

# Sensorless motor control with STM32

**Economy** ☒

Drying ☐

Drain ☐

Spin ☐

Quick ☐



**Sensorless solutions**



**Benchmark results**



**STM32 motor control ecosystem**



**STM32 portfolio for motor control**



# Sensorless solutions

**Sensorless field oriented (FOC) control for 3 phase motors offers benefits in cost and quality with the elimination of sensors and wiring**



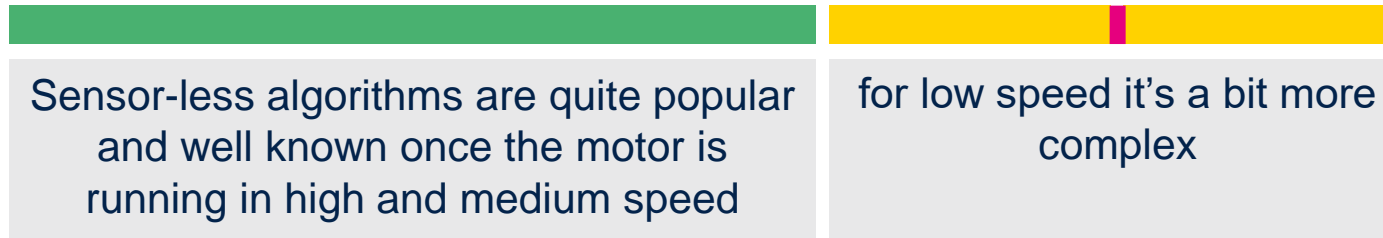
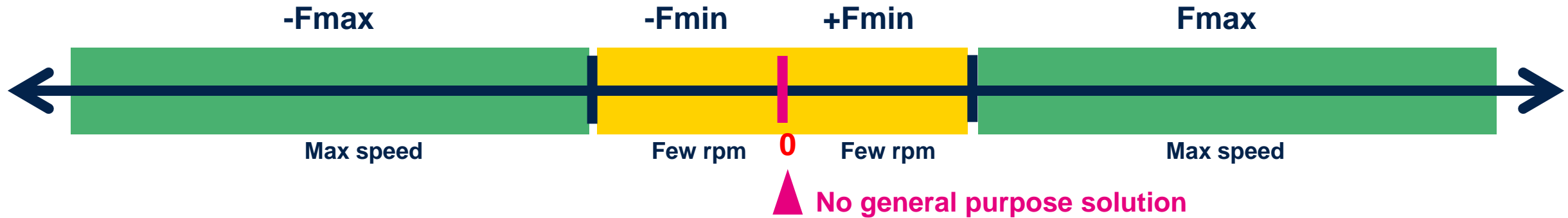
**Legacy algorithm based on Luenberger State Observer introduced in 2008**

**High Sensitivity Observer (HSO) is a new ST algorithm that offers improvements in low-speed performance**

**Zero Speed full Torque (STM32 ZeST) is a new ST algorithm that offers full torque at zero speed**

# FOC sensorless challenge

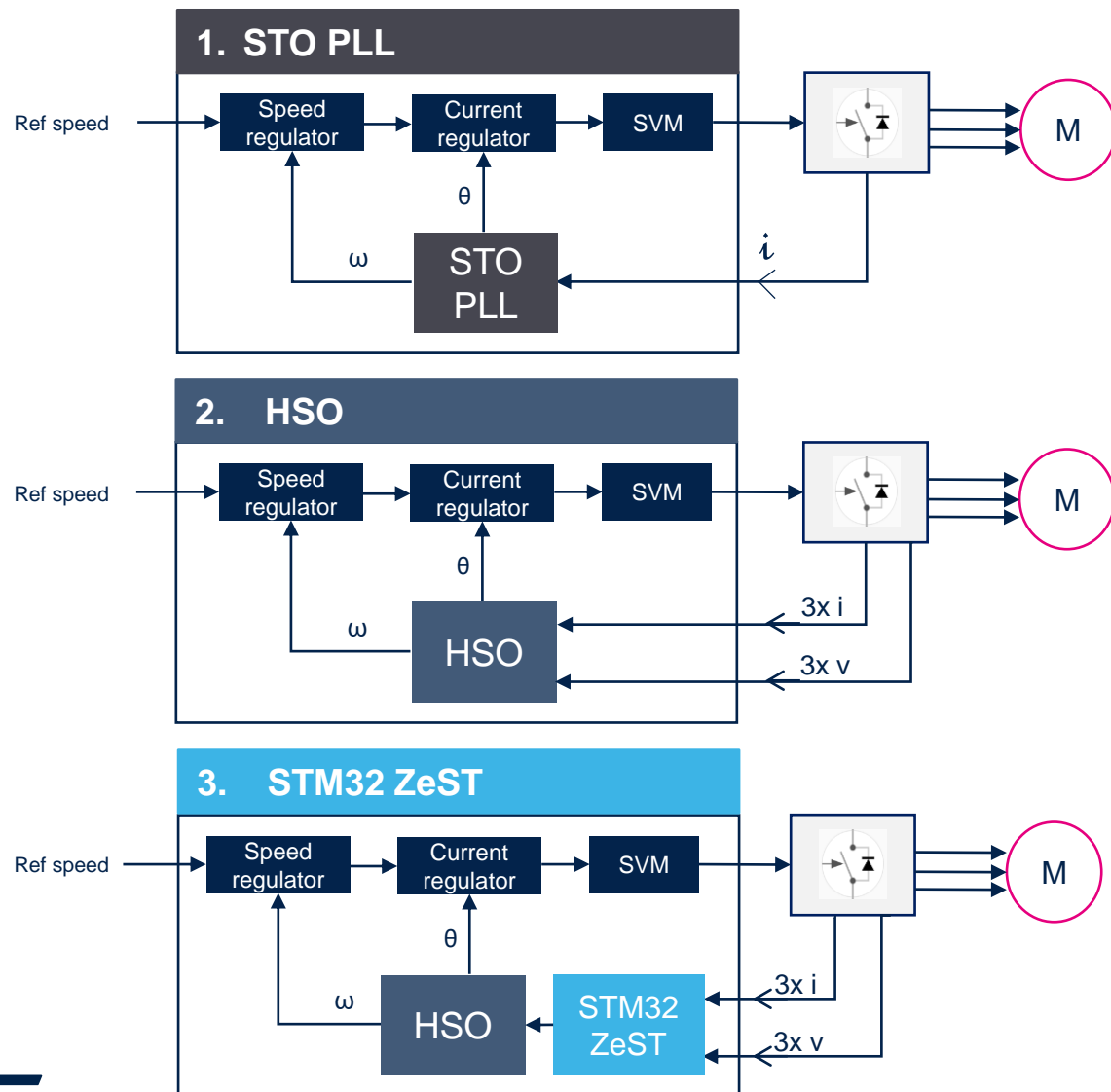
## Cold starting BLDC / PMSM motors with full torque



 **ZeST + HSO**

New solution from ST !!

