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# Optimized Neural Networks on STM32 with STM32Cube.AI

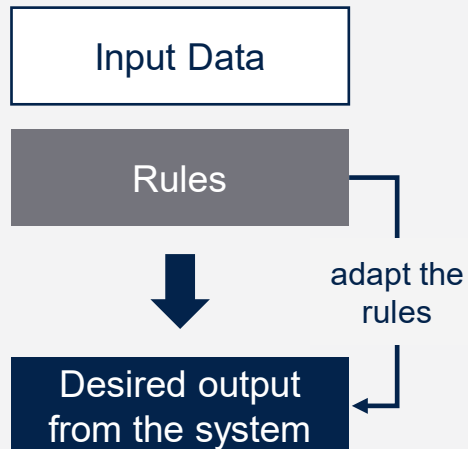


# Introduction to Edge AI

# A new way to add environment awareness to your products

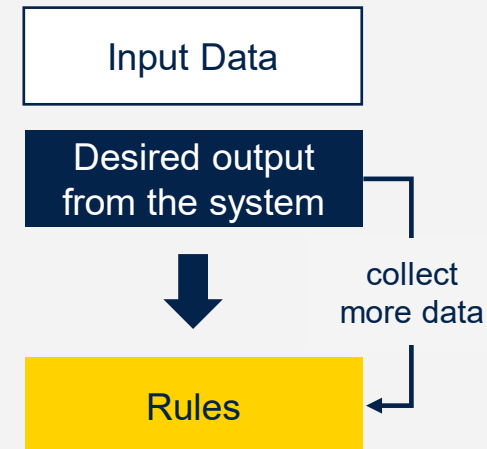
## From rule-based engineering to data-driven engineering

### Standard programming Handcrafted rules based on experience



- Requires domain expertise to code
- Need to rewrite if environment evolves

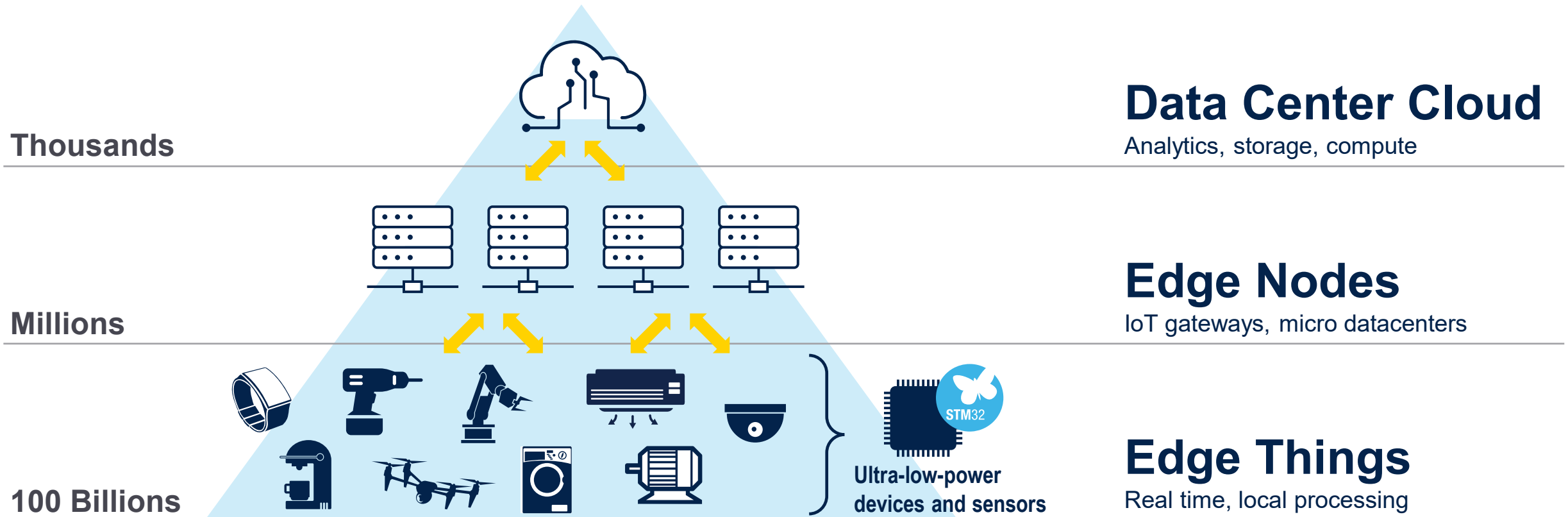
### Machine Learning Rules learnt from real-world data



- Generate code from real-world observations
- Re-learn from data if environment evolves

# Distributed Artificial Intelligence approach

Leverage billions of devices at the Edge!



