

# Process Node Migration

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## Agenda

- What is process migration?
- Why it's so essential?
- What are the drawbacks
- How to overcome them?
- What are the solutions from NXP?
- What are the advantages of NXP's solutions?

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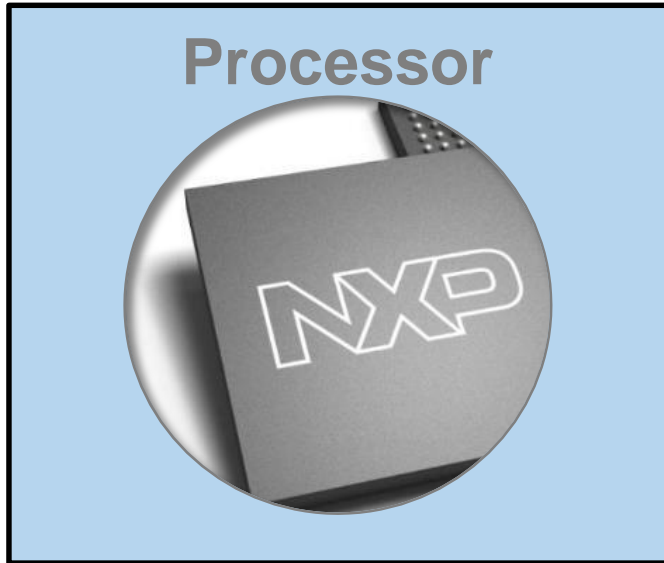
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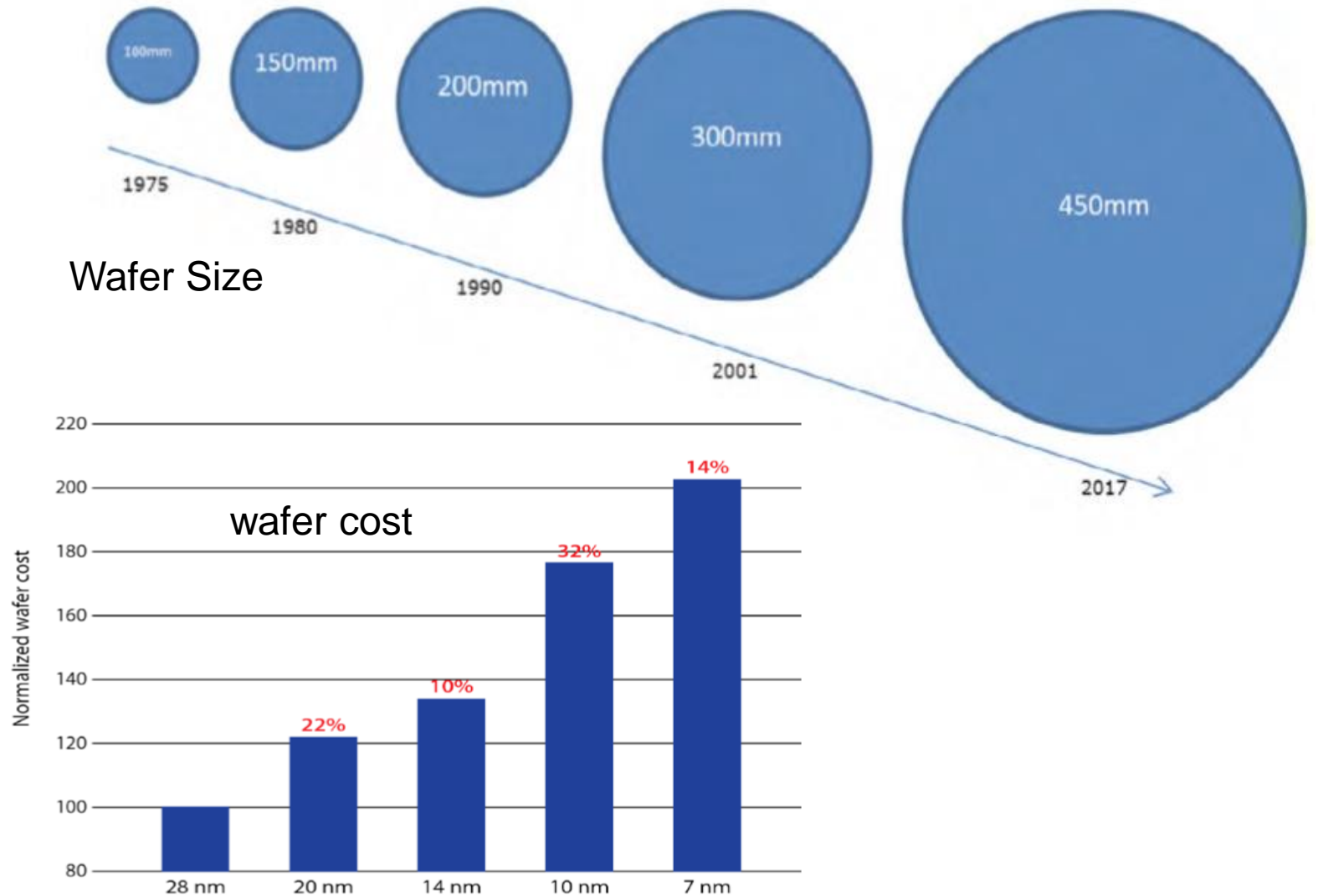
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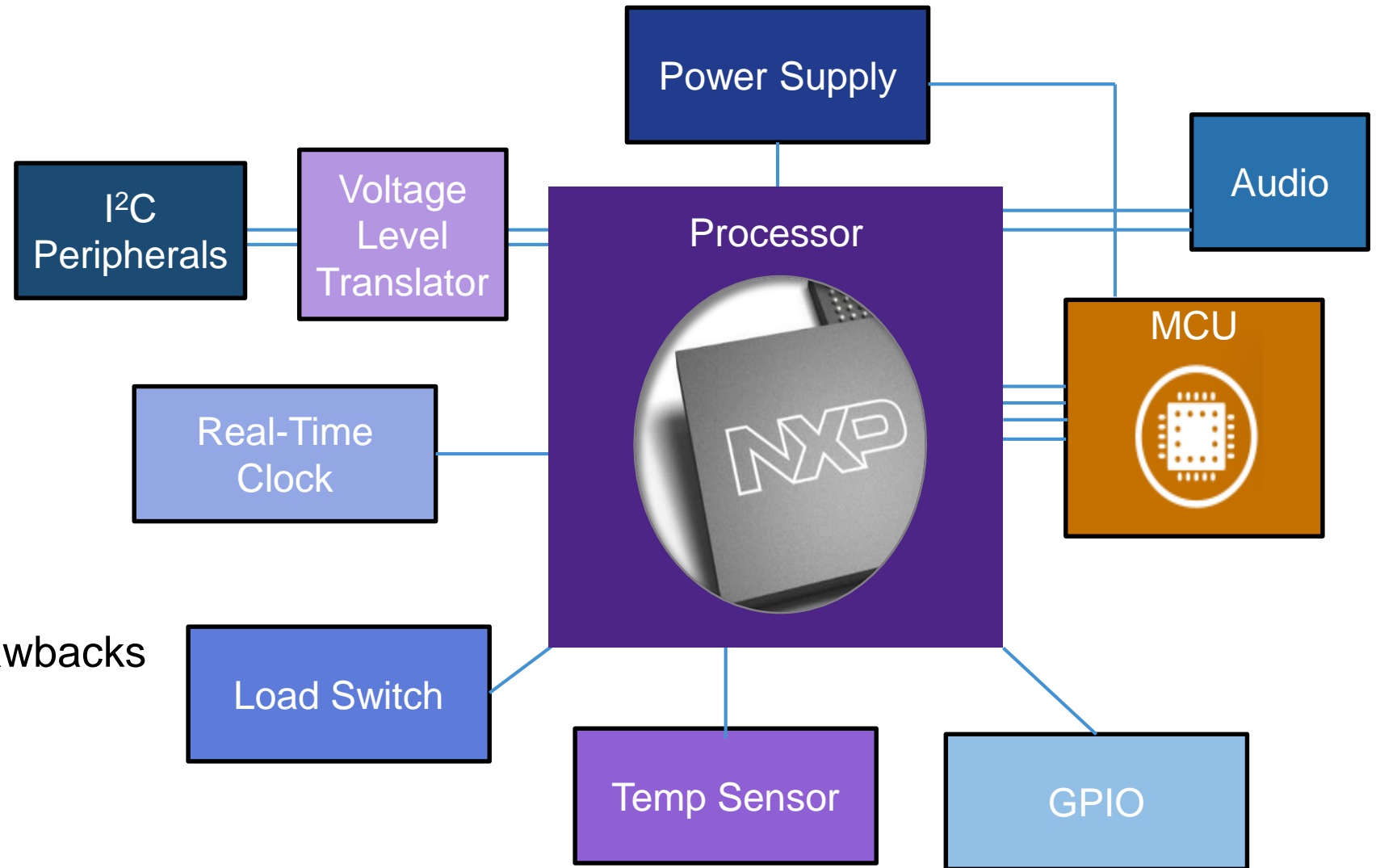
# Process Migration - Overview



