



# BTS7203U

3.3 GHz - 4.2 GHz RX Analog Front-End IC

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Product data sheet

## 1 General description

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The BTS7203U is a dual channel Receiver Analog Front-End module (RX AFE) available in a leadframe HVQFN package.

The BTS7203U is designed for 5G mMIMO Infrastructure applications. The BTS7203U includes 2 independent receive channels with a low noise amplifier (LNA) with variable gain control. Each channel also has a switch for high-power TX signals.

The device is matched to 50  $\Omega$  and integrates harmonic and out-of-band filtering which minimizes the layout area in the application.

## 2 Features and benefits

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- Operating frequency range 3.3 GHz - 4.2 GHz
- 170 mW power dissipation per channel
- RX power gain 36 dB
- RX power gain attenuation step 6 dB
- Typical Noise Figure 1.3 dB
- High TX power handling 37 dBm (9 dB PAPR)
- Single-ended input /output RF ports matched to 50  $\Omega$
- Fast switching time between operation modes
- ESD protection on all pins
- Leadframe HVQFN package 5.0 mm x 5.0 mm x 0.85 mm with 32 pins

## 3 Applications

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- 5G mMIMO
- Wireless Infrastructure



## 4 Quick reference data

Table 1. Quick reference data

$f = 3.75$  GHz;  $V_{CC} = 3.3$  V,  $T_{case} = 50$  °C; input and output 50  $\Omega$ ; unless otherwise specified.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>High gain RX mode; signal from ANT to RX_OUT</b>						
$I_{CC}$	supply current		-	51	57	mA
$G_p$	power gain		34.5	36	37.5	dB
NF	noise figure		-	1.3	1.4	dB
IP <sub>3o</sub>	output third-order intercept point	2-tones at 10 MHz distance, $P_i = -40$ dBm each tone	20	23	-	dBm
$P_{i(1dB)}$	input power at 1 dB gain compression		-25	-24	-	dBm
<b>Low gain RX mode; signal from ANT to RX_OUT</b>						
$I_{CC}$	supply current		-	51	57	mA
$G_p$	power gain		28.5	30	31.5	dB
$\alpha_{step}$	attenuation step		5.3	6	6.4	dB
NF	noise figure		-	1.5	1.6	dB
IP <sub>3o</sub>	output third-order intercept point	2-tones at 10 MHz distance, $P_i = -40$ dBm each tone	-	22	-	dBm
$P_{i(1dB)}$	input power at 1 dB gain compression		-19	-18	-	dBm
<b>TX mode; signal from ANT to TERM</b>						
$I_{CC}$	supply current		-	5.9	6.5	mA
$P_{i(AV)TX}$	maximum average input power in TX mode <sup>[1]</sup>	applied on ANT pin, 10 years, $T_{case(AV)} = 99$ °C <sup>[2]</sup>	34	-	-	dBm
		applied on ANT pin, 10 seconds, $T_{case} = 105$ °C <sup>[3]</sup>	37	-	-	dBm

[1] CP-OFDM with 9 dB PAPR, BW = 100 MHz, QPSK modulated, SCS = 60 kHz, fully allocated

[2]  $T_{case(AV)}$  is an equivalent temperature that yields the same aging over life time as the expected temperature profile which includes temperatures up to 105 °C

[3] See [Table 7](#)

## 5 Ordering information

Table 2. Ordering information

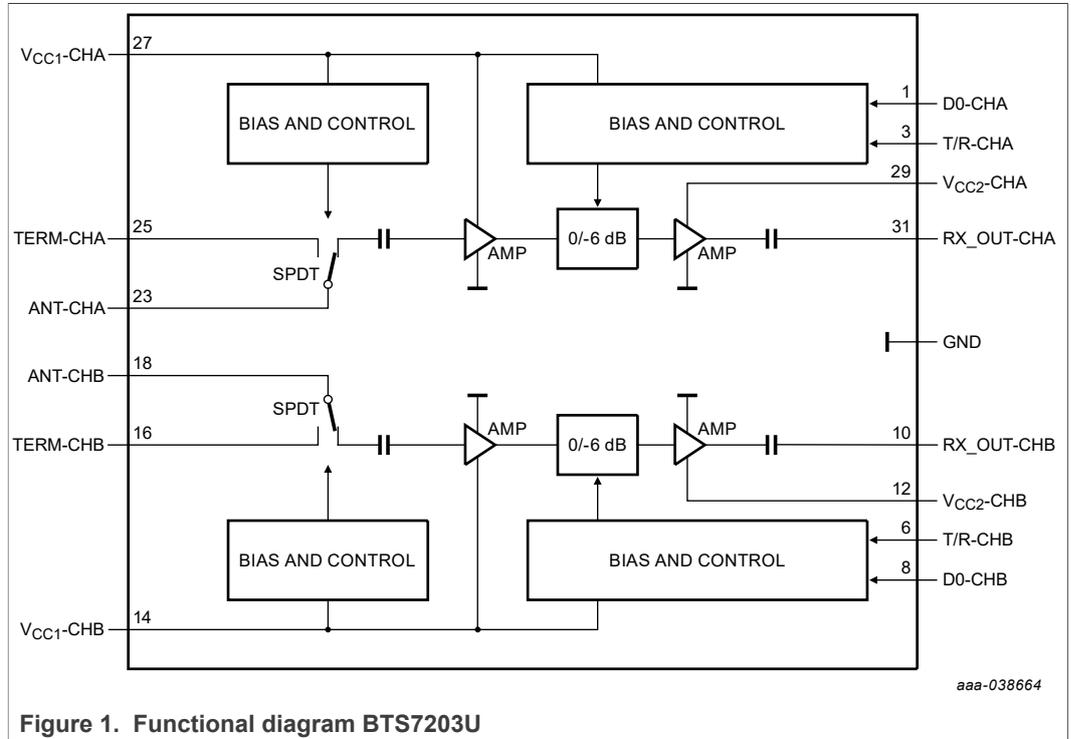
Type number	Orderable part number	Package		
		Name	Description	Version
BTS7203U	BTS7203UHP	HVQFN32	Plastic thermal enhanced very thin quad flat package; no leads; 32 terminals; body 5.0 mm x 5.0 mm x 0.85 mm	SOT617-3

