

# UM1049 User manual

Unico GUI

### Introduction

Unico is a cross-platform graphical user interface (GUI) running on Windows, Linux and Mac OS for the demonstration boards of MEMS sensors such as accelerometers, gyroscopes, magnetometers and environmental sensors available in the STMicroelectronics portfolio.

Unico interacts with all the MEMS demonstration boards supported by the STEVAL-MKI109V2 (eMotion) motherboard and allows a quick and easy setup of the sensors, as well as the complete configuration of all the registers and the advanced features embedded in the digital output devices. The software visualizes the output of the sensors in both graphical and numeric format and allows the user to save or generally manage data coming from the device.

This user manual describes all the functions of the Unico GUI. For details regarding the features of each sensor, please refer to the related device datasheet.

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# **1** PC system requirements

Unico software has been designed to operate with Microsoft<sup>®</sup> Windows platforms, Linux platforms, and Mac OS X platforms.

### 1.1 Windows platforms

A virtual COM driver must be installed to allow the communication with the eMotion board. Please, refer to the eMotion board user manual (UM0979) for the installation.

The package "Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 Redistributable Package (x86)" needs to be installed to be able to run Unico on Windows; it can be downloaded from Microsoft Download Center.

To install the Unico GUI, launch the "Setup\_Unico.exe" file included in the package and follow the instructions which appear on the screen. When the software is installed, you can run it from: "Start > STMicroelectronics > Unico > Unico.exe"

### 1.2 Linux platforms

For Linux Debian-based distributions, a .deb package is provided in the package.

On Ubuntu, you can install the .deb package by opening a terminal and writing the following command:

sudo dpkg -i unico.deb

If the installation fails for any missing dependent library, it is necessary to install the missing library before proceeding with the Unico installation:

sudo apt-get install <missing\_library\_name>

sudo dpkg -i unico.deb

Note: Unico dynamically links to the Qt5 libraries, so they need to be installed on your system to make it work.

After the installation has been completed, the executable file ("unico") will be stored in the /usr/local/bin folder. You may need to change the permission of the "unico" executable file with the following command:

sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/unico

To run the Unico software, just type:

/usr/local/bin/unico

Note: The current version of Unico is designed to work on Ubuntu 14.04 LTS, although it should be possible to install and run it on other Debian-based distributions after having installed all the dependencies required.



#### 1.3 Mac OS X platforms

For Mac OS, a DMG file (unico.dmg) is provided in the package.

To install Unico:

1) Double-click the DMG file to open it up. A finder window containing the *unico* application will appear.

2) Drag and drop the *unico* application into your "Applications" directory in order to install Unico on your Mac.

To run Unico, just click on the unico application under "Applications".



# 2 Unico graphical user interface

After launching the Unico GUI, a launcher window will appear, as shown in *Figure 1*. The GUI shows the list of adapter boards supported by the current release, grouped according to the device type.

| life.augmented  | s-platform User Interface for MEMS demonstration kits   |
|---|---|
| Device Type:  | Device Name:  |
| Accelerometers<br>Gyroscopes<br>E-compasses, Magnetometers<br>Environmental sensors<br>iNemo Inertial Modules | STEVAL-MKI009V1 (LIS3LV02DL)<br>STEVAL-MKI013V1 (LIS302DL)<br>STEVAL-MKI015V1 (LIS344ALH)<br>STEVAL-MKI087V1 (LIS331DL)<br>STEVAL-MKI089V1 (LIS331DLH)<br>STEVAL-MKI105V1 (LIS3DH)<br>STEVAL-MKI110V1 (AIS328DQ)<br>STEVAL-MKI134V1 (LIS3DSH)<br>STEVAL-MKI135V1 (LIS2DH)<br>STEVAL-MKI151V1 (LIS2DH)<br>STEVAL-MKI151V1 (LIS2DM)<br>STEVAL-MKI153V1 (H3LIS331DL) |

Figure 1. Unico launcher

Choose the board currently in use from the list and then click on the button "Select Device". The main window will appear after a few seconds (*Figure 2*).

