

Description

The **Arduino® Nicla Voice** packs machine learning capabilities on the edge into a tiny fingerprint.

Implement always-on speech recognition with Nicla Voice. The board integrates a dedicated Neural Decision Processor **Syntiant NDP 120** able to run multiple AI algorithms at the same time. Leverage the built-in microphone, nRF52832 microcontroller, Bluetooth® Low Energy module, 6-axis IMU and 3-axis magnetometer to create your own wireless sensor network for machine learning applications with low power consumption capabilities.

Target areas:

noise and vibration detection, low-power speech recognition, contactless operations, gesture recognition

Features

- **ANNA-B112** Bluetooth® Module
 - **nRF52832** System-on-chip
 - 64 MHz Arm® Cortex M4 with FPU
 - 512 KB Flash + 64 KB SRAM
 - 16MB SPI Flash
 - Bluetooth® Low Energy module (ANNA-B112)
 - 2.4GHz, 40 channels
 - Bluetooth 5.0 via cordio stack, 4.2 via ArduinoBLE
 - Typical +4dBm TX
 - +5dBm Max radiated TX with internal antenna (EIRP)
 - -91 dBm sensitivity (conducted)
 - -92 dBm sensitivity with internal antenna (EIRP)
 - Data rates of 1 and 2 Mbps GFSK
- **Syntiant® NDP120** Neural Decision Processor™ (Microprocessor)
 - 1x Syntiant Core 2™ ultra low power deep neural network inference engine
 - 1x HiFi 3 Audio DSP
 - 1x Arm® Cortex® M0 core up to 48 MHz
 - Dedicated Low I_Q High PSRR Low-Dropout regulator (TPS7A05)
 - 1µA of typical very-low quiescent current consumption (3µA maximum)
 - Dedicated 48KB SRAM

■ Sensors

- IMU 6-axis (BMI270)
 - 16 bit 3-axis accelerometer $\pm 2/4/8/16$ g range
 - Output data rates (ODR): 0.78Hz-1.6 kHz
 - 16 bit 3-axis gyroscope $\pm 125/250/500/1000/2000$ dps range
 - Output data rates (ODR): 25Hz-6.4 kHz
 - Fast offset error compensation for accelerometer and gyroscope
 - Rapid startup time:
 - 2ms for Gyroscope with fast start mode
 - 2ms for Accelerometer
 - $<1\mu\text{s}$ of HW synchronization
 - Wide voltage supply range
 - Low Power
 - Current consumption: typ. 685 μA (full ODR and aliasing free operation)
 - Built in PMU
- Magnetometer 3-axis (BMM150)
 - Low voltage operation
 - Ultra low power, current consumption 170 μA @ 10 Hz in low power preset
 - Interrupt signal generation for magnetic Low-/High-Threshold detection
 - Magnetic field range typical of $\pm 1300\mu\text{T}$ (x, y-axis), $\pm 2500\mu\text{T}$ (z-axis)
 - Magnetic field resolution of $\sim 0.3\mu\text{T}$
 - Maximum magnetic field rating at any direction $>7\text{T}$
- High Performance Microphone (IM69D130)
 - Frequency range 20 Hz ~ 20 kHz
 - MEMS (silicon) type
 - Dynamic range of 105dB
 - $<1\%$ total harmonic distortions up to 128 dB SPL
 - Sensitivity ($\pm 1\text{dB}$) and phase ($\pm 2^\circ$ @ 1kHz) matched
 - Flat frequency response with low frequency roll off at 28Hz
 - Power optimized modes determined by PDM clock frequency
 - PDM output
 - Omnidirectional pickup pattern

- **I/O**

- Castellated pads (J1 8 pads, J2 9 pads, J3 2 pads)
 - 1x I²C bus, also available on the ESLOV connector
 - 1x Serial Port (UART)
 - 1x SPI
 - 2x ADC
 - GPIOs configurable voltage 1V8/3V3
 - 1x Battery Input
 - Integrated battery charger and fuel gauge (BQ25120AYFPR) for 3.7V Li-Po battery
 - Power Input and Output (3V3, GND and VIN)
- External PDM microphone connector (ZIF connector for FFC cables FH33J-4S)

