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1 Version

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2 Introduction

This application note is provided to Sierra Wireless distributors and clients to aid more rapid development of embedded applications using the Sierra Wireless portfolio of cellular solutions. To request a new application note, contact your regional Sierra Wireless Product Marketing Manager.

The values listed in this document are from measurements of a typical EM9190 module using RF callboxes in lab, while the consumption value on live network in field may differ due to additional radioactivity and/or variations of actual network status.

As EM9191/EM7690 products share common hardware and software design with EM9190, their current consumption can be fully leveraged from EM9190 measurement values.

3 Document Scope

This application note proposes the AirPrime EM9190 current consumption.

The information is provided to help customers develop their own current consumption and thermal design.

4 Current Consumption Information

4.1 Current Consumption Model

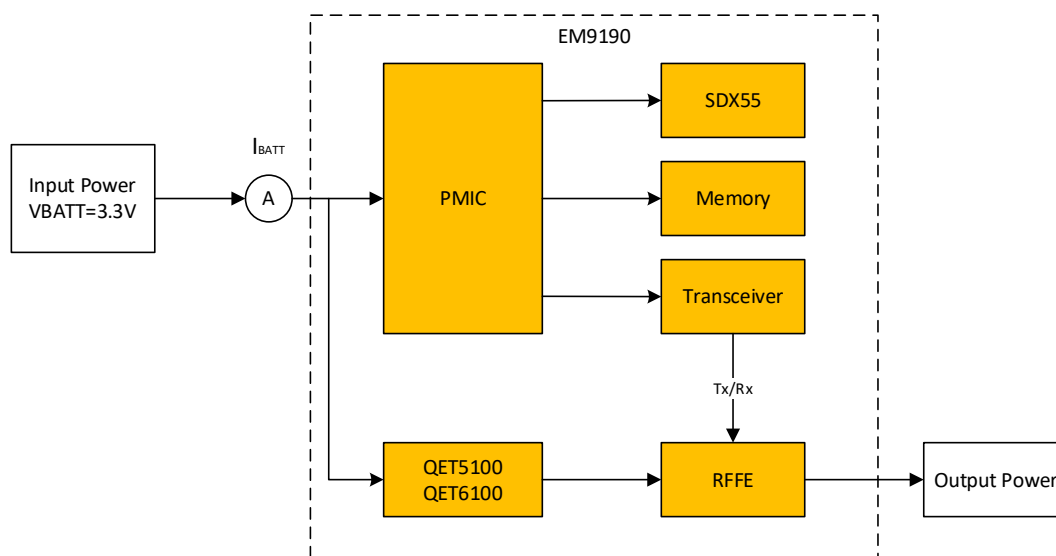


Figure 1 Current Consumption Model

4.2 Test Setup

Hardware and software are used for measurement (for Sub-6 EN-DC only):

- EM9190 DV4 samples with recommended heatsink (Refer to [AirPrime EM9190 Thermal Application Note - Rev2.0](#) for details.)
- Keysight 66311B power supply which provides 3.3V input power
- Anritsu MT8000A + MT8821C x 3
- RF dividers and cables
- FW version, SWIX55C_00.16.06.00-LXSWI2.7_1.0_EM919x.r1_13.06

The following test setup is for maximum UL/DL throughput of Sub-6 EN-DC mode. Lower throughput may need less combination of below materials. For example, to test Sub-6 1CC + LTE 4CC, 4 x 4 MIMO, one MT8000A and two MT8821C are required.

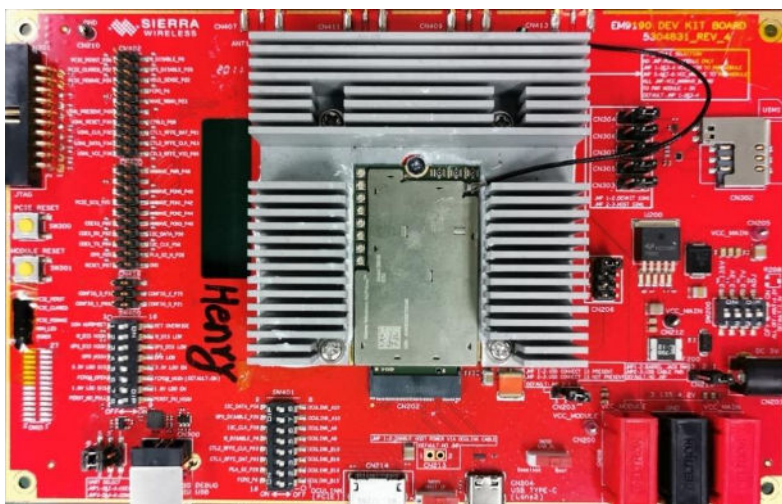


Figure 2 Test Sample and Heatsink (bottom aluminum heatsink 75X74.5X12 mm, area 31005 mm²)