## 6 Marking

Table 3. Marking

Type number	Marking code
BTS7203U	7203U

**7 Functional diagram**



**Figure 1. Functional diagram BTS7203U**

## 8 Pinning information

### 8.1 Pin diagram

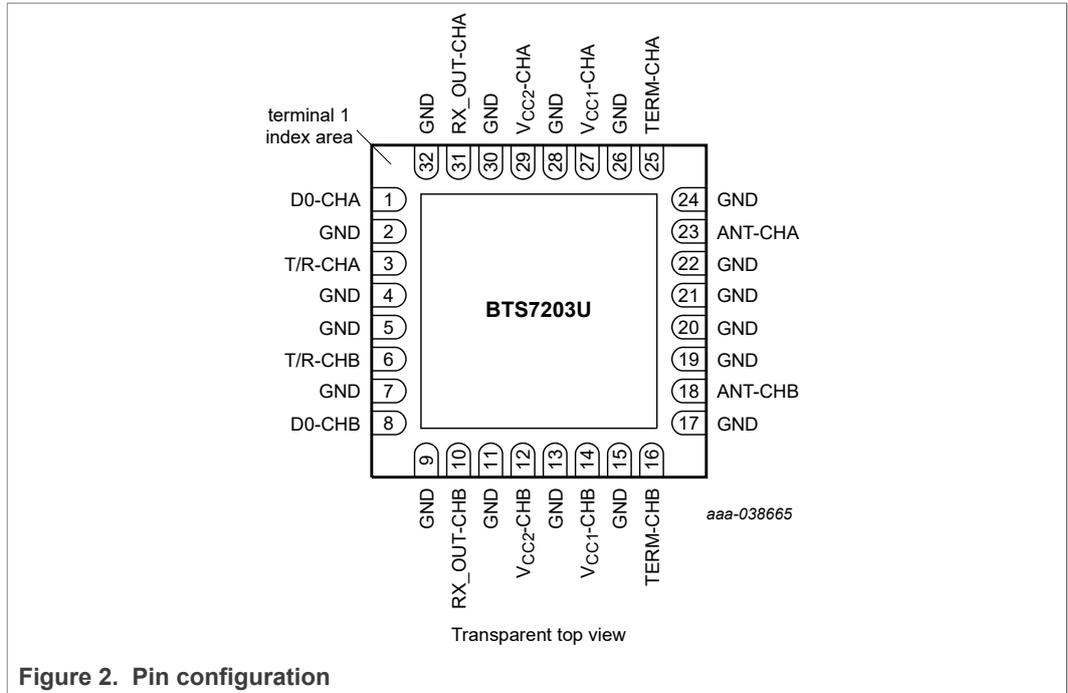


Figure 2. Pin configuration

### 8.2 Pin description

Table 4.

Pin	Symbol	Description
1	D0-CHA	Select attenuation for channel A
2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, and 32	GND	Ground reference
3	T/R-CHA	Select RX mode / TX mode for channel A
6	T/R-CHB	Select RX mode / TX mode for channel B
8	D0-CHB	Select attenuation for channel B
10	RX_OUT-CHB	RF output for channel B (50 Ω, single ended)
12, 14	V <sub>CC</sub> -CHB	Supply voltage for channel B
16	TERM-CHB	Termination RF output for channel B (50 Ω, single ended, DC at 0 V)
18	ANT-CHB	RF input for channel B (50 Ω, single ended, DC at 0 V)
23	ANT-CHA	RF input for channel A (50 Ω, single ended, DC at 0 V)
25	TERM-CHA	Termination RF output for channel A (50 Ω, single ended, DC at 0 V)
27, 29	V <sub>CC</sub> -CHA	Supply voltage for channel A
31	RX_OUT-CHA	RF output for channel A (50 Ω, single ended)
Die paddle	GND	Ground reference

## 9 Functional description

### 9.1 Modes of operation

Table 5. Modes of operation for channel A

T/R-CHA	D0-CHA	Mode of Operation
Low	Low	RX High gain mode for channel A
Low	High	RX 6 dB reduced-gain mode for channel A
High	Low/High	TX mode for channel A

Table 6. Modes of operation for channel B

T/R-CHB	D0-CHB	Mode of Operation
Low	Low	RX High gain mode for channel B
Low	High	RX 6 dB reduced-gain mode for channel B
High	Low/High	TX mode for channel B

## 10 Limiting values

**Table 7. Limiting values**

In accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 60134)

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Max	Unit
$V_{CC}$	supply voltage		-0.3	6	V
$VDC_{(ctrl\_pins)}$	DC voltage on control pins	applied on control pins D0 and T/R	-0.3	3.45	V
$VDC_{(RF\_pins)}$	DC voltage on RF pins	applied on both ANT, and both TERM, RF pins	0	0	V
$P_{I(AV)RX}$	average input power in RX mode <sup>[1]</sup>	applied on ANT pin, 24 hours, $T_{case} = 105\text{ °C}$	-	11	dBm
$P_{I(AV)TX}$	average input power in TX mode <sup>[1]</sup>	applied on ANT pin, 10 seconds, $T_{case} = 105\text{ °C}$	37	39	dBm
$T_{stg}$	storage temperature		-40	150	°C
$T_j$	junction temperature		-	150	°C
$V_{ESD}$	electrostatic discharge voltage	Human Body Model (HBM) according to ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC standard JS-001	-2	2	kV
		Charged Device Model (CDM) according to ANSI/ESDA/JEDEC standard JS-002	-500	500	V

[1] CP-OFDM with 9 dB PAPR, BW = 100 MHz, QPSK modulated, SCS = 60 kHz, fully allocated

## 11 Recommended operating conditions

**Table 8. Recommended operating conditions**

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$f_{oper}$	operating frequency		3.3	-	4.2	GHz
$Z_0$	characteristic impedance		-	50	-	$\Omega$
$V_{CC}$	supply voltage	on pins $V_{CC1}$ , and $V_{CC2}$ <sup>[1]</sup>	3.15	3.3	3.45	V
$V_{IH}$	HIGH-level input voltage	at pins D0, and T/R	1.2	1.8	2.5	V
$V_{IL}$	LOW-level input voltage	at pins D0, and T/R	0	-	0.6	V
$T_{case}$	case temperature	exposed die paddle at package bottom	-40	50	105	°C

[1] channel A and channel B can be used independently

## 12 Thermal characteristics

**Table 9. Thermal characteristics**

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$R_{th(j-case)}$	channel-junction to case thermal resistance	TX mode	-	49	-	K/W
		RX mode	-	55	-	K/W

### 13 Characteristics

**Table 10. Characteristics**

$f = 3.75 \text{ GHz}$ ;  $V_{CC} = 3.3 \text{ V}$ ,  $T_{case} = 50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; input and output  $50 \text{ } \Omega$ ; unless otherwise specified.

