



Embedded systems with drones – Hands-on lecture LAB2

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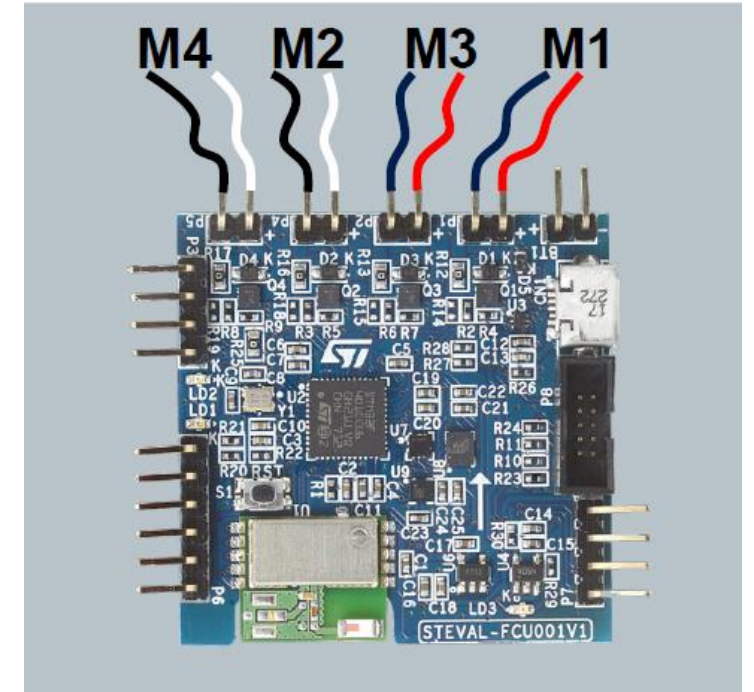
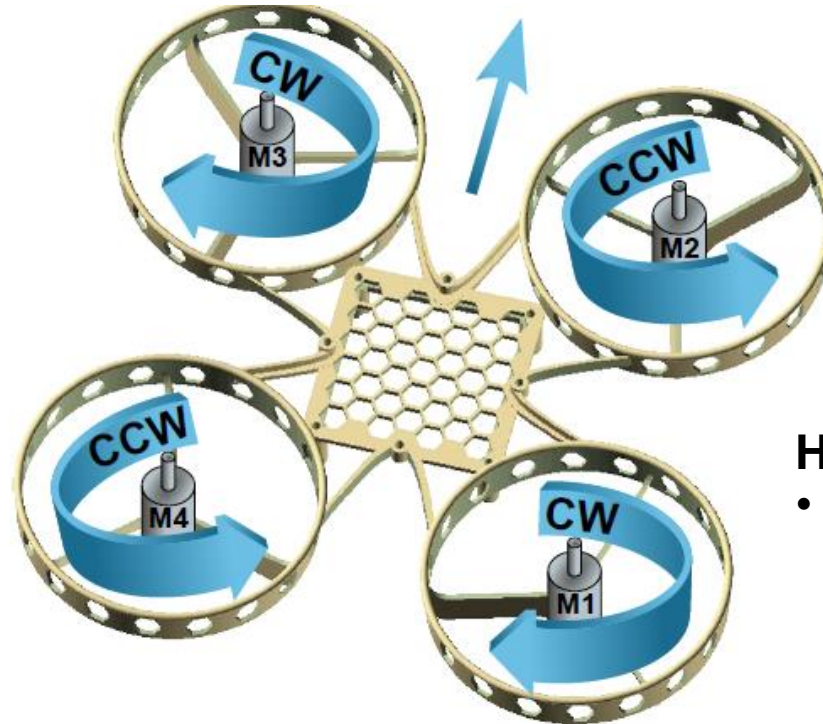
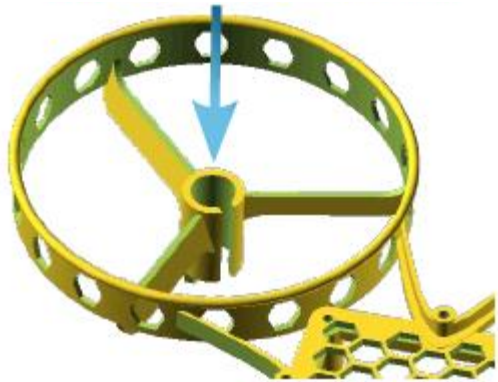
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Evaluation board – Motor connection

Motor supply connections on FCU board

- Place the four motors in the correct configuration with respect to the facing direction of the board:
 - The **clockwise** motors (M1 and M3) have the **red** (+) and **blue** (-) cables
 - The **counterclockwise** motors (M2 and M4) have **white** (+) and **black** (-) cables.

Motor housing



How to build your own minidrone:

- Document dm00563953.pdf on Polybox

Evaluation board – Battery connection

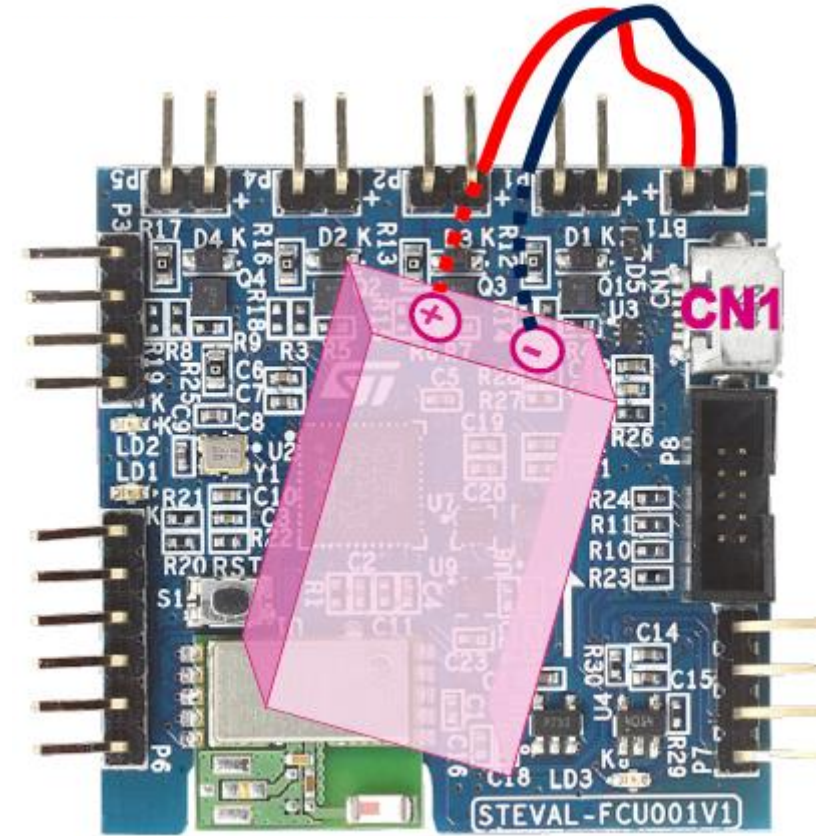
Motor supply connections on FCU board

- CN1 recharge the battery
- BT1 battery connector

BE AWARE If you invert the battery polarity:



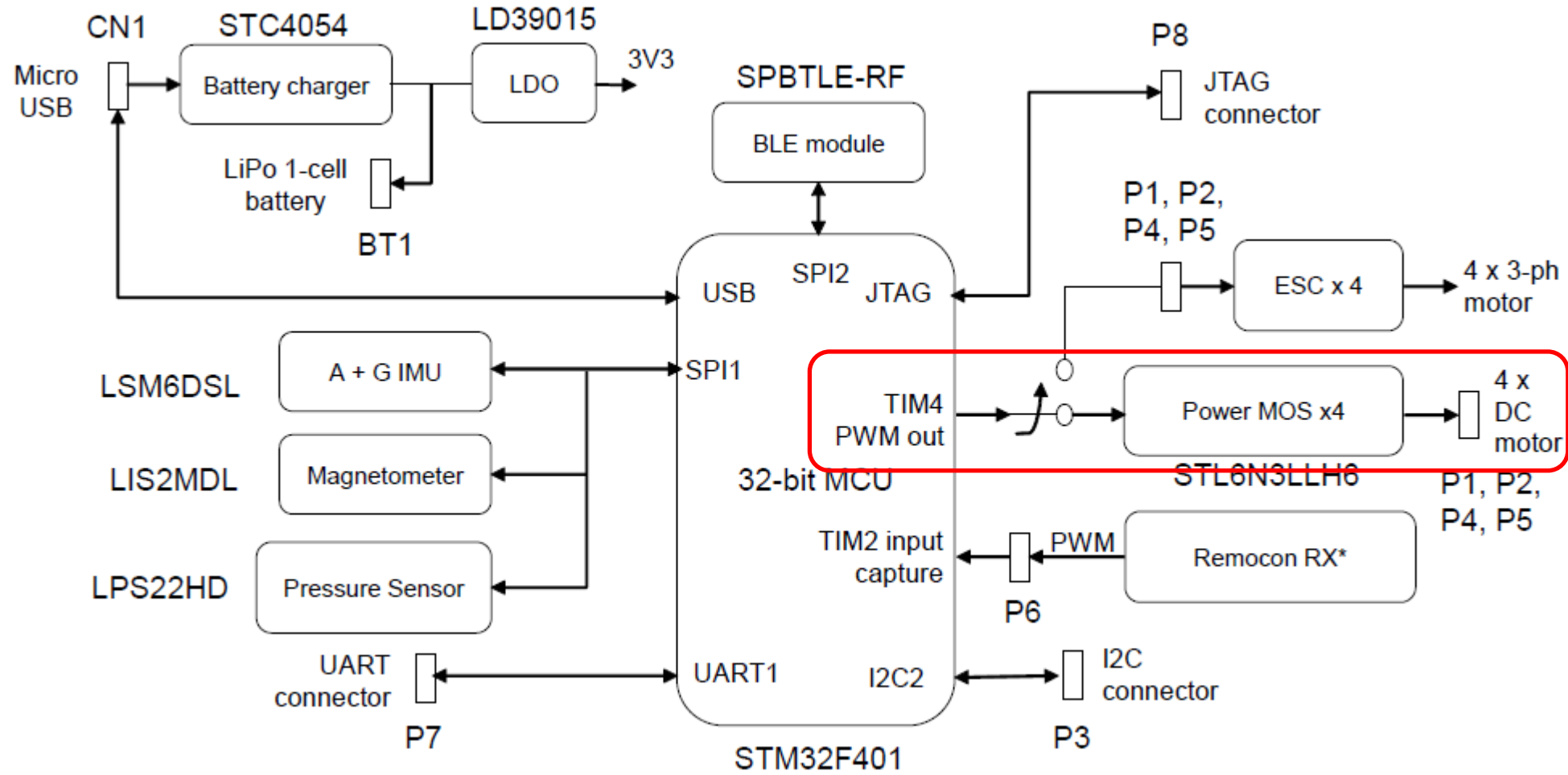
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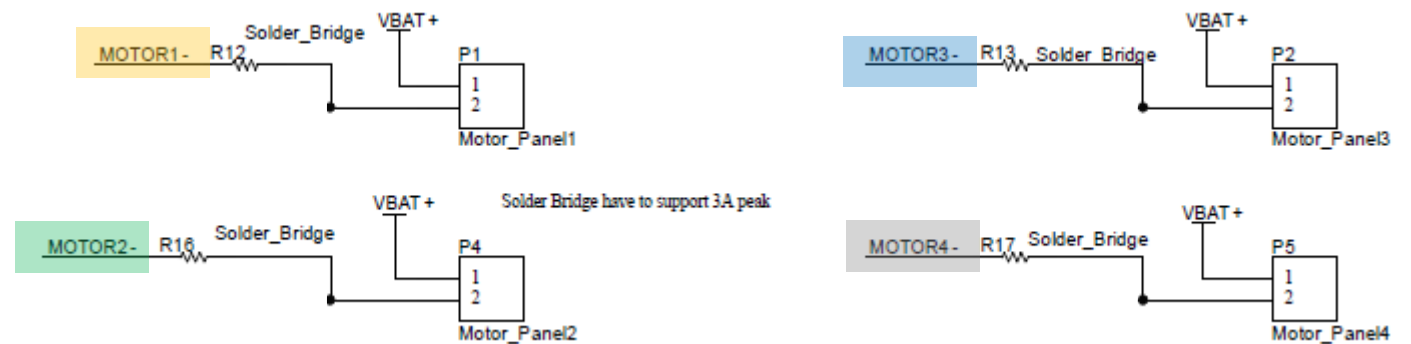
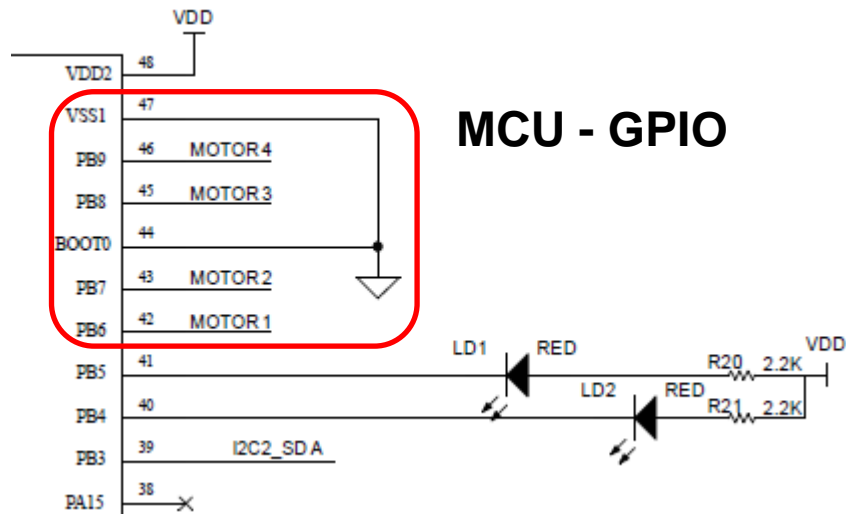
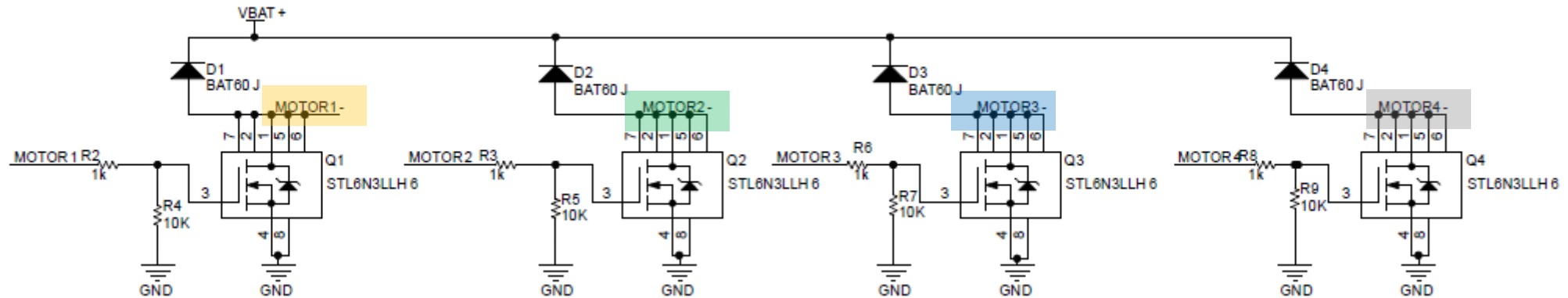
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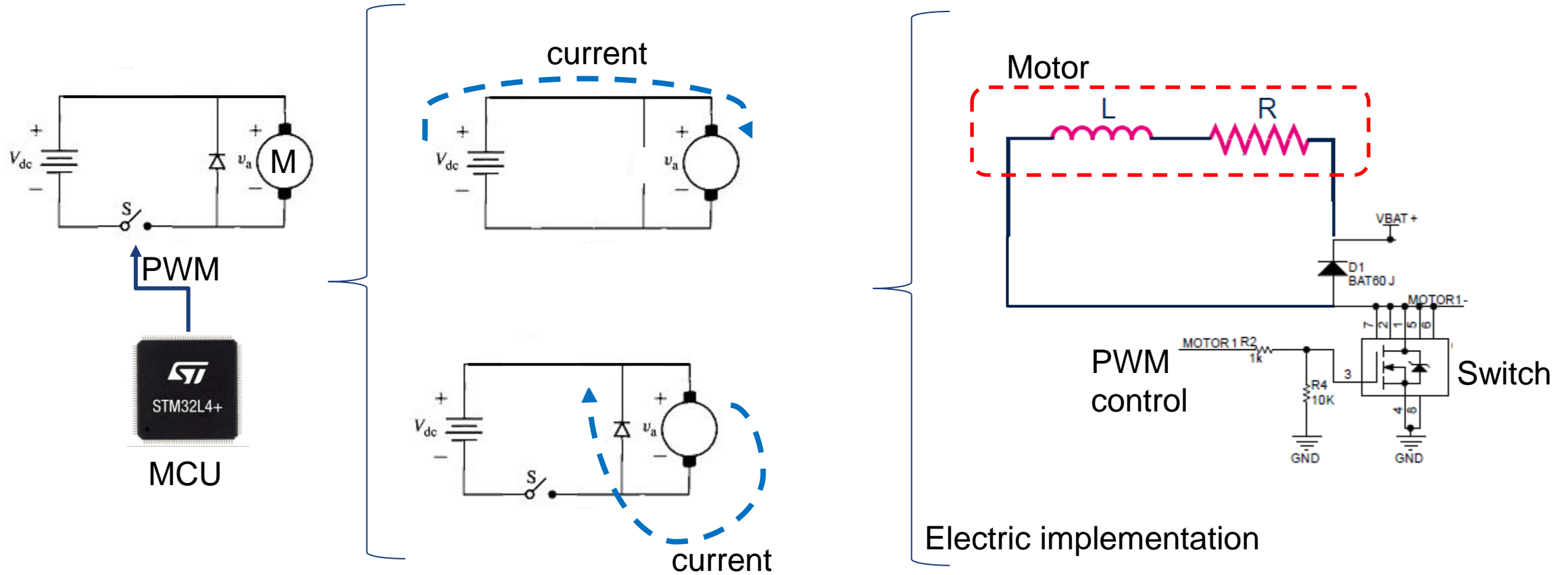
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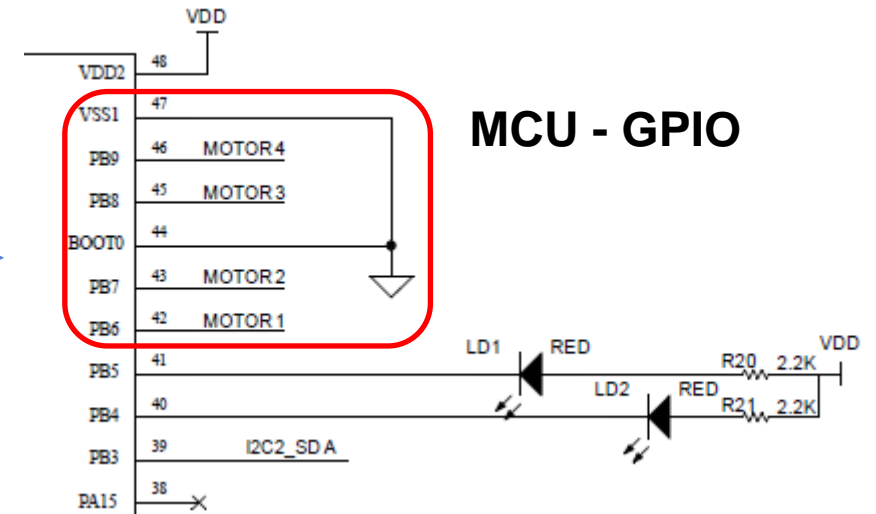
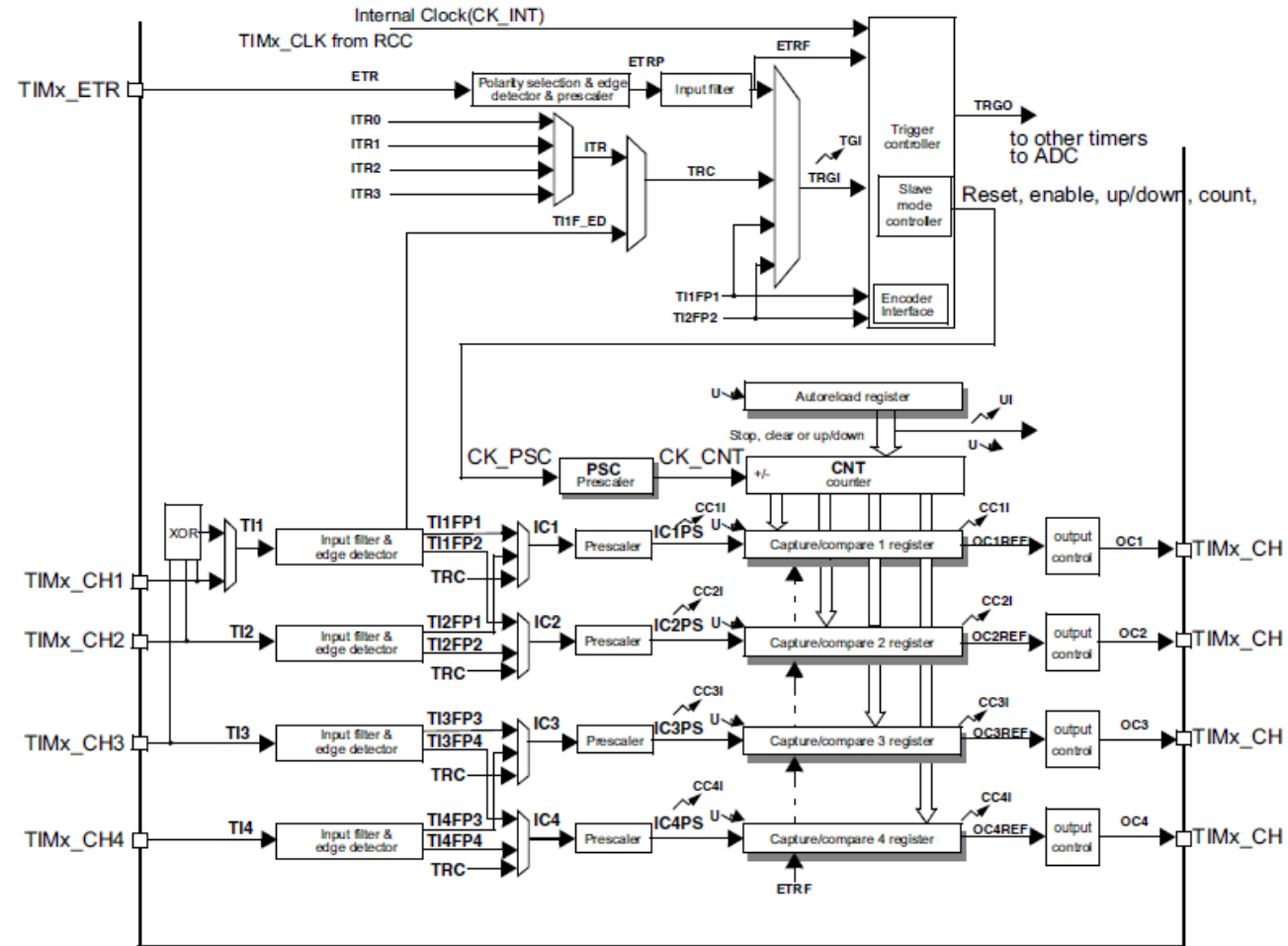


