

Datasheet SPARROW_9020™

24 GHz compact CW Doppler Radar Sensor

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PRODUCT FAMILY

Sensor Module

APPLICATIONS

- Vibration measurement
- Vital signs monitoring
- Touchless / gesture-based interfaces
- Occupancy monitoring

DESCRIPTION

SPARROW_9020™ is a compact 24 GHz *continuous-wave* (CW) Doppler radar module with a *general purpose output* (GPO) interface and integrated signal processing. The module is composed by a front-end and back-end shield. Its compact form factor enables flexible integration and compatibility with existing enclosures. The onboard processing unit provides embedded processing capabilities for applications of moderate complexity. The SPARROW_9020™ is an evaluation module intended for development and testing purposes only. It is not approved for resale.

USE CASES

Typical applications include contactless presence detection in dusty/dark environments, vibration monitoring in industrial and civil applications, contact-free switches for public installations (ticket machines, automatic doors, light switches) and indoor presence sensing for smart-building automation.

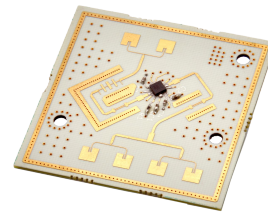


Photo of the SPARROW_9020™.

Key features

- Compact 24 GHz CW Doppler radar module with on-board processing
- General purpose digital output for extreme flexibility and easy interfacing
- Performance unaffected by lighting conditions or common hand coverings

1. Technical Specifications

SPARROW_9020™ is an evaluation module based on Infineon Technologies' BGT24LTR11N16 chip [1]. It consists of: a) a 24 GHz radar front-end with CW Doppler modulation and 1 *transmitting* (TX) and 1 *receiving* (RX) antennas and; b) a back-end with power circuit, integrated processing capabilities and GPO. The technical specifications of the radar module are listed in Tab. 1.

Table 1: Key electrical, mechanical, and environmental specifications of the radar system.

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		SYMBOL	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
Radar							
transmit frequency			f_t	24.0	24.125	24.25	GHz
Sampling frequency			f_s	0	–	1.25	MHz
detection range			R	0.2	15.0	20.0	m
output power (EIRP)			P_{out}	–	–	10.0	dBm
Mechanical Outlines							
outline dimensions	compare drawing p. 4 to on	height	15.0	20.0	25.0	mm	
		length	40.0	40.0	40.0		
		width	40.0	40.0	40.0		
Power supply							
supply voltage			V_{CC}	5	–	24	V
supply current	@12V		I_{CC}	–	90	–	mA
Environment							
operating temperature			T_{OP}	-20	–	60	°C
storage temperature			T_{STG}	-40	–	85	°C

For further information and specifications please refer to the BGT24LTR11N16 datasheet [1].

3. Mechanical Drawing

All dimensions are expressed in millimeters (mm) unless otherwise noted. Drawings are schematic and not to scale.

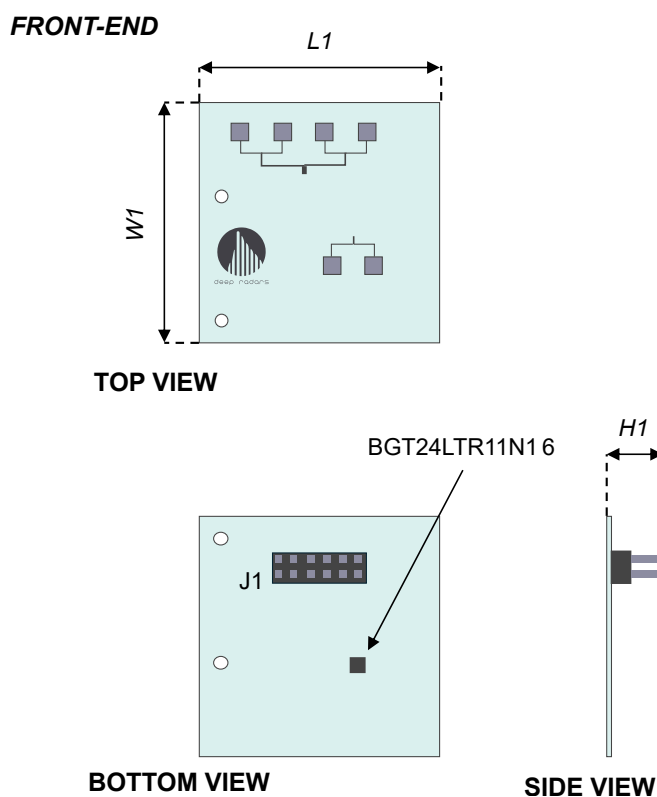


Figure 1: Mechanical drawings of the front-end.