<u>Geometry</u>	<u>I/O Voltages</u>
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# Processors Connect to External Digital + Analog

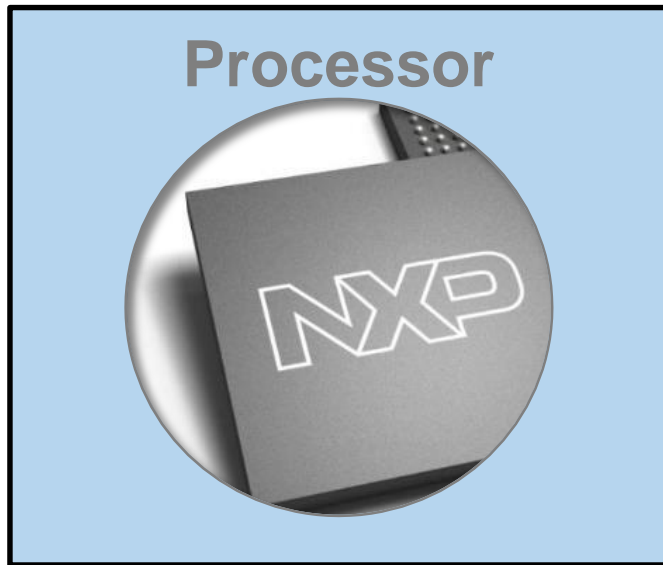


## Process Node Migration Drawbacks

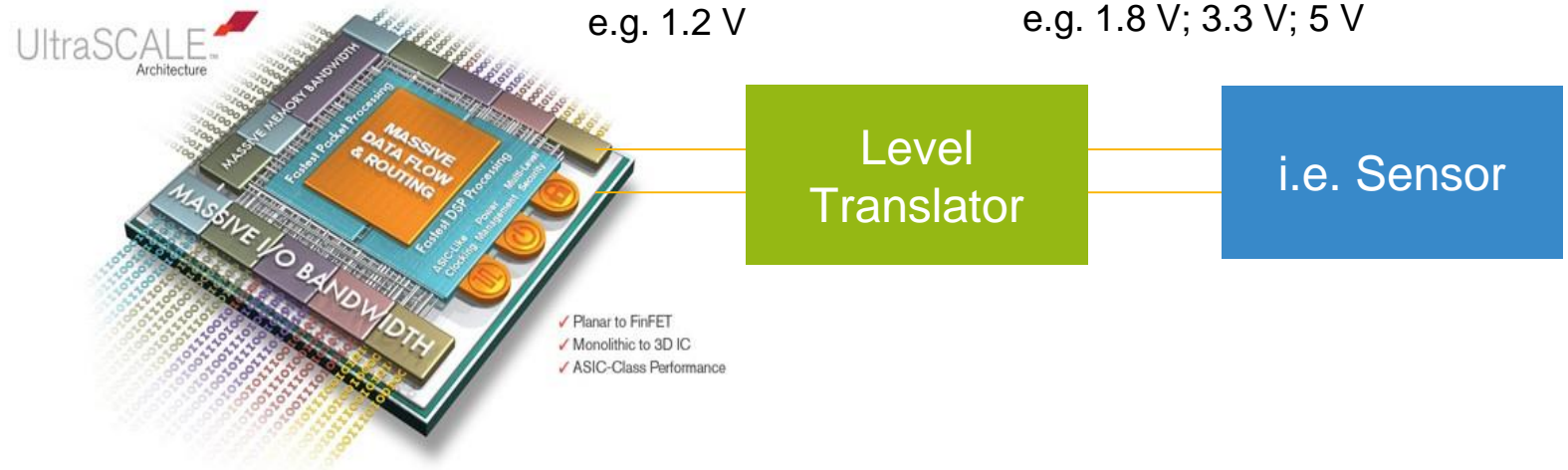
- Voltage Level Translation
- External GPIO
- Higher Leakage Current

# Processor Trends – Lower Voltage Level Nodes

Big processors going towards smaller geometries for higher processing power



Smaller process geometries support lower voltages  
→ more need for **voltage level translators (VLT)** to drive the peripherals still supplied at 1.8 V, 3.3 V or 5 V



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# NTS0304: 4-Ch Level Translators Offer Wider Voltage Ranges

## Features

- VCC(A): 0.95 V to 3.6 V and VCC(B): 1.65 V to 5.5 V
- Family of 1, 2, 4 and 8-ch level translators
- 8 kV ESD protection (B-port)
- “Smart” one-shot with 50 ns pulse and EMI rejection

## Benefits

- Wide voltage ranges match up with low-voltage  $\mu$ C's/FPGAs
- Pin compatible packages with industry-standard footprint
- Highly robust for driving high capacitance cables or across boards

