nuvoTon
founded by winband

NPCA110M Audio Enhancing Engine and CODEC

General Description

The Nuvoton NPCA110M device is a member of Nuvoton's Sound Enhancing family optimized for mobile applications such as tablets, mobile phones and netbooks.

It provides CODEC functionality to support stereo microphone inputs and either dual-stereo DACs or digital outputs, for built-in speakers or a headphone jack.

The NPCA110M integrates Waves® MaxxAudio 3 sound enhancement algorithms. These are proprietary, patented, psychoacoustic algorithms that compensate for the acoustic limitations of small CE devices.

The MaxxAudio 3 algorithms enable reproduction of rich content, with a wide dynamic range and a full frequency range, on a limited audio system. For low-frequency reproduction, MaxxBass® uses a patented psychoacoustic technique to create a perceived low bass, which can be extended up to 1.5 octaves lower than the original. This technique reproduces full and rich sounding bass tones. Power handling is done by MaxxVolume®, which utilizes the power amplifiers and speakers to their full extent yet avoids clipping and distortions.

The MaxxAudio 3 software suite provides additional algorithms that enhance the overall sound quality, such as Maxx3D, which widens the stereo image, and MaxxTreble, for reproducing crystal clear high frequencies. To design a resonance-free audio system, MaxxEQ provides a flexible equalizer with 10 bands.

The Maxx family of devices includes:

- High-performance, 24-bit audio enhancing device pre-programmed with Waves MaxxAudio 3 algorithms
- Optional Audio ADC with stereo microphone support
- Optional Audio DAC
- Digital I/O and other features for high-performance audio systems

Outstanding Features

- Improves audio quality for low-performance speakers
- System-level BOM savings
- Stereo operation
- I2C controlled
- 24-bit accuracy
- Audio algorithms

    — (W) MAXXBASS®

    — (W) MAXX3D

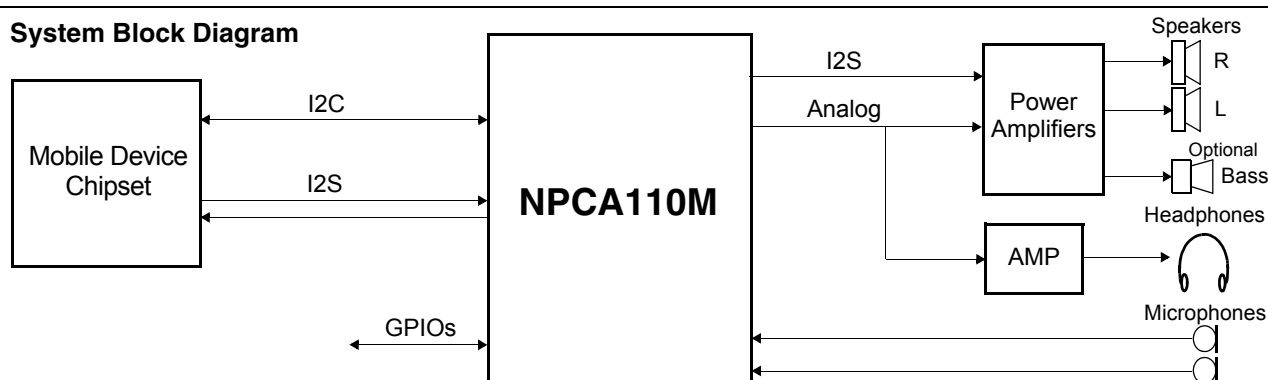   — (W) MAXXTREBLE

    — (W) MAXXEQ

    — (W) MAXXVOLUME®

    — (W) MAXXLEVELER

    — (W) MAXXDIALOG

- Audio input
    — Up to two I2S or Synchronous Serial Interface (SSI) inputs
    — Up to three stereo analog inputs with microphone support: typical SNR of 90 dB; typical THD of −75 dB
- Audio output
    — Optional generation of bass channel for sub-woofer
    — Up to three I2S or SSI outputs
    — Up to four analog outputs: typical SNR of 96 dB; typical THD of −86 dB
- Several General-Purpose digital signals available to the application (GPIOs)
- Typical operational power target down to 0.05W
- Power-down target of less than 0.3 mW
- 3.3V (I/O, Analog) and 1.8V (Core) operation

System Block Diagram

Features

Bus Interfaces

- Synchronous Serial Interface (SSI)
  - Compatible with I2S
  - Master and slave timing support
- I2C Interface
  - Compliant with *I2C-BUS Specification Revision 1.0, 1992*
  - Master or slave interface
  - Supports 7-bit address mode