Characteristics apply to each channel A and B separately.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
<b>High gain RX mode; signal from ANT to RX_OUT</b>						
$I_{cc}$	supply current		-	51	57	mA
$G_p$	power gain		34.5	36	37.5	dB
		$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ , $T_{case} = -40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C to } 105 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	33.5	-	39	dB
$G_{flat}$	gain flatness	in 200 MHz band	-	-	0.5	dB
NF	noise figure		-	1.3	1.4	dB
		$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ , $T_{case} = -40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C to } 105 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	-	-	1.7	dB
$RL_i$	input return loss	$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$	12	17	-	dB
$RL_o$	output return loss	$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$	12	17	-	dB
$RL_{align(RX-TX)}$	return loss alignment RX-TX	$R_{TERM} = 50 \text{ } \Omega$ , $f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$	12	-	-	dB
$\alpha_{isol(ch-ch)}$	isolation channel to channel	$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ <sup>[1]</sup>	40	42	-	dB
$G_{rel(f2/f0)}$	relative gain ( $G_{r2}/G_{f0}$ )	$f_0 = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ , $f_2 = 2 \times f_0$	-	-35	-25	dB
$G_{rel(f3/f0)}$	relative gain ( $G_{r3}/G_{f0}$ )	$f_0 = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ , $f_3 = 3 \times f_0$	-	-50	-45	dB
$\alpha_{2Ho}$	output second harmonic level	$P_o = 0 \text{ dBm}$	-	-56	-40	dBm
$\alpha_{3Ho}$	output third harmonic level	$P_o = 0 \text{ dBm}$	-	-69	-58	dBm
IP3 <sub>o</sub>	output third-order intercept point	2-tones at 10 MHz distance, $P_i = -40 \text{ dBm}$ each tone	20	23	-	dBm
		2-tones at 10 MHz distance, $P_i = -40 \text{ dBm}$ each tone, $f_0 = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ , $T_{case} = -40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C to } 105 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	18	-	-	dBm
$P_{i(1dB)}$	input power at 1 dB gain compression		-25	-24	-	dBm
K	stability factor	1 MHz to 20 GHz, $T_{case} = -40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C to } 105 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	1	-	-	-
<b>Low gain RX mode; signal from ANT to RX_OUT</b>						
$I_{cc}$	supply current		-	51	57	mA
$G_p$	power gain		28.5	30	31.5	dB
		$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ , $T_{case} = -40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C to } 105 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	27.5	-	33	dB
$\alpha_{step}$	attenuation step		5.3	6	6.4	dB
$G_{flat}$	gain flatness	in 200 MHz band	-	-	1.55	dB
NF	noise figure		-	1.5	1.6	dB
		$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ , $T_{case} = -40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C to } 105 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	-	-	2.3	dB
$RL_i$	input return loss	$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$	12	17	-	dB
$RL_o$	output return loss	$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$	12	17	-	dB
$RL_{align(RX-TX)}$	return loss alignment RX-TX	$R_{TERM} = 50 \text{ } \Omega$ , $f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$	12	-	-	dB

**Table 10. Characteristics...continued**

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Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
$\alpha_{isol(ch-ch)}$	isolation channel to channel	$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ <sup>[1]</sup>	40	42	-	dB
$G_{rel(f_2/f_0)}$	relative gain ( $G_{f_2}/G_{f_0}$ )	$f_0 = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ , $f_2 = 2 \times f_0$	-	-35	-25	dB
$G_{rel(f_3/f_0)}$	relative gain ( $G_{f_3}/G_{f_0}$ )	$f_0 = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ , $f_3 = 3 \times f_0$	-	-50	-45	dB
$\alpha_{2Ho}$	output second harmonic level	$P_o = 0 \text{ dBm}$	-	-56	-45	dBm
$\alpha_{3Ho}$	output third harmonic level	$P_o = 0 \text{ dBm}$	-	-65	-55	dBm
$IP_{3o}$	output third-order intercept point	2-tones at 10 MHz distance, $P_i = -40 \text{ dBm}$ each tone	20	22	-	dBm
		2-tones at 10 MHz distance, $P_i = -40 \text{ dBm}$ each tone, $f_0 = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$ , $T_{case} = -40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C to } 105 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	17	-	-	dBm
$P_{i(1dB)}$	input power at 1 dB gain compression		-19	-18	-	dBm
K	stability factor	1 MHz to 20 GHz, $T_{case} = -40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C to } 105 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	1	-	-	-
<b>TX mode; signal from ANT to TERM</b>						
$I_{cc}$	supply current		-	5.9	6.5	mA
IL	insertion loss	from ANT to TERM	-	0.55	0.6	dB
$RL_i$	input return loss	$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$	12	22	-	dB
$RL_o$	output return loss	$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$	12	22	-	dB
$\alpha_{isol(ANT-RX)}$	isolation between ANT to RX_OUT	$f = 3.3 \text{ GHz to } 4.2 \text{ GHz}$	55	-	-	dB
$P_{i(AV)TX}$	Maximum average input power in TX mode <sup>[2]</sup>	applied on ANT pin, lifetime (10 yrs), $T_{case(AV)} = 99 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ <sup>[3]</sup>	34	-	-	dBm
<b>Switching between modes</b>						
$t_{sw(a)RX}$	switching time RX attenuation		-	-	100	ns
$t_{sw(RX-TX)}$	switching from RX to TX	for the power transient at RX_OUT	-	-	0.5	$\mu\text{s}$
$t_{sw(TX-RX)}$	switching from TX to RX		-	-	1	$\mu\text{s}$

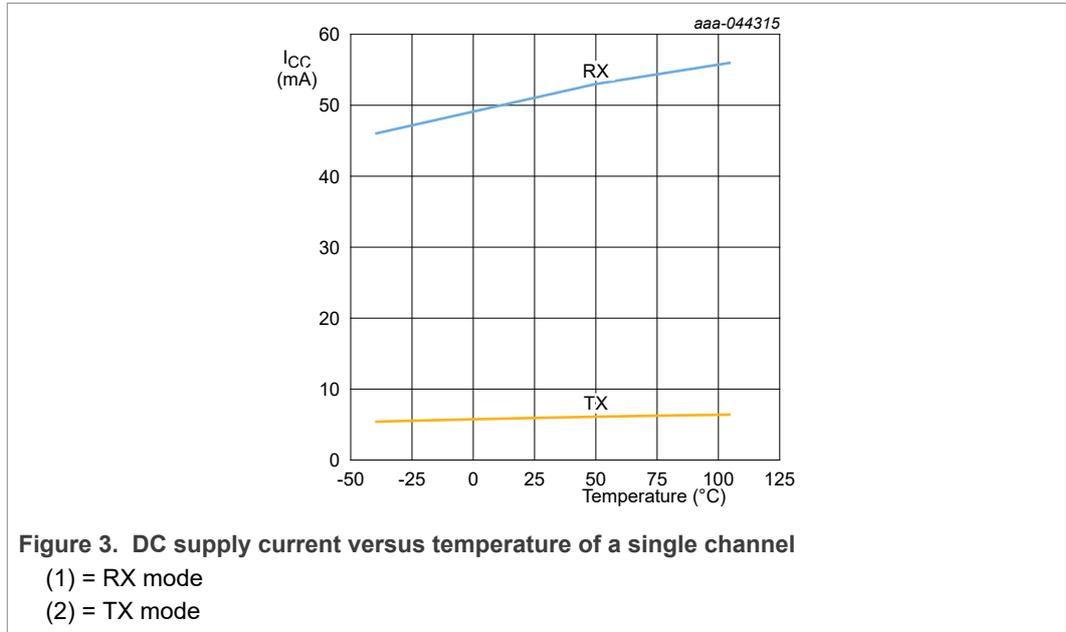
[1]  $G_p$  [ANT-CHA, RX\_OUT-CHA] /  $G_p$  [ANT-CHB, RX\_OUT-CHA]