## Applications

- Consumer
- Communications
- Smart cards
- Interface to low-voltage systems

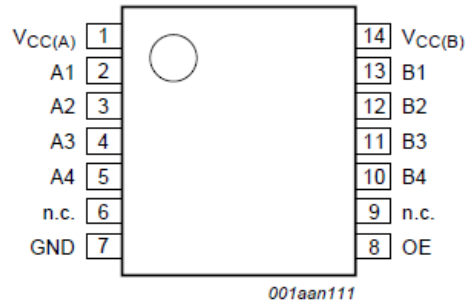


Fig 2. NTS0304PW Pin configuration

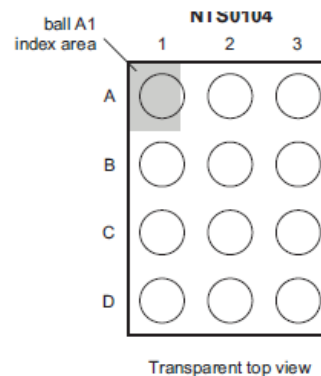
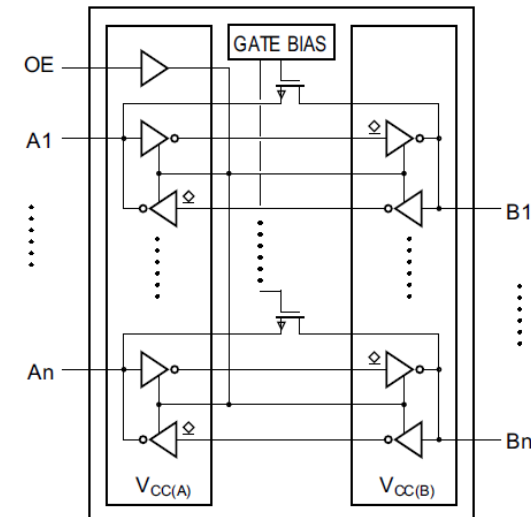


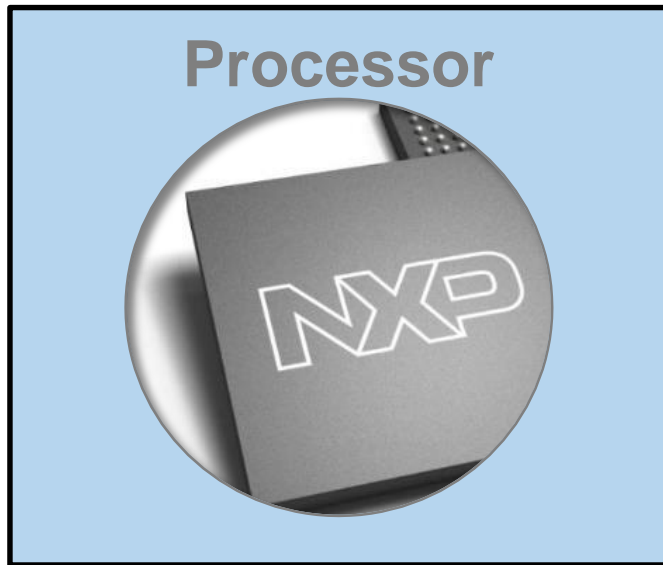
Fig 3. NTS0304UK Pin configuration WLCSP12



NTS0302JK 2-ch also in production

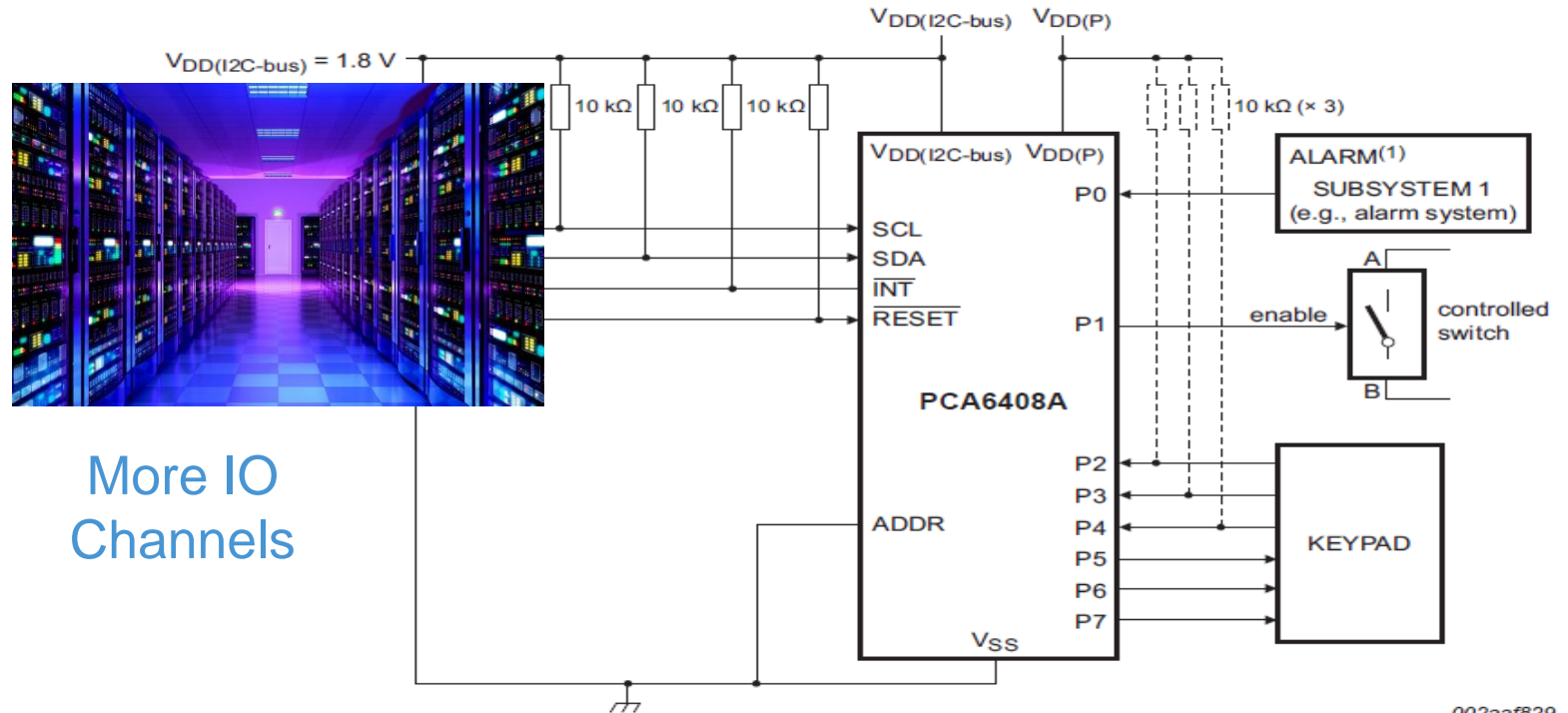
# Processor Trends – High Voltage IO more expensive