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1 The Board

1.1 Application Examples

The Arduino® Nicla Voice is your cutting edge development and deployment solution taking advantage of Syntiant NDP120, a neural decision processor that will let you run multiple AI algorithms. Deploy predictive maintenance, gesture and speech recognition, and contactless applications in a miniaturized form factor. A 6-axis motion sensor, a magnetometer, and always-on speech recognition on the edge are at your disposal for unrestricted research and development. On-board Bluetooth® Low Energy connectivity grants compatibility with Nicla, Portenta, and MKR devices for scalability. Ultra-low power consumption enables long lasting device life-time and wide range of spectrum in deployment capabilities.

- **Automated Intruder Detection System:** Nicla Voice's edge capabilities enables faster identification of critical and time-sensitive events, including glass-breaking or motion sensing. Multiple voice, sound and sensor applications can run simultaneously with low power consumption, all in a tiny battery-powered size, allowing long period of usage without intervention.
- **Smart Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Headphones:** Nicla Voice enables noise suppression and acoustic echo cancellation, allowing the user to work in noisy environments without risks. However, the integrated deep learning algorithms are able to classify and avoid filtering machine or line alarm signals, preserving overall safety.
- **Predictive Maintenance:** Nicla Voice can be used to predict wear of industrial equipment, machinery and automation devices. It can detect vibrations, noises coming from motors or coils and gather the information needed for the Neural Decision Network to output an aligned maintenance with the received inputs.
- **Add low-power speech recognition:** With the built-in microphone and its tiny form factor, you can easily equip an existing setup with Nicla Voice to improve the workflow by adding speech recognition like voice commands. Moreover, Always-On speech recognition application can be developed thanks to the ultra low-power Syntiant® NDP120 Neural Decision Processor™.

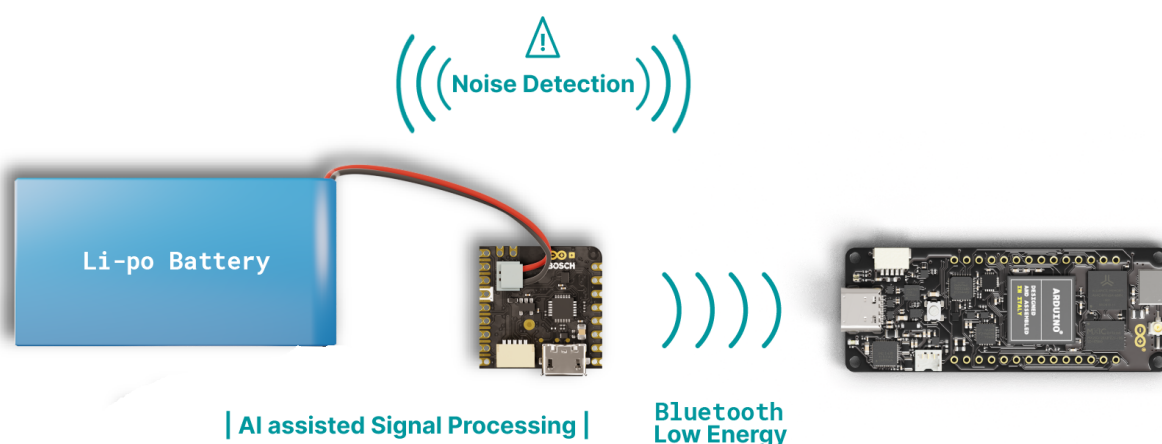
1.2 Accessories (Not Included)

- Single cell Li-ion/Li-Po battery

1.3 Related Products

- ESLOV connector
- Arduino® Portenta H7 (SKU: ABX00042)

1.4 Assembly Overview



Example: Example of a typical solution for remote environmental sensing including an Arduino® Nicla Voice, Arduino® Portenta H7 and LiPo battery.