Audio Enhancing Engine

- Processing Unit
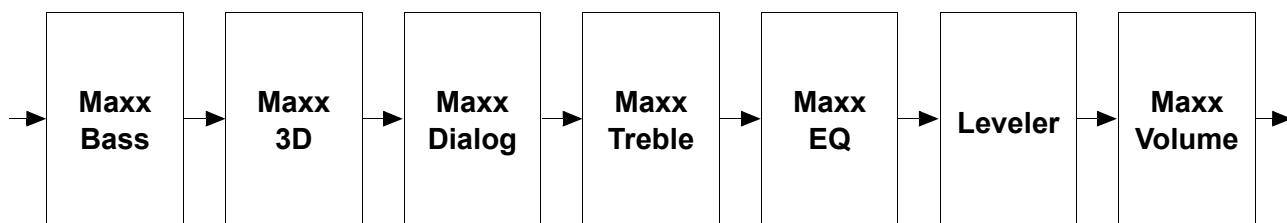 - 24-bit accuracy
  - 125 MIPs

Audio Algorithms

- Sample frequency of 44.1 KHz or 48 KHz
- MaxxBass®
  - Patented Waves MaxxBass psycho-acoustic bass extension delivers a more natural sound than traditional bass boost technologies, which use EQ and can overpower your system. MaxxBass analyzes low frequencies to create harmonics that are perceived as lower, deeper tones.
- Maxx3D
  - Maxx3D extends the span of stereo-side content while maintaining the integrity of unprocessed center content.
  - Maxx3D for Speakers improves the stereo separation of speakers, widening the stereo field for optimal imaging.
  - Maxx3D for Headphones improves stereo perception, restoring the original listening balance to provide more natural sound.
- MaxxTreble
  - MaxxTreble delivers crystal clear high-frequency enhancement for increased RMS without exceeding the system ceiling. Its proprietary algorithm restores luster to over-compressed formats to provide the perfect listening experience.
- MaxxEQ
  - MaxxEQ provides the ability to design EQ curves and shape sound with surgical precision, using up to 10 programmable filters with bell, shelf, low pass, and high pass, plus adjustable frequency, gain, and Q parameters. MaxxEQ's intuitive Graphic User Interface makes click-and-drag filter design fast and easy.

- MaxxVolume®
  - MaxxVolume is an all-in-one volume control, with High-Level Compression to increase RMS levels, Low-Level Compression to increase the clarity of soft sounds, Noise Gating to eliminate signal and system noise, and Leveling to smooth out volume levels.
- MaxxLeveler
  - MaxxLeveler regulates the perceived volume of the audio, keeping all audio content at the same level.
- MaxxDialog
  - MaxxDialog is a revolutionary new technology that enables users to adjust center channel dialog levels without affecting the rest of the audio mix. Based on the Waves Center pro audio plug-in, MaxxDialog delivers clear, crisp dialog that does not disappear behind loud music and sound effects.
- Sub-Woofer
  - Enables separating low-frequency content and directing it into a third audio channel, for driving a sub-woofer.

