

Quick Start Guide

High power stepper motor driver expansion board
based on powerSTEP01 for STM32 Nucleo
(X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1)



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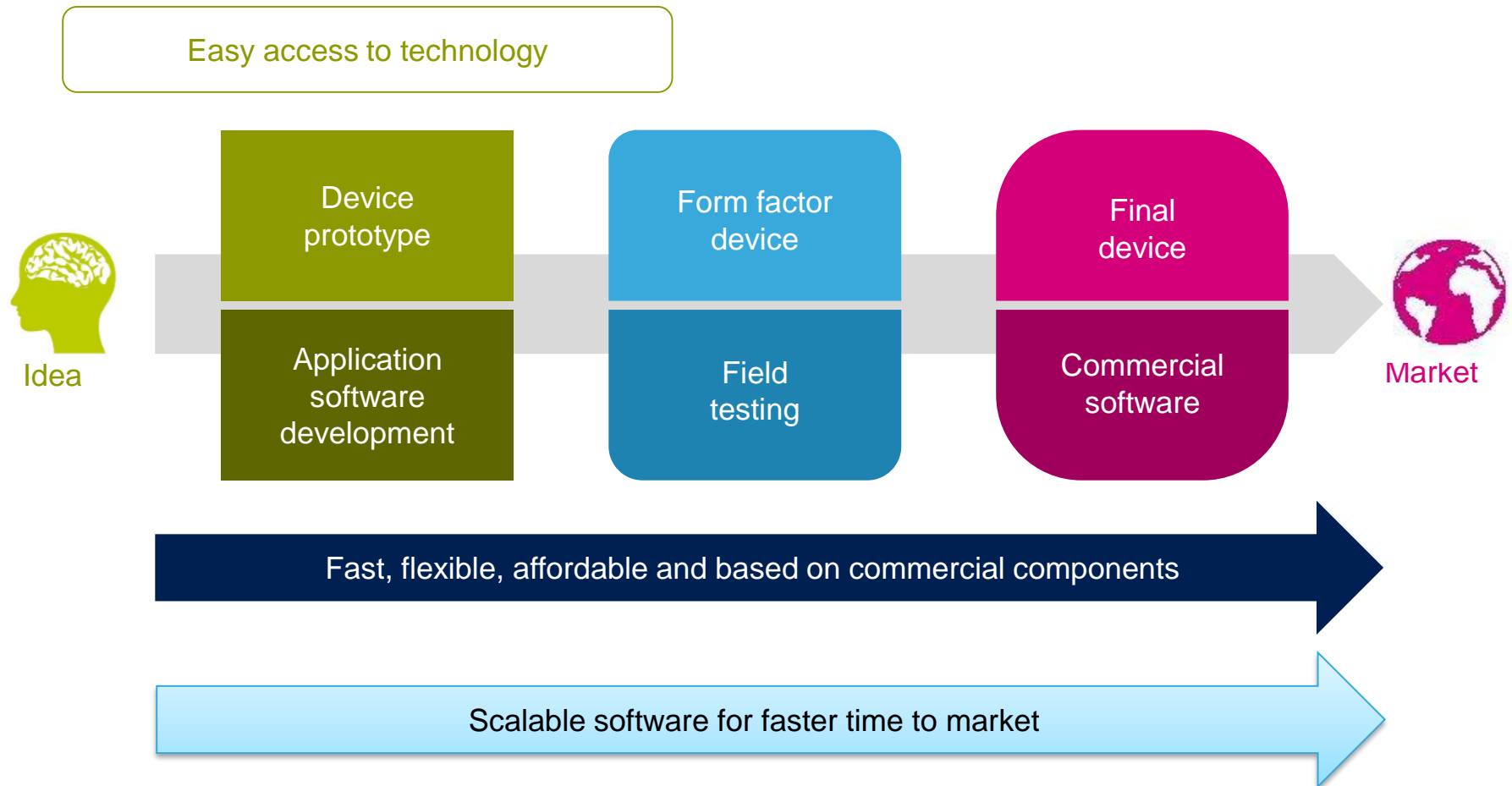
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The STM32 Open Development Environment consists of a set of **modular developer boards** and a **software environment** designed around the **STM32 microcontroller** family

