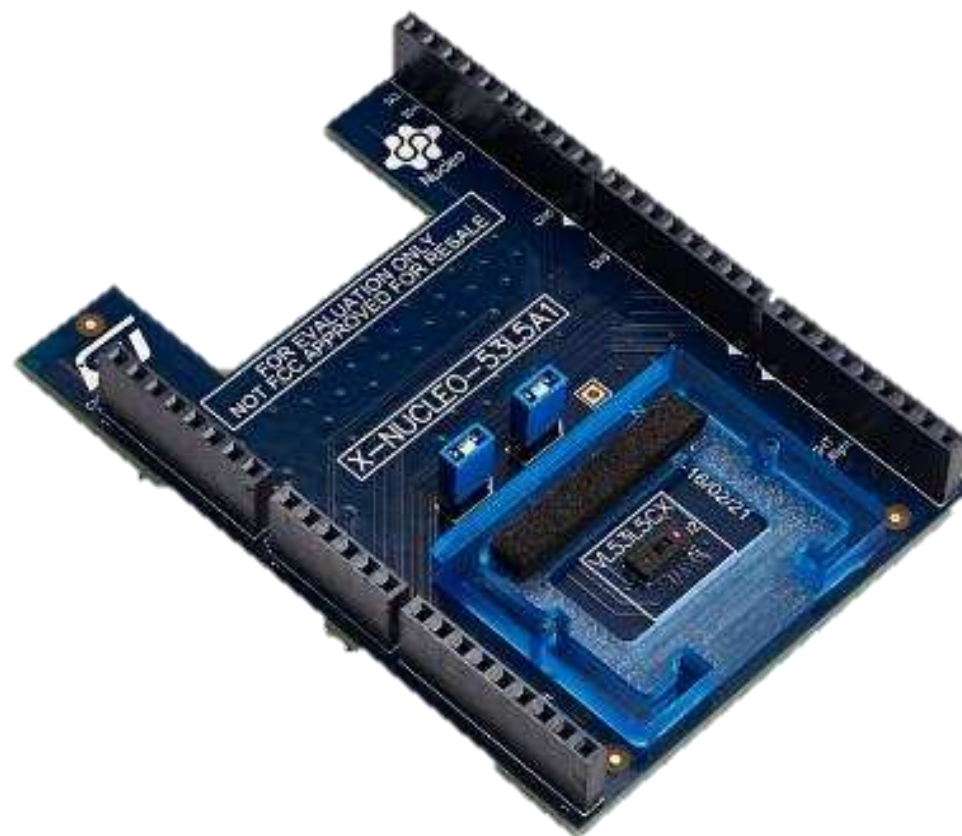




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# Quick Start Guide

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

Version 1.0 (June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021)



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Hardware and Software overview

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STM32 Open Development Environment: Overview

