# i.MX 93 APPLICATIONS PROCESSOR FAMILY

i.MX 93 applications processors deliver efficient machine learning (ML) acceleration, energy flex architecture and state-of-the-art security to support energy-efficient edge computing. i.MX 93 processors offer fast and efficient ML inferencing along with a rich set of peripherals and high-performance application cores for automotive, industrial and consumer IoT market segments.

## TARGET APPLICATIONS

- Automotive: domain controller compute off-load engine, driver monitoring system, audio, speech recognition, cost-effective gateway

- Industrial Automation: gateways, remote I/O controllers, industrial scanners, HMI, machine vision

- Building Control and Energy: energy meters, EV charging

- Smart Home: home security hub, smart doorbell, smart lock, smart thermostat, AV receivers

- Smart City: smart lighting, safety and security, traffic control

## PERFORMANCE COMPUTE ENGINE

The i.MX 93 applications processors are the first in the i.MX portfolio to integrate the scalable Arm® Cortex®-A55 core, bringing best-in-class performance and energy efficiency to Linux-based edge applications. Based on Arm's DynamIQ technology, the A55 core features the latest Armv8-A architecture extensions with dedicated instructions to accelerate machine learning (ML).

## NEURAL PROCESSING UNIT (NPU)

The i.MX 93 family marks the industry's first implementation of the Arm® Ethos™-U65 microNPU. A dedicated neural processing unit (NPU), Ethos-U65 delivers a combination of performance and efficiency with an optimized footprint that enables developers to create high-performance, cost-effective and energy-efficient ML applications.
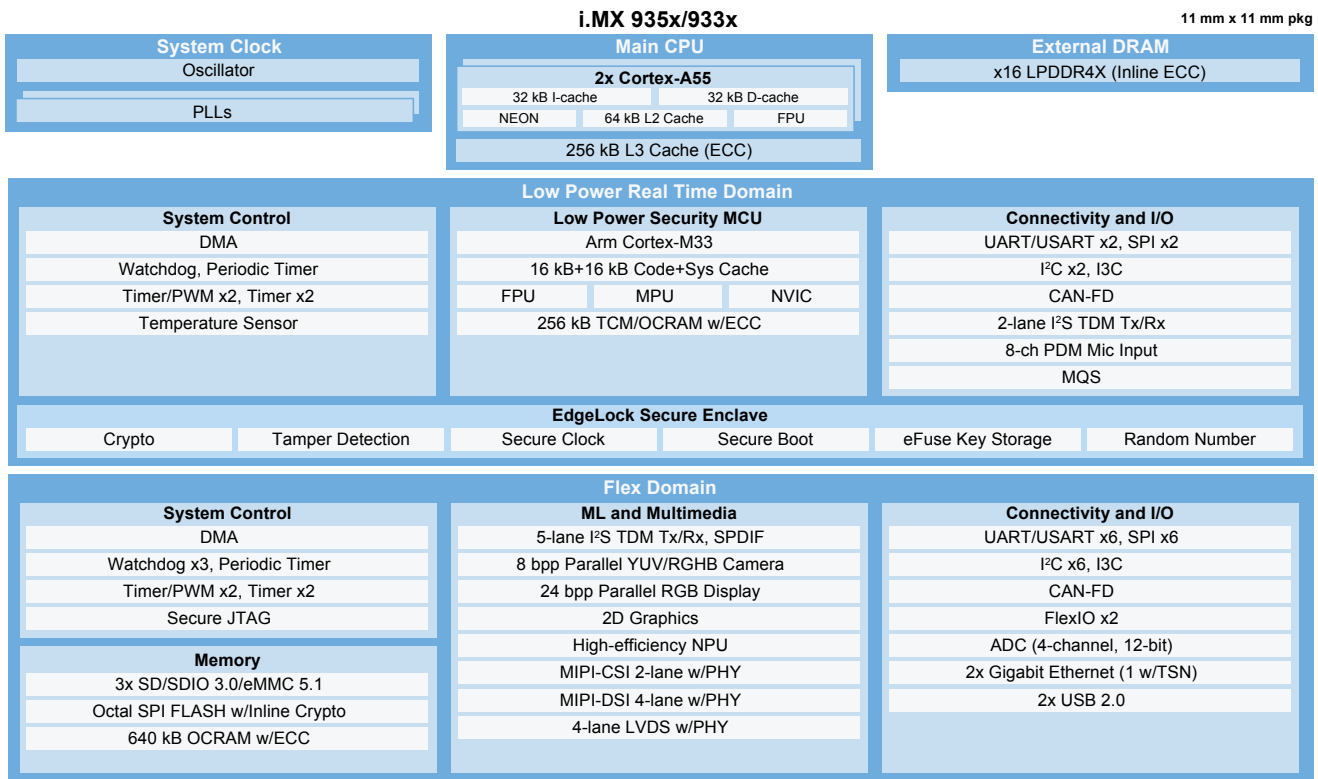
## BUILT-IN MCU

