

Barometric pressure sensor for vertical geolocation

Market needs for vertical location



ST technology for pressure sensors



LPS22DF barometric pressure sensor



NextNav: Elevating geolocation



Market trends driving needs for reliable vertical location services



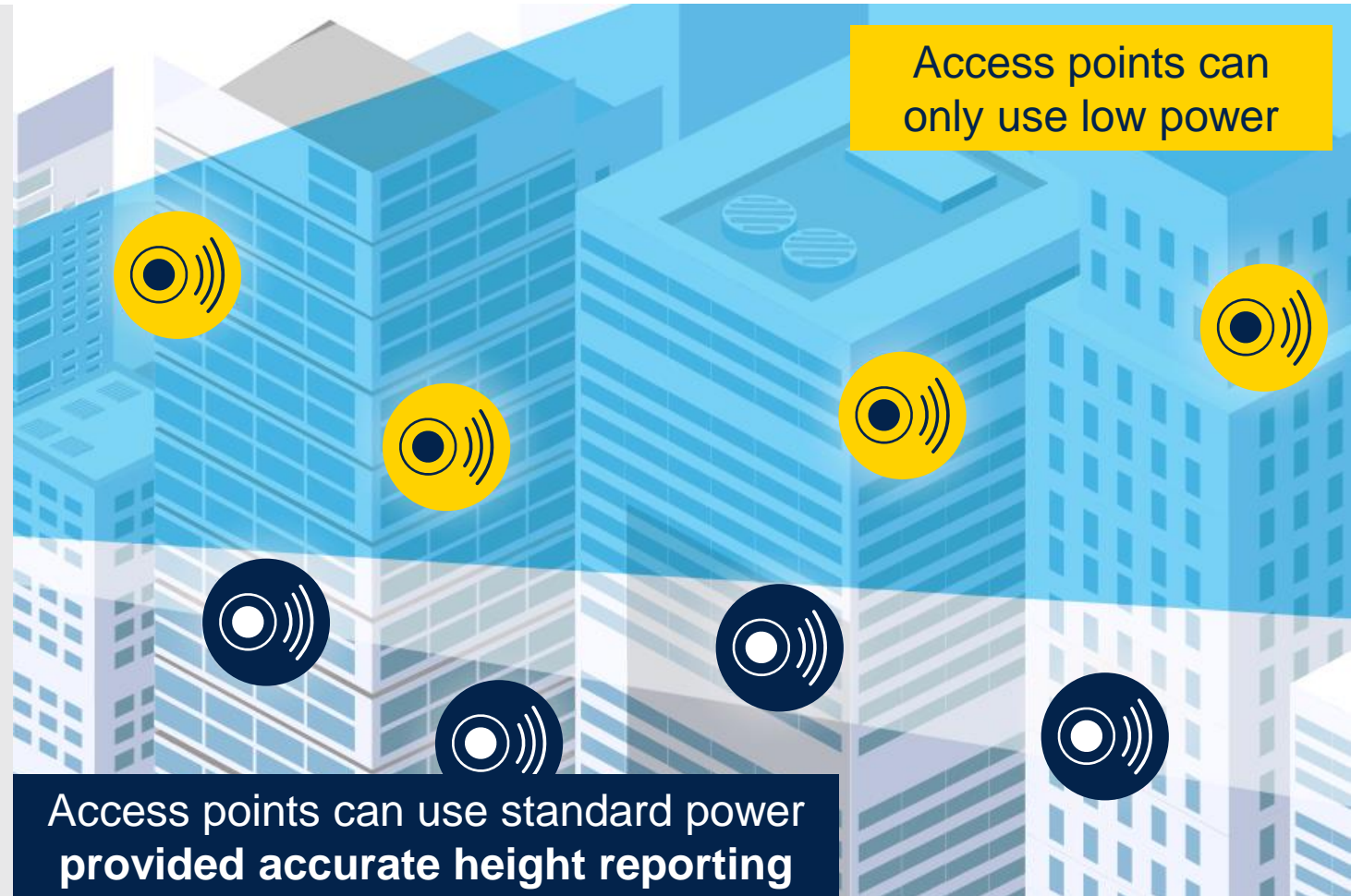
E911: vertical location accuracy metric (± 3 meters for 80% of all wireless E911 calls) has been adopted by FCC

Wi-Fi 6E/7: Vertical location of access point (AP) required by FCC to manage interference between AP and other systems operated at 6 GHz

