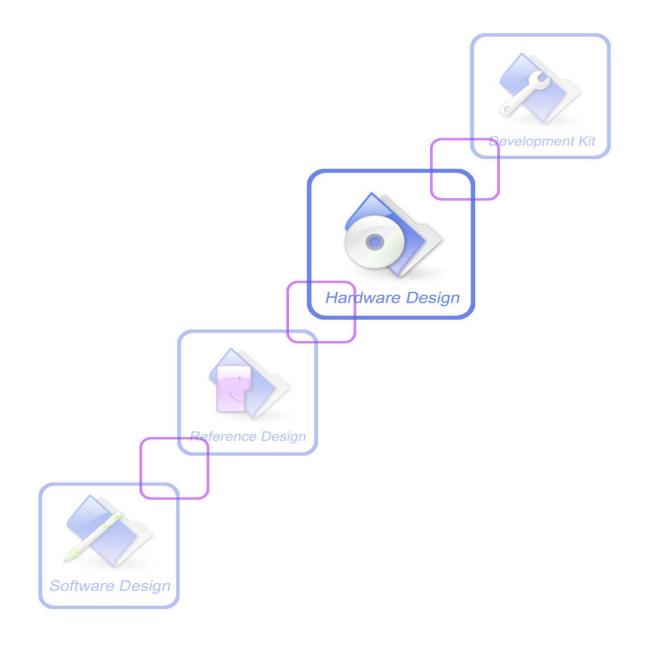


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### **1** Introduction

This document describes SIM900E hardware interface in great detail.

This document can help users to quickly understand SIM900E interface specifications, electrical and mechanical details. With the help of this document and other SIM900E application notes, user guide, users can use SIM900E to design various applications quickly.

### 2 SIM900E Overview

Designed for global market, SIM900E is a quad-band GSM/GPRS module that works on frequencies GSM 850MHz, EGSM 900MHz, DCS 1800MHz and PCS 1900MHz. SIM900E features GPRS multi-slot class 10/ class 8 (optional) and supports the GPRS coding schemes CS-1, CS-2, CS-3 and CS-4.

With a tiny configuration of 19.8*19.8*2.7mm, SIM900E can meet almost all the space requirements in user applications, such as M2M, smart phone, PDA and other mobile devices.

SIM900E has 69 pads in a LGA package , and provides all hardware interfaces between the module and customers' boards.

- Serial port and debug port can help users to easily develop their applications.
- Audio channel which includes a microphone input and a receiver output.
- Programmable general purpose input and output.
- The keypad and SPI display interfaces will give users the flexibility to develop customized applications.

SIM900E is designed with power saving technique so that the current consumption is as low as 1.0mA in sleep mode.

SIM900E integrates TCP/IP protocol and extended TCP/IP AT commands which are very useful for data transfer applications. For details about TCP/IP applications, please refer to *document [2]*.

### 2.1 SIM900E Key Features

### Table 1: SIM900E key features

Feature	Implementation		
Power supply	$3.2V \sim 4.8V$		
Power saving	Typical power consumption in sleep mode is 1.0mA (BS-PA-MFRMS=9)		
Frequency bands	<ul> <li>SIM900E Quad-band: GSM 850, EGSM 900, DCS 1800, PCS 1900.</li> <li>SIM900E can search the 4 frequency bands automatically. The frequency bands also can be set by AT command "AT+CBAND". For details, please refer to <i>document [1]</i>.</li> <li>Compliant to GSM Phase 2/2+</li> </ul>		



Transmitting power	<ul> <li>Class 4 (2W) at GSM 850 and EGSM 900</li> <li>Class 1 (1W) at DCS 1800 and PCS 1900</li> </ul>		
GPRS connectivity	<ul> <li>GPRS multi-slot class 10 ( default )</li> <li>GPRS multi-slot class 8 (option)</li> </ul>		
Temperature range	<ul> <li>Normal operation: -30°C ~ +80°C</li> <li>Restricted operation: -40°C ~ -30°C and +80 °C ~ +85°C[*]</li> <li>Storage temperature -45°C ~ +90°C</li> </ul>		
Data GPRS	<ul> <li>GPRS data downlink transfer: max. 85.6 kbps</li> <li>GPRS data uplink transfer: max. 42.8 kbps</li> <li>Coding scheme: CS-1, CS-2, CS-3 and CS-4</li> <li>Integrate the TCP/IP protocol.</li> <li>Support Packet Broadcast Control Channel (PBCCH)</li> </ul>		
CSD	Support CSD transmission		
USSD	Unstructured Supplementary Services Data (USSD) support		
SMS	<ul> <li>MT, MO, CB, Text and PDU mode</li> <li>SMS storage: SIM card</li> </ul>		
FAX	Group 3 Class 1		
SIM interface	Support SIM card: 1.8V, 3V		
External antenna	Antenna pad		
Audio features	<ul> <li>Speech codec modes:</li> <li>Half Rate (ETS 06.20)</li> <li>Full Rate (ETS 06.10)</li> <li>Enhanced Full Rate (ETS 06.50 / 06.60 / 06.80)</li> <li>Adaptive multi rate (AMR)</li> <li>Echo Cancellation</li> <li>Noise Suppression</li> </ul>		
Serial port and debug port	<ul> <li>Serial port:</li> <li>Full modem interface with status and control lines, unbalanced, asynchronous.</li> <li>1200bps to 115200bps.</li> <li>Can be used for AT commands or data stream.</li> <li>Support RTS/CTS hardware handshake and software ON/OFF flow control.</li> <li>Multiplex ability according to GSM 07.10 Multiplexer Protocol.</li> <li>Autobauding supports baud rate from 1200 bps to 57600bps.</li> <li>Debug port:</li> <li>Null modem interface DBG_TXD and DBG_RXD.</li> <li>Can be used for debugging and upgrading firmware.</li> </ul>		
Phonebook management	Support phonebook types: SM, FD, LD, RC, ON, MC.		
SIM application toolkit	GSM 11.14 Release 99		
Real time clock	Support RTC		
Physical characteristics	Size: 19.8*19.8*2.7mm Weight: 2.2g		
Firmware upgrade	Firmware upgradeable by debug port.		
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*SIM900E does work at this temperature, but some radio frequency characteristics may deviate from the GSM specification.



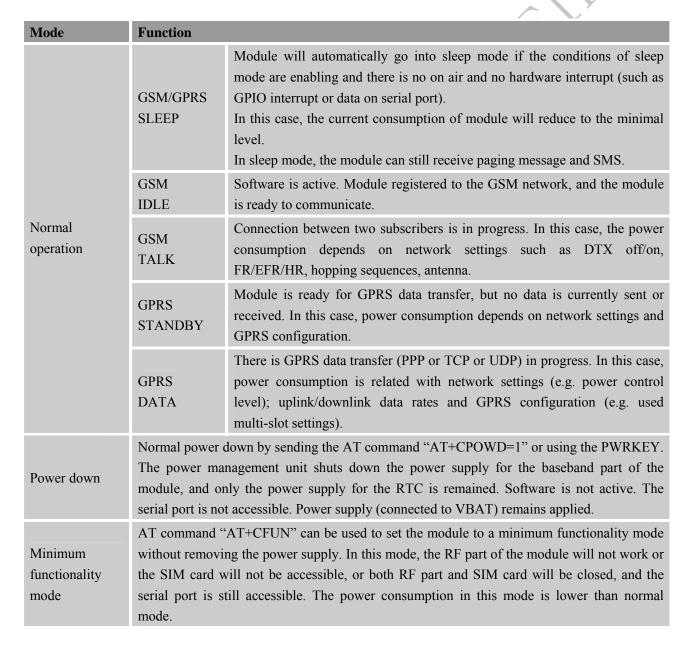
#### Table 2: Coding schemes and maximum net data rates over air interface

Coding scheme	1 timeslot	2 timeslot	4 timeslot
CS-1	9.05kbps	18.1kbps	36.2kbps
CS-2	13.4kbps	26.8kbps	53.6kbps
CS-3	15.6kbps	31.2kbps	62.4kbps
CS-4	21.4kbps	42.8kbps	85.6kbps

### 2.2 Operating Modes

The table below summarizes the various operating modes of SIM900E.

