

# NFC Trends to Look Out for in 2020 and Beyond

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SECURE CONNECTIONS  
FOR A SMARTER WORLD

# Agenda

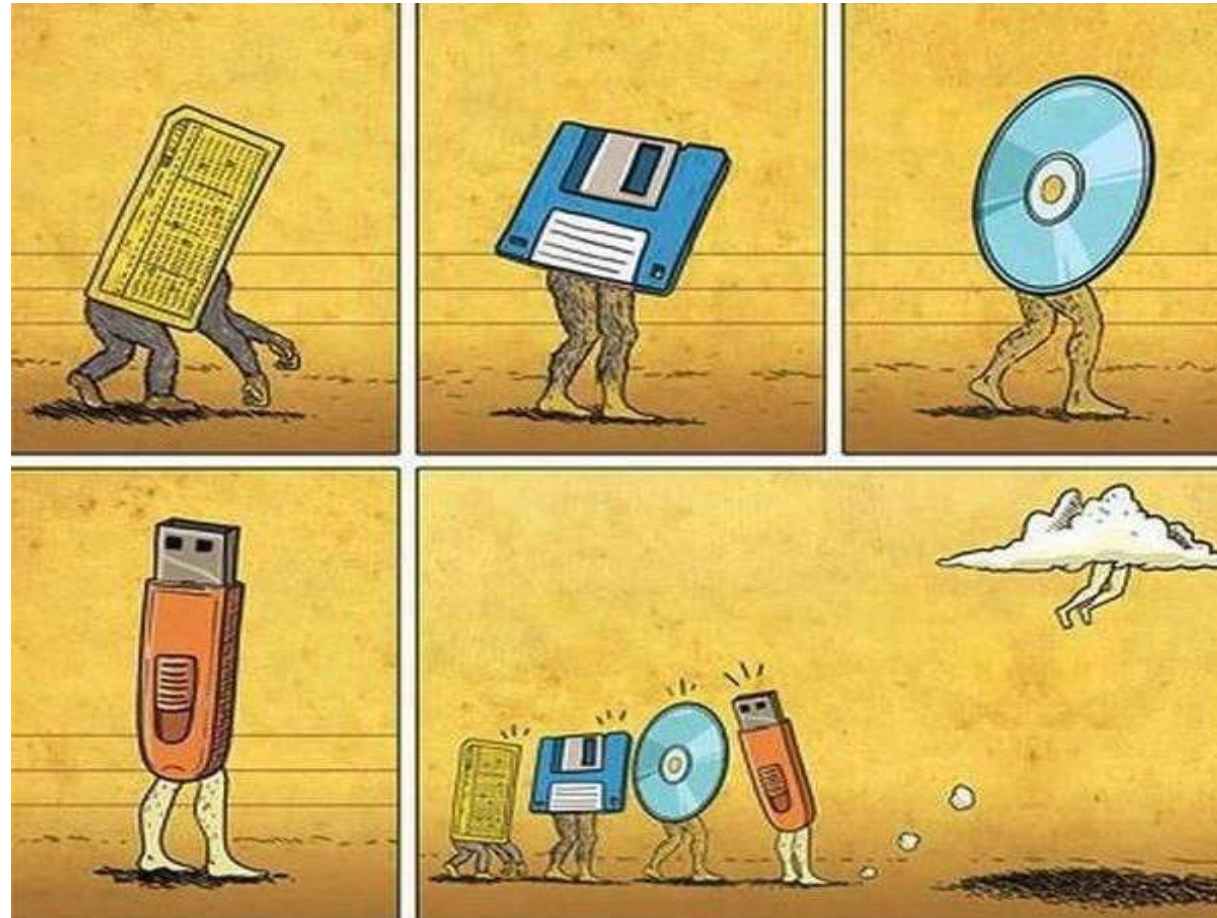
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- Technology Evolution
- NFC Introduction
- Key Areas of Innovation
  - Smarter Industries
  - A new shopping experience
  - Powering Lifestyles



# Technology Evolution

Same Use Case, Easier & Better Solution



# What is NFC?

## Short Overview

- NFC is a contactless short range technology, based on inductive coupling (10cm / 4 in)
- Co-invented in 2002 by NXP and Sony
- Operating frequency 13.56MHz, speed < 848 kbits/s

### Big reasons to consider NFC



More intuitive than any technology  
It's like shaking hands



Use Power Very Efficiently  
One powered device & Energy harvesting



Trusted addition to other technology  
Especially for pairing devices





# Key Areas of Innovation



Smarter  
industries



A new shopping  
experience



Powering new  
lifestyles

# Smarter Industries





# Enhancing Industry 4.0

- Add RFID tags to give passive objects a voice; end-to-end tracking and traceability
- Product and parts authentication
- Manufacturing process optimization: Use NFC for diagnosis, parametrization and maintenance tasks



# Parameterization & Diagnosis

It's as simple as you could think








# Industrial Devices Start Using NFC for Parameterization & Diagnosis



# Parameterization, Diagnosis and Firmware Update Today

Function	Goal	Current method	Drawbacks
Parameterization / Configuration	Set individual parameters (timing, reset behavior, channels, region setting, program etc.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing has openings, issues with dirt, water</li> <li>• Settings not self-explanatory</li> <li>• # and accuracy of parameters limited</li> <li>• Cost (switch ~\$0.30, display more)</li> </ul>
Diagnosis	Read out diagnostic data for maintenance or post-mortem analysis		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing has openings, issues with dirt, water</li> <li>• Device needs to be powered</li> <li>• Cost</li> </ul>
Firmware update	Flash a new firmware into a device in the field or in the distribution center		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing has openings, issues with dirt, water</li> <li>• Device needs to be powered</li> <li>• Cost of connector and interface chip</li> </ul>