# Artificial intelligence at the Edge

**Moving part of Artificial Intelligence closer to the data acquisition brings several benefits**



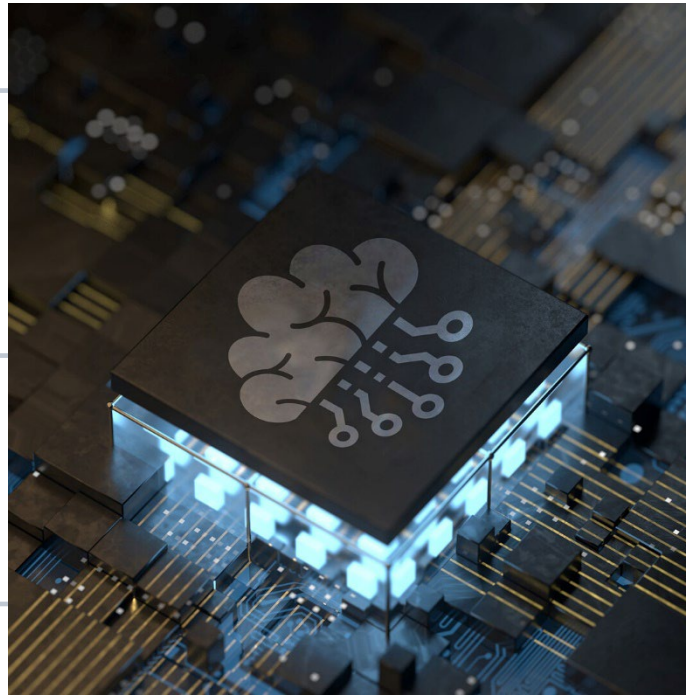
**Ultra-low latency**  
Real-time applications



**More reliability**



**Security of data**  
No sharing in the cloud



**Privacy by design**  
GDPR compliant



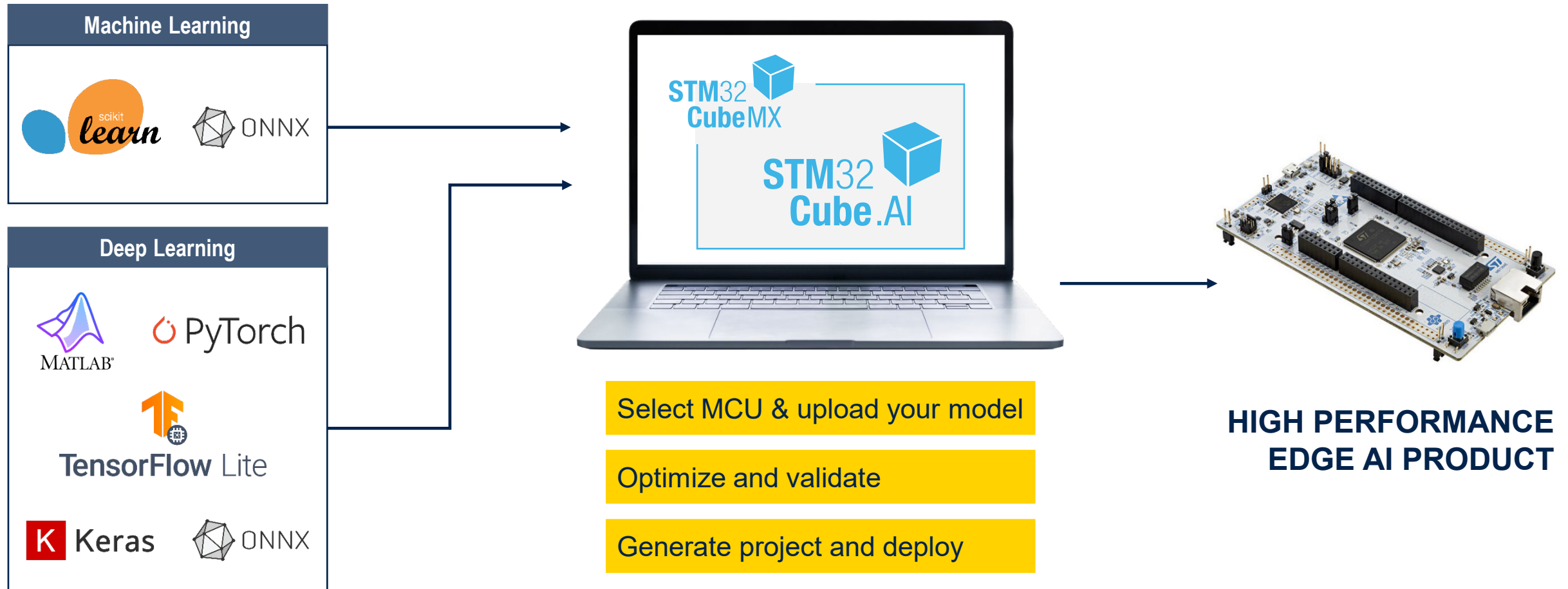
**Sustainable on energy**  
Low-power consumption



