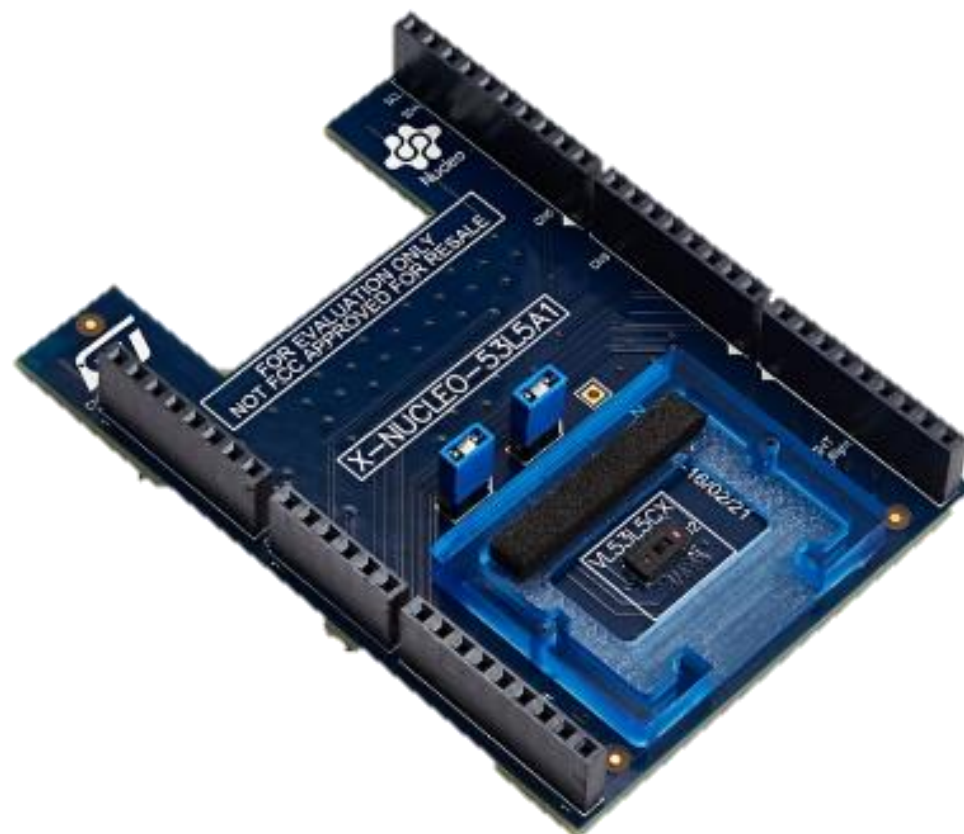




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Quick Start Guide

Time-of-Flight 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with wide field of view
expansion board based on VL53L5CX for STM32 Nucleo

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STM32 Open Development Environment: Overview



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1- Hardware and Software overview



8x8 Multi-zone Time-of-Flight Sensor expansion board Hardware Overview (1/2)

X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 Hardware Description

- The X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 is a Time-of-Flight 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with wide field of view and development board designed around the VL53L5CX sensor based on ST FlightSense™ patented technology
- The VL53L5CX communicates with the STM32 Nucleo developer board host microcontroller through an I²C link available on the Arduino UNO R3 connector.

