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STM32H5 - I3C Interface

Agenda

1. I3C overview
2. I3C new features
3. Compatibility with I^2C
4. Why to use I3C and what might be challenging?
5. Hands-On

Quick introduction to I3C

I3C overview

- I3C is a MIPI standardized protocol designed to overcome I^2C limitations
  (limited speed, external signals needed for interrupts, no automatic detection of the devices connected to the bus...) while improving power-efficiency
- I3C = “Improved I^2C”

I3C overview

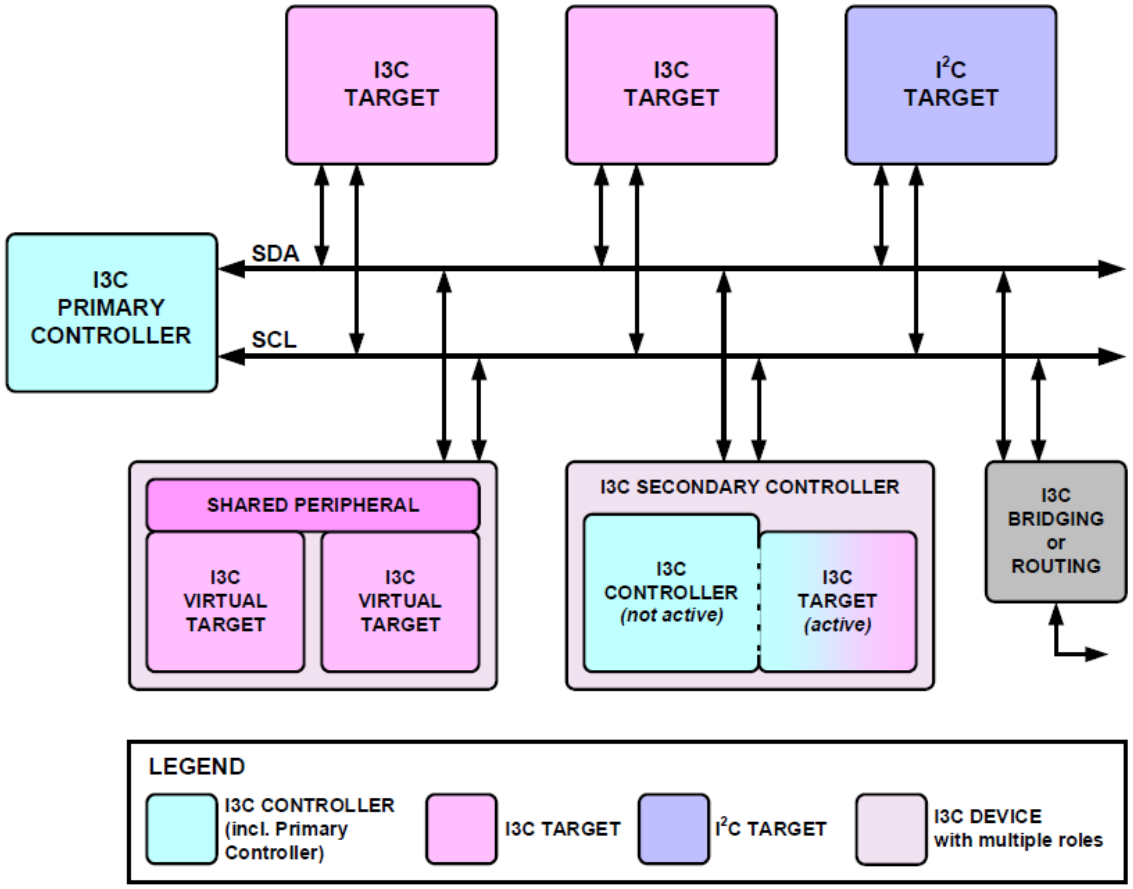

Figure 10 I3C Bus with I²C Devices and I3C Devices

- Two wire interface (SDA/SCL)
- New naming:
  - Master => Controller
  - Slave => Target
- "Compatible with I²C"
- Defined by MIPI specification
  - I3C basic specification available for free
  - Might be more accessible than I²C spec
- Used by JEDEC for DDR5 sideband

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I3C new features (1/4)
Switching to push-pull drive

- I2C speed is limited by open-drain bus
  - You can reduce pull-up value and increase GPIO drive capability,
    but this starts to be limiting, FM+ (1 MHz) is supported only on selected pins
- I3C uses open-drain only during arbitration header
  - Then it switches to push-pull
  - Maximum according to spec is around 4.16 MHz
    - Depends on bus capacitance
- This allows:
  - Increase communication speed up to 12.5 MHz (faster than full-speed USB)
  - Lower power consumption
- Pull-up on SDA controlled by I3C primary controller
  - Cca. 1.2 kΩ pull-up integrated in STM32H5
- SCL always driver by controller in push-pull
  - No clock stretching

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I3C new features (2/4)
Dynamic address assignment

- Each I3C target must be assigned a dynamic address to be able to communicate
- 7-bit address
- Allows configuring priority between devices
  - Addresses might be changed on-the-fly
  - Lower address => higher priority (similar for CAN)
  - Priority is used for In-band interrupts (IBI)
- Only certain addresses can be assigned to targets
  - Also depends on compatibility with some I^2C features
- The process is based on 64-bit unique ID
  - This might not always solve address collision, when having multiple parts of same chip
- Address can be also assigned based on static/I^2C legacy address

I3C new features (3/4)
CCC and in band interrupts

- Common command codes (CCC)
  - One type of I3C transfer
  - Standardize bus initialization and some basic commands
  - Separate command code for Broadcast (all devices) and Direct command (specific device)
- In-band interrupt (IBI)
  - Allows any I3C device to send notification to I3C controller
  - Device can generate interrupts without requiring an external signal
  - The interrupt can contain small payload, up to 4 bytes
- Timing control
  - Allows to timestamp data received from sensors
  - Sampling data sent as part of IBI

I3C new features (4/4)
Advanced features

- Group address
  - Allows to target multiple I3C Targets using single address (multicast)
  - Optional feature
    - Multiple group addresses might be assigned to single target
- Hot-join
  - Mechanism that allows target devices to join the bus on-the-fly
  - E.g.: when exiting low power mode and activating additional HW
- Secondary controller
  - Additional devices on the bus can request to be the controller
  - This might be useful in systems where “main” controller can enter low-power mode
    - The bus is maintained by secondary controller (sensor hub) and can wake-up main controller

I²C compatibility

- The specification declares compatibility with I²C, but there are several limitations
- Not all I²C slaves follow I²C specification
  - E.g.: some of our competitors use two-wire interface
- High-speed I3C communication relies on 50ns spike filter to be implemented in I²C slave
- Clock stretching is not allowed
- Certain addresses are reserved for I3C (e.g. 0x7E)
- I3C targets might still have I²C mode => I3C might require specific configuration
- Compatibility with I²C might not be easy to achieve and might cause significant speed decrease

I²C compatibility

Table 84 Legacy I²C Device Requirements When Operating on I3C

Feature	Required	Desirable	Not Used	Not Allowed	Notes
Fm Speed	X	–	–	–	–
Fm+ Speed	–	X	–	–	–
HS and UFm	–	–	X	–	2
Static I²C Address	X	–	–	–	–
50 ns Spike Filter	–	X	–	–	1
Clock Stretching by Target	–	–	–	X	–
I²C Extended Address (10 bit)	–	–	X	–	2
I3C Reserved Address	–	–	–	X	–

Note:

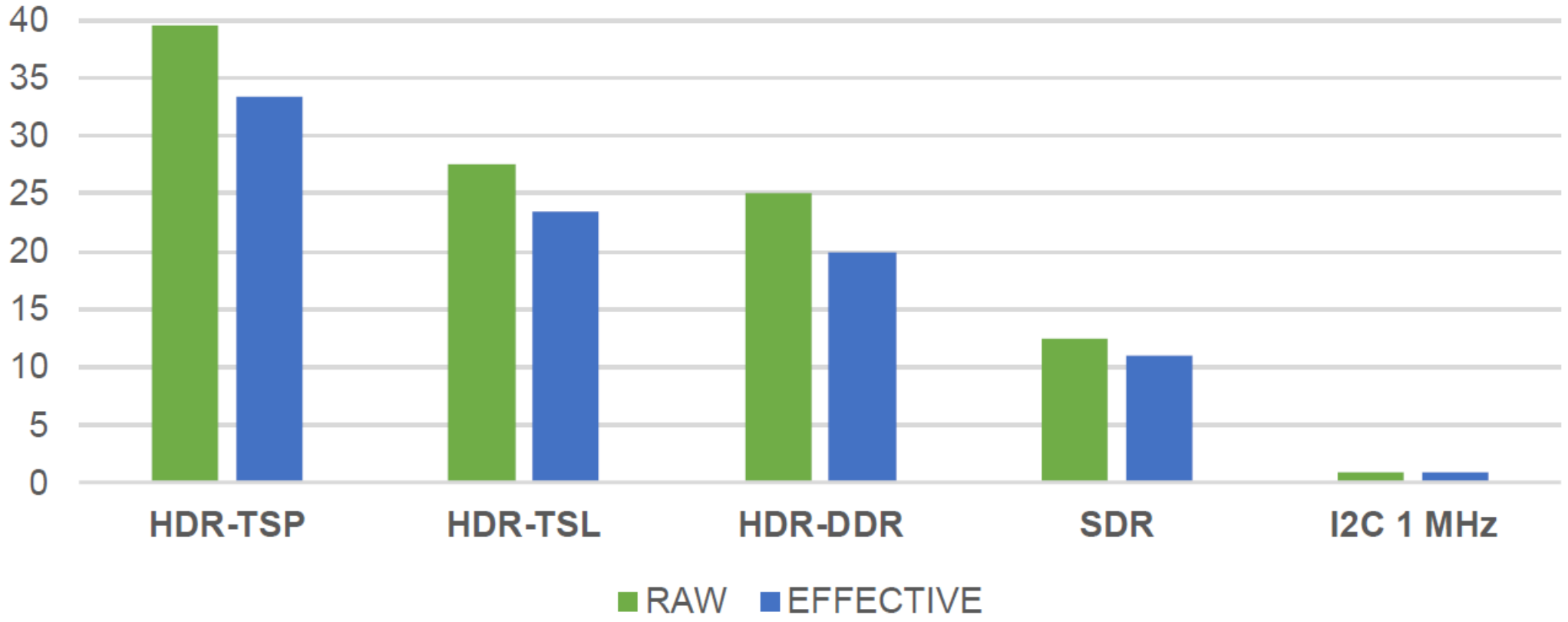
1) *Lack of Spike Filter will severely degrade Bus performance and eliminate certain I3C Bus features*
2) *"Not Used" means that the I3C Controller will not make use of the I²C feature, however if the Target supports the feature, then it will not interfere with I3C Bus operation.*

Source: MIPI I3C Basic specification

Why use I3C?

- Higher data rate
  - 12.5MHz, that is faster than full-speed USB
- Lower pin required
  - In-band interrupt support
  - Possibility to increase bandwidth with multi-lane support for selected targets
- Lower power consumption
  - Thanks to switching to push-pull mode
  - Especially compared to e.g. Fast-mode+ where low pull-ups need to be used
- Standardized commands for common operations
  - Entering low-power modes, device reset etc.
- Higher data rates
  - Multiple lanes and HDR allows increasing bandwidth in the future

I3C speed comparison



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What can be challenging?

