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How to implement Distributed Deep Edge AI with STMicroelectronics?

STMicroelectronics

Agenda

- 1 ST strategy for TinyML
- 2 The Context Awareness use case & function pack
- 3 Human Activity Recognition in Smart Sensor LSM6DSOX
- 4 Acoustic Scene Classification on STM32L4R9ZIJ6 MCU
- 5 Context Awareness Demo

ST strategy for TinyML

Moving closer to data source

Pros

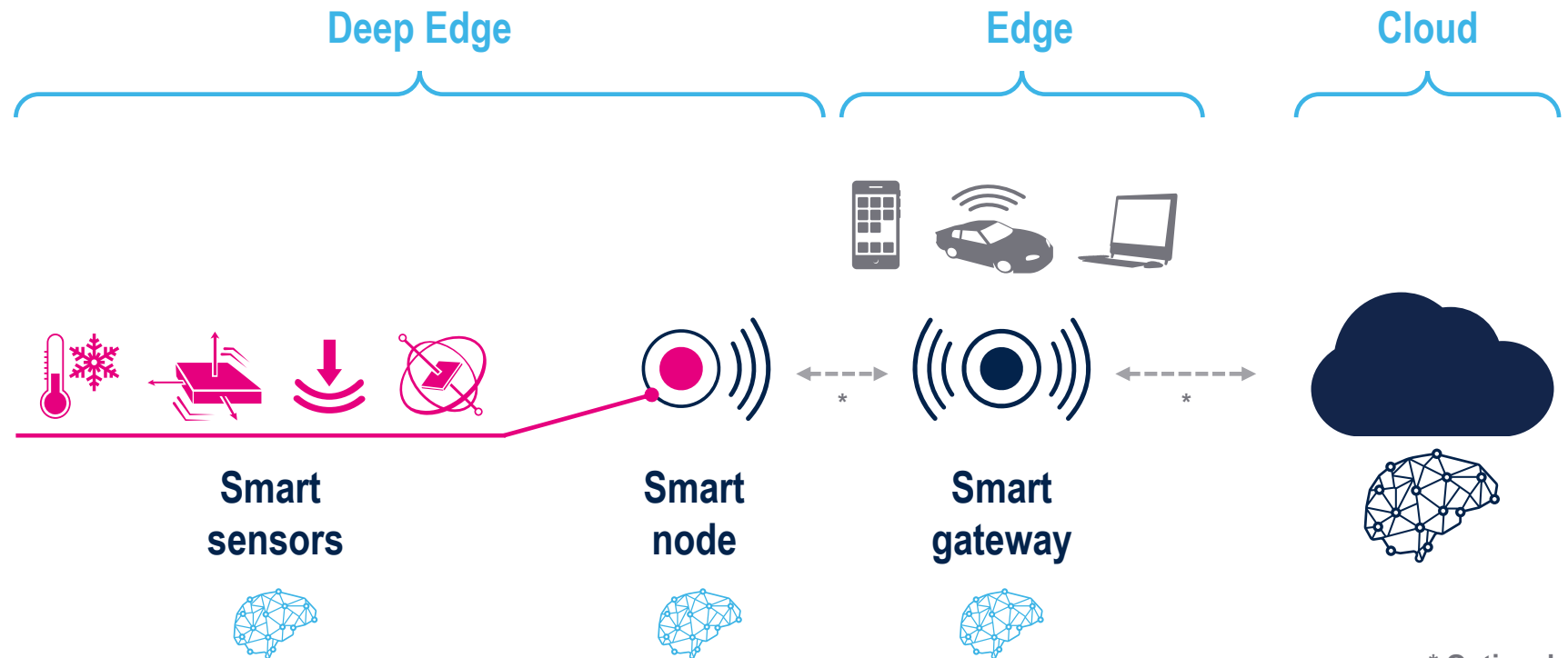
- Responsiveness (fast)
- Bandwidth (low)
- Improved privacy (data stored locally)
- Energy saving

Cons

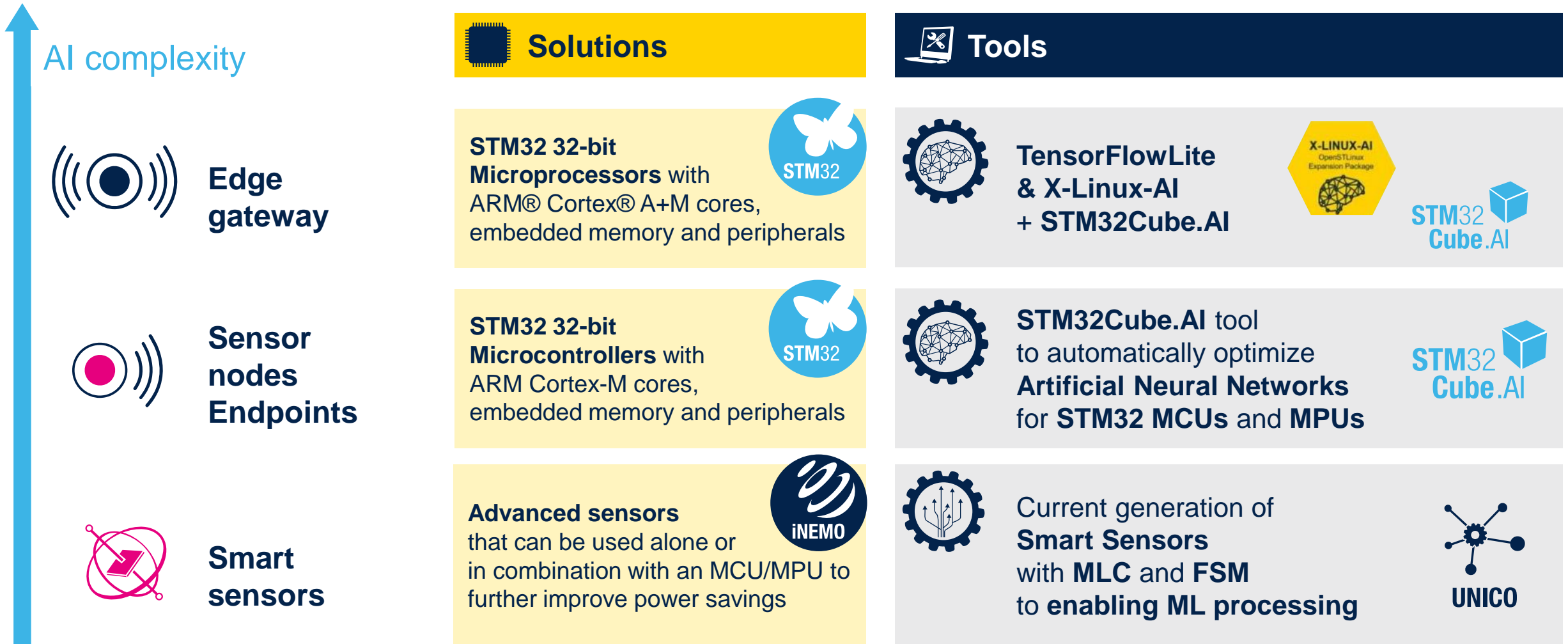
- Distribute the processing over multiple devices

Deep Edge AI

Data are processed in the smart sensors, smart nodes and smart gateways



AI in endpoints and gateways



Context awareness use case & function pack



Context awareness: where are we? what are we doing?

