

PRELIMINARY DATA SHEET

SKY66122-11: 863 to 928 MHz Wi-SUN Front-End Module

Applications

- Range extender
- · Smart meters
- In-home appliances
- Smart thermostats

Features

- Output power: +30 dBm, Wi-SUN OFDM Option 1 MCS0
- Output power: +30 dBm, Wi-SUN OFDM Option 1 MCS3
- Output power: +25 dBm, Wi-SUN OFDM Option 3 MCS6
- Integrated LNA with 2.5 dB noise figure (typical)
- TX and RX power limiters for maximum ruggedness
- · Integrated power detector
- Single-ended 50 Ω RF interface
- Supply voltage: 3.0 V to 5.0 V
- Sleep mode current: $< 1 \ \mu A$
- Small MCM (6 x 6 x 0.9 mm [nominal]) package (MSL3, 260 °C per JEDEC J-STD-020)



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Figure 1. SKY66122-11 Functional Block Diagram

Description

The SKY66122-11 is a high-performance, highly integrated RF front-end module (FEM) designed for high-power Industrial, Scientific, Medical (ISM) band, Wi-SUN, and other IOT applications operating in the 863 to 928 MHz frequency range.

The SKY66122-11 is designed for ease of use and maximum flexibility with fully matched, 50 Ω RF input and output, and digital controls compatible with 1.6 to 3.6 V CMOS levels.

The RF blocks operate over a wide supply voltage range from 3.0 to 5.0 V that allows the SKY66122-11 to be used in battery powered applications over a wide spectrum of the battery discharge curve.

The SKY66122-11 is packaged in a 36-pin, $6 \times 6 \times 0.9$ mm (nominal) Multi-Chip Module (MCM), which allows for a highly manufacturable, low-cost solution.

A functional block diagram of the SKY66122-11 is shown in Figure 1. The package and pinout are shown in Figure 2. Signal pin assignments and functional pin descriptions are provided in Table 1.



Table 1. SKY66122-11 Signal Descriptions

| Pin | Name | Description | Pin | Name | Description |
|-----|--------|-------------------------------|-----|-------|---|
| 1 | CPS | Path select control | 19 | GND | Ground |
| 2 | CTX | Transmit/receive control | 20 | ANT | Antenna (integrated harmonic filtering) |
| 3 | GND | Ground | 21 | GND | Ground |
| 4 | PA_IN | Input to PA | 22 | GND | Ground |
| 5 | GND | Ground | 23 | GND | Ground |
| 6 | GND | Ground | 24 | GND | Ground |
| 7 | TX_FLT | Source for external TX filter | 25 | GND | Ground |
| 8 | GND | Ground | 26 | GND | Ground |
| 9 | T/R | Transmit and receive | 27 | GND | Ground |
| 10 | GND | Ground | 28 | GND | Ground |
| 11 | CSD | Ground | 29 | VCC2 | PA voltage supply |
| 12 | GND | Ground | 30 | GND | Ground |
| 13 | GND | Ground | 31 | VCCO | Decoupling capacitor |
| 14 | LNA_IN | LNA input | 32 | GND | Ground |
| 15 | GND | Ground | 33 | VCC1 | PA voltage supply |
| 16 | RX_FLT | Source for external RX filter | 34 | GND | Ground |
| 17 | GND | Ground | 35 | VSUP1 | General voltage supply |
| 18 | VDET | Power detector output | 36 | GND | Ground |

Technical Description

The SKY66122-11 consists of a complete transmit and receive (T/R) chain with T/R switches contained in the module. An SP2T switch selects between transmit and receive paths. The module has a shutdown mode to minimize power consumption.

Three digital input control pins (CSD, CTX, and CPS) are used to select between shutdown, transmit, and receive modes.

Electrical and Mechanical Specifications

The absolute maximum ratings of the SKY66122-11 are provided in Table 2. The recommended operating conditions are specified in Table 3 and electrical specifications are provided in Tables 4 through 8.

The state of the SKY66122-11 is determined by the logic provided in Table 9. Typical performance characteristics are shown in Figures 3 through 10.

Table 2. SKY66122-11 Absolute Maximum Ratings¹

| Parameter | Symbol | Minimum | Maximum | Units |
|--|------------|---------|------------------|-------|
| Supply voltage (no RF) | VSUPPLY | -0.3 | +5.5 | V |
| Control pin (CSD, CTX) voltages | | -0.3 | 3.6 | ٧ |
| Operating temperature | Та | -40 | +85 ² | °C |
| Storage temperature | Тята | -40 | +125 | °C |
| Transmit RF input power | Pin_tx_max | | +16 | dBm |
| Receive RF input power (ANT port) | Pin_rx_max | | +15 | dBm |
| Voltage standing wave ratio (ANT port) | VSWR | | 10:1 | |
| Electrostatic discharge: | ESD | | | |
| Human Body Model (HBM), Class 1C | | | TBD | V |

1 Exposure to maximum rating conditions for extended periods may reduce device reliability. There is no damage to device with only one parameter set at the limit and all other parameters set at or below their nominal value. Exceeding any of the limits listed here may result in permanent damage to the device.