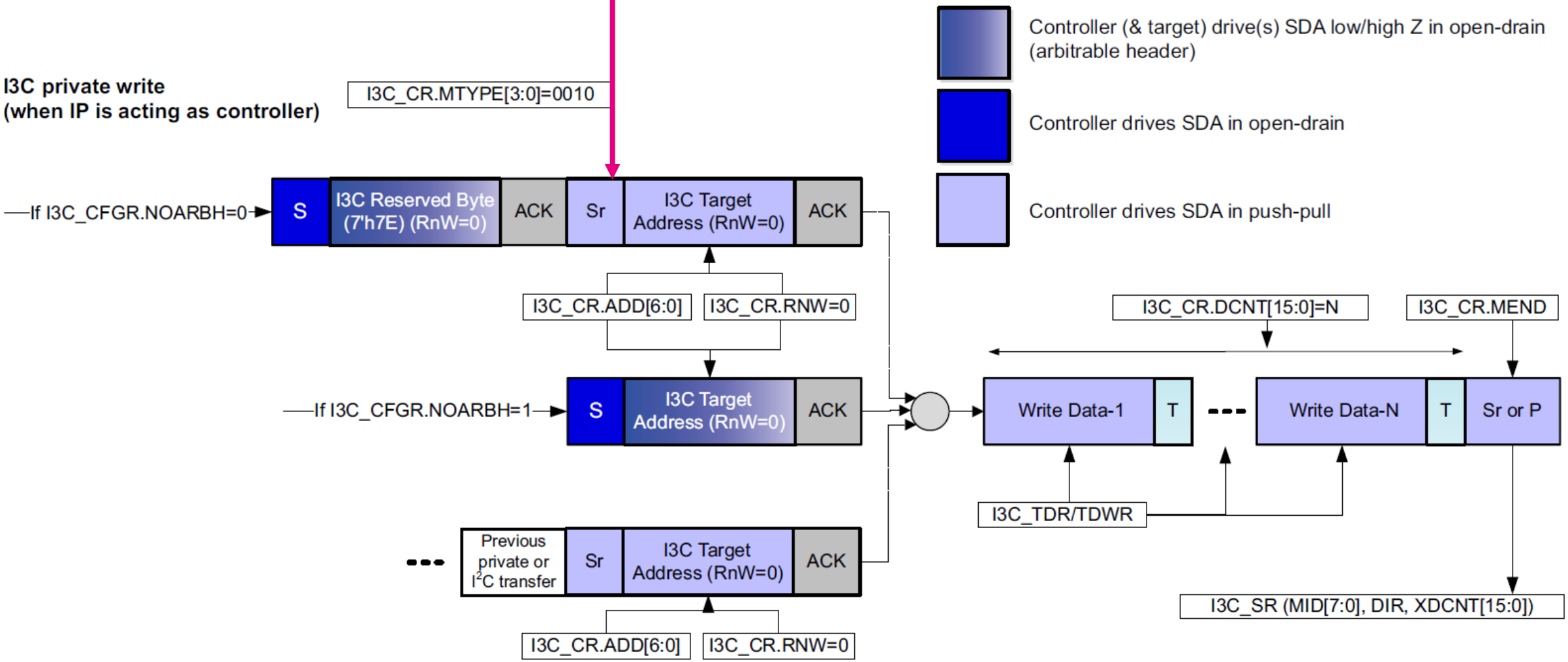
- I²C compatibility depends heavily on the used devices
  - It might be difficult to read for datasheet if the device is compatible
- Higher frequency can lead to issues with signal integrity
  - Higher frequency might work only on shorter connections
  - Bus capacitance can become limiting
  - This might also be an issue if level shifter should be used
- Requires bus initialization during startup
  - This might take some time
- Is more complex compared to I3C
- Low availability at the moment

I3C transfers

- Private read / write commands
  - E.g. reading / writing sensor registers
  - Similar to I²C, but using I3C timing
- Specific I3C CCC commands
  - Dynamic address assignment (ENTDAA)
  - Target reset (RSTACT)
- I3C CCC commands
  - Broadcast write
  - Direct read / write
- In-band interrupt (IBI)
  - Initiated by I3C Target
- I²C legacy transfer
  - Same as private read / write, but with I²C timing
- Hot-join request
  - Specific In-band interrupt
- Controller role request

Private write as Controller

Repeated start
This prevents collision between CCC and target address



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Hands on

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Goal

- I3C communication between 2 boards
  - First board will act as Controller
  - Second board will act as Target
- Controller will perform dynamic address assignment
- Target board will send In-band interrupt (IBI) when button pressed
- **Please work in pairs to test the hands-on!**
- Based on I3C_Controller_InBandInterrupt_IT and I3C_Target_InBandInterrupt_IT examples for Nucleo-H503RB

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Part 1: I3C Controller Firmware sequence

- Initialize I3C (generate by MX)
- Start dynamic address assignment
  - Assign address to each new device
- (optional) Send SETMRL command to limit IBI payload to 4-bytes
  - This is limitation of STM32H5 I3C Controller
- Configure / Enable reception of IBI from selected address
  - Otherwise the IBI is not acknowledged by Controller
  - This is just internal operation, no communication on the I3C bus
  - Real sensor will probably require some command or register write to enable
- Receive IBI via I3C interrupt
- Read IBI source address and payload in main loop
  - Toggle LED when IBI received

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Part 1: I3C Controller Creating CubeMX project

- Start by selecting **NUCLEO-H563ZI board**
  - This will initialize the LEDs and push buttons automatically
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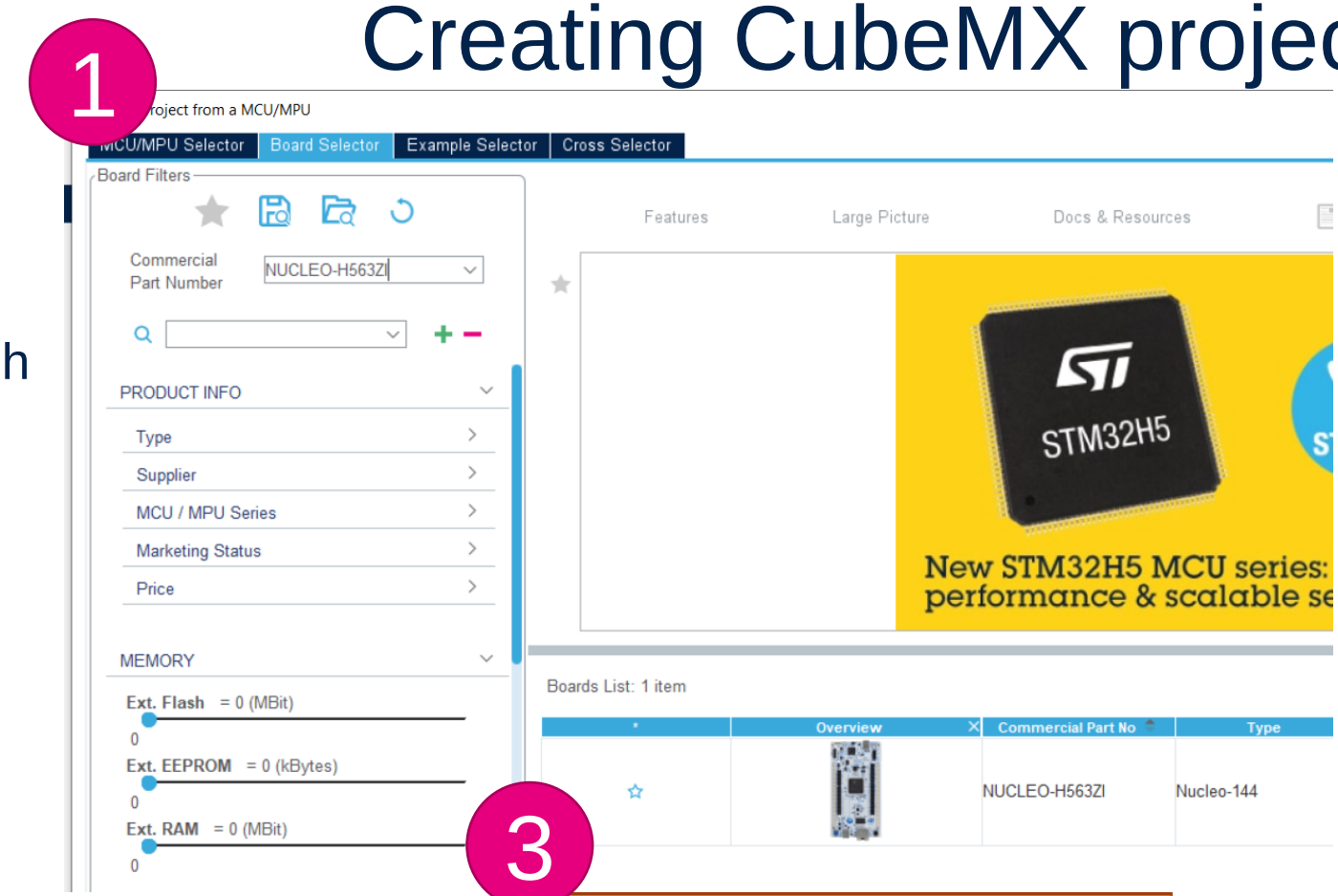
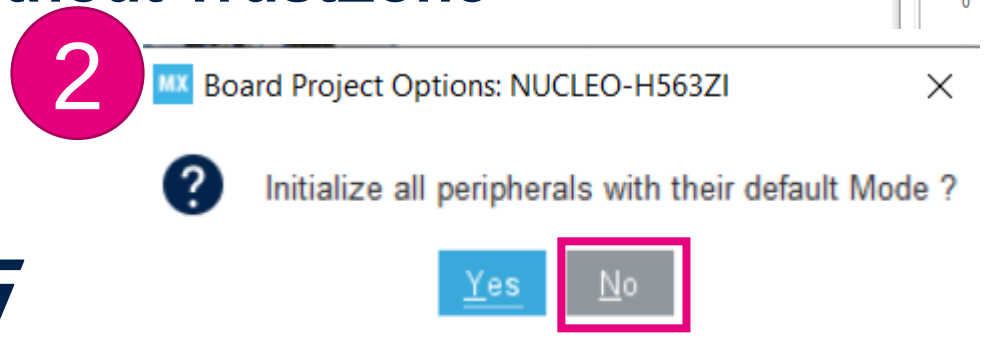
- Select project **without TrustZone**





