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# >> 1: Introduction

This document defines the high-level product features and illustrates the interfaces for AirPrime HL780x Essential Connectivity Modules (HL7800, HL7800-M, HL7802), designed for M2M and Internet of Things (IoT) markets. It covers the hardware aspects of the product series, including electrical and mechanical. For additional documentation (e.g. Firmware Customer Release Notes, AT Command Reference, etc.), refer to the module page at [source.sierrawireless.com](http://source.sierrawireless.com).

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*Note: "HL780x" collectively identifies HL7800, HL7800-M and HL7802. Variant-specific content is identified where applicable.*

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The AirPrime HL780x supports a variety of interfaces such as USB FS, UART, ADC, GPIOs, and also supports the low power consumption hibernation modes to provide customers with flexibility in implementing high-end solutions.

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*Note: The key differentiators between HL780x variants are regulatory and industrial approvals/certifications, and supported radio access technologies (RATs)—HL7800 supports Cat-M1/NB-IoT, HL7800-M supports Cat-M1, and HL7802 supports Cat-M1/NB-IoT/2G.*

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## 1.1 Supported RF Bands/Connectivity

The AirPrime HL780x is a Sierra Wireless Ready-to-Connect (R2C) module that supports the use of its embedded SIM (eSIM) or an external SIM for global data connectivity on the RF bands detailed in the following module-specific tables.

For details about using the AirPrime HL780x's eSIM with Sierra Smart Connectivity, refer to [6] Sierra Wireless Ready-to-Connect Module Integration Guide (Doc# 41113385). For additional information on Sierra Smart Connectivity, explore [www.sierrawireless.com](http://www.sierrawireless.com) or contact Sierra Wireless.

**Table 1-1: HL780x Supported RF Bands/Connectivity**

| Module                                    | RF Band   | Transmit (TX) Frequency (MHz) | Receive (Rx) Frequency (MHz) | Cat-M1           | Cat-NB1 <sup>a</sup> | 2G |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----|
| HL7800<br>HL7800-M <sup>a</sup><br>HL7802 | LTE B1    | 1920–1980                     | 2110–2170                    | Y                | Y                    |    |
|   | LTE B2    | 1850–1910                     | 1930–1990                    | Y                | Y <sup>b</sup>       |    |
|   | LTE B3    | 1710–1785                     | 1805–1880                    | Y                | Y                    |    |
|   | LTE B4    | 1710–1755                     | 2110–2155                    | Y                | Y <sup>b</sup>       |    |
|   | LTE B5    | 824–849                       | 869–894                      | Y                | Y <sup>b</sup>       |    |
|   | LTE B8    | 880–915                       | 925–960                      | Y                | Y                    |    |
|   | LTE B9    | 1749.9–1784.9                 | 1844.9–1879.9                | See <sup>c</sup> | See <sup>c</sup>     |    |
|   | LTE B10   | 1710–1770                     | 2110–2170                    | See <sup>c</sup> | See <sup>c</sup>     |    |
|   | LTE B12   | 699–716                       | 729–746                      | Y                | Y <sup>b</sup>       |    |
|   | LTE B13   | 777–787                       | 746–756                      | Y                | Y <sup>b</sup>       |    |
|   | LTE B17   | 704–716                       | 734–746                      | See <sup>c</sup> | Y                    |    |
|   | LTE B18   | 815–830                       | 860–875                      | Y                | Y                    |    |
|   | LTE B19   | 830–845                       | 875–890                      | Y                | Y                    |    |
|   | LTE B20   | 832–862                       | 791–821                      | Y                | Y                    |    |
|   | LTE B25   | 1850–1915                     | 1930–1995                    | Y                | Y <sup>b</sup>       |    |
|   | LTE B26   | 814–849                       | 859–894                      | Y                | Y <sup>b</sup>       |    |
|   | LTE B27   | 807–824                       | 852–869                      | Y                | See <sup>c</sup>     |    |
|   | LTE B28   | 703–748                       | 758–803                      | Y                | Y                    |    |
| LTE B66                                   | 1710–1780 | 2110–2200                     | Y                            | Y <sup>b</sup>   |                      |    |
| HL7802                                    | GSM 850   | 824–849                       | 869–894                      |                  |                      | Y  |
|   | E-GSM 900 | 880–915                       | 925–960                      |                  |                      | Y  |
|   | DCS 1800  | 1710–1785                     | 1805–1880                    |                  |                      | Y  |
|   | PCS 1900  | 1850–1910                     | 1930–1990                    |                  |                      | Y  |

- a. Cat-NB1 supported by HL7800/HL7802 only; not supported by HL7800-M
- b. To ensure FCC compliance near NB band edges, Cat-NB1 supported TX channel ranges do not include outer channels. Supported channels ranges are:
  - B2: 18602–19198      • B4: 19952–20398      • B5: 20402–20648      • B12: 23012–23178
  - B13: 23182–23278      • B25: 26042–26688      • B26: 26692–27038      • B66: 133124–133470
- c. Will be supported in a future release.

## 1.2 Common Flexible Form Factor (CF3)

The AirPrime HL780x belongs to Sierra Wireless' Common Flexible Form Factor (CF3) family of WWAN modules. These modules share the same mechanical dimensions (same width and length with varying thicknesses) and footprint. The CF3 form factor provides a unique solution to a series of problems faced commonly in the WWAN module space as it:

- Accommodates multiple radio technologies (from GSM to LTE advanced) and band groupings
- Supports bit-pipe (Essential Module Series, such as the HL780x) and value-add (Smart Module Series) solutions
- Offers electrical and functional compatibility
- Provides direct mount, as well as socket mount (depending on customer needs, e.g. for use in development kits or for prototype development)

## 1.3 Physical Dimensions and Connection Interface

AirPrime HL780x modules are compact, robust, fully shielded industrial-grade embedded modules with the dimensions noted in [Table 1-2](#).

**Table 1-2: Module Dimensions<sup>a</sup>**

| Parameter | Nominal | Tolerance | Units |
|-----------|---------|-----------|-------|
| Length    | 18.0    | ±0.10     | mm    |
| Width     | 15.0    | ±0.10     | mm    |
| Thickness | 2.4     | ±0.20     | mm    |
| Weight    | 1.17    | ±0.24     | g     |

a. Typical dimensional values, accurate as of the release date of this document.

All electrical and mechanical connections to the AirPrime HL780x module are made through the 86 Land Grid Array (LGA) pads on the bottom side of the PCB.

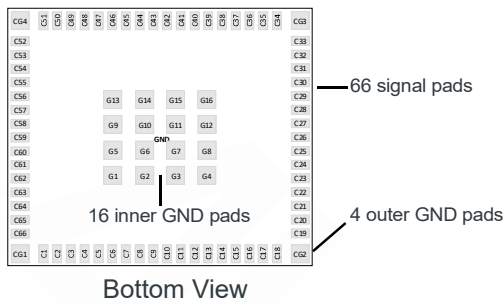
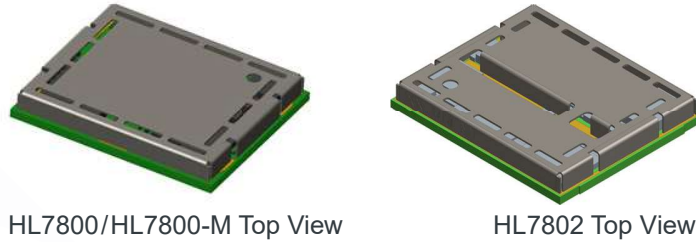


Figure 1-1: Mechanical Overview

Table 1-3 describes the LGA pads.

**Table 1-3: LGA Pad Types /Distribution**

| Pad Type    | Quantity            | Dimensions   | Pitch             |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Signal pads | 66 pads             | 1.0×0.5 mm   | 0.8 mm            |
| Ground pads | 16 inner pads       | 1.0×1.0 mm   | 1.825 mm/1.475 mm |
|             | 4 outer corner pads | 0.85×0.97 mm | -                 |

## 1.4 General Features

Table 1-4 summarizes the AirPrime HL780x's features.

**Table 1-4: General Features**

| Feature      | Description  |
|--------------|--|
| Physical     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small form factor (86-pad solderable LGA pad). See <a href="#">Physical Dimensions and Connection Interface on page 13</a> for details.</li> <li>Metal shield can</li> <li>RF connection pads (RF_MAIN and RF_GNSS)</li> <li>Baseband signals connection</li> </ul> |
| Power supply | 3.2–4.35 V supply voltage (VBAT_BB, VBAT_RF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single supply (recommended)—VBAT (VBAT_BB tied to VBAT_RF) or</li> <li>Dual supplies—Single supply each for VBAT_BB and VBAT_RF</li> </ul>   |

**Table 1-4: General Features (Continued)**

| Feature               | Description   |
|-----------------------|---|
| RF                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2G (HL7802 only)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 850/900 Power Class 4 (33 dBm), GPRS Class 10</li> <li>• 1800/1900 Power Class 1 (30 dBm), GPRS Class 10</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cat-M1               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Class 3 (23 dBm)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cat-NB1 (HL7800/HL7802 only)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Class 3 (23 dBm)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• GNSS               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPS—1575.42 MHz</li> <li>• GLONASS—1589.0625–1605.375 MHz</li> </ul> <p>See <a href="#">GNSS on page 63</a> for details.</p> <p><i>Note: The GNSS receiver and LTE/GSM receiver share the same RF resources, therefore GNSS can only be used when the module is not actively connected on LTE/GSM. An example of a suitable implementation of GNSS in an end product would be the use of GNSS positioning for asset management applications where infrequent and no real-time position updates are required.</i></p> </li> </ul> |
| SIM interface         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.8V support</li> <li>• SIM extraction / hot plug detection</li> <li>• SIM/USIM support</li> <li>• Conforms with ETSI UICC Specifications</li> <li>• Supports SIM application tool kit with proactive UICC commands</li> </ul>   |
| Application interface | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AT command interface—3GPP 27.007 standard, plus proprietary extended AT commands</li> <li>• CMUX multiplexing over UART</li> <li>• USB Full Speed (FS)</li> </ul>  |

**Table 1-4: General Features (Continued)**

| Feature        | Description   |
|----------------|---|
| Protocol stack | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2G (HL7802 only)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GPRS Class 10</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cat-M1                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3GPP Rel. 13</li> <li>• Half-duplex</li> <li>• Channel bandwidth—1.4 MHz</li> <li>• LTE carrier bandwidth—1.4/3/5/10/15/20 MHz</li> <li>• Up to 375 kbit/s uplink, 300 kbit/s downlink</li> <li>• Extended Coverage Mode A</li> <li>• PSM (Power Save Mode)</li> <li>• I-DRX (Idle Mode Discontinuous Reception)</li> <li>• C-DRX (Connected Mode Discontinuous Reception)</li> <li>• Idle mode mobility</li> <li>• Connected mode mobility</li> <li>• eDRX (Extended Discontinuous Reception)</li> <li>• Control Plane CloT Optimization (Data over NAS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cat-NB1 (HL7800/HL7802 only)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3GPP Rel. 13</li> <li>• Half-duplex</li> <li>• Channel bandwidth—180 kHz</li> <li>• LTE carrier bandwidth—1.4/3/5/10/15/20 MHz</li> <li>• Up to 100 kbit/s in downlink</li> <li>• Operational mode—In-band, Guard band, Standalone</li> <li>• Control Plane CloT Optimization (Data over NAS)</li> <li>• NIDD over SGI tunneling</li> <li>• NIDD over SCEF</li> <li>• Extended coverage</li> <li>• PSM (Power Save Mode)</li> <li>• I-DRX (Idle Mode Discontinuous Reception)</li> <li>• C-DRX (Connected Mode Discontinuous Reception)</li> <li>• Idle mode mobility</li> <li>• eDRX (Extended Discontinuous Reception)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Flexible selection                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual system selection across RATs</li> <li>• Dynamic system selection across RATs (preferred RAT)<sup>a</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| SMS            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMS over SG</li> <li>• MO/MT</li> <li>• SMS storage to SIM card or ME storage</li> </ul>   |
| Connectivity   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple cellular packet data profiles</li> <li>• Sleep mode for minimum idle power draw</li> <li>• Mobile-originated PDP context activation / deactivation</li> <li>• Static and Dynamic IP address. The network may assign a fixed IP address or dynamically assign one using DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol).</li> <li>• PDP context type (IPv4, IPv6, IPv4v6)</li> <li>• RFC1144 TCP/IP header compression</li> </ul>   |



**Table 1-4: General Features (Continued)**

| Feature       | Description   |
|---------------|---|
| Environmental | Operating temperature ranges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class A: -30°C to +70°C</li> <li>• Class B: -40°C to +85°C</li> </ul> |
| RTC           | Real Time Clock (RTC)   |

a. Available in a future release.

## 1.5 Architecture

Figure 1-1 presents an overview of the AirPrime HL780x's internal architecture and external interfaces.

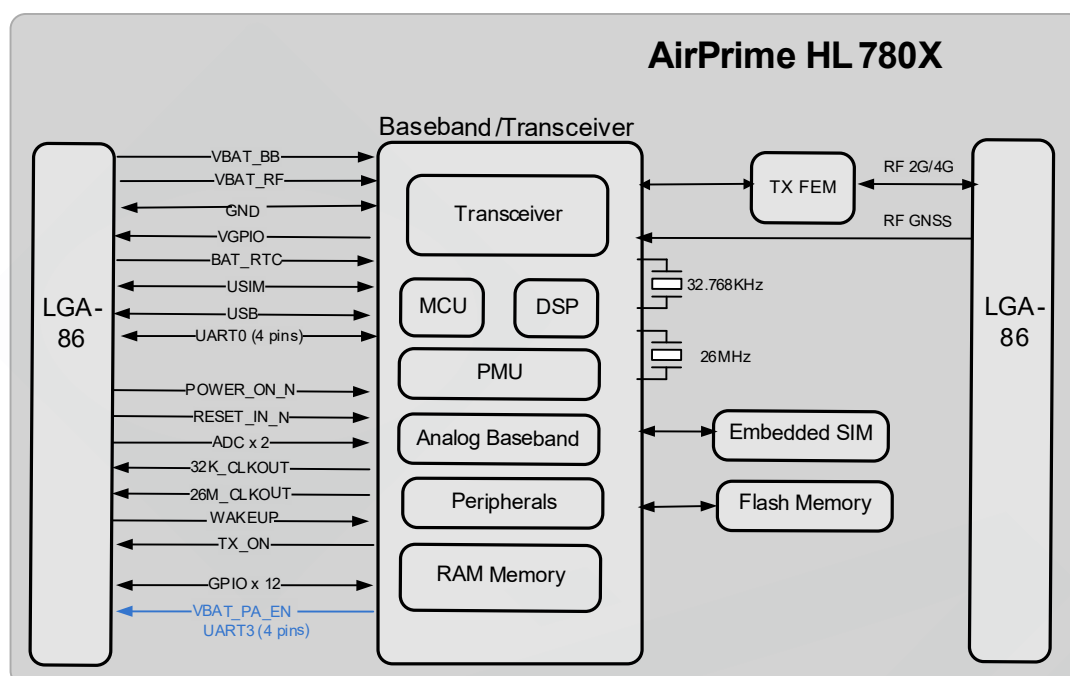


Figure 1-2: Architecture Overview

## 1.6 Interfaces

The AirPrime HL780x provides the following interfaces and peripheral connectivity:

- (1) VGPIO (1.8V)—See [VGPIO on page 41](#).
- (1) BAT\_RTC backup battery interface—See [Backup Battery for Real Time Clock \(BAT\\_RTC\) on page 64](#).
- (1) 1.8V USIM—See [USIM Interface on page 41](#).
- (1) USB 2.0 FS—See [USB Interface on page 43](#).
- (12) GPIOs—See [General Purpose Input/Output \(GPIO\) on page 44](#).
- (1) 8-wire UART—See [Main Serial Link \(UART1\) on page 45](#).

- (1) Active low power on signal (will be available in a future firmware release)—See [Power On Signal \(POWER\\_ON\\_N\)](#) on page 48.
- (1) Active low reset signal—See [Reset Signal \(RESET\\_IN\\_N\)](#) on page 50.
- (2) ADC—See [Analog to Digital Converter \(ADC\)](#) on page 51.
- (2) System clock out (32.768 kHz and 26 MHz)—See [Clock Interface](#) on page 51.
- (1) 4-wire UART for debug interface only—See [Debug Interfaces](#) on page 52.
- (1) Wake up signal—See [Wake Up Signal \(WAKEUP\)](#) on page 54.
- (1) Main RF Antenna—See [RF Interface](#) on page 57.
- (1) TX\_ON indicator—See [TX Burst Indicator \(TX\\_ON\)](#) on page 61.
- (1) GNSS Antenna —See [GNSS](#) on page 63.
- (1) External PA Voltage Control Indicator—See [Tx/Rx Activity Indicator; External RF Voltage Control](#) on page 62.

**Table 1-5: ESD Specifications <sup>a</sup>**

| Category        | Connection  | Specification  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Operational     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power supply (C61, C62, C63)</li> <li>• RF ports (C38, C49)</li> </ul> | IEC-61000-4-2 (Electrostatic Discharge Immunity Test) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ±6 kV Contact</li> <li>• ±8 kV Air</li> </ul>                             |
| Non-operational | All pins  | Unless otherwise specified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JESD22-A114 ± 250 V Human Body Model</li> <li>• JESD22-C101C ± 250V Charged Device Model</li> </ul> |

a. ESD protection is highly recommended on customer platform. For details, see [Design Guidelines](#) on page 67.

## 1.7 Environmental Specifications

The environmental specifications for operation and storage of the AirPrime HL780x are defined in [Table 1-6](#).

**Table 1-6: Environmental Specifications**

| Parameter                     | Range          | Operating Class |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Ambient Operating Temperature | -30°C to +70°C | Class A         |
|                               | -40°C to +85°C | Class B         |
| Ambient Storage Temperature   | -40°C to +85°C | -               |

Class A is defined as the operating temperature range within which the device:

- Shall exhibit normal function during and after environmental exposure.
- Shall meet the minimum requirements of 3GPP or appropriate wireless standards.

Class B is defined as the operating temperature range within which the device:

- Shall remain fully functional during and after environmental exposure
- Shall exhibit the ability to establish any of the device’s supported call modes (SMS, Data, and emergency calls) at all times even when one or more environmental constraint exceeds the specified tolerance.

- Unless otherwise stated, full performance should return to normal after the excessive constraint(s) have been removed.

## 2: Pad Definition

AirPrime HL780x pins are divided into three categories.

- Core functions and associated pins—Cover all the mandatory features for M2M connectivity and will be available by default across the Essential Connectivity CF3 module family. These Core functions are always available and always at the same physical pad locations. A customer platform using only these functions and associated pads is guaranteed to be forward and/or backward compatible with the next generation of CF3 Essential Connectivity modules.
- Extension functions and associated pins—Bring additional capabilities to the customer. Whenever an Extension function is available on a module, it is always at the same pad location.
- Custom functions and associated pins—Module-specific functionality. If a custom function is available on another module, there is no guarantee that it will be at the same pad location.