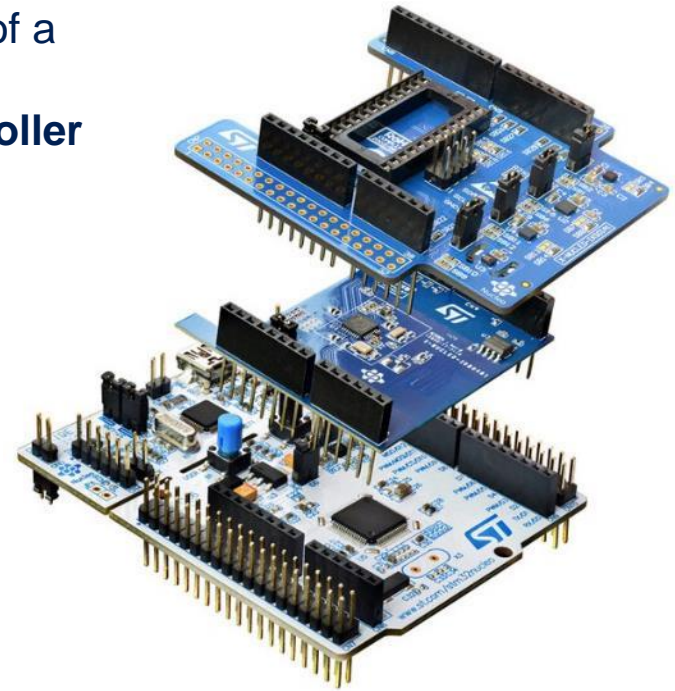
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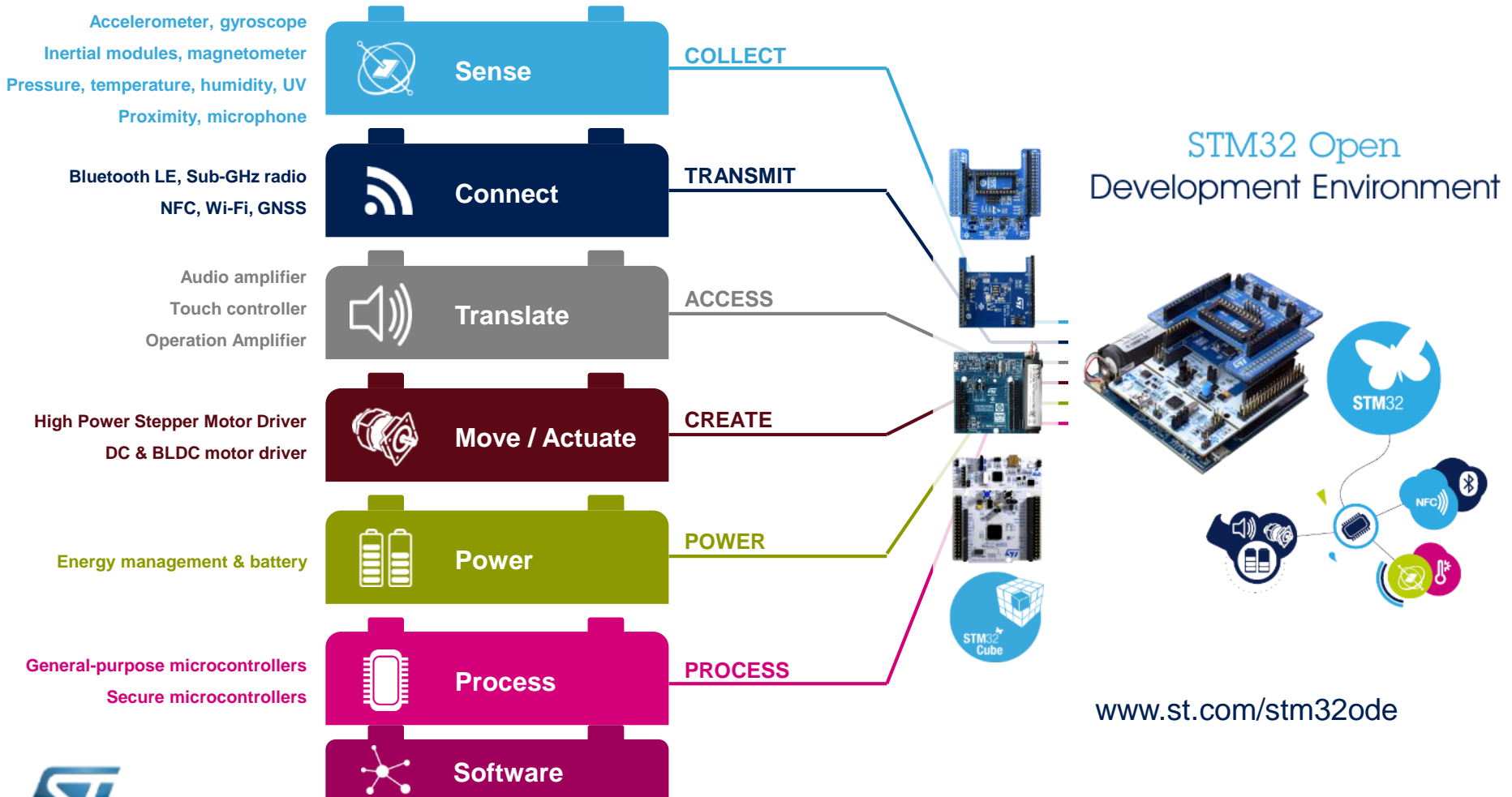