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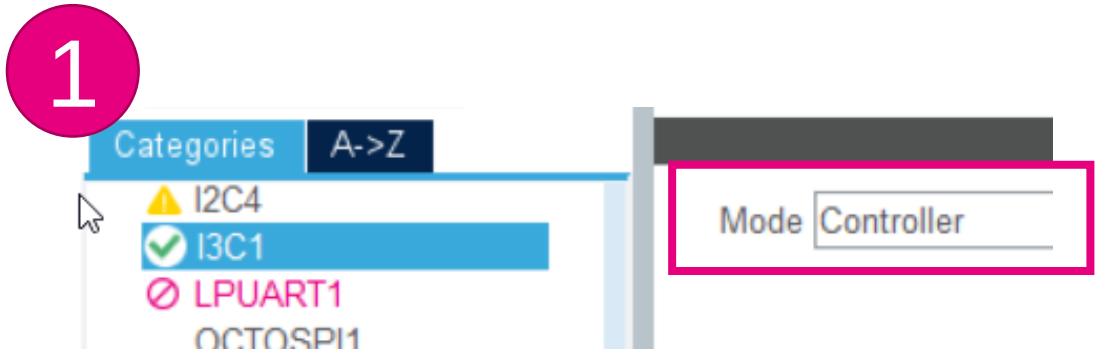
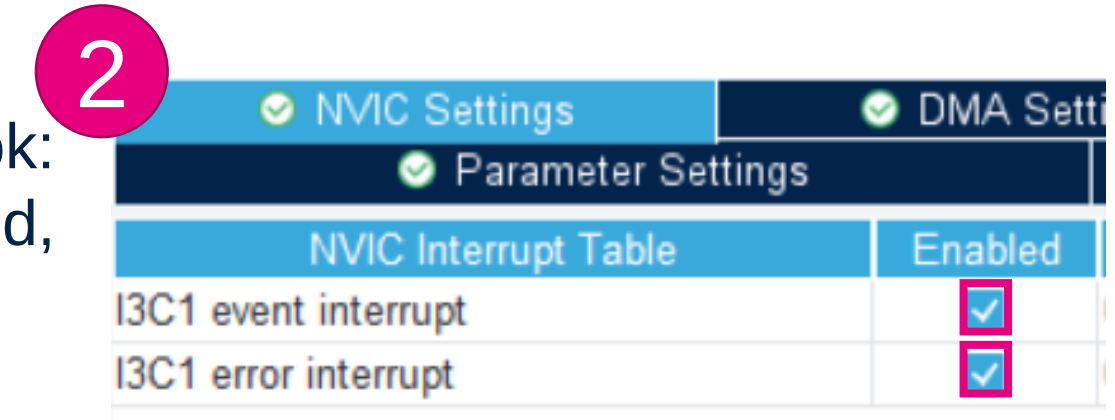
Part 1: I3C Controller Configure I3C peripheral

- Enable I3C1 in Controller mode
- Leave default config:
  - I3C pure bus (no I2C legacy devices)
  - Frequency I3C Controller to 12500kHz (12.5MHz)
- Enable event & error interrupts in NVIC
- The default GPIO configuration should be ok: Alternate function push-pull, very high speed, internal pull-up
  - Internal pull-up on GPIO (40kOhms typical) helps with startup issue





Pin ...	Signal o...	...	...	G...	GPIO mode	GPIO Pull...	Maximum ...	Fast Mode
PB8	I3C1_SCL	n/a	...	n/a	Alternate Fu...	Pull-up	Very High	Disable
PB9	I3C1_SDA	n/a	...	n/a	Alternate Fu...	Pull-up	Very High	Disable

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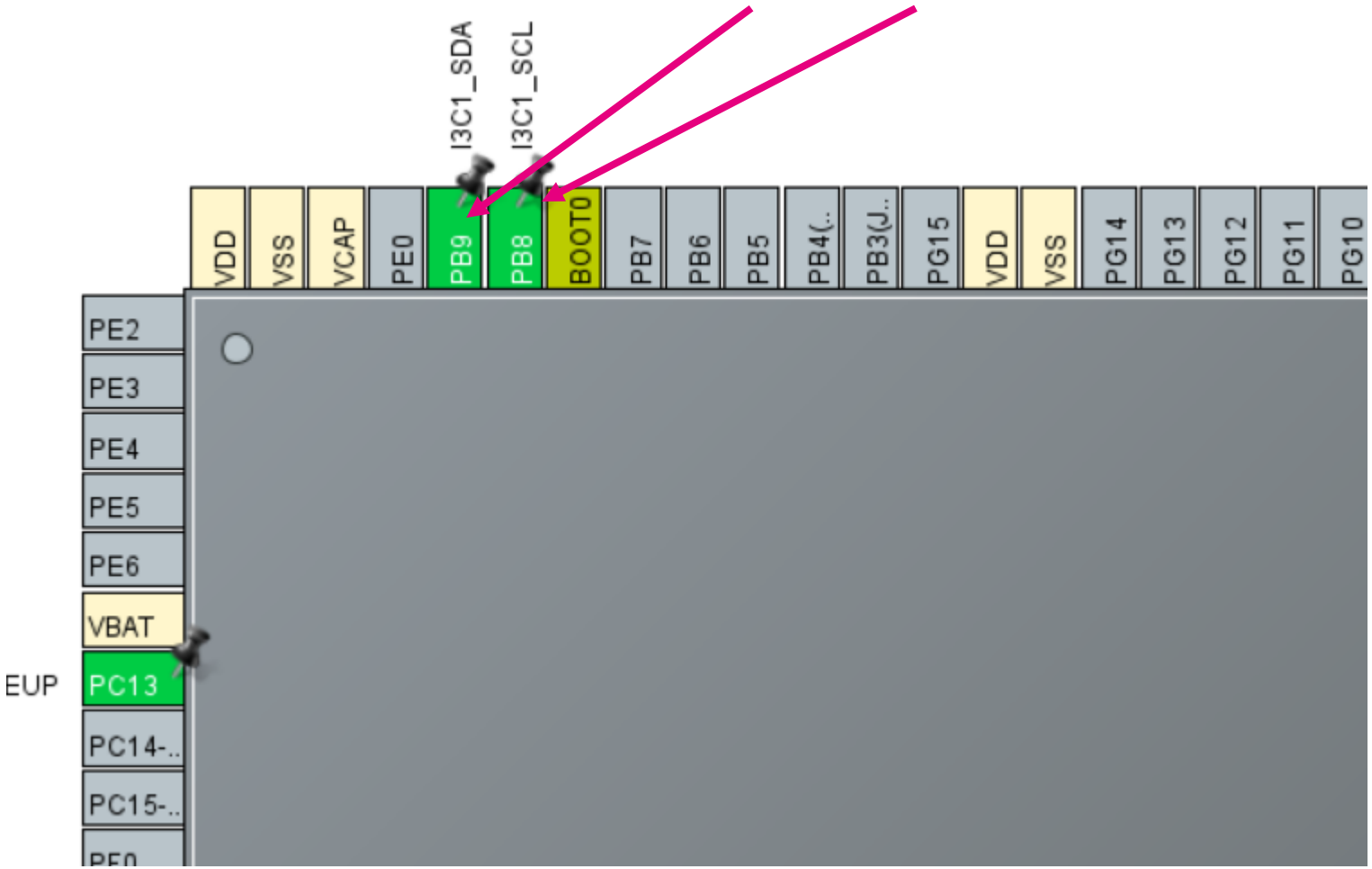
Part 1: I3C Controller
Move pins to PB8/PB9 (Arduino header)



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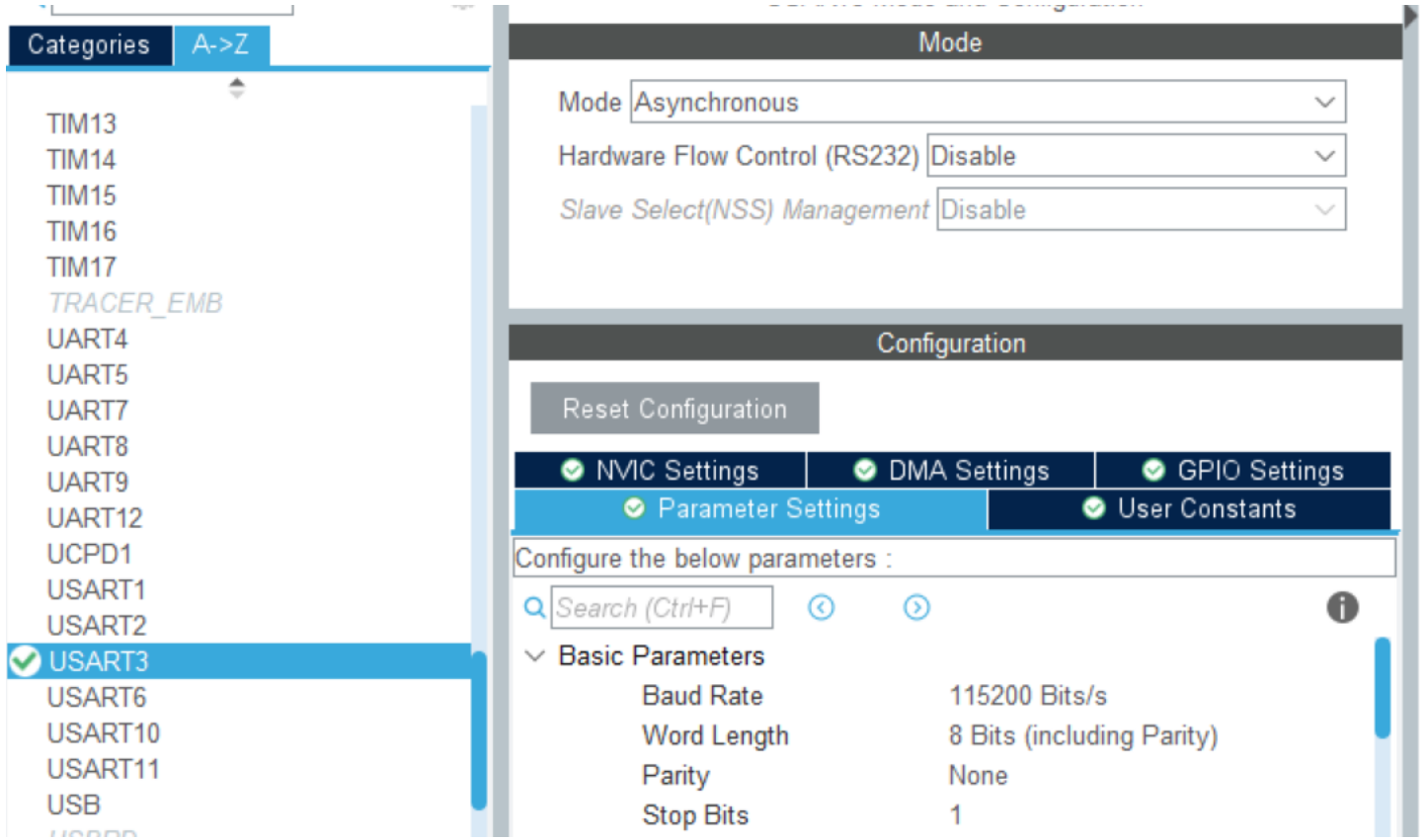
Part 1: I3C Controller Configure USART3 for debug

- Enable USART3 in Asynchronous mode
- Leave default configuration (115200 baudrate, 8-bits without parity)



