MHz) |
| LTE TDD bands  |                        | Band 39 (1900 MHz) 3,4   |   |   |
| 2G bands       |                        |  | GSM 850 MHz<br>E-GSM 900 MHz<br>DCS 1800 MHz<br>PCS 1900 MHz  |   |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not supported by the "01" product version.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Not supported by the "52" product version.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Not supported in signaling mode by the "02" product version.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Not supported in LTE category NB1. Not supported by the "01" and "52" product versions.



| Item        | SARA-R404M   | SARA-R410M   | SARA-R412M  | SARA-N410   |
|-------------|--|--|---|---|
| Power class | LTE Cat M1:<br>Class 3 (23 dBm)                            | LTE Cat M1 / NB1 <sup>5</sup> :<br>Class 3 (23 dBm)  | LTE category M1 / NB1: Class 3 (23 dBm) 2G GMSK: Class 4 (33 dBm) for GSM/E-GSM bands Class 1 (30 dBm) for DCS/PCS bands 2G 8-PSK: Class E2 (27 dBm) for GSM/E-GSM bands Class E2 (26 dBm) for DCS/PCS bands  | LTE category NB1:<br>Class 3 (23 dBm)                         |
| Data rate   | LTE category M1:<br>up to 375 kb/s UL<br>up to 300 kb/s DL | LTE category M1: up to 375 kb/s UL up to 300 kb/s DL LTE category NB1 <sup>5</sup> : up to 62.5 kb/s UL up to 27.2 kb/s DL | LTE category M1:  up to 375 kb/s UL  up to 300 kb/s DL  LTE category NB1:  up to 62.5 kb/s UL  up to 27.2 kb/s DL  GPRS multi-slot class 33 <sup>6</sup> :  Up to 85.6 kb/s UL  Up to 107 kb/s DL  EGPRS multi-slot class 33 <sup>6</sup> :  Up to 236.8 kb/s UL  Up to 296.0 kb/s DL | LTE category NB1:<br>up to 62.5 kb/s UL<br>up to 27.2 kb/s DL |

Table 2: SARA-R4/N4 series LTE Cat M1, LTE Cat NB1, EGPRS and GPRS characteristics

## 1.5 AT command support

The SARA-R4/N4 series modules support AT commands according to the 3GPP standards TS 27.007 [4], TS 27.005 [5], TS 27.010 [6], and the u-blox AT command extension.

For the complete list of all supported AT commands and their syntax, see the SARA-R4/N4 series AT Commands Manual [1].

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Not supported by the "01" product version.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> GPRS/EGPRS multi-slot class 33 implies a maximum of 5 slots in Down-Link and 4 slots in Up-Link with 6 slots in total.



## 1.6 Supported features

Table 3 lists some of the main features supported by SARA-R4/N4 series modules. For more details, see the SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual [2] and the SARA-R4/N4 series AT Commands Manual [1].

| GPIO configured to indicate the network status: registered home network, registered roaming,   |
|--|
| data call enabled, no service. The feature can be enabled through the +UGPIOC AT command.  |
| The <b>ANT_DET</b> pin provides antenna presence detection capability, evaluating the resistance from the <b>ANT</b> pin to GND by means of an external antenna detection circuit implemented on the application board.  The antenna supervisor (i.e. antenna detection) feature can be enabled through the +UANTR AT command.         |
|  |
| Embedded TCP/IP and UDP/IP stack including direct link mode for TCP and UDP sockets.  Sockets can be set in Direct Link mode to establish a transparent end-to-end communication with an already connected TCP or UDP socket via the serial interface.   |
| File Transfer Protocol functionality is supported via AT commands.   |
| Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol functionality is supported via AT commands.   |
| With the support of X.509 certificates, embedded SSL/TLS provides server and client authentication, data encryption, data signature and enables TCP/IP applications to communicate over a secured and trusted connection. The feature can be configured and enabled by the +USECMNG and +USECPRF AT commands.                          |
| Message Queuing Telemetry Transport is an ISO standard publish-subscribe messaging protocol designed for lightweight M2M communications over TCP. MQTT allows clients to communicate one-to-one, one-to-many and many-to-one over a long-lived outgoing TCP connection.  |
| Bearer Independent Protocol for Over-the-Air SIM provisioning.   |
| Capability to move between IPv4 and dual stack network infrastructures. IPv4 and IPv6 addresses can be used.   |
| Firmware module update over AT command interface. The feature can be enabled and configured through the +UFWUPD AT command.  |
| u-blox firmware module update over the LTE air interface client/server solution using LWM2M.   |
| Full access to u-blox positioning chips and modules is available through DDC (I <sup>2</sup> C) interface.  This means that from any host processor, a single serial port can control the SARA-R4/N4 series cellular module and the u-blox positioning chip or module.   |
| The Power Saving Mode (PSM) feature, defined in 3GPP Rel.13, allows further reduction of the module current consumption maximizing the amount of time a device can remain in PSM low power deep sleep mode during periods of data inactivity. It can be activated and configured by the +CPSMS AT command.                             |
| Extended Idle mode DRX, based on 3GPP Rel.13, reduces the amount of signaling overhead decreasing the frequency of scheduled measurements and/or transmissions performed by the module in idle mode. This in turn leads to a reduction in the module power consumption while maintaining a perpetual connection with the base station. |
| Coverage Enhancements Mode A, introduced in 3GPP Rel.13, is used to improve cell signal penetration.   |
| Coverage Enhancements Mode B, introduced in 3GPP Rel.13, is used to further improve cell signal penetration.   |
|  |

Table 3: Some of the main features supported by SARA-R4/N4 series modules

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Not supported by "00" product version

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Not supported by "00" and "01" product versions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The feature is disabled on "00" and "01" product versions due to network readiness

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Not supported by "00", "01", "02" and "52" product versions



## 2 Interfaces

## 2.1 Power management

## 2.1.1 Module supply input (VCC)

SARA-R4/N4 series modules must be supplied through the **VCC** pins by a DC power supply. Voltage must be stable, because during operation the current drawn from **VCC** may vary significantly, based on the power consumption profile of the LTE Cat M1, LTE Cat NB1 and the 2G radio access technologies (described in the SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual [2]).

SARA-R412M modules provide separate supply inputs over the three VCC pins:

- VCC pins #52 and #53 represent the supply input for the internal RF Power Amplifier, demanding most of the total current drawn of the module when RF transmission is enabled during a call
- VCC pin #51 represents the supply input for the internal baseband Power Management Unit, demanding minor part of the total current drawn of the module when RF transmission is enabled during a call

The three **VCC** pins of SARA-R404M, SARA-R410M and SARA-N410 modules are internally connected to both the internal Power Amplifier and the internal baseband Power Management Unit.

It is important that the system power supply circuit is able to withstand the maximum pulse current during a transmit burst at maximum power level (see Table 12).

## 2.1.2 Generic digital interfaces supply output (V\_INT)

SARA-R4/N4 series modules provide a 1.8 V supply rail output on the **V\_INT** pin, which is internally generated when the module is switched on. The same voltage domain is used internally to supply the generic digital interfaces of the module. The **V\_INT** supply output can be used in place of an external discrete regulator.

#### 2.2 Antenna interface

### 2.2.1 Antenna RF interface (ANT)

The **ANT** pin represents the RF antenna interface of the module, with a characteristic impedance of  $50 \Omega$ .

## 2.2.2 Antenna detection (ANT\_DET)

The **ANT\_DET** pin is an Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) input with a current source provided by SARA-R4/N4 series modules to sense the antenna presence (as an optional feature). It evaluates the resistance from the **ANT** pin to GND by means of an external antenna detection circuit implemented on the application board (for more details, see the u-blox SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual [2] and the SARA-R4/N4 series AT Commands Manual [1]).

## 2.3 System functions

#### 2.3.1 Module power-on

SARA-R4/N4 series can be switched on using the following procedure:

• Low level on the **PWR\_ON** pin, which is normally set high by an internal pull-up, for a valid time period when the applied **VCC** voltage is within the valid operating range (see sections 4.2.3 and 4.2.8). The **PWR\_ON** line has to be driven by open drain, open collector or contact switch.



## 2.3.2 Module power-off

SARA-R4/N4 series can be properly switched off, with storage of the current parameter settings and a clean network detach, in one of these ways:

- AT+CPWROFF command (see the SARA-R4/N4 series AT Commands Manual [1])
- Low pulse on the PWR\_ON pin for a valid time period (see section 4.2.8)

An abrupt shutdown occurs on SARA-R4/N4 series modules, without storage of the current parameter settings and without a clean network detach, when:

- the VCC supply drops below the extended operating range minimum limit
- a low level is applied on the RESET\_N pin, which is normally set high by an internal pull-up, for a
  valid time period (see section 4.2.9). RESET\_N line has to be driven by open drain, open collector or
  contact switch.

#### 2.3.3 Module reset

SARA-R4/N4 series modules can be reset (re-booted) by:

AT+CFUN command (see the SARA-R4/N4 series AT Commands Manual [1]). This causes an
 "internal" or "software" reset of the module. The current parameter settings are saved in the
 module's non-volatile memory and a clean network detach is performed.

#### 2.4 SIM

#### 2.4.1 SIM interface

A SIM card interface is provided on the **VSIM**, **SIM\_IO**, **SIM\_CLK**, **SIM\_RST** pins: the high-speed SIM/ME interface is implemented as well as the automatic detection of the required SIM supporting voltage.

Both 1.8 V and 3 V SIM types are supported (1.8 V and 3 V). Activation and deactivation with an automatic voltage switch from 1.8 V to 3 V is implemented according to the ISO-IEC 7816-3 specifications. The SIM driver supports the PPS procedure for baud-rate selection, according to the values proposed by the SIM card/chip.

## 2.4.2 SIM detection

The **GPIO5** pin of SARA-R4/N4 series modules is a 1.8 V digital input which can be configured as an external interrupt to detect the SIM card presence, as intended to be properly connected to the mechanical switch of an external SIM card holder. For more details, see the SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual [2] and the SARA-R4/N4 series AT Commands Manual [1].

