



Explore the intelligent sensor processing unit (ISPU)

Artificial intelligence journey

Migrating processing at the edge

MCU computing

Sensor + MCU

Intelligence in the MCU



MCU standalone or hosted in the sensor package

Standard

MCU runs the algorithms

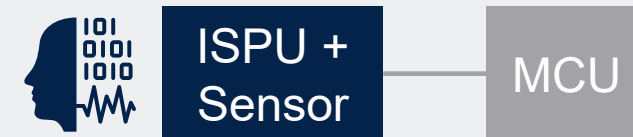
Runs any kind of software

provided it matches the MCU specs

In-sensor AI computing

Sensor with ISPU

Intelligent sensor processing unit



ISPU integrated in the sensor ASIC

Programmable

dedicated instruction set

Runs several AI algorithms

Full precision to 1-bit NN

Challenges for sensors in edge AI

Ability to integrate intelligent processing in a tiny piece of silicon

Optimal power (μW) per performance capabilities






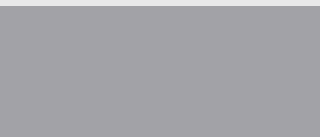



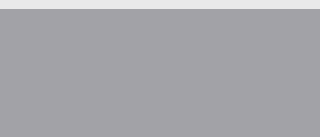


Limited logic and memory storage

Technology architecture

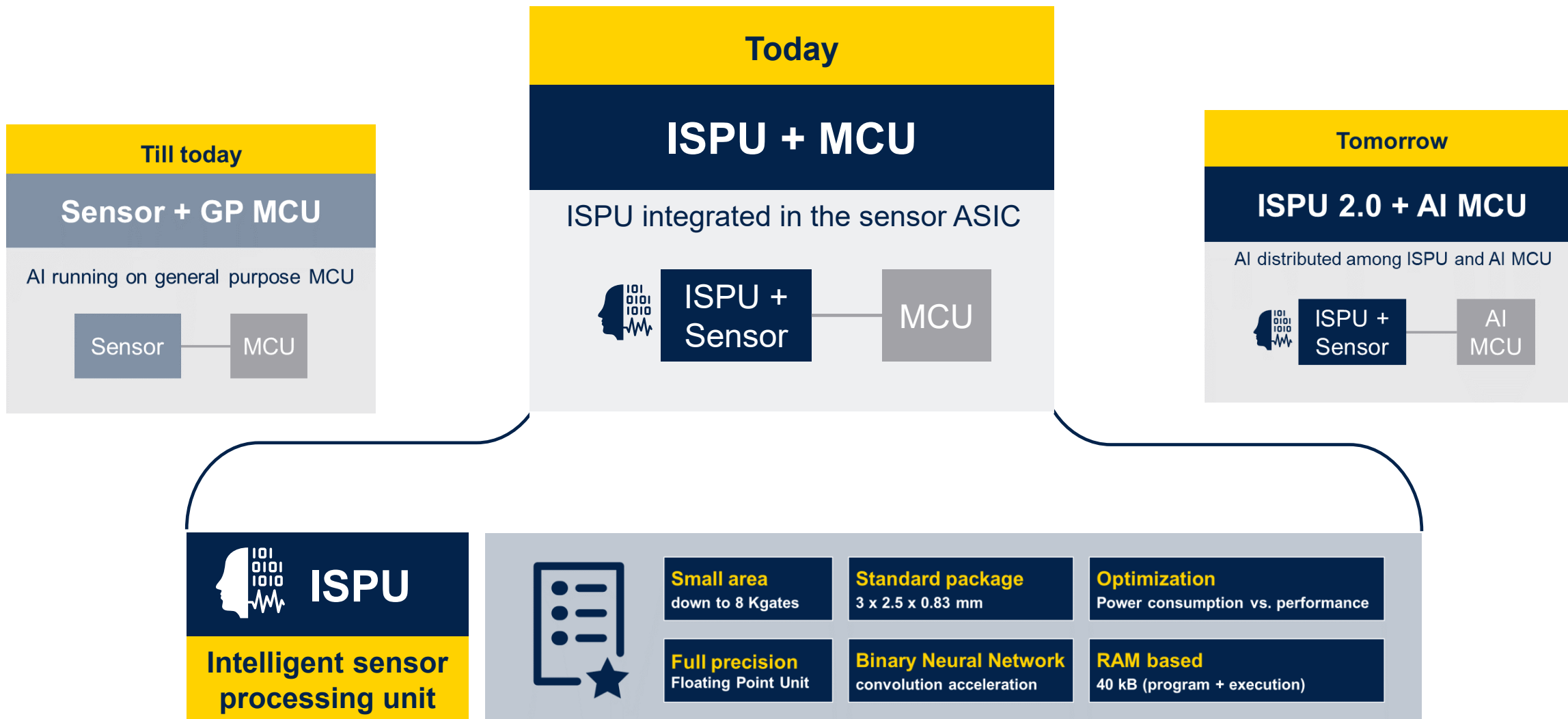
Ecosystem compatibility

Advanced tools for increased productivity

One can't fit all, ISPU fits many

	MCU + sensor	rPU*	ISPU
	MCU — Sensor	MCU — rPU+ Sensor	MCU — ISPU + Sensor
Parameters	Benefits	Benefits	Benefits
Flexibility	 Ad hoc coding	 	 Optimized for inertial data
Low power	 	 rPU adds few uA	 Integrated computing cell, MCU in standby with sensor wake up
Data transfer optimization sensor - MCU	 	 Local processing	 Local ISPU sends pre-processed data

Evolution of system-based AI

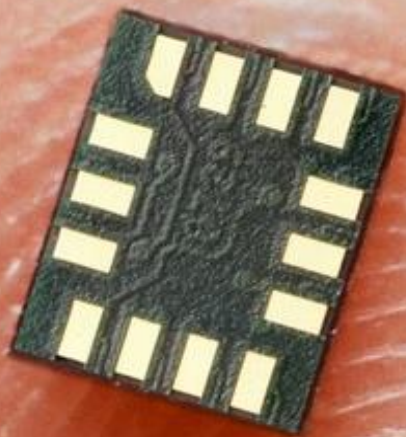


What is ISPU?

