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stay ahead of next generation IoT
with the latest in <wireless tech>

nRF9160 Product Brief

Welcome and introduction

Svenn-Tore Larsen, CEO



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nRF91 Series; Product Readiness

Svein-Egil Nielsen, CTO

nRF91 Series with a large set of deliverables

- The nRF91 Series development deliverables:
 - nRF91 System-on-Chip (SoC) with RF, Baseband, Application MCU, Flash, RAM
 - nRF9160 System in Package (SiP); nRF91 SoC with RF Front End, Power Management System, Passives and Crystal in an ultra compact 10x16x1 mm SiP
 - LTE Connectivity for both cellular IOT protocol stacks
 - CAT-M
 - NB-IOT
 - GPS software
 - Certifications and approvals
 - SDK Software; MQTT, TLS, TCP, UDP, RTOS, Drivers
 - Cloud connectivity through nRFCloud

nRF9160 in production

- nRF9160 in volume ramp
 - Significant Wafer Starts
- Final hardware characterization and qualifications ongoing
- Minor adjustments to Silicon
- Variants in the pipeline



Hardware	Supported features	December 12 th 2018	April 30 th 2019
nRF9160-SICA	LTE-M/NB-IoT/GPS	Public Sampling	Production
nRF9160-SIBA	LTE-M		Production
nRF9160-SIAA	NB-IoT		Public Sampling

Connectivity and GPS Software Readiness

- Software solutions quickly maturing with Nordic's LTE-M software available first
- Release schedule of NB-IoT and GPS in place
- Limited sampling of NB-IoT and GPS



Software	December 12 th 2018	March 31 st 2019	July 31 st 2019
LTE-M	Public Sampling	Production	
NB-IoT		Public Sampling	Production
GPS		Public Sampling	Production

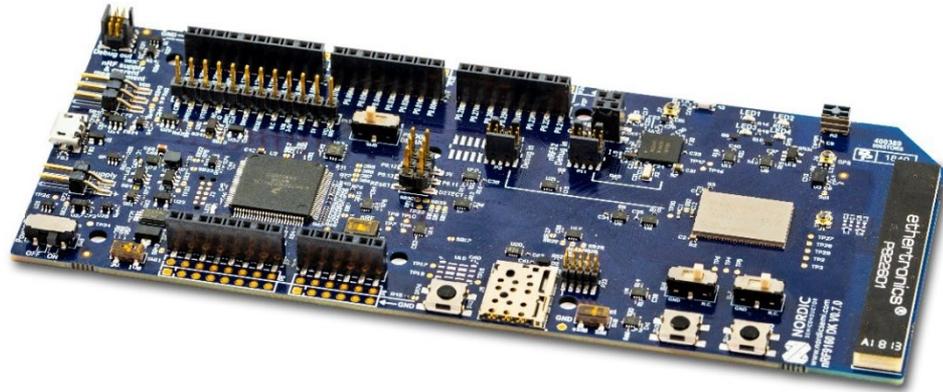
Certifications in place



- The key certifications are in place for a typical set of bands
- Ongoing activities to add additional band, additional territories and carrier specific certifications
- Status: nordicsemi.com/9160cert

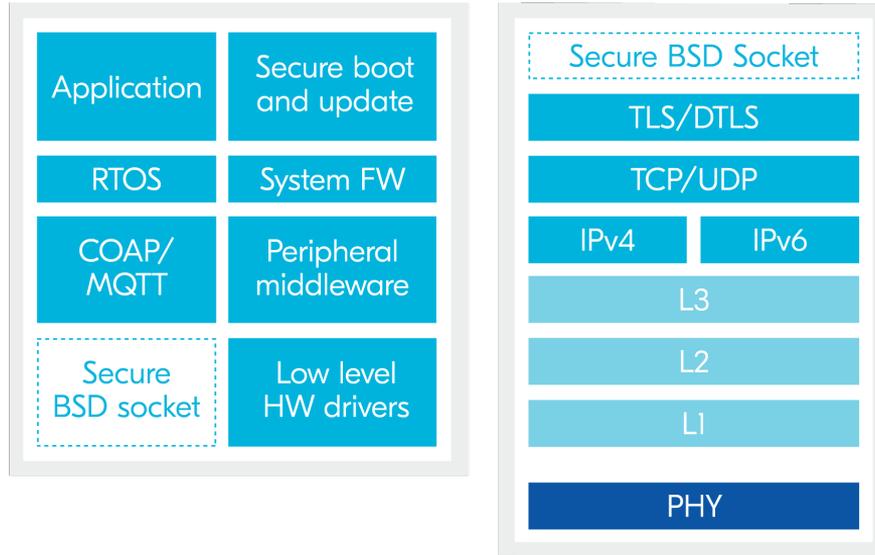
- The regulatory certifications are regional in nature and are required in order to sell radio equipment into a region. In essence, this testing ensures that the device behaves nicely in the spectrum and does not interfere unduly with other equipment.
- The GCF certification is designed to ensure compatibility with the LTE 3GPP specification so that it can communicate with the eNBs (base stations) over the LTE-M or NB-IoT subsets.