For example:

- UART1 interface is a "Core" function on pins C2–C9 that is available on all CF3 Essential Connectivity modules (including HL780x).
- USB interface is an "Extension" function on pins C12–C13 that is available on HL780x modules, but may not be available on certain other CF3 Essential Connectivity modules.
- UART0 signals are "Custom" functions on pins C57 and C58. These signals may or may not be available on other CF3 Essential Connectivity modules and, if available, may be on different pins.

Pins marked as "Not connected" should not be used.

### 2.1 Pin Types

[Table 2-1](#) lists a series of codes used to identify pin characteristics throughout this document.

**Table 2-1: Pin Type Codes**

| Code | Definition           | Code | Definition        |
|------|----------------------|------|-------------------|
| AI   | Analog Input         | O    | Digital Output    |
| ANT  | Antenna              | PD   | Pull-down enabled |
| GND  | Ground               | PI   | Power In          |
| I    | Digital Input        | PO   | Power Out         |
| I/O  | Digital Input/Output | PU   | Pull-up enabled   |
| N/A  | Not applicable       |      |                   |

Table 2-2: Pin Definitions

| Pin | Signal Name   | Group                        | I/O | Voltage Supply Domain | Function | Recommendation for unused pads | Buffer Required | CF3 Category |
|-----|---------------|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|     |               |                              |     |                       |          |                                |                 | <sup>a</sup> |
|     | 1.8V (VGPIO)  | General purpose input/output |     | Leave open            |          | Yes                            |                 | Extension    |
|     | Leave open    |                              |     |                       | Yes      |                                |                 | Core         |
|     | by connection |                              | Yes |                       |          |                                |                 | Core         |

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|                      |                                |              |           |                            |                             |            |           |           |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| C21                  | BAT_RTC                        | Power        | PI        | 1.8–4.35 V                 | Power supply for RTC backup | Leave open | No        | Extension |
| C22                  | 26M_CLKOUT                     | Clock        |           |                            |                             |            |           |           |
| b                    | O                              | 1.8V (VGPIO) |           | 26 MHz System Clock Output | Leave open                  | Yes        | Extension |           |
| Clock                |                                |              |           |                            |                             |            |           |           |
| 1.8V (VGPIO)         | 32.768 kHz System Clock Output | Leave open   | Yes       | Extension                  |                             |            |           |           |
| to digital converter |                                |              |           |                            |                             |            |           |           |
|                      | Leave open                     | Yes          | Extension |                            |                             |            |           |           |
| Leave open           | Yes                            | Extension    |           |                            |                             |            |           |           |

|     |    |               |               |              |    |               |
|-----|----|---------------|---------------|--------------|----|---------------|
| C42 | NC | Not connected | Not Connected | See footnote | No | Not connected |
|-----|----|---------------|---------------|--------------|----|---------------|

Reserved

|  |          |            |  |  |  |  |
|--|----------|------------|--|--|--|--|
|  | Reserved | Leave open |  |  |  |  |
|--|----------|------------|--|--|--|--|

|   |    |           |
|---|----|-----------|
| f | No | Extension |
|---|----|-----------|

|                                    |                      |    |           |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----|-----------|
| ip signal                          | Mandatory connection | No | Extension |
| voltage output (reference voltage) | Leave open           | No | Core      |

|            |     |      |
|------------|-----|------|
| Leave open | Yes | Core |
|------------|-----|------|

| C60   | TX_ON | Indication                              | TX transmission indication | Leave open           | Yes | Extension |
|-------|-------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----------|
| b     | O     | 1.8V (VGPIO)                            |                            |                      | Yes |           |
| Power | PI    | 3.2V (min)<br>3.7V (typ)<br>4.35V (max) | Power supply               | Mandatory connection | No  | Core      |
| Power | PI    | 3.2V (min)<br>3.7V (typ)<br>4.35V (max) | Power supply               | Mandatory connection | No  | Core      |
|       |       | 3.2V (min)                              |                            | Mandatory connection | No  | Core      |

## Recommendation for Buffer

## Required

|              |                |          |            |     |      |
|--------------|----------------|----------|------------|-----|------|
| 1.8V (VGPIO) | UIM1 Detection | <b>a</b> | <b>CF3</b> | Yes | Core |
|--------------|----------------|----------|------------|-----|------|

## Category

all purpose input/output

Extension



## 2.2 Pad Configuration

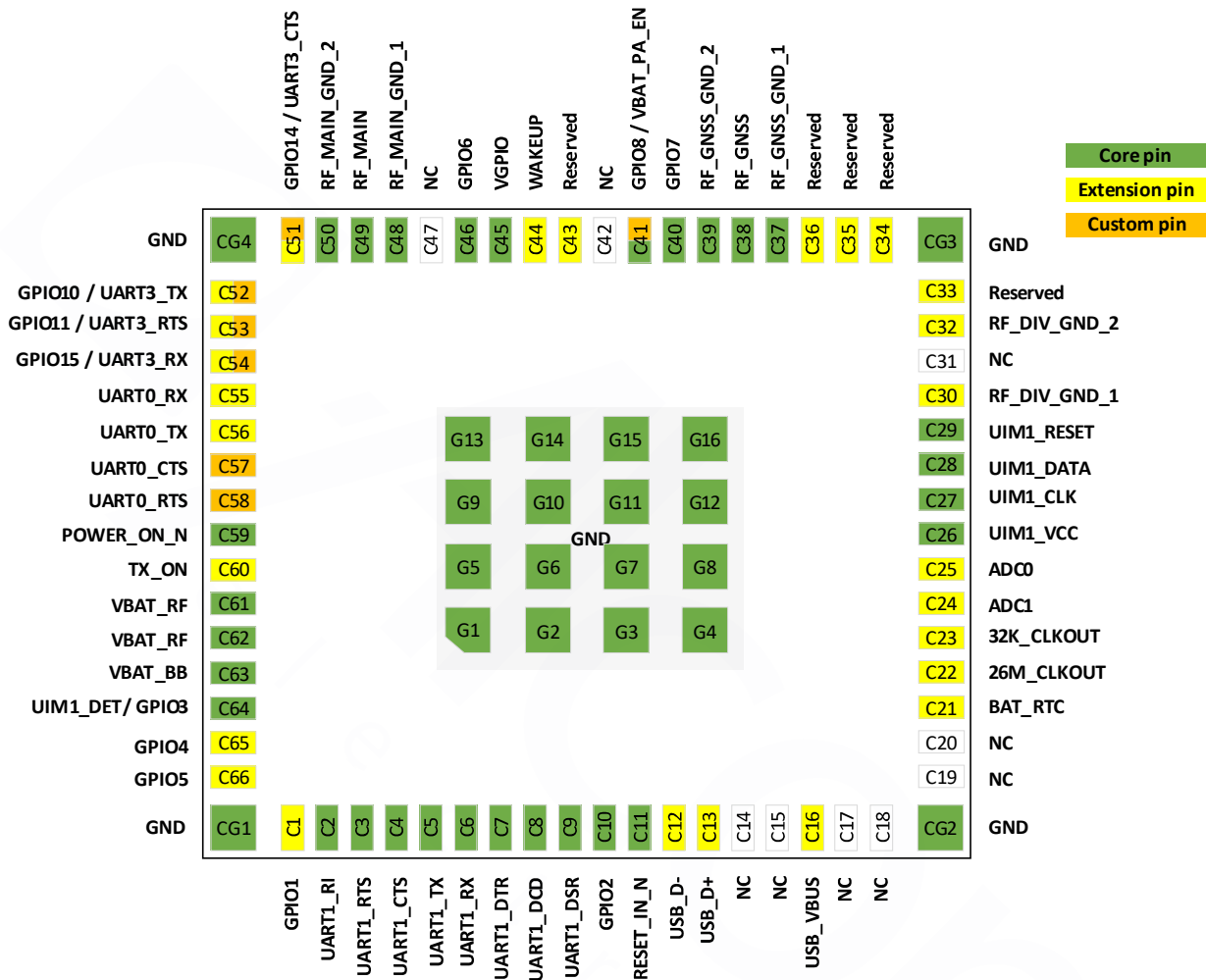


Figure 2-1: Pad Configuration (Top View through Module)

## >> 3: Power Specifications

*Note: If not specified, all electrical values are given for VBAT\_BB and VBAT\_RF = 3.7V, operating temperature of 25°C. and with conducted 50Ω load on RF port(s).*

### 3.1 Power Supply

The module is supplied through the VBAT\_BB and VBAT\_RF signals.

For standard applications, VBAT\_BB and VBAT\_RF must be tied externally to the same power supply. For some specific applications (e.g. applications requiring a lower VBAT\_RF), the module supports separate VBAT\_BB and VBAT\_RF connection as per [Table 3-1](#).

[Table 3-1](#) and [Table 3-2](#) describe the Power Supply interface.

**Table 3-1: Power Supply Pin Description**

| Pad #   | Signal Name | I/O | Description                    |
|---|-------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| C63   | VBAT_BB     | PI  | Power supply (baseband)        |
| C61, C62                                      | VBAT_RF     | PI  | Power supply (radio frequency) |
| C30, C32, C37, C39, C48, C50, CG1–CG4, G1–G16 |             | GND | Ground                         |

**Caution:** Operation outside the minimum/maximum specified operating voltage ([Table 3-2](#)) is not recommended, and functional operation of the device and specified typical performance are neither implied nor guaranteed.

**Table 3-2: Power Supply Current Requirements**

| Parameter                          | Min              | Typ | Max              | Unit | Notes  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----|------------------|------|--|
| VBAT_BB voltage                    | 3.2              | 3.7 | 4.35             | V    | Must be within min/max values over all operating conditions (including voltage ripple, droop, and transient) |
| VBAT_RF voltage Full Specification | 3.2              | 3.7 | 4.35             | V    |  |
| VBAT_RF voltage Extended Range     | 2.8 <sup>a</sup> | 3.7 | 4.35             | V    |  |
| Power Supply Ripple                | -                | -   | 100 <sup>b</sup> | mVpp |  |

**Table 3-2: Power Supply Current Requirements (Continued)**

| Parameter          |   | Min | Typ | Max   | Unit | Notes |
|--------------------|---|-----|-----|---|------|-------|
| Max Supply Current | VBAT_BB                                       | -   | –   | 300   | mA   |       |
|                    | VBAT_RF (LTE)                                 | -   | –   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(HL7800/HL7800-M) 350</li> <li>(HL7802) 400</li> </ul> | mA   |       |
|                    | (HL7802 only)<br>VBAT_RF (2G)<br>Peak Current | -   | 1.9 | 2.5   | A    |       |

- a. 3GPP performance is not guaranteed for VBAT\_RF from 2.8–3.2V. Note that operation in this range requires a separate VBAT\_RF supply.  
b. Measured at nominal supply voltage (3.7V), nominal ambient temperature (25°C), and with conducted 50Ω load on RF port(s).

*Note: The host power supply should be capable of supplying the following while meeting the min/max operating conditions of [Table 3-2](#):*

- HL7800/HL7800-M: 650 mA ( $VBAT\_BB_{max} + VBAT\_RF_{max}$ )
- HL7802: 2.8 A ( $VBAT\_BB_{max} + VBAT\_RF_{2Gpeak}$ )

## 3.2 Electrical Specifications

### 3.2.1 Digital I/O Characteristics

The I/O characteristics for supported digital interfaces/signals are described in [Table 3-3](#). These interfaces/signals include:

- UARTs
- GPIOs
- Clock output signals
- UIM1
- TX\_ON
- External PA voltage control indicator

*Note: These signals are not available in Hibernate mode since VGPIO is low.*

**Table 3-3: Digital I/O Electrical Characteristics (1.80V)<sup>a</sup>**

| Parameter       | Description               | Min         | Max         | Unit |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| V <sub>IH</sub> | Logic High Input Voltage  | 0.7 × VGPIO | VGPIO       | V    |
| V <sub>IL</sub> | Logic Low Input Voltage   | 0           | 0.3 × VGPIO | V    |
| V <sub>OH</sub> | Logic High Output Voltage | 0.8 × VGPIO |             | V    |
| V <sub>OL</sub> | Logic Low Output Voltage  |             | 0.2 × VGPIO | V    |
| I <sub>O</sub>  | Output Current            | 2           | 4           | mA   |

**Table 3-3: Digital I/O Electrical Characteristics (1.80V)<sup>a</sup> (Continued)**

| Parameter        | Description                         | Min  | Max | Unit |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|------|-----|------|
| IR <sub>PD</sub> | Internal Pull-Down Resistor current | 11   | 43  | μA   |
| IR <sub>PU</sub> | Internal Pull-Up Resistor current   | 11   | 44  | μA   |
| R <sub>PU</sub>  | Internal Pull-Up Resistor           | 13   | 45  | kΩ   |
| R <sub>PD</sub>  | Internal Pull-Down Resistor         | 13.6 | 45  | kΩ   |

a. VGPI0=1.8V (See VGPI0 on page 41.)

### 3.3 3GPP Power Saving Features

This section describes 3GPP power saving features (PSM, eDRX) that are supported by the AirPrime HL780x module. Per 3GPP specifications, these features pertain to the module’s cellular communication.

The HL780x also features low power modes that contribute to power savings by selectively limiting or turning off other elements of the module, such as memory states, I/O states, etc. (For details, see [HL780x Low Power Modes on page 33.](#))

#### 3.3.1 Power Saving Mode (PSM)

Power Saving Mode (PSM) is a 3GPP feature that allows the AirPrime HL780x to minimize power consumption by registering on a PSM-supporting LTE network and then entering PSM state for a configured duration.

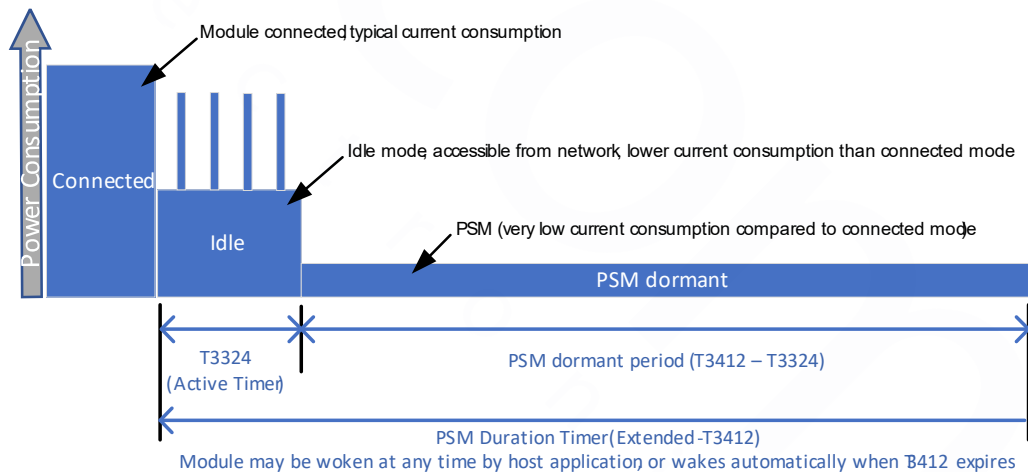


Figure 3-1: PSM—Timers

When the module enters the PSM state:

1. The module remains active (accessible from the network) in a lower-power idle state for a short period (T3324 Active Timer).
2. The module then drops to a very-low power ‘dormant’ state for the remainder of the PSM duration or until the host platform wakes the module to initiate a network contact. During this dormant period, the module is not accessible **from** the network.

3. After the module contacts the network (for either reason), the process repeats.

Using PSM, an HL780x-based host platform can reduce power consumption significantly because:

- It can enter a very low power state (~1.8 μA) during a very long PSM dormant period.
- The platform can wake the HL780x at any time to initiate data transaction immediately with minimal overhead (signaling/procedure) since the network keeps the module registered during the entire PSM period.

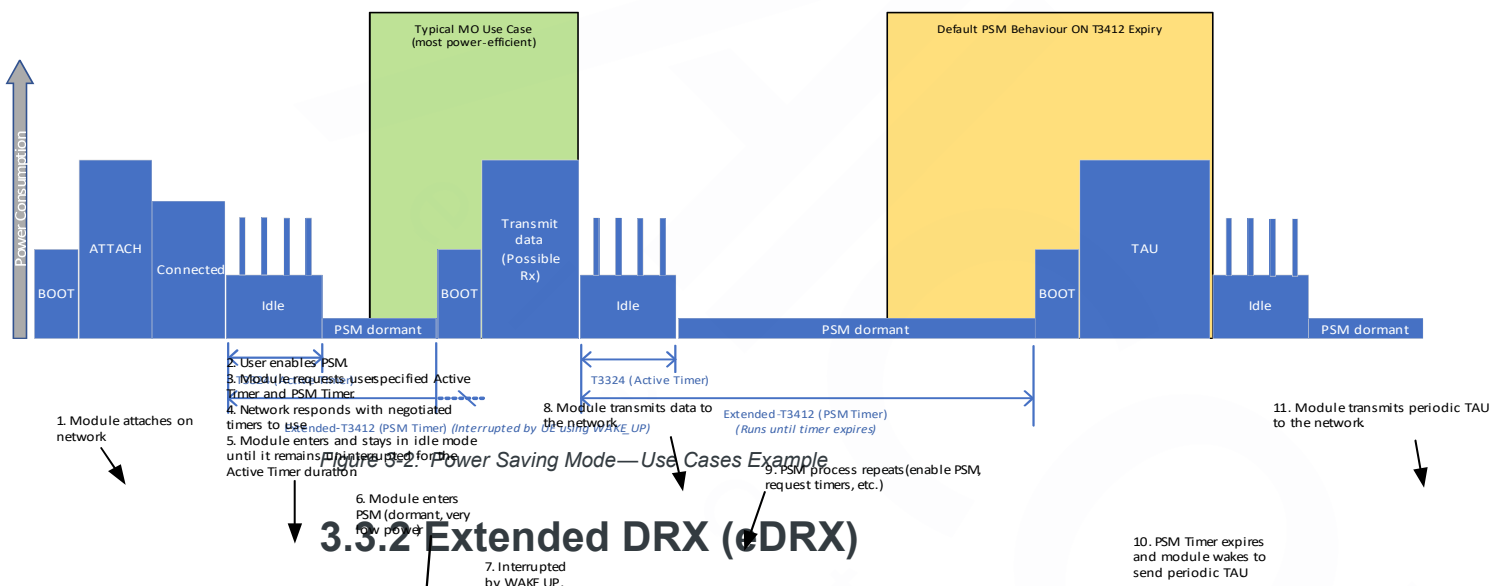
Typical candidates for PSM are systems (such as monitors and sensors) that:

- Require long battery life (low power consumption)
- Infrequently send mobile originated data (every few hours, days, weeks, etc.), with optional reply data from the network
- Tolerate modules being inaccessible for long periods of time
- Do not use mobile-terminated voice/data/SMS. If the host platform needs the module to be able to receive mobile-terminated data, eDRX is a more suitable option.

Figure 3-2 describes an example of a module operating in PSM. In a typical application, the module will always be woken from the dormant state to transmit data (illustrated in the 'Typical MO Use Case' portion of the figure). This is accomplished by setting the T3412 timer much longer than anticipated transmission frequency.

