



# Water and Dust Resistant Pressure Sensors

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## Available in 2018

## Applications

### CONSUMER



AXL



6-axis IMU



Mag, E-compass



Microphone



Pressure, Humidity,  
Temperature



IOT  
Wearable  
Alarm  
Smart Home  
Remote Control  
Voice Assistant

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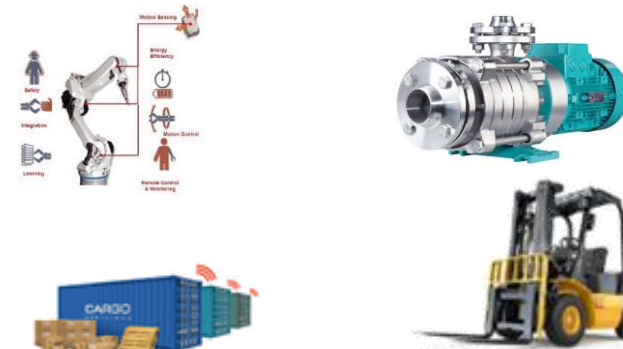
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Dedicated AXL



Indus Robot  
Positioning  
Tracking  
Tilt  
Vibration

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Alarm  
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Vehicle tracking

# SENSORS

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New products for H2 2018 / H1 2019

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LPS22HH

LSM6DSO

LIS2DTW12

MP34DT06J

LPS33W

LSM6DSR

LSM6DSOX

STTS22H

LPS27HHW

LSM6DSRX

HTS2

MP23DB01HP

MP23DB02MM

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IIS2DLPC

IIS3DHHC

ISM330DLC

IMP34DT05

ISM330DHC

IIS2ICLH

IIS3DWB

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MP in 18H2

MP in 19H1



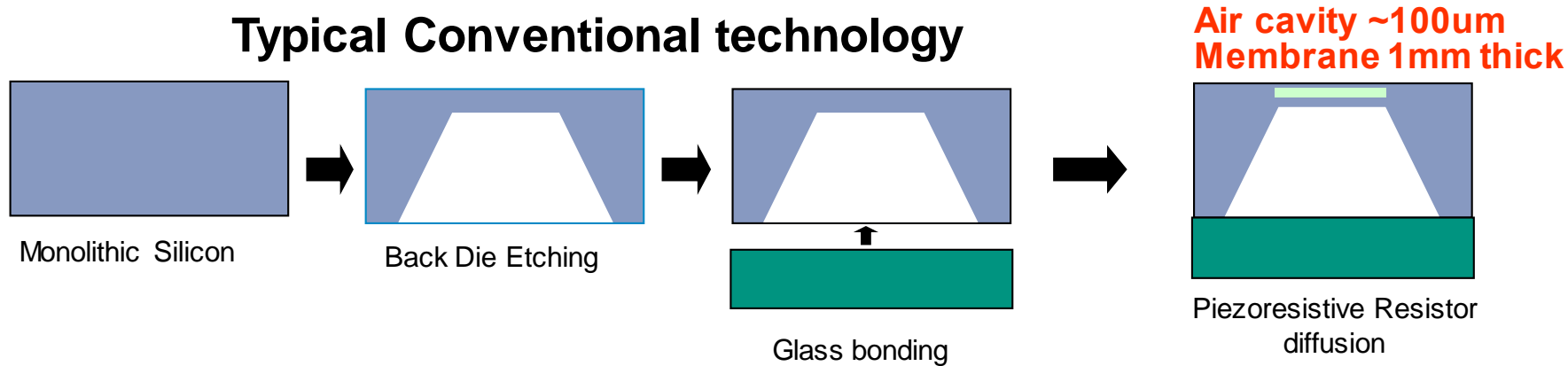
# MEMS Technology For Pressure Sensors



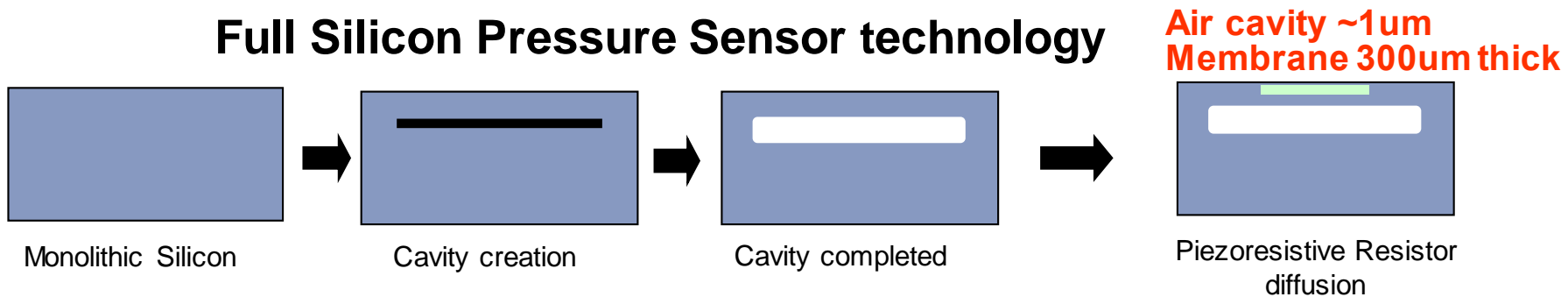
# Pressure Sensor Technology

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## Typical Conventional technology



## Full Silicon Pressure Sensor technology



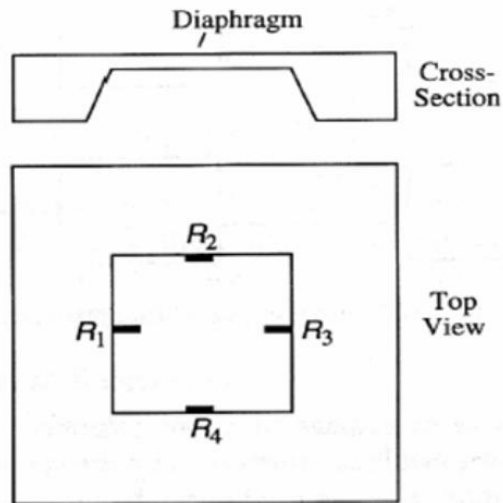
## Full Silicon Technology Advantages

- Monolithic sensor: no need for wafer to wafer bonding to create the cavity
- High burst pressure - Intrinsic mechanical stopper
- High shock survivability
- Good temperature behavior – one temperature coefficient (only silicon)
- More robust and thinner sensor

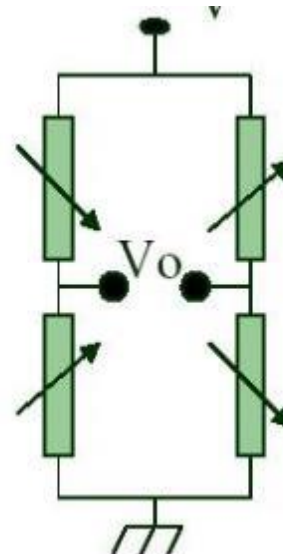
# Piezo-resistive Technology

## Principle of Design 7

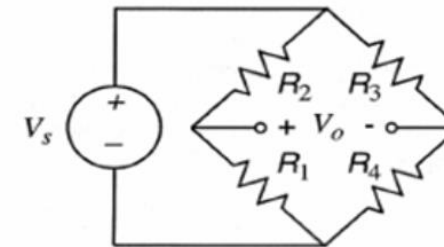
- Piezoresistivity: a change in the electrical resistivity of a metal or semiconductor due to an applied stress (force, pressure, flow, acceleration)
- All the materials show a piezoresistivity effect but semiconductors possess stronger piezoresistivity property: Si is the best one (Smith, 1953).
- Four resistors are connected in a Wheatstone bridge configuration.
- Pressure variations change the bridge balance.



$$\alpha_1 = (\pi_l + \nu\pi_t)\sigma_l = (67.7 \times 10^{-11})\sigma_l$$
$$\alpha_2 = (\pi_t + \nu\pi_l)\sigma_t = (61.7 \times 10^{-11})\sigma_t$$



Wheatstone-bridge detection circuit:



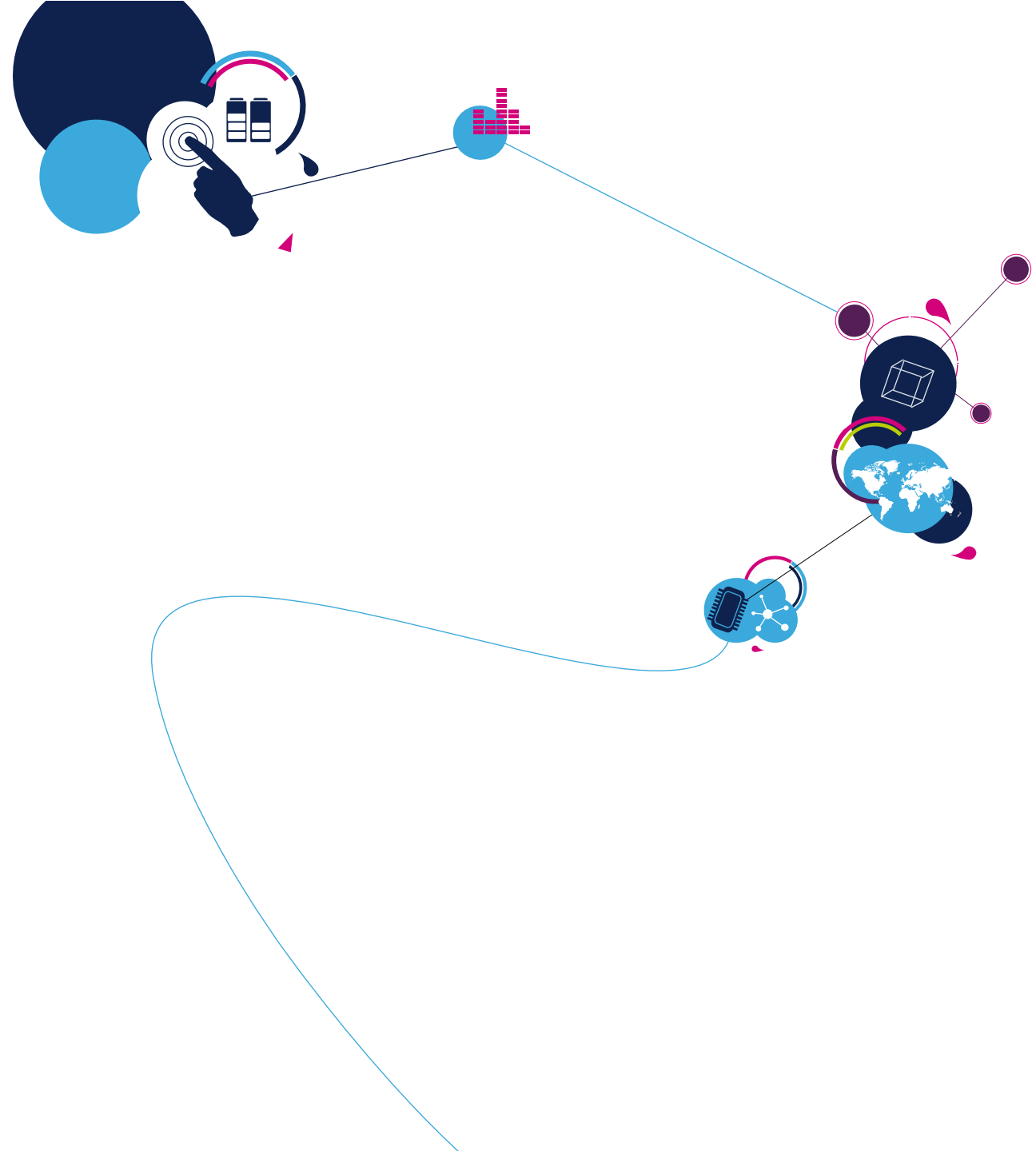
$$R_1 = R_3 = (1 + \alpha_1)R_0$$

$$R_2 = R_4 = (1 - \alpha_2)R_0$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_s} = \frac{R_1 R_3 - R_2 R_4}{(R_1 + R_2)(R_3 + R_4)} \approx \frac{2(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)}{1 + \alpha_1 - \alpha_2}$$