# Customer Benefits

## Cost reduction

- NTAG I<sup>2</sup>C *plus* < \$0.25

## Higher accuracy, more parameters

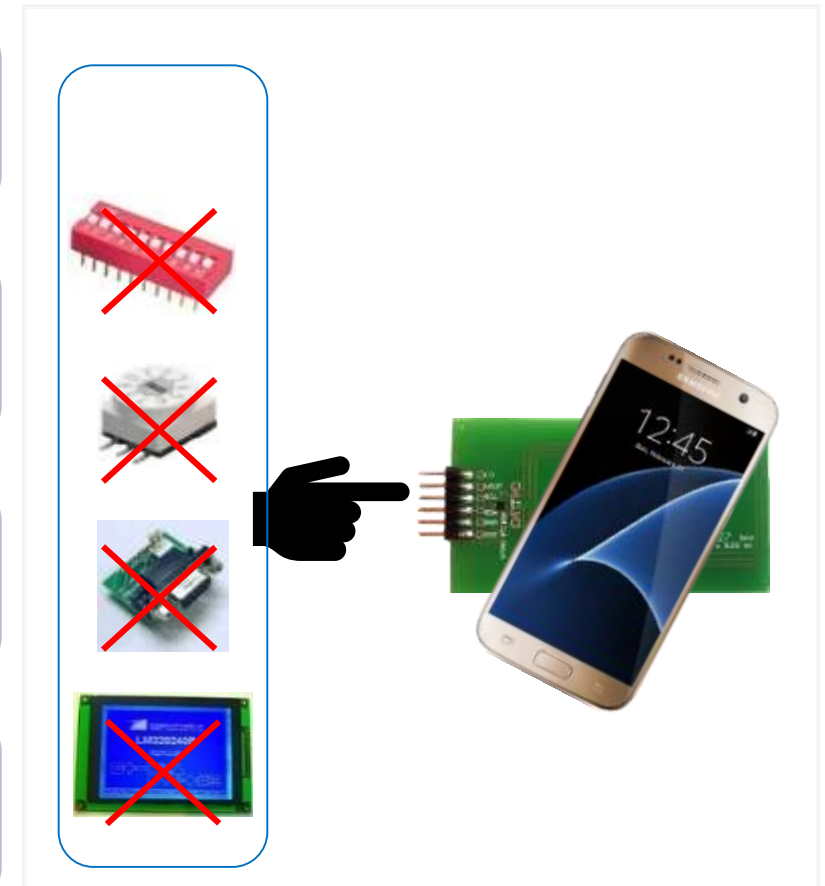
- Can store 2 kBytes on-chip

## Zero-power operation

- Phone powers the NTAG I<sup>2</sup>C *plus* via the NFC field

## Device can be fully sealed

- NFC communication possible through plastic, glass, wood, ...





# A New Shopping Experience



# Adding Smarts to Labels

- Use mobile to access product information, loyalty, in-store navigation, self-checkout
- Improved inventory management
- Increase in customer interaction filling the gap to online stores
- Dynamic pricing



# Use of NFC Technology in ESL



## Shopper connectivity

- Customers can read product information and access services directly on their NFC-enabled phones.

NTAG I<sup>2</sup>C *plus*



## Contactless cards

- Customers can directly pay for products by tapping their NFC smart cards to the ESL.
- In this case the ESL is a NFC reader.

MFRC630 *plus*



## Consistent store map

- An interactive NFC application creates a link between the product, the NFC enabled ESL and the access point of the ESL system.