FP-AI-CXTAWARE1: the best power system saving solution

**MCU
Audio
Scene
Classification**



**Sensor
Human
Activity
Recognition**

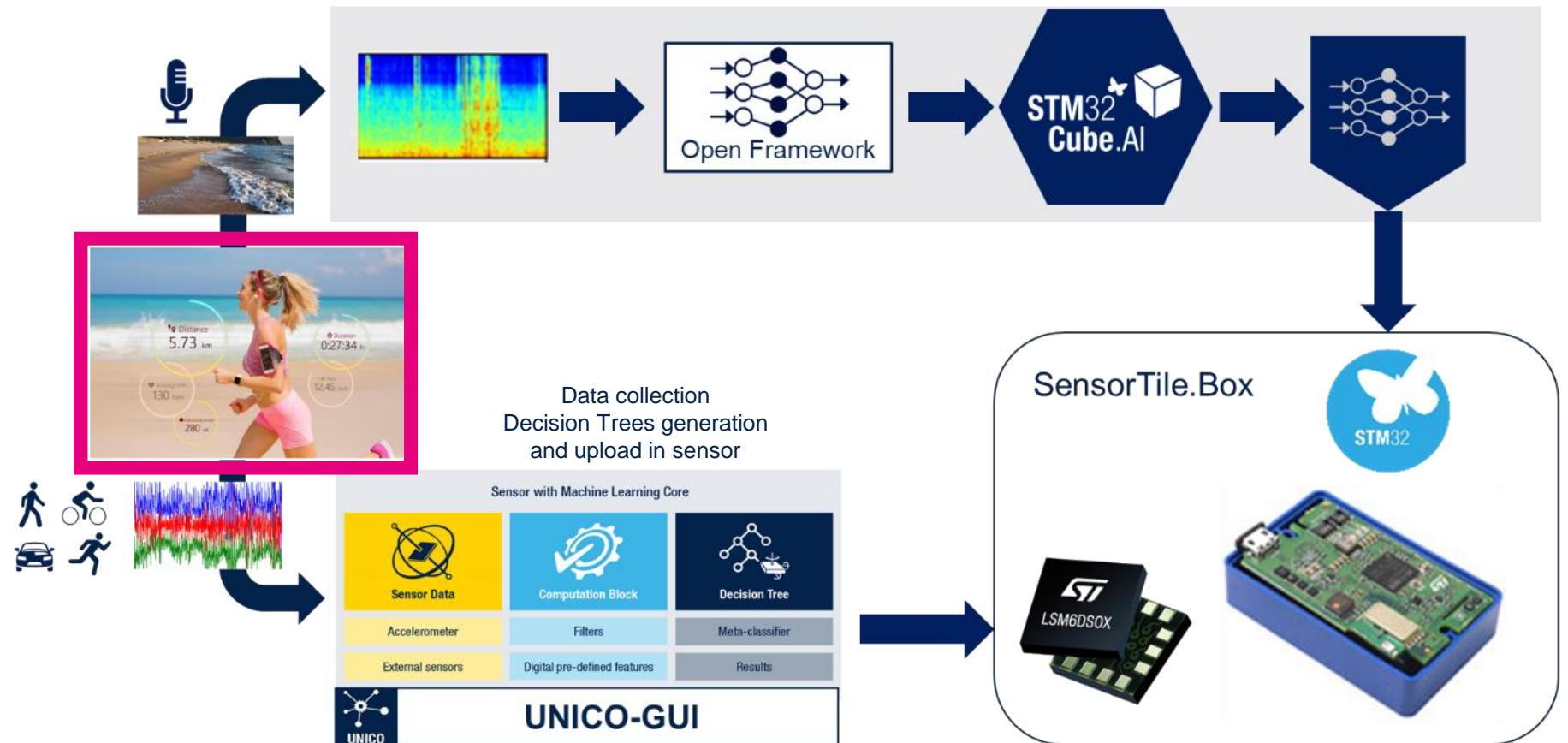


Audio data recording
Pre-processing
DB Preparation of NN Training and Test

Neural Network Topology
Definition, Training and Test
Using existing DL Frameworks

Optimized Neural Network code
automatically generated for STM32

Upload Neural Network
code on STM32 MCU

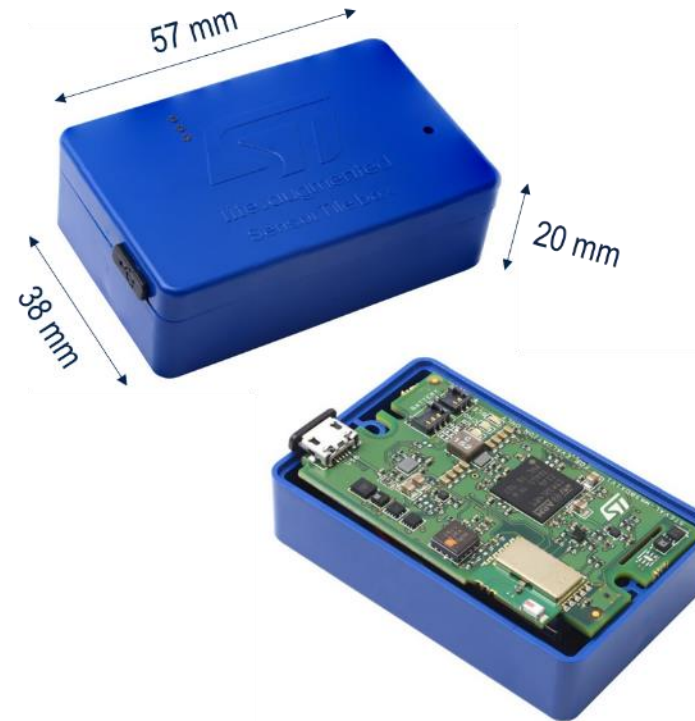


Context awareness activity recognition: What do you need?

STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1 evaluation board

Multi-sensor kit with portable sensor box and smart sensor app

- Compact casing, IP54-compliant
57 x 38 x 20 mm (L x l x h)
Additional cases (with flanges or hinges) available
- 500 mA-h Li-Po battery
- 8 GB μ SD card as mass memory
extendable to 64 GB
- Compatible with “ST BLE Sensor” app
Available on Google Play and App Store



STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1

STBLEsensor App

Where can you find the SensorTile.box (STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1)?

Evaluation kit available in ST eStore and Distributors:

<https://estore.st.com/en/steval-mksbox1v1-cpn.html>

Contents:

- STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1 with 2 different cases
- SD-Card and rechargeable battery
- JTAG20 to STDC14 adapter
- STDC14 cable

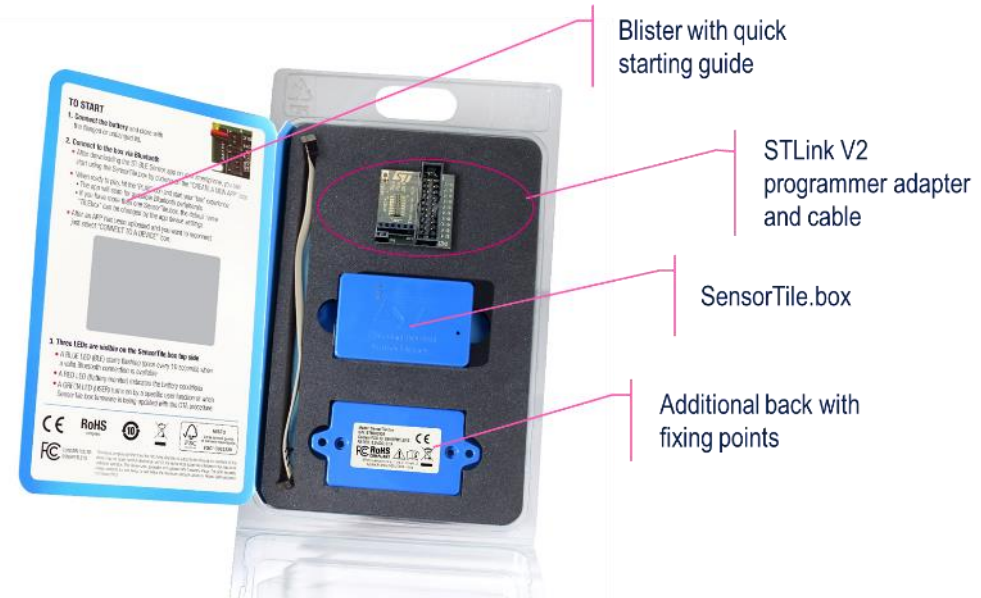


STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1 ACTIVE

SensorTile.box wireless multi sensor development kit with user friendly app for IoT and wearable sensor applications

[Learn More about STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1](#)

Quantity	\$ per Unit	Savings
1 - 4	\$42.88	0%
5 - 500	\$42.87	0%
500 +	Contact Sales	



What's inside the SensorTile.box (STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1)?

Motion Sensors



Low-power 6-axis IMU,
embedding Machine Learning
LSM6DSOX



High-performance and low
power accelerometers
LIS3DHH & LIS2DW12



Magnetometer
LIS2MDL

Environmental Sensors



Altimeter / Pressure sensor
LPS22HH



Accurate temperature sensor
STTS751



Humidity sensor
HTS221



Analog wide-band microphone
MP23ABS1

Processing



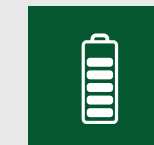
STM32L4 low-power MCU
STM32L4R9ZIJ6

Connectivity

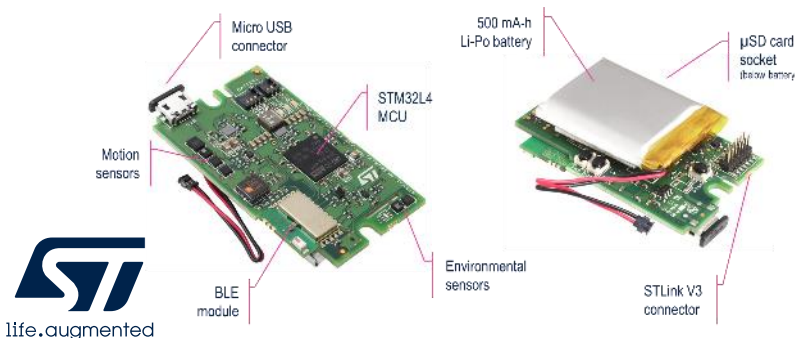


Bluetooth Low Energy Module
SPBTLE-1S

Power management



Battery charger
STBC02

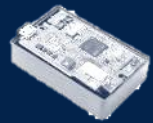


Pre-integrated application example

The SensorTile.box is supported by several STM32Cube function packs



FP-SNS-STBOX1



For building custom applications using the the Pro Mode

FP-ATR-BLE1



For asset tracking using BLE connectivity

FP-SNS-ALLMEMS



Ultra-low power IoT node with BLE connectivity, digital microphone, environmental and motion sensors

FP-AI-SENSING1



Ultra-low power IoT node with artificial intelligence (AI) application based on audio and motion sensing

FP-AI-CXTAWARE1



Ultra-low power context awareness with distributed artificial intelligence (AI): acoustic analysis with NN on MCU and motion analysis with ML on IMU

What's inside the FP-AI-CTXAWARE1?