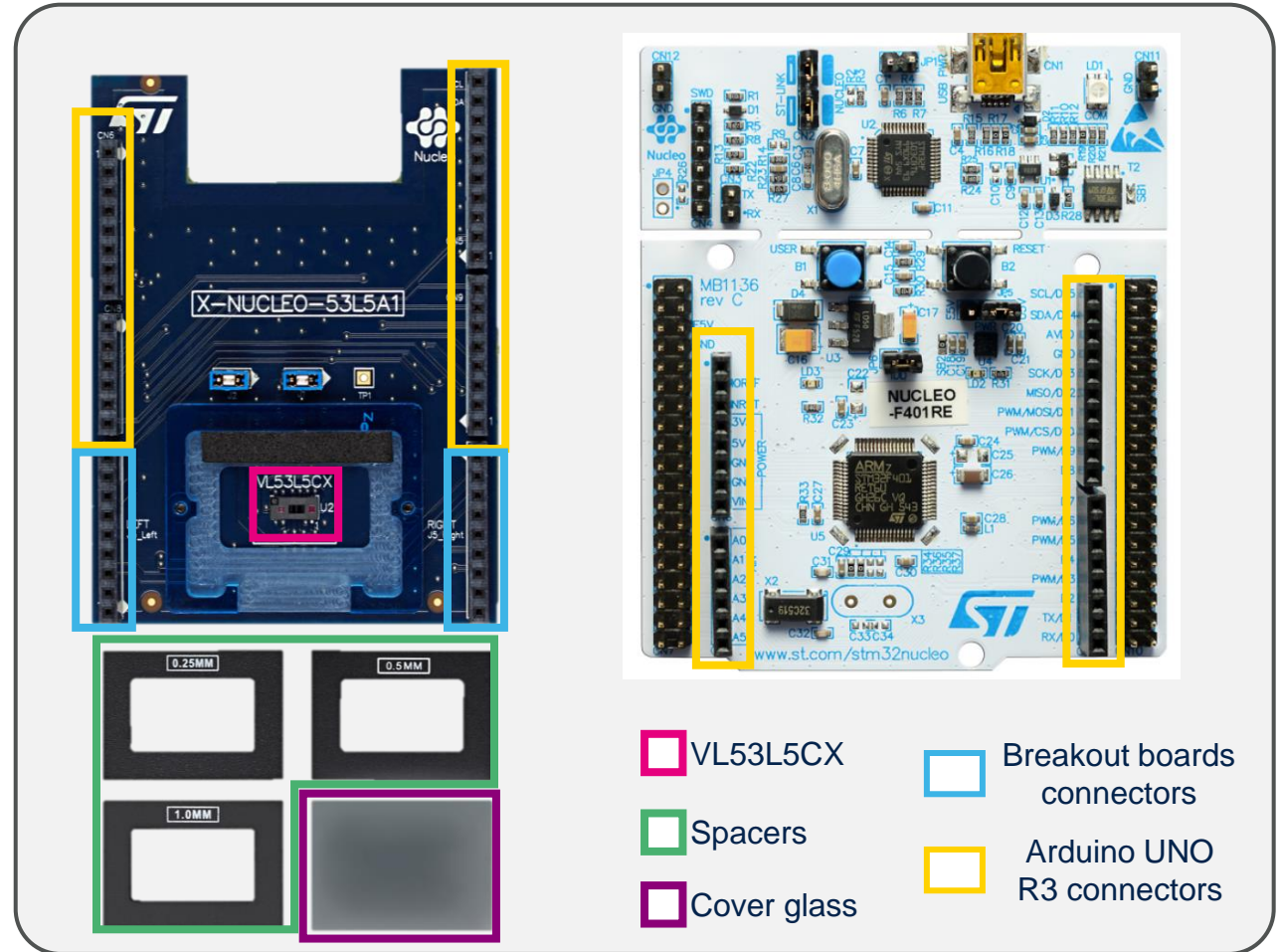
Key Products on board

VL53L5CX Time-of-Flight (ToF) 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with wide field of view

0.25, 0.5 and 1mm spacers to simulate air gaps, with the **cover glass**

Breakout boards

VL53L5CX-SATEL breakout boards can be purchased separately



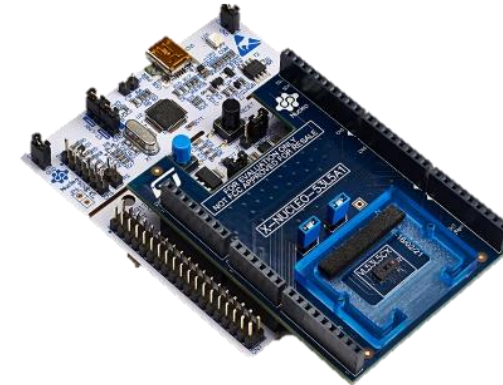
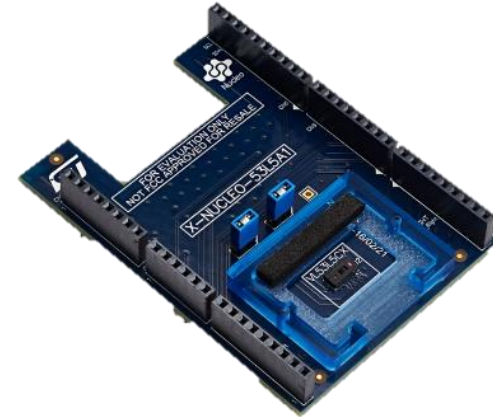
Order Code: **X-NUCLEO-53L5A1**

Latest info available at www.st.com
X-NUCLEO-53L5A1



8x8 Multi-zone Time-of-Flight Sensor expansion board Hardware Overview (2/2)

- X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 expansion board
 - VL53L5CX devices in custom applications can be integrated with expansion board, or external VL53L5CX breakout.
 - The breakout boards are delivered separately.
- X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 is also available as a NUCLEO Pack (P-NUCLEO-53L5A1)
 - The X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 expansion board can also be ordered on www.st.com as part of a NUCLEO Pack with expansion board and STM32 NUCLEO board.
 - Order code: **P-NUCLEO-53L5A1**:
X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 expansion board and NUCLEO-F401RE full features board.
- VL53L5CX breakout boards can be ordered separately
 - Order code: **VL53L5CX-SATEL**
 - The pack carry **two** breakout boards





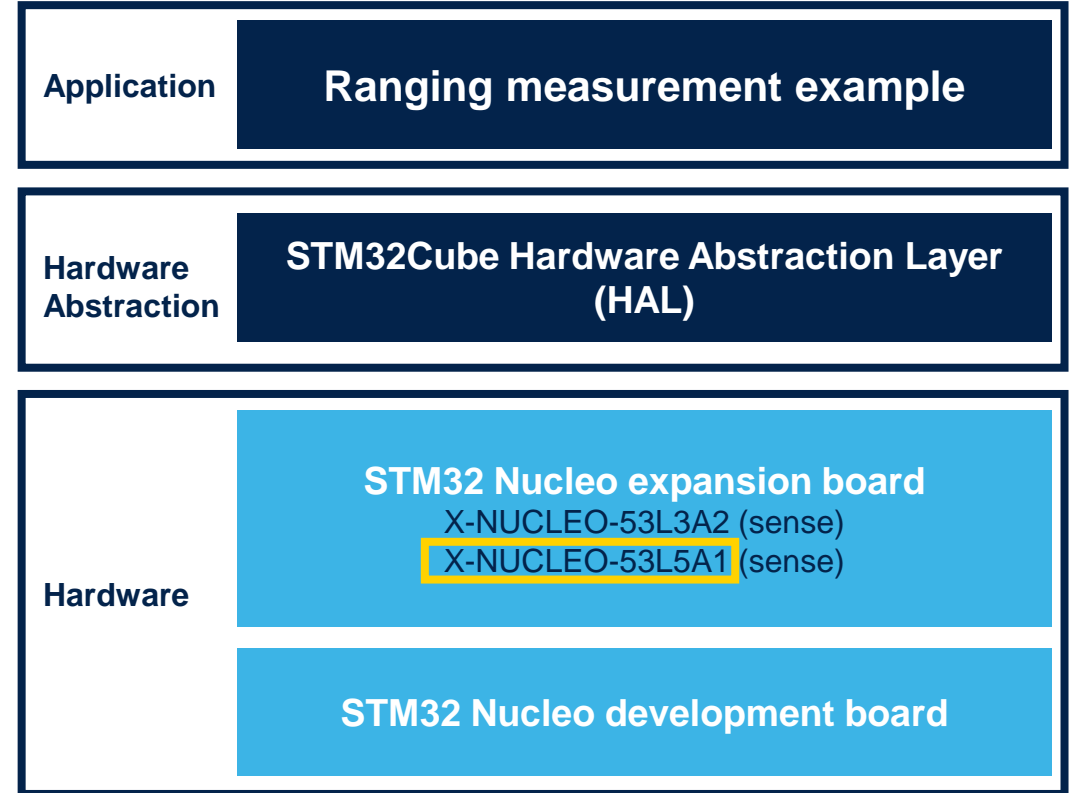
Time-of-Flight sensors Software Environment STM32Cube Software Overview

X-CUBE-TOF1 software description

- The X-CUBE-TOF1 software package is a STM32Cube expansion for the expansion boards of the Time-of-Flight product family (including the X-NUCLEO-53L5A1) for STM32. The source code is based on STM32Cube to ease portability and code sharing across different STM32 MCU families. A sample implementation is available for the STM32 Nucleo ranging sensor expansion board (X-NUCLEO-53L5A1) plugged on top of an STM32 Nucleo development board (NUCLEO-F401RE or NUCLEO-L476RG).