# 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 I<sup>2</sup>C link available on the Arduino UNO R3 connector.

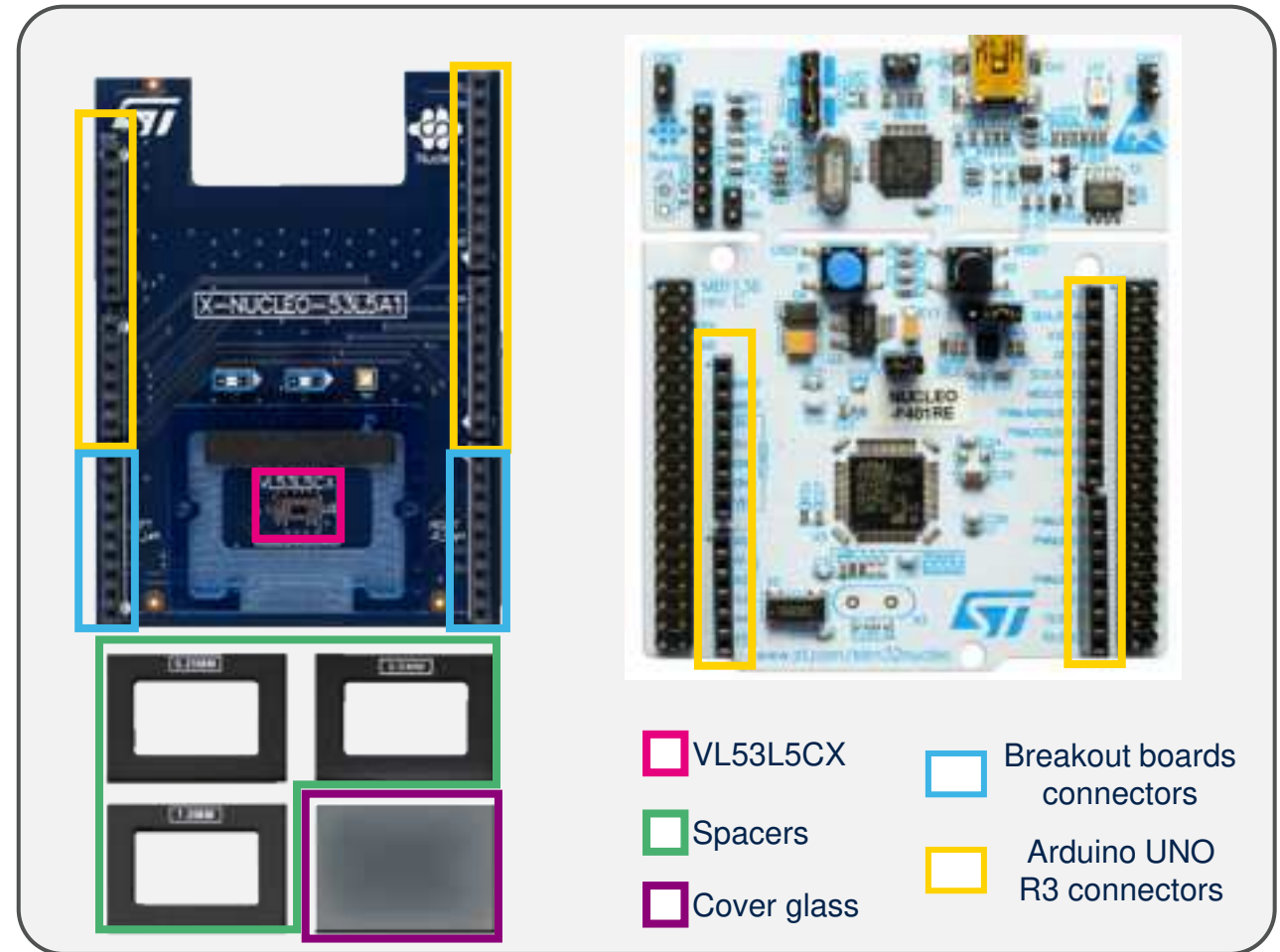
### Key Products on board

**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](http://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](http://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