NTAG I<sup>2</sup>C *plus*



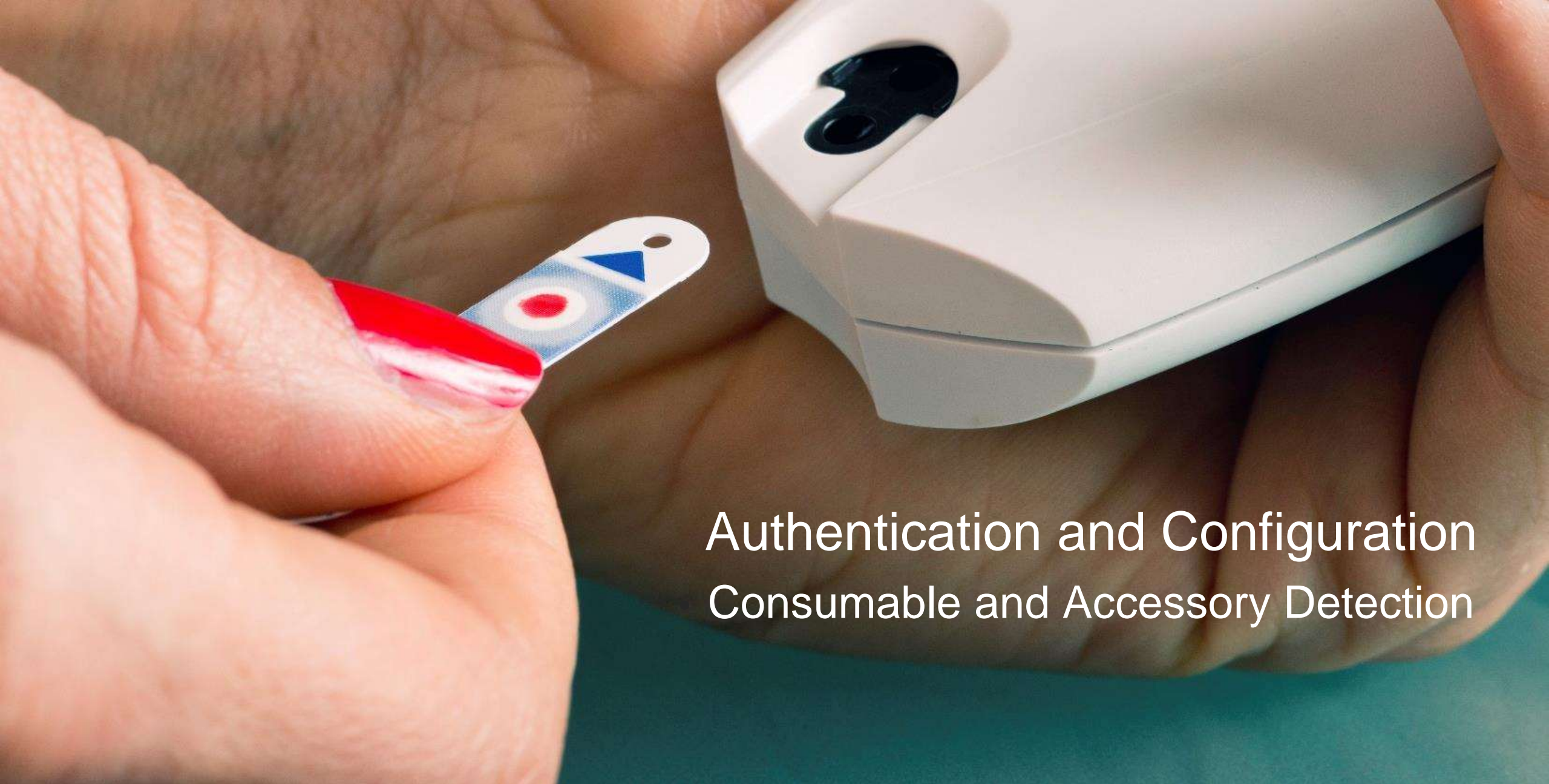
# Powering New Lifestyles





## NFC in Consumer Medical

- Each accessory becomes easier to authenticate and trace to their devices
- This allows safety and security for patients and revenue protection for our customers.



# Authentication and Configuration Consumable and Accessory Detection



# Customer Benefits – Why Identify Accessories?

Enforce expiration dates

- Safe device usage for end customer

Calibration data increases measurement accuracy

- Ensuring accurate device results

Revenue Protection

- Prevents re-use of disposables
- Revenue Protection
- Counterfeit protection

Future Proof

- New accessories can configure the main device with new functions



# The Right NFC Tag and NFC Reader for Each Application

Tag	Reader	RF standard	Benefits
NTAG DNA	MFRC 630	Proximity < 10 cm ISO/IEC 14443	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enable secure originality check with <b>any NFC enabled mobile phone</b></li></ul>
ICODE DNA	SLRC 610	Vicinity < 1 m ISO/IEC 15693	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Securely</b> check if consumables are genuine</li><li>• <b>Longer read range</b></li></ul>
ICODE SLIX2	SLRC 610	Vicinity < 1 m ISO/IEC 15693	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reliable <b>counting &amp; inventory</b></li><li>• Check <b>conditions</b> of consumables (usage, best before dates, ...)</li></ul>

# And what's beyond?



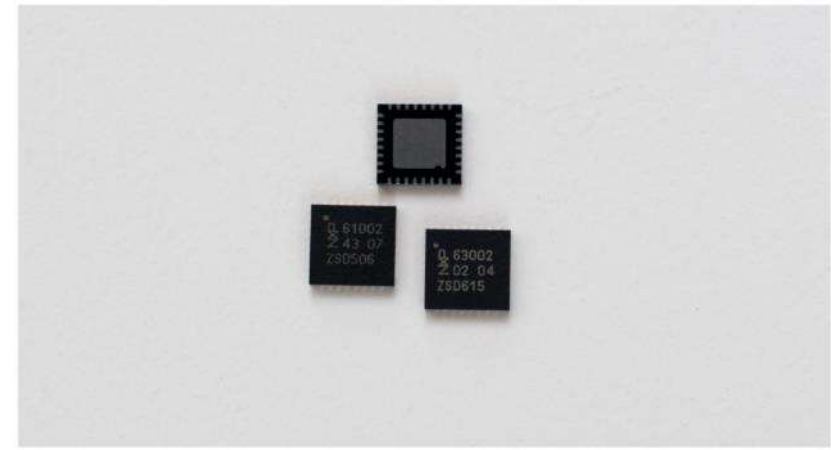
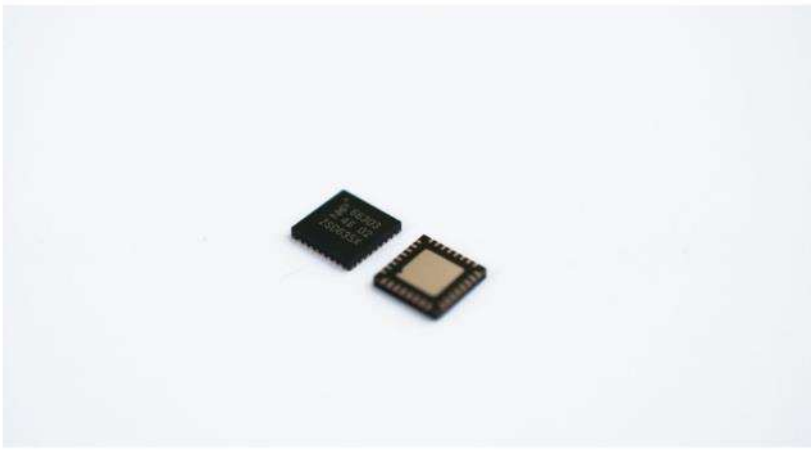