Key features

- Driver layer (VL53L5CX ULD) for complete management of the VL53L5CX 8x8 multi-zone ranging sensor integrated in the X-NUCLEO- 53L5A1 expansion board.
- Easy portability across different MCU families, thanks to STM32Cube.
- Free, user-friendly license terms.
- Sample code for ranging measurement.



Latest SW available at www.st.com
X-CUBE-TOF1

2- Setup & Demo Example



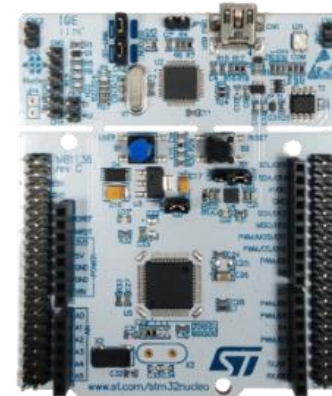
Setup & Demo Examples

HW prerequisites

- 1x Multi-zone ToF sensor expansion board based on VL53L5CX (**X-NUCLEO-53L5A1**).
- 1x STM32 Nucleo development board (**NUCLEO-F401RE** for example)
- 1x Laptop/PC with Windows
- 1x USB type A to Mini-B USB cable
- If you don't have an STM32 Nucleo development board, you can order a Nucleo pack (**P-NUCLEO-53L5A1**):
 - X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 expansion board and NUCLEO-F401RE full features board delivered together.



X-NUCLEO-53L5A1



NUCLEO-F401RE

P-NUCLEO-53L5A1

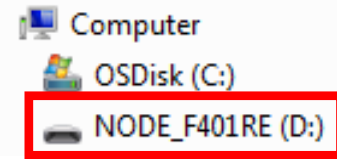




- **STSW-IMG023:** Ultra Lite Driver (ULD) for VL53L5CX
- **STSW-IMG024:** P-NUCLEO-53L5A1 Graphical User Interface (GUI) on Windows 7 and 10
- **STSW-IMG025:** Linux driver for VL53L5CX
- **X-CUBE-TOF1:** Time-of-Flight sensors software expansion for STM32Cube.
 - When you install the X-CUBE-TOF1 the installer install the directory containing the example projects here for instance :
 - C:\Users\john\STM32Cube\Repository\Packs\STMicroelectronics\X-CUBE-TOF1\2.0.0-B1\Projects\STM32F401RE-Nucleo\Examples\53L5A1\53L5A1_SimpleRanging.

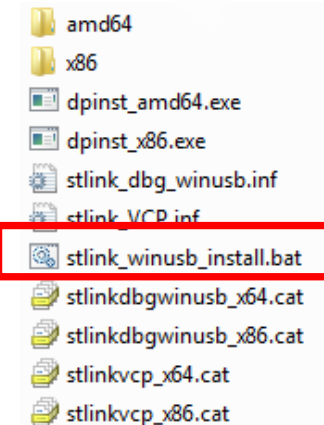
1. Connect the Nucleo pack to the PC through USB

- Wait for the board to be recognized; the drivers are installed automatically)
- If Windows cannot install automatically the **STLINK** driver, please follow step 2



2. Install the PC USB port driver to detect the Nucleo board

- Called **STSW-LINK009**, downloaded from www.st.com
- Unzip, extract the docs, and install “**stlink_winusb_install.bat**”



=> VL53L5CX nucleo kit is ready for GUI installation



GUI is generally the first step to evaluate the device

- Perform HW installation and connect the VL53L5CX expansion board + Nucleo F401RE to the PC
- Install the GUI SW for VL53L5CX Demo and configuration settings
 - **STSW-IMG024**, downloaded from www.st.com
 - Run the installer with **Admin privileges**

The Graphical User Interface can:

- Perform the Xtalk calibration and visualize calibration data
- Change key parameters of VL53L5CX
- Display real time mini-depth map data (distance, signal, ambient rate)
- Get data logging and replay a datalog (.csv file)



Setup & Demo Examples VL53L5CX GUI software installation

VL53L5CX

VL53L5CX

Mini Depth-Map | Calibration | Data Log | About

Mini Depth-Map

R:425 S:164	R:394 S:244	R:465 S:212	R:469 S:142	R:470 S:87	R:482 S:86	R:504 S:116	R:470 S:88
R:367 S:239	R:379 S:367	R:463 S:342	R:464 S:203	R:472 S:92	R:490 S:95	R:508 S:203	R:520 S:208
R:347 S:338	R:343 S:398	R:457 S:254	R:462 S:174	R:461 S:99	R:459 S:104	R:501 S:205	R:522 S:252
R:346 S:417	R:337 S:486	R:455 S:346	R:466 S:238	R:461 S:110	R:380 S:157	R:344 S:264	R:391 S:225
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R:340 S:286	R:331 S:515	R:415 S:241	R:445 S:166	R:350 S:274	R:297 S:541	R:274 S:711	R:263 S:734
R:354 S:193	R:329 S:539	R:365 S:268	R:403 S:160	R:333 S:320	R:294 S:572	R:271 S:770	R:260 S:861
R:308 S:218	R:307 S:327	R:320 S:290	R:316 S:259	R:296 S:352	R:271 S:508	R:255 S:645	R:240 S:707

Device Control

Zone Config: **Zones8x8**

Target Order: **Closest**

Filter Level: **ValidTargetC**

Ranging Rate(Hz): 15

Cover Glass On:

Start Stop Reset

Display Control

Display Mode: **HeatMap**

Range Gradient Min(mm) 100

Range Gradient Max(mm) 1,000

Gray Scale

Median Range (mm)

Peak Signal Rate (kcps/spad)

Ambient Rate (kcps/spad)

Display Zone Number

Mirror Display

Flip Display

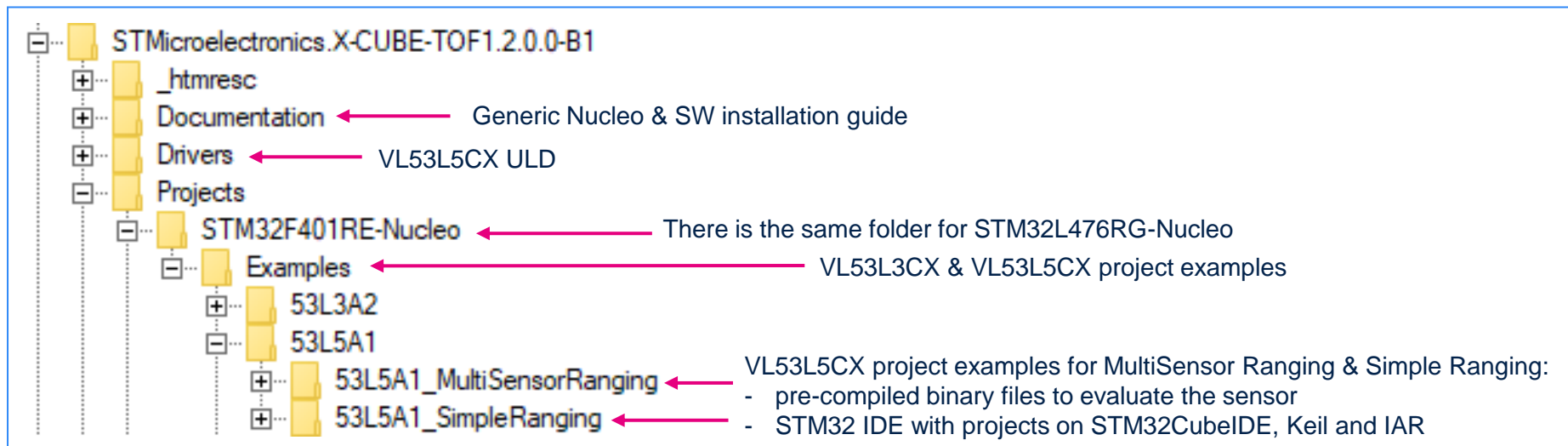


Setup & Demo Examples

X-CUBE-TOF1 software installation

- Perform HW installation and connect the NUCLEO kit (P-NUCLEO-53L5A1) to the PC
- Install the X-CUBE-TOF1 SW package
 - **X-CUBE-TOF1**, downloaded from www.st.com
 - The X-CUBE-TOF1 is installed through STM32CubeMx, manage software installation section.
 - Once the X-CUBE-TOF1 is installed. Go to
 - C:\Users\john\STM32Cube\Repository\Packs\STMicroelectronics\X-CUBE-TOF1\2.0.0-B1\Projects\STM32F401RE-Nucleo\Examples\53L5A1\53L5A1_SimpleRanging

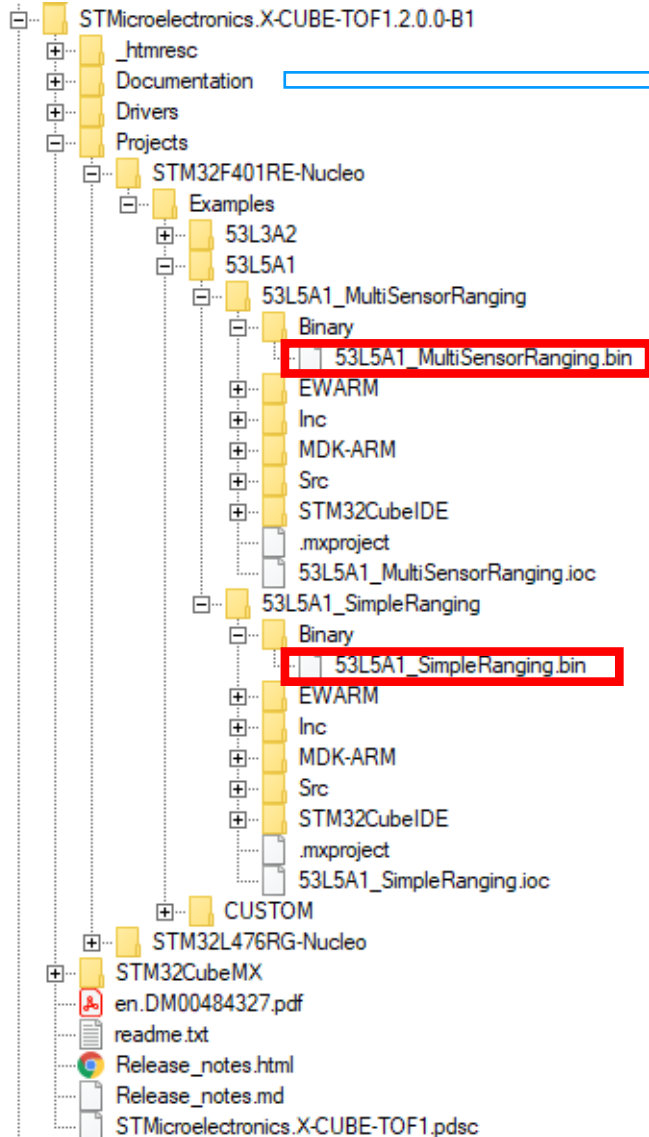
X-CUBE software package contents: API SW + SW examples





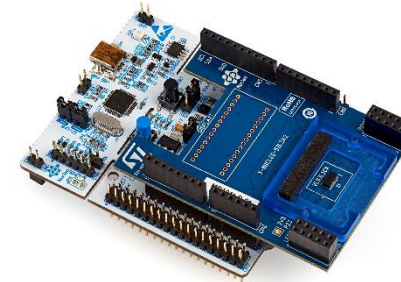
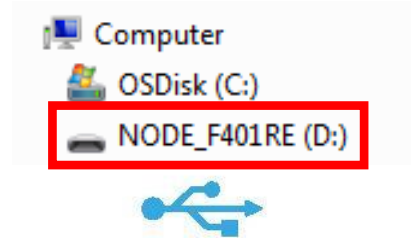
8x8 Multi-zone Time-of-Flight Sensor expansion board