Complete firmware

Context awareness node with BLE connectivity, digital microphone, environmental and motion sensors, and perform real-time monitoring of sensors and audio data

Middleware library

generated thanks to STM32CubeMX extension X-CUBE-AI, featuring example implementation of neural networks for real time acoustic scene classification (ASC) application

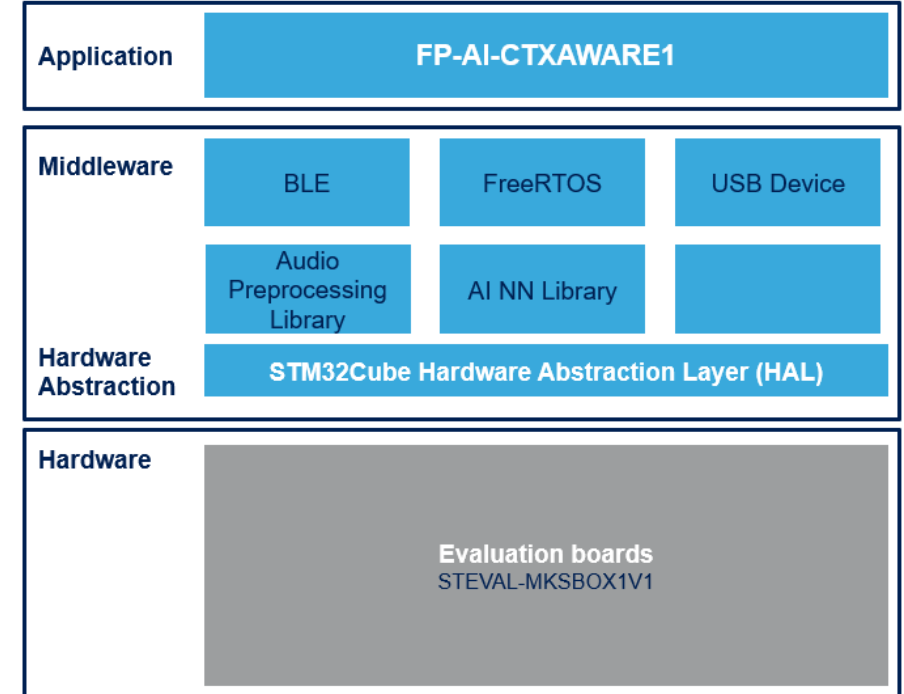
Concurrent execution ML & NN

with concurrent execution of the MLC for HAR and neural network for ASC

Features

Ultra-low power implementation based on the use of an RTOS
Compatible with ST BLE Sensor application for Android/iOS
Free, user-friendly license terms

Overall Software Architecture



Latest info available at www.st.com

FP-AI-CTXAWARE1

Setup & application examples

Hardware prerequisites

- 1x STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1 evaluation board
- Laptop/PC with Windows 7, 8 or 10
- 1 x microUSB cable
- 1x USB type A to Mini-B USB cable
- ST-Link/V2 in-circuit debugger/programmer for STM8 and STM32



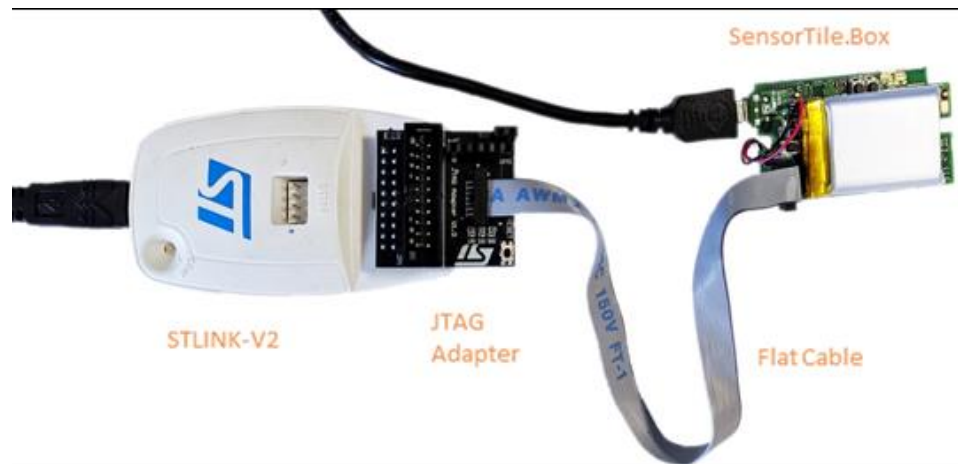
MicroUSB Cable



Mini USB



ST-Link/V2



STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1

Setup & application examples

Software and other prerequisites

- **STM32 ST-Link Utility**

- Download and install STSW-LINK004 from www.st.com

- **FP-AI-CTXAWARE1**

Copy the .zip file content into a folder on your PC. The package will contain source code example (Keil, IAR, STM32Cube IDE) based on **STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1**.

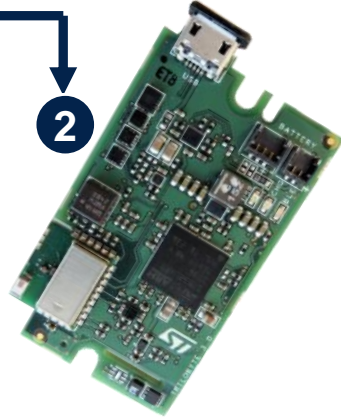
- **ST BLE Sensor Application** for Android or iOS, to download from Google Store / iTunes

- **Serial line monitor**, e.g. TeraTerm (<https://ttssh2.osdn.jp/>)

FP-AI-CTXAWARE1 setup overview

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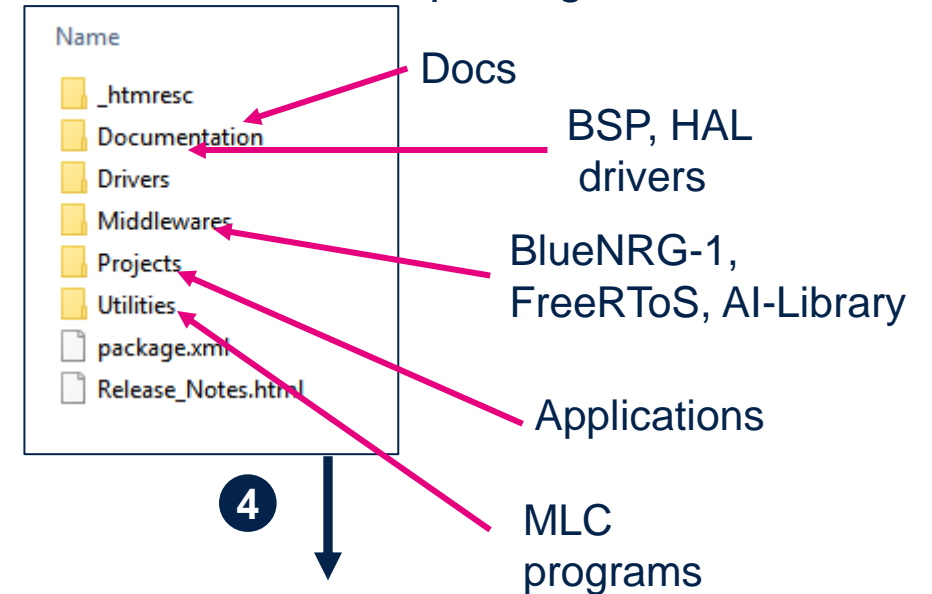
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Download & unpack

Select Function Pack: FP-AI-CTXAWARE1

Android™/iOS™ smartphone and
ST BLE Sensor application
or Serial Line Monitor

FP-AI-CTXAWARE1 package structure



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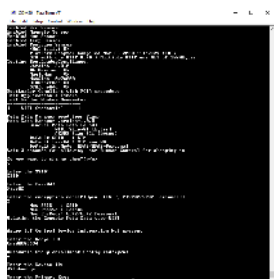
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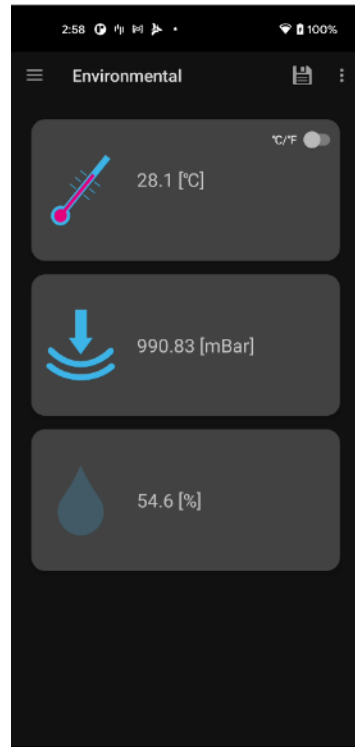
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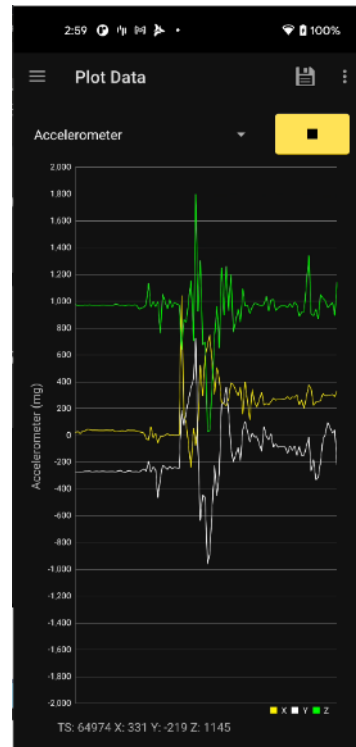
BLELowPower (FP-AI-CTXAWARE1)

