

# Focus on IMU with Machine Learning Core

**Why Machine Learning in a sensor**



**How Machine Learning Core works**



**Development tools for MLC**



**Where to go next**



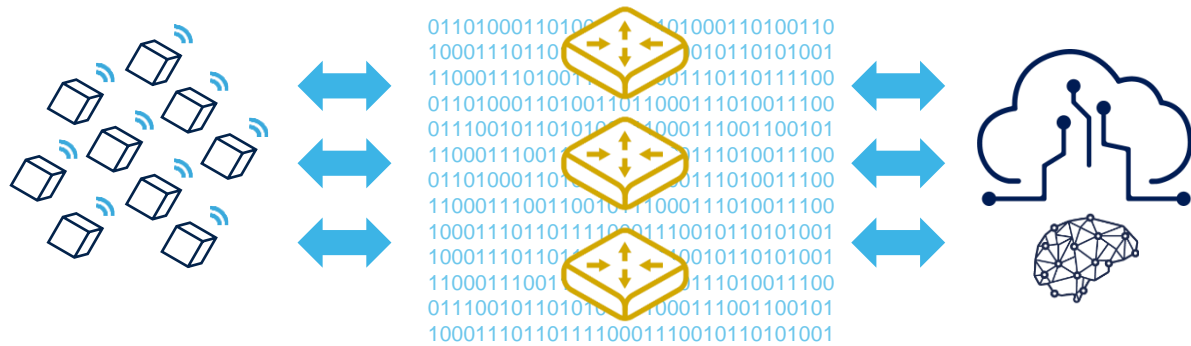
# Moving to edge computing

## CLOUD COMPUTING

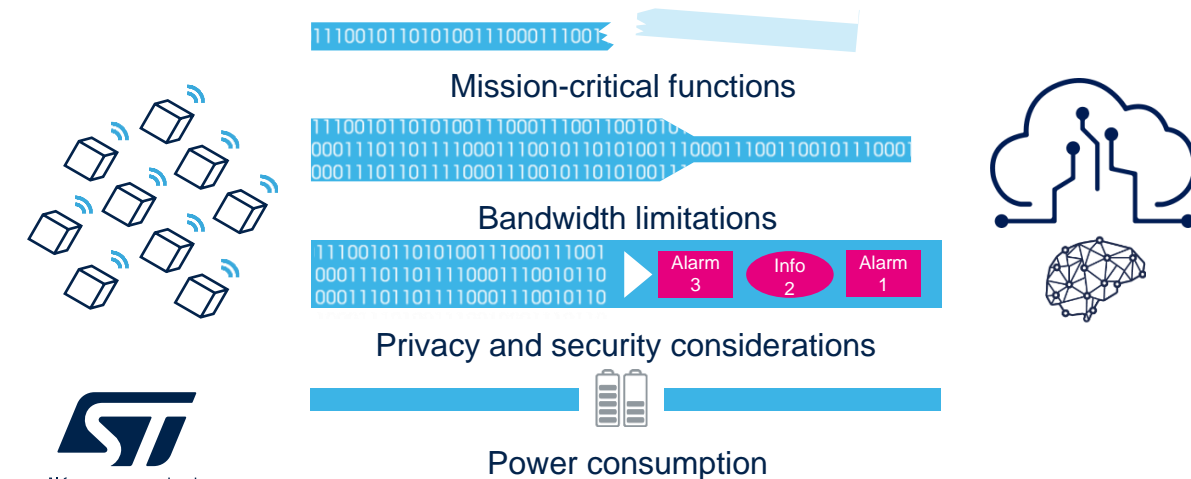
Collect and send data

Protocol translation and  
device management

Big Data and  
heavy computation

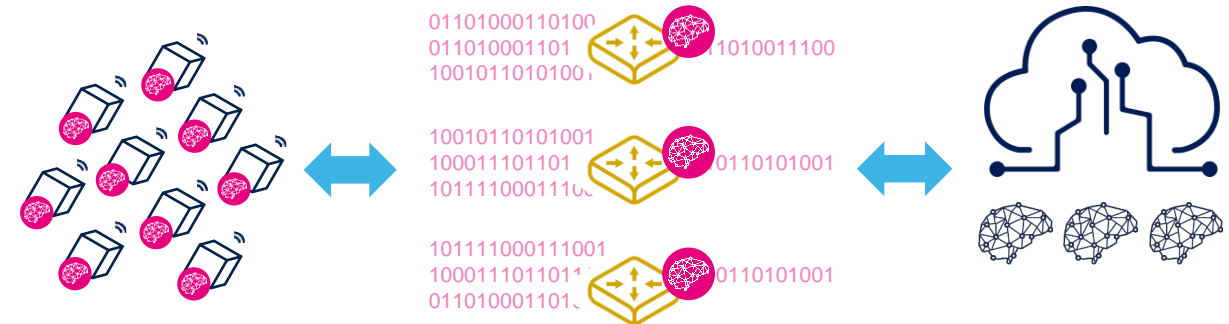


