

# Say hello to Thingy:53

Nordic Tech Webinar

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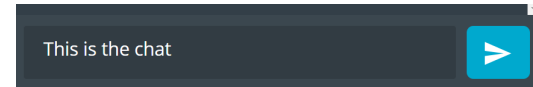
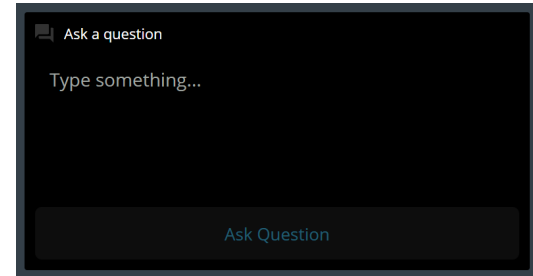


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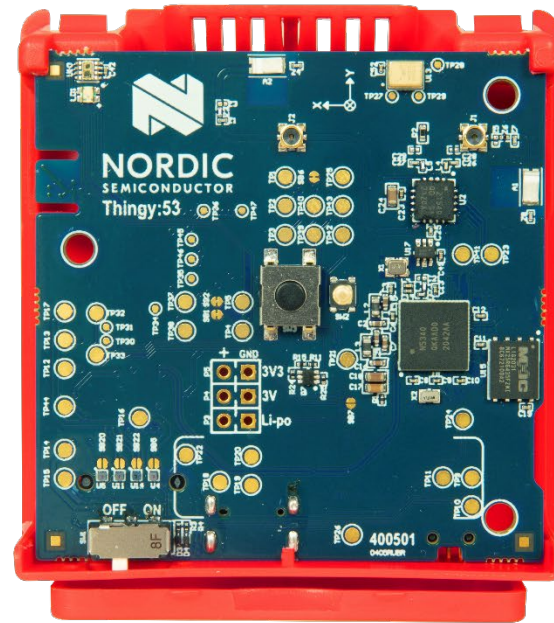
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  - nRF5340 SoC
  - nRF21540 RF FEM
  - nPM1100 PMIC
  - sensors
- Apps overview
- Live demo
- Q&A

# First look



# What is Nordic Thingy:53

- Prototyping platform integrating
  - nRF5340 SoC
  - nRF21540 RF FEM
  - nPM1100 PMIC
- Multiprotocol wireless connectivity
  - Bluetooth LE, Bluetooth mesh, Matter
- Internal battery and a wide variety of sensors and interfaces
- Fully supported by the nRF Connect SDK

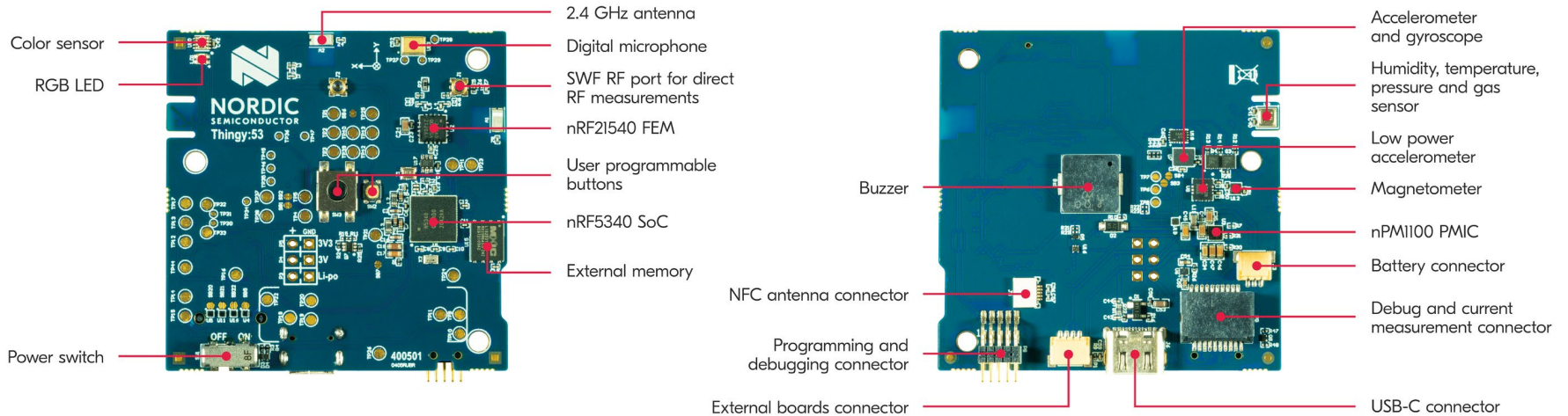


## Connect anything

- Easier to access with redesigned outer casing for the Thingy:53
- USB-C for charging/programming
- Qwiic/Stemma/Groove 4-pin JST for accessory devices
- Programmer port
- Debug and current measurement port

