

#### **Features**

- Embedded EEPROM
  - · Very Easy Development with RFPDK
  - · All Features Programmable
- Frequency Range: 300 to 480 MHz
- Symbol Rate: 0.1 to 40 kbps
- Sensitivity: -114 dBm at 1 kbps, 0.1% BER
- 3-wire SPI Interface for EEPROM Programming
- Stand-Alone, No External MCU Control Required
- Configurable Duty-Cycle Operation Mode
- Supply Voltage: 1.8 to 3.6 V
- Low Power Consumption: 3.8 mA
- Low Sleep Current
  - · 60 nA when Sleep Timer Off
  - 440 nA when Sleep Timer On
- RoHS Compliant
- Module Size:32\*11\*5.0mm



The RFM210 is an ultra low power, high performance, low-cost OOK stand-alone RF receiver for various 300 to 480 MHz wireless applications. It is part of the CMOSTEK NextGenRFTM family, which includes a complete line of transmitters, receivers and transceivers. An embedded EEPROM allows the frequency, symbol rate and other features to be programmed into the device using the CMOSTEK USB Programmer and RFPDK. Alternatively, in stock products of 315/433.92 MHz are available for immediate demands with no need of EEPROM programming. When the RFM210 is always on, it consumes only 3.8 mA current while achieving -114 dBm receiving sensitivity. It consumes even less power when working in duty-cycle operation mode via the built-in sleep timer. The RFM210 receiver together with the RFM110 transmitter enables an ultra low cost RF link.



## **RFM210**

## **Applications**

- Low-Cost Consumer Electronics Applications
- Home and Building Automation
- Infrared Receiver Replacements
- Industrial Monitoring and Controls
- Remote Automated Meter Reading
- Remote Lighting Control System
- Wireless Alarm and Security Systems
- Remote Keyless Entry (RKE)



## **Abbreviations**

Abbreviations used in this data sheet are described below

AGC	Automatic Gain Control		PC	Personal Computer		
AN	Application Notes		PCB	Printed Circuit Board		
BER	Bit Error Rate		PLL	Phase Lock Loop		
BOM	Bill of Materials		PN9	Pseudorandom Noise 9		
BSC	Basic Spacing between Centers		POR	Power On Reset		
BW	Bandwidth		PUP	Power Up		
DC	Direct Current		QFN	Quad Flat No-lead		
<b>EEPROM</b>	Electrically Erasable Progr	rammable	RF	Radio Frequency		
	Read-Only Memory		RFPDK	RF Products Development Kit		
ESD	Electro-Static Discharge		RoHS	Restriction of Hazardous Substances		
ESR	Equivalent Series Resistance		RSSI	Received Signal Strength Indicator		
Ext	Extended		Rx	Receiving, Receiver		
IF	Intermediate Frequency		SAR	Successive Approximation Register		
LNA	Low Noise Amplifier		SPI	Serial Port Interface		
LO	Local Oscillator		TH	Threshold		
LPOSC	Low Power Oscillator		Tx	Transmission, Transmitter		
Max	Maximum		Тур	Typical		
MCU	Microcontroller Unit		USB	Universal Serial Bus		
Min	Minimum		Minimum		VCO	Voltage Controlled Oscillator
MOQ	Minimum Order Quantity		WOR	Wake On Radio		
NP0	Negative-Positive-Zero		XOSC	Crystal Oscillator		
NC	Not Connected		XTAL/Xtal	Crystal		
оок	On-Off Keying					





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#### 1. Electrical Characteristics

VDD = 3.3 V,  $T_{OP}$  = 25  $^{\circ}$ C,  $F_{RF}$  = 433.92 MHz, sensitivities are measured in receiving a PN9 sequence and matching to 50  $\Omega$  impedance, with the BER of 0.1%. All measurements are performed using the board RFM210-EM V1.0, unless otherwise noted.

## 1.1 Recommended Operation Conditions

Table 2. Recommended Operation Conditions

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Operation Voltage Supply	V <sub>DD</sub>		1.8		3.6	٧
Operation Temperature	T <sub>OP</sub>		-40		85	°C
Supply Voltage Slew Rate			1			mV/us

## 1.2 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Table 3. Absolute Maximum Ratings<sup>[1]</sup>

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
Supply Voltage	$V_{DD}$		-0.3	3.6	V
Interface Voltage	V <sub>IN</sub>		-0.3	$V_{DD} + 0.3$	V
Junction Temperature	T <sub>J</sub>		-40	125	$^{\circ}\mathbb{C}$
Storage Temperature	T <sub>STG</sub>		-50	150	$^{\circ}$
Soldering Temperature	T <sub>SDR</sub>	Lasts at least 30 seconds		255	$^{\circ}$
ESD Rating <sup>[2]</sup>		Human Body Model (HBM)	-2	2	kV
Latch-up Current		<b>@ 85</b> ℃	-100	100	mA

#### Notes:

- [1]. Stresses above those listed as "absolute maximum ratings" may cause permanent damage to the device.

