

# 1DX M.2 Module Datasheet

- 802.11 b/g/n and BT/BLE 4.2
- SDIO 2.0 interface, SDR25@50MHz
- 22 x 44 mm with integrated trace antenna



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## 2 Introduction

This document is a datasheet that specifies and describes the *1DX M.2 module* mainly from a hardware point of view. Software related issues, like the Linux and WICED drivers, are not addressed. There are separate documents for that.

### 2.1 Benefits of Using an M.2 Module to get Wi-Fi/BT Connectivity

There are several benefit to use an *M.2 module* to add connectivity to an embedded design:

- Drop-in, certified solution!
- Modular and flexible approach to evaluate different Wi-Fi/BT solutions - with different trade-offs around performance, cost, power consumption, longevity, etc.
- Access to maintained software drivers (Linux and WICED) with responsive support from Murata.
- Supported by Embedded Artists' Developer's Kits for i.MX RT/6/7/8 development, including advanced debugging support on carrier boards
- One component to buy, instead of 50+
- No RF expertise is required
- Developed in close collaboration with Murata and Cypress

### 2.2 More M.2 Related Information

For more information about the M.2 standard and Embedded Artists' adaptation, see: [M.2 Primer](#)

For more general information about the M.2 standard, see: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M.2>

The official M.2 specification (PCI Express M.2 Specification) is available from: [www.pcisig.com](http://www.pcisig.com)

### 2.3 ESD Precaution and Handling

Please note that the M.2 module come without any case/box and all components are exposed for finger touches – and therefore extra attention must be paid to ESD (electrostatic discharge) precaution, for example use of static-free workstation and grounding strap. Only qualified personnel shall handle the product.

***Make it a habit always to first touch the mounting hole (which is grounded) for a few seconds with both hands before touching any other parts of the boards.*** That way, you will have the same potential as the board and therefore minimize the risk for ESD.

In general touch as little as possible on the boards in order to minimize the risk of ESD damage. The only reasons to touch the board are when mounting/unmounting it on a carrier board.

***Note that Embedded Artists does not replace modules that have been damaged by ESD.***



### 2.4 Product Compliance

Visit Embedded Artists' website at [http://www.embeddedartists.com/product\\_compliance](http://www.embeddedartists.com/product_compliance) for up to date information about product compliances such as CE, RoHS2, Conflict Minerals, REACH, etc.

### 3 Specification

This chapter lists some of the more important characteristics of the M.2 module, but it is not a full specification of performance and timing. The main component in the design is Murata's 1DX module (full part number: LBEE5KL1DX), which in turn is based around Cypress CYW4343W chipset.

For a full specification, see on Murata's 1DX Module (LBEE5KL1DX) see Murata's 1DX product page (<https://wireless.murata.com/eng/type-1dx.html>) and the 1DX datasheet (<https://wireless.murata.com/datasheet?/RFM/data/lbee5kl1dx.pdf>).

| Module / Chipset |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Murata module    | LBEE5KL1DX       |
| Chipset          | Cypress CYW4343W |

| Wi-Fi          |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Standards      | 802.11b/g/n           |
| Network        | AP and STA dual mode  |
| Frequency      | 2.4GHz band           |
| Data rates     | 11, 54, 65 Mbps       |
| Host interface | SDIO 2.0, SDR25@50MHz |

| Bluetooth       |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Standards       | 4.2 BR/EDR/LE      |
| Power Class     | Class 1            |
| Host interface  | 4-wire UART@3MBaud |
| Audio interface | PCM for audio      |

| Powering   |                                |            |   |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|---|
| Supply voltage to M.2 module   | <b>Min</b>                     | <b>Typ</b> | <b>Max</b>  |
|  | -0.5V absolute min             | 3.3V       | 3.6V  |
|  | 3.0V operating                 |            |   |
|  | 3.2V RF specification          |            |   |
| <b>Note: Do not exceed maximum voltage. Module will be permanently damaged above this limit!</b> |                                |            | <b>Note</b> that LBEE5KL1DX module specification is 4.8V, but other components on the M.2 module limits the maximum voltage |
| Receive mode current (WLAN)  | 47 mA typical                  |            |   |
| Transmit mode current (WLAN)   | 320 mA typical, 370 mA maximum |            |   |

| Environmental Specification                            |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Operational Temperature                                | -30 to +70 degrees Celsius |
| Specification Temperature (for Wi-Fi/BT communication) | -10 to +55 degrees Celsius |

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Storage Temperature                              | -40 to +85 degrees Celsius |
| Relative Humidity (RH),<br>operating and storage | 10 - 90% non-condensing    |

### 3.1 Power Up Sequence

The supply voltage shall not rise (10 - 90%) faster than 40 microseconds and not slower than 100 milliseconds.

Signals WL\_REG\_ON or BT\_REG\_ON must be held low for at least 700 microseconds after supply voltage has reached specification level before pulled high. 2 clock cycles of the 32.678kHz clock must also have passed before any of the signals is pulled high. These clock cycles will typically occur during the 700 microseconds but if the clock signal has a long delay during power-up, the 700 microsecond period can be extended.

### 3.2 External Sleep Clock

The sleep clock signals can be applied to a powered and unpowered M.2 module.

| Clock Specification |                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Frequency           | 32.768 kHz                            |
| Frequency accuracy  | ±200 ppm                              |
| Duty cycle          | 30 - 70%                              |
| Clock jitter        | <10000 ppm                            |
| Voltage level       | 3.3V logic, according to M.2 standard |

### 3.3 Mechanical Dimensions

The M.2 module is of type: 2230-S3-E according to the M.2 nomenclature. This means width 22 mm, length 30mm (without trace antenna), top side component height 1.5 mm and key-E connector. The table below lists the different dimensions and weight.

| M.2 Module Dimension                    | Value (±0.15 mm) | Unit |
|---|------------------|------|
| Width                                   | 22               | mm   |
| Height, with pcb trace antenna          | 44               | mm   |
| Height, without pcb trace antenna       | 30               | mm   |
| PCB thickness                           | 0.8              | mm   |
| Maximum component height on top side    | 1.5              | mm   |
| Maximum component height on bottom side | 0                | mm   |
| Ground hole diameter                    | 3.5              | mm   |
| Plating around ground hole, diameter    | 5.5              | mm   |
| Module weight                           | 1.5 ±0.5 gram    | gram |

Embedded Artists has added a non-standard feature to the 2230 M.2 modules designed together with Murata and Cypress. The pictures below illustrates the how the standard module size has been extended by 14 mm in the length direction in order to include a pcb trace antenna.