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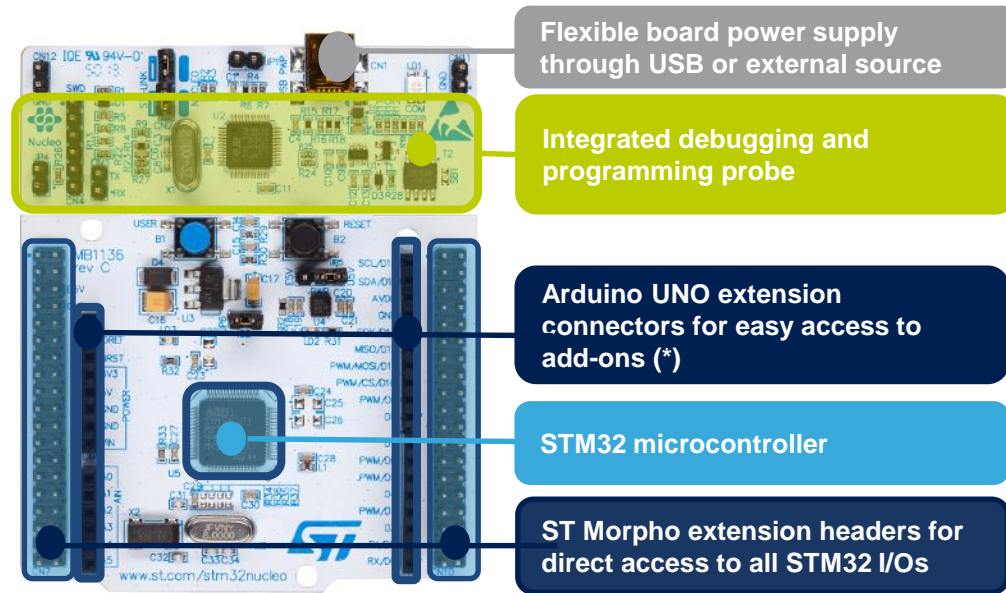
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STM32 Nucleo development board