2 Ratings

Symbol	Description	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
V_{IN}	Input voltage from VIN pad	3.5	5.0	5.5	V
V_{USB}	Input voltage from USB connector	4.8	5.0	5.5	V
V_{DDIO_EXT}	Level Translator Voltage	1.8	3.3	3.3	V
V_{IH}	Input high-level voltage	$0.7V_{DDIO_EXT}^1$		V_{DDIO_EXT}	V
V_{IL}	Input low-level voltage	0		$0.3V_{DDIO_EXT}^2$	V
T_{OP}	Operating Temperature	0	25	85	°C

Note : V_{DDIO_EXT} is software programmable. While the ADC inputs can accept up to x.xV, the maximum value is at the ANNA B112 operating voltage.

¹ : All I/O pins operate at V_{DDIO_EXT} apart from the following:

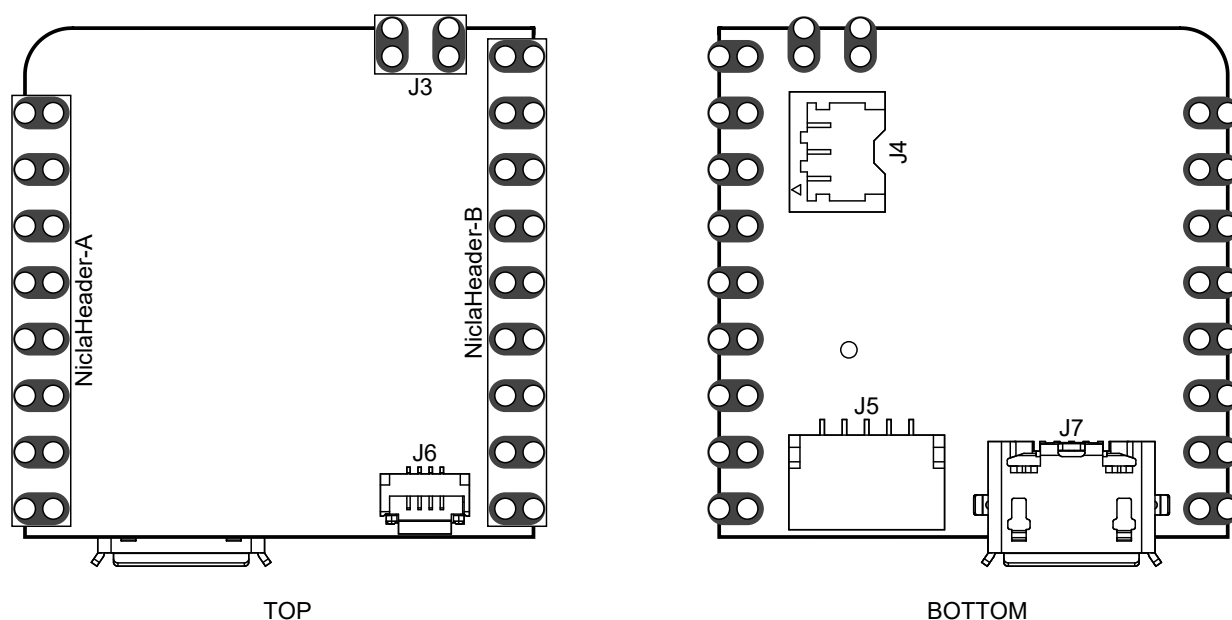
- ADC1 and ADC2 - 1V8
- JTAG_SAMD11 - 3V3

²: If the internal V_{DDIO_EXT} is disabled, it is possible to supply it externally.

