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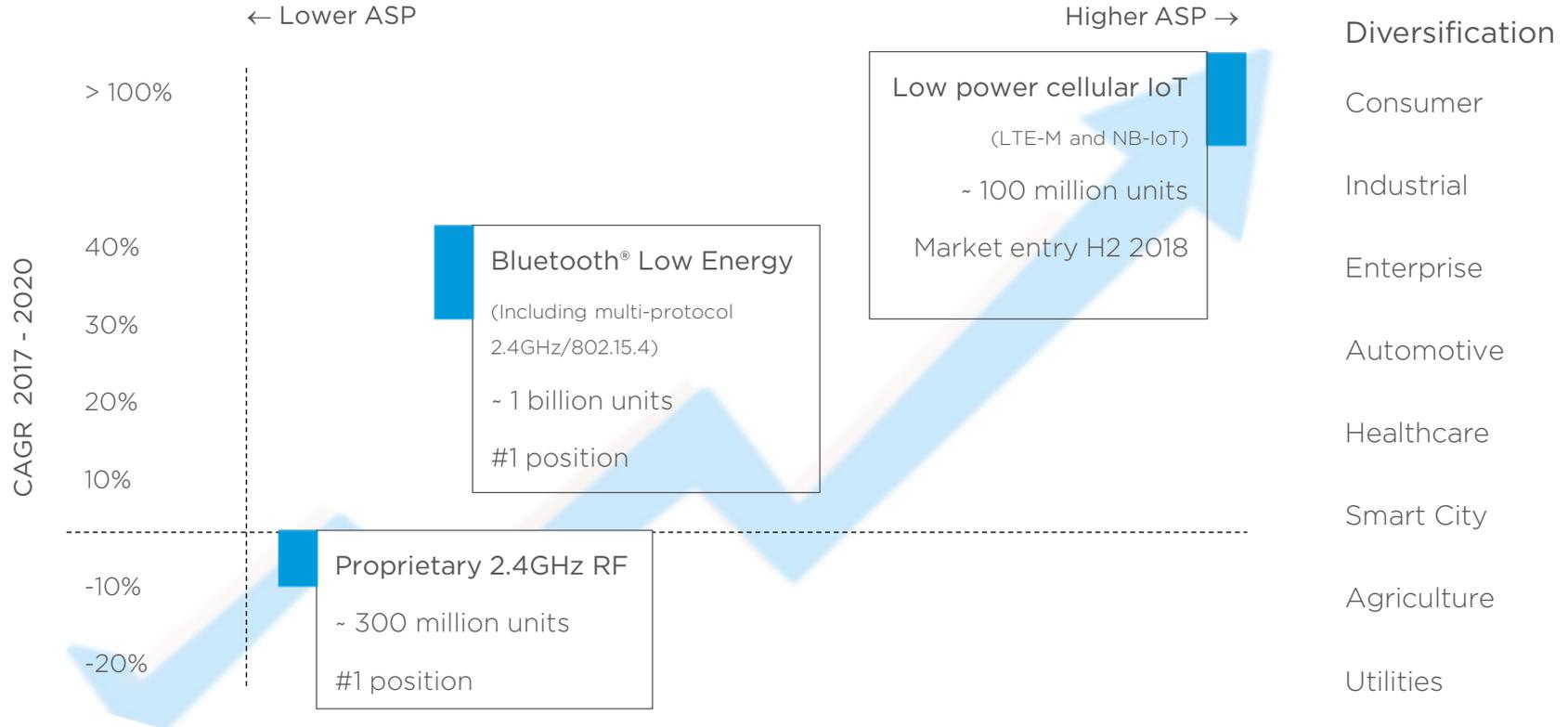
# Cellular IoT Analyst Briefing

Oulu, August 23, 2018

# Agenda

- Introduction
- Nordic Semiconductor OY and cellular IoT development
- Tour of Facilities
- Cellular made easy – cellular for everything else
- Cellular IoT primer
- Nordic cellular IoT offering
- Demos
- Certifications
- Customer Sampling

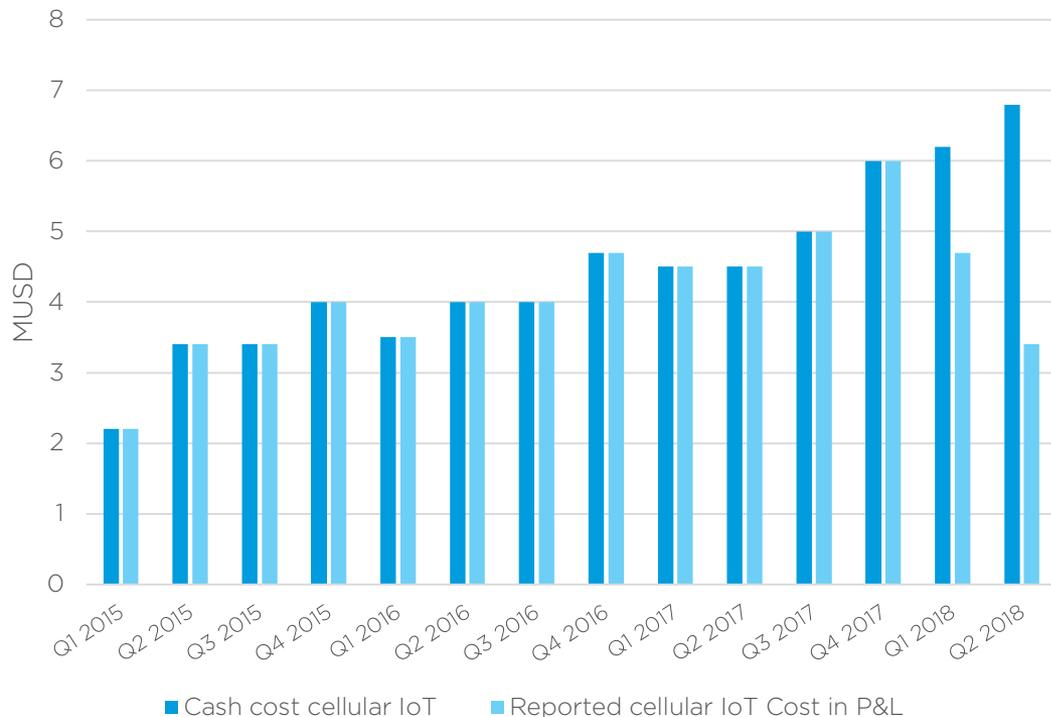
# Unique position in fast growing IoT markets



# Full year 2017 operating model

	2017	2016	
Gross Margin 47 %			
R&D short-range 15 %	Revenue growth y-o-y (MUSD 236)	+19% +2% (MUSD 198)	(+17pp) Bluetooth +40% and Proprietary -6%
R&D cellular IoT 8 %	Gross margin	47.2% 47.0%	(+0.2pp) Gross margin recovery from 46,2% in Q3 2016, closing in on 50% target
SG&A 14 %	R&D short-range	15% 15%	(+0.2pp) Investment for continued growth and expansion in short-range IoT
EBITDA 10 %	R&D cellular IoT	8% 8%	(±0.0pp) Investment for accelerated revenue growth and improved profitability on a mid term basis
	SG&A	14% 13%	(+1pp) Organizational scaling to manage and fuel growth
	EBITDA margin	10% 11%	(-1pp) Continued impact from cellular IoT investment

# Cellular IoT Investments



- Invested more than MUSD 62 in cash cost since project start
- From 2018 project is in commercialization phase reducing the net reported opex
- Investments continue to grow, but reiterate target to be profitable based on annual cost in 2020

# Proud and excited with our achievement

## Time to market



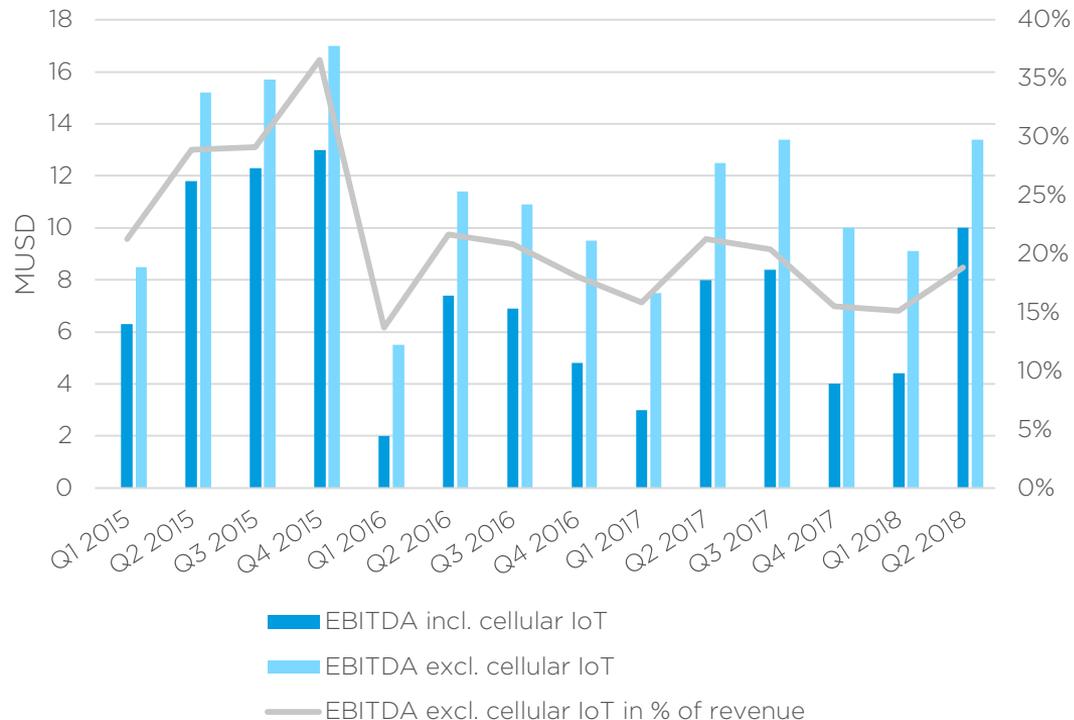
Less than 3 years from  
start to sampling  
customers

## Solution



Built the most advanced  
cellular IoT product

# Highly successful short-range business



- Short-range EBITDA in the period MUSD 160 – funding entire LTE investment
- In the period, average adjusted EBITDA margin of 21%
- Synergies between short-range and LTE to drive operational leverage

# Business aspiration for cellular IoT

## Short-term

(~2018)

- Secure design wins
- Production ready and certified solution
- Help and drive customer production ramp

## Mid-term

(~2020)

- Surpass break even on a running basis; cellular IoT gross profits > cellular Opex on a running 12-months basis

## Long-term

(~2022 →)

- Significant contribution to Nordic total revenue and profitability



# Nordic Semiconductor OY and cellular IoT development

Svein-Egil Nielsen & Juha Heikkilä



# Fall of 2014 large technology layoffs in Finland

OUTGET > NEWS

News 23.7.2014 14:27 | updated 23.7.2014 14:27

## Broadcom to stop making phone chips—600 jobs to go in Finland

The wireless modem maker Broadcom is to shut down its connectivity chip operations with the loss of 600 jobs in Finland. Some 430 of them will go in Oulu, which is already reeling from the announcement last week that Microsoft will close a research facility there.

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The fate of Oulu as an IT hub hangs in the balance after another company announced hundreds of job losses in the sector. Broadcom, a US wireless modem firm that runs a research hub in the city, is to cease operations in the connectivity chip field after failing to find a buyer for the unit.

The closure means 600 people in Finland will lose their jobs, with some 430 of those based in Oulu making 'baseband' chips for mobile devices.

The northern city has been hit hard by changes in the technology sector, with some 500 people informed just last week that their jobs at Microsoft's research and development centre will go when the centre shuts down.

DATA CENTRE SOFTWARE SECURITY TRANSFORMATION DEVOPS BUSINESS PERSONAL TECH SCIENCE

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## Ericsson follows Broadcom to modem Mordor

### Swedes ring off



22 Sep 2014 at 13:36, Simon Rockman

Ericsson, once the major manufacturer of modems, is planning to leave the business. The move will see 1,000 redundancies and 500 people moving to other Ericsson projects, such as small cells.

In February 2009, Ericsson entered into a joint venture with ST-Microelectronics – itself a merger of SGS-Thomson and NXP – in a bid to take on Qualcomm. In mid-2013, ST-Ericsson was dissolved – with the modem business moving to Ericsson. The closure of the joint venture led to the loss of 1,600 jobs.

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EUROPEAN BUSINESS NEWS

## Microsoft Layoffs Hit Finland Staff Hard

Country's Startup Culture Is Building as Rovio, Others Pick Up High-Tech Workers



By JERIANA ROSSI  
July 17, 2014 3:34 am ET

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# Travelled to Oulu to investigate and recruit opportunities



**JOIN A WORLD-CLASS TEAM**

**INVITATION**

*Nordic Semiconductor is a proud sponsor of the world's best chess player, Magnus Carlsen.*

**Come meet us at Radisson Blu Oulu, Tuesday August 12th at 18:00**

We are always looking for the best engineers and offer a working environment where you will be integral to the development of ideas and decisions. It is an environment where you can make a difference and contribute to the success of the company.

We are now hiring more engineers for our R&D centers in Oslo & Trondheim.

- RF & ANALOG DESIGN ENGINEERS
- IC DESIGN ENGINEERS
- HW/SW VERIFICATION ENGINEERS
- MCU VERIFICATION ENGINEERS
- FW DEVELOPERS
- PROJECT & PROGRAM MANAGERS

 Norwegian company that produces and sells Integrated Chips (ICs) with *Bluetooth* technology, ANT+ and custom made protocols. Our engineers are central in the development of the *Bluetooth Smart* standard, which is now being adopted by all major tech companies worldwide.

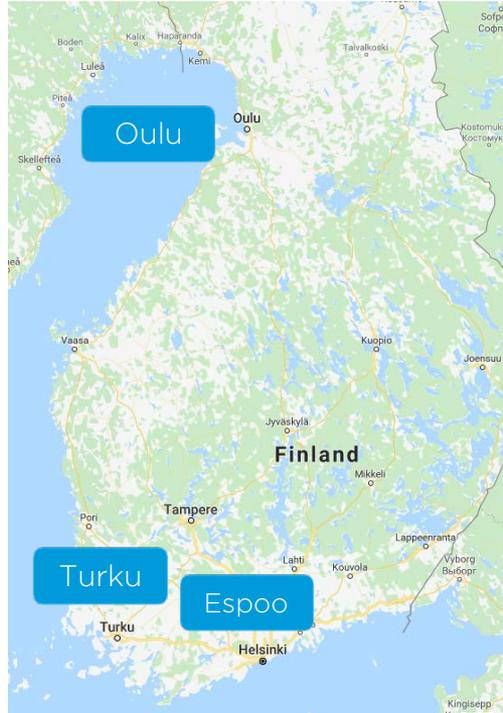
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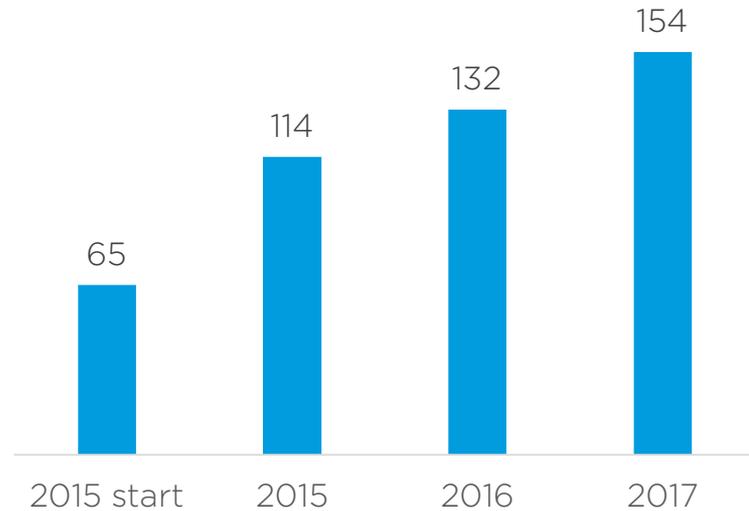
# Ended up building a large R&D organization in Finland