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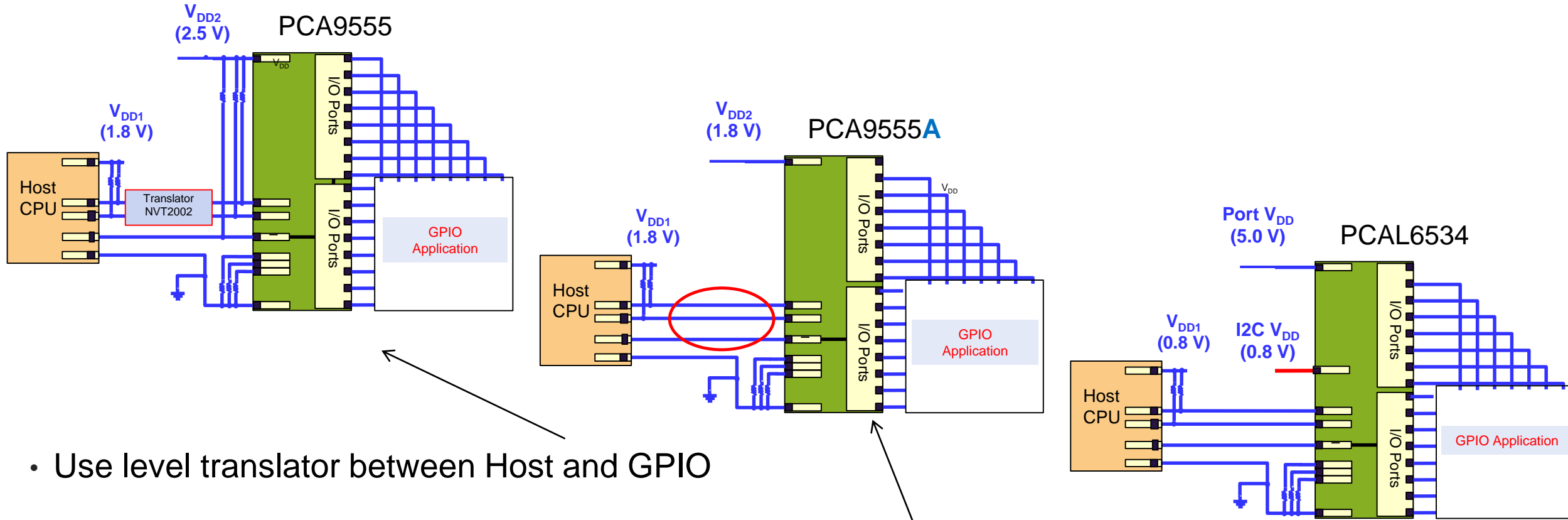


Cost of silicon for smaller process geometries is increasing and implementing 'high voltage' (3 V or 5 V) IOs is expensive  
 → simpler functions like **GPIOs moving off the processor ICs**

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# Level Translating - Two Supply GPIO



- Use level translator between Host and GPIO
- Lower operational voltage of the GPIO so level translator is not required
- Two supply pins so that I<sup>2</sup>C interface and GPIO port operate at different voltages