Nicla Voice Block Diagram

3.2 Board Topology

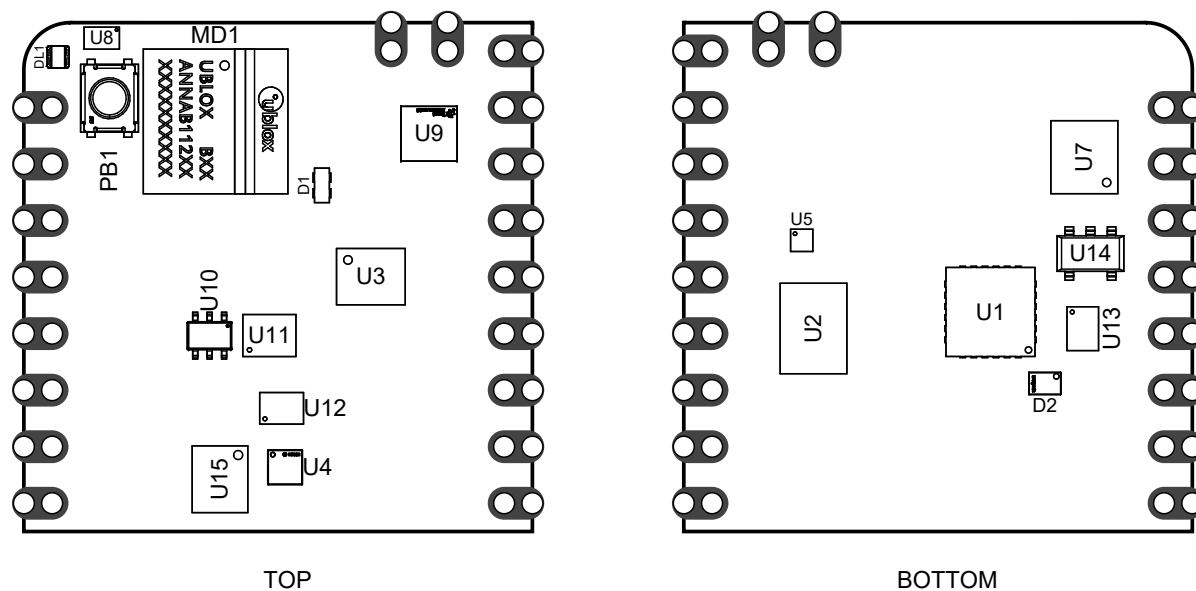
3.2.1 Connectors Topology



Nicla Voice Topology- Components

Ref.	Description	Ref.	Description
J1 (Nicla Header A)		J2 (Nicla Header B)	
J3	Battery Pads	J4	Battery Connector (BM03B-ACHSS)
J5	ESLOV Connector (SM05B-SRSS)	J6	External Microphone (FH33J-4S)
J7	Micro USB-A (ZX62-AB)		

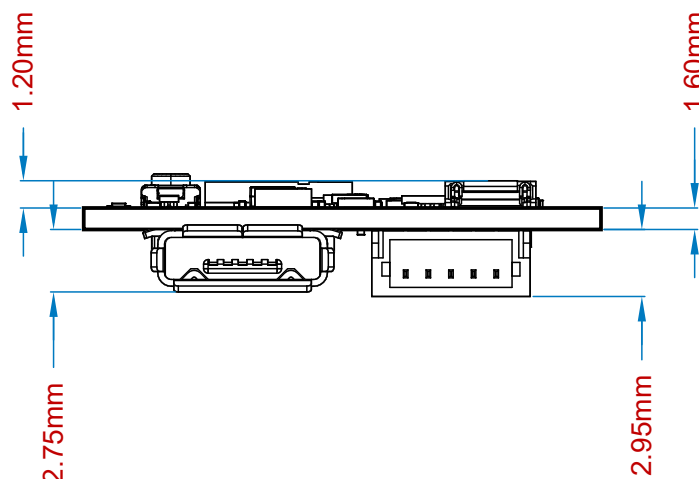
3.2.2 Components Topology



Nicla Voice Topology - components

Ref.	Description	Ref.	Description
DL1	RGB LED	MD1	uBlox ANNA B112
PB1	Push Button	D1	Diode
D2	Resistor array PRTR5V0U0F	U1	Cortex M0 ATSAM-D11
U2	Microphone IM69D130V01	U3	Neural Decision Processor NDP120
U4	Magnetic Sensor BMM150	U5	LDO TPS7A0511PDQNR
U7	Flash, 128MX1. AT25QL128A	U8	RGB LED Driver IS31FL3194
U9	Battery Charger LDO Buck BQ25120	U10	Bus Transceiver
U11	Level Shifter TXB0108Y	U12	Level Shifter NTS0304
U13	Level shifter, NTS0304	U14	LDO regulator, 3V3 AP2112K
U15	IMU 6 Axis Low Power BMI270		