ISPU: what and why

Highly specialized DSP* for machine learning and processing

Super
tiny
silicon



Unique solution for **TinyML** with **machine learning (ML)**, **binary neural network (BNN)**, and **processing** capabilities



Lowest power consumption IoT node in the market with AI at the edge



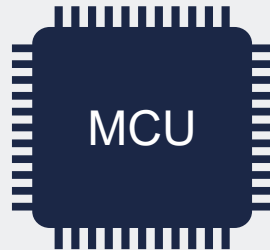
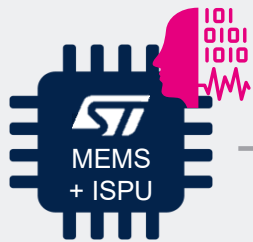
Productivity: empowers 10M+ C language developers
Complement STM32 MCU portfolio

Integrating brains into sensors



ISPU

Intelligent sensor processing unit



ISPU integrated in the sensor ASIC



Programmable core ultralow power



Processes data from internal (accelerometer, gyroscope, temperature) **& external sensors**

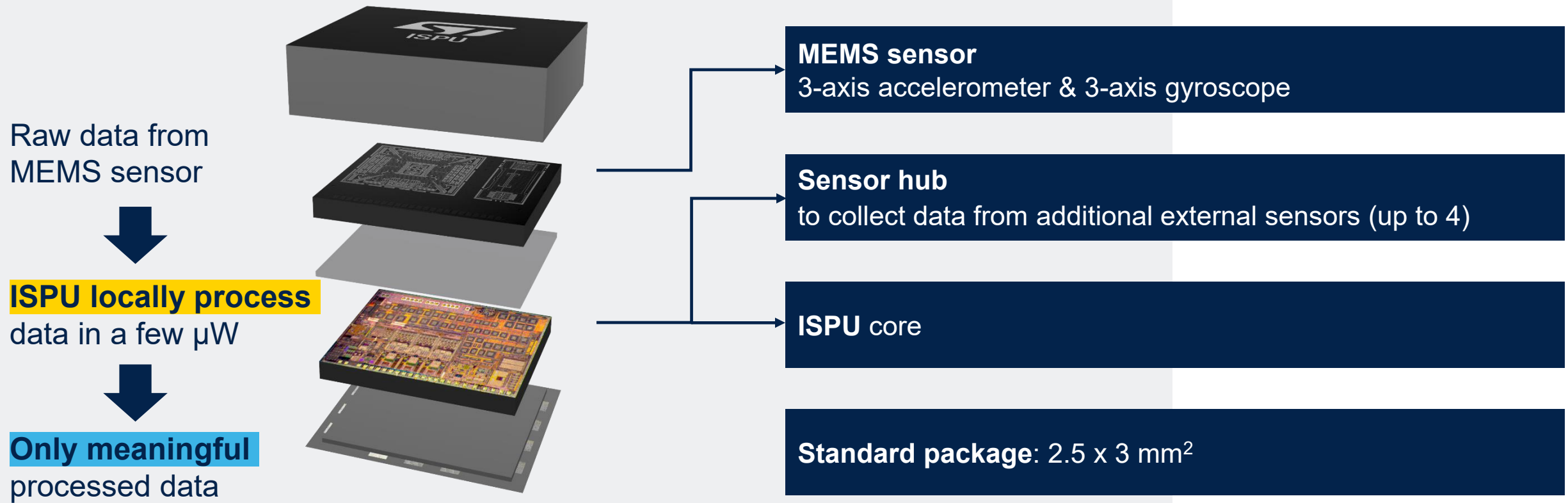


ISPU toolchain allows developers to program in **C language**



What's inside?

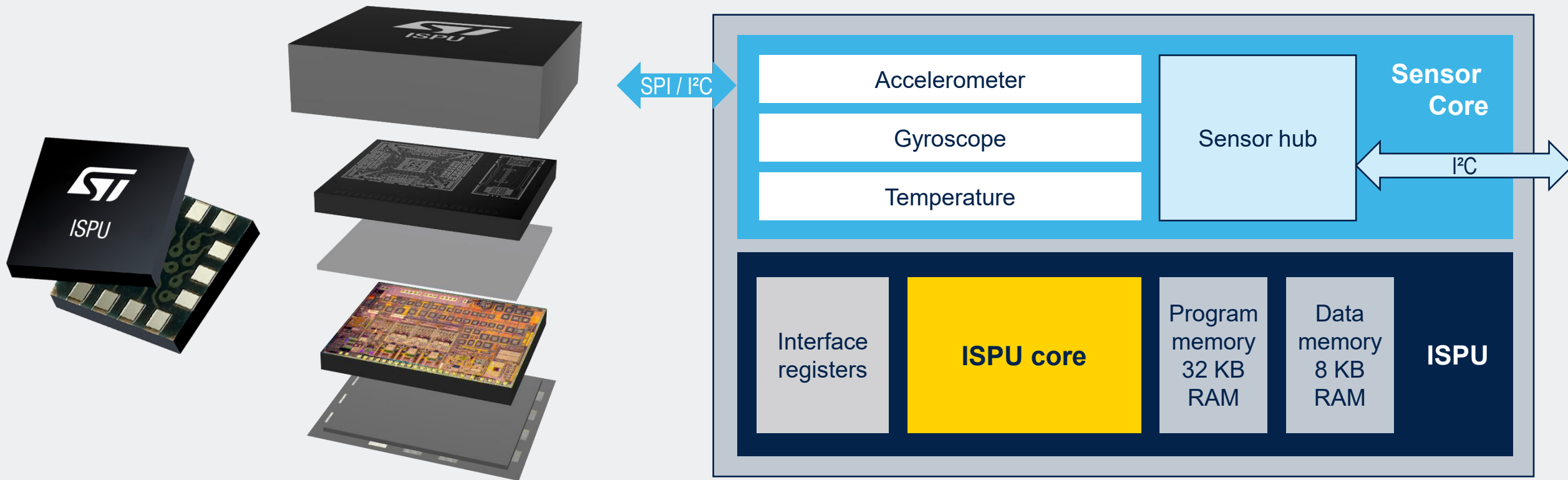
DSP* for real-time processing and artificial intelligence





ISPU: the architecture

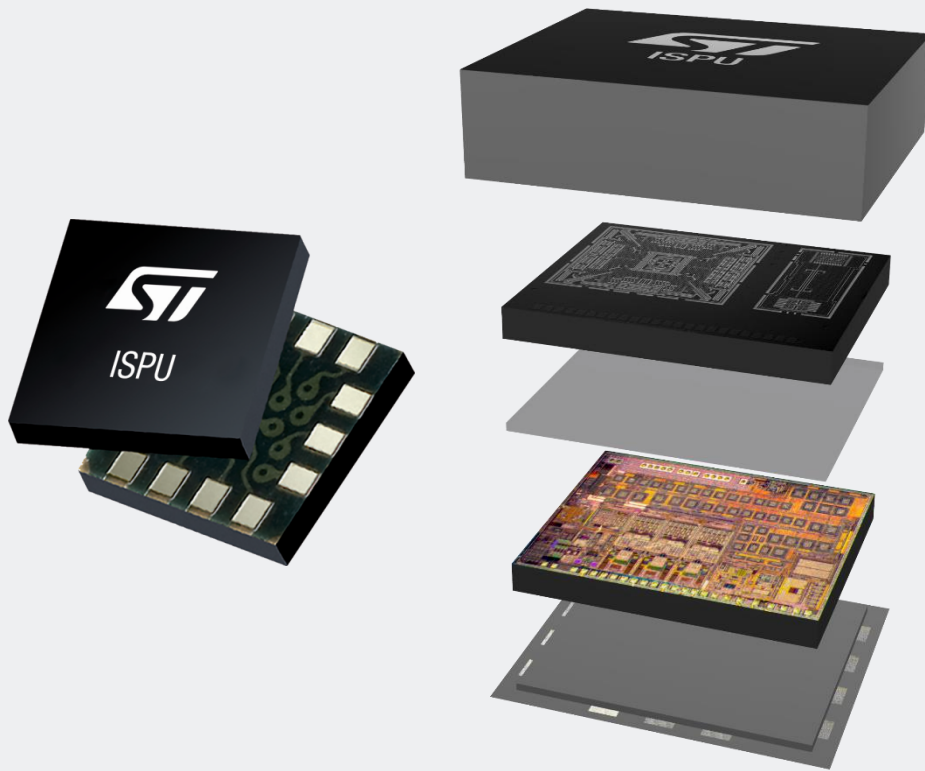
DSP for real-time processing and artificial intelligence





ISPU: play with it!