Evaluation code example (.bin) using X-CUBE-TOF1 and a NUCLEO Pack



Open: **UM2853** (Getting started with the STMicroelectronics X-CUBE-TOF1, Time-of-Flight sensors, software package for STM32CubeMX) and follow the instructions

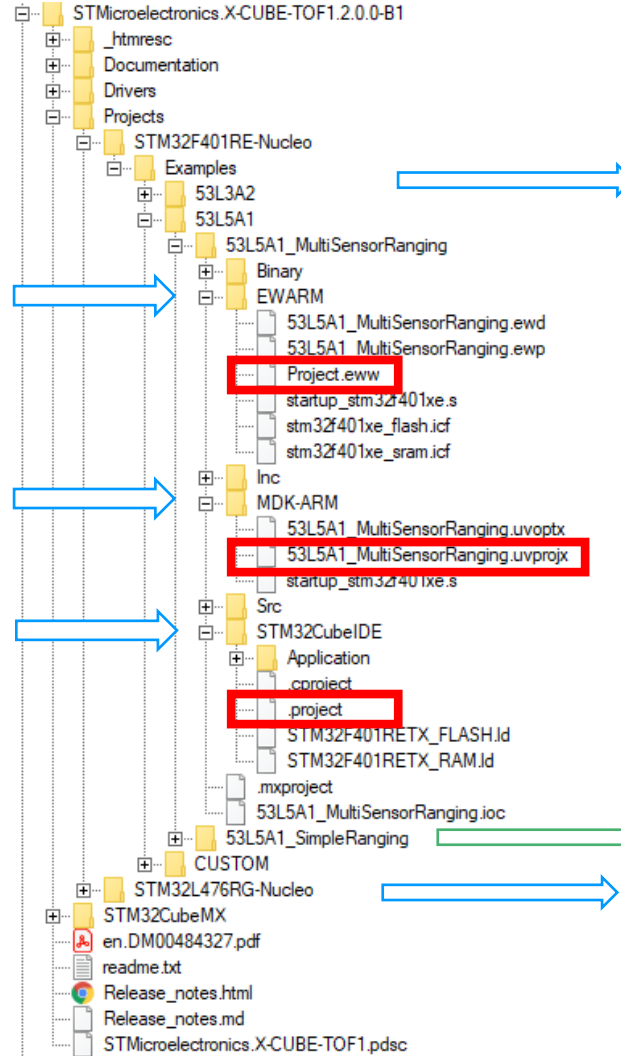
Drag and drop to





VL53L5CX 8x8 Multi-zone Time-of-Flight Sensor expansion board

Start programming with code examples using X-CUBE-TOF1 and a NUCLEO Pack



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Open project example for Multi Sensor ranging
And modify, build application SW

Same folders as above but for another project example

We find same folders and same files as above

3- Documents & Related Resources



Documents & Related Resources

Go to <https://www.st.com/en/imaging-and-photonics-solutions/vl53l5cx>
All documents are available in the Documentation tab of the related products webpage

VL53L5CX: Product Folder

- **DS13754:** Time-of-Flight 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with wide field of view - **data sheet**

X-NUCLEO-53L5A1: Product Folder

- **DB4505:** Time-of-Flight 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with wide field of view expansion board based on VL53L5CX for STM32 Nucleo – **data brief**
- **X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 Quick start guide :** Time-of-Flight 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with wide field of view - **this document**
- **UM2889:** Getting started with X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 Time-of-Flight 8x8 multi-zone ranging sensor with wide FoV based on the VL53L5CX for STM32 Nucleo - **user manual**

P-NUCLEO-53L5A1: Product Folder

- **DB4509:** VL53L5CX nucleo pack with X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 expansion board and STM32F401RE nucleo board– **data brief**

VL53L5CX-SATEL: Product Folder

- **DB4506 :** VL53L5CX breakout board Time-of-Flight 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with wide field of view – **data brief**

STSW-IMG023: Ultra Lite Driver (ULD) for VL53L5CX folder

- **DB4499:** Ultra lite driver (ULD) application programming interface (API) for the VL53L5CX – **data brief**

STSW-IMG024: Graphical User Interface (GUI) Folder

- **DB4510:** P-NUCLEO-53L5A1 pack graphical user interface (GUI) – **data brief**
- **Software setup file**

X-CUBE-TOF1: Software package for STM32Cube

- **DB4449:** Time-of-Flight sensors software expansion for STM32Cube – **data brief**

- **UM2853:** Getting started with the STMicroelectronics X-CUBE-TOF1, Time-of-Flight sensors, software package for STM32CubeMX - **User Manual**
- **Software setup file**