Evaluation board – STEVAL-FCU001V1



TIMERS

• TIM4 block diagram



Why Timer 4?

- Reference Manual (pag. 316)

39 General-purpose timers (TIM15/TIM16/TIM17)

39.1 TIM15/TIM16/TIM17 introduction

The TIM15/TIM16/TIM17 timers consist of a 16-bit auto-reload counter driven by a programmable prescaler.

They may be used for a variety of purposes, including measuring the pulse lengths of input signals (input capture) or generating output waveforms (output compare, PWM, complementary PWM with dead-time insertion).

Pulse lengths and waveform periods can be modulated from a few microseconds to several milliseconds using the timer prescaler and the RCC clock controller prescalers.

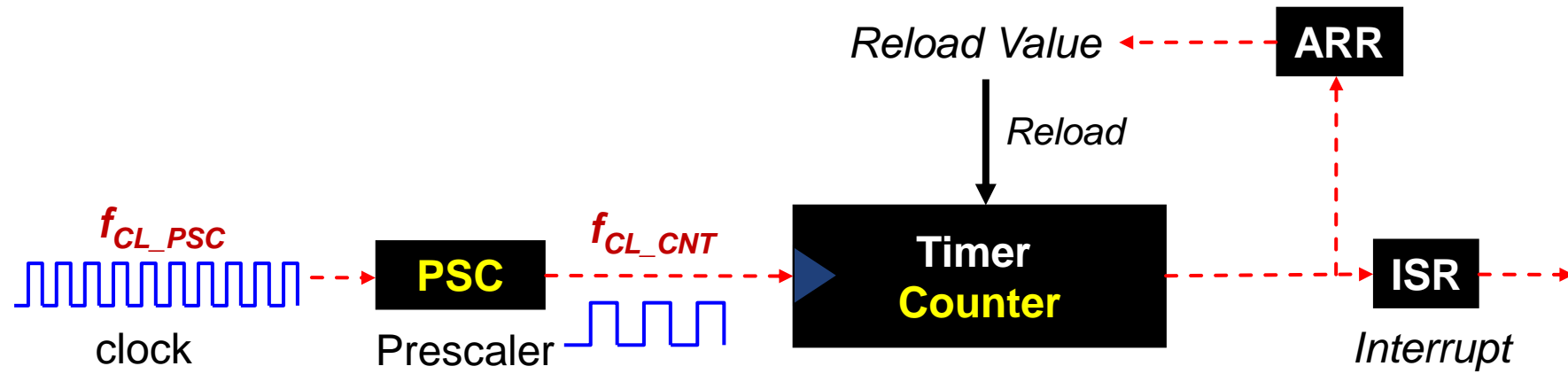
The TIM15/TIM16/TIM17 timers are completely independent, and do not share any resources. TIM15 can be synchronized as described in [Section 39.4.22: Timer synchronization \(TIM15\)](#).

- 16-bit TIMER
- UP Counter
- 16-bit Prescaler
- PWM support

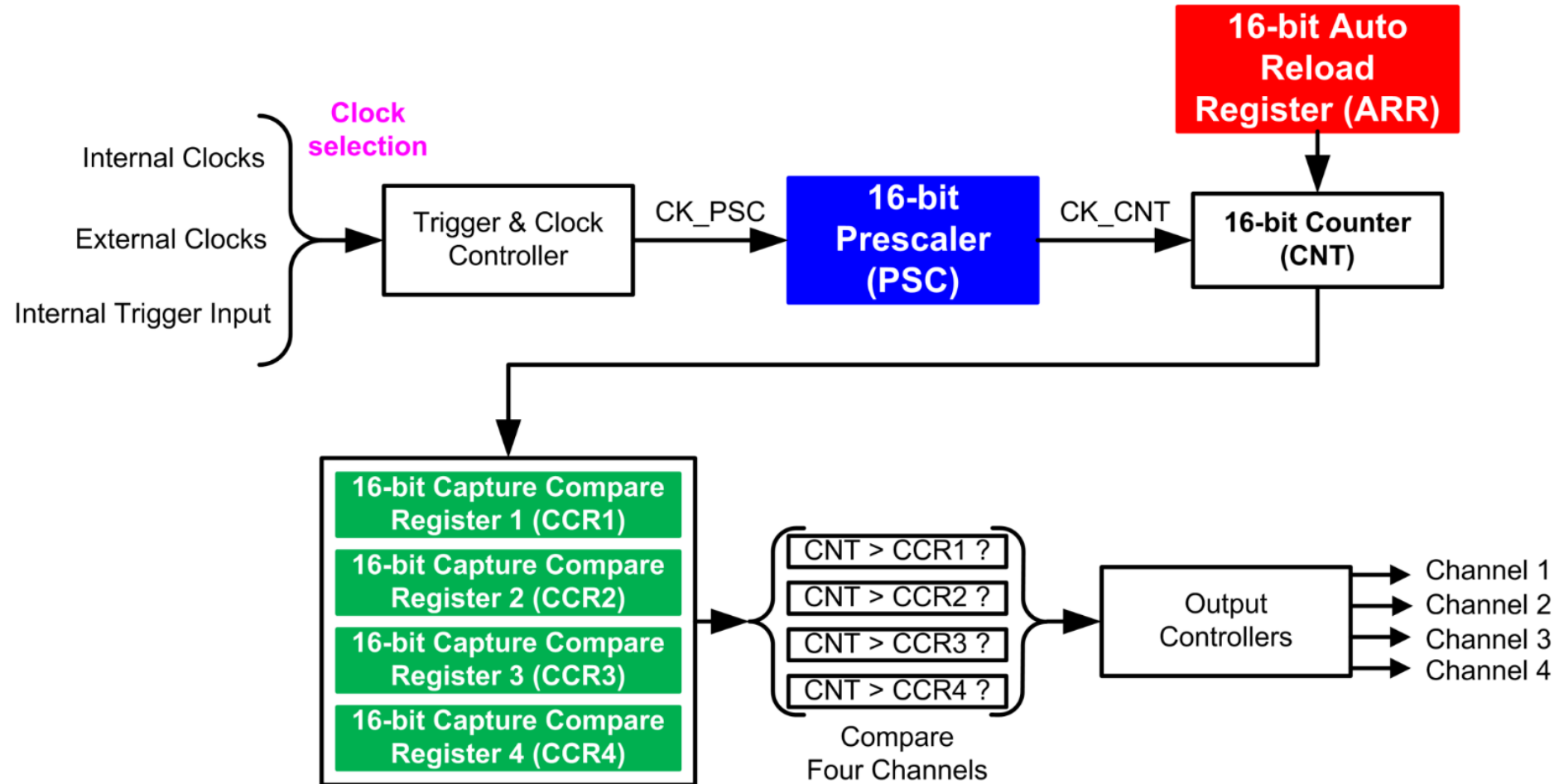
- Datasheet (pag. 42)

43	D4	59	93	B4	PB7	I/O	FT	-	I2C1_SDA, USART1_RX, TIM4_CH2, EVENTOUT	-
44	A5	60	94	A4	BOOT0	I	B	-	-	V _{PP}
45	B5	61	95	A3	PB8	I/O	FT	-	I2C1_SCL, TIM4_CH3, TIM10_CH1, SDIO_D4, EVENTOUT	-
46	C5	62	96	B3	PB9	I/O	FT	-	SPI2_NSS/I2S2_WS, I2C1_SDA, TIM4_CH4, TIM11_CH1, SDIO_D5, EVENTOUT	-
-	-	-	97	C3	PE0	I/O	FT	-	TIM4_ETR, EVENTOUT	-
-	-	-	98	A2	PE1	I/O	FT	-	EVENTOUT	-