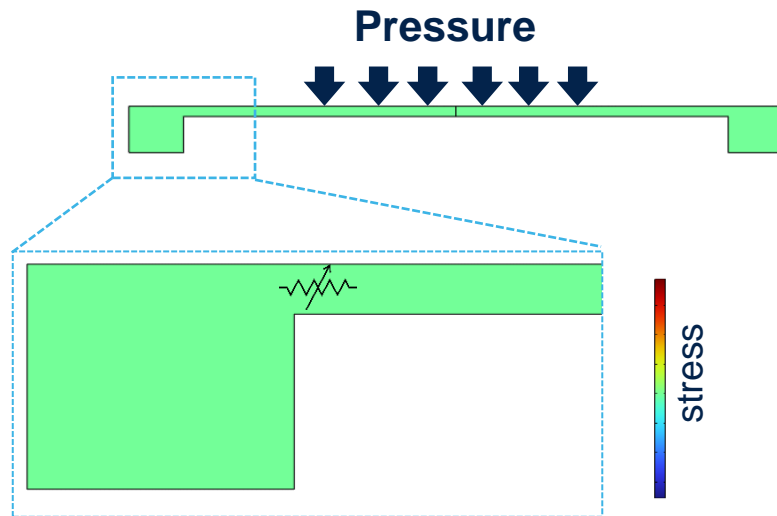
Vertical warehouses have become the most common type of commercial building in the US – overtaking office space – to keep up with e-commerce demand

The need for vertical location in Wi-Fi 6E/7

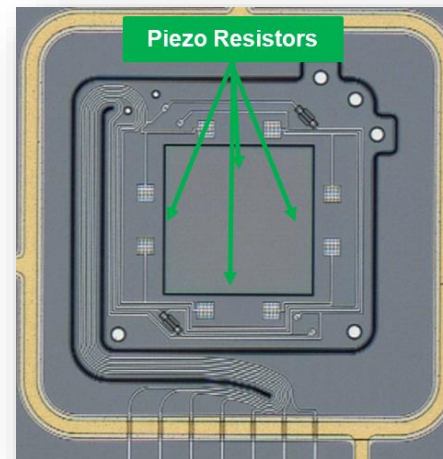
To enable higher power transmission, WiFi-6E/7 providers are required by the FCC to provide the height above ground of WiFi 6E/7 access points to automated frequency coordination (AFC) system.



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+ Suspended membrane with spring structure →



Robustness to thermal deformation
Robustness to mechanical stress

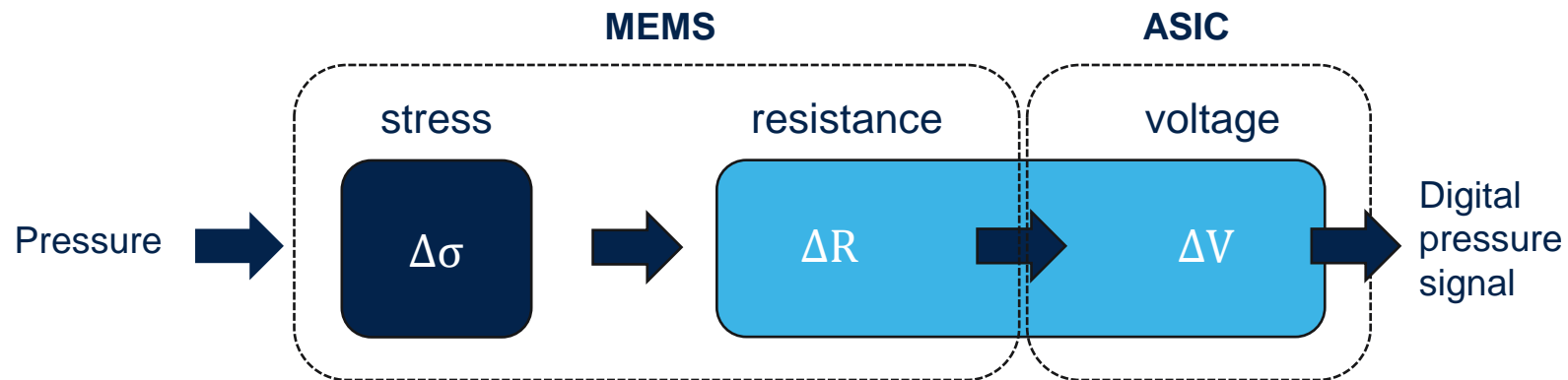
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pressure sensors**