# NFC Charging – Big News for Small Devices

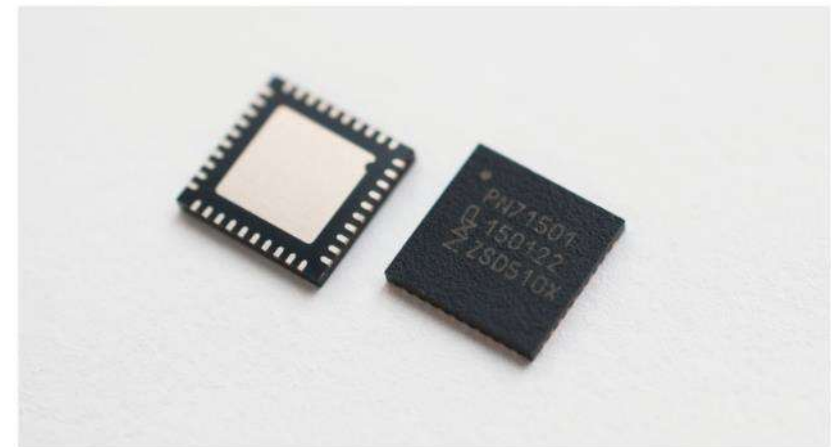
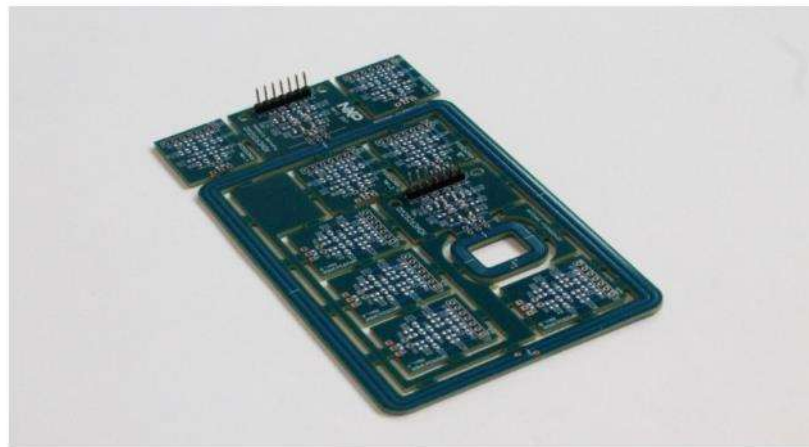
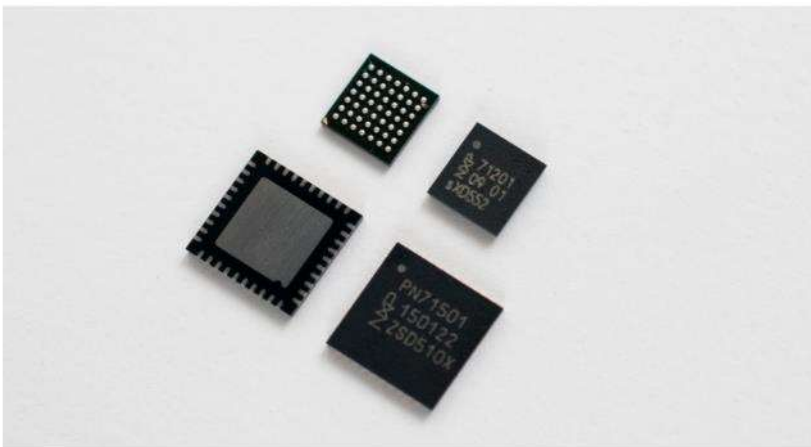
- NFC charging technology standardized in NFC forum
- Target: < 2W devices
- Integrated high-speed communication link (mutual authentication, FW update, late device configuration, Bluetooth/Wi-Fi pairing)