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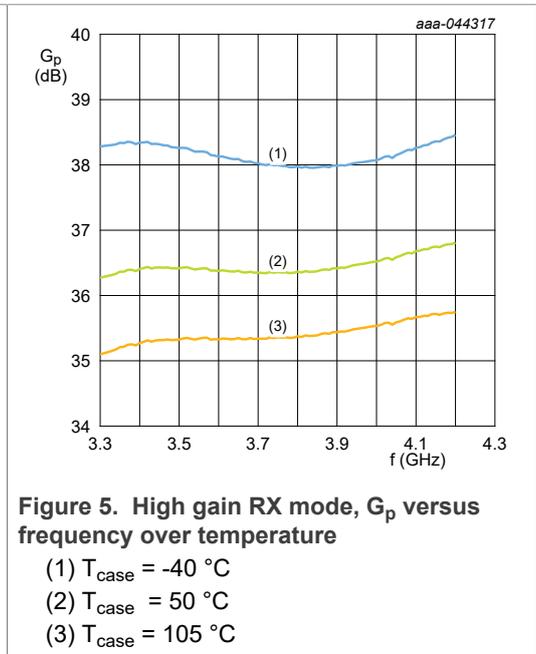
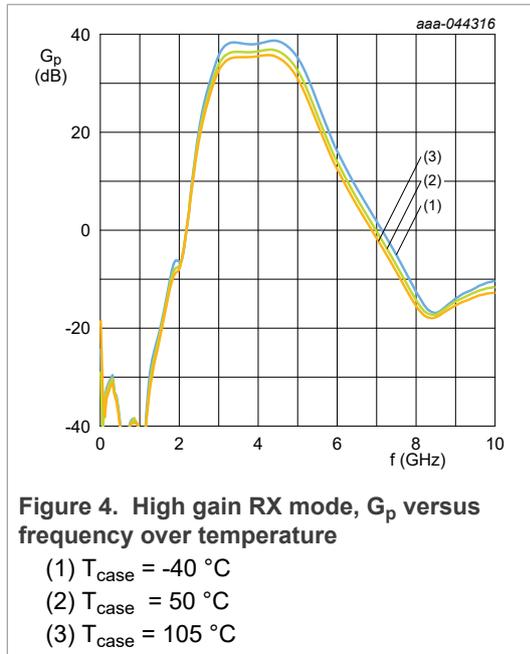
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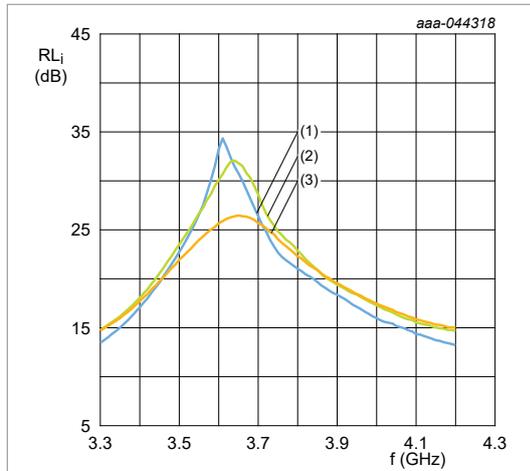
**14 Graphs**

