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Optimize neural networks on STM32 with STM32Cube.AI

STM32 
Cube.AI



Introduction to Edge AI



Signals turning into data

Embedded applications will collect more data in the future



Growing demand for data-driven insights



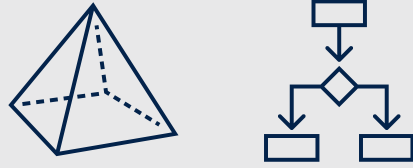
Increasing use of sensors



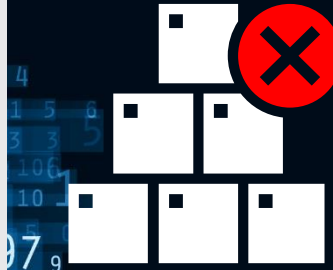
Proliferation of IoT devices



AI is offering the best approach to process this growing amount of data



Algorithms and predefined models to analyze data and make predictions or decisions

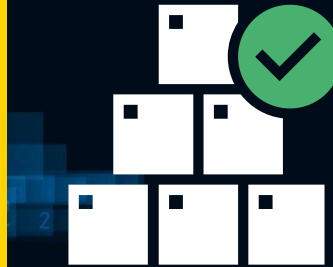


Traditional approaches show their limitations:

- when dealing with **large datasets**
- when the **phenomena are too complex**



Machine learning algorithms to automatically **learn patterns and relationships from the data**



AI-based data processing offers a more flexible and powerful approach to analyzing and making decisions from large data collection

The raise of Edge AI



Ultra-low latency
Real-time applications

01 Reduced data transmission
10 Generate meaningful information



Enhanced privacy and security
No data sharing in the cloud



Power efficiency
Low-data / Low-power



Improved accuracy
analyze data from a wide range
of sensors and sources

Edge AI will benefit many application domains:

Industrial maintenance

Condition monitoring
Predictive maintenance



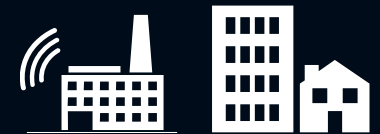
Control systems

From home heating systems
to industrial machines



Internet of Things (IoT)

smart cities, smart buildings,
connected homes, and
industrial automation



AI development workflow – ST software offering

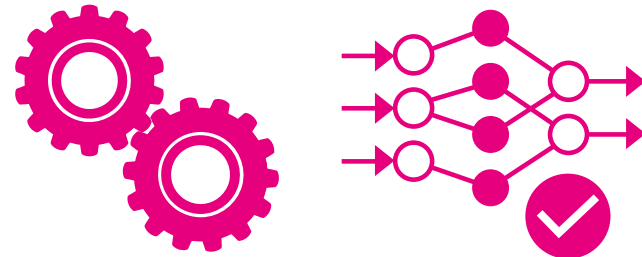
1 Data preparation



Data acquisition

Data processing

2 Data science



Model selection and training

Model validation

3 Model implementation



Model library creation

Model inference

NANOEDGE AI STUDIO 

Automated Edge AI software

STM32 
Cube.AI

Edge AI toolkit



All STM32 MCUs

ST ecosystem ease your AI to reach production level



	Edge AI toolkit for model optimization on STM32	Automated ML software for end-to-end Edge AI solution design on STM32
Key benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Get optimized C-code from your trained model ✓ Desktop and online versions ✓ Benchmark service on remote hardware (online version) ✓ On-device performance validation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The easiest way to integrate AI into your system ✓ Save resources and development cost ✓ Reach the highest performance with the automated model finder embedded in the tool
Application domain	All	Time series (except voice and speech)
Business model	Free of charge	Free for prototyping on STM32 dev boards Production requires right of use

A proven technology adopted by multiple clients



INDUSTRIAL | DEMO

Fan anomaly detection based on vibrations

Learn to detect abnormal behavior at the edge on a vibrating machine.



INDUSTRIAL | CUSTOMER

AI solution for industrial predictive maintenance with NKE Watteco

Predictive maintenance solution for industrial equipment.