**Time-sensitive applications are limited by remote cloud**



## EDGE COMPUTING

**Time-sensitive applications should be locally processed**



Collect, Process  
And Send Data

Local Processing of Data

Optimized computation  
and Advanced Analysis

**Opportunity: move computation to sensor nodes with local processing for real-time elaboration and best power efficiency**



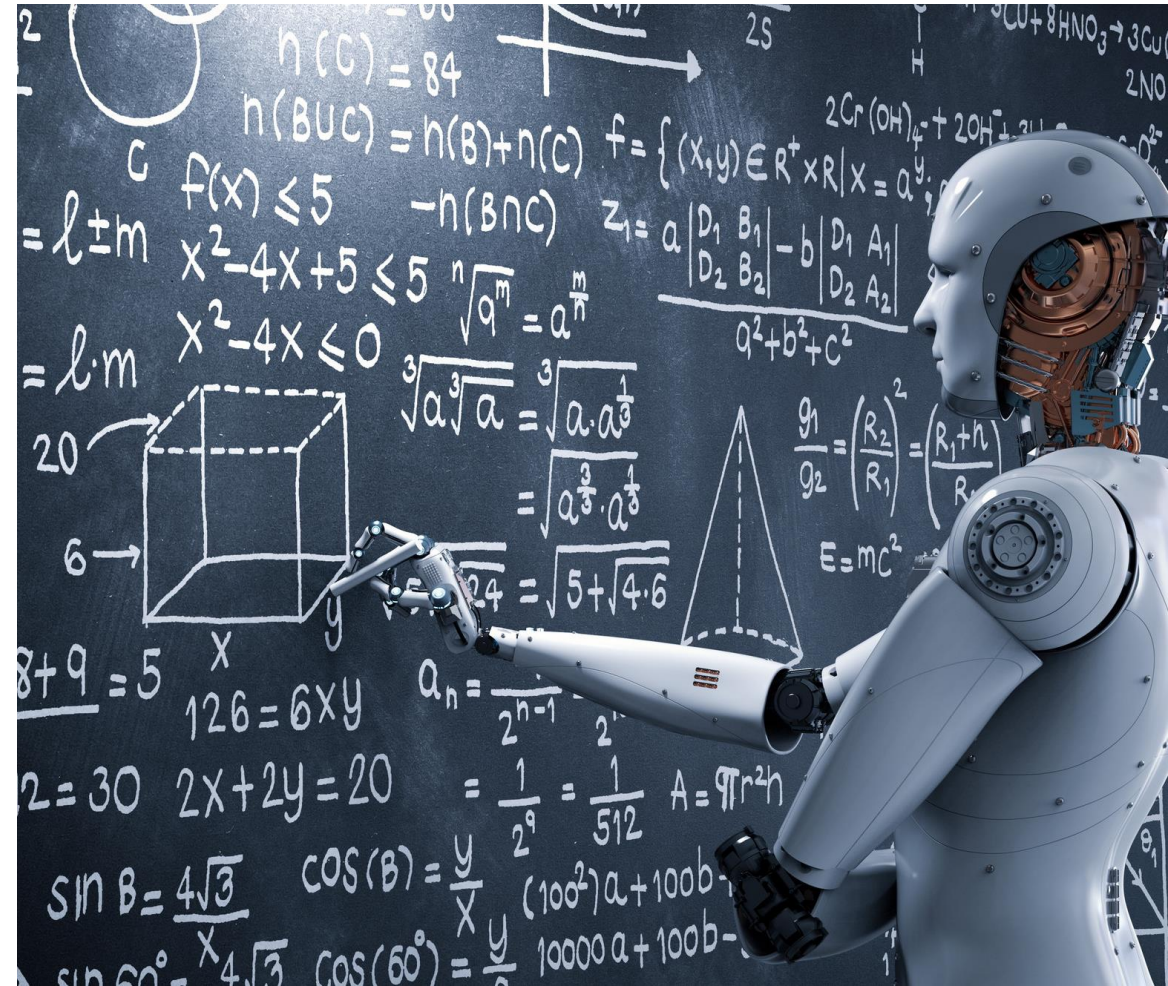
# Machine Learning, why do we need it?