# Pressure Sensors

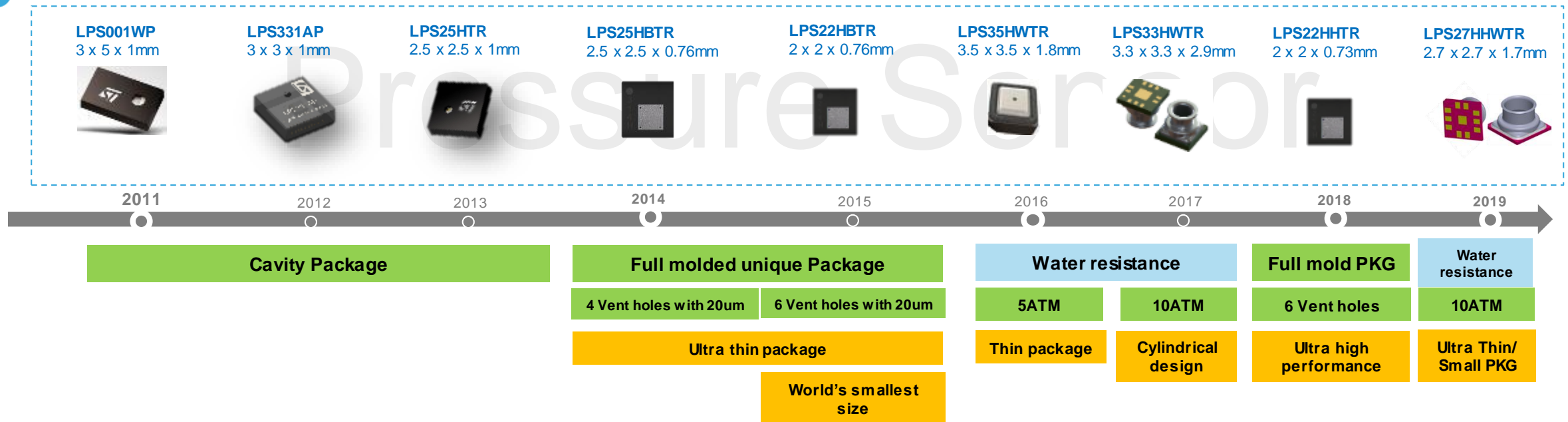
## Overview





# ST Pressure Sensor Evolution

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>500 Million pressure sensors shipped

> 300Mpcs shipped with full-molded package technology

ST leads the Pressure Sensor market in Consumer segment

- Market share : 62% in Y2017 consumer
- Selected in various applications with superior performance & unique robustness of full molded package in consumer markets.

# LPS22HB & LPS22HH

## High Accuracy Atmospheric Pressure sensor

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### General Features

- Absolute accuracy  $\pm 1\text{hPa}$ , Noise RMS  $0.75\text{Pa}$
- 260 to 1260 mbar absolute pressure (2bar Max)
- ODR from 1 to 75Hz, one shot
- Embedded Temperature compensation
- 32 samples Embedded FIFO for Pressure and Temperature
- SPI and I<sup>2</sup>C interfaces

### General Features

- Absolute accuracy  **$\pm 0.5\text{hPa}$** , Noise RMS  **$0.65\text{Pa}$**
- 260 to 1260 mbar absolute pressure (1.6bar Max)
- ODR from 1 to **200Hz**, one shot
- Embedded Temperature compensation
- 32 samples Embedded FIFO for Pressure and Temperature
- **Temperature sensor calibrated**
- SPI and I<sup>2</sup>C interfaces

### LPS22HB



### LPS22HB – Water Resistant

- 2x2x0.76 mm package, 6 holes with 20µm diameter to avoid contamination
- 12µA (HPM) to 3µA (LPM) @1Hz, 1µA in PDM

P2P solution

### LPS22HH



### LPS22HH – Water Resistant

- 2x2x0.76 mm package, 6 holes
- Improved accuracy
- 12µA (HPM) to 4µA (LPM) @1Hz, 0.9µA in PDM

## New Sensing Element &amp; ASIC

LPS22HH



*Ultra high-performance pressure sensor on small full molded PKG for vertical position (i.e indoor navigation / E911 application / dusty environment)*

ES Sample

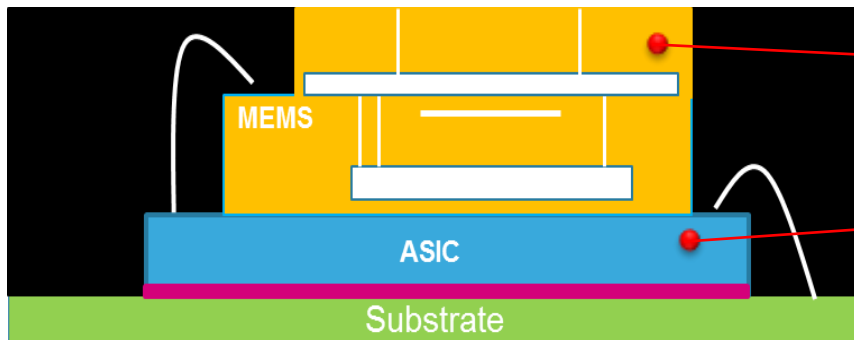
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ST Qualification

Q2'18

Mass Production

Q318

**▪ New Sensor**

- Better Pressure accuracy & faster response
- Better mechanical robustness

**▪ New ASIC**

- Better Pressure accuracy , Less RMS noise
- RF immunity

**▪ Full molded PKG**

- Pin to Pin compatibility with LPS22HB (2x2mm)
- 6 vent holes for redundancy

# ST Unique Pressure Sensor Package(1)

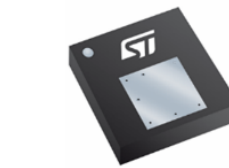
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## Patented Technology

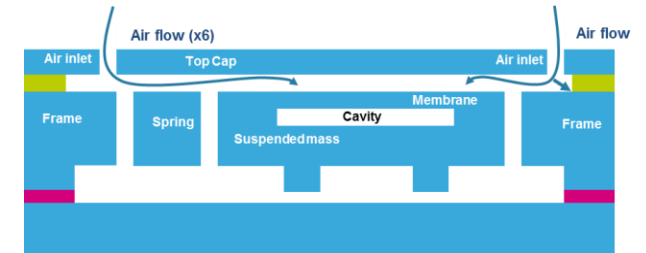
### Conventional PKG – Pressure Sensor



### ST Full molded PKG

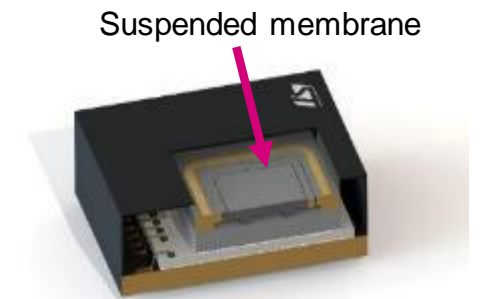
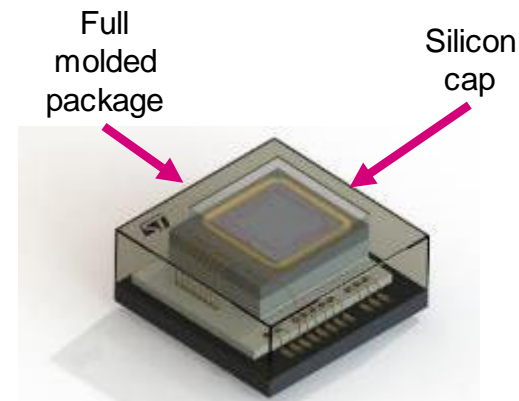


ST Pressure Sensor



### ST Unique package advantage

- Improved shock and vibration suppression
- Improved reliability and moisture resistance
- Ultra-thin package



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More than 300Mpcs shipped with full-molded package technology

# ST Unique Pressure Sensor Package(2)

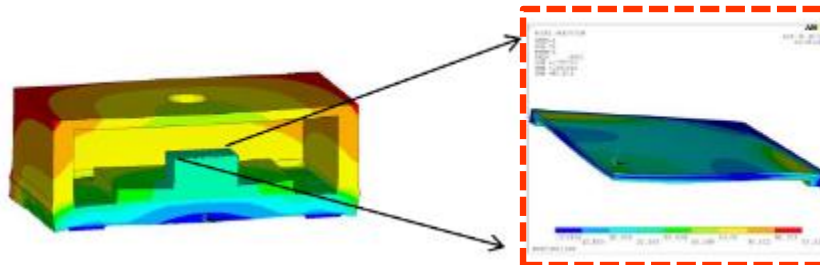
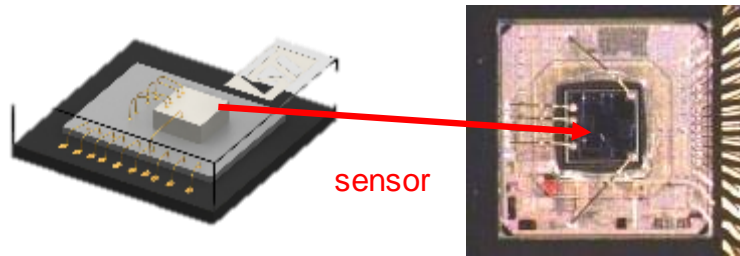
## Patented Technology

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- Unique spring structure in fully molded PKG to isolate membrane from thermal stress.
  - Lower stress on Membrane by spring structure from thermal stress.
  - Better accuracy stability over temperature and after soldering.
  - Proven the performance with over than 300Mpcs shipment of full molded package.