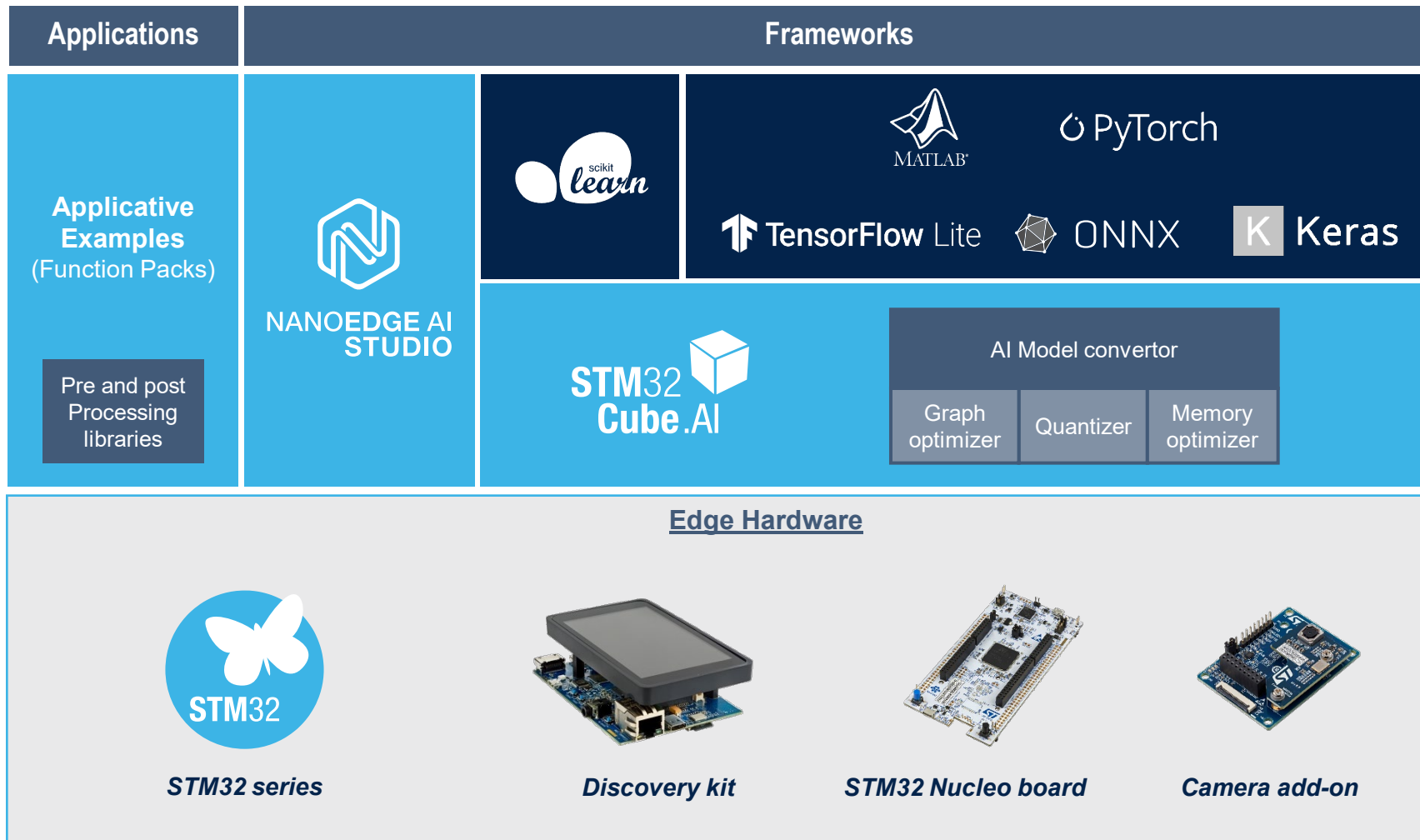
**Better user experience**


# STM32 Cube.AI

# A tool to seamlessly integrate AI in your projects



# STM32 comprehensive AI ecosystem



  
STM32 Cube.AI

AI Model convertor

Graph optimizer

Quantizer

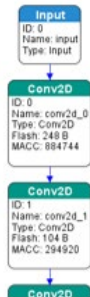
Memory optimizer



# The 3 pillars of STM32Cube.AI

## Graph optimizer

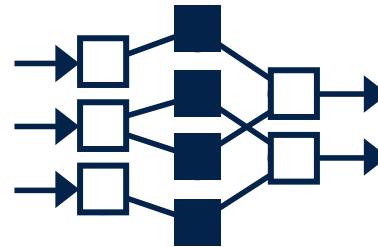
Automatically improve performance through graph simplifications & optimizations that benefit STM32 target HW architectures



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

## Quantized model support

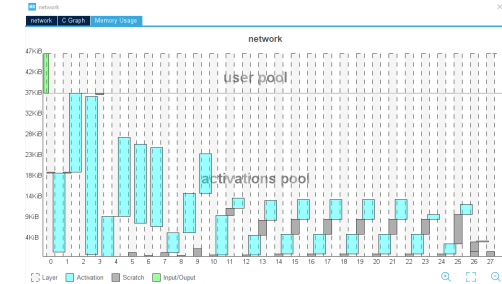