DSP for real-time processing and artificial intelligence



Small area: enhanced 32-bit RISC
Harvard architecture in 8 kilogates

RAM based:
40 KB (program + execution)

Full precision: Floating point unit

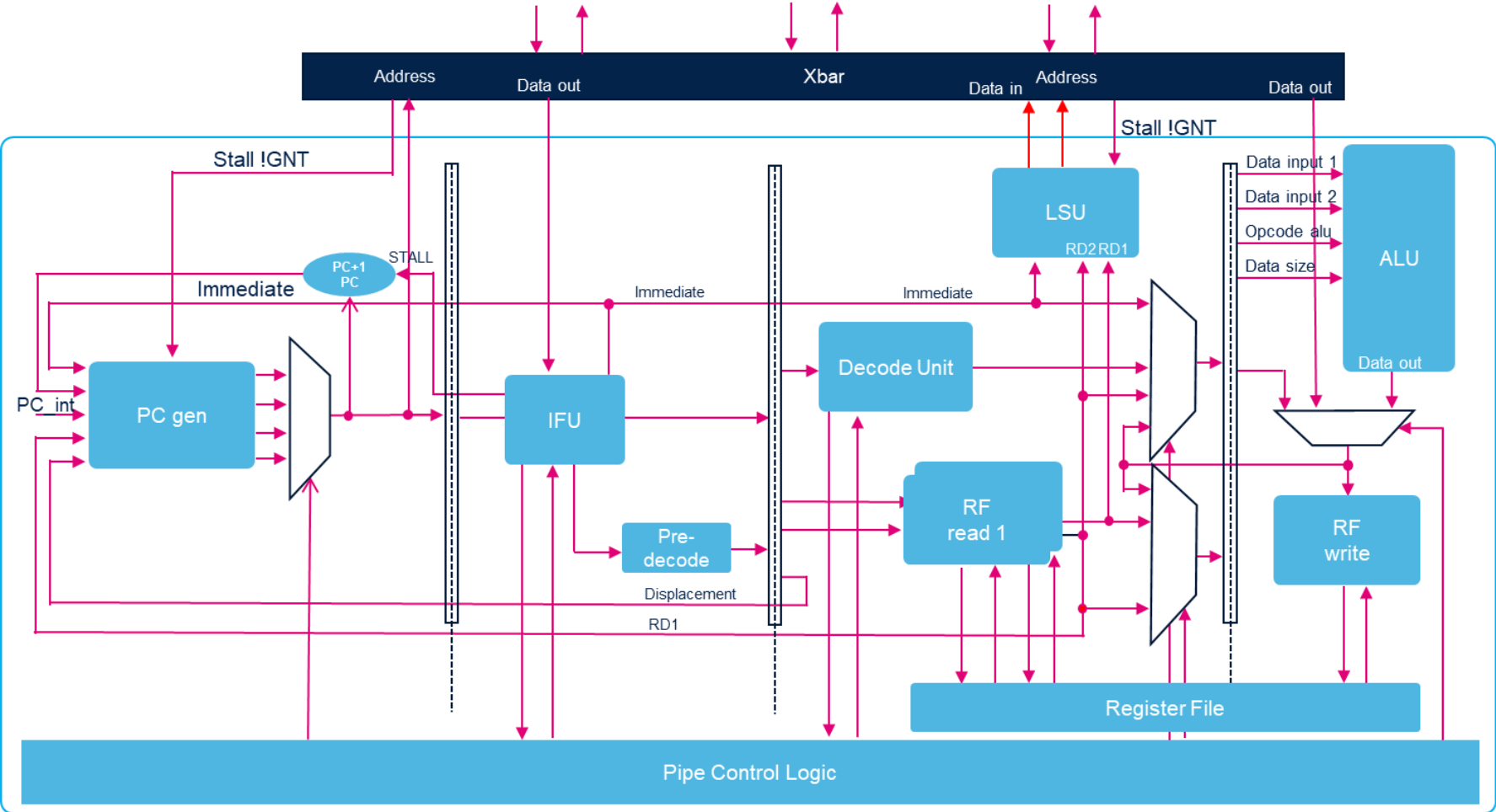
**Binary neural network convolution
accelerator:** patented by ST

Fast interrupt response:
4 cycles vs. 15 (Cortex®)

Frequency: 5 MHz / 10 MHz
ODR max: 6.66 kHz

ISPU core: efficient, small, and fast DSP

x2 performance / area efficiency than best competitors



	ISPU
Pipeline stage	4
Instruction/data conflicts	No Harvard architecture
Multiplier	16 > 32
Tiny FPU	Yes
Area	8 KGE
Branch shadow	1 to 2
CoreMark μW/MHz	70
Clock frequency	10MHz

ISPU added value



Ultra low power consumption

- Efficiency of the embedded DSP (digital signal processing)
- Very low data exchange with external MCU (MCU stay in sleep mode most of the time)



Ultra low latency

- Processing / decision taken directly in the sensor



Easily programmable with C language or with commercial or open-source AI models

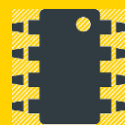


ST Edge AI
Suite



Data privacy & security

- Sensor data are locally processed and not provided outside



Integration / miniaturization

- MEMS mixed-signal state-of-the-art technology node
- No special purpose package



ISPU products

Be inspired by the endless possibilities of ISPU

Personal electronics & consumer IoT



- **LSM6DSO16IS**



Industrial IoT



- **ISM330IS**
- **ISM330ISN***



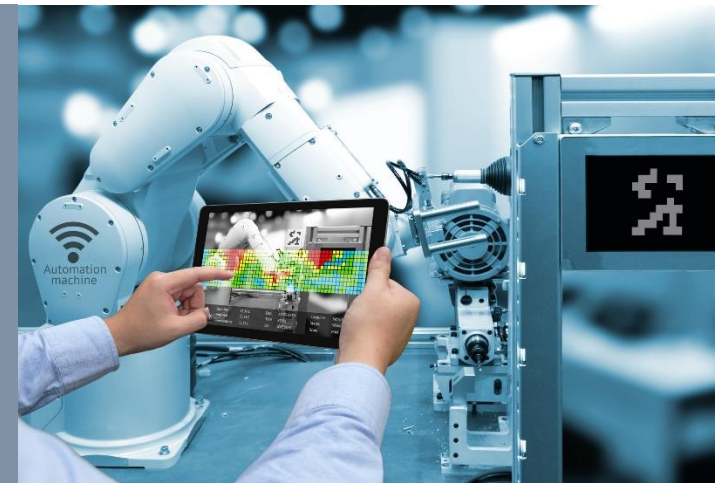
*ISM330ISN is supported in NanoEdge AI Studio

Discover many real-world examples based on ISPU



Calibration

Anomaly detection



Complex gestures

3D space orientation





Find inspiration to create your personal application

AI at the edge with ultralow power 6-axis IMU for consumer market



A completely new level of capabilities and detection accuracy in human activity recognition applications:

- Consumer health
- Gesture recognition
- Activity recognition
- Motion tracking



Gait analysis



Pose estimation



Fall detection



Carry position



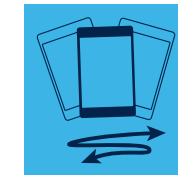
Active time



Fitness activities



Activity recognition



Gesture recognition

And more...