In the launcher window, it is also possible to get a brief description of the selected sensor by clicking on the "Description" button.

The GUI can automatically detect the port where the board is connected. However, if the user has no administrator rights, or in case of Bluetooth connection, the port selection must be done manually, unchecking the "Automatic Port Detection" check-box. For further information on how to detect the port manually refer to *Section 4*.

On Linux, permissions on the serial port could be required to establish the connection. If so, the GUI will suggest the command to be executed (for instance: *sudo chmod 666 ttyACMO*), and will open a terminal to run the command.



### 2.1 Tools available

The Unico main window can be divided in three parts:

- 1. "Main Control" (*Figure 2*, ref 1) connects/disconnects the board, starts/stops data acquisition, exits/returns back for closing the GUI or returning to the launcher.
- 2. "Tab Selector" (*Figure 2*, ref 2) is used to toggle between the tabs "Info", "Options", "Registers" and "Load/Save". These tabs are available for all the devices and are used to configure the sensors.
- 3. "Tools" (*Figure 2*, ref 3) contains all the tools available for the device in use.

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| sTMc odectranics - AMS Group Demonstration kit select | ted = STEVAL-MKU00VVX (Sensor Code)  | Firmware Version = V.X.X    | Unico Version = 4.0.0.0 |

Figure 2. Unico main window

In the following sections all the functions available in Unico GUI are described.



### 2.2 Options tab

The options tab allows the user to control the main parameters of the selected sensor. The content of the tab depends on the sensor chosen. The following parameters refer to a 3-axis digital accelerometer plus a 3-axis digital magnetometer:

- Easy Configuration: Turns on the device and sets a default configuration (*Figure 3*, ref 1).
- 2. Accelerometer full scale (FS): sets the maximum acceleration value measurable by the device (*Figure 3*, ref 2).
- 3. Accelerometer operating mode (OM): selects the operating mode (e.g. normal mode or power-down mode) (*Figure 3*, ref 3).
- 4. Accelerometer's high-pass filter (HP): activates the high-pass filter of the accelerometer and selects the cutoff frequency (*Figure 3*, ref 4).
- 5. Magnetometer full scale (FS): sets the maximum magnetic field measurable by the device (*Figure 3*, ref 5).
- 6. Magnetometer data rate (ODR): sets the magnetometer output data rate (*Figure 3*, ref 6).
- 7. Magnetometer operating mode: selects the operating mode of the magnetometer (e.g. normal measurement) (*Figure 3*, ref 7).

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| ref 2 | Scatter<br>Data            | Accelerometer Full Scale Full Scale 2g  | ef 6 |
| ref 3 | Interrupt                  | Accelerometer Operating Mode Operating Mode: Normal Mode (100 Hz)   | ef 7 |
| ref 4 | FIFO<br>FIFO<br>Size<br>GD | HP on INT2         HP out-off frequency:         HPCF = 00         w  |      |
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|       | FFT                        |   |      |
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|       |                            |   |      |

Figure 3. Options tab



#### 2.3 Register setup tab

The register setup tab shown in *Figure 4* allows reading and writing the content of the registers embedded in the MEMS sensor mounted on the demonstration kit. The tab is divided in three sections:

- 1. "General" (*Figure 4*, ref 1) provides access to the registers which control the main settings of the device. This section contains control registers, registers to manage the interrupt generation, and so on. It is possible to read and write the contents of each register. To read the default value for a given register, press the "Default" button (in this case no data is written in the register, to do this please click the "Write" button).
- 2. "Direct communication" (*Figure 4*, ref 2) provides access to any register in the device. To read a generic register, insert the address value in the "Register Address" text box, then click on the "Read" button. The retrieved content of the register is displayed in the "Register Value" field. As with writing to a register, the user must specify the address and the data to be written inside the fields marked "Register Address" and "Register Value" respectively, then press the "Write" button. "Read All", "Write All", and "Default All" perform the same functions but for all the registers at the same time.
- 3. "Easy Configuration" this button provides the user the possibility to choose a default configuration, allowing an easy start. When pressed, the sensor register is automatically configured with the default configuration (*Figure 4* ref 3).