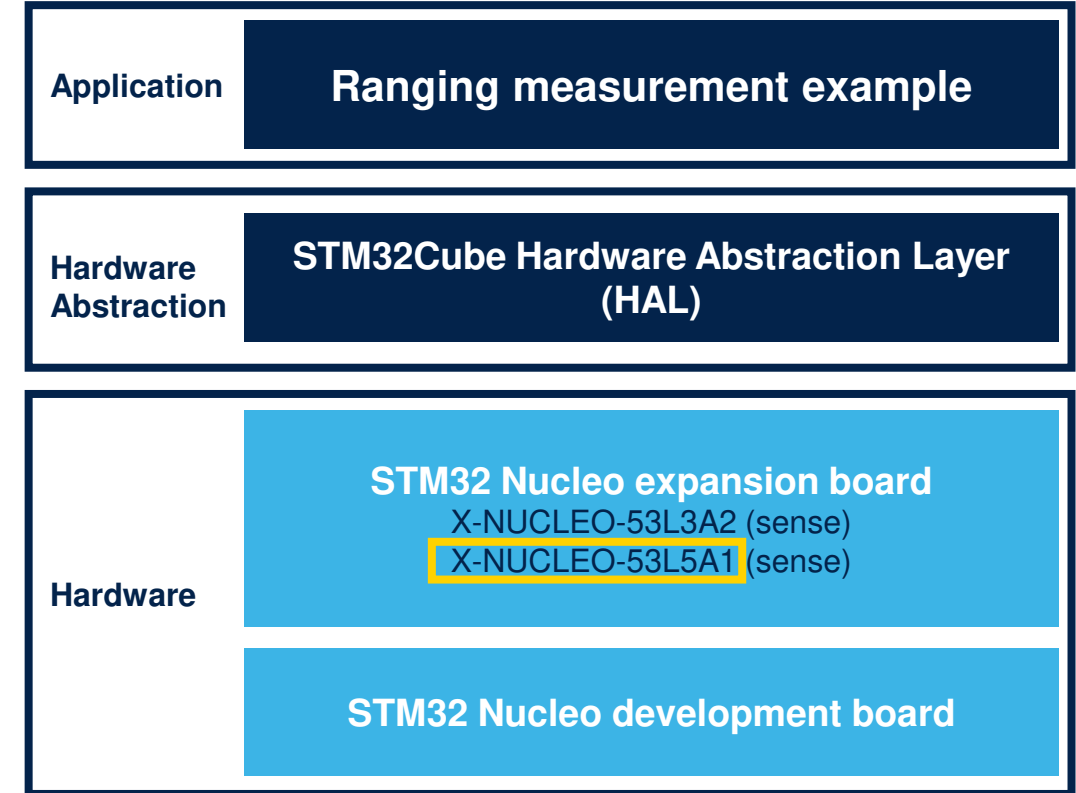
## STM32Cube Software Overview

### 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](http://www.st.com)  
**X-CUBE-TOF1**

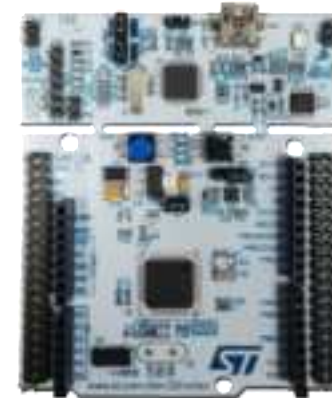
## 2- Setup & Demo Example



- 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

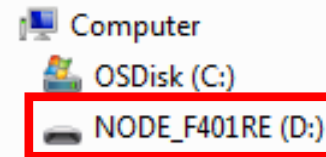




- **STSW-IMG023:** Ultra Lite Driver (ULD) for VL53L5CX
- **STSW-IMG024:** P-NUCLEO-53L5A1 Graphical User Interface (GUI) on Windows 7 and 10
- **STSW-IMG025:** Linux driver for VL53L5CX
- **X-CUBE-TOF1:** Time-of-Flight sensors software expansion for STM32Cube.
  - When you install the X-CUBE-TOF1 the 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.

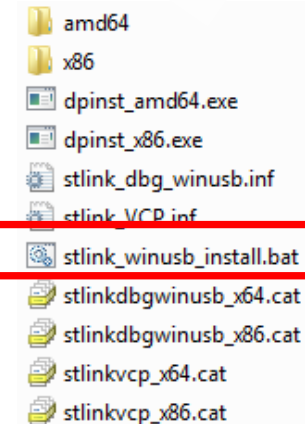
### 1. Connect the Nucleo pack to the PC through USB

- 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](http://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](http://www.st.com)
  - **Run the installer with Admin privileges**

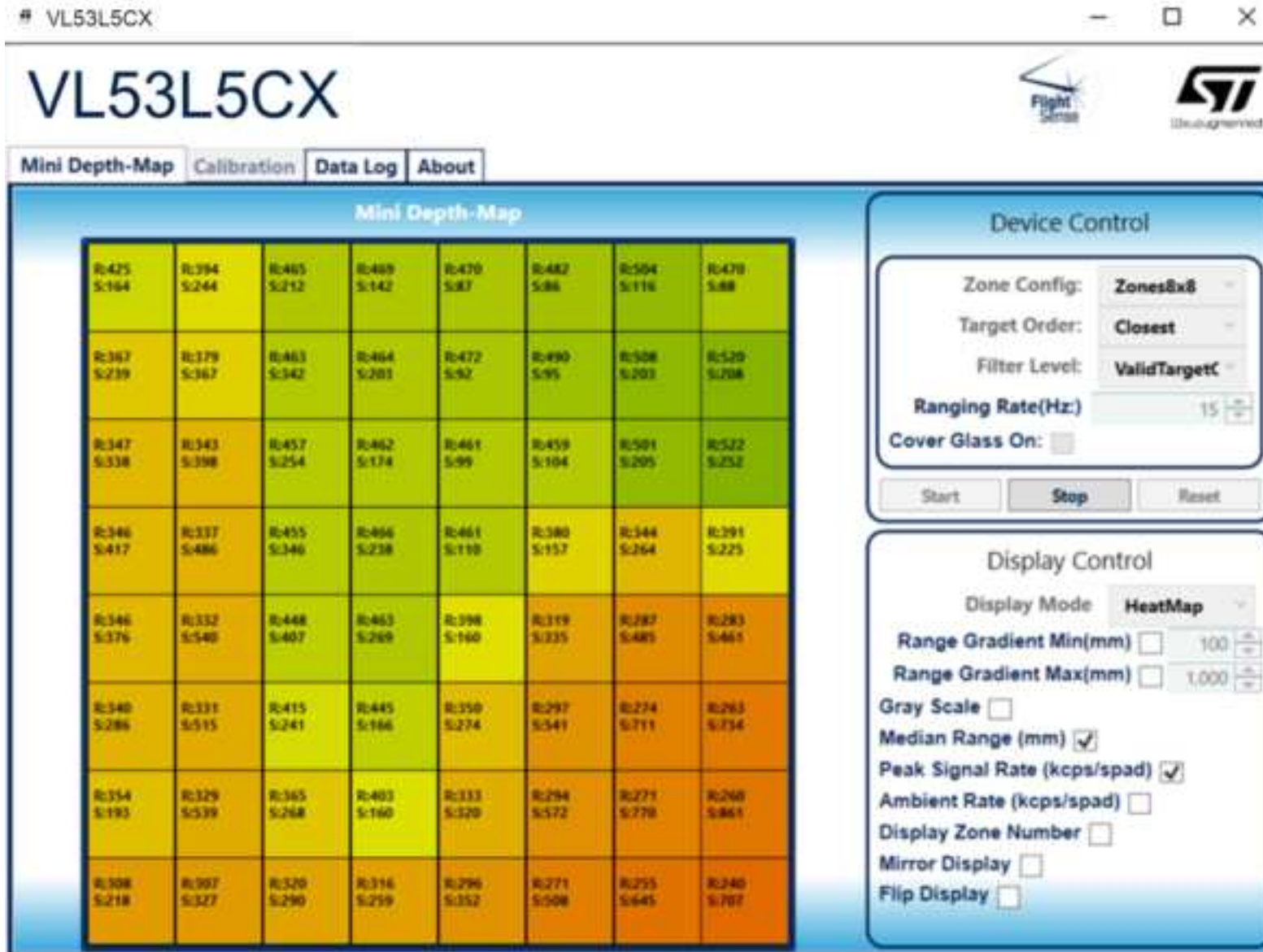
## The Graphical User Interface can:

- 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



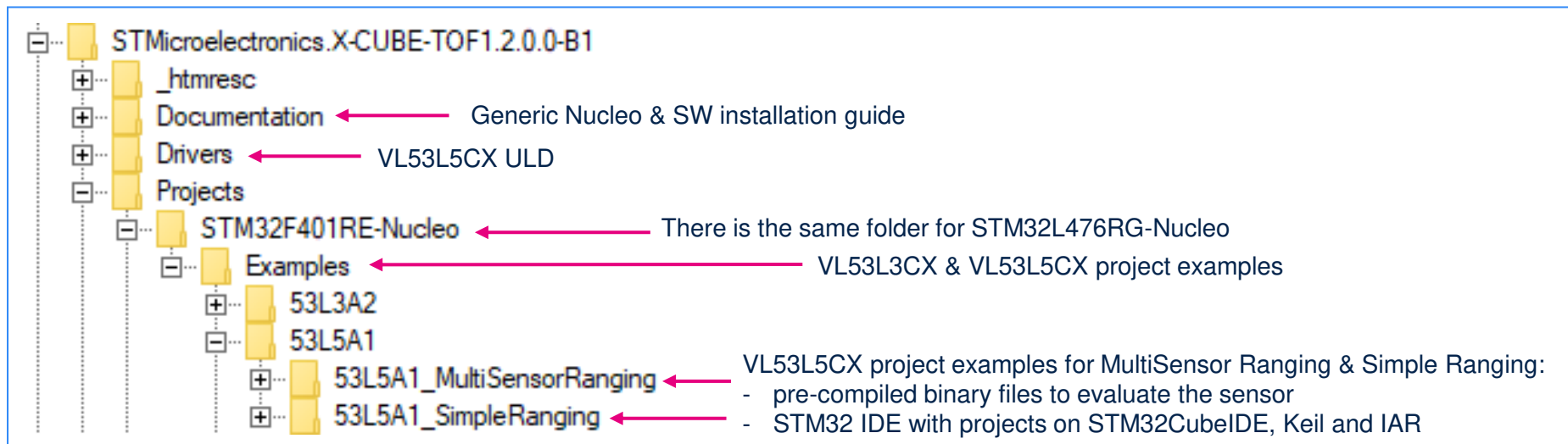


# Setup & Demo Examples

## 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](http://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

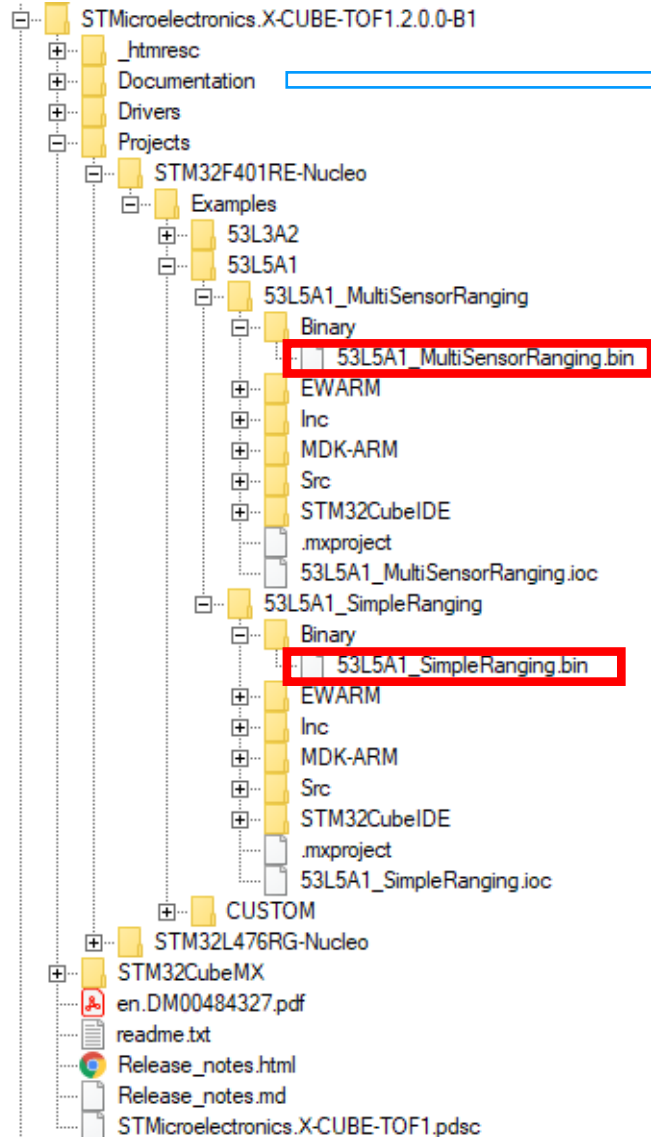
### X-CUBE software package contents: API SW + SW examples