#### Table 3: Overview of operating modes

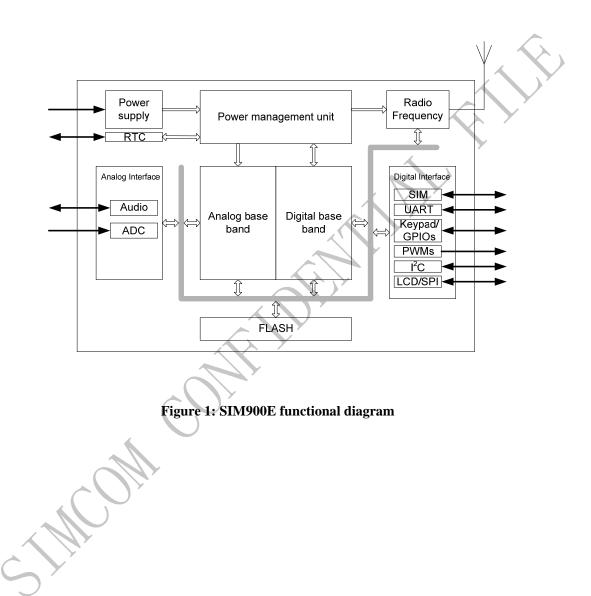




### 2.3 SIM900E Functional Diagram

The following figure shows a functional diagram of SIM900E:

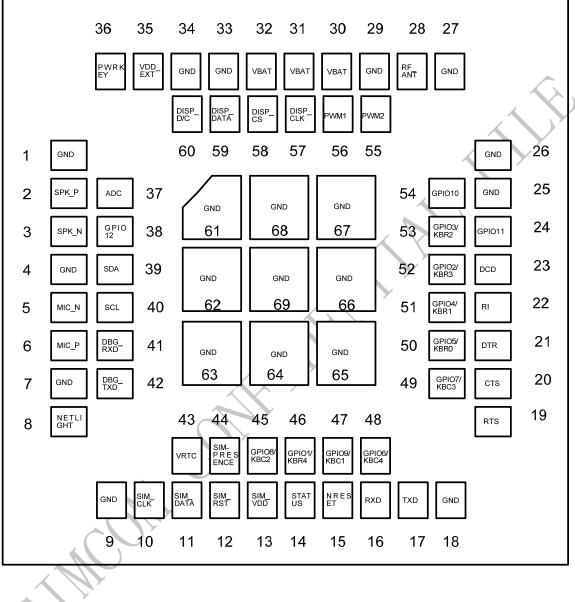
- The GSM baseband engine
- Flash
- The GSM radio frequency part
- The antenna interface
- The other interfaces

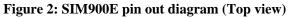




### **3** Package Information

### 3.1 Pin out Diagram







### 3.2 Pin Description

### Table 4: Pin description

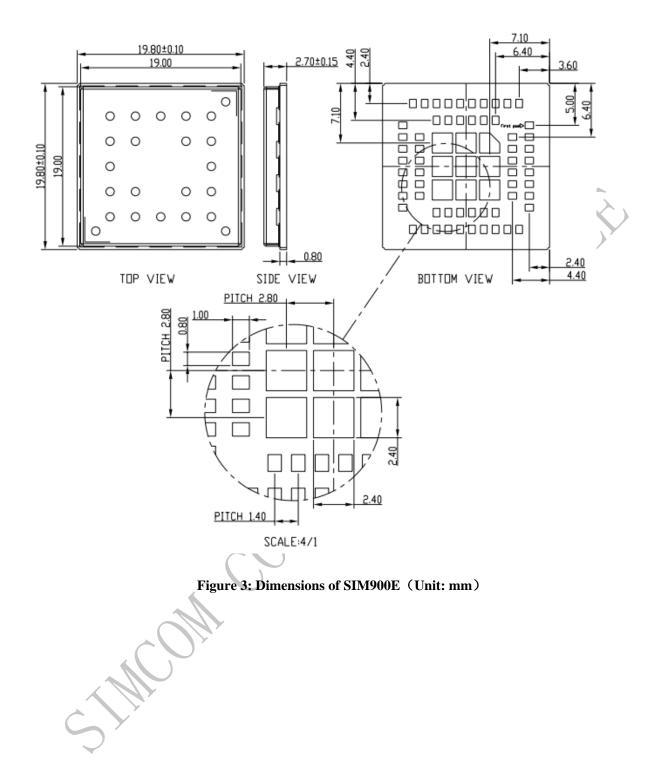
Pin name	Pin number	I/ O	Description	Comment		
<b>Power supply</b>						
VBAT	30,31,32	Ι	Power supply			
VRTC	43	I/ O	Power supply for RTC	It is recommended to connect with a battery or a capacitor (e.g. 4.7uF).		
VDD_EXT	35	0	2.8V output power supply	If it is unused, keep open.		
GND	1,4,7,9,18,25,26 ,27,29,33,34, 61,62,63,64,65, 66,67,68,69		Ground			
Power on/down	_					
PWRKEY	36	Ι	PWRKEY should be pulled low at least 1 second and then released to power on/down the module.	Pulled up internally.		
Audio interfaces	S					
MIC_P	6	Ι	Differential audio input	If these pins are unused, keep open.		
MIC_N	5	1	Differential additioniput			
SPK_P	2	0	Differential audio output			
SPK_N	3	Ŭ	Differential audio output			
Status						
STATUS	14	0	Power on status	If these pins are unused,		
NETLIGHT	8	0	Network status	keep open.		
LCD interface						
DISP_CLK	57	0				
DISP_DATA	59	I/ O	Display interface	If these pins are unused, keep open.		
DISP_D/C	60	0				
DISP_CS	58	0				
I ² C interface						
SDA	39	0	I ² C serial bus data	If these pins are unused,		
SCL	40	I/ O	I ² C serial bus clock	keep open.		
Keypad interfac	Keypad interface / GPIOs					
GPIO5/KBR0	50	I/	GPIO5/keypad row 0	If these pins are unused,		

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GPIO4/KBR1	51	0	GPIO4/keypad row 1	keep open.
GPIO3/KBR2	53		GPIO3/keypad row 2	
GPIO2/KBR3	52		GPIO2/keypad row 3	
GPIO1/KBR4	46		GPIO1/keypad row 4	
GPIO9/KBC1	47		GPIO9/keypad column 1	
GPIO8/KBC2	45		GPIO8/keypad column 2	
GPIO7/KBC3	49		GPIO7/keypad column 3	
GPIO6/KBC4	48		GPIO6/keypad column 4	
GPIO10	54		GPIO10	
GPIO11	24		GPIO11	
GPIO12	38		GPIO12	
Serial port				
RXD	16	Ι	Receive data	
TXD	17	0	Transmit data	
RTS	19	Ι	Request to send	
CTS	20	0	Clear to send	If these pins are unused,
DCD	23	0	Data carrier detect	keep open.
RI	22	0	Ring indicator	
DTR	21	Ι	Data terminal ready	
Debug interface	2			
DBG_TXD	42	0		If these pins are unused,
DBG_RXD	41	Ι	For debugging and upgrading firmware	keep open.
SIM interface				
SIM_VDD	13	0	Voltage supply for SIM card. Support 1.8V or 3V SIM card	All signals of SIM
SIM_DATA	11	I/ O	SIM data input/output	interface should be protected against ESD
SIM_CLK	10	0	SIM clock	with a TVS diode array.
SIM_RST	12	0	SIM reset	
SIM_PRESEN CE	44	Ι	SIM card detection	If it is unused, keep open.
ADC				
ADC	37	Ι	Input voltage range: $0V \sim 2.8V$	If it is unused, keep open.
External reset				
NRESET	15	Ι	Reset input(Active low)	Recommend connecting a 100nF capacitor.
Pulse width mo	dulation( PWM )			
PWM1	56	0	PWM	If these pins are unused,
PWM2	55	0	PWM	keep open.
<b>RF</b> interface				
RF_ANT	28	I/ O	RF antenna connection	Impendence must be controlled to $50\Omega$ .



### **3.3** Package Dimensions



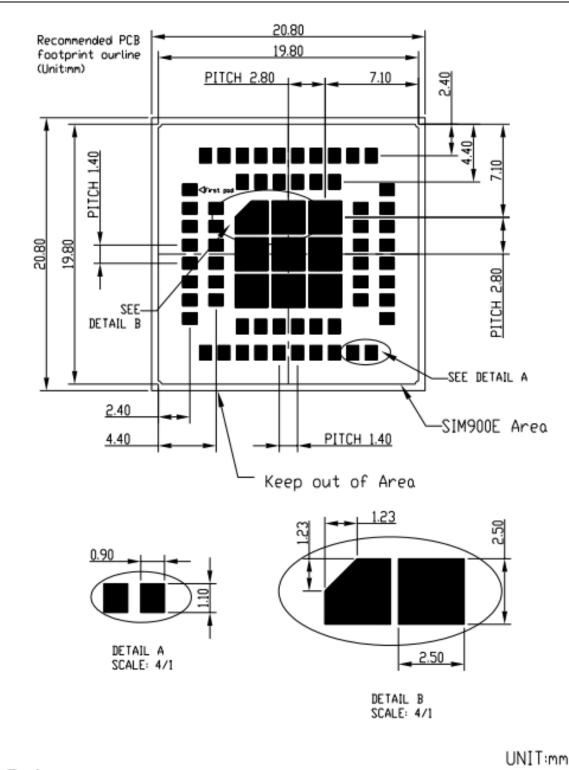
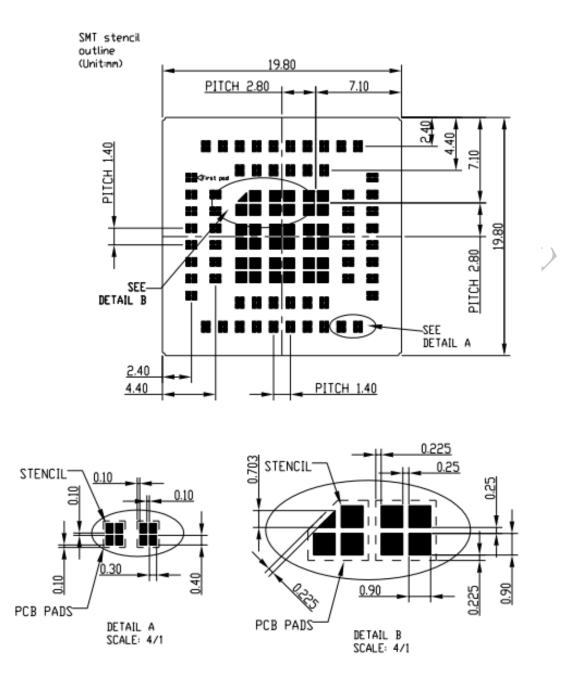