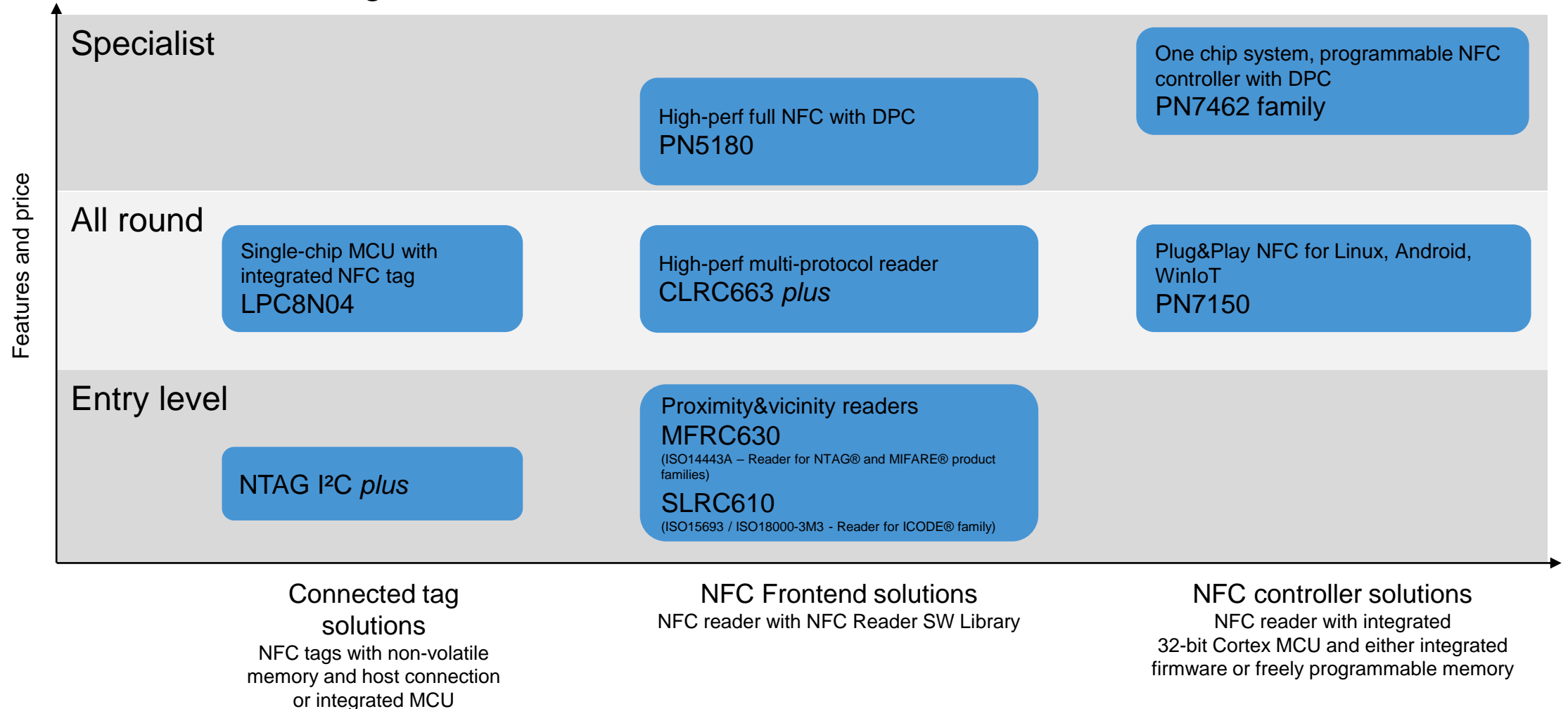


# Products



# NFC Focus Products for Each Application Need

Readers/connected Tags: for Embedded Electronics

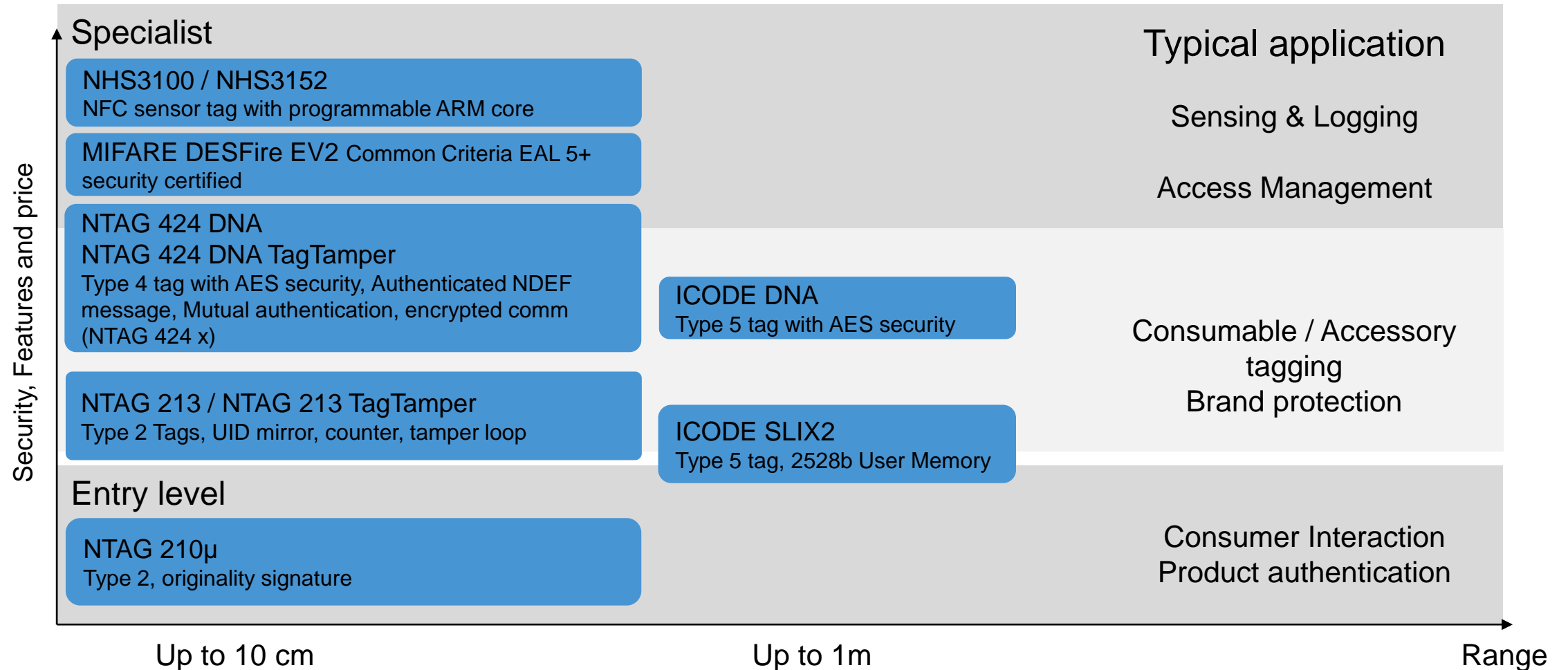


\* Single chip: Cortex M0 MCU + last generation NFC reader + ISO 7816 Contact reader



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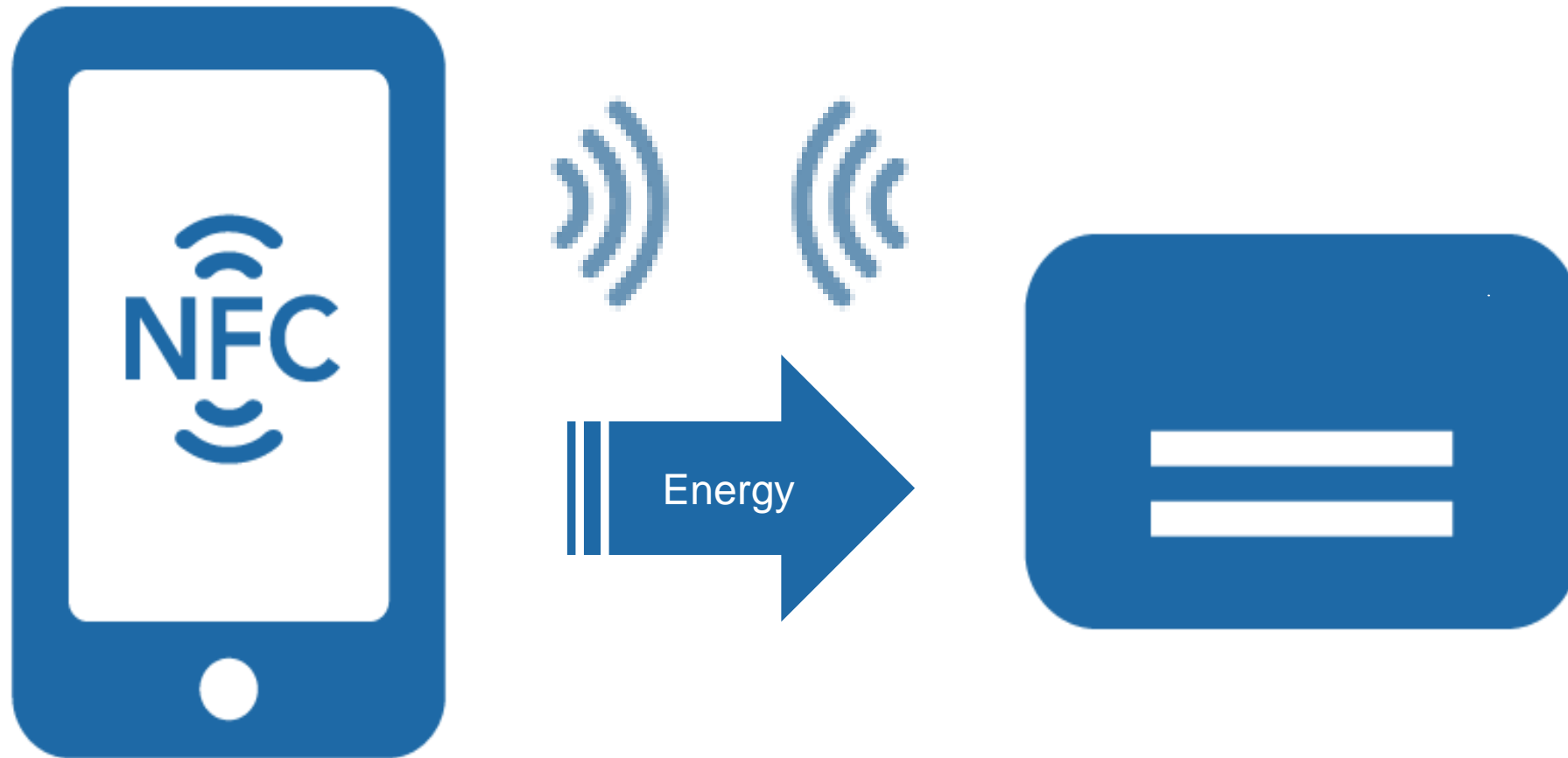
ICs for tags, labels and cards