# 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

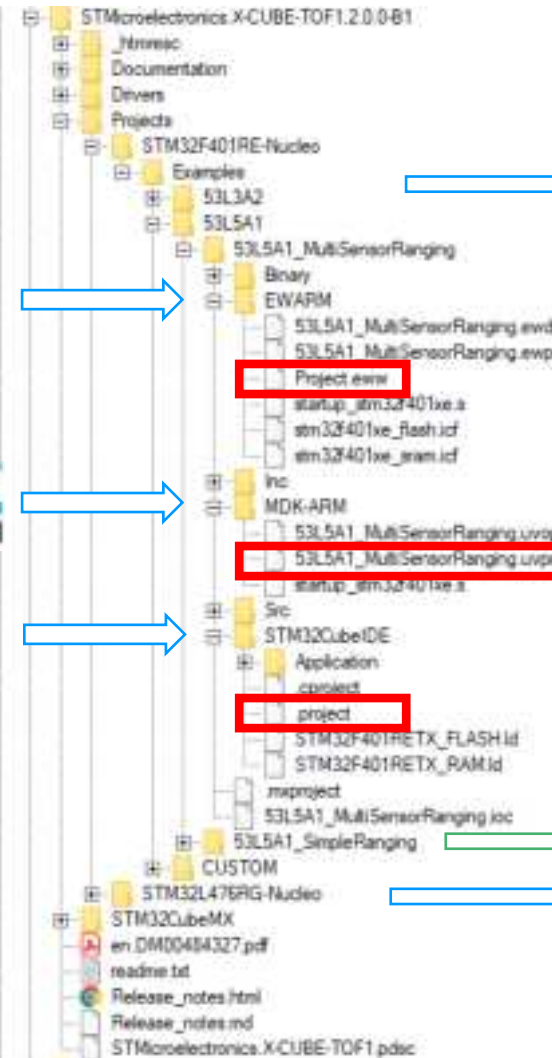
  

Open: **UM2853** (Getting started with the STMicroelectronics X-CUBE-TOF1, Time-of-Flight sensors, software package for STM32CubeMX) and **follow the instructions**

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**

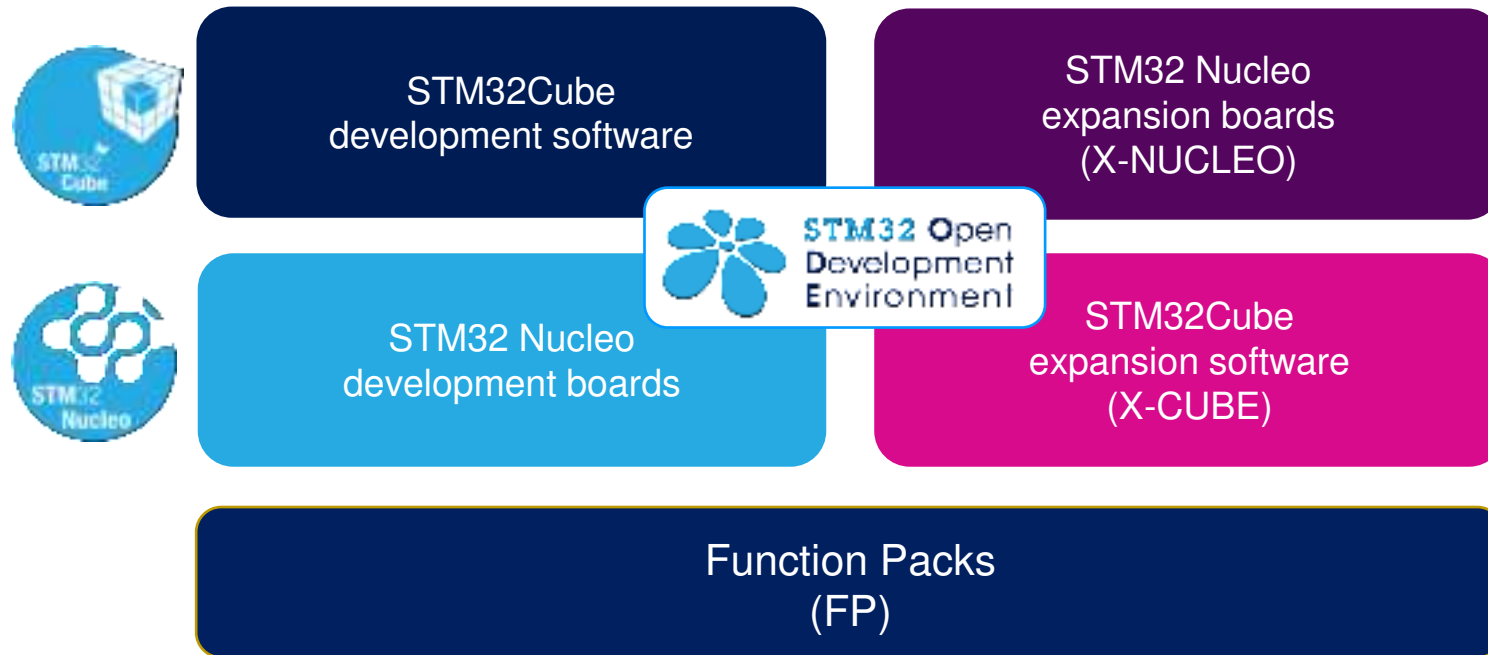
# 4- STM32 Open Development Environment: Overview