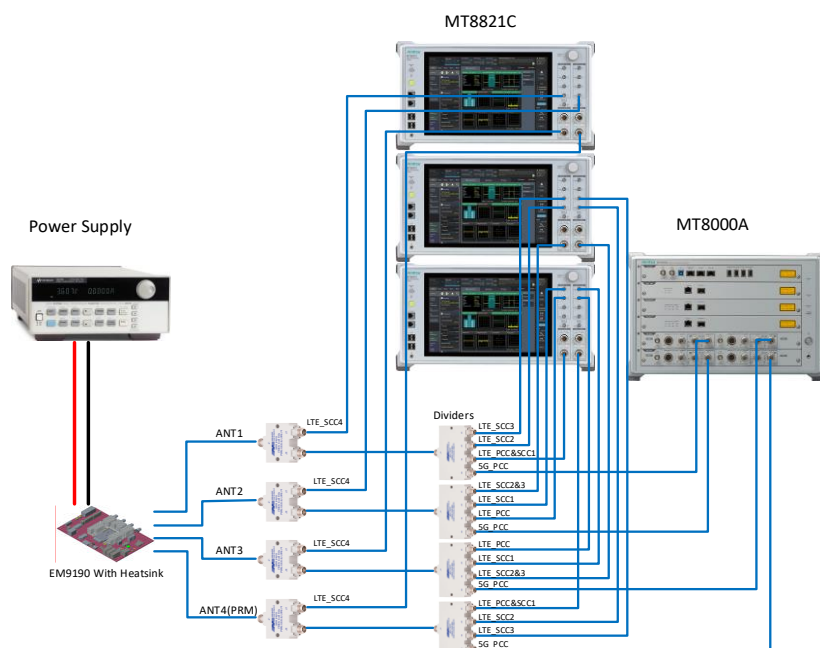


Figure 3 Sub-6 NSA 1CC + LTE 5CC, 4x4 MIMO

5 Measurement Value

These values are normalized to a 3.3V supply voltage. All values listed in this document are from measurements of a typical EM9190 module using a callbox in lab.

5.1 Off Current

Power off unit, keep VBATT connection, remove USB cable, and measure the leakage current consumption.

Table 1. Averaged Current, Off Mode

Mode	Configuration	-40°C	25°C	85°C	Unit
Off Current	Power off unit, VBATT ON, without USB	45	48	85	μA

5.2 Airplane Current

Enable airplane mode by AT command AT+CFUN=0, USB and PCIe fully suspended, sleep mode currents are measured with AT+SLEEP=1, while non-sleep mode currents are measured with AT+SLEEP=0.

Table 2. Averaged Current, Airplane Mode

Mode	Configuration	-40°C	25°C	85°C	Unit	
Airplane	Sleep Mode	USB and PCIe suspended, AT+CFUN=0, AT+SLEEP=1	1.3	1.7	5.2	mA
	Non-Sleep Mode	USB and PCIe suspended, AT+CFUN=0, AT+SLEEP=0	-	16.4	-	mA

5.3 Standby Current

Set callbox DRX cycles based on operating bands (WCDMA = 2.56s, LTE = 1.28s, Sub-6 = 1.28s), attach to network, USB and PCIe fully suspended, sleep mode currents are measured with AT+SLEEP=1, while non-sleep mode currents are measured with AT+SLEEP=0.

Table 3. Averaged Current, Standby Mode

Mode	Configuration	-40°C	25°C	85°C	Unit	
WCDMA Standby	Sleep Mode	DRX cycle = 2.56s	2.2	2.6	6.0	mA
	Non-sleep Mode	DRX cycle = 2.56s	-	18.7	-	mA
LTE Standby	Sleep Mode	DRX cycle = 1.28s	2.4	2.8	7.9	mA
	Non-sleep Mode	DRX cycle = 1.28s	-	19.9	-	mA
Sub-6 Standby	Sleep Mode	DRX cycle = 1.28s	2.5	2.7	7.2	mA
	Non-sleep Mode	DRX cycle = 1.28s	-	19.6	-	mA

5.4 OnCall Current

Set UE with target RF power, data connection with specific DL/UL throughput, make a call and measure the current consumption.