BLE version

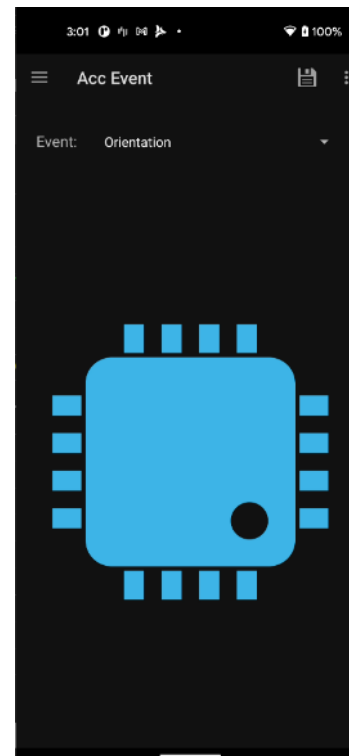
Environmental



Plot



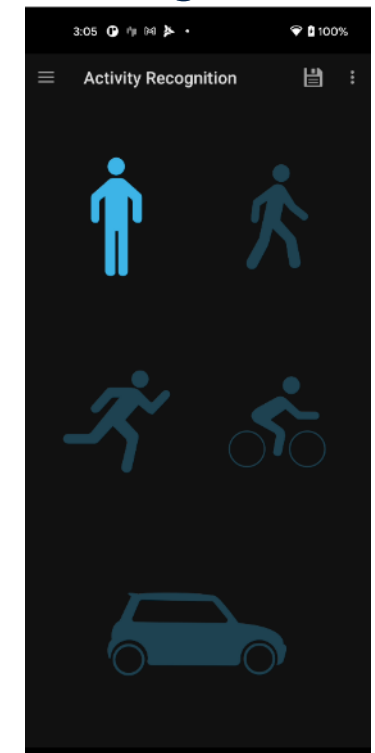
HW features



Audio scene classification



Activity recognition



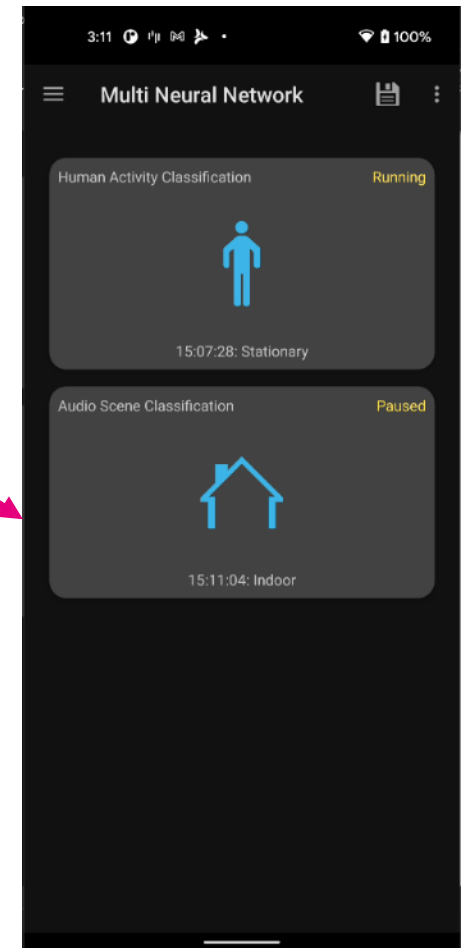
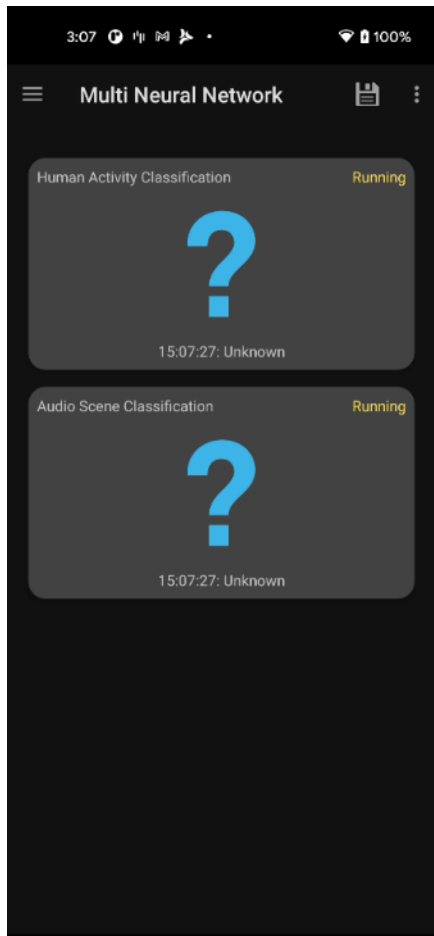
BLELowPower (FP-AI-CTXAWARE1)

BLE version

Human Activity Recognition (HAR) running on MLC provides indication about activity status (“Stationary”, “Walking”, “Jogging”, “Biking”) while Acoustic Scene Classification (ASC) is used for context awareness (“Indoor”, “Outdoor”, “In Vehicle”)

The Human Activity Recognition (HAR) is always running on MLC (LSM6DSOX) without consuming power on STM32

The Acoustic Scene Classification (ASC) runs periodically for controlling the context, and changing the program on MLC if it is necessary

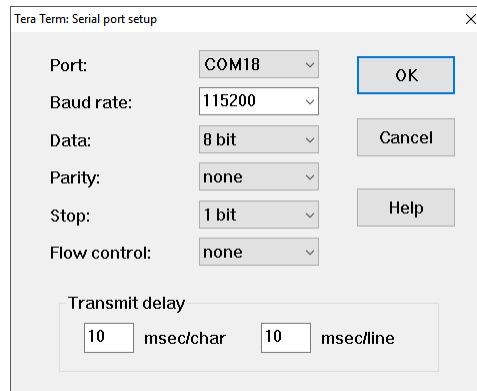


Indoor/ Outdoor	In Vehicle
Stationary	Stationary
Walking	Walking
Jogging	Driving
Biking	