## 2.5 Serial communication

The SARA-R4/N4 series provides the following serial communication interfaces:

- UART interface: asynchronous serial interface available for the communication with a DTE host application processor (AT commands, data communication, FW update by means of FOAT)
- USB interface: High-Speed USB 2.0 compliant interface available for communications with a USB host application processor (AT commands, data communication, FW update by means of the FOAT feature), for FW update by means of the u-blox tool and for diagnostics
- SPI interface: Serial Peripheral Interface available for communications with an external compatible device
- SDIO interface: Secure Digital Input Output interface available for communications with a compatible device
- DDC interface: I<sup>2</sup>C bus compatible interface available for communications with external I<sup>2</sup>C devices



#### 2.5.1 UART interface

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include a 9-wire unbalanced asynchronous serial interface (UART) for communication with an application host processor (AT commands and data communication).

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The UART is available only if the USB is not enabled as AT command / data communication interface: UART and USB cannot be concurrently used for this purpose.

#### **UART** features are:

- Complete serial port with RS-232 functionality conforming to the ITU-T V.24 Recommendation [9], with CMOS compatible signal levels (0 V for low data bit or ON state and 1.8 V for high data bit or OFF state)
- Data lines (RXD as output, TXD as input), hardware flow control lines (CTS as output, RTS as input), modem status and control lines (DTR as input, DSR as output, DCD as output, RI as output) are provided
- The default baud rate is 115'200 b/s
- The default frame format is 8N1 (8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit)

Hardware flow control is not supported by the "00", "01" and SARA-R410M-02B product versions, but the **RTS** input line needs to be set low (= ON state) to communicate over the UART interface on the "00" and "01" product versions.

The UART serial interface can be conveniently configured through AT commands. For more details, see the SARA-R4/N4 series AT Commands Manual [1] and the SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual [2].

#### 2.5.1.1 Multiplexer protocol

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include multiplexer functionality as per 3GPP TS 27.010 [6] on the UART physical link.

This is a data link protocol which uses HDLC-like framing and operates between the module (DCE) and the application processor (DTE), allowing a number of simultaneous sessions over the physical link (UART).

The following virtual channels are defined:

- Channel 0: for Multiplexer control
- Channel 1: for all AT commands, and non-Dial Up Network (non-DUN) data connections. UDP, TCP data socket / data call connections through relevant AT commands.
- Channel 2: for Dial Up Network (DUN) data connection. It requires the host to have and use its own TCP/IP stack. The DUN can be initiated on the modem side or terminal/host side.
- Channel 3: for u-blox GNSS data tunneling (not supported by the "00" and "01" product versions).

#### 2.5.2 USB interface

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include a high-speed USB 2.0 compliant interface with a maximum 480 Mb/s data rate according to the USB 2.0 specification [10] representing the main interface for transferring high speed data with a host application processor. The module itself acts as a USB device and can be connected to any USB host equipped with compatible drivers.

The USB is the most suitable interface for transferring high speed data between SARA-R4/N4 series and a host processor, available for AT commands, data communication, FW upgrade by means of the FOAT feature, FW upgrade by means of the u-blox dedicated tool and for diagnostic purposes.



The **USB\_D+** / **USB\_D-** lines carry the USB data and signaling, while the **VUSB\_DET** pin represents the input to enable the USB interface by applying an external valid USB VBUS supply voltage (5.0 V typical).

- The USB interface is available as an AT command / data communication interface only if an external valid USB VBUS supply voltage (5.0 V typical) is applied at the **VUSB\_DET** input of the module since the switch-on of the module, and then held during normal operations. In this case, the UART will not be available.
- If the USB interface is enabled, the module does not enter the low power deep sleep mode: the external USB VBUS supply voltage needs to be removed from the **VUSB\_DET** input of the module to let it enter the Power Saving Mode defined in 3GPP Rel.13.

SARA-R4/N4 series modules provide by default a set of two USB functions:

- AT commands and data communication
- Diagnostic log

For more details regarding USB configurations / capabilities, see the SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual [2].

#### 2.5.3 SPI interface

The SPI interface is not supported by the "00", "01", "02" and "52" product versions.

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include a Serial Peripheral Interface for communications with compatible external device.

The SPI interface can be made available as an alternative function, in a mutually exclusive way, over the digital audio interface pins (I2S\_WA / SPI\_MOSI, I2S\_RXD / SPI\_MISO, I2S\_CLK / SPI\_CLK, I2S\_TXD / SPI\_CS).

#### 2.5.4 SDIO interface

The SDIO interface is not supported by the "00", "01", "02" and "52" product versions.

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include a 4-bit Secure Digital Input Output interface (SDIO\_D0, SDIO\_D1, SDIO\_D2, SDIO\_D3, SDIO\_CLK, and SDIO\_CMD) designed to communicate with external compatible SDIO devices.

## 2.5.5 DDC (I<sup>2</sup>C) interface

The DDC (I<sup>2</sup>C) interface is not supported by the "00" and "01" product versions.

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include an I<sup>2</sup>C-bus compatible DDC interface (**SDA**, **SCL**) available to communicate with a u-blox GNSS receiver and with external I<sup>2</sup>C devices as for example an audio codec: the SARA-R4/N4 series module acts as an I<sup>2</sup>C master that can communicate with I<sup>2</sup>C slaves in accordance with the I<sup>2</sup>C bus specifications [11].

The **SDA** and **SCL** pins have internal pull-up to **V\_INT**, so there is no need of additional pull-up resistors on the external application board.



### 2.6 Audio

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Audio is not supported by the "00", "01", "02" and "52" product versions.

SARA-R4/N4 series modules support VoLTE (Voice over LTE Cat M1 radio bearer) for providing audio services.

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include an I<sup>2</sup>S digital audio interface to transfer digital audio data to/from an external compatible audio device.

The digital audio interface can be made available as an alternative function, in a mutually exclusive way, over the SPI interface pins (I2S\_WA / SPI\_MOSI, I2S\_RXD / SPI\_MISO, I2S\_CLK / SPI\_CLK, I2S\_TXD / SPI\_CS).

### **2.7 GPIO**

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include six pins (**GPIO1-GPIO6**) that can be configured as general purpose input/output or to provide custom functions as summarized in Table 4 (for further details, see the SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual [2] and the GPIO section of the SARA-R4/N4 series AT Commands Manual [1]).

|  | Default GPIO   | Configurable GPIOs  |
|--|--|---|
| Network status: registered / data transmission, no service   |  | GPIO1   |
| Enable/disable the supply of a u-blox GNSS receiver connected to the cellular module by the DDC (I <sup>2</sup> C) interface | -  | GPIO2   |
| Sense when a u-blox GNSS receiver connected to the module is ready for sending data by the DDC (I <sup>2</sup> C) interface  | -  | GPIO3   |
| SIM card physical presence detection   |  | GPIO5   |
| Module switched off or in PSM low power deep sleep mode, versus active or connected mode                                     |  | GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3,<br>GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6   |
| Input to trigger last gasp notification  | -  | GPIO3, GPIO4, GPIO6   |
| Input to sense high or low digital level   |  | GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3,<br>GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6   |
| Output to set the high or the low digital level  |  | GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3,<br>GPIO4, GPIO6  |
| Tri-state with an internal active pull-down enabled  |  | GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3,<br>GPIO4, GPIO5, GPIO6   |
|  | service  Enable/disable the supply of a u-blox GNSS receiver connected to the cellular module by the DDC (I²C) interface  Sense when a u-blox GNSS receiver connected to the module is ready for sending data by the DDC (I²C) interface  SIM card physical presence detection  Module switched off or in PSM low power deep sleep mode, versus active or connected mode  Input to trigger last gasp notification  Input to sense high or low digital level  Output to set the high or the low digital level | service  Enable/disable the supply of a u-blox GNSS receiver connected to the cellular module by the DDC (I²C) interface  Sense when a u-blox GNSS receiver connected to the module is ready for sending data by the DDC (I²C) interface  SIM card physical presence detection  Module switched off or in PSM low power deep sleep mode, versus active or connected mode  Input to trigger last gasp notification  Input to sense high or low digital level  Output to set the high or the low digital level  Tri-state with an internal active pull-down enabled  GPIO1, GPIO2, GPIO3, |

Table 4: GPIO custom functions configuration

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Not supported by "00" and "01" product versions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Not supported by "00", "01" and SARA-R410M-02B product versions



## 3 Pin definition

## 3.1 Pin assignment

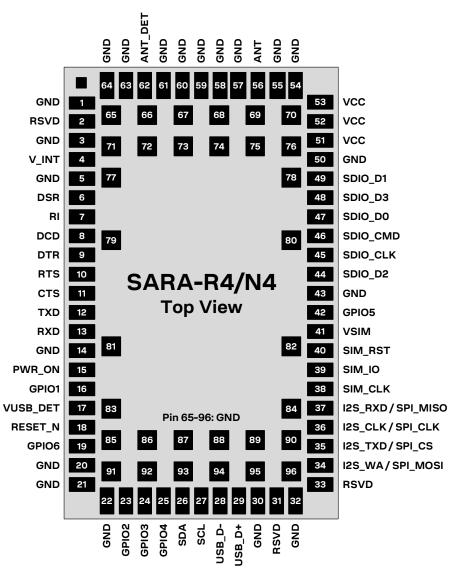


Figure 2: SARA-R4/N4 series pin assignment (top view)

| No | Name  | Power<br>domain | I/O | Description                                 | Remarks  |
|----|-------|-----------------|-----|---|--|
| 1  | GND   | -               | N/A | Ground                                      | All the GND pins must be connected to ground   |
| 2  | RSVD  | -               | N/A | RESERVED pin                                | Leave unconnected.   |
| 3  | GND   | -               | N/A | Ground                                      | All the GND pins must be connected to ground   |
| 4  | V_INT | -               | 0   | Generic Digital<br>Interfaces supply output | V_INT = 1.8 V (typical) generated by the module when is switched on, outside low power PSM deep sleep mode. See section 4.2.3 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes. |
| 5  | GND   | -               | N/A | Ground                                      | All the GND pins must be connected to ground   |
| 6  | DSR   | GDI             | 0   | UART data set ready                         | Circuit 107 (DSR) in ITU-T V.24.<br>See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |



| No | Name     | Power<br>domain | I/O | Description                    | Remarks  |
|----|----------|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------|--|
| 7  | RI       | GDI             | 0   | UART ring indicator            | Circuit 125 (RI) in ITU-T V.24.  |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 8  | DCD      | GDI             | 0   | UART data carrier detect       | Circuit 109 (DCD) in ITU-T V.24. See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.                             |
| 9  | DTR      | GDI             | ı   | UART data terminal             | Circuit 108/2 (DTR) in ITU-T V. 24.  |
|    |          |                 |     | ready                          | Internal active pull-up to V_INT.  |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 10 | RTS      | GDI             | ı   | UART ready to send             | Circuit 105 (RTS) in ITU-T V.24.   |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | Internal active pull-up to V_INT.  |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | Flow control is not supported by the "00", "01" and  |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | SARA-R410M-02B product versions  |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 11 | CTS      | GDI             | 0   | UART clear to send             | Circuit 106 (CTS) in ITU-T V.24.   |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | Flow control is not supported by the "00", "01" and  |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | SARA-R410M-02B product versions  |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 12 | TXD      | GDI             | I   | UART data input                | Circuit 103 (TxD) in ITU-T V.24.   |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | Internal pull-down to GND on "00" and R410M-02 versions<br>Internal pull-up to V_INT on other product versions |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 13 | RXD      | GDI             | 0   | UART data output               | Circuit 104 (RxD) in ITU-T V.24.   |
| 13 | RAD      | GDI             | U   | OART data output               | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 14 | GND      | _               | N/A | Ground                         | <u>.</u>   |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | All the GND pins must be connected to ground   |
| 15 | PWR_ON   | POS             | I   | Power-on / power-off input     | Internal 200 $k\Omega$ pull-up resistor.<br>See section 4.2.8 for detailed electrical specs.                   |
|    |          |                 |     | iiipac                         | Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.  |
| 16 | GPIO1    | GDI             | I/O | GPIO                           | Configurable GPIO (see section 2.7).   |
| 10 | OFIOT    | ODI             | 1,0 | OFIO                           | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 17 | VUSB_DET | USB             |     | USB detect input               | Input for VBUS (5 V typical) USB supply sense.   |
|    | 1005_52. | 005             | •   | oob dottoot input              | See section 4.2.11 for detailed electrical specs.  |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.  |
| 18 | RESET_N  | ERS             | ı   | External reset input           | Internal 37 k $\Omega$ pull-up resistor to V_INT.  |
|    | _        |                 |     | •                              | See section 4.2.9 for detailed electrical specs.   |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.  |
| 19 | GPIO6    | GDI             | I/O | GPIO                           | Configurable GPIO (see section 2.7).   |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 20 | GND      | -               | N/A | Ground                         | All the GND pins must be connected to ground   |
| 21 | GND      | -               | N/A | Ground                         | All the GND pins must be connected to ground   |
| 22 | GND      | -               | N/A | Ground                         | All the GND pins must be connected to ground   |
| 23 | GPIO2    | GDI             | I/O | GPIO                           | Configurable GPIO (see section 2.7).   |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 24 | GPIO3    | GDI             | I/O | GPIO                           | Configurable GPIO (see section 2.7).   |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 25 | GPIO4    | GDI             | I/O | GPIO                           | Configurable GPIO (see section 2.7).   |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |
| 26 | SDA      | DDC             | I/O | I <sup>2</sup> C bus data line | Fixed open drain.  |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | Internal 2.2 k $\Omega$ pull-up resistor to V_INT.   |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | Not supported by "00" and "01" product versions  |
|    |          |                 |     |                                | See section 4.2.13 for detailed electrical specs.  |

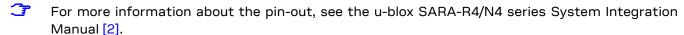


|    |                      | domain | I/O     | Description   | Remarks  |  |  |  |
|----|----------------------|--------|---------|---|--|--|--|--|
| 27 | SCL                  | DDC    | 0       | I <sup>2</sup> C bus clock line                                       | Fixed open drain. Internal 2.2 k $\Omega$ pull-up resistor to V_INT. Not supported by "00" and "01" product versions See section 4.2.13 for detailed electrical specs.   |  |  |  |
| 28 | USB_D-               | USB    | I/O     | USB Data Line D-  | $90\Omega$ nominal differential impedance. Pull-up, pull-down and series resistors, as required by the USB 2.0 specifications [10], are part of the USB pin driver and shall not be provided externally. See section 4.2.11 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes. |  |  |  |
| 29 | USB_D+               | USB    | I/O     | USB Data Line D+  | $90\Omega$ nominal differential impedance. Pull-up, pull-down and series resistors, as required by USB 2.0 specifications [10], are part of the USB pin driver and shall not be provided externally. See section 4.2.11 for detailed electrical specs. Provide test point for diagnostic purposes.     |  |  |  |
| 30 | GND                  | -      | N/A     | Ground  | All the GND pins must be connected to ground   |  |  |  |
| 31 | RSVD                 | -      | N/A     | RESERVED pin  | Leave unconnected.   |  |  |  |
| 32 | GND                  | -      | N/A     | Ground  | All the GND pins must be connected to ground   |  |  |  |
| 33 | RSVD                 | -      | N/A     | RESERVED pin  | This pin can be connected to GND.  |  |  |  |
| 34 | I2S_WA/<br>SPI_MOSI  | GDI    | 0/      | I <sup>2</sup> S word alignment /<br>SPI Master Output Slave<br>Input | I <sup>2</sup> S word alignment, alternatively configurable as<br>SPI Master Output Slave Input<br>Not supported by "00", "01" and "x2" product versions<br>See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 35 | I2S_TXD/<br>SPI_CS   | GDI    | 0/      | I <sup>2</sup> S transmit data /<br>SPI Chip Select                   | I <sup>2</sup> S transmit data out, alternatively configurable as<br>SPI Chip Select<br>Not supported by "00", "01" and "x2" product versions<br>See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.   |  |  |  |
| 36 | I2S_CLK/<br>SPI_CLK  | GDI    | 0/      | I <sup>2</sup> S clock /<br>SPI clock                                 | l <sup>2</sup> S clock, alternatively configurable as<br>SPI clock<br>Not supported by "00", "01" and "x2" product versions<br>See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.   |  |  |  |
| 37 | I2S_RXD/<br>SPI_MISO | GDI    | I/<br>I | I <sup>2</sup> S receive data /<br>SPI Master Input Slave<br>Output   | I <sup>2</sup> S receive data input, alternatively configurable as<br>SPI Master Input Slave Output<br>Not supported by "00", "01" and "x2" product versions<br>See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 38 | SIM_CLK              | SIM    | 0       | SIM clock   | See section 4.2.10 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 39 | SIM_IO               | SIM    | I/O     | SIM data  | Internal 4.7 k $\Omega$ pull-up resistor to VSIM. See section 4.2.10 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 40 | SIM_RST              | SIM    | 0       | SIM reset   | See section 4.2.10 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 41 | VSIM                 | -      | 0       | SIM supply output   | VSIM = 1.80 V typical or 2.95 V typical generated by the module according to the external SIM card type. See section 4.2.3 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 42 | GPIO5                | GDI    | I       | SIM detection   | SIM card presence detection input, alternatively configurable as GPIO (see section 2.7).  See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 43 | GND                  | -      | N/A     | Ground  | All the GND pins must be connected to ground   |  |  |  |
| 44 | SDIO_D2              | GDI    | I/O     | SDIO serial data [2]  | Not supported by "00", "01" and "x2" product versions<br>See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.   |  |  |  |
| 45 | SDIO_CLK             | GDI    | 0       | SDIO serial clock   | Not supported by "00", "01" and "x2" product versions<br>See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.   |  |  |  |
| 46 | SDIO_CMD             | GDI    | I/O     | SDIO command  | Not supported by "00", "01" and "x2" product version See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.   |  |  |  |



| No    | Name    | Power<br>domain | I/O | Description          | Remarks   |  |  |  |
|-------|---------|-----------------|-----|----------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 47    | SDIO_D0 | GDI             | I/O | SDIO serial data [0] | Not supported by "00", "01" and "x2" product versions<br>See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 48    | SDIO_D3 | GDI             | I/O | SDIO serial data [3] | Not supported by "00", "01" and "x2" product versions<br>See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 49    | SDIO_D1 | GDI             | I/O | SDIO serial data [1] | Not supported by "00", "01" and "x2" product versions<br>See section 4.2.12 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 50    | GND     | -               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |
| 51    | VCC     | -               | I   | Module supply input  | All VCC pins must be connected to external supply. SARA-R404M, SARA-R410M and SARA-N410: supply input for all internal parts. SARA-R412M: supply input for internal BB PMU. See section 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 for detailed specs. |  |  |  |
| 52    | VCC     | -               | I   | Module supply input  | All VCC pins must be connected to external supply. SARA-R404M, SARA-R410M and SARA-N410: supply input for all internal parts. SARA-R412M: supply input for internal RF PA. See section 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 for detailed specs.  |  |  |  |
| 53    | VCC     | -               | I   | Module supply input  | All VCC pins must be connected to external supply. SARA-R404M, SARA-R410M and SARA-N410: supply input for all internal parts. SARA-R412M: supply input for internal RF PA. See section 4.2.3 and 4.2.4 for detailed specs.  |  |  |  |
| 54    | GND     | -               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |
| 55    | GND     | -               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |
| 56    | ANT     | -               | I/O | RF input/output      | $50\Omega$ nominal impedance. See section 4.2.5 for detailed electrical specs.  |  |  |  |
| 57    | GND     | -               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |
| 58    | GND     | -               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |
| 59    | GND     | -               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |
| 60    | GND     | -               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |
| 61    | GND     | -               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |
| 62    | ANT_DET | ADC             | I   | Antenna detection    | Antenna presence detection function. See section 4.2.7 for detailed electrical specs.   |  |  |  |
| 63    | GND     | -               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |
| 64    | GND     | -               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |
| 65-96 | GND     | _               | N/A | Ground               | All the GND pins must be connected to ground  |  |  |  |

Table 5: SARA-R4/N4 series pin-out



See Appendix A for an explanation of the abbreviations and terms used.