However, if the module is not woken by the host, a TAU will be sent when T3412 expires (illustrated in the 'Default PSM Use Case' portion of the figure). By setting the T3412 longer, unnecessary TAU transmissions can be avoided.

For a more detailed explanation of PSM, refer to [4] AirPrime HL78xx Low Power Modes Application Note (Doc# 2174229).



### 3.3.2 Extended DRX (eDRX)

#### eDRX Overview

Extended Idle DRX (I-eDRX) is a 3GPP-specified extension of the Discontinuous Reception (DRX) low power consumption feature. This extension reduces the number of paging opportunities (PO) the module must monitor while in idle state, resulting in a corresponding decrease in power consumption.

Many data module applications are tolerant to delays in downlink data packets so extending the period between paging opportunities would allow for current consumption savings for these applications.

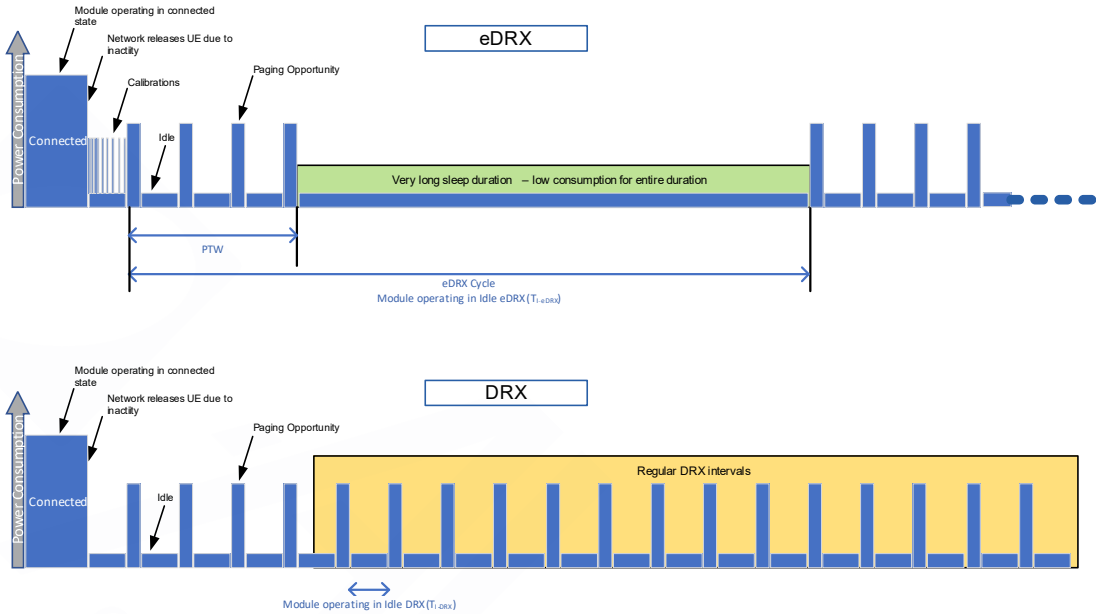


Figure 3-3: eDRX vs DRX

As shown in [Figure 3-3](#), the HL780x supports eDRX, taking advantage of the feature by monitoring a set number of paging opportunities in a Paging Time Window (PTW) and then entering a low power state between PTWs. This sequence (PTW followed by low power state) comprises a single eDRX cycle. The size of the PTW and the length of the eDRX cycle ( $T_{I-eDRX}$ ) are negotiated between the module (which submits desired values when enabling eDRX) and the network (which indicates the values that will actually be used).

The module remains in I-eDRX until it detects a page from the network during a PO or needs to access the network (e.g. to make a data connection, send a mobility TAU or periodic TAU, etc.), at which time it returns to the connected state.

Note that for a short period of time immediately after the module is released from connected state by the network and enters idle state, it has a few extra short wake ups for clock calibration (shorter than a single PO). [Figure 3-4 on page 31](#) shows an eDRX power

consumption profile with a periodic TAU event. Notice that after the TAU, the eDRX 81.92s cycle is restored slowly by several iterations from 10s to 20s then to 40s before reaching the 81.92s wake. This behavior is an HL780x design feature and cannot be modified.

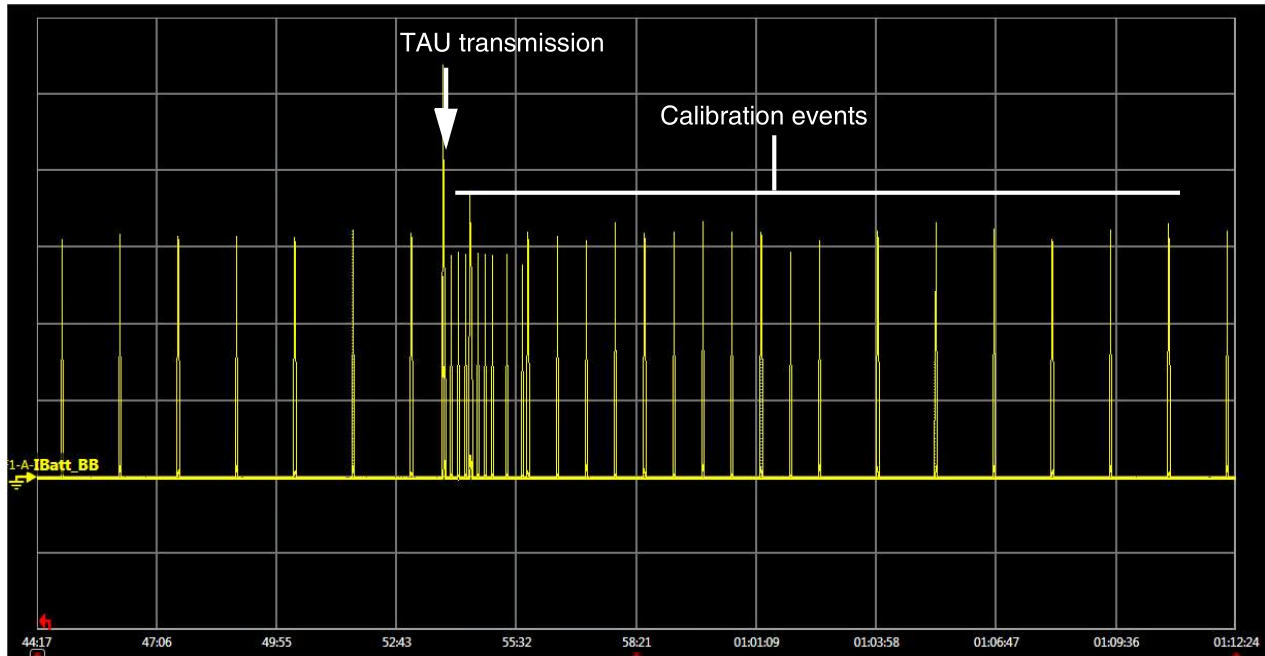


Figure 3-4: eDRX Power Consumption Profile Interruption

For a more detailed explanation of eDRX, refer to [4] AirPrime HL78xx Low Power Modes Application Note (Doc# 2174229).

## Configuring eDRX

Table 3-4 describes available methods for configuring eDRX.

Table 3-4: eDRX-Related Commands

| AT Command                | Description  |
|---------------------------|--|
| AT+CEDRXS<br>AT+KEDRXCFCG | Enable/disable eDRX and configure related settings |
| AT+CEDRXRDP               | Display current eDRX settings                      |

For example:

- Use AT+CEDRXS to configure the desired  $T_{I-eDRX}$  value.
- During the network attach or TAU process:
  - Module sends eDRX request with the settings (as specified in AT+CEDRXS) to the network.
  - Network response indicates if the module may use eDRX and the eDRX parameters that should be used. The network may adjust the eDRX parameters from those requested by the module.
- If eDRX is accepted by the network, the module only needs to monitor during the eDRX paging opportunities. The module may enter low power mode state between the eDRX paging opportunities (depending on the module configuration).

Note that:

- eDRX parameters must be carefully selected to match the intended use case(s) for the module.

Given that the module can only be paged at an eDRX paging opportunity:

- Longer eDRX cycles will delay (increase the latency of) mobile terminated data reception.
- Shorter eDRX cycles will reduce the latency but will also reduce the eDRX power savings.
- Setting a cycle longer than 81.92s may not improve power saving significantly, since the module will wake every 81.92s to do a clock calibration.

The duration of the eDRX cycle should be appropriately selected for the specific use case.

- Network-side store and forward is supported—Packets will be stored until the module's next eDRX paging opportunity or, if the network has a storage time limit, until that limit is reached.

### 3.3.2.1 Concurrent PSM and eDRX

eDRX may be performed during the Active Timer (T3324) window of PSM.

For example, if PSM and eDRX are configured with the following settings:

- PSM:
  - T3412 (PSM Timer)—86400s (24 hours)
  - T3324 (Active Timer)—327.68s (~5.5 minutes)
- eDRX:
  - eDRX cycle time—81.92s

Assuming the network does not attempt to contact the module after the module leaves the connected state and enters PSM idle state, the module will stay in the idle state for 327.68 seconds (the Active Timer).

While in the idle state, the module will be in eDRX power saving mode for 4 cycles of 81.92 seconds each, and then go to PSM dormant state for ~23h55m until the T3412 timer expires. At that point the module wakes, sends a periodic TAU, and then the PSM process repeats.



## 3.4 HL780x Low Power Modes

In addition to the 3GPP power saving features ([Power Saving Mode \(PSM\)](#) and [Extended DRX \(eDRX\)](#)), the AirPrime HL780x supports the low power modes in [Table 3-5](#).

**Table 3-5: Low Power Modes**

| Power Mode     | Possible Modem State                  | Impact on Module   | Hardware Wake-Up Signal Sources                           |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Sleep          | Stack OFF, DRX, eDRX, PSM, No service | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 MHz system clock is OFF</li> <li>Application processor is idle</li> <li>Modem is out-of-coverage, sleeping, or off</li> <li>I/Os are retained</li> </ul>   | WAKEUP<br>UART1_DTR <sup>a</sup><br>RTC alarm event       |
| Lite Hibernate | Stack OFF, eDRX, PSM, No service      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 MHz system clock is OFF</li> <li>Application processor is OFF</li> <li>Modem is out-of-coverage, sleeping, or off</li> <li>Flash memory and most RAM is off (some retention memory remains on)</li> <li>I/Os are retained</li> </ul>                           | WAKEUP<br>UART1_DTR <sup>a</sup><br>RTC timeout interrupt |
| Hibernate      | Stack OFF, eDRX, PSM, No service      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 MHz system clock is OFF</li> <li>Application processor is OFF</li> <li>Modem is OFF</li> <li>Flash memory and most RAM is off (some retention memory may remain on, PSM/eDRX-dependent)</li> <li>I/Os are not retained (e.g. in an undefined state)</li> </ul> | WAKEUP<br>RTC timeout interrupt                           |
| OFF            | Stack OFF                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26 MHz system clock is OFF &amp; RTC clock is OFF</li> <li>Application processor is OFF</li> <li>Modem is OFF</li> <li>Flash memory and RAM off</li> <li>I/Os are not retained (e.g. in an undefined state)</li> </ul>  | WAKEUP  |

a. Only if configured with +KSLEEP <mngt> parameter set to 0

An end product uses the `AT+KSLEEP` command to specify the preferred lowest power mode. Then when the module sleeps, its power management algorithm determines the appropriate mode based on the module's current operating requirements.

*Note: When a module that is configured for PSM enters Hibernate mode, its non-persistent configurations are lost (just like when it power cycles). Refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 4111821), section 14.1 Command Timeout and Other Information to identify commands that manage persistent configurations.*

**Warning:** If USB\_VBUS is powered and the USB interface is enabled, it will not be possible to enter Lite Hibernate or Hibernate mode.

For additional low power mode details (including the relationship between 3GPP power saving features and HL780x power modes), refer to document [4] AirPrime HL78xx Low Power Modes Application Note (Doc# 2174229). For band selection details (which impact power consumption), refer to document [5] AirPrime HL78xx Customization Guide Application Note (Doc# 2174213).

### 3.5 Current Consumption

This section describes the AirPrime HL780x module’s current consumption under various power states/modes.

- Low Power Current Consumption Modes—[Table 3-6](#) to [Table 3-9](#)
- Connected Mode—[Table 3-10](#) to [Table 3-14](#)

**Important:** *The module’s current consumption will depend on the actual operating/environmental conditions of the customer platform.*

*The current consumption measurements presented in this section ([Table 3-6](#) to [Table 3-14](#)) are typical values obtained under the following test conditions:*

- Nominal supply voltage—3.7V
  - Nominal ambient temperature—25°C
  - Conducted 50Ω load on RF port(s)
  - External UICC/USIM that can be activated
- In addition, the following conditions apply to Hibernate and OFF mode measurements:
- VGPI0 is off
  - Customer platform ensures module I/Os are **not** driven > 0.2V
  - External UICC/USIM that is pre-configured to allow the module to automatically disable the USIM power.  
(See [4] AirPrime HL78xx Low Power Modes Application Note (Doc# 2174229) for details.)
  - WAKEUP signal Low

*For detailed low power current consumption information, refer to [4] AirPrime HL78xx Low Power Modes Application Note (Doc# 2174229).*

**Table 3-6: HL7800/HL7800-M LPM Current Consumption — Cat-M1<sup>a</sup>**

| Modem Radio State | Lowest Power Mode | Details   | Typ | Unit |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|-----|------|
| OFF               | OFF               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module is switched off by AT command (+CPOF or +CPWROFF)</li> <li>• Power supplies (VBAT_BB, VBAT_RF) are connected</li> </ul> | 1.8 | μA   |

**Table 3-6: HL7800/HL7800-M LPM Current Consumption — Cat-M1<sup>a</sup> (Continued)**

| Modem Radio State                 | Lowest Power Mode                 | Details   | Typ              | Unit |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|------|
| PSM                               | Hibernate                         | Floor current during PSM dormant  | 1.8              | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate                    |   | 30               | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3412 = 24h</li> <li>T3324 = 20s</li> </ul>                                      | 9 <sup>c</sup>   | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> |   | 35 <sup>c</sup>  | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3412 = 1h</li> <li>T3324 = 20s</li> </ul>                                       | 175 <sup>c</sup> | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> |   | 185 <sup>c</sup> | μA   |
| eDRX <sup>d</sup>                 |                                   | TAU—Occurrence is network dependent   | 82               | μAh  |
|                                   |                                   | Calibration—Applies to eDRX 81.92s and longer   | 12               | μAh  |
|                                   | Hibernate                         | Floor current during eDRX   | 26               | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate                    |   | 28               | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eDRX cycle (T<sub>I-eDRX</sub>) = 81.92s</li> <li>PTW and DRX = 1.28s</li> </ul> | 50 <sup>e</sup>  | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> |   | 55 <sup>e</sup>  | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eDRX cycle (T<sub>I-eDRX</sub>) = 20.48s</li> <li>PTW and DRX = 1.28s</li> </ul> | 135 <sup>e</sup> | μA   |
| Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> | 140 <sup>e</sup>                  |   | μA               |      |
| DRX                               | Sleep                             | 1.28s   | 3.2              | mA   |
|                                   | Hibernate                         |   | 2.0              | mA   |
|                                   | Sleep                             | 2.56s   | 2.4              | mA   |
|                                   | Hibernate                         |   | 1.2              | mA   |
|                                   | Running                           | DRX independent, +KSLEEP=2 or Wake active   | 35               | mA   |

a. Values measured under following conditions:

- Good channel conditions (SINR > 5 dB)
- Static scenario

b. Cycle (Lite Hibernate or Hibernate) includes boot, cell acquisition, network attach, wait for timer expiry, and back to Sleep

c. Values are T3324-dependent.

d. See [3.3.2 Extended DRX \(eDRX\)](#) for details.

e. Values are PTW and DRX-dependent.

**Table 3-7: HL7800/HL7800-M LPM Current Consumption — Cat-NB1<sup>a</sup>**

| Modem Radio State | Lowest Power Mode | Details  | Typ | Unit |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|-----|------|
| OFF               | OFF               | Module is switched off by AT command and VBATs are connected | 1.8 | μA   |

**Table 3-7: HL7800/HL7800-M LPM Current Consumption — Cat-NB1<sup>a</sup> (Continued)**

| Modem Radio State                 | Lowest Power Mode                 | Details   | Typ                                       | Unit |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|------|
| PSM                               | Hibernate                         | Floor current during PSM dormant  | 1.8                                       | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate                    |   | 30  | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3412 = 24h</li> <li>T3324 = 20s</li> </ul>                                      | 10 <sup>c</sup>                           | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> |   | 40 <sup>c</sup>                           | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3412 = 1h</li> <li>T3324 = 20s</li> </ul>                                       | 235 <sup>c</sup>                          | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> |   | 265 <sup>c</sup>                          | μA   |
| eDRX <sup>d</sup>                 |                                   | TAU—Occurrence is network dependent   | 100                                       | μAh  |
|                                   |                                   | Calibration—Applies to eDRX 81.92s and longer   | 21  | μAh  |
|                                   | Hibernate                         | Floor current during eDRX   | 22  | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate                    |   | 27  | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eDRX cycle (T<sub>I-eDRX</sub>) = 81.92s</li> <li>PTW and DRX = 1.28s</li> </ul> | 60  | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> |   | 67  | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eDRX cycle (T<sub>I-eDRX</sub>) = 20.48s</li> <li>PTW and DRX = 1.28s</li> </ul> | 170 <sup>e</sup>                          | μA   |
| Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> | 175 <sup>e</sup>                  |   | μA  |      |
| DRX                               | Sleep                             | 1.28s   | 3.5                                       | mA   |
|                                   | Hibernate                         |   | 2.6                                       | mA   |
|                                   | Sleep                             | 2.56s   | 3.8                                       | mA   |
|                                   | Hibernate                         |   | 1.4                                       | mA   |
|                                   | Sleep                             | 10.24s  | 2.1                                       | mA   |
|                                   | Hibernate                         |   | 0.6                                       | mA   |
|                                   | Running                           |   | DRX independent, +KSLEEP=2 or Wake active | 38   |

- a. Values measured under following conditions:
  - Good channel conditions (SINR > 5 dB) (TBC)
  - Static scenario
- b. Cycle (Lite Hibernate or Hibernate) includes boot, cell acquisition, network attach, wait for timer expiry, and back to Sleep
- c. Values are T3324 dependent.
- d. See [3.3.2 Extended DRX \(eDRX\)](#) for details.
- e. Values are PTW and DRX dependent. See [3.3.2 Extended DRX \(eDRX\)](#) for details.