3.2.3 Front



Nicla Voice Front View

3.3 Neural Decision Processor

The Arduino® Nicla Voice integrates a Neural Decision Processor™ NDP120 from Syntiant® (U3). The NDP120 leverages Syntiant Core 2™ ultra-low-power deep neural network inference engine to move larger neural networks into always-on domains with capacity to run multiple application simultaneously with minimal power consumption, including beamforming, echo-cancellation and noise suppression, keyword spotting and event detection.

3.4 Microcontroller

The Arduino® Nicla Voice is powered by a nRF52832 SoC within the ANNA-B112 module (MD1). The nRF52832 SoC is built around an ARM® Cortex-M4 microcontroller with floating point unit running at 64 MHz. Sketches are stored inside the nRF52832 internal 512 KB FLASH which is shared with the bootloader. 64 KB SRAM is available to the user. The ANNA-B112 acts as the SPI host for the data logging 16MB flash (U7) and the BHI260 6-axis IMU (U5). It is also the secondary for the BHI260 (U5) I2C and SPI connection. While the module itself runs at 1.8V, a level shifter can adjust the logic level between 1.8V and 3.3V depending on the LDO set in BQ25120 (U9). An external oscillator (Y1) provides a 32 KHz signal.

3.5 Bosch BMM150 3-Axis Magnetometer

The Bosch BMM150 (U4) provides accurate 3-axis measurements of magnetic field with compass-level accuracy. Combined with the BHI260 IMU (U2), Bosch sensor fusion can be used to obtain high accuracy spatial orientation and motion vectors for detection of heading in autonomous robots as well as predictive maintenance. There is a dedicated I2C connection to the BHI260 (U2), acting as the host.