  This is a stress rating only and functional operation of the device under these conditions is not implied.

  Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.
- [2]. The RFM210 is high-performance RF integrated circuits with VCON/P pins having an ESD rating < 2 kV HBM. Handling and assembly of this device should only be done at ESD-protected workstations.



**Caution!** ESD sensitive device. Precaution should be used when handling the device in order to prevent permanent damage.



# 1.3 Receiver Specifications

**Table 4. Receiver Specifications** 

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Frequency Range	F <sub>RF</sub>		300		480	MHz
Symbol Rate	SR		0.1		40	kbps
Consistivity	S <sub>315</sub>	F <sub>RF</sub> = 315 MHz, SR = 1 kbps, BER = 0.1%		-114		dBm
Sensitivity	S <sub>433.92</sub>	F <sub>RF</sub> = 433.92 MHz, SR = 1 kbps, BER = 0.1%		-113		dBm
Saturation Input Signal Level	P <sub>LVL</sub>			10		dBm
Marking Current		F <sub>RF</sub> = 315 MHz		3.5		mA
Working Current	I <sub>DD</sub>	F <sub>RF</sub> = 433.92 MHz		3.8		mA
Claan Current		When sleep timer is on		440		nA
Sleep Current	I <sub>SLEEP</sub>	When sleep timer is off		60		nA
Frequency Resolution	F <sub>RES</sub>			24.8		Hz
Frequency Synthesizer Settle Time	T <sub>LOCK</sub>	From XOSC settled		150		us
		SR = 1 kbps, ±1 MHz offset, CW interference		52		dB
Blocking Immunity	ВІ	SR = 1 kbps, ±2 MHz offset, CW interference		74		dB
		SR = 1 kbps, ±10 MHz offset, CW interference		75		dB
Image Rejection Ratio	IMR	IF = 280 kHz		35		dB
Input 3 <sup>rd</sup> Order Intercept Point	IIP3	Two tone test at 1 MHz and 2 MHz offset frequency. Maximum system gain settings		-25		dBm
Receiver Bandwidth	BW		50		500	kHz
Receiver Start-up Time	T <sub>START-UP</sub>	From power up to receive, in Always Receive Mode		4.3		ms
Receiver Wake-up Time	T <sub>WAKE-UP</sub>	From sleep to receive, in Duty-Cycle Receive Mode		0.61		ms



## 1.4 Crystal Oscillator

## **Table 5. Crystal Oscillator Specifications**

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Crystal Frequency <sup>[1]</sup>	F <sub>XTAL</sub>		26	26	26	MHz
Crystal Tolerance[2]				±20		ppm
Load Capacitance	C <sub>LOAD</sub>		10	15	20	pF
Crystal ESR	Rm				60	Ω
XTAL Startup Time <sup>[3]</sup>	t <sub>XTAL</sub>			400		us

#### Notes:

- [1]. The RFM210 can directly work with external 26 MHz reference clock input to XIN pin (a coupling capacitor is required) with peak-to-peak amplitude of 0.3 to 0.7 V.
- [2]. This is the total tolerance including (1) initial tolerance, (2) crystal loading, (3) aging, and (4) temperature dependence. The acceptable crystal tolerance depends on RF frequency and channel spacing/bandwidth.
- [3]. This parameter is to a large degree crystal dependent.

#### 1.5 LPOSC

#### **Table 6. LPOSC Specifications**

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Calibrated Frequency <sup>[1]</sup>	F <sub>LPOSC</sub>			1		kHz
Frequency Accuracy		After calibration		1		%
Temperature Coefficient <sup>[2]</sup>				-0.02		%/°C
Supply Voltage Coefficient <sup>[3]</sup>				+0.5		%/V
Initial Calibration Time	t <sub>LPOSC-CAL</sub>			4		ms

#### Notes:

- [1]. The LPOSC is automatically calibrated to the crystal oscillator during the PUP state, and is periodically calibrated since then.
- [2]. Frequency drifts when temperature changes after calibration. [3].

Frequency drifts when supply voltage changes after calibration.