**Table 3-8: HL7802 LPM Current Consumption — Cat-M1<sup>a</sup>**

| Modem Radio State | Lowest Power Mode | Details   | Typ | Unit |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|-----|------|
| OFF               | OFF               | Module is switched off by AT command.<br>Power supplies (VBAT_BB, VBAT_RF) are connected. | 1.8 | μA   |

**Table 3-8: HL7802 LPM Current Consumption — Cat-M1<sup>a</sup> (Continued)**

| Modem Radio State                 | Lowest Power Mode                 | Details   | Typ              | Unit |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|------|
| PSM                               | Hibernate                         | Floor current during PSM dormant  | 1.8              | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate                    |   | 30               | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3412 = 24h</li> <li>T3324 = 20s</li> </ul>                                      | 9 <sup>c</sup>   | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> |   | 35 <sup>c</sup>  | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3412 = 1h</li> <li>T3324 = 20s</li> </ul>                                       | 175 <sup>c</sup> | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> |   | 185 <sup>c</sup> | μA   |
| eDRX <sup>d</sup>                 |                                   | TAU—Occurrence is network dependent   | 82               | μAh  |
|                                   |                                   | Calibration—Applies to eDRX 81.92s and longer   | 12               | μAh  |
|                                   | Hibernate                         | Floor current during eDRX   | 26               | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate                    |   | 28               | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eDRX cycle (T<sub>I-eDRX</sub>) = 81.92s</li> <li>PTW and DRX = 1.28s</li> </ul> | 50 <sup>e</sup>  | μA   |
|                                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> |   | 55 <sup>e</sup>  | μA   |
|                                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eDRX cycle (T<sub>I-eDRX</sub>) = 20.48s</li> <li>PTW and DRX = 1.28s</li> </ul> | 135 <sup>e</sup> | μA   |
| Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>b</sup> | 140 <sup>e</sup>                  |   | μA               |      |
| DRX                               | Sleep                             | 1.28s   | 3.4              | mA   |
|                                   | Hibernate                         |   | 2.2              | mA   |
|                                   | Sleep                             | 2.56s   | 2.8              | mA   |
|                                   | Hibernate                         |   | 1.3              | mA   |
|                                   | Running                           | DRX independent, +KSLEEP=2 or Wake active   | 35               | mA   |

a. Values measured under following conditions:

- Good channel conditions (SINR > 5 dB)
- Static scenario

b. Cycle (Lite Hibernate or Hibernate) includes boot, cell acquisition, network attach, wait for timer expiry, and back to Sleep

c. Values are T3324 dependent.

d. See [3.3.2 Extended DRX \(eDRX\)](#) for details.

e. Values are PTW and DRX dependent.

**Table 3-9: HL7802 LPM Current Consumption — Cat-NB1<sup>a</sup>**

| Modem Radio State | Lowest Power Mode | Details  | Typ | Unit |
|-------------------|-------------------|--|-----|------|
| OFF               | OFF               | Module is switched off by AT command and VBATs are connected | 1.8 | μA   |

**Table 3-9: HL7802 LPM Current Consumption—Cat-NB1<sup>a</sup> (Continued)**

| Modem Radio State | Lowest Power Mode                 | Details   | Typ                                       | Unit |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|------|
| PSM               | Hibernate                         | Floor current during PSM dormant  | 1.8                                       | μA   |
|                   | Lite Hibernate                    |   | 30  | μA   |
|                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>c</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3412 = 24h</li> <li>T3324 = 20s</li> </ul>                                      | 10 <sup>b</sup>                           | μA   |
|                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>c</sup> |   | 40 <sup>b</sup>                           | μA   |
|                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>c</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T3412 = 1h</li> <li>T3324 = 20s</li> </ul>                                       | 235 <sup>b</sup>                          | μA   |
|                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>c</sup> |   | 265 <sup>b</sup>                          | μA   |
| eDRX <sup>d</sup> |                                   | TAU—Occurrence is network dependent   | 100                                       | μAh  |
|                   |                                   | Calibration—Applies to eDRX 81.92s and longer   | 21  | μAh  |
|                   | Hibernate                         | Floor current during eDRX   | 22  | μA   |
|                   | Lite Hibernate                    |   | 27  | μA   |
|                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>c</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eDRX cycle (T<sub>I-eDRX</sub>) = 81.92s</li> <li>PTW and DRX = 1.28s</li> </ul> | 60  | μA   |
|                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>c</sup> |   | 67  | μA   |
|                   | Hibernate Cycle <sup>c</sup>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eDRX cycle (T<sub>I-eDRX</sub>) = 20.48s</li> <li>PTW and DRX = 1.28s</li> </ul> | 170 <sup>e</sup>                          | μA   |
|                   | Lite Hibernate Cycle <sup>c</sup> |   | 175 <sup>e</sup>                          | μA   |
| DRX               | Sleep                             | 1.28s   | 4.0                                       | mA   |
|                   | Hibernate                         |   | 2.8                                       | mA   |
|                   | Sleep                             | 2.56s   | 3.1                                       | mA   |
|                   | Hibernate                         |   | 1.5                                       | mA   |
|                   | Sleep                             | 10.24s  | 2.4                                       | mA   |
|                   | Hibernate                         |   | 0.7                                       | mA   |
|                   | Running                           |   | DRX independent, +KSLEEP=2 or Wake active | 38   |

- a. Values measured under following conditions:
  - Good channel conditions (SINR > 5 dB) (TBC)
  - Static scenario
- b. Values are T3324 dependent.
- c. Cycle (Lite Hibernate or Hibernate) includes boot, cell acquisition, network attach, wait for timer expiry, and back to Sleep
- d. See [3.3.2 Extended DRX \(eDRX\)](#) for details.
- e. Values are PTW and DRX dependent. See [3.3.2 Extended DRX \(eDRX\)](#) for details.

**Table 3-10: HL7800/HL7800-M Current Consumption—LTE Cat-M1 Connected Mode<sup>a</sup>**

| Parameter   | Band   | Output Power | Average Current (Typical Values) <sup>b</sup> |
|---|--|--------------|---|
| LTE Cat-M1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modem State: Connected</li> <li>4RB DL at MCS 14<br/>1RB_UL at MCS 15</li> <li>Maximum 3 UL sub-frames and 3 DL sub-frames every 10 ms</li> <li>Transferring UDP payload data rates: concurrent 280 kbps DL + 45 kbps UL</li> </ul> | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 66 | 23 dBm       | 185–225 mA                                    |
|   |  | 0 dBm        | 120–135 mA                                    |

a. Subject to change

b. Ranges reflect variations between band/channel combinations

**Table 3-11: HL7800 Current Consumption—LTE NB-1 Connected Mode<sup>a</sup>**

| Parameter   | Band   | Output Power | Average Current (Typical Values) |
|---|--|--------------|----------------------------------|
| NB1 DL peak throughput (27.2kbps)<br>1 NPDCCH, 4 Guard, 3 NPDSCH, 12 Guard, 2 NPUSCH, 3 Guard | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 28, 66 | 23 dBm       | 105 mA                           |
|   |  | 0 dBm        | 100 mA                           |
| NB1 UL peak throughput (62.5kbps)<br>1 NPDCCH, 8 Guard, 4 NPUSCH, 3 Guard                     |  | 23 dBm       | 165 mA                           |
|   |  | 0 dBm        | 130 mA                           |

a. Subject to change

**Table 3-12: HL7802 Current Consumption—LTE Cat-M1 Connected Mode<sup>a</sup>**

| Parameter   | Band   | Output Power | Average Current (Typical Values) <sup>b</sup> |
|---|--|--------------|---|
| LTE Cat-M1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modem State: Connected</li> <li>4RB DL at MCS 14<br/>1RB_UL at MCS 15</li> <li>Maximum 3 UL sub-frames and 3 DL sub-frames every 10 ms</li> <li>Transferring UDP payload data rates: concurrent 280 kbps DL + 45 kbps UL</li> </ul> | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 66 | 23 dBm       | 200–240 mA                                    |
|   |  | 0 dBm        | 135–150 mA                                    |

a. Subject to change

b. Ranges reflect variations between band/channel combinations

**Table 3-13: HL7802 Current Consumption — LTE NB-1 Connected Mode<sup>a</sup>**

| Parameter   | Band   | Output Power | Average Current (Typical Values) |
|---|--|--------------|----------------------------------|
| NB1 DL peak throughput (27.2kbps)<br>1 NPDCCH, 4 Guard, 3 NPDSCH, 12 Guard, 2 NPUSCH, 3 Guard | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 28, 66 | 23 dBm       | 105 mA                           |
|   |  | 0 dBm        | 100 mA                           |
| NB1 UL peak throughput (62.5kbps)<br>1 NPDCCH, 8 Guard, 4 NPUSCH, 3 Guard                     |  | 23 dBm       | 165 mA                           |
|   |  | 0 dBm        | 130 mA                           |

a. Subject to change

**Table 3-14: HL7802 Typical Current Consumption — 2G Connected Mode<sup>a</sup>**

| Parameter | Band          | Output Power | Average Current (Typical Values) <sup>b,c</sup> |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|---|
| PCL5      | 850/900 MHz   | 32.5 dBm     | 310 mA  |
| PCL19     | 850/900 MHz   | 5 dBm        | 170 mA  |
| PCL0      | 1800/1900 MHz | 29.5 dBm     | 260 mA  |
| PCL15     | 1800/1900 MHz | 0 dBm        | 160 mA  |

a. Subject to change

b. Typical average current values for 1 time slot.

c. Measured at 3.7V, 25°C.



## >> 4: Detailed Interface Specifications

This chapter describes the interfaces supported by the AirPrime HL780x and provides specific voltage, timing, and circuit recommendations for those interfaces, as appropriate.

### 4.1 VGPIO

The VGPIO (GPIO voltage output) 1.8V supply is available when the module is in Active, Sleep, or Lite Hibernate mode. It is not available (voltage output low) in OFF, reset and Hibernate modes.

VGPIO can be used to:

- Pull-up signals such as I/Os
- Supply LED drivers
- Indicate the module power state
- Control buffering of module I/O (required in Hibernate)

Table 4-1 and Table 4-2 describe the VGPIO supply.

**Table 4-1: VGPIO Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name | I/O <sup>a</sup> | Description         |
|-------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| C45   | VGPIO       | PO               | GPIO voltage supply |

a. Signal direction with respect to the module

Refer to the following table for the electrical characteristics of the VGPIO supply.

**Table 4-2: VGPIO Electrical Characteristics**

| Parameter          |                | Min  | Typ | Max  | Unit | Remarks  |
|--------------------|----------------|------|-----|------|------|--|
| Voltage level      |                | 1.75 | 1.8 | 1.85 | V    | Applies to Active, Sleep, and Lite Hibernate modes       |
| Current capability | Active, Sleep  | –    | –   | 25   | mA   | Total current supplied by VGPIO should not exceed 25 mA. |
|                    | Lite Hibernate | –    | –   | 1    | mA   |  |
| Output capacitance |                | –    | –   | 1    | μF   | External decoupling capacitance should not exceed 1 μF.  |

### 4.2 USIM Interface

The AirPrime HL780x implements a USIM interface that can be used to control either:

- the module's eSIM (internal, embedded SIM)
- or
- an external 1.8V USIM (UIM1); 3V USIM is not supported

To associate USIM1 with the eSIM or external USIM, use the `AT+KSIMSEL` command. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821).

## 4.2.1 eSIM Interface

eSIM is an internal interface supporting Sierra Smart Connectivity. For details about using the AirPrime HL780x's eSIM with Sierra Smart Connectivity, refer to [6] Sierra Wireless Ready-to-Connect Module Integration Guide (Doc# 41113385). For additional information on Sierra Smart Connectivity, explore [www.sierrawireless.com](http://www.sierrawireless.com) or contact Sierra Wireless.

## 4.2.2 External UIM1 Interface

The USIM1 interface is fully compliant with GSM 11.11 recommendations concerning USIM functions.

Table 4-3 describes the USIM1 interface.

**Table 4-3: UIM1 Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name           | I/O <sup>a</sup> | Description        | I/O Type     |
|-------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| C26   | UIM1_VCC              | PO               | USIM1 Power supply | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C27   | UIM1_CLK              | O                | USIM1 Clock        | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C28   | UIM1_DATA             | I/O              | USIM1 Data         | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C29   | UIM1_RESET            | O                | USIM1 Reset        | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C64   | UIM1_DET <sup>b</sup> | I                | USIM1 Detection    | 1.8V (VGPIO) |

- a. Signal direction with respect to the module  
 b. Buffer is required if UIM1\_DET1 is powered from host; not required if powered from VGPIO. UIM1\_DET can be used as GPIO3 if external SIM is not required.

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*Note: UIM1\_VCC max output current is 50 mA in Active and Sleep modes, 1 mA in Lite Hibernate, and Off in Hibernate. For UIM1 electrical interface details, see [UIM1 on page 67](#).*

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## 4.2.3 UIM1\_DET

UIM1\_DET is used to detect the insertion or removal of a USIM in the USIM socket connected to the main USIM interface (UIM1).

When a USIM is:

- Inserted—UIM1\_DET is HIGH.
- Removed—UIM1\_DET is LOW.

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*Note: In Hibernate mode, UIM1\_DET is in an undefined state.*

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To enable or disable the USIM detect feature, use the `AT+KSIMDET` command. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821).

## 4.3 USB Interface

The AirPrime HL780x module provides a full speed USB 2.0 interface that conforms to the Universal Serial Bus Specification, Revision 2.0.

Table 4-4 and Table 4-5 describe the USB interface.

**Table 4-4: USB Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name | I/O <sup>a</sup> | Description       |
|-------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|
| C12   | USB_D-      | I/O              | USB Data Negative |
| C13   | USB_D+      | I/O              | USB Data Positive |
| C16   | USB_VBUS    | PI               | USB VBUS          |

a. Signal direction with respect to the module

**Table 4-5: USB Electrical Characteristics**

| Parameter                       | Min  | Typ | Max  | Unit |
|---------------------------------|------|-----|------|------|
| Voltage at pins USB_D+ / USB_D- | 3.15 | 3.3 | 3.45 | V    |
| USB_VBUS                        | 4.75 | 5.0 | 5.25 | V    |

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**Important:** For USB operation, USB\_VBUS is a mandatory connection. The host must ensure USB\_VBUS is provided before establishing USB communication.  
 When USB operation is enabled, the lowest power mode supported is Active—the module cannot enter Low Power state.  
 When USB operation is disabled, the lowest power mode supported is Hibernate.

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For USB enumeration timing, refer to [Unmanaged POWER\\_ON\\_N \(Default\) on page 49](#) and [Wakeup from OFF Mode on page 54](#).

Simultaneous UART and USB is supported by default, but can be affected by the +KUSBCOMP command. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821).

## 4.4 General Purpose Input/Output (GPIO)

The AirPrime HL780x provides several GPIOs, some of which are multiplexed with other signals, as described in [Table 4-6](#). For electrical specifications, see [Table 3-3 on page 27](#).

**Table 4-6: GPIO Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name | Alternate Function                                      | Default State <sup>a</sup> | I/O Type     |
|-------|-------------|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| C1    | GPIO1       | –   | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C10   | GPIO2       | Alternative default Ring Indicator (Active High Output) | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C40   | GPIO7       | –   | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C41   | GPIO8       | VBAT_PA_EN (Output)                                     | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C46   | GPIO6       | –   | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C51   | GPIO14      | UART3_CTS (Output)                                      | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C52   | GPIO10      | UART3_TX (Input)  | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C53   | GPIO11      | UART3_RTS (Input)                                       | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C54   | GPIO15      | UART3_RX (Output)                                       | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C64   | GPIO3       | UIM1_DET (Input)  | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C65   | GPIO4       | –   | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |
| C66   | GPIO5       | –   | Input Pull Down            | 1.8V (VGPIO) |

a. Default state when module has initialized and reached AT-READY state. Default state is configurable by customer using `AT+KGIOCFG` command. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821).

[Table 4-6](#) notes the default state for each signal.

By default, at power up, all GPIOs are configured as inputs. During power up, power down, reset and Hibernate, the signals are in an undefined state. Therefore, the host should ignore all activity on I/Os until the module has reached AT-READY state (i.e. when UART1\_CTS transitions from high to low (and stays low) and VGPIO is high). For timing details, see [Unmanaged POWER\\_ON\\_N \(Default\) on page 49](#) and [Wake Up Signal \(WAKEUP\) on page 54](#).

### 4.4.1 I/O Behavior in Hibernate Mode

The following behaviors apply, only in Hibernate mode, to I/Os that are referenced to VGPIO (i.e. UART, GPIO, Clock, UIM1, Indication, and ADC signal groups—see [Table 2-2, Pin Definitions](#), on page 21); they do not apply in Lite Hibernate or Sleep modes.

- VGPIO is OFF
- No I/O should be biased as no internal source exists. The maximum allowed voltage is  $\pm 0.2V$  at any I/O.
- All I/Os that are referenced to VGPIO will be in an undefined state

The host should ignore all activity on these signals until the module has initialized and reached AT-READY state (i.e. when UART1\_CTS transitions from high to low (and stays low) and VGPIO is high). For timing details, see [Unmanaged POWER\\_ON\\_N \(Default\) on page 49](#) and [Wakeup from Low Power Modes on page 54](#).

## 4.5 Main Serial Link (UART1)

The AirPrime HL780x implements the UART1 serial interface (up to 921.6 kbps, default rate of 115.2 kbps) for communication between the module and a PC or host processor. UART1 consists of a flexible, 8-wire asynchronous serial, 1.8V interface that complies with RS-232 interface. UART1 can also be used to upgrade the module firmware locally.

Simultaneous UART and USB is supported by default, but can be affected by the +KUSBCOMP command. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821).

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*Note: The host platform may use UART1 as an 8-wire, 4-wire, or 2-wire interface as shown in Figure 4-1, Figure 4-2, and Figure 4-3.*

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In Hibernate mode, the host platform (MCU) interfaces can remain powered—it is important that the host interfaces do not back-power the module.

The UART1 interface is not active during Hibernate mode, so the host should ignore all activity on UART1 during Hibernate. If the module will enter Hibernate mode, Sierra Wireless recommends adding buffer circuits to ensure UART signals are not driven high (i.e. >0.2V).

Note that a buffer is not required in Lite Hibernate mode. For detailed information, refer to [I/O Behavior in Hibernate Mode on page 44](#).

[Table 4-7](#) describes the UART1 interface.

**Table 4-7: UART1 Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name <sup>a</sup> | I/O <sup>b</sup> | Active | I/O Type     | Description   |
|-------|--------------------------|------------------|--------|--------------|---|
| C2    | UART1_RI                 | O                | L      | 1.8V (VGPIO) | Ring Indicator<br>Data reception, SMS, etc.                               |
| C3    | UART1_RTS                | I                | L      | 1.8V (VGPIO) | Request To Send   |
| C4    | UART1_CTS                | O                | L      | 1.8V (VGPIO) | Clear To Send <sup>c</sup><br>The module is ready to receive AT commands. |
| C5    | UART1_TX                 | I                | –      | 1.8V (VGPIO) | Transmit data   |
| C6    | UART1_RX                 | O                | –      | 1.8V (VGPIO) | Receive data  |
| C7    | UART1_DTR                | I                | L      | 1.8V (VGPIO) | Data Terminal Ready <sup>d</sup>  |
| C8    | UART1_DCD                | O                | L      | 1.8V (VGPIO) | Data Carrier Detect<br>Signal data connection in progress                 |
| C9    | UART1_DSR                | O                | L      | 1.8V (VGPIO) | Data Set Ready<br>Signal UART interface is ON                             |

- a. Signals are named with respect to the host device (i.e. DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) convention—PC view). For example, UART1\_RX is the signal used by the host to receive data from the module.
- b. Signal direction with respect to the module. For example, UART1\_RX is an output from the module to the host.
- c. Host can monitor UART1\_CTS and VGPI0 to determine when the module is ready to receive AT commands (AT-READY). The UART1 interface is not active during Hibernate mode, so the host should ignore all activity on UART1\_CTS during Hibernate.
- d. UART1\_DTR has S/W-controlled pull-up (PU) (if enabled by using AT+KSLEEP with the <mngt> parameter set to 0), which is active only when module has initialized and reached AT-READY state. When the signal is low, the module wakes in all operational modes except Hibernate. When the signal is high, the module can enter low power mode.