### Cavity Package

**LPS25H** Cavity Structure like conventional pressure sensor

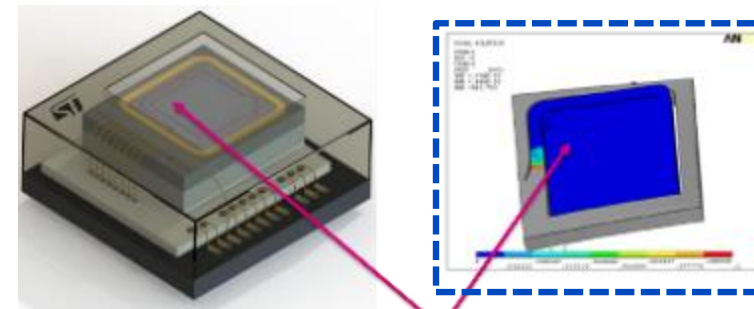


❖ Simulation of deformation by soldering stress

### Full molded with Spring Structure

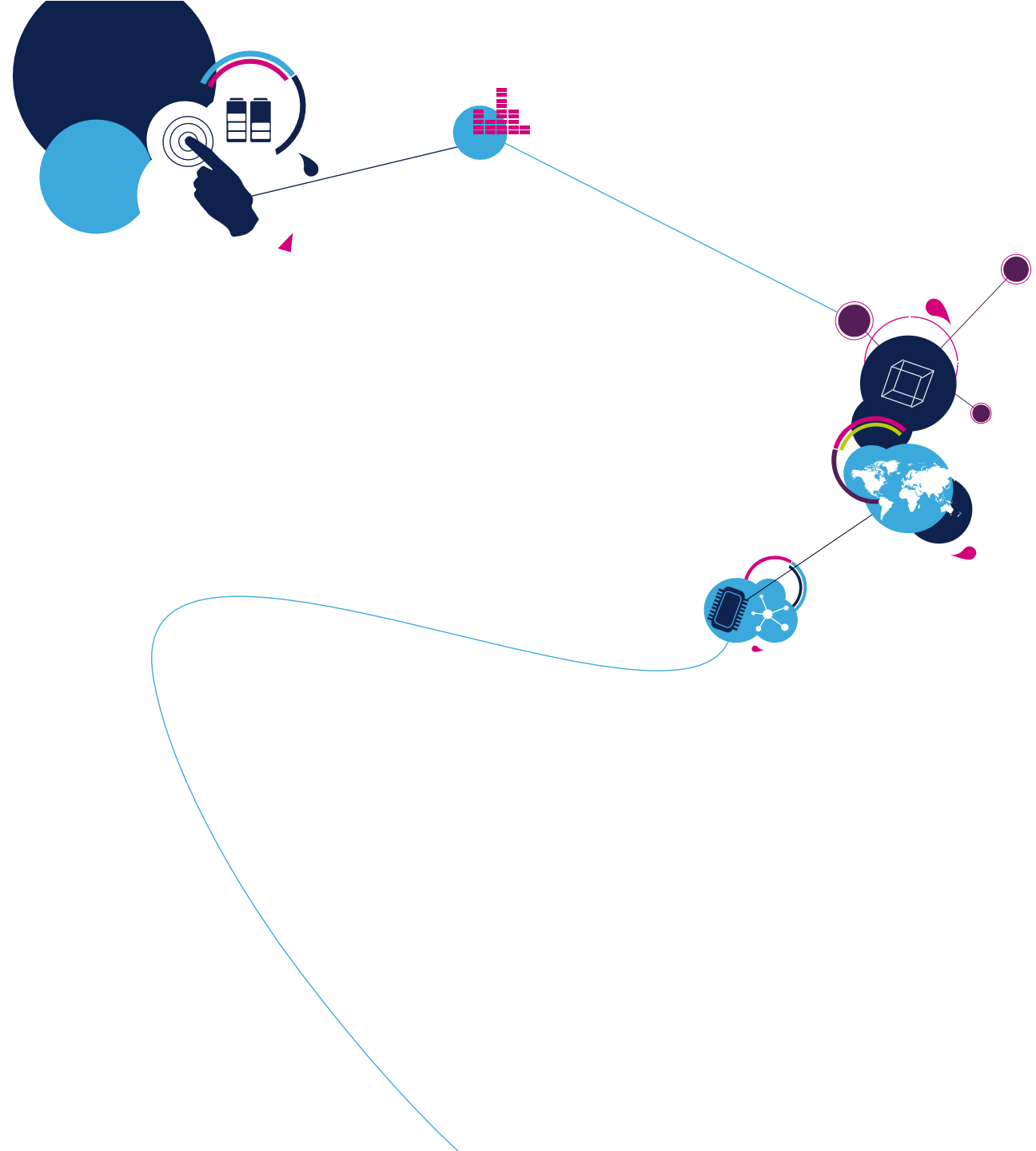
**LPS22HB** World's Smallest pressure sensor in 2x2 package

Spring structure



❖ Simulation of deformation by soldering stress

# Water Resistant / Waterproof Pressure Sensors



# LPS33W & LPS33HW & LPS27HW\*

## Atmospheric Waterproof Pressure sensor

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### General Features – LPS33W, LPS33HW

- High Accuracy Waterproof Barometric Sensors
- 260 to 1260 mbar absolute pressure (2bar Max)
- ODR from 1 to 75Hz, one shot
- Embedded Temperature compensation
- 32 samples Embedded FIFO for Pressure and Temperature
- SPI and I<sup>2</sup>C interfaces

### Wearable

- Chlorine, Bromine mixed, Salt water test
- Over Pressure Test (up to 10Bar / up to 24hr) (swimming pool, sea use case)

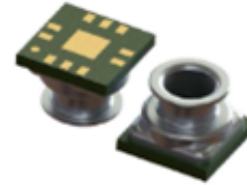
### Industrial

- n-Pentane Chemical liquid (corrosion test for industry)

### Specific Features to LPS27HHW\*

- ODR up to 200Hz
- Higher accuracy embedded Temperature sensor
- Improved power consumption
- 128 samples FIFO

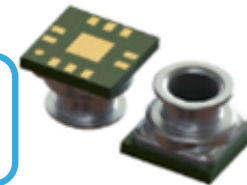
### LPS33W



### LPS33W – Water Proof

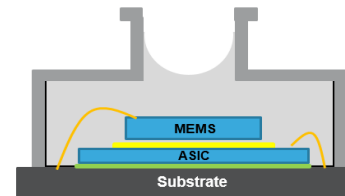
- 3.3x3.3x2.9 mm, CCLGA - 10L
- O-ring shaped PKG with full metal lid
- 15µA (HPM), 4µA (LPM) @1Hz

### LPS33HW

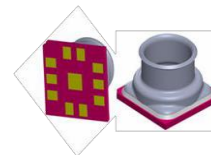


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- 3.3x3.3x2.9 mm, CCLGA - 10L
- O-ring shaped PKG with full metal lid
- **10bar resistant (100m)**
- 15µA (HPM), 4µA (LPM) @1Hz



### LPS27HW\*



### LPS27HHW\* – Water Proof

- 2.7x2.7x1.7mm
- O-ring shaped PKG with full metal lid
- **10bar resistant (100m)**
- Absolute accuracy ±1hPa
- Noise RMS [HP] - 0.7Pa
- 12µA (HPM), 4µA (LPM) @1Hz, 0.9µA PDM



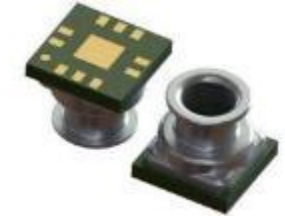
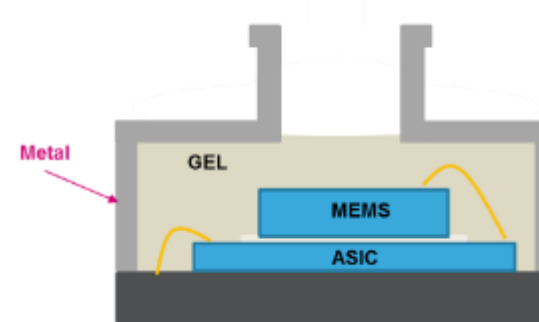
# Water Proof Pressure Sensor

## LPS33HW

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### ST Harsh Environment and High Pressure Resistant - Up to 10 ATM

- Absolute Accuracy :  $\pm 2.5\text{hPa}$
- Relative Accuracy :  $\pm 0.1\text{hPa}$
- RMS noise :  $\pm 0.8\text{Pa}$  ( $0.008\text{hPa}$ )
- **Water Resistant up to 10 ATM**
- High robustness with full Metal LID and Automotive gel
- Easier assembly in application with O-ring shape of package.

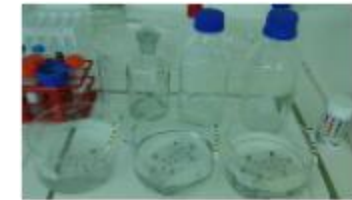


CCLGA-10L,  
3.3 x 3.3 x 2.9mm

#### ❖ For Swim user case in swimming pool & Sea

##### Wearable

- Chlorine, Bromine mixed water test
- Salt water test
- Over Pressure Test (up to 10Bar / up to 24hr)



##### E-cigarette

#### ❖ Compatible with human body

- Robust to nicotine and high temperature



##### Gas Meter

#### ❖ Corrosion Test for industrial

- n-Pentane Chemical liquid

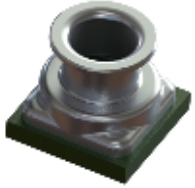




# Waterproof Pressure Sensor

## For Harsh Environment

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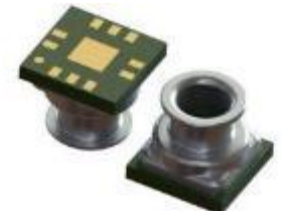
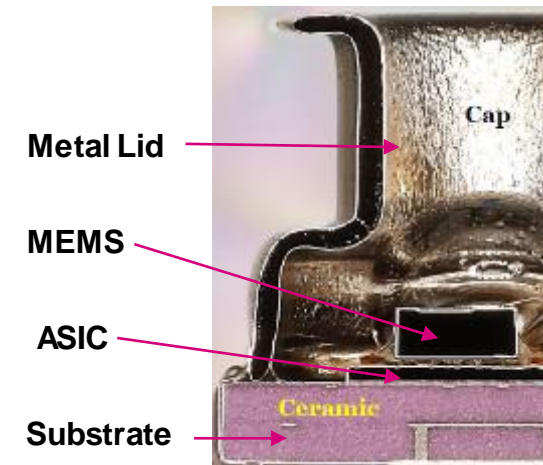


### LPS27HHW

#### Features

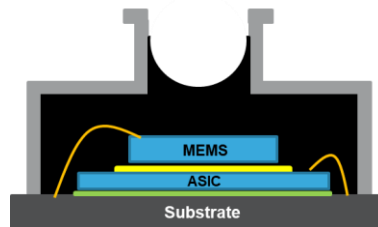
- 260 to 1260 mbar absolute pressure (18-3PSI)
- RMS noise 0.007 hPa with embedded filter
- Absolute accuracy  $\pm 1$  hPa @ 0 ~ 65°C
- Relative Pressure accuracy  $\pm 0.1$  hPa
- ODR from 1 Hz to 200 Hz
- Low power consumption: 4  $\mu$ A
- Embedded FIFO (128 slots/40 bits)
  - Pressure and Temperature data
- Water resistant up to 10Bar
- Cylindrical Water proof package 3.3x3.3x2.9mm
- Potting GEL protects electrical components.
- 24 bit pressure resolution (0.0002 hPa/bit), 16 bit temperature
- SPI, I2C, I3C interface (I2C/I3C can be disabled)

