



# Wireless Battery Charging

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# Wireless Power Keeps Growing

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Leave cables at home and top up batteries

By 2018 over a billion receiver units are expected  
to be shipped worldwide\*

Wearable



Medical



Mobile phones  
and tablets



Smart home



Auto



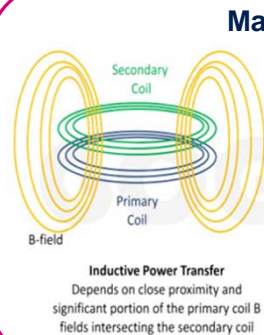
Power tools



\* Source: IHS October 2016

# Wireless Power at a Glance 3

## Similar technology Different Implementation



### Magnetic induction

#### Advantages

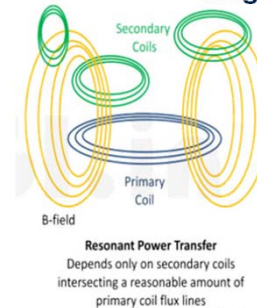
simple, efficient, safe, power scalable, mature

#### Key technology challenges

shield, coil alignment, good coupling

#### Disadvantages

limited x/y/z space, difficult for multiple device operation simultaneously



### Magnetic resonance

#### Advantages

spatial freedom, multiple devices support, larger charging area

#### Key technology challenges

power scalable, environment safety, TX and RX design

#### Disadvantages

increased EMI, efficiency



is a member of Qi and AirFuel (A4WP + PMA)

## Different Standards

\*Qi – by Wireless Power Consortium

\* PMA – by Power Matter Alliance

A4WP – by Alliance for Wireless Power

**Note:** A4WP and PMA merged in June 2015



- Low Power: 5W (rel 1.2)
- Medium Power: 15W (rel 1.2)
- Qi Cordless kitchen appliances from 100W to 2.4kW
- Resonant (Under Definition)



AirFuel Alliance






- PRU Category 1-7. PTU Class 1-6
- $P_{RX}$  Out Max from 3.5W to 50W (Cat. 1 TBD)
- $P_{TX}$  Input Max from 2W to 70W



# Organizations Defining Standards

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	WPC 	PMA 	A4WP 
<b>Members</b>	~240	~200 under AirFuel Alliance name	
<b>Available products</b>	>950	~30	2
<b>Technology</b>	Inductive and Resonant-LF	Inductive	Resonant-HF
<b>Investment areas</b>	Infrastructure Automotive Power increase Larger Z Shared Mode, Resonant Extension	Consumer awareness Infrastructure Medium Power Merge with A4WP (June'15)	Specification Technology Industrialization Marketing Certification program & Test houses Merge with PMA (June'15)

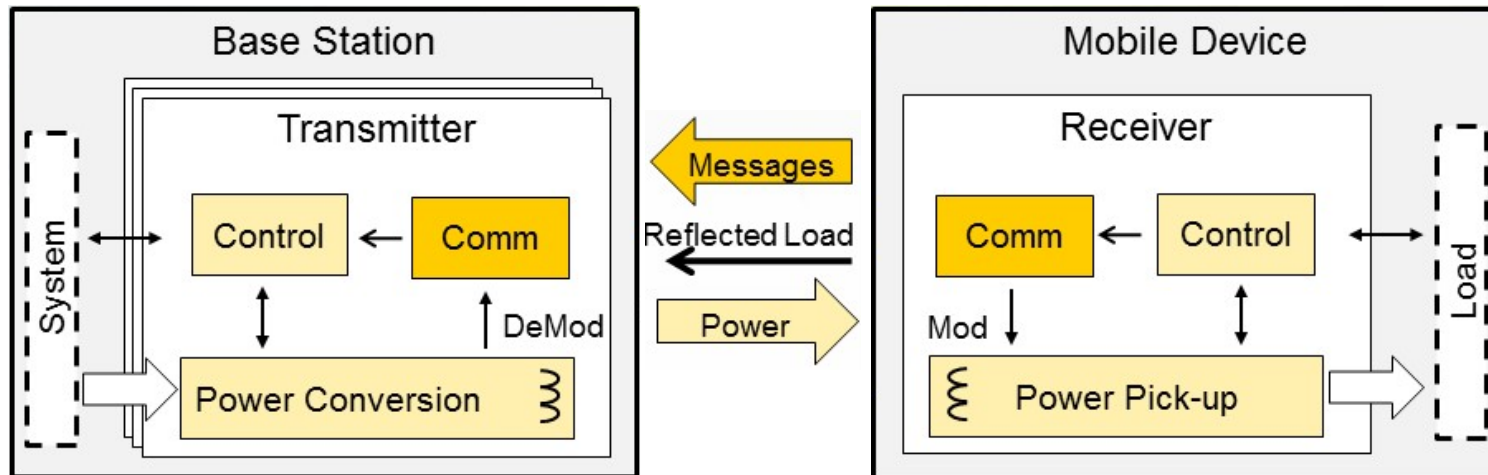
**ST is Regular Member (\*) of WPC and Full Member of AirFuel Alliance**

(\*) also member of the Steering Group

# Magnetic Induction Power Transfer

## WPC Qi

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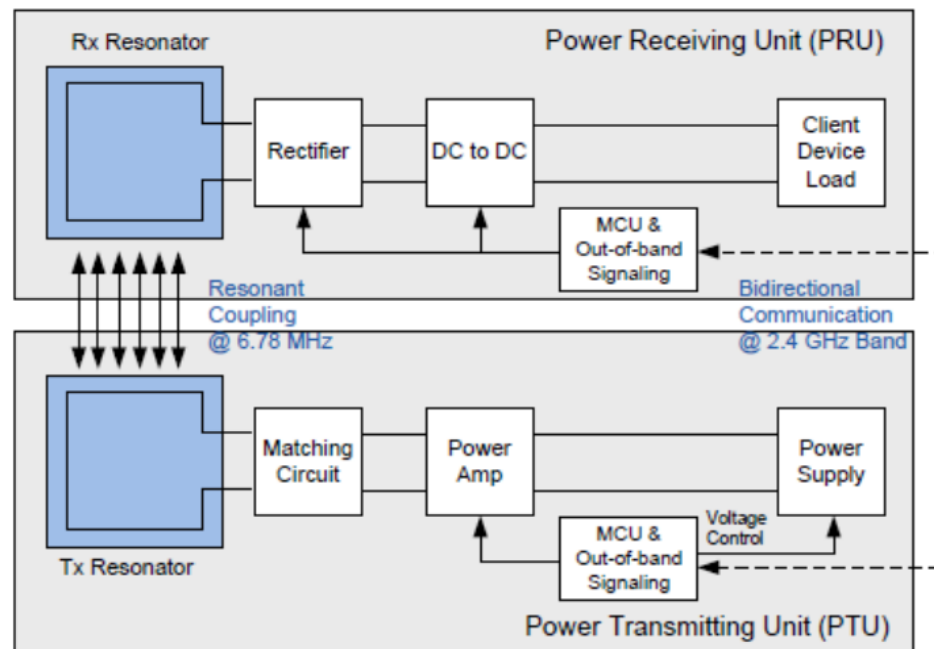


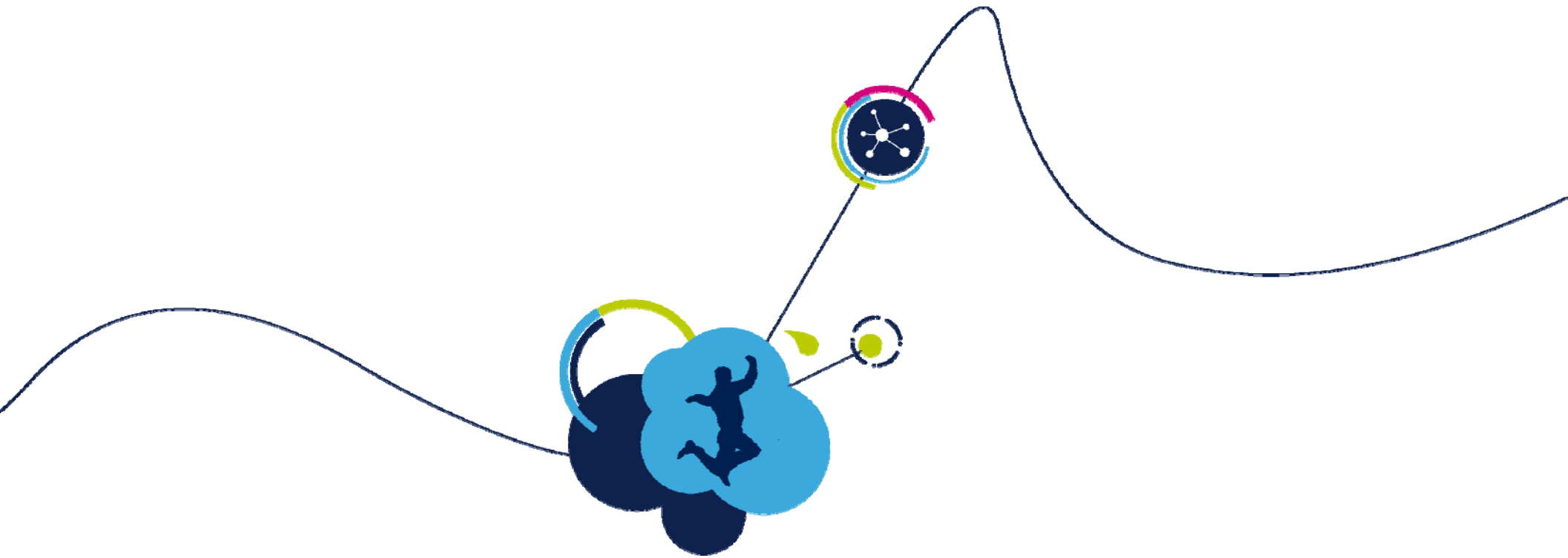
- Operating Frequency is 110-205kHz
- One Base Station typically powers one Mobile Device
- In-band digital link is used for identification of compatible devices and control of power levels (operates through the same coils used for power transfer)