Figure 4: Recommended PCB footprint outline (Unit: mm)

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### **4** Application Interface

### 4.1 Power Supply

The power supply range of SIM900E is from 3.2V to 4.8V. The transmitting burst will cause voltage drop and the power supply must be able to provide sufficient current up to 2A. For the VBAT input, a bypass capacitor (low ESR) such as a 100  $\mu$ F is strongly recommended; this capacitor should be placed as close as possible to SIM900E VBAT pins. The following figure is the reference design of +5V input power supply. The designed output for the power supply is 4.1V, thus a linear regulator can be used.

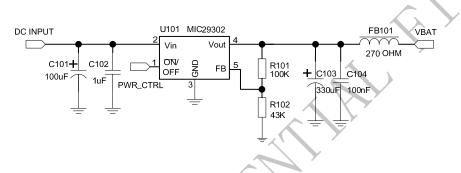


Figure 6: Reference circuit of the LDO power supply

If there is a high drop-out between the input and the desired output (VBAT), a DC-DC power supply will be preferable because of its better efficiency especially with the 2A peak current in burst mode of the module. The following figure is the reference circuit.

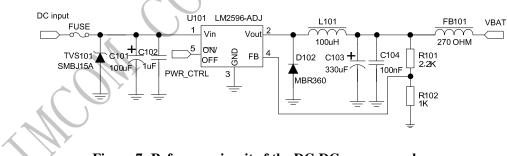


Figure 7: Reference circuit of the DC-DC power supply

The single 3.6V Li-ion cell battery can be connected to SIM900E VBAT pins directly. But the Ni-Cd or Ni-MH battery must be used carefully, since their maximum voltage can rise over the absolute maximum voltage of the module and damage it.

When battery is used, the total impedance between battery and VBAT pins should be less than  $150m\Omega$ . The following figure shows the VBAT voltage drop at the maximum power transmit phase, and the test condition is as following:

> VBAT=4.0V, A VBAT bypass capacitor  $C_A$ =100µF tantalum capacitor (ESR=0.7 $\Omega$ ), Another VBAT bypass capacitor  $C_B$ =1µF.

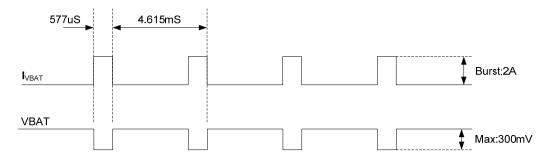


Figure 8: VBAT voltage drop during transmit burst

### 4.1.1 Minimizing Voltage Drop of VBAT

When designing the power supply in user's application, pay special attention to power losses. Ensure that the input voltage never drops below 3.1V even when current consumption rises to 2A in the transmit burst. If the power voltage drops below 3.1V, the module may be shut down automatically. The PCB traces from the VBAT pins to the power supply must be wide enough (at least 60mil) to decrease voltage drops in the transmit burst. The power IC and the bypass capacitor should be placed to the module as close as possible.



Figure 9: The minimal VBAT voltage requirement at VBAT drop

### 4.1.2 Monitoring Power Supply

The AT command "AT+CBC" can be used to monitor the VBAT voltage. For detail, please refer to document [1].

### 4.2 Power on/down Scenarios

#### 4.2.1 Power on SIM900E

User can power on SIM900E by pulling down the PWRKEY pin for at least 1 second and release. This pin is already pulled up to 3V in the module internal, so external pull up is not necessary. Reference circuit is shown as below.

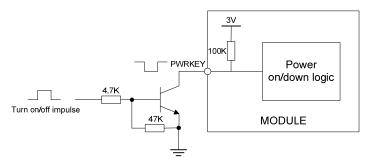


Figure 10: Powered on/down module using transistor

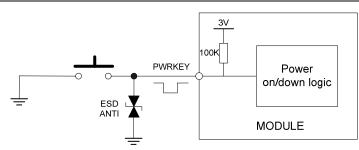


Figure 11: Powered on/down module using button

The power on scenarios is illustrated as following figure.

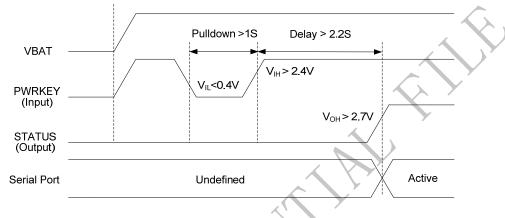


Figure 12: Timing of power on module

When power on procedure is completed, SIM900E will send following URC to indicate that the module is ready to operate at fixed baud rate.

### RDY

This URC does not appear when autobauding function is active.

Note: User can use AT command "AT+IPR=x" to set a fixed baud rate and save the configuration to non-volatile flash memory. After the configuration is saved as fixed baud rate, the Code "RDY" should be received from the serial port every time when SIM900E is powered on. For details, please refer to the chapter "AT+IPR" in document [1].

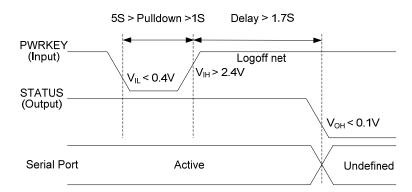
### 4.2.2 Power down SIM900E

SIM900E will be powered down in the following situations:

- Normal power down procedure: power down SIM900E by the PWRKEY pin.
- Normal power down procedure: power down SIM900E by AT command "AT+CPOWD=1".
- Abnormal power down: over-voltage or under-voltage automatic power down.
- Abnormal power down: over-temperature or under-temperature automatic power down.

#### 4.2.2.1 Power down SIM900E by the PWRKEY Pin

User can power down SIM900E by pulling down the PWRKEY pin for at least 1 second and release. Please refer to the power on circuit. The power down scenario is illustrated in following figure.



### Figure 13: Timing of power down SIM900E by PWRKEY

This procedure makes the module log off from the network and allows the software to enter into a secure state to save data before completely shut down.

Before the completion of the power down procedure, the module will send URC:

### NORMAL POWER DOWN

At this moment, AT commands can not be executed any more, and only the RTC is still active. Power down mode can also be indicated by STATUS pin, which is at low level at this time.

### 4.2.2.2 Power down SIM900E by AT Command

SIM900E can be powered down by AT command "AT+CPOWD=1". This procedure makes the module log off from the network and allows the software to enter into a secure state to save data before completely shut down.

Before the completion of the power down procedure, the module will send URC:

### NORMAL POWER DOWN

At this moment, AT commands can not be executed any more, and only the RTC is still active. Power down mode can also be indicated by STATUS pin, which is at low level at this time.

For detail about the AT command "AT+CPOWD", please refer to *document* [1]

### 4.2.2.3 Over-voltage or Under-voltage Power down

The module software monitors the VBAT voltage constantly.

If the voltage  $\leq$  3.3V, the following URC will be reported:

### UNDER-VOLTAGE WARNNING

If the voltage  $\geq$  4.7V, the following URC will be reported:

### OVER-VOLTAGE WARNNING

If the voltage < 3.2V, the following URC will be reported, and the module will be automatically powered down.

### UNDER-VOLTAGE POWER DOWN

If the voltage > 4.8V, the following URC will be reported, and the module will be automatically powered down.

### **OVER-VOLTAGE POWER DOWN**

At this moment, AT commands can not be executed any more, and only the RTC is still active. Power down mode can also be indicated by STATUS pin, which is at low level at this time.



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### 4.2.2.4 Over-temperature or Under-temperature Power down

The module will constantly monitor the temperature of the module,

If the temperature > +80 °C, the following URC will be reported:

### +CMTE: 1

If the temperature  $< -30^{\circ}$ C, the following URC will be reported:

### +CMTE:-1

If the temperature > +85 °C, the following URC will be reported, and the module will be automatically powered down.