# Sensorless FOC algorithms



## 1. Legacy solution with Luenberger State

- Observer PLL – (STO PLL)
- available in MCSDK since 2008

## 2. High Sensitivity Observer (HSO)

- Now available in MCSDK release 6.2
- Improved performance at low speed
- Improved startup performance for reduced current consumption

## 3. HSO in combination with STM32 ZeST

- STM32 ZeST is only available for selected customers under NDA
- Only solution to provide Zero Speed Full Torque without sensors





# Benchmark results



**Benchmark demonstrator**

**HSO low speed performance and efficiency improvements**

**STM32 ZeST torque curve**

**STM32 ZeST and HSO efficiency example**

# Benchmark demonstrator

## Brake

DC motor coupled to the motor under test to simulate a load

## Motor

PMSM motor subject to different control algorithms

## HMI display

STM32H7 based display module for input selection and results display

## Power board

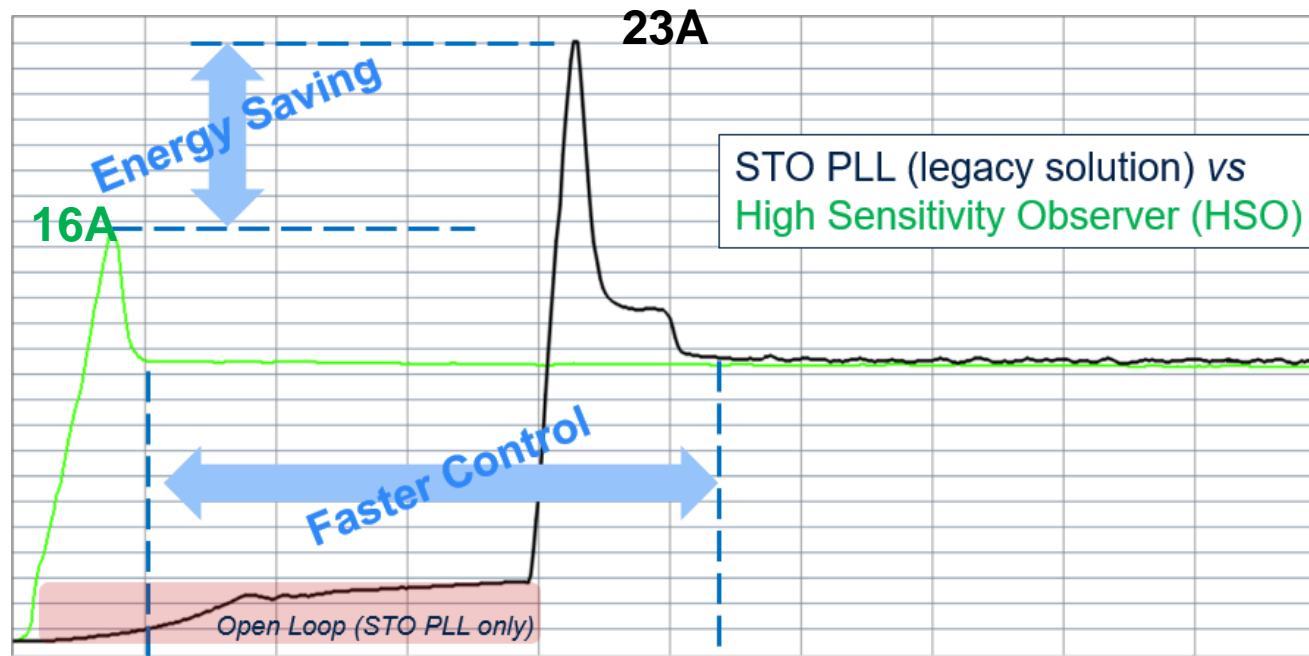
Low voltage, low power board (STVAL-LVLP01)

## Control board

STM32G473 MCU based control board (B-G473E-ZESTS1)

