

LPWAN Design & Test Methods eMTC & NB-IoT

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LTE Cat NB1 & M1 + EGPRS

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BG96 module overview







- LTE Cat M1 & Cat NB1 + EGPRS
- Multiband: B1/ B2/ B3/ B4/ B5/ B8/ B12/ B13/ B18/ B19/ B20/ B26/ B28
- IP/UDP/TCP
- ThreadX/QAPI/LwM2M/MQTT
- Integrated GNSS with LNA
- Qualcomm MDM9206 chip inside
- Temperature range: -40°C.. +85°C
- LGA package
- Dimensions: 19.9 x 23.6 x 2.2 mm

BG96 power consumption





KEYSIGHT DC Power Analyzer N6705C

BG96 power consumption - Cat M1





BG96 power consumption - Cat M1



Description	Conditions	Typical	Max	Unit
Power Saving Mode	PSM	10		uA
Standby	DRX=1.28s	1.9* / 16		mA
	eDRX=20.48s	1.3* / 15		mA
	23dBm @Instrument	190	447	mA
Active	10dBm @Instrument	130		mA
	0dBm @Instrument	124		mA
	DataTransfer @RealNetwork	95		mA

*Standby state with both USB and UART disconnected

BG96 power consumption - Cat NB1







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Power Saving Mode	PSM	10		uA
Standby	DRX=1.28s	2.3* / 16		mA
Standby	eDRX=20.48s	1.9* / 15		mA
	23dBm @Instrument	78	400	mA
Active	10dBm @Instrument	66	221	mA
	0dBm @Instrument	65	209	mA
	DataTransfer @RealNetwork		203	mA

*Standby state with both USB and UART disconnected

Future proof design compatibility

[4G] - EG91 LTE Cat 1 module

[4G] - BG96 LTE Cat M1 & NB-IoT

[4G] - BC95 LTE Cat NB-IoT

[3G] - UG96 & UG95 UMTS modules

[2G] - M95 GSM/GPRS module





Future proof design compatibility







BG96 design example



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1x USB 2.0

3x UART

2x ADC

2x GPIO

1x (U)SIM

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BG96 interfaces

1x I2S & I2C for codec

NETLIGHT, STATUS

GSM & GNSS Antenna





BG96 interfaces





- Reserve PI matching network
- 50 ohms impedance



BG96 interfaces

- Active antenna power supply
- TVS protection
- Reserve PI matching network
- 50 ohms impedance





BG96 power supply decoupling





BG96 power supply decoupling



- Star layout for VBAT_BB & VBAT_RF
- Smaller capacitors closer to input pin
- Wide trace or power plane connection



BG96 control & status signals





BG96 control & status signals

- PWRKEY for On/Off
- STATUS for power status
- NETLIGHT for network status
- USB_BOOT enable







BG96 SIM interface design





BG96 SIM interface design



- Decoupling capacitor for SIM_VDD
- SIM_CLK/DATA separated by system GND to avoid crosstalk



BG96 connection to external MCU





BG96 connection to external MCU

- AT UART
- GNSS UART
- STATUS, PWRKEY, PSM_IND
- Analog & Digital Sensors
- Different Power Domain





BG96 signal level shifting





BG96 signal level shifting





• Different Power Domain (1.8V)

BG96 design example





BG96 testing with NB-IoT





BG96 EVB kit





BG96 communication layers





UDP Test Server





web: bit.ly/quectel-udp-server

IP: 83.58.228.64*

port: 16666

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* IP is dynamic, check web link for current allocated IP



NB-IoT Test System Architecture





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Visualize UDP Data



bit.ly/quectel-udp-server

WEETEEE UDP Test Server IP: 83.58.228.64 port: 16666	UDP Active Connections
UDP IP data 109.166.139.83 Willkomen beim Work	data shop NB-IoT

Initial Setup & Configuration



- 1. Enable scrambling, PSM, eDRX
- 2. Set Band, Network, Mode, APN
- 3. Manual Operator Selection
- 4. Check registration/attachment status
- 5. Send/Receive UDP data

Enable Scrambling, PSM, eDRX



//set & store fixed baudrate

AT+IPR=115200;&W

//Enable scrambling, T3412=10min, T3324=2s, eDRX=5.12s

AT+QCFG="nbsibscramble",0

AT+CPSMS=1,,,"00000001","00000001"

AT+CEDRXS=1,5,"0000"

//Reboot the module, power off

AT+QPOWD=1

//then tart module from PWRKEY button

Set Band, Network & Mode



//set band 80=B8(900 MHz), 80000=B20(800 MHz),... see manual

AT+QCFG="band",0,0,80,1

//Set LTE only mode and scan sequence LTE NB1 > LTE M1 > GSM

AT+QCFG="nwscanmode",3,1

AT+QCFG="nwscanseq",030201,1

//Set network operating mode as LTE NB1 only

AT+QCFG="iotopmode",1,1

//Set PS only domain

AT+QCFG="servicedomain",1,1





//Enable full functionality

AT+CFUN=1

//Set APN for PDP context, can be empty ("")

AT+CGDCONT=1,"IP","APN_provided_by_operator"

Check Network Status



//wait 30s for NW registration, then check attachment status

AT+CGATT?

+CGATT:1

//check EPS network registration status (1=home, 5=roaming)

AT+CEREG?

+CEREG:1,xxxx,yyyyy,z

//or

+CEREG:5, xxxx, yyyyy, z

Send/Receive UDP Data



//activate PDP context and create an UDP socket on IP*/port

AT+QIACT=1

AT+QIOPEN=1,0,"UDP","83.58.228.64",16666

//send UDP message encoded as 2 digit HEX
AT+QISENDEX=0,"48656C6C6F20576F726C6421"

+QIURC: "recv",0

//read received UDP message

AT+QIRD=1

+QIRD: 12

48656C6C6F20576F726C6421

//close socket

AT+QICLOSE=0

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* update 83.58.228.64 with UDP server IP from web link

Visualize UDP Data



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WEETEE Build a Smarter World UDP Test Server IP: 83.58.228.64 port: 16666	
UDP	data
IP data	
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Thank you!

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