A 250 MHz Arm Cortex-M33 processor performs time-critical real-time compute and control. It can eliminate the need for an external microcontroller in the system design. The integrated Cortex-M33 core associated with the CAN FD interfaces provides a robust local control network for industrial applications. Additionally, the built-in Arm Cortex M33 in conjunction with the NPU can be used for low-power wake-word detection.

## CAMERA INTERFACES AND IMAGE PROCESSING

The i.MX 93 family contains MIPI-CSI and parallel image sensor interfaces along with the NPU to support both monochrome and RGB (color) vision applications. The application processor offers a 2-lane MIPI-CSI camera interface capable of supporting 1080-p60 resolution and enables direct connection to external camera module and ISP. The application processors offer capabilities including down scaling, color space conversion, de-interlacing, alpha insertion, cropping and rotation of images for machine vision and other ML-related applications.

## i.MX 935X/933X BLOCK DIAGRAM

**i.MX 935x/933x**

11 mm x 11 mm pkg

| System Clock | Main CPU | External DRAM |
|---|---|---|
| Oscillator | **2x Cortex-A55** | x16 LPDDR4X (Inline ECC) |

**2x Cortex-A55**

| 32 kB I-cache | 32 kB D-cache |
|---|---|
| NEON | 64 kB L2 Cache | FPU |

256 kB L3 Cache (ECC)

**Low Power Real Time Domain**

| System Control | Low Power Security MCU | Connectivity and I/O |
|---|---|---|
| DMA | Arm Cortex-M33 | UART/USART x2, SPI x2 |
| Watchdog, Periodic Timer | 16 kB+16 kB Code+Sys Cache | I²C x2, I3C |
| Timer/PWM x2, Timer x2 | FPU / MPU / NVIC | CAN-FD |
| Temperature Sensor | 256 kB TCM/OCRAM w/ECC | 2-lane I²S TDM Tx/Rx |
| | | 8-ch PDM Mic Input |
| | | MQS |

**EdgeLock Secure Enclave**

| Crypto | Tamper Detection | Secure Clock | Secure Boot | eFuse Key Storage | Random Number |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|

**Flex Domain**

| System Control | ML and Multimedia | Connectivity and I/O |
|---|---|---|
| DMA | 5-lane I²S TDM Tx/Rx, SPDIF | UART/USART x6, SPI x6 |
| Watchdog x3, Periodic Timer | 8 bpp Parallel YUV/RGHB Camera | I²C x6, I3C |
| Timer/PWM x2, Timer x2 | 24 bpp Parallel RGB Display | CAN-FD |
| Secure JTAG | 2D Graphics | FlexIO x2 |
| **Memory** | High-efficiency NPU | ADC (4-channel, 12-bit) |
| 3x SD/SDIO 3.0/eMMC 5.1 | MIPI-CSI 2-lane w/PHY | 2x Gigabit Ethernet (1 w/TSN) |
| Octal SPI FLASH w/Inline Crypto | MIPI-DSI 4-lane w/PHY | 2x USB 2.0 |
| 640 kB OCRAM w/ECC | 4-lane LVDS w/PHY | |