# Magnetic Resonance Power Transfer AirFuel

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- Operating Frequency is 6.78MHz
- Multiple PRUs can be powered from a single PTU
- A Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) link is used for identification of compatible devices and control of power levels



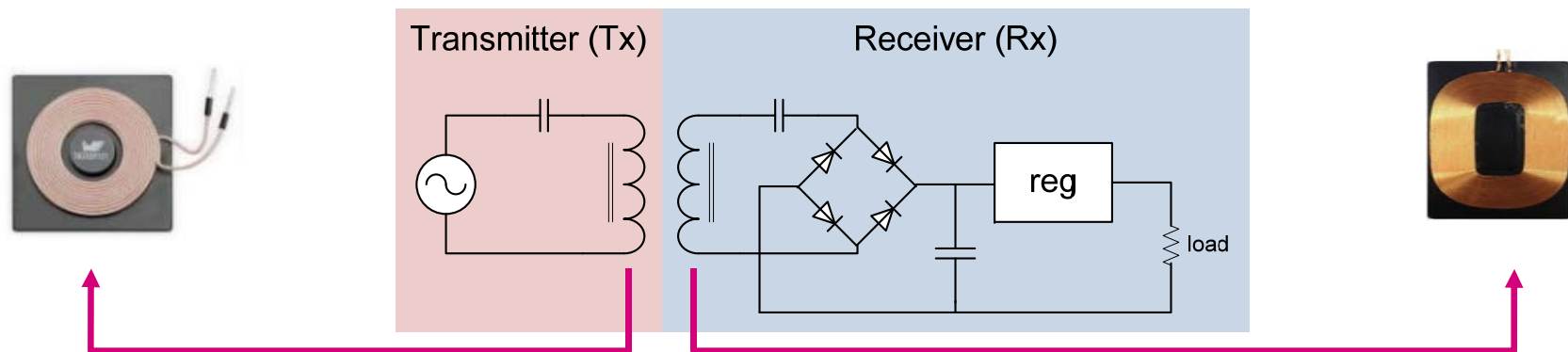


# Introduction to WPC Qi Battery Charging (Magnetic Induction)

# Power Transfer Principle

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- Tightly coupled wireless charging technology uses magnetic induction to transfer power from a transmitter (Tx) to a receiver (Rx).
- The magnetic field is generated by a **coil on the TX side**. The field is captured by a **coil on the RX side**. The field works through air, no magnetic circuit links the coils.
- The received electrical signal is **rectified, filtered and regulated** before supplying the load.

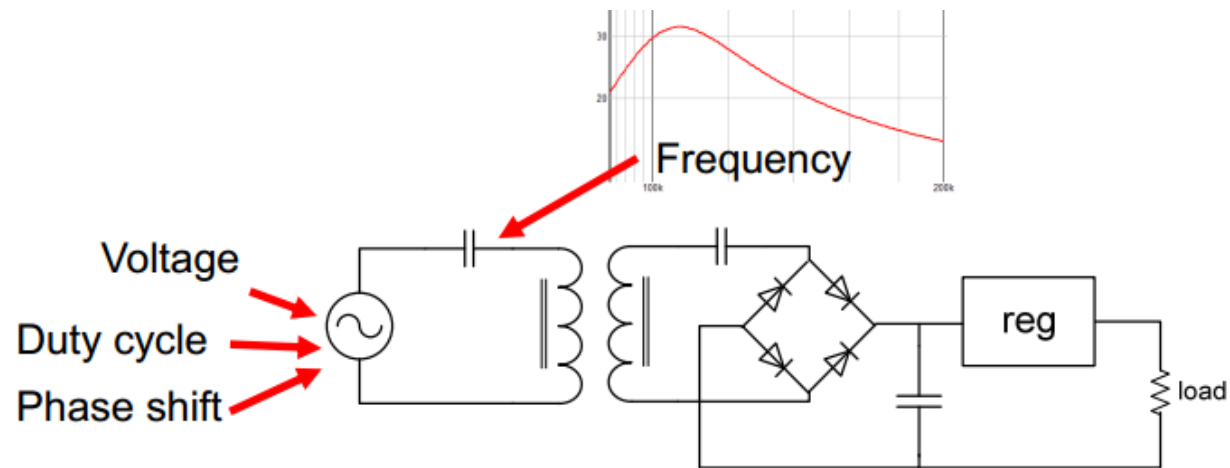




# Adjust Power to Control Magnetic Field

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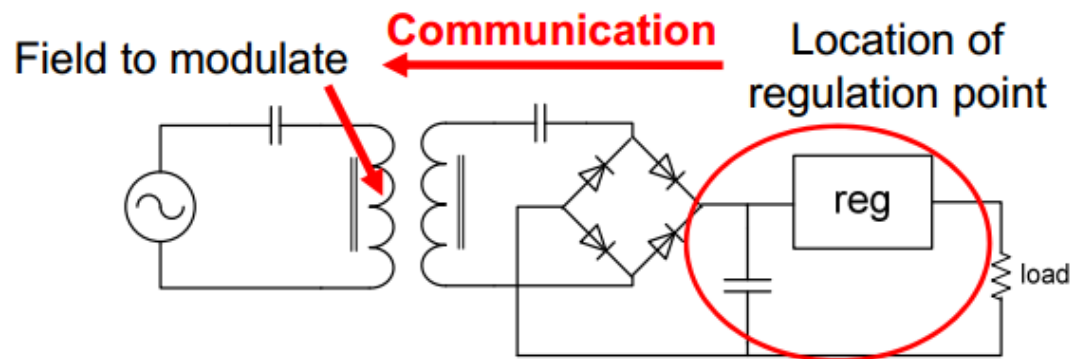
- To control the field, various solutions can be used (and combined):
  - Use the LC tank properties, changing the oscillator **frequency**.
  - Change the oscillator **duty cycle** (using a square wave oscillator)
  - Change the oscillator **voltage**.
  - Apply **phase** shift to a full bridge oscillator.



# RX to TX Communication

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- Because there are too many variables (RX/TX coupling, RX & TX coils, load, ...), the TX cannot set the regulation point by itself.
- There is then an absolute need of communication from RX to TX: the RX will have to pass data to the TX about the regulation set point.
- This communication channel can also be used for auxiliary purposes and extended to bi-directional communication



# RX Presence Detection and FOD

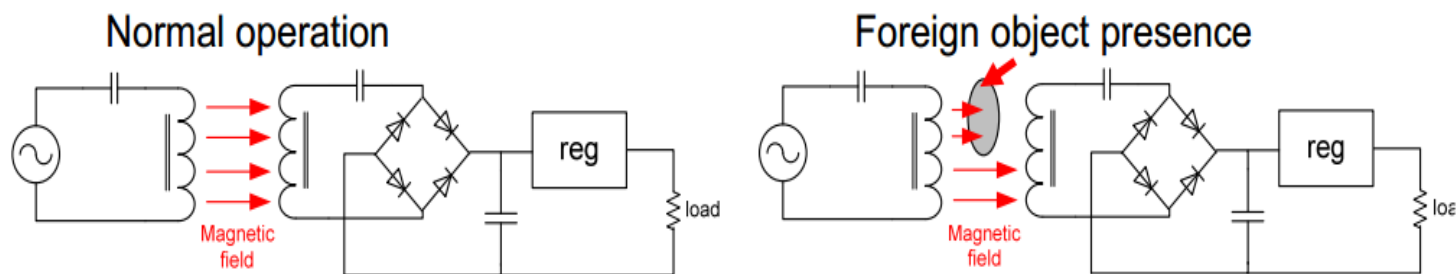
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- Receiver Presence Detection

- The transmitter generates a magnetic field at regular intervals and check if a load is present and consumes power.

- FOD (Foreign Object Detection)

- Qi uses the method of power balance to estimate the presence of foreign object.
- If the TX transmits more power than what the RX reports, a foreign object is present