Command Line AI Application (CLAi) (FP-AI-CTXAWARE1) Command Line version

Same functionalities as the Bluetooth version

Serial Line
Monitor
Configuration



At the
beginning the
Board will print
out the usage:

```
COM6 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help

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STMicrollectronics CLAi
Version 1.0.0
STM32L4R9ZI-SensorTile.box board
<HAL 1.12.0.0>
Compiled Apr 28 2021 13:10:09 <IAR>
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! HELP: !
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ASC      StartStop: S/s
MLC      StartStop: A/a
ASC/MLC  StartStop: M/m
dB Mic   StartStop: D/d
Stop Current Mode: C/c
Enter   DFU MODE: R/r
Print   this HELP: H/h
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```

Using the Command Line interface, it's possible to:

- Run the Audio Scene Classification
- Run the Activity Recognition
- Run the Activity Recognition and the Audio Scene Classification in a combined mode
- Print out the dB measured by microphone

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COM6 - Tera Term VT
File Edit Setup Control Window Help

Runtime revision : 6.0.0
Tool revision   : <6.0.0>
Network info...
nodes           : 9
complexity      : 509312 MACC
activation      : 9296 bytes
params          : 7900 bytes
inputs/outputs  : 1/1
I[0] s8, scale=0.313726, zero=127, 960 bytes, shape=<30,32,1>
O[0] s8, scale=0.003906, zero=-128, 3 bytes, shape=<1,1,3>
Initializing the network asc
Activation buffer : 0x200028a0 <9296 bytes> internal
MLC      Start
OK Init Accelerometer Sensor
-->Activity Recognition for LSM6DSOX MLC INDOOR and OUTDOOR
Program loaded inside the LSM6DSOX MLC
Enabled LSM6DSOX INT1 Detection
Enabled LSM6DSOX INT2 Detection
ASC= 4% 9% 0%
ASC= 12% 16% 0%
MLC Activity->STATIONARY
ASC= 21% 21% 0%
ASC= 29% 27% 0%
ASC= 35% 35% 0%
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Documents & related resources

All documents are available in the Design tab of the related products webpage

FP-AI-CTXAWARE1