A new way to approach the Industry 5.0

AI at the edge with ultralow power 6-axis IMU for industrial market



Higher **detection accuracy**, always on monitoring in **anomaly detection** applications

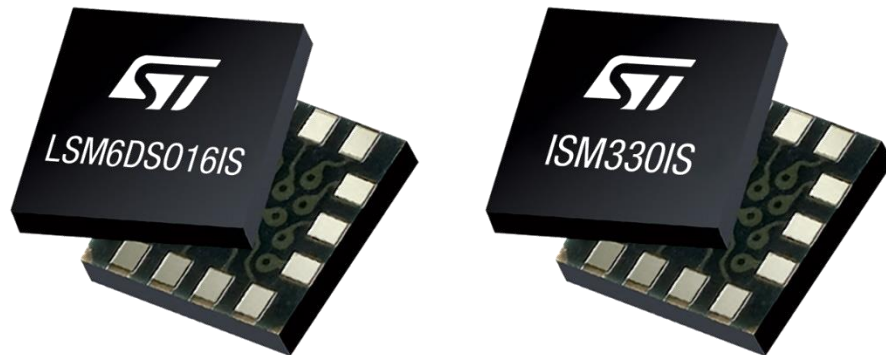
- Home alarms
- Robotics
- Condition monitoring

A completely new level of capabilities and **detection accuracy** in **asset tracking** applications



ISPU products

For real-time processing and artificial intelligence



- FS: ± 2000 dps, ± 16 g
- Idd 0.59 mA (combo mode)
- Axel noise $70\mu\text{g}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- Gyroscope noise $3.8\text{mdps}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- 10MHz clock, RAM 40 KB

Optimization

Power consumption vs. performance

Standard package

3 x 2.5 x 0.83 mm

Efficiency

Floating Point, binary NN, hybrid binary NN

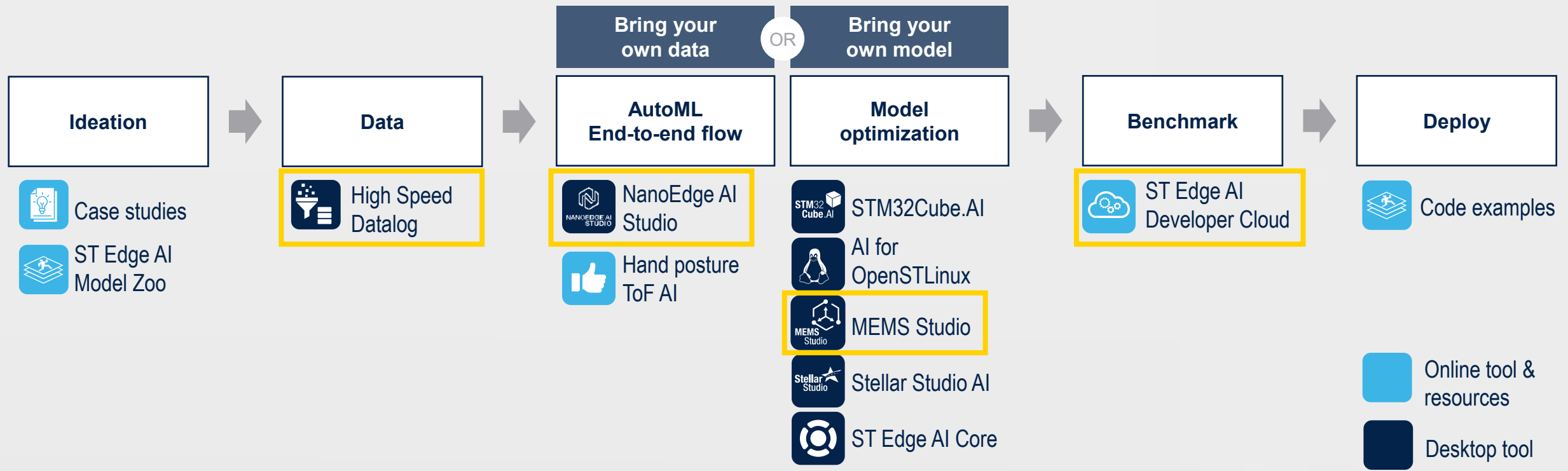
Interoperability

Machine learning and deep learning







How to program ISPU?

Free tools for smart sensors with ISPU

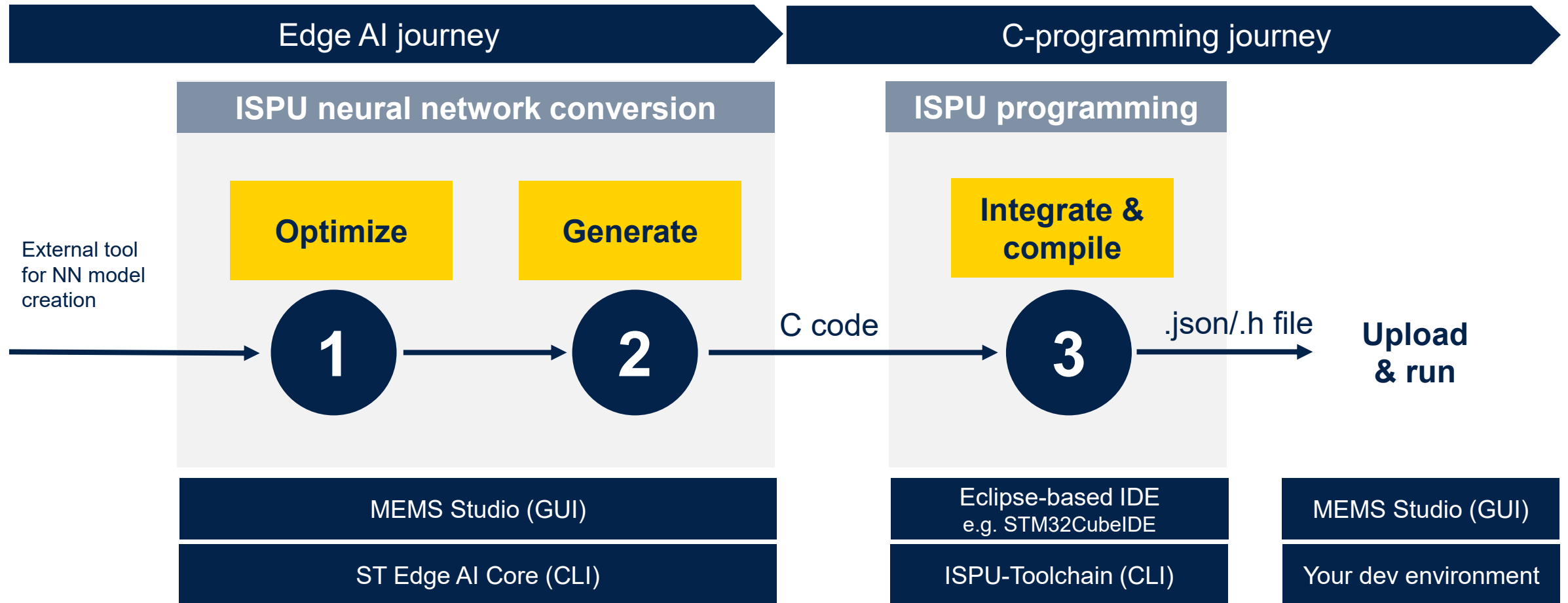
ISPU can be configured by different tools available in the **ST Edge AI Suite**



