

# Applying UWB Magic to Enhance User Experiences

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UWB-Mobile/IoT/Auto

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**UWB Market and Application Updates**

**Qorvo QM357xx Update**

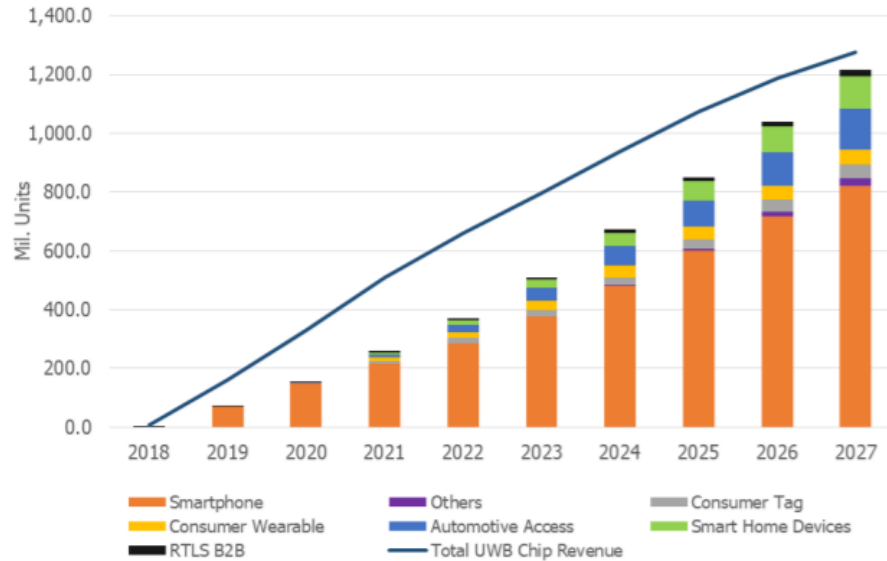
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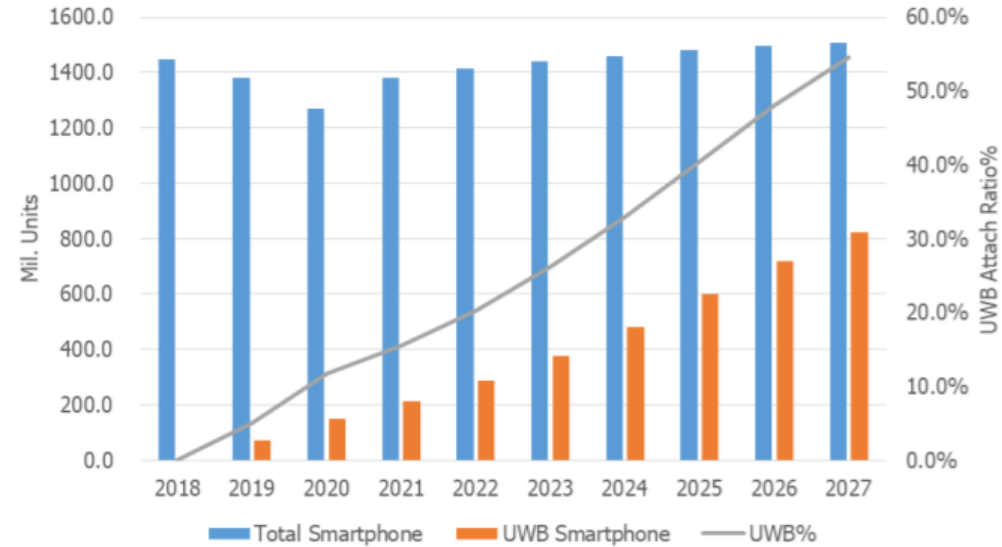
# UWB Market and Application Updates

# UWB Market Trend

## UWB Device Shipment Forecast 2018-2027



## UWB Smart Phone Shipment Forecast 2018-2027



## UWB Mobile Market Trend

- iPhone will account for 50% of market share in UWB smart phone market by 2024.
- Android UWB smart phones will grow shares in 2023 - 2024.
- Many attractive use cases are under development both at FiRA and at device makers

## Mobile Use Cases Projected in CY22-CY24

- CCC keyless entry
- Point & Control
- Find My X/Tag
- Logical access control
- Data transfer (incl. lossless audio streaming)
- Transportation fare payment
- Others (FiRA 2.0)

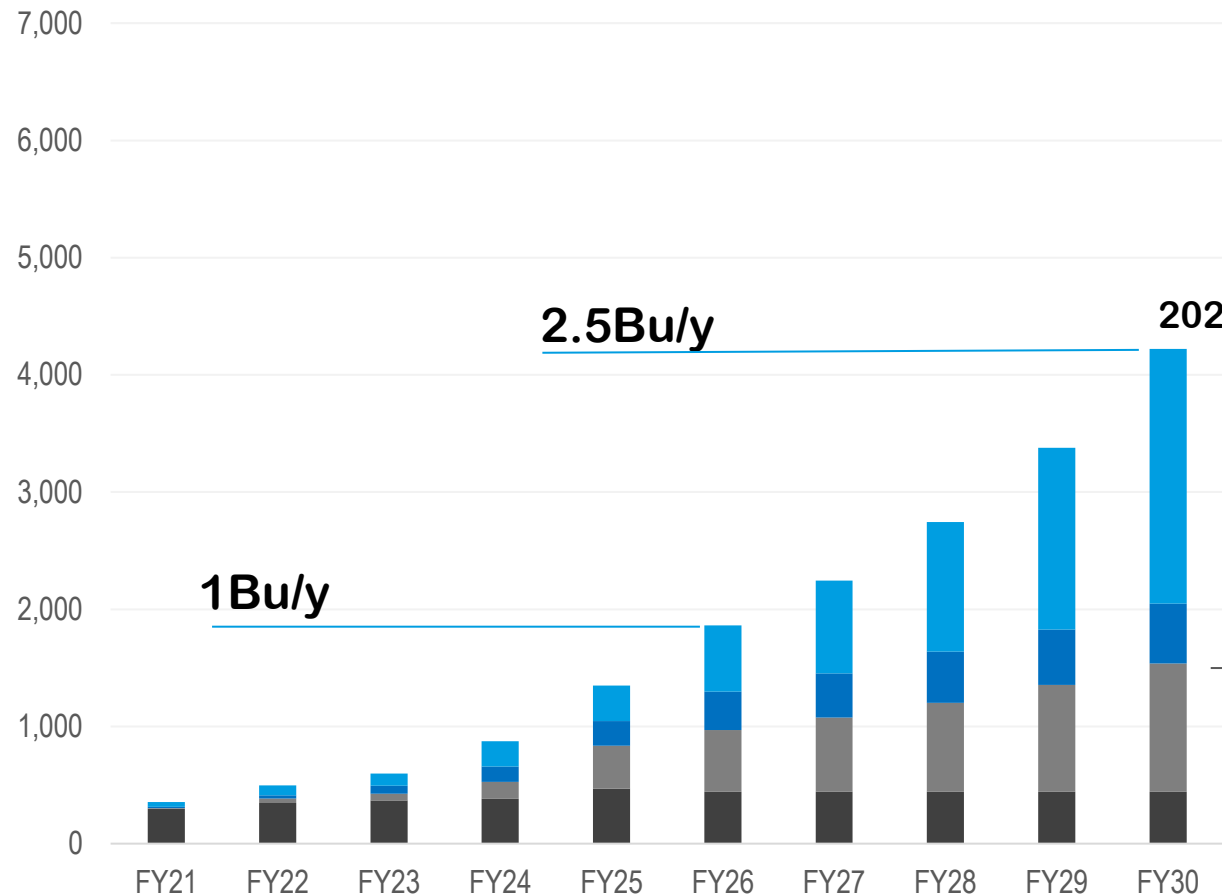
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# UWB Market Trend

Mobile Mid-Tier adoption expected in 2y, increasing traction in IoT

## 2022 UWB Market Forecast (M\$)

■ Apple Handsets ■ Non-Apple Handsets ■ Automotive ■ Connected Devices



### Connected Devices (IoT)

- Tier one ecosystem providers adopting UWB across their portfolio
- Apple & Google joined FiRa in February 2021
- Wi-Fi infrastructure providers at FiRa and adoption UWB in access points

### Mobile

- Point and control, spatial awareness and car access use case are driving mobile adoption

Source: Qorvo Analysis



# New User Experiences Are Coming

## Distance and Angle of Arrival

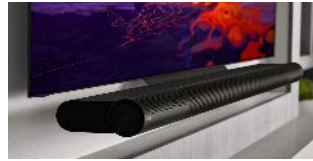


**Personalization  
(Follow-Me Audio & Lighting)**



**Locate My Things**

## Data Transfer



**File transfer  
P&C Command  
Ultra HD Lossless  
Audio Streaming**

## Precision Spatial Awareness



**Point-and-Control  
Single Smart  
Remote**

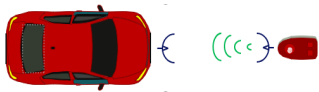


**Radar**



**Micro  
Localization  
(Indoor RTLS)**

## Anti-Spoof Secure Access and Transactions



**Car Access**



**Office/ Home  
Access**



**Public Transportation**



**Logical Access**



**Contactless  
Payments**

# UWB adoption in Android ecosystem

## Android UWB ecosystem adoption

Google Pixel 6 launched with Qorvo UWB in Sep 2021

Google Pixel 7 launched with Qorvo UWB in Oct 2022

Impressed by QM357xx performance

Android 12 or newer supports UWB through Jetpack library  
androidx.core.uwb  
And now part of Cross Device SDK



Samsung is the first Android OEM to incorporate UWB tech. Available now in the Galaxy family since S20