**14.1 All modes**

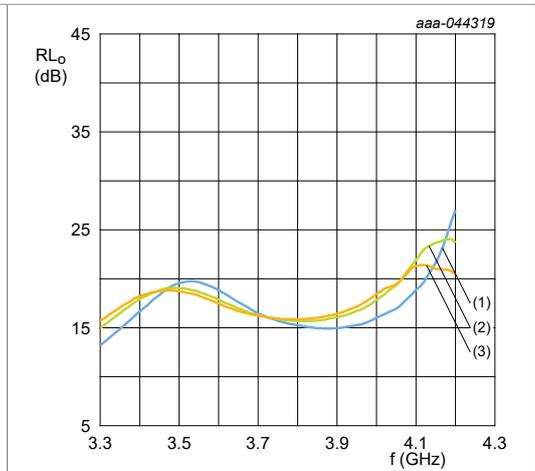


**14.2 High gain RX mode**

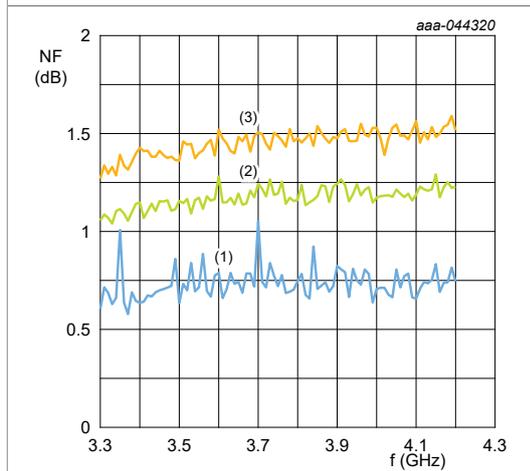




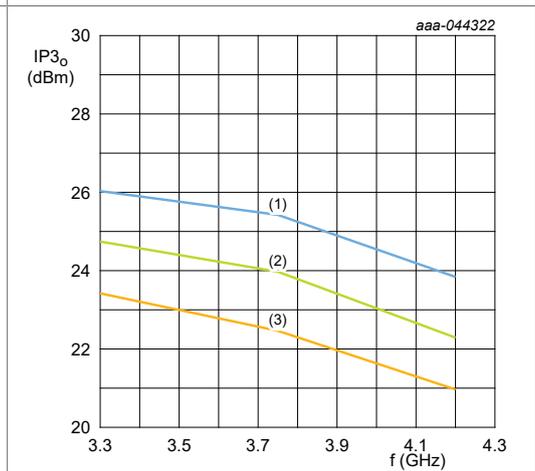
**Figure 6. High gain RX mode,  $RL_i$  versus frequency over temperature**  
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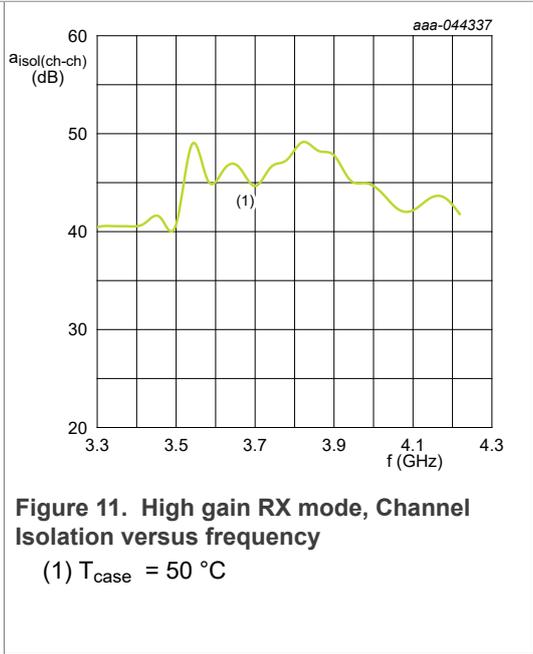
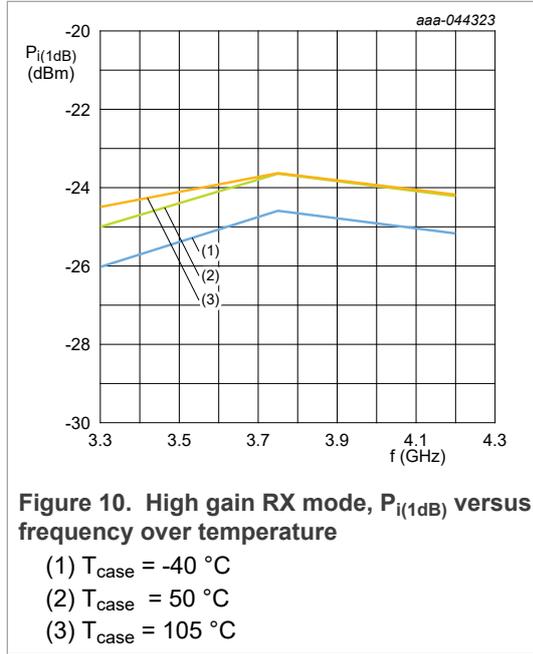
**Figure 7. High gain RX mode,  $RL_o$  versus frequency over temperature**  
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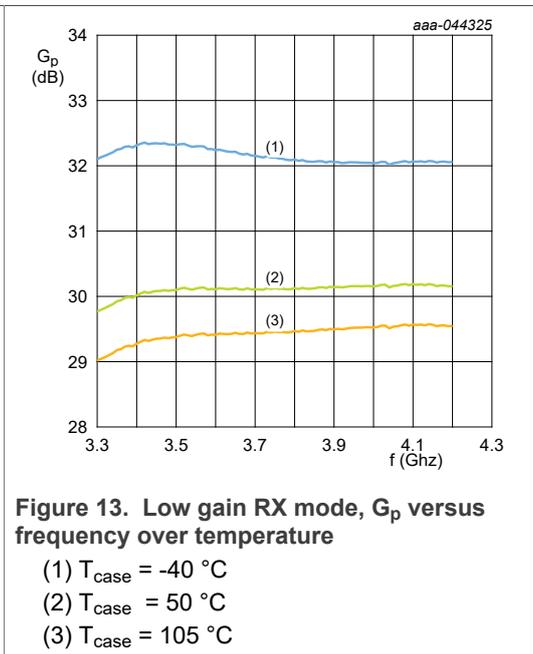
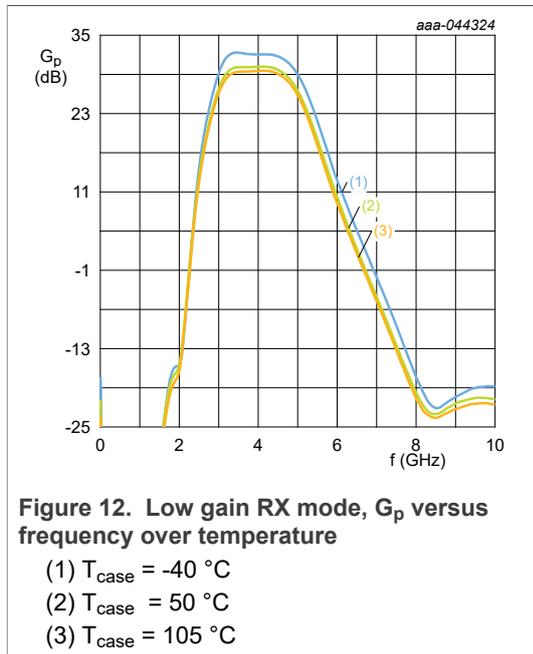
**Figure 8. High gain RX mode, NF versus frequency over temperature**  
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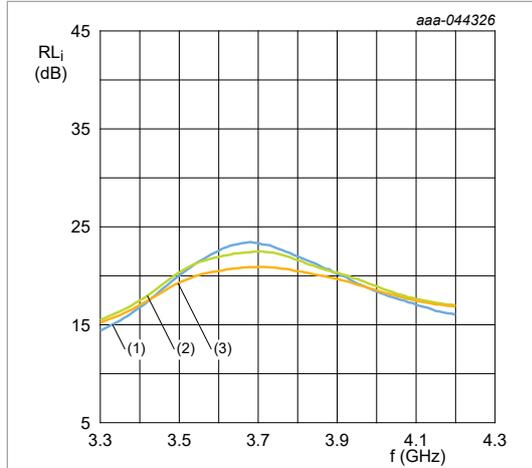


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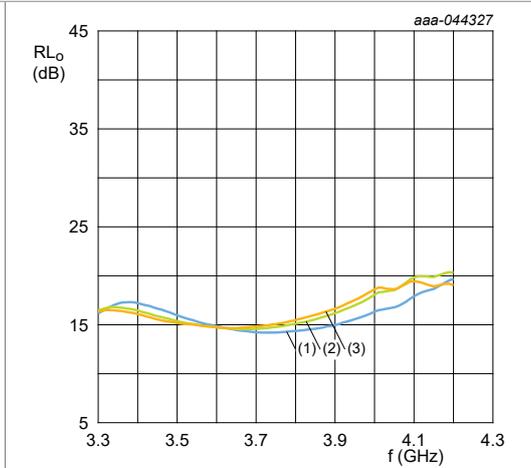


14.3 Low gain RX mode

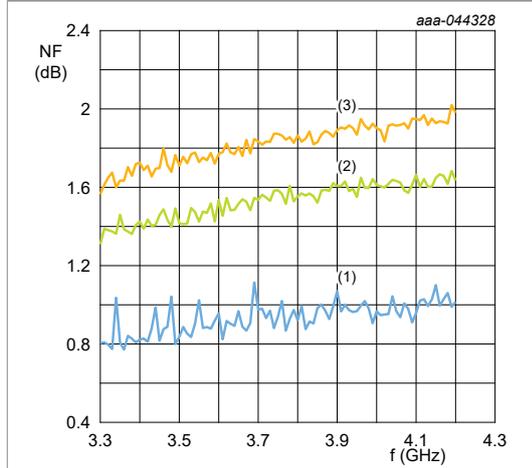




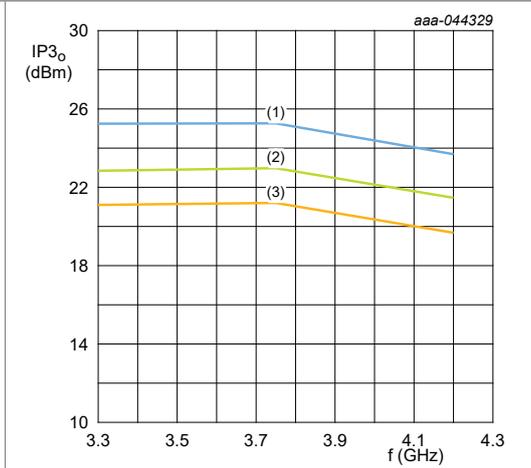
**Figure 14. Low gain RX mode,  $RL_i$  versus frequency over temperature**  
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 (3)  $T_{case} = 105\text{ °C}$