TRANSPORTATION | CUSTOMER

AI solution for monitoring automatic doors with Crouzet

Predictive maintenance on motors for automatic door motors.



INDUSTRIAL | DEMO

Anomaly detection in an electric motor

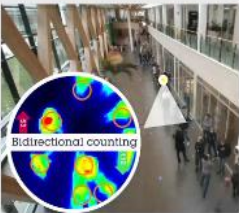
Current sensing to detect abnormal behaviors in motors.



INDUSTRIAL | CUSTOMER

AI solution for industrial predictive maintenance with Oxytronic

Predictive maintenance solution for industrial equipment.



SMART OFFICE | CUSTOMER

People flow counting Sensor with Schneider Electric

An innovative approach to measure people flows using an in-house thermal sensor.



SMART CITY | DEMO

Acoustic scene classification

Identify different environments (indoor, outdoor, in-car) using a simple microphone.



WEARABLES | DEMO

Human Activity Recognition

Easily identify 5 different activities with a 3D accelerometer.



INDUSTRIAL | DEMO

People presence detection (visual wake word)

Human detection on high-performance MCU.



INDUSTRIAL | DEMO

Aftermarket wireless digit reader

Equip meters with aftermarket wireless & low-power readers.



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STM32Cube.AI

AI optimization tool for STM32 portfolio

The screenshot displays the STM32Cube.AI Developer Cloud interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ST logo and a progress indicator showing five steps: Optimize, Quantize, Benchmark, Results, and Generate. The 'Optimize' step is currently active. Below the navigation bar, the 'Model currently selected' dropdown menu shows 'MOBILENET_19_025.H5'. Underneath, there are four tabs: 'INPUT' (float: 3224x224x3), 'OUTPUT' (float: 1x1x1x1), 'MODEL TYPE' (float), and 'MACC' (12071956). A 'Select another model' button is located below these tabs. The 'Select your model optimization options' section contains several radio buttons and checkboxes. The 'Balance between RAM size and inference time' option is selected. The 'Use activation buffer for input buffer' and 'Use activation buffer for output buffer' options are checked. An 'Optimize' button is positioned to the right of these options. At the bottom, there is a 'History of optimization results' table with columns for Date, Optimization, Allocate Inputs, Allocate Outputs, MACC, Flash size, and RAM size. The table shows a single entry for '1/19/23, 6:22 PM' with 'Latest' as the default optimization, 'balanced' as the optimization type, and 'true' for both allocate inputs and outputs. The MACC is 12071956, Flash size is 541648, and RAM size is 617124. A 'Show Terminal' button is located to the right of the table.


Date	Optimization	Allocate Inputs	Allocate Outputs	MACC	Flash size	RAM size				
1/19/23, 6:22 PM	Latest	Default	balanced	true	true	12071956	541648	617124	Total: 829 KiB (+0.09%)	Total: 863 KiB (+0.80%)

STM32Cube.AI overview



STM32Cube.AI
The original desktop front end AI optimizer for STM32

NEW



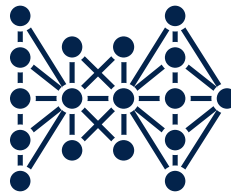
STM32Cube.AI Developer Cloud
The brand-new online AI services front end for STM32