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*Note: If possible, it is highly recommended to add 0Ω on every line on the host platform to help the debug process. This will force the UART signal layout to the top PCB layer and allow access to the signal on the resistors.*

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### 4.5.1 Ring Indicator (UART1\_RI or Alternative)

UART1\_RI is an active-low output signal that indicates incoming events (e.g. SMS, data reception, etc.).

The signal is available in all power modes except Hibernate mode. In Hibernate mode, the UART\_RI signal is in an undefined state.

Therefore, if a customer platform requires a RI signal to wake its host processor on SMS or IP reception, an alternative signal must be used.

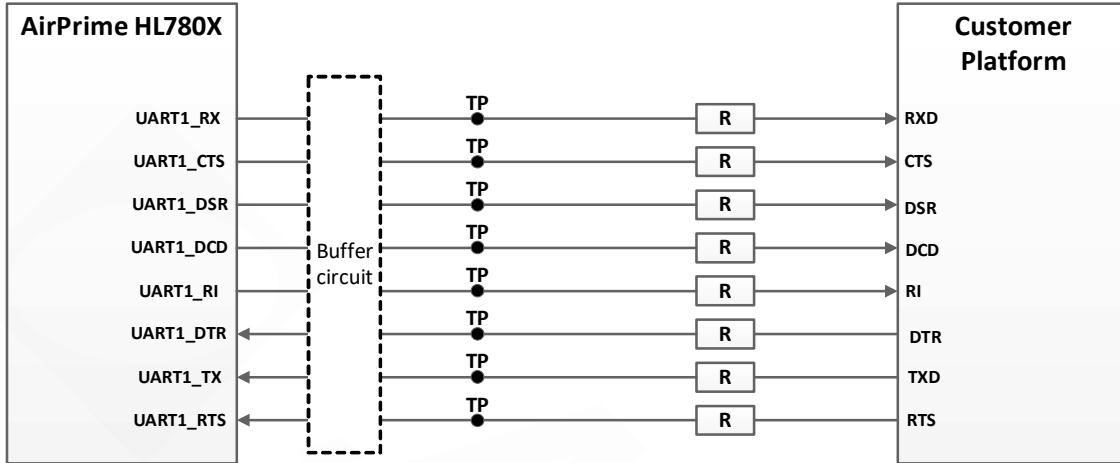
The AT+KRIC command can configure GPIO2 (by default) as an inverted RI signal (RI\_inverse\_gpio). (For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821) and [4] AirPrime HL78xx Low Power Modes Application Note (Doc# 2174229)).

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*Note: Because GPIO2 is in an undefined state while in (and exiting) Hibernate, use the following recommendations when GPIO2 is used as a RI signal:*

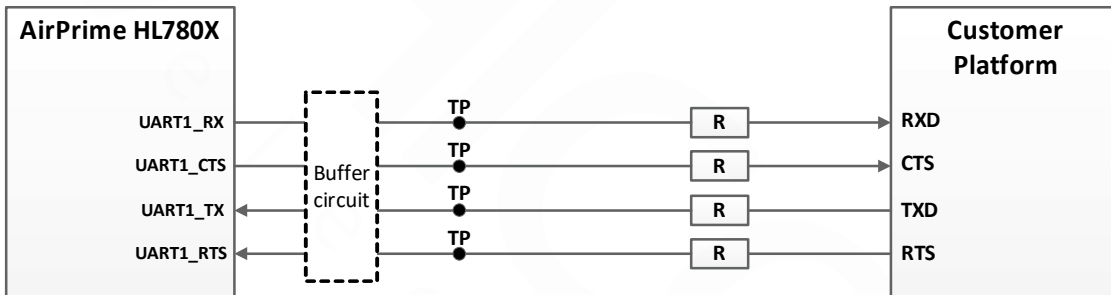
- *If 4.3.4.0 or newer firmware is used, enable the internal PD on GPIO2 using AT+KRIC (default state is No Pull).*
  - *If 4.3.3.0 or older firmware is used, a 10 kΩ PD is recommended on the host platform to maintain Low state. Alternatively, use Lite Hibernate mode.*
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## 4.5.2 UART Application Examples



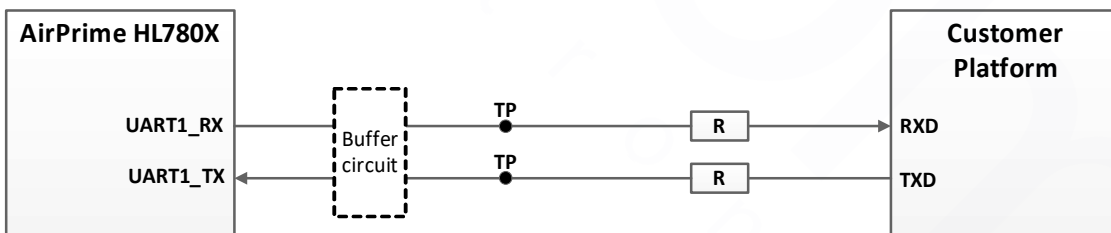
Note: R is a 0Ω resistor (default value)

Figure 4-1: 8-wire UART Application Example



Note: R is a 0Ω resistor (default value)

Figure 4-2: 4-wire UART Application Example



Note: R is a 0Ω resistor (default value)

Figure 4-3: 2-wire UART Application Example

Note: All UART signals operate at 1.8V. A voltage level shifter is required when connecting to a 3V3 domain.

## 4.6 Power On Signal (POWER\_ON\_N)

The POWER\_ON\_N hardware control signal can be used by the host platform to turn the module on.

The signal is internally biased high by default. Bias voltage is dependent on the module mode—1.3–1.4V in Active or Sleep mode, and 1.1–1.2V in Hibernate or Lite Hibernate mode.

The module has two possible operational modes—Host-managed and unmanaged:

- Unmanaged (default configuration)—The module starts regardless of the POWER\_ON\_N state. In this mode, the POWER\_ON\_N signal must be left open.

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*Note: If RESET\_IN\_N is low, the module will not start until RESET\_IN\_N is released.*

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- Host-Managed—A low-level pulse must be provided by the host to switch the module ON. Use an open drain/open collector type circuit to drive the signal low (< 0.3V (Input Voltage-Low (V))).

Table 4-8 and Table 4-9 describe the POWER\_ON\_N signal.

**Table 4-8: POWER\_ON\_N Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name             | I/O <sup>a</sup> | Description          |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| C59   | POWER_ON_N <sup>b</sup> | I                | Powers the module ON |

a. Signal direction with respect to the module

b. Signal provided by host. Does not need to be buffered, and can be directly connected to module using an open drain/collector type circuit.

**Table 4-9: POWER\_ON\_N Electrical Characteristics**

| Parameter             | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Input Voltage-Low (v) | –   | –   | 0.3 | V    |

To ensure safe power on, the module VBAT (VBAT\_BB/VBAT\_RF) must be discharged below 0.3V before re-applying VBAT power.



### 4.6.1 Unmanaged POWER\_ON\_N (Default)

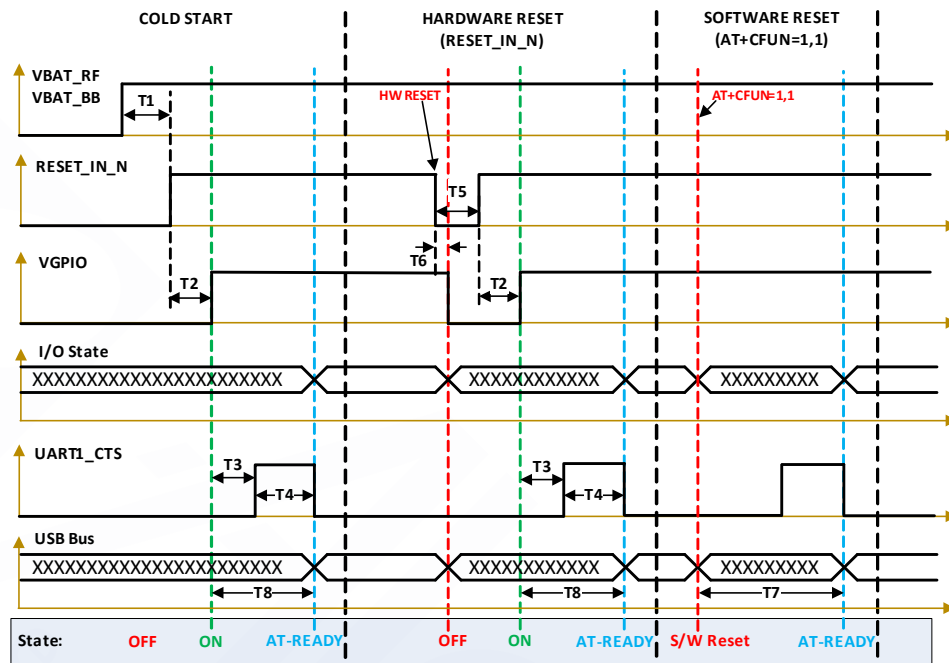


Figure 4-4: Power On and Reset Sequence (unmanaged POWER\_ON\_N)

**Important:** At completion of T4/T8/T7, the module is ready to receive AT commands ("AT-READY") via UART1 or USB.

Table 4-10: POWER\_ON\_N Timing (unmanaged)<sup>a</sup>

| Parameter  | Min | Typ | Max <sup>b</sup>                      | Unit |
|--|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|------|
| T1: Delay between VBAT_BB and RESET_IN_N                 | –   | –   | 1                                     | ms   |
| T2: Delay between RESET_IN_N and VGPIO                   | –   | –   | 1                                     | ms   |
| T3: Delay between VGPIO and UART1_CTS                    | –   | –   | 100                                   | μs   |
| T4: Delay  | –   | 9   | (HL7800/HL7800-M) 10<br>(HL7802) 20   | s    |
| T5: HW RESET_IN_N assertion time                         | 100 | –   | –                                     | μs   |
| T6: Off delay between VGPIO and RESET_IN_N               | –   | –   | 300                                   | μs   |
| T7: Delay between software reset and AT-READY (UART/USB) | –   | –   | (HL7800/HL7800-M) 10<br>(HL7802) 20   | s    |
| T8: Delay between VGPIO and USB enumeration              | –   | –   | T3 <sub>max</sub> + T4 <sub>max</sub> | s    |

a. Timing of first power cycle after FOTA/FW upgrade is not captured in this table.  
 b. Measurements taken with HL78xx Development Kit

## 4.6.2 Host-Managed POWER\_ON\_N

*Note: This interface will be available in a future firmware release.*

To turn on the module, provide a pulse on POWER\_ON\_IN (pulse duration TBD). Use an open drain/open collector type circuit to drive the signal low (< 0.3V (Input Voltage-Low (V))),

Do not add a pull-up resistor on this signal as it is internally biased high by default.

## 4.7 Reset Signal (RESET\_IN\_N)

The RESET\_IN\_N hardware control signal can be used to reset the module in any power state.

To reset the module, assert RESET\_IN\_N low for 100 μs (minimum)—this action immediately resets the module. For timing details, see [Figure 4-4 on page 49](#) (HARDWARE RESET segment).

Use an open drain/open collector type circuit to drive the signal low (< 0.3V (Input Voltage-Low (V))),

Do not add a pull-up resistor on this signal as it is internally biased high by default. The bias voltage depends on the module operating state—1.3–1.4V in Active and Sleep modes, and 1.1–1.2V in Hibernate and Lite Hibernate modes.

*Note: For power-sensitive applications, the module does not reach minimal power consumption when held in reset. Therefore, it is not recommended to hold the module in reset state for long periods.*

**Warning:** RESET\_IN\_N should only be used to reset the module if it is unresponsive to AT commands and a power cycle cannot be performed. If used inappropriately (e.g. to reset during a firmware upgrade), memory corruption can occur.

As an alternative, Sierra Wireless recommends implementing a software reset using AT+CFUN=1, 1. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821).

**Warning:** During a module reset:

- All I/Os will be in an undefined state.
- I/Os must not be driven high (over 0.2 V), otherwise the module may be damaged.
- RESET\_IN\_N must not be set low during a power cycle, otherwise the module will not boot.
- VBAT\_BB must always be > 3.2V when reset is asserted.

[Table 4-11](#) and [Table 4-12](#) describe the RESET\_IN\_N signal.

**Table 4-11: RESET\_IN\_N Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name             | I/O <sup>a</sup> | Active | Description  |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------|--------|--------------|
| C11   | RESET_IN_N <sup>b</sup> | I                | L      | Reset signal |

- a. Signal direction with respect to the module
- b. Signal provided by host. Does not need to be buffered, and can be directly connected to module using an open drain/collector type circuit.

Refer to the following table for the electrical characteristics of the RESET\_IN\_N interface.

**Table 4-12: RESET\_IN\_N Electrical Characteristics**

| Parameter            | Min | Typ | Max | Unit |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Input Voltage-Low    | –   | –   | 0.3 | V    |
| Reset assertion time | 0.1 | 1   | –   | ms   |

## 4.8 Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)

The AirPrime HL780x provides two general purpose ADC signals (ADC0, ADC1). These converters are 12-bit resolution ADCs with voltage range of 0–1.8V.

Typical ADC use is for monitoring external signals. The `AT+KADC` command is used to read the ADC values. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821).

Table 4-13 describes the ADC signals.

**Table 4-13: ADC Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name | I/O <sup>a</sup> | Description                 | I/O Type      |
|-------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| C24   | ADC1        | AI               | Analog to digital converter | 1.8V (VGPIIO) |
| C25   | ADC0        | AI               | Analog to digital converter | 1.8V (VGPIIO) |

- a. Signal direction with respect to the module

## 4.9 Clock Interface

The AirPrime HL780x supports two digital clock output signals.

These signals are disabled by default. To enable (or disable) these signals, use the `AT+KHWIOCFG` command. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821).

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*Note: To reduce noise and radiated spurious emission (RSE), disable the clock signals if they are not being used.*

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Table 4-14 describes the clock signals.

**Table 4-14: Clock Interface Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name | I/O <sup>a</sup> | Voltage Supply Domain | Description                     |
|-------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| C22   | 26M_CLKOUT  | O                | 1.8V (VGPI0)          | 26 MHz Digital Clock output     |
| C23   | 32K_CLKOUT  | O                | 1.8V (VGPI0)          | 32.786 kHz Digital Clock output |

a. Signal direction with respect to the module

## 4.10 Debug Interfaces

The AirPrime HL780x provides two 4-wire debug port interfaces (CLI, Modem Logs) that can be used with the AT interface for full debug capability.

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*Note: All UART signals operate at 1.8V. A voltage level shifter is required when connecting to a 3V3 domain.*

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UART interfaces are not active during Hibernate mode, so the host should ignore all activity on UART interfaces during Hibernate. If the module will enter Hibernate mode, Sierra Wireless recommends adding buffer circuits to ensure module I/Os are not driven high (i.e. >0.2V).

To enable debug interfaces, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821).

### 4.10.1 Command Line Interface (CLI)

**Table 4-15: CLI Interface Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name <sup>a</sup> | I/O <sup>b</sup> | I/O Type     | Description           |
|-------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| C55   | UART0_RX                 | O                | 1.8V (VGPI0) | Debug Receive Data    |
| C56   | UART0_TX                 | I                | 1.8V (VGPI0) | Debug Transmit Data   |
| C57   | UART0_CTS                | O                | 1.8V (VGPI0) | Debug Clear to Send   |
| C58   | UART0_RTS                | I                | 1.8V (VGPI0) | Debug Request to Send |

- a. Signals are named with respect to the host device (i.e. DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) convention—PC view). For example, UART0\_RX is the signal used by the host to receive data from the module.  
 b. Signal direction with respect to the module. For example, UART0\_Rx is an output from the module to the host.

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*Note: It is highly recommended to provide access through Test Points to this UART0 interface (required for customer platform debugging).*

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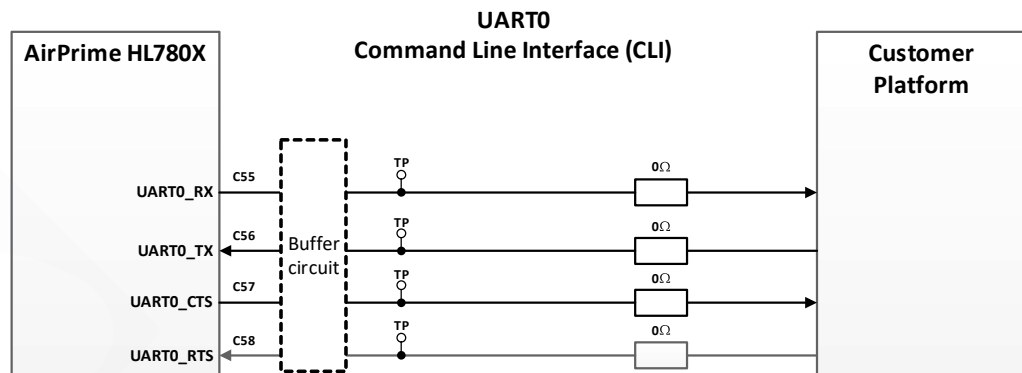


Figure 4-5: Command Line Interface connection example

### 4.10.2 Modem Logs Interface (MLI)

Table 4-16: Modem Logs Interface Pin Description

| Pad # | Signal Name | I/O <sup>a</sup> | I/O Type     | Description            |
|-------|-------------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| C51   | GPIO14      | O                | 1.8V (VGPI0) | UART3_CTS <sup>b</sup> |
| C52   | GPIO10      | I                | 1.8V (VGPI0) | UART3_TX <sup>b</sup>  |
| C53   | GPIO11      | I                | 1.8V (VGPI0) | UART3_RTS <sup>b</sup> |
| C54   | GPIO15      | O                | 1.8V (VGPI0) | UART3_RX <sup>b</sup>  |

- a. Signal direction with respect to the module. For example, GPIO14 is an output from the module to the host.
- b. Signals are named with respect to the host device (i.e. DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) convention—PC view). For example, UART3\_RX is the signal used by the host to receive data from the module.