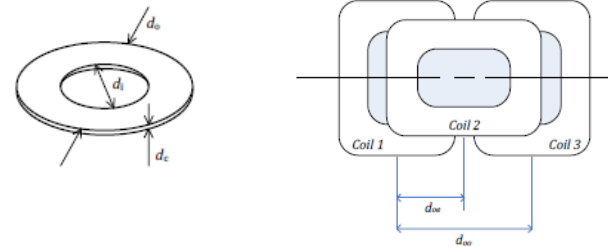


# Qi Power Transmitter Designs Overview

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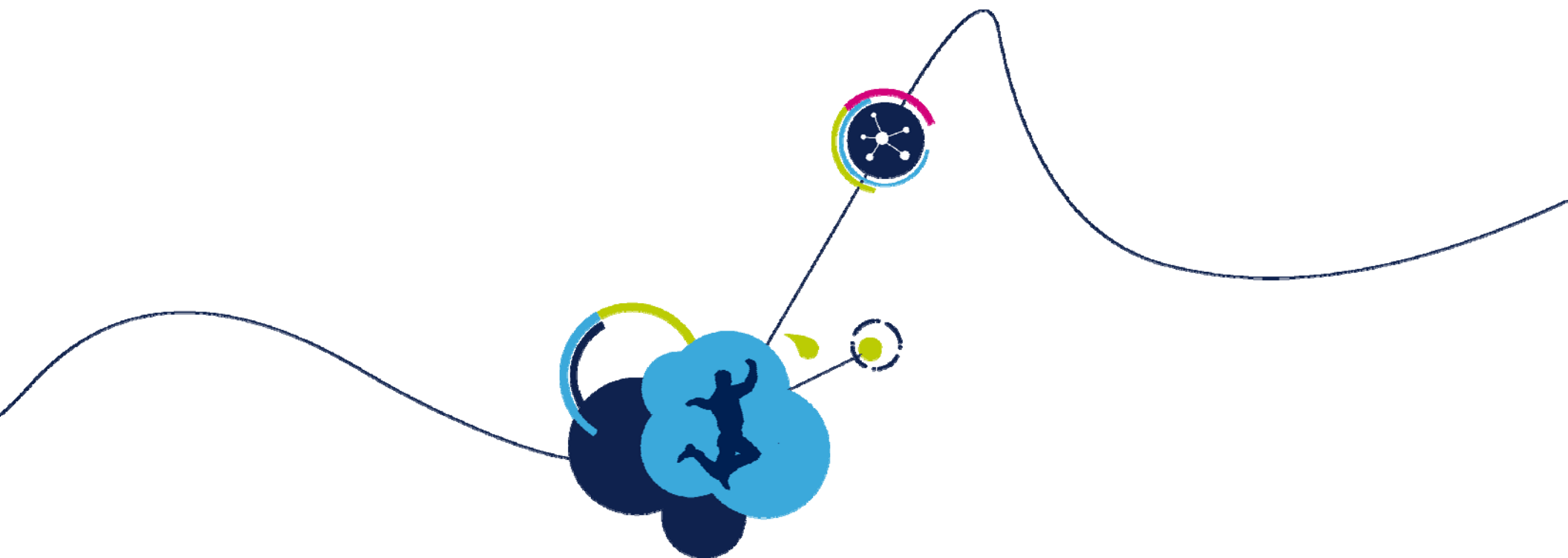
Design	Description	Family	Voltage	Control
A1	Single Primary Coil with magnet alignment	#1	19 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A2	Single movable Primary Coil	#1	12 V	Voltage
A3	Single movable Primary Coil	#2	12 V	Voltage & Frequency
A4	Two oblong Primary Coils	#4	11 V	Voltage & Frequency
A5	Single Primary Coil with magnet alignment	#1	5 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A6	Linear array of Primary Coils	#5	12 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A7	Single movable Primary Coil	#2	12 V	Voltage & Frequency
A8	Single oblong Primary Coil	#4	11 V	Voltage & Frequency
A9	Single Primary Coil with magnet alignment	#1	15 V	Voltage & Frequency
A10	Single Primary Coil without magnet	#1	19 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A11	Single Primary Coil without magnet	#1	5 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A12	Single oblong Primary Coil	#4	5 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A13	Linear array of Primary Coils	#5	12 V	Voltage & Frequency
A14	Two oblong Primary Coils	#4	12 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A15	Single Primary Coil, user assisted alignment	#2	12 V	Voltage & Frequency
A16	Single triangular Primary Coil	#6	5 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A17	Single Primary Coil	#1	15 V	Voltage & Frequency
A18	Single Primary Coil, user assisted alignment	#2	12 V	Voltage & Frequency
A19	Dual Primary Coils	#5	12 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A20	Single oblong Primary Coil	#4	12 V	Voltage & Frequency
A21	Linear array of Primary Coils	#5	12 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A22	Single oblong Primary Coil	#4	12 V	Voltage & Frequency
A23	Single oblong Primary Coil	#4	12 V	Voltage, Frequency & Duty Cycle
A24	Single Primary Coil	#1	5 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A25	Single oblong Primary Coil	#4	5 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A26	Single triangular Primary Coil	#6	5 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A27	Single Primary Coil	#8	12 V	Phase
A28	Linear array of Primary Coils	#5	5 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A29	Single Primary Coil	#1	12 V	Voltage control
A30	Single oblong Primary Coil	#4	12 V	Frequency & Duty cycle
A31	Single oblong Primary Coil	#4	12 V	Frequency & Duty cycle

Design	Description	Family	Voltage	Control
B1	2D array of Primary Coils (Litz-wire based)	#3	20 V	Voltage
B2	2D array of Primary Coils (PCB based)	#3	20 V	Voltage
B3	2D array of Primary Coils (Litz/PCB hybrid)	#3	12 V	Phase
B4	Linear array of Primary Coils	#7	12 V	Phase
B5	Linear array of Primary Coils	#7	12 V	Phase
B6	Linear array of Primary Coils	#9	5 V	Phase



Family	Primary Coil Shape	Primary Coil Size
#1	Circular	Ø40...43 mm
#2	Circular	Ø33...39 mm
#2	Circular/hexagonal	Ø28...32 mm
#4	Oblong	65×57...70×60 mm <sup>2</sup>
#5	Rectangular	46.5×37.5...53×45 mm <sup>2</sup>
#6	Triangular	52×46...59×52 mm <sup>2</sup>
#7	Square	45×45 mm <sup>2</sup>
#8	Circular	Ø60 mm
#9	Oblong	45×34 mm <sup>2</sup>

Source: WPC Qi specifications, Version 1..2



STWBC

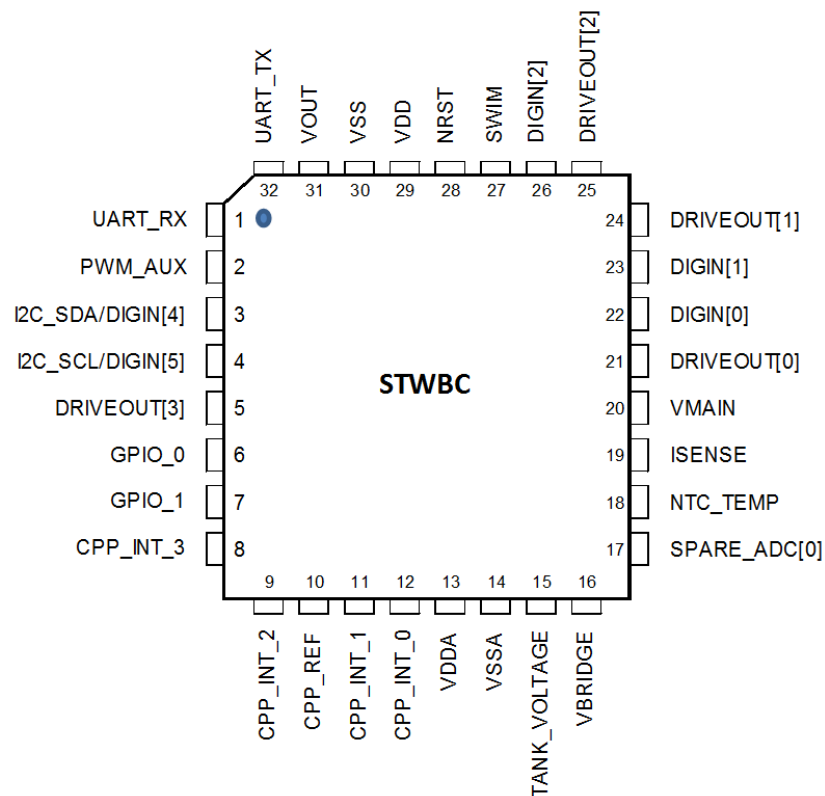
Qi Wireless Battery Charging Transmitter IC



# STWBC - Transmitter

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Flexible, efficient, compliant with leading standard



## 5V IC supply voltage

## Two Firmware options

- Turn/key solution for quick design
- APIs available for customization

## API: Available Peripherals

- ADC with 10 bit precision and 1MΩ input impedance
- UART
- I<sup>2</sup>C master fast-slow speed rate
- GPIOs
- Program memory: 32\* kbyte EEPROM  
(\*available size for API depends on selected FW)

## General application features:

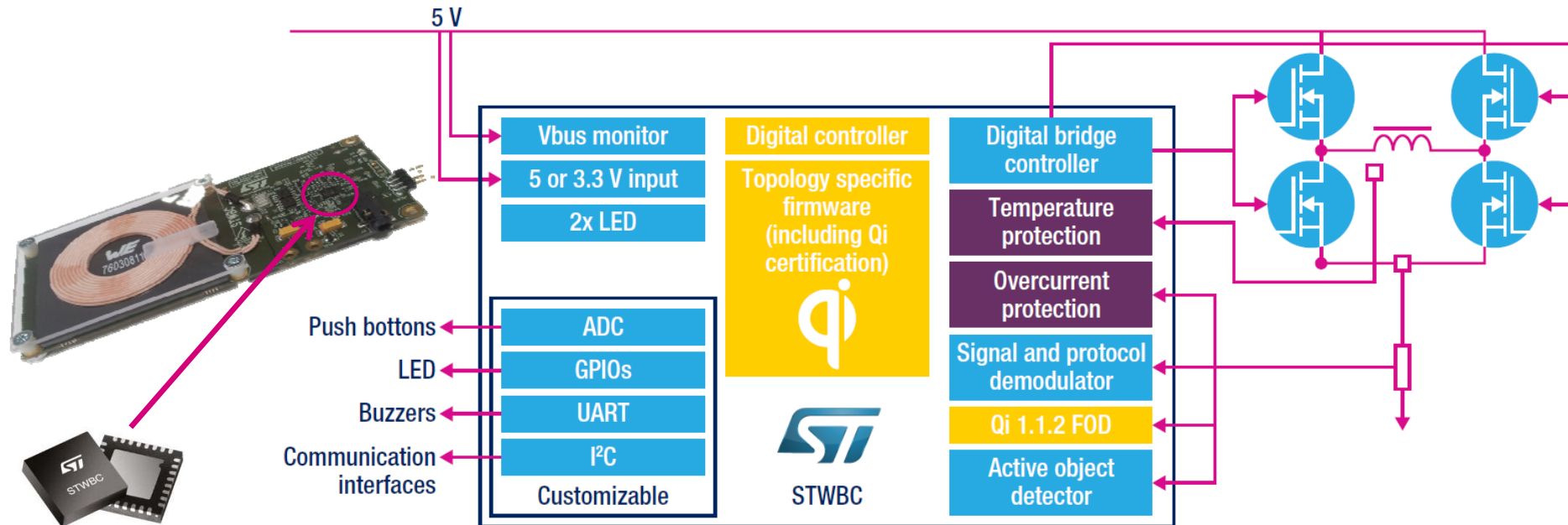
- Low cost 2-layer PCBs
- Active object detection
- Graphical user interface for application monitoring
- Evaluation board