# STM32 Open Development Environment

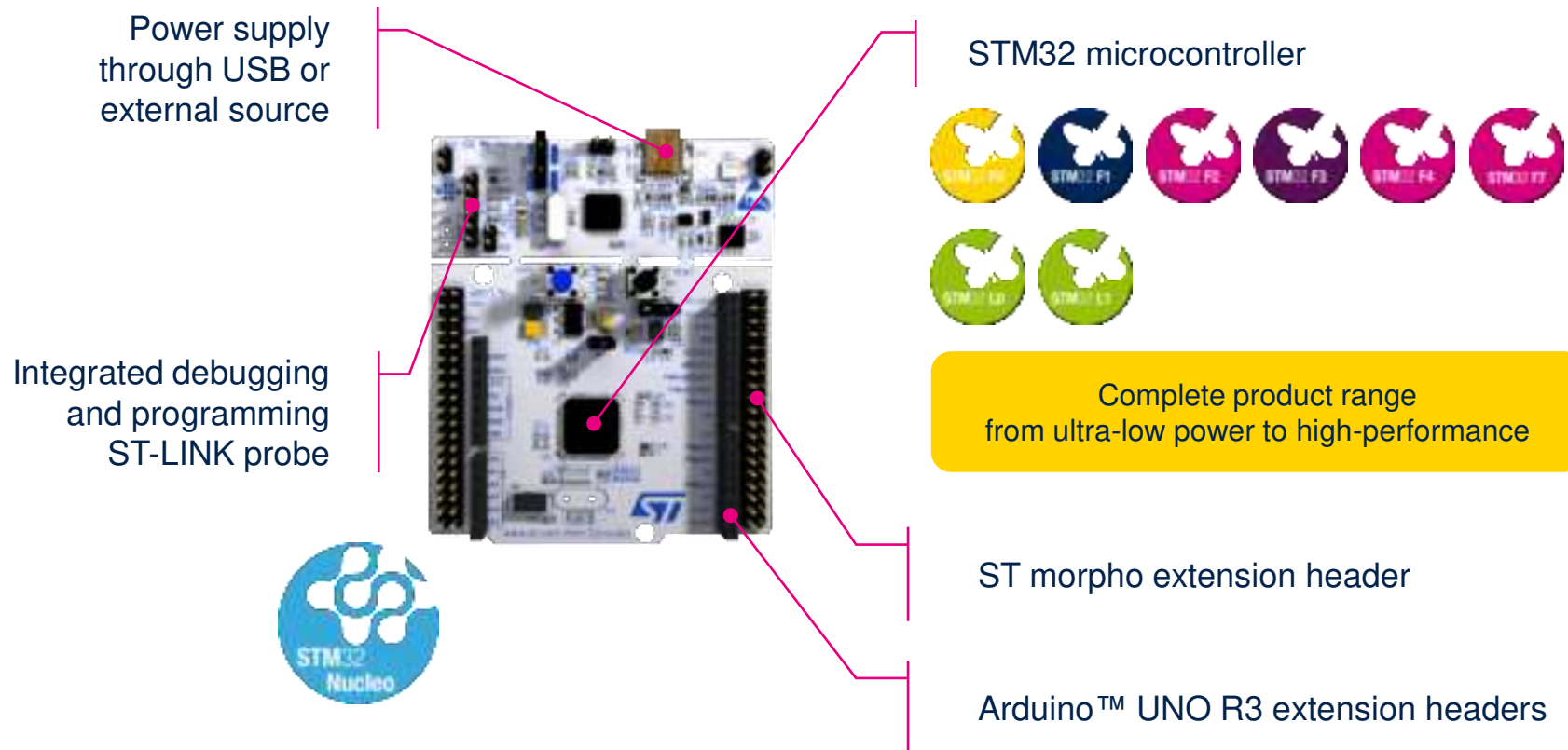
## Fast, affordable Prototyping and Development