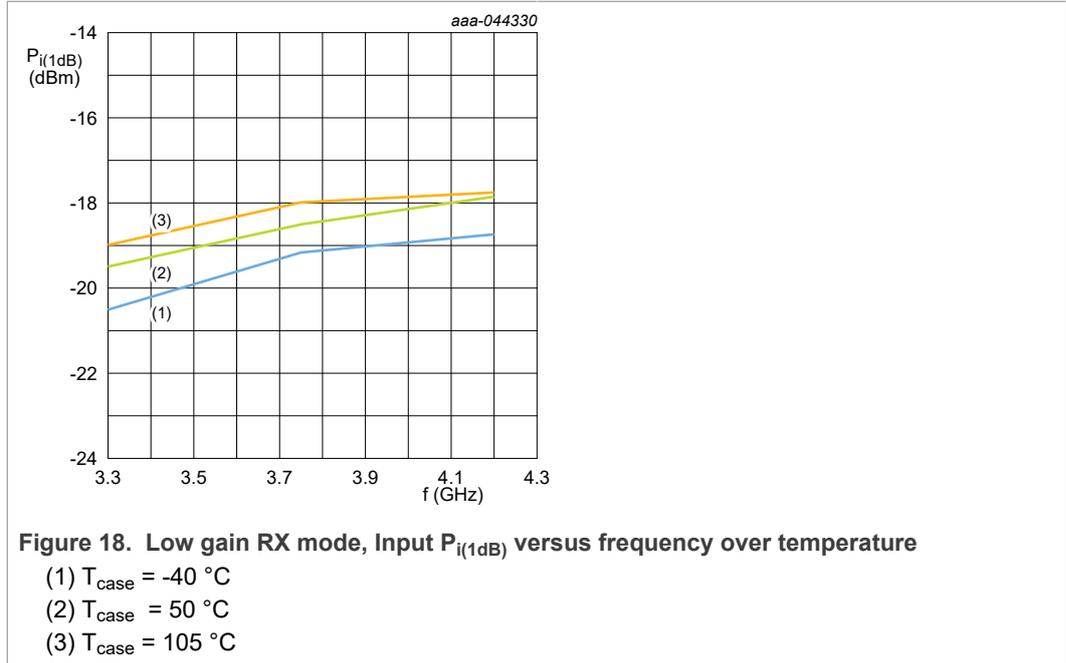
**Figure 15. Low gain RX mode,  $RL_o$  versus frequency over temperature**  
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 (3)  $T_{case} = 105\text{ °C}$



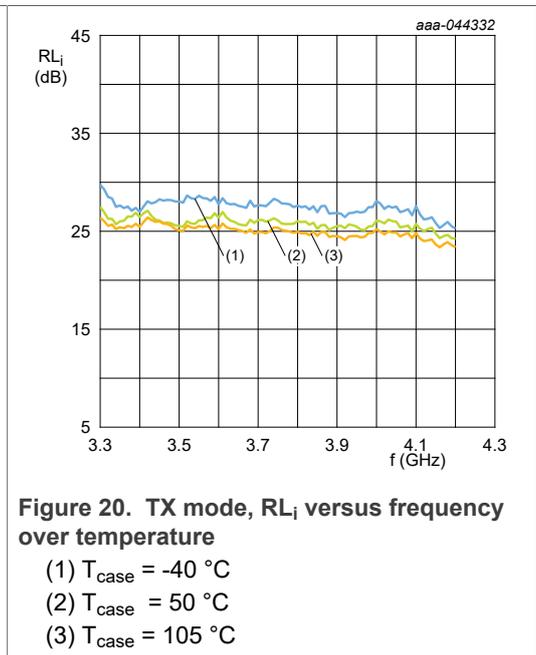
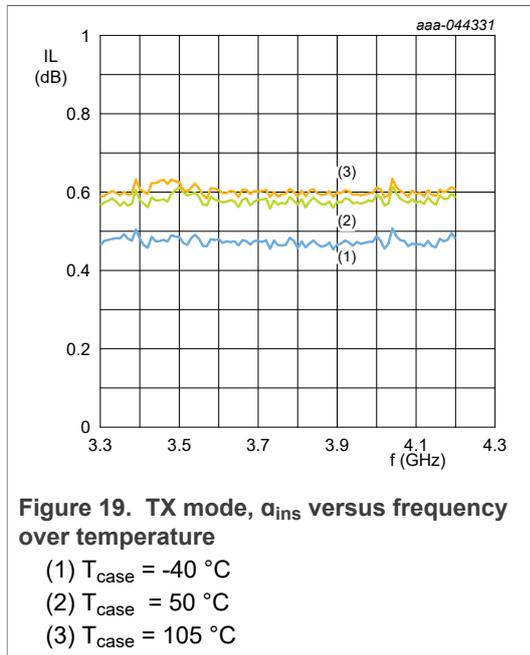
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 (3)  $T_{case} = 105\text{ °C}$

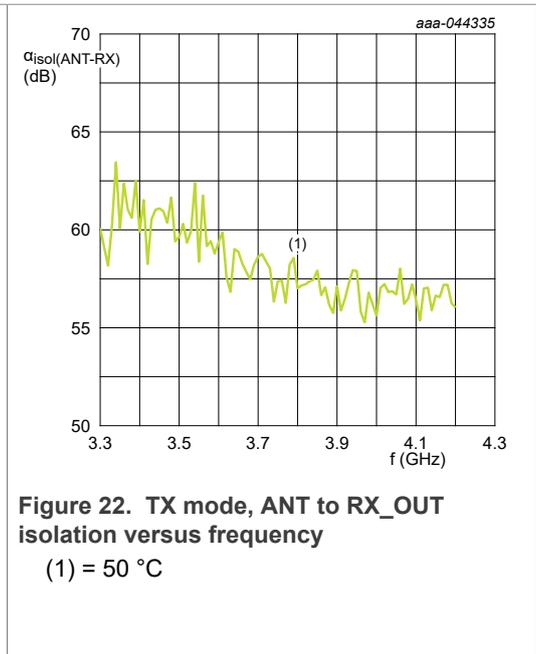
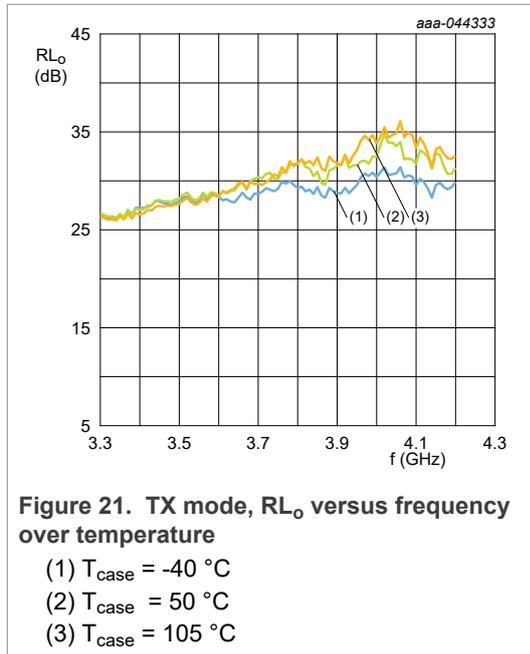