Xiaomi launched an Android-based TV



# Fira and CCC Defines The Use Cases

## Standards



## Use cases

Digital key for  
car access

## Features

- Double-Sided Two Way Ranging (DS-TWR)
- Dynamic Scrambled Timestamp Sequence (Dynamic STS)
- BPRF
- CH5 & CH9 mandatory
- Many to many



Find someone/thing (v2)

- Contention-based, SS-TWR, non-deferred, static STS

Indoor navigation (v2)

- Down-Link Time Difference Of Arrival(TDOA), static STS

Asset tracking (v2)

- Up-Link TDOA, static STS

Point & Control (v2)

- DS-TWR, AoA OWR, data transfer

Access Control (v1)

- DS-TWR, dynamic STS

Payment (v2.x)

- DS-TWR, dynamic STS, contention-based/hybrid scheduling, data transfer



# Tier 1s Driving our Key IoT Segments

Large Opportunities Take Time - Best in Class SW Creates Stickiness






























## Goal

Develop a Portfolio of Connectivity Products Delivered through a Unified SW Ecosystem

## Strategy

- Invest in SW and Support for Stickiness and Scale
- Portfolio of products and unified SW environment for variety of customer products
- Leverage internal strengths and IP to differentiate

## Opportunity

Market	TAM 2030 (Mu)	Lead Customer and Expands
AR/VR & Gaming 	300	      
Access Point 	50 Enterprise 250 Consumer	      
Home – Hub & Speakers 	500	     
Tags & Things 	250	    

Source: ABI

# New User Experiences Enabled By Qorvo UWB

100's of User Experiences Being Enabled Now! Supported by DW3000/QM33

## Distance and Angle of Arrival



Personalization  
(Follow-Me Audio and Lighting)



Locate My Things

## Standards Driven



## Precision Spatial Awareness



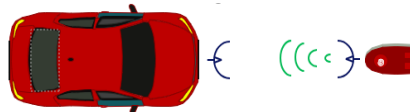
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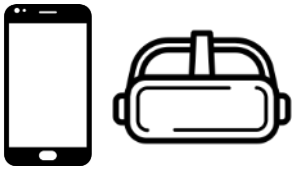
Office/ Home Access

## Anti-Spoof Secure Access and Transactions

# More than Location!

New User Experiences enabled by QM3572x

## High Speed & Low Latency Wireless Data Comms



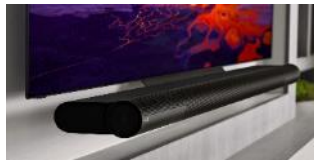
Mobile to XR Video



Mobile File Transfer



Ultra Low Latency  
Gaming



Hi-Fi Atmos Soundbar  
to Audio Streaming

Software available in  
Q4 CY22

## Roadmap of Extended Functionality

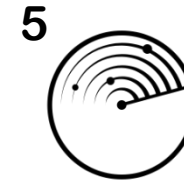
## Radar



Short Range  
Presence



Long Range  
Presence



Location



Gesture



Breathing

Software available in  
Q1 CY23

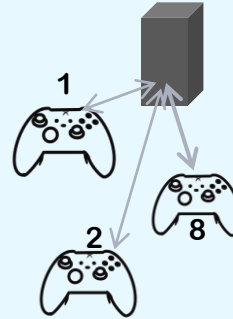
# UWB for Purpose Built Wireless Data Comm

High Speed, Low Latency, and Low Power



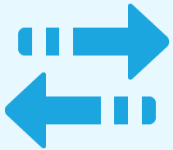
## Ultra Low Latency

- 500us latency target
- Minimal header overhead vs BLE and Wi-Fi
- Low time on air



## Flexible protocol

- One to many or many to one communication (up to 8)
- Bidirectional full duplex



## High Speed Data

- 62.4 Mbps PHY
- Maximize throughput with optimized headers
- High bandwidth bidirectional data



## Reliable Extended Playtime

- Ultra Low Power TX to save battery life
- Minimum 10m NLOS Range
- No 2.4GHz interference and dropped packets

# Preview of UWB Data Comms Use-Cases

## Lossless High-Resolution Audio Streaming

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Industry trend : High-Res Lossless Audio



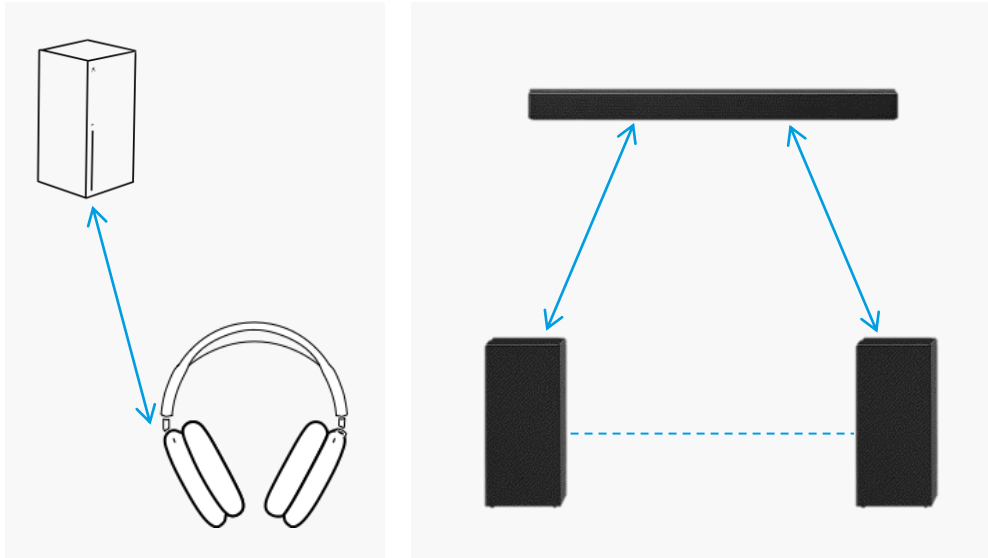
### Requirements :

Playing High-Res Lossless audio requires up to 9.2Mbps and < 20ms latency.

### Solution :

Qorvo UWB offers the best trade-off between data throughput, power consumption and coexistence with other RF

- 10Mbps data throughput sufficient for:
  - Lossless stereo: 24bit / 48KHz / 2 channels (2.3Mbps)
  - *High res* lossless stereo: 24bit / 192KHz / 2 channels (9.2Mbps)
- Audio frame synchronization down to 10 ns