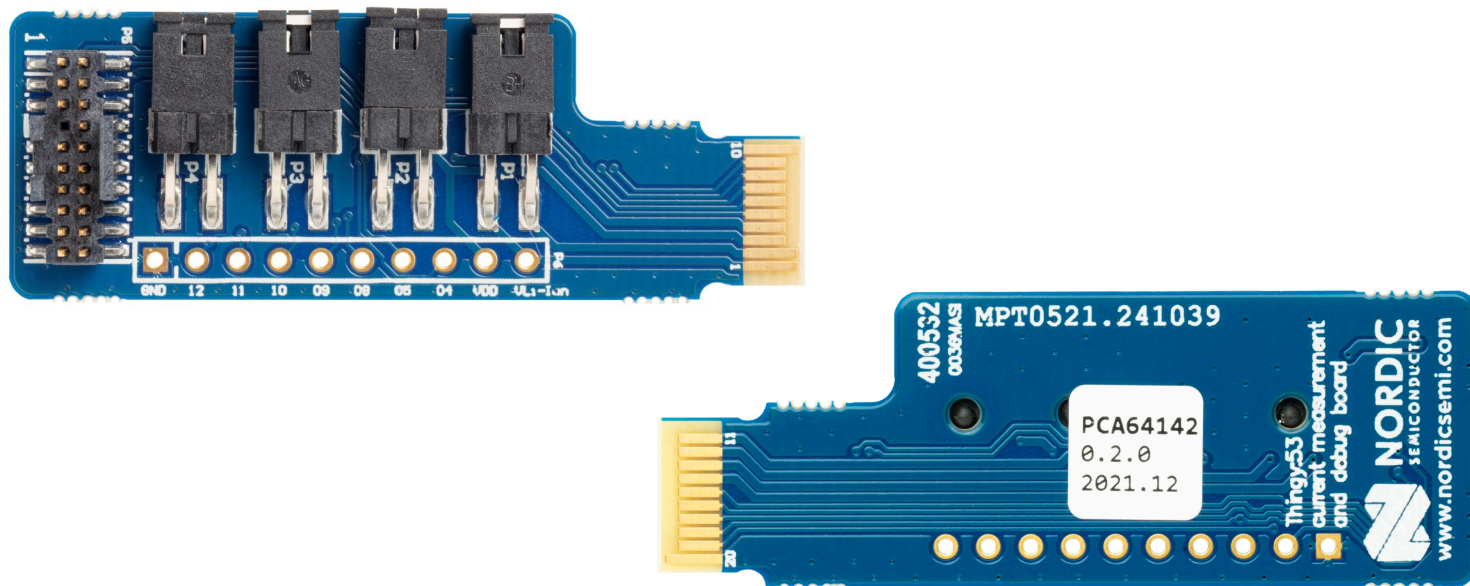


# Thingy:53 hardware overview

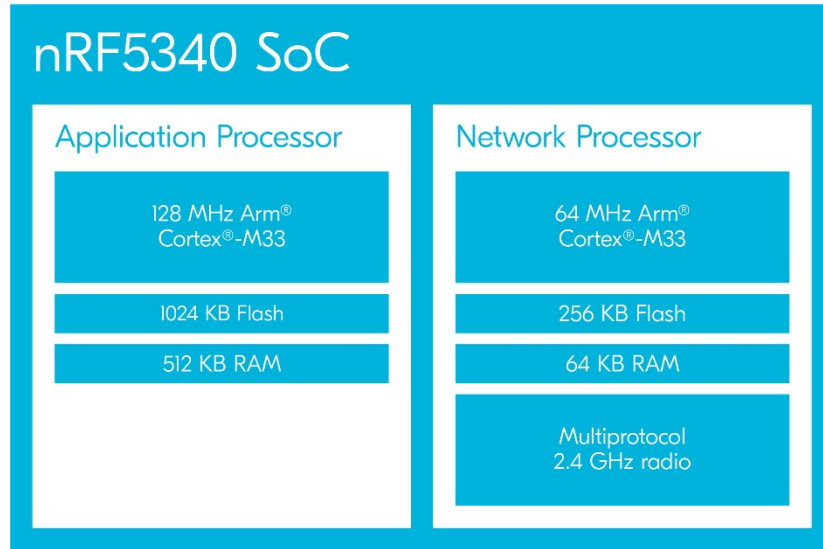




# Debug- and current measurement board

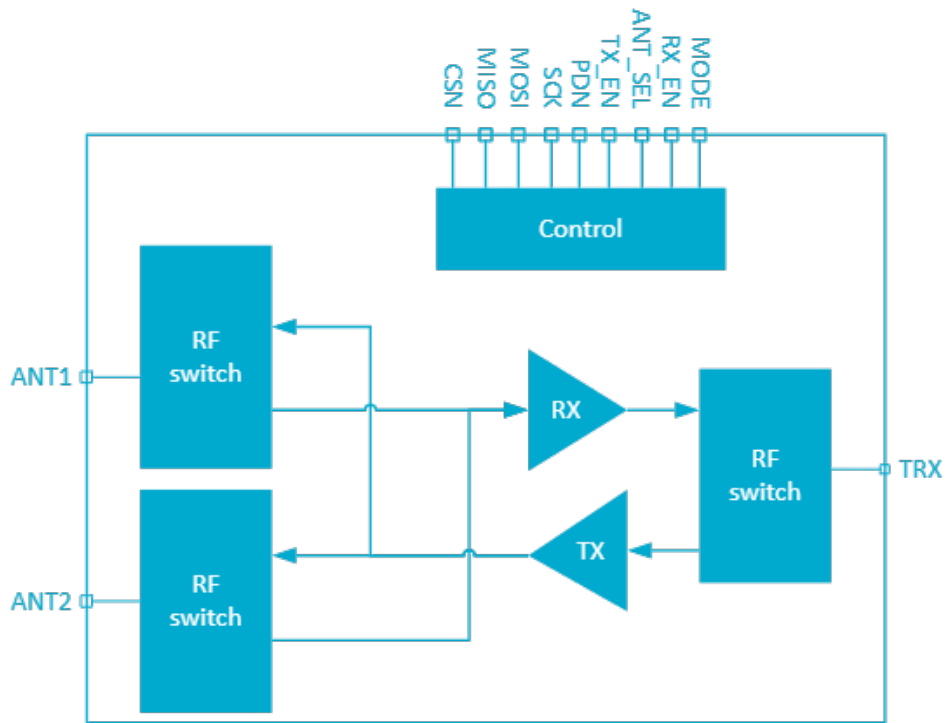