X-CUBE-AI for STM32Cube.MX



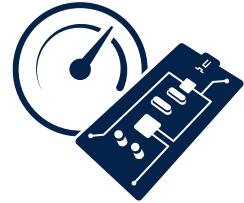
X-CUBE-AI Command Line Interface




ST model zoo



Web GUI + REST API

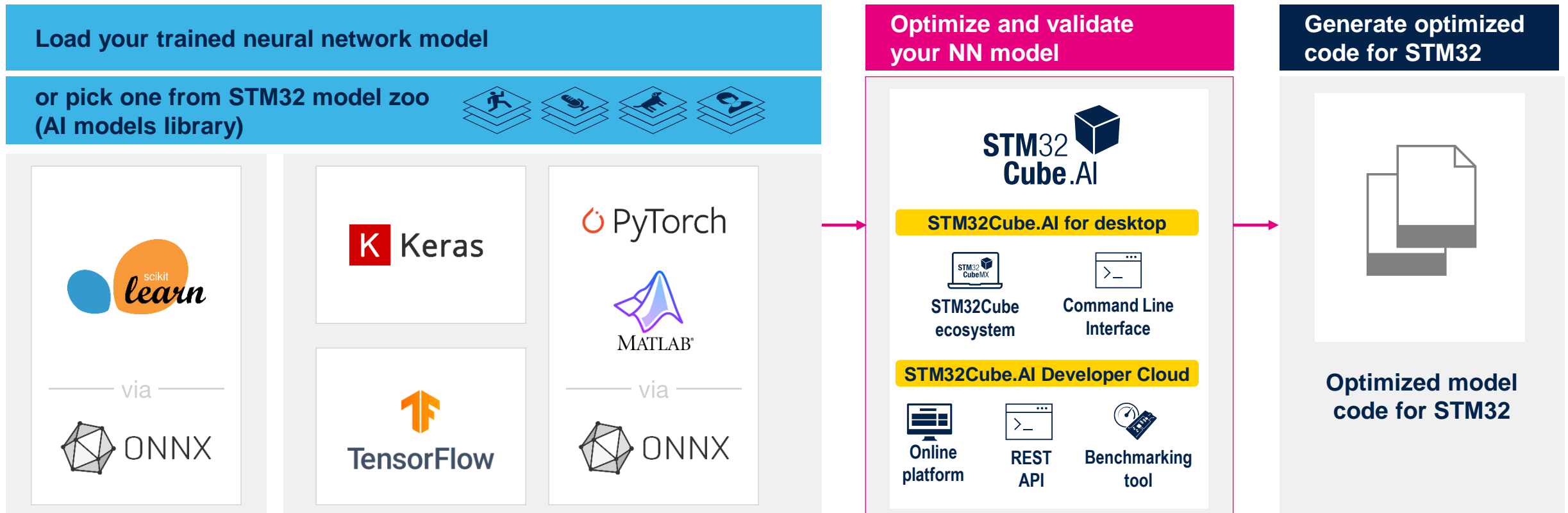


Board farm



STM32Cube.AI Core engine technology

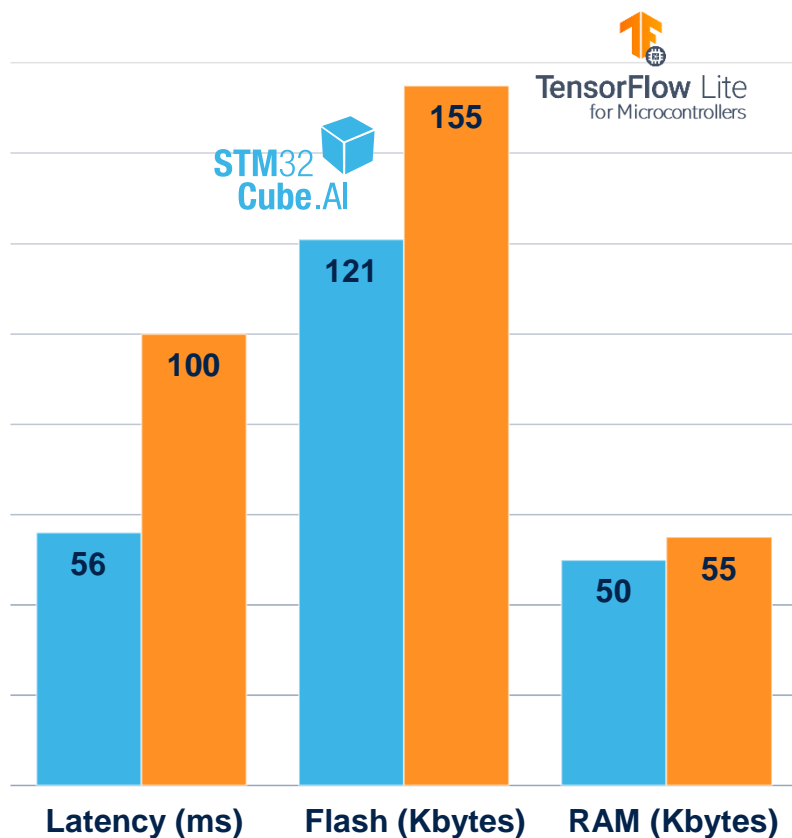
One tool – two versions to deploy AI on STM32