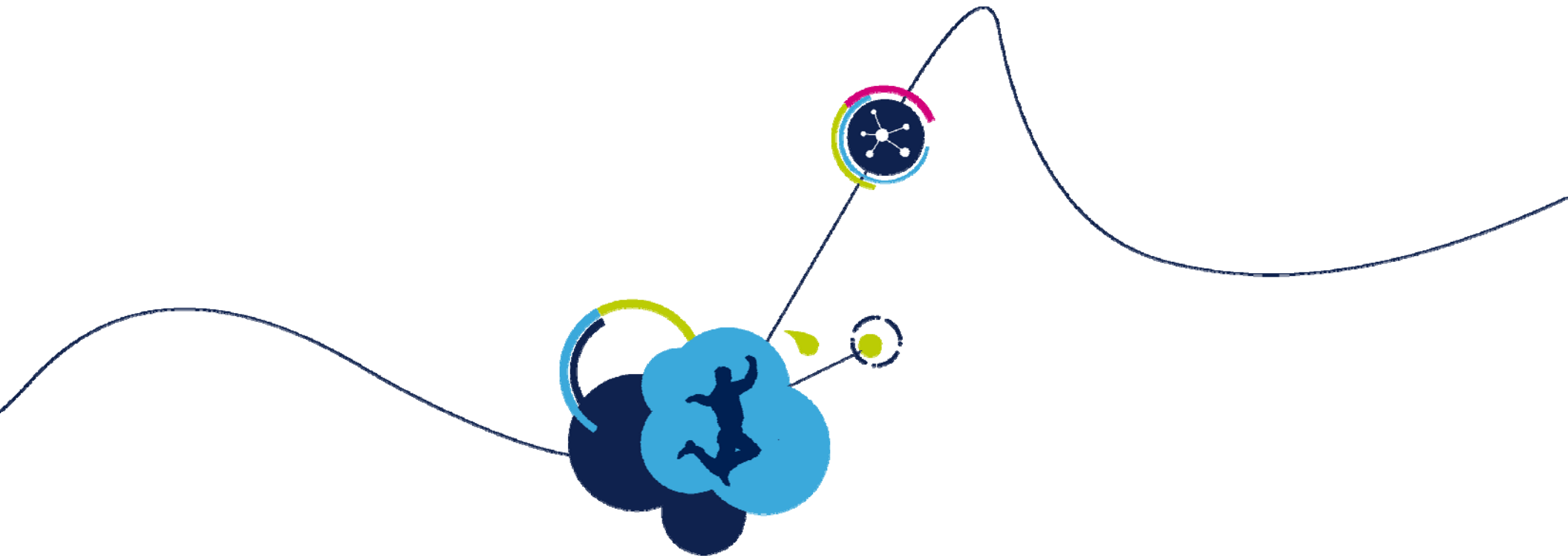
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## STWBC OPERATIONAL BLOCKS AND Qi 1.1.2 A11 CONFIGURATION





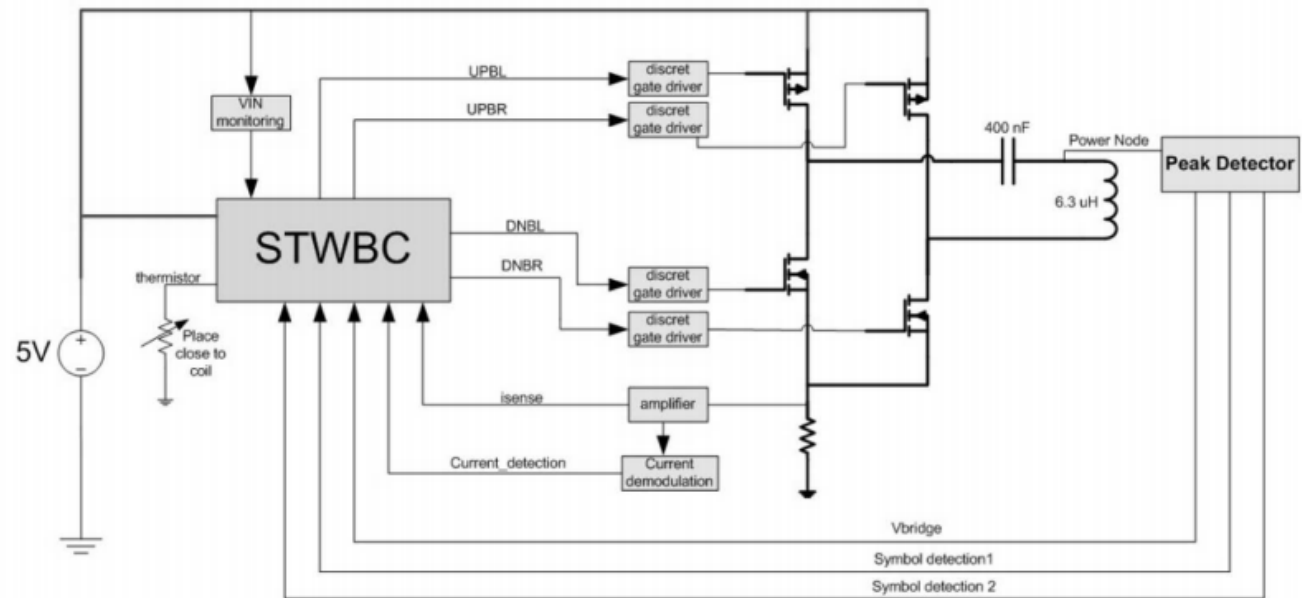
# STWBC Transmitter Qi Evaluation Boards



# STWBC - A11 Transmitter Configuration

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- 5W Qi, 1-Coil, 5V supply

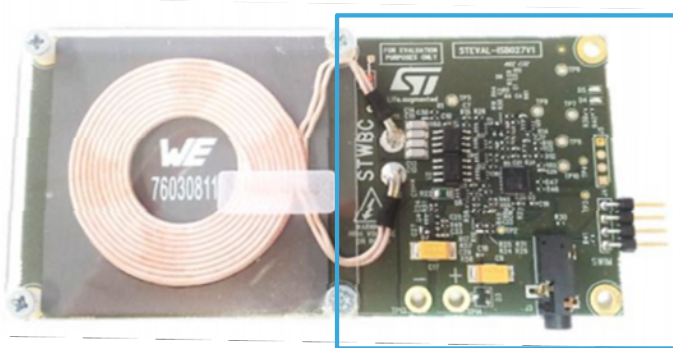


- A11 requires accurate frequency control:
  - Operating frequency range 110kHz – 205kHz
  - Duty cycle 50%-10% @ 205kHz

# STWBC 5W A11 Transmitter Reference Board STEVAL-ISB027V1

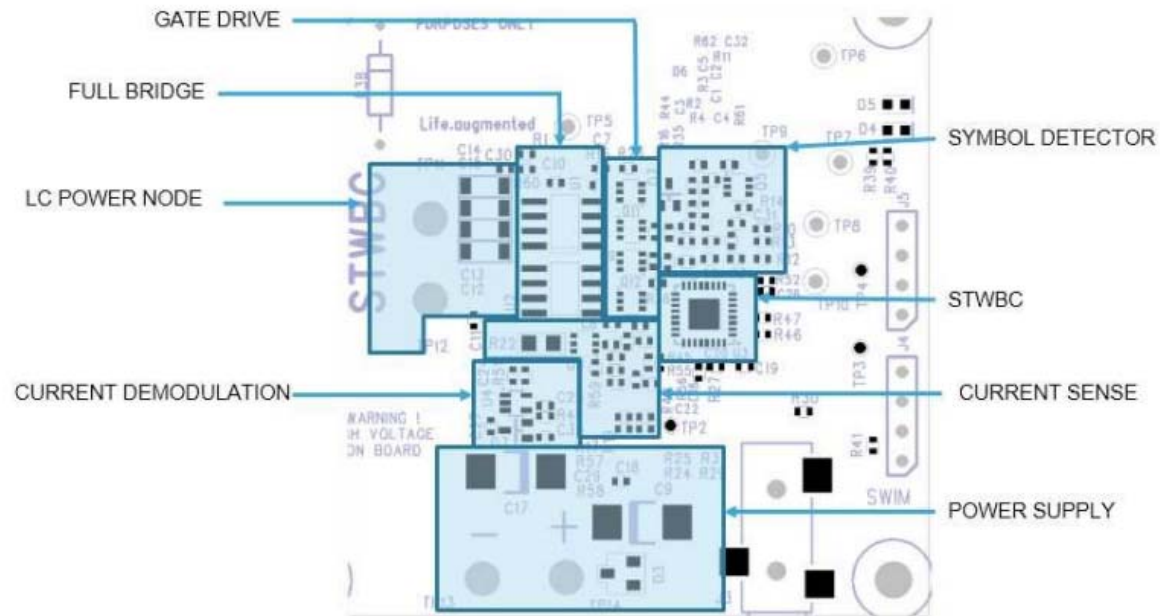
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- 2-Layer PCB and single-side placement



StandBy

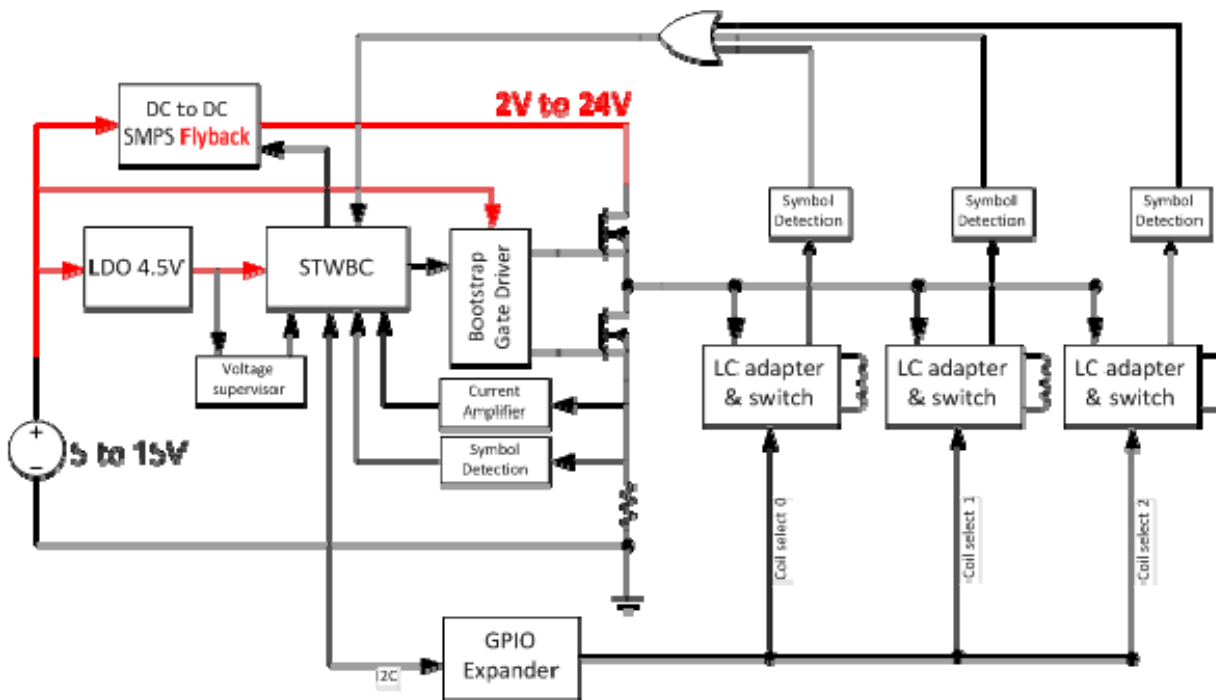
- Ping active
- **3mW** consumption
- FOD active