- 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

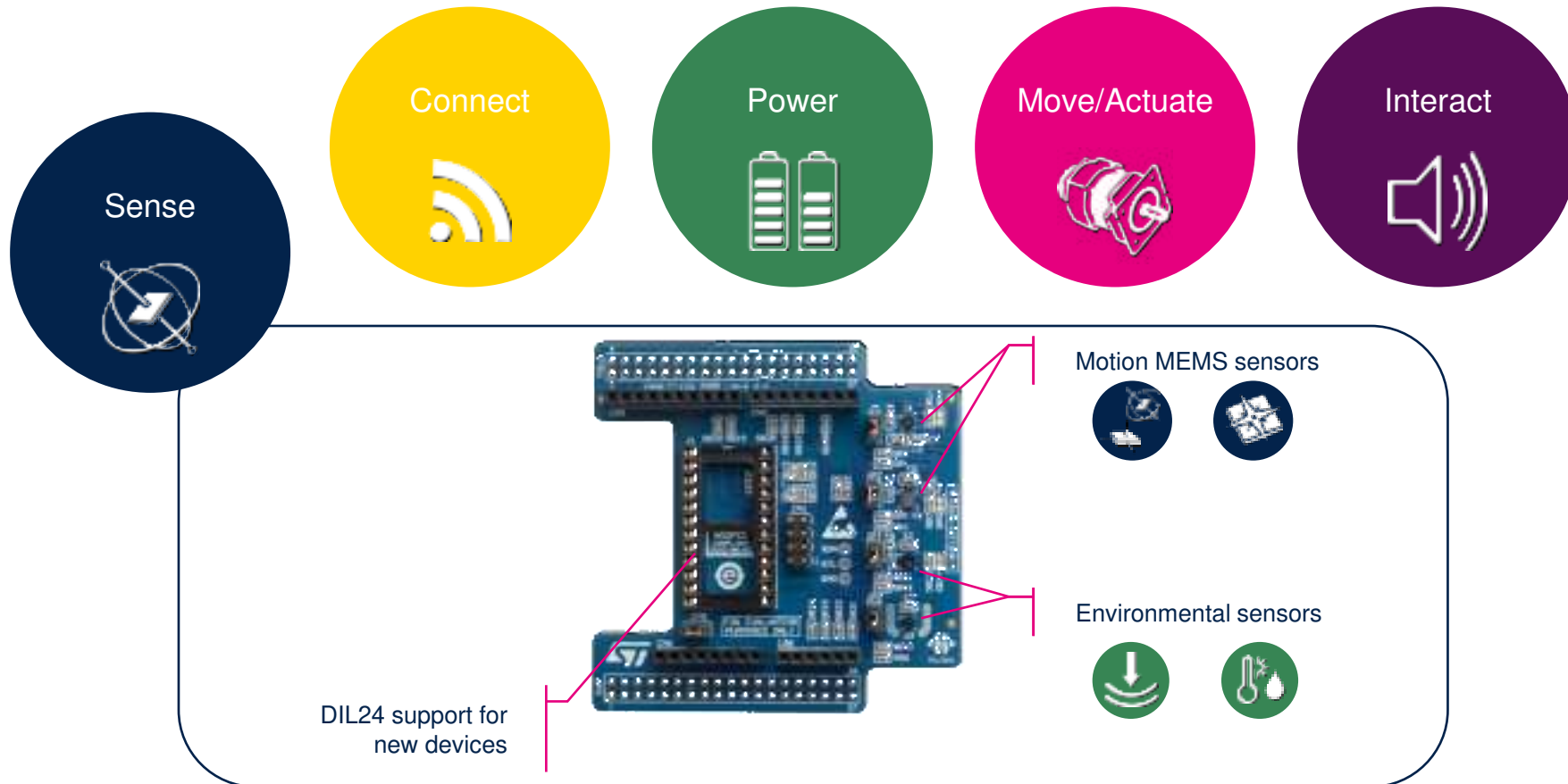


For further information, please visit [www.st.com/stm32ode](http://www.st.com/stm32ode)

- 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.



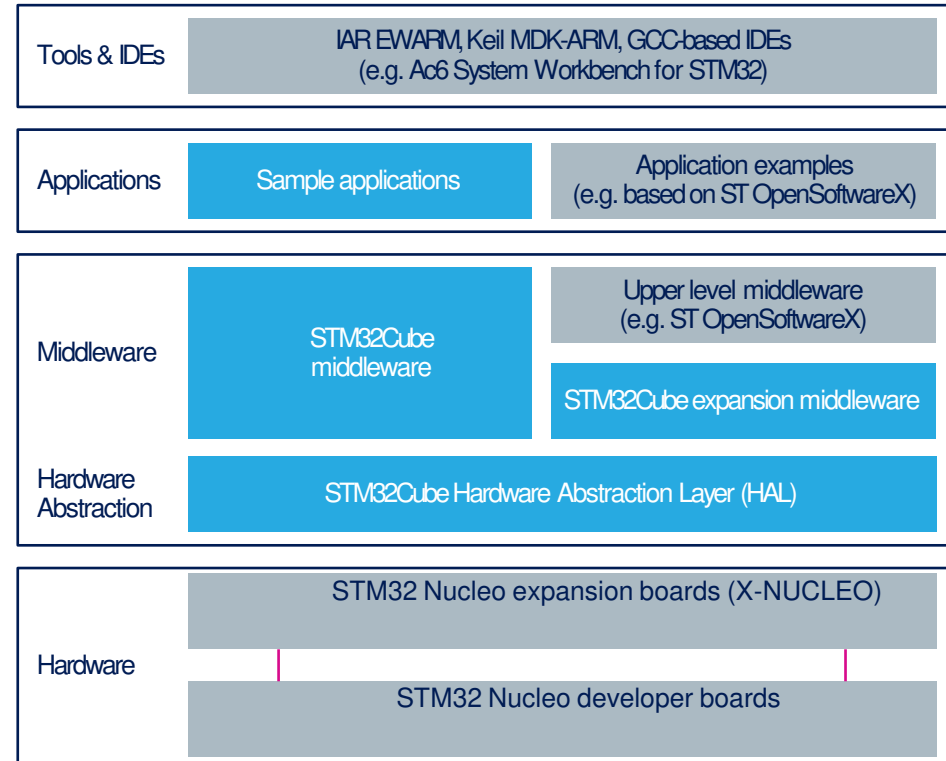
Example of STM32 expansion board (X-NUCLEO-ICKS01A1)