# PCAL6534EV: 34-Bit GPIO Expander Operates Down to 0.8 V

## Features

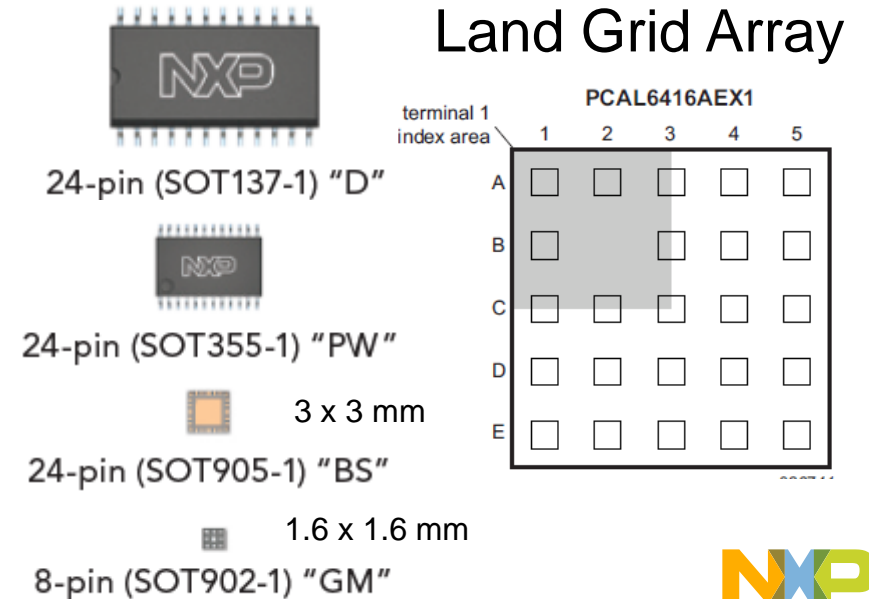
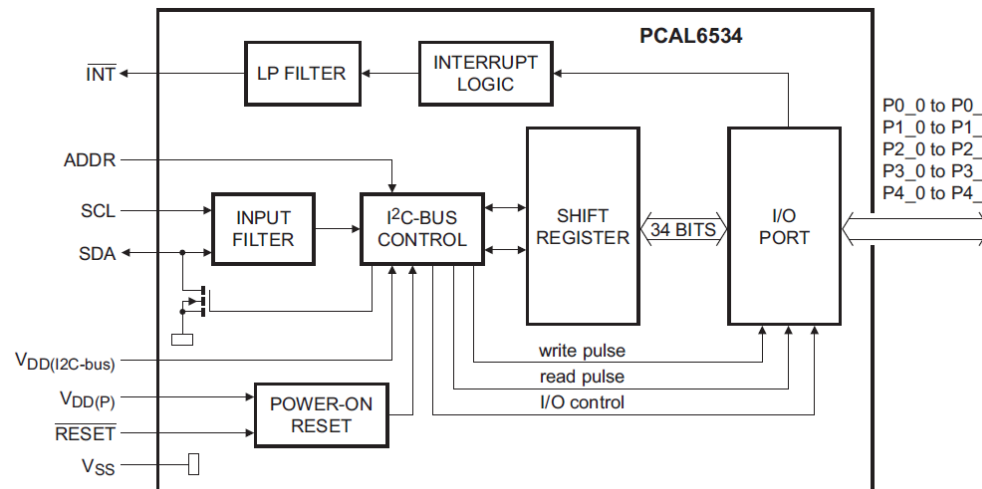
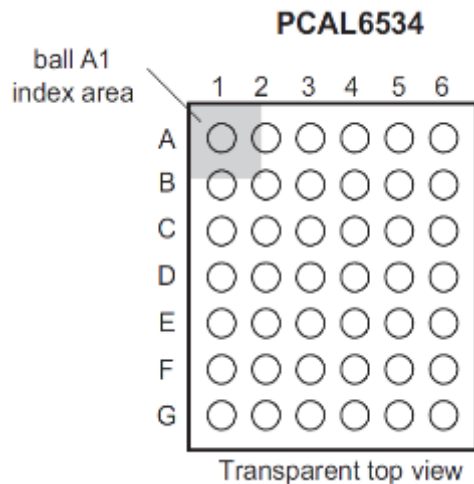
- Level translating 0.8 to 5.5 V range
- 2.6 mm x 3 mm VFBGA-42 package
- Agile IO: input latch, programmable output current, integrated resistors

## Benefits

- Wide voltage range matching with the newer process FPGAs/processors
- Tiny BGA package saves cost and size of additional IO's in processor & simplifies routing