*Note: It is highly recommended to provide access through Test Points to these 4 GPIOs to access the UART3 interface (required for customer platform debugging).*

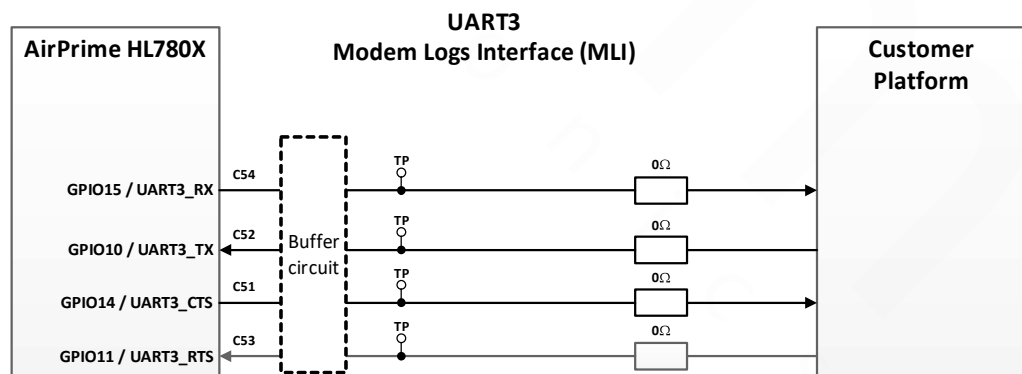


Figure 4-6: Modem Logs Interface connection example

## 4.11 Wake Up Signal (WAKEUP)

The WAKEUP hardware control signal is used to wake the module from low power modes (Sleep, Lite Hibernate, Hibernate, OFF) by driving the signal high to 1.8V.

The module will not enter or return to low power mode while the WAKEUP signal is high.

[Table 4-17](#) and [Table 4-18](#) describe the WAKEUP signal.

**Table 4-17: WAKEUP Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name         | I/O <sup>a</sup> | I/O Type | Description                             |
|-------|---------------------|------------------|----------|---|
| C44   | WAKEUP <sup>b</sup> | I                | 1.8V     | Wakes the module up from low power mode |

a. Signal direction with respect to the module

b. Signal provided by host. Signal does not need to be buffered, and can be directly connected to the module.

**Table 4-18: WAKEUP Electrical Characteristics**

| Parameter                          | Minimum | Typical | Maximum | Unit |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| V <sub>IL</sub>                    | –       | –       | 0.3     | V    |
| V <sub>IH</sub>                    | 1.2     | –       | –       | V    |
| Wakeup assertion time <sup>a</sup> | 100     | –       | –       | μs   |
| Internal PD                        | –       | 100K    | –       | Ω    |

a. Assertion time—Time required to keep WAKEUP at high level to ensure module can wake up successfully.

### 4.11.1 Wakeup from Low Power Modes

This section describes the module’s signal behaviors when waking from the low power modes defined in [Table 3-5 on page 33](#).

### 4.11.2 Wakeup from OFF Mode

[Figure 4-7](#) and [Table 4-19](#) describe signal behavior when WAKEUP is used to wake the module from OFF mode.



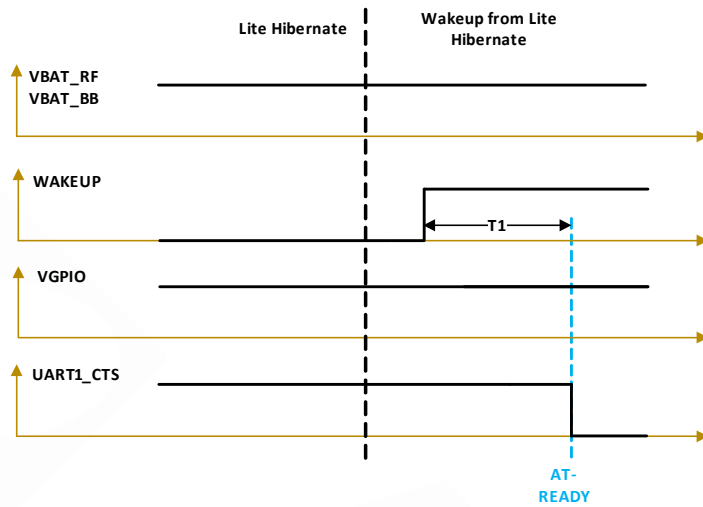


Figure 4-8: Wake up from Lite Hibernate Mode

Table 4-20: WAKEUP Timing (from Lite Hibernate Mode)

| Parameter                             | Min | Typ | Max <sup>a</sup> | Unit |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------|------|
| T1: Delay between WAKEUP and AT-READY | –   | –   | 6                | s    |

a. Measurements taken with HL78xx Development Kit

### 4.11.4 Wakeup from Hibernate Mode

Figure 4-9 and Table 4-21 describe the module’s signal behaviors when WAKEUP is used to wake the module from Hibernate mode.



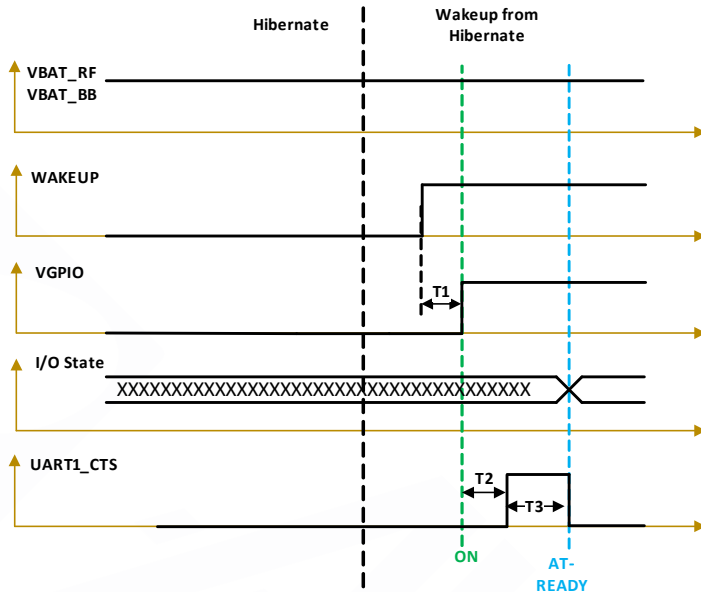


Figure 4-9: Wake up from Hibernate Mode

**Table 4-21: WAKEUP Timing (from Hibernate Mode)**

| Parameter                                  | Min | Typ | Max <sup>a</sup> | Unit |
|--|-----|-----|------------------|------|
| T1: Delay between WAKEUP and VGPIO         | –   | –   | 1                | ms   |
| T2: Delay between VGPIO and UART1_CTS high | –   | –   | 15               | ms   |
| T3: UART1_CTS high to AT-READY             | –   | –   | 6                | s    |

a. Measurements taken with HL78xx Development Kit

## 4.12 RF Interface

The RF interface of the AirPrime HL780x provides a single RF antenna connection for the transmission/reception of RF signals.

Contact Sierra Wireless technical support for assistance in integrating the AirPrime HL780x on applications with embedded antennas.

### 4.12.1 RF Antenna Connection

A 50Ω RF track (with maximum VSWR 1.1:1, and 0.5 dB loss) is recommended to connect the module’s RF\_MAIN to standard RF antenna connectors (e.g. SMA, U.FL, etc).

Table 4-22 describes the module's RF interface.

**Table 4-22: RF Main Pin Description**

| Pad # | RF Signal | Impedance | VSWR Rx (max) | VSWR Tx (max) |
|-------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| C48   | GND       | –         | –             | –             |
| C49   | RF_MAIN   | 50Ω       | 2.5:1         | 2.5:1         |
| C50   | GND       | –         | –             | –             |

## 4.12.2 LTE RF Interface

### 4.12.2.1 Maximum Output Power

The AirPrime HL780x module's LTE maximum transmitter output power for all bands in normal operation conditions (25°C) is specified in Table 4-23.

**Table 4-23: HL780x Conducted Tx Max Output Power Tolerances — LTE<sup>a</sup>**

| LTE Bands | Min               | Typ | Max  | Units | Notes         |
|-----------|-------------------|-----|------|-------|---------------|
| All bands | 21.5 <sup>b</sup> | 23  | 24.5 | dBm   | Power class 3 |

a. Under normal operating conditions (25°C)

b. Additional power reduction is applied to the lowest and highest supported channels for each band — see Table 1-1 on page 12 footnote "b" for supported Tx channel ranges. (e.g. applies to B2 channels 18602 and 19198)

### 4.12.2.2 Rx Sensitivity

The module's LTE receiver sensitivity is specified in the following tables.

**Table 4-24: HL780x Typical Conducted Cat-M1 RX Sensitivity<sup>a</sup>**

| LTE Band | Typical Reference Sensitivity Level @ 95% of Maximum Throughput |                 |                               |
|----------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|          | @ +25°C (dBm)   | @ Class A (dBm) | 3GPP Limit (dBm) <sup>b</sup> |
| B1       | -104  | -102.5          | -102.3                        |
| B2       | -104  | -103            | -100.3                        |
| B3       | -105  | -103.5          | -99.3                         |
| B4       | -104  | -102.5          | -102.3                        |
| B5       | -105  | -104            | -100.8                        |
| B8       | -105  | -103            | -99.8                         |
| B9       | -105  | -103.5          | — <sup>c</sup>                |
| B10      | -104  | -102.5          | — <sup>c</sup>                |
| B12      | -105  | -103.5          | -99.3                         |
| B13      | -105  | -104            | -99.3                         |

**Table 4-24: HL780x Typical Conducted Cat-M1 RX Sensitivity<sup>a</sup> (Continued)**

| LTE Band | Typical Reference Sensitivity Level @ 95% of Maximum Throughput |                 |                               |
|----------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|          | @ +25°C (dBm)   | @ Class A (dBm) | 3GPP Limit (dBm) <sup>b</sup> |
| B17      | -105  | -103.5          | — <sup>c</sup>                |
| B18      | -105  | -104            | -100.3                        |
| B19      | -105  | -104            | -102.3                        |
| B20      | -105  | -104            | -99.8                         |
| B25      | -105  | -103            | — <sup>c</sup>                |
| B26      | -105  | -104.5          | -100.3                        |
| B27      | -105  | -104.5          | -100.8                        |
| B28      | -105  | -104            | -100.8                        |
| B66      | -104  | -102.5          | — <sup>c</sup>                |

- a. Test conditions per 3GPP TS 36.521-1 v13: Bandwidth: 5MHz on Reference Measurement Channel  
b. Displayed limits derived from 3GPP TS 36.521-1 V16.3.0, Table 7.3EA-2, adjusted by +0.7 dB for measurement uncertainty  
c. Band not defined by 3GPP, therefore no associated limit

**Table 4-25: HL780x Typical Conducted NB1 RX Sensitivity<sup>a</sup>**

| LTE Band | Typical Reference Sensitivity Level @ 95% of Maximum Throughput |                 |                               |
|----------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|          | @ +25°C (dBm)   | @ Class A (dBm) | 3GPP Limit (dBm) <sup>b</sup> |
| B1       | -113  | -111.5          | -107.5                        |
| B2       | -113.5  | -112.1          | -107.5                        |
| B3       | -114  | -112.5          | -107.5                        |
| B4       | -113  | -111.6          | -107.5                        |
| B5       | -113.5  | -112.3          | -107.5                        |
| B8       | -113  | -111.8          | -107.5                        |
| B9       | N/A   | N/A             | N/A                           |
| B10      | N/A   | N/A             | N/A                           |
| B12      | -112.5  | -111.2          | -107.5                        |
| B13      | -113  | -111.8          | -107.5                        |
| B17      | -113  | -111.7          | -107.5                        |
| B18      | -113.5  | -112.2          | -107.5                        |
| B19      | -113.5  | -112.2          | -107.5                        |
| B20      | -113  | -111.7          | -107.5                        |
| B25      | -113  | -111.7          | -107.5                        |

**Table 4-25: HL780x Typical Conducted NB1 RX Sensitivity<sup>a</sup> (Continued)**

| LTE Band | Typical Reference Sensitivity Level @ 95% of Maximum Throughput |                 |                               |
|----------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|          | @ +25°C (dBm)   | @ Class A (dBm) | 3GPP Limit (dBm) <sup>b</sup> |
| B26      | -113.8  | -112.5          | -107.5                        |
| B27      | N/A   | N/A             | N/A                           |
| B28      | -113  | -111.7          | -107.5                        |
| B66      | -113  | -111.5          | -107.5                        |

a. Test conditions per 3GPP TS 36.521-1 v13: on DL Reference Measurement Channel defined  
 b. Displayed limits derived from 3GPP TS 36.521-1 V16.3.0, Table 7.3F.1.3-1, adjusted by +0.7 dB for measurement uncertainty

### 4.12.3 2G RF Interface

(AirPrime HL7802 only)

The HL7802 module is a GPRS only device (no EGPRS support) supporting GSM multislot class 10 (4 DL/2UL max (5 slots)).

#### 4.12.3.1 Tx Output Power

The module's 2G maximum transmitter output power is specified in [Table 4-26](#).

**Table 4-26: HL7802 Conducted Tx Max Output Power Tolerances — 2G<sup>a,b</sup>**

| RF Band   | Min  | Typ  | Max  | Units | Notes                            |
|-----------|------|------|------|-------|----------------------------------|
| GSM 850   | 31.5 | 32.5 | 33.5 | dBm   | GMSK mode (Class 4; 2 W, 33 dBm) |
| E-GSM 900 | 31.5 | 32.5 | 33.5 | dBm   | GMSK mode (Class 4; 2 W, 33 dBm) |
| DCS 1800  | 28.5 | 29.5 | 30.5 | dBm   | GMSK mode (Class 1; 1 W, 30 dBm) |
| PCS 1900  | 28.5 | 29.5 | 30.5 | dBm   | GMSK mode (Class 1; 1 W, 30 dBm) |

a. Stated power tolerances satisfy 3GPP TS 51.010-1 requirements for normal (25°C) and Class A (extreme) conditions  
 b. Stated power tolerances for input voltage of 3.7V

#### 4.12.3.2 Rx Sensitivity

The module's GPRS receiver sensitivity is specified in [Table 4-27](#).

**Table 4-27: Typical Conducted RX Sensitivity—GPRS Bands<sup>a</sup>**

| GPRS Band | Parameters         | Typical Reference Sensitivity Level @ 95% of Maximum Throughput |                 |                      |
|-----------|--------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------|
|           |                    | @ +25°C (dBm)   | @ Class A (dBm) | Standard Limit (dBm) |
| GSM 850   | 10% BLER; GMSK CS1 | -110  | -108            | -102                 |
| E-GSM 900 | 10% BLER; GMSK CS1 | -111  | -108            | -102                 |

**Table 4-27: Typical Conducted RX Sensitivity—GPRS Bands<sup>a</sup> (Continued)**

| GPRS Band | Parameters         | Typical Reference Sensitivity Level @ 95% of Maximum Throughput |                 |                      |
|-----------|--------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------|
|           |                    | @ +25°C (dBm)   | @ Class A (dBm) | Standard Limit (dBm) |
| DCS 1800  | 10% BLER; GMSK CS1 | -112  | -108            | -102                 |
| PCS 1900  | 10% BLER; GMSK CS1 | -112  | -108            | -102                 |

a. Stated sensitivity values satisfy 3GPP TS 51.010-1 requirements for normal (25°C) and Class A (extreme) conditions

## 4.13 TX Burst Indicator (TX\_ON)

The AirPrime HL780x provides the TX\_ON signal for TX activity indication.

*Note: This signal is currently available for LTE Cat-M1. Support for LTE Cat-NB1 (HL7800/HL7802) and 2G (HL7802) will be available in a future firmware release.*

**Table 4-28: TX\_ON Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name | I/O <sup>a</sup> | I/O Type     | Description             |
|-------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| C60   | TX_ON       | O                | 1.8V (VGPIO) | High during Tx activity |

a. Signal direction with respect to the module

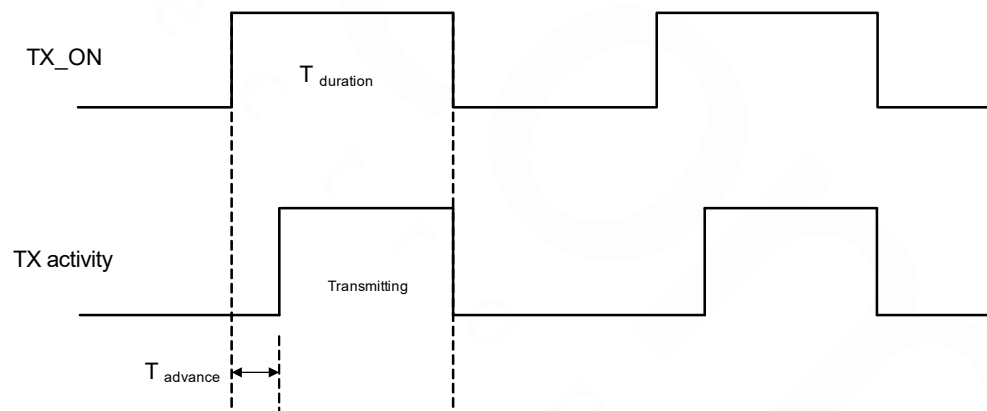


Figure 4-10: TX\_ON State High during TX Activity

To enable/disable this feature, use the `AT+KHWIOCFG` command. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 4111821).

**Table 4-29: TX\_ON Characteristics**

| Parameter            | Typical |
|----------------------|---------|
| T <sub>advance</sub> | 30 μs   |

## 4.14 Tx/Rx Activity Indicator; External RF Voltage Control

The AirPrime HL780x provides the VBAT\_PA\_EN signal for RF activity (Tx/Rx) indication. Depending on customer requirements, it can be also be used to select the module VBAT\_RF power source during RF activity, and support antenna switching.

To enable/disable this feature, use the AT+KHWIOCFG command. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 4111821).

Table 4-30, Figure 4-11 and Table 4-31 describe the VBAT\_PA\_EN signal.

**Table 4-30: VBAT\_PA\_EN Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name | I/O <sup>a</sup> | I/O Type     | Description                |
|-------|-------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| C41   | GPIO8       | I/O              | 1.8V (VGPIO) | High during Tx/Rx activity |
|       | VBAT_PA_EN  | O                |              |                            |

a. Signal direction with respect to the module

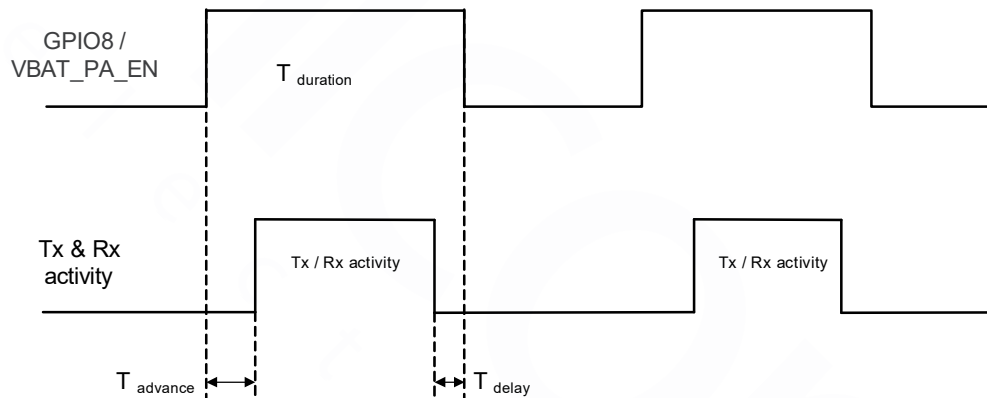


Figure 4-11: VBAT\_PA\_EN State during Tx/Rx Activity

**Table 4-31: VBAT\_PA\_EN Characteristics (TBC)**

| Parameter     | Typical <sup>a</sup> |
|---------------|----------------------|
| $T_{advance}$ | 4.0 ms (TBD)         |
| $T_{delay}$   | 15 $\mu$ s (TBD)     |

a. To enable function, use the AT+KHWIOCFG command. For details, refer to [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 4111821).