² Tested with 30% duty cycle at POUT = 30 dBm.

ESD HANDLING: Although this device is designed to be as robust as possible, electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage this device. This device must be protected at all times from ESD when handling or transporting. Static charges may easily produce potentials of several kilovolts on the human body or equipment, which can discharge without detection. Industry-standard ESD handling precautions should be used at all times.

Table 3. SKY66122-11 Recommended Operating Conditions

| Parameter | Symbol | Min | Тур | Мах | Units |
|-----------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Supply voltage | Vcc | 3.0 | 3.3 | 5.0 | V |
| Operating temperature | ТА | -40 | +25 | +85 | °C |

Table 4. SKY66122-11 DC Electrical Specifications¹

(Vcc = +5.0 V, TA = +25 °C, as Measured on the SKY66122-11 Evaluation Board [De-Embedded to Device], Unless Otherwise Noted)

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Condition | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|--|----------------------------------|---|-----|-------------------|------|----------------|
| Total supply current, transmit mode ² | ICC_TX30 ICC_TX28 ICC_TX23 | POUT = +30 dBm POUT = +27.5 dBm POUT = +23.5 dBm | | 640 500 325 | | mA mA mA |
| Total supply current, receive mode | ICC_RX | | | 6.5 | | mA |
| Quiescent current | Ісо_тх | No RF | | 55 | | mA |
| Sleep supply current | ICC_0FF | No RF | | 0.05 | 1.00 | μA |

¹ Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table.

² ICC_TX28 and ICC_TX23 are not production tested.

Table 5. SKY66122-11 Receive Mode Electrical Specifications¹

(Vcc = +3.3 V or +5.0 V, Ta = +25 °C, as Measured on the Evaluation Board [De-Embedded to Device], All Unused Ports Terminated with 50 ohms, Unless Otherwise Noted)

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Condition | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|--|-------------|---|-------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Frequency range | fo | | 863 | | 928 | MHz |
| Gain | RX_gain | | | 16 | | dB |
| Noise figure ² | NF | | | 2.6 | | dB |
| Third order input intercept point ² | IIP3 | | | -1.5 | | dBm |
| 1 dB input compression point | IP1dB | | | -10 | | dBm |
| Antenna port return loss | IS11I | Measured as test setup in Figure 12 | | 10 | | dB |
| Turn-on time ² | ton | From 50% of CTX edge to 90% of final RF output power | | | 3 | us |
| Turn-off time ² | tOFF | From 50% of CTX edge to 10% of final RF output power | | | 1 | us |
| Max power RX_FLT | PMAX_RX_FLT | | | Refer to | Figure 3 | |
| Max power T/R RX mode | PMAX_TR_RX | | Refer to Figure 4 | | | |

¹ Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table.

² Not production tested.



Figure 4. PIN and POUT at T/R Port in Rx Mode

Table 6. SKY66122-11 Transmit Mode Electrical Specifications for 3.3 V Operation¹

| (Vcc = +3.3 V, TA = +25 °C, Pout = +27 dBm CW, as Measured on the Evaluation Board [De-Embedded to Device], All Unused Ports | |
|--|--|
| Terminated with 50 ohms, Unless Otherwise Noted) | |

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Condition | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|---|-------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Frequency range | fo | | 863 | | 928 | MHz |
| RMS output power (ANT port) ² | Pout ⁵ | Saturated (FSK mode) Option 1 MCS0, -10 dB EVM Option 1 MCS3, -10 dB EVM Option 3 MCS6, -19 dB EVM | | +27 +26 +27 +22 | | dBm dBm dBm dBm |
| Small signal gain | S21 | 863 to 928 MHz | | 30 | 33 | dB |
| Output return loss | IS22I | Measured as test setup in Figure 12 | | 9 | | dB |
| 2 nd harmonic | 2fo | Measured as test setup in Figure 12 | | | -22 | dBc |
| 3 rd to 10 th harmonic ³ | 3fo to 10fo | | | | -69 | dBc |
| Power detection range | VDET_RANGE | | +10 | | +27 | dBm |
| Turn-on time ⁴ | ton | From 50% of CTX edge to 90% of final RF output power | | 1 | | us |
| Turn-off time ⁴ | tOFF | From 50% of CTX edge to 10% of final RF output power | | | 1 | us |
| Stability ⁴ | Stab | DC to 20 GHz, CW, POUT = $+27$ dBm into 50 ohms, load VSWR = $6:1$ | All non-harmonically related outputs < -42 dBm | | | |
| Ruggedness ⁴ | RU | CW, POUT = +27 dBm into 50 ohms load, VSWR = 10:1 | No permanent damage | | | |
| Max power TX_FLT | PMAX_TX_FLT | | Refer to Figure 5 | | | |

¹ Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table.