# 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.



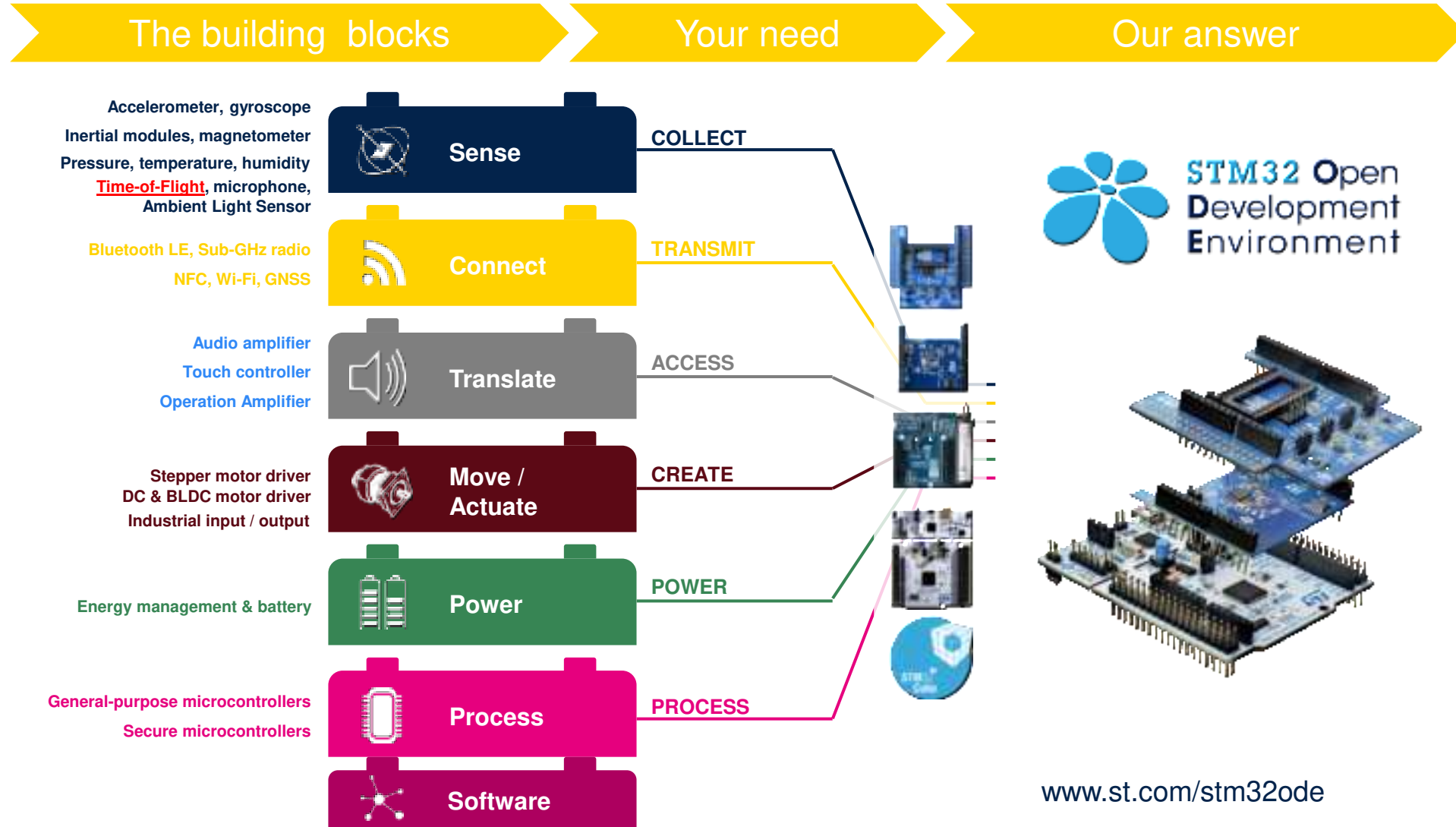
- **Compatibility with multiple Development Environments** - The STM32 Open Development Environment is compatible with a number of IDEs, including IAR EWARM, Keil MDK, and GCC-based environments. Users can choose from three IDEs from leading vendors; they are free of charge and deployed in close cooperation 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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