## 4 Electrical specifications

Stressing the device above one or more of the ratings listed in the Absolute Maximum Rating section may cause permanent damage. These are stress ratings only. Operating the module at these or at any conditions other than those specified in the Operating Conditions sections (section 4.2) of the specification should be avoided. Exposure to Absolute Maximum Rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

Operating condition ranges define those limits within which the functionality of the device is guaranteed.

Electrical characteristics are defined according to the verification on a representative number of samples or according to the simulation.

Where application information is given, it is advisory only and does not form part of the specification.

## 4.1 Absolute maximum rating

Limiting values given below are in accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 134).

| Symbol   | Description                | Condition  | Min. | Max. | Unit |
|----------|----------------------------|--|------|------|------|
| VCC      | Module supply voltage      | Input DC voltage at VCC pins (SARA-R404M)                              | -0.5 | 6.0  | V    |
|          |                            | Input DC voltage at VCC pins<br>(SARA-R404M, SARA-R410M and SARA-N410) | -0.5 | 5.2  | V    |
| VUSB_DET | USB detection pin          | Input DC voltage at VUSB_DET pin                                       | -0.5 | 5.5  | V    |
| USB      | USB D+/D- pins             | Input DC voltage at USB interface pins                                 | -0.3 | 3.6  | V    |
| GDI      | Generic digital interfaces | Input DC voltage at Generic digital interfaces pins                    | -0.3 | 2.3  | V    |
| DDC      | DDC interface              | Input DC voltage at DDC interface pins                                 | -0.3 | 2.3  | V    |
| SIM      | SIM interface              | Input DC voltage at SIM interface pins                                 | -0.3 | 3.5  | V    |
| ERS      | External reset input       | Input DC voltage at RESET_N pin  | -0.5 | 2.1  | V    |
| POS      | Power-on input             | Input DC voltage at PWR_ON pin   | -0.5 | 2.1  | V    |
| ADC      | Antenna detection input    | Input DC voltage at ANT_DET pin  | -0.5 | 4.3  | V    |
| Rho_ANT  | Antenna ruggedness         | Output RF load mismatch ruggedness at ANT pins                         |      | 10:1 | VSWF |
| Tstg     | Storage temperature        |  | -40  | +85  | °C   |

Table 6: Absolute maximum ratings



The product is not protected against overvoltage or reversed voltages. If necessary, voltage spikes exceeding the voltage specifications given in the table above, must be limited to values within the specified boundaries by using appropriate protection devices.

#### 4.1.1 Maximum ESD

| Parameter                    | Min | Typical | Max   | Unit | Remarks                                   |
|------------------------------|-----|---------|-------|------|---|
| ESD sensitivity for all pins |     |         | 1'000 | V    | Human Body Model according to JESD22-A114 |

Table 7: Maximum ESD ratings



u-blox cellular modules are Electrostatic Sensitive Devices and require special precautions when handling. See section 7.4 for ESD handling instructions.



## 4.2 Operating conditions



Unless otherwise indicated, all operating condition specifications are at an ambient temperature of +25 °C.



Operation beyond the operating conditions is not recommended and extended exposure beyond them may affect device reliability.

## 4.2.1 Operating temperature range

| Parameter                      | Min. Ty            | p. Max. Unit | Remarks   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---|
| Normal operating temperature   | <del>-</del> 20 +2 | 5 +65 °C     | Normal operating temperature range (fully functional and meet 3GPP / ETSI specifications)   |
| Extended operating temperature | -40                | +85 °C       | Extended operating temperature range (RF performance may be affected outside normal operating range, though module is fully functional) |

**Table 8: Environmental conditions** 

## 4.2.2 Thermal parameters

| Symbol           | Parameter                              | Min. | Тур. Мах. | Unit | Remarks   |
|------------------|--|------|-----------|------|---|
| Ψ <sub>M-A</sub> | Module-to-Ambient<br>thermal parameter |      | 10        | °C/W | Thermal characterization parameter $\Psi_{M\text{-}A} = (T_M - T_A)  /  P_H  \text{proportional to the temperature difference}$ between the internal temperature sensor of the module $(T_M)$ and the ambient temperature $(T_A)$ , produced by the module heat power dissipation $(P_H)$ , with the module mounted on a 79 x 62 x 1.41 mm 4-Layer PCB with a high coverage of copper, in still air conditions  |
| Ψ <sub>M-C</sub> | Module-to-Case<br>thermal parameter    |      | 2         | °C/W | Thermal characterization parameter $\Psi_{\text{M-C}} = -T_{\text{M}} - T_{\text{C}})  /  P_{\text{H}}  \text{proportional to the temperature difference}$ between the internal temperature sensor of the module $(T_{\text{M}})$ and the ambient temperature $(T_{\text{C}})$ , produced by the module heat power dissipation $(P_{\text{H}})$ , with the module mounted on a 79 x 62 x 1.41 mm 4-Layer PCB with a high coverage of copper, with a robust aluminum heat-sink and with forced air ventilation, i.e. reducing to a value close to 0 °C/W the thermal resistance from the case of the module to the ambient |

Table 9: Thermal characterization parameters of the module

## 4.2.3 Supply/power pins

| Symbol | Parameter   | Module     | Min. | Typical | Max. | Unit |
|--------|---|------------|------|---------|------|------|
| VCC    | Module supply normal operating input voltage 13   | SARA-R404M | 3.2  | 3.8     | 4.2  | V    |
|        |   | SARA-R410M |      |         |      |      |
|        |   | SARA-N410  |      |         |      |      |
|        |   | SARA-R412M | 3.2  | 3.8     | 4.5  | V    |
|        | Module supply extended operating input voltage 14 | SARA-R404M | 3.0  | 3.8     | 4.3  | V    |
|        |   | SARA-R410M |      |         |      |      |
|        |   | SARA-N410  |      |         |      |      |
|        |   | SARA-R412M | 3.0  | 3.8     | 4.5  | V    |

Table 10: Input characteristics of the Supply/Power pins

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Input voltage at VCC must be above the normal operating range minimum limit to switch on the module. RF performance may be affected when the input voltage at VCC drops below the herein stated normal operating range minimum limit, though the module is still fully functional.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Ensure that input voltage at VCC never drops below the extended operating range minimum limit during module operation: the cellular module may switch off when the VCC voltage value drops below the herein stated extended operating range minimum limit.<sup>15</sup> Typical values with a matched antenna.



| Symbol | Parameter   | Module | Min. | Typical | Max. | Unit |
|--------|---|--------|------|---------|------|------|
| VSIM   | SIM supply output voltage with 1.8 V external SIM           | All    |      | 1.80    |      | V    |
|        | SIM supply output voltage with 3.0 V external SIM           | All    |      | 2.95    |      | V    |
| V_INT  | Generic Digital Interfaces supply output voltage            | All    |      | 1.80    |      | V    |
| I_INT  | Generic Digital Interfaces supply output current capability | All    |      |         | 70   | mA   |

Table 11: Output characteristics of the Supply/Power pins

## 4.2.4 Current consumption

| Mode  | Condition   | Tx power Min | Typ <sup>15</sup> | Max <sup>16</sup> | Unit |
|---|---|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|------|
| Power Off Mode<br>(module switched off, RTC off)                                    | Averaged current value  |              | 6                 |                   | μА   |
| PSM Deep Sleep Mode<br>(RTC on)   | Averaged current value  |              | 8                 |                   | μА   |
| Low Power Mode<br>(+UPSV=4)   | Averaged current value (rock bottom)                                |              | 0.6               |                   | mA   |
|   | Averaged current value (eDRX 20.48 s)                               |              | 1.6               |                   | mA   |
| Active Mode<br>(Power Saving / Low Power Mode<br>disabled, registered with network) | Averaged current value  |              | 9                 |                   | mA   |
| LTE Cat NB1 Connected Mode  | Averaged current value  | Minimum      | 60                |                   | mA   |
| (Data Tx / Rx)  |   | 0 dBm        | 65                |                   | mA   |
|   |   | 12 dBm       | 80                |                   | mA   |
|   |   | 18 dBm       | 100               |                   | mA   |
|   |   | Maximum      | 140               |                   | mA   |
|   | Peak current value during Tx  | Maximum      |                   | 490               | mA   |
| LTE Cat M1 Connected Mode   | Averaged current value  | Minimum      | 100               |                   | mA   |
| (Data Tx / Rx)  |   | 0 dBm        | 105               |                   | mA   |
|   |   | 12 dBm       | 125               |                   | mA   |
|   |   | 18 dBm       | 150               |                   | mA   |
|   |   | Maximum      | 190               |                   | mA   |
|   | Peak current value during Tx  | Maximum      |                   | 490               | mA   |
| 2G Connected Mode<br>(Data Tx / Rx)   | Averaged current during a GMSK 1-slot<br>Tx call, 850/900 MHz bands | Maximum      | 200               |                   | mA   |
|   | Peak current during a GMSK 1-slot Tx<br>burst, 850/900 MHz bands    | Maximum      | 1.5               | 1.9               | Α    |

Table 12: Module VCC current consumption 17

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Typical values with a matched antenna.

 $<sup>^{16}</sup>$  Maximum values with a mismatched antenna. $^{17}$  All values with VCC = 3.8 V, with UART connected and USB disconnected.

 $<sup>^{17}</sup>$  All values with VCC = 3.8 V, with UART connected and USB disconnected.