## 2. Pin Descriptions

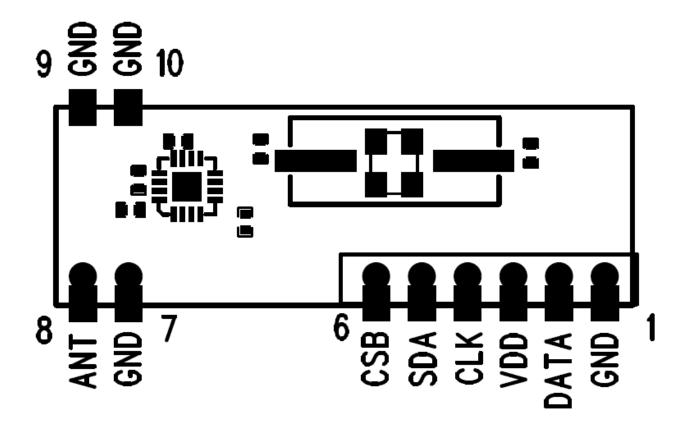


Figure 2. Pin Diagram

Table 6. RFM210 Pin Descriptions

Pin Number	Name	I/O	Descriptions
1	GND	I	Ground
2	DATA	0	Received data output
3	VDD	I	Power supply input
4	CLK	I	3-wire SPI clock input for EEPROM programming
5	SDA	I/O	3-wire SPI data input and output for EEPROM programming
6	CSB	3-wire SPI chip select input for EEPR programming I	
7	GND	I	Ground
8	ANT	I	RF signal input to the LNA
9	GND	I	Ground
10	GND	I	Ground



## 3. Typical Performance Characteristics

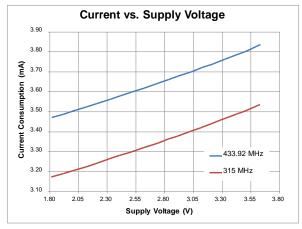


Figure 3.1 Current vs. Voltage,  $F_{RF} = 315 / 433.92 \text{ MHz}$ , SR = 1 kbps

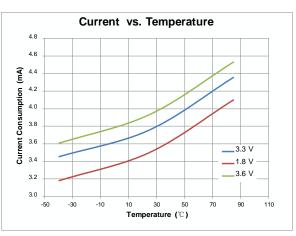


Figure 3.2 Current vs. Temperature,  $F_{RF} = 433.92 \text{ MHz}$ , SR = 1 kbps

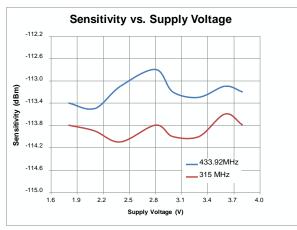


Figure 3.3 Sensitivity vs. Supply Voltage, SR = 1 kbps, BER = 0.1%

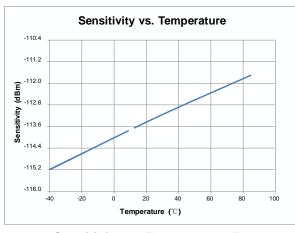


Figure 3.4 Sensitivity vs. Temperature,  $F_{RF}$  = 433.92 MHz,  $V_{DD}$  = 3.3 V, SR = 1 kbps, BER = 0.1%

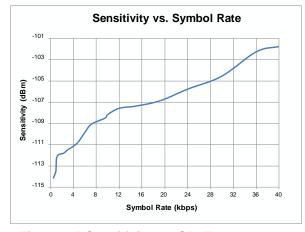


Figure 3.5 Sensitivity vs. SR,  $F_{RF}$  = 433.92 MHz,  $V_{DD}$  = 3.3 V, BER = 0.1%

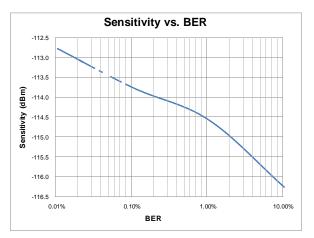


Figure 3.6 Sensitivity vs. BER,  $F_{RF}$  = 433.92 MHz,  $V_{DD}$  = 3.3 V, SR = 1 kbps