Three Offices:

- Oulu
- Turku
- Espoo



## Employees in Finland





Head of Finland  
Juha Heikkilä

Project Management  
Heikki Päivike

SW  
Vesa Pellikka

Digital BB  
Pekka Kotila

HR  
Finance Admin  
Sonja Kusmin

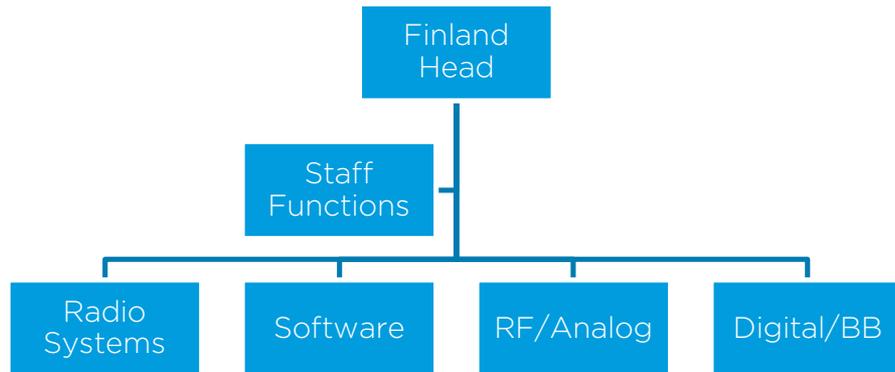
RF  
Analog  
Olli Närhi



Radio Systems  
Yrjö Kaipainen

# Nordic Semiconductor Finland

# Highly skilled organization



R&D Finland rapidly built up : Optimized for cellular low power and low cost IoT solutions development

Investments in addition to personnel:

- Design and Verification Flow (HW + SW)
- Pre-silicon Verification Platforms
- Extensive Analog and RF test laboratory
- Extensive cellular Protocol SW test laboratory
- Certification Testers
- Production Testers

# Relevant experience

Radio Systems personell with Nokia-Renesas-Broadcom, Ericsson background

- Design experience from very first cellular systems up to high category LTE modems

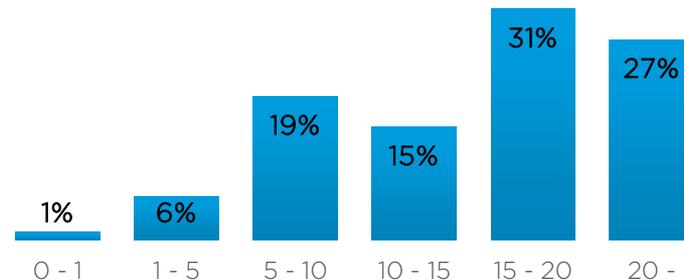
Power management, RF and Digital IC and SOC design personell with Nokia-Renesas-Broadcom and Nokia-ST Ericsson-Ericsson background

- Multi-billion IC/SOC volume experience

Firmware and protocol SW personnel with Nokia-Renesas-Broadcom and Nokia-ST-Ericsson-Ericsson background

- Multi-billion cellular product volume experience

## R&D Finland Experience in Years



## R&D Finland Education



# Finland provides excellent opportunities for technology R&D

Finland's existing world class cellular engineering competences

- Background from Nokia, Ericsson, Renesas, Broadcom chipset development
- Strong cellular chipset development ecosystem in Oulu (MediaTek, Altair, Nokia)

Education: University of Oulu, Aalto University, Tampere University of Technology  
Strong government funding programs for 5G and IoT ecosystem boosts in Oulu. Even 6G program initiated recently.

## FACTS ABOUT FINLAND

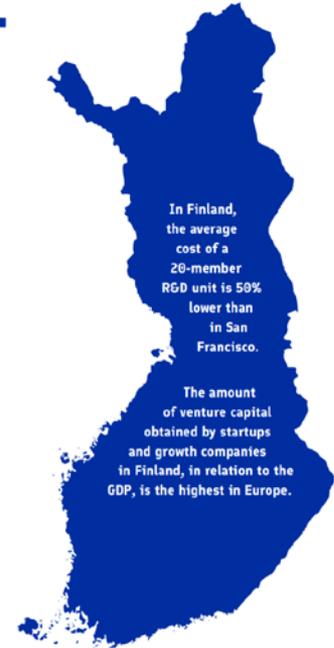
### #1 IN THE WORLD IN MOBILE DATA USAGE

**10.95 GB** – Finland has by far the highest mobile data usage per person in the world. It is about ten times more than the Western European average.

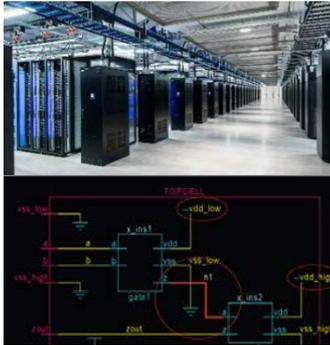
### #1 IN EUROPE IN MOBILE BROADBAND SUBSCRIPTIONS PER 100 INHABITANTS

**147 %** – Finland ranks first in Europe and second in the world in mobile broadband penetration rate (99.3 % OECD average)

### #1 IN EUROPE IN R&D EXPENDITURE AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP



# Significant scale and resource sharing across Nordic Semiconductor organization



## Scaling on existing infrastructure

- Technology Platforms
- Design and QA processes
- CAD tools
- Datacenter



## Cross functional teams

- Development teams involved from across organization and territories
  - Scale on specialized skills
  - Ensure design reuse
  - Common processes and systems



## Common technology and supply partners

- Existing suppliers such as; TSMC, ASE, AMKOR
- Technology partners, ARM

# World class laboratory setup

- Pre-silicon modelling environments (IC emulation and FPGA) in place
- RF and Power measurement capability with high level of automatization
- Automated protocol testing capability
- RF Shielded chambers
- Infrastructur vendor basestations
- Certification testing



# That's not all...we must lead on connectivity



Must have excellent radio performance and solid interoperability with carriers world-wide

- Develop and own the connectivity technology as a key differentiator for success; RF, Baseband, Protocol stacks
- Have global Multi-Band support
- Invest in interoperability through robust design, close collaboration with infra-vendors and carriers throughout development of the product
- Dedicated team for interoperability and certifications with carriers.

=> Achieve best in class Radio performance and interoperability similar to our position in Bluetooth

# The development target was to make a product to disrupt the cellular IOT space

Achieve best in class power consumption for a cellular device targeted at IOT application

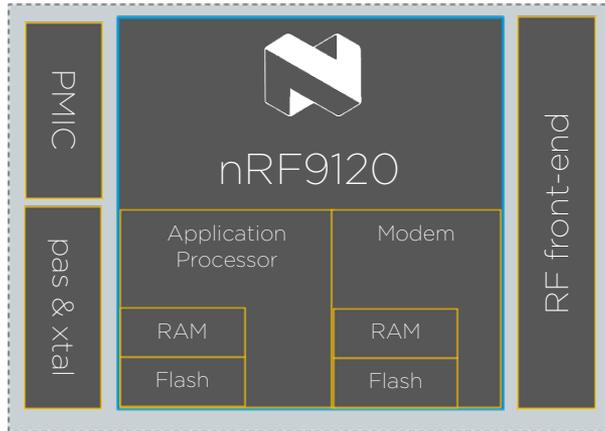
- Leverages Nordic Semiconductor's knowhow in low power from Bluetooth and proprietary 2.4GHz devices
- Build product from ground up with focus on low power – fresh new design – highly flexible software based architecture
- Use integrate memories and low-leakage process features

Make a developer friendly product that can enable everyone to make an cellular IOT product

- Leading edge application processor design with ARM M33, Trustzone and Cryptocell
- SDKs and toolchains shared with Bluetooth products
- Firmware upgrade capability on both application and modem
- Cloud enabled through nRFCloud
- Technical support through Nordic 24/7 support @DevZone

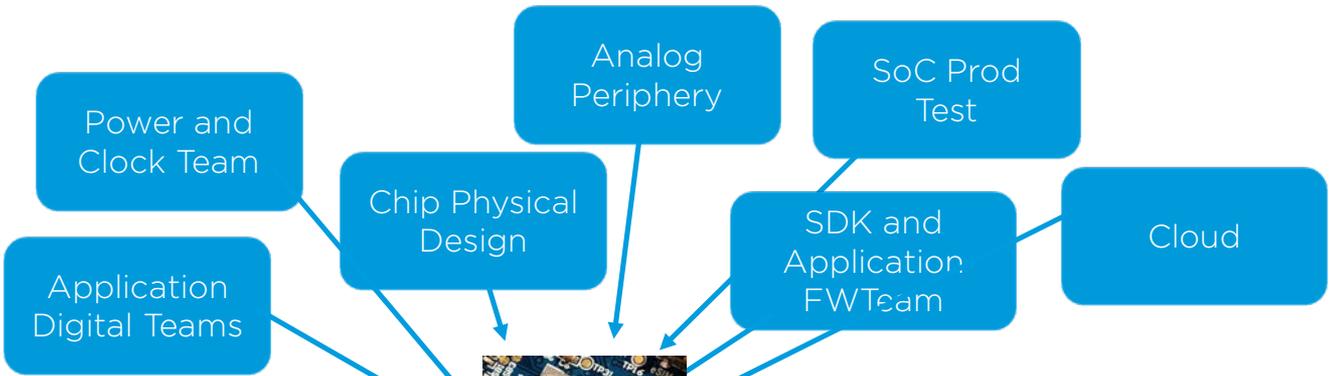
Ultra compact and small size

- Integrate and use advanced packaging techniques to reduce solution size

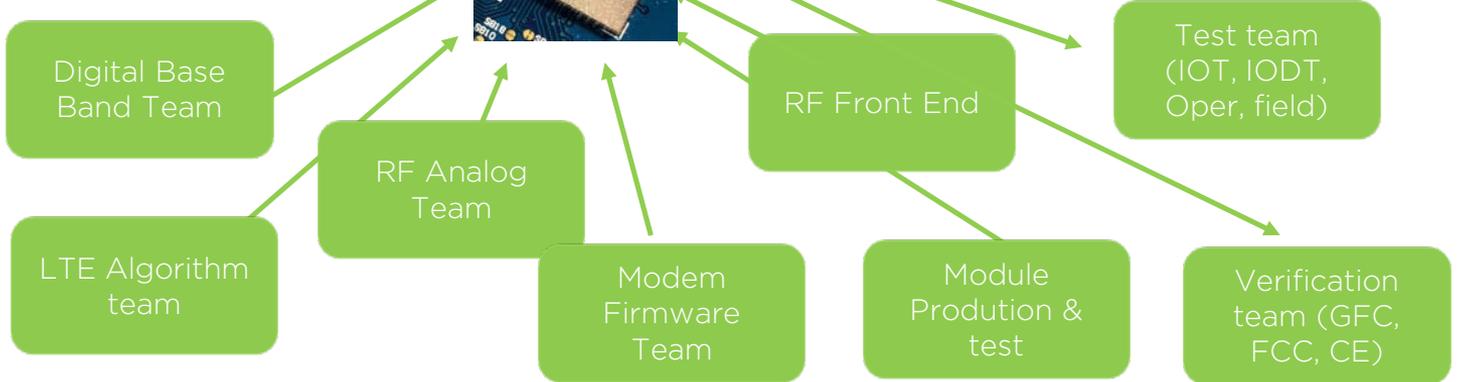


# Using cross functional teams to develop

Common development with Bluetooth products

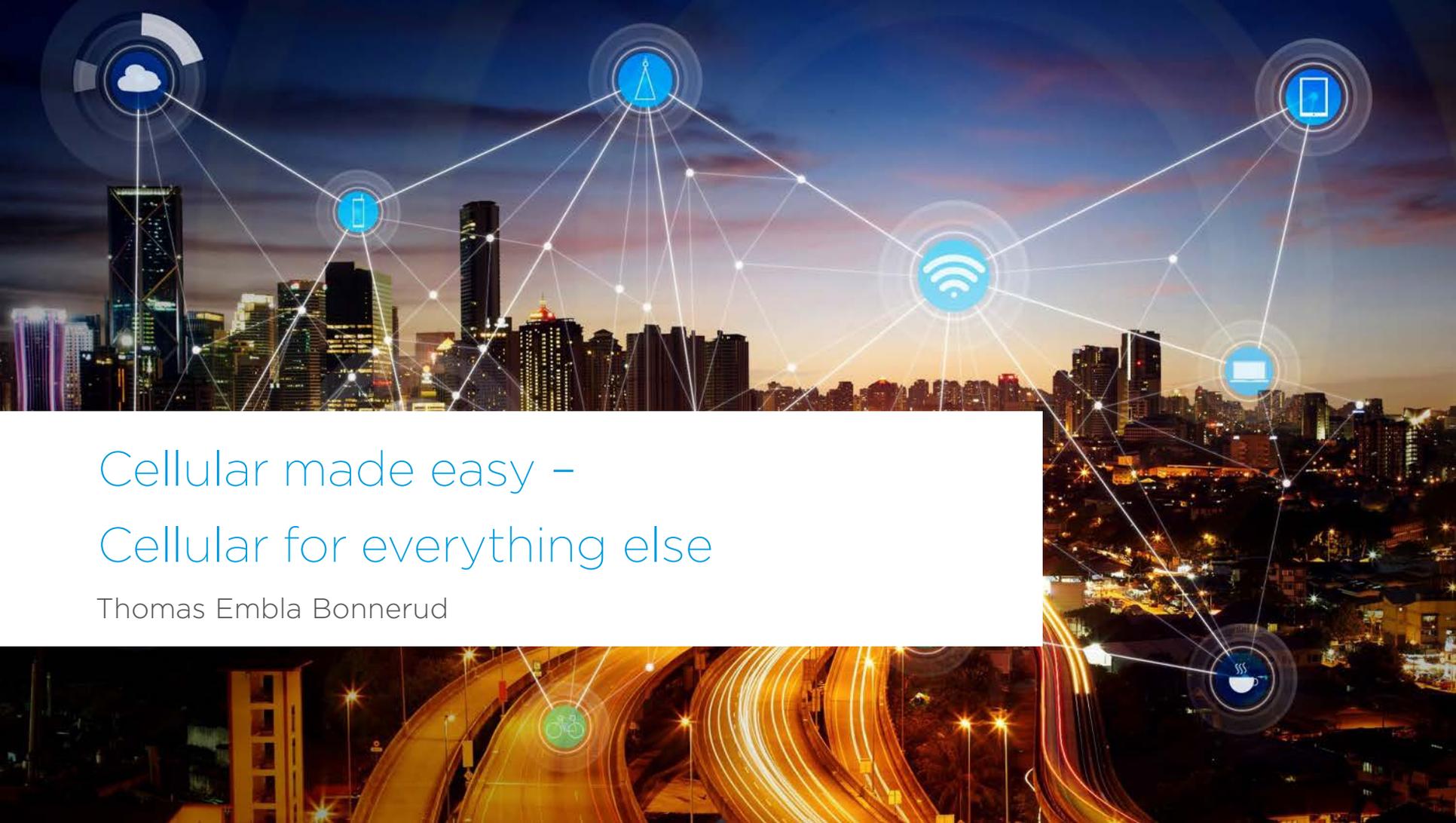


Cellular specific development





# Tour of Facilities



# Cellular made easy – Cellular for everything else

Thomas Embla Bonnerud

# Our unique approach to low power cellular IoT



By leveraging synergies with our existing and fast growing low power short-range IoT business;

- Deliver a highly integrated solution for connectivity and application
- Provide a superior ease of use and developer experience
- Apply a broad market engagement model

# Complementary connectivity technologies



## Low power short-range IoT

(Bluetooth, Thread, Zigbee,  
802.15.4 and Proprietary RF)

- (+) Local area connectivity; smart phones etc.
- (+) Lowest power and smallest size
- (+) Lowest cost and no subscription



## Low power cellular IoT

(LTE-M and NB-IoT)

- (+) Public network
- (+) Coverage and roaming
- (+) Quality of service, reliability and security