### 4.2.5 LTE RF characteristics

The LTE bands supported by SARA-R4/N4 series modules are defined in Table 2, while the following Table 13 describes the Transmitting and Receiving frequencies according to 3GPP TS 36.521-1 [7].

| Frequency range                      |          |      |      |     | Remarks         |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------|------|-----|-----------------|
| EDD Dand 10 (700 MILL)               | Uplink   | 699  | 716  | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 12 (700 MHz)                | Downlink | 729  | 746  | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 704  | 716  | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 17 (700 MHz)                | Downlink | 734  | 746  | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 703  | 748  | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 28 (700 MHz)                | Downlink | 758  | 803  | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 777  | 787  | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 13 (700 MHz)                | Downlink | 746  | 756  | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 832  | 862  | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 20 (800 MHz)                | Downlink | 791  | 821  | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 814  | 849  | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 26 (850 MHz)                | Downlink | 859  | 894  | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 815  | 830  | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 18 (850 MHz)                | Downlink | 860  | 875  | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 824  | 849  | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 5 (850 MHz)                 | Downlink | 869  | 894  | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 830  | 845  | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 19 (850 MHz)                | Downlink | 875  | 890  | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 880  | 915  | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 8 (900 MHz)                 | Downlink | 925  | 960  | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 1710 | 1755 | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 4 (1700 MHz)                | Downlink | 2110 | 2155 | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 1710 | 1785 | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 3 (1800 MHz)                | Downlink | 1805 | 1880 | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 1850 | 1910 | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 2 (1900 MHz)                | Downlink | 1930 | 1990 | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 1850 | 1915 | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 25 (1900 MHz)               | Downlink | 1930 | 1995 | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 1880 | 1920 | MHz | Module transmit |
| TDD Band 39 (1900 MHz) <sup>18</sup> | Downlink | 1880 | 1920 | MHz | Module receive  |
| Frequency range                      | Uplink   | 1920 | 1980 | MHz | Module transmit |
| FDD Band 1 (2100 MHz)                | Downlink | 2110 | 2170 | MHz | Module receive  |

Table 13: LTE operating RF frequency bands

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include a UE Power Class 3 LTE Cat M1 / NB1 transmitter (see Table 2), with output power and characteristics according to 3GPP TS 36.521-1 [7].

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 18}$  Supported in LTE category M1 only



SARA-R4/N4 series modules LTE receiver characteristics are compliant to 3GPP TS 36.521-1 [7], with LTE conducted receiver sensitivity performance described in Table 14 and Table 15.

| Parameter   | Min. | Typical | Max. | Unit | Remarks             |
|---|------|---------|------|------|---------------------|
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 12 / 17 (700 MHz)          |      | -107.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 28 (700 MHz)               |      | -105.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 13 (700 MHz)               |      | -105.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 20 (800 MHz)               |      | -105.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 5 / 18 / 19 / 26 (850 MHz) |      | -105.5  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 8 (900 MHz)                |      | -106.5  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 4 (1700 MHz)               |      | -107.5  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 3 (1800 MHz)               |      | -106.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 2 / 25 (1900 MHz)          |      | -106.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 1 (2100 MHz)               |      | -107.5  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |

Condition: 50  $\Omega$  source, throughput > 95%, QPSK modulation, other settings as per 3GPP TS 36.521-1[7]

Table 14: LTE Cat M1 receiver sensitivity performance

| Parameter   | Min. | Typical | Max. | Unit | Remarks             |
|---|------|---------|------|------|---------------------|
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 12 / 17 (700 MHz)          |      | -113.5  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 28 (700 MHz)               |      | -112.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 13 (700 MHz)               |      | -112.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 20 (800 MHz)               |      | -112.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 5 / 18 / 19 / 26 (850 MHz) |      | -112.5  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 8 (900 MHz)                |      | -113.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 4 (1700 MHz)               |      | -114.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 3 (1800 MHz)               |      | -113.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 2 / 25 (1900 MHz)          |      | -113.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>Band 1 (2100 MHz)               |      | -114.0  |      | dBm  | Without repetitions |

Condition: 50  $\Omega$  source, throughput > 95%, other settings as per 3GPP TS 36.521-1 [7]

Table 15: LTE Cat NB1 receiver sensitivity performance



#### 4.2.6 2G RF characteristics

The 2G bands supported by SARA-R4/N4 series modules are defined in Table 2, while the following Table 16 describes the Transmitting and Receiving frequencies according to 3GPP TS 51.010-1 [8].

| Parameter                   |          | Min  | Max  | Unit | Remarks         |
|-----------------------------|----------|------|------|------|-----------------|
| Frequency range<br>GSM 850  | Uplink   | 824  | 849  | MHz  | Module transmit |
|                             | Downlink | 869  | 894  | MHz  | Module receive  |
| Frequency range             | Uplink   | 880  | 915  | MHz  | Module transmit |
| E-GSM 900                   | Downlink | 925  | 960  | MHz  | Module receive  |
| Frequency range             | Uplink   | 1710 | 1785 | MHz  | Module transmit |
| DCS 1800                    | Downlink | 1805 | 1880 | MHz  | Module receive  |
| Frequency range<br>PCS 1900 | Uplink   | 1850 | 1910 | MHz  | Module transmit |
|                             | Downlink | 1930 | 1990 | MHz  | Module receive  |

Table 16: 2G operating RF frequency bands

SARA-R4/N4 series modules include a GMSK Power Class 4 transmitter for GSM 850 and E-GSM 900 bands, a GMSK Power Class 1 transmitter for DCS 1800 and PCS 1900 bands, a 8-PSK Power Class E2 transmitter for all 2G bands (see Table 2), with output power and characteristics according to 3GPP TS 51.010-1 [8].

SARA-R4/N4 series modules 2G receiver characteristics are compliant to 3GPP TS 51.010-1 [8], with conducted receiver sensitivity performance described in Table 17.

| Parameter                               | Min | Typical | Max | Unit | Remarks                                  |
|---|-----|---------|-----|------|--|
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>GSM 850   |     | -109    |     | dBm  | Downlink RF level @ BER Class II < 2.4 % |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>E-GSM 900 |     | -109    |     | dBm  | Downlink RF level @ BER Class II < 2.4 % |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>DCS 1800  |     | -109    |     | dBm  | Downlink RF level @ BER Class II < 2.4 % |
| Receiver input sensitivity<br>PCS 1900  |     | -109    |     | dBm  | Downlink RF level @ BER Class II < 2.4 % |

Condition:  $50 \Omega$  source

Table 17: 2G receiver sensitivity performance

## 4.2.7 ANT\_DET pin characteristics

| Pin Name | Parameter                           | Min. | Тур. | Max. | Unit | Remarks |
|----------|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|---------|
| ANT_DET  | Output DC current pulse value       |      | 35   |      | μΑ   |         |
|          | Output DC current pulse time length |      | 1160 |      | μs   |         |

Table 18: ANT\_DET pin characteristics



## 4.2.8 PWR\_ON pin

| Min.  | Typical                               | Max.   | Unit  | Remarks  |
|-------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|
|       | 1.8                                   |  | V   | The PWR_ON input is pulled up to an internal voltage rail minus a diode drop: the voltage value present at PWR_ON input pin is normally 0.8 V typical. |
| -0.30 |                                       | 0.35   | V   |  |
| 150   | 200                                   | 250  | kΩ  | Internal active pull-up  |
| -0.20 |                                       | 0.20   | μΑ  |  |
| 0.15  |                                       | 3.20   | s   | Low time to trigger module switch on from power off mode   |
| 0.15  |                                       | 3.20   | s   | Low time to trigger module wake-up from PSM deep sleep   |
| 1.50  |                                       |  | s   | Low time to trigger module switch off  |
|       | -0.30<br>150<br>-0.20<br>0.15<br>0.15 | 1.8<br>-0.30<br>150 200<br>-0.20<br>0.15<br>0.15 | 1.8  -0.30 0.35 150 200 250 -0.20 0.15 3.20 0.15 3.20 | 1.8 V  -0.30 0.35 V  150 200 250 kΩ  -0.20 μA  0.15 3.20 s  0.15 3.20 s  |

Table 19: PWR\_ON pin characteristics

## 4.2.9 RESET\_N pin

| Parameter                                | Min.  | Typical | Max. | Unit | Remarks                               |
|--|-------|---------|------|------|---------------------------------------|
| Internal supply for RESET_N Input Signal |       | 1.8     |      | V    |                                       |
| Low-level input                          | -0.30 |         | 0.63 | V    |                                       |
| Pull-up resistance                       |       | 37      |      | kΩ   | Internal active pull-up               |
| Input leakage current                    | -0.20 |         | 0.20 | μΑ   |                                       |
| RESET_N low time                         | 10    |         |      | s    | Low time to trigger module switch off |

Table 20: RESET\_N pin characteristics

## 4.2.10 SIM pins

The SIM pins are a dedicated interface to the external SIM card/chip. The electrical characteristics fulfill the regulatory specification requirements. The values in Table 21 are for information only.

| Parameter                           | Min.     | Тур. | Max.     | Unit | Remarks                                       |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------|----------|------|---|
| Low-level input                     | -0.30    |      | 0.2*VSIM | V    |   |
| High-level input                    | 0.7*VSIM |      | VSIM+0.3 | V    |   |
| Low-level output                    |          | 0    | 0.4      | V    | Max value at $I_{OL}$ = +2.0 mA               |
| High-level output                   | 0.8*VSIM | VSIM |          | V    | Max value at $I_{OL}$ = +2.0 mA               |
| Internal pull-up resistor on SIM_IO |          | 4.7  |          | kΩ   | Internal pull-up to VSIM supply               |
| Input leakage current               | -2       |      | 2        | μΑ   | V <sub>IN</sub> =0 V or V <sub>IN</sub> =VSIM |
| Clock frequency on SIM_CLK          |          | 4.8  |          | MHz  |   |

Table 21: SIM pin characteristics



## 4.2.11 USB pins

USB data lines (**USB\_D+**/ **USB\_D-**) are compliant to the USB 2.0 high-speed specification. See the Universal Serial Bus Revision 2.0 specification [10] for detailed electrical characteristics.