# STWBC – A34 Transmitter Configuration

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- Available also as 5W Qi platform for Automotive, 3-Coil system



- Qi protocol, coil choice, bridge and fly back control handled by the STWBC
- The transmitter is based on a half bridge topology
- The inverter bridge is supplied by a Flyback converter

# ST A34 Transmitter Special Recipe

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- ST implementation differs from the similar 3-coil A13 design. Here are the differences:
  - Board input voltage: **Exactly same (12V)**
  - Coil: **Exactly same**
  - Resonant tank: **Similar at 110kHz operating frequency**
  - Resonant tank excitation voltage: **Exactly same**
  - Bridge: **Half-bridge instead of full-bridge**
  - Bridge supply average power: **Exactly same**
  - Bridge supply voltage: **2 to 24V instead of 1 to 12V**
  - PID: **Same except that PID output (scaling factor) is doubled**
- Those modifications have been submitted to Qi consortium under CR305 ID. It has received the **A34** designation and it is now listed on the Wireless Power Consortium website.

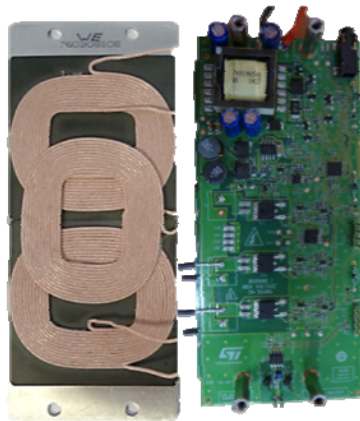
# STWBC – 5W A34 Transmitter Reference Board

## STEVAL-ISB028V1

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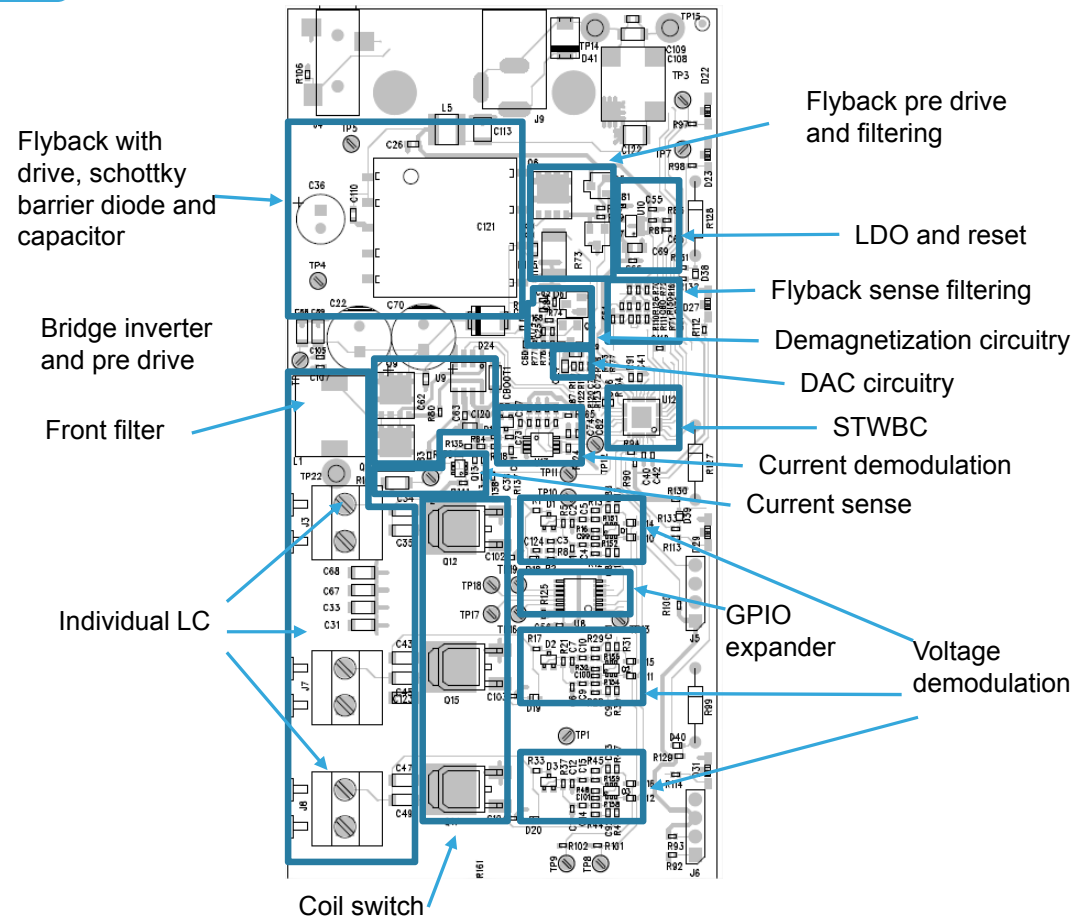
ASTWBC (H1'17): automotive grade  
STWBC-MC: Industrial grade (aftermarket)

- 2-layer PCB and single-side placement (same area as 3-coil assembly)



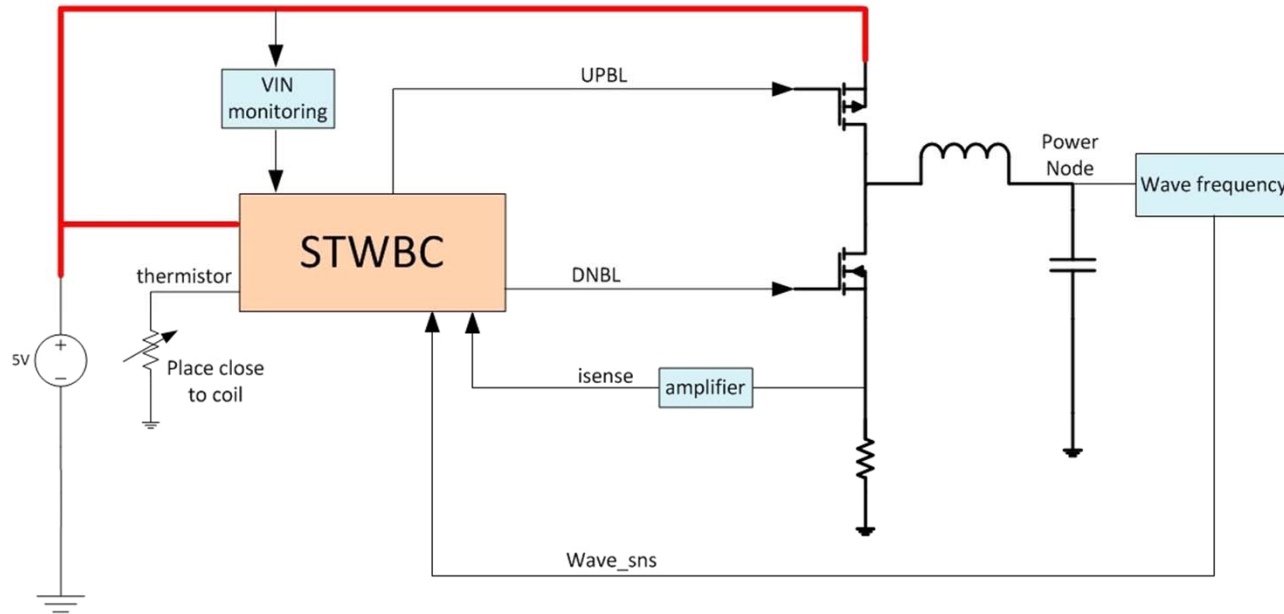
StandBy

- Ping active
- **30mW** consumption
- FOD active



# STWBC – Wearable Transmitter Configuration

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- System, bridge control and Qi protocol are handled by the STWBC
- The transmitter is based on a half bridge topology
- The inverter bridge is supplied by 5V input voltage