Solving different requirements and needs for connectivity

# Similar markets – overlap and synergistic



Emerging and fast growing

Broad and diversified customer base

Across a broad range of applications

Consumer and non-consumer

Combining



Mixing



Market overlap and synergies

In terms of customer base and applications

Combining and mixing short-range and cellular

Cellular enabling new type of products and services

# Different connectivity – similar application

Low power short-range connectivity



Low power short-range + cellular connectivity

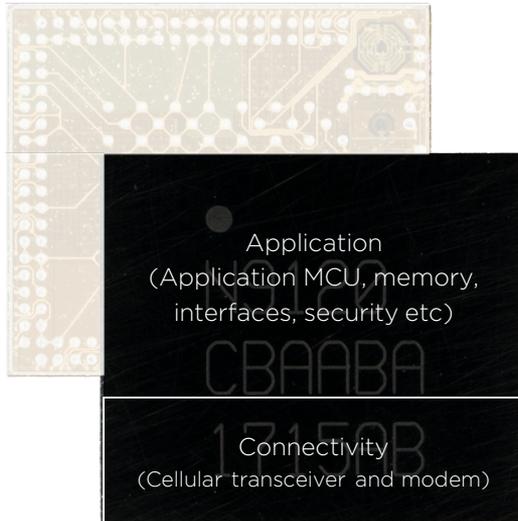


Different connectivity for different needs  
Cloud connectivity via short-range or directly with cellular  
Short range connectivity for home network

Similar application level requirements  
Embedded processing, memory, interfaces and security  
Application layer software and development tools

Alignment integrated solution  
Between a low power short-range and cellular IoT solution  
Different connectivity but similar application

# Highly integrated solution



## Cutting edge cellular connectivity

Developed by Nordic`s cellular team in Finland  
Low power contribution from Norway

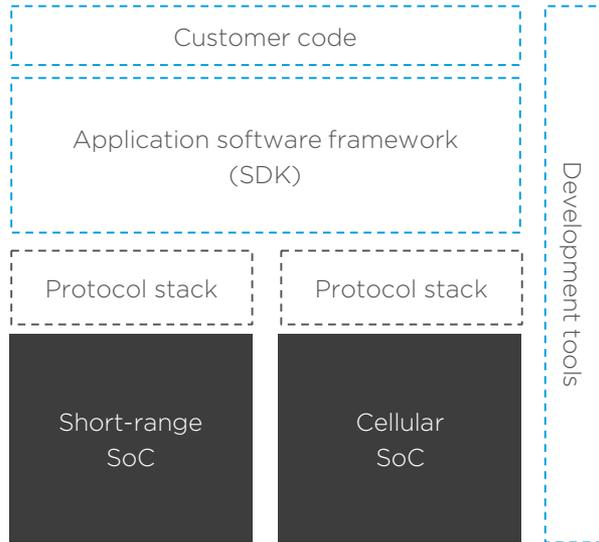
## Common application platform

Across Nordic`s short-range and cellular products  
Developed in Norway

## Significant synergies

Application a big part of an integrated solutions  
Common platform for software and development tools

# Ease of use and developer experience



## The two pillars Nordics ease of use

Complete solution - hardware and software  
Great development tools

## Leveraging a common platform

Application software framework and development tools  
Developed in Norway and Poland

## Mix and match for customers

Consistent and common experience across product lines  
Lower barriers of entry for existing short-range customers

# Broad market engagement model



Instrumental part of leadership in short-range  
Sales, marketing and support organization  
Developer community and distribution network

Leverage our organization for cellular IoT  
Unique market reach in terms of cellular IoT  
Drive innovation and adoption of cellular IoT

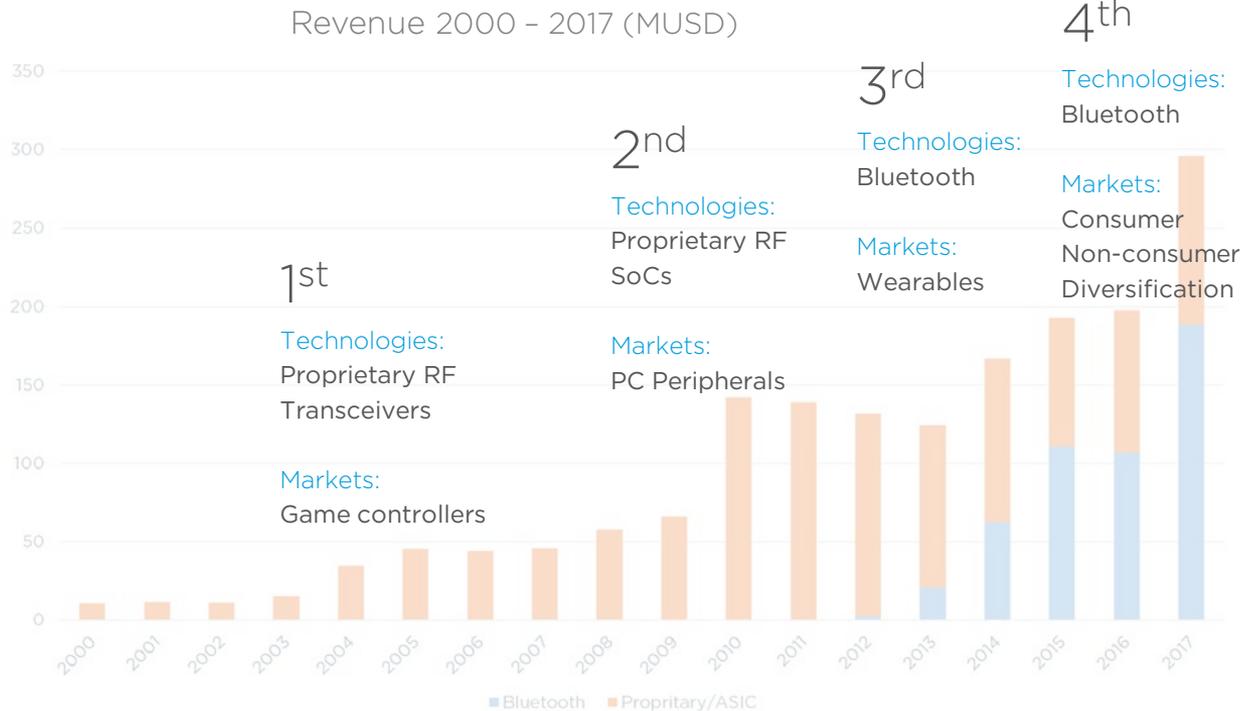
Leverage existing customer relationships  
Customers expanding their offering with low power cellular IoT  
Combining or mixing with short-range

# Highly synergistic combination for Nordic

## Low power short-range and cellular IoT



# Cellular IoT to fuel our 5<sup>th</sup> growth cycle



## 5<sup>th</sup>

Technologies:

Low power short range IoT  
 - Bluetooth, Thread, Zigbee, 15.4,  
 and Proprietary RF

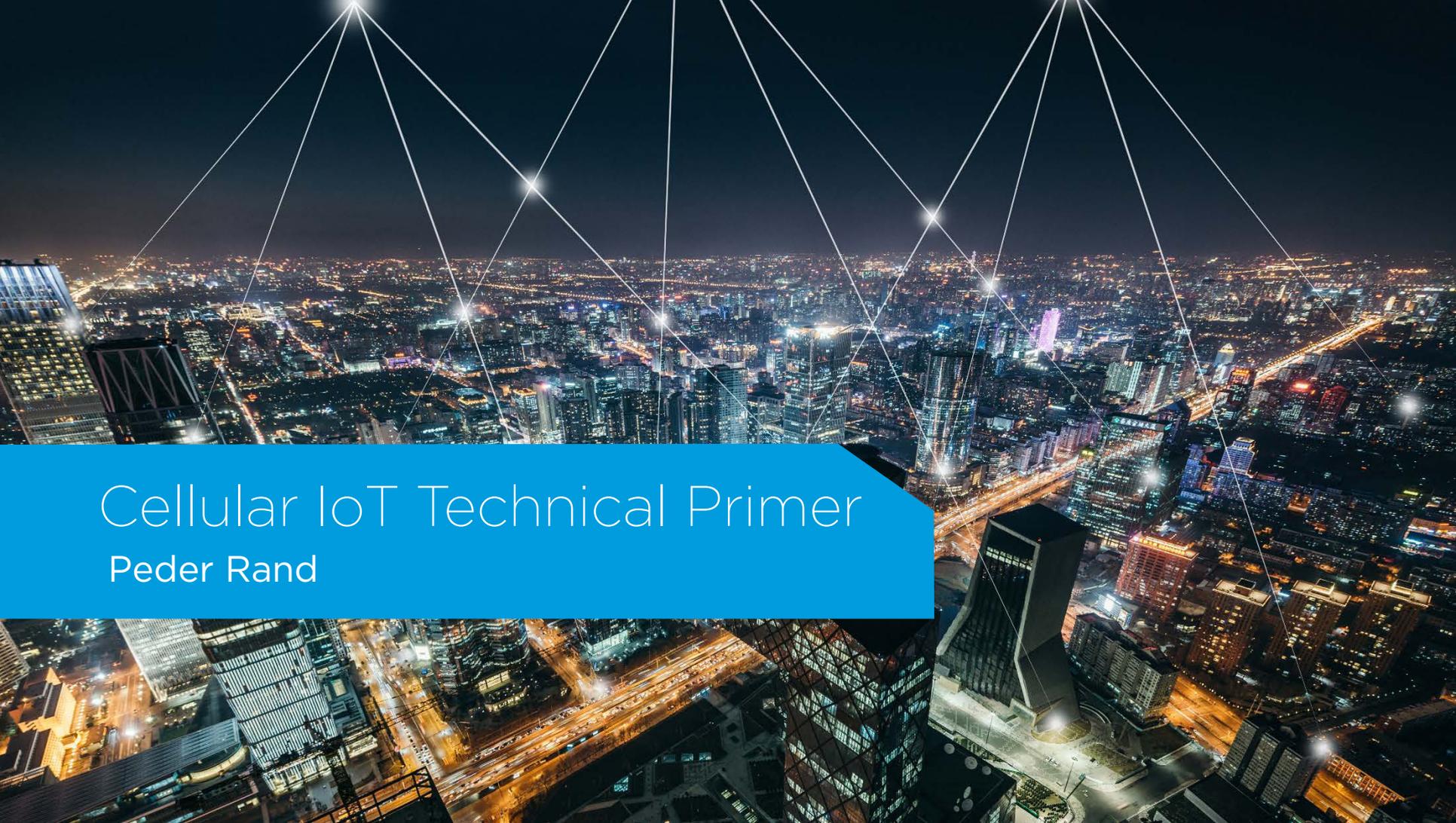
Low power cellular IoT  
 - LTE-M, NB-IoT

SoCs and SIPs

Markets:

Consumer  
 Non-consumer  
 Diversification

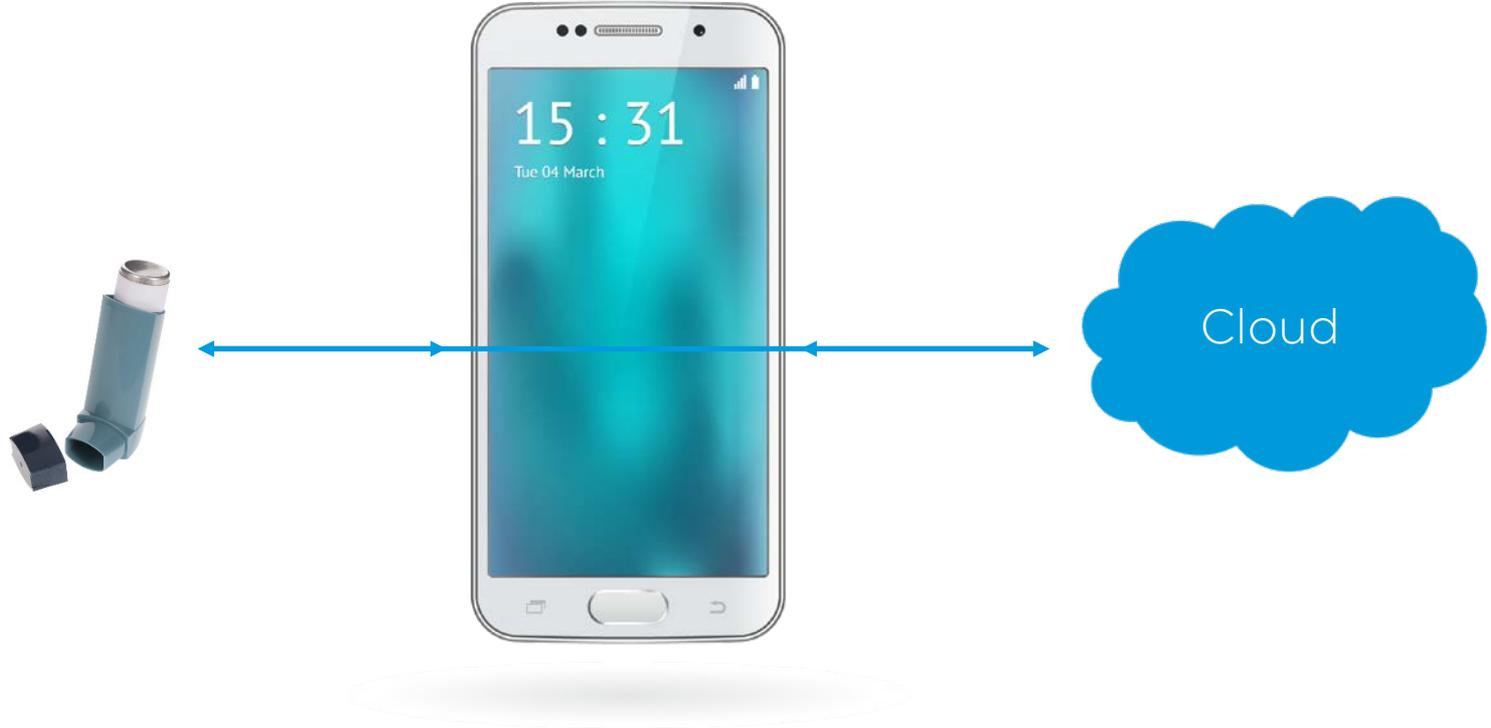
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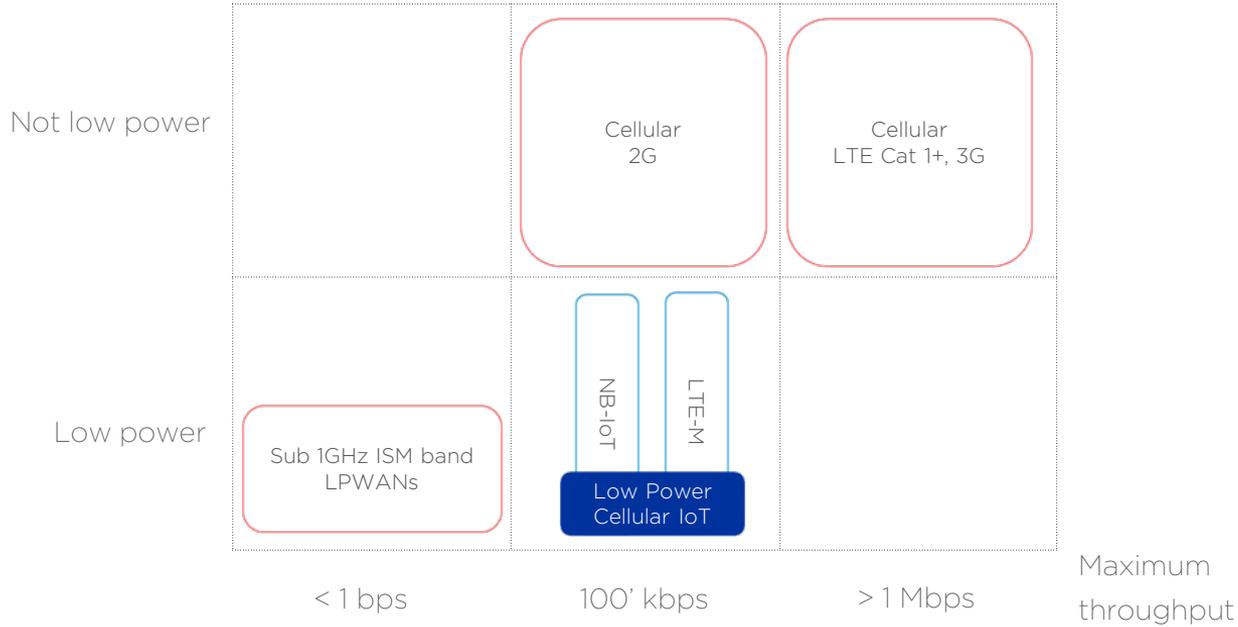
# Cellular IoT Technical Primer

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# Removing the \$1000 IoT gateway



# LPWAN technology landscape



# LTE-M/NB-IoT vs. ISM-band LPWAN

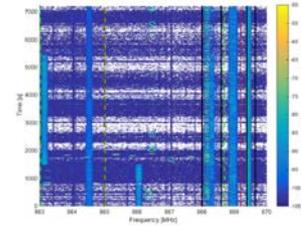
Cellular IoT (cIoT) in Licensed band gives predictable Quality of Service (QoS)

- No interference
- Advanced protocol

Security is built into LTE

Connect directly to your cloud service

No very limiting regulatory restrictions on output power or duty cycle



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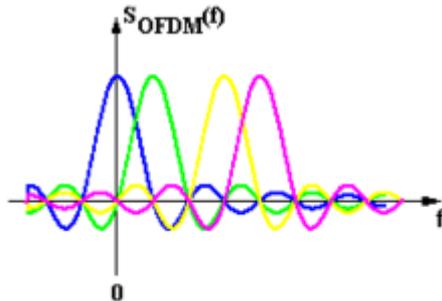
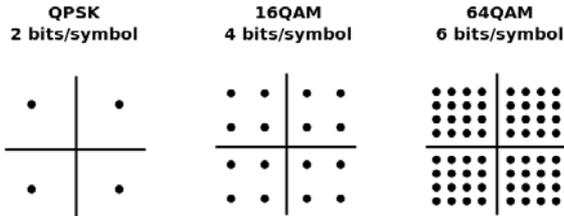


# New low power LTE technologies



	LTE-M	NB-IoT
Also known as	“eMTC”, “LTE Cat-M1”	“LTE Cat-NB1”
Max throughput	~ 375kbps	~ 30/60kbps
Range	Up to 4X	Up to 7X
Mobility	Yes	No
Roaming	Yes	Not yet
Deployment density	High	
Module size	Suitable for wearables	
Power consumption	Up to 15 years of battery lifetime	

# LTE bandwidth



Wikimedia.org

How is the LTE BW achieved in your phone?