#### PKG Structure



3.3 x 3.3 x 2.9mm

*A look inside*



# Other Major Improvements in LPS27HHW

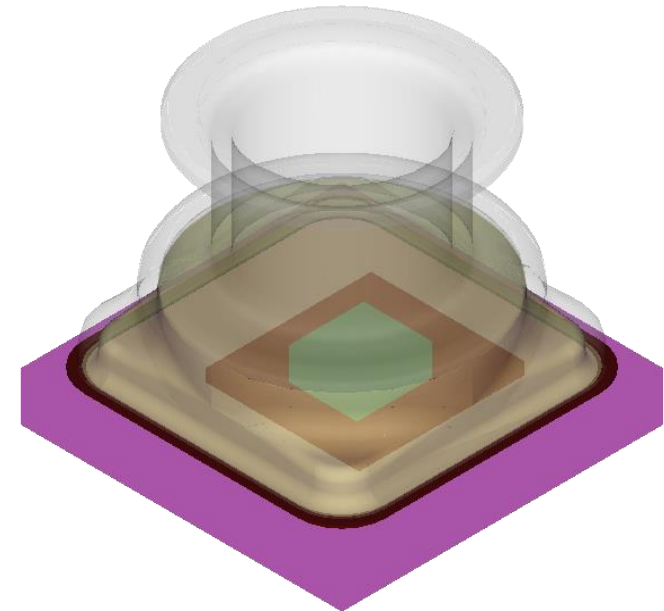
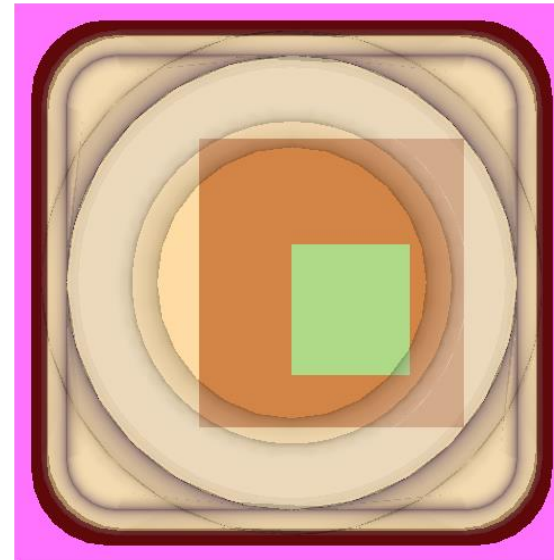
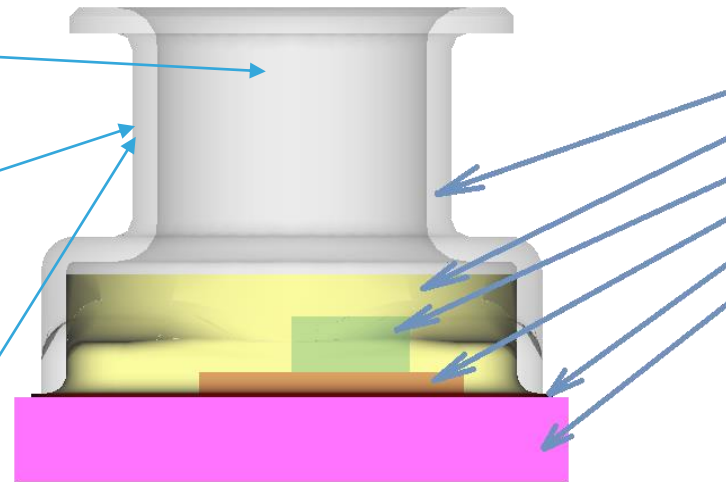
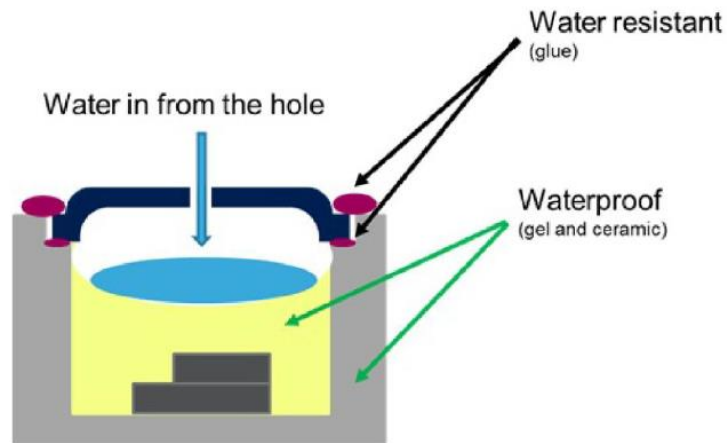
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Large Opening  
prevent water/debris trapping

Cap Grounded  
Sustain higher ESD shock

Cylindrical Cap  
More secure seal against the  
device housing

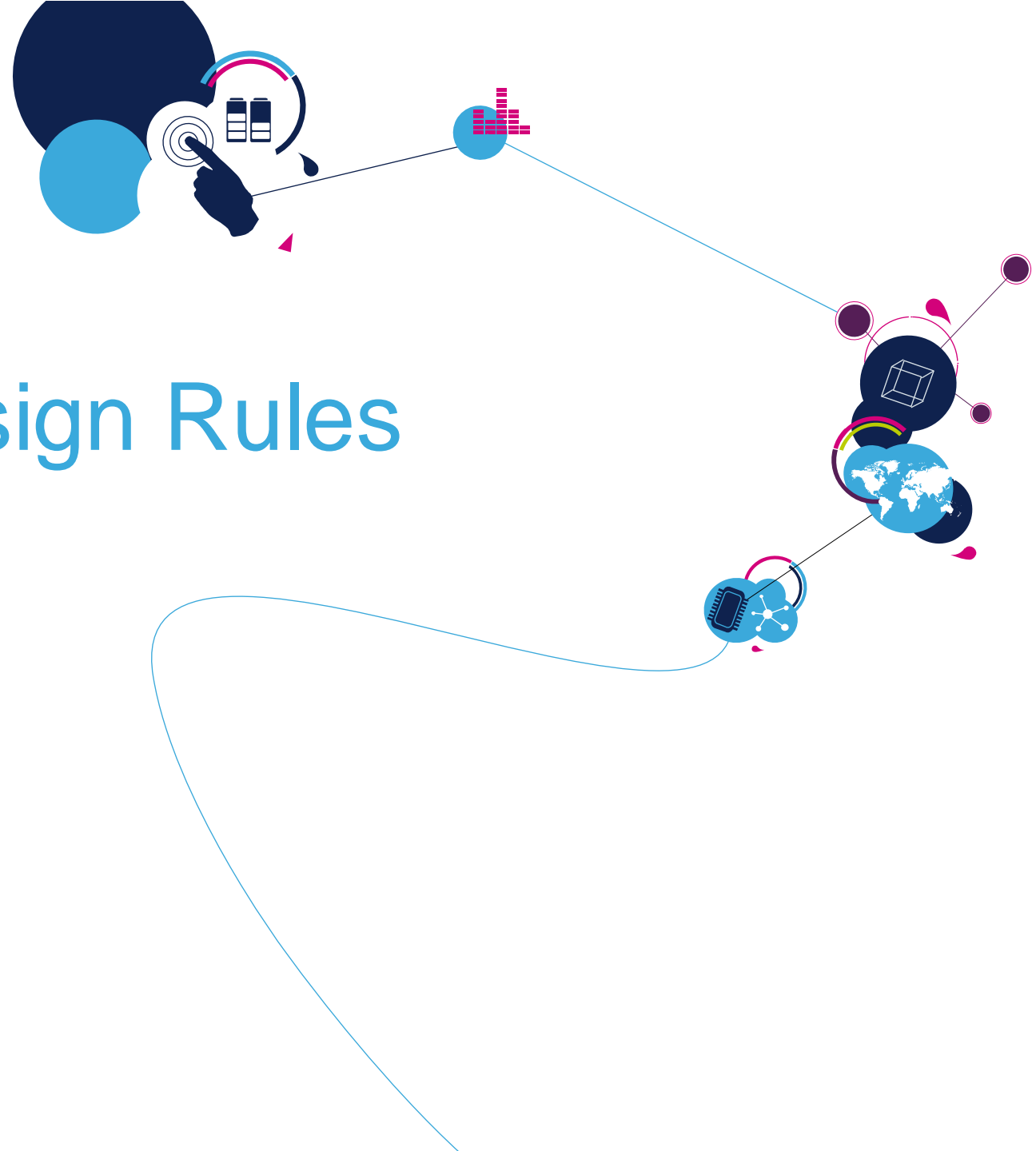
Stainless steel can  
Potting gel for water-proof  
design  
Pressure sensor membrane  
Controller ASIC  
Ceramic substrate



Cylindrical Cap: port opening, shear test data is available

# System and PCB Design Rules

## For Pressure Sensors

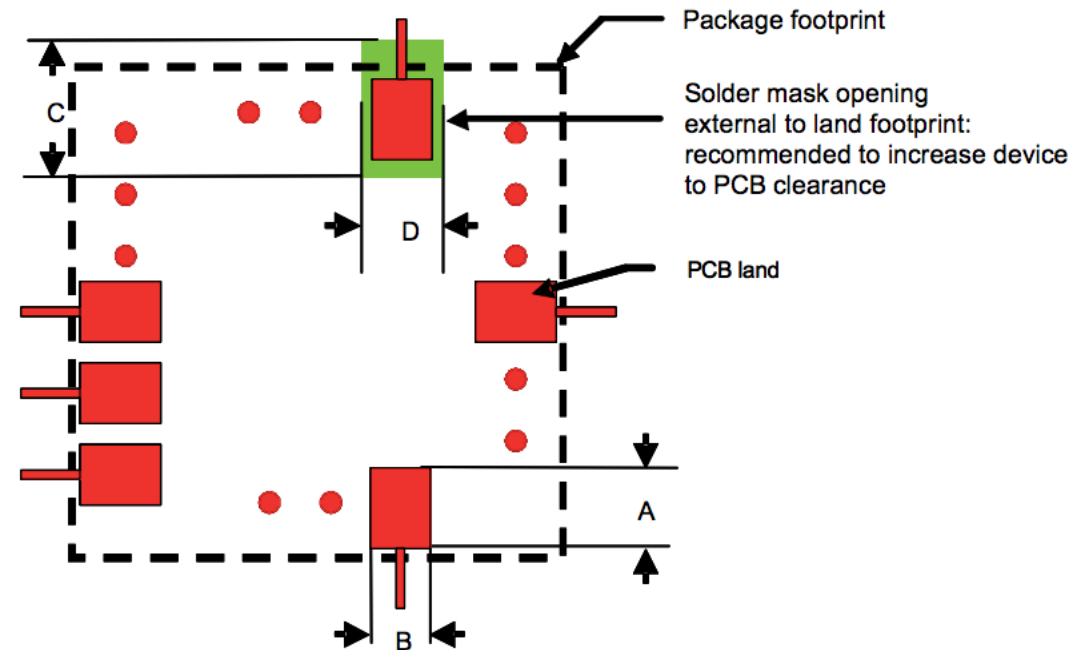


## ■ PCB design rules

- The area below the sensor must be defined as “keep-out” area.
- Mechanical stress coming from PCB board should be avoided
- The whole package surface should have minimum temperature gradient

## ■ Soldering

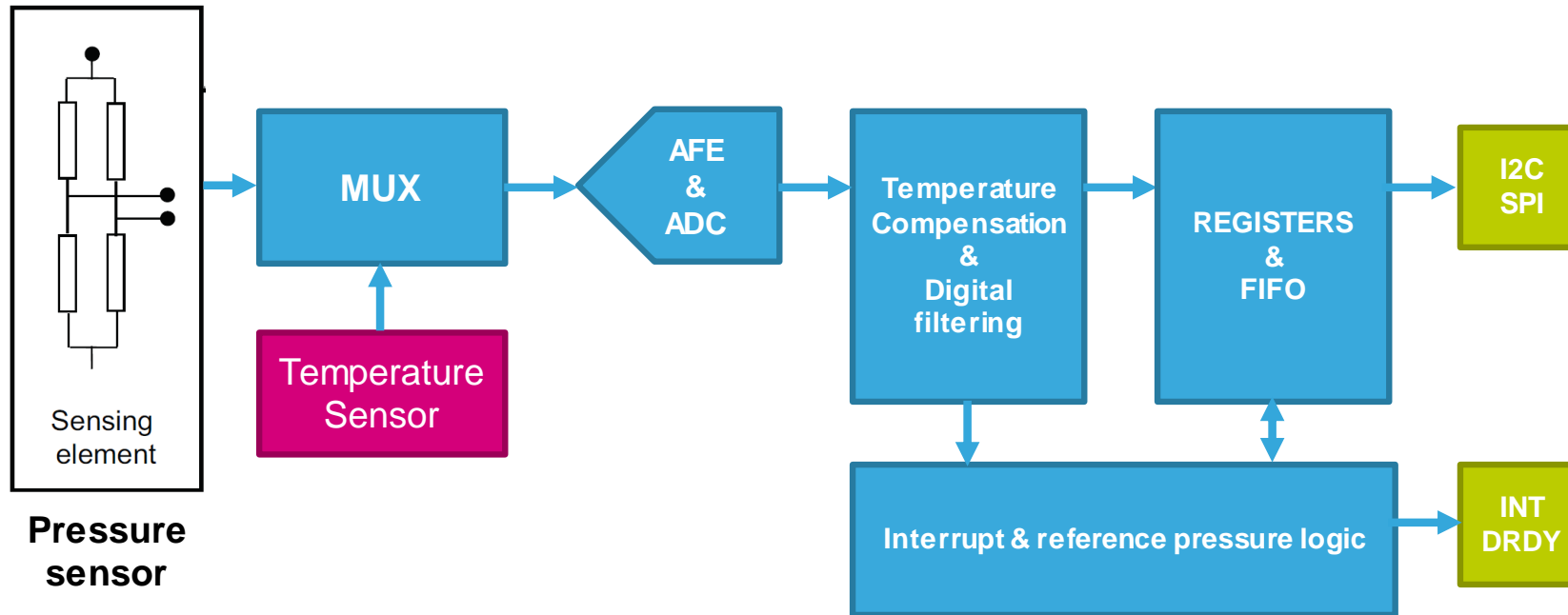
- LGA packages for pressure sensor are qualified for soldering heat resistance according to JEDEC J-STD-020, in MSL3 condition.