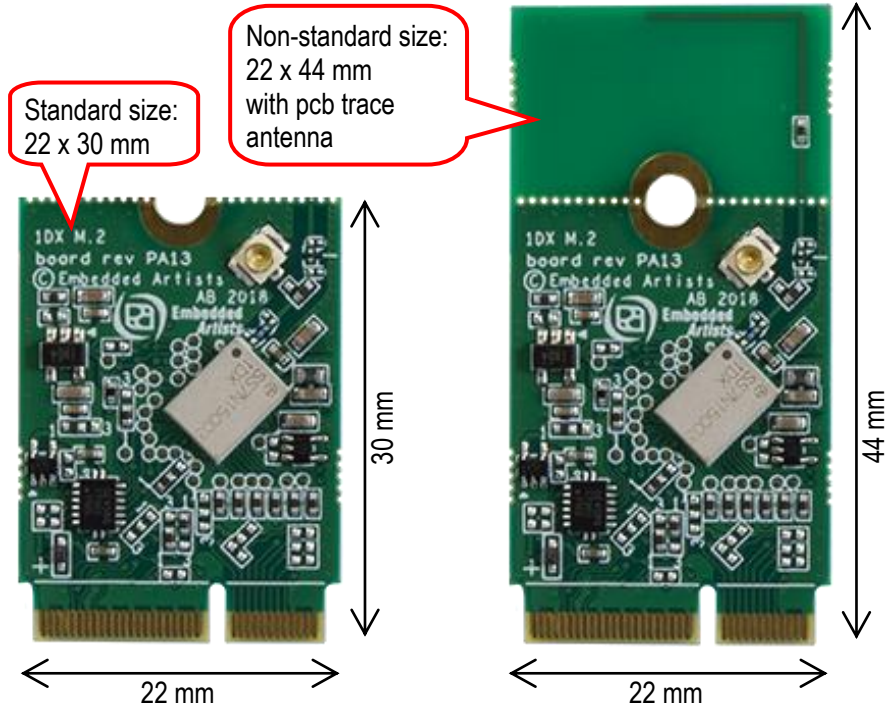


Figure 1 – M.2 Module with, and without, PCB Trace Antenna

The picture below gives dimensions for the grounded center (half) hole and the u.fl. antenna connector.

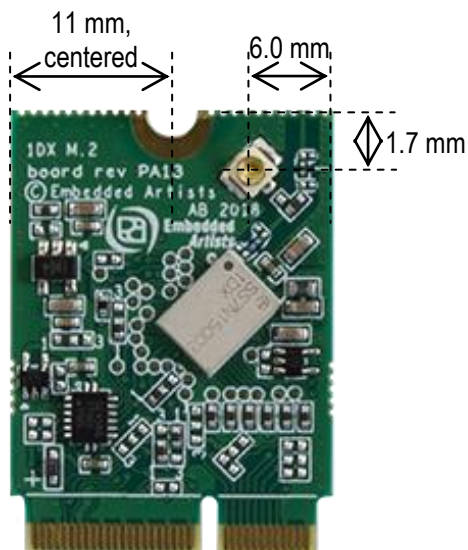


Figure 2 – M.2 Module With, and Without, Trace Antenna



### 3.4 M.2 Pinning

This section presents the pinning used for the M.2 module. It is essentially M.2 Key-E compliant with enhancements to support additional debug signals and 3.3V VDDIO override. The pin assignment for specific control and debug signals has been jointly defined by Embedded Artists, Murata and Cypress.

The picture below illustrates the edge pin numbering. It starts on the right edge and alternates between top and bottom side. The removed pads in the keying notch counts (but as obviously non-existing).

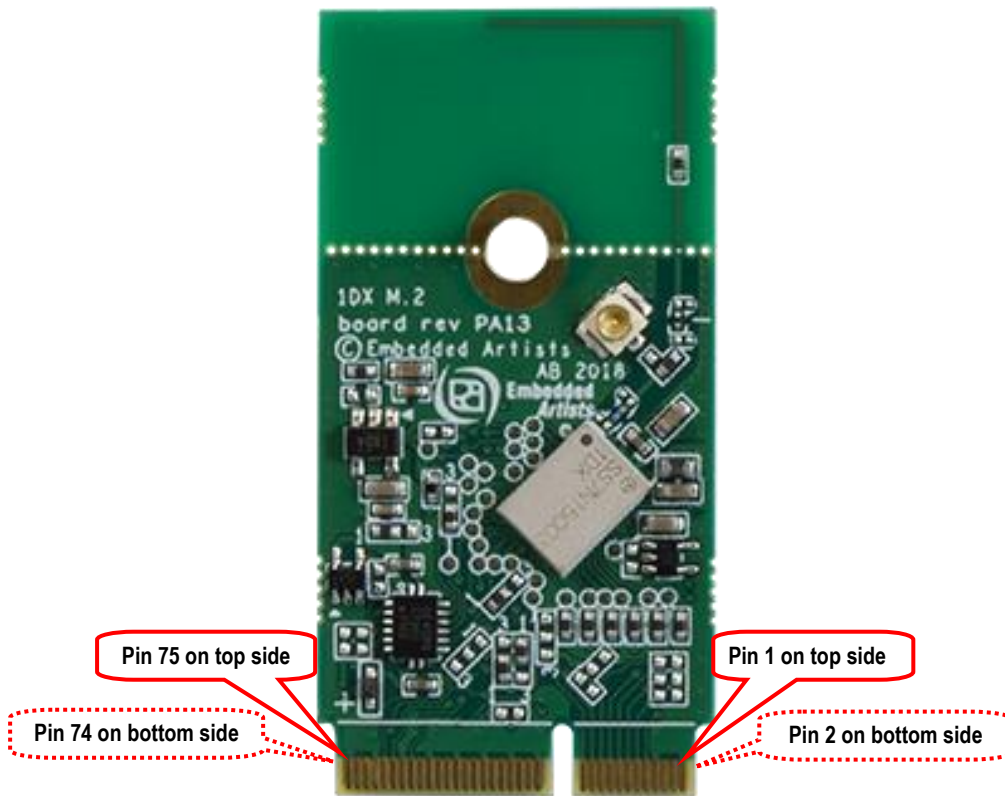


Figure 3 – M.2 Module Pin Numbering

The Wi-Fi interface uses the SDIO interface. The Bluetooth interface uses the UART interface for control and PCM interface for audio. The table below lists the pin usage for the 1DX M.2 modules. The column "When is signal needed" signals four different categories:

- Always: These signals shall always be connected.
- Wi-Fi: These signals shall always be connected then the Wi-Fi interface is used.
- Bluetooth: These signals shall always be connected then the Bluetooth interface is used.
- Optional: These signals are optional to connect.

| Pin # | Side of pcb | M.2 Name | Voltage Level and Signal Direction | When is signal needed | Note  |
|-------|-------------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 1     | Top         | GND      | GND                                | Always                | Connect to ground   |
| 2     | Bottom      | 3.3 V    |                                    | Always                | Power supply input. Connect to stable, low-noise 3.3V supply. |
| 3     | Top         | USB_D+   |                                    |                       | Not connected.  |
| 4     | Bottom      | 3.3 V    |                                    | Always                | Power supply input. Connect to stable, low-noise 3.3V supply. |
| 5     | Top         | USB_D-   |                                    |                       | Not connected.  |

|    |                   |                |                         |                 |  |  |
|----|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| 6  | Bottom            | LED_1#         |                         |                 |  | Not connected.   |
| 7  | Top               | GND            | GND                     | Always          |  | Connect to ground.   |
| 8  | Bottom            | PCM_CLK        | 1.8V I/O                | Bluetooth audio |  | For Bluetooth audio interface: BT_PCM_CLK  |
| 9  | Top               | SDIO_CLK       | 1.8V Input to M.2       | Wi-Fi SDIO      |  | For Wi-Fi SDIO interface: SDIO_CLK<br>Note that maximum frequency is 50 MHz                      |
| 10 | Bottom            | PCM_SYNC       | 1.8V I/O                | Bluetooth audio |  | For Bluetooth audio interface: BT_PCM_SYNC   |
| 11 | Top               | SDIO_CMD       | 1.8V I/O                | Wi-Fi SDIO      |  | For Wi-Fi SDIO interface: SDIO_CMD<br>Note: 10-100K ohm pullup required                          |
| 12 | Bottom            | PCM_OUT        | 1.8V output from M.2    | Bluetooth audio |  | For Bluetooth audio interface: BT_PCM_OUT  |
| 13 | Top               | SDIO_DATA0     | 1.8V I/O                | Wi-Fi SDIO      |  | For Wi-Fi SDIO interface: SDIO_D0<br>Note: 10-100K ohm pullup required                           |
| 14 | Bottom            | PCM_IN         | 1.8V input to M.2       | Bluetooth audio |  | For Bluetooth audio interface: BT_PCM_IN   |
| 15 | Top               | SDIO_DATA1     | 1.8V I/O                | Wi-Fi SDIO      |  | For Wi-Fi SDIO interface: SDIO_D1<br>Note: 10-100K ohm pullup required                           |
| 16 | Bottom            | LED_2#         |                         |                 |  | Not connected.   |
| 17 | Top               | SDIO_DATA2     | 1.8V I/O                | Wi-Fi SDIO      |  | For Wi-Fi SDIO interface: SDIO_D2<br>Note: 10-100K ohm pullup required                           |
| 18 | Bottom            | GND            |                         | Always          |  | Connect to ground.   |
| 19 | Top               | SDIO_DATA3     | 1.8V I/O                | Wi-Fi SDIO      |  | For Wi-Fi SDIO interface: SDIO_D3<br>Note: 10-100K ohm pullup required                           |
| 20 | Bottom            | UART_WAKE#     | 3.3V OD output from M.2 | Bluetooth       |  | For Bluetooth UART interface: BT_HOST_WAKE_L<br>Require an external 10K pullup resistor to 3.3V. |
| 21 | Top               | SDIO_WAKE#     | 1.8V OD output from M.2 | Wi-Fi SDIO      |  | For Wi-Fi SDIO interface: WL_HOST_WAKE_L<br>Require an external 10K pullup resistor to 1.8V.     |
| 22 | Bottom            | UART_TXD       | 1.8V output from M.2    | Bluetooth       |  | For Bluetooth UART interface: BT_UART_TXD  |
| 23 | Top               | SDIO_RESET#    |                         |                 |  | Not connected.   |
| 24 | Key, non existing |                |                         |                 |  |  |
| 25 | Key, non existing |                |                         |                 |  |  |
| 26 | Key, non existing |                |                         |                 |  |  |
| 27 | Key, non existing |                |                         |                 |  |  |
| 28 | Key, non existing |                |                         |                 |  |  |
| 29 | Key, non existing |                |                         |                 |  |  |
| 30 | Key, non existing |                |                         |                 |  |  |
| 31 | Key, non existing |                |                         |                 |  |  |
| 32 | Bottom            | UART_RXD       | 1.8V input to M.2       | Bluetooth       |  | For Bluetooth UART interface: BT_UART_RXD  |
| 33 | Top               | GND            |                         | Always          |  | Connect to ground.   |
| 34 | Bottom            | UART_RTS       | 1.8V output from M.2    | Bluetooth       |  | For Bluetooth UART interface: BT_UART_RTS  |
| 35 | Top               | PERp0          |                         |                 |  | Not connected.   |
| 36 | Bottom            | UART_CTS       | 1.8V input to M.2       | Bluetooth       |  | For Bluetooth UART interface: BT_UART_CTS  |
| 37 | Top               | PERn0          |                         |                 |  | Not connected.   |
| 38 | Bottom            | VENDOR_DEFINED |                         |                 |  | Not connected.   |
| 39 | Top               | GND            |                         | Always          |  | Connect to ground.   |