# 2020 is the Year of NTAG 5

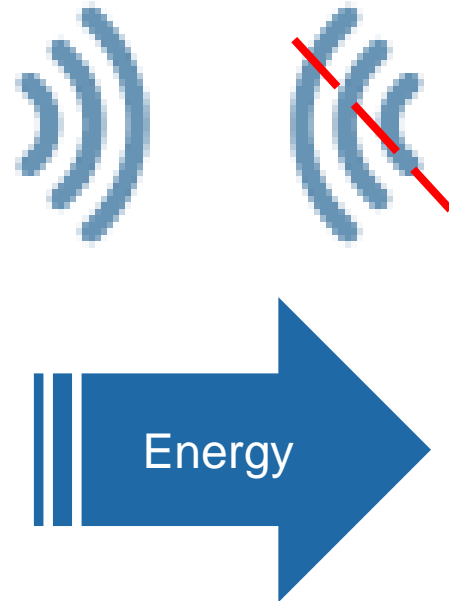


# NFC Read Range vs. Antenna Sizes





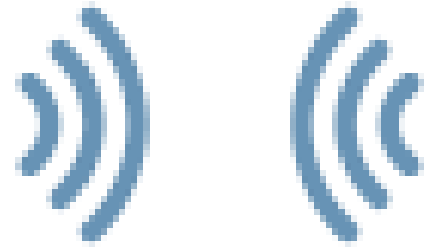
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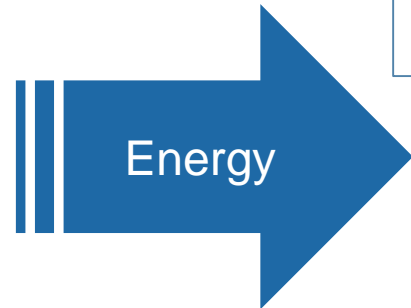
The small antenna cannot drive enough energy to sufficiently back-modulate to the reader.



# Active Load Modulation Enabling NFC for Tiny Devices



Powered through an external supply, active load modulation of the device is actively driving the modulation back to the reader.



