

Time-of-Flight 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with 90° FoV expansion board based on the VL53L7CX for STM32 Nucleo





Features

- VL53L7CX Time-of-Flight 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with 90° FoV
- Accurate absolute ranging distance, independent of the reflectance of the target
- Up to 350 cm ranging
- Histogram-based technology
- Multiobject detection capability
- 0.25, 0.5, and 1 mm spacers to simulate air gaps
- One cover glass to protect the sensor from dust
- Compatible with STM32 Nucleo development boards
- Equipped with Arduino® UNO R3 connectors
- Full system software supplied, including code examples and graphical user interface
- RoHS, CE, UKCA, and China RoHS compliant

Description

The X-NUCLEO-53L7A1 is an expansion board for any STM32 Nucleo board equipped with the Arduino® R3 connectors. It provides a complete evaluation kit that allows you to learn, evaluate, and develop applications using the VL53L7CX Time-of-Flight 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with 90° FoV.

The VL53L7CH artificial enabler Time-of-Flight sensor is also supported by the X-NUCLEO-53L7A1.

The expansion board is delivered with a cover glass holder in which you can fit three different spacers of 0.25, 0.5, and 1 mm height below the cover glass to simulate various air gaps.

Several ST expansion boards can be stacked through the Arduino® connectors, which allow, for example, the development of VL53L7CX applications with Bluetooth® Low Energy or Wi-Fi interfaces.

Product summary		
Time-of-Flight 8x8 multizone ranging sensor with 90° FoV expansion board based on the VL53L7CX for STM32 Nucleo	X-NUCLEO-53L7A1	
Time-of-Flight sensor software expansion for STM32Cube	X-CUBE-TOF1	
STM32 Nucleo-64 development board with STM32F401RE MCU	NUCLEO-F401RE	
Applications	Personal Electronics - Audio and Video/ Gaming and Drones/Virtual - Augmented Reality/ Wearable	



1 Ordering information

Table 1. Ordering information

Order code	Core product
X-NUCLEO-53L7A1	VL53L7CX

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2 Laser safety considerations

The VL53L7CX contains a laser emitter and the corresponding drive circuitry.

The laser output is designed to remain within Class 1 laser safety limits under all reasonable foreseeable conditions, including single faults, in compliance with the IEC 60825-1:2014 (third edition).

The laser output remains within Class 1 limits as long as you use the STMicroelectronics recommended device settings and respect the operating conditions specified in the data sheet.

The laser output power must not be increased and no optics should be used with the intention of focusing the laser beam.

Figure 1. Class 1 laser product label



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3 Optional VL53L7CX breakout boards

The SATEL-VL53L7CX is designed to connect remotely the VL53L7CX sensor to any type of electronic controller.

Attention:

The VL53L7CX is delivered with a liner to prevent potential foreign material from piercing the module holes during the assembly process. Remove this liner before use.

The VL53L7CX breakout boards can be directly plugged onto the X-NUCLEO-53L7A1 expansion board through two six-pin connectors (Figure 2) or through flying wires (Figure 3).

You can buy the breakout boards separately as SATEL-VL53L7CX. This order code package includes two breakout boards.

Figure 2. SATEL-VL53L7CX breakout boards connected to the X-NUCLEO-53L7A1 expansion board



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Figure 3. VL53L7CX mini PCB flying wires connection to X-NUCLEO-53L7A1 expansion board



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4 Simplified schematics

ARDUINO HEARDERS **NUCLEO-F401RE** ARDUINO / F401RE CN5 D15 / PB8 10 D14 / PB9 9 AVDD 8 GND_7 D13 / PA5 6 D12 / PA6_5 I2C_RST_R D7 / PA8 8 I2C_RST_L D6 / PB10 7 SDA LPn_C SCL U2 I2C_RST_C D4 / PB5 _5 LPn_R +3V3 VL53L7CX D3 / PB3 4 I2C_RST_C LPn_C D2 / PA10 3 INT_R GŇD D1 / PA2 2 D0 / PA3 1 J5_Right Satellite Right header IOREF 2 J5_Left Satellite GND 6 Left header GND 7 VIN 8 GND A0 / PA0 1 U1 A1 / PA1 2 +3V3 Voltage INT_C A2 / PA4 3 Regulator PWR_EN_C A3 / PBO 4 A4 / PC1 5 PWR_EN_R A5 / PCO 6

Figure 4. X-NUCLEO-VL53L7CX simplified schematic

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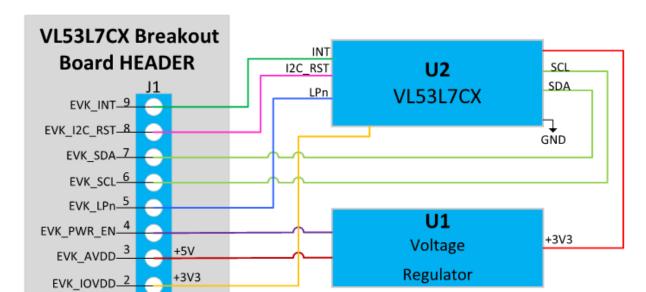