 2 Production tested at VCC = 3.3 V only.

 3 Only the 2nd to 5th harmonics are production tested. The 6th to 10th harmonics are characterized only.

⁴ Not production tested.

⁵ POUT maximum = 28 dBm.





Figure 5. PIN and POUT at TX_FLT Port

Table 7. SKY66122-11 Transmit Mode Electrical Specifications for 5.0 V Operation¹

| (Vcc = +5.0 V, TA = +25 °C, Pout = +30 dBm CW, as Measured on the Evaluation Board [De-Embedded to Device], All Unused Ports |
|--|
| Terminated with 50 ohms, Unless Otherwise Noted) |

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Condition | Min | Тур | Max | Units |
|---|-------------|---|--|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Frequency range | fo | | 863 | | 928 | MHz |
| RMS output power (ANT port) ² | Pout | Saturated (FSK mode) Option 1 MCS0, -10 dB EVM Option 1 MCS3, -10 dB EVM Option 3 MCS6, -19 dB EVM | | +30 +30 +30 +25 | | dBm dBm dBm dBm |
| Small signal gain | S21 | 863 to 928 MHz | | 33 | | dB |
| Output return loss | IS22I | Measured as test setup in Figure 12 | | 9 | | dB |
| 2 nd harmonic | 2fo | Measured as test setup in Figure 12 | | | -22 | dBc |
| 3 rd to 10 th harmonic ³ | 3fo to 10fo | | | | -72 | dBc |
| Power detection range | VDET_RANGE | | +10 | | +30 | dBm |
| Turn-on time ⁴ | ton | From 50% of CTX edge to 90% of final RF output power | | 1 | | us |
| Turn-off time ⁴ | tOFF | From 50% of CTX edge to 10% of final RF output power | | | 1 | us |
| Stability ⁴ | Stab | DC to 20 GHz, CW, $POUT = +30 \text{ dBm}$ into 50 ohms, load VSWR = 6:1 | All non-harmonically related outputs < -42 dBm | | | |
| Ruggedness ⁴ | RU | CW, Pout = +30 dBm into 50 ohms load, VSWR = 10:1 | No permanent damage | | | |
| Max power TX_FLT | PMAX_TX_FLT | | Refer to Figure 5 | | | |

¹ Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table.

² Production tested at VCC = 5.0 V only.

 3 Only the 2nd to 5th harmonics are production tested. The 6th to 10th harmonics are characterized only.

⁴ Not production tested.

| Parameter | Symbol | Test Condition | Min | Тур | Мах | Units |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Control voltage: ² | | | | | | |
| High | Vih | | 1.6 | | 3.6 | V |
| Low | VIL | | 0 | | 0.3 | V |
| Input current: ² | | | | | | |
| High | Ін | | | | 1 | μA |
| Low | liL | | | | 1 | μA |

Table 8. SKY66122-11 Electrical Specifications: Control Logic Characteristics¹ (T_A = +25 °C, as Measured on the SKY66122-11 Evaluation Board, Unless Otherwise Noted)

¹ Performance is guaranteed only under the conditions listed in this table.

² Not production tested.

Table 9. SKY66122-11 Mode Control Logic¹

| Mode | Description | CSD | CTX (FEA) | CPS (FEB) | Notes |
|------|----------------|-----|-----------|-----------|--|
| 0 | Shutdown/sleep | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1 | RX LNA | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| 2 | ТХ | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 3 | Unsupported | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| 4 | Shutdown/sleep | 0 | 0 | 0 | Only condition where 1 uA of leakage current is guaranteed |
| 5 | Shutdown/sleep | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 6 | Shutdown/sleep | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| 7 | Shutdown/sleep | 0 | 1 | 0 | |

¹ Make sure each control logic has the proper pull-up and pull-down in the application circuit.

Typical Performance Characteristics

(Vcc0 = Vcc1 = 3.3 V, f = 915 MHz, TA = +25 °C, Unless Otherwise Noted)



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Evaluation Board Description

The SKY66122-11 Evaluation Board is used to test the performance of the SKY66122-11 front-end module. The Evaluation Board is shown in Figure 14. An Evaluation Board schematic diagram is provided in Figure 15. Layer detail information is provided in Figure 16. The Evaluation Board Bill of Materials is listed in Table 10.

PCB Recommendations

Top layer: Plan to add the footprint for a shield case over the RF section.

Bottom layer: Lay out as much as possible for minimum traces on the bottom. Having a solid ground plane under the shield case will complete the shielding.