When a complex task or problem involves a large amount of data and lots of variables, **but no existing formula or equation can solve it**

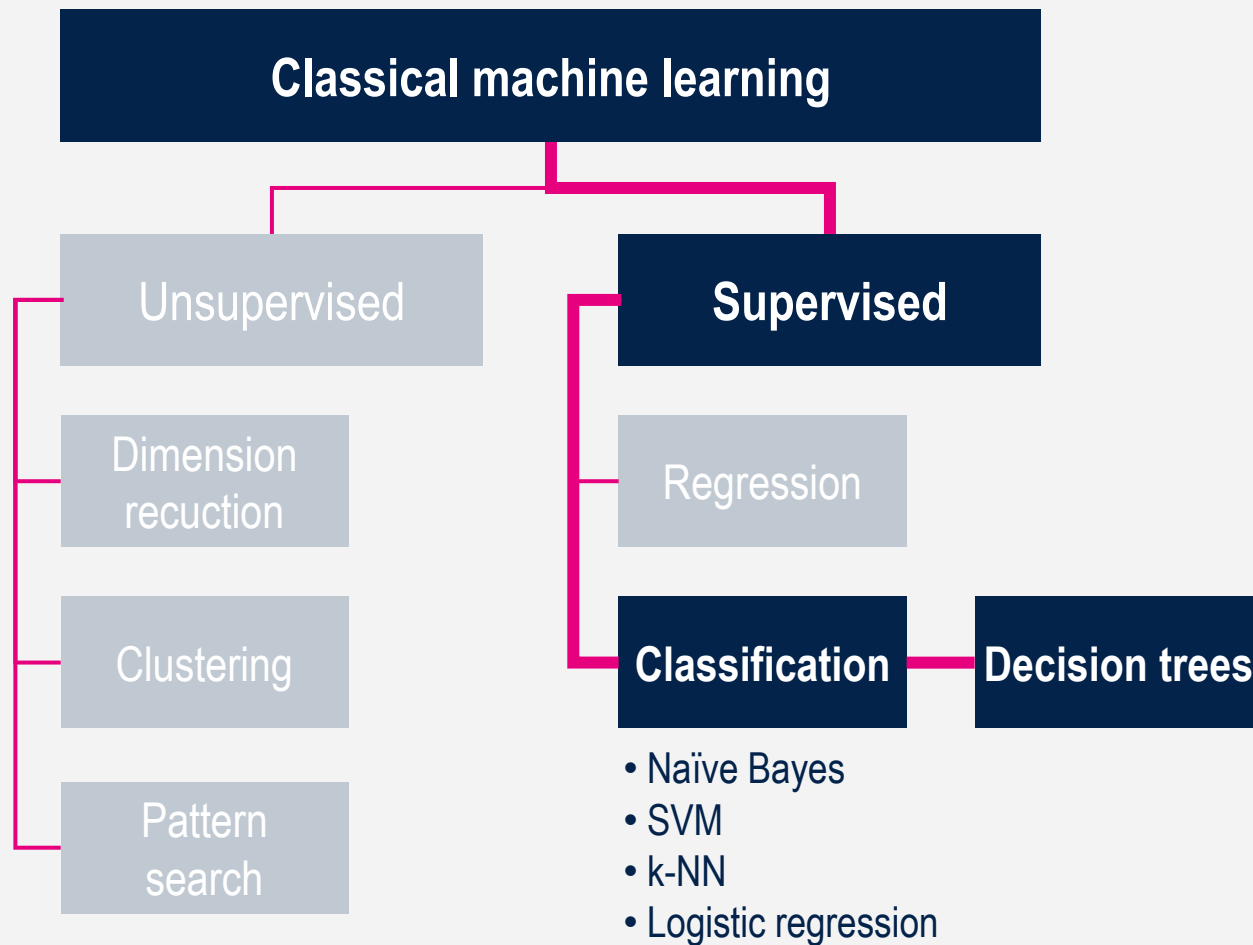
An example of difficult program:

*How to recognize the handwritten digits?*

- Very difficult to define the rules!
- What makes all these numbers to be identifiable?
- Is there a pattern?
- What is it that makes a 2 to be identified as a 2?



# Machine Learning embedded in ST Sensors



ST sensors embed **Decision trees**

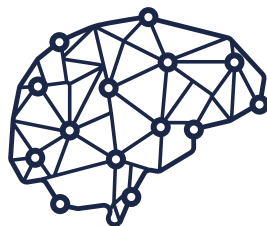
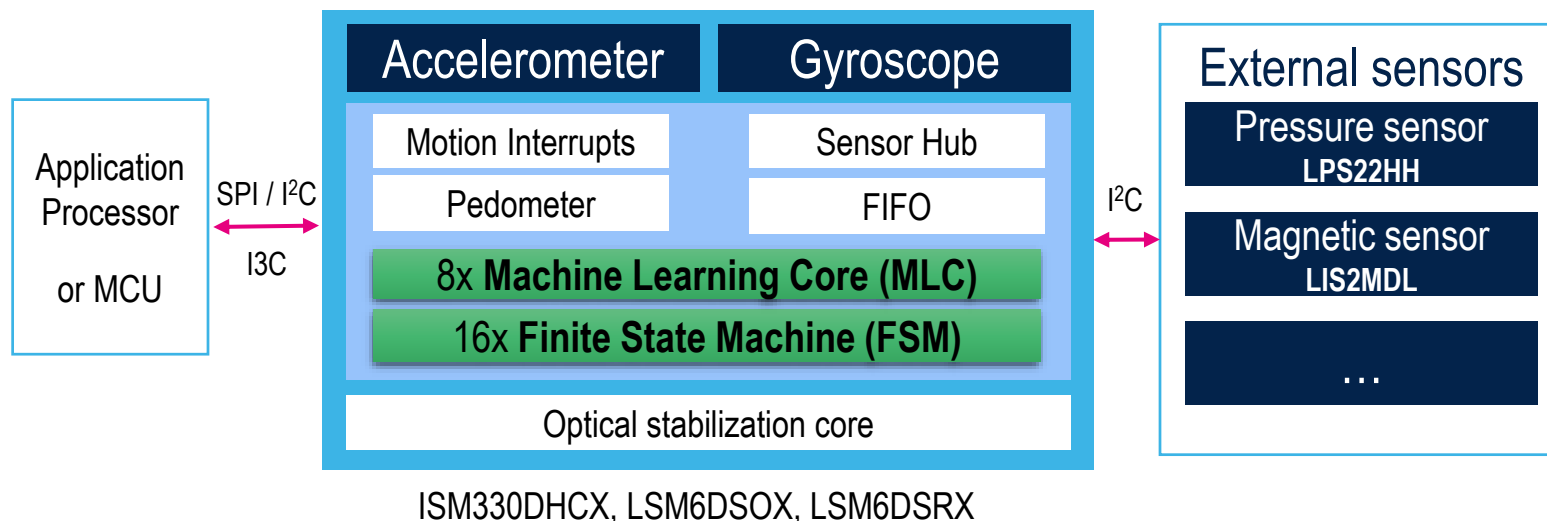
Decision tree runs **Classification**, i.e algorithm that splits objects into classes based on attributes known beforehand