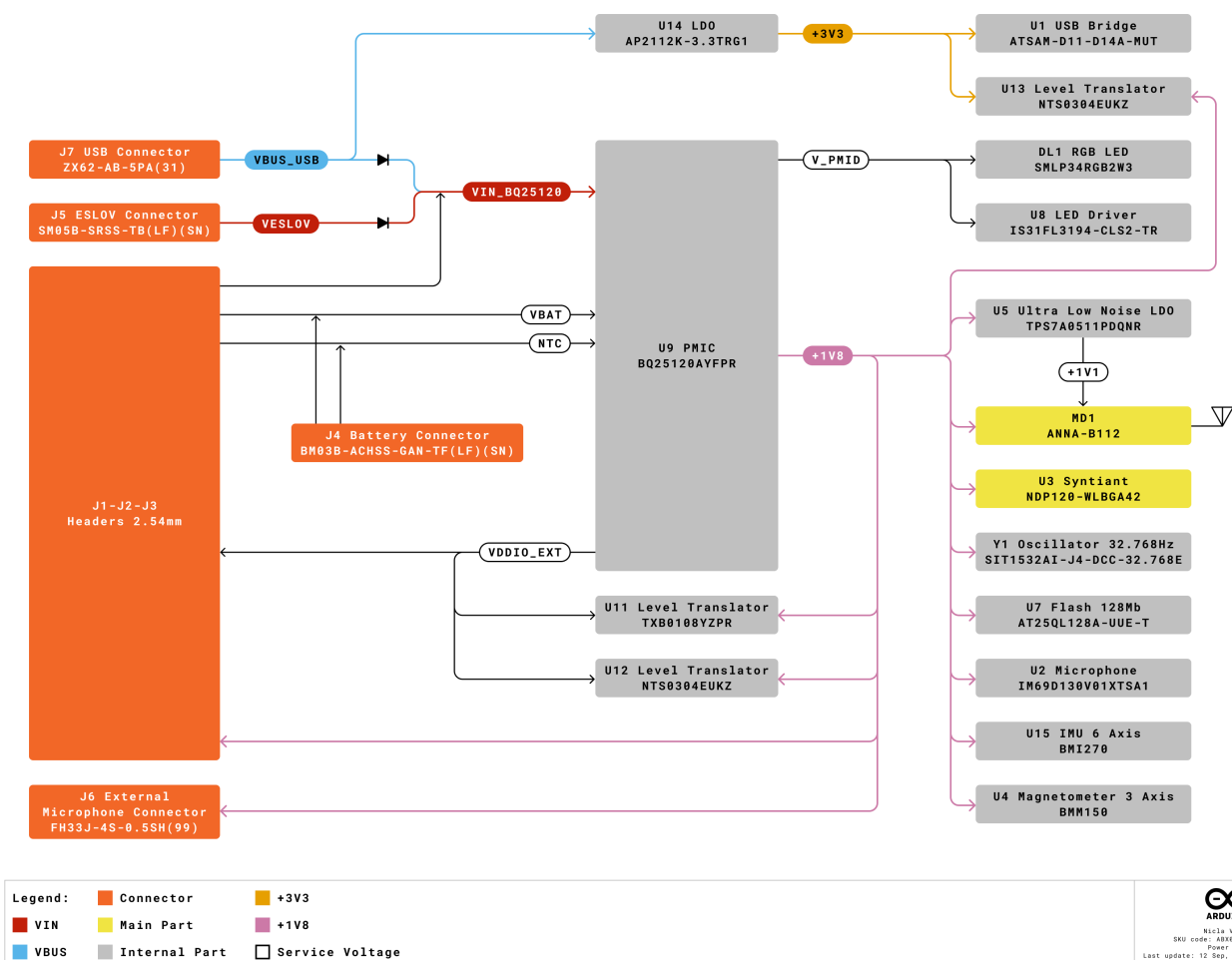
3.6 RGB LED

An I2C LED driver (U8) drives the RGB LED (DL1), and is capable of a maximum output of 40 mA. It is driven by the ANN-B112 (U5) microcontroller.

3.7 USB Bridge

The SAMD11 microcontroller (U1) is dedicated to act as both the USB bridge as well as the JTAG controller for the ANNA-B112. A logic level translator (U13) acts as an in between to translate 3.3V logic to 1.8V for the ANNA-B112. The 3.3V voltage is generated from the USB voltage by a LDO (U14).

3.8 Power Tree



Nicla Voice Power Tree

The **Arduino Nicla Voice** can be powered via micro USB (J7), ESLOV (J5) or VIN. This is converted into the relevant voltages via the BQ2512BAYFPR IC (U9). A Schottky diode provides reverse polarity protection to the USB and ESLOV voltages. When voltage is supplied via the microUSB, a linear 3.3V regulator also provides power to the SAMD11 microcontroller used for programming the board as well as for JTAG and SWD. The LED driver (U8) and RGB Leds (DL1) are driven by a boost voltage of 5V. All other components operate off the 1.8V rail regulated by a buck converter. PMID acts as an OR switch between VIN and BATT and operates the LED driver. All I/O broken out to the pins are fed through a bi-direction voltage translator running at V_{DDIO_EXT} .

Additionally, the BQ25120AYFPR (U9) also provides support for a single cell 3.7V LiPo/Li-ion battery pack connected to J4, allowing use of the board as a wireless sensor network.

4 Connector Pinouts

Note: All the pins on J1 and J2 (excluding pins) are referenced to the V_{DDIO_EXT} voltage which can be generated internally or supplied externally.