MEMS sensing element

ASIC

Package

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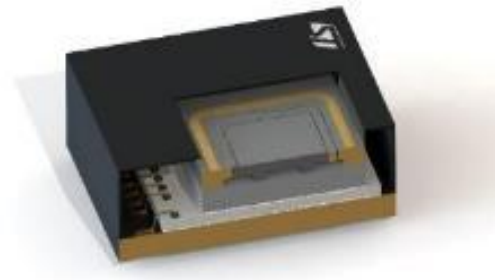
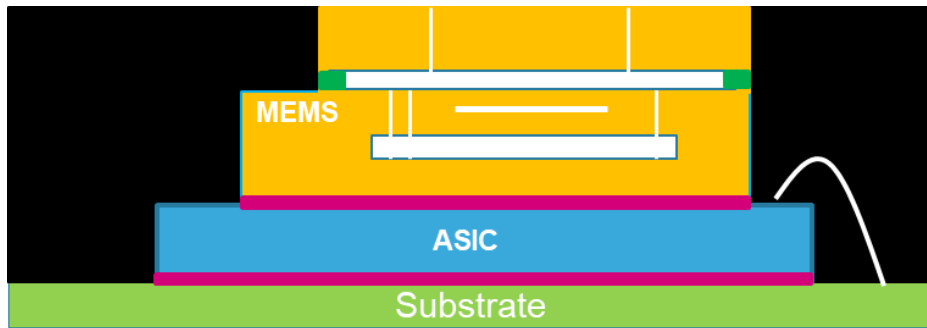
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2 x 2 x 0.73 mm

+ Unique fully-molded package → Superior reliability & moisture resistance

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MEMS sensing element

Suspended membrane manufactured using a proprietary process developed by ST

When pressure is applied, the membrane deflection induces an imbalance in the Wheatstone bridge piezo-resistances

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Output signal is converted by the IC interface

Digital output for connection to host microcontroller/processor

Factory calibration (trimming parameters stored on the device)

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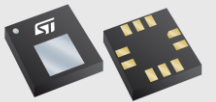
Package

Unique fully-molded package

- Ultra-thin package
- Shock and vibration suppression
- Improved dust/moisture resistance

Water-resistant package option

- Cylindrical design & O-ring compatibility
- Potting gel & grounded metal cap
- Low-stress encapsulation



Barometric pressure sensor: LPS22DF

Delivering high performance with low power consumption



Key application requirements

Current
consumption



Noise
Long term stability

Supply current @ 1Hz
output data rate

1.7 μ A

RMS pressure noise
(with embedded filter)

0.34 Pa RMS (<3cm)

Supply current in power-
down mode

0.9 μ A

Long term stability
0.1 hPa (~80cm)

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*LPS22DF, ST's first
pressure sensor to
receive the NextNav
Certification thanks to
unique capabilities*