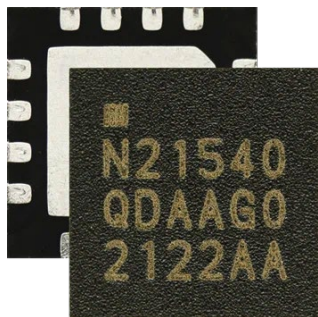


# Powering innovation – nRF5340 SoC

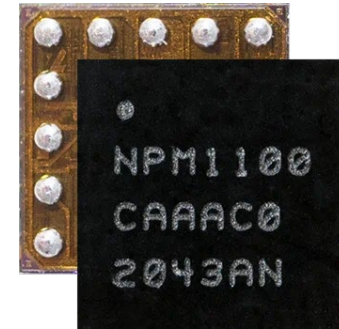
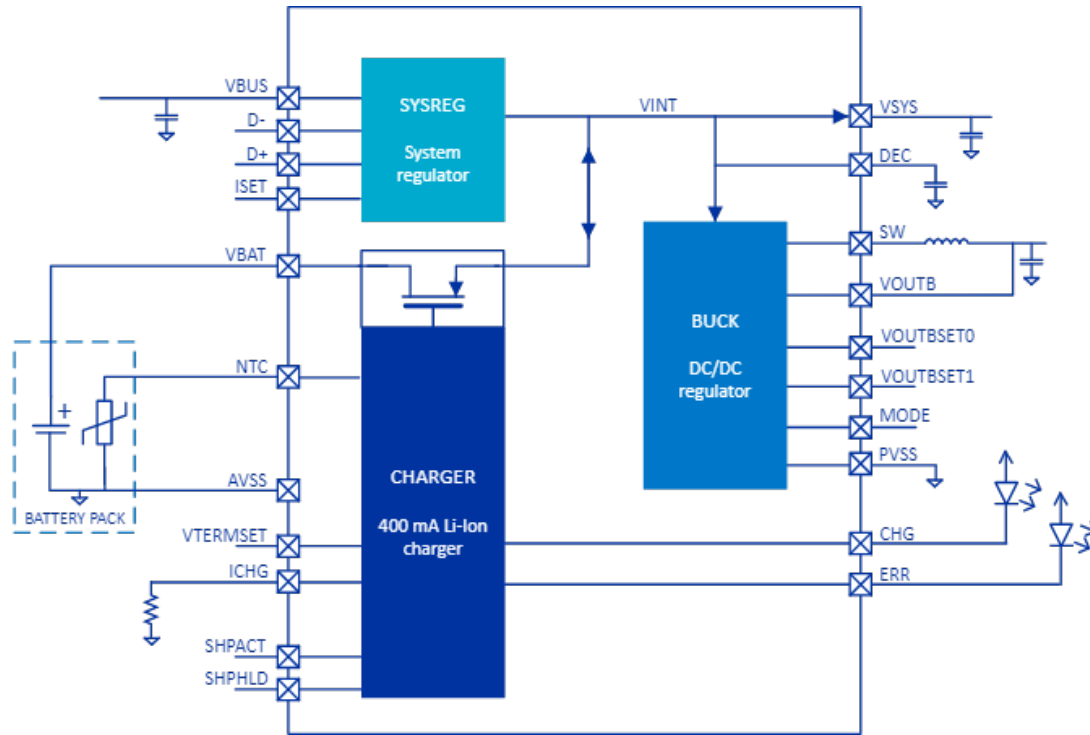