ISPU software ecosystem

Who	How	Which tool
AI expert	Command Line Interface (CLI)	ST Edge AI Core ISPU toolchain 
Application developer	Desktop tool	MEMS Studio NanoEdge AI Studio  
Evaluation engineer	Cloud tool	ST Edge AI Developer Cloud 
Take inspiration	Use cases	Model zoo in ST Edge AI Suite 
AI expert, application developer	Data collection	High Speed Datalog 

ISPU programming steps



Steps 1 and 2 are optional, required only for neural network models

C-Compiler: how to evaluate the ISPU?

Products



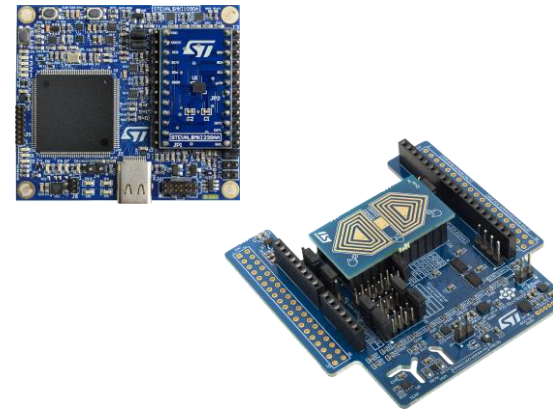
LSM6DSO16IS and
ISM330IS

DIL 24 adapter



DIL 24 adapter

Eval boards & kits



STM32 Nucleo:

- NUCLEO-F401RE
- X-NUCLEO-IKS4A1 (consumer)
- X-NUCLEO-IKS02A1 (industrial)

Professional MEMS tool:

- STEVAL-MKI109D

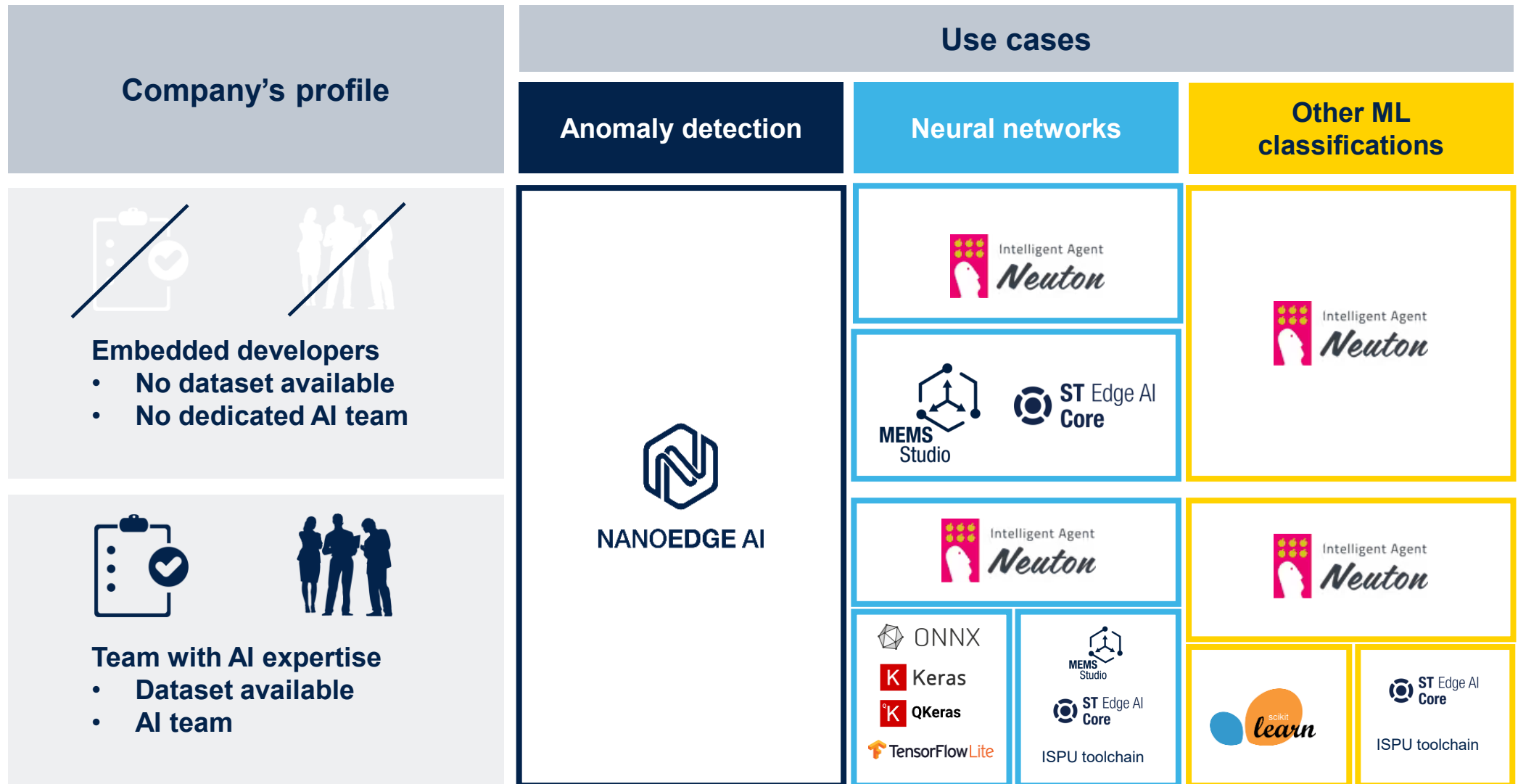
Software & package



MEMS Studio

ST Edge AI Core
ST Developer Cloud
X-CUBE-ISPU
CLI and IDE compilers

ISPU: there is an AI solution for every need



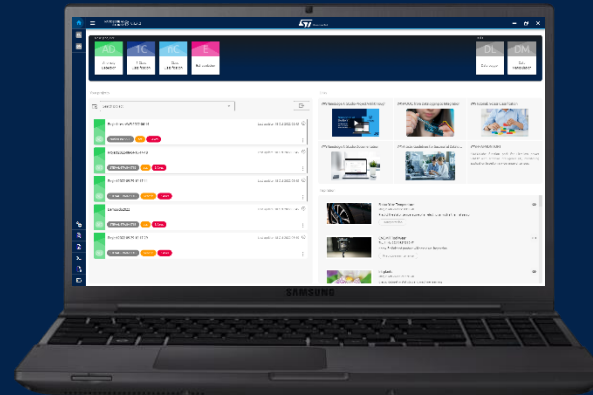
ISPU easily programmed with NanoEdge AI Studio



NANOEDGE AI

ON THE PC

1 Create the library, ONCE.



NANOEDGE AI
STUDIO

Standalone PC
solution (Win/Linux)

Create and embed
a self-learning engine

ON THE ISPU

2 Use the library, MANY TIMES.

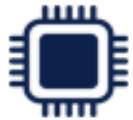


For anomaly detection, the model is
self-trained at the edge.