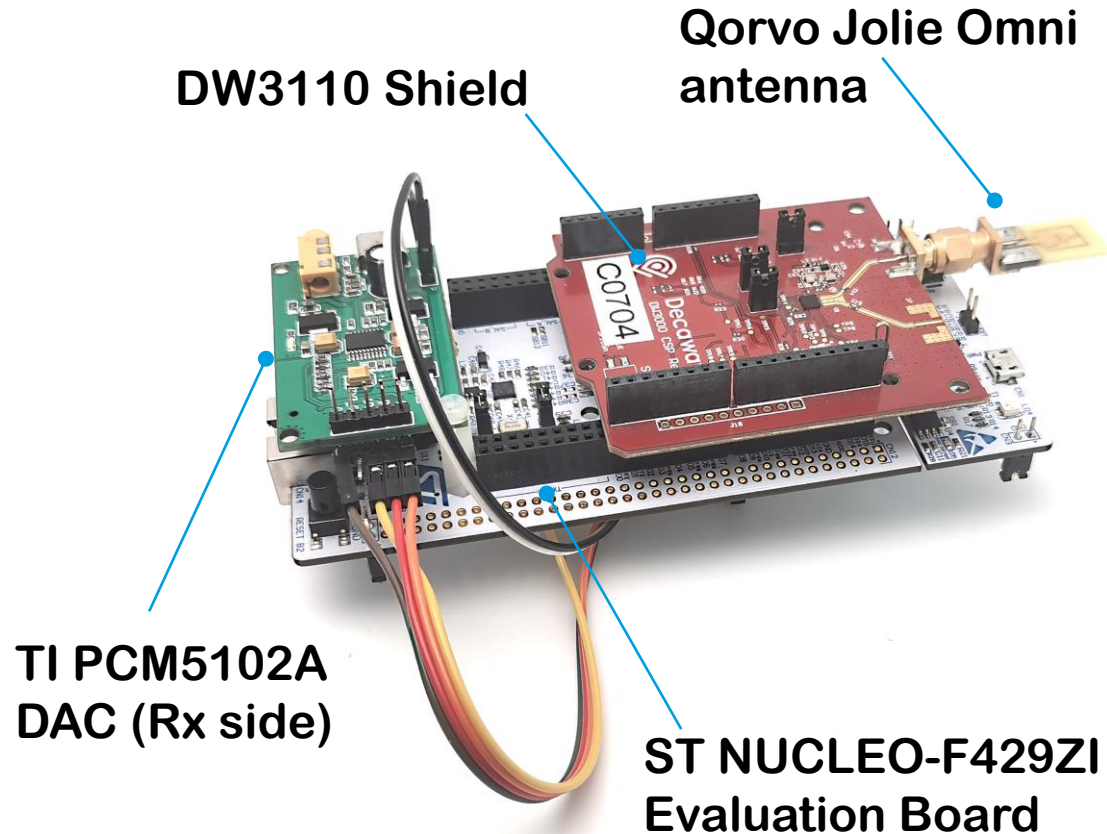


# Preview of UWB Data Comms Use-Cases

## Current Audio Proof of Concept

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### Hardware setup



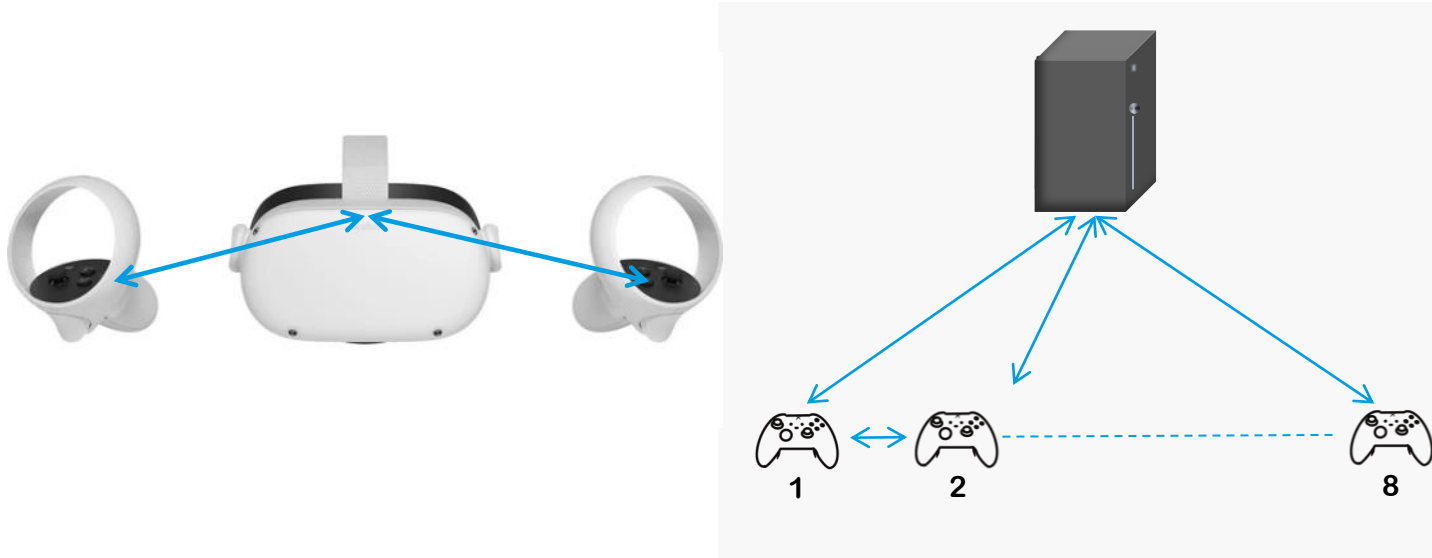
### Implemented features

- Audio quality @ 96KHz \* 24 bit \* 2 (stereo); 4.6Mbps datarate
- 192kHz @ 16b demonstrated, will need different ST part for 192kHz @ 24b \* 2; 9.2Mbps stereo
- Auto ACK & retransmissions
- Audio buffer & synchronization
- Low latency: 12ms (incl. 10ms buffer)

# Preview of UWB Data Comms Use-Cases

## Ultra-Low Latency Gaming/AR/VR

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Lower latency at equal or better power consumption than BLE proprietary LL (ESB)

### Screen Refresh Rate - Ecosystem trend

- Refresh rate is an important aspect of gamers experience. Trend is going upward from 60 to 90, 120 and soon 240 Hz

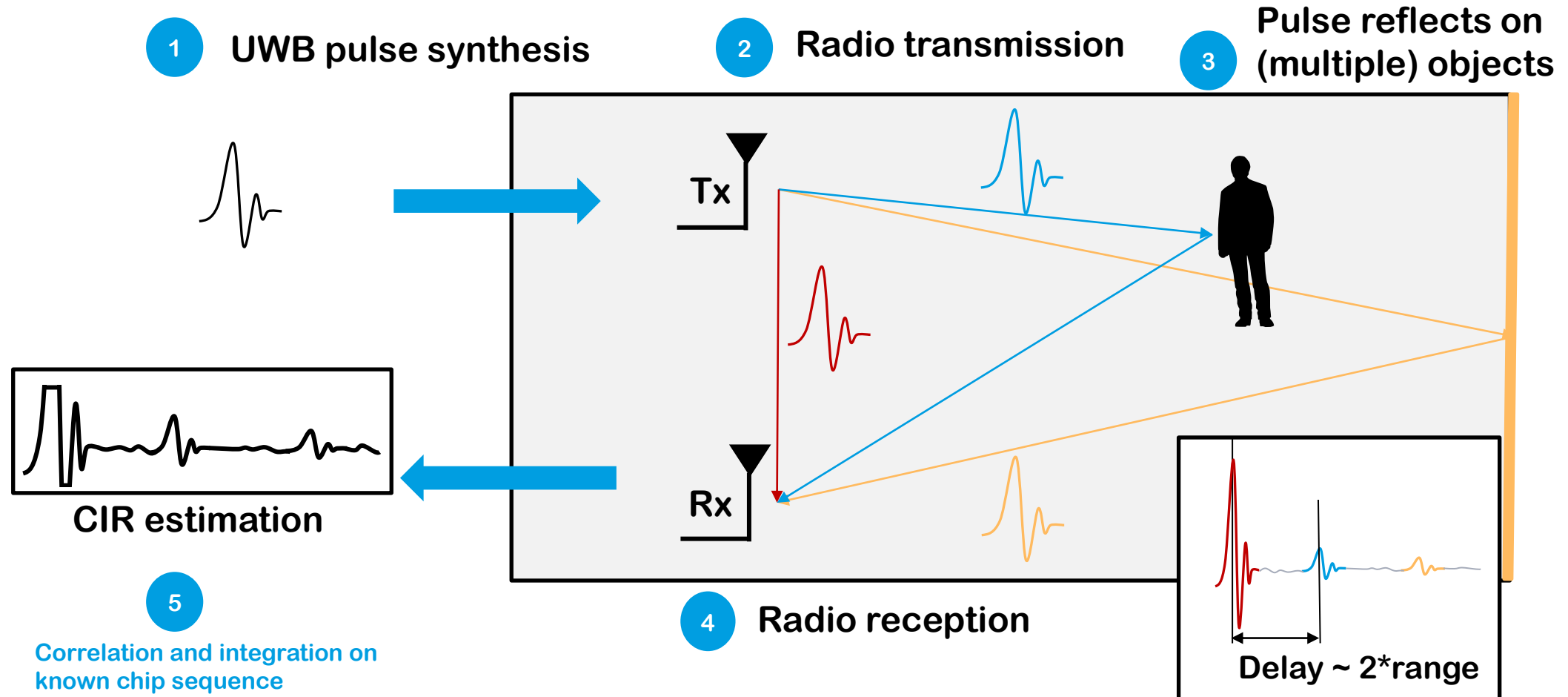
### Controllers link needs to adapt:

- 29.3us to send 20B of data
- 500us latency target
- Small optimized header relative to BLE and Wi-Fi
- Star topology supporting up to 8 controllers



# UWB radar fundamentals

## Channel Impulse Response (CIR) estimation





# UWB for short range radar

Built-in, efficient, extendable



## No BOM cost adder

- A unique IP for radar + communication / ranging
- No specific HW tuning required



## Versatile solution

- High precision (measure breathing)
- Up to 10m distance
- Pre-processing possible inside UWB subsystem



## Simple integration

- Extend standard UCI interface with radar commands
- Same interface as other UWB functionalities



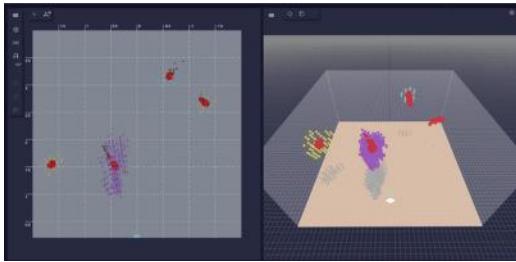
## Low power consumption

- Wideband operates a low TX power  $\leq -15\text{dBm}$
- Other radar technologies require higher power