Import your quantized ANN to be compatible with STM32 embedded architectures while keeping their performance



- From FP32 to Int8
- Minimum loss of accuracy
- Code validation on target
  - Latency
  - Accuracy
  - Memory usage

## Memory optimizer

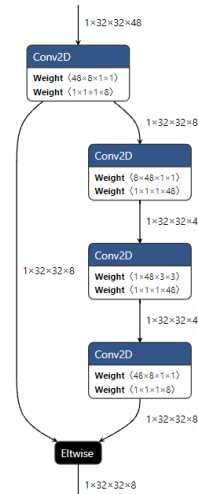
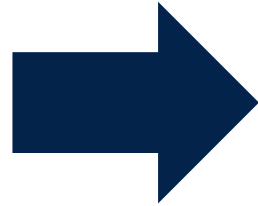
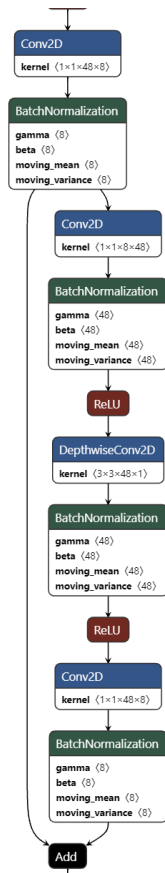
Optimize memory allocation to get the best performance while respecting the constraints of your embedded design



- 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!



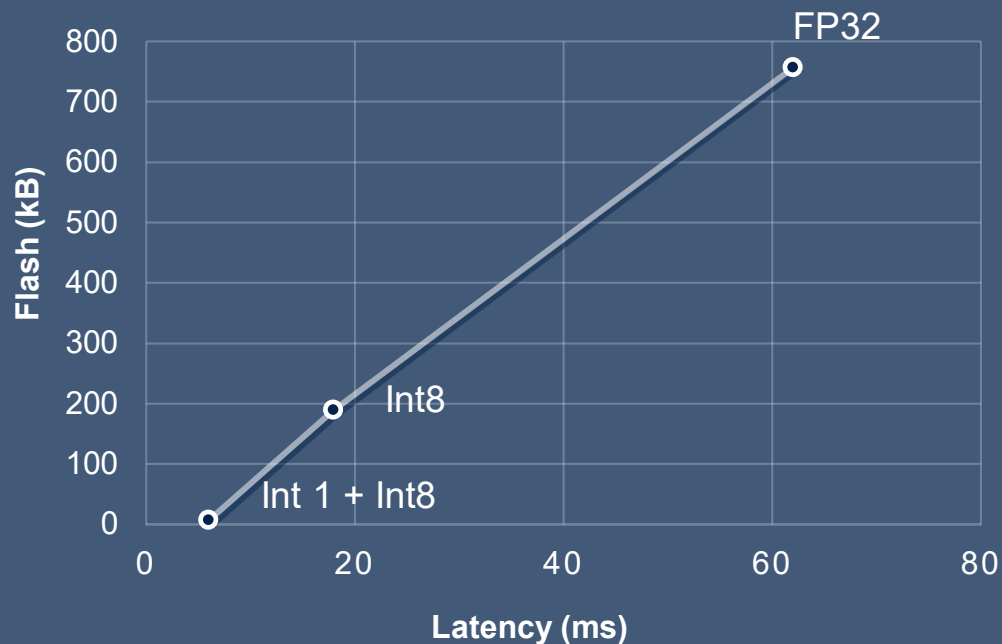
## Fully automated process in the STM32Cube.AI workflow