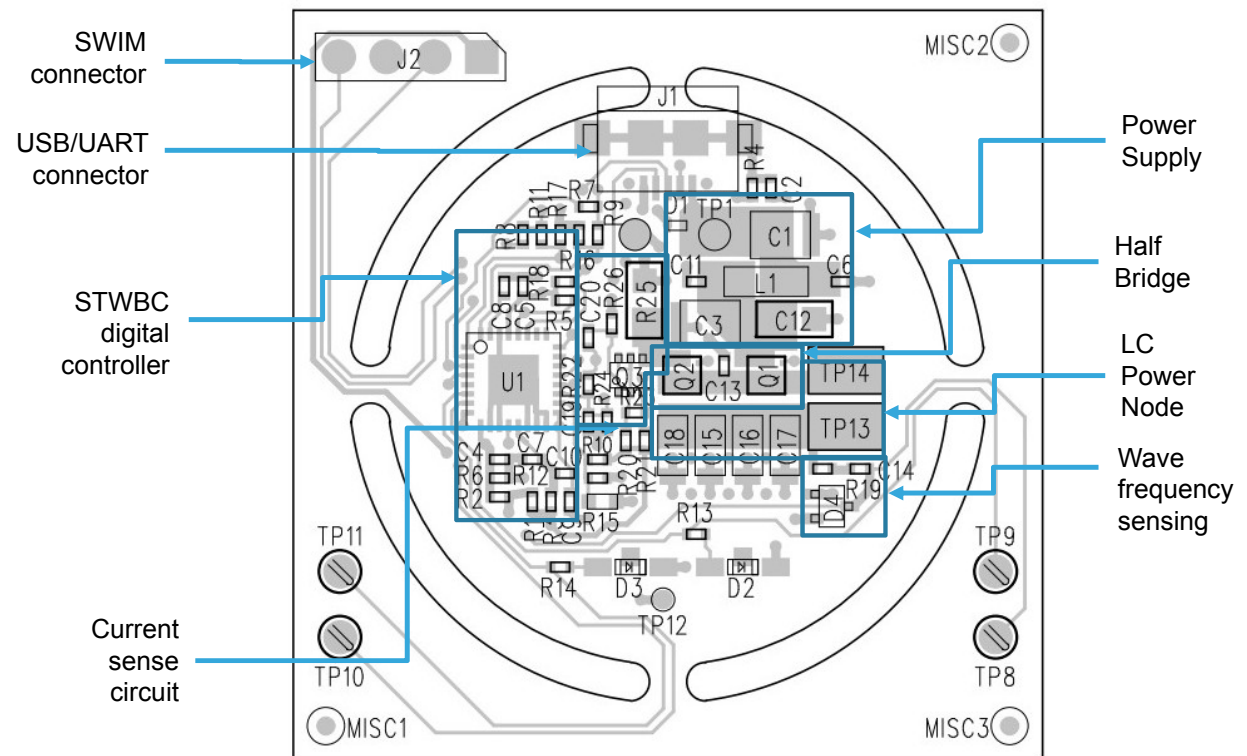
# STWBC – 1W Wearable Transmitter Reference Board STEVAL-ISB038V1T

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- 2-Layer PCB and single-side placement



20mm Coil



# Two System Approaches

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## Turn-Key

- Cost down and size reduced solution
- Quickly fit your application with Wireless Charging technologies
- Firmware ready (No changes required)

## Application customization via firmware changes

Customize the application around the Wireless Transmitter. Add:

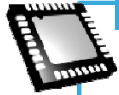
- LEDs lights
- Sounds
- Connectivity (host controllers, Bluetooth/Wifi modules)
- ST takes care of the wireless Power Transfer algorithms and control loop.



# STWBC: Wireless Battery Charger TX

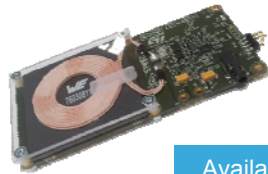
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## STWBC - STEVAL-ISB027V1



### A11 Certified Wireless Charger (5W)

- 5W typical
- Qi A11 1.1.2 Certified (1.2 LP Ready) ref. design
- Foreign Object Detection (FOD)
- Active presence detector
- Turn Key or API customization
- Standby efficiency:
  - 3mW consumption
  - FOD active in standby



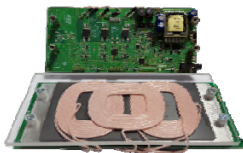
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## STWBC-MC - STEVAL-ISB028V1



### A34 Wireless charger Automotive (5W)

- Multi-coil for expanded positioning area
- Advanced FOD recognition
- 5-16V wide input range



Available on request

## STWBC-WA - STEVAL-ISB038V1T

### TX for Wearable

- 20 mm Coil
- 1W delivery at RX side
- Compatible with STWLC04 RX



Available

## STWBC-MP joins the STWBC family

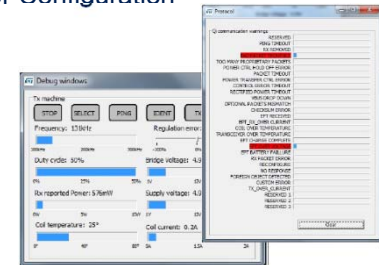
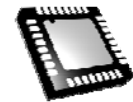
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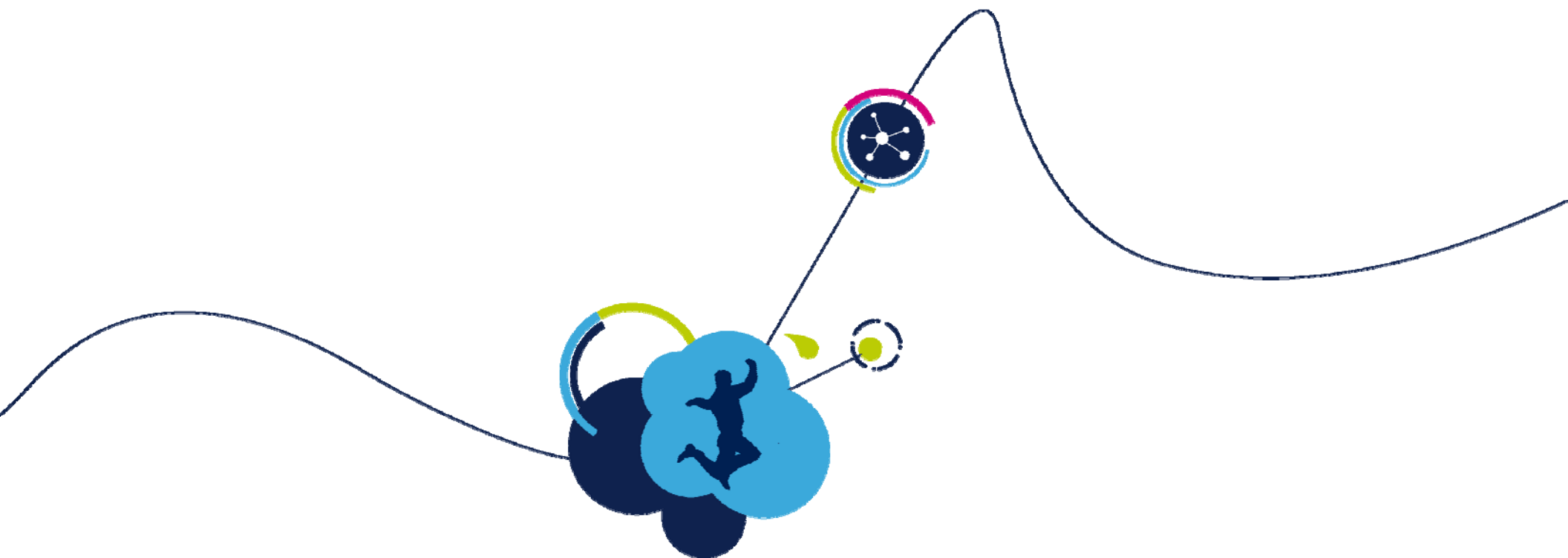


15 Watts

### Certified Wireless Charger (15W)

- IC: STWBC-MP
- Reference Design: Qi 1.2 MP Certified
- Graphical Interface for Configuration