- Surface mounting guidelines for MEMS sensors in LGA package
  - Any cleaning process has to avoid foreign materials inside the sensing element holes
  - Kapton sticker can be applied after the soldering profile and before cleaning

# Internal Block Diagram of a Pressure Sensor

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- The sensor is calibrated at 3 temperatures and 2 pressures for better accuracy
  - Trimming parameters are loaded at each start-up.
  - No need for re-calibration in application.

# How to Interface with the Device

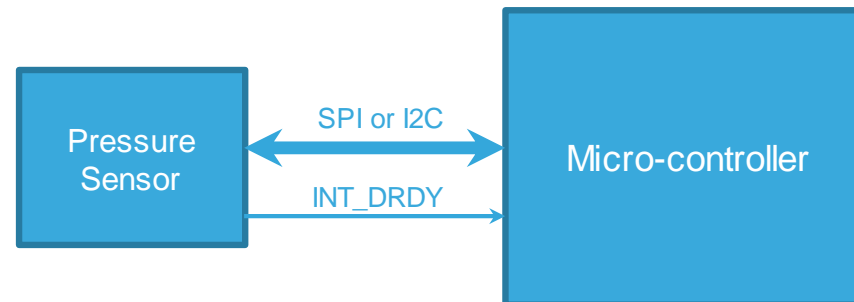
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## ➤ Power supply

- Separated Vdd and Vdd\_IO lines (ultra low drop, low noise LDO)
- Supply voltage range: 1.71 to 3.6V for both, VDD\_IO <= VDD

## ➤ The device is capable of communicating over 2 digital serial interfaces

- SPI 3-wire(CS, SPC, SDI/O) or 4-wire (CS, SPC, SDI, SDO)
  - I<sup>2</sup>C (SCL, SDA) with slave address selectable by SA0 pin
  - CS pin is used to select between SPI and I<sup>2</sup>C
  - I<sup>2</sup>C interface can be disabled using I2C\_EN bit of CTRL\_REG2 (21h)
- Device setup and data acquisition is done by accessing registers of the sensor
- INT\_DRDY interrupt push-pull pin has programmable functionality (pressure high, pressure low, data ready, FIFO interrupts)

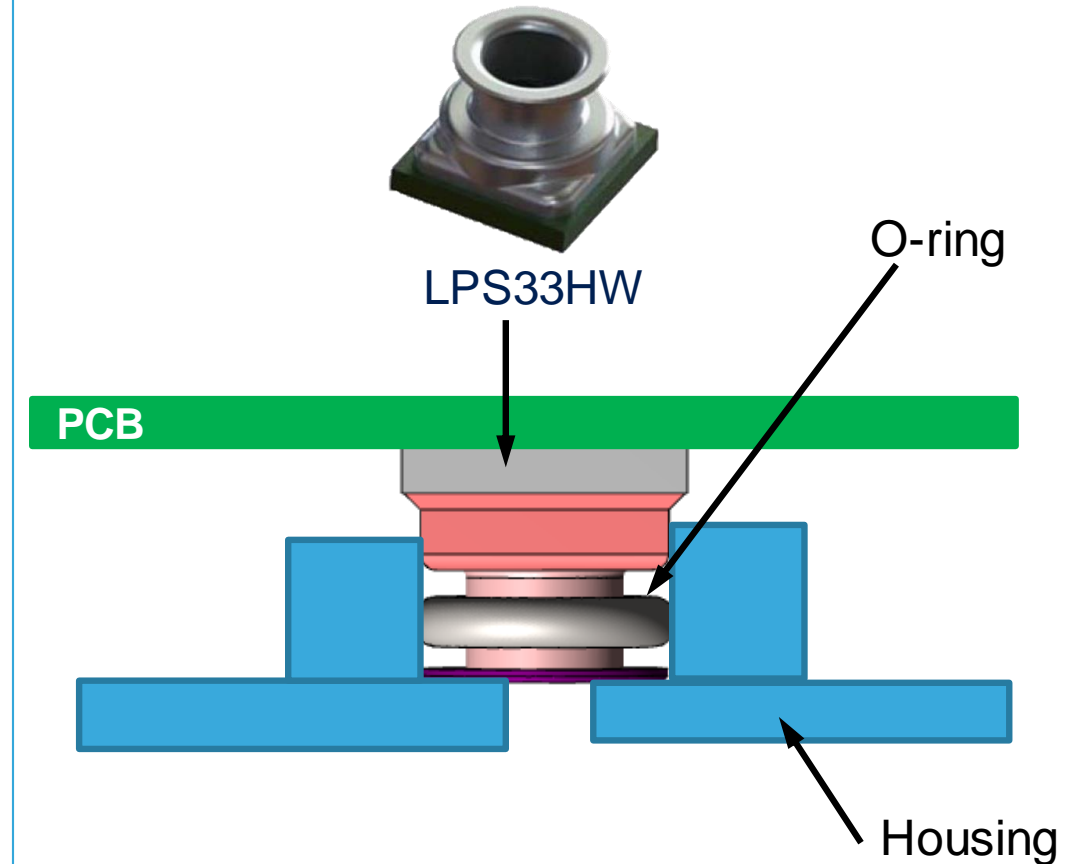
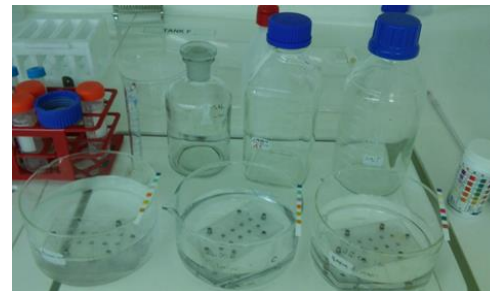
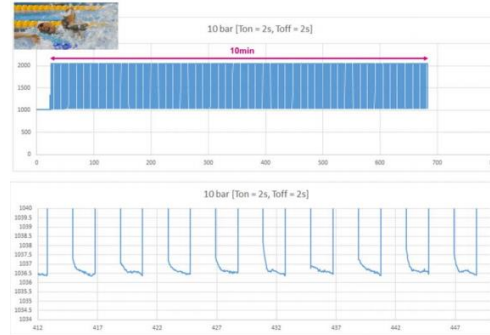


# Water-proof Package:

## Tests and Sealing

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- Over pressure test
  - Test condition : 1.5 / 3 / 5 / 10 bar over pressure for 10sec & 60sec
  - no impact in accuracy nor other performance
- Hot Chlorine, Bromine and Salt water test
  - Potting GEL not affected to cause any accuracy error
- Detergent water (commercial shampoo, hand soap and water mixed in)
- Aging & corrosion test in n-Pentane liquid for 72hr
  - No physical damage by n-Pentane after 72hr with performance in SPEC

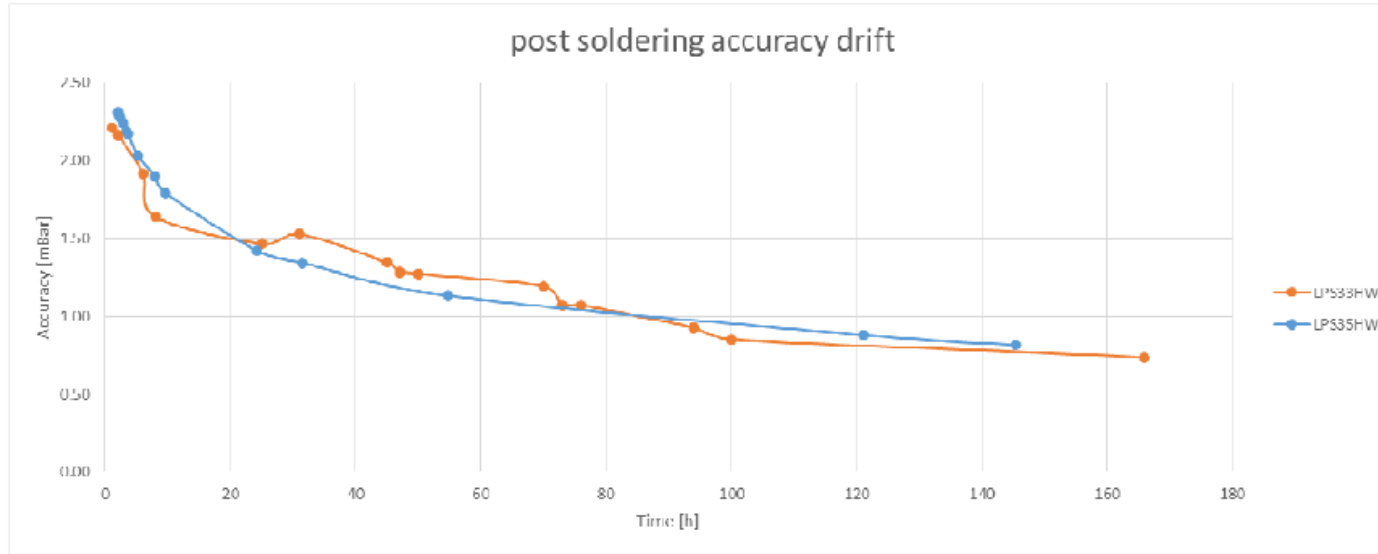


**Sealing is guaranteed by rubber o-ring and housing design** – guidelines provided in a dedicated AN (AN5063)



# LPS35/33HW Recovery Time After Reflow

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- It's normal for water resistant pressure output drift after SMD reflow. High temperature affects the gel, then causes the output shift.
- ST parts recover faster than most of the competitors' parts.
- Faster recovery time helps manufacturing process flow.