- 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](mailto:edge.ai@st.com) to request the relevant version of STM32Cube.AI*



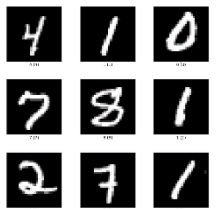
**HW Target:** NUCLEO-STM32H743ZI2

**Model:** Low complexity handwritten digit reading

**Freq:** 480 MHz

**Accuracy:** >97% for all quantized models

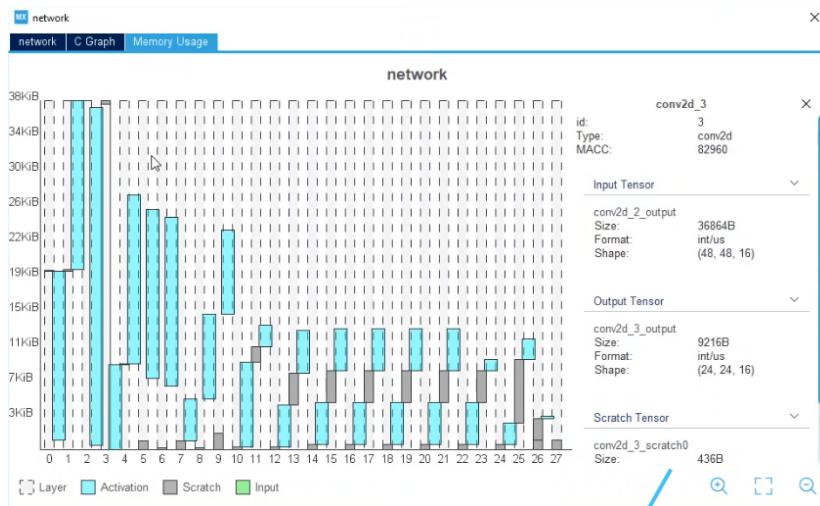
**Tested database:** MNIST dataset



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

☒ Use external flash Memory: Custom

Split weights between internal and external flash using a linker script

Start Address: 0x00000000 Size (Mbytes):

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"/>

☐ Use external RAM Memory: Custom

Start Address: 0x00000000

☒ Use activation buffer

Start Address: 0x00000000 Act. size (by...): 752712

☐ Copy weight to RAM

Start Address: Weight size: 451496

☒ Use activation buffer for input buffer (--allocate-inputs)

☒ Use activation buffer for the output buffer (--allocate-outputs)

☒ Split weights during code generation (--split-weights)

☒ Generate relocatable network (--relocatable)

Report's output directory

C:\Users\richard\stm32cubeux Browse...