- Dynamic modulation QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM
  - Changes depending on distance to base station
  - Can be different for uplink (UL) and downlink (DL)
- OFDM - Multiple carriers, up to 1200... 15 KHz apart...
- MIMO - multiple TX and RX antennas
- Full duplex in FDD (TX and RX at the same time)

How is LTE-M and NB simplified?

- Lower bandwidth
  - no MIMO
  - no 64 QAM
  - Few OFDM sub. carriers 6-72
  - Use half duplex communication

# Managing range

QPSK, high Pout  
Range Ext. mode B



QPSK, high Pout  
Range Ext. mode A



QPSK  
High Pout



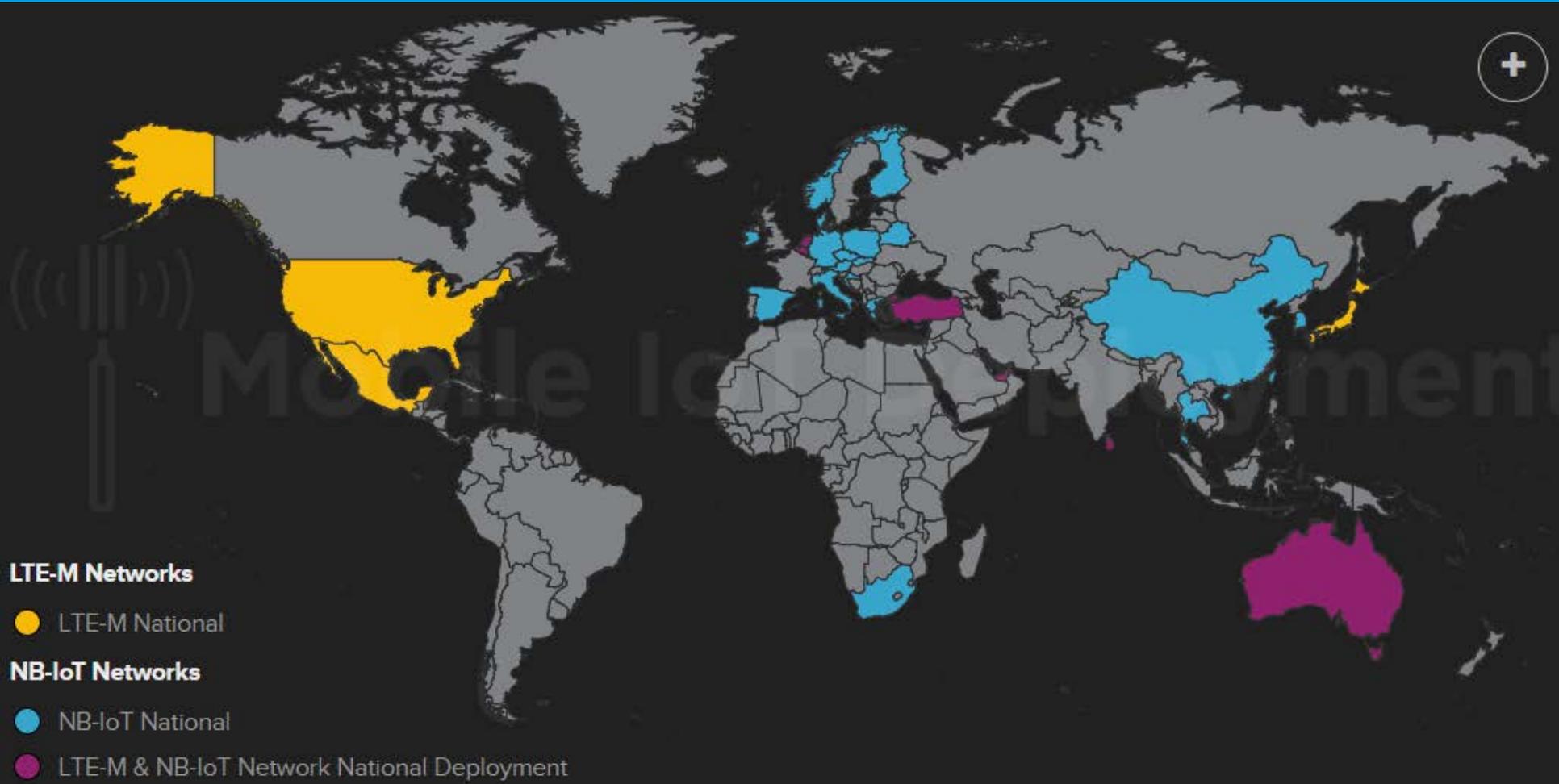
16QAM  
Low Pout

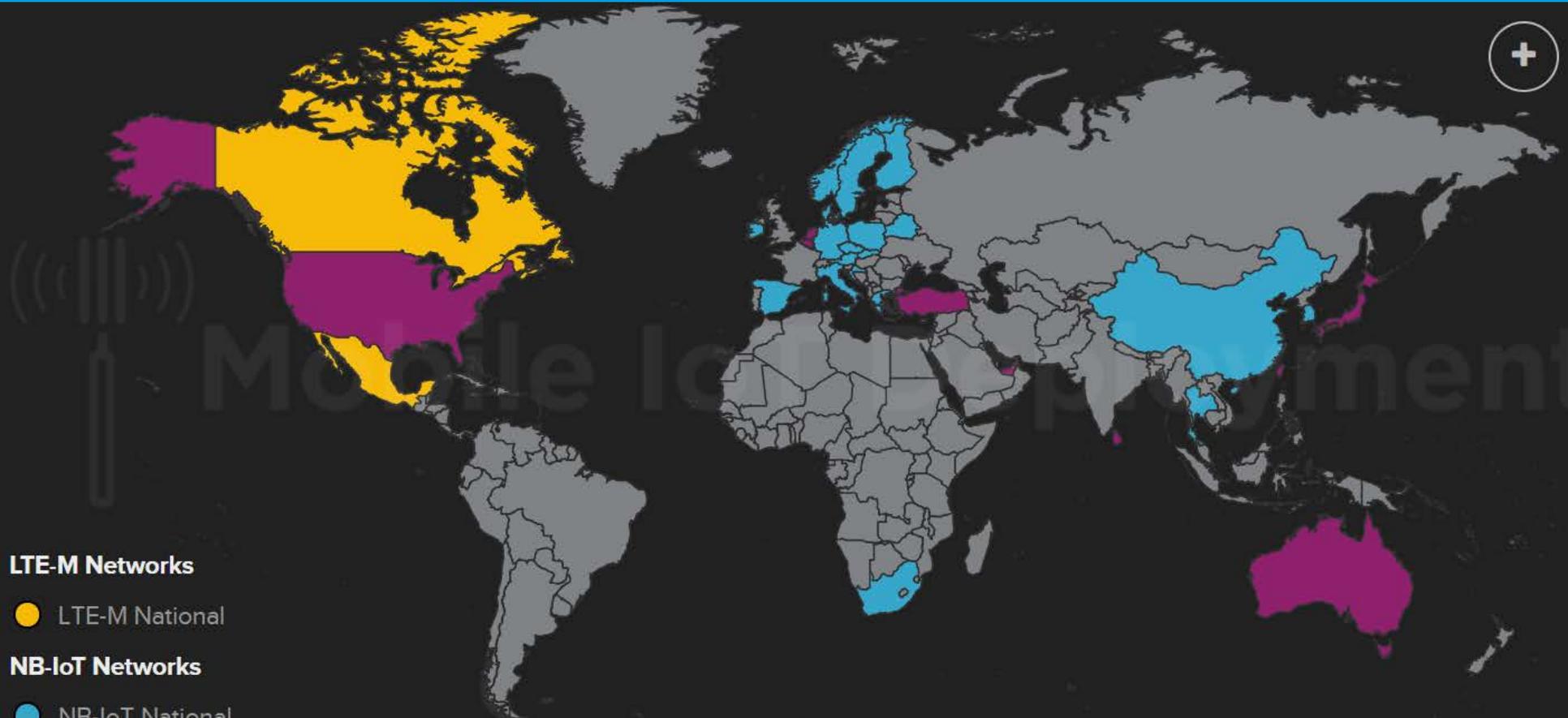


eNB decides output power, modulation and range extension mode for a connection

During a connection (RRC connected mode) decisions are made based on measurement reports from user equipment (UE).

In Idle and PSM mode UE attempts connection to strongest eNB (RSSI)