| Parameter   | Min. | Typical | Max. | Unit | Remarks |
|---|------|---------|------|------|---------|
| USB detection voltage on pin VUSB_DET   | 4.40 | 5.00    | 5.25 | V    |         |
| High-speed squelch detection threshold (input differential signal amplitude)    | 100  |         | 150  | mV   |         |
| High speed disconnect detection threshold (input differential signal amplitude) | 525  |         | 625  | mV   |         |
| High-speed data signaling input common mode voltage range                       | -50  |         | 500  | mV   |         |
| High-speed idle output level  | -10  |         | 10   | mV   |         |
| High-speed data signaling output high level                                     | 360  |         | 440  | mV   |         |
| High-speed data signaling output low level                                      | -10  |         | 10   | mV   |         |
| Chirp J level (output differential voltage)                                     | 700  |         | 1100 | mV   |         |
| Chirp K level (output differential voltage)                                     | -900 |         | -500 | mV   |         |

Table 22: USB pin characteristics

## 4.2.12 Generic Digital Interfaces pins

| Parameter                               | Min   | Typical | Max  | Unit | Remarks                                       |
|---|-------|---------|------|------|---|
| Internal supply for GDI domain          |       | 1.80    |      | V    | Digital I/O Interfaces supply (V_INT)         |
| Low-level input                         | -0.30 | 0.00    | 0.63 | V    |   |
| High-level input                        | 1.17  | 1.80    | 2.10 | V    |   |
| Low-level output                        |       | 0.00    | 0.45 | V    | Max value at IOL = +2.0 mA                    |
| High-level output                       | 1.35  | 1.80    |      | V    | Min value at IOH = -2.0 mA                    |
| Input leakage current                   | -1    |         | 1    | μА   | V <sub>IN</sub> =0 V or V <sub>IN</sub> =1.8V |
| Internal pull-up / pull-down resistance | 55    |         | 390  | kΩ   |   |

Table 23: GDI pin characteristics

## 4.2.13 DDC (I2C) pins

DDC ( $I^2C$ ) lines (SCL and SDA) are compliant to the  $I^2C$ -bus standard mode specification. See the  $I^2C$ -Bus Specification [11] for detailed electrical characteristics.

| Min   | Typical | Max  | Unit  | Remarks   |
|-------|---------|--|---|---|
|       | 1.80    |  | V   | Digital I/O Interfaces supply (V_INT)                         |
| -0.30 | 0.00    | 0.63   | V   |   |
| 1.17  | 1.80    | 2.10   | V   |   |
|       | 0.00    | 0.45   | V   | Max value at I <sub>OL</sub> = +2.0 mA                        |
|       | 2.2     |  | kΩ  |   |
| -1    |         | 1  | μА  | V <sub>IN</sub> =0 V or V <sub>IN</sub> =1.8V                 |
|       | 100     |  | kHz   |   |
|       | 1.17    | -0.30 0.00<br>1.17 1.80<br>0.00<br>2.2<br>-1 | -0.30 0.00 0.63  1.17 1.80 2.10  0.00 0.45  2.2  -1 1 | -0.30 0.00 0.63 V 1.17 1.80 2.10 V 0.00 0.45 V 2.2 kΩ -1 1 μA |

Table 24: DDC (I<sup>2</sup>C) pin characteristics



# 5 Mechanical specifications

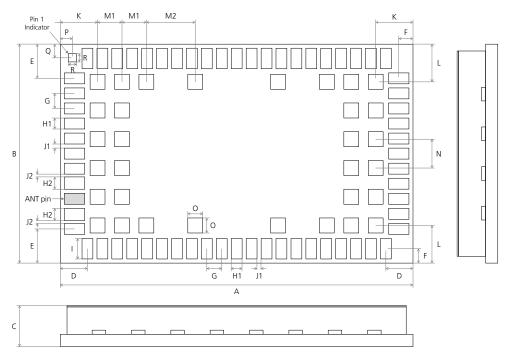
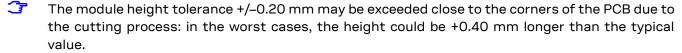


Figure 3: SARA-R4/N4 series dimensions (bottom and side views)

| Description                                   | Typical   |  | Tolerance   |   |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| Module Height [mm]                            | 26.0  | (1023.6 mil)   | +0.20/-0.20   | (+7.9/-7.9 mil)   |
| Module Width [mm]                             | 16.0  | (629.9 mil)  | +0.20/-0.20   | (+7.9/-7.9 mil)   |
| Module Thickness [mm]                         | 2.53  | (99.5 mil)   | +0.25/-0.15   | (+9.8/-5.9 mil)   |
| Horizontal Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]     | 2.0   | (78.7 mil)   | +0.20/-0.20   | (+7.9/-7.9 mil)   |
| Vertical Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]       | 2.5   | (98.4 mil)   | +0.20/-0.20   | (+7.9/-7.9 mil)   |
| Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]                | 1.05  | (41.3 mil)   | +0.20/-0.20   | (+7.9/-7.9 mil)   |
| Lateral Pin to Pin Pitch [mm]                 | 1.1   | (43.3 mil)   | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Lateral Pin Height [mm]                       | 0.8   | (31.5 mil)   | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Lateral Pin close to ANT Height [mm]          | 0.9   | (35.4 mil)   | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Lateral Pin Width [mm]                        | 1.5   | (59.1 mil)   | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Lateral Pin to Pin Distance [mm]              | 0.3   | (11.8 mil)   | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Lateral Pin to Pin close to ANT Distance [mm] | 0.2   | (7.9 mil)  | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Horizontal Edge to Central Pin Pitch [mm]     | 2.75  | (108.3 mil)  | +0.20/-0.20   | (+7.9/-7.9 mil)   |
| Vertical Edge to Central Pin Pitch [mm]       | 2.75  | (108.3 mil)  | +0.20/-0.20   | (+7.9/-7.9 mil)   |
| Central Pin to Pin Horizontal Pitch [mm]      | 1.8   | (70.9 mil)   | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Central Pin to Pin Horizontal Pitch [mm]      | 3.6   | (141.7 mil)  | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Central Pin to Pin Vertical Pitch [mm]        | 2.1   | (82.7 mil)   | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Central Pin Height and Width [mm]             | 1.1   | (43.3 mil)   | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Horizontal Edge to Pin 1 Indicator Pitch [mm] | 0.9   | (35.4 mil)   | +0.20/-0.20   | (+7.9/-7.9 mil)   |
| Vertical Edge to Pin 1 Indicator Pitch [mm]   | 1.0   | (39.4 mil)   | +0.20/-0.20   | (+7.9/-7.9 mil)   |
| Pin 1 Indicator Height and Width [mm]         | 0.6   | (23.6 mil)   | +0.02/-0.02   | (+0.8/-0.8 mil)   |
| Module Weight [g]                             | < 3   |  |   |   |
|   | Module Height [mm]  Module Width [mm]  Module Thickness [mm]  Horizontal Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]  Vertical Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]  Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]  Lateral Pin to Pin Pitch [mm]  Lateral Pin Height [mm]  Lateral Pin Close to ANT Height [mm]  Lateral Pin to Pin Distance [mm]  Lateral Pin to Pin Close to ANT Distance [mm]  Horizontal Edge to Central Pin Pitch [mm]  Vertical Edge to Central Pin Pitch [mm]  Central Pin to Pin Horizontal Pitch [mm]  Central Pin to Pin Horizontal Pitch [mm]  Central Pin to Pin Vertical Pitch [mm]  Central Pin to Pin Vertical Pitch [mm]  Horizontal Edge to Pin 1 Indicator Pitch [mm]  Vertical Edge to Pin 1 Indicator Pitch [mm] | Module Height [mm]26.0Module Width [mm]16.0Module Thickness [mm]2.53Horizontal Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]2.0Vertical Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]2.5Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]1.05Lateral Pin to Pin Pitch [mm]1.1Lateral Pin Height [mm]0.8Lateral Pin Close to ANT Height [mm]0.9Lateral Pin Width [mm]1.5Lateral Pin to Pin Distance [mm]0.3Lateral Pin to Pin close to ANT Distance [mm]0.2Horizontal Edge to Central Pin Pitch [mm]2.75Vertical Edge to Central Pin Pitch [mm]2.75Central Pin to Pin Horizontal Pitch [mm]1.8Central Pin to Pin Horizontal Pitch [mm]3.6Central Pin to Pin Vertical Pitch [mm]2.1Central Pin Height and Width [mm]1.1Horizontal Edge to Pin 1 Indicator Pitch [mm]0.9Vertical Edge to Pin 1 Indicator Pitch [mm]1.0Pin 1 Indicator Height and Width [mm]1.0 | Module Height [mm]         26.0         (1023.6 mil)           Module Width [mm]         16.0         (629.9 mil)           Module Thickness [mm]         2.53         (99.5 mil)           Horizontal Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]         2.0         (78.7 mil)           Vertical Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]         2.5         (98.4 mil)           Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]         1.05         (41.3 mil)           Lateral Pin to Pin Pitch [mm]         1.1         (43.3 mil)           Lateral Pin to Pin Pitch [mm]         0.8         (31.5 mil)           Lateral Pin close to ANT Height [mm]         0.9         (35.4 mil)           Lateral Pin Width [mm]         1.5         (59.1 mil)           Lateral Pin to Pin Distance [mm]         0.3         (11.8 mil)           Lateral Pin to Pin close to ANT Distance [mm]         0.2         (7.9 mil)           Horizontal Edge to Central Pin Pitch [mm]         2.75         (108.3 mil)           Vertical Edge to Central Pin Pitch [mm]         1.8         (70.9 mil)           Central Pin to Pin Horizontal Pitch [mm]         3.6         (141.7 mil)           Central Pin to Pin Vertical Pitch [mm]         2.1         (82.7 mil)           Central Pin Height and Width [mm]         1.1         (43.3 mil)           Ho | Module Height [mm]         26.0         (1023.6 mil)         +0.20/-0.20           Module Width [mm]         16.0         (629.9 mil)         +0.20/-0.20           Module Thickness [mm]         2.53         (99.5 mil)         +0.25/-0.15           Horizontal Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]         2.0         (78.7 mil)         +0.20/-0.20           Vertical Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]         2.5         (98.4 mil)         +0.20/-0.20           Edge to Lateral Pin Pitch [mm]         1.05         (41.3 mil)         +0.20/-0.20           Lateral Pin to Pin Pitch [mm]         1.1         (43.3 mil)         +0.02/-0.02           Lateral Pin Height [mm]         0.8         (31.5 mil)         +0.02/-0.02           Lateral Pin close to ANT Height [mm]         0.9         (35.4 mil)         +0.02/-0.02           Lateral Pin Width [mm]         1.5         (59.1 mil)         +0.02/-0.02           Lateral Pin to Pin Distance [mm]         0.3         (11.8 mil)         +0.02/-0.02           Lateral Pin to Pin close to ANT Distance [mm]         0.2         (7.9 mil)         +0.02/-0.02           Horizontal Edge to Central Pin Pitch [mm]         2.75         (108.3 mil)         +0.02/-0.02           Vertical Edge to Central Pin Horizontal Pitch [mm]         1.8         (70.9 mil)         +0.02/-0. |

Table 25: SARA-R4/N4 series dimensions



For information regarding Footprint and Paste Mask recommended for the application board integrating the cellular module, see the SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual [2].