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# NTAG 5 Interfaces

Wide variety of interfaces enable completely new applications

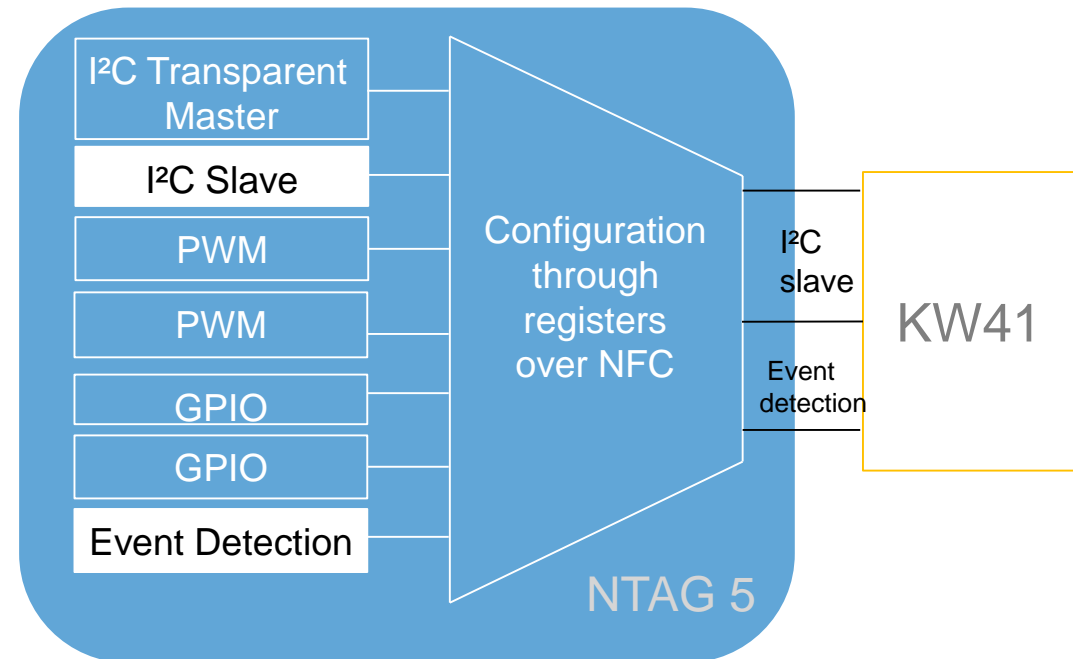






## NFC Commissioning

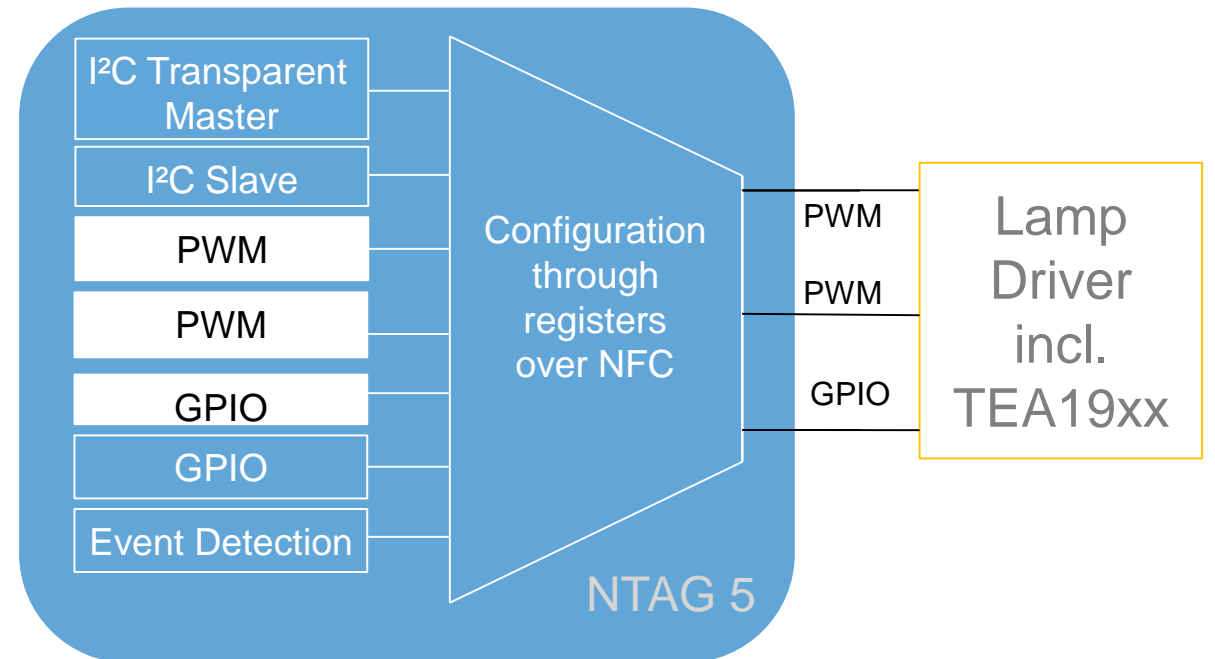
- I<sup>2</sup>C slave interface to a BT/Zigbee  $\mu$ C for pairing protocol
- Event detection pin to wake up the circuit in the event of NFC field





## Lighting – LED Converter

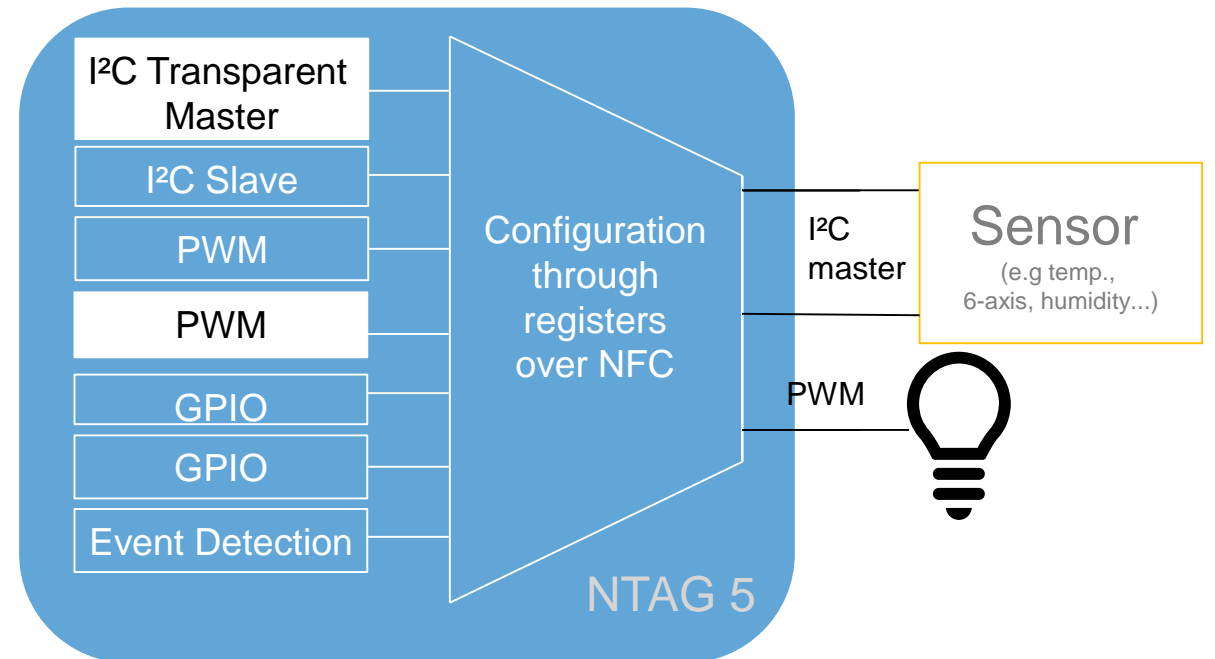
- Configure current for LED converter through PWM
- Configure second current for tuneable white LED
- Use GPIO to enable or disable converter



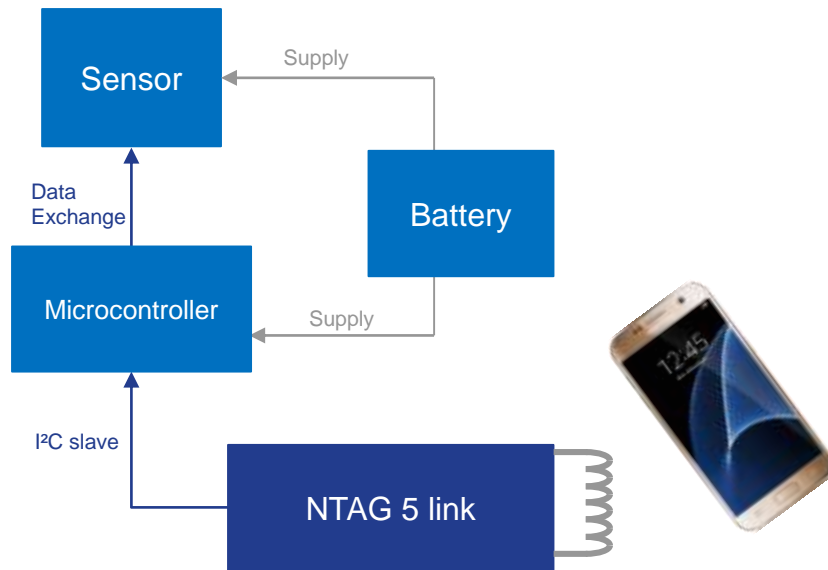


# Sensor Communication

- Read/write to sensor through NFC and I<sup>2</sup>C master
- No MCU needed for communication to the sensor
- LED brightness changed through PWM indicating the communication