ST partnership for ISPU

Partnership with Neutron.AI for a tiny AI algorithm in the ISPU

Neutron.AI – No-code TinyML platform for ISPU



Neutron.AI allow to build and deploy ultra-small neural networks directly into ISPU



Fixed-point signal processing and inference engine gives 10x advantage in size and processing time when running on ISPU versus general purpose CPU



End-to-end machine learning based services from data collection to production



Solutions leveraging Neutron.AI



Gesture recognition



Human-machine
interface



Human activity
recognition



Machine fault
classification



Asset tracking and
monitoring

3 simple steps to make an AI-driven ISPU

1

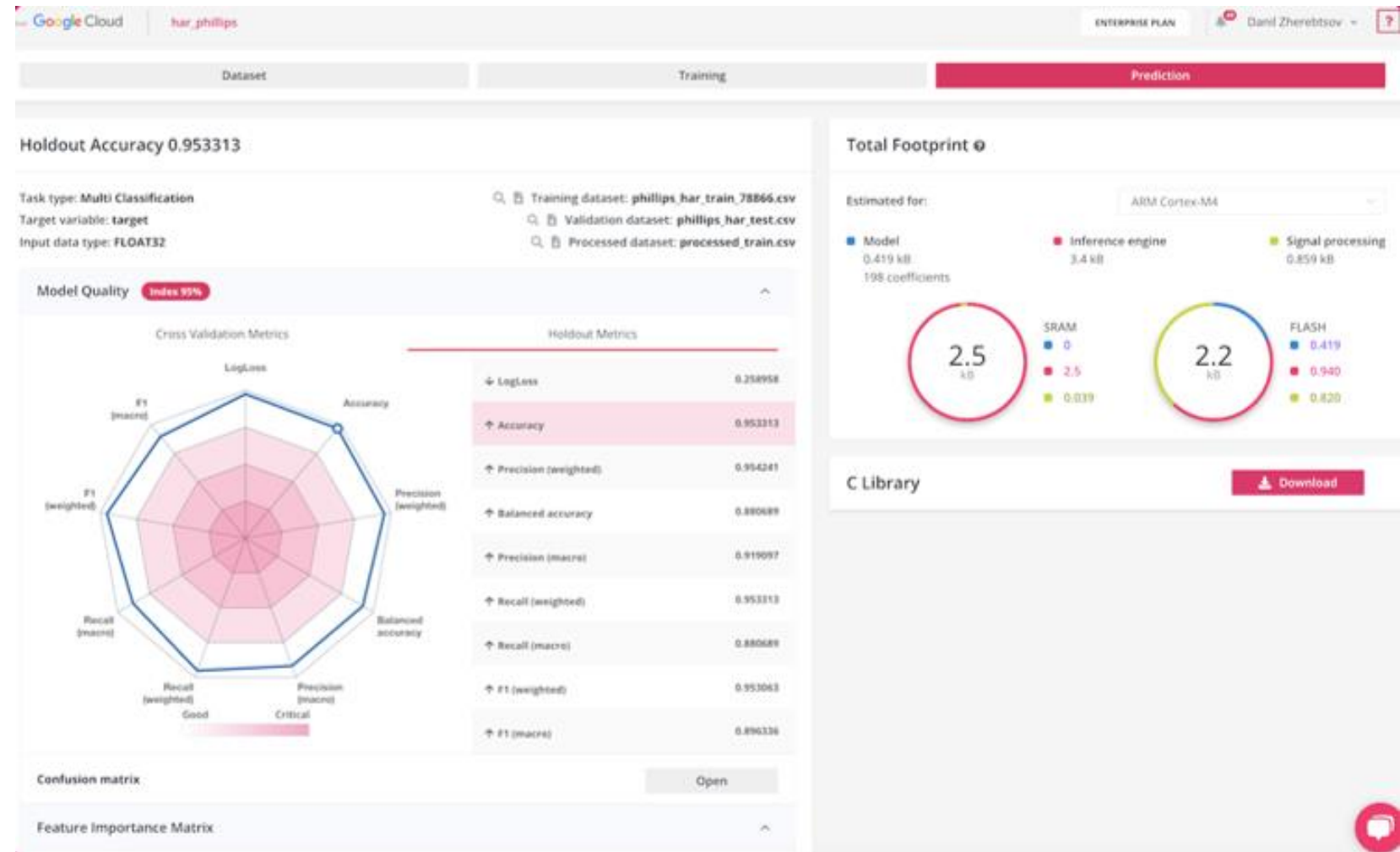
Import .csv file of data collected from ISPU

2

Build automatically tiniest neural networks

3

Generate compiled library for ISPU and run inference on sensor



Neuton.AI business model with ST

Evaluation → Zero gravity

- Use of ML platform is free of charge (user to cover GCP services)
- Only compiled library as output of the online tool