**Figure 17. Low gain RX mode,  $IP3_o$  versus frequency over temperature**  
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 (3)  $T_{case} = 105\text{ °C}$



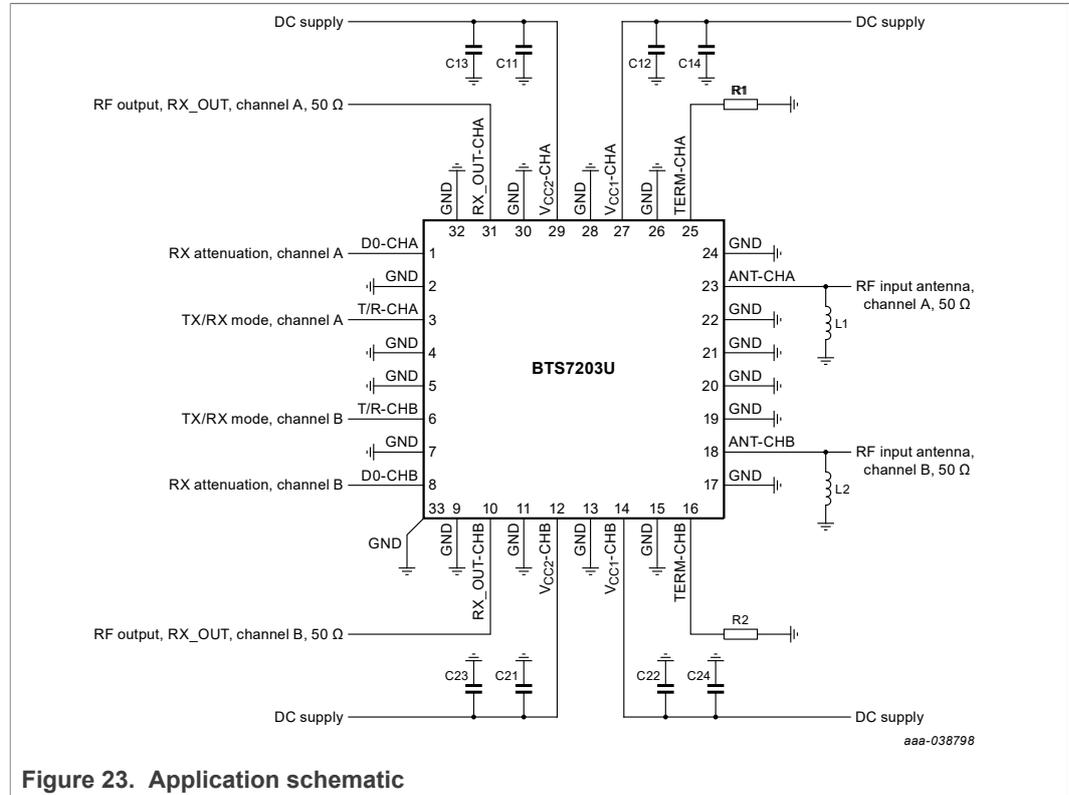
14.4 TX mode





**15 Application information**

**Table 11. Application schematic**

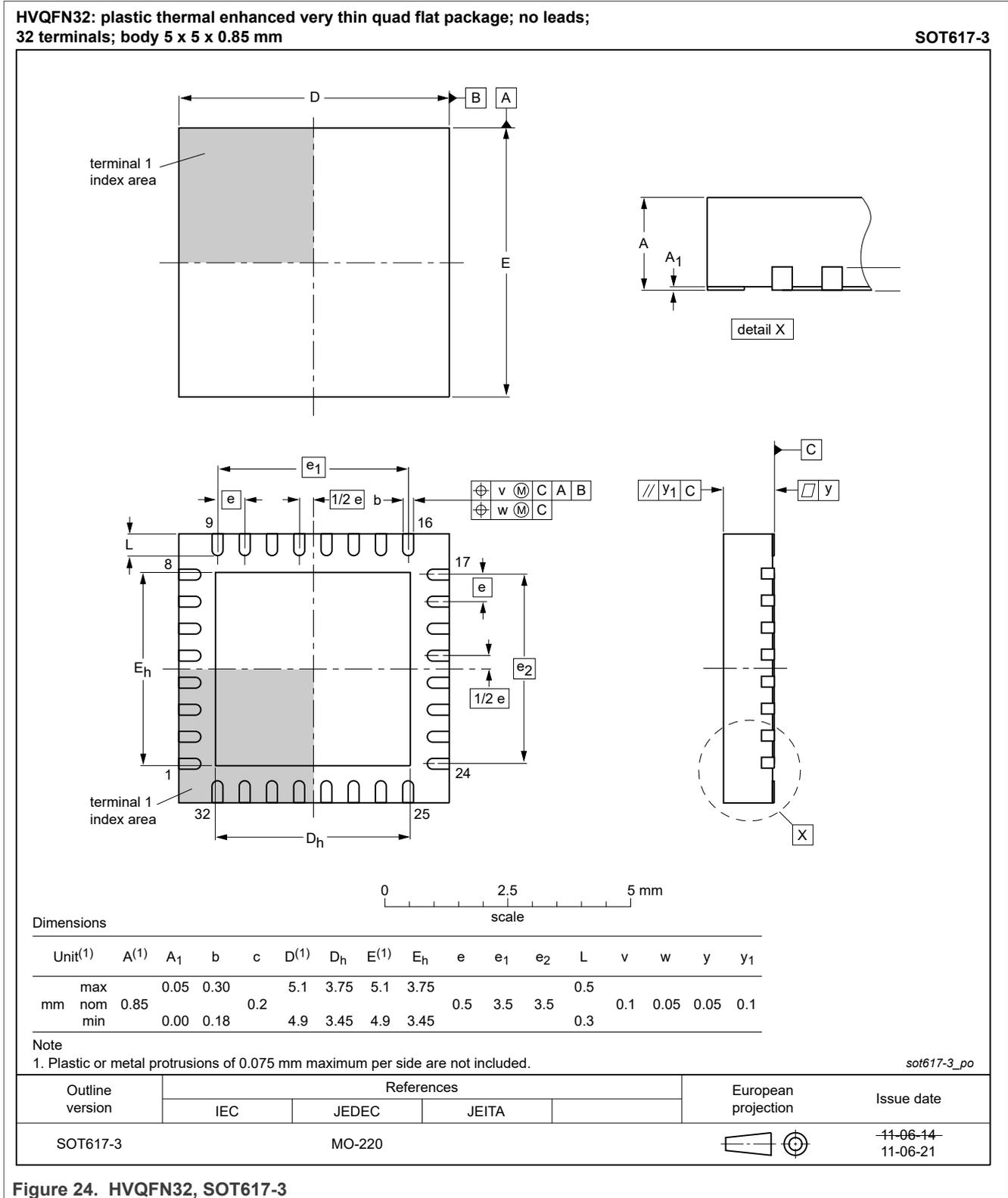


**Figure 23. Application schematic**

**Table 12. List of components**

Component	Description	Value	amount	Remarks
R1, and R2	load resistor	50 Ω, 50 W	2	must be able to withstand 34 dBm average power over lifetime
C11, C12, C21, and C22	capacitor	10 nF	4	as close as possible, less than 10 mm from IC
C13, C14, C23, and C24	capacitor	1 μF	4	as close as possible, less than 10 mm from IC
L1, and L2	inductor	120 nH	2	high-Q inductor, close to IC. Inductor is recommended to improve the switching time with a low ohmic connection at the ANT port.

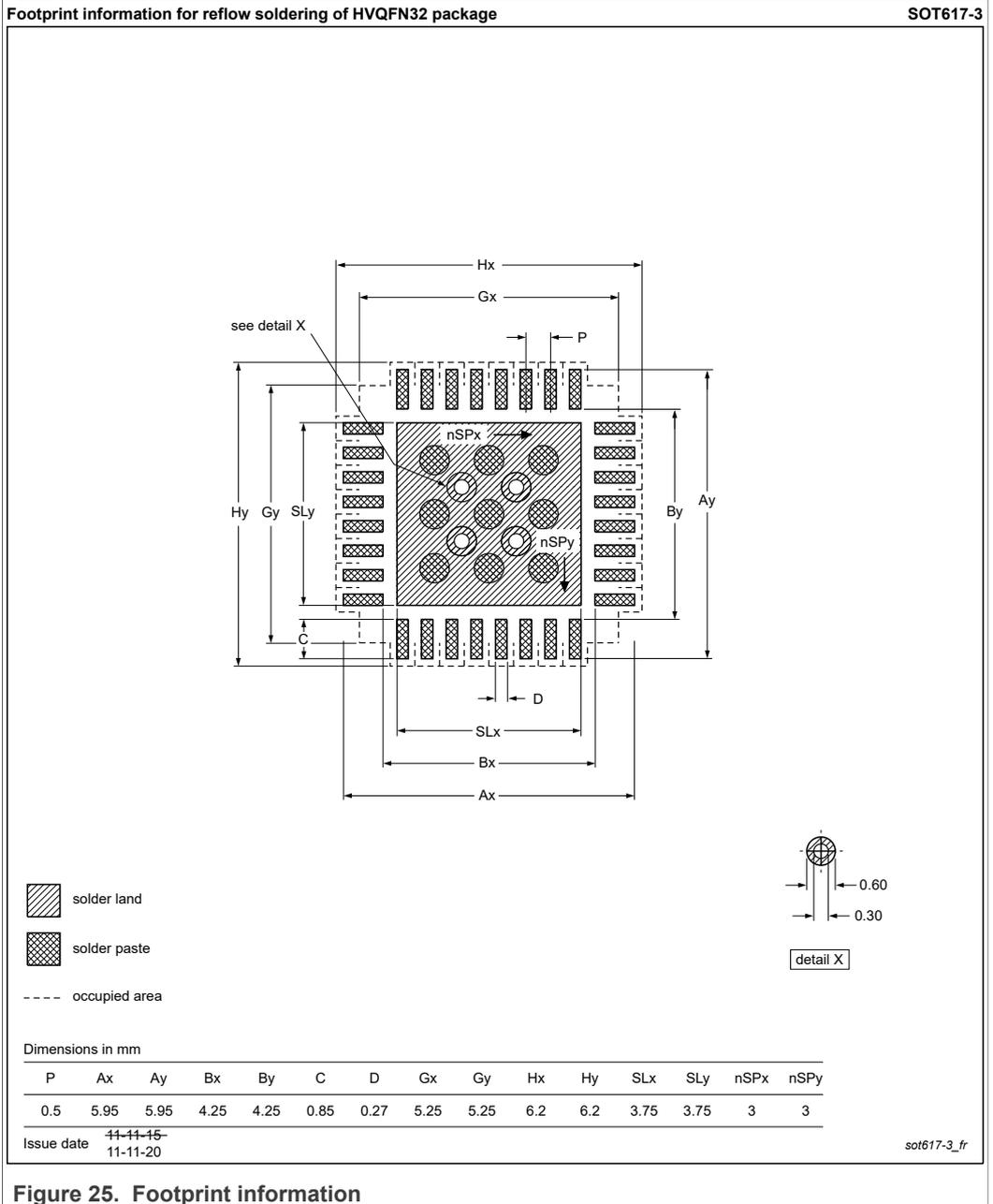
**16 Package outline**



**Figure 24. HVQFN32, SOT617-3**

**16.1 Footprint and solder information**

NXP recommends by default to apply the soldering and footprint guidelines as are released in POD SOT617-3.



## 17 Handling information

CAUTION	