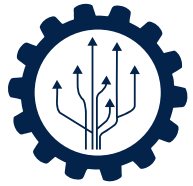
- **DB4483:** STM32Cube function pack for ultra-low power context awareness with distributed artificial intelligence (AI): acoustic analysis with NN on MCU and motion analysis with ML on IMU – [databrief](#)
- **UM2870:** Getting started with the STM32Cube function pack for ultra-low power context awareness node with artificial intelligence (AI) application based on audio and motion sensing – [user manual](#)
- [Software setup file](#)

STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1

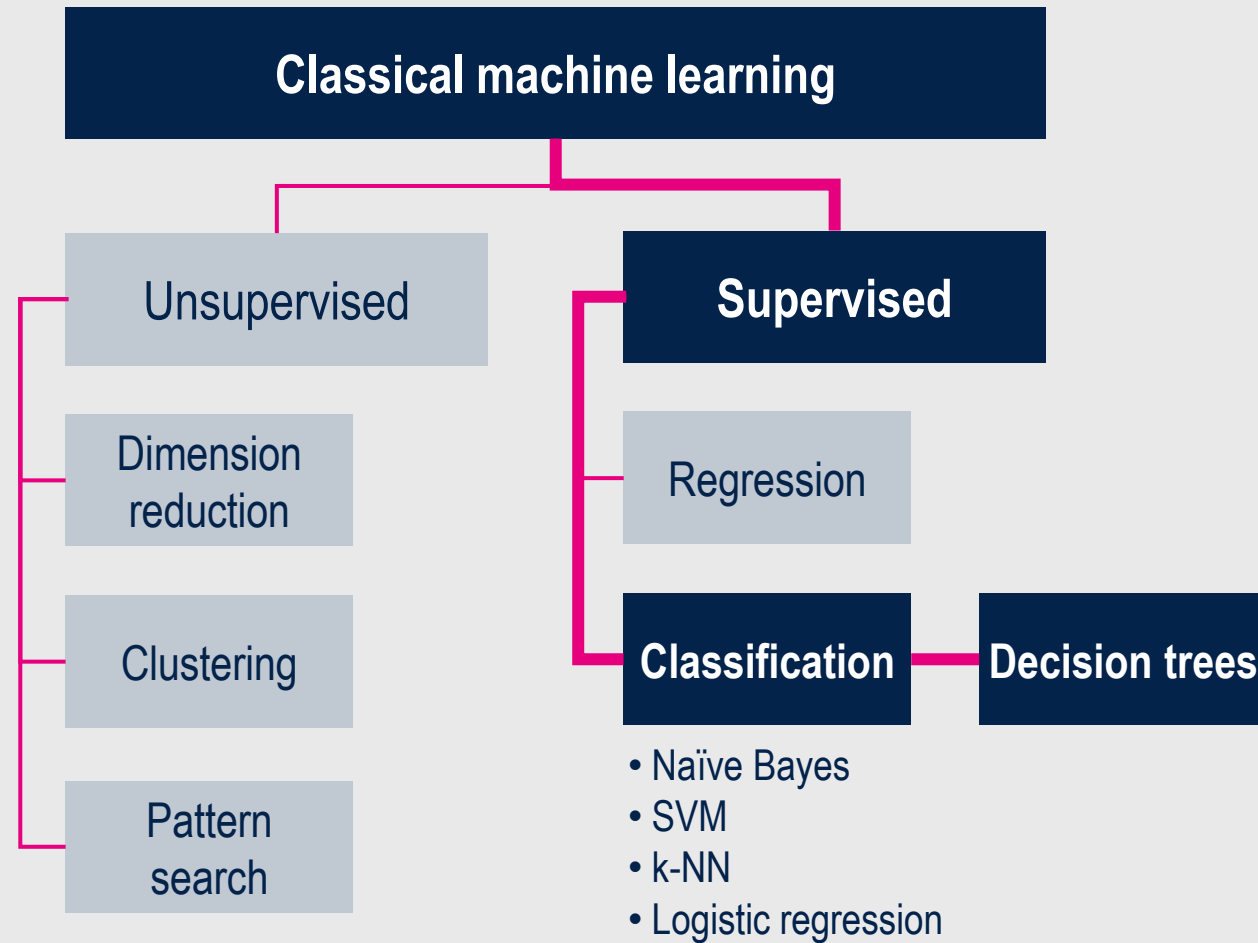
[Gerber files](#), [BOM](#), [Schematic](#)

- DB3903:** SensorTile.box wireless multi sensor development kit with user friendly app for IoT and wearable sensor applications – [databrief](#)
- UM2580:** How to use the wireless multi sensor development kit with customizable app for IoT and wearable sensor applications – [user manual](#)

Human activity recognition in smart sensor LSM6DSOX

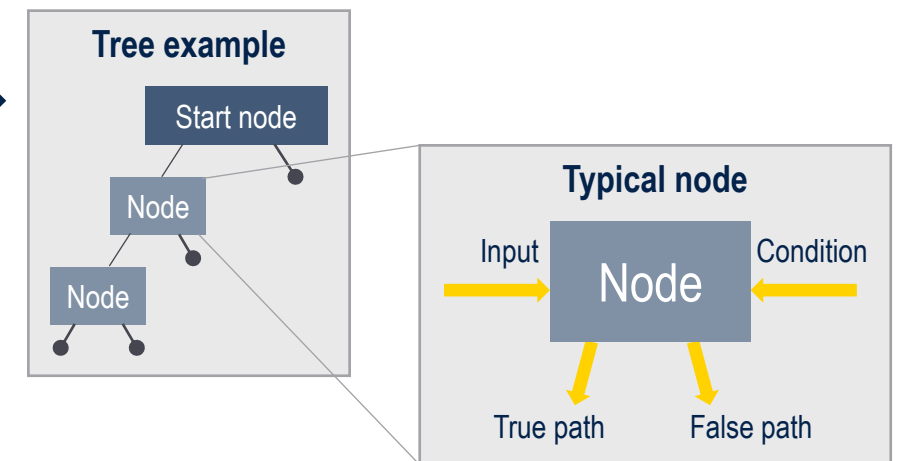


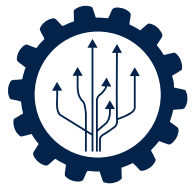
Machine learning embedded in ST sensors



New products with engine embedded:

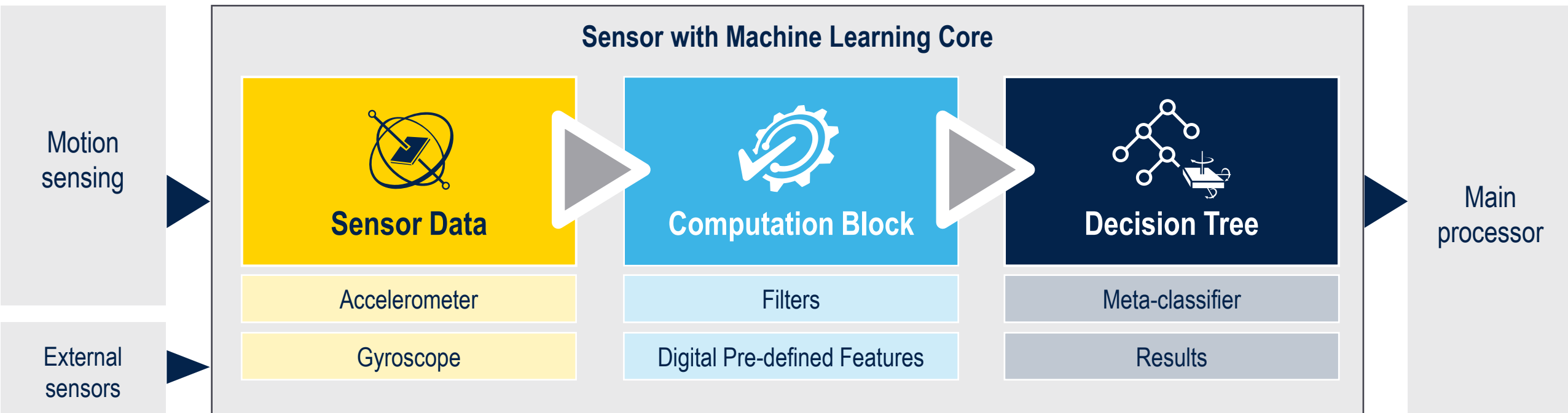
- 6x IMUs with sensor hub
- Inclinator





What is a Machine Learning Core (MLC)?

MLC is an in-sensor classification engine based on Decision Tree logic



MLC is able to increase accuracy with a better context detectability, offloading the main processor while the built-in sensors identify motion data

ML solutions in accelerometers and gyroscopes

Personal Electronics

LSM6DSOX

LSM6DSO32X

Distance
5.73 km

Duration
0:27:34

Average HR
130 bpm

Calories burned
280 cal



LSM6DSRX



Activity
recognition



Gym activity
recognition

Airplane mode
detection



Virtual
Reality



Sensor
Fusion



Vehicle stationary
detection



Industrial IoT

ISM330DHCX



IIS2ICLX



Smart antennas



Industrial IoT



Dynamic
inclinometers



Structural health
monitoring



Leveling
instruments



Equipment
installation and
monitoring



Machine Learning solutions in sensors: new developer model approach