4- STM32 Open Development Environment: Overview

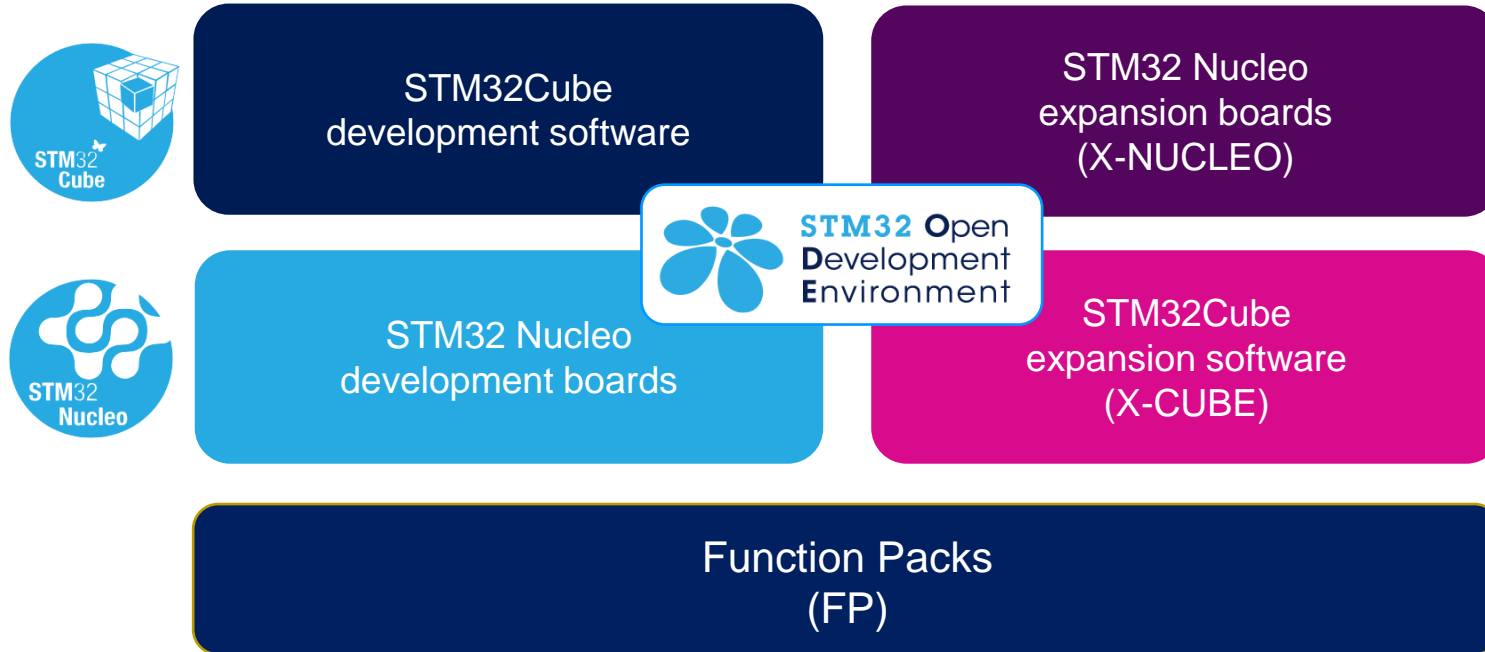




STM32 Open Development Environment

Fast, affordable Prototyping and Development

- The STM32 Open Development Environment (STM32 ODE) is an open, flexible, easy, and affordable way to develop innovative devices and applications based on the STM32 32-bit microcontroller family combined with other state-of-the-art ST components connected via expansion boards. It enables fast prototyping with leading-edge components that can quickly be transformed into final designs