**Supervised machine learning** technique is used to create decision trees

# 6-axis IMUs with Machine Learning Core

From low power sensor to low power system

## Advanced Features

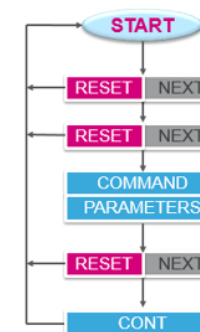


## Embedded AI

### MLC with embedded Decision Trees



### Finite State Machine





# More intelligence with an embedded Machine Learning Core

Get inspired by MLC examples!

## Personal Electronics



Activity  
recognition

Gym activity  
recognition

Head  
gestures

## Industrial IoT



Motion  
intensity

Orientation  
detection

Vibration  
monitoring

## Automotive

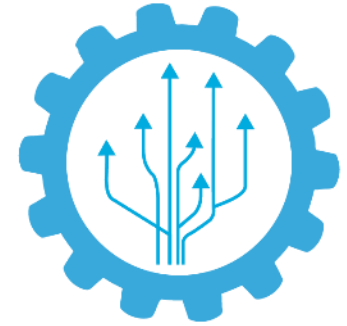


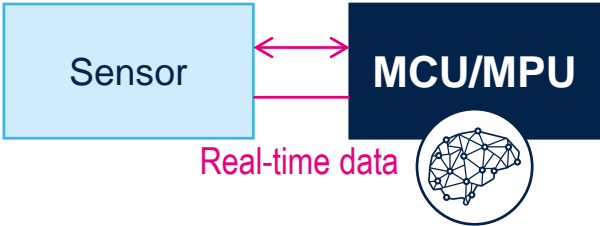
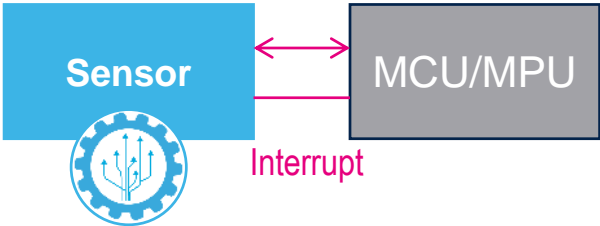








Vehicle stationary  
detection





# System level benefits using MLC



Activity recognition in SW	Activity recognition in MLC
	
	
	
	
	

>1 to 100 times better current consumption with MLC!

# Current consumption: AI in MCU vs. MLC in sensor

**Only 4  $\mu\text{A}$  additional current consumption to run Activity Recognition with MLC**

Activity recognition library (MotionAR) running in **SW** in **MCU**

LSM6DSOX Sensor		Sensor Current consumption
Sensor Core		15 $\mu\text{A}$
MLC – not used		0 $\mu\text{A}$

MCU	Wake-up rate	MCU Current consumption
STM32L476RG	1/16 = 63ms	51 $\mu\text{A}$

Total: **66 $\mu\text{A}$**

Activity recognition algorithm running **inside LSM6DSOX**

LSM6DSOX Sensor		Sensor Current consumption
Sensor Core		15 $\mu\text{A}$
MLC		4 $\mu\text{A}$

MCU	Wake-up rate	MCU Current consumption
	1 s	2.8 $\mu\text{A}$
STM32L476RG	30 s	0.65 $\mu\text{A}$
	100 s	0.59 $\mu\text{A}$

Total: **20 $\mu\text{A}$**   
**3x power saving**

In both scenario the ODR of the sensor is set in the same condition (ODR 26Hz, LP mode) and same sampling time window.