- Average value on ~50 samples per device
- Multi-layer PCB with 1mm thickness

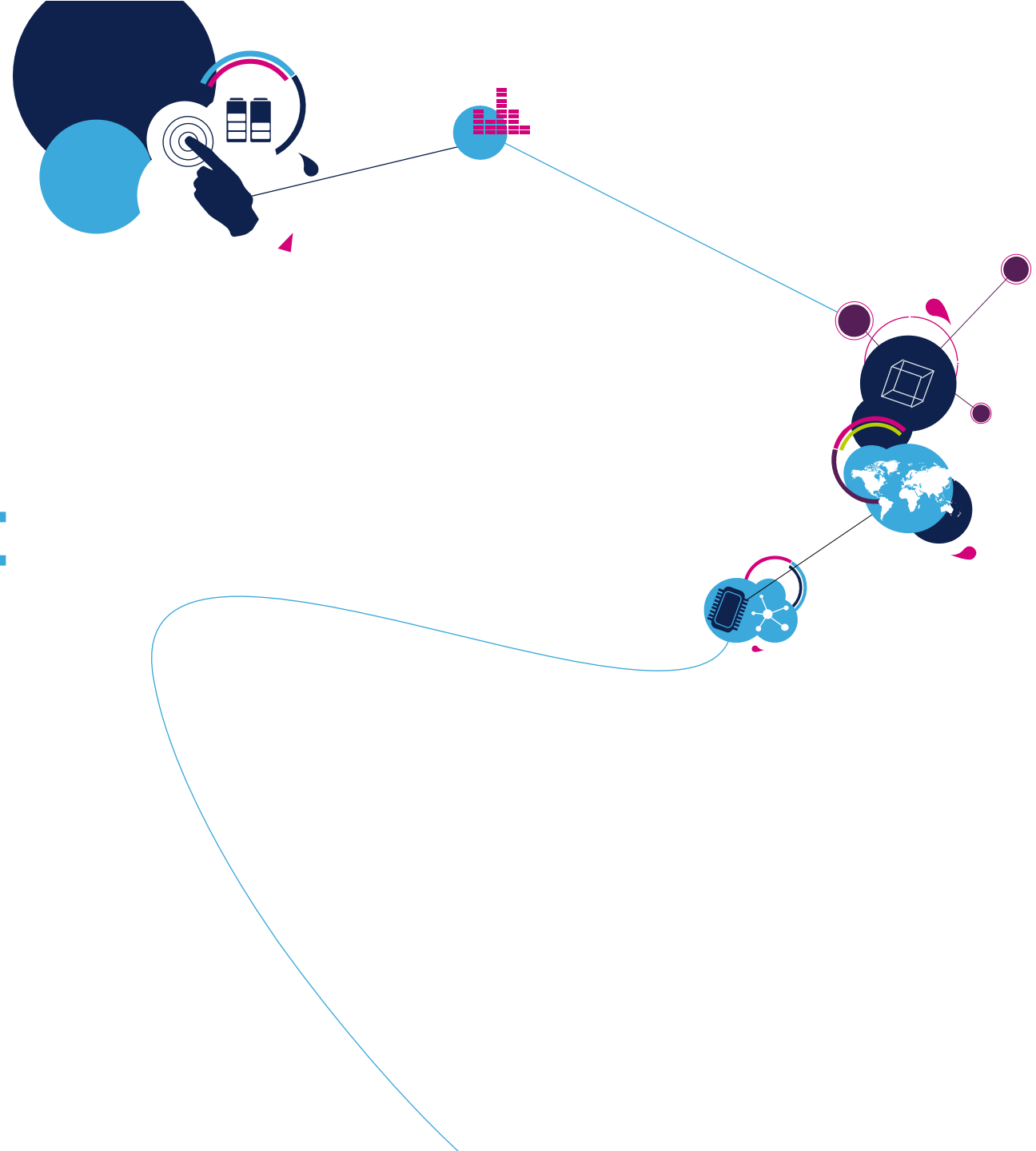


- All 100pcs LPS33HHW engineering samples have <3 days settle time





# Pressure Sensors: Applications

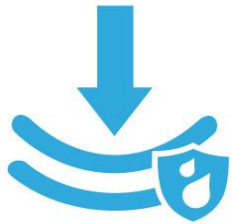


# Key Roles of a Pressure Sensor

## in Applications

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- Ambient Pressure measurement – mbar/hPa (atmospheric pressure sensor – 260-1260mbar)



For weather forecasting

- For application where water-resistant or water-proof is needed



e.g. sport watches

- Altimeter for navigation and tracking



Average Sea level pressure = 1013.25 mbar (varies with weather)  
Pressure decrease when altitude increases

- Monitoring under / over pressure



e.g. bag / water container content

# Pressure Sensor Applications

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Weather Station



Altimeter and Barometer



Smart Watch



Smart Glasses



GPS Applications



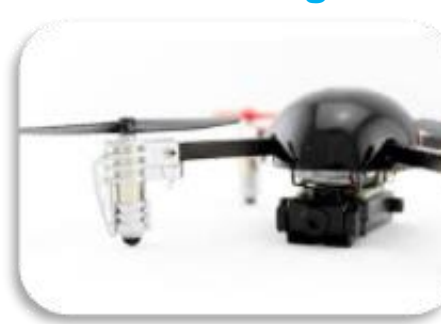
Indoor Navigation



Vacuum Cleaner



Man Down Detection



Drones

# Pressure Sensor Applications

with water proof capability

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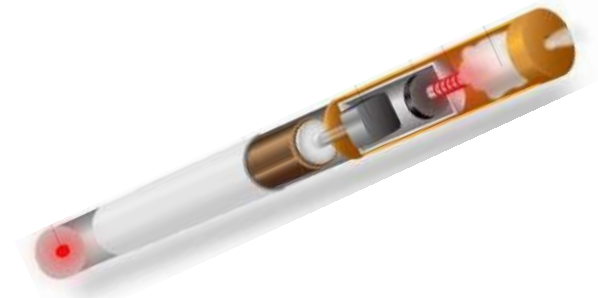
Vaccum cleaner  
Floor type, dust bag content level



Asset tracking  
Takeoff/landing pressure



Gas meter  
Leakage detection



E-cigarette  
Detect inhalation



Altimeter control  
Pressure measurement



Weather station /  
Air quality monitoring



Performance  
Measurement  
Measure pressure variation



Indoor & outdoor  
Navigation  
Floor level detection

# Waterproof PS in a Wash Machine

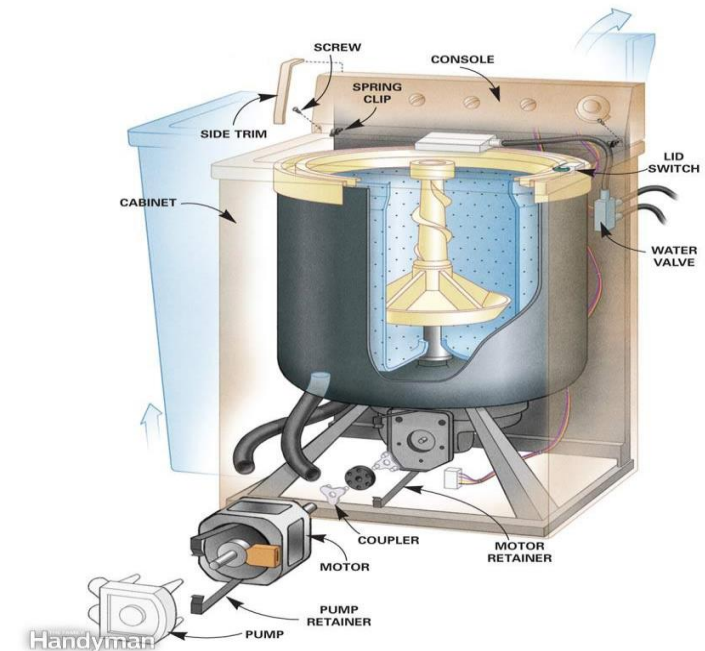
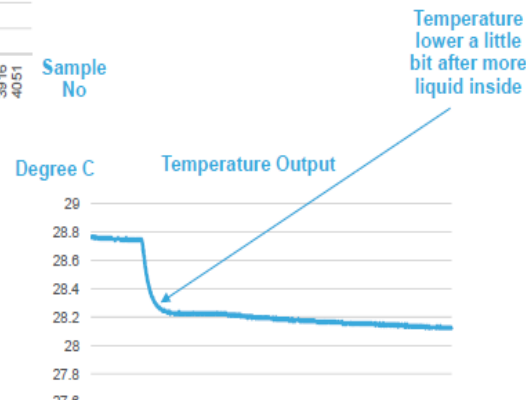
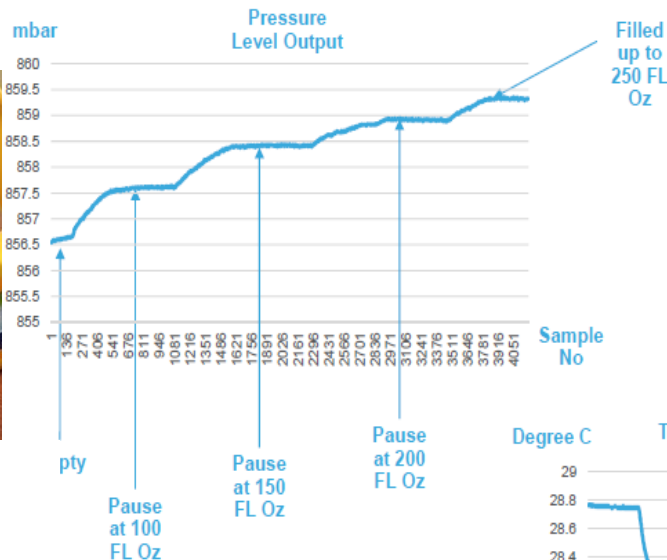
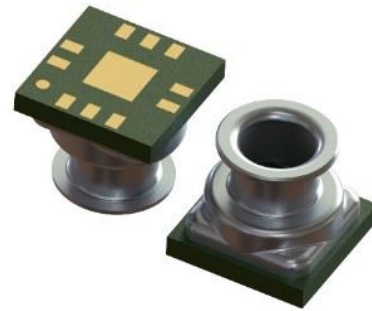
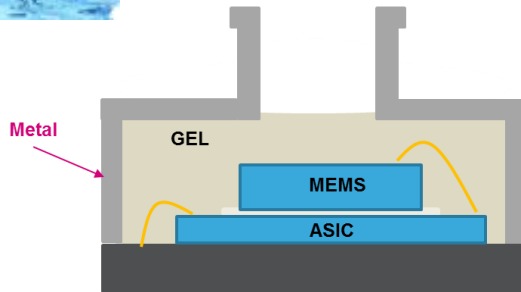
## Water/Laundry Detergent Level/Temp Control

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### Pressure Sensor in Wash Machines

In the stream water level and temperature control

- Remove pressure hose
- Precise water level detection
- Sensing/control water temperature for different type of clothing
- Any liquid





# Water Level Monitoring / Alarm

## with Pressure Sensor

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### Pressure Sensors (LPS22HB and LPS33HW) in Water Level Monitoring / Alarms



- Pressure sensor used for measure Water Level in SMART Water Level monitoring / Alarm
- Usage of two pressure sensors one on the top of the tank (LPS22HB) measuring the ambient temperature and one on the waterproof device (LPS33HW) as a probe within the water.

**LPS22HB** Pressure Sensor

P1 : Ambient Pressure



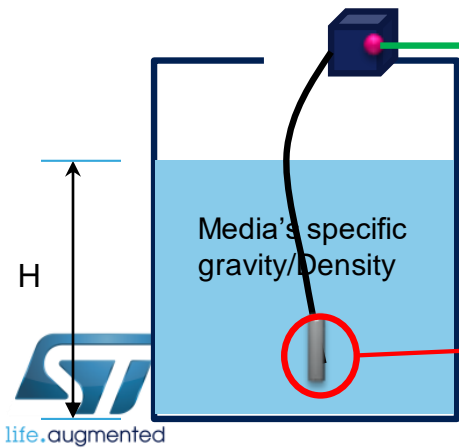
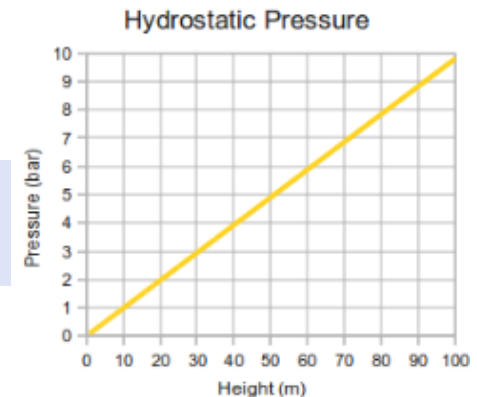
**LPS33HW** Water Proof Pressure Sensor

P2 : Pressure in Water & Need Water Proof

✓ P2-P1: Calculate to Water Depth in below.