**LTE-M Networks**

● LTE-M National

**NB-IoT Networks**

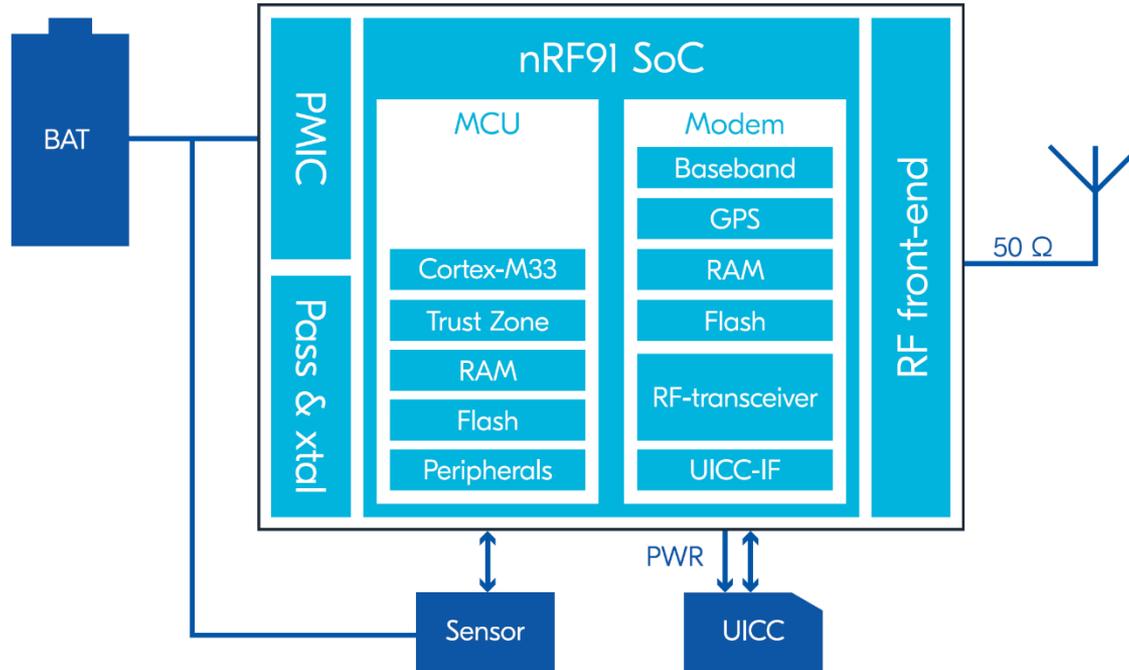
● NB-IoT National

● LTE-M & NB-IoT Network National Deployment

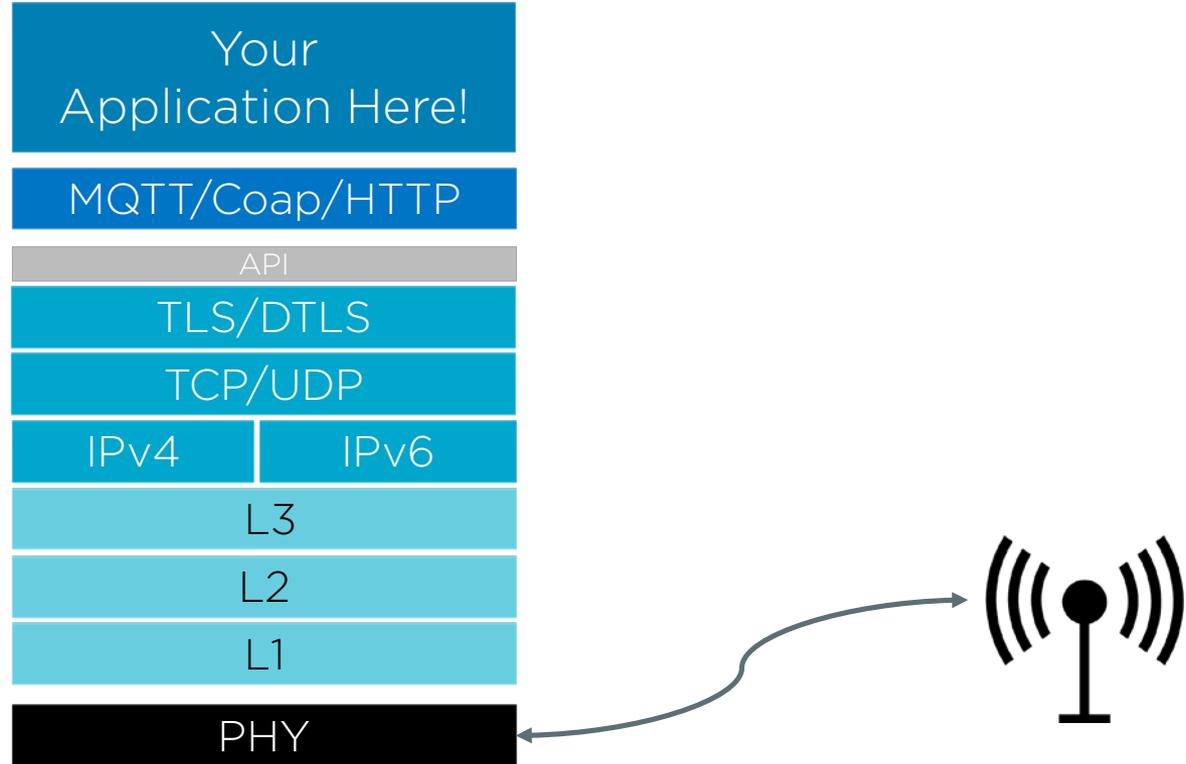


# The Cellular IoT Device

# Hardware Application Circuit



# Data exchange



# Application Level Protocols



ASCII-based machine-to-machine (M2M)/"Internet of Things" connectivity protocol

Publish/Subscribe model

TCP and TLS

# CoAP

Constrained Application Protocol

REST model – GET, PUT, POST and DELETE

4-byte binary header

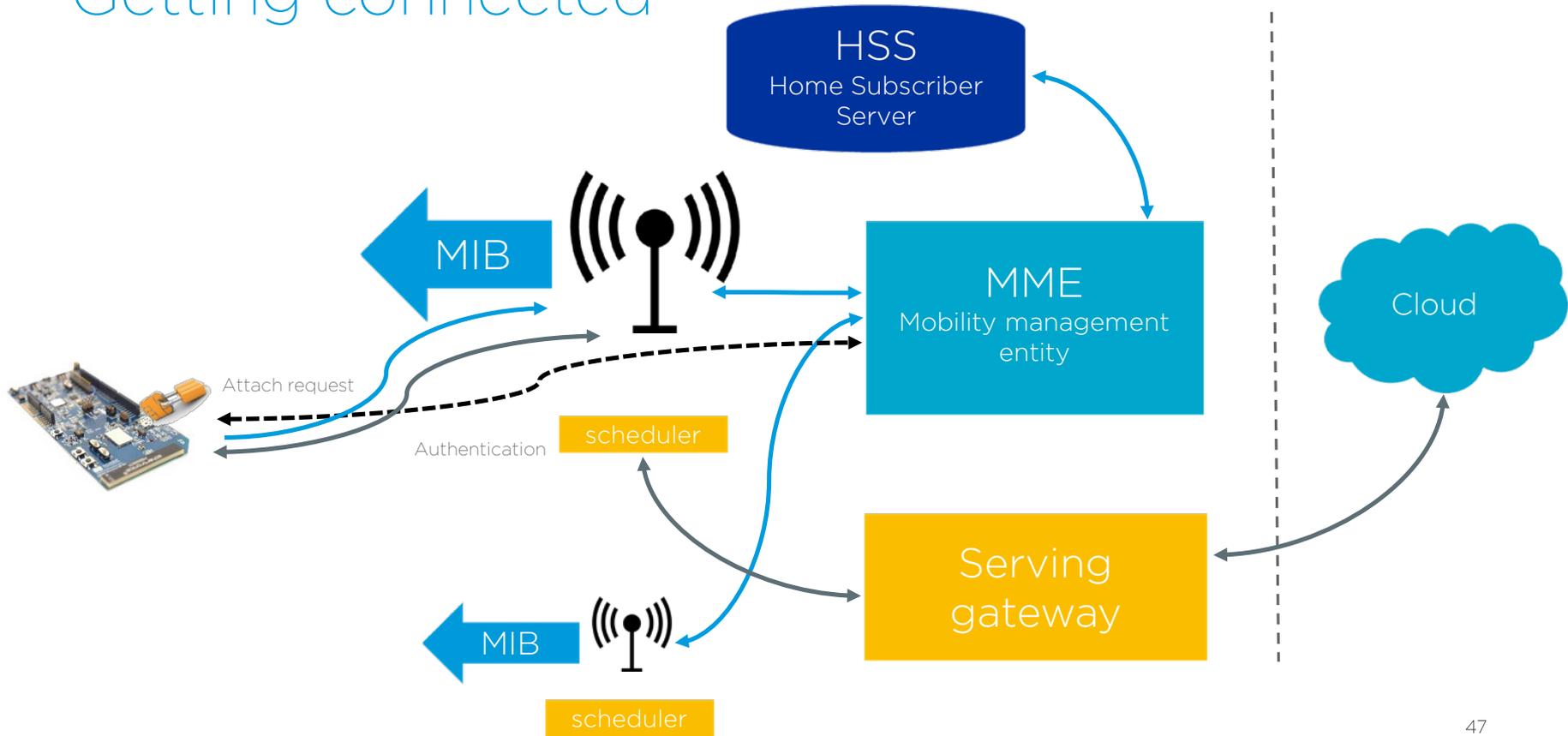
UDP and DTLS

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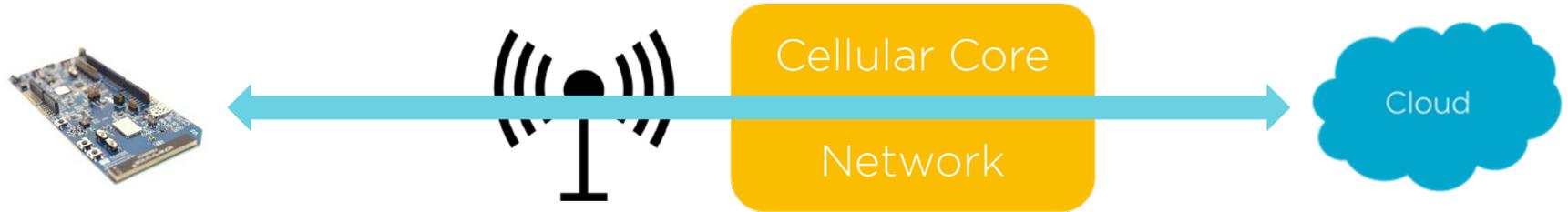
# Getting Connected

Getting your device on the network

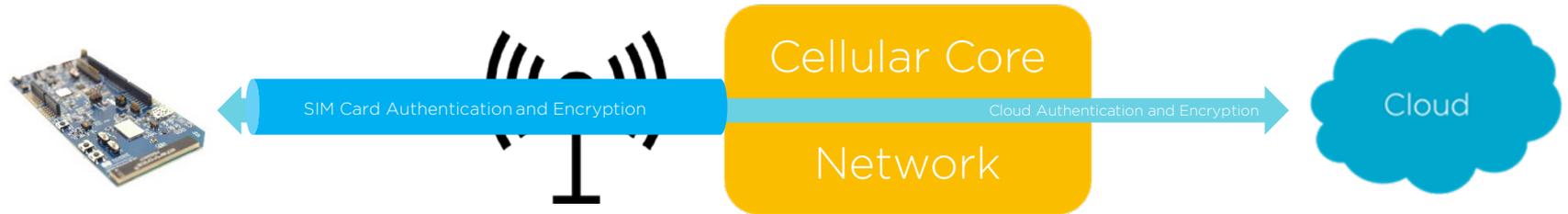
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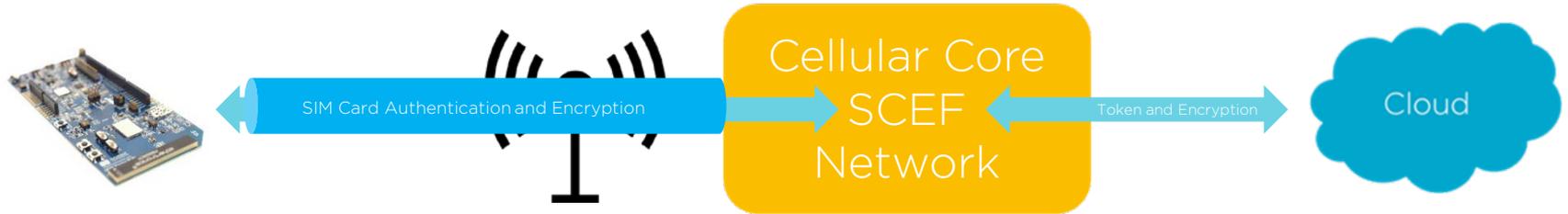
# Data to the cloud



# Security



# Data to the cloud (indirectly)

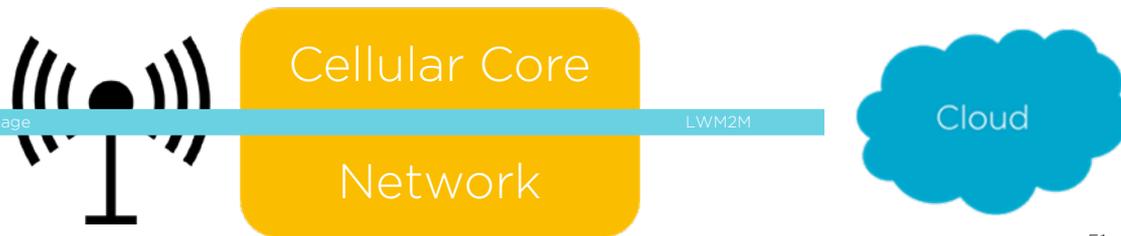
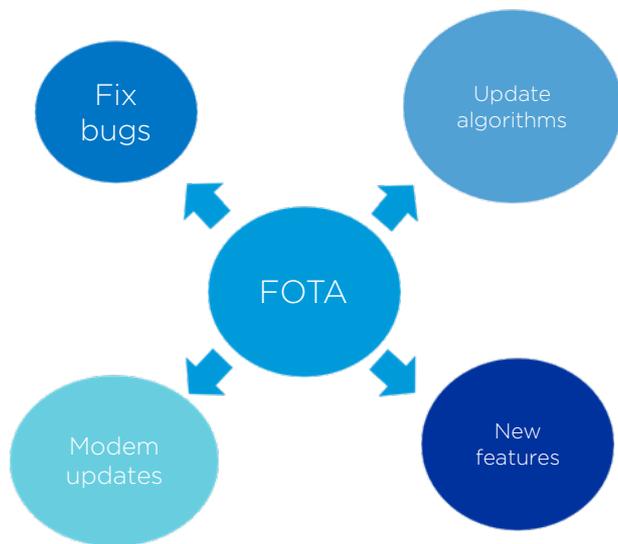


# Flexibility and upgrades



10 years battery life is the goal, but....

- When will you find a bug?
- When will you find a security vulnerability?
- When would you like to upgrade performance or features?
- How long will your FW stay fresh and competitive?
- Update algorithms



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# Embedded Development

# Challenges of IoT Embedded Development

#1

The target device does not have a screen or keyboard



#2

Restricted data and program memory

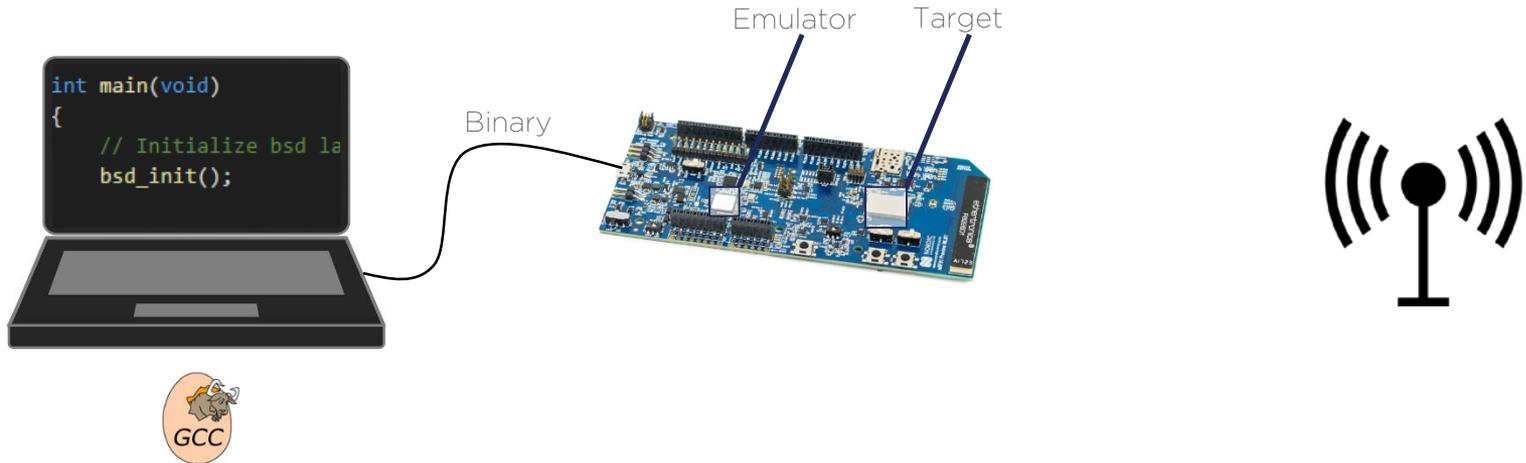


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Limited energy source



# Embedded Development



# Edge Computing

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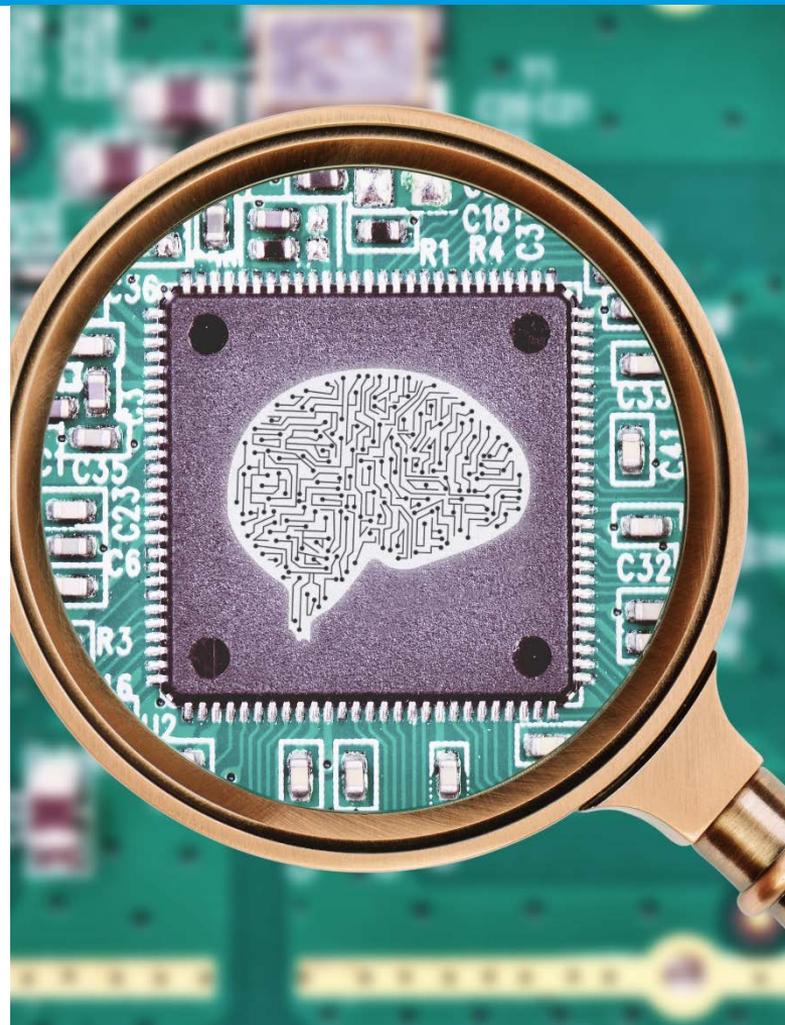
Radio transfers cost energy and subscription fee

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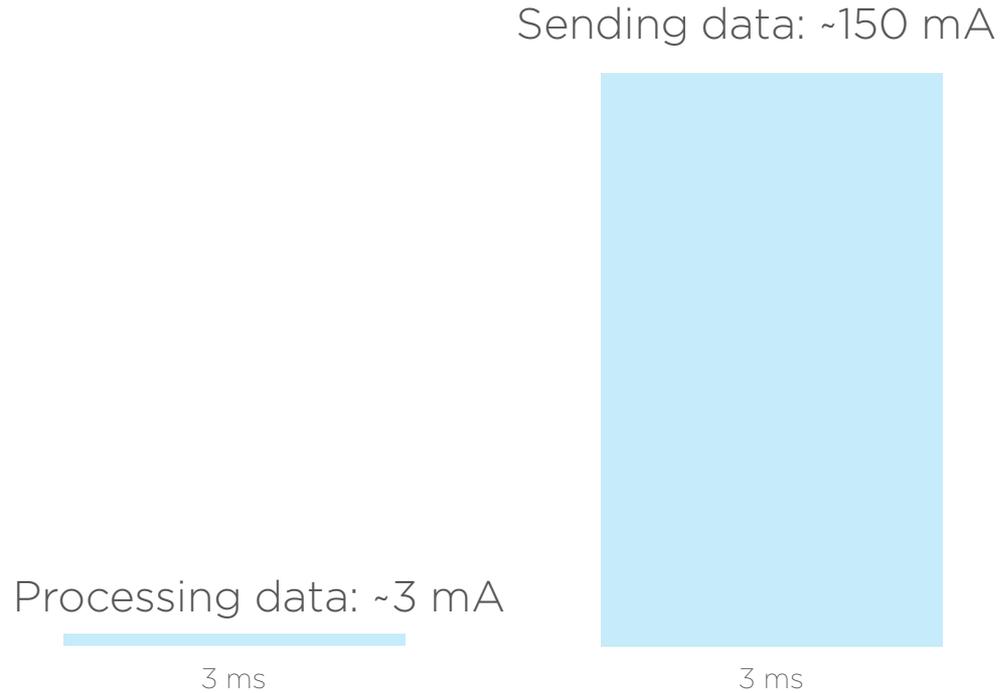
Send information - not data

#3

When something interesting happens - then send data



# The cost of sending data



# What is a SIM card

- A secure microcontroller with hardware encryption/decryption capabilities
- It securely stores the subscriber identity and its associated keys who are used to;
  - Identify and authenticate subscribers on cellular networks
  - Generate the encryption key for the connection.