Note: The maximum current consumption for each mode occurs under +70°C ambient temperature, which guarantees full UL/DL performance, however under +85°C, Tx power backoff and/or Rx throughput fallback may happen due to thermal mitigation actions.

EM9191 equivalent capability was up to below Sub-6 1CC + LTE 3CC (12 layers LTE).

EM7690 equivalent capability was up to below LTE FDD 5CC DL 4x4 /2CC UL (20 layers LTE).

Table 4. Averaged Current, Data Call, RF Tx Power 0 dBm and 23 dBm

Mode	Configuration	Tx Power (dBm)	Bands	25°C	70°C	Unit
3G Data Call	HSDPA DL 7.2 Mbps	0	B3	250	310	mA
		23	B3	800	890	mA
LTE FDD 1CC DL 4x4 /1CC UL	DL 400 Mbps/ UL 100Mbps, FDD, 20MHz/CC. Rx: 1CC,4x4 MIMO, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 1CC, 0dBm, 256QAM	0	1A	275	349	mA
	DL 400 Mbps/ UL 1 Mbps, FDD, 20MHz/CC. Rx: 1CC,4x4 MIMO, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 1CC, 23dBm, QPSK	23	1A	725	890	mA
LTE FDD 2CC DL 4x4 /1CC UL	DL 800 Mbps/ UL 100Mbps, FDD, 20MHz/CC. Rx: 2CC,4x4 MIMO, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 1CC, 0dBm, 256QAM	0	1A+3A	450	530	mA
	DL 800 Mbps/ UL 1 Mbps, FDD, 20MHz/CC. Rx: 2CC,4x4 MIMO, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 1CC, 23dBm, QPSK	23	1A+3A	890	1060	mA
LTE FDD 3CC DL 4x4 /1CC UL	DL 1200 Mbps/ UL 100Mbps, FDD, 20MHz/CC. Rx: 3CC,4x4 MIMO, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 1CC, 0dBm, 256QAM	0	1A+3A+7A	585	670	mA
	DL 1200 Mbps/ UL 1 Mbps, FDD, 20MHz/CC. Rx: 3CC,4x4 MIMO, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 1CC, 23dBm, QPSK	23	1A+3A+7A	975	1160	mA
LTE FDD 4CC DL 4x4 /1CC UL	DL 1600 Mbps/ UL 100Mbps, FDD, 20MHz/CC. Rx: 4CC,4x4 MIMO, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 1CC, 0dBm, 256QAM	0	1A+3A+7C	690	750	mA
	DL 1600 Mbps/ UL 1 Mbps, FDD, 20MHz/CC. Rx: 4CC,4x4 MIMO, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 1CC, 23dBm, QPSK	23	1A+3A+7C	1170	1280	mA
LTE FDD 5CC DL 4x4 /2CC UL	DL 2000 Mbps/ UL 200Mbps, FDD, 20MHz/CC. Rx: 5CC,4x4 MIMO, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 2CC, 0dBm, 256QAM	0	1A+3C+7C	905	1010	mA
	DL 2000 Mbps/ UL 1 Mbps, FDD, 20MHz/CC. Rx: 5CC,4x4 MIMO, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 2CC, 23dBm, QPSK	23	1A+3C+7C	1440	1540	mA
Sub-6 1CC + LTE 1CC	DL 2000 Mbps/UL 200Mbps. Sub-6 100 MHz/CC, DL/UL duty cycle ~80/20, Rx: 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO, -50dBm, 256QAM, RB=273, MCS=27; Tx: -3dBm SISO, 256QAM1; LTE: DL 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO,20 MHz/CC, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: -3dBm SISO 256QAM.	0	1A+N78	840	980	mA
	DL 2000 Mbps/UL 1 Mbps. Sub-6 100 MHz/CC, DL/UL duty cycle ~80/20, Rx: 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO, -50dBm, 256QAM, RB=273, MCS=27; Tx: 20dBm SISO, QPSK; LTE: DL 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO,20 MHz/CC, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 20dBm SISO QPSK.	23	1A+N78	1380	1610	mA