Shorter development time and better accuracy
with Machine Learning techniques (Decision Trees)

How it works in 5 simple steps and with an intuitive use case:



User defines **Classes** to be recognized



Label data and select **filters and features**



Build the decision tree based on a wide range of SW tools.



Program the decision tree into the MLC enabled Sensor



Run the MLC model and process incoming data in real time



Capture data



Label data



Build decision tree



Embed decision tree



Process new data



HAR in UNICO-GUI demo

Machine Learning solutions in sensors: ecosystem

A complete suite to create ML applications in sensors

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Function packs for quick prototyping

FP-AI-CXTAWARE1



Getting start with **ST** development kit and GUI



Examples for motion recognition and context recognition

GitHub



Videos, training material, in products campaign available

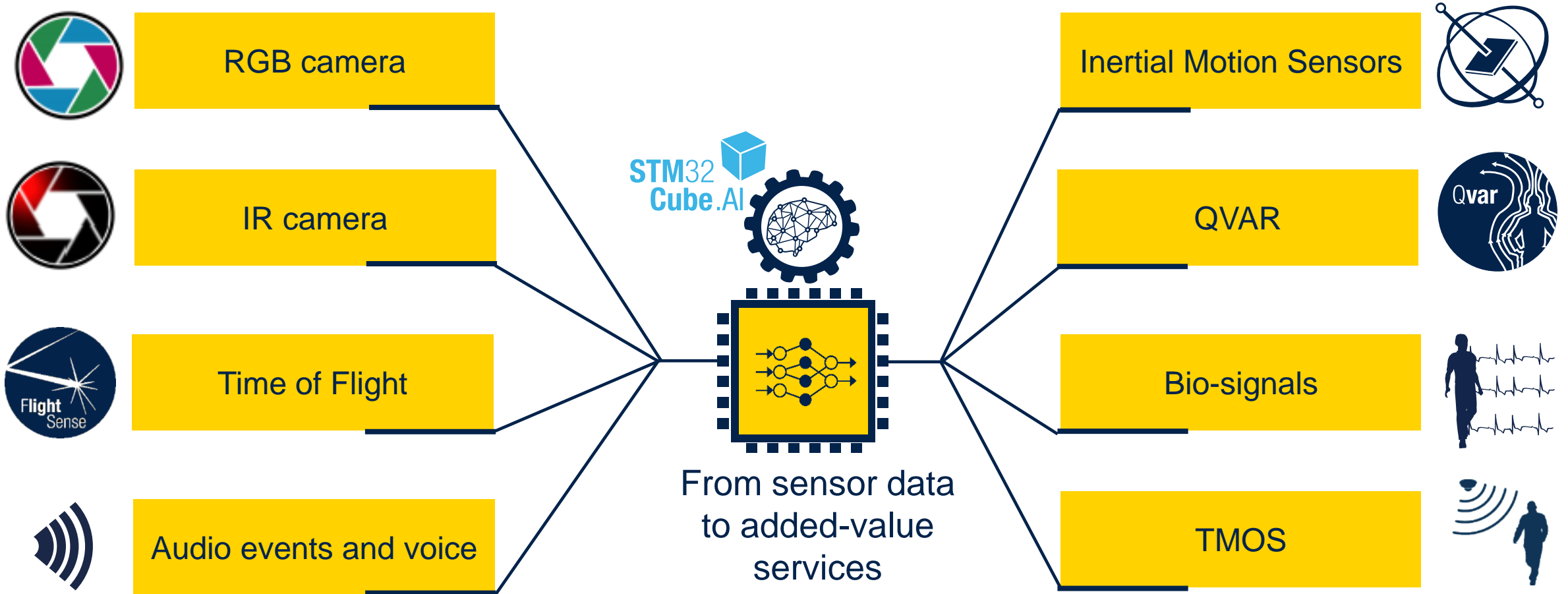


MEMS & Sensor community: **MEMS Machine Learning & AI**



Acoustic scene classification on STM32L4R9ZIJ6 MCU

Enhance sensor technologies with AI on MCU



Convert models from any AI framework

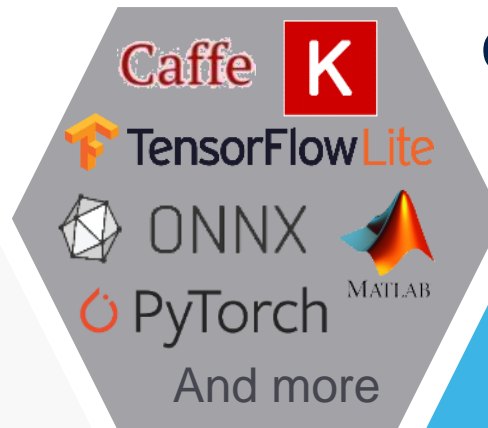
Input your framework-dependent, pre-trained Neural Network into the **STM32Cube.AI** conversion tool

Automatic and fast generation of an STM32-optimized library

STM32Cube.AI offers interoperability with state-of-the-art Deep Learning design frameworks

Any framework that can export models in **ONNX** open format can be imported

Train NN Model



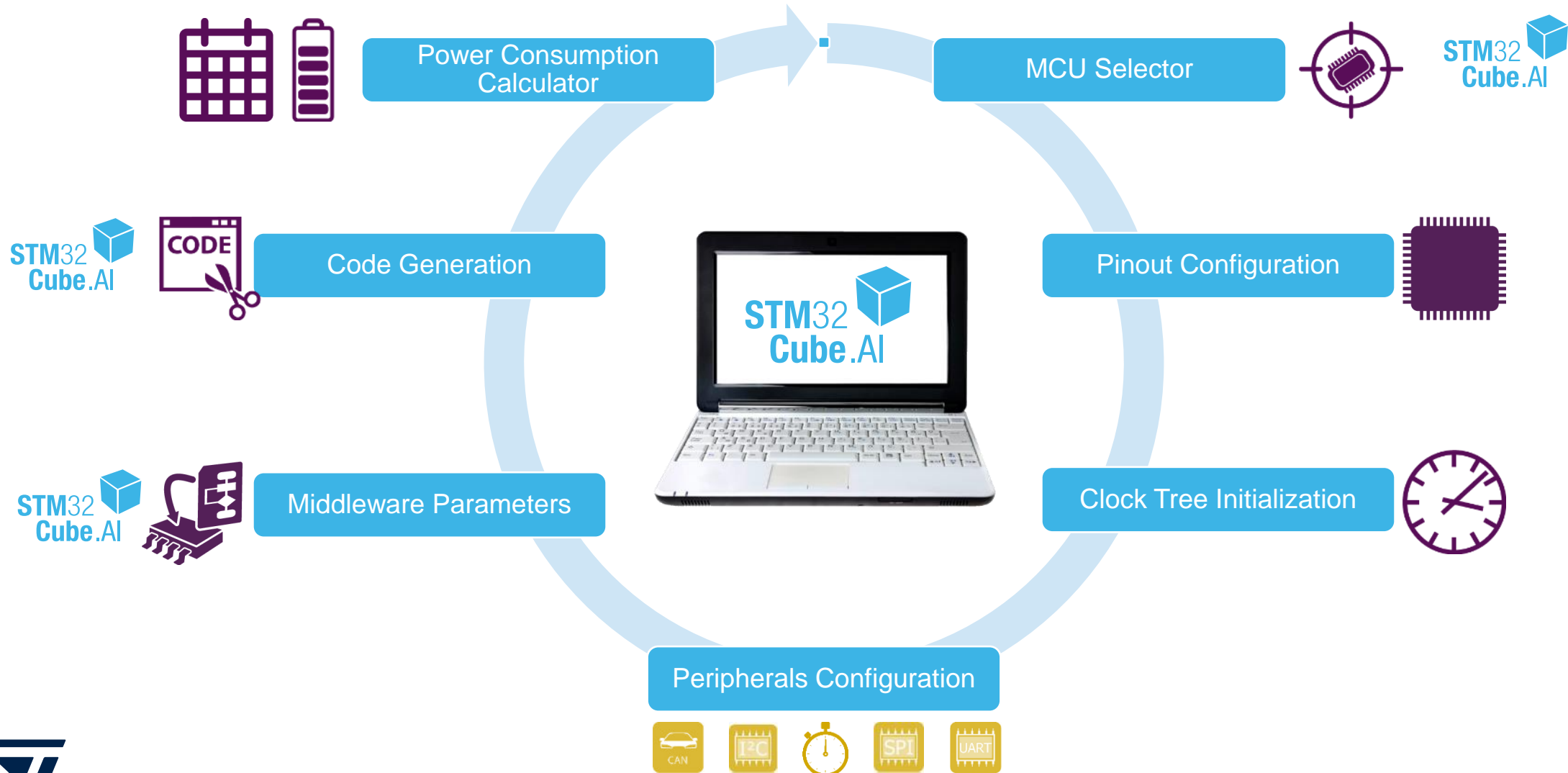
Convert NN into optimized code for MCU



Process & analyze new data using trained NN

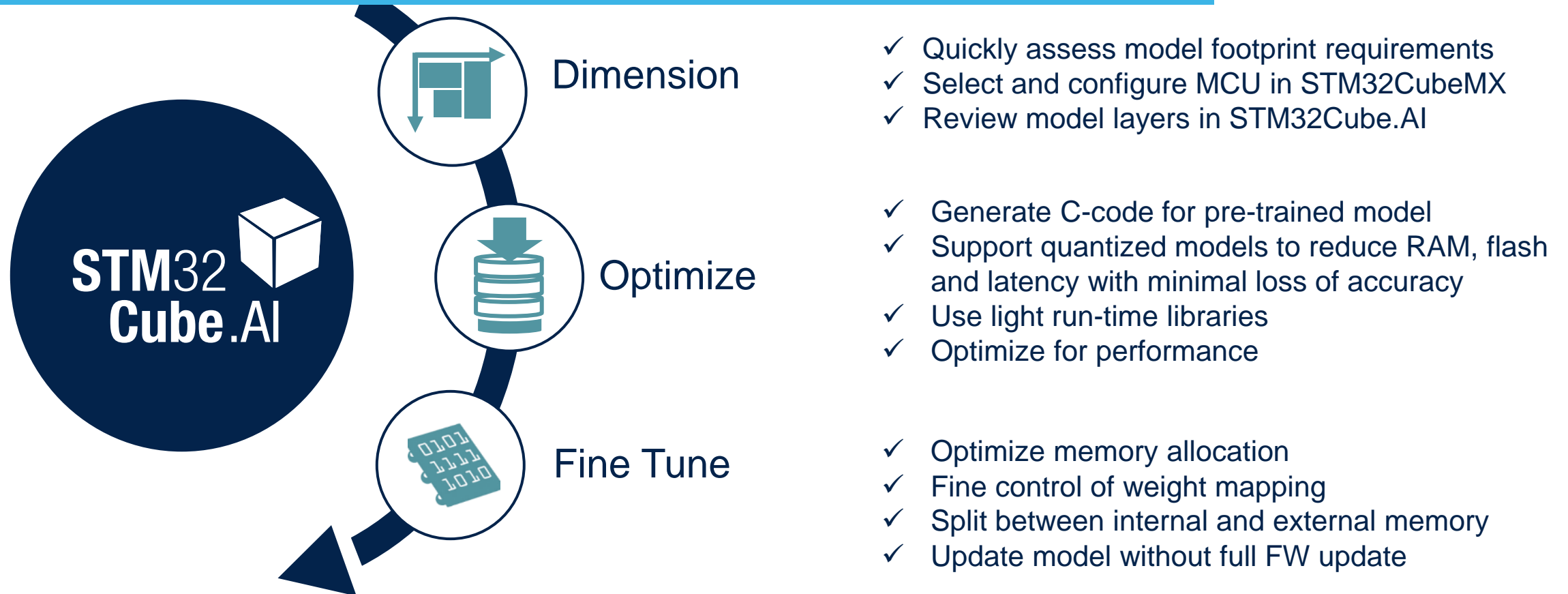


STM32Cube.AI, an STM32CubeMX expansion pack



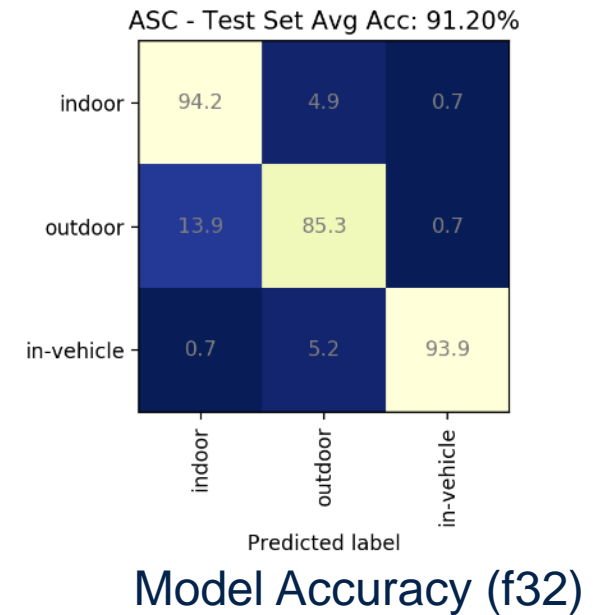
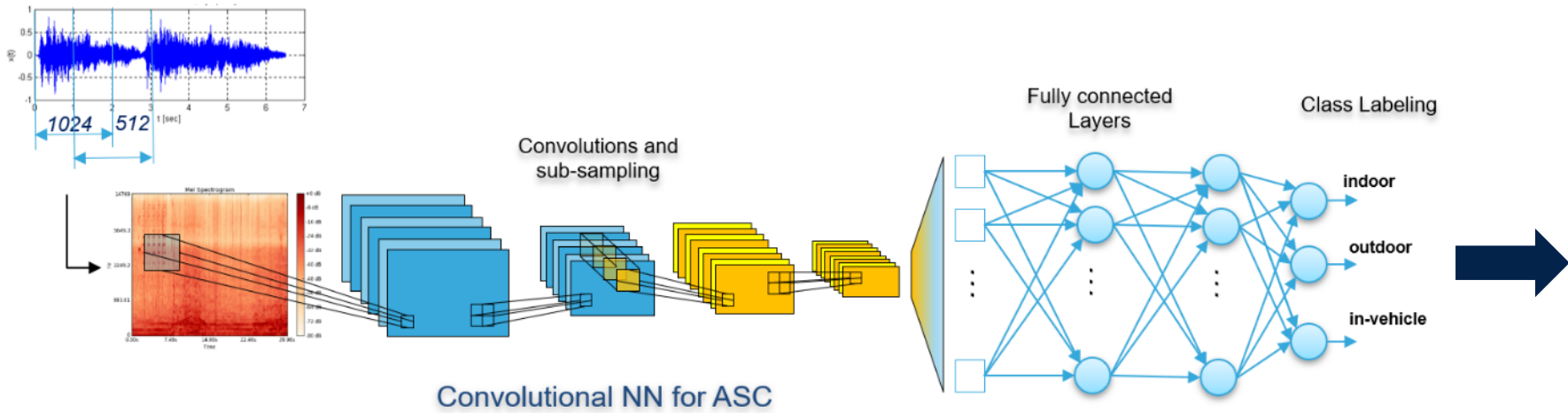
STM32Cube.AI main features

STM32Cube.AI is available both as a graphical and command line interface



And quickly iterate thanks to on-target validation