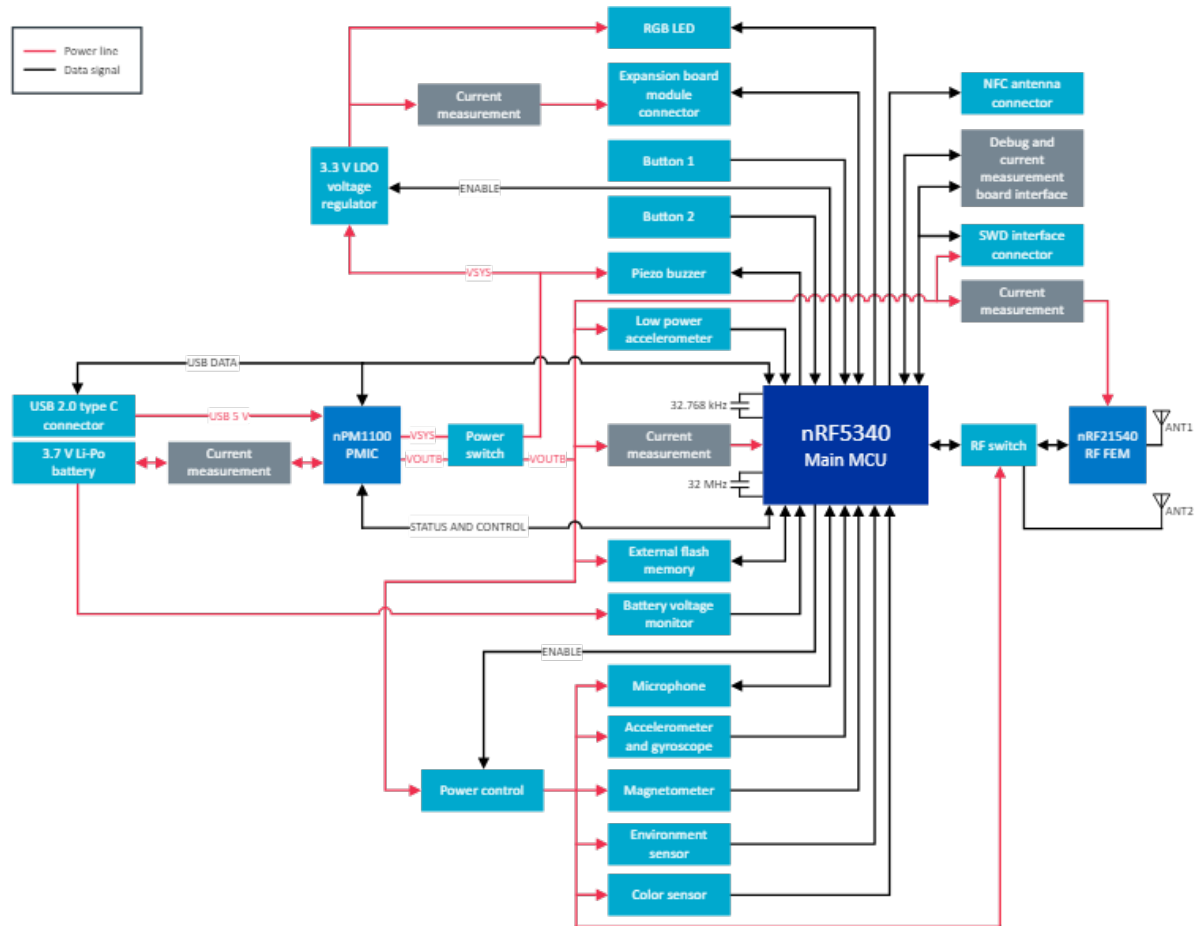
- High-performance application processor
- Fully programmable, ultra-low power network processor
- Multiprotocol radio
  - Bluetooth LE, Bluetooth mesh, Thread, Zigbee, NFC, 2.4 GHz proprietary
  - Thread and Bluetooth LE enables developing for Matter