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|           | Info Options        | Registen | s L | oad/Sav | e     |         |                      |       |       |       |       |            |  |
| Bars      |                     |          |     |         |       |         |                      |       | _     |       | _     |            |  |
|           | CTRL_REG1_A         | (20h)    | 57  | Read    | Write | Default | INT2_CFG_A           | (34h) | 95    | Read  | Write | $\geq$     | SR_REG_M (09h) 01 Read Write Default     |
| Plot      | CTRL_REG2_A         | (21h)    | 00  | Read    | Write | Default | INT2_SOURCE_A        | (35h) | 25    | Read  | Write | Default    | IRA_REG_M (0Ah) 48 Read Write Default    |
| ×4        | CTRL_REG3_A         | (22h)    | 40  | Read    | Write | Default | INT2_THS_A           | (36h) | 25    | Read  | Write | Default    | IRB_REG_M (08h) 34 Read Write Default    |
| Scatter   | CTRL_REG4_A         | (23h)    | 08  | Read    | Write | Default | INT2_DURATION_A      | (37h) | 00    | Read  | Write | Default    | IRC_REG_M (0Ch) 33 Read Write Default    |
|           | CTRL_REG5_A         | (24h)    | 00  | Read    | Write | Default | CLICK_CFG_A          | (38h) | 00    | Read  | Write | Default    | TEMP_OUT_H_M (31h) 00 Read Write Default |
| Data      | CTRL_REG6_A         | (25h)    | 20  | Read    | Write | Default | CLICK_SRC_A          | (39h) | 00    | Read  | Write | Default    | TEMP_OUT_L_M (32h) 00 Read Write Default |
| <u>R</u>  | REFERENCE_A         | (26h)    | 00  | Read    | Write | Default | CLICK_THS_A          | (3Ah) | 00    | Read  | Write | Default    |  |
| Interrupt | STATUS_REG_A        | (27h)    | OF  | Read    | Write | Default | TIME_LIMIT_A         | (38h) | 00    | Read  | Write | Default    |  |
|           | OUT_X_L_A           | (28h)    | FO  | Read    | Write | Default | TIME_LATENCY_A       | (3Ch) | 00    | Read  | Write | Default    |  |
| Compass   | OUT_X_H_A           | (29h)    | FE  | Read    | Write | Default | TIME_WINDOW_A        | (3Dh) | 00    | Read  | Write | Default    |  |
| ~         | OUT_Y_L_A           | (2Ah)    | AO  | Read    | Write | Default |                      |       | _     | _     |       | $\sim$     |  |
| 9<br>FIFO | OUT_Y_H_A           | (2Bh)    | FF  | Read    | Write | Default | CRA_REG_M            | (00h) | 18    | Read  | Write | Default    | Direct communication                     |
| 2.2       | OUT_Z_L_A           | (2Ch)    | 20  | Read    | Write | Default | CRB_REG_M            | (01h) | 20    | Read  | Write | Default    | Device: Accelerometer                    |
| Click     | OUT_Z_H_A           | (2Dh)    | 3E  | Read    | Write | Default | MR_REG_M             | (02h) | 00    | Read  | Write | Default    |  |
|           | FIFO_CTRL_REG_A     |          | 00  | Resd    | Write | Default | OUT_X_H_M            | (03h) | 01    | Read  | Write | Default    | Single register Read/Write:              |
| 6         | FIFO_SRC_REG_A      | (2Fh)    | 20  | Read    | Write | Default | OUT_X_L_M            | (04h) | 09    | Read  | Write | Default    | Address: h Value: h Read Write ref       |
| 6D        | INT1_CFG_A          | (30h)    | DA  | Resd    | Write | Default | OUT_Z_H_M            | (05h) | FE    | Read  | Write | Default    |  |
|           | INT1_SOURCE_A       | (31h)    | 25  | Read    | Write | Default | OUT_Z_L_M            | (06h) | 44    | Read  | Write | Default    | All Registers Management:                |
| Indin.    | INT1_THS_A          | (32h)    | 25  | Resd    | Write | Default | OUT_Y_H_M            | (07h) | FF    | Read  | Write | Default    | Read All Write All Default All           |
|           | INT1_DURATION_A     | (33h)    | 00  | Read    | Write | Default | OUT_Y_L_M            | (08h) | BE    | Read  | Write | Default    |  |
| FFT       |                     |          |     |         |       |         |                      |       |       |       |       |            | Easy Configuration                       |
|           |                     |          |     |         |       |         |                      |       |       |       |       |            |  |
|           |                     |          |     |         |       |         |                      |       |       |       |       |            |  |
|           | tronics - AMS Group |          |     |         |       |         | MKEXXXXX (Sensor Cod |       |       | _     |       | ersion = V | X.X.X Unico Version = 4.0.0.0            |