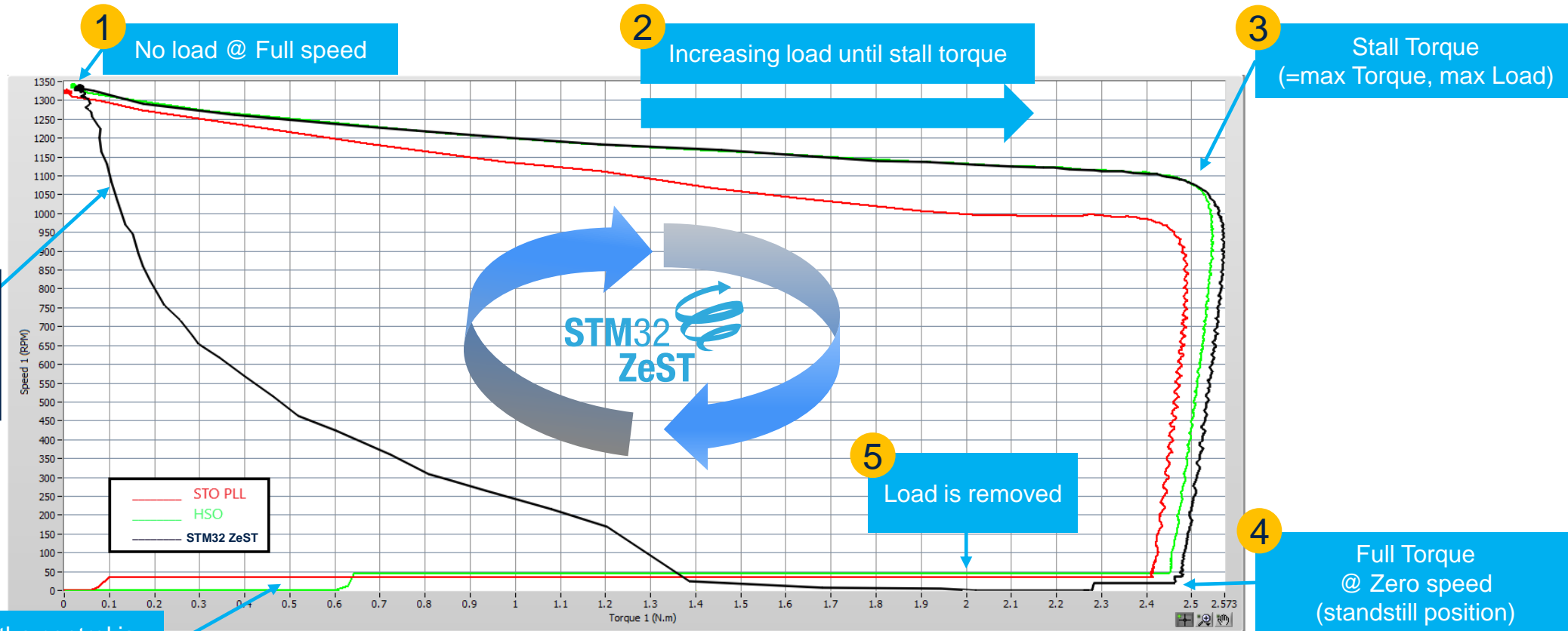
# HSO – high sensitivity observer

## Improvements in low-speed performance and efficiency



Current consumption during startup phase  
Comparison between **STO PLL** and **HSO**