Mode	Configuration	Tx Power (dBm)	Bands	25°C	70°C	Unit
Sub-6 1CC + LTE 2CC	DL 2400 Mbps/UL 200Mbps. Sub-6 100 MHz/CC, DL/UL duty cycle ~80/20, Rx: 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO, -50dBm, 256QAM, RB=273, MCS=27; Tx: -3dBm SISO, 256QAM1; LTE: DL 2CC, 4 x4 MIMO, 20 MHz/CC, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: -3dBm SISO 256QAM.	0	1A+3A+N78	965	1190	mA
	DL 2400 Mbps/UL 1 Mbps. Sub-6 100 MHz/CC, DL/UL duty cycle ~80/20, Rx: 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO, -50dBm, 256QAM, RB=273, MCS=27; Tx: 20dBm SISO, QPSK; LTE: DL 2CC, 4 x4 MIMO, 20 MHz/CC, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 20dBm SISO QPSK.	23	1A+3A+N78	1490	1740	mA
Sub-6 1CC + LTE 3CC	DL 2800 Mbps/UL 200Mbps. Sub-6 100 MHz/CC, DL/UL duty cycle ~80/20, Rx: 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO, -50dBm, 256QAM, RB=273, MCS=27; Tx: -3dBm SISO, 256QAM1; LTE: DL 3CC, 4 x4 MIMO, 20 MHz/CC, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: -3dBm SISO 256QAM.	0	1A+3A+7A+N78	1090	1270	mA
	DL 2800 Mbps/UL 1 Mbps. Sub-6 100 MHz/CC, DL/UL duty cycle ~80/20, Rx: 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO, -50dBm, 256QAM, RB=273, MCS=27; Tx: 20dBm SISO, QPSK; LTE: DL 3CC, 4 x4 MIMO, 20 MHz/CC, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 20dBm SISO QPSK.	23	1A+3A+7A+N78	1660	1950	mA
Sub-6 1CC + LTE 4CC	DL 3200 Mbps/UL 200Mbps. Sub-6 100 MHz/CC, DL/UL duty cycle ~80/20, Rx: 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO, -50dBm, 256QAM, RB=273, MCS=27; Tx: -3dBm SISO, 256QAM1; LTE: DL 4CC, 4 x4 MIMO, 20 MHz/CC, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: -3dBm, 256QAM.	0	1A+3A+7C+N78	1220	1450	mA
	DL 3200 Mbps/UL 1 Mbps. Sub-6 100 MHz/CC, DL/UL duty cycle ~80/20, Rx: 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO, -50dBm, 256QAM, RB=273, MCS=27; Tx: 20dBm SISO, QPSK; LTE: DL 4CC, 4 x4 MIMO, 20 MHz/CC, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 20dBm SISO QPSK.	23	1A+3A+7C+N78	1780	2150	mA
Sub-6 1CC + LTE 5CC	DL 3600 Mbps/200Mbps. Sub-6 100 MHz/CC, DL/UL duty cycle ~80/20, Rx: 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO, -50dBm, 256QAM, RB=273, MCS=27; Tx: -3dBm SISO, 256QAM1; LTE: DL 5CC, 4 x4 MIMO, 20 MHz/CC, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: -3dBm, 256QAM.	0	1A+3C+7C+N78	1360	1520	mA
	DL 3600 Mbps/UL 1 Mbps. Sub-6 100 MHz/CC, DL/UL duty cycle ~80/20, Rx: 1CC, 4 x4 MIMO, -50dBm, 256QAM, RB=273, MCS=27; Tx: 20dBm SISO, QPSK; LTE: DL 5CC, 4 x4 MIMO, 20 MHz/CC, 256 QAM, RB=100, MCS=27; Tx: 20dBm SISO QPSK.	23	1A+3C+7C+N78	2030	2280	mA

5.5 GNSS Current

Table 5. Averaged Current, GNSS, Input Voltage 3.3V

Mode	Configuration	-40°C	25°C	85°C	Units
GNSS Acquisition	GPS Acquisition, cold start, Airplane, with USB connection	76	81	125	mA
GNSS Tracking	GPS Tracking, Airplane, with USB Connection	75	74	130	mA

6 References

Reference	Title
2174257	AirPrime EM9190 Thermal Application Note - Rev2.0

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8 Document History

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1.0	July 15, 2020	Creation
1.1	September 4, 2020	Added EM9191 and EM7690 information, added details of standby current (sleep and non-sleep modes), updated 0dBm data for Sub-6 1CC + LTE 5CC in table 4.

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