#### Figure 4. Register setup tab



### 2.4 Load/Save tab

This tab allows the user to save a stream of sensor output data in a text file, available for possible post-processing (*Figure 5*, ref 1). It is possible to select which data must be stored. The "Browse" button is used to select the folder and insert the file name, then the "Start" and "Stop" buttons define the acquisition period.

It is also possible to save the current register configuration by clicking on the "Save" button. The configuration saved can be loaded at any time by clicking on the "Load" button (*Figure 5*, ref 2).

| _                                     |        |          |         |               |                |              |               |               |       |       |       |           |              |         |          |                 |    |          |          |      |     |
|---------------------------------------|--------|----------|---------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|--------------|---------|----------|-----------------|----|----------|----------|------|-----|
| 🖅 Unico                               |        |          |         |               |                |              |               |               |       |       |       |           |              |         |          |                 |    | • ×      | <u> </u> |      |     |
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| Bars                                  | Info   | Op       | ptions  | Registers     | Load/Save      |              |               |               |       |       |       |           |              |         |          |                 |    |          |          |      |     |
| Rot Rot                               |        | ſ        | Save Da | ta            |                |              |               |               |       |       |       |           |              |         |          |                 |    |          |          |      |     |
| Scatter                               |        |          |         | - Choose the  | file name:     |              |               |               |       |       |       |           |              |         |          | Brow            | se |          |          |      |     |
| Data                                  |        |          |         | Check the     | data you wan   | t to save:   |               | (Accelerom    | eter) |       | 🔽 LSB |           | Acceleratio  | 🗹 Angle |          | 🔽 Interrupt     |    | $\vdash$ |          | 🔶 re | t 1 |
| 45<br>Interrupt                       |        |          |         |               |                |              |               | (Magnetom     | eter) |       | 🔽 LSB |           | Mag Field    | Heading |          |                 |    |          |          |      |     |
| Compass                               |        |          |         | Press Star    | for logging:   |              |               |               |       |       |       | S         | art          |         |          | Stop            |    |          |          |      |     |
| i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i |        |          | Load/Sa | ve Config     | uration        |              |               |               |       |       |       |           |              | <br>    |          |                 |    | ╡        |          |      |     |
| Click                                 |        |          |         |               |                |              |               |               |       |       |       |           | _            |         |          |                 |    |          |          |      |     |
| 6D                                    |        |          | c       | Click Load fo | r loading a co | nfiguration  | from a text   | file:         |       |       |       |           |              |         | Load     |                 |    |          |          | 🕨 re | f 2 |
| Indin.                                |        |          | c       | Click Save fo | r saving the   | urrent conf  | figuration to | a text file:  |       |       |       |           |              | <br>    | Save     |                 |    |          |          |      |     |
| FFT                                   |        |          |         |               |                |              |               |               |       |       |       |           |              |         |          |                 |    |          |          |      |     |
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|                                       |        |          |         |               |                |              |               |               |       |       |       |           |              |         |          |                 |    |          |          |      |     |

Figure 5. Load/Save tab



#### 2.5 Bars tool

The bars tool (*Figure 6*) displays the data measured by the sensor in a bar chart format. For instance, in the case of a 6-axis module, the accelerations along the X, Y, and Z axes correspond respectively to the red, green, and blue bars. The same colors are used to represent the magnetic values along X, Y, and Z axes.