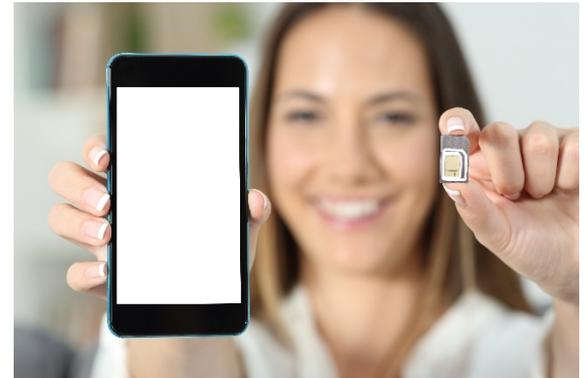
# Motivation for having SIM cards

## Functional features

- Subscriber identity - allocate cost of use to the right subscriber
- Encryption key exchange between base station and user device
- Separation between user-configurable modem software and the operator controlled SIM
- Method for distributing identity, key pairs to manufactured products

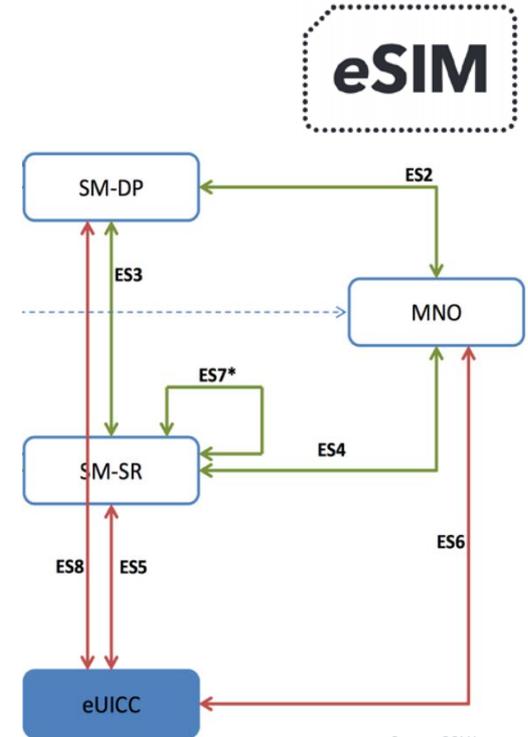
## Non-functional features

- Physical manifestation of carrier relationship with the customer - the carrier supplies the SIM card



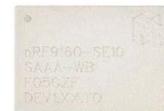
# M2M eUICC

- Often referred to as eSIM
- Can be implemented in pluggable or solderable hardware
- Implements interoperable GSMA specification for remote profile switching and loading
- Has one bootstrap profile that allows initial connection
- Connects to a server (SM-SR) through which the owner of the device can remotely choose which profile to use, update or delete profiles
- Gives device owners security in case of changes in the operator's situation and negotiating power as they have a real option to switch



# Expanding the cellular IoT

- Edge nodes on coin-cell batteries
- Use ultra-low power protocols like
  - Bluetooth Low Energy
  - ZigBee
  - Thread
- Gateway on larger lithium cells
- Central/coordinator for local network
- Use LTE-M for cloud-connectivity



# Summary

- 1 Cellular IoT will give ubiquitous and low power cloud access to things
- 2 LTE-M for mobile devices with medium data requirements  
NB-IoT for stationary devices with low data requirements
- 3 Send Information, not data – except when something interesting happens





# Nordic cellular IoT Offering

Peder Rand



# The nRF91 Advantage in IoT

Low Power



Build everything from scratch for low power  
Integrate memories and use low-leakage process features

Ease of Use



Enable self-service for thousands of customers and hundreds of applications

Integration



Integrate and use advanced packaging techniques to reduce solution size

# Simplified customer engagement model

## Traditional model

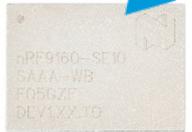


- Module supplier does value add integration and solutions
- Module supplier often handle sales, marketing and support

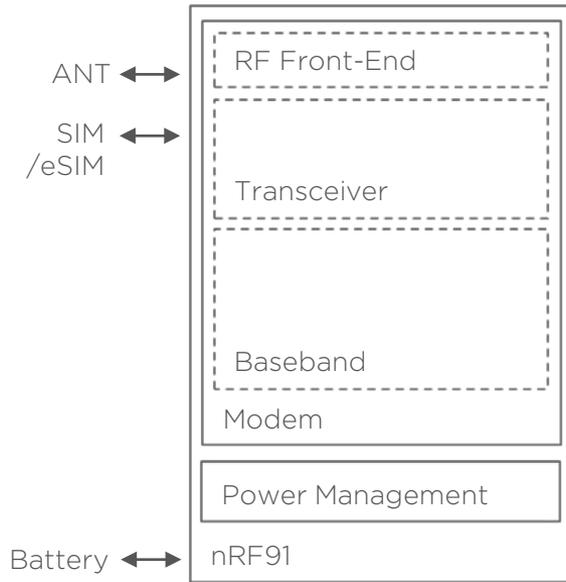
## Nordic model



- Nordic is one-stop shop for Cellular IoT
- Building on Nordic's proven broad market engagement model



# Low power cellular connectivity made easy

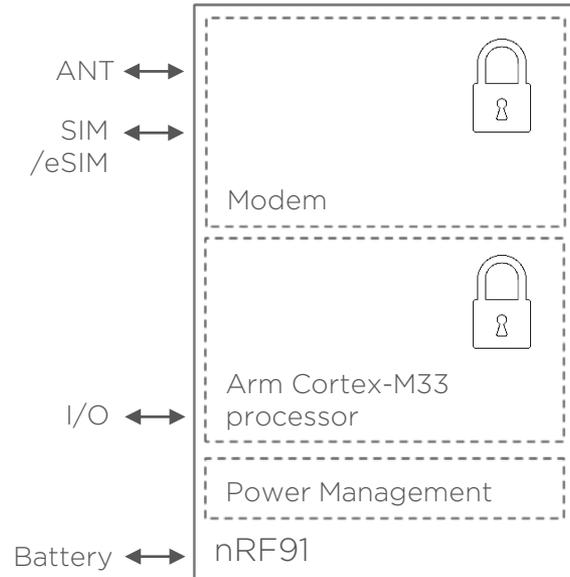


Complete modem in a package  
Multimode LTE-M / NB-IoT

All the benefits of a traditional module  
Ease of integration and use  
Teleregulatory, standard and carrier certifications

Global operation with one variant  
Multiband support for world wide coverage

# System level solution for IoT security



## Secure connectivity

Cellular network, end-to-end internet protocol security  
Modem is a separate secure island

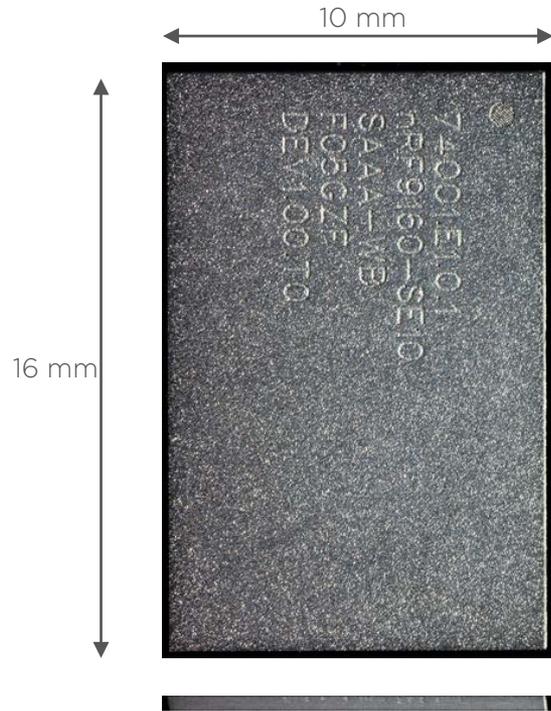
## Secure application

Arm® TrustZone® for ARMv8 and CryptoCell® technology  
Root of trust and trusted execution environment

## Secure over-the-air updates

Modem and application firmware updates  
Embedded flash

# Advanced System-in-Package assembly



Qorvo × Nordic Semiconductor

Strategic partnership for SiP development and manufacturing

Built-in global RF Front-End and shield

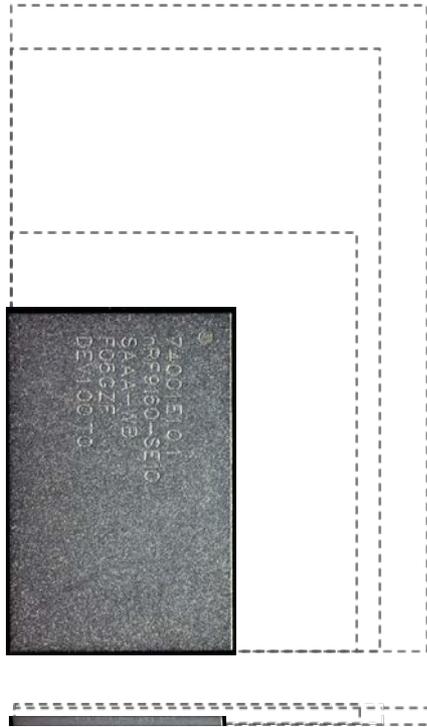
Qorvo custom RF Front-End and MicroShield™ technology

Ultra-compact form factor

10 x 16 x 1 mm



# New industry benchmark on solution size

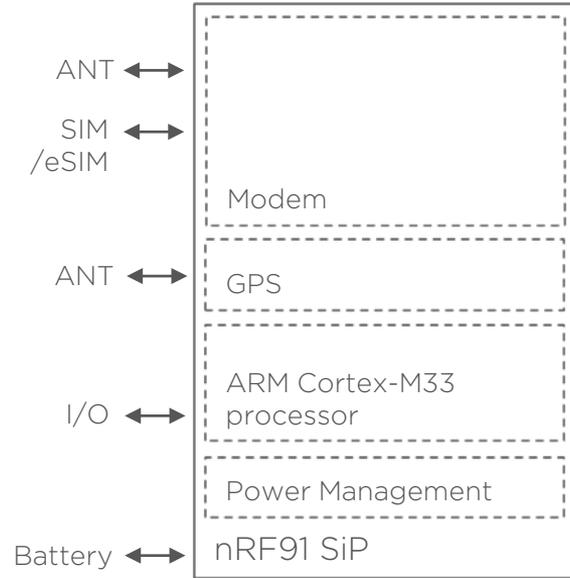


Up to 3x  
smaller footprint

Up to 2x  
thinner

Up 5x  
less volume

# Built-in Assisted GPS for positioning



Support for cellular based positioning  
Modem support for Enhanced Cell ID and OTDOA

Built-in GPS receiver  
Optimized for asset tracking

Assisted GPS for fast-time-to-fix  
Combines cellular and GPS position data

# Power Consumption

~ 15  $\mu$ A

Connected with 10 minutes  
downlink latency (eDRX)  
More than 15 years battery life

~ 0.5 mA

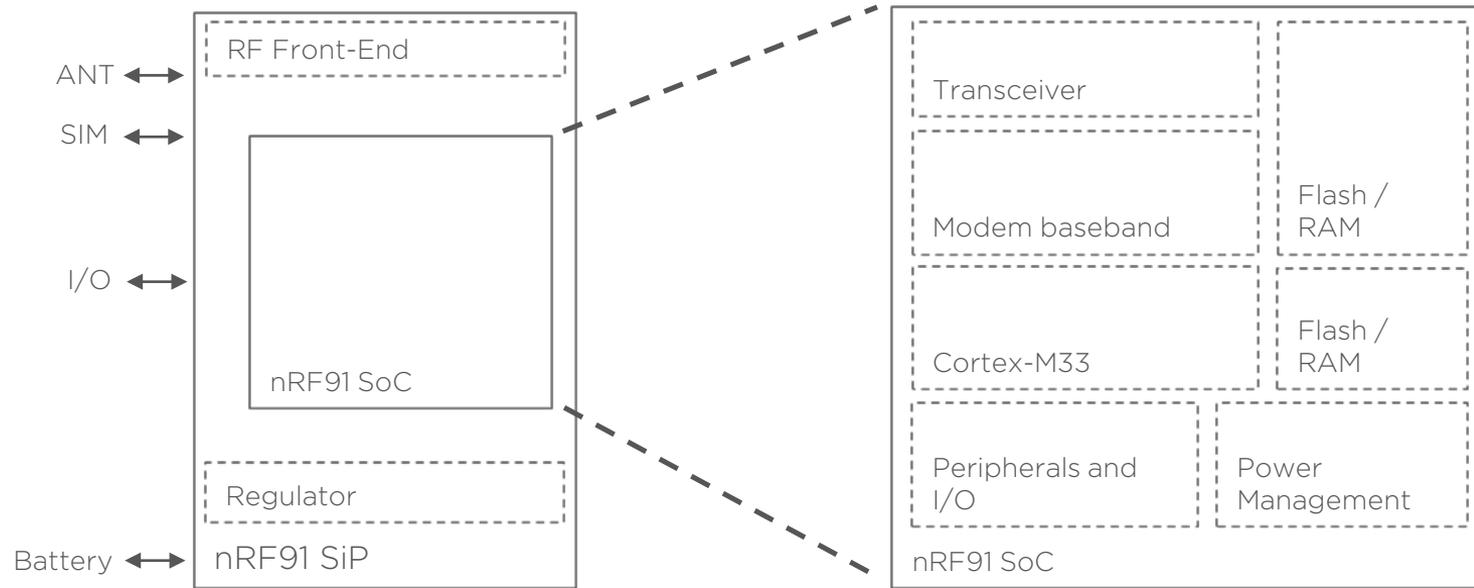
Sending tracking information  
every 20s (DRX)  
More than 6 months battery life

~ 150 mA

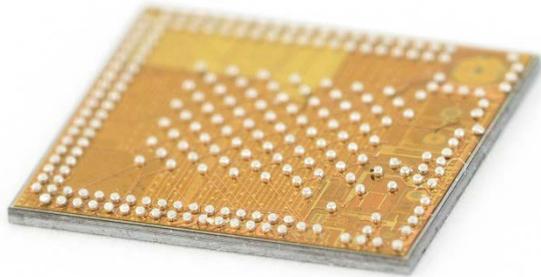
Downloading new firmware @  
360 kbps (RRC Connected)  
A 512 KB image updated in 30 s