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- Based on ST's 32-bit ARM® Cortex®-M STM32 microprocessors
 - Development board with 1 MCU and hardware to program/debug
- Two connectors for companion chip boards
- For all STM32 families



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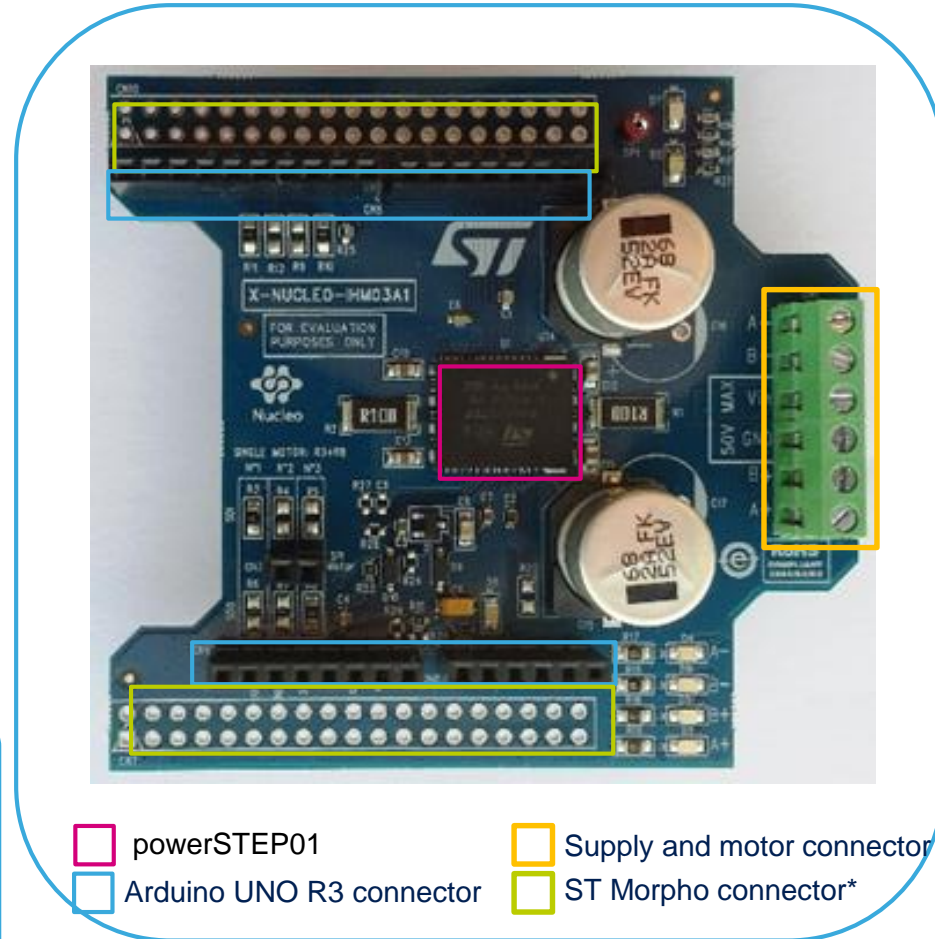
X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 hardware description

- The X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 is a high-power stepper motor driver expansion board based on powerSTEP01. The fully digital control of the motion through speed profile generation, adding positioning calculations and a complete set of protection features, offer high levels of performance and robustness.
- The X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 is compatible with the Arduino UNO R3 connector, and supports the addition of other boards which can be stacked to drive up to three stepper motors using a single STM32 Nucleo board.

Key products on board

powerSTEP01: System-in-package integrating micro stepping controller and 10 A power MOSFETs

Latest info available at
[X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1](#)



Order code: X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1

(*) Not mounted

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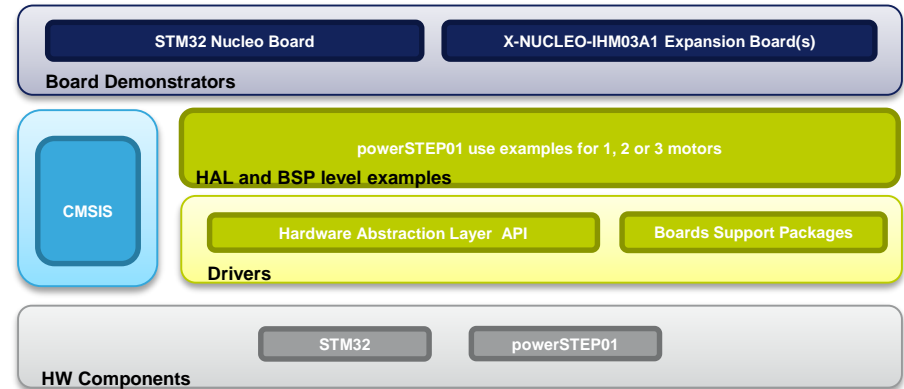
X-CUBE-SPN3 software description

- This X-CUBE-SPN3 is an software expansion for STM32Cube used to recognize powerSTEP01 devices and to enable development of applications using it. The software comes with an example implementation of the drivers to control one stepper motor. It is compatible with NUCLEO-F401RE, NUCLEO-F030R8 or NUCLEO-L053R8 development boards.