# Range extender – nRF21540 RF FEM



# Power management - nPM1100 PMIC





# Sensor hardware

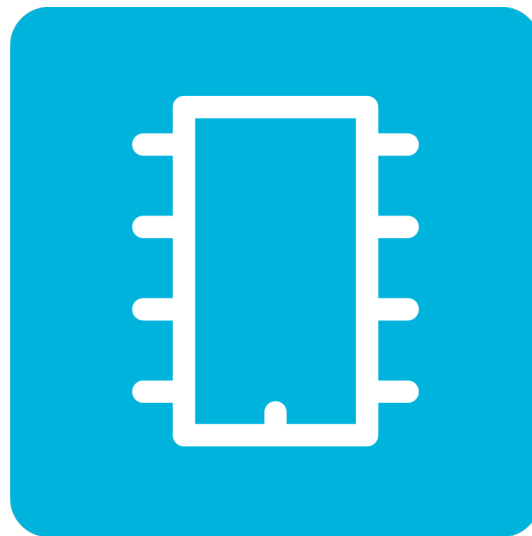
Vendor	Device	Function
Bosch	BME688	Temperature
		Humidity
		Pressure
		Gas
Bosch	BMI270	Inertial measurement unit (IMU)
Bosch	BMM150	Magnetometer
Analog Devices	ADXL362	Low-power accelerometer
ROHM	BH1749	Color and light sensor
Vesper MEMS	VM3011	Digital MEMS microphone