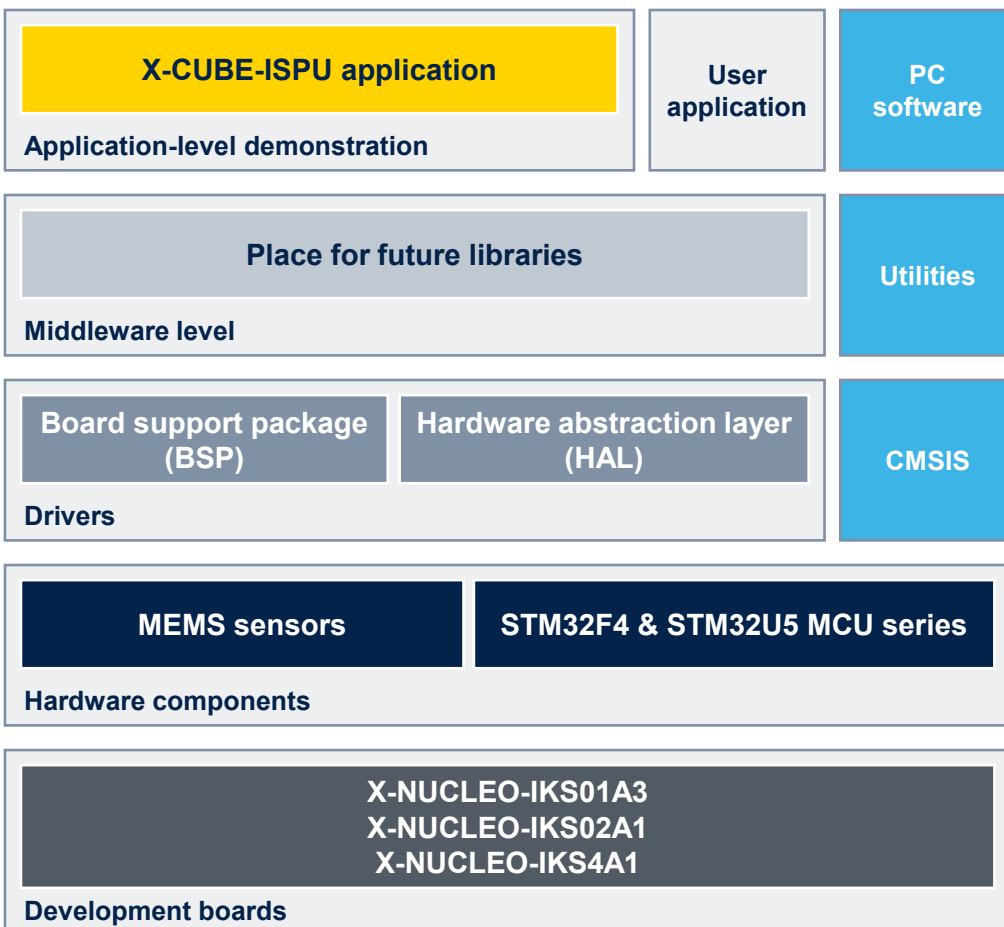
Production → Enterprise plan

- End-to-end machine learning based services from data collection to ISPU deployment
- Use case-based pricing
- No royalties or licensing fees
- Unlimited number of devices

ISPU: application examples

X-CUBE-ISPU

Include libraries, source code examples and templates



Libraries

Used as building blocks for final application

Calibration algorithm
Sensor fusion
Wrist activity detection
Man down
Wrist tilt

Examples

Modify & rebuild examples

ISPU project folder
output folder:
.h, .json

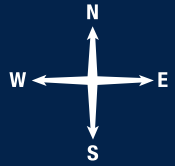
Template

Write your own C code

.json file can be created from a .json file example



ISPU application libraries



Calibration algorithm

Accelerometer calibration

Gyroscope calibration

Magnetometer calibration



Sensor fusion

Sensor fusion 6x

Sensor fusion 9x



Solutions for wearable

Fall detection

Wrist tilt

Wrist - Activity recognition

Pedometer



Industrial solutions

Cyclic redundancy check

Sliding discrete Fourier transform

Vibration severity

Easily enhance your application with ISPU



Accelerometer calibration

Current consumption

11 μ A

Gyroscope calibration

26 μ A

Magnetometer calibration

21 μ A

Wrist tilt

4 μ A

Man down

14 μ A

Wrist - human activity recognition

27 μ A

Sensor fusion - 6 axis

226 μ A

Sensor fusion - 9 axis

370 μ A

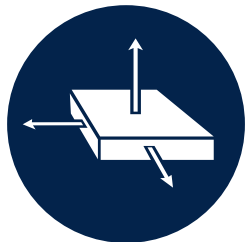


ISPU

Sensor fusion

Sensor fusion - 6 axis

226 μ A
Power consumption



Use case

The inertial sensors with **ISPU (LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS)** can be used for **6-axis sensor fusion**

Configuration & power

- **Accel. @104 Hz, 8 g, high-perf. mode**
- **Gyro. @104 Hz, 2000 dps, high-perf. mode**
- Library power consumption (no sensor): **226 μ A**

Demo overview

- Sensor fusion algorithm running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3)**
 - **DIL24 adapter with LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS:** inertial sensors with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**

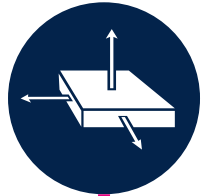


ISPU

Sensor fusion

Sensor fusion - 9 axis

370 μ A
Power consumption



Use case

LIS2MDL is connected to the **sensor hub** of the inertial sensors with **ISPU (LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS)**. It can be programmed for **9-Axis sensor fusion**

Configuration & power

- **Accel. @104 Hz, 8 g, high-perf. mode**
- **Gyro. @104 Hz, 2000 dps, high-perf. mode**
- **Mag. @100 Hz** high-resolution mode with offset cancellation
- Power consumption:
 - **370 μ A when calibrated**
 - **380 μ A when calibration ongoing**

Demo overview

- Sensor fusion algorithm running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3 using LIS2MDL)**
 - **DIL24 adapter with LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS:** inertial sensors with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**

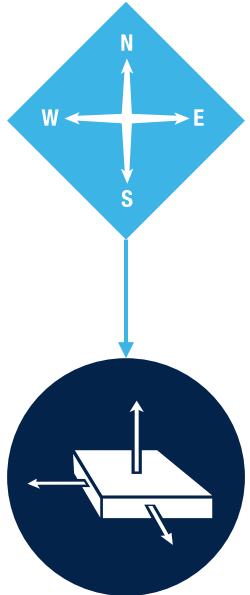


ISPU

Accelerometer calibration

Accelerometer calibration

11 μ A
Power consumption



Use case

- The inertial sensors with **ISPU** (**LSM6DSO16IS** / **ISM330IS**) can be programmed to **calibrate the accelerometer**

Configuration & power

- Accel.** only @**52 Hz**, **8 g**, high-perf. mode
- Library power consumption (no sensor):
 - 11 μ A** when device is moving
 - 19 μ A** when device is steady

Demo overview

- Calibration algorithm running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3)**
 - DIL24 adapter** with **LSM6DSO16IS** / **ISM330IS**: inertial sensors with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**

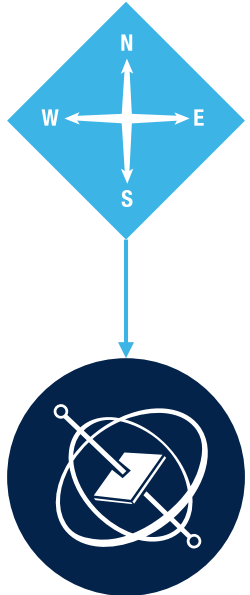


ISPU

Gyroscope calibration

Gyroscope calibration

26 μ A
Power consumption



Use case

The inertial sensors with **ISPU (LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS)** can be programmed to **calibrate the gyroscope**

Configuration & power

- **Accel. @52 Hz, 8 g, high-perf. mode**
- **Gyro. @52 Hz, 2000 dps, high-perf. mode**
- Library power consumption (no sensor):
 - **26 μ A when device is moving**
 - **67 μ A when device is steady**

Demo overview

- Calibration algorithm running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3)**
 - **DIL24 adapter with LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS:** inertial sensors with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**

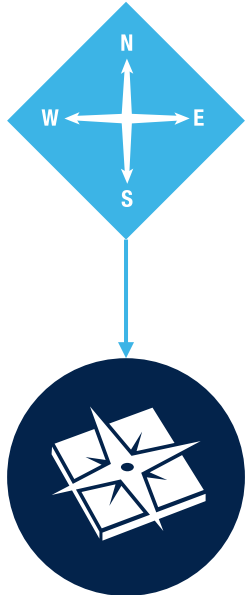


ISPU

Magnetometer calibration

Magnetometer calibration

21 μ A
Power consumption



Use case

LIS2MDL is connected to the **sensor hub** of the inertial sensors with **ISPU (LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS)**. It can be programmed to **calibrate the magnetometer**