Development kits in mass production



The nRF9160 DK is an affordable, pre-certified single-board development kit for evaluation and development on the nRF9160 SiP for LTE-M and NB-IoT. It has a dedicated LTE-M and NB-IoT antenna that supports a wide range of bands, to operate globally. It has a dedicated antenna for GPS which is supported on the nRF9160.

Extensive SDK software offering



You can find the application SDK examples here:

<https://github.com/NordicPlayground/fw-nrfconnect-nrf/tree/master/samples/nrf9160>

- `asset_tracker` – sensor-to-cloud example using MQTT over TCP with TLS security
- `at_client` – tunnels AT commands to the modem
- `lte_ble_gateway` – collects data over Bluetooth and transfers it to a cloud server
- `secure_boot` – secure bootloader needed to run non-secure application code

Included now: MQTT, secure BSD sockets, peripheral and DK board drivers

Coming soon: flash writing, CoAP, HTTP, LWM2M, DFU

nRF9160 supported by nRF Connect for Cloud



nRF Connect for Cloud supports:

- SIM activation
- Development kit management
- Tracking of development kit metrics and geographical location
- Monitoring of cellular data usage
- Cellular data visualization
- Multiple connection of development kits
- Asset tracker example application

<https://nrfcloud.com>

nRF91 Series; Product excellence

Peder Rand, Product Manager Cellular IoT

New low power LTE technologies



	LTE-M	NB-IoT
Also known as	eMTC, LTE CAT-M1	LTE CAT-NB1
Bandwidth	1.4 MHz	200 kHz
Max throughput (UL/DL)	300/375 kbps	30/60 kbps
Range	<11 km	<15 km
Mobility	Yes	No
Roaming	Yes	Not yet
Battery lifetime	15 years	

LTE-M and NB-IoT strengths

Why it's important to do both...



- Higher throughput
- Low latency
- Roaming
- Mobility
- Most power efficient at medium data rates
- Suitable for TCP/TLS end-to-end secure connection