|    |        |                      |                      |            |   |
|----|--------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|---|
| 40 | Bottom | VENDOR DEFINED       | 1.8V I/O             | Optional   | WL_GPIO_4   |
| 41 | Top    | PETp0                |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 42 | Bottom | VENDOR DEFINED       | 1.8V input to M.2    | Bluetooth  | BT_DEV_WAKE_L   |
| 43 | Top    | PETn0                |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 44 | Bottom | COEX3                | 1.8V I/O             | Optional   | WL_GPIO_1, same as pin 66   |
| 45 | Top    | GND                  |                      | Always     | Connect to ground.  |
| 46 | Bottom | COEX_TXD             | 1.8V I/O             | Optional   | WL_GPIO_2   |
| 47 | Top    | REFCLKp0             |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 48 | Bottom | COEX_RXD             | 1.8V I/O             | Optional   | WL_GPIO_3   |
| 49 | Top    | REFCLKn0             |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 50 | Bottom | SUSCLK               | 3.3V input to M.2    | Always     | External sleep clock input (32.768kHz)  |
| 51 | Top    | GND                  |                      | Always     | Connect to ground.  |
| 52 | Bottom | PERST0#              |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 53 | Top    | CLKREQ0#             |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 54 | Bottom | W_DISABLE2#          | 3.3V input to M.2    | Always     | BT_REG_ON, High = BT enabled, Low = BT disabled   |
| 55 | Top    | PEWAKE0#             |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 56 | Bottom | W_DISABLE1#          | 3.3V input to M.2    | Always     | WL_REG_ON, High = Wi-Fi enabled, Low = Wi-Fi disabled   |
| 57 | Top    | GND                  |                      | Always     | Connect to ground.  |
| 58 | Bottom | I2C_SDA              |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 59 | Top    | Reserved             |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 60 | Bottom | I2C_CLK              |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 61 | Top    | Reserved             | 1.8V I/O             | Optional   | BT_GPIO_3   |
| 62 | Bottom | ALERT#               |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 63 | Top    | GND                  |                      | Always     | Connect to ground.  |
| 64 | Bottom | RESERVED             |                      | Optional   | Optional supply voltage input for control and data signal voltage level. Apply a stable, low-noise, 3.3V 100mA supply to set 3.3V voltage level on all signals. |
| 65 | Top    | Reserved             | 1.8V output from M.2 | Optional   | BT_GPIO4  |
| 66 | Bottom | UIM_SWP              | 1.8V I/O             | Wi-Fi SDIO | WL_GPIO_1, same as pin 44   |
| 67 | Top    | Reserved             | 1.8V input to M.2    | Optional   | BT_GPIO5  |
| 68 | Bottom | UIM_POWER_SNK        |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 69 | Top    | GND                  |                      | Always     | Connect to ground.  |
| 70 | Bottom | UIM_POWER_SRC/GPIO_1 |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 71 | Top    | Reserved             |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 72 | Bottom | 3.3 V                |                      | Always     | Power supply input. Connect to stable, low-noise 3.3V supply.   |
| 73 | Top    | Reserved             |                      |            | Not connected.  |
| 74 | Bottom | 3.3 V                |                      | Always     | Power supply input. Connect to stable, low-noise 3.3V supply.   |
| 75 | Top    | GND                  |                      | Always     | Connect to ground.  |

### 3.5 Test Points

There are some test points that can be of interest to probe for debugging purposes, as illustrated in the picture below.

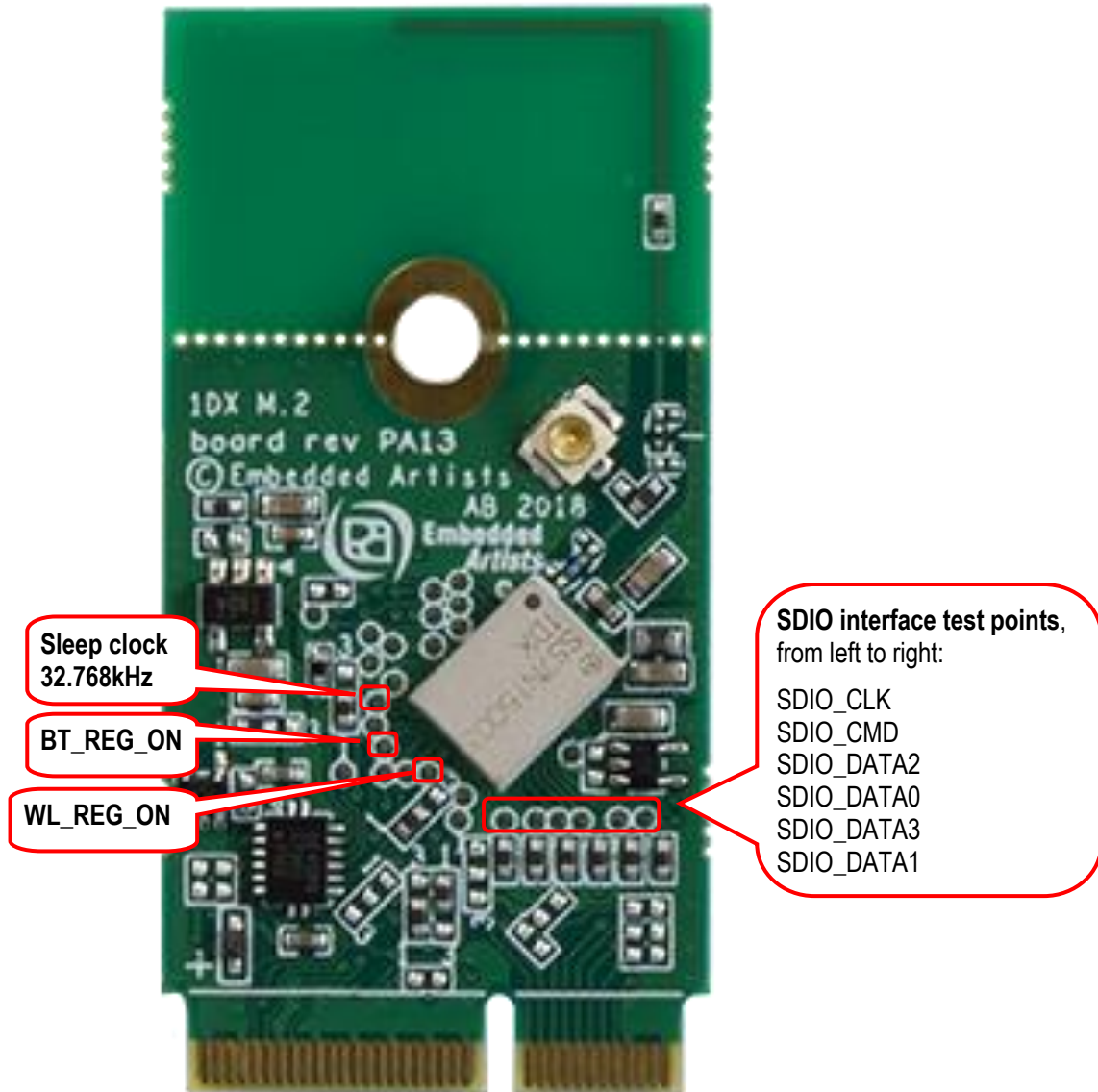


Figure 4 – 1DX M.2 Module Test Points

### 3.6 VDDIO Override Feature

The M.2 standard specifies 1.8V logic level on several of the data and control signals. It is possible to override the voltage level for the 1.8V signals via pin 64. Apply a 3.3V / 100 mA supply to pin 64 in order to get 3.3V voltage level on all data and control signals.