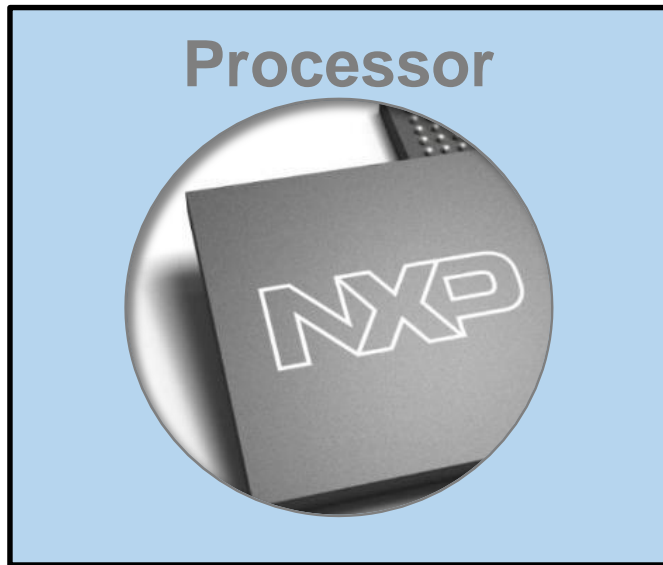
## Applications

- Consumer phones and game controllers
- IO buttons
- Networking switches & routers
- Automotive window control



# Processor Trends – Higher Leakage Current

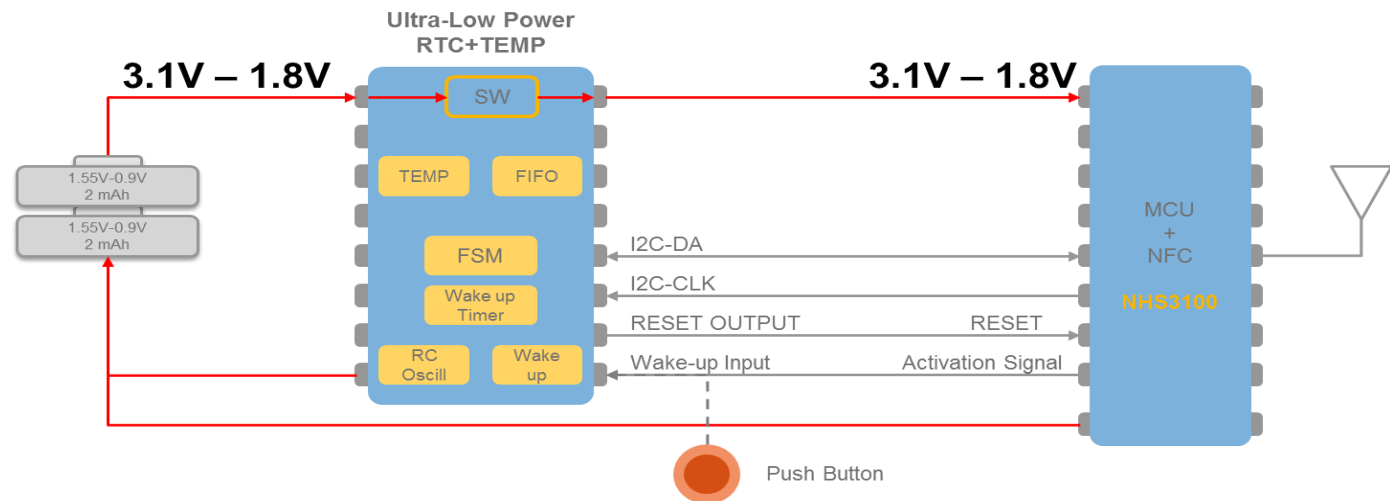
Big processors going towards smaller geometries for higher processing power



Smaller process geometries are characterized by higher leakage currents

→ more opportunities for **Ultra-low power ICs** to reduce the system stand-by power. This is particularly relevant for systems that work periodically, i.e. wireless burst transmissions for smart meters

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# In Development PCF2131: Nanopower RTC with Integrated Crystal

## Features

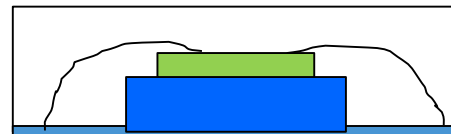
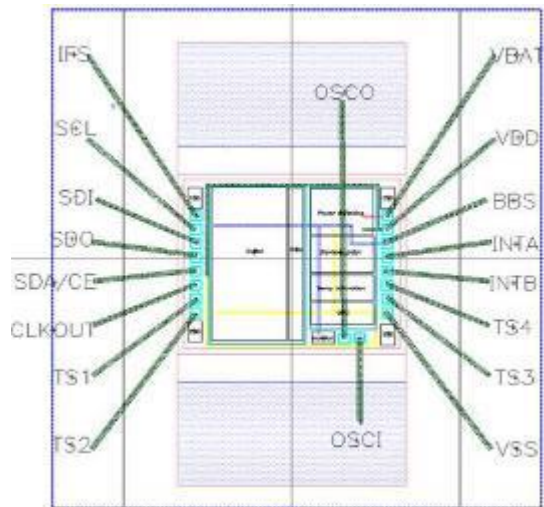
- 50 nA  $I_Q$  w/o temperature compensation, 100 nA  $I_Q$  with temperature compensation
- 3 ppm (max) temp comp. over  $-40^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+85^\circ\text{C}$
- Four tamper protection inputs