Avoid using thermal relief pads for ground connections of components and the shield case. Always place vias close to each shunt connection.

Spread ground vias equally in a manner that stitches the grounds together.

Metal Layer 1 = RF traces (microstripes or coplanar) + control lines. Core thickness between top RF layer and ground plane is critical.

Metal Layer 2 = Solid ground plane. No trace routings.

Metal Layer 3 = Control lines + VCC traces (no VCC plane)

Metal Layer 4 = Solid ground plane under the shield case area.

Pour copper on each layer connected to the ground plane. Use VCC traces in a star distribution pattern.



Figure 14. SKY66122-11 Evaluation Board



Figure 15. SKY66122-11 Evaluation Board Schematic



Top Layer

Ground Plane



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|---|-------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| Table 10. SKY66122-11 | Evaluation | Board Bill | of Materials | (BoM) |
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| Component | Value | Manufacturer | Mfr Part Number | Size | Description |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------|---|
| C5 | 1.5 nF | Murata | GRM033R71C152JA01 | 0201 | Multilayer ceramic |
| C7 | 1 nF | Murata | GRM033R71C102JD01 | 0201 | Multilayer ceramic |
| C1 | 1pF | Murata | GRM0335C1E1R0BD01 | 0201 | Multilayer ceramic |
| L3 | 3.3 nH | Coilcraft | 0402CS-3N3XJL | 0402 | |
| C9 | 4.7 uF | Murata | GRM188R60J475KE19 | 0603 | Multilayer ceramic |
| L4 | 6.8 nH | Coilcraft | 0603CS-6N8XJL | 0603 | |
| J2 | 1 x 2 | Samtec | | | Header pin |
| J5 | 8 x 2 | Samtec | | | Header pin |
| C8 | 22 pF | Murata | GRM0335C1E220JD01 | 0201 | Multilayer ceramic |
| C6 | 33 pF | Murata | GRM0335C1E330JD01 | 0201 | Multilayer ceramic |
| C3 | 68 pF | Murata | GRM0335C1E680JD01 | 0201 | Multilayer ceramic |
| C10 | DNI | | | | |
| R1 | 0Ω | | | 0201 | Any supplier |
| U1 | SKY66122-11 | Skyworks Solutions Inc. | SKY66122-11 | MCM600X600 | |
| PCB1 | TW23-D865-001_V1 | Skyworks Solutions Inc. | TW23-D865-001_V1 | | РСВ |
| J1, J3 | SMA | Johnson Components | 142-0701-851 | End launch | SMA end launch straight jack receptacle - tab contact |

Package Dimensions

Typical part markings are shown in Figure 17. The PCB layout footprint is shown in Figure 18. Package dimensions for the SKY66122-11 are shown in Figure 19, and tape and reel dimensions are provided in Figure 20.

Package and Handling Information

Since the device package is sensitive to moisture absorption, it is baked and vacuum packed before shipping. Instructions on the shipping container label regarding exposure to moisture after the container seal is broken must be followed. Otherwise, problems related to moisture absorption may occur when the part is subjected to high temperature during solder assembly.

The SKY66122-11 is rated to Moisture Sensitivity Level 3 (MSL3) at 260 °C. It can be used for lead or lead-free soldering. For additional information, refer to the Skyworks Application Note, *PCB Design and SMT Assembly/Rework Guidelines for MCM-L Packages*, document number 101752.

Care must be taken when attaching this product, whether it is done manually or in a production solder reflow environment. Production quantities of this product are shipped in a standard tape and reel format.







Figure 18. SKY66122-11 PCB Layout Footprint





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- CARRIER TAPE MUST MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS DF SKYWORKS GP01-D233 PROCUREMENT SPEC FOR TAPE and REEL SHIPPING.
- (2) CARRIER TAPE SHALL BE BLACK CONDUCTIVE POLYCARBONATE OR POLYSTYRENE.
- 3. COVER TAPE SHALL BE TRANSPARENT CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL.
- 4. ESD-SURFACE RESISTIVITY SHALL BE \leq 1×10¹⁰ DHMS/SQUARE PER EIA, JEDEC TNR SPECIFICATION.
- 5. 10 SPROCKET HOLE PITCH CUMULATIVE TOLERANCE : ±0.20mm
- J, IU SPRUCKET HULE PITCH CUMULATIVE TULERANCE : 10,20MM
- 6. Ao & Bo MEASURED ON PLANE 0.30mm ABOVE THE BOTTOM OF THE POCKET.
- 7. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN MILLIMETERS.

Figure 20. SKY66122-11 Tape and Reel Dimensions

Ordering Information

| Part Number | Product Description | Evaluation Board Part Number |
|-------------|--|------------------------------|
| SKY66122-11 | 863 to 928 MHz Wi-SUN Front-End Module | SKY66122-11EK1 |

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