4.1 J1 Nicla Header A

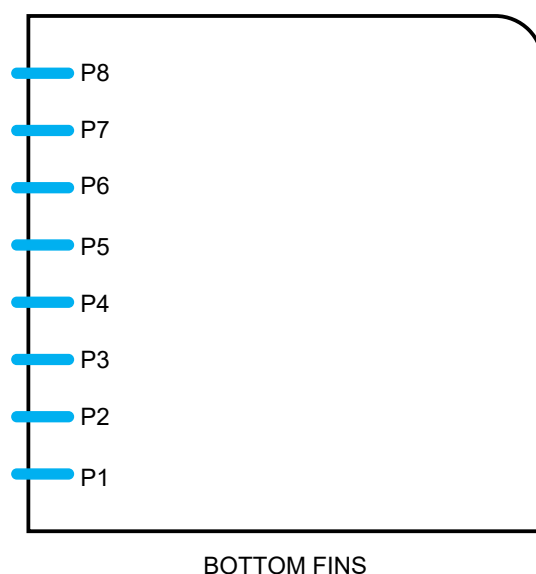
Pin	Function	Type	Description	MKR Compatibility
1	LPIO0_EXT	Digital	Low Power IO Pin 0	A6
2	NC	N/A	N/A	A5
3	CS	Digital	SPI Cable Select	A4
4	COPI	Digital	SPI Controller Out / Peripheral In	A3
5	CIPO	Digital	SPI Controller In / Peripheral Out	A2
6	SCLK	Digital	SPI Clock	A1
7	ADC2	Analog	Analog Input 2	A0
8	ADC1	Analog	Analog Input 1	AREF

4.2 J2 Nicla Header B

Pin	Function	Type	Description	MKR Compatibility
1	SDA	Digital	I2C Data Line	SDA
2	SCL	Digital	I2C Clock	SCL
3	LPIO1_EXT	Digital	Low Power IO Pin 1	RX
4	LPIO2_EXT	Digital	Low Power IO Pin 2	TX
5	LPIO3_EXT	Digital	Low Power IO Pin 3	RESET
6	GND	Power	Ground	GND
7	VDDIO_EXT	Digital	Logic Level Reference	3V3
8	N/C	N/A	N/A	VIN
9	VIN	Digital	Input Voltage	5V

Note: For further information on how Low Power I/Os work, check Nicla Family Form Factor documentation.

4.3 J1 Fins



Nicla Family Bottom Fins

Pin	Function	Type	Description
P1	BHI_SWDIO	Digital	BHI260 JTAG Serial Wire Debug Data
P2	BHI_SWCLK	Digital	BHI260 JTAG Serial Wire Debug Clock
P3	ANNA_SWDIO	Digital	ANNA JTAG Serial Wire Debug Data
P4	ANNA_SWCLK	Digital	ANNA JTAG Serial Wire Debug Clock
P5	RESET	Digital	Reset Pin
P6	SAMD11_SWDIO	Digital	SAMD11 JTAG Serial Wire Debug Data
P7	+1V8	Power	+1.8V Voltage Rail
P8	SAMD11_SWCLK	Digital	SAMD11 JTAG Serial Wire Debug Clock

Note: These test points can easily be accessed by inserting the board in a double row 1.27 mm/50 mil pitch male header. **Note 2:** All JTAG logic levels operate at 1.8V apart from the SAMD11 pins (P6 and P8) which are 3.3V. All these JTAG pins are 1.8V only and don't scale with VDDIO.

4.4 J3 Battery Pads

Pin	Function	Type	Description
1	VBAT	Power	Battery input
2	NTC	Analog	NTC Thermistor

4.5 J4 Battery Connector

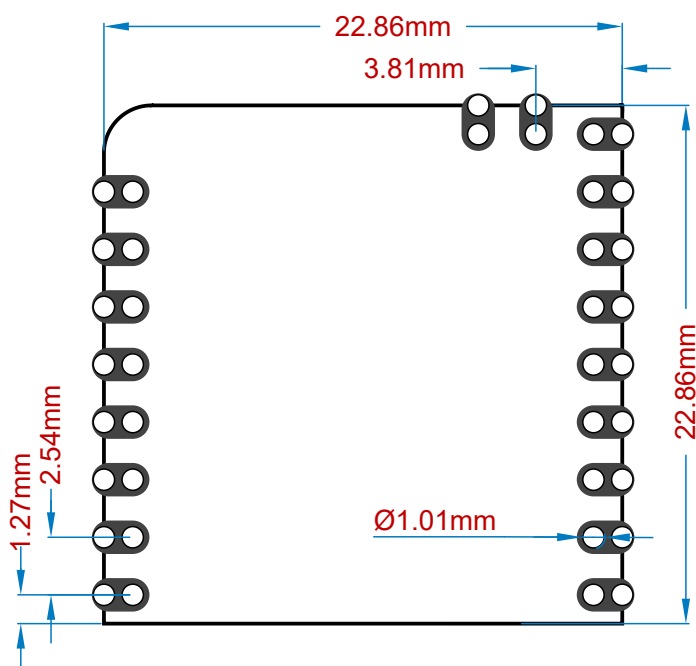
Pin	Function	Type	Description
1	VBAT	Power	Battery input
2	NTC	Analog	NTC Thermistor
3	GND	Power	Ground

