STWIN SensorTile Wireless Industrial Node development kit and reference design for industrial IoT applications

Features

- Multi-sensing wireless platform implementing vibration monitoring and ultrasound detection
- Built around STWIN core system board with processing, sensing, connectivity and expansion capabilities
- Micro SD Card slot for standalone data logging applications
- Wireless BLE4.2 (on-board) and Wi-Fi (with STEVAL-STWINWFV1 expansion board), and wired RS485 and USB OTG connectivity
- Option to implement Authentication and Brand protection secure solution with STSAFE-A100 (footprint)
- Wide range of industrial IoT sensors:
  - ultra-wide bandwidth MEMS vibrometer up to 5 kHz (IIS3DWB)
  - 3D accelerometer + 3D Gyro iNEMO inertial measurement unit (ISM330DHCX) with machine learning core
  - ultra-low-power high performance MEMS motion sensor (IIS2DH)
  - ultra-low-power 3-axis magnetometer (IIS2MDC)
  - digital absolute pressure sensor (LPS22HH)
  - relative humidity and temperature sensor (HTS221)
  - ultra-low-power 3-axis digital MEMS microphone (IMP34DT05)
  - wideband analog MEMS microphone (MP23ABS1)
- Modular architecture, expandable via on-board connectors:
  - STMOD+ and 40-pin flex general purpose expansions
  - 12-pin male plug for connectivity expansions
  - 12-pin female plug for sensing expansions
- Other kit components:
  - Li-Po battery 480 mAh
  - STLINK-V3MINI debugger with programming cable
  - Plastic box

Description

The STWIN SensorTile wireless industrial node (STEVAL-STWINKT1) is a development kit and reference design that simplifies prototyping and testing of advanced industrial IoT applications such as condition monitoring and predictive maintenance.

The kit features a core system board with a range of embedded industrial-grade sensors and an ultra-low-power microcontroller for vibration analysis of 9-DoF motion sensing data across a wide range of vibration frequencies, including very high frequency audio and ultrasound spectra, and high precision local temperature and environmental monitoring.

The development kit is complemented with a rich set of software packages and optimized firmware libraries, as well as a cloud dashboard application, all provided to help speed up design cycles for end-to-end solutions.

The kit supports BLE wireless connectivity through an on-board module, and Wi-Fi connectivity through a special plugin expansion board (STEVAL-STWINWFV1).
Wired connectivity is also supported via an on-board RS485 transceiver. The core system board also includes an STMOD+ connector for compatible, low cost, small form factor daughter boards associated with the STM32 family, such as the LTE Cell pack.

Apart from the core system board, the kit is provided complete with a 480 mAh Li-Po battery, an STLINK-V3MINI debugger and a plastic box.
1 Application overview

Predictive maintenance applications collect and process data from a wide variety of sensors in order to identify potential failures in machinery before they happen. A principal requirement of such applications is that the condition monitoring equipment is placed very close to relevant machine componentry for the data to be reliable, which is why the STWIN node is designed to be small but robust, self-powered and capable of wireless communication.

Another application issue is the high volumes of preferably real-time data processing involved, which can overwhelm centralized monitoring and control systems, and corresponding communication networks. Distributed (or decentralized) computing architectures represent a valid solution to this problem by performing data pre-processing and analytical operations directly on the node. The STWIN kit supports and can demonstrate this concept through sample applications in the firmware package running on the STM32L4+ ultra-low-power microcontroller embedded on the core system board.

Figure 1. STWIN core system block diagram

Finally, the actual sensing equipment can be subject to a very wide range of low frequency (imbalance or misalignment), medium frequency (worn gears or bearings) and high frequency (worn cooling fan bearings) vibrations, which is why our node carries several high performance accelerometers, IMUs and magnetometers, capable of detecting movement along 9 axes to a very high degree of sensitivity. For very high frequencies in the order of tens of kilohertz, vibration analysis is covered by sound and ultrasound applications based on data coming from a digital microphone and a high performance analog microphone, respectively.

RELATED LINKS
Visit the ST Condition Monitoring / Predictive Maintenance application page for more information on relevant ST applications and solutions
Figure 2. STEVAL-STWINKT1 schematic - power

Battery management

3.3V DC-DC

2.7V Analog LDO
Figure 3. STEVAL-STWINKT1 schematic - connectors
Figure 4. STEVAL-STWINKT1 schematic - sensors

- 6-Axis Acc + Gyro
- Magnetometer
- Vibrometer
- Accelerometer
- Temperature
- Pressure
- Humidity & Temperature
Figure 5. STEVAL-STWINKT1 schematic - MCU
Figure 6. STEVAL-STWINKT1 schematic - audio, RS485, SD card

AudioCoupon Connector

SD Card

Card Removed -> CLOSE
Card Inserted -> OPEN
Figure 7. STEVAL-STWINKT1 schematic - BLE, Wi-Fi, STSAFE
Revision history

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