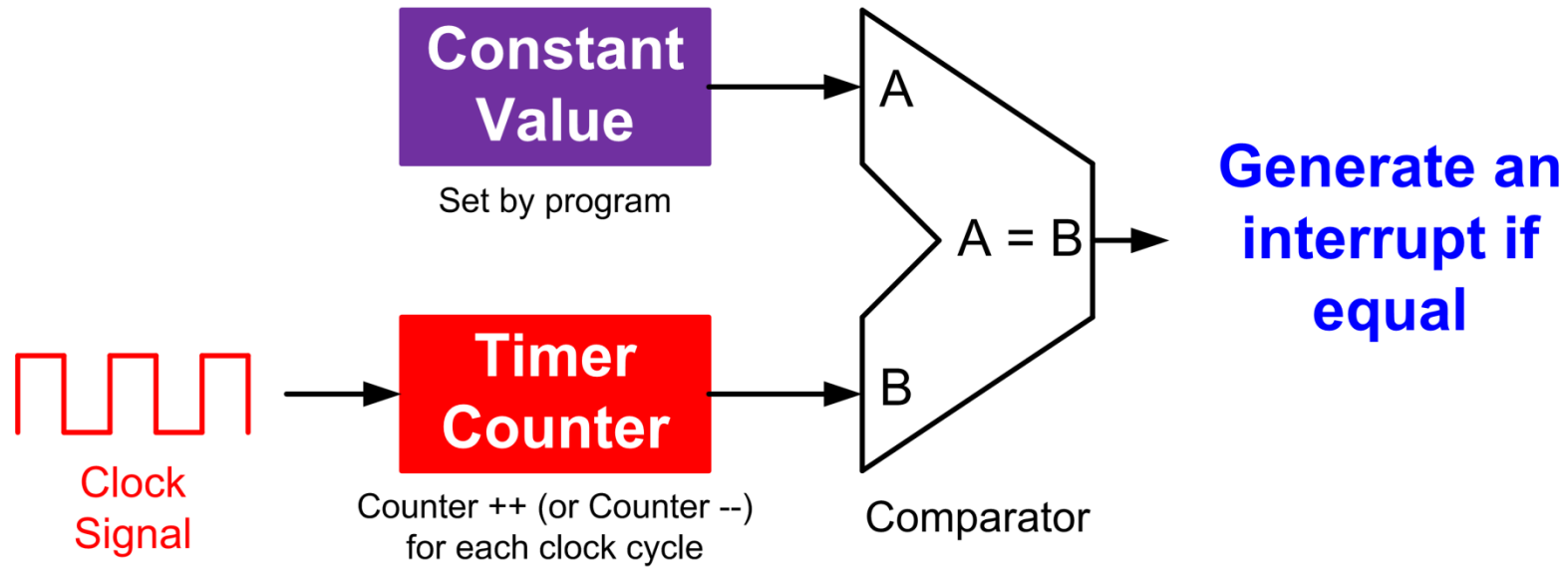
PWM Mode



Multi-Channel Outputs

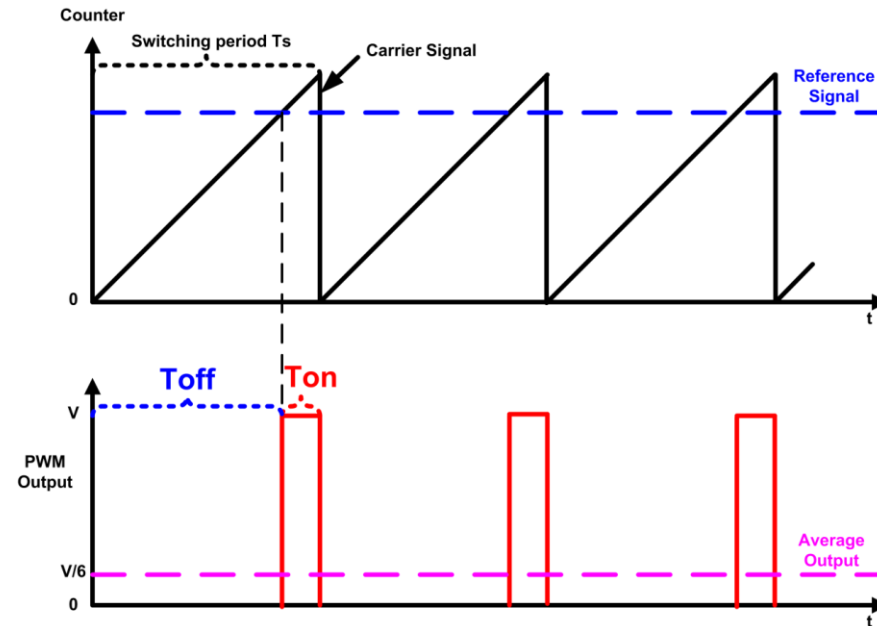


Output compare



Output Compare Mode (OCM)	Timer Output (OCREF)
000	Frozen
001	High if CNT == CCR
010	Low if CNT == CCR
011	Toggle if CNT == CCR
100	Forced low (always low)
101	Forced high (always high)

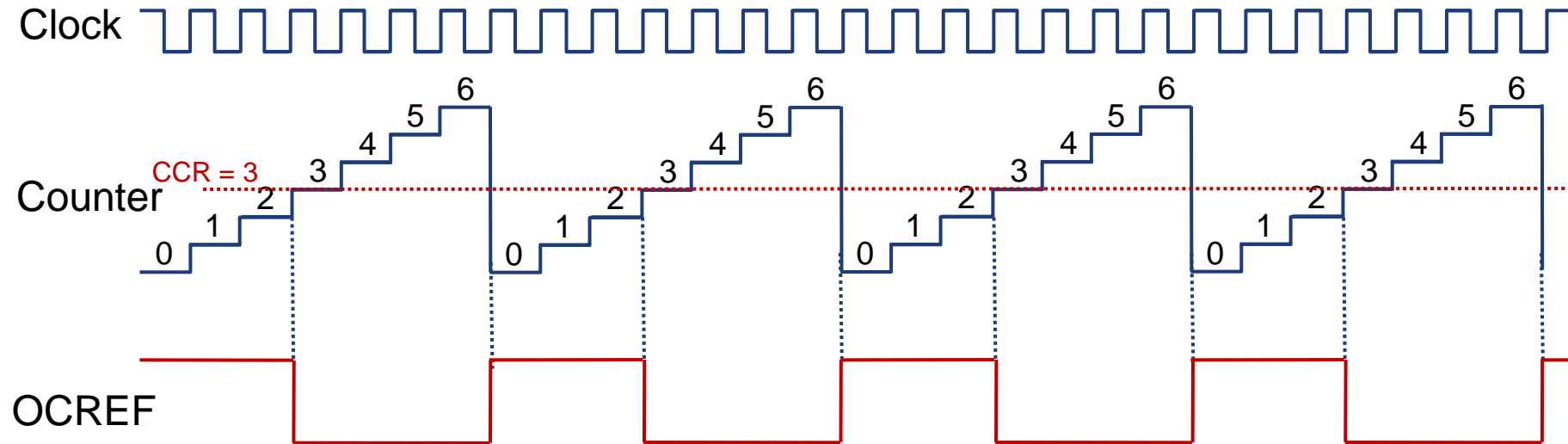
PWM Mode



Mode	Counter < Reference	Counter ≥ Reference
PWM mode 1 (Low True)	Active	Inactive
PWM mode 2 (High True)	Inactive	Active

PWM Mode 1 (Low-True)

Mode 1
 Timer Output = $\begin{cases} \text{High if counter} < \text{CCR} \\ \text{Low if counter} \geq \text{CCR} \end{cases}$



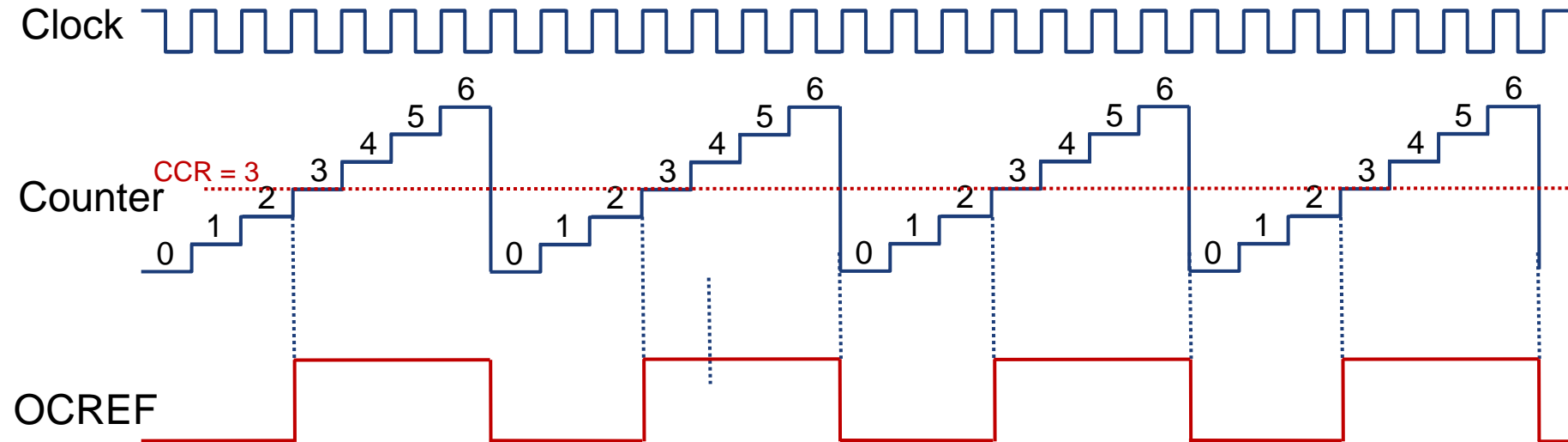
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Duty Cycle} &= \frac{\text{CCR}}{\text{ARR} + 1} \\ &= \frac{3}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Period} &= (1 + \text{ARR}) * \text{Clock Period} \\ &= 7 * \text{Clock Period} \end{aligned}$$

PWM Mode 2 (High-True)

Mode 2

Timer Output = $\begin{cases} \text{Low if counter} < \text{CCR} \\ \text{High if counter} \geq \text{CCR} \end{cases}$