# From full speed to stall torque (max torque, max load)



Speed vs torque  
STM32 ZeST vs STO PLL vs HSO - Performance & behavior



# Using STM32 ZeST to run a smart, power-efficient washing machine

Zero Speed full Torque sensor-less algorithm

Energy saving per washing cycle ~ 15-40%

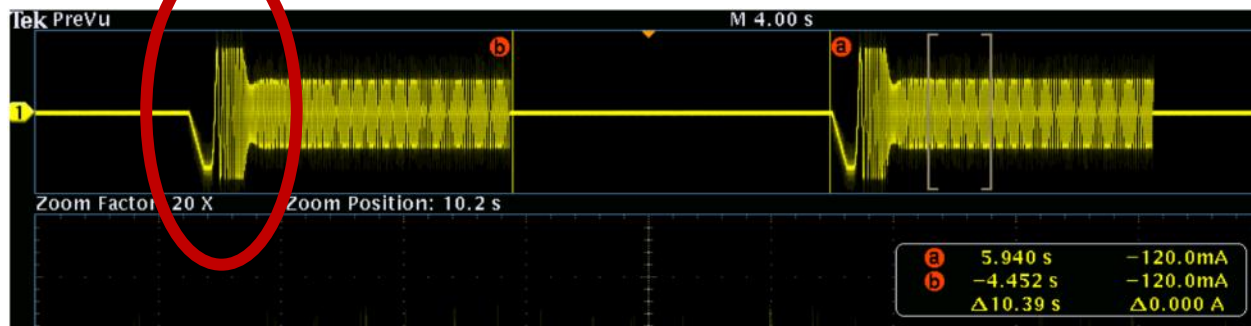


Standard (open loop) sensorless startup

STM32 ZeST start-up

High peak  
current

Energy  
saving ! }  
✓ No high peak current  
✓ Shorter start-up



# STM32 ecosystem for motor control

**Full ecosystem for 3 phase motor control development**

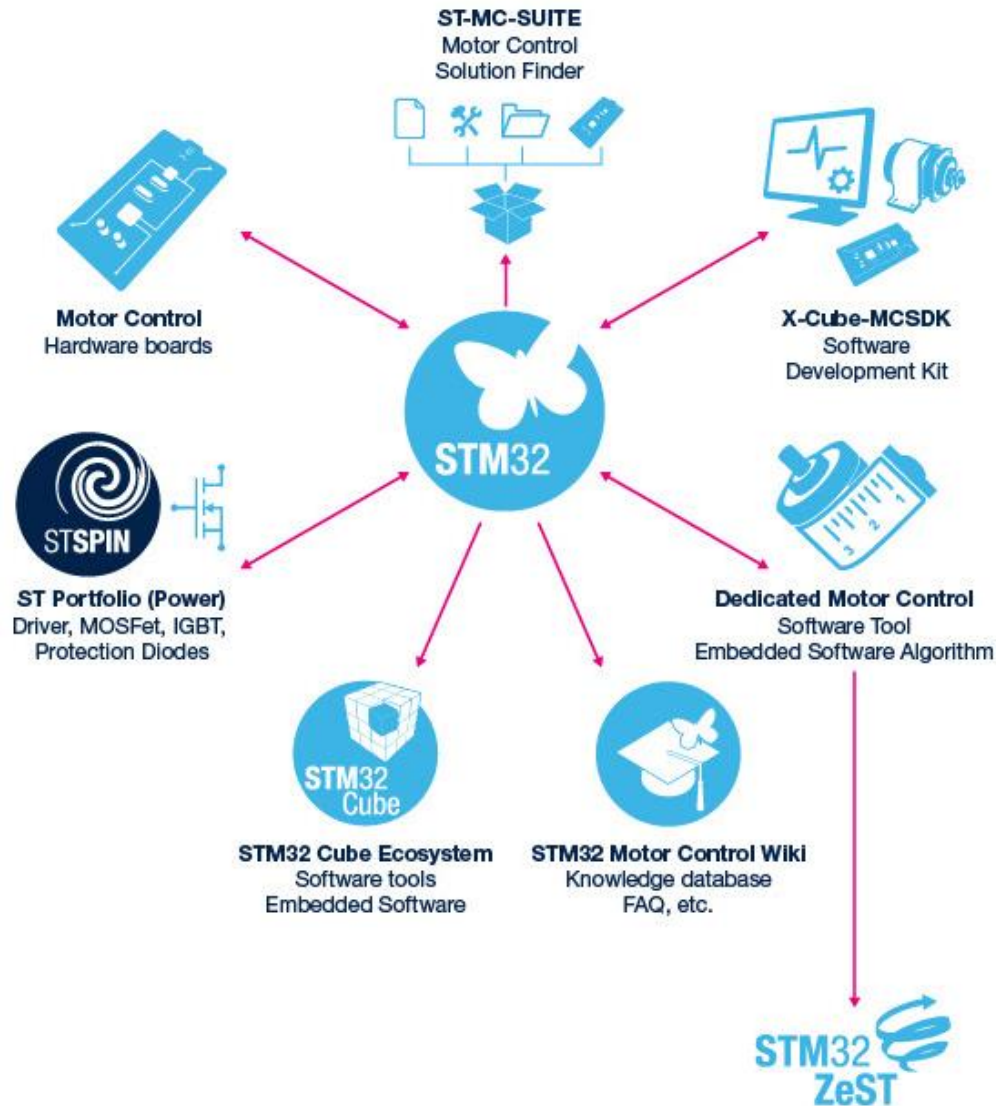


**Motor control software development kit**

**Development boards and kits**

**Motor control web resources**

# STM32 motor control ecosystem



## STM32 MCUs

Portfolio of STM32 products for scalable performance and features

## X-CUBE-MCSDK

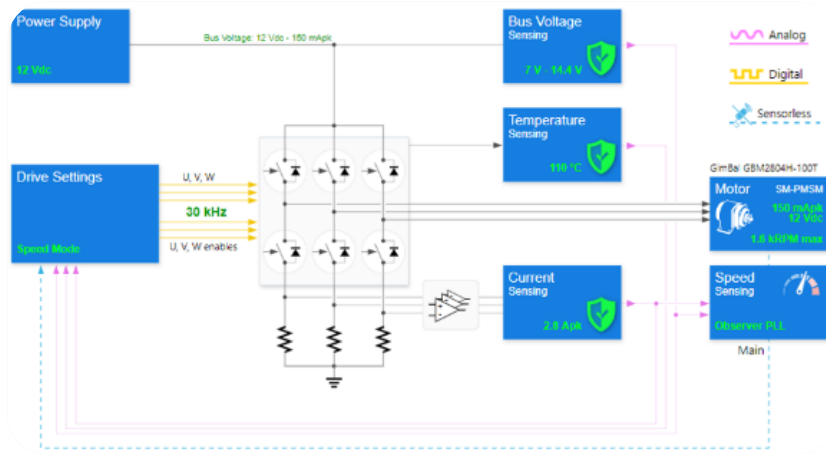
Motor control software development kit offering a collection of tools and software

## Boards & kits

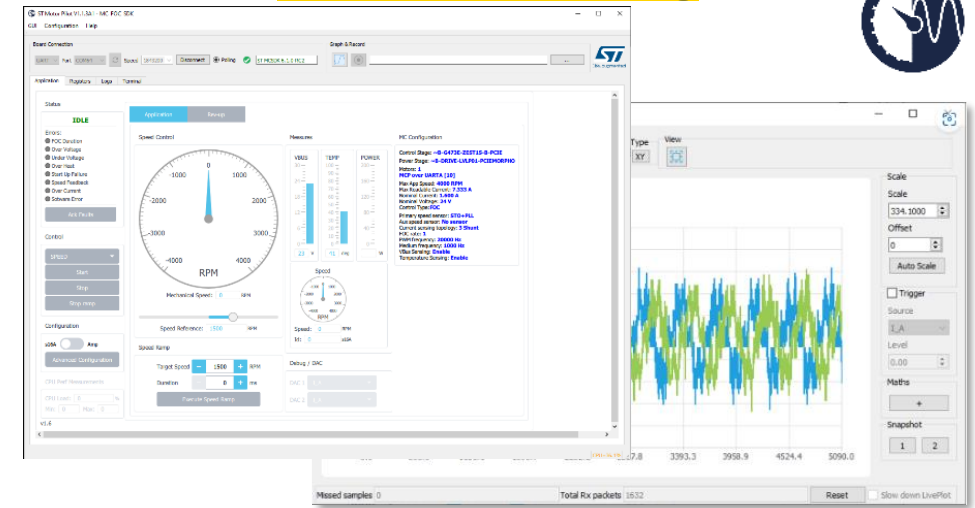
Wide range of development boards and kits to support motor control development

# X-CUBE-MCSDK: tools and software

## Motor Control Workbench: **System configuration**



## Motor Pilot: **Motor drive tuning**

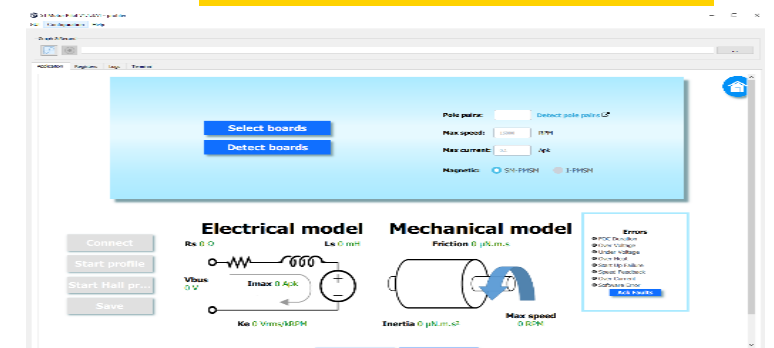


## Firmware library

### Embedded SW

```
#include "MC.h"
{
    CMCI oMCI = GetMCI(M1);
    MCI_ExecSpeedRamp(oMCI, final
speed, ramp duration);
    MCI_StartMotor(oMCI);
}
```

## Motor Profiler: **Motor characterization**



## Custom HW board description

Board features & parameters  
Json file





# Motor control development flow and tools

Use ST-MC-Suite on-line tool to identify your most appropriate HW board

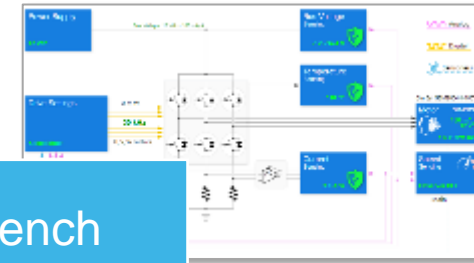


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Hardware setup

2

Motor Control Workbench  
MC configuration



3

Added configuration  
Project build  
STM32CubeMX & IDE



STM32  
CubeMX

4

Motor drive tuning  
Motor Pilot



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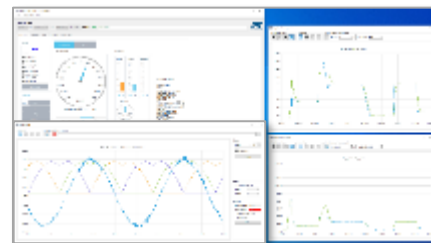
Final application  
development