### +*CMTE: 2*

If the temperature  $< -40^{\circ}$ C, the following URC will be reported, and the module will be automatically powered down.

### +*CMTE:-2*

At this moment, AT commands can not be executed any more, and only the RTC is still active. Power down mode can also be indicated by STATUS pin, which is at low level at this time.

The AT command "AT+CMTE" could be used to read the temperature when the module is running. For details please refer to *document [1]*.

### 4.2.3 Restart SIM900E by PWRKEY Pin

When the module works normally, if the user wants to restart the module, follow the procedure below:

- 1) Power down the module.
- 2) Wait for at least 800mS after STATUS pin changed to low level.
- 3) Power on the module.

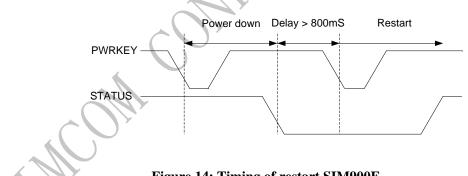


Figure 14: Timing of restart SIM900E

### 4.3 Power Saving Mode

SIM900E have two sleep modes: sleep mode 1 is enabled by hardware pin DTR; sleep mode 2 is only enabled by serial port regardless of the DTR. In sleep mode, the current of module is very low. The AT command "AT+CFUN=<fun>" can be used to set SIM900E into minimum functionality. When SIM900E is in sleep mode and minimum functionality, the current of module is lowest.

### 4.3.1 Minimum Functionality Mode

There are three functionality modes, which could be set by the AT command "AT+CFUN=<fun>". The command provides the choice of the functionality levels <fun>=0,1,4.

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- 0: minimum functionality.
- 1: full functionality (default).
- 4: flight mode (disable RF function).

Minimum functionality mode minimizes the current consumption to the lowest level. If SIM900E is set to minimum functionality by "AT+CFUN=0", the RF function and SIM card function will be disabled. In this case, the serial port is still accessible, but all AT commands correlative with RF function and SIM card function will not be accessible.

For detailed information about the AT Command "AT+CFUN=<fun>", please refer to *document [1]*.

### Table 5: The Current consumption of Minimum Functionality Mode

<fun></fun>	Current consumption(uA) (sleep mode)
0	651
1	1000
4	715

### 4.3.2 Sleep Mode 1 (AT+CSCLK=1)

User can control SIM900E module to enter or exit the sleep mode 1 (AT+CSCLK=1) by DTR signal. When DTR is in high level and without interrupt (on air and hardware such as GPIO interrupt or data in serial port), SIM900E will enter sleep mode 1 automatically. In this mode, SIM900E can still receive paging or SMS from network but the serial port is not accessible.

Note: For SIM900E, it requests to set AT command "AT+CSCLK=1" and ensure DTR at high level to enable the sleep mode 1; the default value is 0, which can not make the module to enter sleep mode. For more details please refer to document [1].

### 4.3.3 Wake Up SIM900E from Sleep Mode 1 (AT+CSCLK=1)

When SIM900E is in sleep mode 1 (AT+CSCLK=1), the following methods can wake up the module:

- Pull down DTR pin.
  - The serial port will be active after DTR pin is pulled to low level for about 50ms.
- Receive a voice or data call from network.
- Receive a SMS from network.

Note: If AT+CSCLK=1, it is requested to pull down DTR pin to enable the sleep mode, else can not make the module to enter sleep mode.

### 4.3.4 Sleep Mode 2 (AT+CSCLK=2)

In this mode, SIM900E will continuously monitor the serial port data signal. When there is no data transfer over 5 seconds on the RXD signal and there is no on air and hardware interrupts (such as GPIO interrupt), SIM900E will enter sleep mode 2 automatically. In this mode, SIM900E can still receive paging or SMS from network but the serial port is not accessible.

Note: For SIM900E, It is requested to set AT command "AT+CSCLK=2" to enable the sleep mode 2; the default value is 0, whichSIM900E_Hardware Design_V1.00232013-02-02



can not make the module to enter sleep mode. For more details please refer to document [1].

### 4.3.5 Wake Up SIM900E from Sleep Mode 2 (AT+CSCLK=2)

When SIM900E is in sleep mode 2 (AT+CSCLK=2), the following methods can wake up the module:

- Send data to SIM900E via main serial port. *
- Receive a voice or data call from network.
- Receive a SMS from network.

* Note: The first byte of the user's data will not be recognized.

### 4.4 RTC Backup

Current input for RTC when the VBAT is not supplied for the system. Current output for backup battery when the VBAT power supply is in present and the backup battery is in low voltage state. The RTC power supply of module can be provided by an external capacitor or a battery (non-chargeable or rechargeable) through the VRTC. The following figures show various reference circuits for RTC back up.

**External capacitor backup** MODULE VRTC 10K RTC Core Large-capacitance Capacitor Figure 15: RTC supply from capacitor Non-chargeable battery backup MODULE VRTC 10K RTC Core Non-chargeable Backup Batterv Figure 16: RTC supply from non-chargeable battery

### Rechargeable battery backup

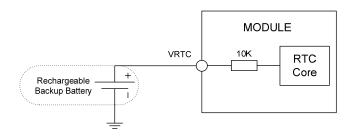


Figure 17: RTC supply from rechargeable battery

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Coin-type rechargeable battery is recommended, such as XH414H-IV01E form Seiko can be used.

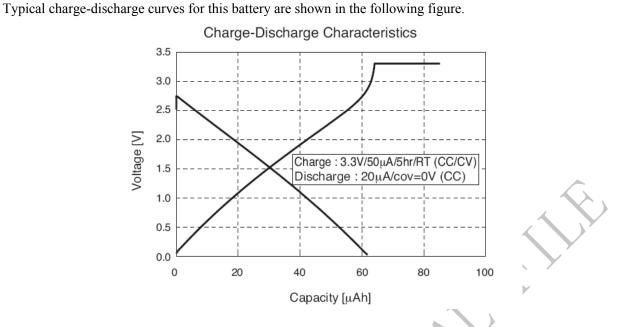


Figure 18: Seiko XH414H-IV01E Charge-Discharge Characteristic

### 4.5 Serial Interfaces

SIM900E provides two unbalanced asynchronous serial ports. One is the serial port and the other is the debug port. The module is designed as a DCE (Data Communication Equipment). The following figure shows the connection between module and client (DTE).

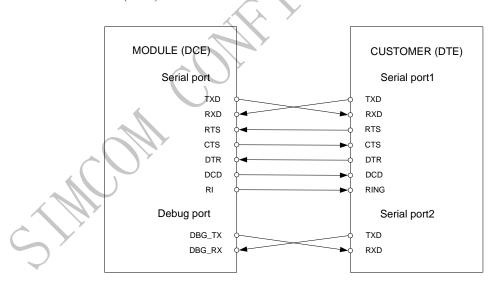


Figure 19: Connection of the serial interfaces

If only RXD and TXD are used in user's application, other serial pins should be kept open. Please refer to following figure.

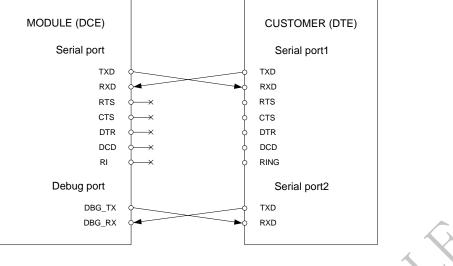


Figure 20: Connection of RXD and TXD only

### 4.5.1 Function of Serial Port and Debug Port

Serial port:

- Full modem device.
- Contains data lines TXD and RXD, hardware flow control lines RTS and CTS, status lines DTR, DCD and RI.
- Serial port can be used for CSD FAX, GPRS service and AT communication. It can also be used for multiplexing function. For details about multiplexing function, please refer to *document [3]*.
- Serial port supports the following baud rates: 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600 and 115200bps
- Autobauding only supports the following baud rates: 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, 38400 and 57600bps
- The default setting is autobauding.

Autobauding allows SIM900E to automatically detect the baud rate of the host device. Pay more attention to the following requirements:

### • Synchronization between DTE and DCE:

When DCE powers on with autobauding enabled, user must firstly send character "A" to synchronize the baud rate. It is recommended to send "AT" until DTE receives the "OK" response, which means DTE and DCE are correctly synchronized. For more information please refer to the AT command "AT+IPR".

### • Restrictions of autobauding operation:

The DTE serial port must be set at 8 data bits, no parity and 1 stop bit.

The URC such as "RDY", "+CFUN: 1" and "+CPIN: READY" will not be reported.

Note: User can use AT command "AT+IPR=x" to set a fixed baud rate and the setting will be saved to non-volatile flash memory automatically. After the configuration is set as fixed baud rate, the URC such as "RDY", "+CFUN: 1" and "+CPIN: READY" will be reported when SIM900E is powered on.

Debug port:

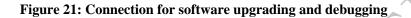
- Used for debugging and upgrading firmware.
- Debug port supports the baud rate of 115200bps.