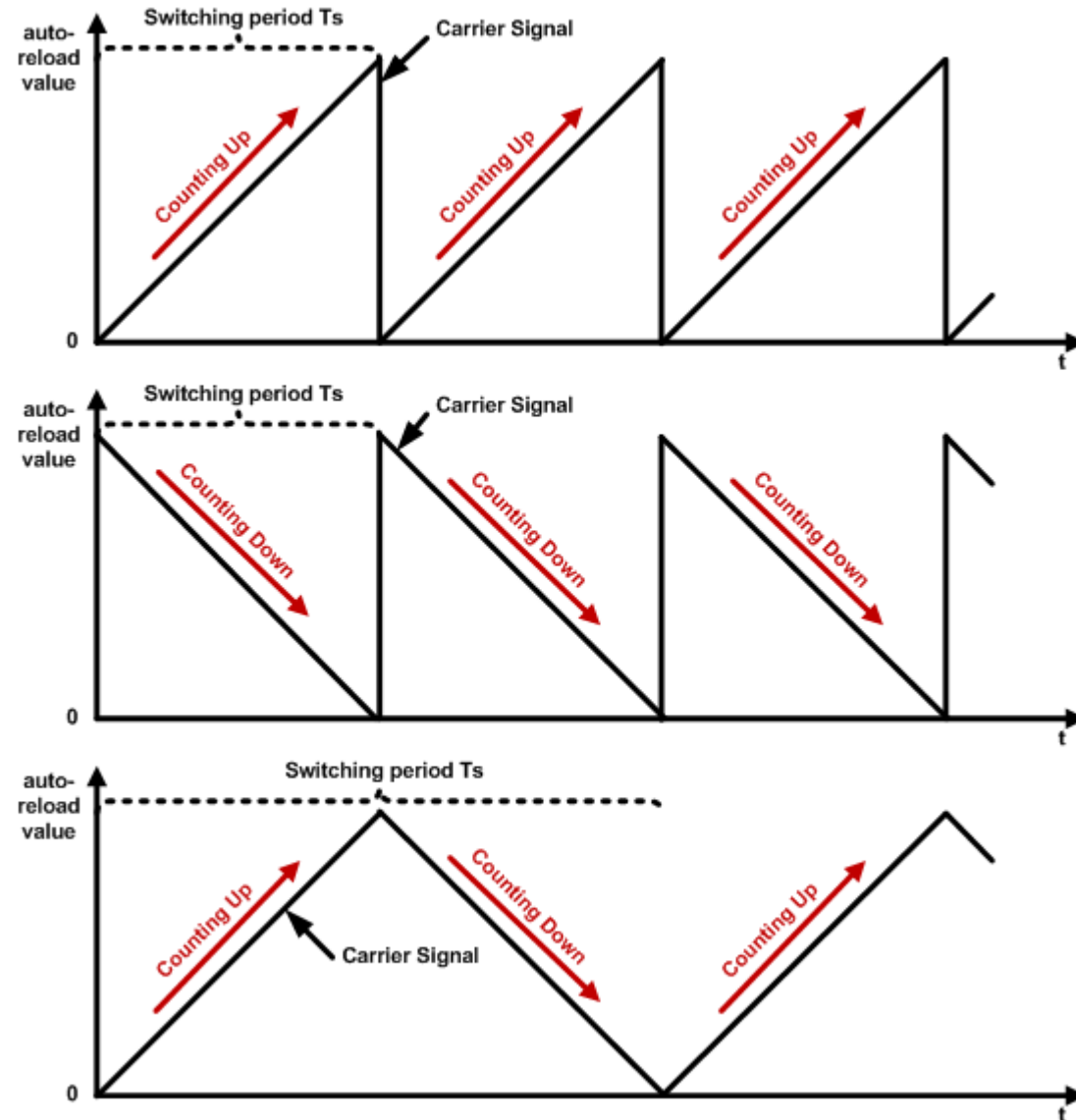
$$\text{Duty Cycle} = 1 - \frac{\text{CCR}}{\text{ARR} + 1}$$

$$= \frac{4}{7}$$

$$\text{Period} = (1 + \text{ARR}) * \text{Clock Period}$$

$$= 7 * \text{Clock Period}$$

Counting up, down, center



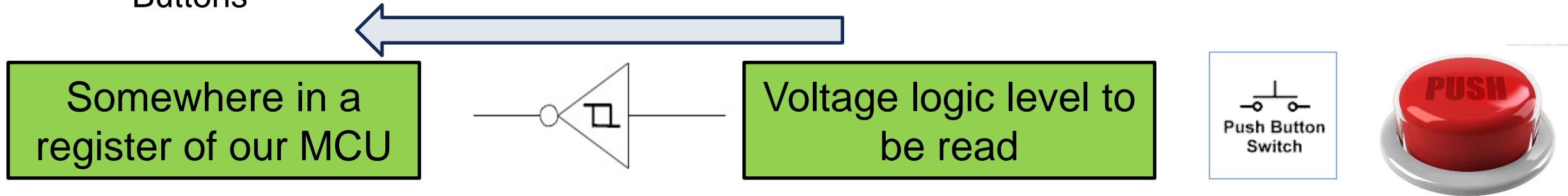
GPIO

GPIO: Intuition

Take a bit from the physical world and put it in software (or vice versa).

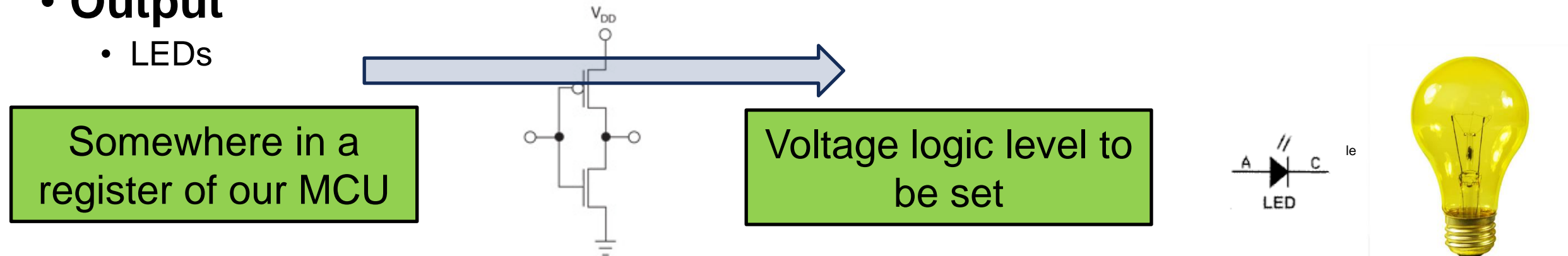
- **Input**

- Buttons



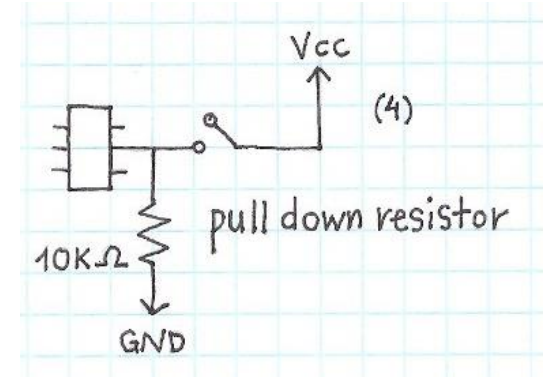
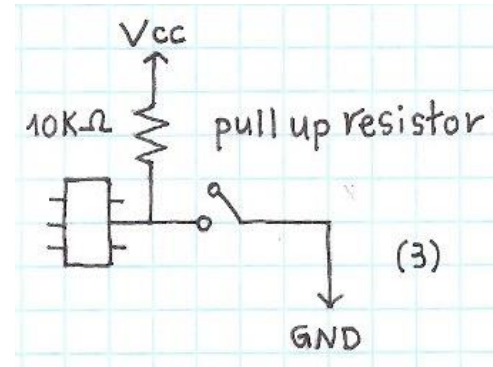
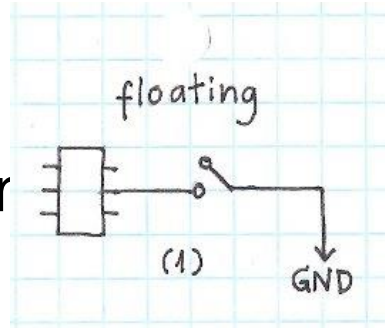
- **Output**