## 6 Qualification and approvals

## 6.1 Reliability tests

Tests for product family qualifications according to ISO 16750 "Road vehicles - Environmental conditions and testing for electrical and electronic equipment", and appropriate standards.

## 6.1.1 Approvals



Products marked with this lead-free symbol on the product label comply with the "Directive 2002/95/EC of the European Parliament and the Council on the Restriction of Use of certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment" (RoHS).

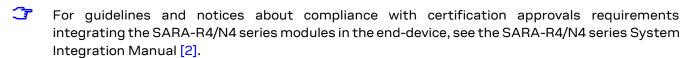
SARA-R4/N4 series modules are RoHS compliant.

No natural rubbers, hygroscopic materials, or materials containing asbestos are employed.

Table 27 summarizes the main approvals for SARA-R4/N4 series modules.

| Certification | SARA-R404M-00B | SARA-R410M-01B  | SARA-R410M-02B  | SARA-R410M-52B  | SARA-R412M-02B  | SARA-N410-02B   |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| PTCRB         |                | •               | •               | •               | •               | •               |
| CE Europe     |                |                 | •               |                 | •               |                 |
| FCC US        | •              | •               | •               | •               | •               | •               |
| FCC ID        | XPY2AGQN1NNN   | XPY2AGQN4NNN    | XPY2AGQN4NNN    | XPY2AGQN4NNN    | XPYUBX18ZO01    | XPY2AGQN4NNN    |
| ISED Canada   |                | •               | •               | •               | •               | •               |
| ISED ID       |                | 8595A-2AGQN4NNN | 8595A-2AGQN4NNN | 8595A-2AGQN4NNN | 8595A-UBX18ZO01 | 8595A-2AGQN4NNN |
| IFT Mexico    |                | •               |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| RCM Australia |                |                 | •               |                 |                 |                 |
| NCC Taiwan    |                |                 | •               |                 |                 | •               |
| Verizon       | •              |                 | •               |                 |                 |                 |
| AT&T          |                | •               | •               | •               | •               |                 |
| T-Mobile      |                |                 | •               |                 |                 | •               |
| Bell          |                | •               |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Telus         |                | •               | •               |                 |                 |                 |
| Telstra       |                |                 | •               |                 |                 |                 |

Table 26: SARA-R4/N4 series main certification approvals summary



For the complete list of approvals and for specific details on all country, conformance and network operators' certifications, including related certificates of compliancy, please contact the u-blox office or sales representative nearest you.



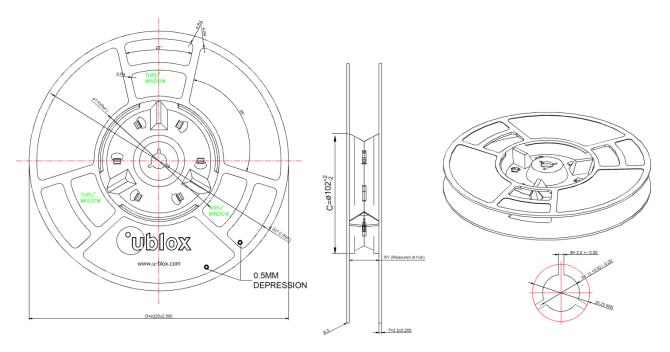
# 7 Product handling & soldering

## 7.1 Packaging

SARA-R4/N4 series modules are delivered as hermetically sealed, reeled tapes to enable efficient production, production lot set-up and tear-down. For more information about packaging, see the u-blox Package Information User Guide [3].

#### **7.1.1** Reels

SARA-R4/N4 series modules are deliverable in quantities of 250 pieces on a reel. The modules are delivered using reel type B2 described in Figure 4 and in the u-blox Package Information Guide [3].



NOTE: ALL DIMENSIONS IN MILLIMETERS

Figure 4: SARA-R4/N4 series modules reel

| Parameter         | Specification |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Reel type         | B2            |
| Delivery quantity | 250           |

Table 27: Reel information for SARA-R4/N4 series modules

Quantities of less than 250 pieces are also available. Contact u-blox for more information.



## **7.1.2 Tapes**

Figure 5 and Table 28 specify the dimensions of the tape used for the delivery of SARA-R4/N4 series modules.

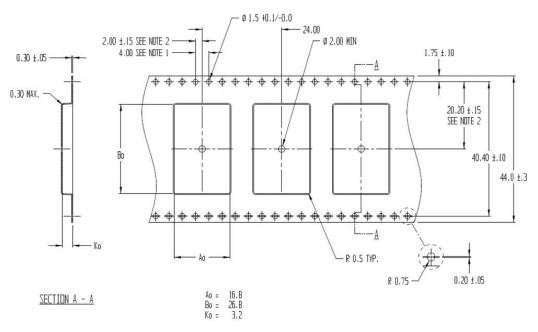


Figure 5: SARA-R4/N4 series modules tape

| Parameter      | Typical value | Tolerance | Unit |
|----------------|---------------|-----------|------|
| A <sub>0</sub> | 16.8          | 0.2       | mm   |
| B <sub>0</sub> | 26.8          | 0.2       | mm   |
| K <sub>0</sub> | 3.2           | 0.2       | mm   |

Table 28: SARA-R4/N4 series tape dimensions (mm)

- Note 1: 10 sprocket hole pitch cumulative tolerance ± 0.2 mm.
- Note 2: pocket position relative to sprocket hole is measured as true position of pocket, not pocket hole.



## 7.2 Moisture Sensitivity Levels

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SARA-R4/N4 series modules are Moisture Sensitive Devices (MSD) in accordance to the IPC/JEDEC specification.

The Moisture Sensitivity Level (MSL) relates to the packaging and handling precautions required. SARA-R4/N4 series modules are rated at MSL level 4. For more information regarding moisture sensitivity levels, labeling, storage and drying, see the u-blox Package Information Guide [3].

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For the MSL standard, see IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 (can be downloaded from www.jedec.org).

## 7.3 Reflow soldering

Reflow profiles are to be selected according to u-blox recommendations (see the SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual [2]).

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Failure to observe these recommendations can result in severe damage to the device!

## 7.4 ESD precautions



SARA-R4/N4 series modules contain highly sensitive electronic circuitry and are Electrostatic Sensitive Devices (ESD). Handling SARA-R4/N4 series modules without proper ESD protection may destroy or damage them permanently.

SARA-R4/N4 series modules are Electrostatic Sensitive Devices (ESD) and require special ESD precautions typically applied to ESD sensitive components.

Table 7 details the maximum ESD ratings of the SARA-R4/N4 series modules.

Proper ESD handling and packaging procedures must be applied throughout the processing, handling and operation of any application that incorporates the SARA-R4/N4 series module.

ESD precautions should be implemented on the application board where the module is mounted, as described in the SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual [2].

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Failure to observe these recommendations can result in severe damage to the device!



# 8 Labeling and ordering information

## 8.1 Product labeling

The labels of SARA-R4/N4 series modules include important product information as described in this section. Figure 6 illustrates the label of all the SARA-R4/N4 series modules, and includes: u-blox logo, production lot, Pb-free marking, product type number, IMEI number, certification information, and production country.

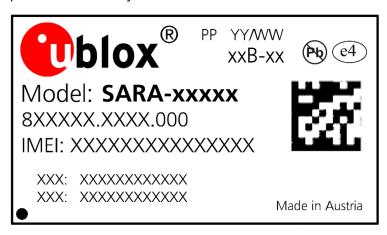


Figure 6: SARA-R4/N4 series module label

## 8.2 Explanation of codes

Three different product code formats are used. The **Product Name** is used in documentation such as this data sheet and identifies all the u-blox products, independent of packaging and quality grade. The **Ordering Code** includes options and quality, while the **Type Number** includes the hardware and firmware versions. Table 29 details these 3 different formats:

| Format        | Structure           |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Product Name  | PPPP-TGVV(L)        |
| Ordering Code | PPPP-TGVV(L)-MMQ    |
| Type Number   | PPPP-TGVV(L)-MMQ-XX |

Table 29: Product code formats

Table 30 explains the parts of the product code.

| Code | Meaning  | Example             |
|------|--|---------------------|
| PPPP | Form factor  | SARA                |
| TG   | Platform (Technology and Generation)   | R4                  |
|      | Dominant technology: G: GSM; U: HSUPA; C: CDMA 1xRTT; N: NB-IoT (LTE Cat NB1); R: LTE low data rate (Cat 1 and Cat M1); L: LTE high data rate (Cat 3 and above) Generation: 19 |                     |
| VV   | Variant function set based on the same platform: 0099  | 04                  |
| (L)  | LTE category: 6,4,3,1,M  | М                   |
| MM   | Major product version: 0099  | 00                  |
| Q    | Product grade: B = professional, A = automotive  | В                   |
| XX   | Minor product version (not relevant for certification)   | Default value is 00 |
|      |  |                     |