# Preview of UWB Radar Use Cases

## Sensing surrounding environment

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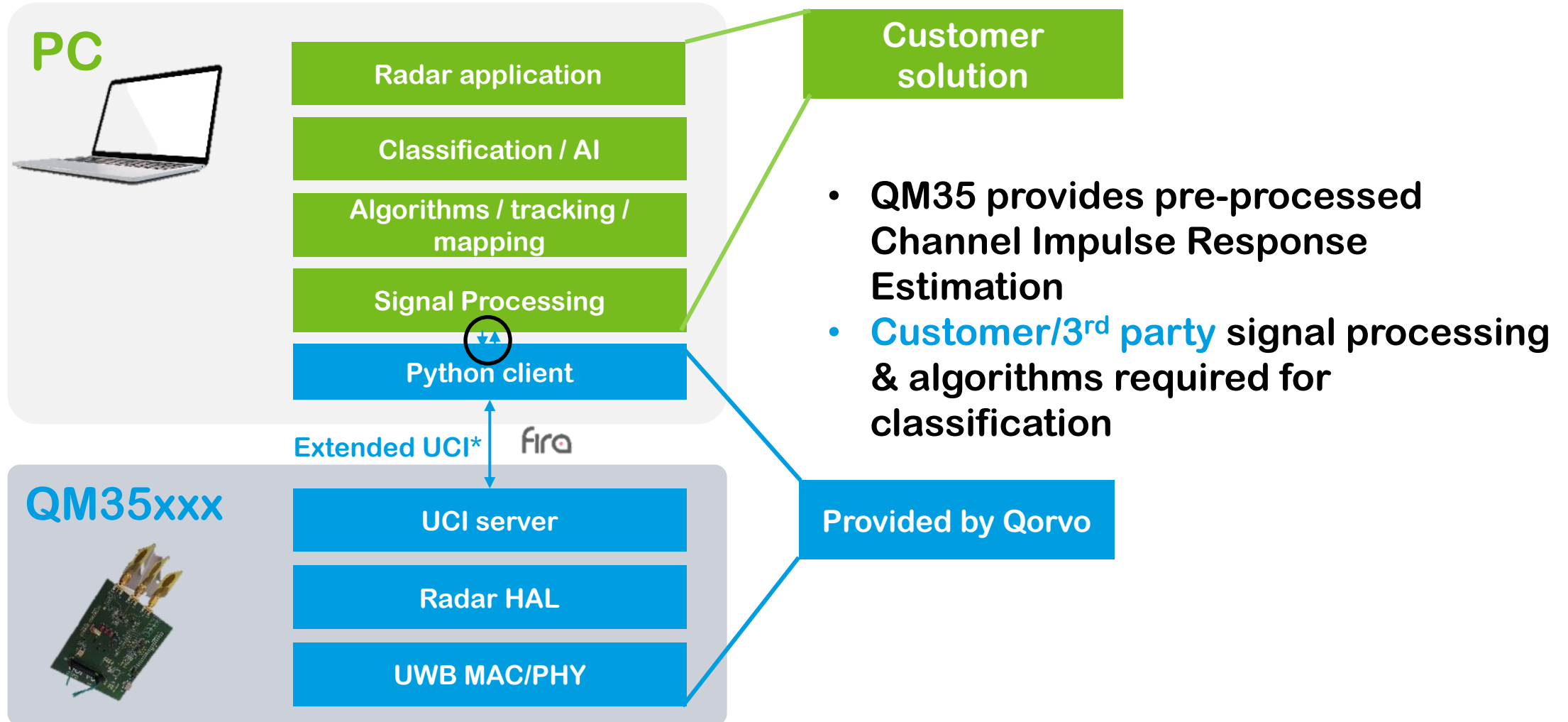


- **Short range Presence detection**
  - Wake-up a device as a person enters the detection zone
- **In-room Location**
  - Locate a person in 2D in a room using 1 device with multiple antennas and/or multiple devices
- **Gesture recognition**
  - Control objects using gesture
- **Breathing detection**
  - Measure human respiration rate

# Preview of UWB Radar Use Cases

Existing Python abstraction running on PC

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# Qorvo QM357xx Update

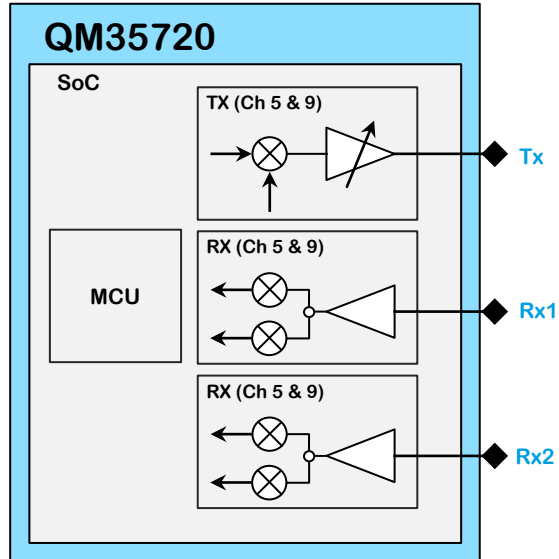
# Qorvo Unique Offering - QM35720 & QM35725

## 2 Proposed Radio Options

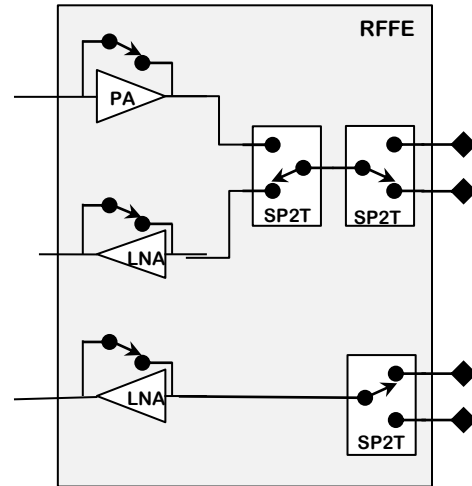
### QM35720

System on a Chip

3.87 x 3.24 x 0.6



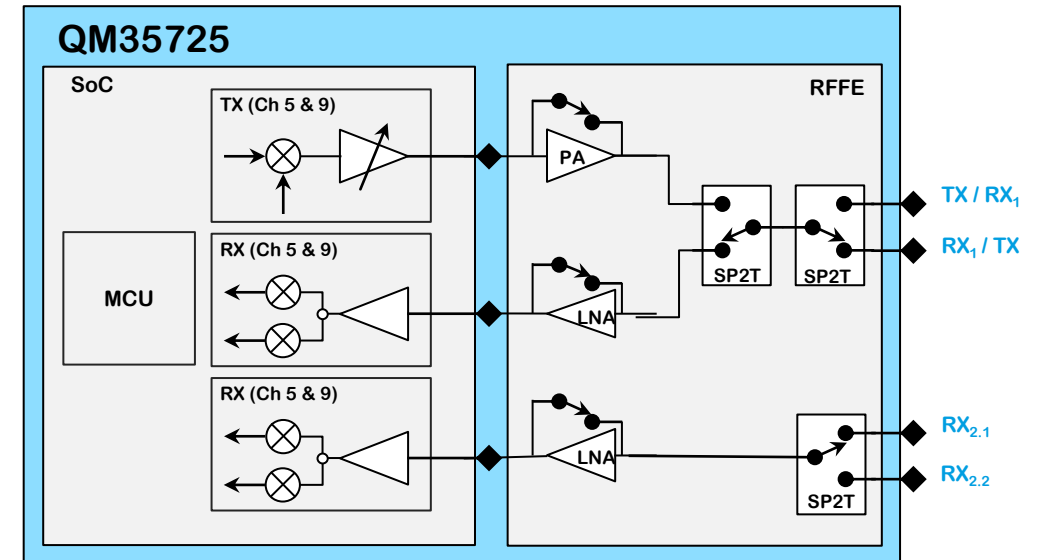
### RF FE



### QM35725

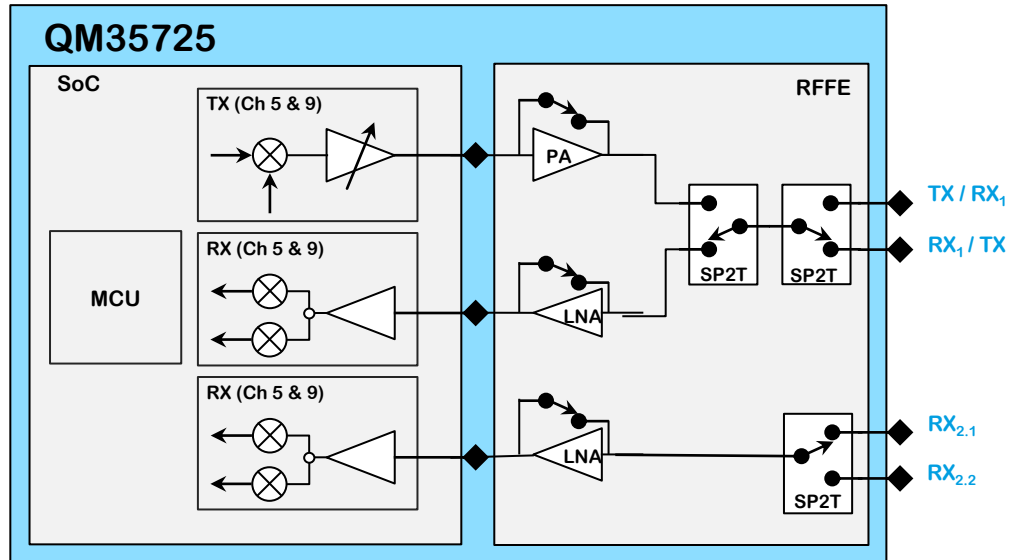
System in a Package

4.08 x 3.38 x 0.65



Handles all antenna switching automatically!

# QM35725: Qorvo 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation UWB SiP



Size	4.08mm x 3.38mm x 0.65mm
Samples (selected customers only)	Available now
EVB board	Available now
Mass Production Ready	Q2 2023

Integrate SoC and RFFE into one compact package to delivery the best RF performance, the lowest power consumption and the smallest PCB area in the market. Turn-key solution to realize CCC car access and Fira ranging use cases

- Unrivald RF performance:
  - Link budget **104dB** - the highest in the market
  - Power consumption is **20%+ lower** than competitors
  - Ranging accuracy: **± 6 cm**; AoA accuracy: **± 3°**
  - 3D AoA with **a single frame**, handles all antenna switching automatically
- Smallest PCB area: ~ 18mm<sup>2</sup>
- Various GPIO's & interfaces:
  - Host AP interface: SPI (up to 50MHz)
- Turn-key SW solution
  - FW in MCU managing distance ranging/AoA
  - FTM (SW commands for factory tests and calibration)
  - HAL and UWB Secure Services : Android T
  - SE binding: SCP11a (secure channel)
  - CCC and Fira applets in SE