4.6 J5 ESLOV

Pin	Function
1	5V
2	INT
3	SCL
4	SDA
5	GND

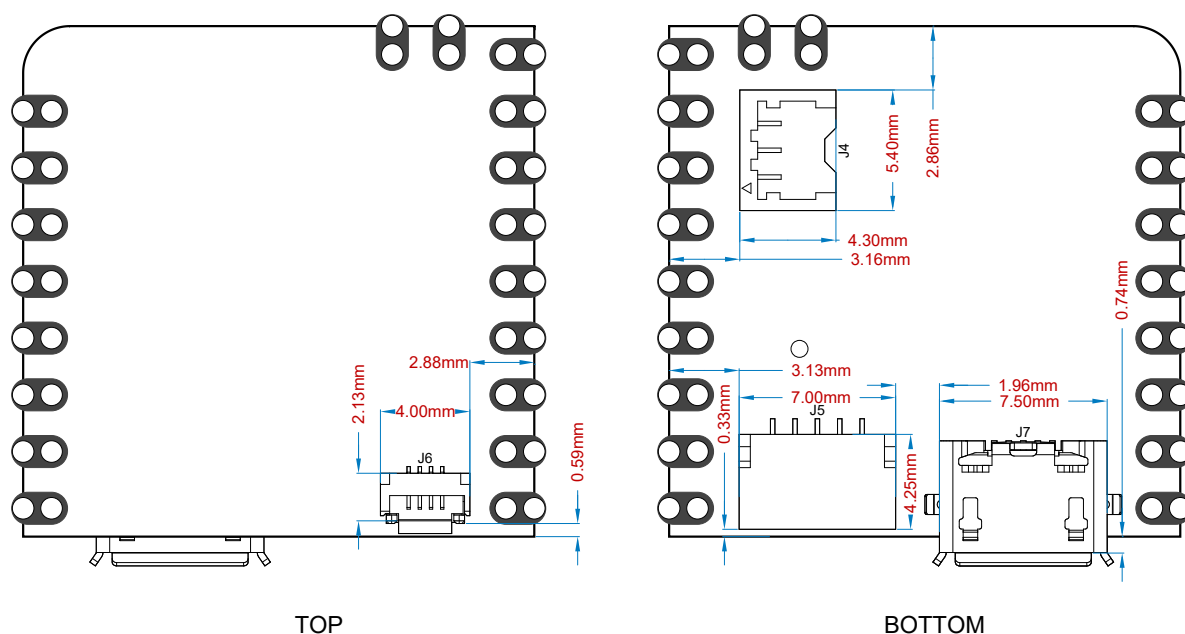
5 Mechanical Information

5.1 Outline Board Measures



Nicla Voice outline measures

5.2 Board's Connectors Measures



Nicla Voice connectors - mechanical measures

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Mercury (Hg)	1000
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Poly Brominated Biphenyls (PBB)	1000
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Bis(2-Ethylhexyl} phthalate (DEHP)	1000
Benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP)	1000
Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)	1000
Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)	1000

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Frequency bands	Typical Output Power
2.4GHz, 40 channels	+4dBm

8 Company Information

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9 Reference Documentation

Ref	Link
Arduino® IDE (Desktop)	https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software
Arduino® IDE (Cloud)	https://create.arduino.cc/editor
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Library Reference	https://github.com/bcmi-labs/Arduino_EdgeControl/tree/4dad0d95e93327841046c1ef80bd8b882614eac8
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