- Longer range
- Most power efficient at low data rates

Typical LTE-M applications



Asset tracking



Wearables/Medical



Retail and POS



Home security

Typical NB-IoT applications



Smart metering



Smart agriculture



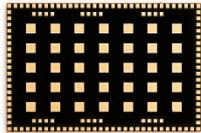
Smart city



Predictive
maintenance

A complete Nordic cellular IoT solution

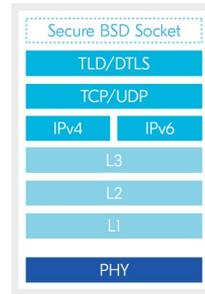
Devices



nRF9160 SiP

Further variants coming

Stacks & SW



Protocol stacks

Extensive SDKs

RTOS

Tools



Develop

Evaluate & test

Deploy

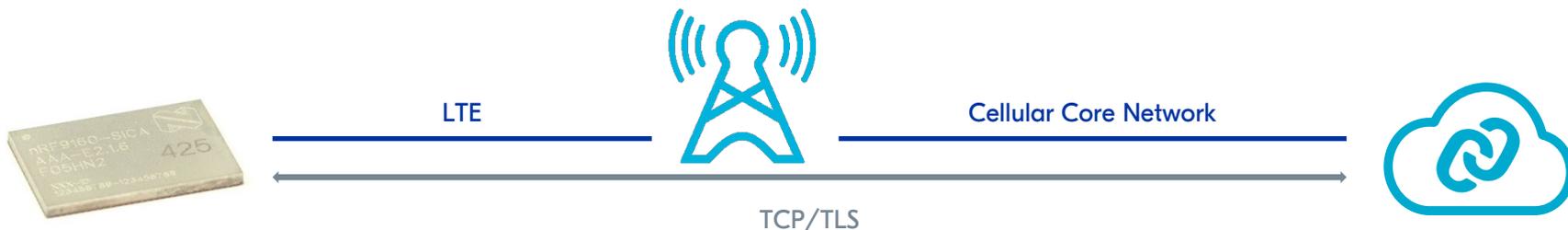
Developers best friend



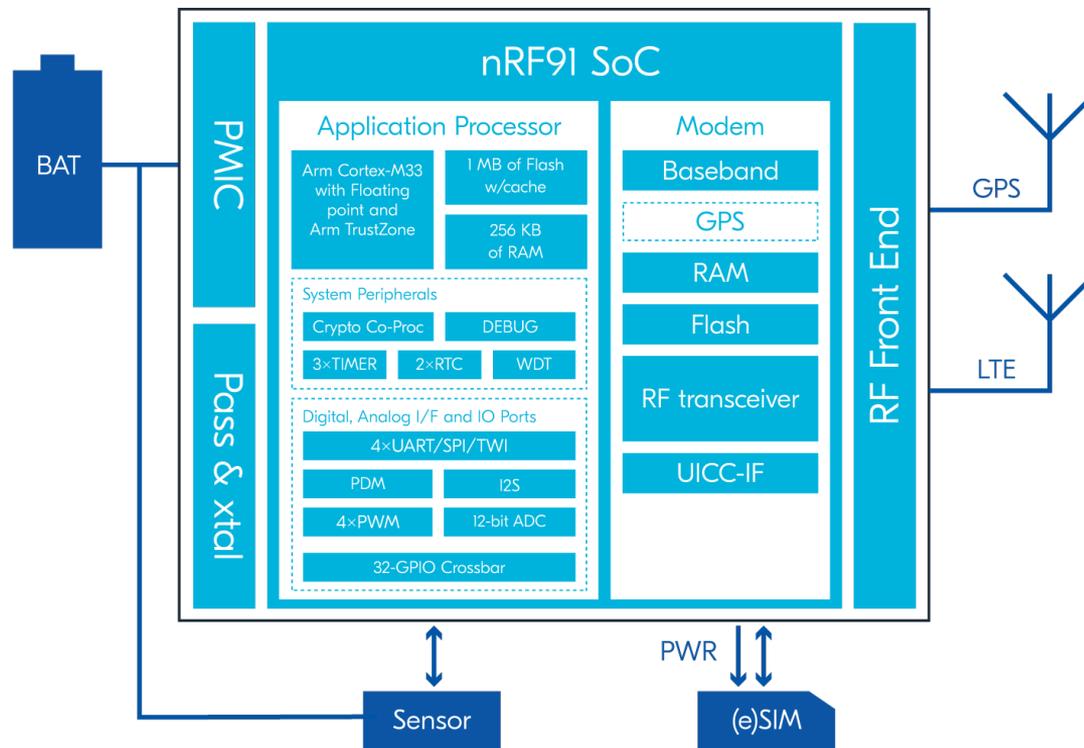
- Get nRF9160 DK up and running in a few minutes
- Single board development kit
- Free development tools
- Open-source software
- Device management nRF Connect for Cloud
- SiP measures: 16mm x 10mm x 1mm
- nRF9160 + nRF Connect suite is EASY

End-to-end security enabled

- Our application example implements end-to-end security
 - fully accelerated by hardware
- State-of-the art authentication and encryption to a commercial cloud service
- All application source code and hardware design files available to customers now



A complete solution in a package



nRF9160 with global support in same device

US:

B2, B4, B5, B12,
B13



EMEA:

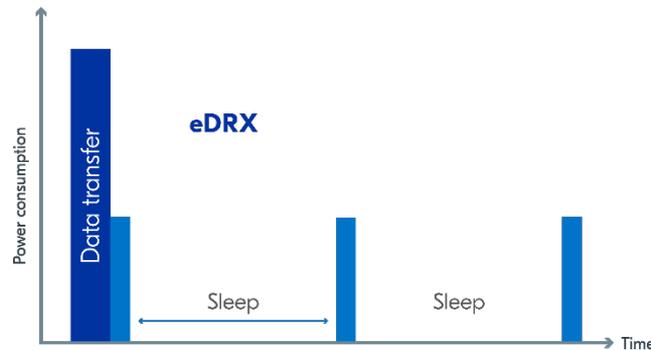
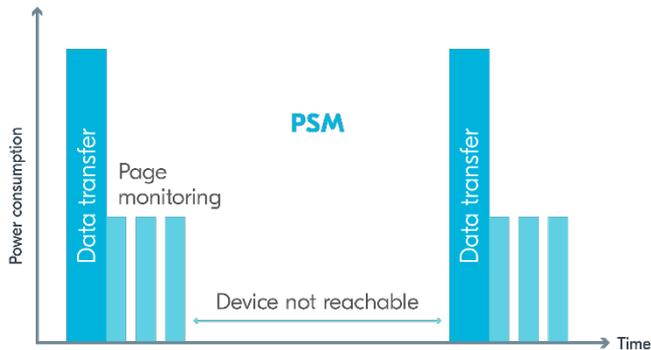
B3, B8, B20, B28