# 4. Typical Application Schematic

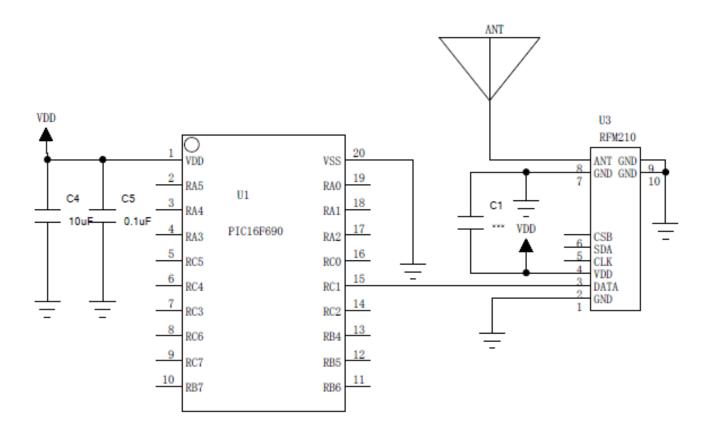


Figure 9: Typical Application Schematic



## 5. Functional Descriptions

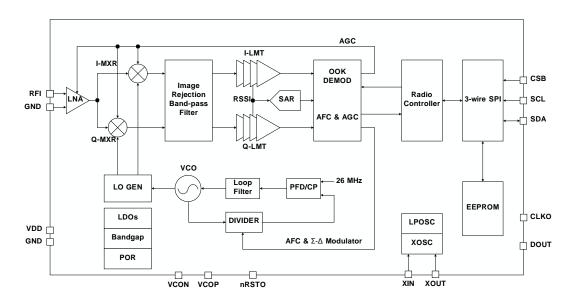


Figure 5. Functional Block Diagram

#### 5.1 Overview

The RFM210 is an ultra low power, high performance, low-cost OOK stand-alone RF receiver for various 300 to 480 MHz wireless applications. It is part of the CMOSTEK NextGenRF<sup>TM</sup> family, which includes a complete line of transmitters, receivers and transceivers. The chip is based on a fully integrated, low-IF receiver architecture. The low-IF architecture facilitates a very low external component count and does not suffer from powerline - induced interference problems. The synthesizer contains a VCO and a low noise fractional-N PLL with an output frequency resolution of 24.8 Hz. The VCO operates at 2x the Local Oscillator (LO) frequency to reduce spurious emissions. Every analog block is calibrated on each Power-on Reset (POR) to the internal reference voltage. The calibration helps the device to finely work under different temperatures and supply voltages. The baseband filtering and demodulation is done by the digital demodulator. The demodulated signal is output to the external MCU via the DOUT pin. No external MCU control is needed in the applications.

The 3-wire SPI interface is only used for configuring the device. The configuration can be done with the RFPDK and the USB Programmer. The RF Frequency, symbol rate and other product features are all configurable. This saves the cost and simplifies the design, development and manufacture. Alternatively, in stock products of 315/433.92 MHz are available for immediate demands with no need of EEPROM programming. The RFM210 operates from 1.8 to 3.6 V so that it can finely work with most batteries to their useful power limits. The receive current is only 3.8 mA. The RFM210 receiver together with the CMT211x transmitter enables an ultra low cost RF link.

#### 5.2 Modulation, Frequency and Symbol Rate

The RFM210 supports OOK demodulation with the symbol rate from 0.1 to 40 kbps. It continuously covers the frequency range from 300 to 480 MHz, including the license free ISM frequency band around 315 MHz and 433.92 MHz. The internal frequency synthesizer contains a high-purity VCO and a low noise fractional-N PLL with an



output frequency resolution of 24.8 Hz. See Table 9 for the demodulation, frequency and symbol rate information.

Parameter	Value	Unit
Demodulation	ООК	-
Frequency	300 to 480	MHz
Frequency Resolution	24.8	Hz
Symbol Rate	0.1 to 40	kbps

Table 9. Modulation, Frequency and Symbol Rate

#### 5.3 Embedded EEPROM and RFPDK

The RFPDK is a PC application developed to help the user to configure the CMOSTEK NextGenRF<sup>TM</sup> products in the most intuitional way. The user only needs to connect the USB Programmer between the PC and the device, fill in/select the proper value of each parameter on the RFPDK, and click the "Burn" button to program the configurations into the device. The configurations of the device will then remain unchanged until the next programming. No external MCU control is required in the application program.

The RFPDK also allows the user to save the active configuration into a list by clicking on the "List" button, so that the saved configuration can be directly reloaded from the list in the future. Furthermore, it supports exporting the configuration into a hexadecimal file by clicking on the "Export" button. This file can be used to burn the same configuration into a large amount of devices during the mass production. See Figure 6 for the accessing of the EEPROM.