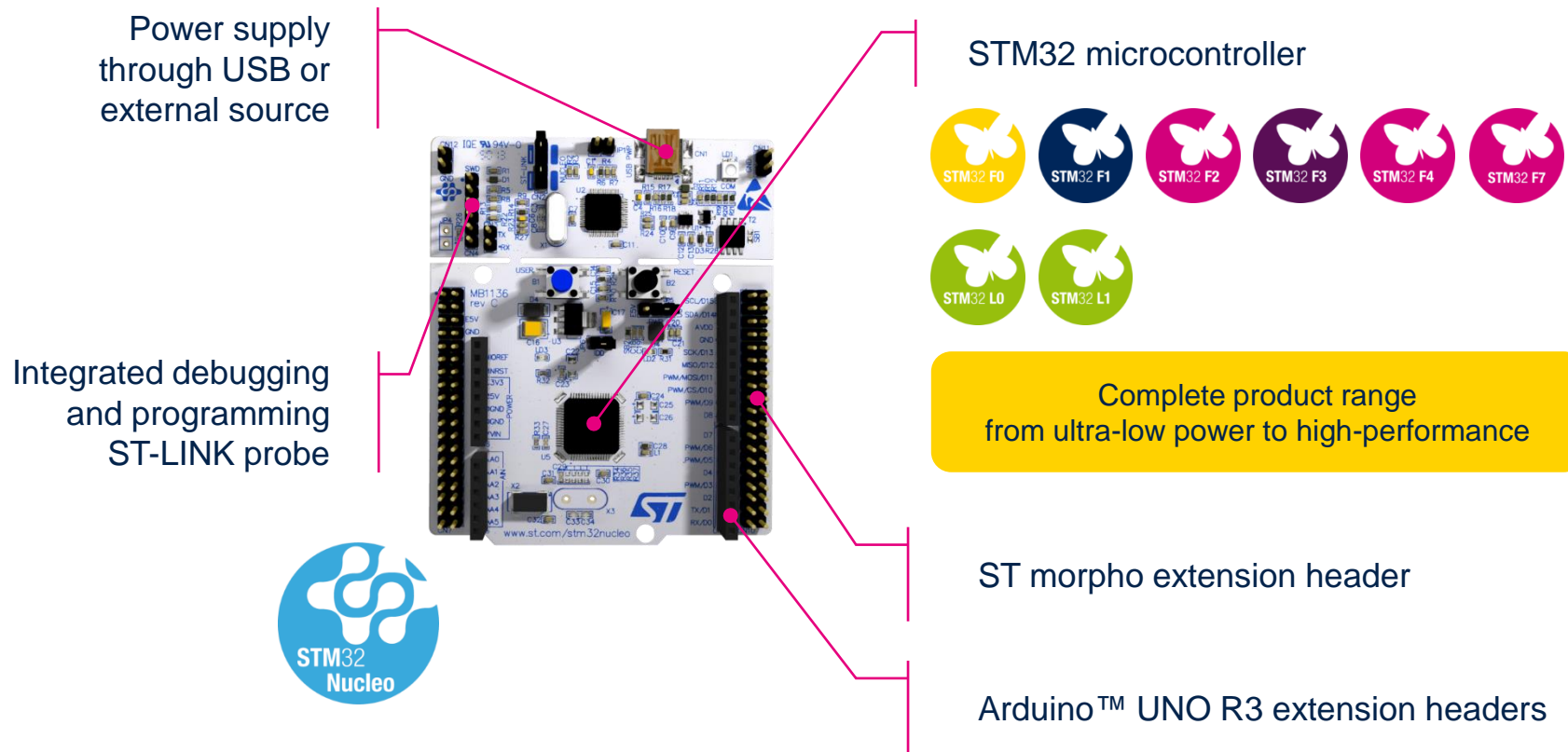


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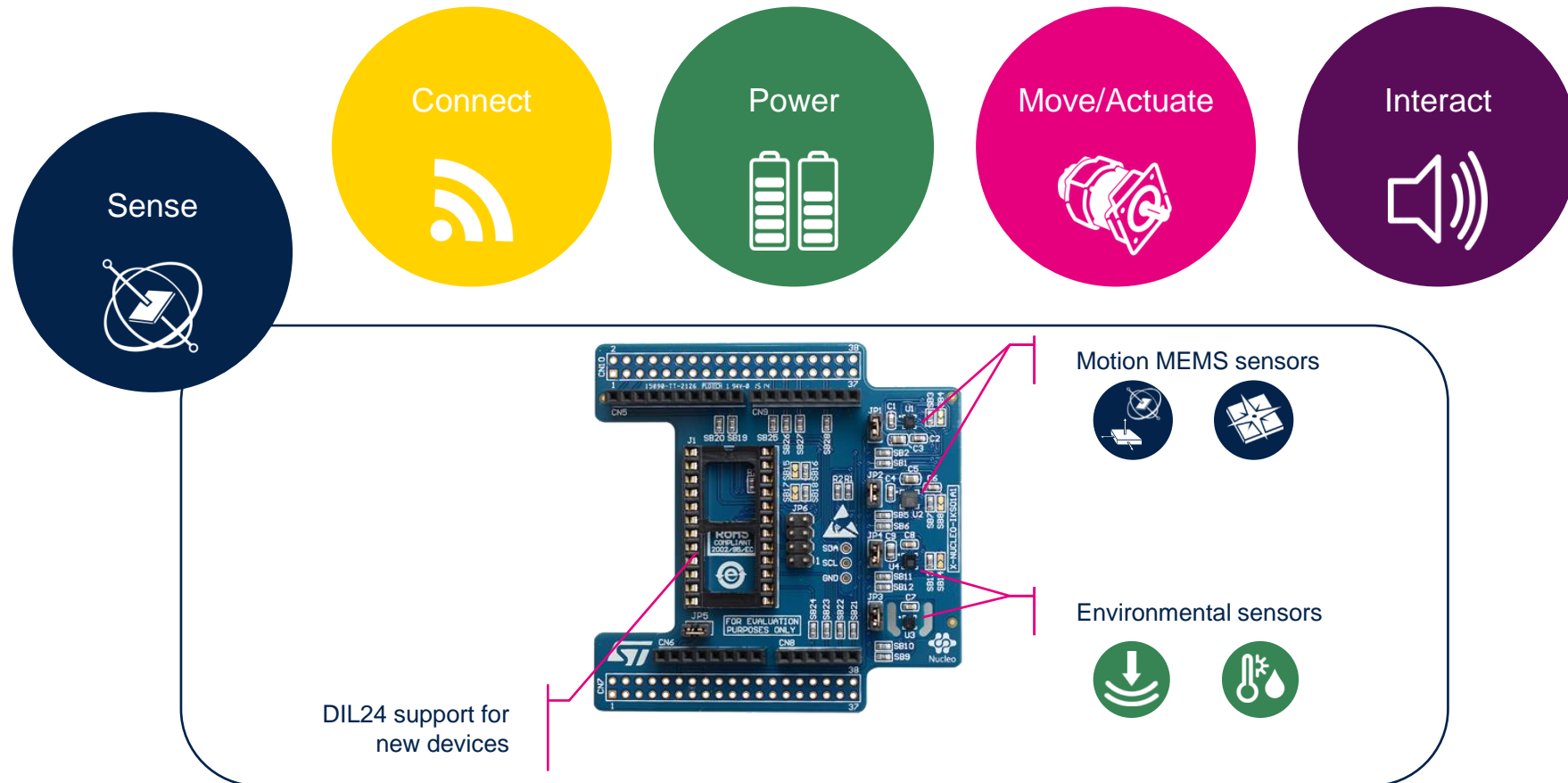


STM32 Nucleo Development Boards (NUCLEO)

- A comprehensive range of affordable development boards for all the STM32 microcontroller series, with unlimited unified expansion capabilities and integrated debugger/programmer functionality.



- Boards with additional functionality that can be plugged directly on top of the STM32 Nucleo development board directly or stacked on another expansion board.



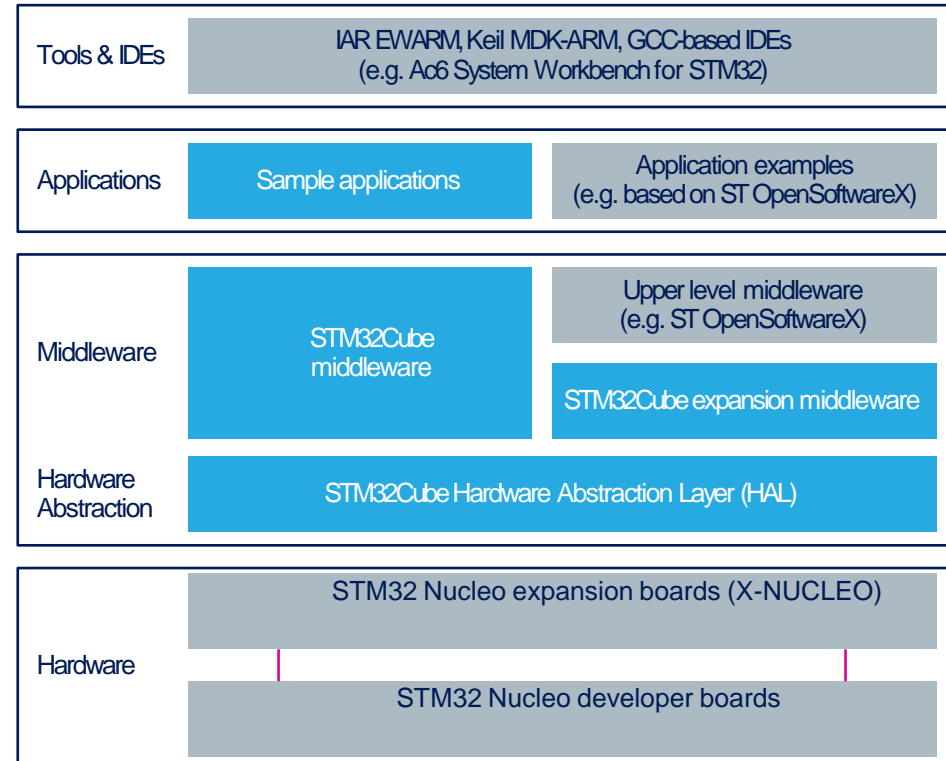
Example of STM32 expansion board (X-NUCLEO-IKS01A1)