## DISPLAY AND MULTIMEDIA

The i.MX 93 applications processors contain a 4-lane MIPI-DSI capable of supporting 1080p60 resolution, a 4-lane LVDS and parallel display interfaces capable of 720p60 resolution. Additionally, it features a high-efficiency pixel pipeline to perform 2D graphics processing to realize cost-effective GUI solutions. It is capable of image rotation (90°, 180°, 270°), image resize, color space conversion, multiple pixel format support (RGB, YUV444, YUV422, YUV420, YUV400) and standard 2D-DMA operations.

## SYSTEM SECURITY

The i.MX 93 family implements security via NXP's EdgeLock® secure enclave, a preconfigured, self-managed and autonomous security subsystem. EdgeLock eases the complexity of implementing robust, device-wide security intelligence for IoT applications through autonomous management of critical security functions, such as root of trust, run-time attestation, trust provisioning, secure boot, key management and cryptographic services while also simplifying the path to industry-standard security certifications. The secure enclave functions like a "security HQ" or fortress inside the i.MX 93 SoCs, overseeing all security functions to protect systems against physical and network attacks. Fine-grained key management capabilities are augmented by extensive crypto services for advanced attack resistance. The secure enclave also intelligently tracks power transitions when applications are running to help prevent new attack surfaces from emerging. These attacks may include hardware reverse engineering, malware insertion, modifying/replacing the device image, version rollback attacks and physical attacks.

## SECURITY PEACE OF MIND WITH AZURE SPHERE

Keeping an edge device secure long after initial deployment is a challenge that requires nonstop trusted management services. The i.MX 93 family, specifically the i.MX 93-CS products, incorporate Microsoft Pluton enabled on EdgeLock secure enclave as the secured root of trust built into the silicon itself, and as a key step to enable the full Azure Sphere security stack for a vast range of IoT and industrial applications.

In addition to the secured hardware, Azure Sphere includes the secured Azure Sphere OS, the cloud-based Azure Sphere Security Service and ongoing OS updates and security improvements for more than ten years. Azure Sphere chip-to-cloud security will be enabled on specific products within the i.MX 9 series, giving developers an even broader set of processor options to implement managed device security across more of their products.

### ENHANCED RELIABILITY

The i.MX 93 contains error correcting codes (ECC) in most of the internal memories such as L1, L2, L3 caches of the Arm Cortex-A55, the TCM of the Cortex-M33 and internal on-chip memory as well as the DDR interface for enhanced reliability.

### ENERGY FLEX ARCHITECTURE

For fine-grained power management, the i.MX 93 applications processors implement NXP's innovative energy flex architecture where power and clock frequency of heterogenous domains such as the application domain (Cortex-A55s), real-time domain (Cortex-M33, peripherals) and flex domains (NPU, DDR, etc.) can be individually controlled to provide the maximum flexibility to achieve the lowest power consumption possible tuned to use cases. Additionally, the EVK would also have the capability to measure power on the various supply pins.

### RICH SET OF HIGH-SPEED AND MEMORY INTERFACES

The i.MX 93 processors offer the latest high-speed interfaces for connectivity and fast data transfer with 2x USB 2.0, 3x SD/SDIO 3.01, 2x Gbit Ethernet with EEE, AVB, IEEE 1588 and TSN in one port for precise, low latency control loops, in addition to 2x CAN-FD interfaces. The memory interfaces supported are 16-bit LPDDR4X and eMMC 5.1. The memory solution is optimized for the density, performance and price point.

### INDUSTRY 4.0

Ethernet-based communication networks are critical to implement Industry 4.0. The i.MX 93 processors have two high-speed Ethernet interfaces — a gigabit Ethernet MAC along with Time-Sensitive Networking (TSN) hardware capability and NXP's real-time edge software. These features support Ethernet-connected deterministic control with precise time-synchronization. A second gigabit Ethernet port supports multiple data networks and gateway applications.