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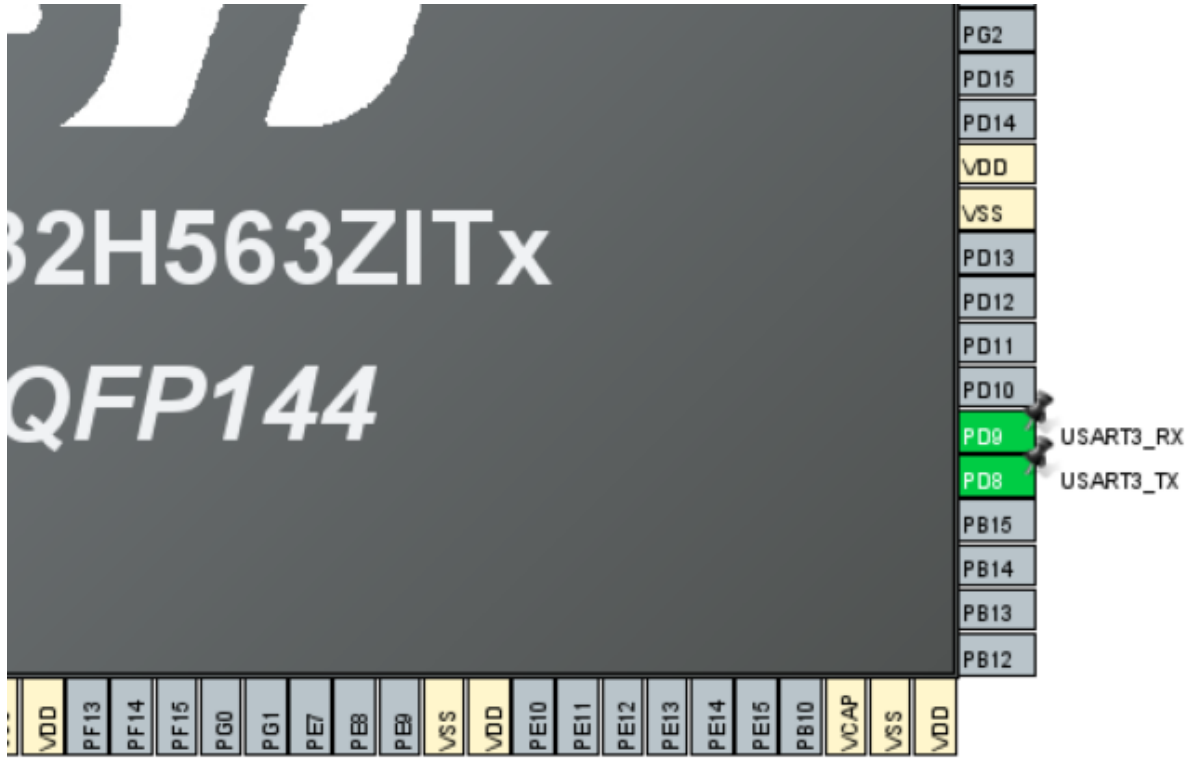

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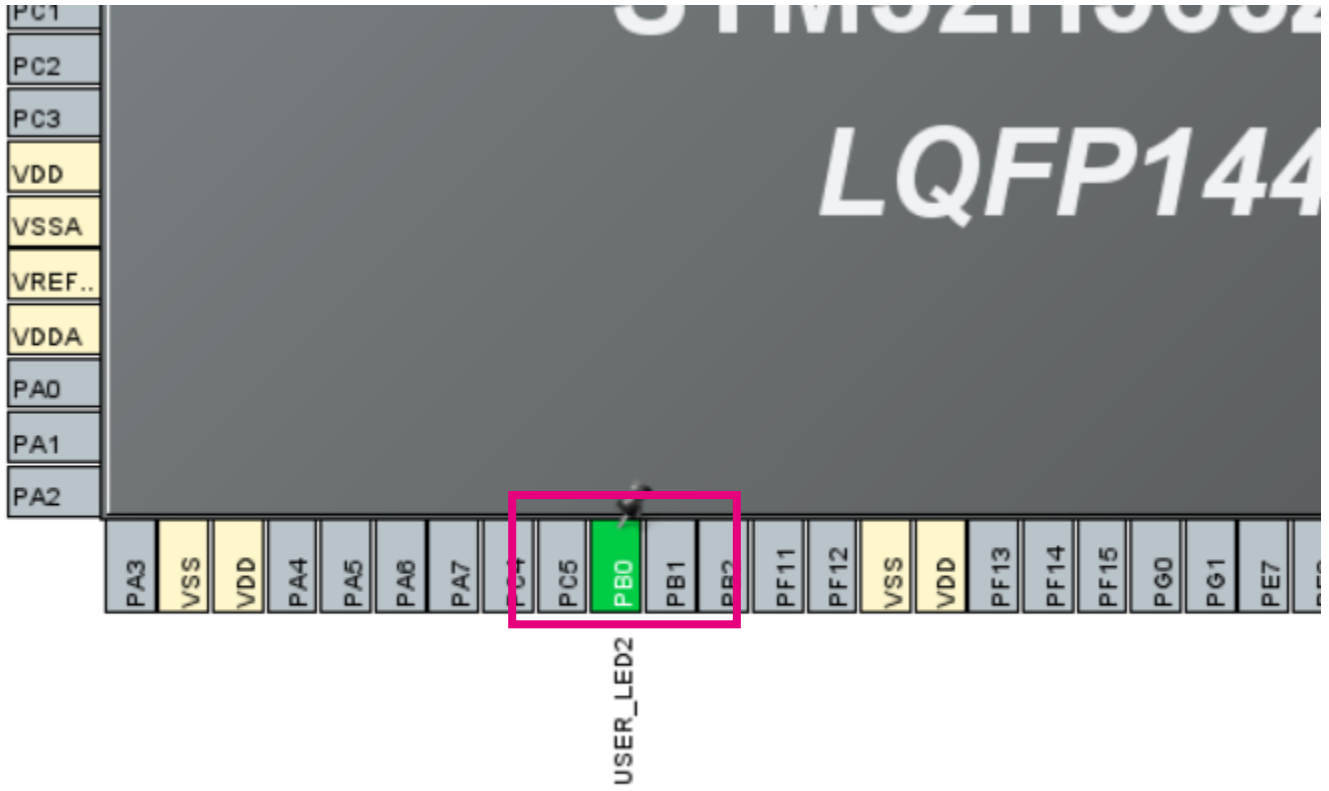
Part 2: I3C Target Configure LED

- Assign PB0 to GPIO output and name it «USER_LED2»



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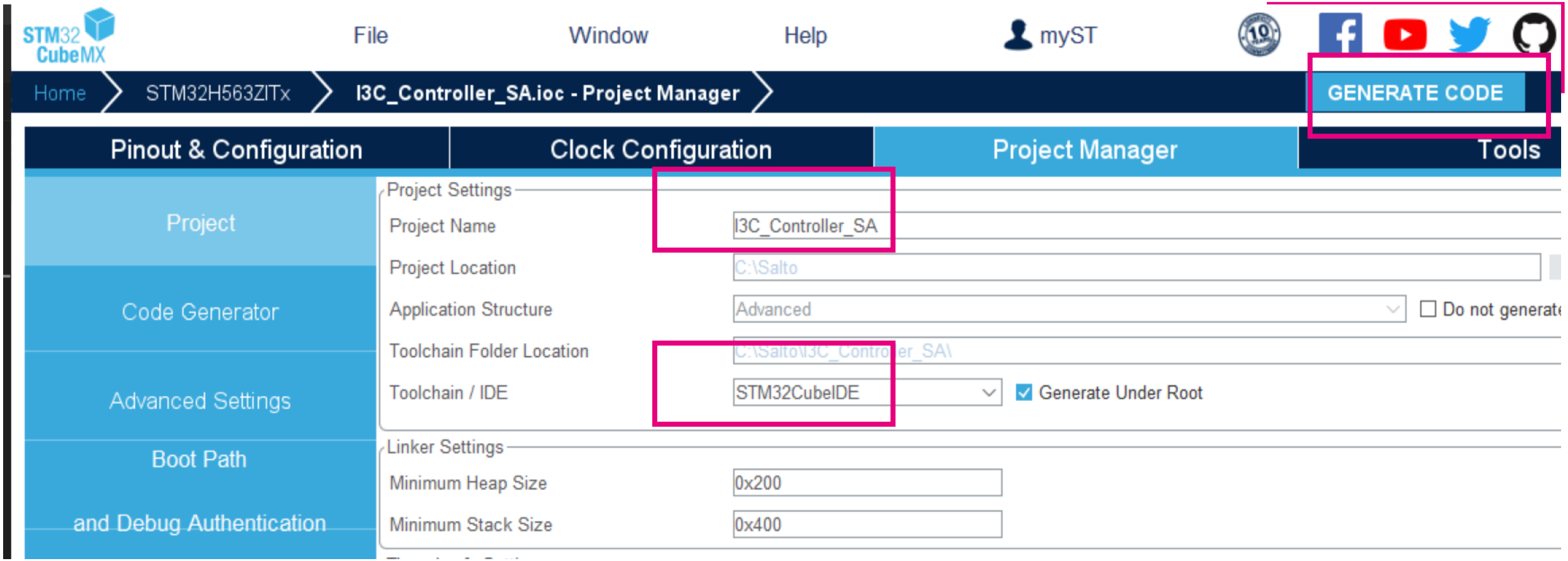
Part 2: I3C Controller Generate Code



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Part 1: I3C Controller Open & Modify Project

- Open the project using STM32CubeIDE
- Modify the main.c file
  - By using cheat sheet
  - Or following next slides

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Part 1: I3C Controller Define variables

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN PV */
/* Used for dynamic address assignment (ENTDAA) enumeration */
volatile uint32_t uwTargetCount = 0;      /* Number of I3C targets enumerated */
uint8_t targetAddr = 0x32;                /* Address of I3C target */
volatile uint32_t uwEnumDone= 0;          /* Flag for signaling end of enumeration */
volatile uint64_t lastUid;                /* Last UID (incl. BCR, DCR) */

/* Used for IBI reception */
I3C_DeviceConfTypeDef DeviceConf;         /* Struct for configuring IBI reception */
volatile uint32_t uwIBIRequested = 0;     /* Flag signaling IBI received */
I3C_CCCInfoTypeDef CCCInfo;               /* Struct for reading IBI payload */

/* Used for sending SETMRL */
I3C_CCCTypeDef CCCDesc;                   /* Describes CCC direct/broadcast transfer */
I3C_XferTypeDef xferData;                 /* More generic XFER sturcture used by HAL */
uint32_t xferData_conrol;                 /* Buffer for C-FIFO (single word) */
uint8_t xferData_tx[3];                   /* Buffer for TX-FIFO (3-bytes) */
/* USER CODE END PV */
```

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Part 1: I3C Controller Implement ENTDAA callbacks

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN 0 */
void HAL_I3C_TgtReqDynamicAddrCallback(I3C_HandleTypeDef *hi3c, uint64_t targetPayload)
{
  /* Send associated dynamic address */
  HAL_I3C_Ctrl_SetDynAddr(hi3c, targetAddr + uwTargetCount);
  /* Store target ID */
  uwTargetCount++;
  lastUid = targetPayload;
}

void HAL_I3C_CtrlDAACpltCallback(I3C_HandleTypeDef *hi3c)
{
  /* Enumeration completed */
  uwEnumDone = 1;
  /* Print debug info about device */
  uint8_t bcr = __HAL_I3C_GET_BCR(lastUid);
  uint8_t dcr = (uint8_t)(lastUid >> 56);
  printf("%d targets enumerated\n", uwTargetCount);
  printf("Last BCR: 0x%x, DCR: 0x%x, full UID: 0x%llx\n", bcr, dcr, lastUid);
}
```

Even if we expect only single Target
We should send address for each callback call
(or abort the procedure)

We printf Target UID once enumeration is done
(Printing in AddrCallback could disturb timing)

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Part 1: I3C Controller
Implement IBI & error callback

```
void HAL_I3C_NotifyCallback(I3C_HandleTypeDef *hi3c, uint32_t eventId)
{
  if ((eventId & EVENT_ID_IBI) == EVENT_ID_IBI)
  {
    uwIBIRequested = 1;
  }
}

void HAL_I3C_ErrorCallback(I3C_HandleTypeDef *hi3c){
  /* Broadcast address not acknowledged */
  if(hi3c->ErrorCode == HAL_I3C_ERROR_CE2){
    printf("No target enumerated\n");
    uwEnumDone = 1;
  }
}
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Part 1: I3C Controller
Implement printf via UART