	<p>This device is sensitive to ElectroStatic Discharge (ESD). Observe precautions for handling electrostatic sensitive devices.</p> <p>Such precautions are described in the <i>ANSI/ESD S20.20</i>, <i>IEC/ST 61340-5</i>, <i>JESD625-A</i> or equivalent standards.</p>

## 18 Abbreviations

Table 13. Abbreviations

Acronym	Description
AMP	amplifier
ANT	antenna
CP-OFDM	cyclic prefix orthogonal frequency division multiplexing
D0	data line 0
ESD	electrostatic discharge
HVQFN	heat sink very thin quad flat no-leads
LNA	low noise amplifier
mMIMO	massive multiple-input multiple-output
PAPR	peak to average power ratio
QPSK	quadrature phase shift keying
SCS	sub carrier spacing
SPDT	single pull double throw
TERM	termination
T/R	transmit/receive mode

## 19 Revision history

Table 14. Revision history

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modification				
BTS7203U v.3	20210409	Objective data sheet	-	BTS7203U v.2.3
modification				
BTS7203U v.2.3	20210317	Objective data sheet	-	BTS7203U v.2.2
modification				
BTS7203U v.2.2	20210311	Objective data sheet	-	BTS7203U v.2.1
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BTS7203U v.2.1	20210224	Objective data sheet	-	BTS7203U v.2
modification				
BTS7203U v.2	20200903	Objective data sheet	-	BTS7203U v.1
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