### 4.5.2 Software Upgrade and Debug

MODULE DBG_TXD DBG_RXD PWRKEY GND Debug port J/O connector

Refer to the following figure for debugging and upgrading software.



The serial port and the debug port support the CMOS level. If user connects the module to the computer, the level shifter should be added between the DCE and DTE.

For details about software upgrading, please refer to document [4].

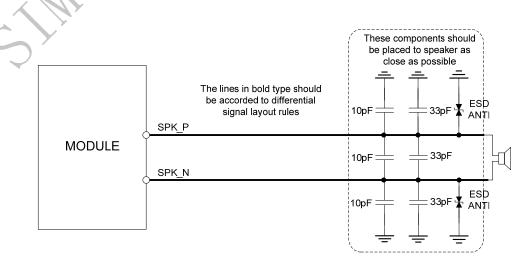
### 4.6 Audio Interfaces

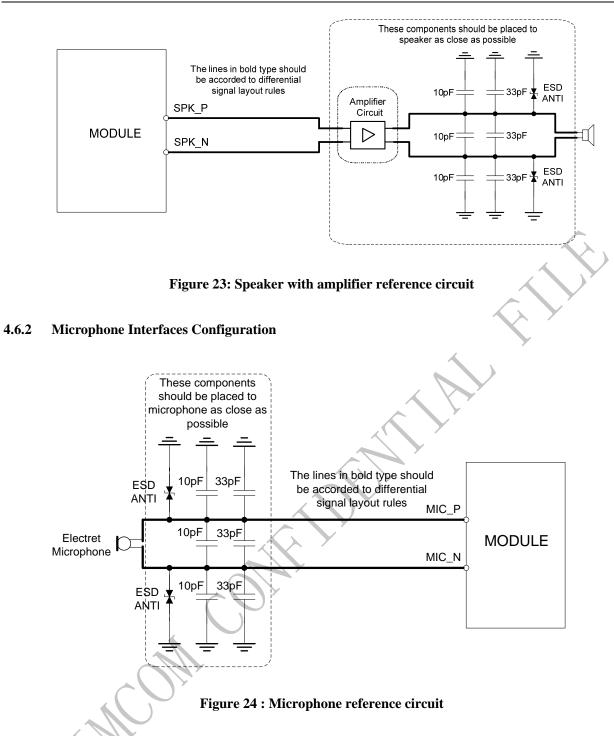
SIM900E provides one analog input, AIN, which could be used for electret microphone. The module also provides one analog output, AOUT. The output can directly drive  $32\Omega$  receiver.

AT command "AT+CMIC" is used to adjust the input gain level of microphone. AT command "AT+SIDET" is used to set the side-tone level. In addition, AT command "AT+CLVL" is used to adjust the output gain level. For more details, please refer to *document [1]* and *document [5]*.

In order to improve audio performance, the following reference circuits are recommended. The audio signals have to be layout according to differential signal layout rules as shown in following figures. If user needs to use an amplifier circuit for audio, National Semiconductor Company's LM4890 is recommended.

### 4.6.1 Speaker Interface Configuration





Microphone input also could be used to LINE-IN input. For details, please refer to document [6].



### 4.6.3 Earphone Interface Configuration

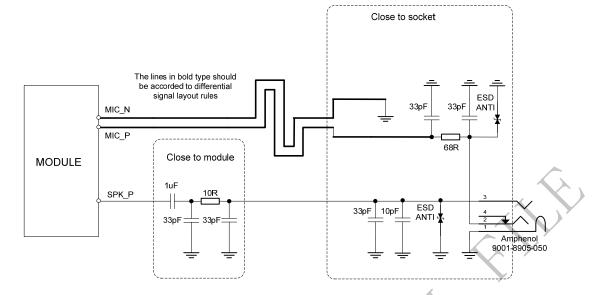


Figure 25: Earphone reference circuit

### 4.6.4 Audio Electronic Characteristics

### Table 6: Microphone Input Characteristics

Parameter	Parameter		Тур	Max	Unit
Working Voltage		1.2	1.5	2.0	V
Working Current		200		500	uA
External Microphon	e Load Resistance	1.2	2.2		kΩ
Internal biasing DC	Characteristics			2.5	V
Differential input voltage	THD <1% at F=1KHz; pre-amp gain = 20 dB; PGA gain = 14 dB		15.9		mVrms
	THD <5% at F=1KHz;pre-amp gain = 0 dB; PGA gain = 0 dB		740		mVrms

#### **Table 7: Audio Output Characteristics**

Parameter	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
	RL=32Ω THD=0.1%	-	91	-	mW
	RL=32Ω THD=1%	-	96		mW
Normal Output(SPK)	Output swing Voltage (single ended)			1.1	Vpp
	Output swing Voltage (differential)			2.2	Vpp

### 4.7 SIM Card Interface

### 4.7.1 SIM Card Application

The SIM interface complies with the GSM Phase 1 specification and the new GSM Phase 2+ specification for FAST 64 kbps SIM card. Both 1.8V and 3.0V SIM card are supported. The SIM interface is powered from an internal regulator in the module.

It is recommended to use an ESD protection component such as ST (<u>www.st.com</u>) ESDA6V1W5 or ON SEMI (<u>www.onsemi.com</u>) SMF05C. The pull up resistor (15K $\Omega$ ) on the SIM_DATA line is already added in the module internal. Note that the SIM peripheral circuit should be close to the SIM card socket. The reference circuit of the 8-pin SIM card holder is illustrated in the following figure.

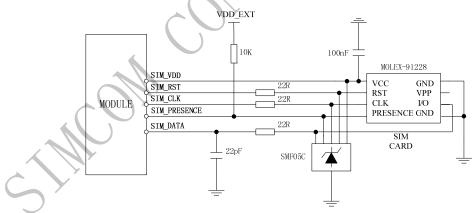
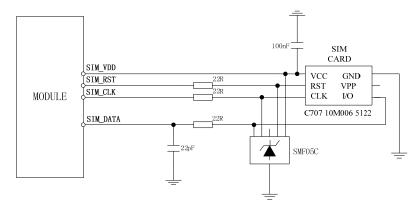


Figure 26: Reference circuit of the 8-pin SIM card holder

The SIM_PRESENCE pin is used for detection of the SIM card hot plug in. User can select the 8-pin SIM card holder to implement SIM card detection function. AT command "AT+CSDT" is used to enable or disable SIM card detection function. For details of this AT command, please refer to *document [1]*.

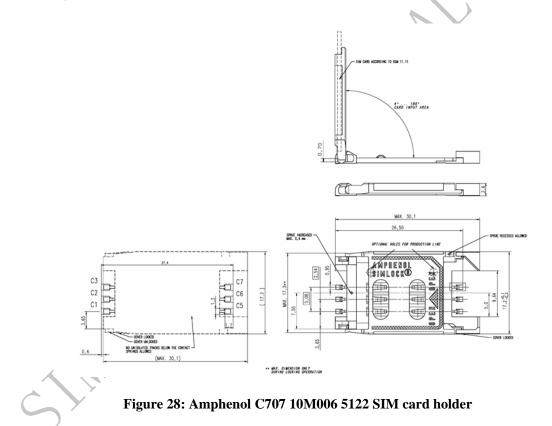
If the SIM card detection function is not used, user can keep the SIM_PRESENCE pin open. The reference circuit of 6-pin SIM card holder is illustrated in the following figure.



### Figure 27: Reference circuit of the 6-pin SIM card holder

### 4.7.2 Design Considerations for SIM Card Holder

For 6-pin SIM card holder, SIMCom recommends to use Amphenol C707 10M006 5122 .User can visit <u>http://www.amphenol.com</u> for more information about the holder.



### Table 8: Pin description (Amphenol SIM card holder)

Pin name	Signal	Description
C1	SIM_VDD	SIM card power supply
C2	SIM_RST	SIM card reset
C3	SIM_CLK	SIM card clock
C5	GND	Connect to GND
C6	VPP	Not connect
C7	SIM_DATA	SIM card data I/O



For 8 pins SIM card holder, SIMCom recommends to use Molex 91228.User can visit <u>http://www.molex.com</u> for more information about the holder.