The height of each bar is determined by the amplitude of the signal measured by the sensor along the related axis. The full scale of the graph depends on the configuration and can be changed through both the option tab (*Figure 3*, ref 2, ref 6) and the register tab (*Figure 4*, ref 1, ref 2).



Figure 6. Bars tool



#### 2.6 Plot tool

The plot tool shows the evolution of the output over time. *Figure* 7 shows the sequence of the accelerometer and magnetometer samples which have been measured by the 6-axis module mounted on the demonstration kit.

If the selected device contains just the accelerometer, the magnetic part is hidden. In the case of gyroscopes, the plot shows the angular rates.







#### 2.7 Scatter plot tool

The scatter plot tool shows the graphical representation of the magnetometer data, used to evaluate the quality of the magnetometer calibration.

The plot shows three lines:

- the red line represents the magnetometer X data on the X-axis, and the magnetometer Y-data on the Y-axis;

- the green line represents the magnetometer X data on the X-axis, and the magnetometer Z-data on the Y-axis;

- the blue line represents the magnetometer Y data on the X-axis, and the magnetometer Z-data on the Y-axis.

The three lines can be enabled and disabled independently by clicking on the corresponding text at the top of the window. Finally, clicking on the text "CLICK HERE TO CLEAR LINES" will reset all the data in the plot.







#### 2.8 Data tool

The data tool (*Figure 9*) shows the output values measured by the sensor connected to the demonstration board. For a 6-axis module, the data is divided in the following sections:

- 1. "LSB Data" (*Figure 9*, ref 1) displays acceleration and magnetic data provided by the sensor in LSB (no sensitivity is applied).
- 2. "Physical Data" (*Figure 9*, ref 2) represents the acceleration/magnetic data measured by the sensor, expressed in the related unit of measurements (taking account of the sensitivity).
- 3. "Azimuth" (*Figure* 9, ref 3) displays the azimuth calculated using the magnetic field data.
- 4. "Angle" (*Figure 9*, ref 4) returns the tilt angle, 7 degrees.



Figure 9. Data tool



#### 2.9 Interrupt tool

The interrupt tool (*Figure 10*) allows evaluating the interrupt generation features of the MEMS sensor. In this window it is possible to configure the characteristics of the inertial events that must be recognized by the device, and to visualize (in real time) the evolution of the two interrupt lines.

The GUI provides the access to the interrupt registers (such as: INT\_CFG, INT\_SRC, THS and duration) which allow the configuration of the two independent interrupt sources of the device (*Figure 10*, ref 2). The labels located at the bottom of the graph (*Figure 10*, ref 1) show threshold and duration values.

Finally, two buttons per interrupt line are available in the tool, in order to easily set the recommended configuration for free-fall and wake-up detection (*Figure 10*, ref 3).



Figure 10. Interrupt tool



## 2.10 Compass tool

The compass tool shows an example of compass application (*Figure 11*, ref 3), which can be implemented using a 6-axis module (3-axis accelerometer and 3-axis magnetometer).

The algorithm uses the magnetometer data to measure the Earth's magnetic field, and the accelerometer data to compensate the board inclination. Rotating the board, the GUI shows the heading of the compass (*Figure 11*, ref 1).

The performance of the compass is related to the configuration used. So, the GUI shows the current configuration and the recommended configuration (accelerometer and magnetometer ODR, *Figure 11*, ref 2).