- LEDs

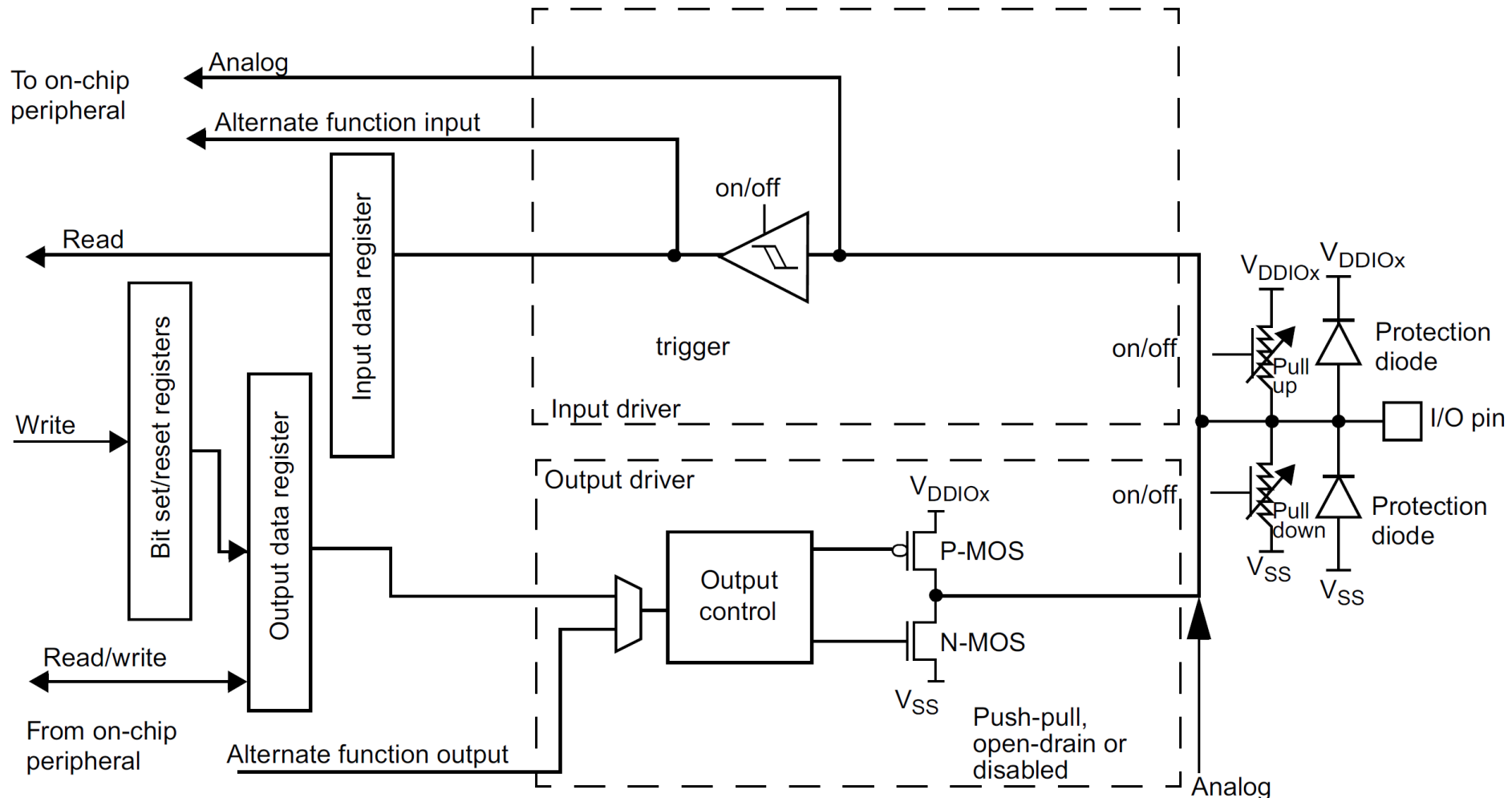


GPIO: operating modes

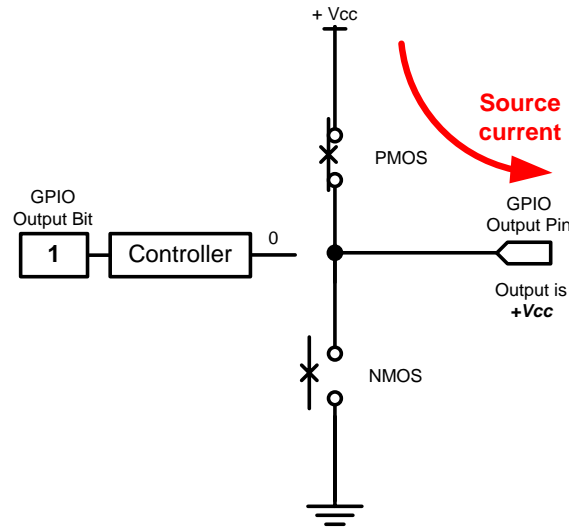
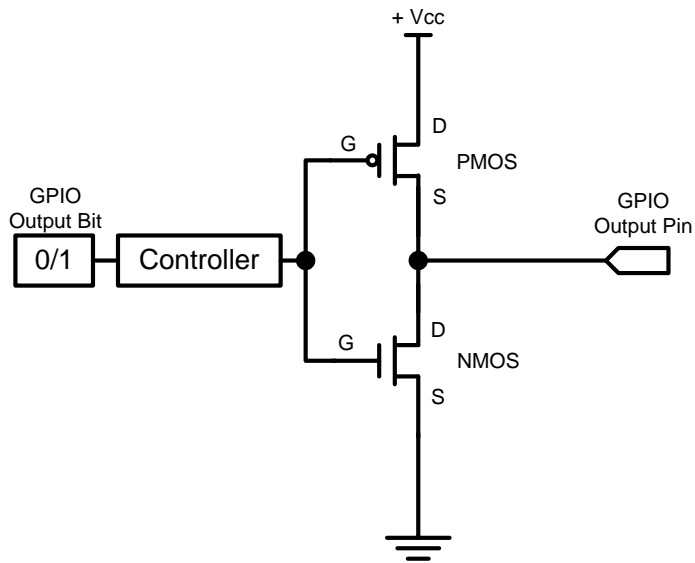
- Input mode
 - Floating
 - Input with pull-up/down
 - Analog input mode
- Output mode
 - Push-pull, open drain
- Configurable output up to 80 MHz



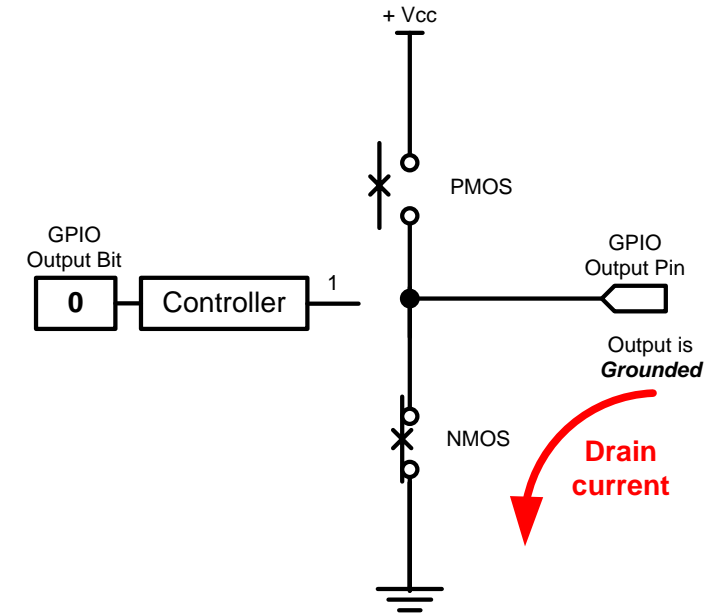
General Purpose Input/Output (GPIO)



GPIO Output: Push-Pull



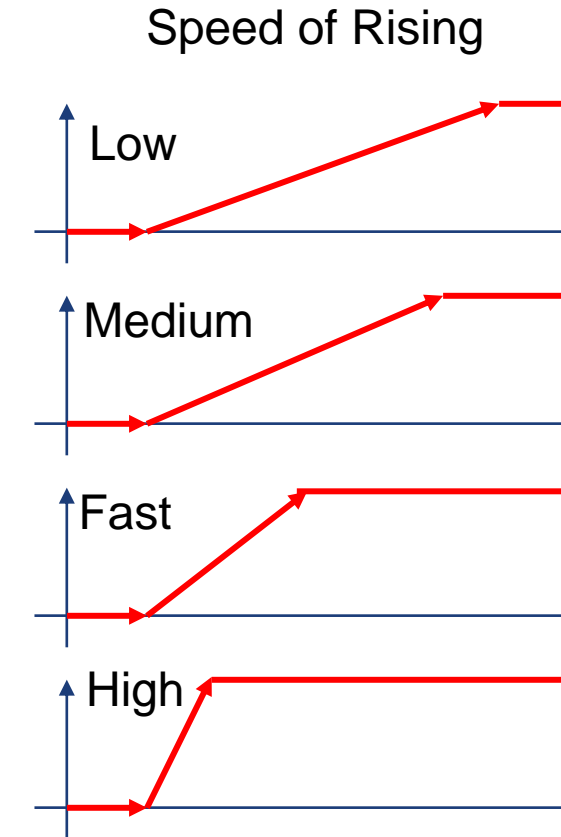
GPIO Output = 1
Source current to external circuit



GPIO Output = 0
Drain current from external circuit

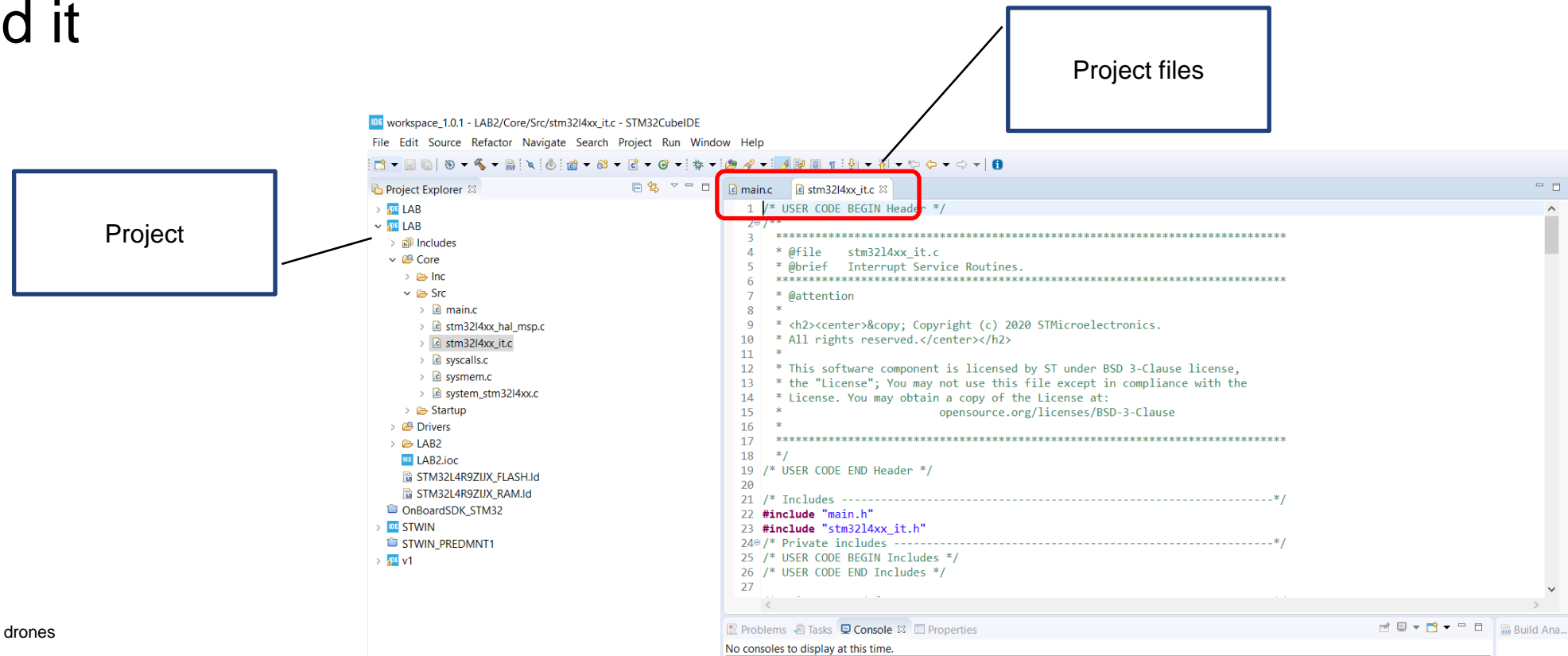
GPIO Output Speed

- Output Speed:
 - Speed of rising and falling
 - Four speeds: Low, Medium, Fast, High
- Tradeoff
 - Higher GPIO speed increases EMI noise and power consumption
 - Configure based on peripheral speed
 - Low speed for toggling LEDs
 - High speed for SPI