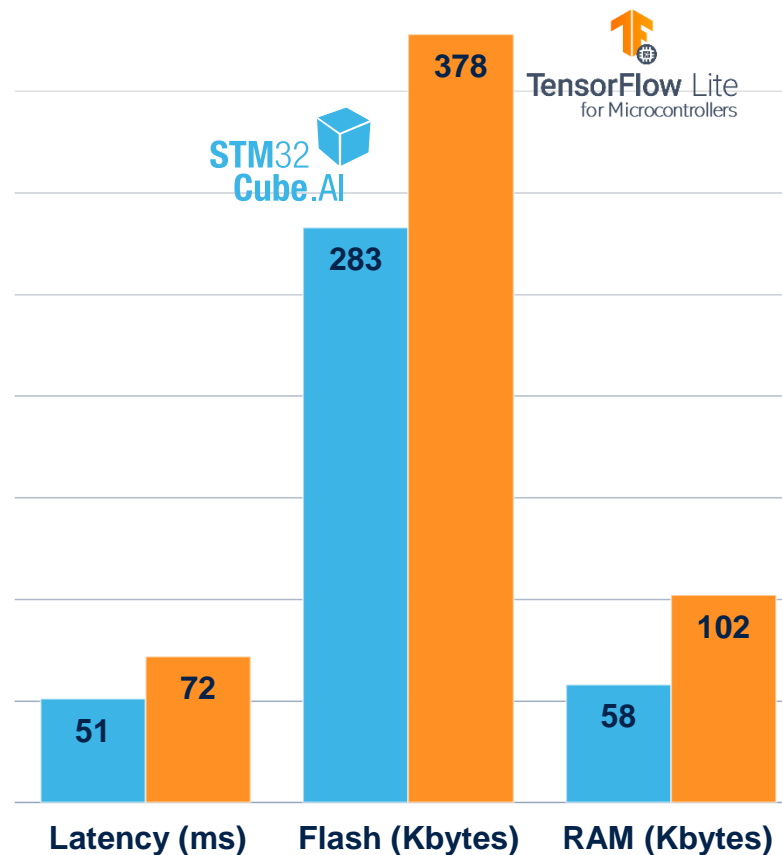
STM32Cube.AI

Get the best AI performance on STM32

Image Classif v1.0 MLPerf Tiny



Visual Wake Word v1.0 MLPerf Tiny



UP TO
60 %
faster inference time*

UP TO
20 %
space freed-up in
flash and RAM*



HW Target: STM32H7A3
Flash: 2 Mbytes
RAM: 1.4 Kbytes
Freq: 280 MHz

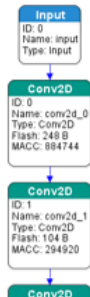
SW Version:
X-Cube.AI v 7.3.0
TFLm v2.10.0

* versus TensorFlow Lite for microcontroller

The 3 pillars of STM32Cube.AI

Graph optimizer

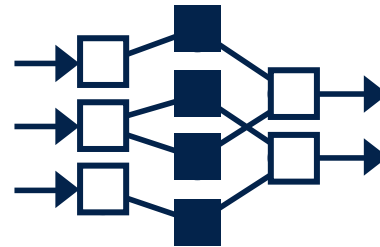
Automatically improve performance through graph simplifications & optimizations that benefit STM32 target HW architectures



- Auto graph rewrite
- Node/operator fusion
- Layout optimization
- Constant-folding...
- Operator-level info to fine-tune memory footprint and computation