DIMENSIONS SUMMARY

Front-end length (L1)	40.0 mm $\pm$ 0.1 mm
Front-end width (W1)	40.0 mm $\pm$ 0.1 mm
Front-end height (H1)	22.0 mm $\pm$ 0.5 mm
Back-end length (L2)	40.0 mm $\pm$ 0.1 mm
Back-end width (W2)	40.0 mm $\pm$ 0.1 mm
Back-end height (H2)	22.0 mm $\pm$ 0.5 mm
Weight	30 g (typical, both boards only)
Front-end mounting holes	2 $\times$ $\varnothing$ 2.5 mm, see Fig. 1
Back-end mounting holes	2 $\times$ $\varnothing$ 4 mm, see Fig. 2

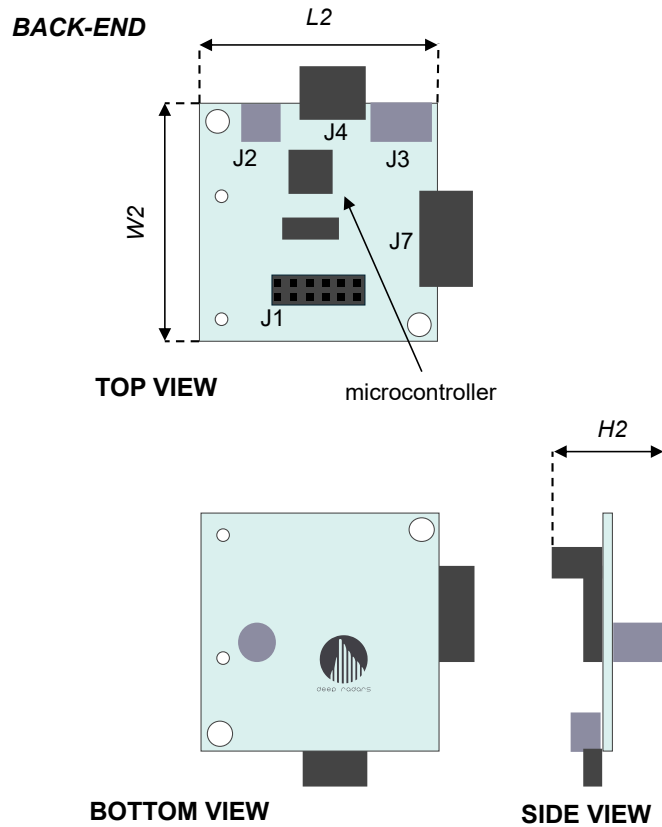


Figure 2: Mechanical drawings of the back-end.

4. Array description

SPARROW_9020™ leverages the BGT24LTR11N16 from Infineon Technologies GmbH, a compact 24 GHz CW Doppler radar sensor [1]. Antennas are realised on the PCB to meet the required theoretical *field-of-view* (FOV) of 90°x20°. A representation of the front-end, in particular of its antenna patches and waveguides is shown in Fig. 3.

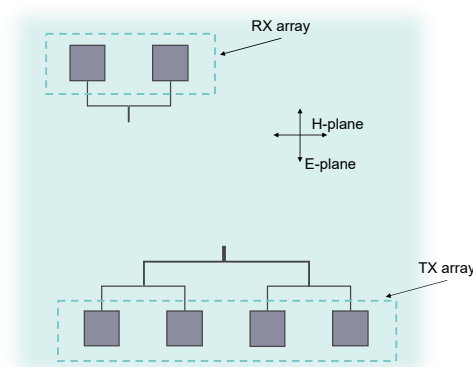


Figure 3: Antenna displacement.

The actual FOV was evaluated experimentally, and the resulting radiation pattern is shown in Fig. 4. Based on the measured radiation pattern, the FOV, defined by the -3 dB beamwidth, is approximately $\pm 45^\circ$ in the E-plane and $\pm 10^\circ$ in the H-plane.

INTEGRATION NOTES

The radar module may be enclosed by a protective enclosure (*radome*). The following re-

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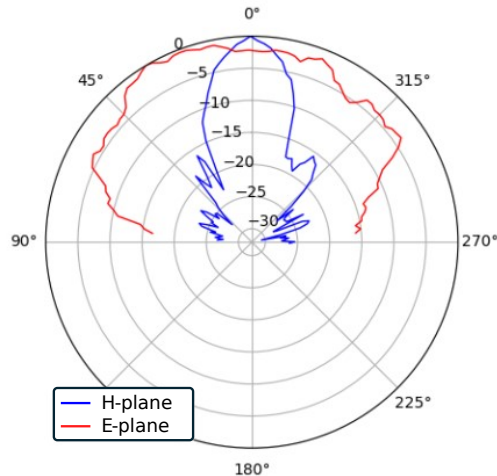