## 4 Antenna

This chapter address the antenna side of the module. There is an on-board, reference certified pcb trace antenna. This can be used for testing/evaluation purposes, but also for the final product. Also, for testing and evaluation purposes, it is possible to disconnect the on-board antenna and instead use an u.fl. connector to connect an external antenna.

### 4.1 Mounting and Clearance

Ideally, arrange the M.2 module so that the antenna is located at a corner of the product. Keep plastic case (i.e., non-metallic) away from the antenna area with at least 5 mm clearance (in all directions). Also keep any metal elements (e.g., connectors, battery, etc.) away from the antenna area with at least 5 mm clearance (in all directions). Keep a clearance area under and above the antenna area of at least 7.5mm , both under and over the PCB.

Human hands or body parts should be kept away (in the normal use case) from the antenna area.

The ground hole in the middle shall be grounded. Use a metal stand-off according to M.2 standard (height suitable for selected M.2 connector) and use metal screw to create a proper ground connection.

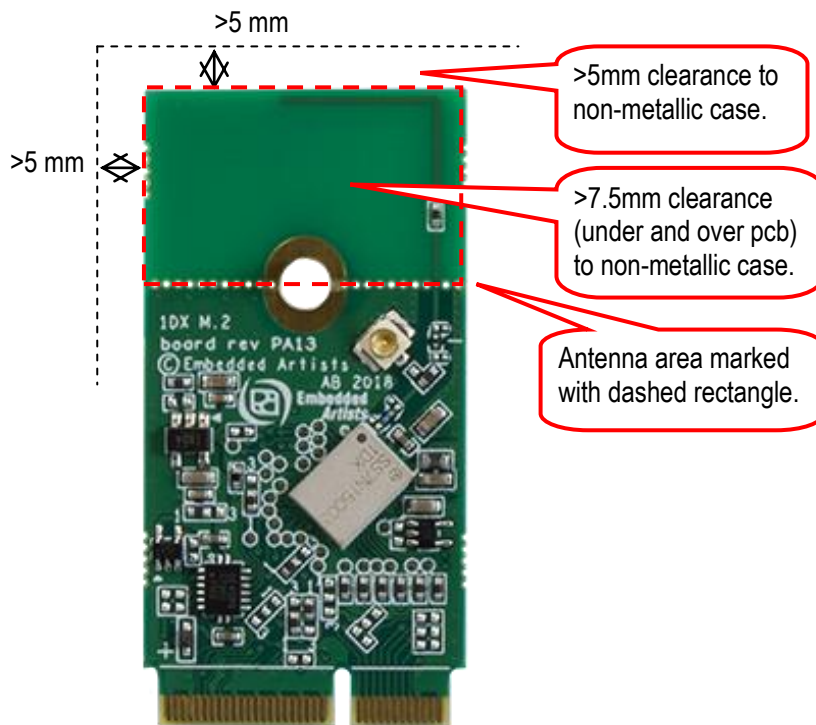


Figure 5 – M.2 Module Clearance Area

## 4.2 Overriding PCB Trace Antenna

The antenna connection from the 1DX module be redirected to the u.fl. connector by just moving one zero ohm 0402 resistor, see illustration below. The on-board trace antenna can be left as-is, or the antenna can be snapped-off.

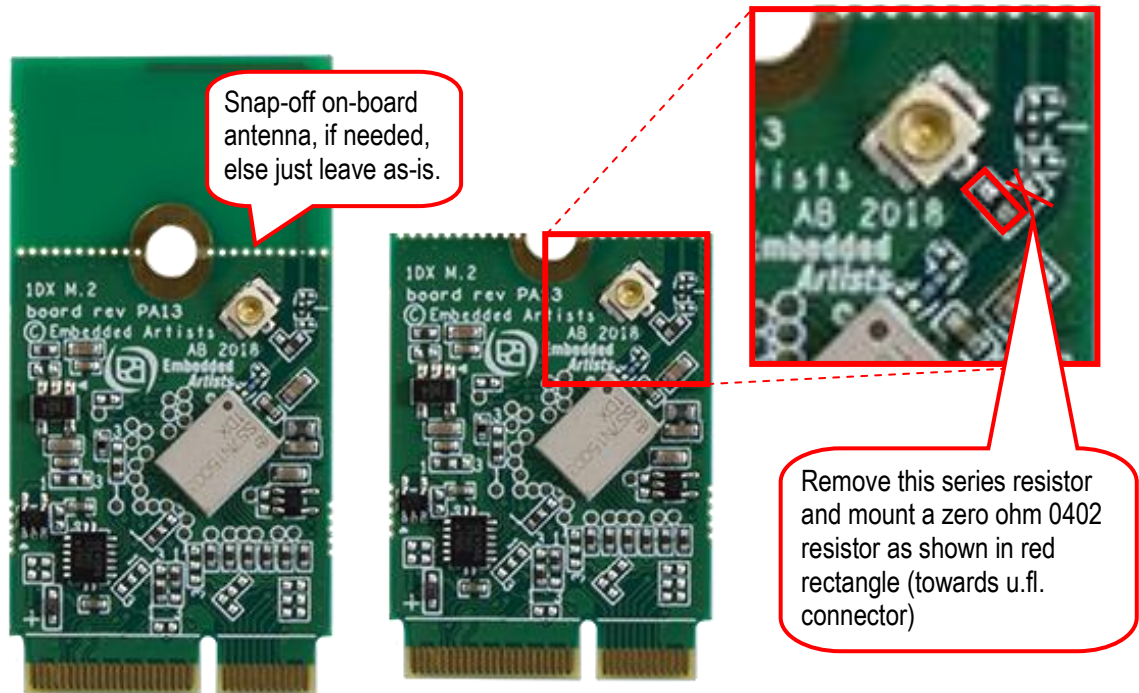


Figure 6 – Rework to Connect U.F.L. Connector

### 4.3 On-board Trace Antenna Performance

The on-board pcb trace antenna type is monopole. The 1DX M.2 module has been measured both standalone and mounted on the iMX OEM Carrier Board (which is a typical carrier board design).

The table below lists total efficiency:

| Condition                                     | Frequency [MHz] |      |      | Average dB | Average % |
|---|-----------------|------|------|------------|-----------|
|   | 2400            | 2442 | 2484 |            |           |
| M.2 module mounted on reference carrier board | -2.5            | -2.3 | -2.2 | -2.3       | 58.4      |
| M.2 module standalone                         | -2.9            | -2.8 | -2.7 | -2.8       | 52.3      |

The table below lists peak gain:

| Condition                                     | Frequency [MHz] |      |      | Max dBi |
|---|-----------------|------|------|---------|
|   | 2400            | 2442 | 2484 |         |
| M.2 module mounted on reference carrier board | 0.0             | -0.1 | 0.1  | 0.1     |
| M.2 module standalone                         | -0.5            | -0.1 | 0.2  | 0.2     |

#### 4.3.1 1DX M.2 Module Mounted on iMX OEM Carrier Board

The 3D directivity measurements are presented below for the 2.4 GHz bands when the 1DX M.2 module is mounted on the iMX OEM Carrier Board.