Quantized model support

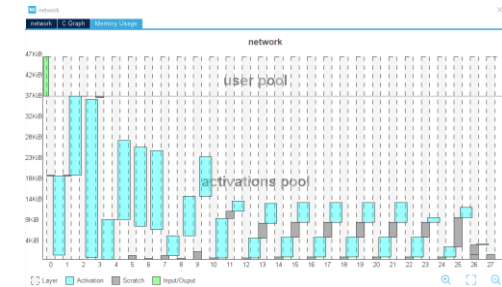
Import your quantized ANN to be compatible with STM32 embedded architectures while keeping their performance



- From FP32 to Int8 or mixed-precision
- Minimum loss of accuracy
- Code validation on target
 - Latency
 - Accuracy
 - Memory footprint

Memory optimizer

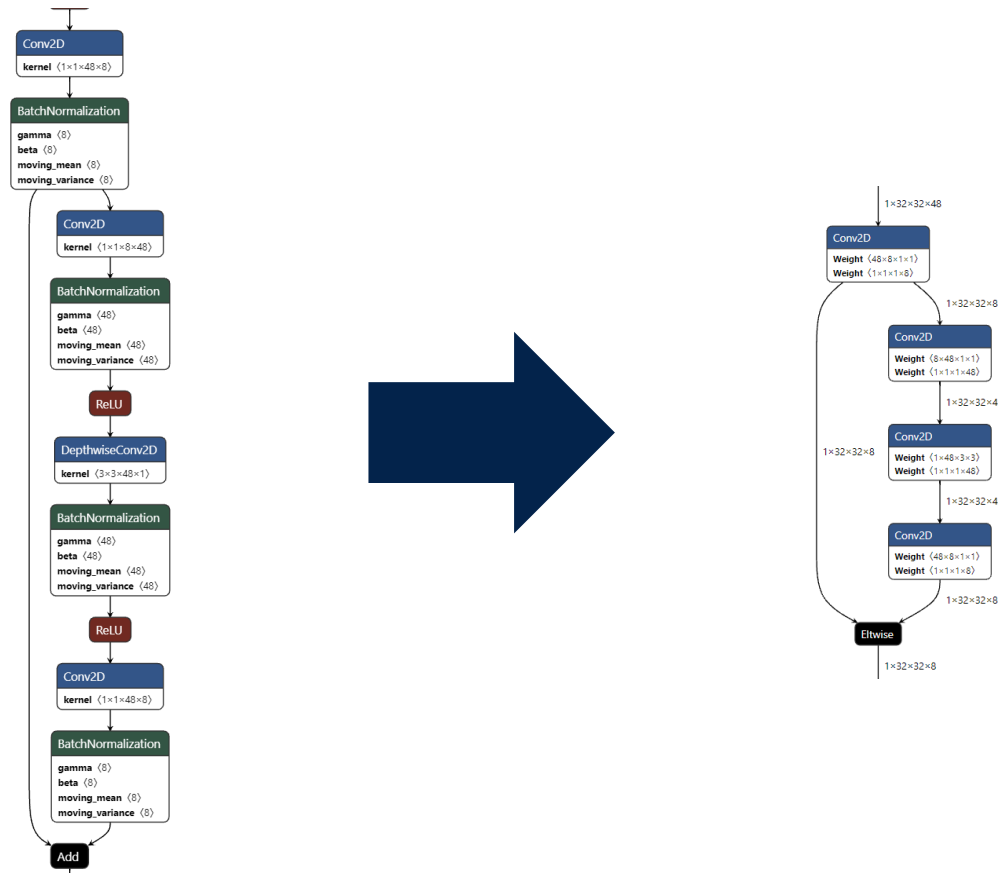
Optimize memory allocation to get the best performance while respecting the constraints of your embedded design



- Memory allocation
- Internal/external memory repartition
- Model-only update option

STM32Cube.AI is **free of charge**, available both in graphical interface and in command line.

Squeeze your graph to fit into an MCU!