Straps, Clocks, Supply and Package Information

- Strap Input Controlled Operating Modes
  - PLL reference clock select (REF strap)
  - Test mode select (nTEST strap)
  - I2C master or slave select (I2CMS strap)
  - Boot options
    - ❏ ROM code operation
    - ❏ Loadable algorithms for new functions or ROM code patching
- Input Clocks
  - SSI / I2S clock: 64x of sample frequency
  - Optional Crystal oscillator or input clock
- Power Supply
  - 3.3V (I/O, Analog) and 1.8V (Core) operation
- Power-Save Modes
  - Clock switch to a lower frequency
  - WAIT instruction (clock stopped)
  - PLL power-down
- Package
  - 6 x 6 mm, 40-pin Quad Flat No-Lead (QFN) package
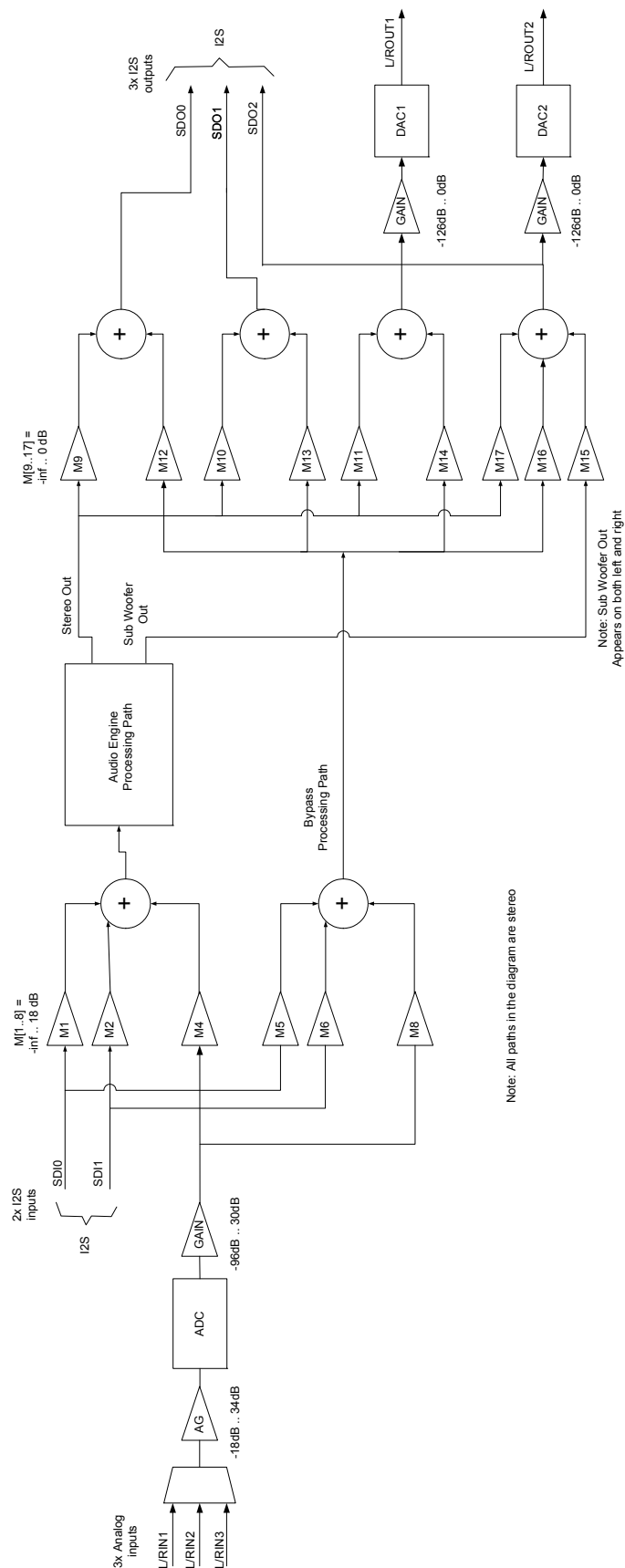
Algorithm Processing Chain

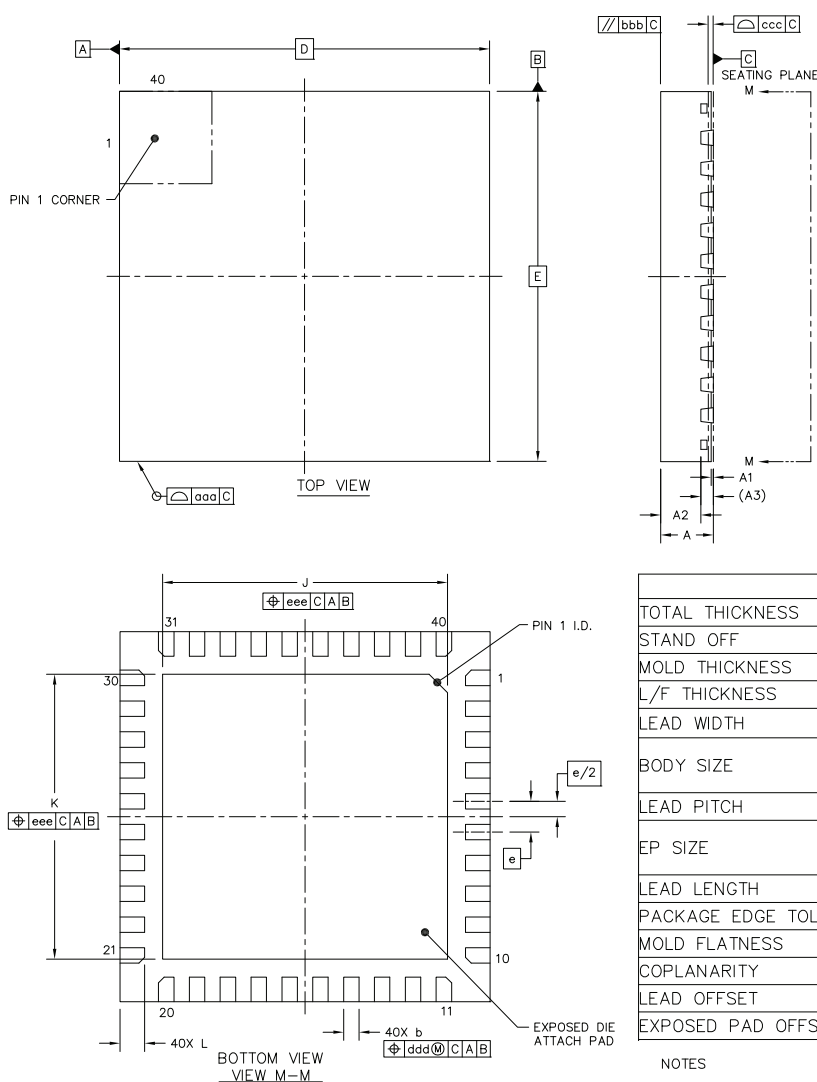Maxx Bass → Maxx 3D → Maxx Dialog → Maxx Treble → Maxx EQ → Leveler → Maxx Volume