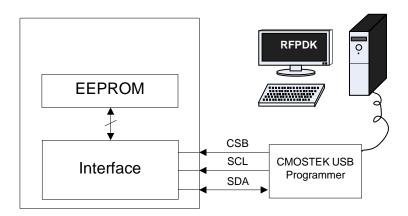


Figure 6. Accessing Embedded EEPROM

For more details of the CMOSTEK USB Programmer and the RFPDK, please refer to "AN103 CMT2110A/2210A One-Way RF Link Development Kits".

#### 5.4 All Configurable Options

Beside the demodulation, frequency and symbol rate, more options can be used to customize the device. The following is a table of all the configurable options. On the RFPDK, the Basic Mode only contains a few options



allowing the user to perform easy and fast configurations. The Advanced Mode shows all the options that allow the user to customize the device in a deeper level. The options in "Basic Mode" are a subset of that in the "Advanced Mode".

**Table 10. Configurable Parameters in RFPDK** 

Category	Parameters	Descriptions	Default	Mode
	Fraguency	The receive radio frequency, the range is from	433.92 MHz	Basic
	Frequency	300 to 480 MHz, with resolution of 0.01 MHz.	433.92 NITZ	Advanced
	Demodulation	The demodulation type, only OOK demodulation	OOK	Basic
	Demodulation	is supported in this product.	OOK	Advanced
	Symbol Rate	The receiver symbol rate, the range is from 0.1	4.8 kbps	Basic
RF	Symbol Rate	to 40 kbps, with resolution of 0.1 kbps.	4.6 Kbps	Advanced
Settings	Squelch TH	The threshold of the squelch circuit to suppress	0	Basic
Settings	Squeich TH	the noise, the range is from 0 to 255.	U	Advanced
	Xtal Tolerance	Crystal frequency tolerance, the range is from 0	±20 ppm	Basic
	Atai Tolerance	to ±200 ppm.	±20 ppm	Advanced
	Xtal Stabilizing	Time for the device to wait for the crystal to get		Basic
	Time	settled after power up. The options are: 78, 155,	310 us	Advanced
	Time	310, 620, 1240 or 2480 us.		Auvanceu
	Duty-Cycle	Turn on/off the duty-cycle receive mode, the	On	Basic
	Mode	options are: on or off.	On	Advanced
	Sleep Time	The sleep time in duty-cycle receive mode, the	3 ms	Basic
		range is from 3 to 134,152,192 ms.	31115	Advanced
	Rx Time	The receive time in duty-cycle receive mode, the	10,000.00	
		range is from 0.04 to 2,683,043.00 ms. The	(WOR is off)	Basic
		default value is different when the Wake-On	or 20.00	Advanced
		Radio (WOR) is turned on or off.	(WOR is on)	
	Rx Time Ext	The extended receive time in duty-cycle receive		
		mode, the range is from 0.04 to 2,683,043.00	200.00 ms	Advanced
		ms.		
Operation	Wake-On Radio	Turn on/off the wake-on radio function, the	Off	Advanced
Settings	Wake Cirradio	options are: on or off.	0.1	Advantoda
	Wake-On	The condition to wake on the radio, the options	Extended by	
	Condition	are: Extended by Preamble, or Extended by	Preamble	Advanced
	Condition	RSSI		
	System Clock	Turn on/off the system clock output on CLKO,	Off	Advanced
	Output	the options are: on or off.	0.1	Advanced
		The system clock output frequency, the options		
		are: 13.000, 6.500, 4.333, 3.250, 2.600, 2.167,		
	System Clock	1.857, 1.625, 1.444, 1.300, 1.182, 1.083, 1.000,	6.5 MHz	Advanced
	Frequency	0.929, 0.867, 0.813, 0.765, 0.722, 0.684, 0.650,	0.0 IVII 12	Advantood
		0.619, 0.591, 0.565, 0.542, 0.520, 0.500, 0.481,		
		0.464, 0.448, 0.433, 0.419 or 0.406 MHz.		



Category	Parameters	Descriptions	Default	Mode
001	Demod Method	The OOK demodulation methods, the options are: Peak TH, or Fixed TH	Peak TH	Advanced
	Fixed Demod TH	The threshold value when the Demod Method is "Fixed TH", the minimum input value is the value of Squelch Threshold set on the RFPDK, the maximum value is 255.	80	Advanced
Settings	OOK Settings Peak Drop	Turn on/off the RSSI peak drop function, the options are on, or off.	On	Advanced
	Peak Drop Step	The RSSI peak drop step, the options are: 1, 2, 3, 5, 5, 9, 12 or 15.	2	Advanced
	Peak Drop Rate	The RSSI peak drop rate, the options are: 1 step/4 symbol, 1 step/2 symbol, 1 step /1 symbol, or 1 step/0.5 symbol.	1 step / 4 symbol	Advanced
Decode Settings	Preamble	The size of the valid preamble, the options are: 1-byte, 2-byte, 3-byte, or 4-byte	2-byte	Advanced