LTE-M, 23 dBm, 3.7 V, 2700 mAh

# Highly integrated single chip SoC



# The nRF91 SoC



Designed for low power

Uses integrated memories and low-leakage process features extensively

Common power management and clock system for modem and application

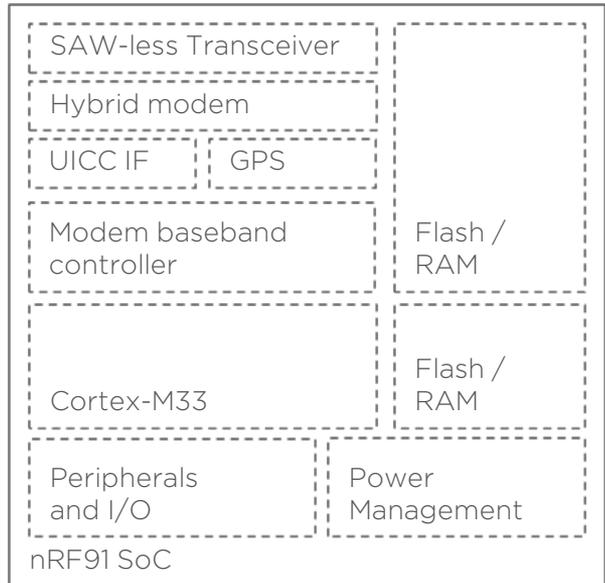
Tight integration

Efficient, on-chip data and control transfer between application and modem

Multiple Secure Islands

Modular approach to security

# Modem Architecture



## Low power architecture

Hybrid modem and general purpose stack processing for low power

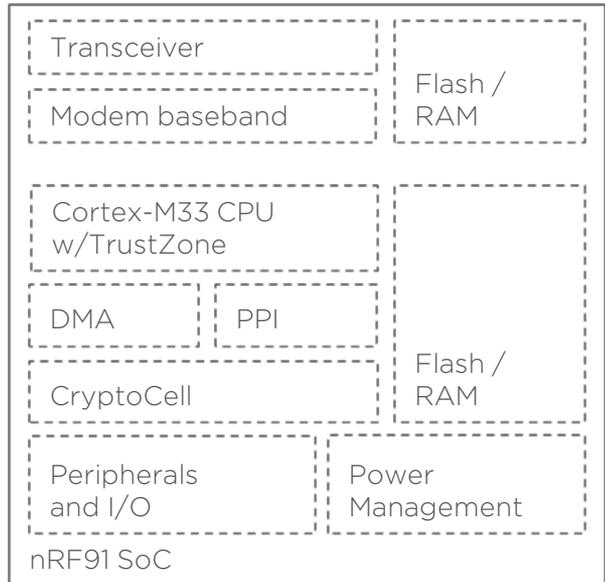
## No memory loading

Modem runs from embedded flash/RAM for fast startup times and flexibility

## Flexible transceiver

Wide range of bands supported for world-wide operation

# Application Processor for Edge Computing



## Evolved

Cutting-edge M-class, low power application processor with trusted execution support

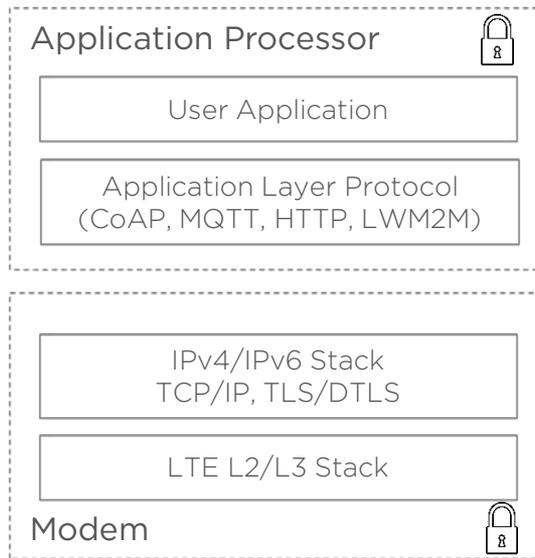
## Powerful Peripherals

Draws from the nRF52 pool of low-power peripherals  
Interface to any sensor or external system

## Edge Computing

Processing and memory resources for low-power edge computing – send information, not data

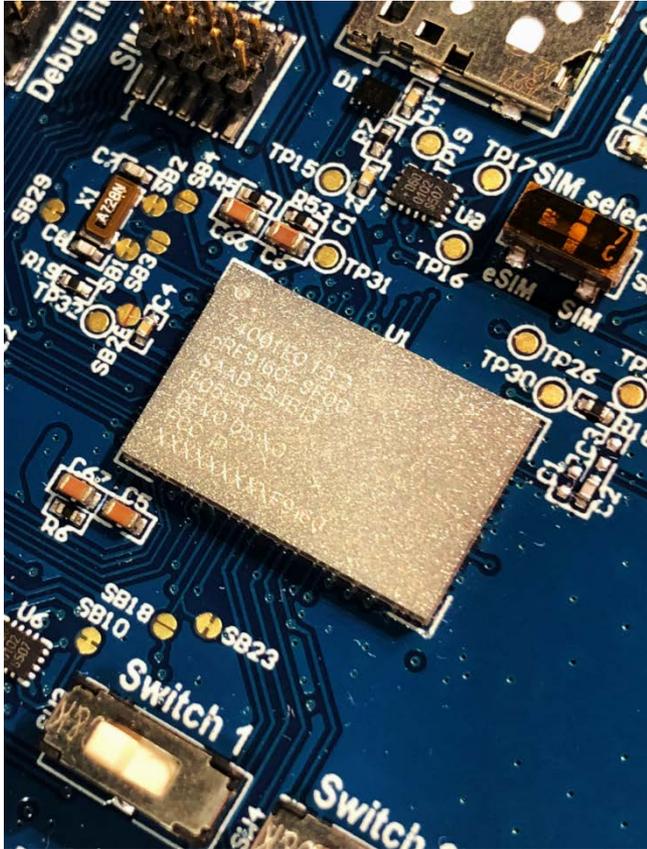
# Our Software



Full application development SDK

nRF Connect for Cloud application works out-of-the-box

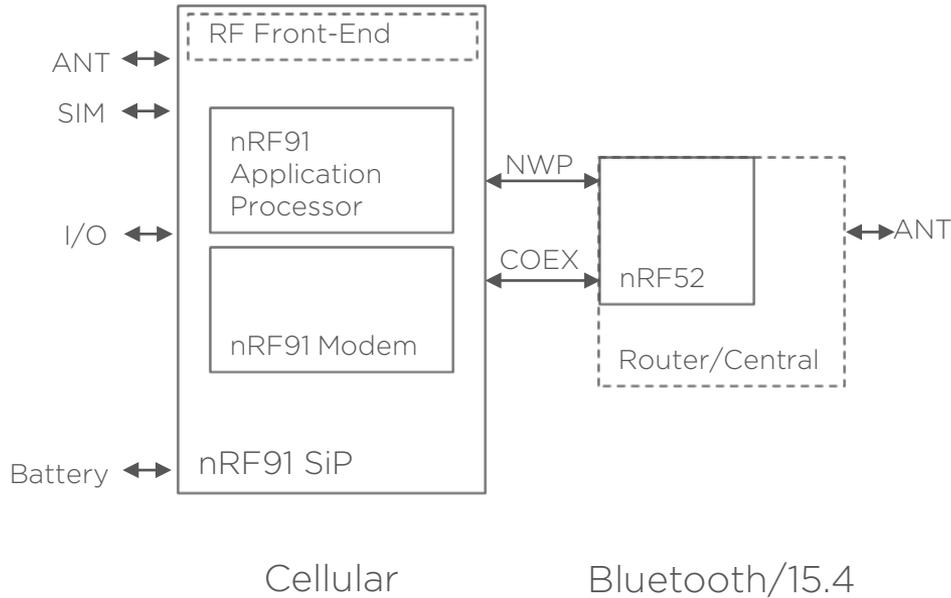
Comprehensive sample applications



## Integrating the nRF91 SiP

- 10 mm x 16 mm LGA, 0.5 mm pitch
- Simple 4-layer PCB
- 32 GPIO + coexistence interface + trace/debug
- Single-ended 50 $\Omega$  RF
- Integrated crystals and passives
- Single 3.1 V - 5.5 V supply
- Industrial -40 $^{\circ}$ C to +85 $^{\circ}$ C temperature range

# Mix and match with Bluetooth



Chipset approach

Automatic coexistence interface

Software drivers and sample application in the SDK

# Easy to use development kit



ARM debug and trace on-board

Wide band antenna for world-wide operation

Supports Arduino Uno Shields

Bluetooth on-board

# Unique value proposal with nRF91 SiP

## Size and power consumption

- Industries smallest and lowest power solution
- A “no compromise” attitude to performance

## Value add integration and features

- Application processor and Assisted GPS
- Global operation and advanced system level security

## Solution completeness and ease-of-use

- Software and development tools; including cloud
- Nordic support and developer community



Demo time

# Demos

- Demoing nRF91 production silicon
- Using internal development boards for demo
- Showing
  - CAT-M1 data transfer live network
  - NB-IOT data transfer live network
  - GPS

An aerial night view of a city skyline, likely New York City, with numerous skyscrapers illuminated. A network of white lines connects several bright points across the city, creating a grid-like pattern. A blue banner is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

# Certifications

Svein-Egil Nielsen

# Nordic's nRF91 needs a number of certifications

## Requirements and processes

- Overview of what certifications are needed for nRF91
- How we develop the product to ensure certifications success
- Certification process
- Progress



Certification is a permission to sell a product, it is not a guarantee of a great product

# nRF9160 Certification Overview

## Type approval and country specific certifications (Regional regulatory)

- Main regulatory certifications: CE (Europe), FCC/ISED (USA and Canada)
- In addition, there are some country specific regional certifications e.g. TELEC (Japan) ACMA (Australian), KCC RRA (South Korea), IMDA (Singapore), SRRC RTA and CCC (China), ...
- Regional regulatory certification is required for all products in the market

## GFC certification (Global Certification Forum)/PTCRB

- GCF/PTCRB Certification demonstrates that devices conform international standards for mobile technologies, 3GPP, and interoperate with networks worldwide
- GCF/PTCRB Certification is required for all devices incorporating mobile connectivity

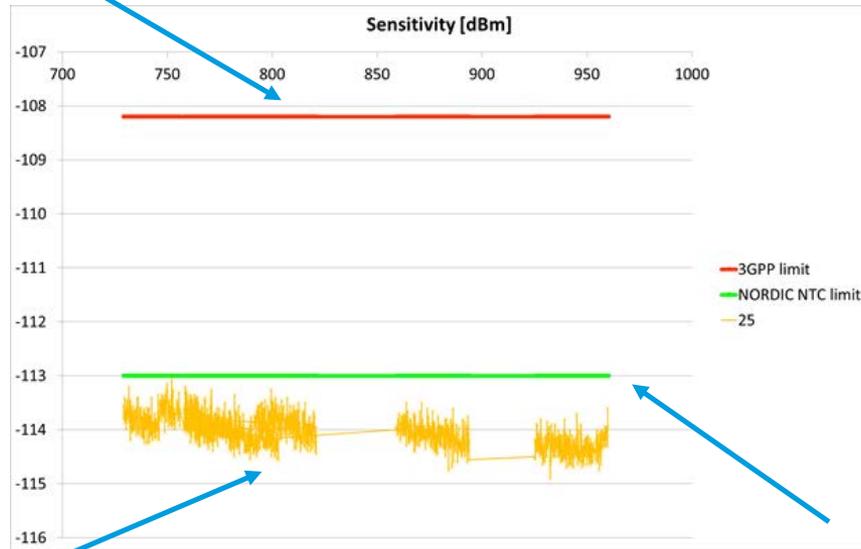
## Carrier approvals

- Certain operators require their own approvals for products to operate in their network to ensure product will meet their specific requirements
- In many regions and with many carriers no carrier specific certification is required

# Certification and interoperability drives development from the start (I)

EX: RF design

Specification limits



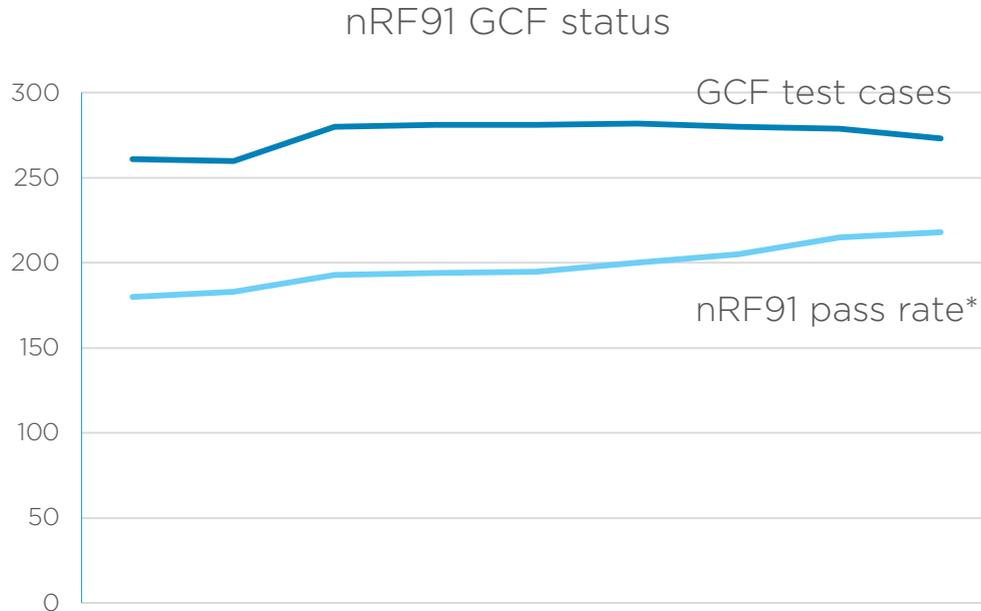
- From the start of design, design targets (parameter limits) are driven by the need for great interoperability and to pass certification
- We typically have much stricter requirements than certification and specification limits
- Limits are set by teams that have significant cellular experience

Actual results from measurements

Design acceptance limit

# Certification and interoperability drives development from the start (II)

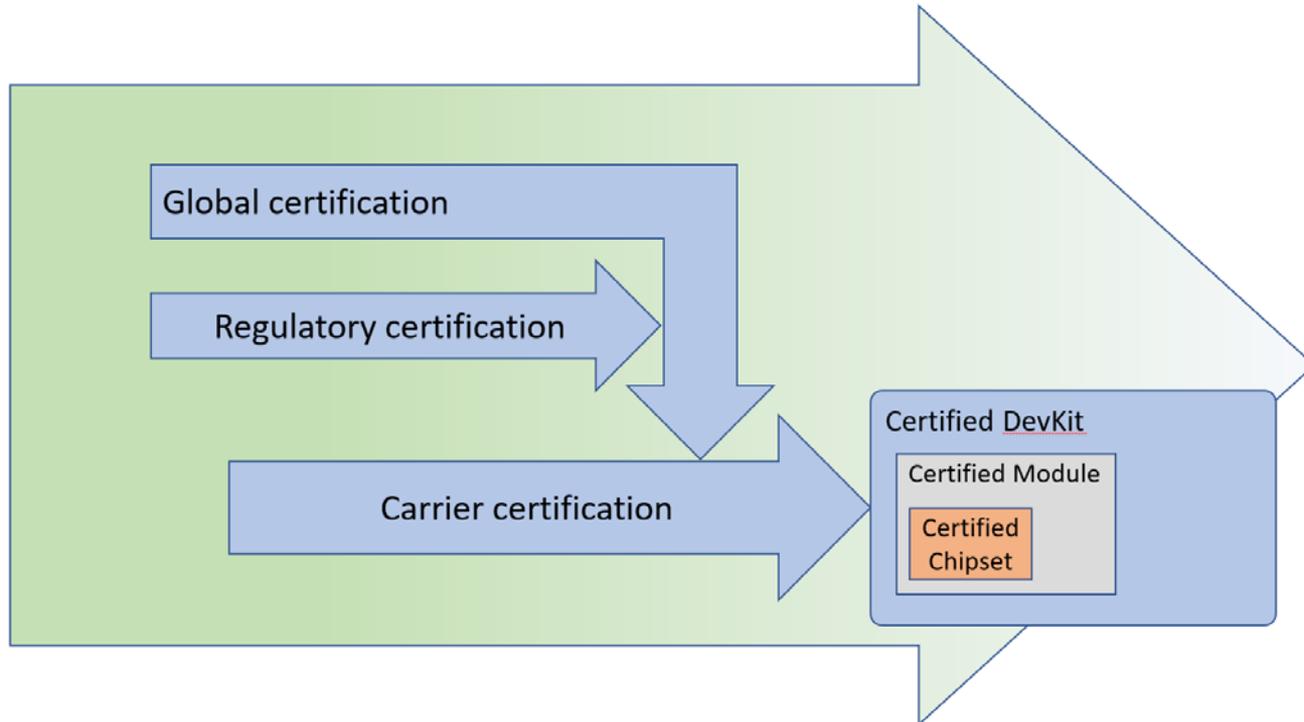
EX: Software design



- We continuously test software toward specification and certification requirements to ensure maturity and prevent regression
- Software builds are also continuously tested with infra-vendor equipment and in live networks (field trials)