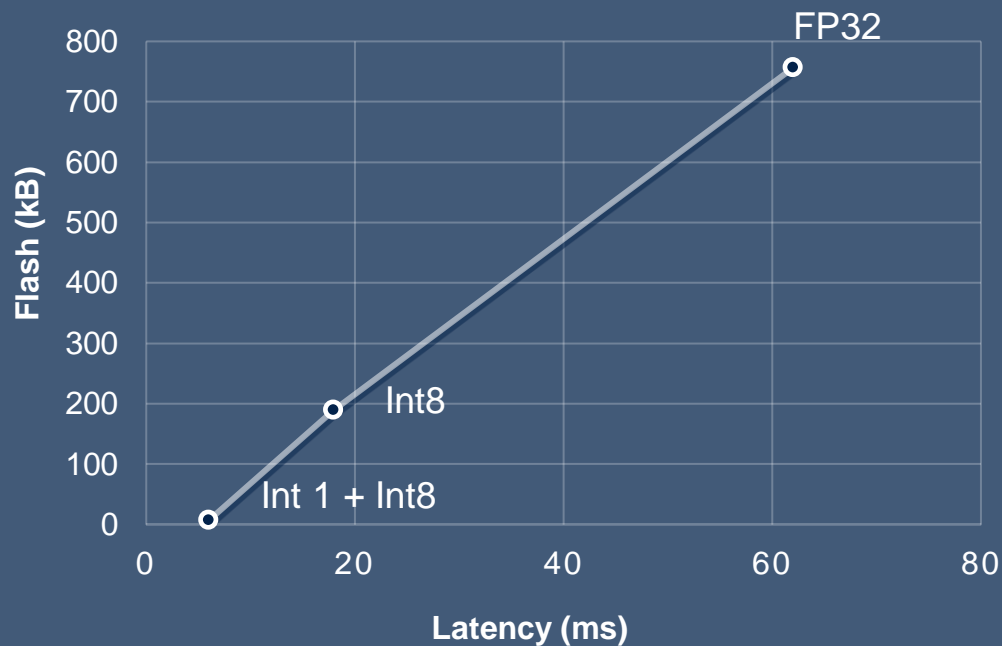
Fully automated process in the STM32Cube.AI workflow

- Your original graph is optimized at the very early stage for optimal integration into STM32 MCU/MPU
- Loss-less conversion

Quantized model support

Simply use quantized networks to reduce memory footprint and inference time

LATENCY & MEMORY COMPARISON FOR QUANTIZED MODELS



STM32Cube.AI support quantized Neural Network models with **all parameter formats**:

- FP32
- Int8
- Mixed binary Int1 to Int8 (Qkeras*, Larq.dev*)

**Please contact edge.ai@st.com to request the relevant version of STM32Cube.AI*



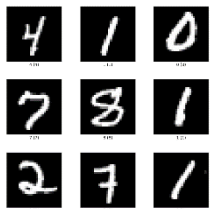
HW Target: NUCLEO-STM32H743ZI2

Model: Low complexity handwritten digit reading

Freq: 480 MHz

Accuracy: >97% for all quantized models

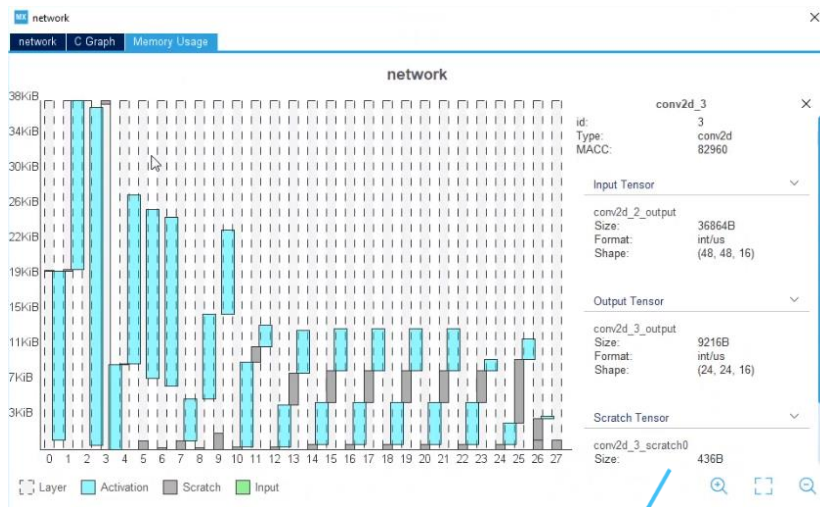
Tested database: MNIST dataset



MNIST dataset

Memory optimizer

Optimize performance easily with the memory allocation tool



Model RAM consumption per layer

- Easily identify most critical layers

Model memory allocation

- Set your external memory
- Map in non-contiguous internal flash section
- Partition internal vs external flash memories