Audio scene classification using STM32Cube.AI



Class	Training Set	Validation Set	Test Set
Indoor	6:02:50	1:21:12	7:19:49
Outdoor	6:03:22	1:19:28	1:46:53
In-vehicle	6:03:29	1:20:51	3:58:13
Total	18:09:41	4:01:31	13:04:55

Dataset Composition

Model	Avg. Acc. (%)	NVM (KB)	RAM (KB)	Inference Time (ms)
ASC CNN int8	89.17	7.71	10.02	30.631

- Quantized ASC int8 model on STM32Cube.AI
- Performance on STM32L476 @ 80MHz

Context awareness demo

Demo video





Want to learn more?



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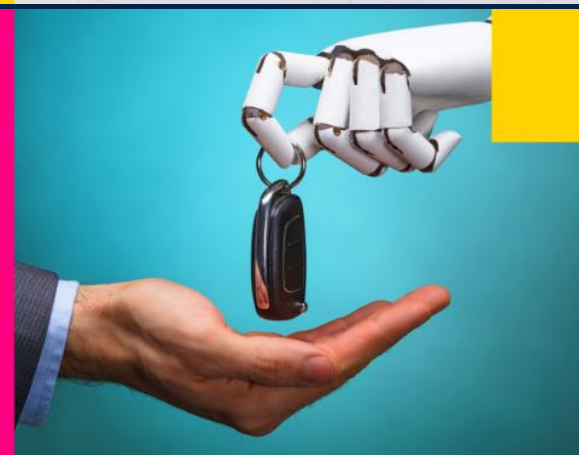
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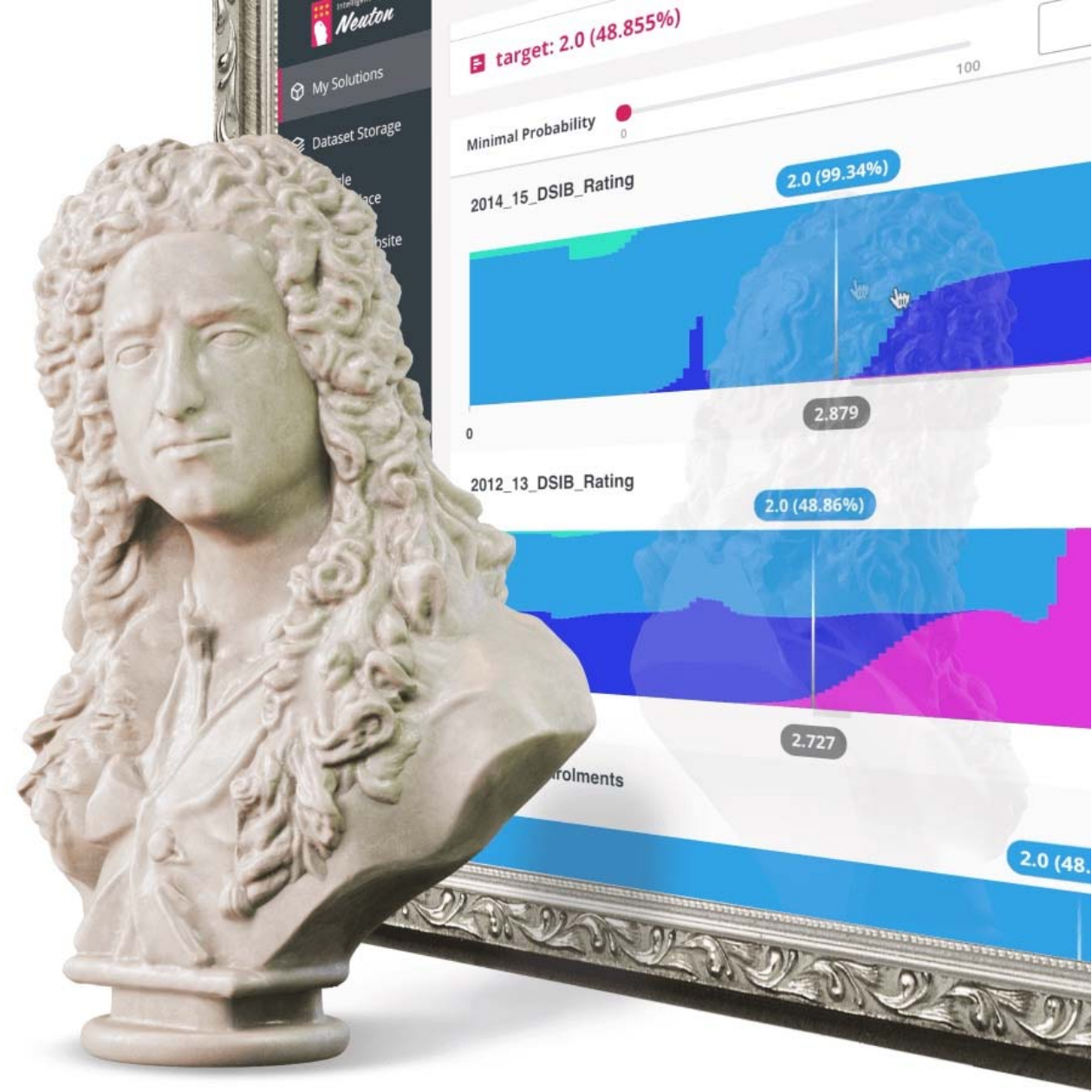
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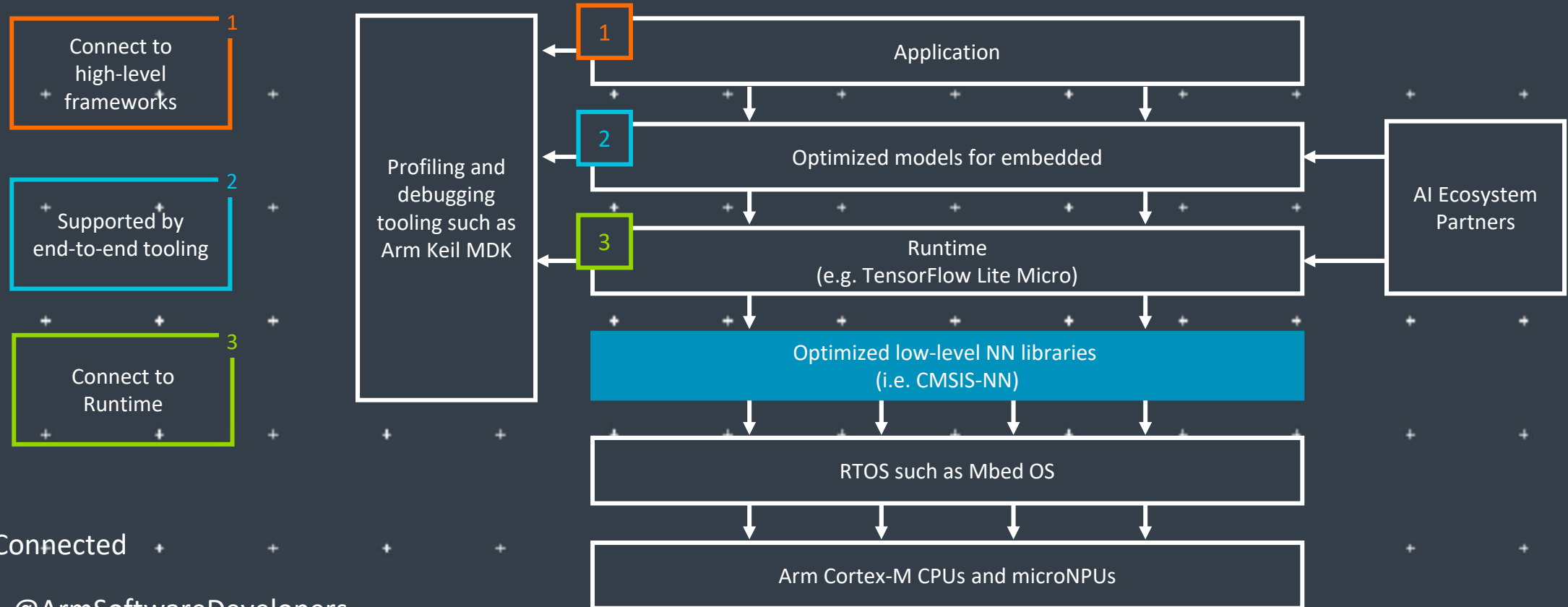
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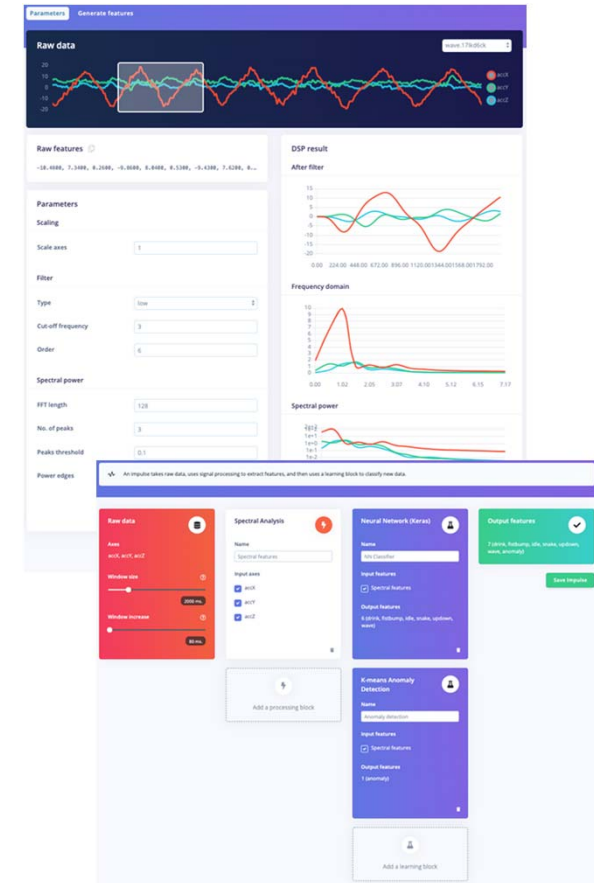
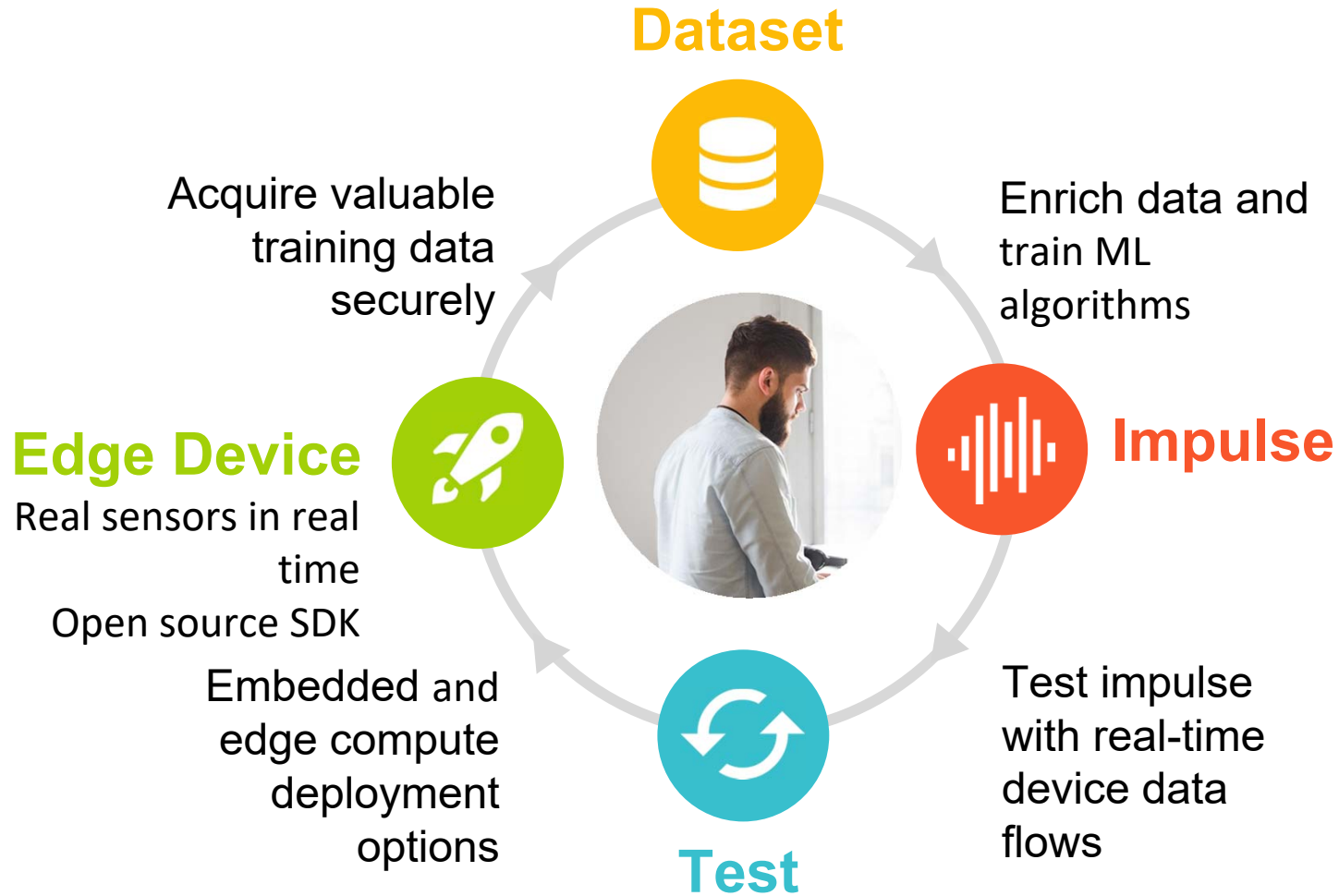
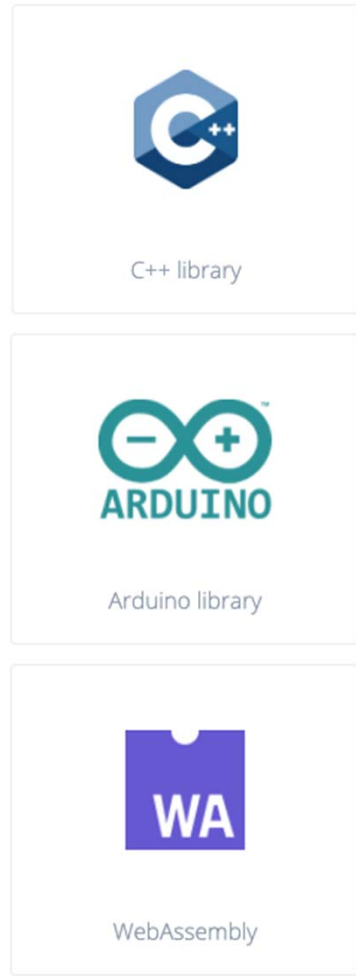
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Resources: developer.arm.com/solutions/machine-learning-on-arm

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Power efficiency

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compression, quantization,
algorithms, efficient
hardware, software tool

Personalization

Continuous learning,
contextual, always-on,
privacy-preserved,
distributed learning

Efficient learning

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through minimal data,
unsupervised learning,
on-device learning

A platform to scale AI across the industry



Perception

Object detection, speech
recognition, contextual fusion



Reasoning

Scene understanding, language
understanding, behavior prediction



Action

Reinforcement learning
for decision making



Edge cloud



Cloud



IoT/IIoT



Automotive



Mobile

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Build Smart IoT Sensor Devices From Data

SensiML pioneered TinyML software tools that auto generate AI code for the intelligent edge.

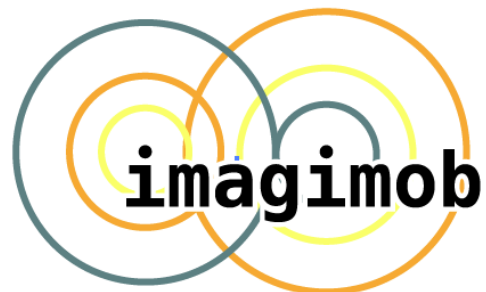
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