STM32 Open Development Environment

Software components

- **STM32Cube software (CUBE)** - A set of free tools and embedded software bricks to enable fast and easy development on the STM32, including a Hardware Abstraction Layer and middleware bricks.
- **STM32Cube expansion software (X-CUBE)** - Expansion software provided free for use with the STM32 Nucleo expansion board and fully compatible with the STM32Cube software framework. It provides abstracted access to expansion board functionality through high-level APIs and sample applications.

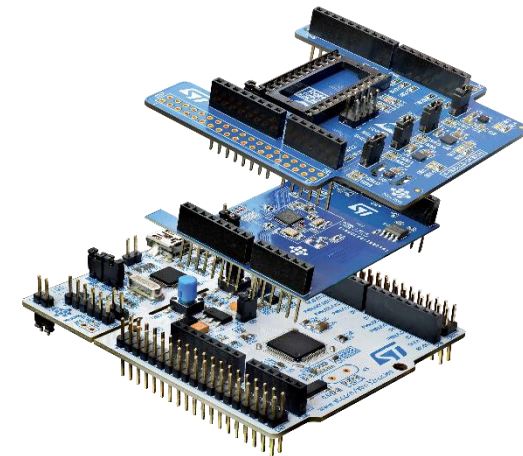
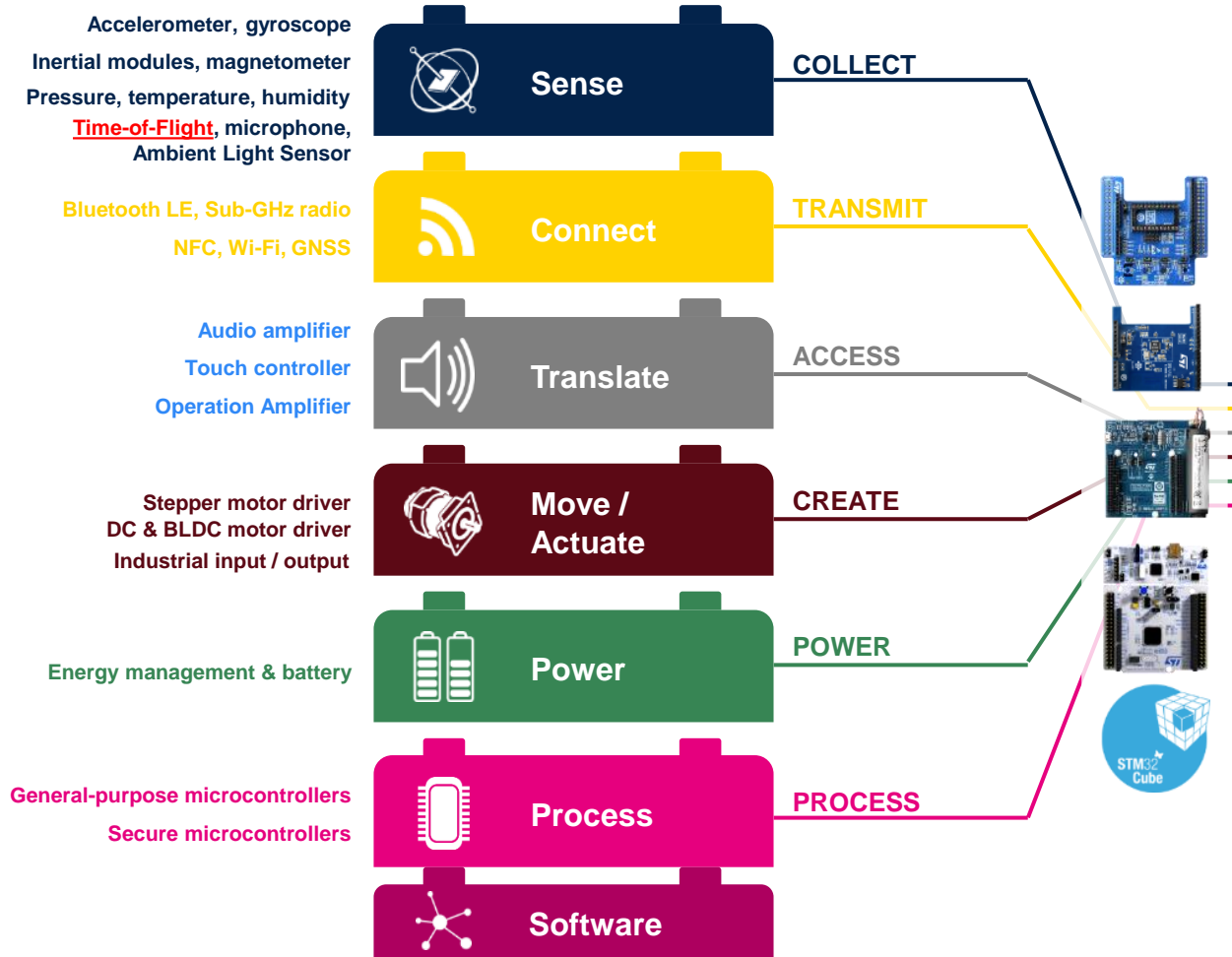


- **Compatibility with multiple Development Environments** - The STM32 Open Development Environment is compatible with a number of IDEs, including IAR EWARM, Keil MDK, and GCC-based environments. Users can choose from three IDEs from leading vendors; they are free of charge and deployed in close cooperation with ST. These include Eclipse-based IDEs such as Ac6 System Workbench for STM32 and the MDK-ARM environment.



STM32 Open Development Environment

Building block approach



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