## 4.15 GNSS

The AirPrime HL780x's GNSS implementation supports GPS L1 and GLONASS G1 operation.

*Note: The GNSS receiver and LTE/GSM receiver share the same RF resources, therefore GNSS can only be used when the module is not actively connected on LTE/GSM. An example of a suitable implementation of GNSS in an end product would be the use of GNSS positioning for asset management applications where infrequent and no real-time position updates are required.*

Table 4-32 describes the GNSS antenna specifications. Note that the HL780x does not support an active GPS/GNSS antenna.

**Table 4-32: GNSS Antenna Specifications**

| Characteristics            |            | Value              | Unit |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------|------|
| Frequency                  | GPS L1     | 1575.42 ± 20       | MHz  |
|                            | GLONASS G1 | 1589.0625–1605.375 | MHz  |
| RF Impedance (RF_GNSS pad) |            | 50                 | Ω    |
| VSWR max                   |            | 2:1                | –    |

### 4.15.1 GNSS Performance

Table 4-33 summarizes the AirPrime HL780x module's GNSS performance characteristics.

**Table 4-33: GNSS Performance<sup>a</sup>**

| Parameters               | Conditions                       | Typical Value    |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Sensitivity              | Cold Start                       | -145.8 dBm       |
|                          | Hot Start                        | -146.4 dBm (TBC) |
|                          | Tracking                         | -163.6 dBm       |
| Time To First Fix (TTFF) | Cold start, Input power -130 dBm | 39s              |
|                          | Hot start, Input power -130 dBm  | 2.7s (TBC)       |
| 2D Position Error        | Input power -130 dBm             | 1.29 m           |

a. Preliminary values

## 4.16 Backup Battery for Real Time Clock (BAT\_RTC)

The AirPrime HL780x provides the BAT\_RTC input to connect a backup battery power supply for the internal Real Time Clock (RTC). If battery backup is not used, then BAT\_RTC should be left open.

**Table 4-34: BAT\_RTC Pin Description**

| Pad # | Signal Name | I/O <sup>a</sup> | Description                 |
|-------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| C21   | BAT_RTC     | PI               | Power supply for RTC backup |

a. Signal direction with respect to the module

**Table 4-35: BAT\_RTC Electrical Characteristics**

| Parameter                 | Min | Typ | Max  | Unit |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Input voltage             | 1.8 | –   | 4.35 | V    |
| Input current consumption | –   | –   | 10   | μA   |

### 4.16.1 Battery Backup Replacement

The HL780x supports a battery backup mechanism that allows replacement of a weak battery.

#### Replacement Precautions

To ensure continued RTC operation during battery replacement, the module must be configured for PSM operation and be in Hibernate mode (VGPIO is at 0V). This mode must be maintained for the entire replacement period.

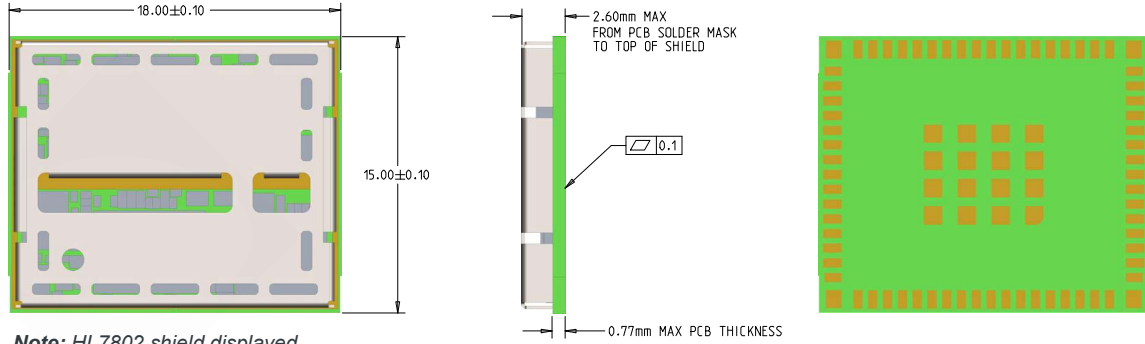
#### Recommended Battery Replacement Procedure

1. Supply 1.8–4.35V secondary power source to BAT\_RTC.
2. Configure module for PSM operation and put into Hibernate mode.
3. Confirm VGPIO level is Low.
4. Remove the battery.
5. Monitor VBAT voltage—When VBAT is discharged below 0.3V, install a new battery.
6. Remove the secondary power from BAT\_RTC, which was supplied in step 1.



# 5: Mechanical Drawings

For tolerances, refer to [Table 1-2 on page 13](#) and [Table 1-3 on page 14](#).



**Note:** HL7802 shield displayed.  
(HL7800/HL7800-M shield does not have center cutouts.)

Figure 5-1: Mechanical Drawing

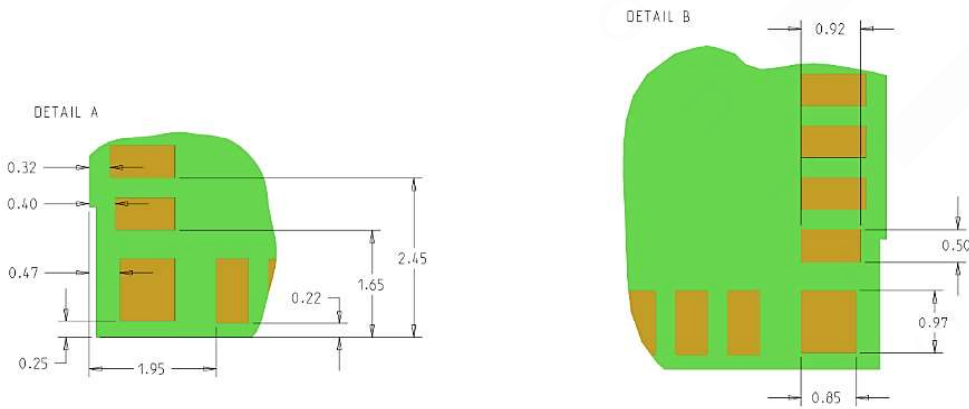
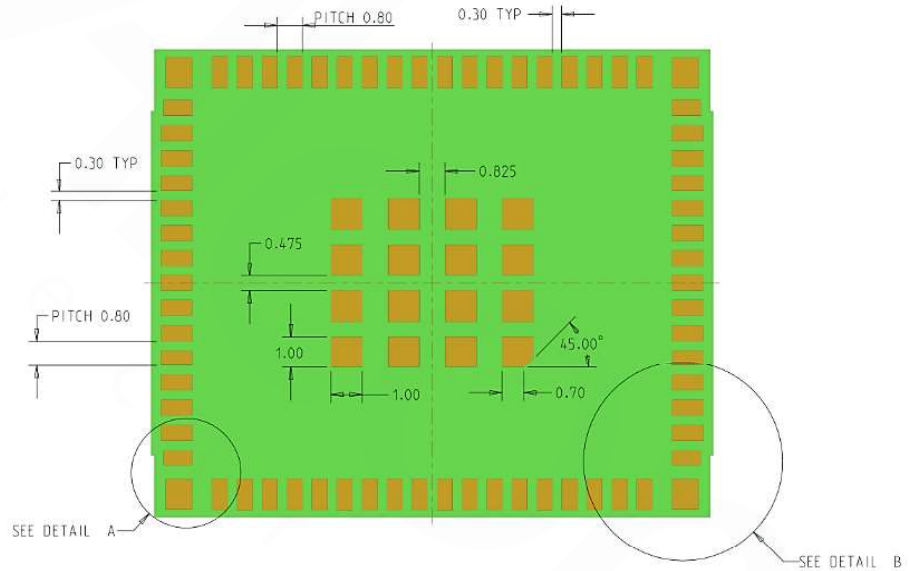


Figure 5-2: Dimensions Drawing

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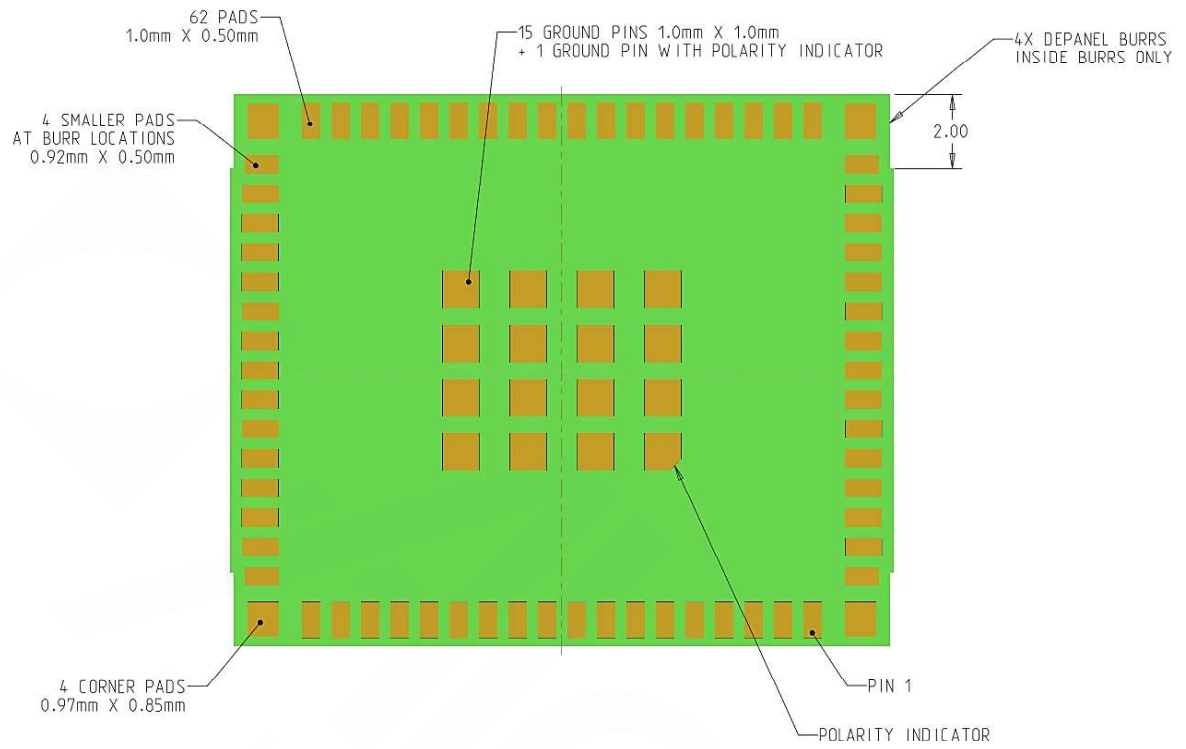


Figure 5-3: Footprint Drawing

## >> 6: Design Guidelines

### 6.1 Power Supply Design

When designing the power supply, make sure VBAT\_BB/VBAT\_RF meet the requirements listed in [Table 3-2 on page 26](#)—Sierra Wireless recommends adding a 30% design margin, if possible.

Careful attention should be paid to the following:

- Power supply design—A low-ripple, low-noise source such as LDO, battery, or switching power supply (SMPS) is recommended.
- (HL7802 GSM Tx) Capacity to deliver high current peaks in a short time
  - VBAT\_BB/VBAT\_RF must support peak currents with an acceptable voltage drop that guarantees the minimum required VBAT\_BB/VBAT\_RF value.
- VBAT\_BB/VBAT\_RF signal voltage must never exceed the maximum value, otherwise the module may be severely damaged.
  - If necessary, add a voltage limiter to the module's power supply lines to ensure VBAT will never receive a voltage surge over 4.35V. There are a few protection options from a basic linear regulator to a voltage limiter, as simple as a Zener diode.
- ESD protection is recommended on VBAT\_BB/VBAT\_RF supply rails—Sierra Wireless recommends Diodes Inc part number D8V0L1B2LP3-7.
- Both over-voltage protection and ESD protection devices will increase platform current consumption.
- All ground pins (C30, C32, C37, C39, C48, C50, CG1–CG4, G1–G16) must be connected to the same net.

### 6.2 UIM1

UIM1 can operate at clock rates up to 5 MHz.

Most UIM1 signal lines do not require a buffer during Hibernate, and can be directly connected to the UIM card or holder. A buffer is required for UIM\_DET1 if powered from the host (not required if powered from VGPIIO).

Decoupling capacitor(s) must be added to UIM1\_VCC and UIM1\_DET, as close as possible to the UIM card. Decoupling capacitors for UIM1\_CLK, UIM1\_RST, and UIM1\_DATA are recommended to be added as placeholders for potential EMC issues.

The two resistors (RCLK and RDATA) should be added as placeholders to compensate for potential layout issues. Both can be populated to slew the UIM1 signals, if required.

The UIM1\_DATA trace should be routed away from the UIM1\_CLK trace.

Keep the distance between the module and the UIM holder as short as possible.

Sierra Wireless recommends using the following ESD protection on the UIM1 interface:

- INFINEON ESD112-B1-02EL E6327—UIM1\_CLK, UIM1\_DATA, UIM1\_RESET
- Diodes Inc D8V0L1B2LP3-7—UIM1\_VCC, UIM1\_DET

Figure 6-1 illustrates the recommended implementation of a UIM interface.

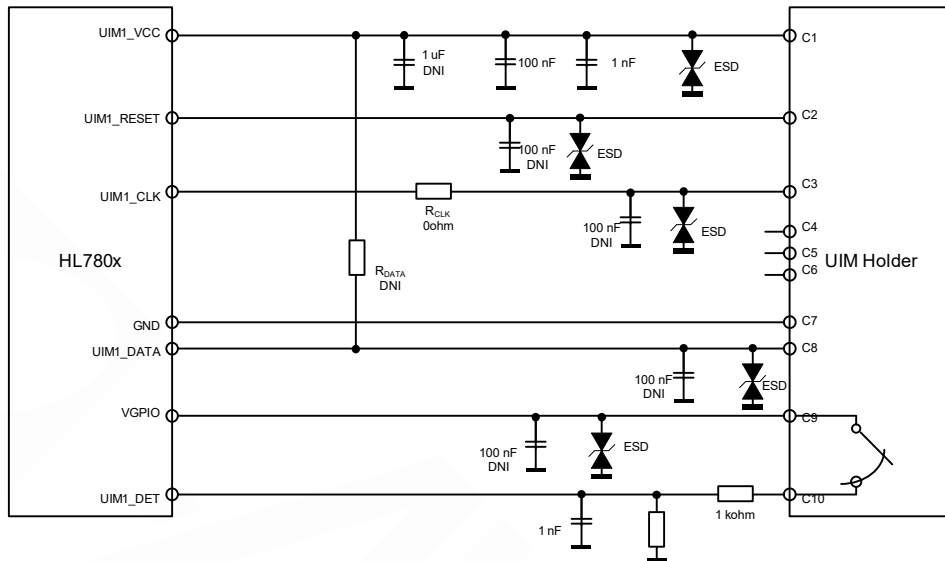


Figure 6-1: EMC and ESD Components Close to the USIM

### 6.3 USB Interface

The USB interfaces requires 90Ω differential pair routing to the host side.

For USB operation, USB\_VBUS is a mandatory connection. The host must ensure USB\_VBUS is provided before establishing USB communication.

When the USB interface is externally accessible, ESD protection is required on the USB\_VBUS, USB\_D+ and USB\_D- signals.

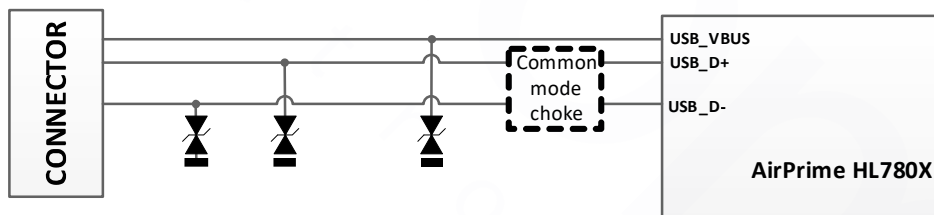


Figure 6-2: ESD Suppressors for USB FS

Sierra Wireless recommends using the following for ESD and EMI protection:

- ESD diodes—INNOCHIPS ULCE0505A015FR for USB data lines, and Diodes Inc D8V0L1B2LP3-7 for USB\_VBUS
- Optional common mode choke for EMI protection, depending on customer requirements—Panasonic EXC24CG900U

## 6.4 ESD Protection for I/Os

ESD protection is highly recommended where module signals (GPIO, UART, H/W control, Indication, ADC, Clock) are externally accessible and potentially subjected to ESD by the user. Sierra Wireless recommends using Diodes Inc D8V0L1B2LP3-7.

## 6.5 Hibernate—I/O Requirements

In Hibernate mode, the host platform (MCU) interfaces can remain powered—it is important that the host interfaces do not back-power the module.

To ensure the host platform does not back-power the module:

- The host can add a buffer circuit to isolate module I/O during Hibernate. Sierra Wireless recommends support for a buffer circuit.
- The host MCU can tristate any I/O that does not have an external PU/PD.

(Note: A buffer is not required in Lite Hibernate mode.)

If adding a buffer circuit, consider the signal type:

- Bidirectional (Input/Output) signals—For module I/O signals (e.g. GPIOs), an analog switch that can tri-state both the output and the input can be used (e.g. Texas Instruments TMUX1511). As shown in [Figure 6-3](#), I/O signals connected to the buffer will be tri-stated.
- Directional (Input) signals—For module inputs (e.g. UART1\_TX), a logic buffer with output tri-state mode can be used (e.g. Texas Instruments SN74LVC1G126). As shown in [Figure 6-4](#), the signal is controlled and, when disabled, the output signal is tri-stated.

Control of the buffer circuit is based on the status of VGPIO—for details, see [VGPIO Monitoring and Buffer Control](#).