# Two new apps

nRF Edge Impulse



nRF Programmer



# nRF Edge Impulse app



Embedded  
machine learning



Every Thingy:53  
ships pre-loaded  
with firmware



Integration with  
Edge Impulse  
Studio



Data collection

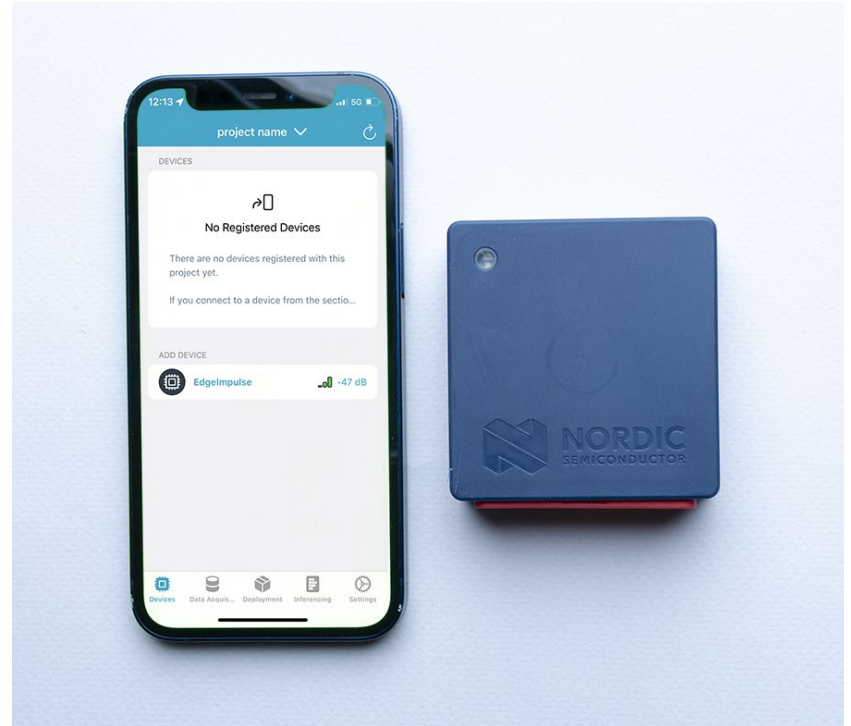


Running ML  
models

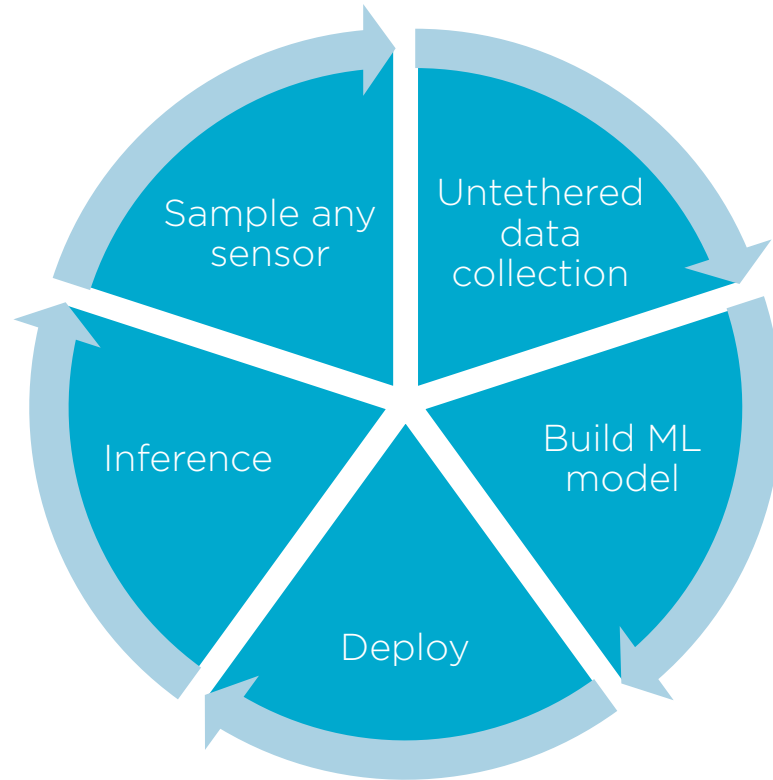


# Rapid ML prototyping with Thingy:53

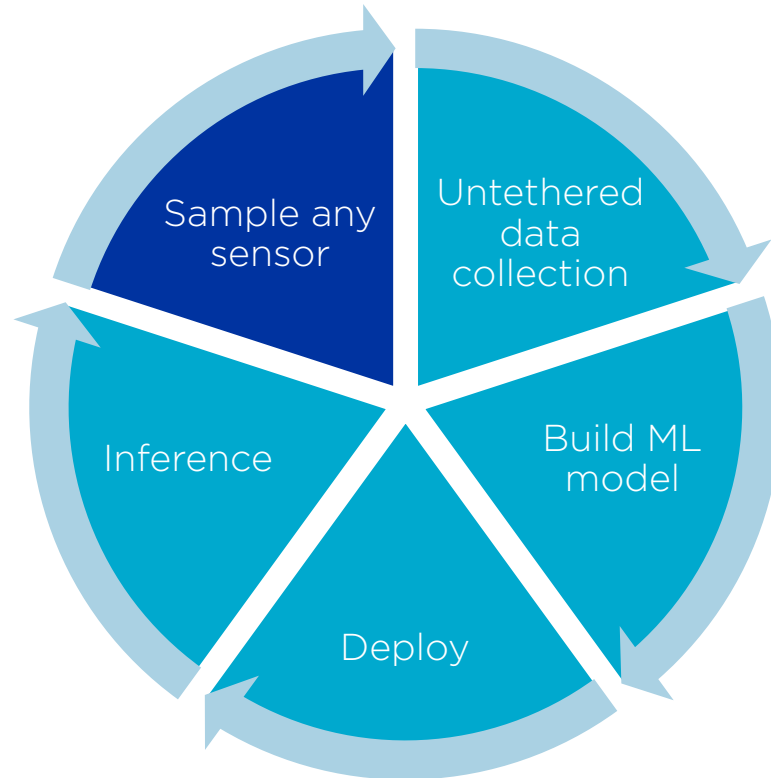
- Ideal for rapid embedded ML prototyping
- Integrates seamlessly with Edge Impulse Studio
- Thingy:53 for both data collection and running trained ML models
- OTA DFU for ML models through the app
- Wake-on-event sensors