In the first scenario the microcontroller wakes up to read all new sensor data, in the second scenario the microcontroller wake ups only when a new class is detected.

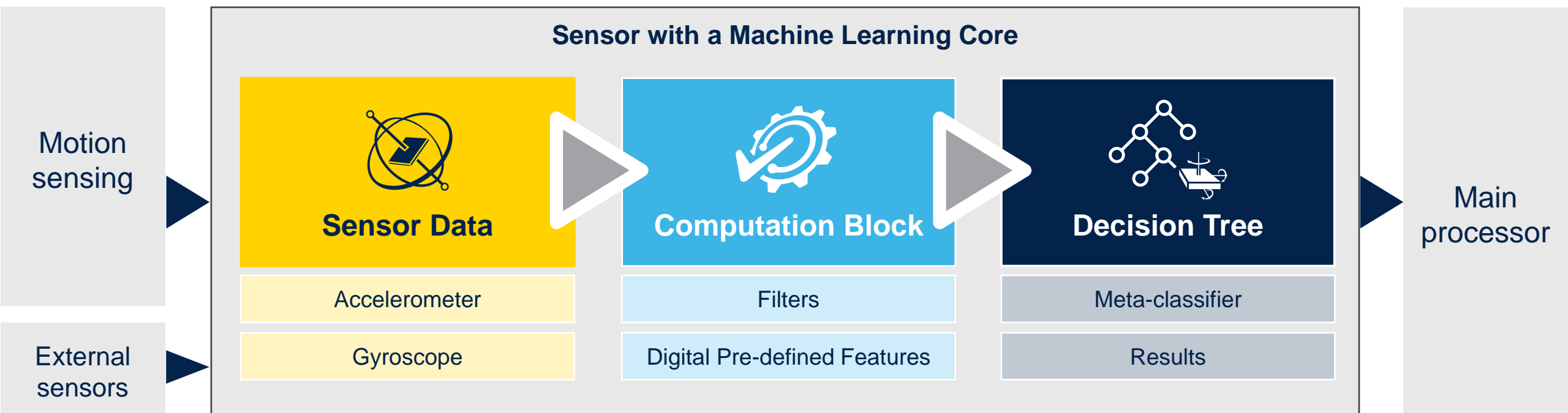
**From system power consumption point of view, the second scenario brings significant power consumption improvement since the microcontroller is less active.**





# Machine Learning Core (MLC) Definition

**MLC is an in-sensor classification engine based on decision tree logic**



**The MLC increases accuracy with a better context detectability, offloading the main processor while the built-in sensors identify motion data**



## MLC works with multiple inputs



### Sensor Data

Accelerometer

Gyroscope

External sensor

A wide set of inputs to be chosen

1. Accelerometer  $[a_x \ a_y \ a_z]$ ,  $[a_v]$ ,  $[a_v^2]$
2. Gyroscope  $[g_x \ g_y \ g_z]$ ,  $[g_v]$ ,  $[g_v^2]$
3. External sensor  $[m_x \ m_y \ m_z]$ ,  $[m_v]$ ,  $[m_v^2]$

Magnitude Available

$$V = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2}$$



# MLC computation block

Rich set of digital filters and features



## Computation Block

Filters

Digital Pre-defined Features

## 2<sup>nd</sup> order IIR filters and statistical features

**Filters:** high-pass, band-pass, user- defined IIR 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> order  
**Features** computed on a sequence of input samples:

- MEAN
- VARIANCE
- ENERGY
- PEAK TO PEAK
- ZERO CROSSING
- PEAK DETECTOR
- MINIMUM
- MAXIMUM

# MLC decision tree

MLC performs classification based on sensor data



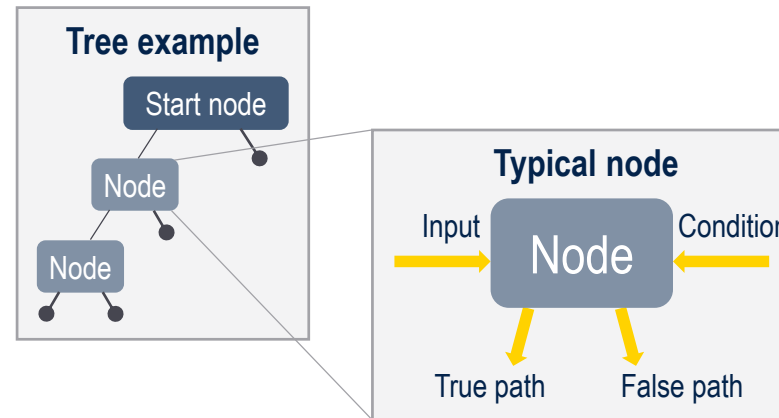
**Decision Tree**

Meta-classifier

Results

Decision Tree: A predictive model built from training data

- Decision tree is composed by nodes, it is a binary tree
- Meta-classifier is a filter on the outputs of the decision tree
- **Decision tree is automatically built by dedicated ML tool**





# What should be done to have decision tree running in the sensor ?

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



User defines **classes** to be recognized and **collects data logs**.



Clean and **label** logs. Define **features** best characterizing the identified classes.



Machine Learning tools **build tree** based on logs and features.



ST tool generates sensor configuration with **embedded decision tree**.



**Configure** the sensor and **run** the application.



Capture data



Label data &  
extract features



Build decision tree

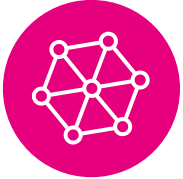


Embed decision tree



Process new data

# Machine Learning process with ST tools



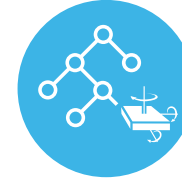
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\* Alternatively other external tools:  
Weka, RapidMiner, MATLAB, Python



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Unico GUI → PC tool for MLC development



AlgoBuilder → PC tool for sensor  
algorithms development



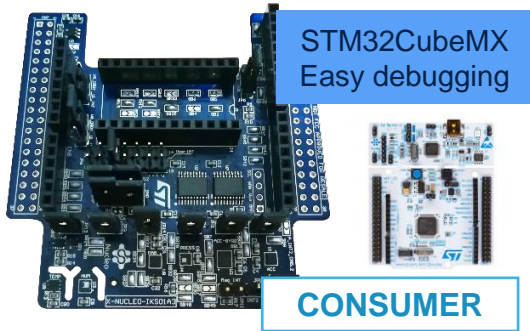
Unicleo-GUI → PC tool for STM32 Nucleo  
with MEMS expansion board



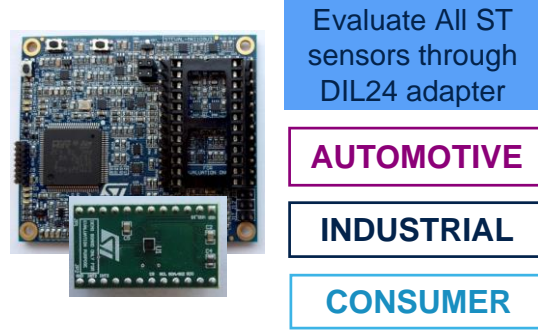
ST BLE Sensor → Mobile App for SensorTile.box