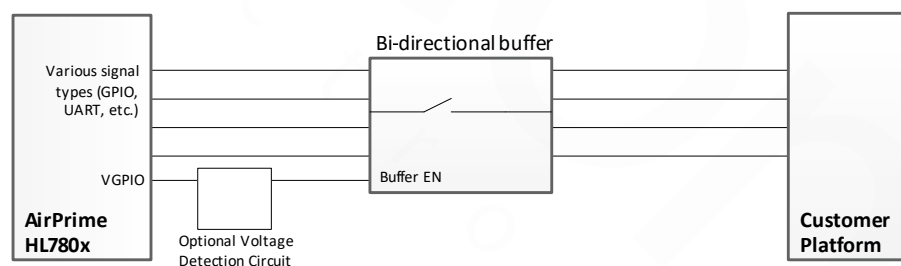


Figure 6-3: Example—Buffer – Bidirectional Signal

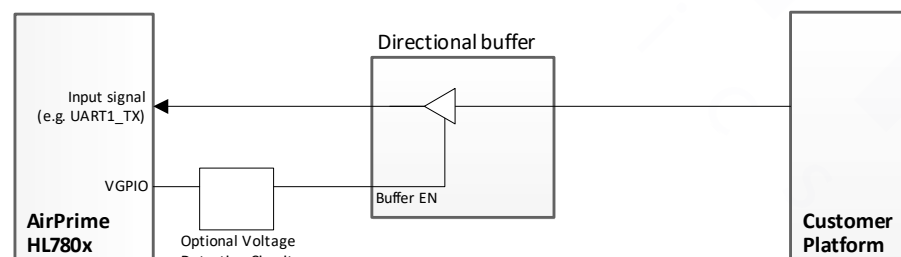


Figure 6-4: Example—Buffer – Directional Signal

## 6.5.1 VGPIO Monitoring and Buffer Control

Because the host platform can remain powered in Hibernate and Reset states, the host platform must react quickly, when VGPIO transitions low, to ensure signals do not back-power the module.

The host platform can monitor VGPIO to determine the HL780x module’s current operating mode—for details, see [VGPIO on page 41](#).

To ensure faster detection of VGPIO transitions, Sierra Wireless recommends adding an optional voltage detection circuit (as shown in [Figure 6-3](#) and [Figure 6-4](#)) to monitor and detect the transition low, and then control (enable/disable) the associated buffer circuit.

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*Note: VGPIO can be used to directly connect to the buffer enable signal but the host platform must ensure that all host outputs are not driven high before the module enters Hibernate mode.*

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## 6.6 Radio Frequency Integration

The AirPrime HL780x is equipped with an external antenna.

### Antenna Matching Circuit

A 50Ω line matching circuit between the module, the customer’s board and the RF antenna is required as shown in [Figure 6-5](#).

Because matching is dependent on the customer’s platform, values marked as ‘TBD’ for the recommended components must be determined by the customer.

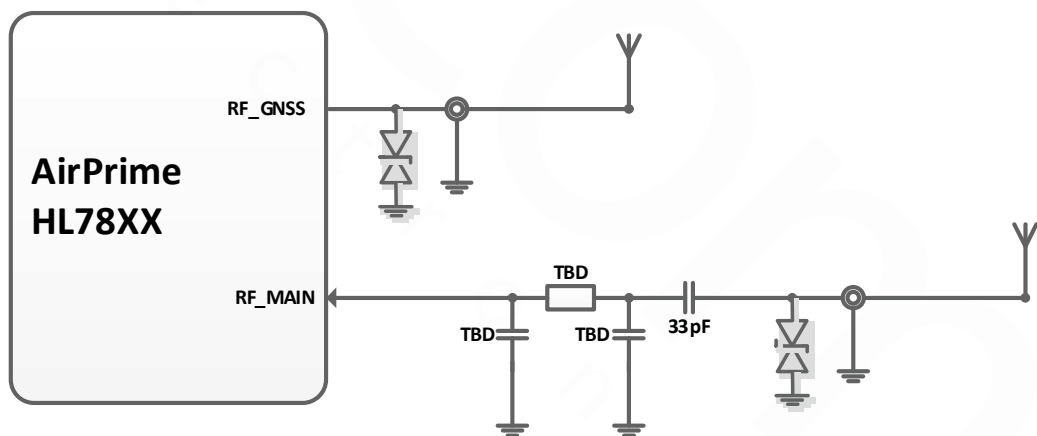


Figure 6-5: Antenna Connection

Sierra Wireless recommends using the following ESD diodes:

- Panasonic EZAEG1N50AC for RF\_MAIN
- Diodes Inc. D5V0X1B2LP3-7 for RF\_GNSS

## >> 7: Reliability Specification

The AirPrime HL780x will be tested against the Sierra Wireless Industrial Reliability Specification defined below.

### 7.1 Preconditioning Test


Per JESD22A113, this tests the preconditioning of non-hermetic surface mount devices prior to reliability testing.

**Table 7-1: Preconditioning Test**

| Designation                  | Condition                           |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Preconditioning Test<br>PCRM | 2 reflow cycles with Tmax 245-250°C |



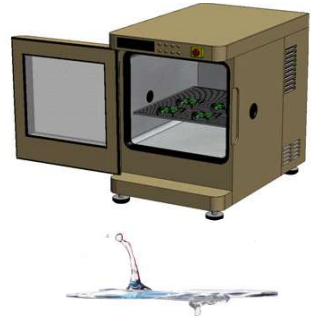
### 7.2 Performance Test

**Table 7-2: Performance Test**

| Designation  | Condition   |
|--|---|
| Performance Test<br>PT3T & PTRT<br> | Standard: N/A   |
|  | Special conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class A: -30°C to +70°C</li> <li>• Class B: -40°C to +85°C</li> <li>• Rate of temperature change: <math>\pm 3^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}</math></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recovery time: 3 hours</li> </ul> |
|  | Operating conditions: Powered   |
|  | Duration: 14 days   |

## 7.3 Aging Tests



**Table 7-3: Aging Tests**

| Designation  | Condition   |
|--|---|
| <p>High Temperature Operating Life test<br/>HTOL</p>  | <p>Standard: IEC 60068-2-2, Test Bb</p> <p>Special conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature: +85°C</li> <li>• Temperature variation: 1°C/min</li> </ul> <p>Operating conditions: Powered ON with a power cycle of 45 minutes ON and 15 minutes Idle</p> <p>Duration: 20 days</p>                          |
| <p>Thermal Shock Test<br/>TSKT</p>                   | <p>Standard: IEC 60068-2-14, Test Na</p> <p>Special conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature: -40°C to +85°C</li> <li>• Temperature Variation: less than 30s</li> <li>• Number of cycles: 300</li> <li>• Dwell Time: 10 minutes</li> </ul> <p>Operating conditions: Unpowered</p> <p>Duration: 7 days</p> |
| <p>Humidity Test<br/>HUT</p>                        | <p>Standard: IEC 60068-2-3, Test Ca</p> <p>Special conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature: +85°C</li> <li>• RH: 85%</li> </ul> <p>Operating conditions: Powered on, DUT is powered up for 15 minutes and OFF for 15 minutes.</p> <p>Duration: 10 days</p>   |



## 7.4 Characterization Tests

**Table 7-4: Characterization Tests**

| Designation   | Condition   |
|---|---|
| Low Temperature and Cold Start Cycles<br>LTCS   | <p>Special conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature: -40°C</li> <li>• AT commands read or write memory</li> </ul> <p>Operating conditions: 5 mins powered ON, 30 mins powered OFF (1 power cycle)</p> <p>Duration: 5 days</p>   |
| Component Solder Wettability<br>CSW<br><br> | <p>Standard: JESD22 - B102, Method 1/Condition C, Solderability Test Method</p> <p>Special conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Test method: Surface mount process simulation test (preconditioning 16 h ±30 minutes dry bake)</li> </ul> <p>Operating conditions: Unpowered</p> <p>Duration: 1 day</p> |
| Unprotected Free Fall Test<br>FFT1<br><br> | <p>Standard: IEC 680068-2-32, Test Ed</p> <p>Special conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of drops: 6 drops per unit (1 drop per direction: ±X, ±Y, ±Z)</li> <li>• Height: 1m</li> </ul> <p>Operating conditions: Unpowered</p> <p>Duration: 1 day</p>   |

## >> 8: Legal Information

### 8.1 RoHS Directive Compliance

Sierra Wireless certifies that to the best of its knowledge, the HL7800, HL7800-M and HL7802 modules are RoHS Compliant, as defined and detailed in the module-specific RoHS Compliance Statements available at [source.sierrawireless.com](http://source.sierrawireless.com).

### 8.2 Disposing of the Product

This electronic product is subject to the EU Directive 2012/19/EU for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). As such, this product must not be disposed of at a municipal waste collection point. Please refer to local regulations for directions on how to dispose of this product in an environmental friendly manner. 

### 8.3 Compliance Acceptance and Certification

The AirPrime HL7800/AirPrime HL7800-M/AirPrime HL7802 is designed to be compliant with the 3GPP Release 13 E-UTRA Specification for Mobile Terminated Equipment. The AirPrime HL7802 is designed to be compliant with the 3GPP Release 9 UTRA and Release 13 E-UTRA Specifications for Mobile Terminated Equipment.

Final regulatory and operator certification requires regulatory agency testing and approval with the fully integrated UE host device incorporating the AirPrime HL7800/AirPrime HL7800-M/AirPrime HL7802 module.

The OEM host device and, in particular, the OEM antenna design and implementation will affect the final product functionality, RF performance, and certification test results.

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*Note: Tests that require features not supported by the AirPrime HL7800/AirPrime HL7800-M/AirPrime HL7802 (as defined by this document) are not supported.*

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### 8.4 Regulatory and Industry Approvals/ Certifications

The AirPrime HL7800/AirPrime HL7800-M/AirPrime HL7802 module is designed to meet, and upon commercial release, will meet the requirements of the following regulatory bodies and regulations, where applicable:

- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of the United States
- The Certification and Engineering Bureau of Industry Canada (IC)
- (HL7800/HL7800-M) South Korea (KC)
- (HL7800/HL7800-M) The National Communications Commission (NCC) of Taiwan, Republic of China
- Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM), Electrical Regulatory Authorities Council (Australia and New Zealand)
- Radio Equipment Directive (RED) of the European Union

- Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) of Japan

Upon commercial release, the following industry certifications will have been obtained, where applicable:

- GCF
- PTCRB

Additional certifications and details on specific country approvals may be obtained upon customer request — contact your Sierra Wireless account representative for details.

Additional testing and certification may be required for the end product with an embedded HL7800/HL7800-M/HL7802 module and are the responsibility of the OEM. Sierra Wireless offers professional services-based assistance to OEMs with the testing and certification process, if required.

## 8.5 Japan Radio and Telecom Approval

The HL7800 and HL7800-M modules have been granted Japan radio and telecom approvals with the approval numbers shown below.



Additional approval may be required for end products embedding HL7800 or HL7800-M modules.

## 8.6 Important Compliance Information for North American Users

The AirPrime HL7800/AirPrime HL7800-M/AirPrime HL7802 modules have been granted modular approval for mobile applications under:

- AirPrime HL7800—FCC ID: N7NHL78 and IC: 2417C-HL78
- AirPrime HL7800-M—FCC ID: N7NHL78M and IC: 2417C-HL78M
- AirPrime HL7802—FCC ID: N7NHL7802 and IC: 2417C-HL7802

Integrators may use these modules in their end products without additional FCC/IC (Industry Canada) certification if they meet the following conditions. Otherwise, additional FCC/IC approvals must be obtained.

1. The end product must use the RF trace design approved with the HL7800, HL7800-M, or HL7802. The Gerber file of the trace design can be obtained from Sierra Wireless upon request.
2. At least 20 cm separation distance between the antenna and the user's body must be maintained at all times.

3. To comply with FCC/IC regulations limiting both maximum RF output power and human exposure to RF radiation, the maximum antenna gain including cable loss in a mobile-only exposure condition must not exceed the limits stipulated in [Table 8-1](#).

**Table 8-1: Product Name Antenna Gain Specifications**

| Device  | Technology | Band       | Frequency (MHz) | Maximum antenna gain (dBi) |            |
|---|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------|
|   |            |            |                 | Standalone                 | Collocated |
| AirPrime HL7800<br>AirPrime HL7800-M<br>AirPrime HL7802 | LTE        | B2         | 1850–1910       | 8                          | 6          |
|   |            | B4         | 1710–1755       | 6                          | 6          |
|   |            | B5         | 824–849         | 6                          | 4          |
|   |            | B12        | 699–716         | 6                          | 3          |
|   |            | B13        | 777–787         | 6                          | 3          |
|   |            | B25        | 1850–1915       | 6                          | 6          |
|   |            | B26        | 814–849         | 6                          | 4          |
| AirPrime HL7802   | GPRS/EDGE  | GPRS G850  | 824–849         | 3                          | 1          |
|   |            | GPRS G1900 | 1850–1910       | 3                          | 3          |

4. The HL7800, HL7800-M, or HL7802 may transmit simultaneously with other collocated radio transmitters within a host device, provided the following conditions are met:
  - Each collocated radio transmitter has been certified by FCC/IC for mobile application.
  - At least 20 cm separation distance between the antennas of the collocated transmitters and the user’s body must be maintained at all times.
  - The radiated power of a collocated transmitter must not exceed the EIRP limit stipulated in [Table 8-2](#).

**Table 8-2: HL7800/HL7800-M/HL7802 Collocated Radio Transmitter Specifications**

| Device                               | Technology   | Frequency (MHz) | EIRP Limit (dBm) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Collocated transmitters <sup>a</sup> | WLAN 2.4 GHz | 2400–2500       | 30               |
|                                      | WLAN 5 GHz   | 5150–5850       | 30               |
|                                      | BT           | 2400–2500       | 16               |
|                                      | WiGig        | 58320–62640     | 25               |

a. Valid collocated transmitter combinations: WLAN+BT; WiGig+BT. (WLAN+WiGig+BT is not permitted.)

5. A label must be affixed to the outside of the end product into which the HL7800, HL7800-M or HL7802 is incorporated, with a statement similar to the following:
  - (HL7800)—**This device contains FCC ID: N7NHL78 / IC:2417C-HL78.**
  - (HL7800-M)—**This device contains FCC ID: N7NHL78M / IC:2417C-HL78M.**
  - (HL7802)—**This device contains FCC ID: N7NHL7802 / IC:2417C-HL7802.**
6. A user manual with the end product must clearly indicate the operating requirements and conditions that must be observed to ensure compliance with current FCC/IC RF exposure guidelines.

The end product with an embedded HL7800, HL7800-M or HL7802 may also need to pass the FCC Part 15 unintentional emission testing requirements and be properly authorized per FCC Part 15.

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*Note: If this module is intended for use in a portable device, you are responsible for separate approval to satisfy the SAR requirements of FCC Part 2.1093 and IC RSS-102.*

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## >> 9: References

For more details, several references can be consulted, as detailed below.

### 9.1 Web Site Support

Check [source.sierrawireless.com](http://source.sierrawireless.com) for the latest documentation available for AirPrime HL780x modules.

### 9.2 Reference Documents

- [1] AirPrime HL78xx Customer Process Guidelines (Doc# 41112095)
- [2] AirPrime HL78xx AT Commands Interface Guide (Doc# 41111821)
- [3] AirPrime HL Series Development Kit User Guide (Doc# 4114877)
- [4] AirPrime HL78xx Low Power Modes Application Note (Doc# 2174229)
- [5] AirPrime HL78xx Customization Guide Application Note (Doc# 2174213)
- [6] Sierra Wireless Ready-to-Connect Module Integration Guide (Doc# 41113385)

## >> 10: Ordering Information

**Table 10-1: Ordering Information**

| Model Name | Description              | Part Number                                 |
|------------|--------------------------|---|
| HL7800     | HL7800 embedded module   | Contact Sierra Wireless for the latest SKU. |
| HL7800-M   | HL7800-M embedded module | Contact Sierra Wireless for the latest SKU. |
| HL7802     | HL7802 embedded module   | Contact Sierra Wireless for the latest SKU. |
| DEV-KIT    | HL780x Development Kit   | 6001210                                     |

## >> 11: Terms and Abbreviations

**Table 11-1: Terms and Abbreviations**

| Abbreviation | Definition  |
|--------------|---|
| Active state | All sub-systems, including the MAP process, are up and running. User can access module via UART (e.g. to configure/query module settings/states, and send/receive data. |
| ADC          | Analog to Digital Converter   |
| AT           | Attention (prefix for modem commands)   |
| AT-READY     | Module is initialized and ready to accept AT commands   |
| Cat-M1       | LTE enhanced Machine Type Communication (eMTC) Category M1 (3GPP Release 13)  |
| Cat-NB1      | LTE Narrowband Internet of Things (NB-IoT) Category NB1 (3GPP Release 13)   |
| CF3          | Common Flexible Form Factor   |
| CLK          | Clock   |
| DTR          | Data Terminal Ready   |
| DRX          | Discontinuous Reception   |
| eDRX         | Extended DRX  |
| EIRP         | Equivalent Isotropically Radiated Power   |
| EMC          | Electro-Magnetic Compatibility  |
| EMI          | Electro-Magnetic Interference   |
| EN           | Enable  |
| ESD          | Electro-Static Discharges   |
| ETSI         | European Telecommunications Standards Institute   |
| GLONASS      | Global Navigation Satellite System  |
| GND          | Ground  |
| GNSS         | Global Navigation Satellite System  |
| GPIO         | General Purpose Input Output  |
| GPRS         | General Packet Radio Service  |
| GPS          | Global Positioning System   |
| GSM          | Global System for Mobile communications   |
| Hi Z         | High impedance (Z)  |
| IC           | Industry Canada   |



**Table 11-1: Terms and Abbreviations (Continued)**

| Abbreviation | Definition   |
|--------------|--|
| I/O          | Input/Output   |
| LED          | Light Emitting Diode   |
| MAX          | Maximum  |
| MIN          | Minimum  |
| N/A          | Not Applicable   |
| PA           | Power Amplifier  |
| PC           | Personal Computer  |
| PCB          | Printed Circuit Board  |
| PCL          | Power Control Level  |
| periodic TAU | See TAU  |
| PSM          | Power Save Mode  |
| PTW          | Paging Transmission Window   |
| PWM          | Pulse Width Modulation   |
| RF           | Radio Frequency  |
| RST          | Reset  |
| RTC          | Real Time Clock  |
| RX           | Receive  |
| SIM          | Subscriber Identification Module   |
| SINR         | Signal to Interference plus Noise Ratio  |
| SW           | Software   |
| TAU          | Tracking Area Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TAU—An update sent when the PSM parameters are changed or when the module changes location.</li> <li>• periodic TAU—Sent by the module to notify its availability to the network.</li> </ul> |
| TBC          | To Be Confirmed  |
| TBD          | To Be Determined<br>To Be Defined  |
| TP           | Test Point   |
| TX           | Transmit   |
| TYP          | Typical  |
| UART         | Universal Asynchronous Receiver-Transmitter  |
| UICC         | Universal Integrated Circuit Card  |

**Table 11-1: Terms and Abbreviations (Continued)**

| <b>Abbreviation</b> | <b>Definition</b>                              |
|---------------------|--|
| USB                 | Universal Serial Bus                           |
| UIM                 | User Identity Module                           |
| UMTS                | Universal Mobile Telecommunications System     |
| USIM                | UMTS Subscriber Identity Module                |
| VBAT_BB             | Main Supply Voltage from Battery or DC Adapter |
| VSWR                | Voltage Standing Wave Ratio                    |