User code



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Tools by ARM



# Motor control boards and kits

## Control + power

Eval / Nucleo + power / expansion

### Control stages



### Power stages

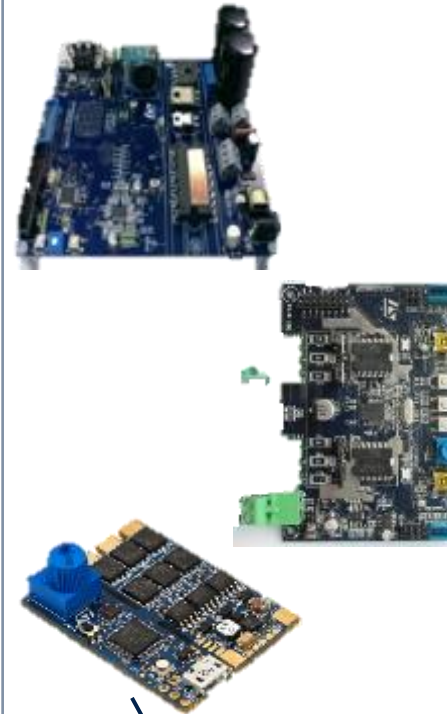


MC Connector  
Flat cable

NUCLEO-G431RB

X-NUCLEO-IHM16

## Inverter (Complete drive)



B-G431B-ESC1

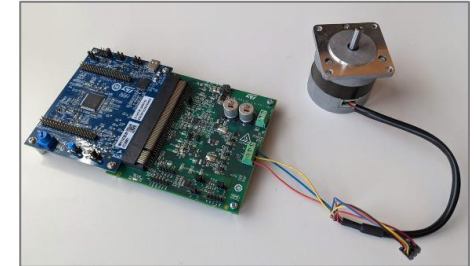
## MC kits



P-NUCLEO\_IHM03

# STM32 ZeST and HSO specific boards

New boards for evaluation and fast prototyping



**STEVAL-LVLP01**

## Power board:

- **STDRIIVE101** three-phase gate driver
- **STL110N10F7** power MOSFETs

HW type	CPN
Control board	<b>B-G473E-ZEST1S</b>
Motor + Power supply	<b>B-MOTOR-PMSMA1</b>
Power board LV/LP	<b>STEVAL-LVLP01</b>
Adapter board (for multiple MC)	<b>B-ZEST-ADAPT1</b>

Motor control connector V2

## Control board (Discovery)

### STM32G473 MCU:

- 32-bit ARM® Cortex®-M4 Core
- Up to 170 MHz clock frequency
- HW accelerator (Cordic, FMAC)
- 512 KB Flash/96 KB SRAM
- 3x Motor control timers
- 5x 12-bit ADCs (19 channels)
- 7x Ultra-fast Comparators + DACs
- 6x OP-Amps

**B-G473E-ZeSTS1**

## STM32 ZeST solution:

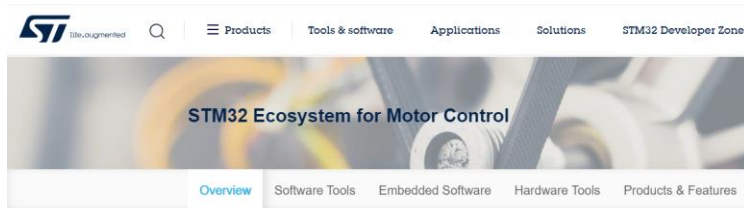
- Input voltage from 6V to 45 V
- Output current up to 5 A<sub>RMS</sub>
- Three or single shunt configuration
- ST-LINK/V3 programmer embedded
- Digital hall sensor and quadrature encoder input