# QM3572x RF Performance

## Best RF Performance

		Competition	DW3720	QM35720 (SoC)	QM35725 (SiP)
Rx	RX sensitivity (BPRF single Rx)	-94.5 dBm/500MHz @10% PER	-92 dBm/500MHz @1% PER		
	DC power dissipation (single Rx)	225 mW	132.6 mW	132.6 mW	148.8 mW
Tx	Max mean output power	0dBm	-5 dBm/500 MHz		
	Max peak output power	+10.5dBm/500MHz	+5dBm/500MHz		
	DC power dissipation	216 mW	132 mW	132 mW	218.4 mW
Link Budget	Link Budget	94.5 dB@10%PER	87dB@1%PER		
Ranging	Ranging Accuracy	± 10 cm	± 10 cm	± 6 cm	± 6 cm
AoA	AoA Accuracy & STD	± 10° (>8m) Accuracy: ± 3°	Accuracy: ± 5°	Accuracy: ± 3° @10m STD: <1° (-60° to +60°)	Accuracy: ± 3° @ 10m STD: <1° (-60° to +60°)
	3D AoA	Yes	Yes with 2 frames	Yes with 1 frames	Yes with single frame

### Note:

- Parameters are typical number
- AoA STD Test set-up: Embedded App./EVB SoC A0 w/ Jolie antenna as initiator /CH5 & CH9 /Preamble length 64; STS length 64 /With single frame, pure raw data without averaging /@ Power sweep from max to max-30dB

# QM3572x RF Performance (cont.)

## Best-in-class Solutions for UWB Applications

		Competition	DW3720	QM35720 (SoC)	QM35725 (SiP)	
I/O	SPI	2 x SPI (20MHz)	2 x SPI (up to 40MHz)	2 x HSSPI (50MHz) 2 x SPI (30MHz) 1 x SPI (10MHz)		Faster I/O
	I2C	2 x I2C (3.4MHz)	-	2 x I2C (3.4MHz)		
	I3C	1 x I3C (12.5MHz)	-	1 x I3C		
	UART	2 x UART (25MHz)	-	2 x UART		
RF Port	RF Port	1Tx/2Rx	1Tx/1Rx	1Tx/2Rx	1Tx/2Rx	
Form Factor	Package size (mm)	3.07 x 3.79 x 0.49 mm	3.1 x 3.5 x 0.56	3.87 x 3.24 x 0.6	4.08 x 3.38 x 0.63	Smallest PCB area
	Real Estate *	27.4 mm <sup>2</sup>	25.4 mm <sup>2</sup>	26.8 mm <sup>2</sup>	18.7 mm <sup>2</sup>	

(\*): Including switches and filters, PA, LNA and SMD excluded)

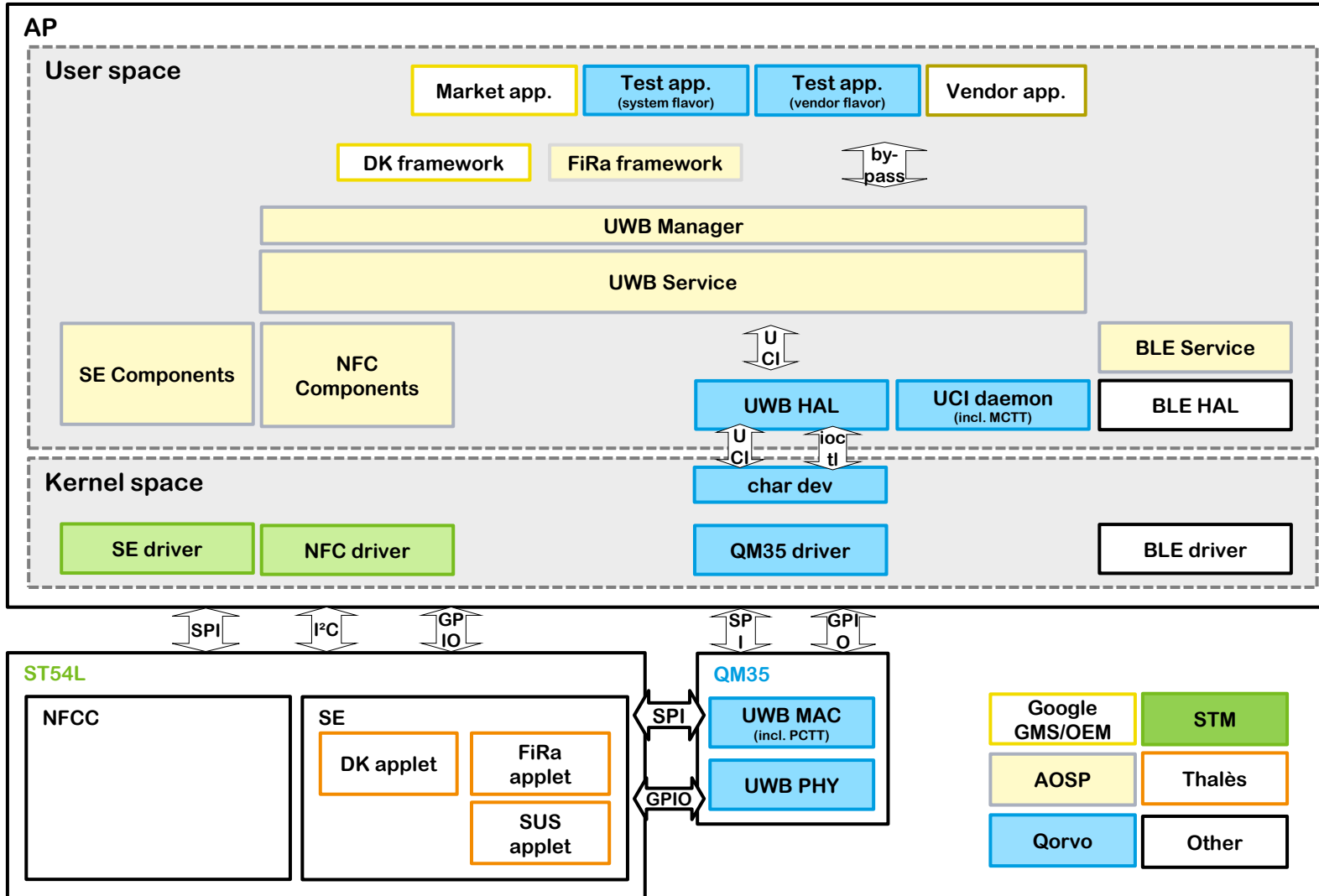


# Software Architecture & Offering - Mobile



# QM3572x Software Architecture and CCC Support

## Android T Implementation



### Qorvo Offering:

- Code in MCU: F/W binary (FiRa & CCC MAC, FTM, Crypto, UWB Driver, etc.)
- QM35 Driver (kernel space)
- UWB HAL (user space)
- Test APK (user space)

### Google AOSP, Android T/U:

- UWB Service/UWB Manager/FiRa Framework in AOSP (\*)

### Google GMS :

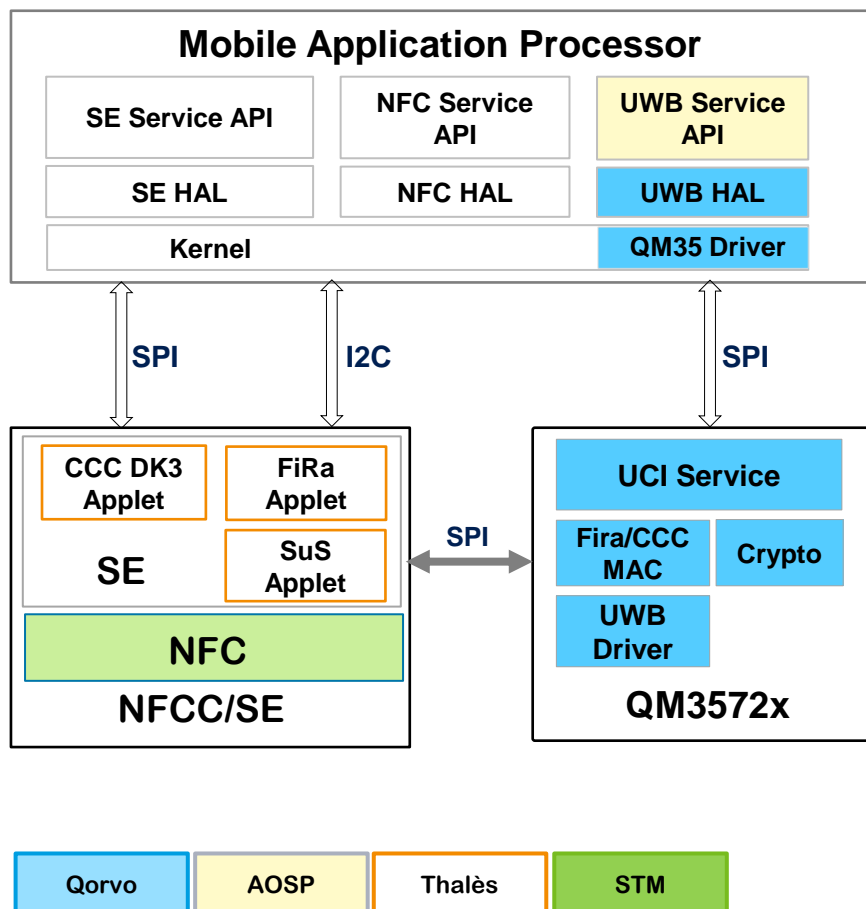
- DK Framework

### Secure Element : Support for CCC & FiRa Dynamic STS :

- QM35725 connects to SE via SPI, UWB fetch URSK/RDS keys from SE applet and generates derived keys
- QM35725 and SE secure binding via protocol SCP11a.
- Applets for CCC & FiRa Dynamic STS