<https://blog.st.com/lps22df-nextnav>



Pressure sensor use cases

High accuracy pressure sensing is key for multiple applications



Barometer
LPS22DF



Water-resistant pressure sensor
LPS28DFW

Vertical location



Altitude monitoring
Indoor vertical location
Ambient pressure monitor

Wi-Fi AP
Drones
Weather station

Activity recognition



Vertical context detection
Stair count / Man Fall down
Pose & Fitness monitoring

Smartphone
Wearable

Airplane mode detection



Recognize take-off and
landing to set the radio/GPS
signal

Asset tracking

Flow detection



Inhale detection
Air Flow metering

Gas metering
Vacuum cleaner
Smart filter

Water depth monitoring



Water Depth monitoring

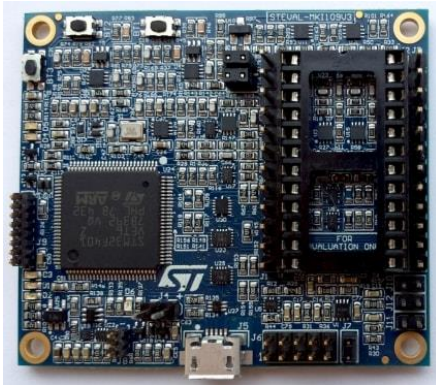
Wearable

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Evaluation tools ecosystem

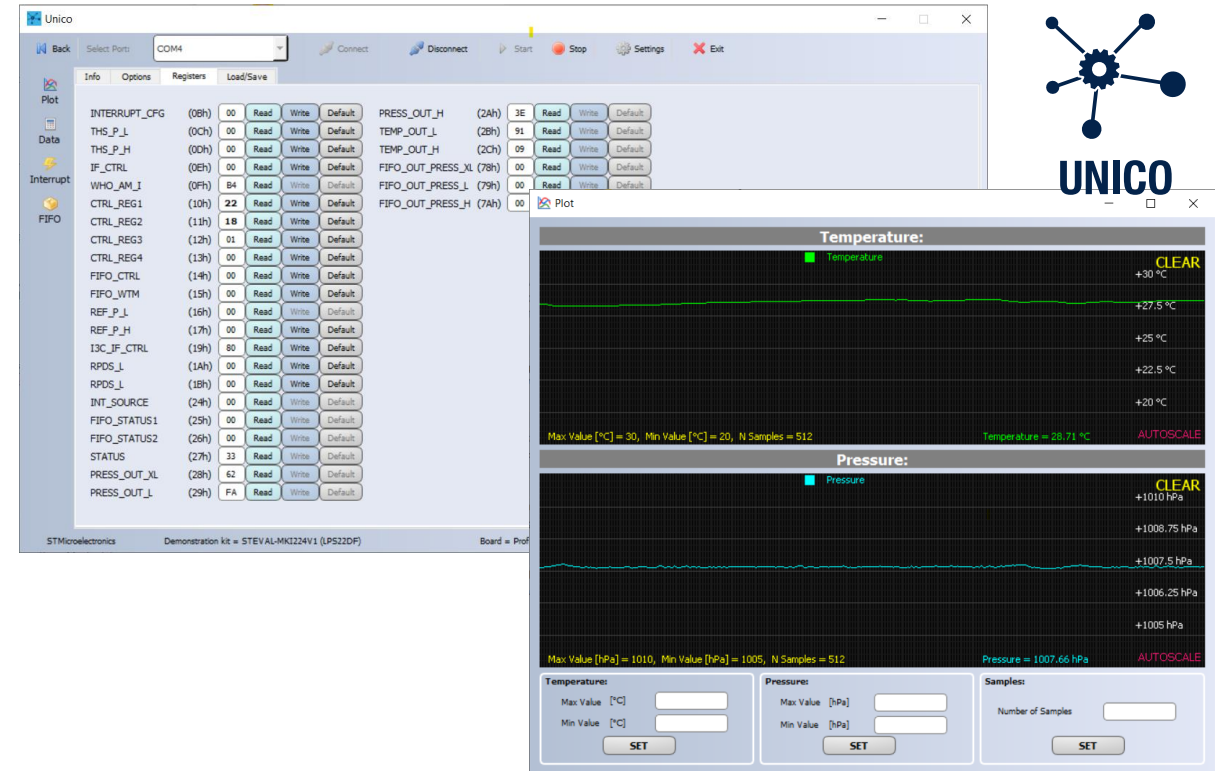
Hardware:

- ST MEMS adapters **motherboard** - [STEVAL-MKI109V3](#)
- LPS22DF **sensor** adapter board - [STEVAL-MKI224V1](#)



Software:

- MEMS evaluation kit **software package** for Linux, Mac OSX and Windows - [Unico-GUI](#)



Documentation:

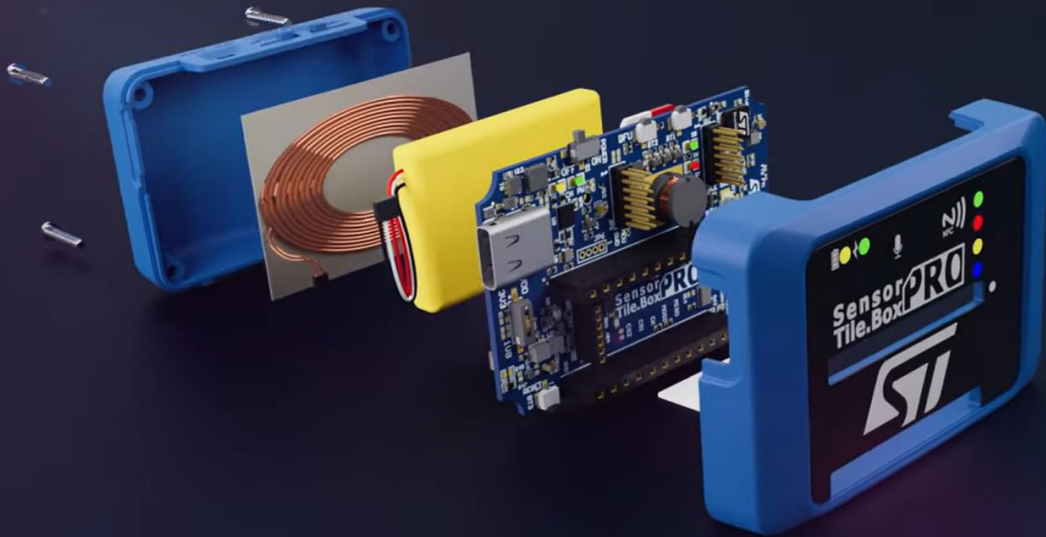
- User manual:** Professional MEMS Tool motherboard for MEMS adapter boards - [UM2116](#) - STEVAL-MKI109V3
- Application note:** LPS22DF low-power and high-precision MEMS nano pressure sensor - [AN5699](#)