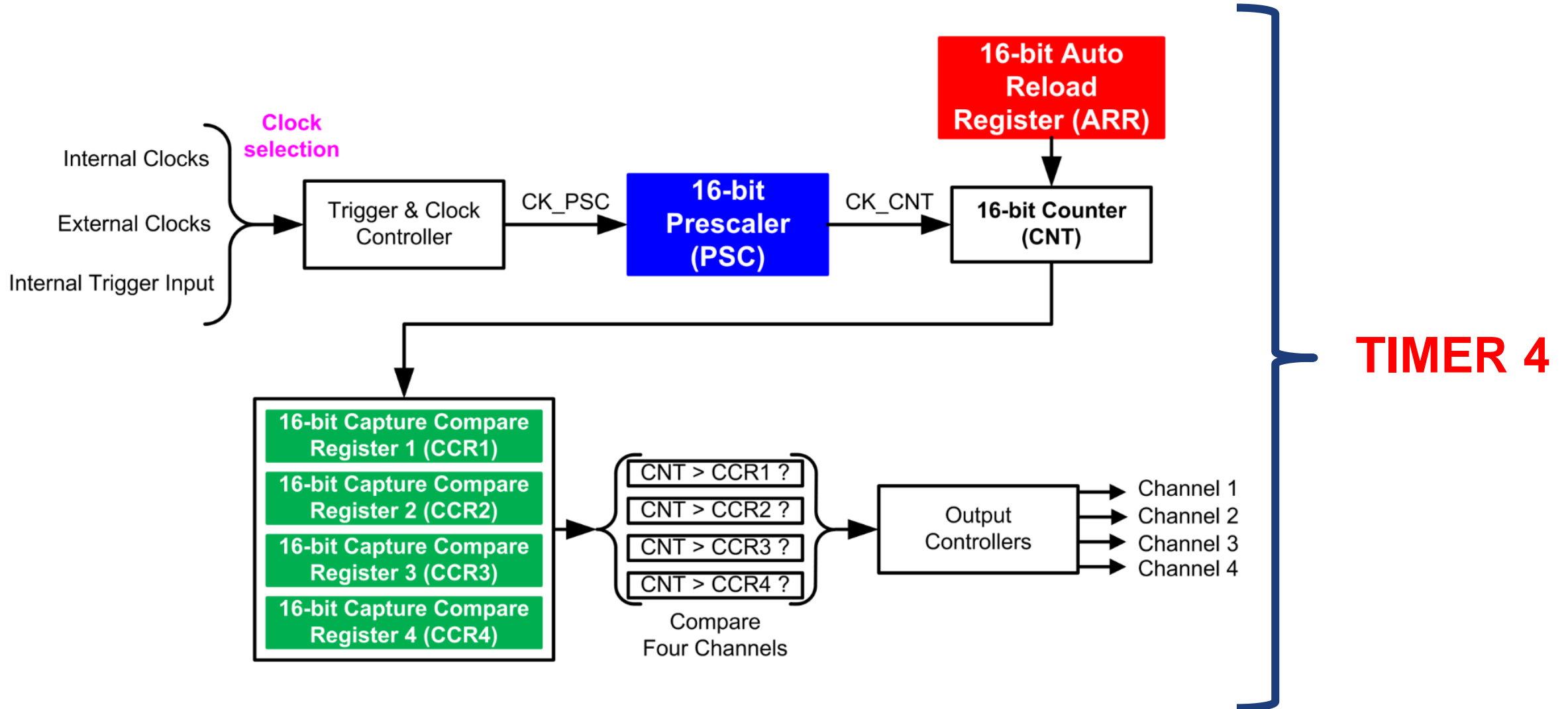


Preparation for LAB3

- Import in CubeIDE LAB2
- Open STM32CubeMX and open LAB2 config. file
- Build it

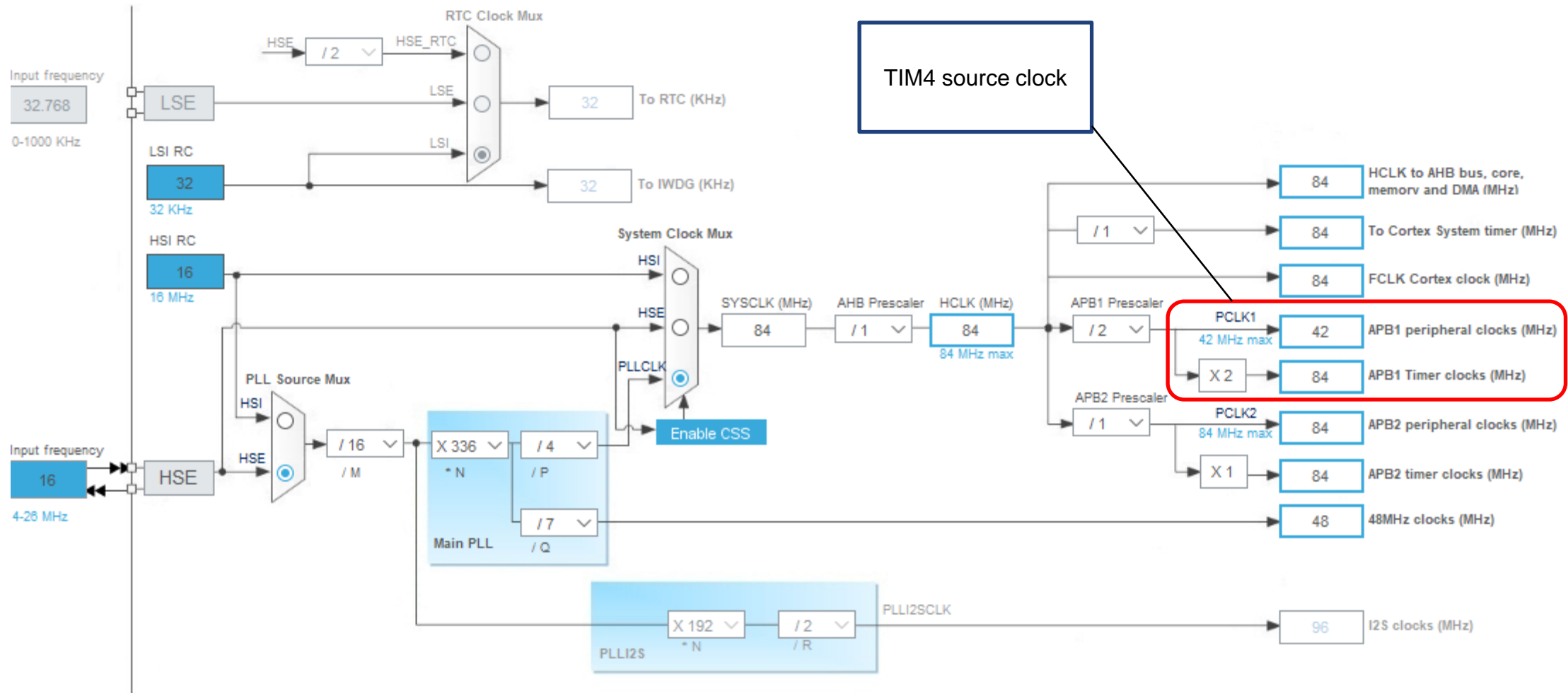


PWM Motor Control on our STM32F401



Clock Tree

- Clock tree (Reference Manual pag. 94)



Frequency and Times

Example, a **16 bit Timer**

$$f_{\text{SystemClock}} = f_{\text{timer}} = 84\text{MHz}$$

we have a tick in every,

$$T_{\text{timer}} = 1/f_{\text{PCLK2}} = 1/f_{\text{timer}} = 1/84\text{MHz} = 12\text{ ns}$$

With a **16 bit Timer** it means,

$$\text{ticks}_{\text{max}} = (2^{16} - 1) = 65535\text{ticks}$$

So the timer will overflow every,

$$t_{\text{overflow}} = \text{ticks}_{\text{max}} \times T_{\text{timer}} = 65535 \times 12\text{ ns} = 780\text{ }\mu\text{s}$$

Timer Prescaler

We want to count a clock of 10KHz (0.1 ms tick), how we set the timer clock and prescaler?

$$\mathbf{CK_CNT = TIM_CK / PrescalerValue}$$

CK_CNT = the clock being counted; we want it to 10KHz (this is your choice)

TIM_CLK = input clock for TIMx

PrescalerValue = divider of the PCLK clock, we have to set it to obtain the desired CK_CNT:

$$\mathbf{PrescalerValue = ((PCLKx) / CK_CNT) - 1}$$

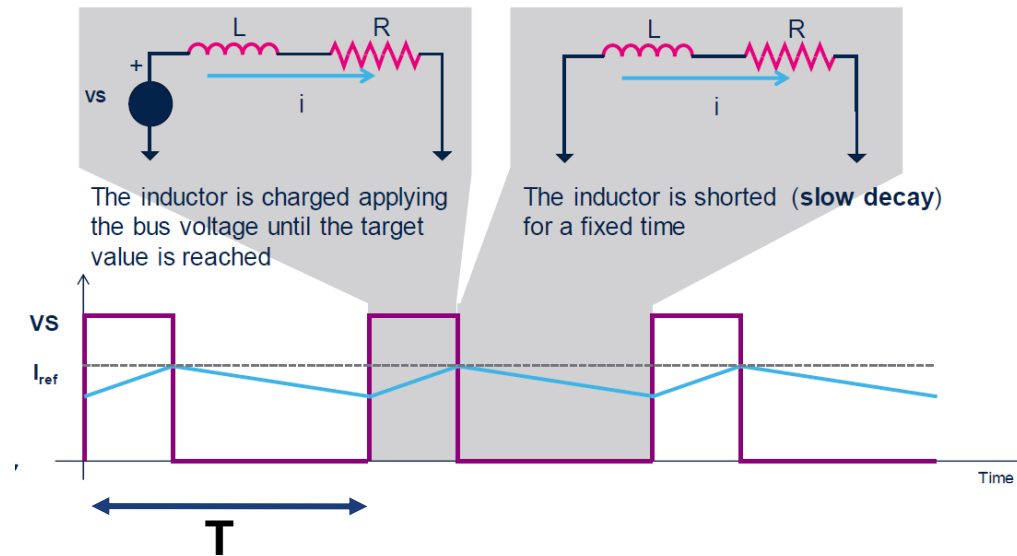
$$\mathbf{PrescalerValue = ((84\text{ MHz}) / 10\text{KHz}) - 1 = 8400}$$