#### 5.5 Internal Blocks Description

#### 5.5.1 RF Front-end and AGC

The RFM210 features a low-IF receiver. The RF front-end of the receiver consists of a Low Noise Amplifier (LNA), I/Q mixer and a wide-band power detector. Only a low-cost inductor and a capacitor are required for matching the LNA to any  $50~\Omega$  antennas. The input RF signal induced on the antenna is amplified and down-converted to the IF frequency for further processing.

By means of the wide-band power detector and the attenuation networks built around the LNA, the Automatic Gain Control (AGC) loop regulates the RF front-end's gain to get the best system linearity, selectivity and sensitivity performance, even though the receiver suffers from strong out-of-band interference.

#### 5.5.2 IF Filter

The signals coming from the RF front-end are filtered by the fully integrated 3<sup>rd</sup>-order band-pass image rejection IF filter which achieves over 35 dB image rejection ratio typically. The IF center frequency is dynamically adjusted to enable the IF filter to locate to the right frequency band, thus the receiver sensitivity and out-of-band interference attenuation performance are kept optimal despite the manufacturing process tolerances. The IF bandwidth is automatically computed according to the three basic system parameters input from the RFPDK: RF frequency, Xtal tolerance, and symbol rate.

#### 5.5.3 RSSI

The subsequent multistage I/Q Log amplifiers enhance the output signal from IF filter before it is fed for demodulation. Receive Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI) generators are included in both Log amplifiers which produce DC voltages that are directly proportional to the input signal level in both of I and Q path. The resulting RSSI is a sum of both these two paths. Extending from the nominal sensitivity level, the RSSI achieves over 66 dB



dynamic range.

The RFM210 integrates a patented DC-offset cancellation engine. The receiver sensitivity performance benefits a lot from the novel, fast and accurate DC-offset removal implementation.

#### 5.5.4 SAR ADC

The on-chip 8-bit SAR ADC digitalizes the RSSI for OOK demodulation.

#### 5.5.5 Crystal Oscillator

The crystal oscillator is used as the reference clock for the PLL frequency synthesizer and system clock for the digital blocks. A 26 MHz crystal should be used with appropriate loading capacitors (C2 and C3 in Figure 4, Page 10). The values of the loading capacitors depend on the total load capacitance  $C_L$  specified for the crystal. The total load capacitance seen between the XIN and XOUT pin should equal  $C_L$  for the crystal to oscillate at 26 MHz.

$$C_L = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3}} + C_{parasitic}$$

The parasitic capacitance is constituted by the input capacitance and PCB tray capacitance. The ESR of the crystal should be within the specification in order to ensure a reliable start-up (see Section 1.4 on page 7). An external signal source can easily be used in place of a conventional XTAL and should be connected to the XIN pin. The incoming clock signal is recommended to have a peak-to-peak swing in the range of 300 mV to 700 mV and AC-coupled to the XIN pin.

#### 5.5.6 Frequency Synthesizer

A fractional-N frequency synthesizer is used to generate the LO frequency for the down conversion I/Q mixer. The frequency synthesizer is fully integrated except the VCO tank inductor which enables the ultra low-power receiver system design. Using the 26 MHz reference clock provided by the crystal oscillator or the external clock source, it can generate any receive frequency between 300 to 480 MHz with a frequency resolution of 24.8 Hz.

The VCO always operates at 2x of LO frequency. A high Q (at VCO frequency) tank inductor should be chosen to ensure the VCO oscillates at any conditions meanwhile burns less power and gets better phase noise performance. In addition, properly layout the inductor matters a lot of achieving a good phase noise performance and less spurious emission. The recommended VCO inductors for different LO frequency bands are shown as bellow.

Table 11. VCO Inductor for 315/433.92 MHz Frequency Band

LO Frequency Band	315 MHz	433.92 MHz
VCO Inductor	33 nH	22 nH

Multiple subsystem calibrations are performed dynamically to ensure the frequency synthesizer operates reliably in any working conditions.



#### 5.5.7 LPOSC

An internal 1 kHz low power oscillator is integrated in the RFM210. It generates a clock to drive the sleep timer to periodically wake the device from sleep state. The Sleep Time can be configured from 3 to 134,152,192 ms (more than 37 hours) when the device works in duty-cycle receive mode. Since the frequency of the LPOSC drifts when the temperature and supply voltage change, it is automatically calibrated during the PUP state, and is periodically calibrated since then. The calibration scheme allows the LPOSC to maintain its frequency tolerance to less than ±1%.