# STM32 motor control resources



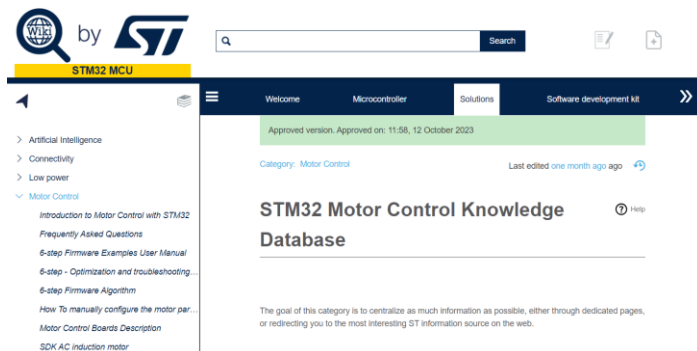
## ST-MC-SUITE

Web based tool for board selection and resource bundling



## STM32 motor control ecosystem

Web landing page for STM32 motor control resources



## STM32 Wiki

Wiki for STM32 motor control technical information





# STM32 portfolio for motor control

**STM32 portfolio MCUs targeted for 3 phase motor control**







**Scalable offering from entry level to high performance**

**STM32G4 mixed signal MCUs optimized for motor control**

**STM32G4 for HSO and ZeST**



# STM32 MC-SDK support

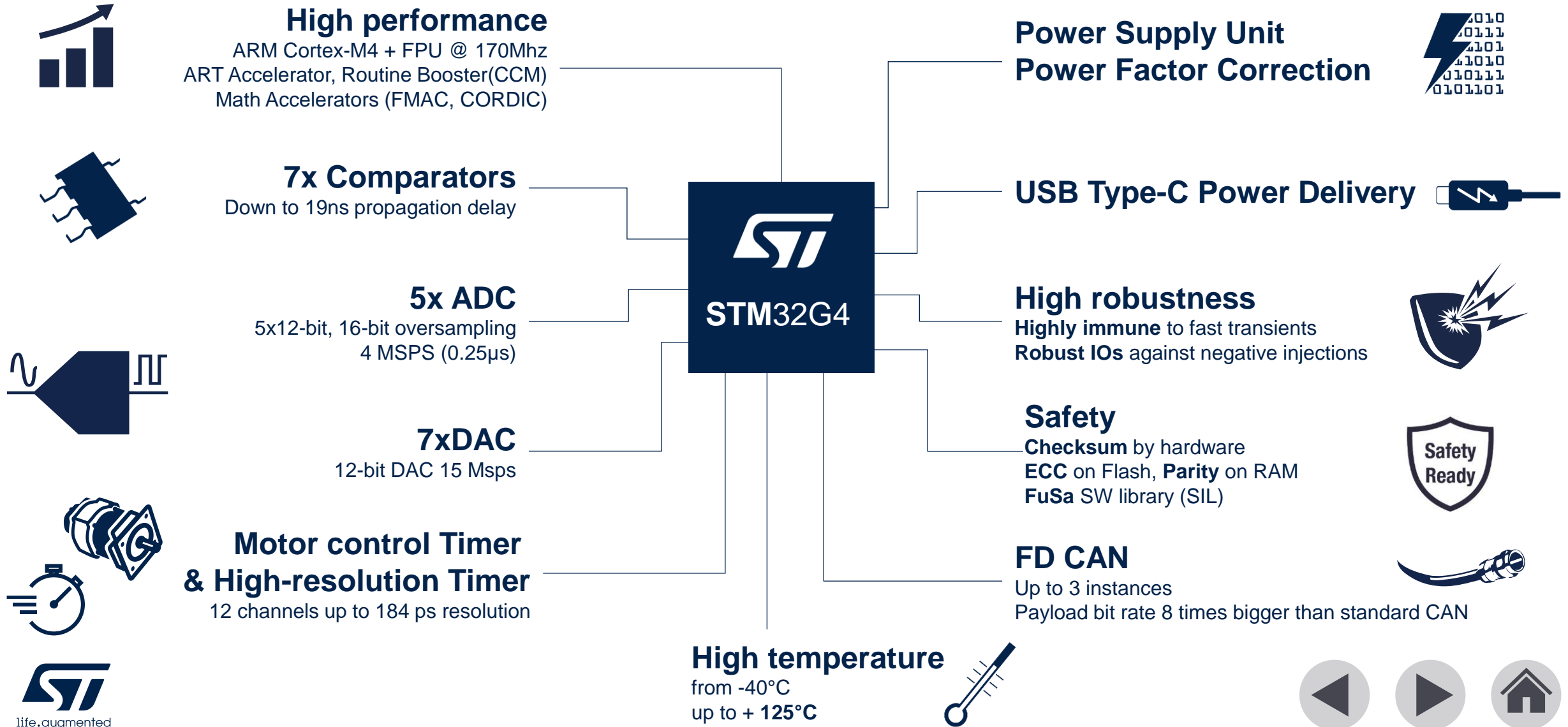
 MPU					<b>STM32MP1</b> Up to 1 GHz Cortex-A7 209 MHz Cortex-M4		<b>STM32MP2</b> Dual 1.5 GHz Cortex-A35 400 MHz Cortex-M33			
 High Perf MCUs					<b>STM32F7</b> 1082 CoreMark 216 MHz Cortex-M7		<b>STM32H7</b> Up to 3224 CoreMark Up to 550 MHz Cortex -M7 240 MHz Cortex -M4		<b>STM32N6</b> MCU with neural processing unit	
					<b>STM32F4</b> Up to 608 CoreMark 180 MHz Cortex-M4		<b>STM32H5</b> Up to 1023 CoreMark 250 MHz Cortex-M33			
 Mainstream MCUs					<b>STM32F3</b> 245 CoreMark 72 MHz Cortex-M4		<b>STM32G4</b> 569 CoreMark 170 MHz Cortex-M4		<i>Mixed-signal MCUs</i>	
	<b>STM32C0</b> 114 CoreMark 48 MHz Cortex M0+		<b>STM32F0</b> 106 CoreMark 48 MHz Cortex-M0		<b>STM32G0</b> 142 CoreMark 64 MHz Cortex-M0+		<b>STM32F1</b> 177 CoreMark 72 MHz Cortex-M3			
 Ultra-low Power MCUs					<b>STM32L0</b> 75 CoreMark 32 MHz Cortex-M0+		<b>STM32L4</b> 273 CoreMark 80 MHz Cortex-M4		<b>STM32L4+</b> 409 CoreMark 120 MHz Cortex-M4	
							<b>STM32L5</b> 443 CoreMark 110 MHz Cortex-M33		<b>STM32U5</b> 651 CoreMark 160 MHz Cortex-M33	
 Wireless MCUs					<b>STM32WL</b> 162 CoreMark 48 MHz Cortex-M4 48 MHz Cortex-M0+		<b>STM32WB0</b> 216 CoreMark 64 MHz Cortex-M0+		<b>STM32WB</b> 216 CoreMark 64 MHz Cortex-M4 32 MHz Cortex-M0+	
							<b>STM32WBA</b> 407 CoreMark 100 MHz Cortex-M33			



 Latest product generation     Radio co-processor only     Supported in latest MC-SDK     STM32 ZeST + HSO supported



# STM32G4 features for control applications



# Extensive & innovative peripheral set

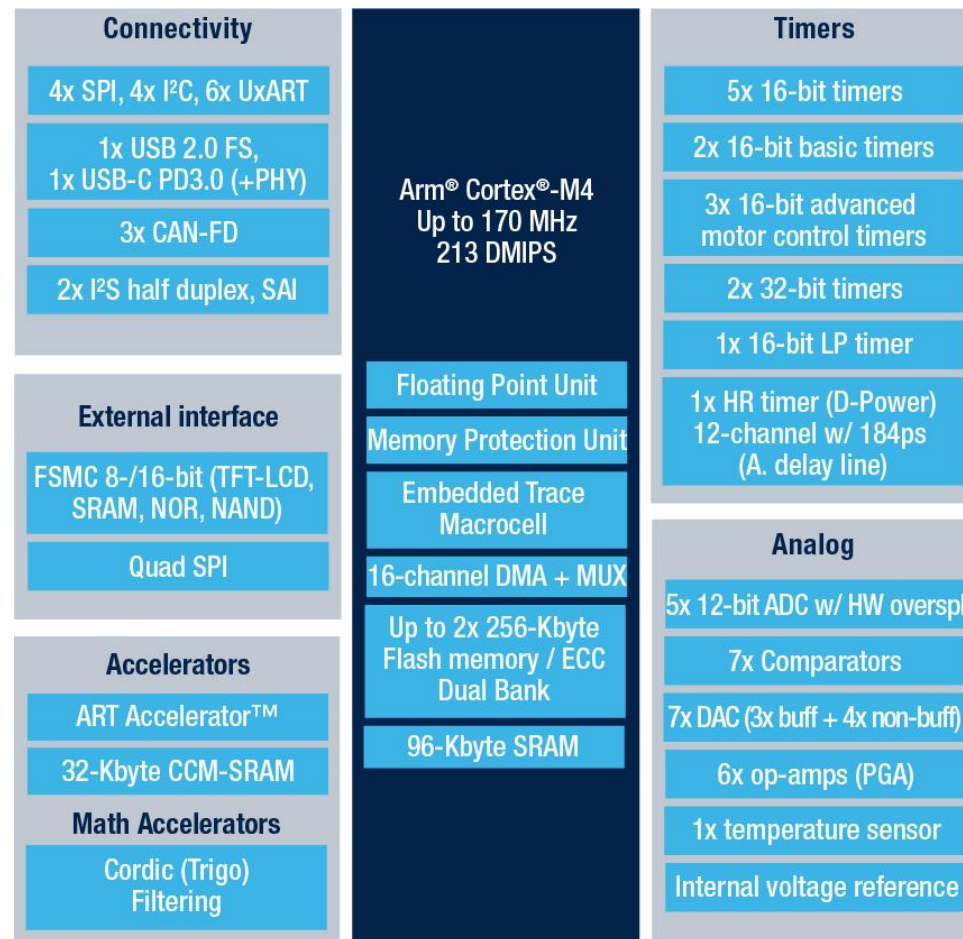
Unit parameters	STM32G474 Hi-Resolution line	STM32G473 Performance line	STM32G431 Access line	STM32G491 Access line
Core, frequency	ARM Cortex-M4, 170 MHz			ARM Cortex-M4, 170 MHz
Flash (max)	512 Kbytes (2x256 KB dual bank)		128 Kbytes single bank	<b>512</b> Kbytes single bank
RAM (up to)	96 Kbytes		22 Kbytes	96 Kbytes
CCM –SRAM (code-SRAM)	32 Kbytes		10 Kbytes	16 Kbytes
12-bit ADC SAR	5x 12-bit 4 MSPS		2x 12-bit 4 MSPS	3x 12-bit 4 MSPS
Comparator	7		4	<b>4</b>
Op Amp with 4 built-in gain values with 1% accuracy	6		3	<b>4</b>
12-bit DAC	7		4	<b>4</b>
Motor Control timer	3x (170 MHz)		2x (170 MHz)	<b>3x</b> (170MHz)
CAN-FD	3x		1x	<b>2x</b>
12 channel Hi-resolution Timer	1x	-	-	-
Power supply	1.72 to 3.6 V			1.72 to 3.6 V