# STWLC

Qi/AirFuel Inductive Wireless Battery Charger Receiver IC

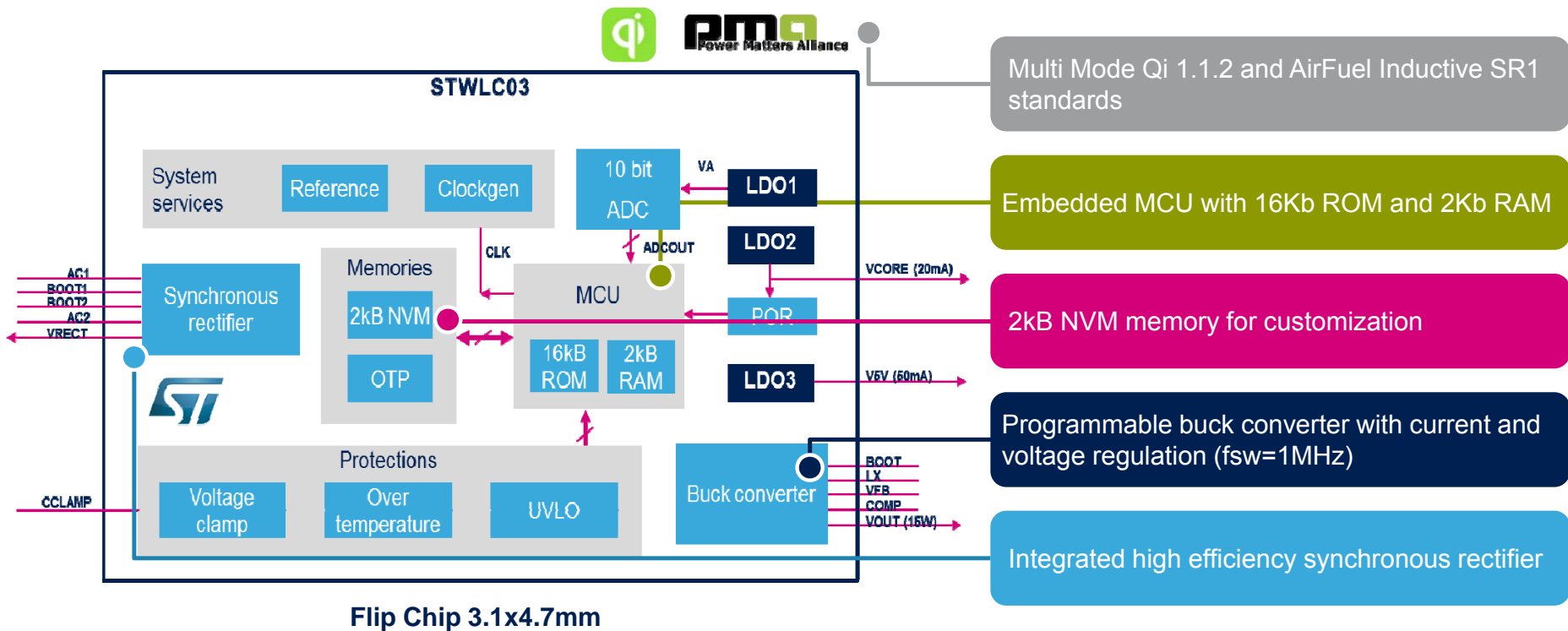




# STWLC0x - Receiver

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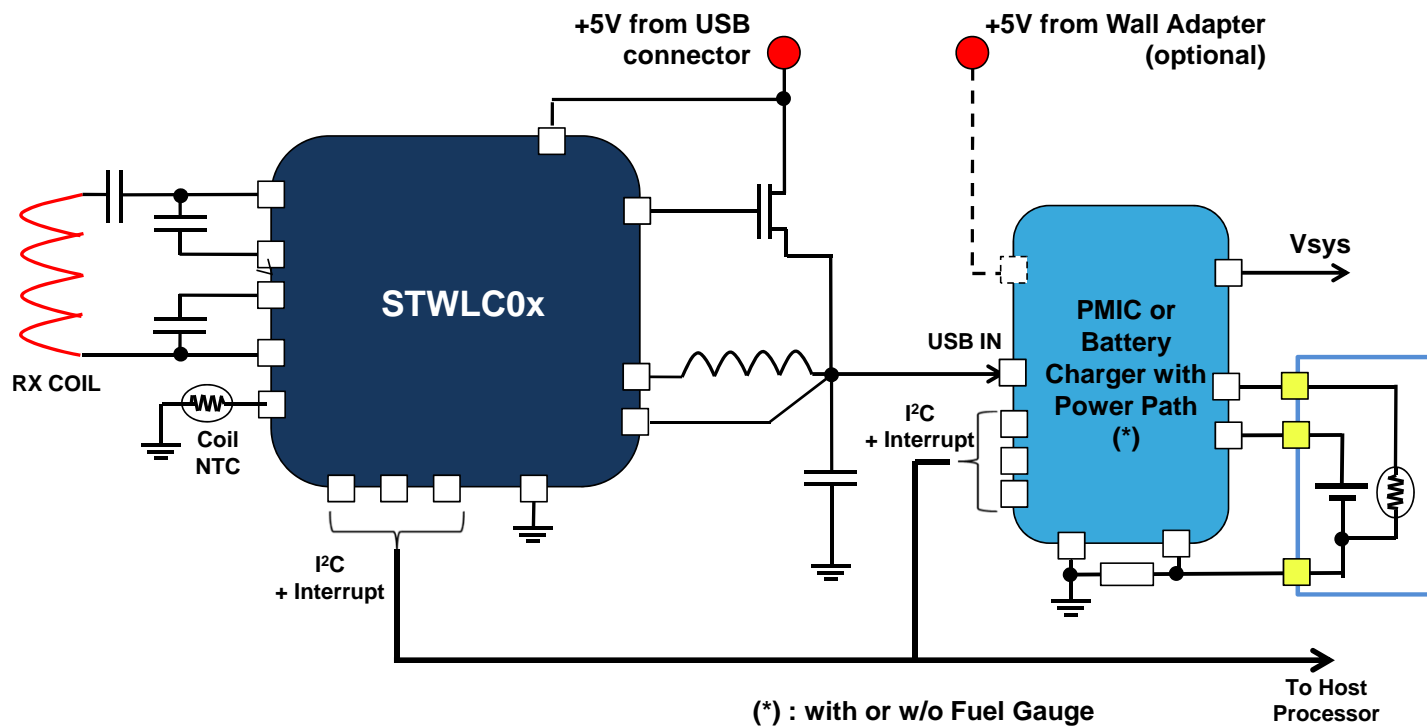
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# STWLC0x Simplified Application Diagram

## Buck Regulator

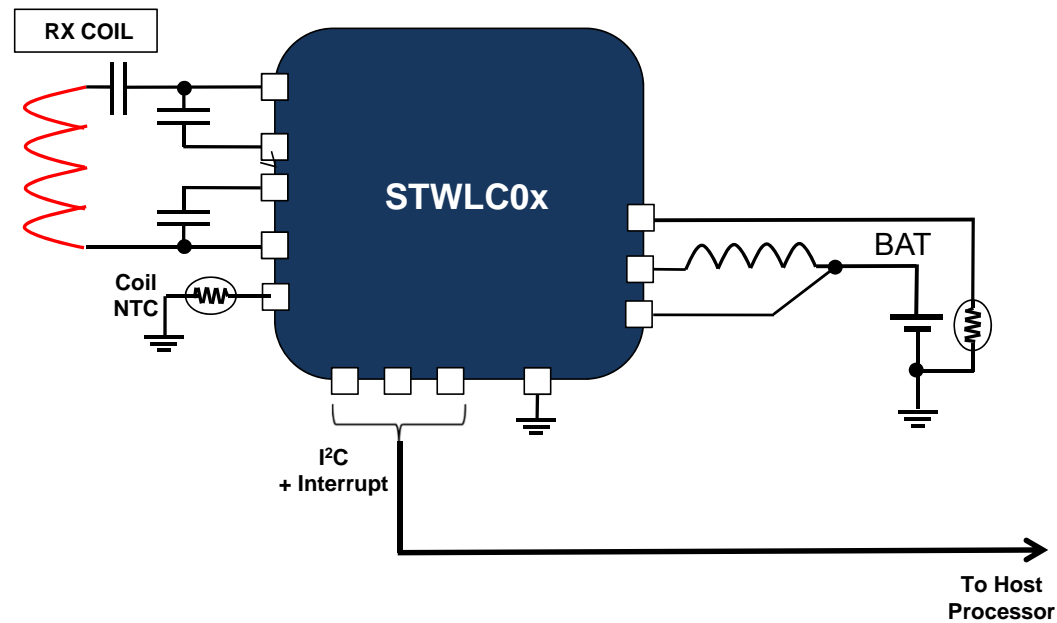
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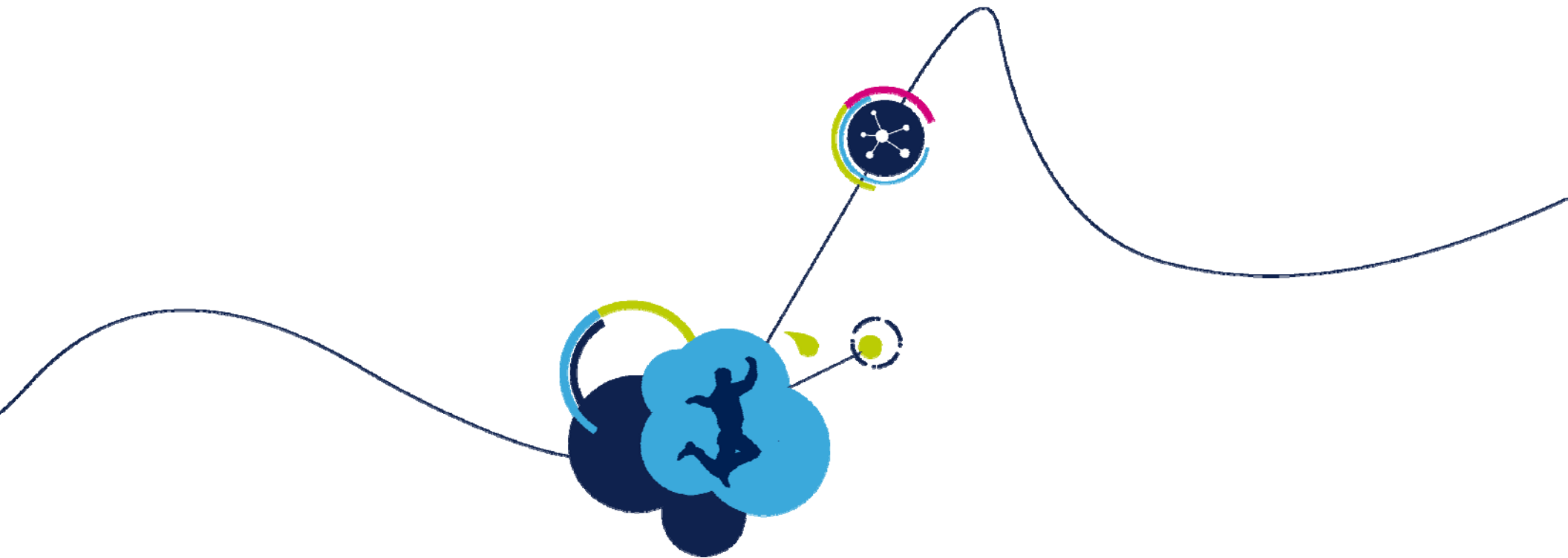
## Direct Charging

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Lowest Output Leakage Current in the market!

Guaranteed at  $<1\mu\text{A}$   
Measured as low as  $0.14\mu\text{A}$

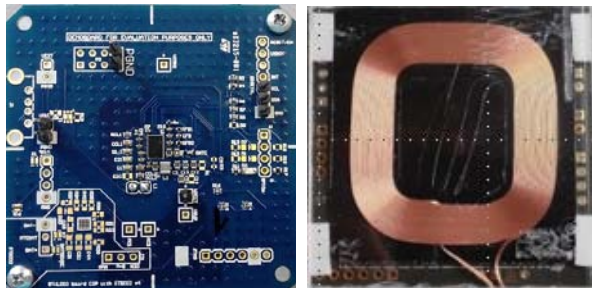


# STWLC Receiver Qi Evaluation Boards

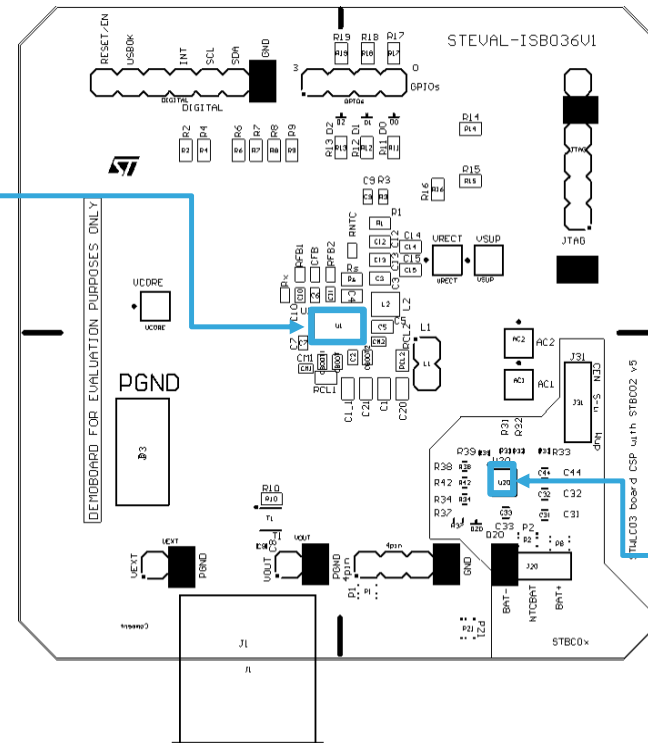
# STWLC03 – 5W Qi/AirFuel Inductive Receiver Reference Board STEVAL-ISB036V1