Table 30: Part identification code



# 8.3 Ordering information

| Ordering No.   | Product  |
|----------------|--|
| SARA-R404M-00B | LTE Cat M1 module Designed for operation in LTE band 13 26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel  |
| SARA-R410M-01B | LTE Cat M1 module<br>Designed for operation in LTE bands 2, 4, 5, 12<br>26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel  |
| SARA-R410M-02B | LTE Cat M1 / NB1 module Designed for operation in LTE bands 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 20, 28 26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel                                      |
| SARA-R410M-52B | LTE Cat M1 module Designed for operation in LTE bands 2, 4, 5, 12, 13 26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel  |
| SARA-R412M-02B | LTE Cat M1 / NB1 and 2G module Designed for operation in LTE bands 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 20 and 2G bands 850, 900, 1800, 1900 26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel |
| SARA-N410-02B  | LTE Cat NB1 module<br>Designed for operation in LTE bands 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 28<br>26.0 x 16.0 mm, 250 pieces/reel   |

Table 31: Product ordering codes



# **Appendix**

# A Glossary

| Abbreviation | Definition  |
|--------------|---|
| 2G           | 2nd Generation Cellular Technology (GSM, GPRS, EGPRS)   |
| 3G           | 3rd Generation Cellular Technology (UMTS, HSDPA, HSUPA) |
| 3GPP         | 3rd Generation Partnership Project                      |
| 8PSK         | 8-Phase Shift Keying modulation                         |
| ADC          | Analog to Digital Converter                             |
| AT           | AT Command Interpreter Software Subsystem, or attention |
| BB           | Baseband  |
| BER          | Bit Error Rate  |
| Cat          | Category  |
| CBS          | Cell Broadcast Service                                  |
| CCC          | China Compulsory Certificate                            |
| CDMA         | Code-Division Multiple Access                           |
| CE           | European Conformity                                     |
| CLK          | Clock   |
| CMOS         | Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor                 |
| CS           | Chip Select   |
| CTS          | Clear To Send   |
| DC           | Direct Current  |
| DCD          | Data Carrier Detect                                     |
| DCS          | Digital Cellular System                                 |
| DDC          | Display Data Channel                                    |
| DL           | Down Link (Reception)                                   |
| DRX          | Discontinuous Reception                                 |
| DSR          | Data Set Ready  |
| DTE          | Data Terminal Equipment                                 |
| DTR          | Data Terminal Ready                                     |
| DUN          | Dial-Up Networking                                      |
| EDGE         | Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution (EGPRS)           |
| EDRX         | Extended Discontinuous Reception                        |
| EGPRS        | Enhanced General Packet Radio Service (EDGE)            |
| ERS          | External Reset Signal                                   |
| ESD          | Electrostatic Discharge                                 |
| E-UTRA       | Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access              |
| FCC          | Federal Communications Commission United States         |
| FDD          | Frequency Division Duplex                               |
| FOAT         | Firmware (update) Over AT commands                      |
| FOTA         | Firmware (update) Over-The-Air                          |
| FTP          | File Transfer Protocol                                  |
| FW           | Firmware  |
| GCF          | Global Certification Forum                              |
| GDI          | Generic Digital Interface                               |
|              |   |



| Abbreviation     | Definition  |
|------------------|---|
| GMSK             | Gaussian Minimum-Shift Keying modulation                              |
| GND              | Ground  |
| GNSS             | Global Navigation Satellite System                                    |
| GPIO             | General Purpose Input/Output  |
| GPRS             | General Packet Radio Services   |
| GSM              | Global System for Mobile communications                               |
| HDLC             | High-level Data Link Control  |
| HSDPA            | High Speed Downlink Packet Access                                     |
| HSUPA            | High Speed Uplink Packet Access                                       |
| HTTP             | HyperText Transfer Protocol   |
| HW               | Hardware  |
| IEC              | International Electrotechnical Commission                             |
| IFT              | Federal Telecommunications Institute Mexico                           |
| I <sup>2</sup> C | Inter-Integrated Circuit  |
| I <sup>2</sup> S | Inter-IC Sound  |
| I/O              | Input/Output  |
| IMEI             | International Mobile Equipment Identity                               |
| IP               | Internet Protocol   |
| ISED             | Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada                   |
| ISO              | International Organization for Standardization                        |
| ITU              | International Telecommunications Union                                |
| LGA              | Land Grid Array   |
| LPWA             | Low Power Wide Area   |
| LTE              | Long-Term Evolution   |
| LWM2M            | Open Mobile Alliance Lightweight Machine-to-Machine protocol          |
| M2M              | Machine to Machine  |
| MISO             | Multiple Input Single Output  |
| MOSI             | Master Output Slave Input   |
| MQTT             | Message Queuing Telemetry Transport                                   |
| MSD              | Moisture Sensitive Device   |
| MSL              | Moisture Sensitivity Level  |
| MUX              | Multiplexer   |
| N/A              | Not Applicable  |
| NCC              | National Communications Commission Taiwan                             |
| PA               | Power Amplifier   |
| PCB              | Printed Circuit Board   |
| PCN              | Product Change Notification / Sample Delivery Note / Information Note |
| PMU              | Power Management Unit   |
| POS              | Power On Signal   |
| PPS              | Protocol and Parameter Selection                                      |
| PSM              | Power Saving Mode   |
| PTCRB            | PCS Type Certification Review Board                                   |
| QPSK             | Quadrature Phase Shift Keying modulation                              |
| RAM              | Random Access Memory  |
| RAT              | Radio Access Technology   |
| RF               | Radio Frequency   |



| Abbreviation | Definition                                  |
|--------------|---|
| RI           | Ring Indicator                              |
| RIL          | Radio Interface Layer                       |
| RTS          | Request To Send                             |
| SCL          | Serial Clock                                |
| SDA          | Serial Data                                 |
| SDIO         | Secure Digital Input Output                 |
| SIM          | Subscriber Identity Module                  |
| SMS          | Short Message Service                       |
| SPI          | Serial Peripheral Interface                 |
| SRRC         | State Radio Regulation Committee China      |
| SSL          | Secure Socket Layer                         |
| TA           | Timing Advance                              |
| TCP          | Transmission Control Protocol               |
| TDD          | Time Division Duplex                        |
| TLS          | Transport Layer Security                    |
| TS           | Technical Specification                     |
| TXD          | Transmit Data                               |
| UART         | Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter |
| UBX          | u-blox proprietary messaging protocol       |
| UDP          | User Datagram Protocol                      |
| UE           | User Equipment                              |
| UL           | Uplink (Transmission)                       |
| UMTS         | Universal Mobile Telecommunications System  |
| USB          | Universal Serial Bus                        |
| VoLTE        | Voice over LTE                              |
| VSWR         | Voltage Standing Wave Ratio                 |
| WA           | Word Alignment                              |
|              |   |

Table 32: Explanation of the abbreviations and terms used



## Related documents

- [1] u-blox SARA-R4/N4 series AT Commands Manual, Doc. No. UBX-17003787
- [2] u-blox SARA-R4/N4 series System Integration Manual, Doc. No. UBX-16029218
- [3] u-blox Package Information User Guide, Doc. No. UBX-14001652
- [4] 3GPP TS 27.007 AT command set for User Equipment (UE)
- [5] 3GPP TS 27.005 Use of Data Terminal Equipment Data Circuit terminating Equipment (DTE DCE) interface for Short Message Service (SMS) and Cell Broadcast Service (CBS)
- [6] 3GPP TS 27.010 Terminal Equipment to User Equipment (TE-UE) multiplexer protocol
- [7] 3GPP TS 36.521-1 Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access; User Equipment conformance specification; Radio transmission and reception; Part 1: Conformance Testing
- [8] 3GPP TS 51.010-1 Mobile Station conformance specification; Part 1: Conformance specification
- [9] ITU-T Recommendation V24, 02-2000. List of definitions for interchange circuits between Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Connection Equipment (DCE)
- [10] Universal Serial Bus Revision 2.0 specification, www.usb.org/developers/docs/usb20\_docs/
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# **Revision history**

| Revision | Date        | Name      | Comments  |
|----------|-------------|-----------|---|
| R01      | 07-Oct-2016 | sfal      | Initial release   |
| R02      | 02-Feb-2017 | sfal      | Updated supported features and electrical characteristics   |
| R03      | 05-May-2017 | sfal/sses | Updated supported features and electrical characteristics<br>Added the SARA-R410M-01B product version   |
| R04      | 24-May-2017 | sses      | Updated supported features and electrical characteristics   |
| R05      | 19-Jul-2017 | sses      | Updated supported features and electrical characteristics<br>Extended document applicability to SARA-R410M-02B product version  |
| R06      | 17-Aug-2017 | sses      | Updated supported features for "02" product version   |
| R07      | 30-Oct-2017 | sses      | Updated SARA-R410M-01B product status Updated supported features for "02" product version   |
| R08      | 04-Jan-2018 | sses      | Updated SARA-R410M-02B product status Updated USB, GPIO and other features description  |
| R09      | 26-Feb-2018 | sses      | Updated SARA-R410M-02B product status Extended document applicability to SARA-R412M-02B product version Added Current consumption, Rx sensitivity and Thermal figures Updated UART MUX and Approvals info |
| R10      | 07-Mar-2018 | mbab      | u-blox rebranding. Updated SARA-R412M-02B modem and app version   |
| R11      | 09-May-2018 | sses      | Updated SARA-R410M-02B product status<br>Extended document applicability to SARA-N410-02B product version<br>Updated UART and Approvals info  |
| R12      | 10-Aug-2018 | sses      | Extended document applicability to SARA-R410M-52B product version Updated SARA-N410-02B and SARA-R412M-02B product status Clarified supported bands Added some current consumption figures                |
| R13      | 20-Sep-2018 | lpah      | Extended document applicability to SARA-R404M-00B-01 type number Clarified mode supported in frequency bands  |
| R14      | 12-Nov-2018 | sses      | Updated SARA-N410-02B product status<br>Updated certification info  |



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