✓ P2 - P1 : 100hPa (0.1Bar) = 1 meter (3.3feet)

✓ P2 - P1 : 1000hPa (1Bar) = 10 meter (33 feet)



# Fall Detection

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- ST SW Algorithm can detect fall of users
  - Uses Accelerometer and Pressure sensor combination to minimize false alarm.
  - Uses change in acceleration + change in height from pressure sensor to detect fall.
  - Combining sensors allows fast detection and better rejection of false positives.
  - 36/36 falls classified correctly (forward, backward, left, right) with no false positive (sit down, lie down, stairs down, elevator).
  - Tested for belt position



Figure 5. Fall Detection window

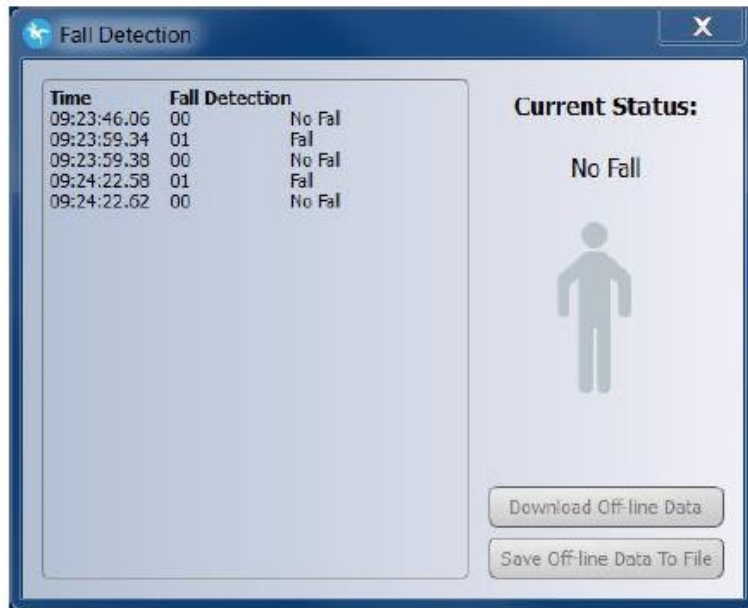
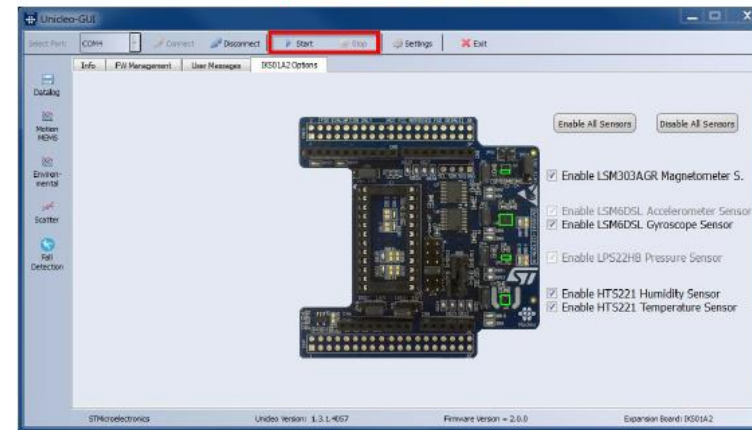


Figure 3. Unicleo main window



**Water Resistant Pressure Sensor  
enables the monitor used in bath/shower**

# Pressure Sensors for Takeoff and Landing

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Pressure Sensors In SCM

**TAKE OFF DETECTION**  
**TRACKER RADIO OFF**



**Take off and  
landing detection**

**LANDING DETECTION**  
**TRACKER RADIO ON**



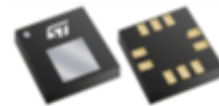
Absolute Pressure Sensors

## Nano digital absolute pressure sensor

- Embedded temperature compensation
- Pressure range 260 to 1260 hpa
- Over pressure capability: 20xFs
- Embedded FIFO
- HLGA 10L 2.0 x 2.0 x 0.73mm

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AVAILABLE

**LPS22HH**



## Water resistant absolute pressure sensor

- Absolute pressure range 260 to 1260 hpa
- Embedded temperature compensation
- Water resistant package
- Embedded FIFO
- CCLGA 10L 3.3 x 3.3 x 2.9mm

AVAILABLE

**LPS33HW**





# Tools, SW & Evaluation Kits

# Professional MEMS Tool

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## Description

- Access to device registers and features in an easy to use GUI
- Useful as a comparison for debugging your system
- For feasibility / use case analysis
- eMotion Mainboard supports most MEMS devices via 24-pin socket

## Pressure Sensor Adapters

LPS22HH

LPS22HB: STEVAL-MET001V1

LPS33HW: STEVAL-MKI183V1

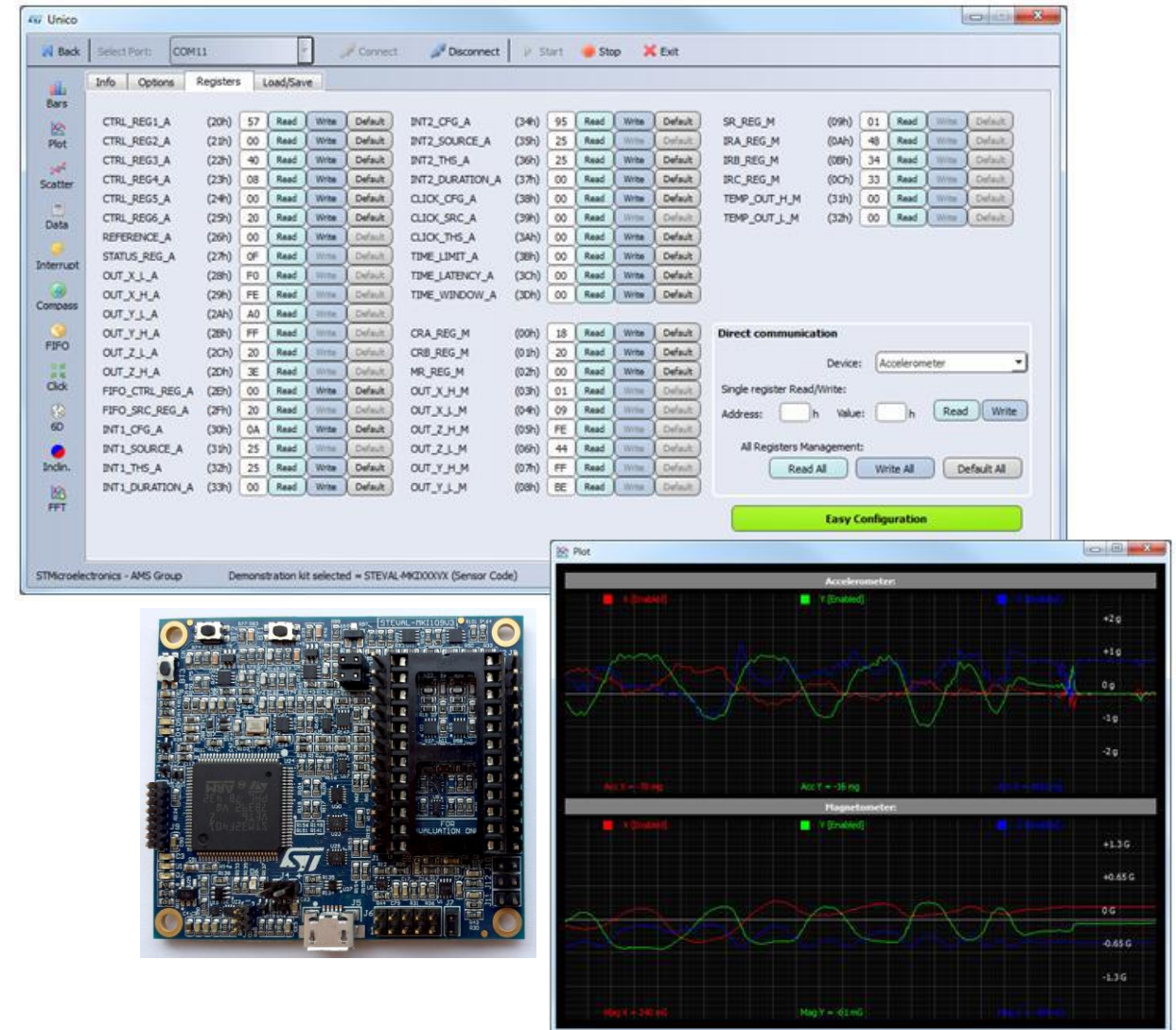
LPS35HW: STEVAL-MKI177V1

## ST MEMS adapters motherboard STEVAL-MKI109V3



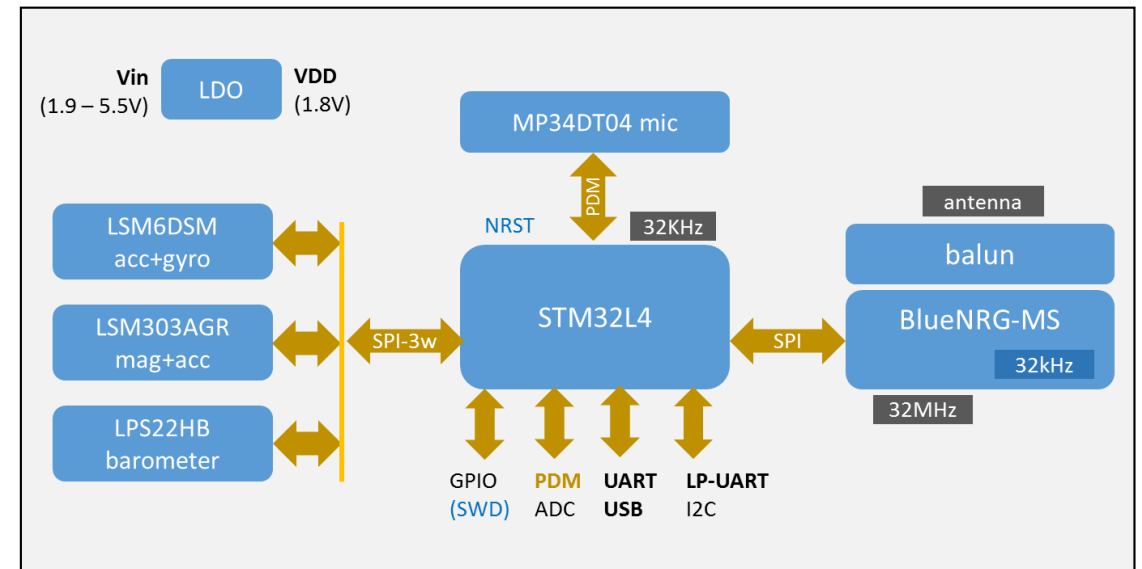
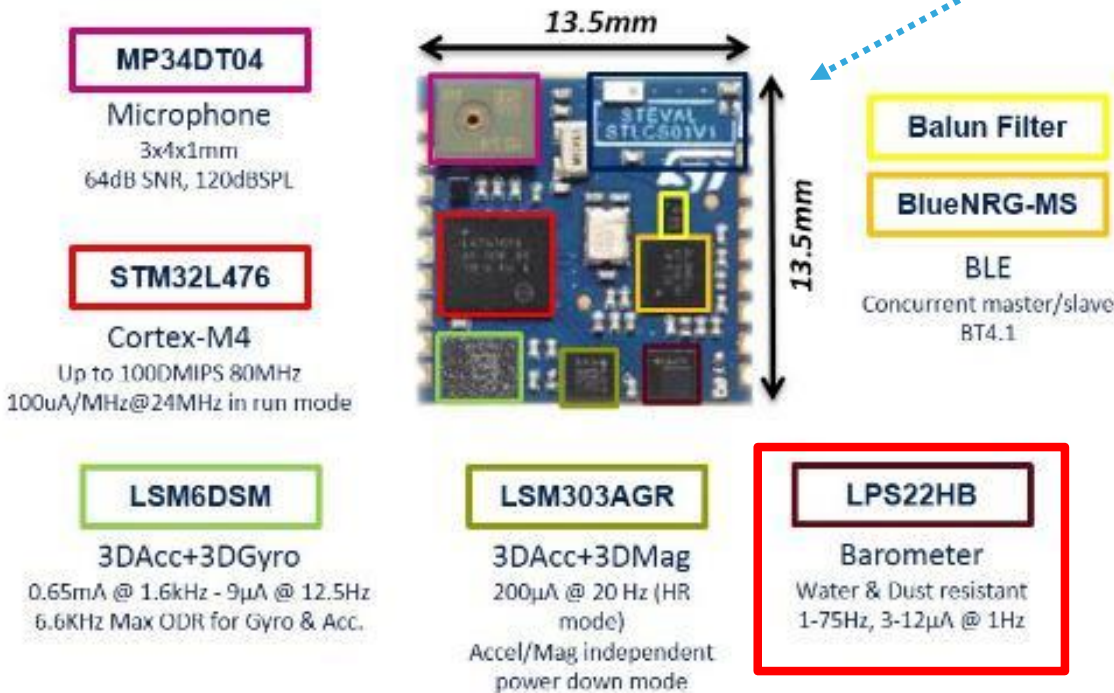
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\* New MKI109V3 board natively supports 1.8v adapters (e.g. MKI174V1) and is also backward compatible with 3.3v adapters