\*Pass rate affected by inability to test all test cases with existing equipment

# Current certification process with final silicon



# Certification progress and targets

## Collaboration with main infrastructure vendors

- Interoperability testing (lab and field testing) have been ongoing both in inhouse basestations and in infrastructure vendors labs

## Regulatory certifications (e.g. CE, FCC)

- Pre-certification tests passed for selected bands
- Actual certification projects starting with final silicon

## Global certification (GCF)

- Significant number of GCF test cases have been run on approve test equipment
- Full set of GCF test cases can now be run on newly installed equipment

## Carrier certification

- Pre-certification testing passed for initial sampling in selected carrier labs
- Field testing ongoing in several territories
- Carrier certification projects ongoing

Target to have GCF/CE/FCC in place during 2018



# Customer Sampling

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# Cellular IoT Applications

Diverse Markets & Application

Asset tracking



Healthcare



Wearables



Metering

Garbage Bins  
Street lights  
Sharebikes  
Smart Parking

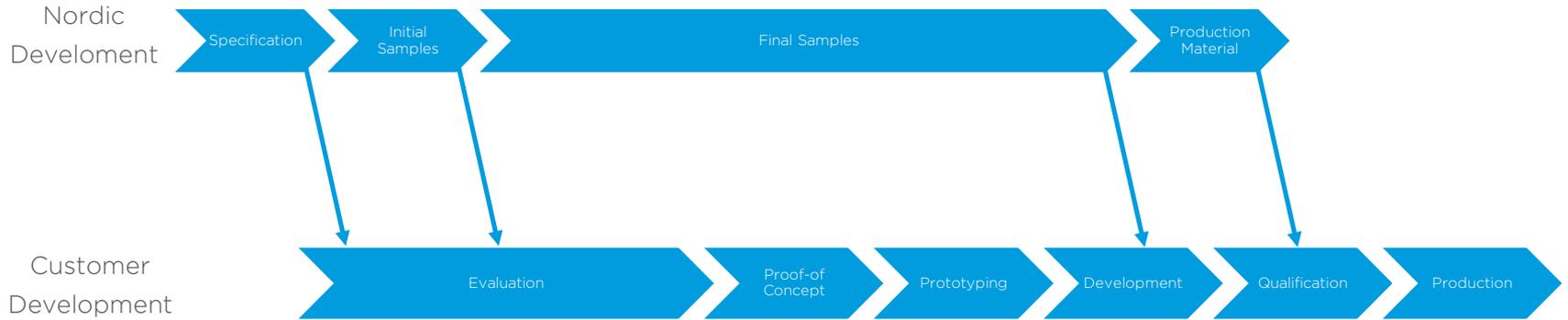
Location  
Condition  
Sub-units

The patient should  
not be the network  
operator

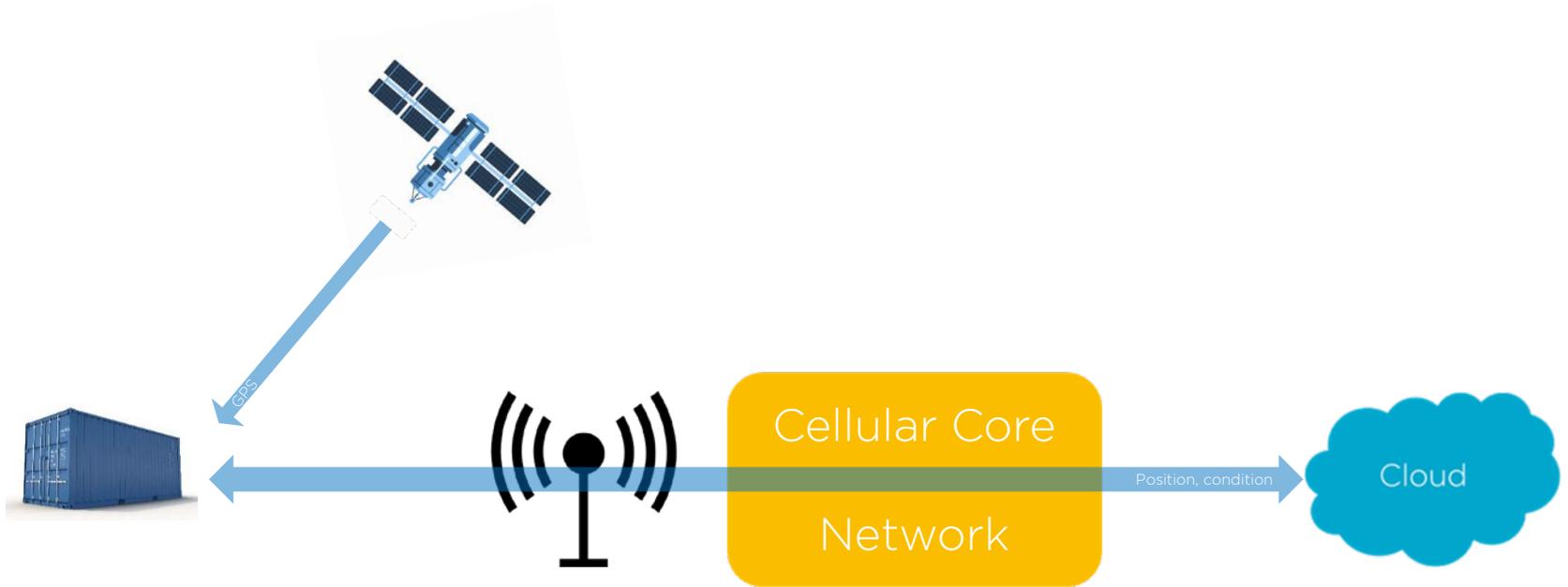
Leverage existing  
infrastructure  
Great coverage and  
scalability



# The power of early sampling



# Case Study – Asset Tracking



# The Challenges

- Will it know where it is?
  - Efficient GPS antenna solution
  - Indoor positioning?
- Will it be able to communicate with my cloud service?
  - Cellular subscription coverage for the relevant area
  - Range, range, range
- Will the battery life be sufficient?
  - Match maintenance cycles?



# The Challenges

- Should it be capable of tracking smaller items around it?
  - Use BLE or other simple protocols
- Will it be cheap enough to manufacture and use?
  - COB, cellular subscription, cloud solution
- Will it be manageable?
  - Firmware upgrades, comissioning, decomissioning

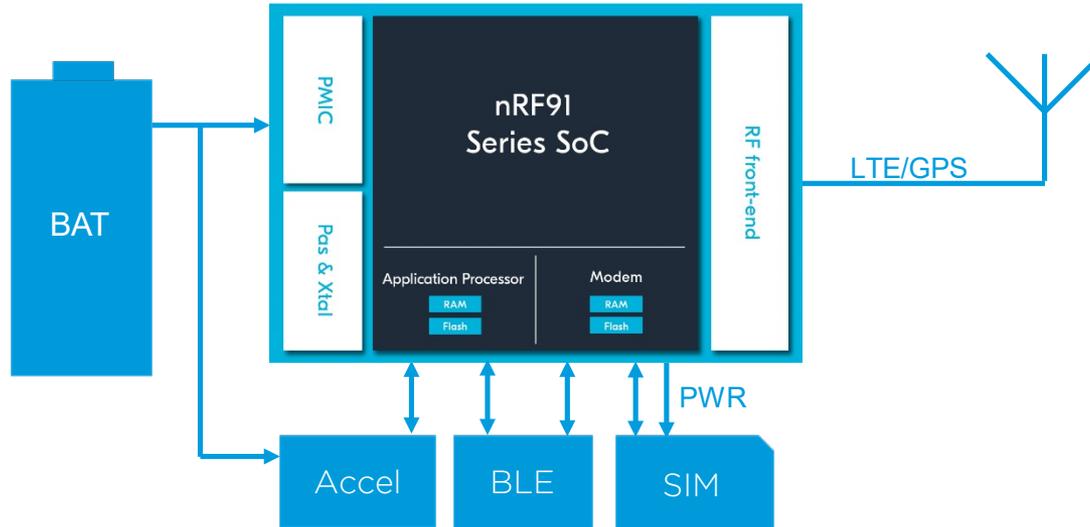


# The Evaluation of LTE-M and NB-IoT

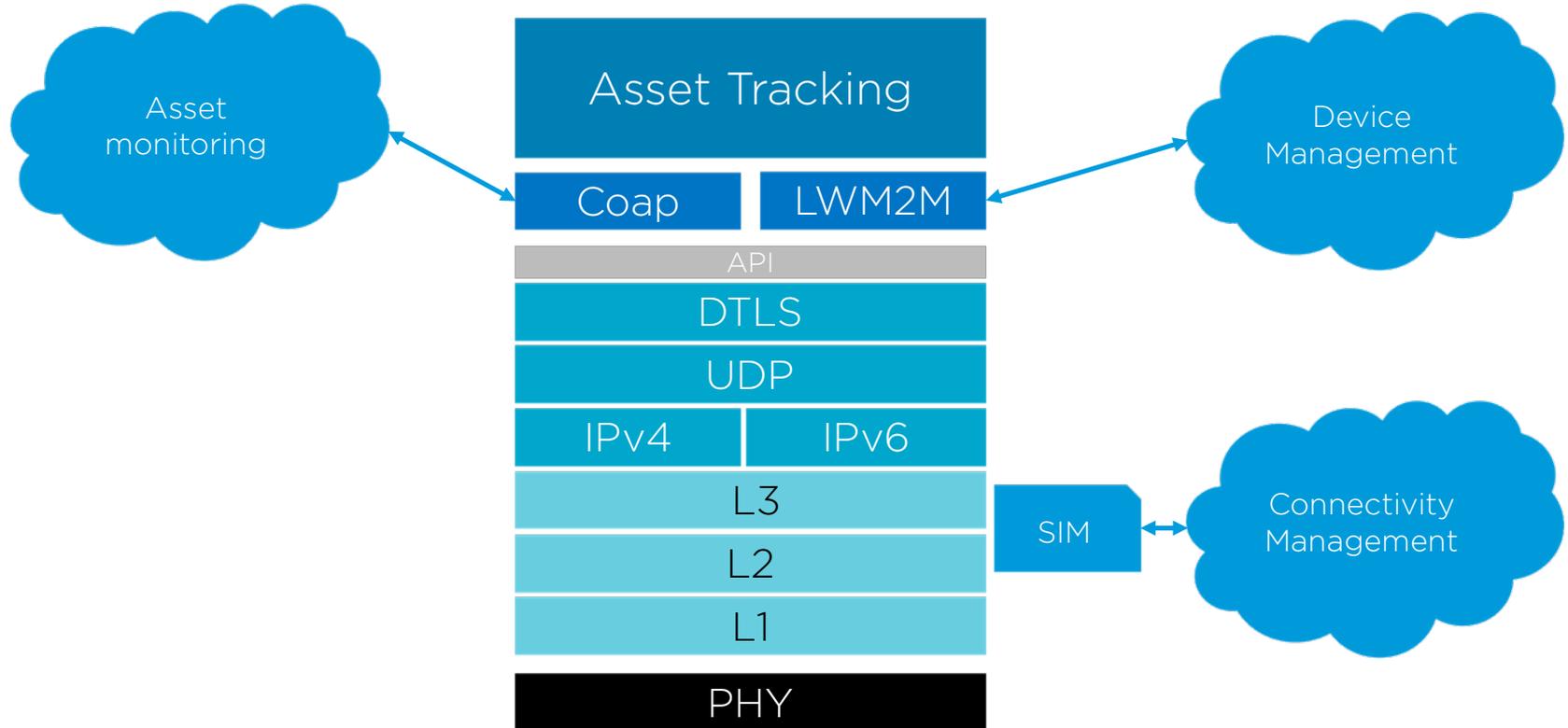
- Can our challenges most efficiently be solved with LTE-M or NB-IoT for long-range communication?
- How do the different suppliers stack up against each other?
  - Power Consumption
  - Application development support
  - Size
  - Production capacity and quality
  - Solution cost

# The HW product

- Development kit – reference design



# The SW product



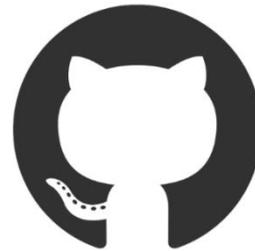
# Support and Community

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

Nordic DevZone  
Engineer-to-Engineer  
& Technical Support

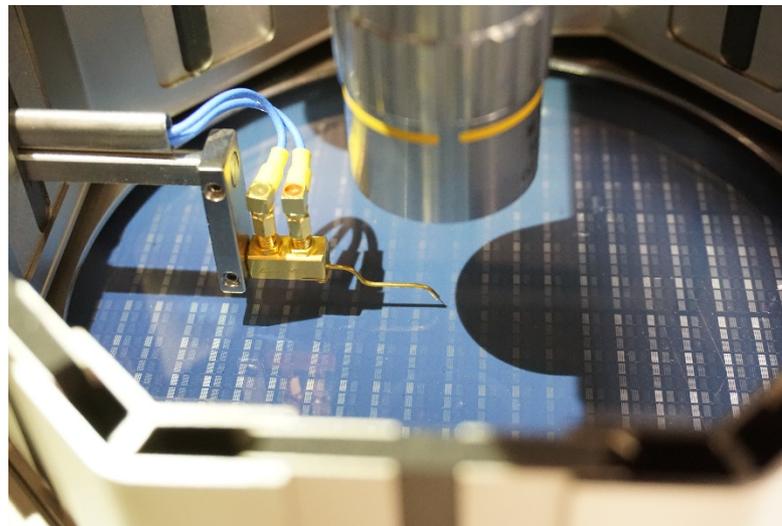


Nordic self-service  
software on Nordic  
web and GitHub



# Production

- Qorvo and Nordic already manufacture high-volume, quality products in billions
- A world-wide distribution network for fulfilment
- Quality systems in place to quickly resolve challenges





# Customer Sampling

Status and plans



# First NB-IoT customers sampled

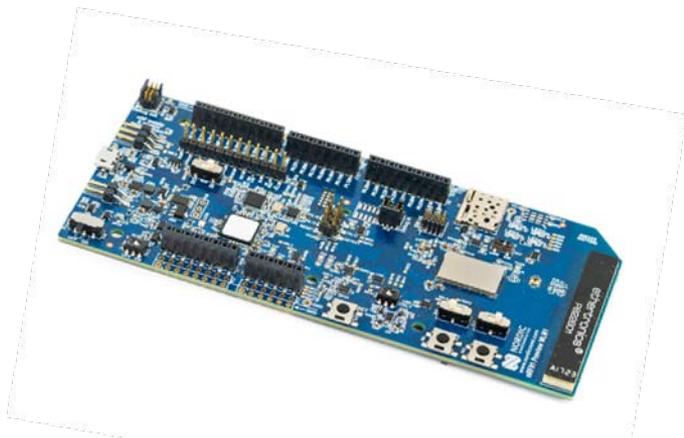
Working on EU Networks



Addressing primarily static installations

Combines with LTE-M for efficient Firmware  
Over The Air (FOTA)

# nRF91 lead customer sampling program



Diversified set of customers  
Mix of BIG and FAST

Target to sample more than 100 by end of Q3

Sampled total of 75 customers

Diversified set of customers

Demand for first production quantities end-2018

First design win secured

European customers in asset tracking - FAST

Switched from a competing solution

Start of general availability Q4 2018

Priority is to secure design wins with lead customers

Secure volume ramp

An aerial night view of a city, likely New York City, with a network overlay of white lines and dots connecting various points across the skyline. The city lights are visible, and the network lines form a complex web over the buildings and streets.

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