SensorTile.box PRO

Ready-to-use programmable wireless IoT node

ST makes IoT sensing accessible with a ready-to-use device connectable via Bluetooth® to your smartphone



Can be configured for users of any skill level (**ENTRY, PRO, EXPERT**) to support learning and prototyping

Built into a **compact box**
Bundled with **app for smartphone**

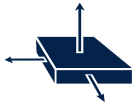
Order code: STEVAL-MKBOXPRO

Sense, process and connect

Inertial sensors



6-axis inertial measurement unit
LSM6DSV16X



3-axis low-power accelerometer
LIS2DU12



3-axis magnetometer
LIS2MDL

Processing & memory



Ultra-low-power with FPU Arm
Cortex-M33 with Trust Zone
STM32U585AI



Micro SD card slot



Environmental sensors

Low-voltage local digital
temperature sensor
STTS22H



Barometer / pressure sensor
LPS22DF



Digital microphone / audio sensor
MP23DB01HP



Connectivity

Bluetooth Low Energy 5.2 SoC
BlueNRG355AC



NFC tag on board
ST25DV04K



Power options and user interface

Power options



USB-C charging port



Wireless charging



480 mAh long life battery



User interface

4 Programmable LEDs



2 Programmable buttons
+ Reset button



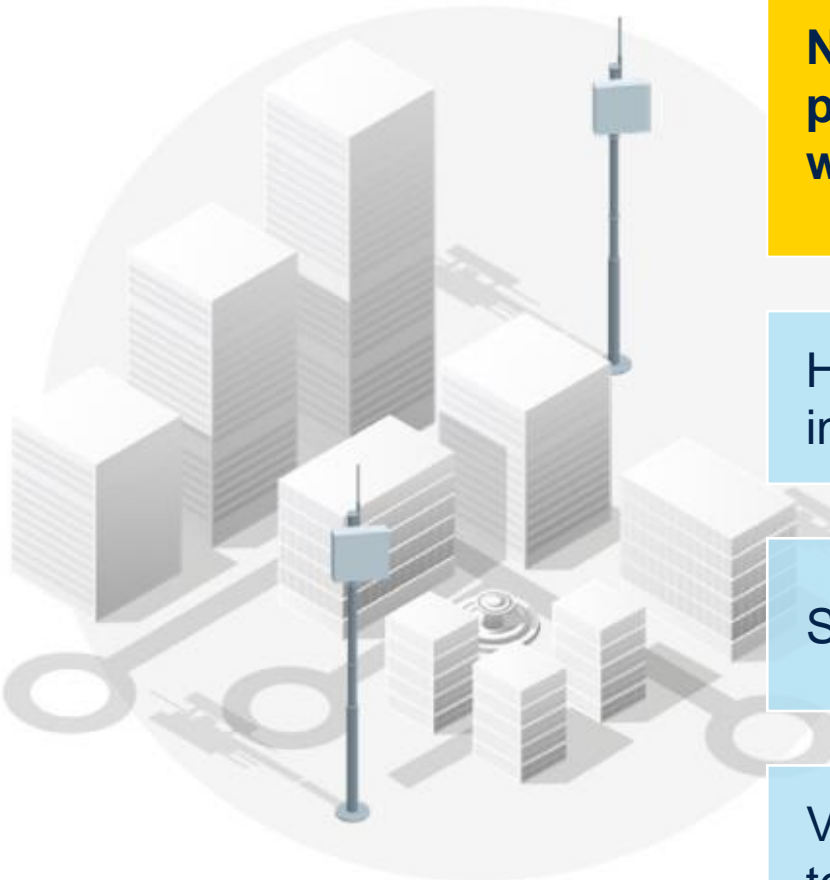
Programmable Audio Buzzer



Qvar sensor electrodes



NextNav Pinnacle: a proven solution



NextNav's Pinnacle vertical location service is the industry leader in providing accurate height information for a variety of applications with metro-wide coverage through a dedicated network

Height generation using real-time pressure data from barometric sensors in devices

Simple integration of Pinnacle API to get height above ground information

Vertical location accuracy already proven in FCC and CTIA independent testing

STEVAL-MKBOXPRO

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