### @2442MHz

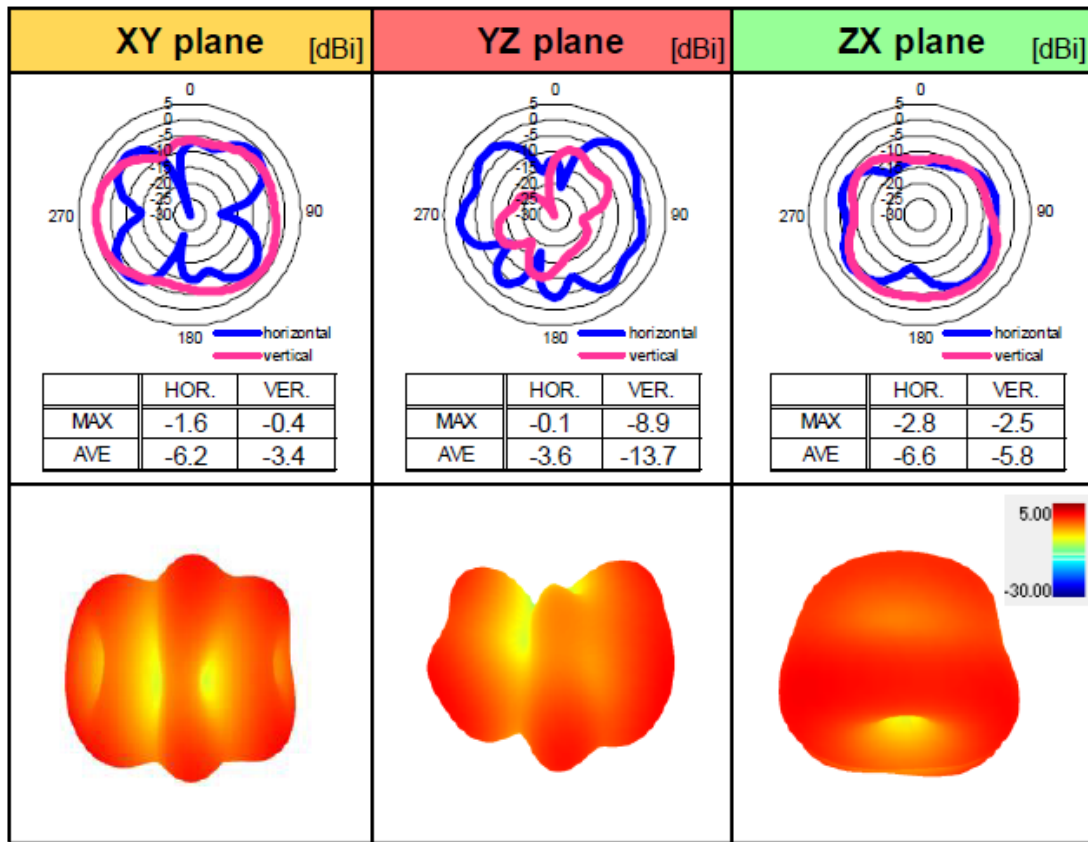


Figure 7 – 3D Directivity Measurements in 2.4 GHz Band (1DX M.2 Mounted on iMX OEM Carrier Board)

### 2D Directional indication

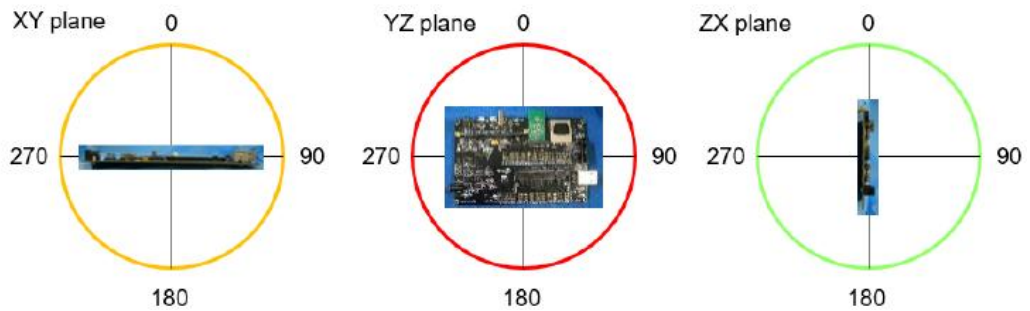


Figure 8 – 3D Directivity Measurements Plane Orientations

The pictures below illustrates the return loss, efficiency and directivity when the 1DX M.2 module is mounted on the iMX OEM Carrier Board.