Figure 1. Device Block Diagram

3x I2S outputs

I2S

SDO0
SDO1
SDO2

L/ROUT1

DAC1

GAIN

-126dB .. 0dB

L/ROUT2

DAC2

GAIN

-126dB .. 0dB

M[9..17] =
-inf .. 0 dB

M9 M12 M10 M13 M11 M14 M17 M16 M15

Stereo Out

Sub Woofer Out

Audio Engine Processing Path

Bypass Processing Path

Note: Sub Woofer Out
Appears on both left and right

Note: All paths in the diagram are stereo

M[1..8] =
-inf .. 18 dB

M1 M2 M4 M5 M6 M8

SDI0
SDI1

2x I2S inputs

I2S

GAIN

-96dB .. 30dB

ADC

-18dB .. 34dB

AG

3x Analog inputs

L/RIN1
L/RIN2
L/RIN3

Physical Dimensions

Control dimensions are in millimeters.

TOP VIEW

SEATING PLANE

BOTTOM VIEW
VIEW M—M

		SYMBOL	MIN	NOM	MAX
TOTAL THICKNESS		A	0.8	0.85	0.9
STAND OFF		A1	0	0.035	0.05
MOLD THICKNESS		A2	―――	0.65	0.67
L/F THICKNESS		A3		0.203 REF	
LEAD WIDTH		b	0.2	0.25	0.3
BODY SIZE	X	D		6 BSC	
	Y	E		6 BSC	
LEAD PITCH		e		0.5 BSC	
EP SIZE	X	J	4.52	4.62	4.72
	Y	K	4.52	4.62	4.72
LEAD LENGTH		L	0.35	0.4	0.45
PACKAGE EDGE TOLERANCE		aaa		0.1	
MOLD FLATNESS		bbb		0.1	
COPLANARITY		ccc		0.08	
LEAD OFFSET		ddd		0.1	
EXPOSED PAD OFFSET		eee		0.1	

NOTES

1.0 COPLANARITY APPLIES TO LEADS, CORNER LEADS AND DIE
    ATTACH PAD.

**40-Pin Quad Flat No-Lead (QFN) Package
Order Number: NPCA110MA0YX**

Device topside mark specification:

1st Line: Nuvoton Company Logo.
2nd Line: Part number - NPCA110MA
3rd Line: 0YXYWWZZZ.
             'Y': QFN package indicator; 'X': Green package finish indicator.
             YWWZZZ, where YWW is the Date Code and ZZZ is Nuvoton
             proprietary information.
4th Line: Nuvoton proprietary information - six to nine characters.

Date code: YWW, where Y is the year and WW is the week. For example, date code
             035 indicates that device assembly was done on week 35, year 2010.

nuvoTon

NPCA110MA

0YXYWWZZZ

ZZZZZZ–ZZ

Headquarters
No. 4, Creation Rd. 3,
Science-Based Industrial Park,
Hsinchu, Taiwan, R.O.C
TEL: 886-3-5770066
FAX: 886-3-5665577
http://www.nuvoton.com.tw (Chinese)
http://www.nuvoton.com (English)

Nuvoton Technology Corporation America
2727 North First Street,
San Jose, CA 95134, U.S.A.
TEL: 1-408-544-1718
FAX: 1-408-544-1787

Nuvoton Technology (Shanghai) Ltd.
27F, 2299 Yan An W. Rd.
Shanghai, 200336 China
TEL: 86-21-62365999
FAX: 86-21-62365998

Taipei Office
9F, No.480, Rueiguang Rd.,
Neihu District, Taipei, 114,
Taiwan, R.O.C.
TEL: 886-2-2658-8066
FAX: 886-2-8751-3579

Winbond Electronics Corporation Japan
NO. 2 Ueno-Bldg., 7-18, 3-chome
Shinyokohama Kohoku-ku,
Yokohama, 222-0033
TEL: 81-45-4781881
FAX: 81-45-4781800

Nuvoton Technology (H.K.) Ltd.
Unit 9-15, 22F, Millennium City 2,
378 Kwun Tong Rd.,
Kowloon, Hong Kong
TEL: 852-27513100
FAX: 852-27552064

For Advanced PC Product Line information contact: APC.Support@nuvoton.com

Please note that all data and specifications are subject to change without notice.

All trademarks of products and companies mentioned in this document belong to their respective owners.

www.nuvoton.com