```
PUTCHAR_PROTOTYPE
{
        HAL_UART_Transmit(&huart3, (uint8_t *)&ch, 1, 0xFFFF);
        return ch;
}
/* USER CODE END 0 */


/* USER CODE BEGIN Includes */
#include <stdio.h>
#include "string.h"
#define PUTCHAR_PROTOTYPE int __io_putchar(int ch)/* USER CODE END
Includes */
```

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Part 1: I3C Controller
Execute dynamic address assignment

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN 2 */
 printf("\n\nHello STM32H5!\n");
 HAL_I3C_Ctrl_DynAddrAssign_IT(&hi3c1, I3C_RSTDAA_THEN_ENTDAA);

 while(uwEnumDone == 0);

 if(uwTargetCount > 0){
   DeviceConf.DeviceIndex = 1;
   DeviceConf.TargetDynamicAddr = 0x32;
   DeviceConf.CtrlRoleReqAck = DISABLE;
   DeviceConf.CtrlStopTransfer = DISABLE;
   DeviceConf.IBIAck = ENABLE;
   DeviceConf.IBIPayload = ENABLE;
   HAL_I3C_Ctrl_ConfigBusDevices(&hi3c1, &DeviceConf, 1);

   /* (Optional) send SETMRL request to limit IBI payload to 4-bytes */
 }

 HAL_I3C_ActivateNotification(&hi3c1, NULL, HAL_I3C_IT_IBIIE);
 printf("Waiting for event...\n");
 /* USER CODE END 2 */
```

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Part 1: I3C Controller Main loop

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN WHILE */
while (1)
{
  while(uwIBIRequested == 0);

  HAL_I3C_GetCCCInfo(&hi3c1, EVENT_ID_IBI, &CCCInfo);
  HAL_GPIO_TogglePin(USER_LED1_GPIO_Port, USER_LED1_Pin);
  uwIBIRequested = 0;

  printf("Interrupt received from 0x%x, count = %d, data = 0x%x\n",
         CCCInfo.IBICRTgtAddr, CCCInfo.IBITgtNbPayload, CCCInfo.IBITgtPayload);
  /* USER CODE END WHILE */