Before using the compass demo, the system must be calibrated by moving the board randomly for a few seconds; the quality of the calibration step is indicated by a colored bar (*Figure 11*, ref 4). A green colored bar means that the quality of the calibration is optimal.







### 2.11 FIFO tool

The FIFO tool can be used to test the first-in first-out data buffer embedded in the device, when this feature is supported by the sensor (see the device datasheet for more details).

By using the buttons available in the window (*Figure 12*, ref 1), the FIFO can be configured in all the supported modes (e.g. Bypass, FIFO, Stream, Stream-to-FIFO).

The GUI shows the values of the X, Y, Z data stored in the 32-byte deep FIFO buffer, indicating both numerical data (*Figure 12*, ref 4) and the corresponding graph (*Figure 12*, ref 2).

Finally, it allows users to save the data in a text file, which can be used for post-processing (*Figure 12*, ref 3).



Figure 12. FIFO tool



#### 2.12 State machine tool

The state machine tool allows the user to configure the state machines and test the functionalities. Four different tabs are available for this tool:

- Configuration (Section 2.12.1) - allows setting a configuration for the state machines.

- XYZ Plot (Section 2.12.2) - shows a plot with XYZ data in LSB format and interrupt lines.

- Vector Plot (Section 2.12.3) - shows a plot with vector plot data in LSB format and interrupt lines.

- Debug (Section 2.12.4) - is used to load a data pattern and debug the state machine sample by sample.

#### 2.12.1 Configuration tab

The configuration tab allows visualizing the current configuration and setting a new configuration for the state machines.

For each state (*Figure 13*, ref 1), a Next/Reset condition (NRC) or a Command (CMD) can be chosen from the list (*Figure 13*, ref 2) or through the corresponding hexadecimal code (*Figure 13*, ref 3).

Once the states have been configured, the "Write All States" button (*Figure 13*, ref 4) must be clicked to set the visualized configuration to the state machine registers. It is also possible to read the current configuration by clicking the "Read All States" button or set to zero all the states by clicking the "Reset All" button (*Figure 13*, ref 4).

Finally, the state machine tool allows loading and saving a state machine configuration in a text file using the buttons "Load Configuration" and "Save Configuration" (*Figure 13*, ref 4).