## 5.6 Operation Mode

An option "Duty-Cycle On-Off" on the RFPDK allows the user to determine how the device behaves. The device is able to work in two operation modes, as shown in the figure below.

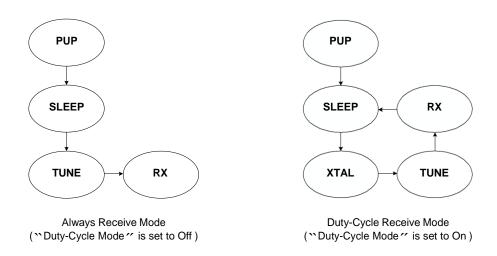


Figure 7. Two different operation modes

#### Power Up (PUP) State

Once the device is powered up, the device will go through the Power Up (PUP) sequence which includes the task of releasing the Power-On Reset (POR), turning on the crystal and calibrating the internal blocks. The PUP takes about 4 ms to finish in the always receive mode, and about 9.5 ms to finish in the duty-cycle receive mode. This is because that the LPOSC and sleep timer is turned off in the always receive mode, while it must be turned on and calibrated during the PUP in the duty-cycle receive mode. The average current of the PUP sequence is about 0.9 mA.

#### **SLEEP State**

In this state, all the internal blocks are powered down except the sleep timer. In Always Receive Mode, the sleep time is fixed at about 3 ms. In Duty-Cycle Receive Mode, the sleep time is defined by the option "Sleep Time" on the RFPDK. The sleep current is about 60 nA in the always receive mode, and about 440 nA (with LPOSC and sleep timer turned on) in the duty-cycle receive mode.

#### **XTAL State**

The XTAL state only exists in the duty-cycle receive mode. Once the device wakes up from the SLEEP State, the crystal oscillator restarts to work. The option "XTAL Stabilizing Time" on the RFPDK defines the time for the device



to wait for the crystal oscillator to settle. The current consumption in this state is about 520 uA.

#### **TUNE State**

The device is tuned to the desired frequency defined by the option "Frequency" on the RFPDK and ready to receive. It usually takes approximately 300 us to complete the tuning sequence. The current consumption in this state is about 2 mA.

#### **RX State**

The device receives the incoming signals and outputs the demodulated data from the DOUT pin. In duty-cycle receive mode, the device only stays in the RX State for a certain amount of time, which is defined by the option "Rx Time" on the RFPDK. The current in this state is about 3.8 mA.

#### 5.7 Always Receive Mode

If the duty-cycle receive mode is turned off, the device will go through the Power Up (PUP) sequence, stay in the SLEEP state for about 3 ms, tune the receive frequency, and finally stay in the RX state until the device is powered down. The power up sequence, which takes about 4 ms to finish, includes the task of turning on the crystal and calibrating the internal blocks. The device will continuously receive the incoming RF signals during the RX state and send out the demodulated data on the DOUT pin. The configurable system clock is also output from the CLKO pin if it is enabled in the Advanced Mode on the RFPDK. The figure below shows the timing characteristics and current consumption of the device from the PUP to RX.

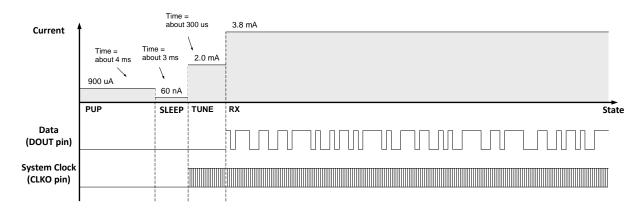


Figure 8. Timing and Current Consumption for Always Receive Mode

## 5.8 Duty-Cycle Receive Mode

If the duty-cycle mode is turned on, after the PUP the device will automatically repeat the sequence of SLEEP, XTAL, TUNE and RX until the device is powered down. This allows the device to re-tune the synthesizer regularly to adept to the changeable environment and therefore remain its highest performance. The device will continuously receive any incoming signals during the RX state and send out the demodulated data on the DOUT pin. The configurable system clock output is output from the CLKO pin during the TUNE and RX state. The PUP sequence consumes about 9.5 ms which is longer than the 4 ms in the Always Receive Mode. This is because the LPOSC, which drives the sleep timer, must be calibrated during the PUP.