  /* USER CODE BEGIN 3 */
}
/* USER CODE END 3 */
```

Compile and run the code
So far we don't have any target connected

Part 2: I3C Target Firmware sequence

- Initialize I3C (generate by MX)
- Wait for dynamic address assignment
- Wait for button press
- Send IBI when button press is detected
- Wait for IBI completion

Loop

I3C TARGET

Same as I3C Controller

Part 2: I3C Target Creating CubeMX project

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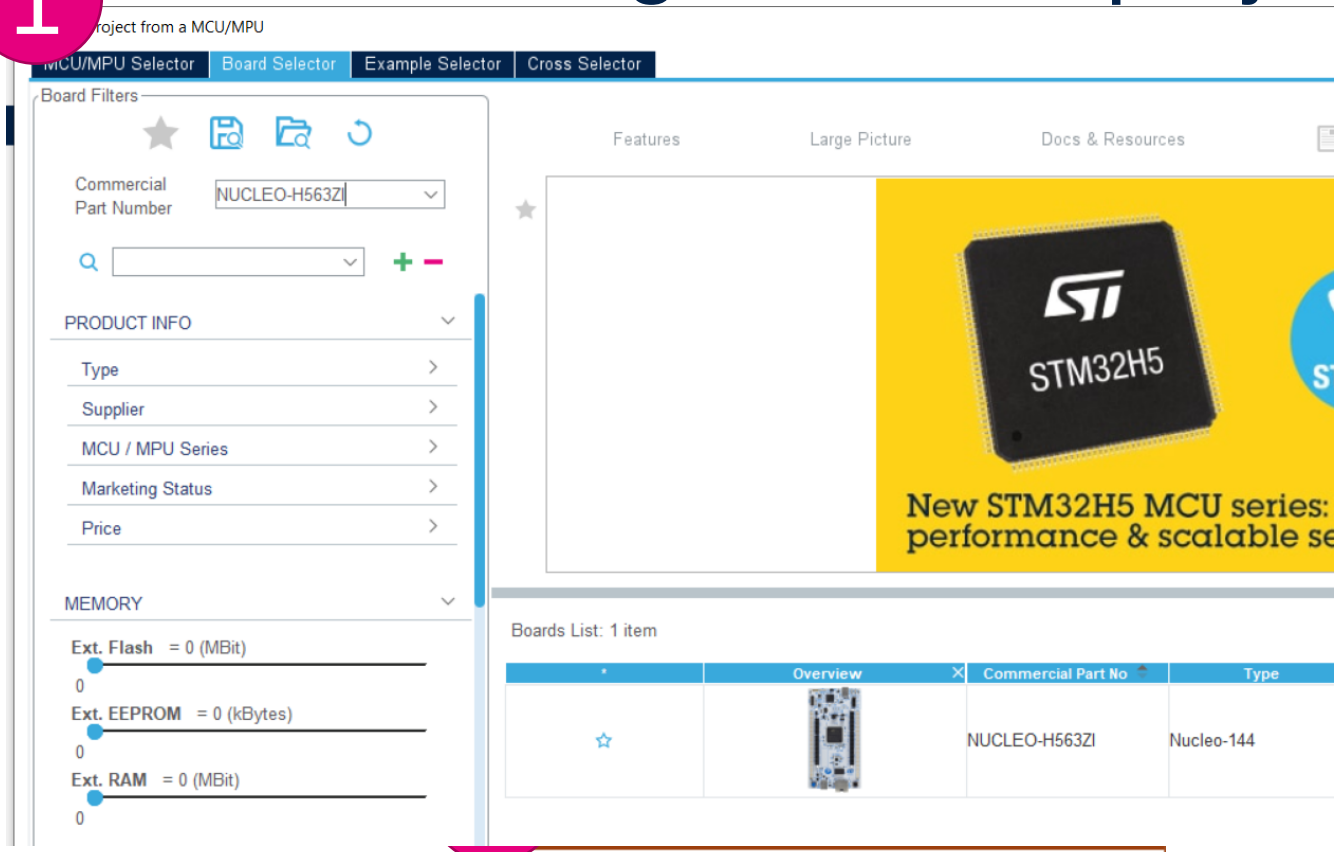

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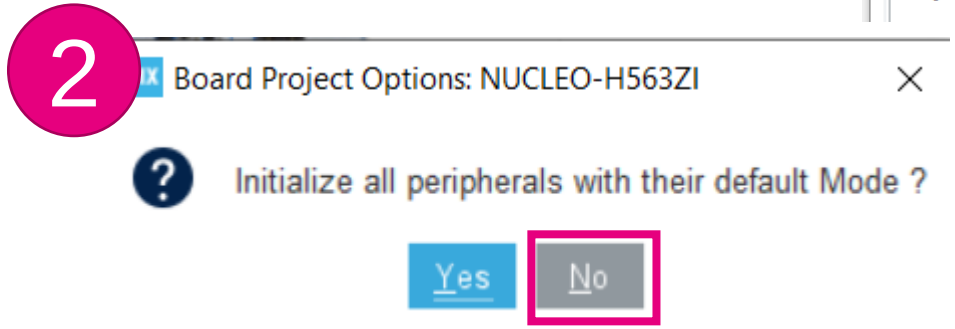

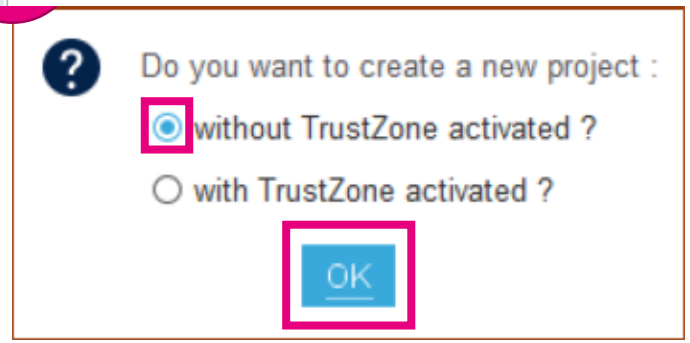

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Part 2: I3C Target
Configure I3C peripheral

- Enable I3C1 in Target mode
- Leave default timing
- Enable event & error interrupts in NVIC
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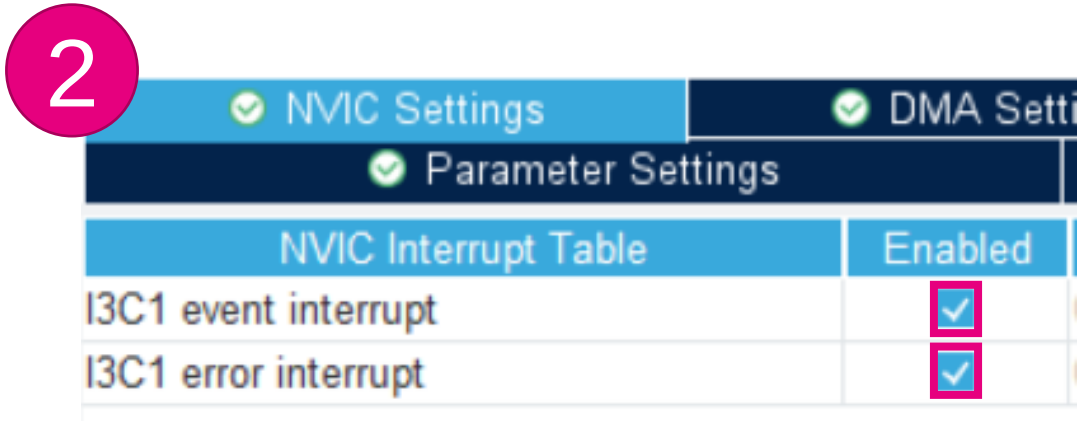

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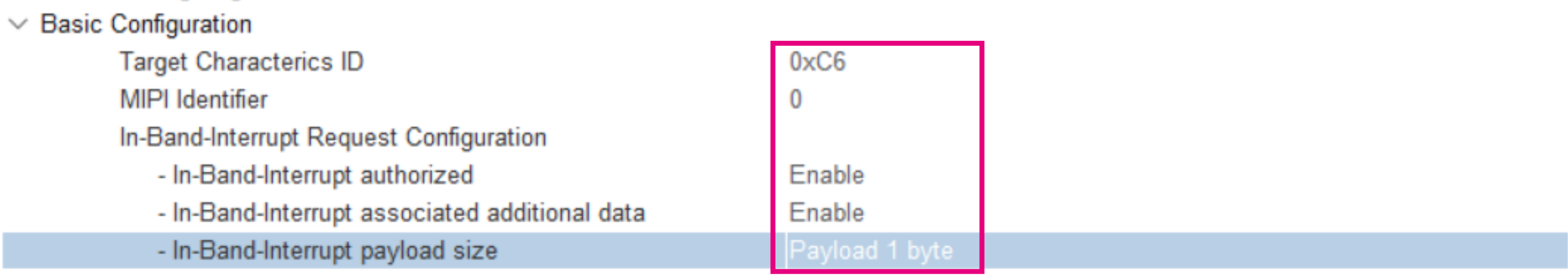
Part 2: I3C Target
Enable I3C IBI

- Set “Target Characteristics ID” to 0xC6
  - This is the DCR MIPI value for MCU
  - Leavin 0x00 (Generic device) also ok
- **Enable In-band-Interrupt authorized and associated additional data**
- Keep payload at 1 byte



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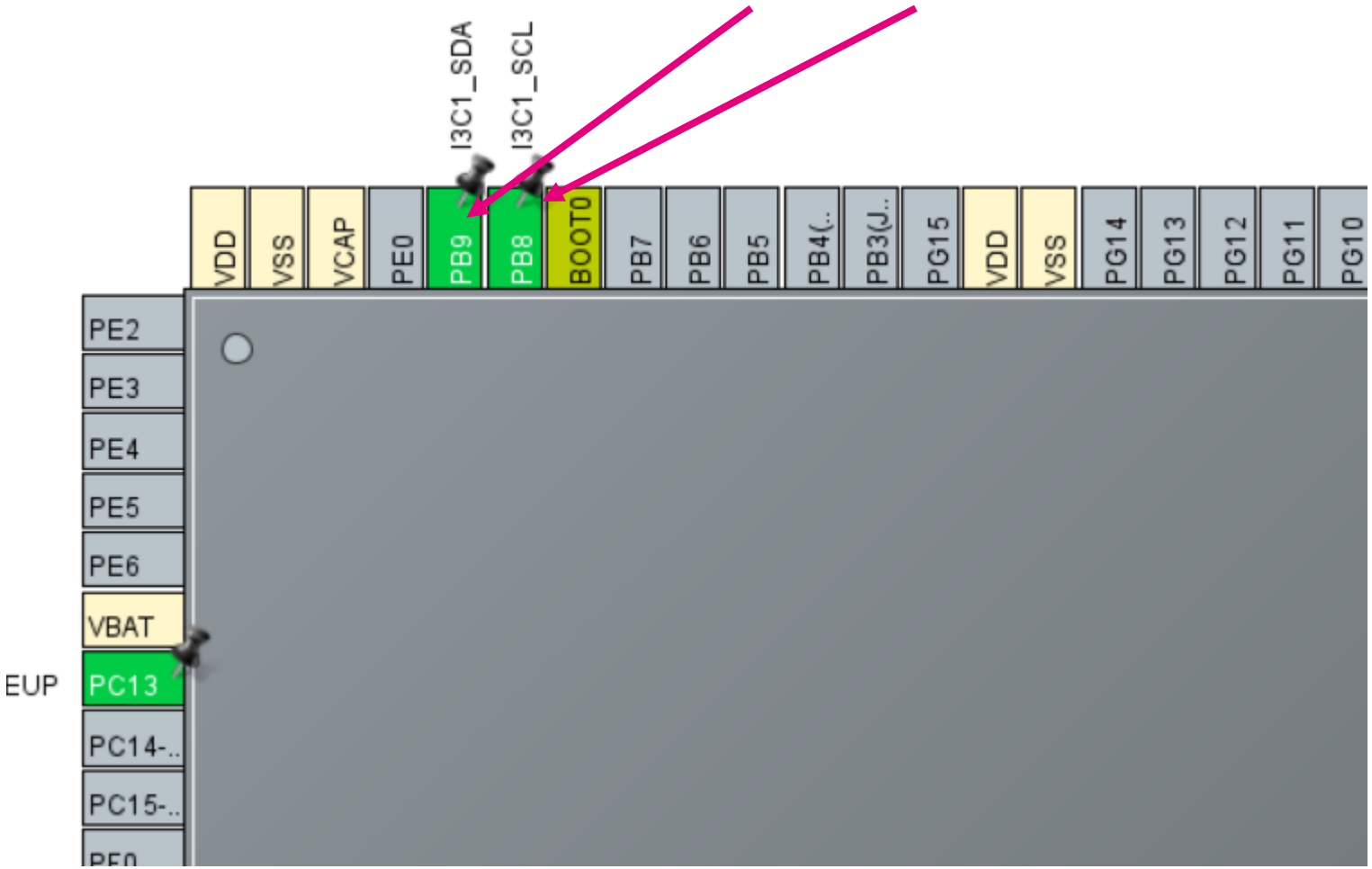
Part 2: I3C Target

Move pins to PB8/PB9 (Arduino header)



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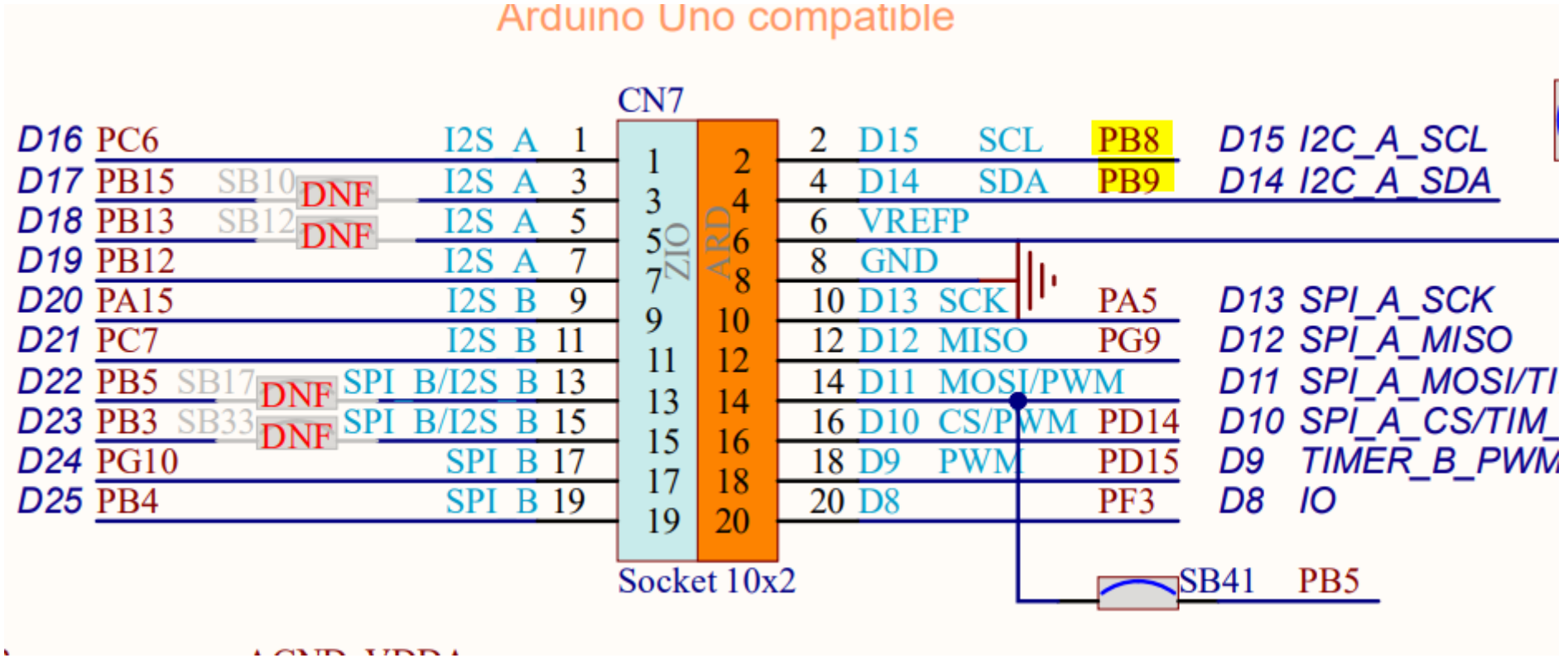