Re-use model input buffer to store activation data*

- Minimize RAM requirements

Relocatable network

- A separate binary is generated for the library and the network to enable standalone model upgrade

The screenshot shows the configuration window for the memory optimizer. It includes sections for 'Use external flash', 'Use external RAM', and various optimization options. A table shows the mapping of tensors to internal and external flash.

Tensor	Size	Internal 440KB	External 0KB
conv1_weights	864	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
conv1_bias	32	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
conv_dw_1_weights	288	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
conv_dw_1_bias	32	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
conv_pw_1_weights	512	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* Requires input and activation buffers in same memory

Performance benchmarking made simple STM32Cube.AI Developer Cloud

The unique possibility to evaluate the performance of models remotely, on real STM32 boards



Get the real inference time from optimized models running on STM32



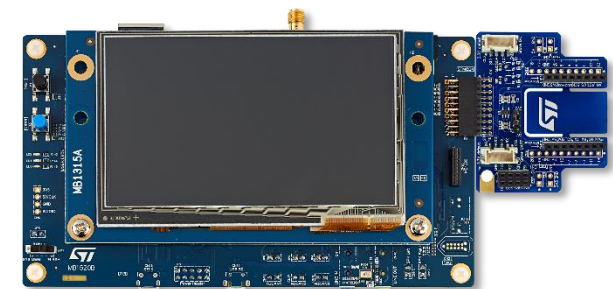
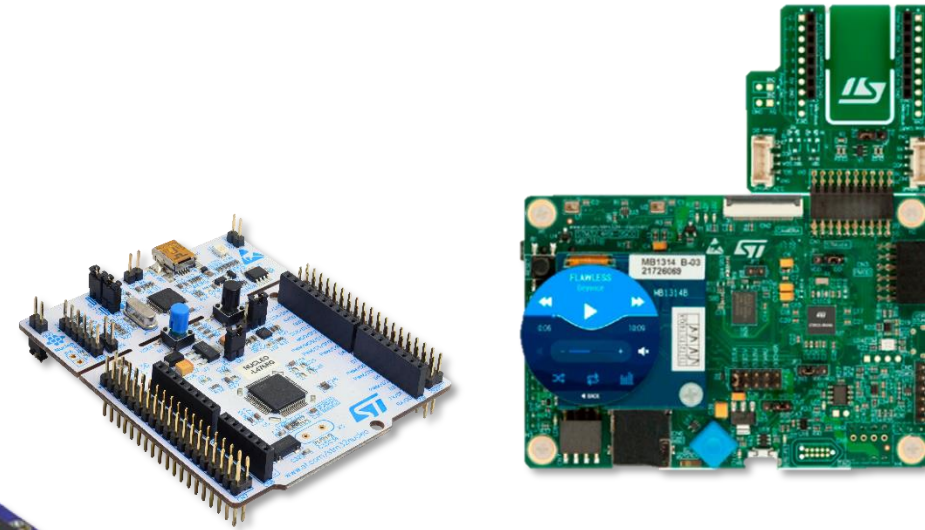
Benchmark models on a large variety of STM32 boards

- Find the most appropriate board for your application



Get access to the most recent devices

- A board farm is constantly updated with the latest available boards



Start with edge AI optimized models

STM32 model zoo

A collection of application-oriented models optimized for STM32

Human activity



Motion Sensing

Image classification



Computer vision

Audio event detection



Audio classification

Object detection



Computer vision

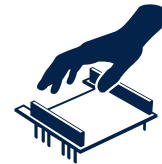


Hosted on Github



Model training scripts

- Scripts to generate and validate



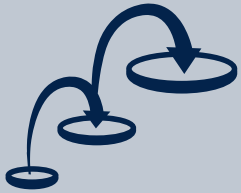
Application code example

- Designed to host optimized NN models
- Automatically generated from the trained models
- Easy to deploy for end-to-end evaluation