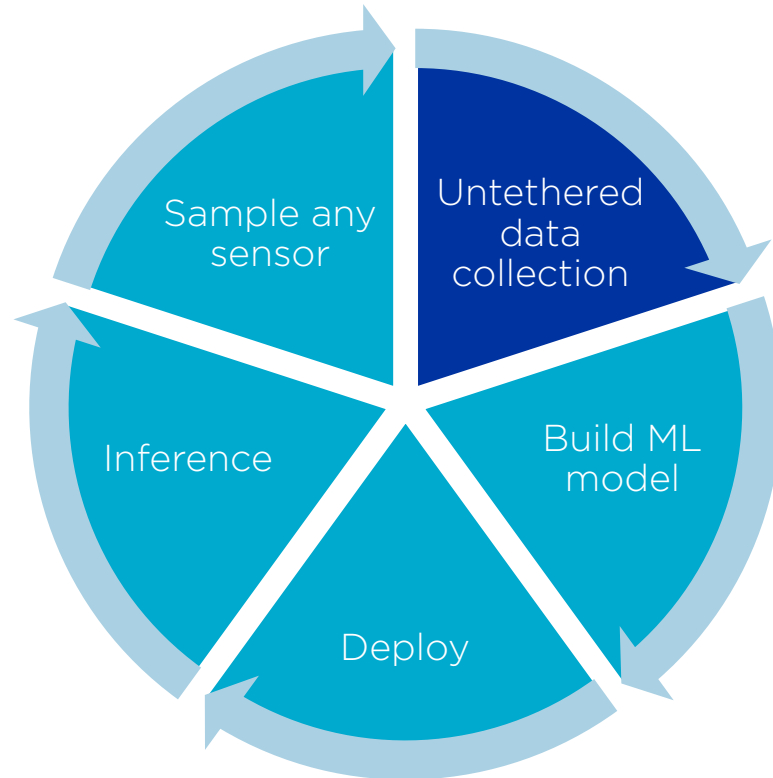
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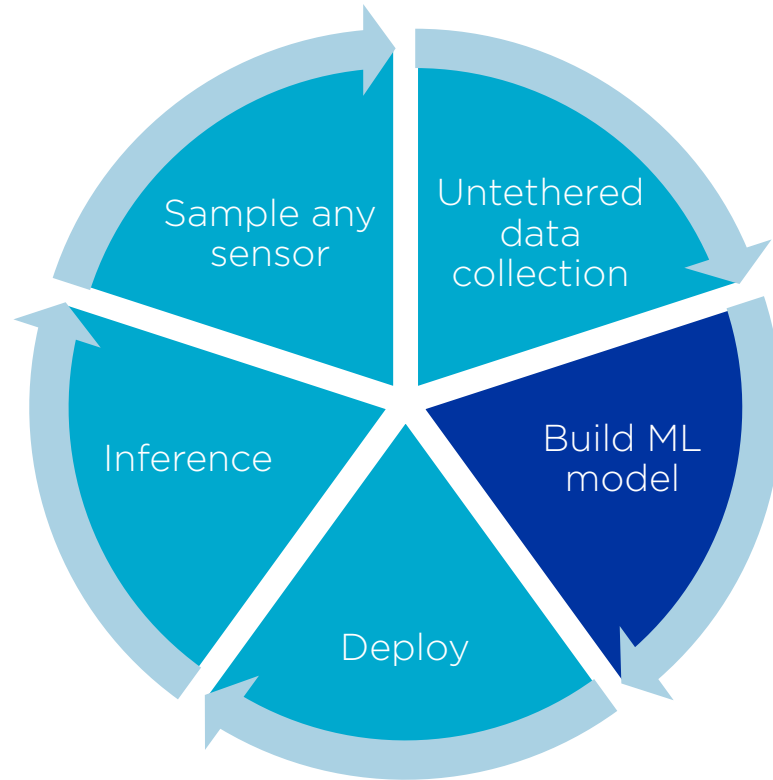
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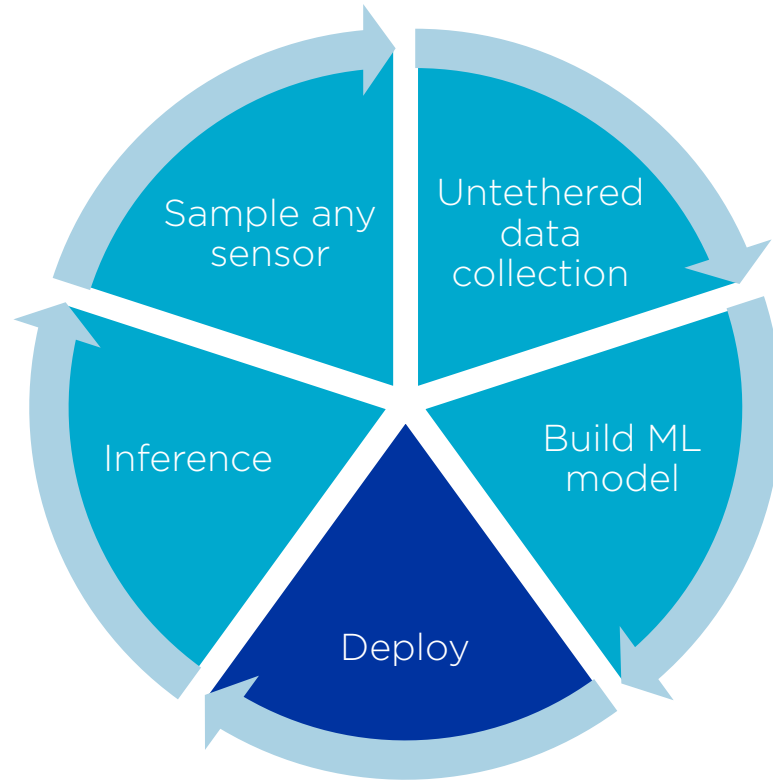
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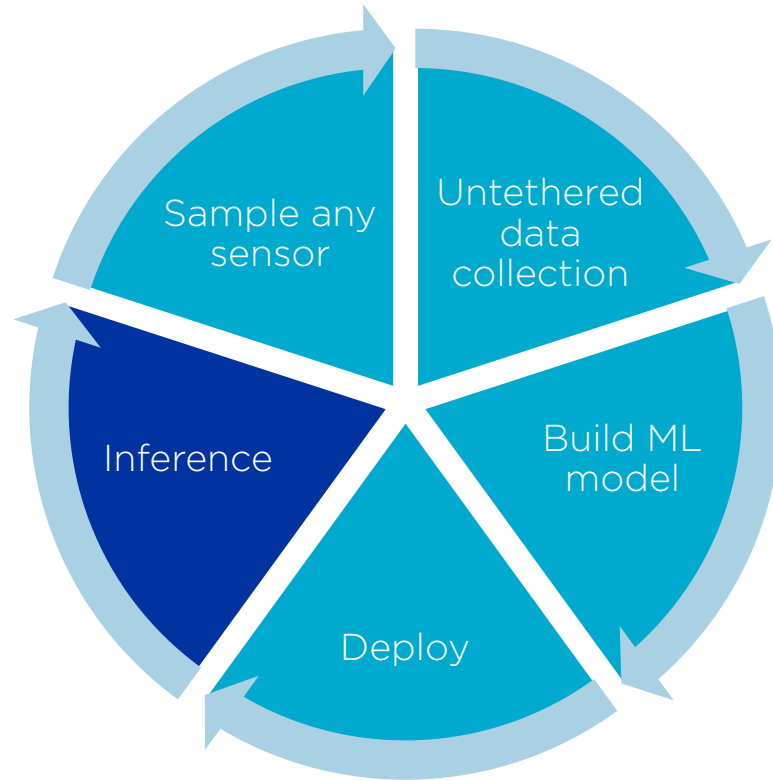
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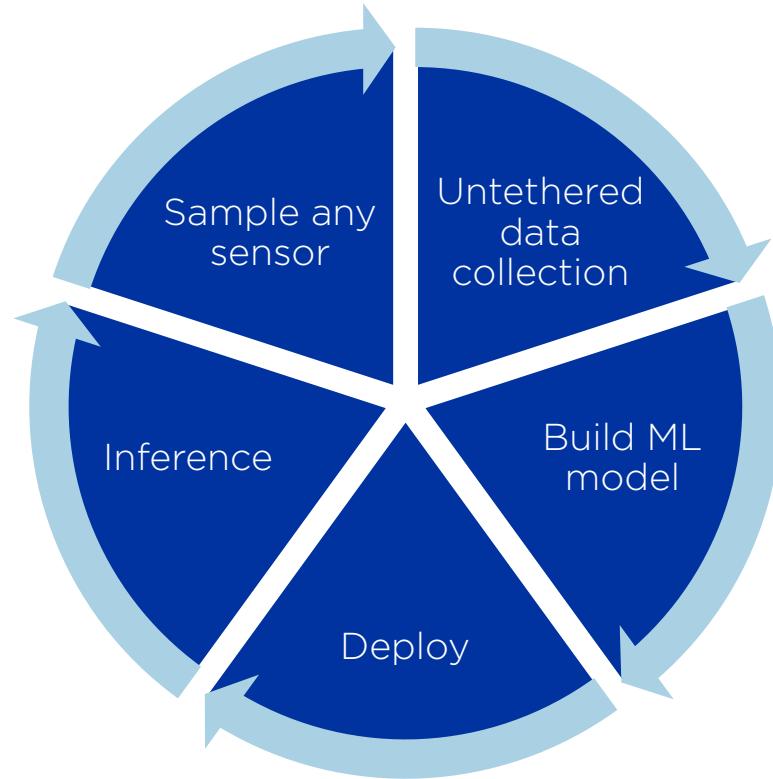
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# nRF Edge Impulse demo

Unboxing, data collection and inferencing

# nRF Programmer app

- Over-the-air DFU
- Update firmware without connecting to a PC or programmer
- Update without having direct physical access to the device
- Works with pre-compiled Thingy:53 firmware samples from nRF Connect SDK
- Planned support for custom firmware in the future



## Existing sample firmware

Edge Impulse  
firmware

Peripheral LBS

Peripheral  
UART

nRF Machine  
learning

Mesh: light

Mesh: light  
switch

Mesh: light  
fixture

Mesh: sensor  
server

Matter weather  
station

Zigbee  
weather  
station

## Custom development in the nRF Connect SDK



- For making custom firmware the nRF Connect SDK v2.0.0 and later is the supported SDKs
- Will be included in the nRF Connect Fundamentals course
- Hardware driver support for sensors
- Many existing compatible firmware samples
- Flash firmware with an external debugger (devkit), through USB-C (MCUboot), or OTA DFU.

# Summary

- Processing power for edge computing and embedded ML
- New connectors for external hardware
- Improved accessibility for power button and connectors
- Two new apps
- Supported in nRF Connect SDK v2.0.0



Q&A

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