# Evaluation boards

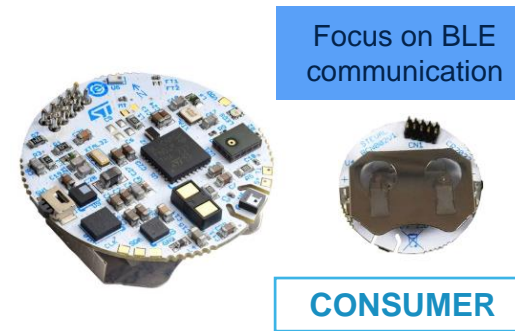
## STM32Nucleo expansion **X-NUCLEO-IKS01A3**



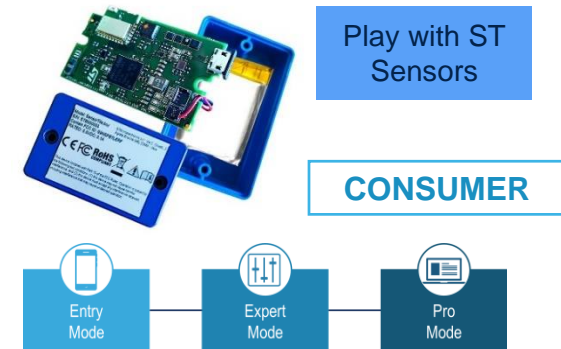
## Profi MEMS tool **STEVAL-MKI109V3**



## BlueNRG-Tile **STEVAL-BCN002V1B**



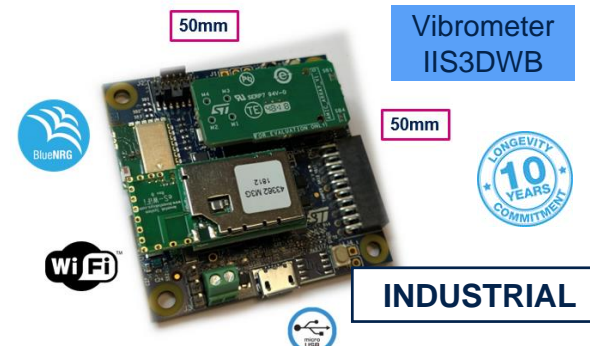
## SensorTile.Box **STEVAL-MKSBOX1V1**



## STM32Nucleo expansion **X-NUCLEO-IKS02A1**



## STWIN: Wireless Industrial Node **STEVAL-STWINKT1**



# Watch the webinar

Register and watch the step-by-step video.



## Webinar | Program decision trees in sensors with a Machine Learning Core



### How to build decision trees in sensors with Machine Learning to create power-efficient AI applications for edge computing solutions

During this one-hour webinar, you will learn how to run a classification engine on the Machine Learning Core embedded in our latest iNEMO™ inertial modules, based on a decision-tree logic. In this webinar we will show you how to quickly and easily design power-efficient decision trees using the AlgoBuilder Graphical User Interface and ensure they provide accurate results in the shortest possible time.

From theory to practice, we will implement the ready-to-go IoT node SensorTile.box, together with AlgoBuilder

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# Artificial intelligence at STMicroelectronics

- Thanks to STM32Cube.AI, pre-trained **Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)** can be run on STM32 microcontrollers.
- Advanced sensors contain a **Machine Learning Core (MLC)**, a Finite State Machine (FSM), and advanced digital functions. They run custom algorithms on the IMU and share the workload from the main processor enabling system functionality while significantly saving power.



Neural Networks  
on STM32  
Simple, fast, optimized

STM32  
Cube.AI

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INEMO

Machine learning core  
6-axis inertial module

► Learn more

Distance  
5.73 km

Duration  
0:27:34 h

Average HR  
130 bpm

Calories burned  
280 cal

Speed  
12.45 km/h

# MLC toolbox - a complete suite



**Function packs** for quick prototyping



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



**Videos, training material**, in products  
campaign available



**Examples** for motion recognition and  
context recognition



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