# <Return Loss>

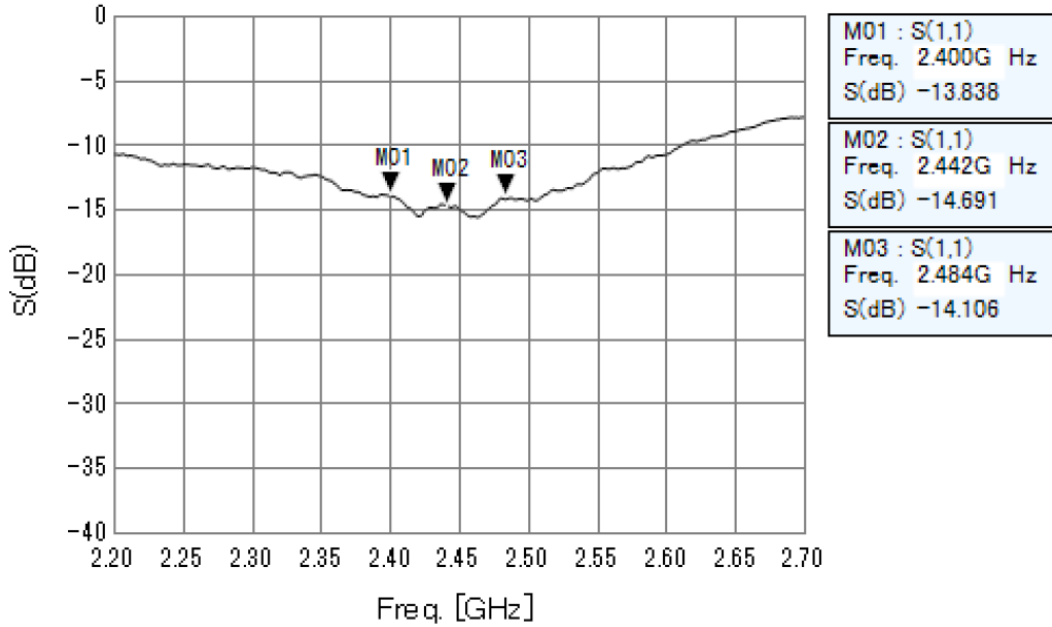


Figure 9 – Return Loss for 1DX M.2 Module Mounted on iMX OEM Carrier Board

# <Efficiency>

| LINEAR POLARIZATION |      | XY-plane |      | YZ-plane |       | ZX-plane |      | Total Efficiency |
|---------------------|------|----------|------|----------|-------|----------|------|------------------|
|                     |      | hor.     | ver. | hor.     | ver.  | hor.     | ver. |                  |
| 2400 MHz            | MAX. | -2.2     | -0.2 | 0.0      | -9.3  | -3.2     | -2.3 | -2.5             |
|                     | AVE. | -6.8     | -3.2 | -3.6     | -13.8 | -7.0     | -5.6 |                  |
| 2442 MHz            | MAX. | -1.6     | -0.4 | -0.1     | -8.9  | -2.8     | -2.5 | -2.3             |
|                     | AVE. | -6.2     | -3.4 | -3.6     | -13.7 | -6.6     | -5.8 |                  |
| 2484 MHz            | MAX. | -1.2     | -0.9 | 0.1      | -8.7  | -2.6     | -2.6 | -2.2             |
|                     | AVE. | -5.8     | -3.7 | -3.6     | -13.8 | -6.3     | -6.0 |                  |

Figure 10 – Efficiency for 1DX M.2 Module Mounted on iMX OEM Carrier Board

# <Directivity>

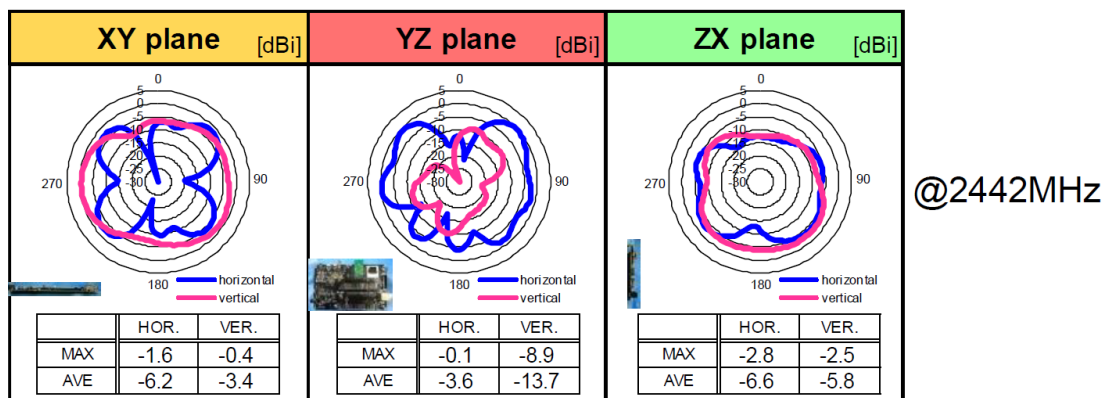


Figure 11 – Directivity for 1DX M.2 Module Mounted on iMX OEM Carrier Board

### 4.3.2 1DX M.2 Module Standalone

The 3D directivity measurements are presented below for the 2.4 GHz when the 1DX M.2 module is standalone.