### HIGH SCALABILITY WITH PIN-COMPATIBLE PLATFORM OPTIONS

The i.MX 93 applications processors family, part of the EdgeVerse™ portfolio platform, offers multiple SoCs with a scalable option to move up or down depending on the application needs. The different products in the i.MX 93 family include capabilities such as an integrated NPU and the number of Cortex-A55 cores. Additionally, pin-to-pin compatibility is planned between i.MX 93 and future i.MX 9 series product families.

### COMPREHENSIVE SOFTWARE SUPPORT

NXP's Yocto-based enablement software provides flexibility to our customers to customize the BSPs to their specific needs. NXP provides quarterly releases with the latest and greatest kernel patches and bug fixes to support the customers in their design. NXP also provides binary blobs for all advanced IPs to enable a seamless experience for customers while porting and integrating their applications and offloading their workloads to these IPs. Additionally, NXP supports FreeRTOS and a plethora of commercial RTOS from partners to address Real-time customer applications enabling developers a quick and easy migration path.

Leveraging the broad Arm community, i.MX 93 builds technology alliances to enable better customer solutions and faster time-to-market. Join fellow i.MX developers online at www.imxcommunity.org.

NXP also offers the eIQ™ ML Software Development Environment, a collection of libraries and development tools for building machine learning applications targeting i.MX applications processors and MCUs. The eIQ Toolkit leverages open-source technologies and is fully integrated into NXP's Yocto development environments, allowing the development of complete system-level applications with ease.

### HARDWARE TOOLS

The i.MX 93 evaluation kit (EVK) will enable SoC evaluation and system prototyping. Multiple accessory boards are planned to facilitate i.MX 93 processors' evaluation for applications such as camera modules and display panels.

Expert Package Design For Simplified System Design

The i.MX 93 will initially be available with a 11x11mm 0.5mm pitch package with routing channels.

Extended Industrial, Consumer and Automotive Qualified

i.MX 93 applications processors supports the following qualifications:

- Extended industrial temperature range (-40 °C to 125 °C Tj)

- Standard industrial temperature range (-40 °C to 105 °C Tj)

- Consumer application temperature range (0 °C to 95 °C Tj)

- Automotive temperature range (-40 °C to 125 °C Tj)

## Supply Longevity

i.MX 93 processors will be part of NXP's Product Longevity program ensuring supply continuity and preserves your engineering investment for embedded designs for 15 years.

https://www.nxp.com/products/product-information/nxp-product-programs/product-longevity:PRDCT_LONGEVITY_HM

## i.MX 93 PRODUCTS BY QUALIFICATION AND PACKAGES

| PN | Part Diff. | NPU | Arm CPU | Package |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| MIMX9352xxxxxxx | 52 | Y | 2x | 11x11mm (198 IO pins) |
| MIMX9351xxxxxxx | 51 | Y | 1x | |
| MIMX9332xxxxxxx | 32 | N | 2x | |
| MIMX9331xxxxxxx | 31 | N | 1x | |
| MIMX9321xxxxxxx | 21 | Y | 1x | 9x9mm (138 IO pins) |
| MIMX9311xxxxxxx | 11 | N | 1x | |

## i.MX 93 PRODUCT FEATURES

| Package | Camera Interface | Display Interface | Networking & Connectivity | Audio |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11x11 mm (198 IO pins) & 14x14 mm | 1) 2-lane 1080p30 MIPI CSI 2) Parallel camera | 1) 4-lane 1080p60 MIPI DSI 2) 4-lane LVDS 3) Parallel display | 1) 2x GbE 2) 2x USB 2.0 | 7x I2S TDM |
| 9x9 mm (138 IO pins) | 1) Parallel camera | 1) Parallel display | 1) 1x GbE 2) 1x USB 2.0 | 3x I2S TDM |