|               | ref           | <sup>-</sup> 1   | ref 2            | ref            | 3       |           |       |              |       |                    |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------------|
| State Machine |               |                  |                  |                |         |           |       |              |       |                    |
| Configuration | XYZ Plot W    | ector Plot Debug | ,                |                |         |           |       |              |       |                    |
| State Machi   | ne 1          |                  |                  |                | State M | lachine 2 |       |              |       |                    |
| S0 0x40       |               | RC 🗇 CMD         | NOP - GTTH1      | - 0x 09        | SO      | 0x60      | NRC   | CMD          | STOP  | - 0x 00            |
| 51 0x41       | () N          | IRC (O) CMD      | ОЛТС             | ▼ 0x 88        | 51      | 0x61      | O NRC | CMD          | STOP  | 0x 00              |
| 52 0x42       | 6             | IRC 💿 CMD        | SRP              | • 0x (33)      | 52      | 0x62      | O NRC | CMD          | STOP  | - 0x 00            |
| S3 0x43       | ا ()          | IRC 🔘 CMD        | NOP V ULTH2      | - 0x 0A        | S3      | 0x63      | O NRC | CMD          | STOP  | 0x (00)            |
| 54 0x44       |               | VRC 💿 CMD        | TT2 _ GTTH1      | - Ox 29        | 54      | 0x64      | O NRC | CMD          | STOP  | - 0x 00            |
| S5 0x45       |               | IRC 💿 CMD        | ШTH2 • П1        | • 0x A1        | S5      | 0x65      | NRC   | CMD          | STOP  | 0x 00              |
| 56 0x46       | ا ۲           | NRC 🔘 CMD        | TT2 _ GNTH1      | ▼ 0x 25        | 56      | 0x66      | C NRC | CMD          | STOP  | <b>_</b> 0x 00     |
| S7 0x47       | 0             | IRC 🔘 CMD        | CONT             | <b>•</b> 0x 11 | S7      | 0x67      | NRC   | CMD          | STOP  | <b>_</b> 0x 00     |
| 58 0x48       | 0             | IRC 💿 CMD        | STOP             | - 0x 00        | 58      | 0x68      | NRC   | CMD          | STOP  | <b>_</b> 0x 00     |
| S9 0x49       | 0             | RC 💿 CMD         | STOP             | - 0x 00        | S9      | 0x69      | NRC   | CMD          | STOP  | ▼ 0x 00            |
| S10 0x4A      | 0             | IRC 💿 CMD        | STOP             | • 0x 00        | S10     | 0x6A      | NRC   | CMD          | STOP  | ▼ 0x 00            |
| 511 0x48      | © 1           | IRC 💿 CMD        | STOP             | - 0x 00        | 511     | 0x68      | NRC   | CMD          | STOP  | • 0x 00            |
| S12 0x4C      | 0             | IRC 💿 CMD        | STOP             | - 0x 00        | S12     | 0x6C      | NRC   | CMD          | STOP  | ▼ 0x 00            |
| 513 0x4D      | 0             | IRC 💿 CMD        | STOP             | - 0x 00        | 513     | 0x6D      | NRC   | CMD          | STOP  | <b>_</b> 0x 00     |
| S14 0x4E      | 0             | RC 💿 CMD         | STOP             | 🗾 0x 0         | S14     | 0x6E      | NRC   | CMD          | STOP  | <b></b> 0x 00      |
| S15 0x4F      | 1 🔘           | IRC 🔘 CMD        | STOP             | ⊻ 0x 00        | S15     | 0x6F      | O NRC | CMD          | STOP  | • 0x 00            |
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Figure 13. Configuration tab



#### 2.12.2 XYZ plot tab

The XYZ plot tab shows the XYZ data in LSB format and the evolution of the two interrupt lines. It is possible to reset the interrupts by reading the registers OUTS1 and OUTS2 at the bottom of the window (*Figure 14*, ref 1).

The 'Save Data Pattern' section (*Figure 14*, ref 2) allows the user to save a data pattern in a text file: this data pattern can be loaded in the Debug tab and used to debug the state machine sample by sample.







#### 2.12.3 Vector plot tab

The vector plot tab shows the vector data in LSB format and the evolution of the two interrupt lines. It is possible to reset the interrupts by reading the registers OUTS1 and OUTS2 at the bottom of the window (*Figure 15*).







#### 2.12.4 Debug tab

The debug tab shows a graph of the current state machine configurations, and allows the debugging sample by sample, after loading an input data pattern.

The two state machine flows are shown in the central part of the window (*Figure 16*, ref 1). It is possible to highlight a command by clicking on it when the debug mode is disabled; when the debug mode is enabled, the current state is highlighted.

On the top of the GUI (*Figure 16*, ref 2), the input data pattern can be chosen, the debug mode can be activated, and a certain number of samples can be loaded into the state machines for debugging.

On the right side of the GUI (*Figure 16*, ref 3), the current device configuration and the current state machine parameters are indicated with their measurement units (according to the full scale and the ODR selected).

The bottom part of the window (*Figure 16*, ref 4) shows the input data pattern loaded. When the debug mode is disabled, it is possible to visualize the information related to each sample just by clicking on the desired part in the plot.









Once the debug mode has been enabled (*Figure 17*, ref 1), samples can be loaded by using the controls at the top of the window (*Figure 17*, ref 2):

- "DEBUG Next Sample" button is used to load one sample in the state machines;
- "DEBUG N Samples" allows loading the indicated number of samples;
- "RESET Debug" is used to reset the ongoing debug session;
- "RUN PATTERN" allows running the whole data pattern.