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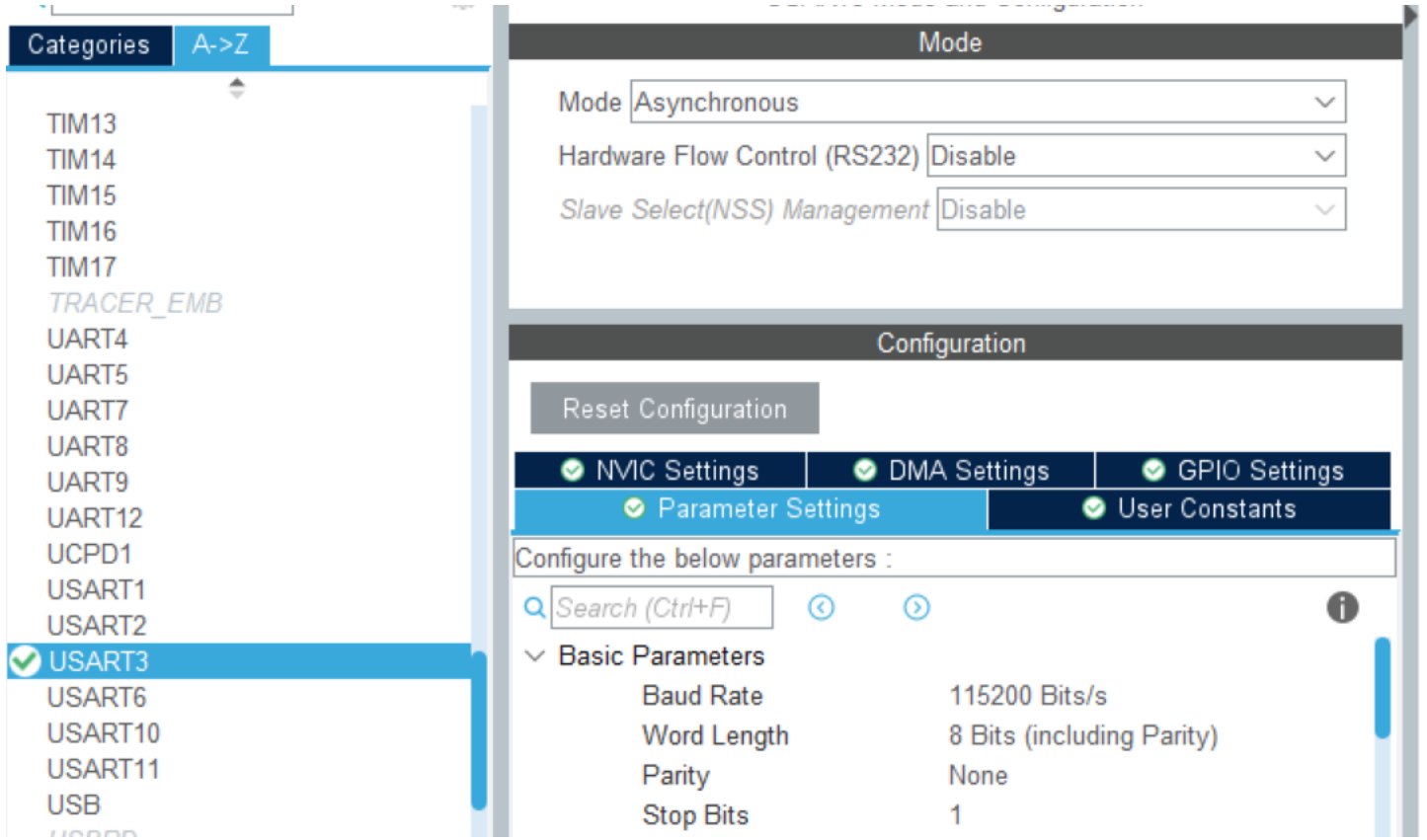

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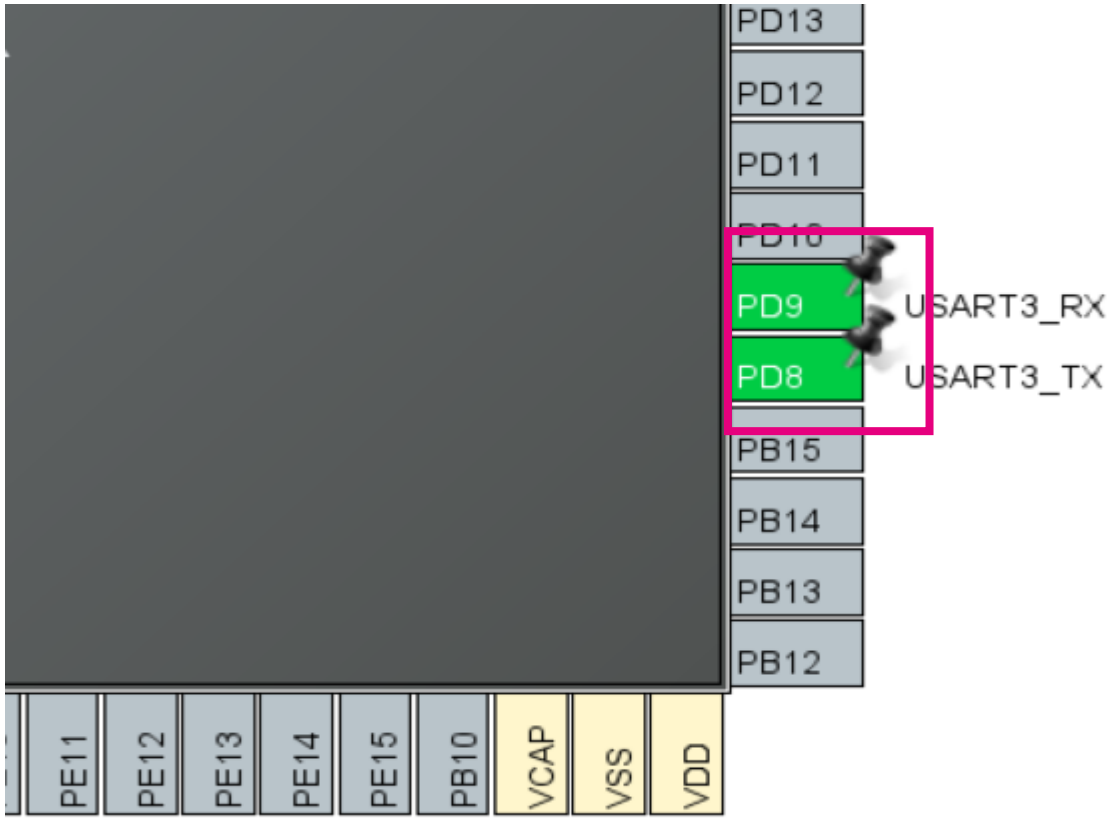
- Map USART3 to PD8 and PD9 which are connected to STLINK VCP



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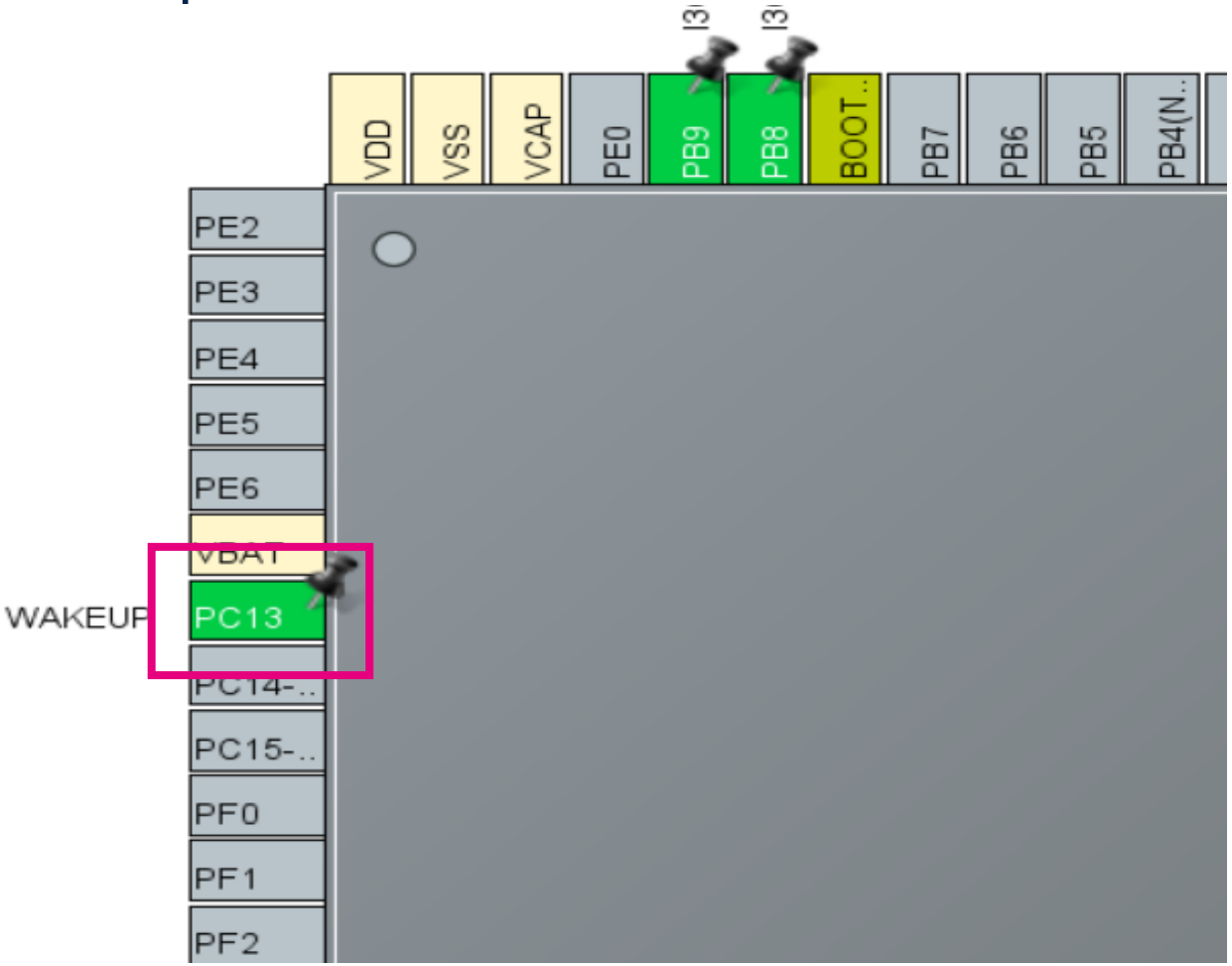
Part 2: I3C Target
Configure Wakeup Button

- Assign PC13 to GPIO output and name it «WAKEUP»



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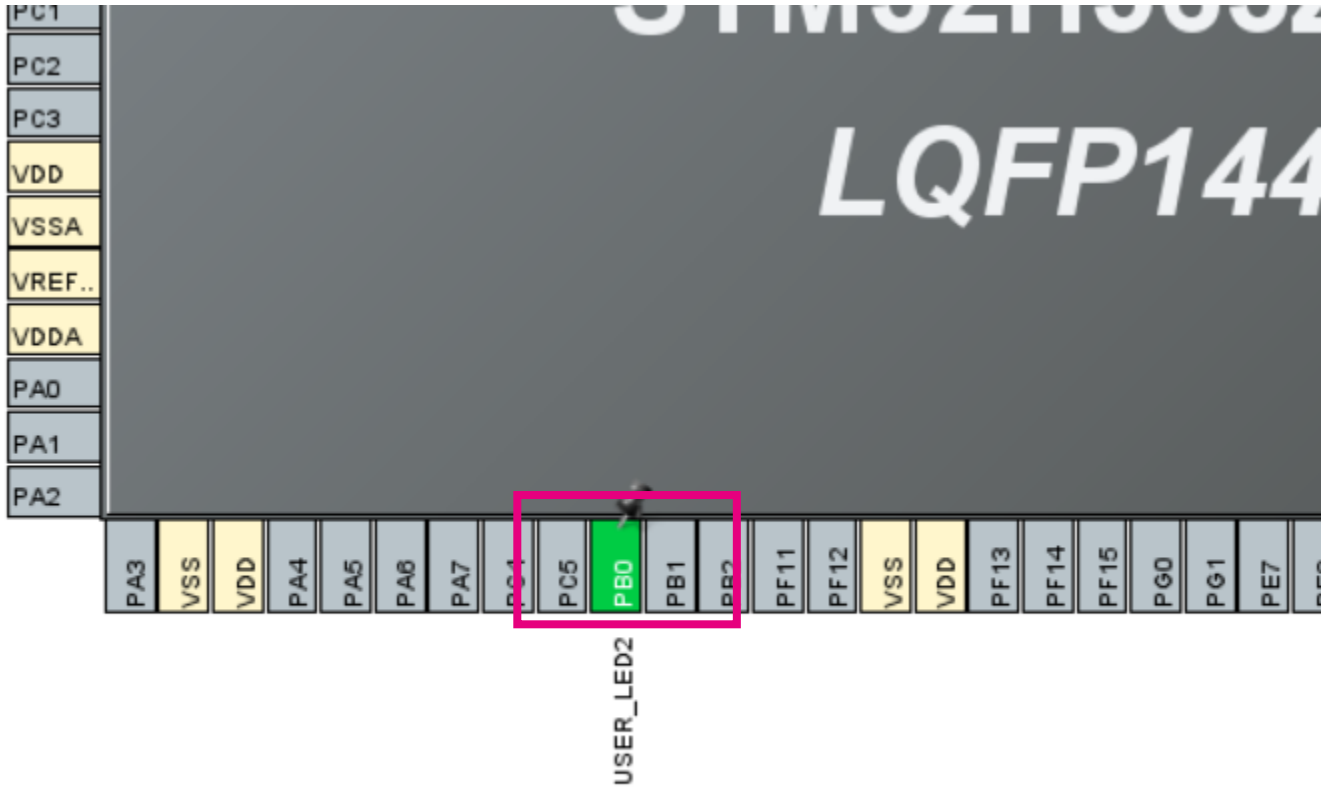
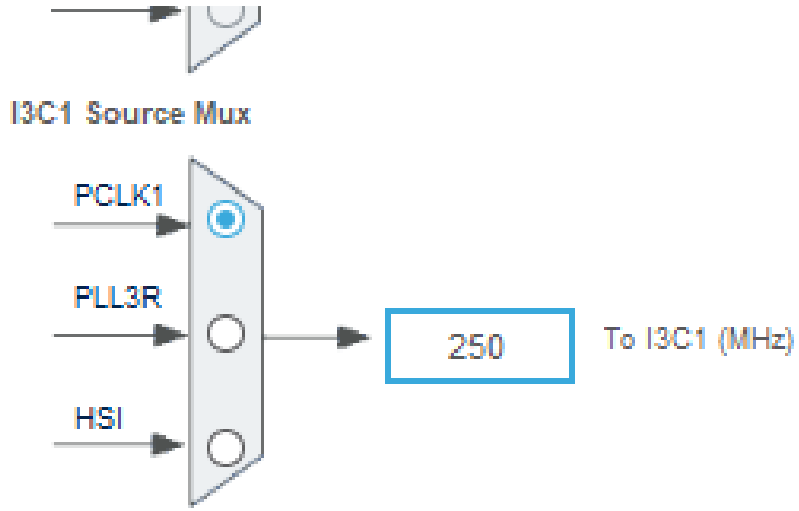
Part 2: I3C Target Configure LED

- Assign PB0 to GPIO output and name it «USER_LED2»



Verify you select PLL clock 250 Mhz



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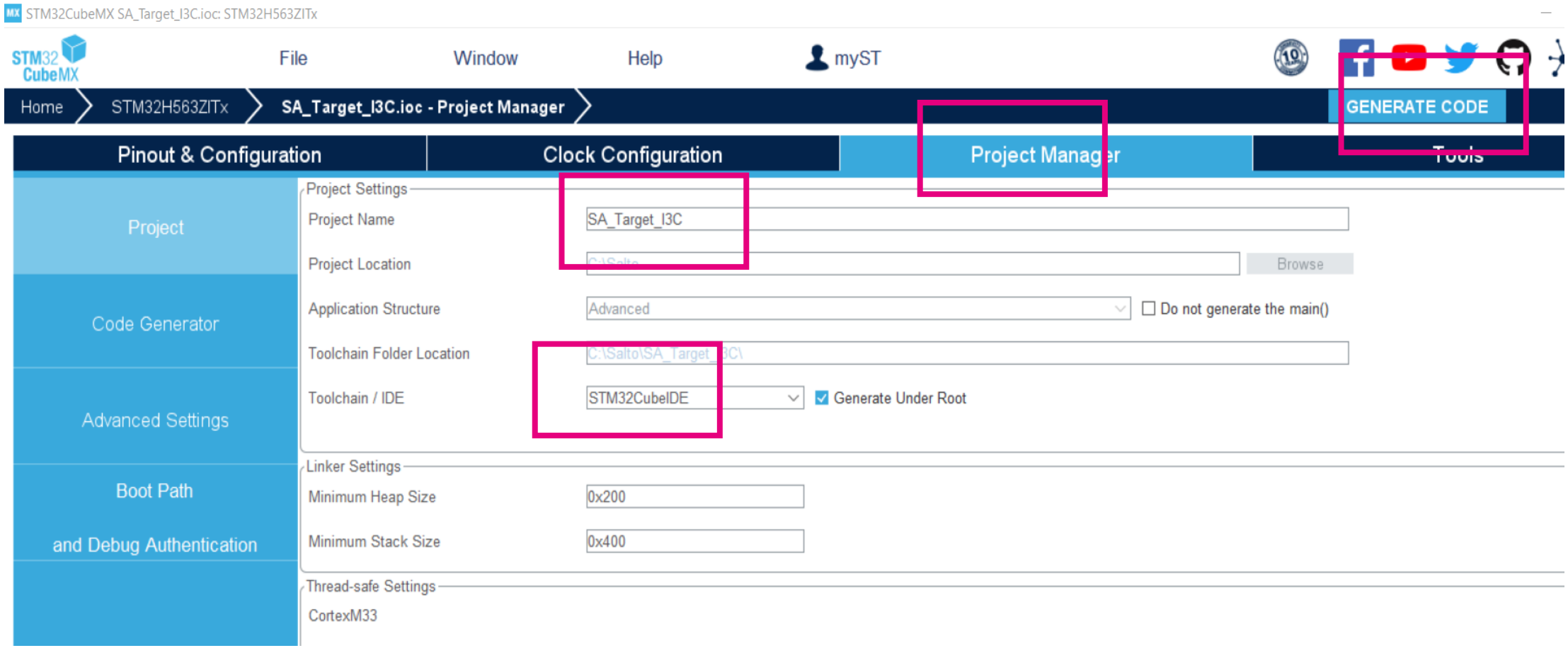
Part 2: I3C Target Generate Code



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Part 2: I3C Target
Open & Modify Project

- Open the project
  - Make sure the right version of Cube IDE is used
- Modify the main.c file
  - By using dedicated copy-paste file
  - Or following next slides

Part 2: I3C Target Define variables

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN PV */
/* Contain the IBI Payload (mandatory byte) */
uint8_t ubPayloadBuffer[] = {0xAB};

/* Variable to catch ENTDAA completion */
__IO uint8_t ubDynamicAddressCplt = 0;

/* Variable to catch IBI end of process */
__IO uint8_t ublBIcplt = 0;
/* USER CODE END PV */
```