Timer Period

Programming the **prescaler** we set a precise clock frequency, now we need to define the Timer Period value, which is calculated from the period **T** that we need:

$$\text{TIM_Period} = (\text{CK_CNT} * T) - 1$$

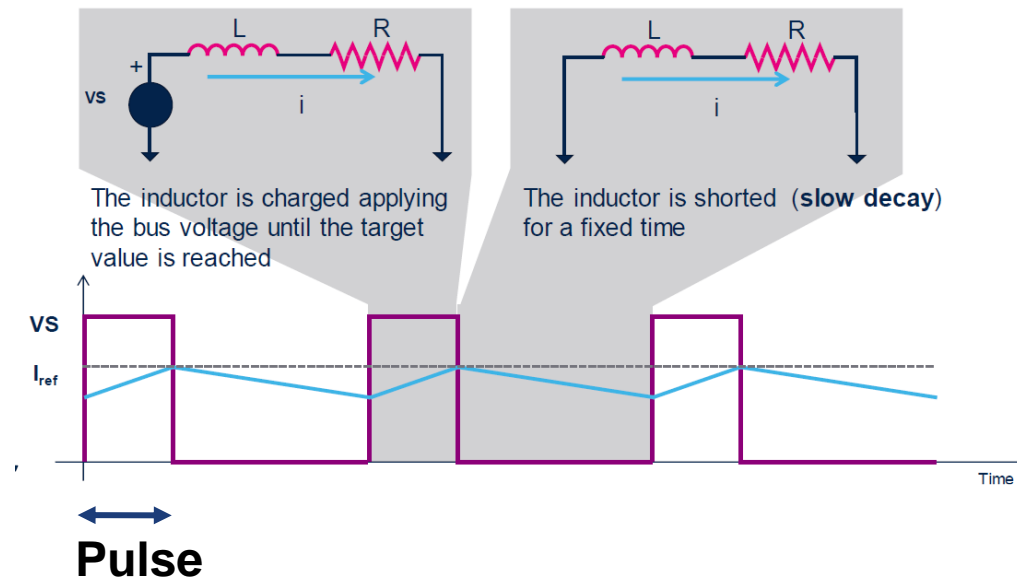
Integer value always $< (2^{16} - 1)$ (16-bit counter)



Timer Pulse (in PWM 1)

Programming the **Pulse** register define the PWM duty cycle (DC), exactly what we need to control our motor:

$$\text{Pulse} = \text{TIM_Period} * \text{DC}$$



TIM4 – Cube MX

The screenshot shows the STM32CubeMX configuration for TIM4. The left sidebar lists various components, with TIM4 selected under the Timers category. The main configuration area is divided into 'Mode' and 'Configuration' sections. In the 'Mode' section, 'Internal Clock' is selected for the timer source. In the 'Configuration' section, the 'Parameter Settings' tab is active. The 'Counter Settings' are configured with a prescaler of 83 and a counter period of 1999. The 'Trigger Output (TRGO) Parameters' are set to 'Disable (no sync between this TIM (Master) and its Slaves)'. The 'PWM Generation Channel 1' parameters are set to 'PWM mode 1', 'Pulse (16 bits value)' of 0, 'Fast Mode' disabled, and 'CH Polarity' high.

Parameter	Value
Slave Mode	Disable
Trigger Source	Internal Clock
Channel1	PWM Generation CH1
Channel2	PWM Generation CH2
Channel3	PWM Generation CH3
Channel4	PWM Generation CH4
Reset Configuration	
Parameter Settings	
User Constants	
NVIC Settings	
DMA Settings	
GPIO Settings	
Counter Settings	
Prescaler (PSC - 16 bits value)	83
Counter Mode	Up
Counter Period (AutoReload Register - 16 bits value)	1999
Internal Clock Division (CKD)	No Division
Trigger Output (TRGO) Parameters	
Master/Slave Mode	Disable (no sync between this TIM (Master) and its Slaves)
Trigger Event Selection	Reset (UG bit from TIMx_EGR)
PWM Generation Channel 1	
Mode	PWM mode 1
Pulse (16 bits value)	0
Fast Mode	Disable
CH Polarity	High
PWM Generation Channel 2	

Timer Period,
maximum

TIM4 – Settings for our DRONE-KIT

TIM4, a **16 bit Timer**

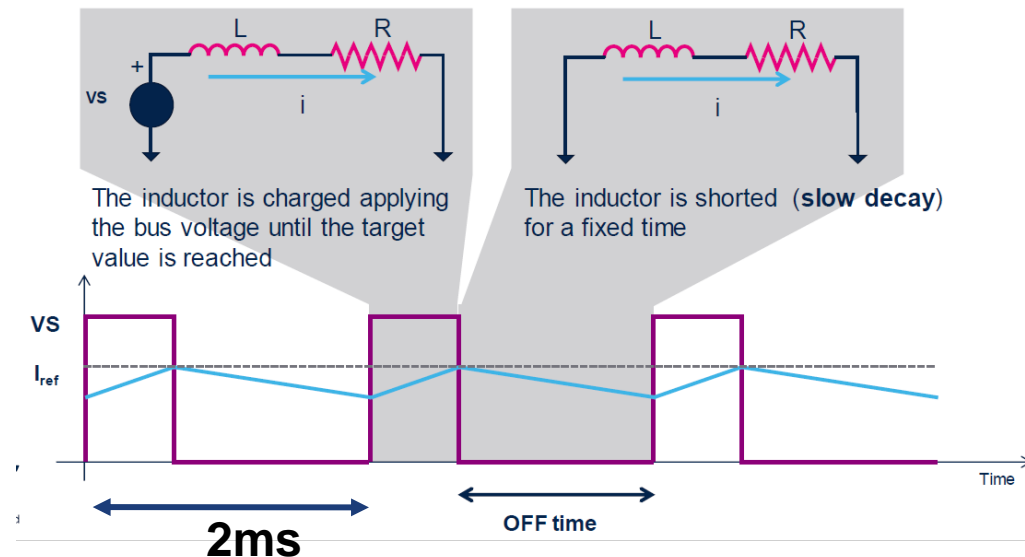
$$f_{\text{SystemClock}} = f_{\text{timer}} = 84 \text{ MHz}$$

tick in every,

$$T_{\text{timer}} = 1/f_{\text{PCLK2}} = 1/f_{\text{timer}} = 1/84 \text{ MHz} = 12 \text{ ns}$$

$$\text{CK_CNT} = \text{TIM_CK} / \text{PrescalerValue} = 1 \text{ MHz}$$

$$T = (\text{TIM_Period} + 1) / \text{CK_CNT} = 2 \text{ ms (500 Hz)}$$



TIM4 – Cube IDE

```

/**
 * @brief Starts the PWM signal generation.
 * @param htim: pointer to a TIM_HandleTypeDef
 * structure that contains
 *           the configuration information for TIM
 * module.
 * @param Channel: TIM Channels to be enabled.
 *           This parameter can be one of the following
 * values:
 *           @arg TIM_CHANNEL_1: TIM Channel 1 selected
 *           @arg TIM_CHANNEL_2: TIM Channel 2 selected
 *           @arg TIM_CHANNEL_3: TIM Channel 3 selected
 *           @arg TIM_CHANNEL_4: TIM Channel 4 selected
 * @retval HAL status
 */

```

```
HAL_TIM_PWM_Start(&htim4, TIM_CHANNEL_1);
```

```

421 void MX_TIM4_Init(void)
422 {
423
424     TIM_ClockConfigTypeDef sClockSourceConfig;
425     TIM_MasterConfigTypeDef sMasterConfig;
426     TIM_OC_InitTypeDef sConfigOC;
427
428     htim4.Instance = TIM4;
429     htim4.Init.Prescaler = 84;
430     htim4.Init.CounterMode = TIM_COUNTERMODE_UP;
431     htim4.Init.Period = 1999;
432
433     htim4.Init.ClockDivision = TIM_CLOCKDIVISION_DIV1;
434     HAL_TIM_Base_Init(&htim4);
435
436     sClockSourceConfig.ClockSource = TIM_CLOCKSOURCE_INTERNAL;
437     HAL_TIM_ConfigClockSource(&htim4, &sClockSourceConfig);
438
439     HAL_TIM_PWM_Init(&htim4);
440
441     sMasterConfig.MasterOutputTrigger = TIM_TRGO_RESET;
442     sMasterConfig.MasterSlaveMode = TIM_MASTERSLAVEMODE_DISABLE;
443     HAL_TIMEx_MasterConfigSynchronization(&htim4, &sMasterConfig);
444
445     sConfigOC.OCMode = TIM_OCMODE_PWM1;
446     sConfigOC.Pulse = 0;
447     sConfigOC.OCpolarity = TIM_OCPOLARITY_HIGH;
448     sConfigOC.OCFastMode = TIM_OCFAST_DISABLE;
449     HAL_TIM_PWM_ConfigChannel(&htim4, &sConfigOC, TIM_CHANNEL_1);
450

```


Code Template (Polybox – LAB2 – main.c)

```
/* Initialize TIM4 for Motors PWM Output*/
HAL_TIM_PWM_Start(&htim4,TIM_CHANNEL_1);
/*****
/* insert here motor control for M2, M3 and M4*/
```

Start TIM4 and
enable CH 1

```
/* set motor PWM to 0 DC */
set_motor_pwm_zero(&motor_pwm);
```

Set all the CHANNEL Pulse to 0
motors off

```
while (1)
{
```

```
/* function to set the PWM */
/* Note
* The PWM is handled by TIM4.
* In case of DC motor configuration:
* - the master clock for TIM4 is 1MHz
* - the counter counts up to 2000, result in 2ms of PWM period (500Hz)
* - the PWM pulse width data can to 0~1999, corresponding to 0~100% duty cycle
*/
motor_pwm.motor1_pwm = 99;
set_motor_pwm(&motor_pwm);
```

MOTOR 1 Pulse value
NOTE: this is the Pulse value not the DC

Set the PWM for all motors

STM32CubeIDE: Tips

```
268 {
269
270 /* function to set the PWM */
271 /* Note
272  * The PWM is handled by TIM4.
273  * In case of an error, the PWM is disabled.
274  * - the PWM period is 1ms (1000ns)
275  * - the PWM frequency is 1000Hz
276  * - the PWM duty cycle is 50%
277  */
278 motor_pwm
279 set_motor_pwm
280
281 /* USER CODE BEGIN 1 */
282
283 /* USER CODE END 1 */
284
285 //This function is used to set the PWM period (500Hz)
286 HAL_Delay(1000); //1000ns (1000ns = 1000ns)
287 BSP_LED_Toggle(LED1);
288 BSP_LED_Toggle(LED2);
289
```

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Open Declaration
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LAB2: Exercise overview

Exercise	Assignment	Concept
Exercise 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Run the LAB2 template, Motor 1 should spin slowly	Start program, Debug
Exercise 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enable all the motors at the same speed, and at different fixed speed (random choice)	PWM, TIM
Exercise 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sweep the DC between 0 to 100% in loop with 1 sec period and a step of 10% (10 steps in total)	PWM, TIM, C programming
Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- To generate 1 Hz square wave with a duty cycle of 50%, how should we set up the timer?- What is the smallest PWM frequency that can be generated?- What is the shortest ON pulse that can be generated?	Programming and debugging

LAB2: PRO - Exercises

Exercise	Assignment	Concept
Exercise 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Receive commands from the terminal Letters: S: enable the motors O: disable the motors P: increase the rpm by 10% M: decrease the rpm by 10%	PWM, TIM
Exercise 2	At start-up: generate a welcome theme song using the motors	PWM, TIM