Unico.exe GUI for PC

## Sensors+BLE+MCU Eval Kit!



**DIME SIZED** evaluation / development kit.

# STEVAL-STLKT01V1

## SensorTile + Eval kit

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STEVAL-STLCS02V1



13.5 x 13.5 mm



Miniaturized Tile that can be **soldered** or **plugged** on a host board

### Key products on board

**LSM6DSM:** MEMS 3D accelerometer ( $\pm 2/\pm 4/\pm 8/\pm 16$  g) + 3D gyroscope ( $\pm 245/\pm 500/\pm 2000$  dps) with OIS

**LSM303AGR:** MEMS 3D magnetometer ( $\pm 50$  gauss) + 3D accelerometer ( $\pm 2/\pm 4/\pm 8$  g /  $\pm 16$  g)

**LPS22HB:** MEMS pressure sensor, 260-1260 hPa absolute digital output barometer

**BLUENRG-MS:** BLE Network processor

**BALF-NRG-01D3 :** 50 Ohm / Conjugate match to BlueNRG Balun

**MP34DT04 :** Digital MEMS microphone

**STM32L4 :** Microcontroller

100 mAh Li-Ion battery included



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OpenSoftwareX

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open.RF



Order code: STEVAL-STLKT01V1  
Module only: **STEVAL-STLCS02V1** (available NOW)

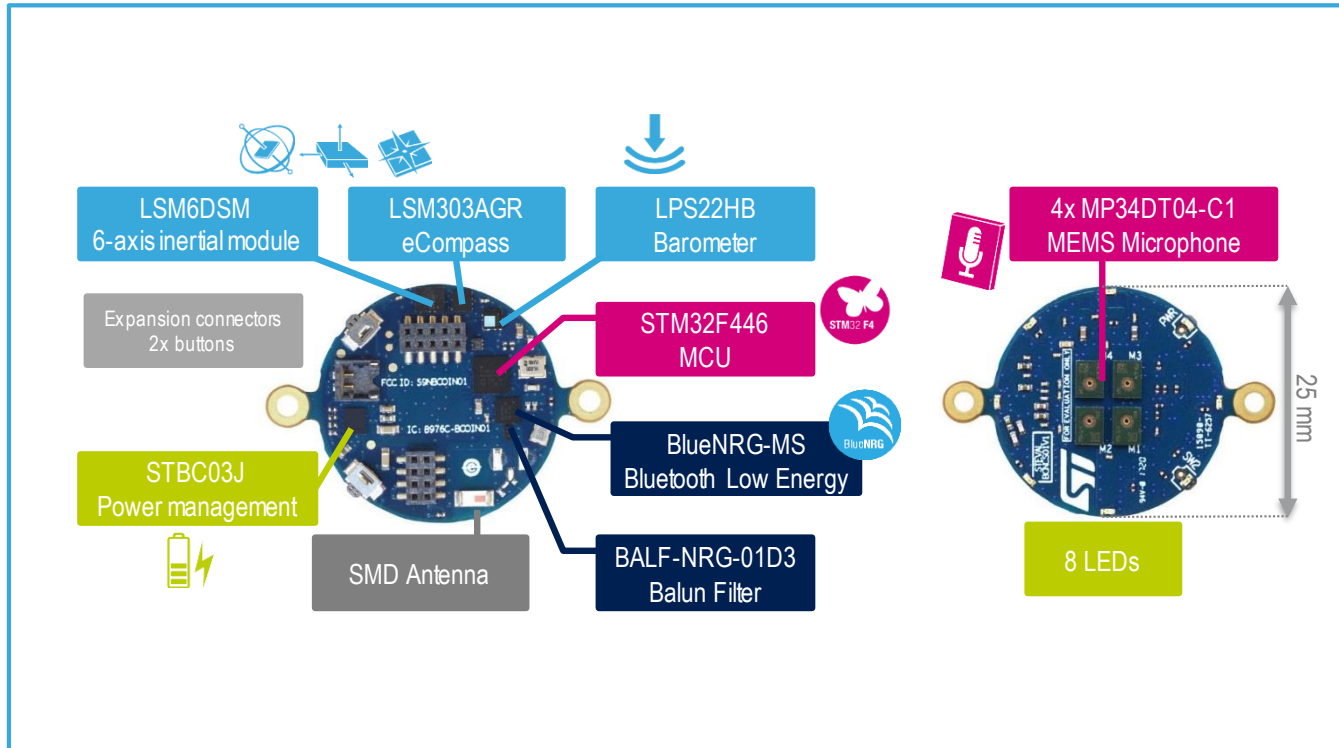
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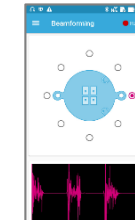
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## STSW-BCNKT01

Software examples for BlueCoin firmware package, including sensor data streaming via USB and BLE, data logging on SD card, gesture recognition, audio acquisition and playback. Support for custom App. development



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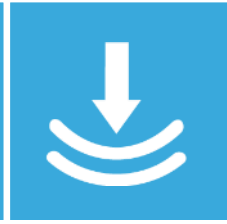
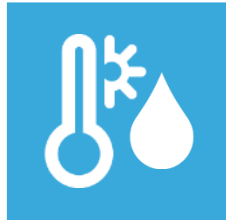
## Sensor NFC TAG

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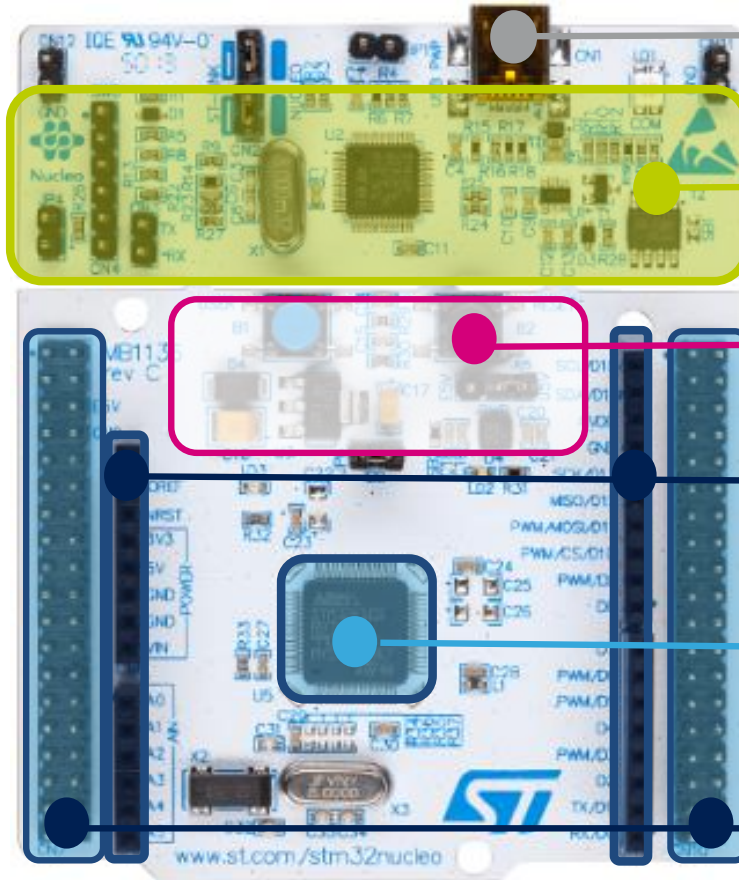
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- **LIS2DW12** ultra-low-power high-performance three-axis linear accelerometer
- **LPS22HB** Absolute pressure sensor which functions as a digital output barometer: 260-1260 hPa
- **HTS221** humidity and temperature sensor
- **ST25DV64K** dynamic NFC tag solution based on 64K-bit (8K-Byte) EEPROM and with I<sup>2</sup>C interface, Fast Transfer Mode and Energy Harvesting features
- **STM32L031K6** ultra-low-power ARM Cortex-M0+ MCU running at 32 MHz with 32-Kbytes Flash and 8-Kbytes RAM
- **STLQ015** low drop linear regulator power management



# Nucleo / X-Nucleo: Stackable solution

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Flexible board power supply :  
through USB or external source

Integrated ST-Link/V2-1:  
mass storage device flash programming

2 push buttons, 2 color Leds

Arduino extension connectors :  
easy access to add-ons

One STM32 MCU flavor with 64

Morpho extension headers :  
direct access to all MCU I/Os

STM32 Nucleo features

# X-CUBE-MEMS1

## MEMS sensors in just 5 steps

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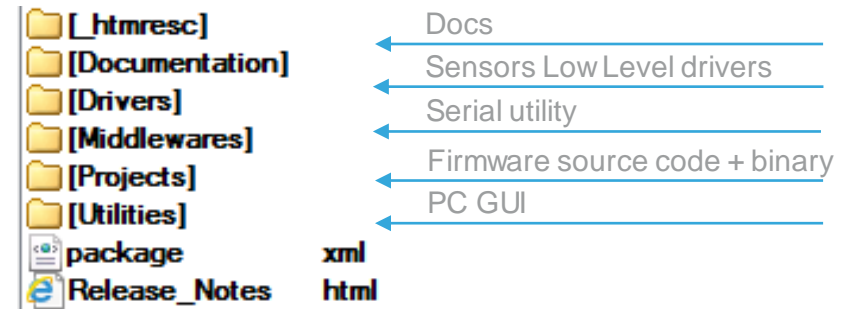
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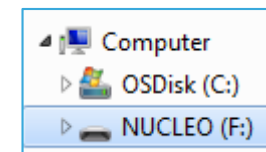


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X-CUBE-MEMS1

X-CUBE-MEMS1 package structure

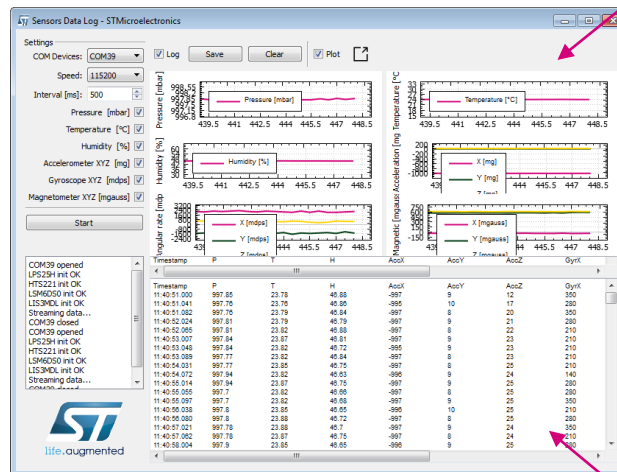


4 drag and drop  
DataLog.bin  
on Nucleo drive



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...and Run PC GUI



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# The Right SW for Your Sensor

## Middleware Libraries

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