@2442MHz

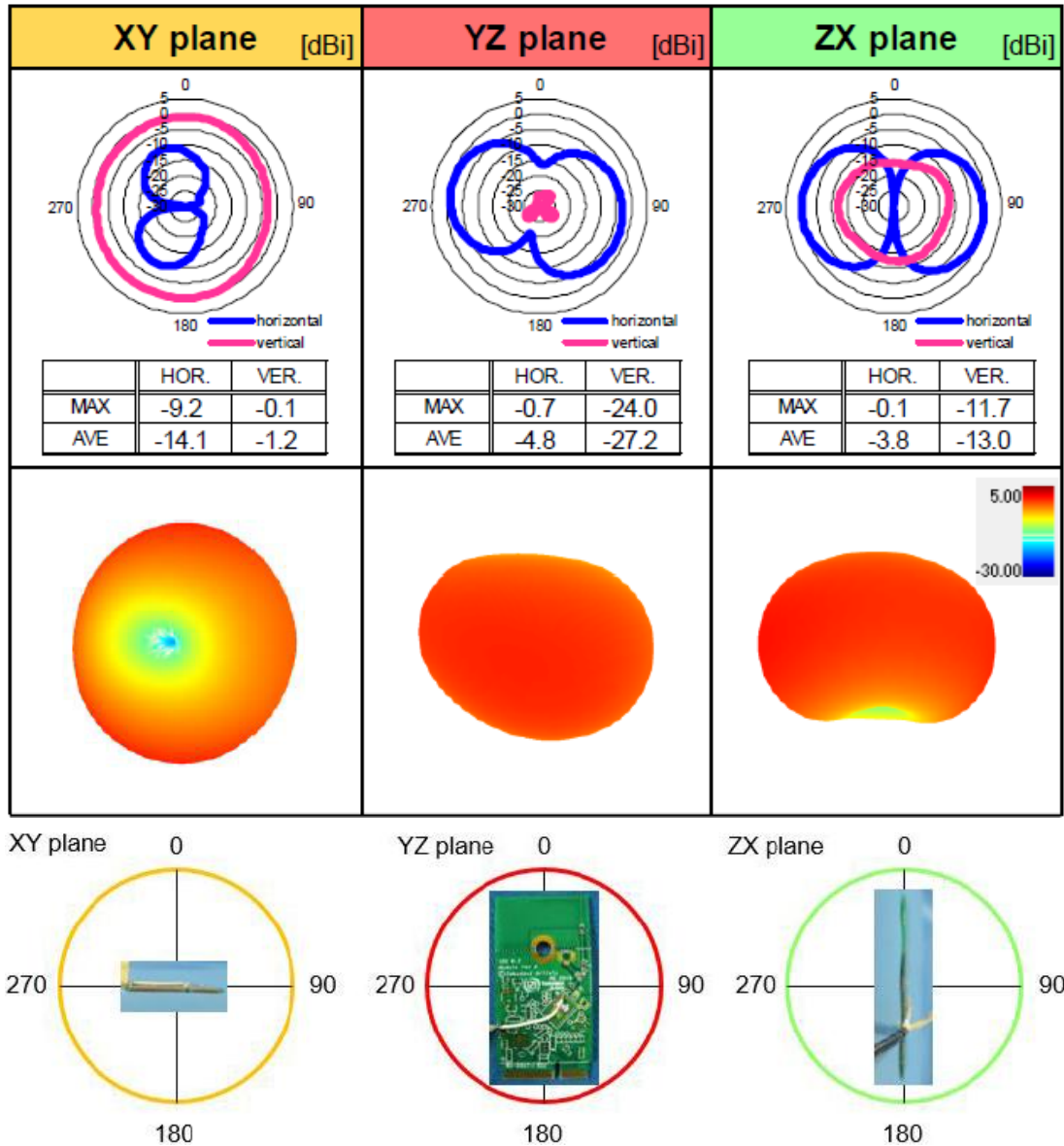


Figure 12 – 3D Directivity Measurements Plane Orientations

The pictures below illustrates the return loss, efficiency and directivity when the 1DX M.2 module is standalone.

# <Return Loss>

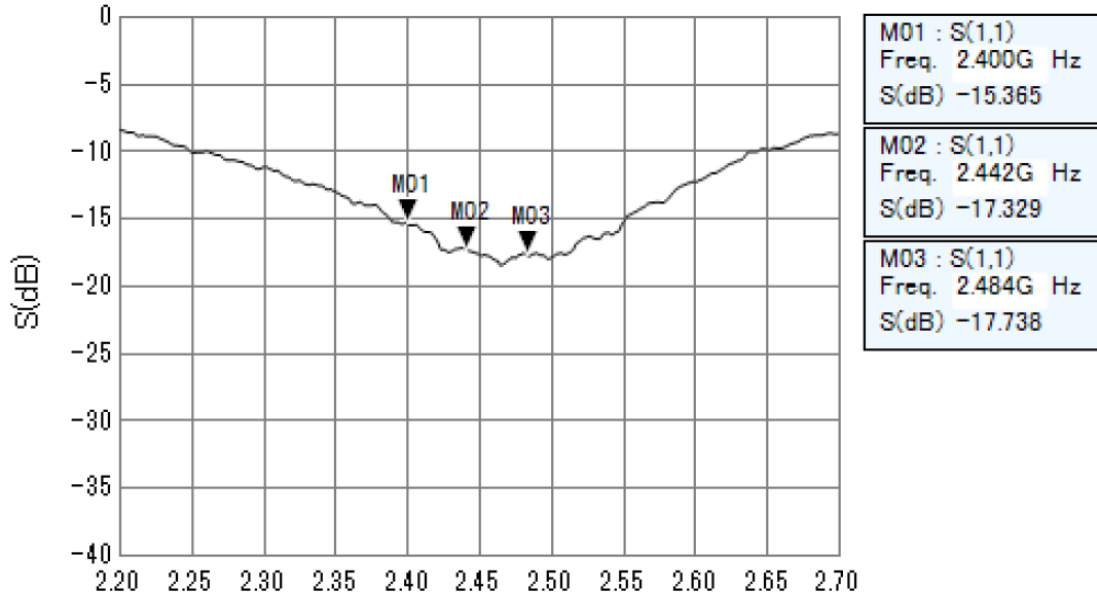


Figure 13 – Return Loss for 1DX M.2 Module Standalone

# <Efficiency>

| LINEAR POLARIZATION |      | XY-plane     |             | YZ-plane    |              | ZX-plane    |              | Total Efficiency |
|---------------------|------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
|                     |      | hor.         | ver.        | hor.        | ver.         | hor.        | ver.         |                  |
| 2400 MHz            | MAX. | -9.5         | -0.5        | -0.7        | -23.5        | -0.5        | -11.4        | -2.9             |
|                     | AVE. | -14.2        | -1.3        | -4.7        | -27.7        | -4.0        | -12.9        |                  |
| 2442 MHz            | MAX. | <b>-9.2</b>  | <b>-0.1</b> | <b>-0.7</b> | <b>-24.0</b> | <b>-0.1</b> | <b>-11.7</b> | <b>-2.8</b>      |
|                     | AVE. | <b>-14.1</b> | <b>-1.2</b> | <b>-4.8</b> | <b>-27.2</b> | <b>-3.8</b> | <b>-13.0</b> |                  |
| 2484 MHz            | MAX. | -9.4         | 0.2         | -0.4        | -23.6        | -0.2        | -11.9        | -2.7             |
|                     | AVE. | -14.3        | -1.0        | -4.8        | -27.4        | -3.7        | -13.1        |                  |

Figure 14 – Efficiency for 1DX M.2 Module Standalone

# <Directivity>

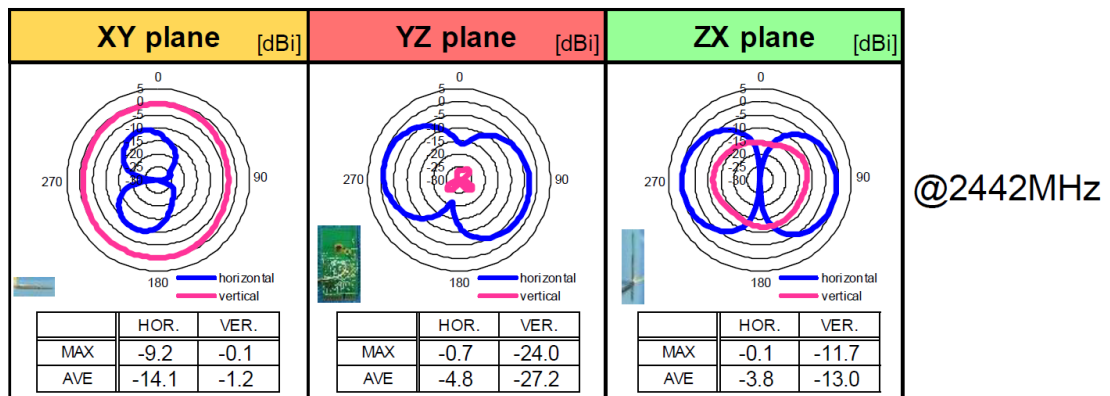


Figure 15 – Directivity for 1DX M.2 Module Standalone

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