Key features

- Complete middleware (driver layer) to build applications using the powerSTEP01 device, which is integrated on the X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 expansion board
- Examples to control one stepper motor
- Easy portability across different MCU families thanks to STM32Cube
- Free, user-friendly license terms

Overall system architecture



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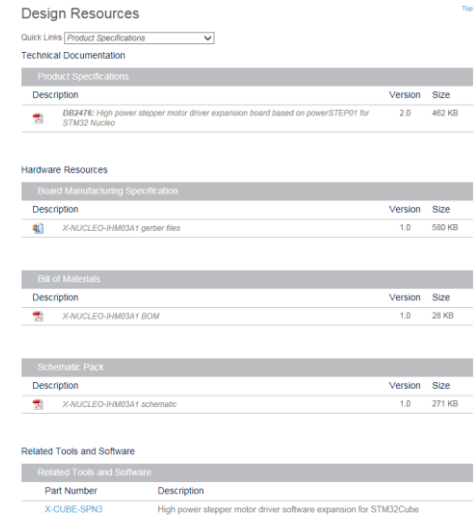
All documents are available in the Design Resources tab of the High Power Stepper Motor Driver expansion board webpage

X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1: Product webpage ([Link](#))

- Gerber files, BOM, and schematics
- **DB2476:** High-power stepper motor driver expansion board based on powerSTEP01 for STM32 Nucleo – Databrief
- **UM1910:** Getting started with high power stepper motor driver expansion board based on powerSTEP01 for STM32 Nucleo – User manual

X-CUBE-SPN3: Product webpage ([Link](#))

- **DB2512:** High-power stepper motor driver software expansion for STM32Cube- Databrief
- **UM1911:** Getting started with the X-CUBE-SPN3 high-power stepper motor driver software expansion for STM32Cube – User manual
- Software setup file



The screenshot displays the 'Design Resources' section of the X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 product webpage. It features a 'Quick Links' dropdown menu set to 'Product Specifications'. Below this, there are four main resource categories: 'Technical Documentation', 'Hardware Resources', 'Bill of Materials', and 'Schematic Pack'. Each category contains a table of documents with columns for 'Description', 'Version', and 'Size'. The 'Technical Documentation' table lists 'DB2476: High power stepper motor driver expansion board based on powerSTEP01 for STM32 Nucleo' (Version 2.0, 462 KB). The 'Hardware Resources' table lists 'X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 gerber files' (Version 1.0, 580 KB). The 'Bill of Materials' table lists 'X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 BOM' (Version 1.0, 28 KB). The 'Schematic Pack' table lists 'X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 schematic' (Version 1.0, 271 KB). At the bottom, there is a 'Related Tools and Software' section with a table listing 'X-CUBE-SPN3' (High power stepper motor driver software expansion for STM32Cube).

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Quick Links (Product Specifications)		
Technical Documentation		
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DB2476: High power stepper motor driver expansion board based on powerSTEP01 for STM32 Nucleo	2.0	462 KB

Hardware Resources		
Board Manufacturing Specifications		
Description	Version	Size
X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 gerber files	1.0	580 KB

Bill of Materials		
Description	Version	Size
X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 BOM	1.0	28 KB

Schematic Pack		
Description	Version	Size
X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 schematic	1.0	271 KB

Related Tools and Software	
Part Number	Description
X-CUBE-SPN3	High power stepper motor driver software expansion for STM32Cube

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- STM32 Nucleo board
(NUCLEO-F401RE, NUCLEO-F030R8 or NUCLEO-L053R8)
- One X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 expansion board for each stepper motor (up to three)
- Up to three stepper motors
- An external DC power supply with two electric cables (*)
- An USB type A to mini-B cable