APAC:

B3, B5, B8, B28

Low power enables disruptive applications

- Power Saving Mode
- Suitable for more than 10 min latency
- Can sleep up to 413 days
- nRF9160 PSM floor current will be 3 μ A
- Extended Discontinuous Receive
- Suitable less than 10 min latency
- LTE-M interval 5.12s to 2621.44s (44 min)
- NB-IoT interval 20.48s to 10485s (175 min)
- nRF9160 LTE-M eDRX floor current is 7 μ A



Best in class power consumption

~~~ 15  $\mu$ A~~

~ 11  $\mu$ A

Connected with 10 minutes  
downlink latency (eDRX)

More than 15 years battery life

~ 0.5 mA

Sending tracking information  
every 20s (DRX)

More than 6 months battery life

~ 150 mA

Downloading new firmware @  
360 kbps (RRC Connected)

A 512 KB image updated in 30 s

# Range is king

# +23 dBm

Output power

- nRF9160 offers the max allowable output power of +23dBm
- Sensitivity
  - -108 dBm: LTE-M
  - -125 dBm: NB-IoT (single sub-carrier BW)
- Output power + sensitivity **is** your range. 'The link budget'
- nRF9160 is **range**

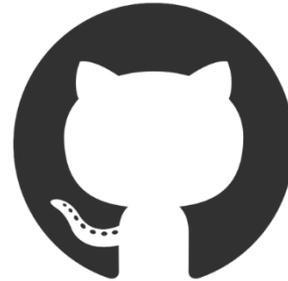
# Chip, firmware, SDK, module all developed and supported by Nordic

Nordic DevZone



Developer Zone  
Engineer-to-Engineer  
(1000 cases per month)

GitHub



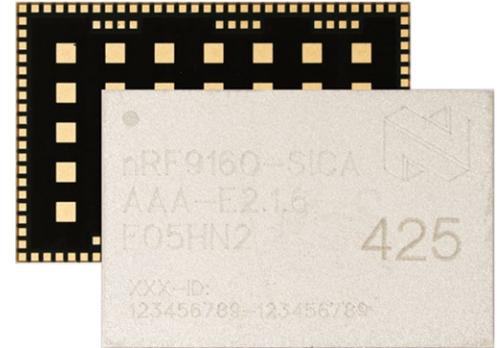
Nordic self-service software on Nordic  
web and GitHub  
(4000 SDK downloads /month)

# Customer reception

**Geir Langeland, Director Sales & Marketing**

# The nRF9160 - extremely well received

- Existing nRF customers
- New IoT customers
- Trade press
- Distributors
- Nominated for professional awards
- Carriers are referring customers to Nordic



Not so well received by competitors

# Customer deployment ahead of expectations

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## Taking our four year cellular IoT Investment to the market



**Accelerated customer sampling in Q3**

- > 120 lead customers sampled
- Objective is 300 for the full year
- Expect first revenue to be recognized in Q4 2018
- Reiterate our ambitions for break even in 2020

**Wide customer availability in Q4**

- Secured supply of development kits and high-volume samples to meet demand

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From Nordic Q3 2018 presentation

## Status as of today

- Over 350 lead customers sampled
- Wide online nRF9160 availability (demand outstripping deliveries)
- 1000+ kits shipped from Nordic to distributors in the last week
- Ramping up availability of kits and samples through Dec 2018 to more distributors worldwide

# Recognition by industry press and peers

## Leading Lights Awards



nRF91 Series shortlisted for The top telecoms industry IoT award in the world - Most Innovative IoT/M2M Strategy (April)

## CES Innovation Award



nRF9160 SiP named as 2019 CES Innovation Award Honoree (November)

## GSA Awards



Most respected emerging public semiconductor company at the GSA Awards (December)

# Wide press coverage since launch



# High cellular web traffic since launch

Low power cellular IoT

x10

More pageviews  
before vs after launch

nRF9160 DK

40%

Of all pageviews on  
Software and Tools pages  
(DKs, apps, software, tools)

Software and tools

70%

Increase of Software and tools  
pages after the nRF9160 launch

# Demonstrations

**Svein-Egil Nielsen, CTO**



End-End Connectivity

Ease of Use

Building on Existing



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