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- 4-Layer PCB and single-side placement
- Qi 1.1 and AirFuel Inductive SR1 certified



STWLC03  
Receiver IC

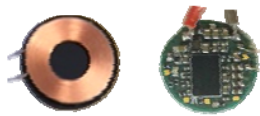


STBC02  
Charger IC  
(optional)

# STWLC04 – 1W Wearable Receiver Reference Board STEVAL-ISB038V1R

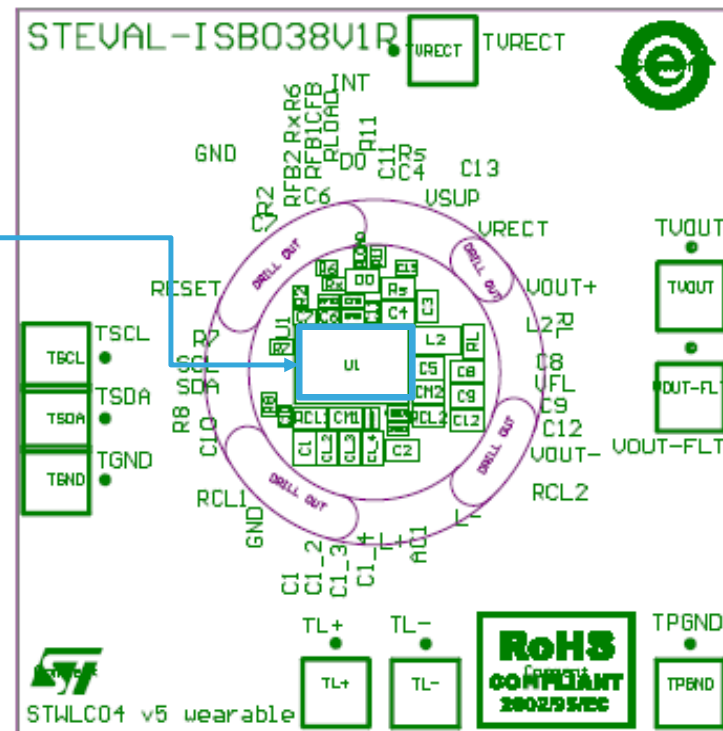
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- 4-layer PCB and single-side placement



11mm Coil

STWLC04  
Receiver IC

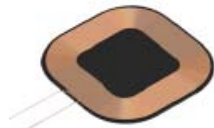
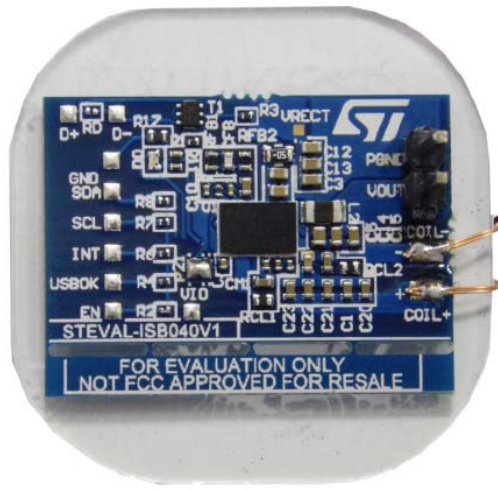




# STWLC03 – 2.5W Small Form Factor Receiver Reference Board STEVAL-ISB040V1

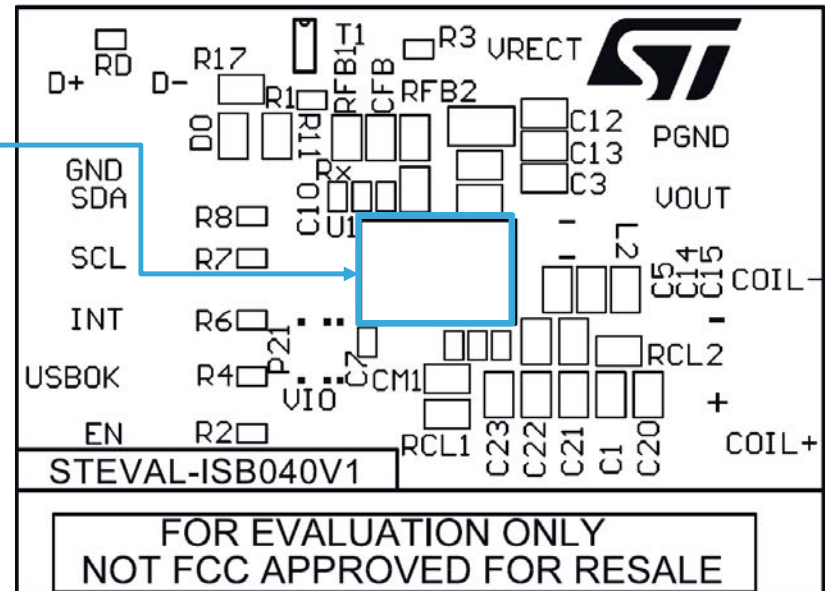
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- 4-layer PCB and single-side placement



30x30mm Coil

STWLC03  
Receiver IC



# STWLC03/04: Wireless Battery Charger RX

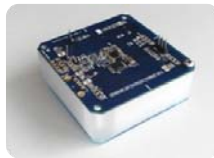
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STWLC03 - STEVAL-ISB036V1



## Qi/AirFuel Ind. Certified Wireless Charger (5W)

- 5W Certified, 7.5W Max
- Qi 1.1 and AirFuel SR1 Certified Reference Design
- Foreign Object Detection (FOD)
- I<sup>2</sup>C Interface
- Voltage Source or Direct Charging configurations



Available

STWLC04 - STEVAL-ISB038V1R

## Wireless Charger for Wearable (1W)

- 11mm Coil
- 1W Received Power
- Qi-based Reference Design
- I<sup>2</sup>C Interface
- Voltage Source or Direct Charging configurations



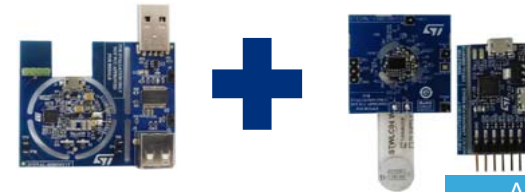
Available

STWBC-WA + STWLC04

STEVAL-ISB038V1

## Wireless Charger Evaluation Kit for Wearable (1W)

- Coils: 20mm TX, 11mm RX
- Complete End to End evaluation platform
- GUI-controlled for Monitoring and Parameters Setting
- 5V USB Supply
- Can support up to 3W with larger size coils



Available

STWLC03 - STEVAL-ISB040V1

## Wireless Charger Small Form Factor (2.5W)

- 30x30mm Coil
- 2.5W Received Power
- Qi-based Reference Design
- I<sup>2</sup>C Interface
- Voltage Source or Direct Charging configurations



Available

# STWLC33: 15W Wireless Battery Charger RX

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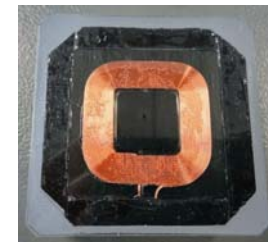
STWLC33 joins the STWLC family

STWLC33 – STEVAL-ISB0xxV1



## Qi/AirFuel Inductive Certified Wireless Receiver with Transmit capability

- Up to 15 W output power in RX mode and **5 W in TX mode**
- Qi 1.2 and AirFuel inductive wireless standard communication protocol
- Integrated high efficiency synchronous rectifier
- Low drop regulator with output current and input voltage regulation loop
- Total system efficiency up to 80% at 5V VOUT
- 32-bit, 32 MHz ARM Cortex microcontroller with 32 kB FW memory, 8 kB RAM memory
- 4 kB NVM for configuration
- 10-bit 8-channel A/D converter
- Up to 5 configurable GPIOs
- Integrated 5 V LDO for auxiliary features
- Precise voltage and current measurements for FOD function
- Overvoltage clamp protection
- HW FSK and ASK demodulators
- I<sup>2</sup>C interface
- CSP 3.97x2.67 mm, 400  $\mu$ m pitch 52 balls



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Watts

Available Q3 '17

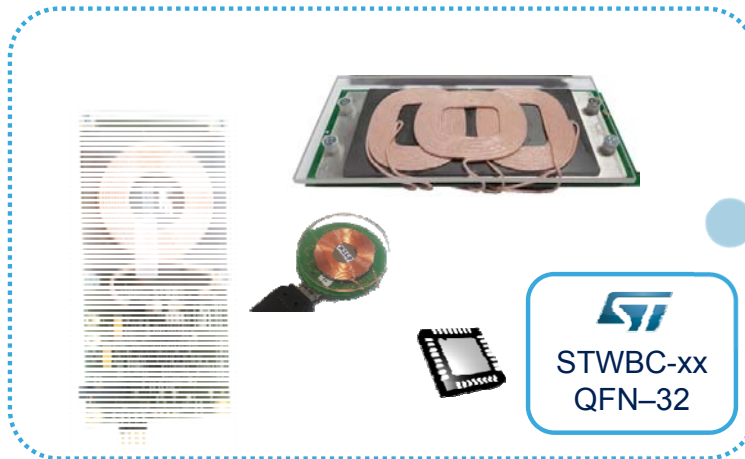
# ST Strengths in Wireless Charging

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- Member of WPC and AirFuel Alliance
- System knowledge in both TX and RX sides
- BCD Technology well matches voltages present in these architectures
- IPs availability and integration capability
- TX and RX Silicon BOM fully covered by ST
- **Design collaboration with WiTricity to develop solutions for Magnetic Resonant systems**

The easiest way to charge your portable devices

Transmitter



Receiver



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