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Software prerequisites

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- A Windows PC with one of the supported development toolchains:
 - KEIL: MDK-ARM
 - IAR: EWARM
 - GCC-based IDEs (Atollic, TrueStudio...)
- X-CUBE-SPN3 firmware library ([Link](#))
- ST-LINK/V2-1 USB driver ([Link](#))
- ST-LINK/V2-1 firmware upgrade ([Link](#))

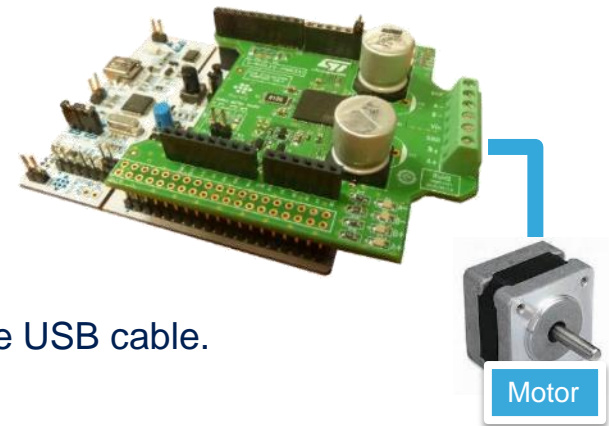
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Driving one stepper motor with X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 and X-CUBE-SPN3

- 1 Set the X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 configuration jumpers as follows:
 - R3 and R8 → Closed (0-Ohm resistors)
 - R4, R5, R6 and R7 → Open
- 2 Stack the X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 on the STM32 Nucleo board using the Arduino UNO R3 connector and connect the stepper motor (A+/- and B+/-) and the power supply (VIN\GND) to the CN1 connector.
- 3 Connect the STM32 Nucleo board to the PC through the USB cable.



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- 4 Depending on your STM32 Nucleo board, from the examples folder (**\stm32_cube\Projects\Multi\Examples\MotionControl\NHM03A1_ExampleFor1Motor**) open the software project from:
 - **\YourToolChainName\STM32F401RE-Nucleo** for Nucleo based on **STM32F401**
 - **\YourToolChainName\STM32F030R8-Nucleo** for Nucleo based on **STM32F030**
 - **\YourToolChainName\STM32L053R8-Nucleo** for Nucleo based on **STM32L053**
- 5 Open the file:
stm32_cube\Drivers\BSP\Components\powerstep01\powerstep01_target_config.h.
and modify the parameters which are post fixed by “_DEVICE_0” according to your target configuration.
- 6 Build the project and download it into the STM32 memory.
- 7 Run the example. The motor automatically starts (see main.c for a detailed demo sequence).

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Driving two stepper motors with X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 and X-CUBE-SPN3

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Set the **Motor#1** X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 configuration jumpers as follows:

- R3 and R6 → Closed (0-Ohm resistors)
- R4, R5, R7 and R8 → Open

Set the **Motor#2** X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 configuration jumpers as follows:

- R4 and R8 → Closed (0R resistors)
- R3, R5, R6 and R7 → Open

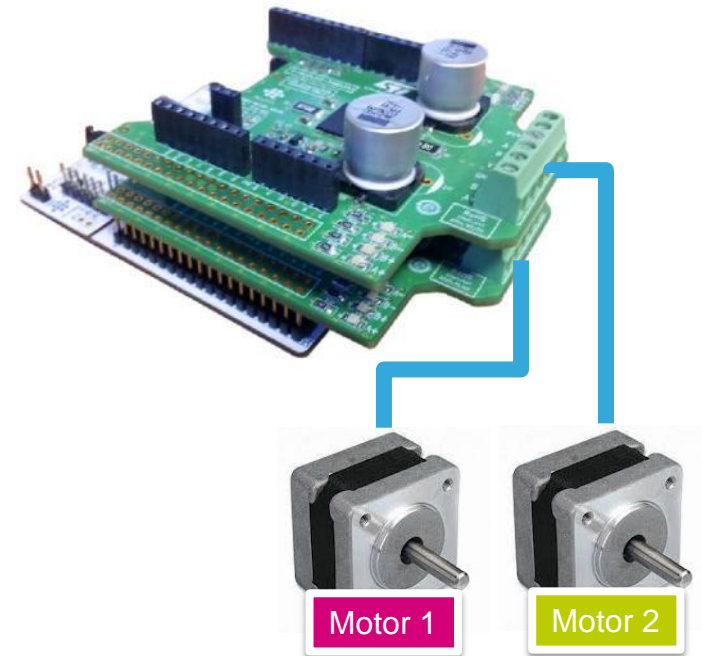
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Stack the X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 on the Nucleo board using the Arduino UNO R3 connector:

- **Motor#1** board on top of Nucleo board
 - **Motor#2** board on top of **Motor#1** board
- and connect the stepper motors and the power supply to the CN1 connector.

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Connect the STM32 Nucleo board to the PC using the USB cable.



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- 4 Depending on your STM32 Nucleo board, from the examples folder (`\stm32_cube\Projects\Multi\Examples\MotionControl\NHM03A1_ExampleFor2Motors`) open the software project from:
 - `\YourToolChainName\STM32F401RE-Nucleo` for Nucleo **STM32F401**
 - `\YourToolChainName\STM32F030R8-Nucleo` for Nucleo **STM32F030**
 - `\YourToolChainName\STM32L053R8-Nucleo` for Nucleo **STM32L053**
- 5 Open the file:
`stm32_cube\Drivers\BSP\Components\powerstep01\powerstep01_target_config.h`.
and modify the parameters according to your target configuration:
 - Values post fixed by “_DEVICE_0” refers to **Motor#1**
 - Values post fixed by “_DEVICE_1” refers to **Motor#2**
- 6 Build the project and download it into the STM32 memory.
- 7 Run the example. The motor automatically starts (see main.c for a detailed demo sequence).

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Driving three stepper motor with X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 and X-CUBE-SPN3

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Set the **Motor#1** X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 configuration jumpers as follows:

- R3 and R6 → Closed (0-Ohm resistors)
- R4, R5, R7 and R8 → Open

Set the **Motor#2** X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 configuration jumpers as follows:

- R4 and R7 → Closed (0-Ohm resistors)
- R3, R5, R6 and R8 → Open

Set the **Motor#3** X-NUCLEO-IHM03A1 configuration jumpers as follows:

- R5 and R8 → Closed (0-Ohm resistors)
- R3, R4, R6 and R7 → Open

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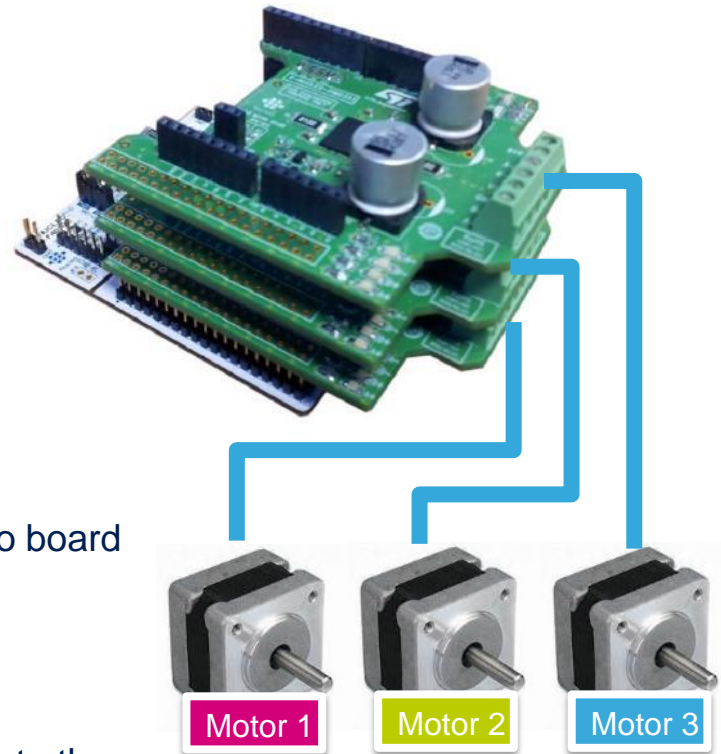
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- **Motor#3** board on top of **Motor#2** board

and connect the stepper motors and the power supply to the CN1 connector.