Figure 4: Radiation pattern.

quirements should be considered for the radome design:

- The enclosure material should have low dielectric losses at the operating frequency to minimize attenuation of the radar signal.
- The enclosure geometry, particularly in the area above the antennas, should be as uniform as possible and avoid abrupt changes in thickness or shape (e.g., 3D printing should be avoided).
- The distance between the radar front-end and the inner surface of the radome should be an integer multiple of half the free-space wavelength. For a nominal operating frequency of 24 GHz, the recommended distance is therefore 6.25 mm or a multiple thereof (e.g., 12.5 mm, 18.5 mm, or 25 mm).
- The radome thickness should preferably be an integer multiple of half the wavelength inside the enclosure material and should be kept as thin as practical.

For any further details please refer to [2].

4. Interface and Software

SPARROW_9020™ provides a type-C USB connector, mounted on the module facing backwards. **SCRIVERE DELLA LIBRERIA SOFTWARE**

5. Usage

The SPARROW_9020™ is a 24 GHz radiofrequency device based on a CW Doppler radar architecture. The module is intended for vibration measurement and presence-sensing applications.

The module operates by transmitting a sinusoidal signal and receiving the echoes reflected by objects within the radar FOV. The received signals are processed to estimate the frequency of vibration, direction of the target and its velocity. The module should be installed with a clear field of view toward the area to be monitored. Objects or structures located close to the antenna, particularly metallic or highly reflective surfaces, may affect the radar response and should be considered during system integration.

The SPARROW_9020™ should be operated only within the electrical, mechanical, and environmental limits specified in this document. The module must be supplied with the specified supply voltage and should not be operated outside the specified operating temperature range.

Interference and Multiple-Device Operation

The SPARROW_9020™ is an active radiofrequency transmitter and may interfere with other radar sensors or radiofrequency devices operating in the same or adjacent frequency bands. Conversely, other radiofrequency transmitters may affect the performance of the SPARROW_9020™. The possibility of interference should therefore be considered during system design and installation.

Particular attention is required when multiple radar modules are installed in close proximity or when several modules have overlapping fields of view. Simultaneous operation of multiple CW Doppler radars may result in mutual interference, potentially causing false detections, degraded detection performance, increased noise, or reduced measurement accuracy. Where possible, radar modules should be physically separated and arranged so that their antenna fields of view do not directly overlap. The distance and relative orientation between modules should be determined according to the specific application and validated under representative operating conditions.

Interference may also occur when the SPARROW_9020™ is installed close to other 24 GHz radar sensors, high-frequency electronic equipment, or reflective structures. Systems requiring reliable operation in environments with multiple radiofrequency transmitters should be evaluated for electromagnetic compatibility and coexistence before deployment.

Frequency bands

The 24 GHz frequency range includes frequencies designated for *industrial, scientific and medical* (ISM) applications in several regulatory regions. However, the ISM designation and the permitted operating frequency range are subject to applicable national and regional regulations. The frequency range available from the radar hardware may be wider than the portion of the spectrum that is permitted for use in a specific jurisdiction. In particular, the 500 MHz frequency range supported by the device must not be interpreted as a blanket authorization to operate over the entire range.

The operating frequency, transmitted bandwidth, output power, duty cycle, and other radiofrequency parameters must therefore be configured and used only within the limits applicable to the intended country or region. Compliance with applicable radiofrequency, electromagnetic compatibility, and spectrum regulations is the responsibility of the system integrator and/or final equipment manufacturer.

Before deploying the SPARROW_9020™, always refer to the applicable national and regional regulations, frequency-allocation plans, and radio equipment requirements. The most restrictive applicable requirements shall be observed. Where multiple radar devices



are operated simultaneously, the complete system should also be evaluated for electromagnetic compatibility and mutual interference under the intended installation conditions.

The information provided in this document does not replace the applicable laws, regulations, certifications, or approval requirements. The user and system integrator are responsible for ensuring that the final product and its operation comply with all applicable regulatory requirements.

6. Regulatory Compliance

SPARROW_9020™ is not FCC/CE compliant and is therefore intended for evaluation purposes only. It must not be resold, integrated into a final product, or installed as a standalone product. The module is intended solely for evaluation, experimentation, development, and testing purposes.

! ESD Information

This evaluation module is sensitive to damage from ESD. Normal precautions as usually applied to CMOS devices are sufficient when handling the device. Avoid touching the signal and output pins before soldering or plugging the device into a host board.

7. References

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8. Document Revision History

This datasheet contains the technical specifications of the described product. Changes to the specification must be made in written form. All previous versions of this document are no longer valid.

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