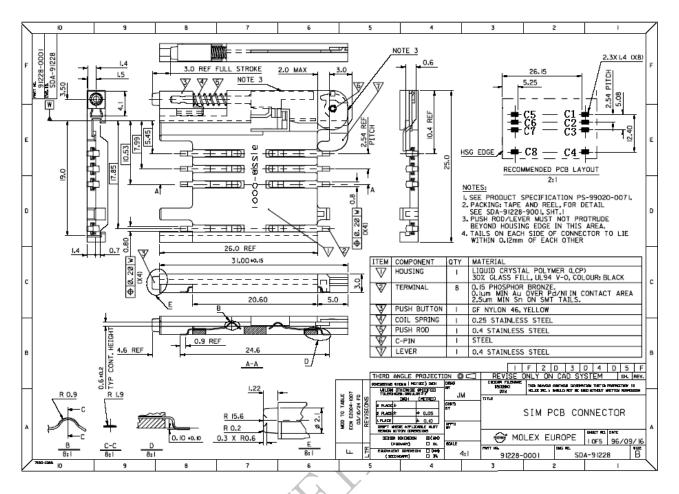


Figure 29: Molex 91228 SIM card holder

<b>Table 9: Pin description</b>	(Molex SIM card holder)	

Pin name	Signal	Description
C1	SIM_VDD	SIM card power supply
C2	SIM_RST	SIM card reset
C3	SIM_CLK	SIM card clock
C4	GND	Connect to GND
C5	GND	Connect to GND
C6	VPP	Not connect
C7	SIM_DATA	SIM card data I/O
C8	SIM_PRESENCE	Detect SIM card presence

### 4.8 LCD Display/SPI Interface

SIM900E provides a serial LCD display interface. It could also be used as SPI interface in the embedded AT application. For details about embedded AT application, please refer to *document* [7].



Note: This function is not supported in the standard firmware. If user wants this function, the firmware must be customized. Please contact SIMCom for more details.

### 4.9 Keypad Interface

The keypad interface consists of 4 keypad column outputs and 5 keypad row inputs. The basic configuration is 4 keypad columns and 5 keypad rows, total 20 keys.

Pin name	Pin number	Default function	Second function	Default state
GPIO1/KBR4	46	GPIO1		Input, Pull down
GPIO2/ KBR3	52	GPIO2	Keypad matrix column	Input, Pull down
GPIO3/ KBR2	53	GPIO3		Input, Pull down
GPIO4/ KBR1	51	GPIO4		Input, Pull down
GPIO5/ KBR0	50	GPIO5		Input, Pull down
GPIO6/ KBC4	48	GPIO6		Input, Pull down
GPIO7/ KBC3	49	GPIO7	Keypad matrix row	Input, Pull down
GPIO8/ KBC2	45	GPIO8		Input, Pull down
GPIO9/ KBC1	47	GPIO9		Input, Pull down

Table 10: Pin definition of the keypad interface

The keypad interface allows a direct external matrix connection. A typical recommended circuit of the keypad is shown in the following figure.

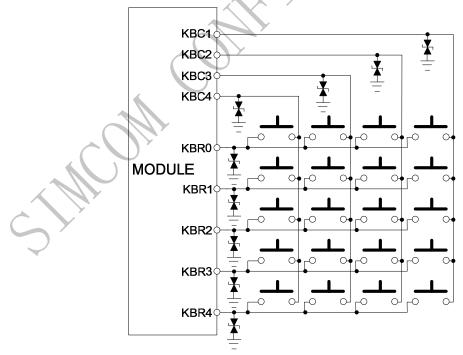


Figure 30: Reference circuit of the keypad interface

Note: This function is not supported in the standard firmware. If user wants this function, the firmware must be customized. Please contact SIMCom for more details.



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### 4.10 ADC

SIM900E provides an auxiliary ADC, which can be used to measure the voltage. User can use AT command "AT+CADC" to read the voltage value. For details of this AT command, please refer to *document* [1].

### Table 11: ADC specification

Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Voltage range	0	-	2.8	V
ADC Resolution	-	10	-	bits
Sampling rate	-	-	200K	Hz
				$\sim$

### 4.11 RI Behaviors

### Table 12: RI Behaviors

State	RI response
Standby	High
Voice call	The pin is changed to low. When any of the following events occur, the pin will be changed to high: (1) Establish the call (2) Hang up the call
Data call	The pin is changed to low. When any of the following events occur, the pin will be changed to high: (1) Establish the call (2) Hang up the call
SMS	The pin is changed to low, and kept low for 120ms when a SMS is received. Then it is changed to high.
URC	The pin is changed to low, and kept low for 120ms when some URCs are reported. Then it is changed to high. For more details, please refer to <i>document [8]</i> .

The behavior of the RI pin is shown in the following figure when the module is used as a receiver.

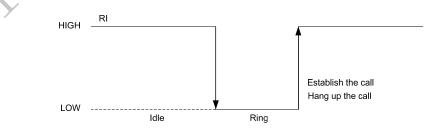
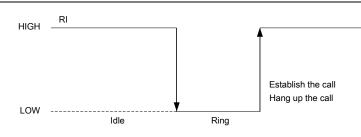
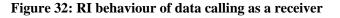
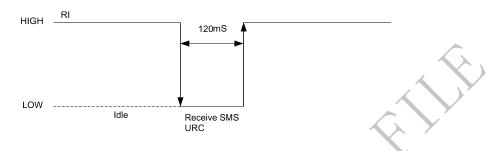


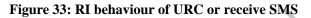
Figure 31: RI behaviour of voice calling as a receiver



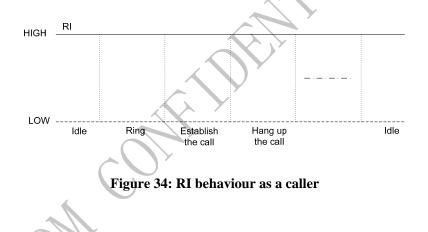








However, if the module is used as caller, the RI will remain high. Please refer to the following figure.



### 4.12 Network Status Indication

The NETLIGHT pin can be used to drive a network status indication LED. The status of this pin is listed in following table:

### Table 13: Status of the NETLIGHT pin

Status	SIM900E behavior
Off	SIM900E is not running
64ms On/ 800ms Off	SIM900E not registered the network
64ms On/ 3000ms Off	SIM900E registered to the network
64ms On/ 300ms Off	GPRS communication is established

A reference circuit is recommended in the following figure:



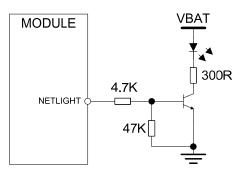


Figure 35: Reference circuit of NETLIGHT

### 4.13 General Purpose Input/Output (GPIO)

SIM900E provides up to 12 GPIO pins. The output voltage level of the GPIO can be set by the AT command "AT+ SGPIO". The input voltage level of the GPIO can also be read by the AT command "AT+ SGPIO". For more details, please refer to *document [1]*.

### Table 14: Pin definition of the GPIO interface

Pin name	Pin number	Default function	Second function	Default state
GPIO1/ KBR4	46	GPIO1	KBR4	input, pull down
GPIO2/ KBR3	52	GPIO2	KBR3	input, pull down
GPIO3/ KBR2	53	GPIO3	KBR2	input, pull down
GPIO4/ KBR1	51	GPIO4	KBR1	input, pull down
GPIO5/ KBR0	50	GPIO5	KBR0	input, pull down
GPIO6/ KBC4	48	GPIO6	KBC4	input, pull down
GPIO7/ KBC3	49	GPIO7	KBC3	input, pull down
GPIO8/ KBC2	45	GPIO8	KBC2	input, pull down
GPIO9/ KBC1	47	GPIO9	KBC1	input, pull down
GPIO10	54	GPIO10		input, pull up
GPIO11	24	GPIO11		input, pull down
GPIO12	38	GPIO12		input, pull down

### 4.14 External Reset

The external NRESET pin is used to reset the module. This function is used as an emergency reset only when AT command "AT+CPOWD=1" and the PWRKEY pin have no effect. The NRESET pin could be pulled down to reset the module. The reset timing is illustrated in the following figure.



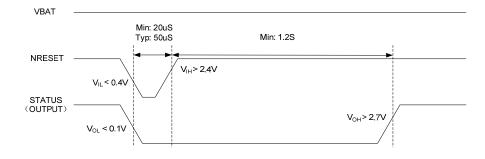
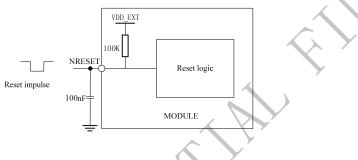


Figure 36: Reset timing

This pin is already pulled up in the module, so the external pull-up resistor is not necessary. A 100nF capacitor close to the NRESET pin is strongly recommended. A reference circuit is shown in the following figure.





NOTE: It is recommended to cut off the VBAT power supply directly instead of using external reset pin when SIM900E can not respond to the AT command "AT+CPOWD=1" and PWRKEY pin.

## 4.15 PWM

SIM900E provides two PWMs. PWM2 can be used to drive a vibrator, and a backlight LED for display or keyboard.

PWM2 output frequency varies from 25.6KHz to 3.25MHz.Two 7-bit unsigned binary parameters are used for the output period and for the duty cycle.

PWM1 is intend for controlling a buzzer.