## Benefits

- Ultra-low-power extends battery life
- Highly accurate for replacing  $\mu\text{C}$ /processor clocks
- High integration with crystal saves space
- Highly secure

## Applications

- Gas meters
- Water meters
- Wearables
- IoT sensors
- Portable instruments



Sampling now – release end of 2020

# In Development PCF85263UK: RTC Operates Down to 0.9 V - WLCSP

## Features

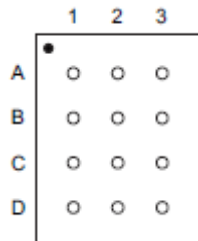
- Level translating 0.9 to 5.5 V range
- 1.2 x 0.94 x 0.22 mm WLCSP12 package
- Low current; typical 280 nA at  $V_{DD} = 3.0\text{ V}$  and  $T_{amb} = 25^\circ\text{ C}$

## Benefits

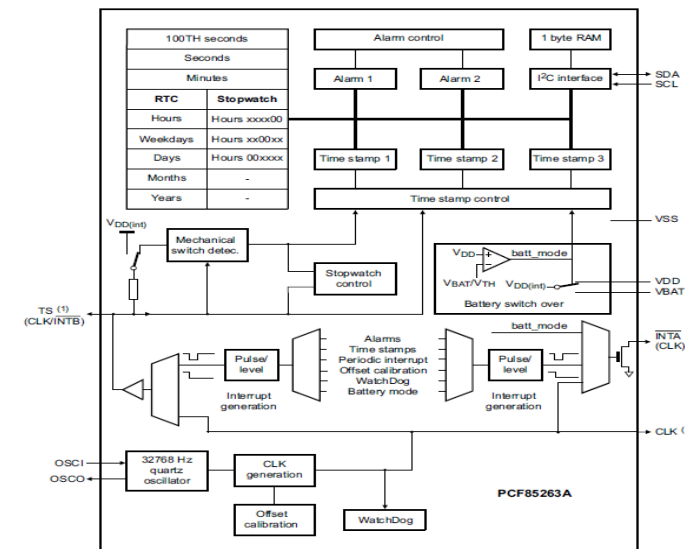
- Wide voltage range
- Low power consumption
- Battery back up
- Tiny package for very small module applications

## Applications

- Consumer phones
- Smart Watch
- 5G Network Modules



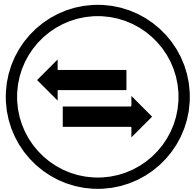
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# High Performance Analog offers “*Solutions Around The Core*”

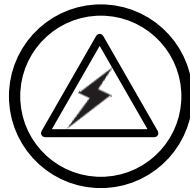
*General Purpose Analog: I<sup>2</sup>C peripherals and building blocks*

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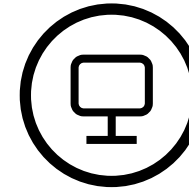
GPIO  
Expanders

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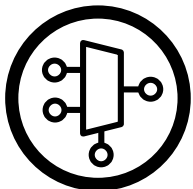
Level  
translators

**Higher Voltage  
(2.3 V)**

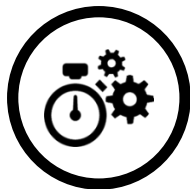


LCD Drivers

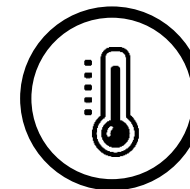
**Lower Voltage (1.2V)**



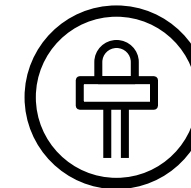
Muxes &  
Switches



Real-Time  
Clocks



Temp  
Sensors



LED Drivers

# Additional Resources

## Voltage Level Translator –

<https://www.nxp.com/products/peripherals-and-logic/voltage-level-translators:VOLTAGE-LEVEL-TRANSLATORS>

## GPIO –

[https://www.nxp.com/products/interfaces/ic-spi-serial-interface-devices/ic-general-purpose-i-o:MC\\_41850](https://www.nxp.com/products/interfaces/ic-spi-serial-interface-devices/ic-general-purpose-i-o:MC_41850)

## RTC –

[https://www.nxp.com/products/peripherals-and-logic/signal-chain/real-time-clocks:MC\\_71246](https://www.nxp.com/products/peripherals-and-logic/signal-chain/real-time-clocks:MC_71246)

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