(\*) : Official release : Q3 2022 for T, and Q3 2023 for U

# Qorvo partnership with STM for Secure Ranging

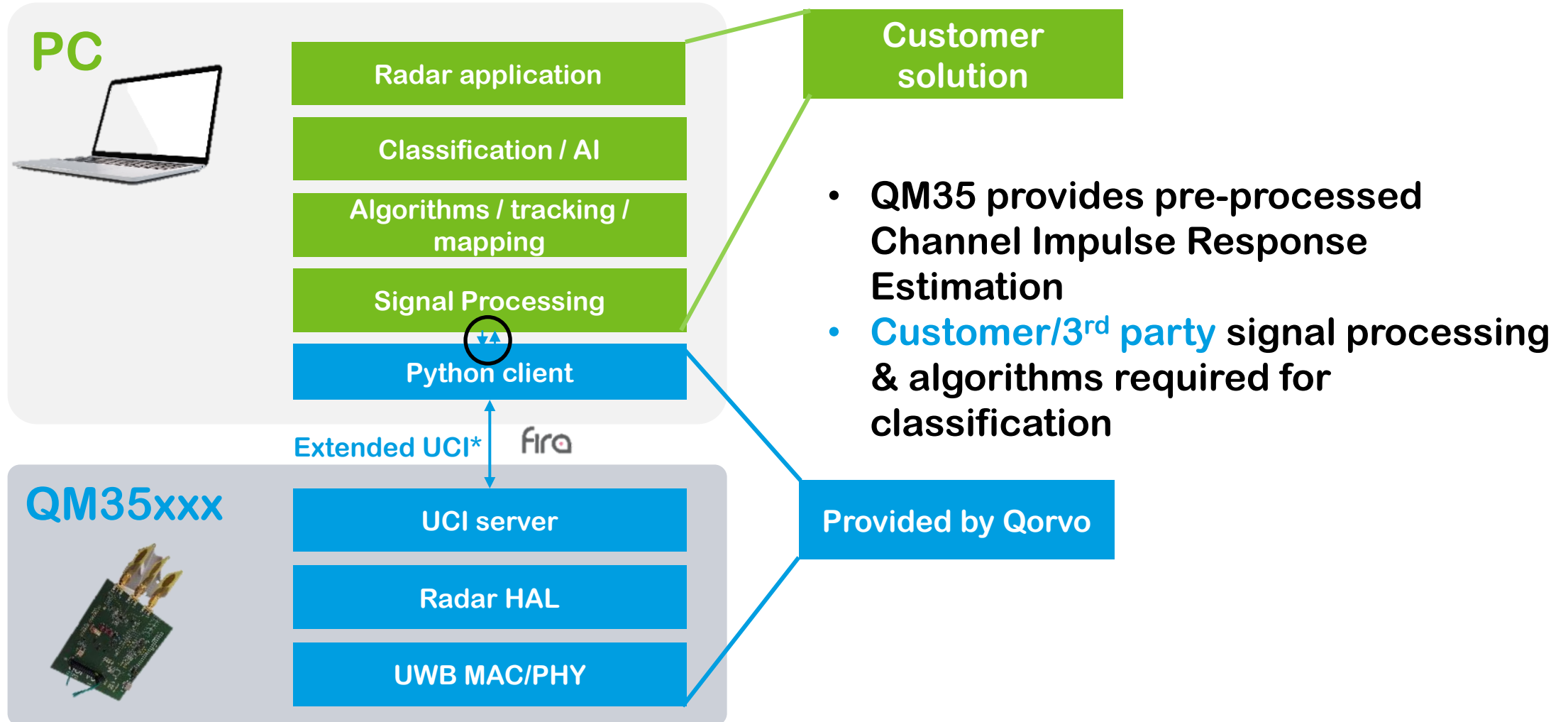


- **Smartphones now embed UWB + BLE + NFC**
  - **UWB:** Secure distance & location determination
  - **BLE :** Out Of Band discovery & negotiation of UWB parameters (per CCC DK3 and FiRa spec)
  - **NFC:** CCC DK2 backward compatibility & when phone is out of battery
- **STM and Qorvo partner: Integrated secure ranging**
  - Solution for Google Pixel 6 Pro & Pixel 7 Pro
  - Customer programs under development using QM3572x
  - Joint roadmap

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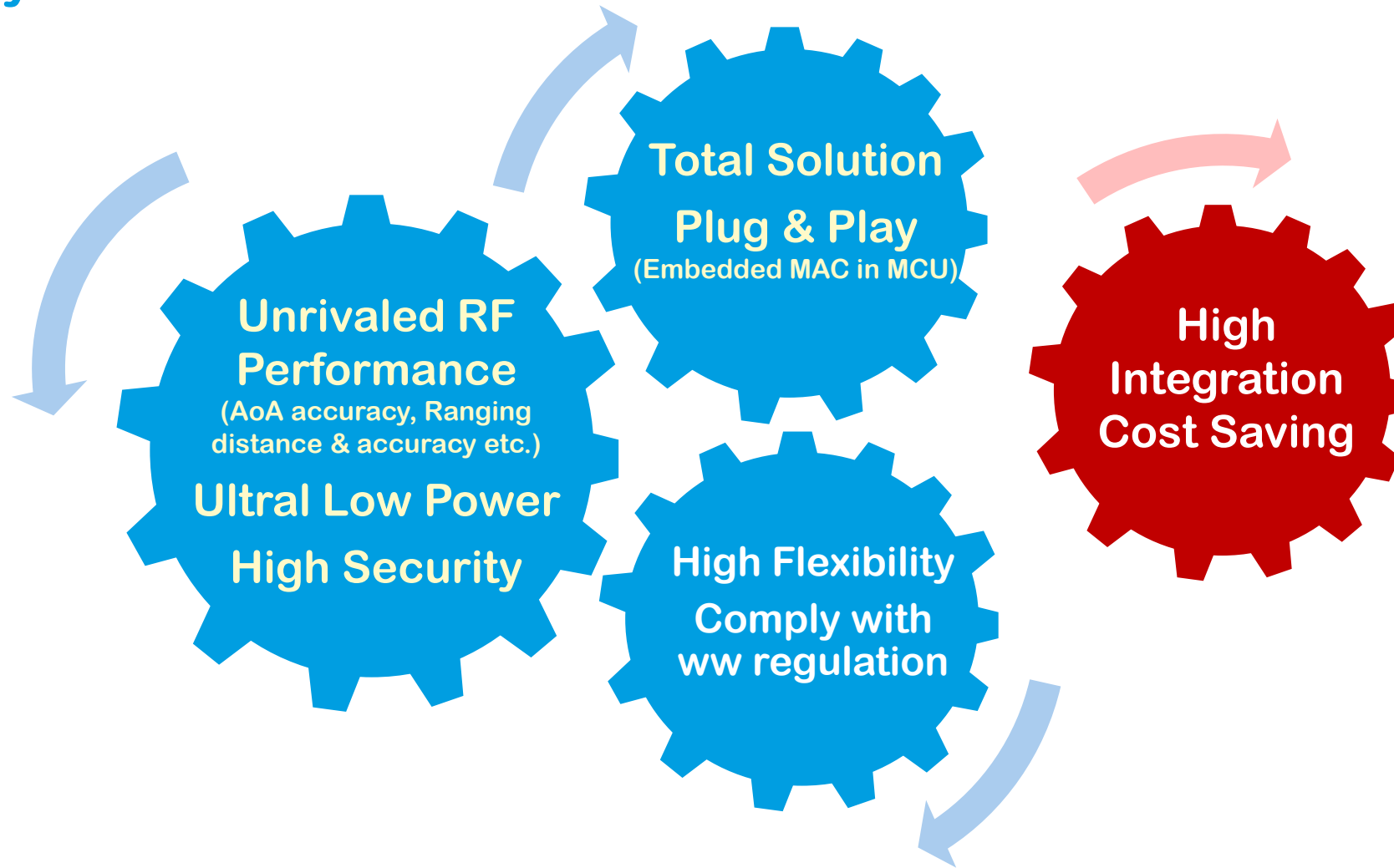
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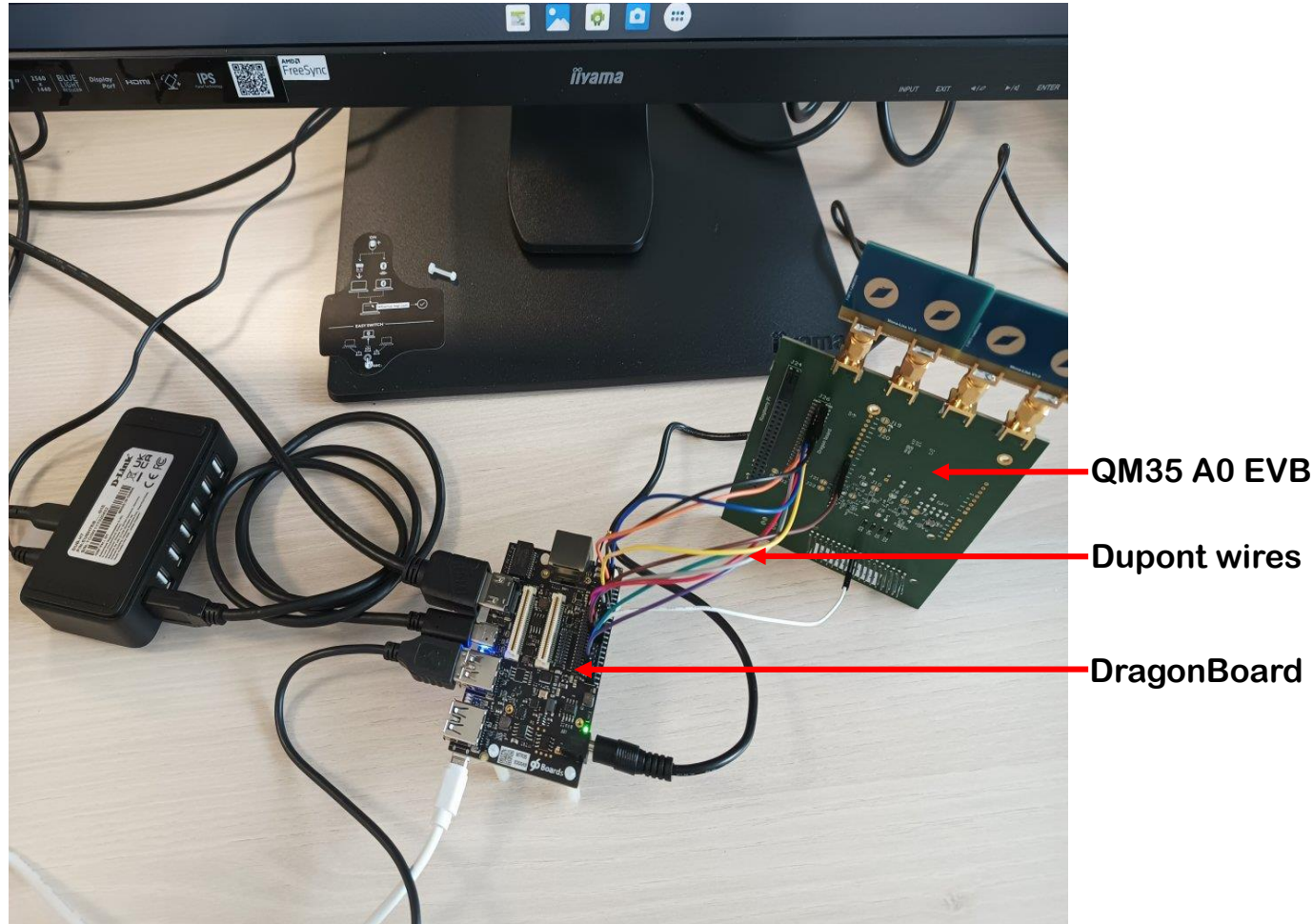
## 8 Key Benefits That Make The Difference