Features of PWM1:

- 10-bit resolution for buzzer tone frequency generation from 200 Hz to 5 kHz
- Tone frequency error < 1 % for all standard piano notes from 200 Hz to 5 kHz
- Tone level control from 0 dB down to -24 dB in +4 dB steps
- Audio mute

PWM1 outputs a square wave at the desired tone frequency. The tone frequencies are programmable from 200 Hz to 5 kHz and can be re-programmed on-the-fly to generate monophonic audio ring tones or alert tones. The tone level can be adjusted over a 24 dB range in 4 dB steps, or it can be muted.

The AT command "AT + SPWM" is used to set the output period and duty cycle of the PWMs. For details, please refer to *document [1]*.

# 4.16 **I**²C Bus

The SIM900E provides an  $I^2C$  interface which is only used in the embedded AT application.

Note: This function is not supported in the standard firmware. If user wants this function, the firmware must be customized. Please contact SIMCom for more details.

### 4.17 Antenna Interface

SIM900E provides a RF antenna interface. The customer's antenna should be located in the customer's main board and connected to the module's antenna pad through microstrip line or other type RF traces which impendence must be controlled to  $50\Omega$ . To facilitate the antenna tuning and certification test, a RF connector and an antenna matching circuit should be added. The following figure is the recommended circuit.

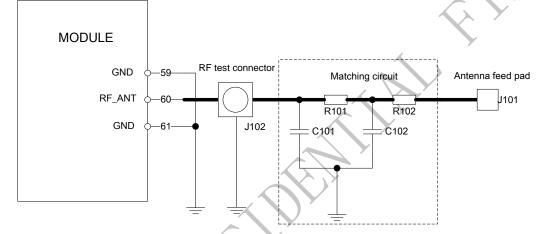


Figure 38: Antenna matching circuit

In this figure, the components R101,R102,C101 and C102 are used for antenna matching, the components' values only can be got after the antenna tuning. Usually, matching components' values are provided by antenna vendor. The default values of R101 and R102 are  $0\Omega$ , and reserve the places of C101 and C102 without soldering.

The RF connector in above figure is used for conducted RF performance test, and should be placed as close as possible to the module's RF_ANT pin. The traces in bold type in above figure should be treated as  $50\Omega$  impedance controlled line in PCB layout. For details about radio frequency trace layout, please refer to *document* [9].

# 5 Electrical, Reliability and Radio Characteristics

## 5.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

The absolute maximum ratings stated in following table are stress ratings under non-operating conditions. Stresses beyond any of these limits will cause permanent damage to SIM900E.

#### Table 15: Absolute maximum ratings

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
VBAT	Power supply voltage	-	-	5.5	V
$V_{I}^{*}$	Input voltage	-0.3	-	3.1	V
$I_I^*$	Input current	-	-	10	mA
I ₀ *	Output current	-	-	10	mA

*These parameters are for digital interface pins, such as keypad, GPIO, I²C, UART, LCD, PWMs and DEBUG.

### 5.2 **Recommended Operating Conditions**

#### Table 16: Recommended operating conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	
VBAT	Power supply voltage	3.2	4.0	4.8	V	
T _{OPER}	Operating temperature	-40	+25	+85	°C	
T _{STG}	Storage temperature	-45		+90	°C	

## 5.3 Digital Interface Characteristics

#### Table 17: Digital interface characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
I _{IH}	High-level input current	-10	-	10	uA
I _{IL}	Low-level input current	-10	-	10	uA
V _{IH}	High-level input voltage	2.4	-	-	V
V _{IL}	Low-level input voltage	-	-	0.4	V
V _{OH}	High-level output voltage	2.7	-	-	V
V _{OL}	Low-level output voltage	-	-	0.1	V

* These parameters are for digital interface pins, such as keypad, GPIO, I²C, UART, LCD, PWMs and DEBUG.

### 5.4 SIM Card Interface Characteristics

### Table 18: SIM card interface characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
I _{IH}	High-level input current	-10	-	10	uA
I _{IL}	Low-level input current	-10	-	10	uA
V _{IH}	High-level input voltage	1.4	-	-	V
V IH	Ingil-level input voltage	2.4	-	-	V
V _{IL}	Low-level input voltage	-	-	0.4	V
• IL				2.4	V
V _{OH}	High-level output voltage	1.7	-	-	V
V OH	Tigh-level output voltage	2.7	-	-	V
V _{OL}	Low-level output voltage	-	-	0.1	V
* OL	Low-level output voltage	-	-	0.1	V

## 5.5 VDD_EXT Characteristics

#### Table 19: VDD_EXT characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Vo	Output voltage	2.70	2.80	2.95	V
Io	Output current	-	-	10	mA

# 5.6 SIM_VDD Characteristics

# Table 20: SIM_VDD characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit	
Ve	Output voltage	2.75	2.9	3.00	V	V
Vo	Output voltage	1.65	1.80	1.95	v	
Io	Output current	-	-	10	mA	

# 5.7 VRTC Characteristics

### Table 21: VRTC characteristics

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
V _{RTC-IN}	VRTC input voltage	2.00	3.00	3.15	V
I _{RTC-IN}	VRTC input current	-	2	-	uA
V _{RTC-OUT}	VRTC output voltage	-	3.00	-	V
I _{RTC-OUT}	VRTC output current	-	10	-	uA



# 5.8 Current Consumption (VBAT = 3.8V)

#### **Table 22: Current consumption***

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions			Value	Unit
I _{VRTC}	VRTC current	VBAT disconnects	. Backup battery is 3	V	2	uA
		Power down mode	Power down mode			uA
			BS-PA-MFRMS=9	BS-PA-MFRMS=9		
		Sleep mode	BS-PA-MFRMS=5		1.2	mA
			BS-PA-MFRMS=2	2	1.5	
			GSM 850			
		Idle mode	EGSM 900		22	mA
		Ture mode	DCS 1800		22	шд
			PCS 1900			
			GSM 850	PCL=5	240	
			EGSM 900	PCL=12	108	
		Voice call		PCL=19	81	mA
		voice can	DCS 1800 PCS 1900	PCL=0	176	mA
				PCL=7	94	
I _{VBAT} V				PCL=15	76	
		Data mode GPRS(1Rx,1Tx)	GSM 850 EGSM 900	PCL=5	240	mA
	VBAT current			PCL=12	110	
IVBAT	VDAI cuiteit			PCL=19	83	
			DCS 1800 PCS 1900	PCL=0	170	mA
				PCL=7	95	
				PCL=15	80	
			GSM 850	PCL=5	223	mA
			EGSM 900	PCL=12	150	
		Data mode		PCL=19	120	
		GPRS(4Rx,1Tx)	DCS 1800	PCL=0	166	mA
			PCS 1900	PCL=7	130	
			105 1900	PCL=15	115	
			GSM 850	PCL=5	410	
			EGSM 900	PCL=12	185	mA
		Data mode	20011 900	PCL=19	130	
		GPRS(3Rx,2Tx)	DCS 1800	PCL=0	300	
			PCS 1900	PCL=7	155	mA
			100 1900	PCL=15	122	
I _{VBAT-peak}	Peak current	During Tx burst			2	А

* In above table the current consumption value is the typical one of the module tested in laboratory. In the mass production stage, there may be differences among each individual.



### 5.9 Radio Characteristics

## 5.9.1 Module RF Output Power

The following table shows the module conducted output power, it is followed by the 3GPP TS 05.05 technical specification requirement.

GSM 900 and EGSM 850					
PCL	Nominal output power (dBm)	Tolerance (dB)	for conditions		
ICL	(ubiii)	Normal	Extreme		
5	33	±3	$\pm 4$		
6	31	±3	±4		
7	29	±3	±4		
8	27	±3	$\pm 4$		
9	25	±3	±4		
10	23	±3	±4		
11	21	±3	±4		
12	19	±3	±4		
13	17	±3	±4		
14	15	±3	±4		
15	13	±3	±4		
16	11	±5	±6		
17	9	±5	±6		
18	7	±5	±6		
19-31	5	±5	±6		

# Table 24: SIM900E DCS 1800 and PCS 1900 conducted RF output power

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	DCS 1800 and PCS 1900					
PCL	Nominal output power (dBm)	Tolerance (dB) for conditions				
ICL	Nominal output power (ubiii)	Normal	Extreme			
0	30	±3	$\pm 4$			
1	28	±3	±4			
2	26	±3	$\pm 4$			
3	24	±3	±4			
4	22	±3	±4			
5	20	±3	$\pm 4$			
6	18	±3	±4			
7	16	±3	±4			
8	14	±3	±4			
9	12	±4	±5			



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10	10	$\pm 4$	±5
11	8	±4	±5
12	6	±4	±5
13	4	±4	±5
14	2	±5	±6
15-28	0	±5	±6

For the module's output power, the following is should be noted:

At GSM900 and GSM850 band, the module is a class 4 device, so the module's output power should not exceed 33dBm, and at the maximum power level, the output power tolerance should not exceed +/-2dB under normal condition and +/-2.5dB under extreme condition.

At DCS1800 and PCS1900 band, the module is a class 1 device, so the module's output power should not exceed 30dBm, and at the maximum power level, the output power tolerance should not exceed +/-2dB under normal condition and +/-2.5dB under extreme condition.