# STM32G474/3 block diagram

## High resolution and performance lines [128KB .. 512KB]

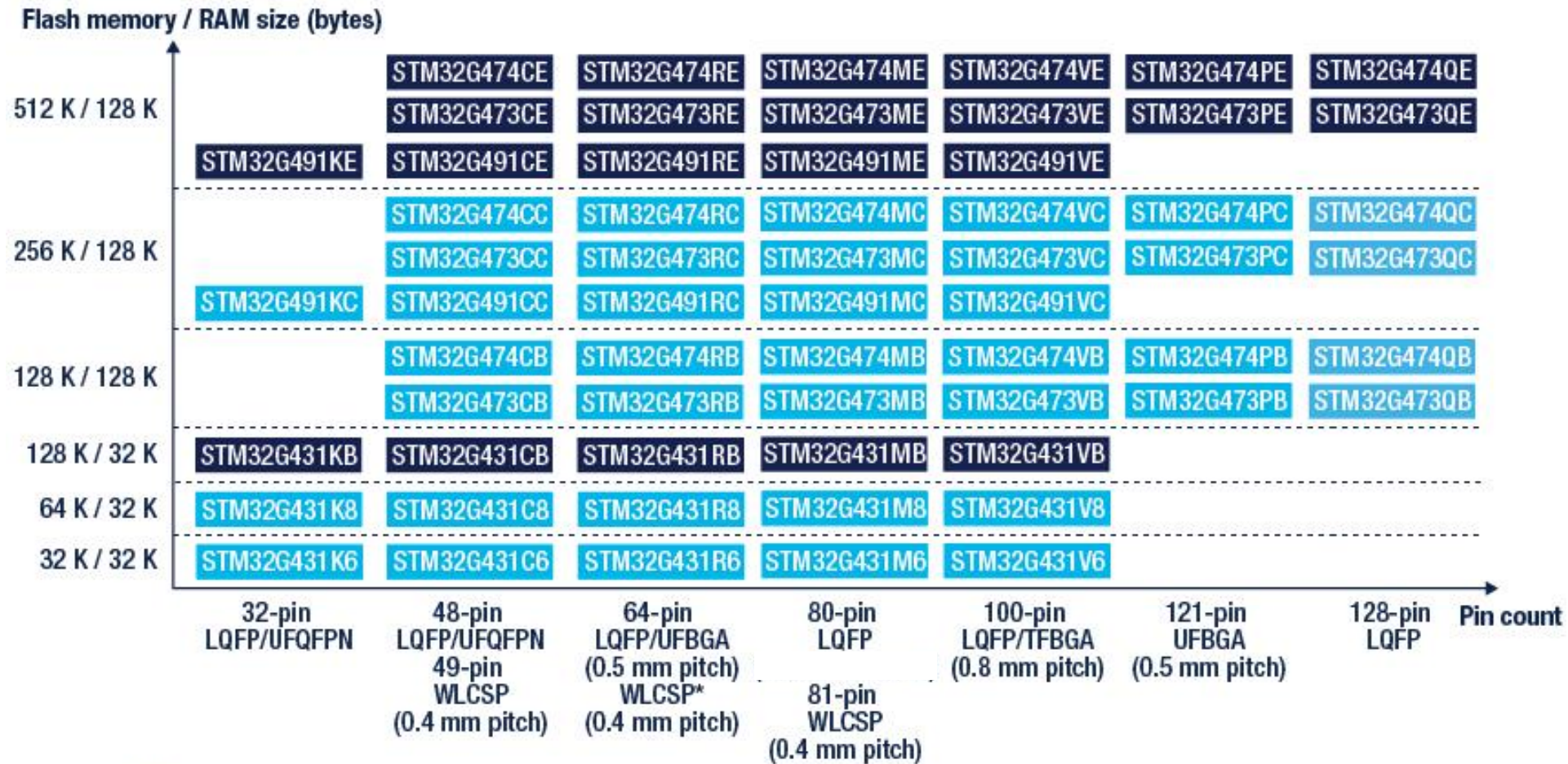
- 32-bit Arm Cortex-M4 core with FPU
- ART + CCM-SRAM + mathematic accelerators
- Dual-bank Flash with ECC
- SRAM with parity bit
- +/- 1% internal clock
- 1.72 to 3.6V power supply
- Up to 125°C



- High resolution timer (*G474 only*)
- 3x advanced motor control timers
- Rich advanced analog
- 3x CAN Flexible Data rate
- USB-C Power Delivery3.0
- Advanced security and safety features
- Robustness: highest level 5 / FTB/ESD - IEC 61000-4-4