We provide everything to kick off your project

Design documentation



Getting started

Be guided step-by-step to learn STM32 ecosystem

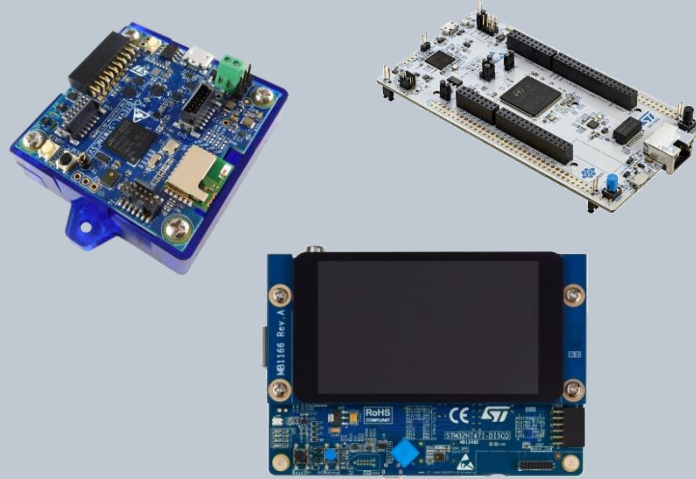


Development zone

Get started on application development and project sharing

- **Wiki by ST** is a great forum to learn and start developing AI on STM32!
- Videos of application examples
- Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

Hardware and software tools



- Evaluation platforms for STM32 MCU/MPU
- Extra sensor boards
- Full software suite

Support & Updates



- **ST Community:** STM32 ML & AI group
- Distributor certified FAE
- Support center
- Newsletter

What's new in STM32Cube.AI v8.0.0?

v8.0.0

Bringing a higher degree of versatility with STM32Cube.AI

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ONNX quantized models' support

Introducing the support of **ONNX Tensor-oriented file format (QDQ)**:

- ONNX models quantized with ONNX runtime post-training quantization.

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Up-to-date and improved code generation

- **Support for TensorFlow 2.11 models**
- **Support Keras.io 2.11**
- **Support ONNX Runtime 1.13.1**
- **New kernel performance improvements.**



Making Edge AI accessible to all STM32 portfolio

Take advantage of STM32Cube.AI on all STM32 series

★ High Perf MCUs

STM32F2 Up to 398 CoreMark 120 MHz Cortex-M3	STM32F4 Up to 608 CoreMark 180 MHz Cortex-M4	STM32F7 1082 CoreMark 216 MHz Cortex-M7	STM32H7 Up to 3224 CoreMark Up to 550 MHz Cortex -M7 240 MHz Cortex -M4
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» Mainstream MCUs

	STM32F3 245 CoreMark 72 MHz Cortex-M4	STM32G4 569 CoreMark 170 MHz Cortex-M4							<i>Mixed-signal MCUs</i>
STM32C0 114 CoreMark 48MHz Cortex M0+	STM32F0 106 CoreMark 48 MHz Cortex-M0	STM32G0 142 CoreMark 64 MHz Cortex-M0+	STM32F1 177 CoreMark 72 MHz Cortex-M3						

🔋 Ultra-low Power MCUs

STM32L0 75 CoreMark 32 MHz Cortex-M0+	STM32L1 93 CoreMark 32 MHz Cortex-M3	STM32L4 273 CoreMark 80 MHz Cortex-M4	STM32L4+ 409 CoreMark 120 MHz Cortex-M4	STM32L5 443 CoreMark 110 MHz Cortex-M33	STM32U5 651 CoreMark 160 MHz Cortex-M33
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📶 Wireless MCUs

STM32WL 162 CoreMark 48 MHz Cortex-M4 48 MHz Cortex-M0+	STM32WB 216 CoreMark 64 MHz Cortex-M4 32 MHz Cortex-M0+
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■ Latest product generation



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