☐ Enable custom layer support

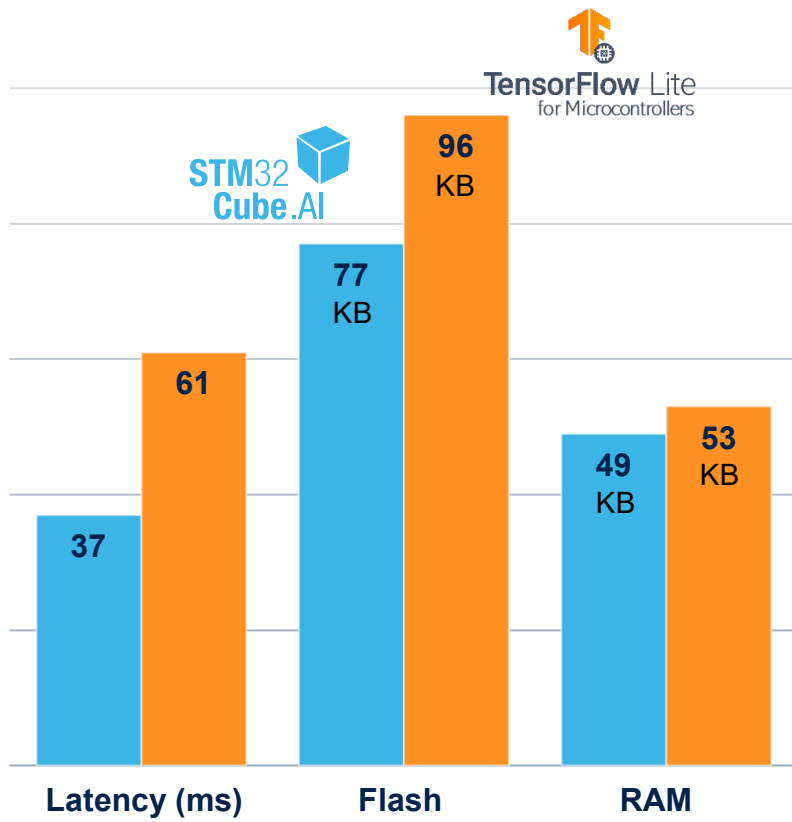
Custom Layer JSON File: Browse...