Configuration & power

- **Accel. @52 Hz, 8 g**, high-perf mode
- **Mag. @50 Hz**, high-resolution mode with offset cancellation enabled
- Library power consumption (no sensor):
 - **15 μ A** when calibration not started
 - **21 μ A** when calibration completed
 - **40 μ A** when calibration ongoing

Demo overview

- Calibration algorithm running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3 using LIS2MDL)**
 - **DIL24 adapter with LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS**: inertial sensors with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**



ISPU

Wrist tilt

Wrist tilt

4 μ A
Power consumption



Use case

- The inertial sensors with **ISPU** (**LSM6DSO16IS** / **ISM330IS**) can be programmed to detect the **wrist movement**.
- 2 different events can be identified by the ISPU:
 - **Wrist up**
 - **Wrist down**

Configuration & power

- **Accel.** only @**26 Hz**, **16 g**, low-power mode
- Power consumption: **4 μ A**

Demo overview

- Wrist tilt algorithm running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3)**
 - **DIL24 adapter** with **LSM6DSO16IS** / **ISM330IS**: inertial sensors with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**



ISPU

Fall detection

Fall detection

14 μ A
Power consumption



Use case

LPS22HH is connected to the **sensor hub** of the inertial sensors with **ISPU (LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS)**. It can be programmed to detect a **Fall detection** event

Configuration & power

- **Accel. @104 Hz, 16 g**, low-power mode
- **Pressure sensing @10 Hz** low-current mode with ODR / 20 bandwidth
- Power consumption: **14 μ A**

Demo overview

- Fall detection algorithm running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3 using LPS22HH)**
 - **DIL24 adapter with LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS**: inertial sensors with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**



Wrist - Human activity recognition

Wrist - human activity recognition

27 μ A

Power consumption

Use case

- The inertial sensors with **ISPU** (**LSM6DSO16IS** / **ISM330IS**) can be programmed for wrist HAR
- The ISPU identifies 8 classes: “**Stationary**”, “**Standing**”, “**Sitting**”, “**Laying**”, “**Walking**”, “**Fast walking**”, “**Jogging**”, “**Other**”

Configuration & power

- **Accel. @ 26 Hz, 8 g**, high-perf. mode
- Power consumption: **27 μ A**

Demo overview

- Wrist HAR algorithm running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3)**
 - **DIL24 adapter with LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS**: inertial sensors with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**





ISPU Pedometer

Pedometer

16 μ A
Power consumption

Use case

- The inertial sensors with **ISPU** (**LSM6DSO16IS** / **ISM330IS**) can be programmed to count the number of **steps** performed by the user having the device on the wrist.
- False positives rejection (FPR) block included

Configuration & power

- **Accel. only @26 Hz, 16 g**, low-power mode
- Power consumption: **16 μ A**

Demo overview

- Pedometer algorithm running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3)**
 - **DIL24 adapter with LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS**: inertial sensors with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**





ISPU Sliding DFT

Sliding discrete Fourier transform

7 to 913 μA
Power consumption



Use case

The inertial sensors with **ISPU (LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS)** can be programmed to decompose a signal into its frequency components in real-time using the **sliding discrete Fourier transform**

Configuration & power

- DFT window: 32 samples
- **Accel. @1667 Hz, 8 g, 10 MHz ISPU clock**
 - Power consumption: **913 μA**
- **Accel. @12.5 Hz, 8 g, 5 MHz ISPU clock**
 - Power consumption: **7 μA**

Demo overview

- Pedometer algorithm running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3)**
 - **DIL24 adapter with LSM6DSO16IS / ISM330IS:** inertial sensors with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**



ISPU

Vibration severity

Vibration severity as per ISO10816

680 μ A
Power consumption

Use case

The inertial sensors with **ISPU (ISM330IS)** can be programmed to filter one accelerometer axis according to **ISO10816** and compute the velocity and the velocity RMS in mm/s

Demo overview

- Vibration severity algorithm (**ISO10816**) running on the ISPU
- No processing required from MCU

Configuration & power

- **Accel. @6667 Hz**, 2 g, high perf. mode
- Power consumption:
 - BP filter 2-1000 Hz: **680 μ A**
 - BP filter 10-1000 Hz: **640 μ A**

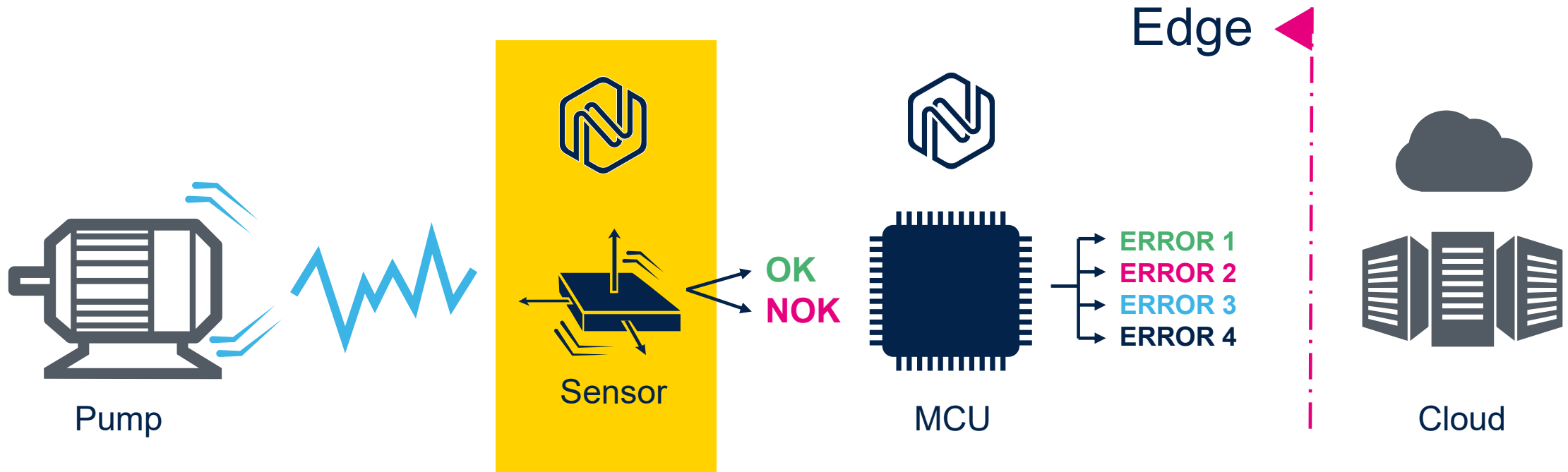
Demo setup

- Test platform: **Nucleo board + expansion board (IKS01A3)**
 - **DIL24 adapter** with **ISM330IS**: inertial sensor with 3-axis accelerometer + 3-axis gyroscope **embedding ISPU**
- Result output: **MEMS Studio**



Anomaly detection with NanoEdge AI

Possibility to divide the tasks between the sensor and the MCU



Our technology starts with You



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