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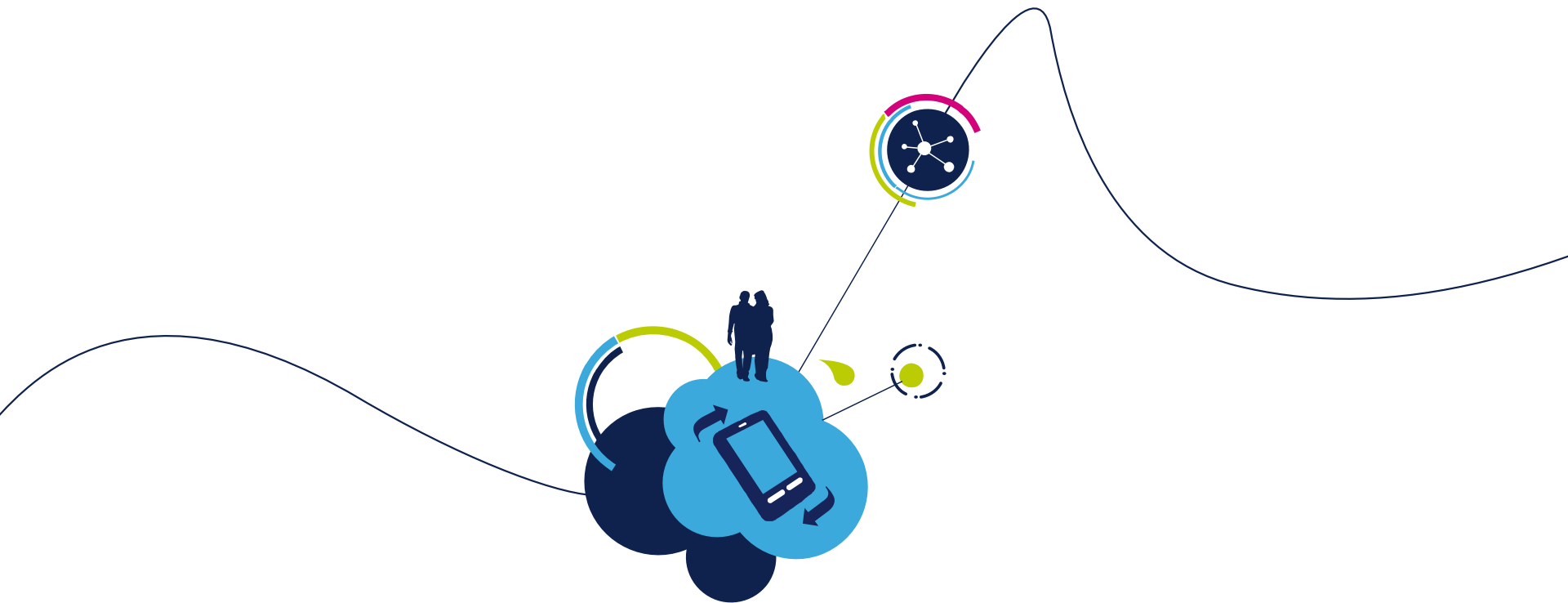


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- 4 Depending on your STM32 Nucleo board, from the examples folder (`\stm32_cube\Projects\Multi\Examples\MotionControl\NHM03A1_ExampleFor3Motors`) open the software project from:
 - `\YourToolChainName\STM32F401RE-Nucleo` for Nucleo based on **STM32F401**
 - `\YourToolChainName\STM32F030R8-Nucleo` for Nucleo based on **STM32F030**
 - `\YourToolChainName\STM32L053R8-Nucleo` for Nucleo based on **STM32L053**
- 5 Open the file:
`stm32_cube\Drivers\BSP\Components\powerstep01\powerstep01_target_config.h`.
and modify the parameters according to your target configuration:
 - Values post fixed by “_DEVICE_0” refers to **Motor#1**
 - Values post fixed by “_DEVICE_1” refers to **Motor#2**
 - Values post fixed by “_DEVICE_2” refers to **Motor#3**
- 6 Build the project and download it into the STM32 memory.
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