\* Requires input and activation buffers in same memory

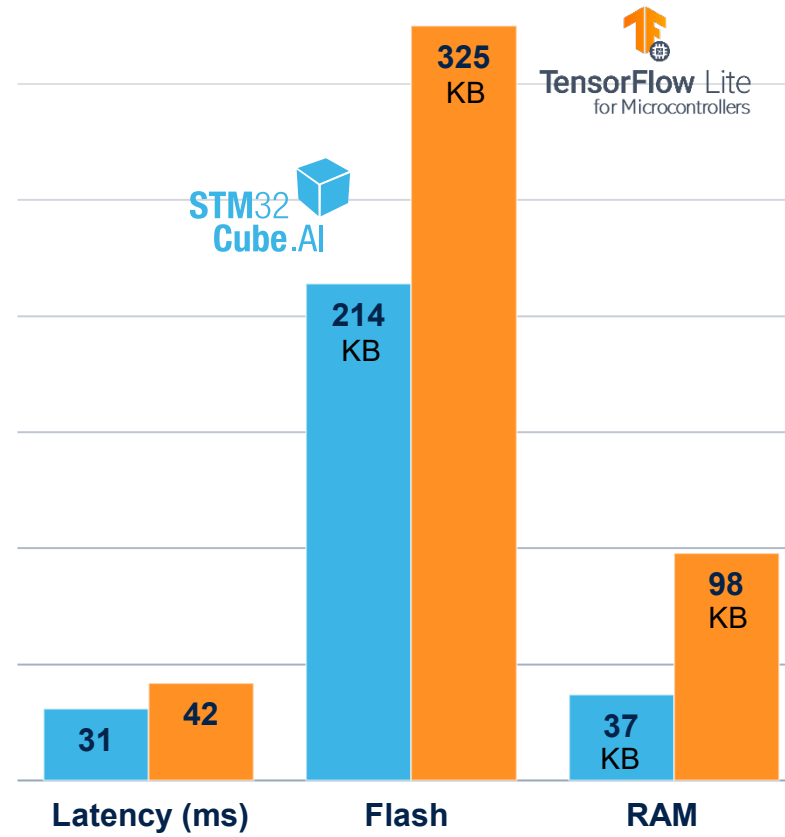
# STM32Cube.AI

## Get the best performance on STM32

Image Classif v0.5



Visual Wake Word v0.5



**HW Target:** STM32H723

**Flash:** 1Mbyte

**RAM:** 564 Kbytes

**Freq:** 550 MHz

**SW Version:**

X-Cube.AI v 7.0.0

TFLm v2.5.0

*\* the lower the better*



# Making Edge AI accessible to all STM32 portfolio

**STM32Cube.AI is compatible with all STM32 series**



MPU

**STM32MP1**

4158 CoreMark  
Up to 800 MHz Cortex –A7  
209 MHz Cortex –M4



High Perf  
MCUs

**STM32F3**

245 CoreMark  
72 MHz Cortex-M4

**STM32G4**

569 CoreMark  
170 MHz Cortex-M4

**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

Optimized for mixed-signal Applications



Mainstream  
MCUs

**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



Wireless  
MCUs

**STM32WL**

162 CoreMark  
48 MHz Cortex-M4  
48 MHz Cortex-M0+

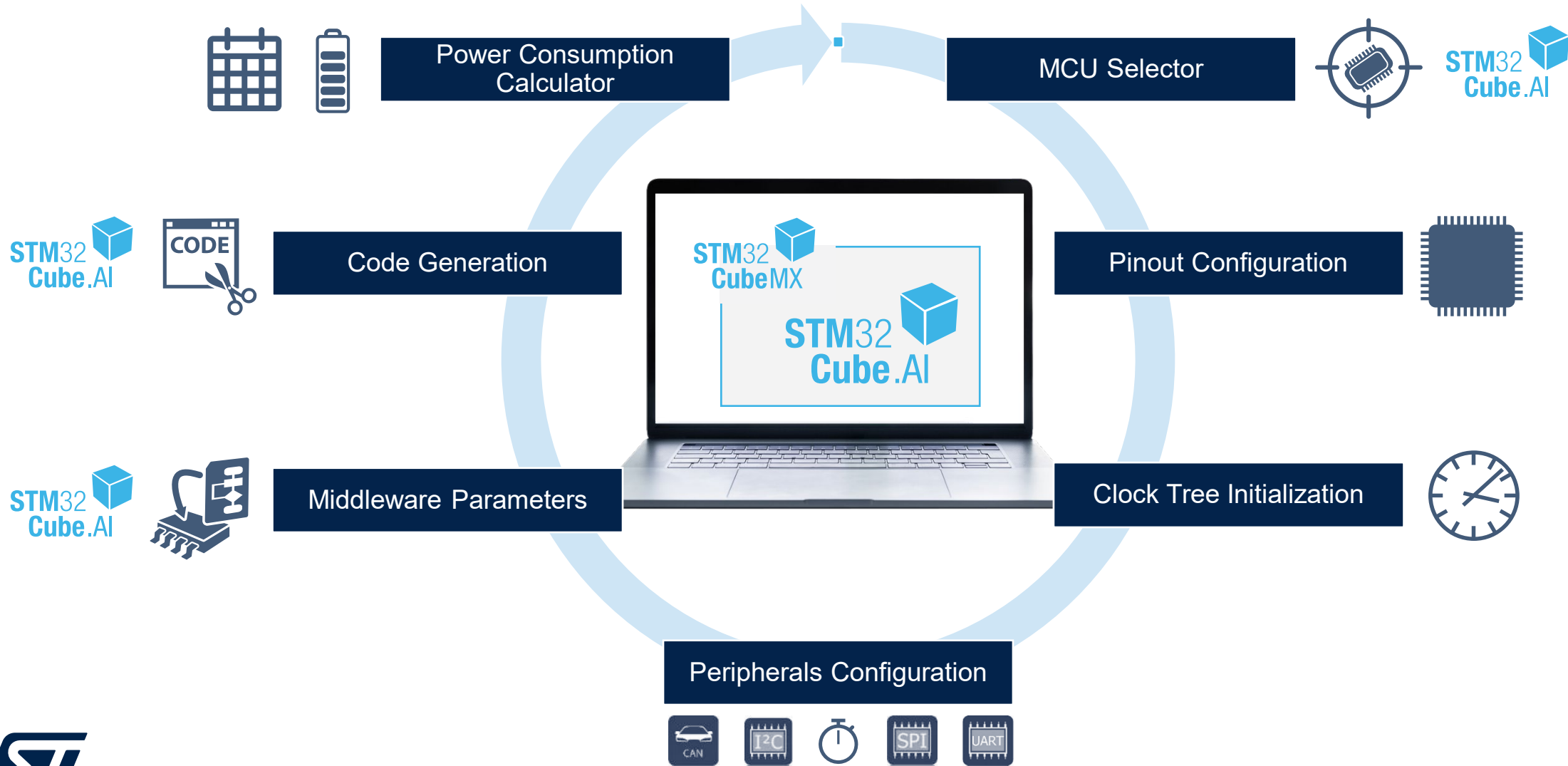
**STM32WB**

216 CoreMark  
64 MHz Cortex-M4  
32 MHz Cortex-M0+

Latest product generation

# STM32Cube.AI

## The STM32CubeMX expansion pack for ML



# Integrate your ML models more easily with our application-oriented code examples

## Time series-based monitoring



### FP-AI-MONITOR1

- Predictive maintenance and much more sensor-monitoring apps
- Runs Libraries from NanoEdge™ AI Studio