#### 5.9.2 Module RF Receive Sensitivity

The following table shows the module's conducted receive sensitivity, it is tested under static condition.

### Table 25: SIM900E conducted RF receive sensitivity

Frequency	Receive sensitivity (Typical)	Receive sensitivity(Max)
GSM850	-109dBm	-107dBm
EGSM900	-109dBm	-107dBm
DCS1800	-109dBm	-107dBm
PCS1900	-109dBm	-107dBm

#### 5.9.3 Module Operating Frequencies

The following table shows the module's operating frequency range; it is followed by the 3GPP TS 05.05 technical specification requirement.

#### Table 26: SIM900E operating frequencies

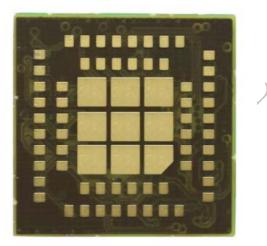
Frequency	Receive	Transmit
GSM850	869 ~ 894MHz	824 ~ 849 MHz
EGSM900	925 ~ 960MHz	880 ~ 915MHz
DCS1800	1805 ~ 1880MHz	1710 ~ 1785MHz
PCS1900	1930 ~ 1990MHz	1850 ~ 1910MHz

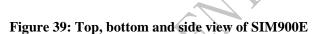


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### 6.1 Top and Bottom View of SIM900E

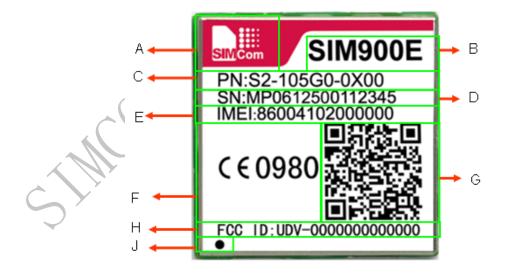




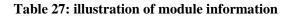


Note: These test points are only used for module manufacturing and testing. They are not for customer using.

The following figure marked the information of SIM900E module.





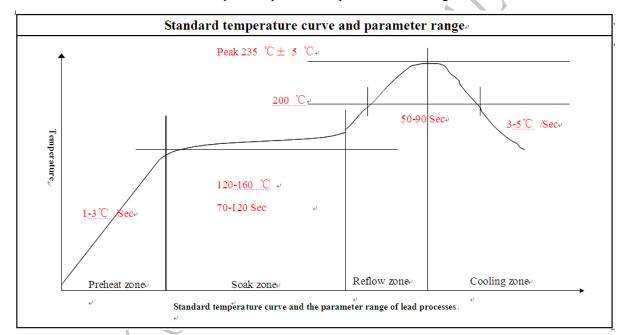


Item	Description
Α	Logo of SIMCom

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В	Module name	
С	Module part number	
D	Module serial number	
Е	Module IMEI	
F	CE authenticated logo	
G	2-dimensional bar code	
Н	FCC authenticated logo	
J	First pin mark	

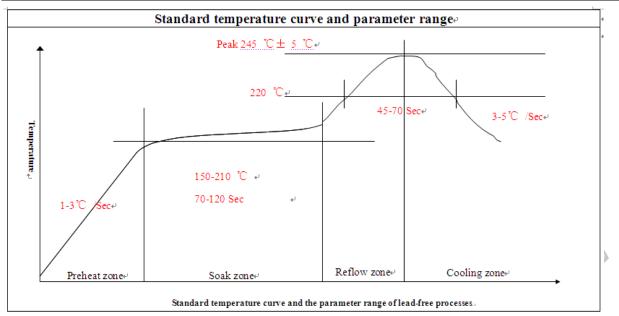
# 6.2 Typical Solder Reflow Profile

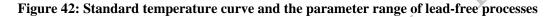


Please refer to the recommended ramp-soak-spike reflow profile as following shows

Figure 41: Standard temperature curve and the parameter range of lead processes







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# Appendix

# **A. Related Documents**

### Table 28: Related documents

SN	Document name	Remark	
[1]	SIM900_AT Command Manual	SIM900 AT Command Manual	
[2]	AN_SIM900_TCPIP	TCP/IP Applications User Manual	
[3]	SIM900_Multiplexer User Manual_Application Note	SIM900 Multiplexer User Manual Application Note	
[4]	AN_SIM900 Series_Update Tool_UGD	SIM900 Series Update Tool User Guide	
[5]	AN_SIM900_AUDIO	Applications Note About SIM900 Audio	
[6]	AN_Serial Port	Application Note About Serial Port	
[7]	AN_SIM900E-TE PCB Layout & Schematic for Reference	Application Note About SIM900E-TE PCB Layout & Schematic	
[8]	ITU-T Draft new recommendation V.25ter:	Serial asynchronous automatic dialing and control	
[9]	GSM 07.07:	Digital cellular telecommunications (Phase 2+); AT command set for GSM Mobile Equipment (ME)	
[10]	GSM 07.10:	Support GSM 07.10 multiplexing protocol	
[11]	GSM 07.05:	Digital cellular telecommunications (Phase 2+); Use of Data Terminal Equipment – Data Circuit terminating Equipment (DTE – DCE) interface for Short Message Service (SMS) and Cell Broadcast Service (CBS)	
[12]	GSM 11.14:	Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Specification of the SIM Application Toolkit for the Subscriber Identity Module – Mobile Equipment (SIM – ME) interface	
[13]	GSM 11.11:	Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Specification of the Subscriber Identity Module – Mobile Equipment (SIM – ME) interface	
[14]	GSM 03.38:	Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2+); Alphabets and language-specific information	
[15]	GSM 11.10	Digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2); Mobile Station (MS) conformance specification; Part 1: Conformance specification	



# **B.** Terms and Abbreviations

#### **Table 29: Terms and Abbreviations**

Abbreviation	Description
ADC	Analog-to-Digital Converter
AMR	Adaptive Multi-Rate
CS	Coding Scheme
CSD	Circuit Switched Data
CTS	Clear to Send
DTE	Data Terminal Equipment (typically computer, terminal, printer)
DTR	Data Terminal Ready
DTX	Discontinuous Transmission
EFR	Enhanced Full Rate
EGSM	Enhanced GSM
ESD	Electrostatic Discharge
ETS	European Telecommunication Standard
FR	Full Rate
GPRS	General Packet Radio Service
GSM	Global Standard for Mobile Communications
HR	Half Rate
IMEI	International Mobile Equipment Identity
Li-ion	Lithium-Ion
МО	Mobile Originated
MS	Mobile Station (GSM engine), also referred to as TE
MT	Mobile Terminated
PAP	Password Authentication Protocol
РВССН	Packet Broadcast Control Channel
РСВ	Printed Circuit Board
PCL	Power Control Level
PCS	Personal Communication System, also referred to as GSM 1900
PDU	Protocol Data Unit
PPP	Point-to-point protocol
RF	Radio Frequency
RMS	Root Mean Square (value)
RTC	Real Time Clock
RX	Receive Direction
SIM	Subscriber Identification Module
SMS	Short Message Service
TE	Terminal Equipment, also referred to as DTE
ТХ	Transmit Direction



UART	Universal Asynchronous Receiver & Transmitter	
URC	Unsolicited Result Code	
USSD	Unstructured Supplementary Service Data	
Phonebook abbreviations		
FD	SIM fix dialing phonebook	
LD	SIM last dialing phonebook (list of numbers most recently dialed)	
MC	Mobile Equipment list of unanswered MT calls (missed calls)	
ON	SIM (or ME) own numbers (MSISDNs) list	
RC	Mobile Equipment list of received calls	
SM	SIM phonebook	
NC	Not connect	

# **C. Safety Caution**

## Table 30: Safety caution

NC	Not connect		
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Table 30: Saf	fety caution		
Marks	Requirements		
♥	Switch the cell	pital or other health care facility, observe the restrictions about the use of mobiles. Iular terminal or mobile off, medical equipment may be sensitive to not operate F energy interference.	
X	The operation communication	cellular terminal or mobile before boarding an aircraft. Make sure it is switched off. of wireless appliances in an aircraft is forbidden to prevent interference with n systems. Forget to think much of these instructions may lead to the flight safety or local legal action, or both.	
*	Do not operate the cellular terminal or mobile in the presence of flammable gases or fumes. Switch off the cellular terminal when you are near petrol stations, fuel depots, chemical plants or where blasting operations are in progress. Operation of any electrical equipment in potentially explosive atmospheres can constitute a safety hazard.		
	Your cellular terminal or mobile receives and transmits radio frequency energy while switched on. RF interference can occur if it is used close to TV sets, radios, computers or other electric equipment.		
	Road safety comes first! Do not use a hand-held cellular terminal or mobile when driving a vehicle, unless it is securely mounted in a holder for hands free operation. Before making a call with a hand-held terminal or mobile, park the vehicle.		
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