Figure 5. SATEL-VL53L7CX simplified schematic

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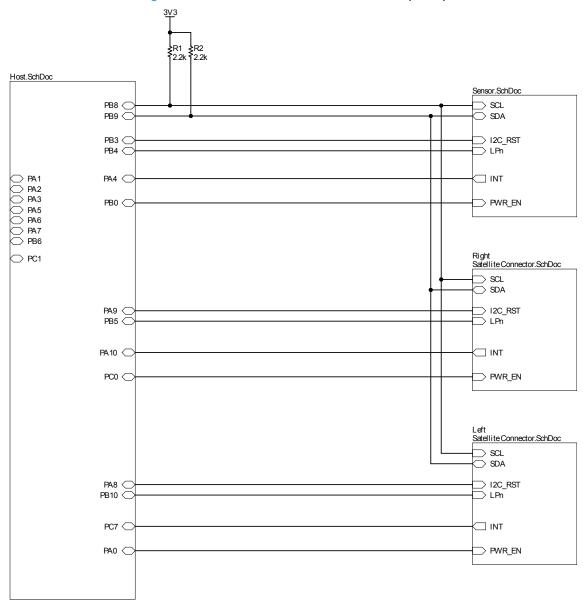
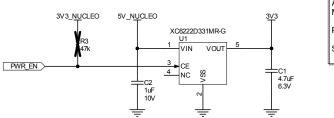


Figure 7. X-NUCLEO-53L7A1 circuit schematic (2 of 5)



AVDD and IOVDD power supply for main sensor Max Current = 60 mA + 90 mA = 150 mA Power = 1.7 V x 150 mA = 255 mW Satellite boards supplied directly from host power supplies

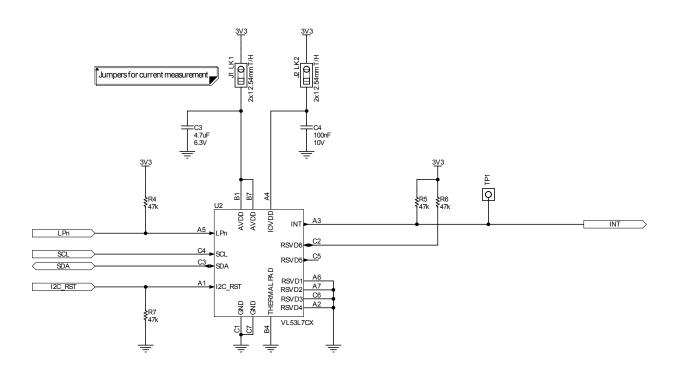
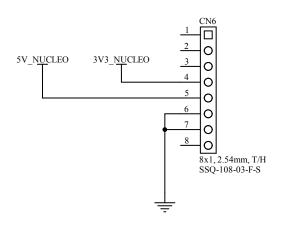
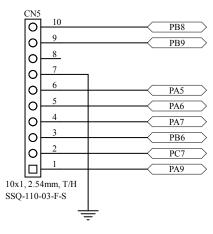
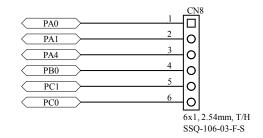


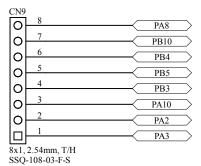
Figure 8. X-NUCLEO-53L7A1 circuit schematic (3 of 5)















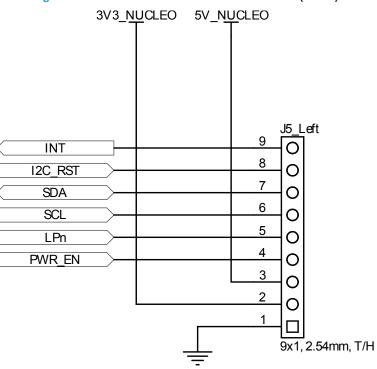
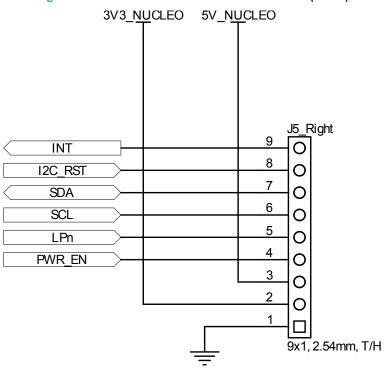




Figure 10. X-NUCLEO-53L7A1 circuit schematic (5 of 5)





6 Board versions

Table 2. X-NUCLEO-53L7A1 versions

PCB version	Schematic diagrams	Bill of materials
X\$NUCLEO-53L7A1A (1)	X\$NUCLEO-53L7A1A schematic diagrams	X\$NUCLEO-53L7A1A bill of materials

^{1.} This code identifies the X-NUCLEO-53L7A1 expansion board first version. It is printed on the board PCB.

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Revision history

Table 3. Document revision history

Date	Revision	Changes
26-Sep-2022	1	Initial release.
28-Sep-2023	2	Added reference to VL53L7CH. Updated Cover page image and Description.

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