# Evaluation Kit for Mobile and IoT

# 1st test setup - Mobile

## DragonBoard +QM3572x EVB for integration and testing under Android

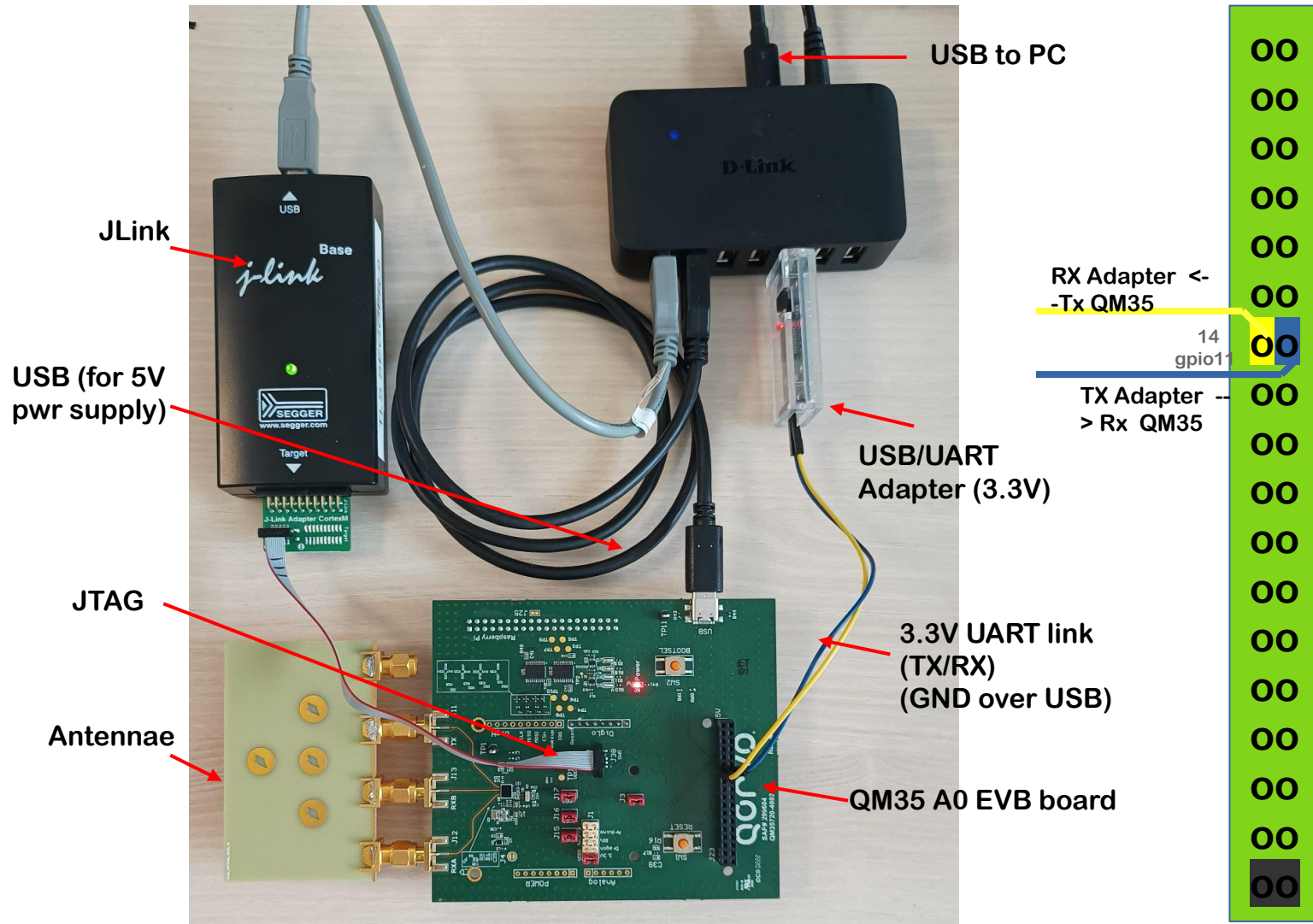


- Dragon Board plays the role of phone AP controller board, Android SW stack resides on AP on Dragon Board
- PC send commands to Dragon Boards, control UWB Service; PC can also send UCI command to control UCI daemon directly; Dragon Board communicate with QM35 evaluation board via SPI
- Commands will be received by QM35 on the EVB board, and drive the test, e.g. Tx power, Rx sensitivity, PER, AoA, etc. etc.



# 2nd test setup - IoT

Standalone EVB for Hardware tests thru FTM commands and python scripts



- PC GUI for AoA, Ranging, File/Data transfer, Post processed CIR data for Radar algorithm. Connecting EVB board via UART port (USB/UART).



# Automotive – Time for Tier 1 & Tier 2 Collaboration



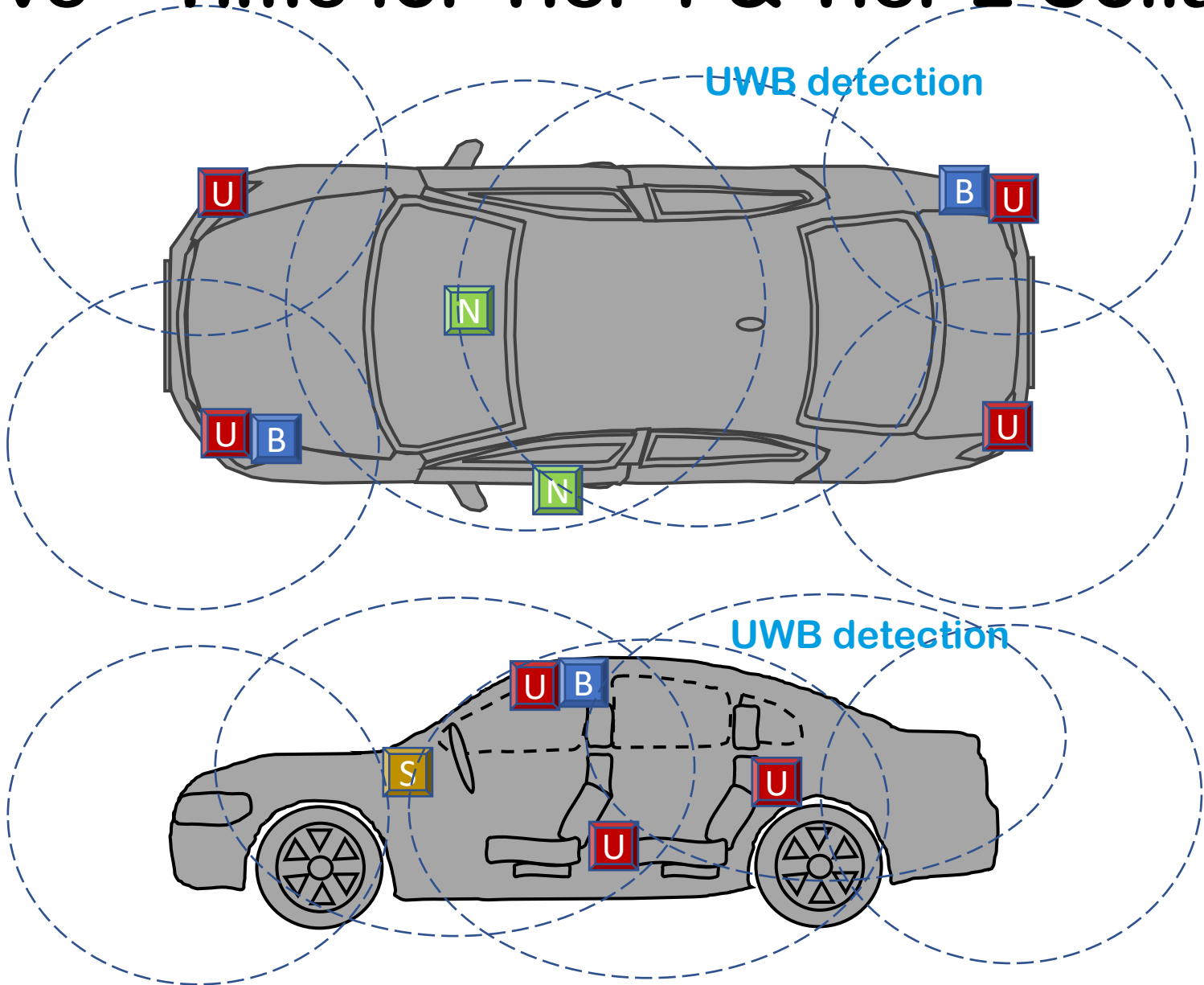
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## KEY