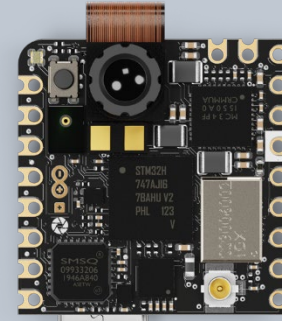
## Audio and Sensing



### FP-AI-SENSING1

- Human Activity Recognition
- Acoustic Scene Classification
- Data logging, labeling and result on BLE applications

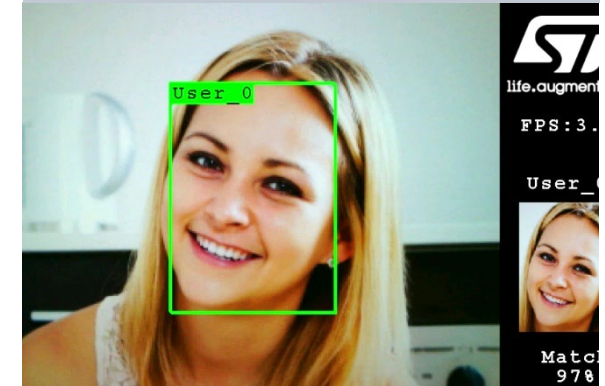
## Computer Vision



### FP-AI-VISION1

- Food recognition (CNN)
- Person presence detection (CNN)
- People counting (Object detection NN)
- Image processing Library

## Face recognition



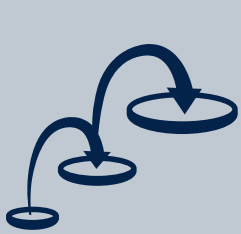
### FP-AI-FACEREC1

- Face detection and recognition
- Fully functional without cloud connection



# We provide everything to kick off your project

## Design documentation



### Getting started

Be guided step-by-step to learn STM32 ecosystem

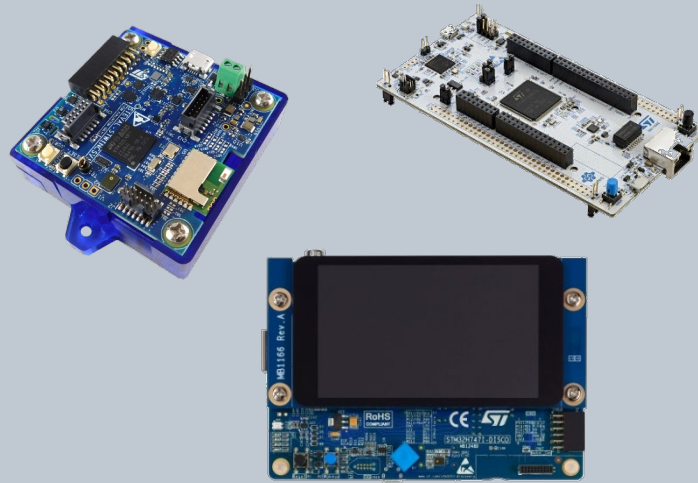


### Development zone

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 v7.1.0?

v7.1.0

**Bringing STM32Cube.AI to all STM32 and improving overall performances**

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## Now supporting entry level STM32

- Introducing the support for STM32 arm Cortex-M0 and arm Cortex-M0+
- STM32Cube.AI can now generate optimized code for STM32C0, STM32F0, STM32L0 and STM32G0 series

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## Improved user experience and performance tuning

- Added advanced support for splitting the activation buffer over several memory segments (multi-heap support) allowing full manipulation of the different on-board memories of the STM32H7 for example.

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## Up-to-date and improved code generation

- Support TensorFlow Lite micro v2.7 runtime and ONNX 1.9
- Support of more Keras, TensorFlow Lite and ONNX layers (refer to documentation for exhaustive list)
- Extend support of scikit-learn algorithms with new ONNX-ML operators

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