# Constant Monitoring of Sensors

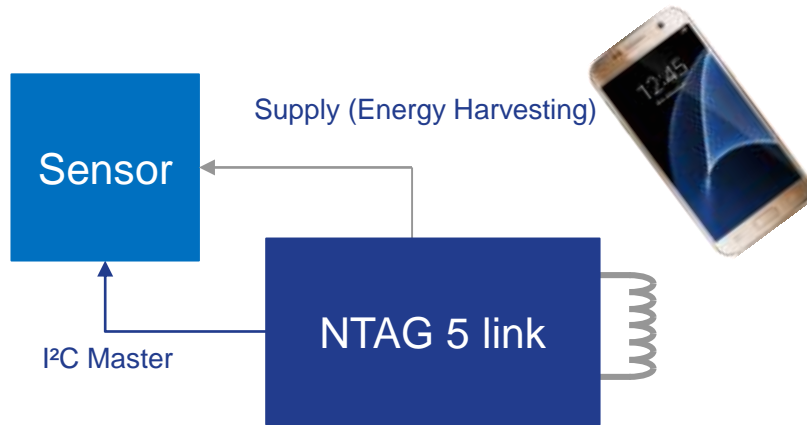


## Benefits

- Device can be fully sealed  
NFC communication possible through plastic, glass, wood, ...
- Save front-panel space
- Together with consumer mobile phone cost efficient IoT solution



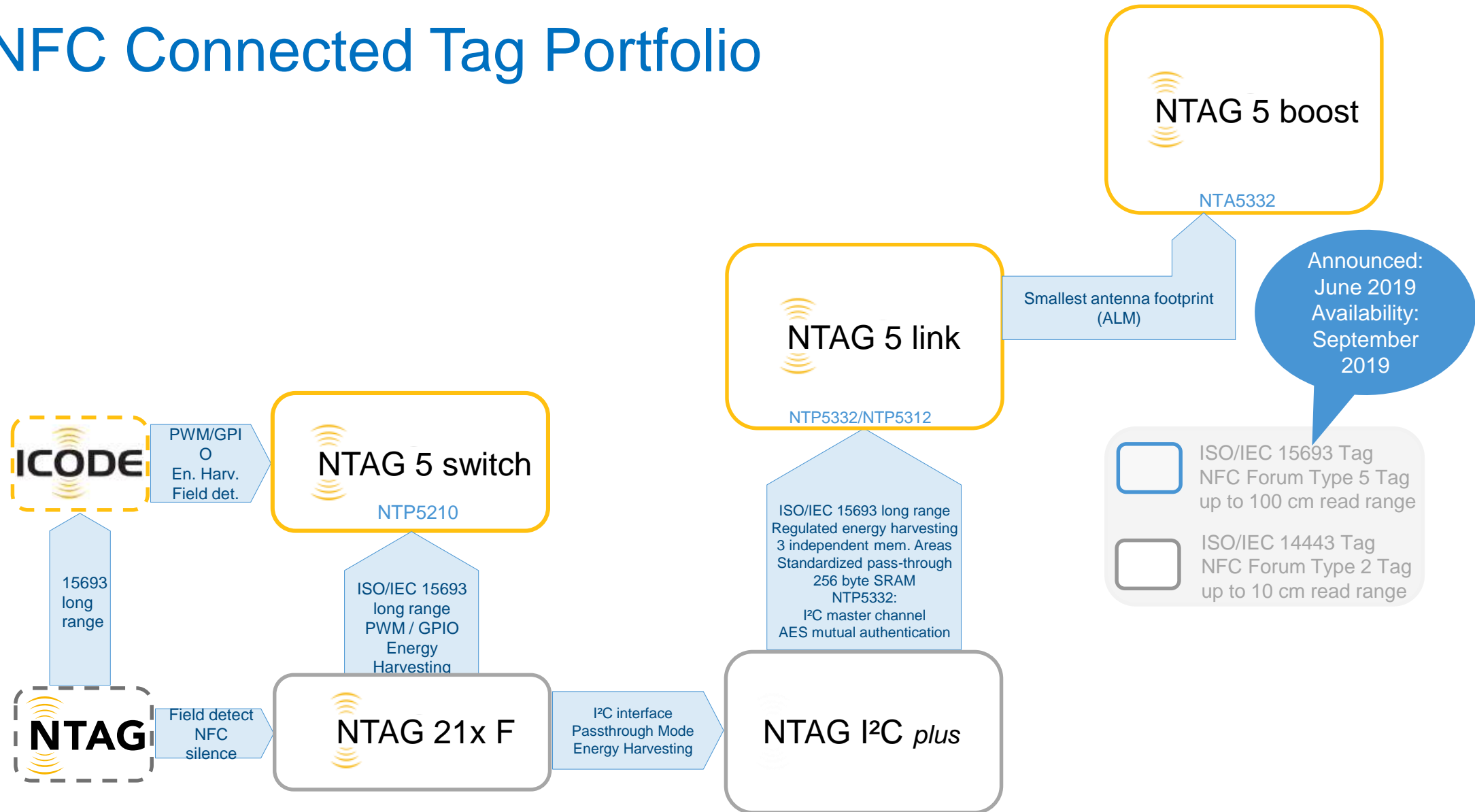
# IoT On Demand



## Benefits

- Overall BOM reduction:
  - No Battery needed
  - No MCU needed  
data preparation in app or cloud
- Especially for devices where power is an issue

# NFC Connected Tag Portfolio



# Check Out Our Demo!





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