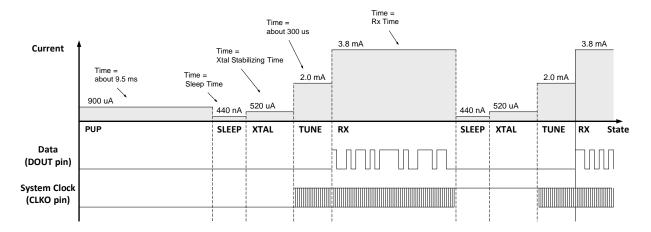


Figure 9. Timing and Current Consumption for Duty-Cycle Receive Mode

It is strongly recommended for the user to turn on the duty-cycle receive mode option. The advantages are:

- Maintaining the highest performance of the device by regular frequency re-tune.
- Increasing the system stability by regular sleep (resetting most of the blocks).
- Saving power consumptions of both of the Tx and Rx device.

As long as the Sleep Time and Rx Time are properly configured, the transmitted data can always be captured by the device.

## 5.9 Easy Duty-Cycle Configurations

When the user wants to take the advantage of maintaining the highest system stability and performance, and the power consumption is not the first concern in the system, the Easy Configuration can be used to let the device to work in the duty-cycle mode without complex calculations, the following is a good example:

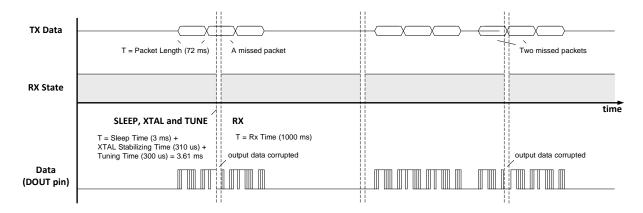


Figure 10. Tx and Rx relationship of Easy Configuration

In this example, the Tx device transmits the data at 1.2 kbps and there are 60 symbols in one data packet. Thus, the packet length is 72 ms. The user can do the following:



- Set the Sleep Time to the minimum value of 3 ms.
- Set the Rx Time to 1 second which is much longer than the packet length.
- Let the Tx device to send out 3 continuous data packets in each transmission.

Because the Sleep Time is very short, the non-receive time is only about 3.61 ms (the sum of the Sleep Time, XTAL stabilizing time and the tuning time), which is much shorter than the packet length of 72 ms. Therefore, this non-receive time period will only have a change to corrupt no more than 2 packets receiving. During the non-receive time period, the DOUT pin will output logic 0.

Because the Rx Time is very long, and 3 continuous data packets are sent in each transmission, there is at least 1 packet that can be completely received by the device and sent out via the DOUT pin with no corruption. The external MCU will only need to observe the DOUT pin status to perform data capturing and further data processing.

If the system power consumption is a sensitive and important factor in the application, the Precise Configuration can be used. Also, based on the duty-cycle receive mode, the "Wake-On Radio" technique allows the device to even save more power. For the precise duty-cycle configurations and the use of wake-on radio, please refer to the "AN108 CMT2210AConfiguration Guideline".



## 6. Ordering Information

# RFM210-433 S1-A/B Xtal Tolerance Package Operation Band Mode Type

P/N: RFM210-315S1-A

RFM210 module at 315MHz band, SMD Package, Xtal Tolerance=+/-200ppm

P/N: RFM210-315S1-B

RFM210 module at 315MHz band, SMD Package, Xtal Tolerance=+/-20ppm

P/N: RFM210-433S1-A

RFM210 module at 433MHz band, SMD Package, Xtal Tolerance=+/-200ppm

P/N: RFM210-433S1-B

RFM210 module at 433MHz band, SMD Package, Xtal Tolerance=+/-20ppm



# 7. Package Outline

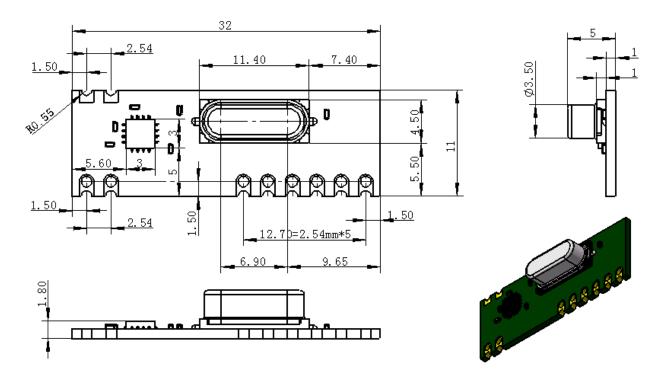


Figure 13 S1 Package Outline Drawi



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