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Part 2: I3C Target
Implement notification callback

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN 0 */
void HAL_I3C_NotifyCallback(I3C_HandleTypeDef *hi3c, uint32_t eventId)
{
  if ((eventId & EVENT_ID_DAU) == EVENT_ID_DAU)
  {
    /* Set Global variable to indicate the the event is well finished */
    ubDynamicAddressCplt  = 1;
  }

  if ((eventId & EVENT_ID_IBIEND) == EVENT_ID_IBIEND)
  {
    /* Set Global variable to indicate the the event is well finished */
    ubIBIcplt = 1;

    /* Toggle LED2: Transfer in transmission process is correct */
    HAL_GPIO_TogglePin(USER_LED2_GPIO_Port,USER_LED2_Pin);
  }
}
```

I3C TARGET

Same as I3C Controller

Part 2: I3C Target Implement printf via UART3

```
PUTCHAR_PROTOTYPE
{
        HAL_UART_Transmit(&huart3, (uint8_t *)&ch, 1, 0xFFFF);
        return ch;
}
/* USER CODE END 0 */


/* USER CODE BEGIN Includes */
#include <stdio.h>
#include "string.h"
#define PUTCHAR_PROTOTYPE int __io_putchar(int ch)/* USER CODE END
Includes */
```

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Part 2: I3C Target I3C Initialization

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN 2 */
printf("Hello STM32H5 I3C Target...\n");

HAL_I3C_ActivateNotification(&hi3c1, NULL, (HAL_I3C_IT_DAUPDIE | EVENT_ID_IBIEND));

while (ubDynamicAddressCplt != 1)
{
}

printf("Dynamic address received...\n");
/* USER CODE END 2 */
```

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Part 2: I3C Target Main loop

```
/* USER CODE BEGIN WHILE */
while (1)
{
  while(HAL_GPIO_ReadPin(WAKEUP_GPIO_Port, WAKEUP_Pin) == GPIO_PIN_SET);
  while(HAL_GPIO_ReadPin(WAKEUP_GPIO_Port, WAKEUP_Pin) == GPIO_PIN_RESET);

  HAL_I3C_Tgt_IBIReq_IT(&hi3c1, ubPayloadBuffer, 1);

  printf("Button pressed\n");

  while(ubIBIcplt == 0);

  ubIBIcplt = 0;

  printf("IBI sent\n");
  /* USER CODE END WHILE */

  /* USER CODE BEGIN 3 */
}
/* USER CODE END 3 */
```

Compile and run the code
So far no Controller is connected
We will continue with connecting boards

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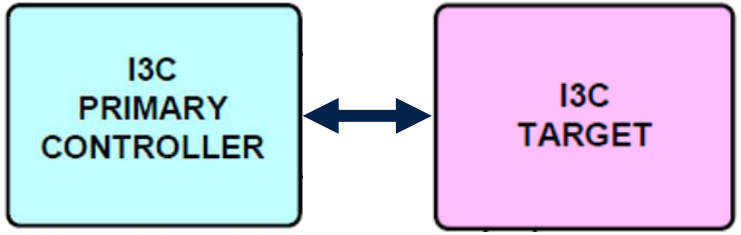
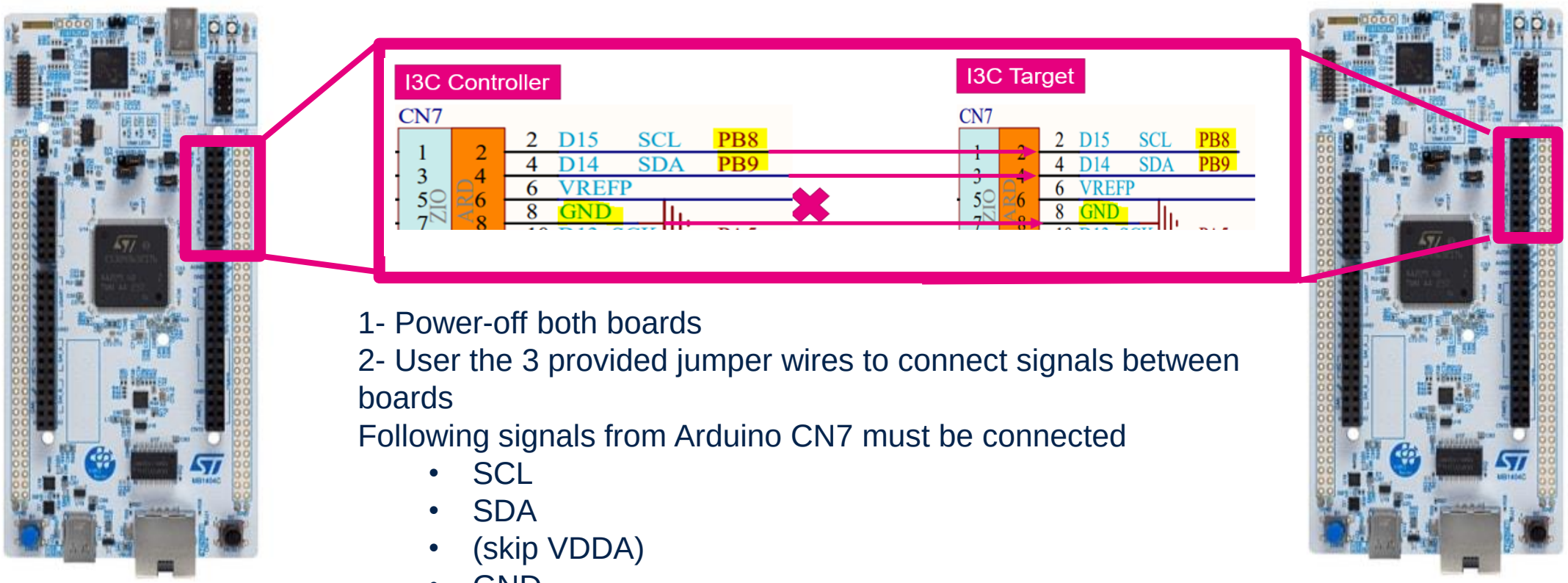


Part 3: I3C connection
Connect the boards together



1- Power-off both boards
2- User the 3 provided jumper wires to connect signals between boards
Following signals from Arduino CN7 must be connected

- SCL
- SDA
- (skip VDDA)
- GND

Power the Target board first, then Controller board
Pressing User button on Target board should toggle LED on both boards

Expected output

I3C Controller

```
Hello STM32H5 Controller!

1 targets enumerated

Last BCR: 0x2e, DCR: 0xc6, full UID:
0xc62e000081130802

Waiting for event...

Interrupt received from 0x32, count = 1,
data = 0xab
```

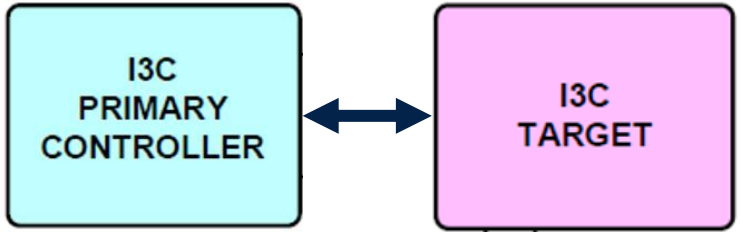
I3C Target

```
Hello STM32H5 I3C Target...

Dynamic address received...

Button pressed

IBI sent
```



Part 3: I3C connection Conclusion

- This is just a basic example
- Errors are not handled properly
- Some additional features / command should be implemented to conform to I3C specification

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