# STM32G4 portfolio

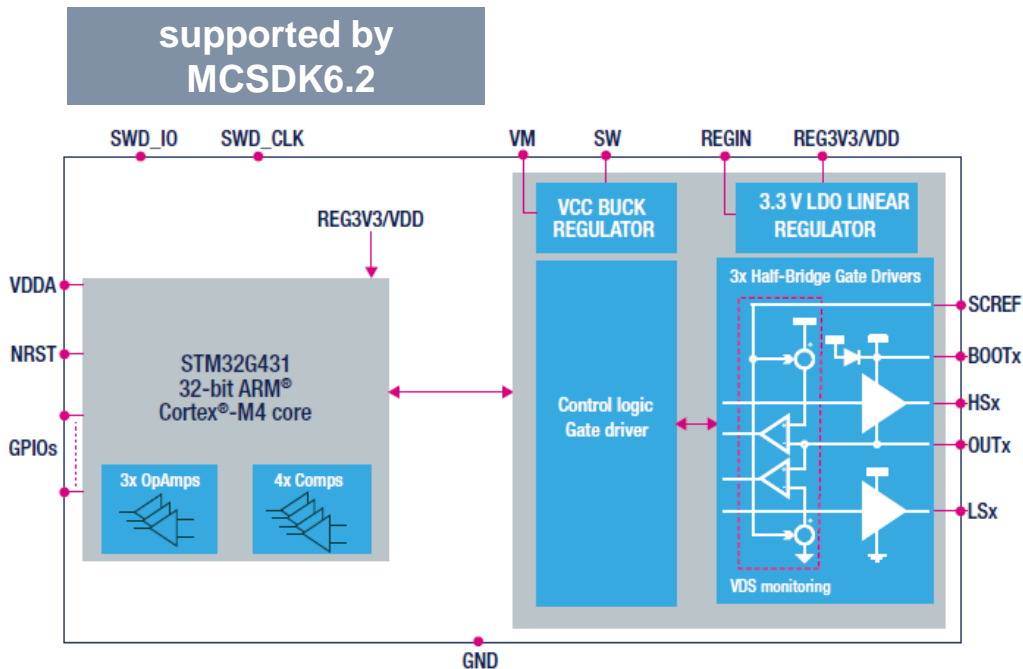


Legend: ■ Crypto AES-256 version is available on this package

# STSPIN32G4

## Integrated STM32 and gate driver

### STSPIN32G4 system integration – 5 ICs in 1



STSPIN32G4 also supports  
improved sensor-less algorithm

#### MCU

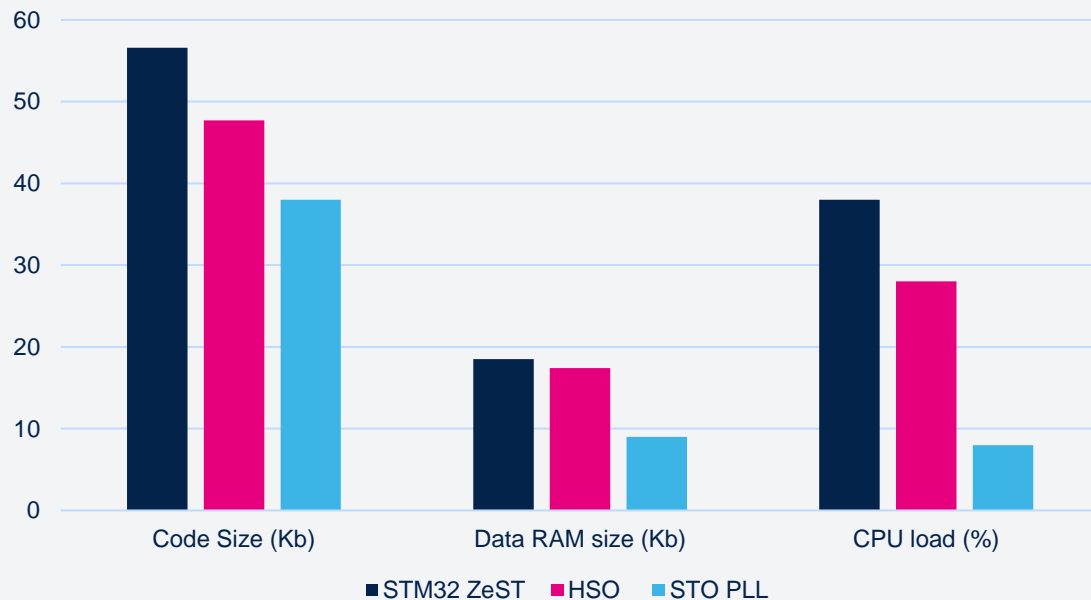
- ARM Cortex-M4 CPU @ 170MHz
- 128kB Flash & 32k SRAM
- 28 timer channels (2 adv. timers for PWM)
- 4x fast comparators
- 3x Op-Amp with built-in gain (PGA)
- 2x 16-bit ADCs & 4x 12-bit DAC
- I2C / UART / SPI / CAN
- up to 40GPIOs
- 6 step & FOC sensorless / sensed algorithms

#### Gate driver & power management

- 3 phase 75V gate driver with 1A driving capability
- $V_S = 5.5V - 75V$
- Vcc 200mA buck converter
- 3.3V 150mA linear regulator
- MOSFET  $V_{DS}$  Monitoring protection
- Fully protected (UVLO, Short-circuit, OCP)
- Fully configurable by I2C

# STM32G4 memory & CPU load

Memory and CPU load comparison



ST SW Motor control	FOC Code Size (Kb)	HAL Code size (Kb)	Data RAM size (Kb)	CPU load (%)
STM32 ZeST	45.6	11	18.5	38
HSO	36.7	11	17.4	28
STO PLL	27	11	9	8

Note:

1. Total code size by considering HAL code and MCP interface.
2. PWM frequency set to 10KHz



# STM32G4 algorithm requirements

## Current sensing topology

	STO PLL	HSO / STM32 ZeST
1x Shunt	✓	✗
3x Shunt	✓	✓
Hall effect current sensor	✓	✓

## Current and voltage sensing

	STO PLL	HSO/STM32 ZeST
Number of phase currents sensing	2	3
Number of phase voltages sensing	0	3
Analog low pass RC filter	0	3

## Peripheral resources

IP	STO PLL	HSO / STM32 ZeST
ADC	2	2
Advanced control timer	1	1
<b>General purpose timer</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Comparator	3	3
Operation amplifiers	3	3
<b>DMA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