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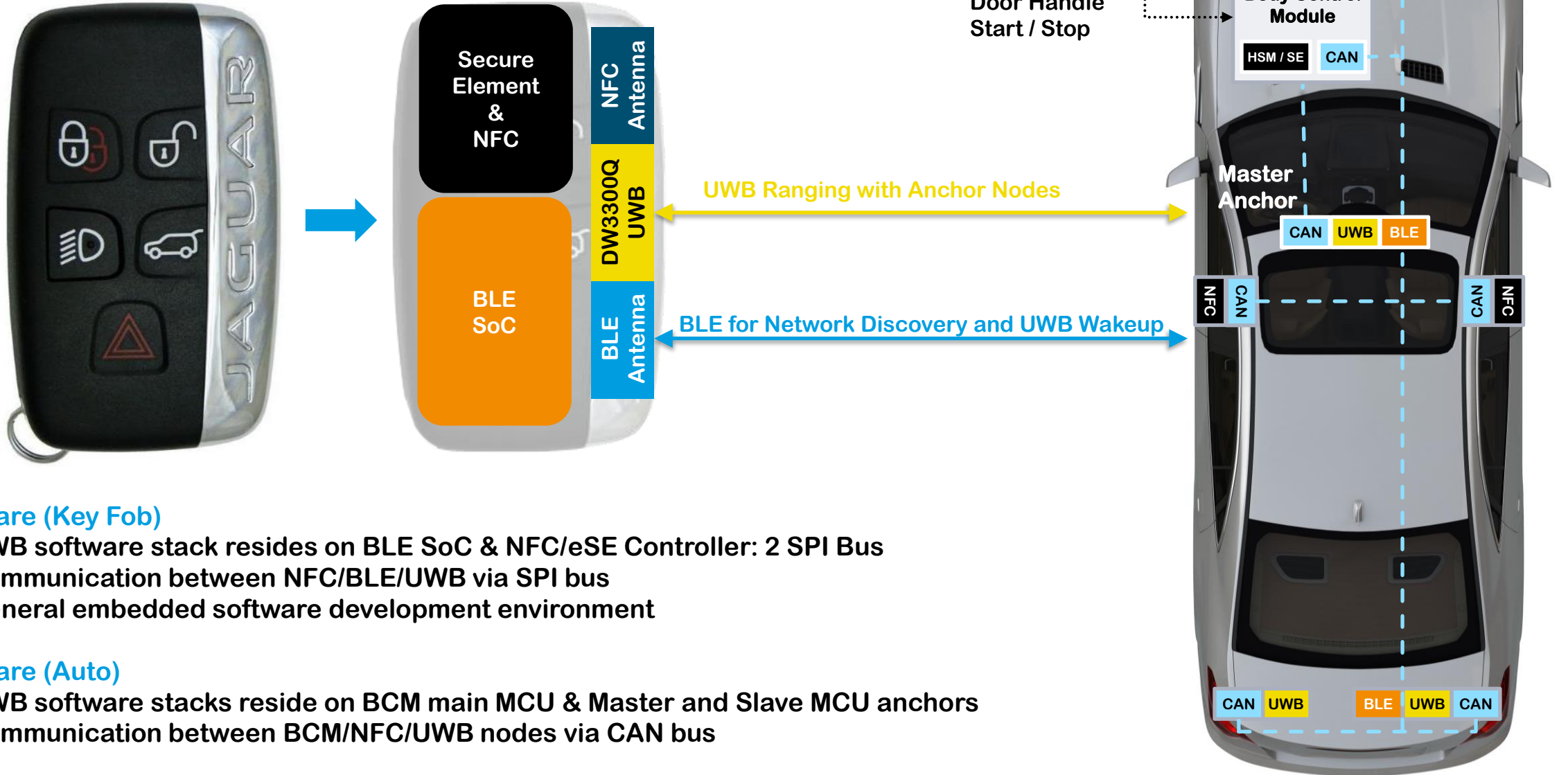


## LEGEND

- B BLE TRx
- N NFC TRx
- S eSE
- U UWB TRx

# UWB Hardware/Software

## Typical automotive implementation



### Software (Key Fob)

- UWB software stack resides on BLE SoC & NFC/eSE Controller: 2 SPI Bus
- Communication between NFC/BLE/UWB via SPI bus
- General embedded software development environment

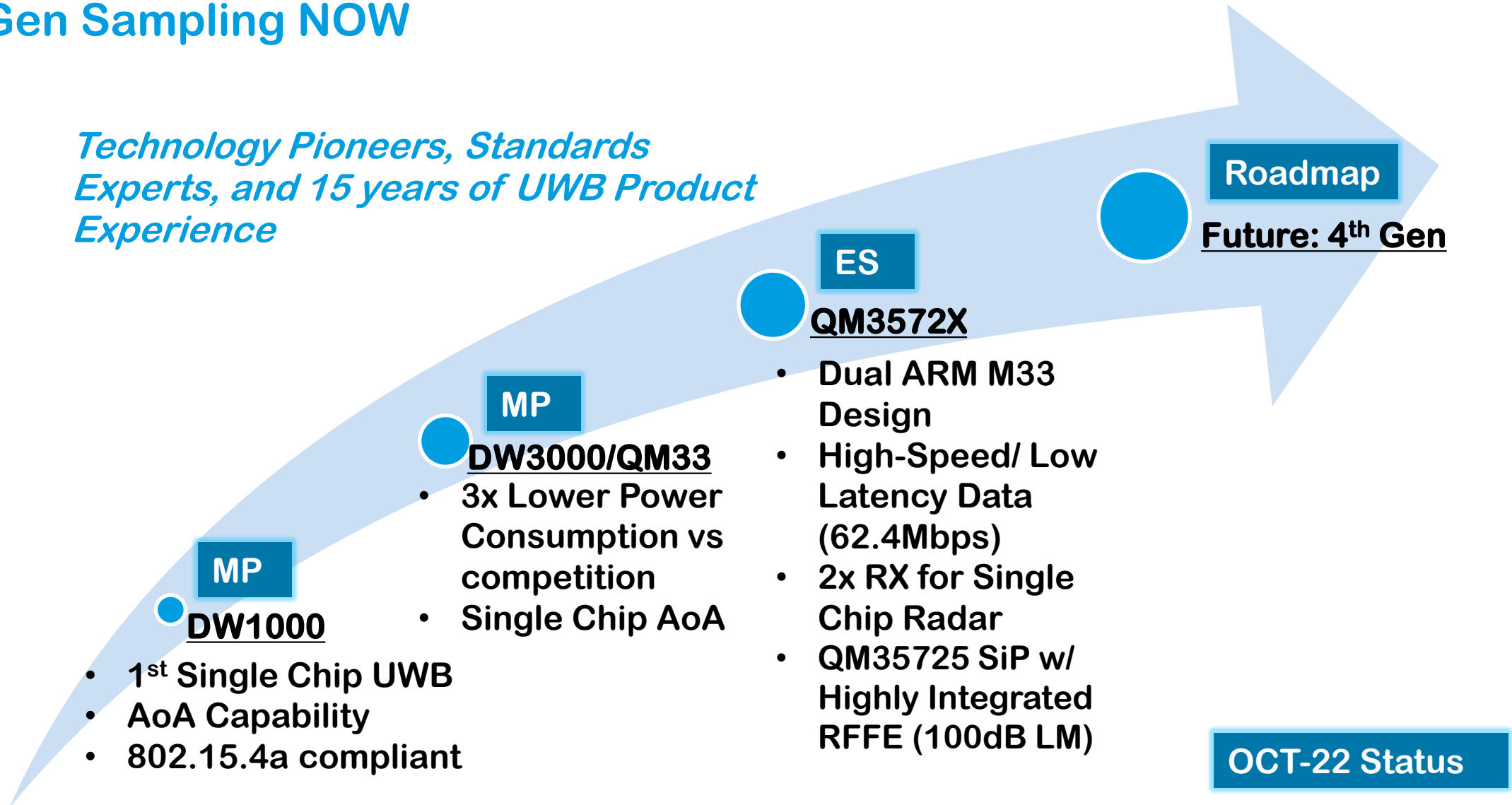
### Software (Auto)

- UWB software stacks reside on BCM main MCU & Master and Slave MCU anchors
- Communication between BCM/NFC/UWB nodes via CAN bus

# Qorvo Solution Roadmap

3rd Gen Sampling NOW

*Technology Pioneers, Standards Experts, and 15 years of UWB Product Experience*



# The Takeaway

## Some Food for Thought of IoT Opportunities

- Who are the customers in my active in the 4 key market segments
- Who are the tier-1s in my region? Who are on track to become tier 1?
- How can I influence the Product Owners?
- Which features excite the Product Owners? Precise Location? Radar? Data Comms?
- Can my customer productize with the DW3000/QM33 first?
- If not, what are the must have features on the QM3572x?





# Thank You

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