When the debug mode is enabled, the measurement units in the right side of the window (*Figure 17*, ref 3) are meaningless and the state machine parameters are only related to the register values. Moreover, these values are updated in real time, and the text becomes red when the corresponding register value has changed.

During a debug session, the current state is highlighted, and the reset point position is automatically updated in the state machine flow (*Figure 17*, ref 4).

The current state in the two state machines and the interrupt evolutions are shown under the data plot (*Figure 17*, ref 5).



Figure 17. Debug tab - Debug mode enabled



### 2.13 Click tool

The click tool (*Figure 18*) allows evaluating the click or double-click function of the MEMS sensor. In this window it is possible to configure the device for single-click and double-click detection and visualize (in real time) the evolution of the interrupt line.

This tool is available only for the devices which integrates the click/double-click function.

By clicking the buttons "Set Single Click" (*Figure 18*, ref 1) or "Set Double Click" (*Figure 18*, ref 2), a default configuration for single-click or double-click detection will be loaded. After loading the configuration, a green light will appear when the single or double click has been recognized.

It is also possible to change the register configuration by setting different values in the interrupt registers shown in the tool (*Figure 18*, ref 3).



Figure 18. Click tool



## 2.14 Inclinometer tool

The inclinometer tool (*Figure 19*) represents the angle between the accelerometer axis and the horizontal plane. This tool is available if the sensor in use integrates an accelerometer, otherwise it is hidden.







### 2.15 6D tool

The 6D tool (*Figure 20*) provides an example of how to use the "6D position" function.

In this tool it is possible to configure the interrupt for 6D recognition by clicking the button "Set 6D" (*Figure 20*, ref 1). After loading the configuration, the teapot will be oriented depending on the 6D position detected (*Figure 20*, ref 2). The window also shows (in real time) the evolution of the interrupt line.

It is also possible to change the register configuration by setting different values in the interrupt registers shown in the tool (*Figure 20*, ref 2).



Figure 20. 6D tool



### 2.16 FFT tool

The FFT tool (*Figure 21*) shows the Fast Fourier Transform of the output data.

The window shows time-domain plot (*Figure 21*, ref 1), and the frequency-domain plot for each axis (*Figure 21*, ref 2).

The FFT is performed on the latest 128 samples of the time-domain waveform, so the spectrum in the frequency domain will be divided in 64 frequencies (from 0 to ODR/2 Hz).

The frequency domain plots show the module of the Fourier transform of each axis, expressed in g for the accelerometer and dps for the gyroscope.



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# 3 Data acquisition quick start

This section describes the basic steps that must be performed to acquire the data from the demonstration board:

- 1. Plug the demonstration board into the USB port.
- 2. Start the Unico GUI.
- 3. Select the STEVAL-MKI according to the device/demonstration board in use (*Figure 1*).
- 4. Go to "Options" or "Registers" tab and click on "Easy Configuration" (*Figure 3*, ref 1; *Figure 4*, ref 3)
- 5. Click on the "Start" (or "Stop") button to activate (or stop) the sensor data collection.
- 6. Use the buttons on the left (*Figure 2*, ref 3) to display the desired tool.
- 7. To close the application, click on the button "Exit" or simply close the main window.



# 4 Port detection

In some cases, the Unico software cannot automatically detect the port where the board is connected. In these cases, the user needs to check the correct port and select it manually on the Unico GUI.

This section describes how to detect the port for each operating system.

#### 4.1 Port detection on Windows

Note:

Make sure the Virtual COM driver is installed, to be able to communicate with the eMotion board.

Right-click on "My Computer", choose "Manage", and then "Device Manager". You will find the COM port in the "Ports" section of the Device Manager, with the name "STMicroelectronics Virtual COM Port (COMxx)", as shown in *Figure 22*.

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#### Figure 22. Port on Windows



## 4.2 Port detection on Linux (Ubuntu)

Just after connecting the board, open a terminal and type "dmesg". The port will have a name similar to "ttyACM0" (or "ttyS0"), see details in *Figure 23*.

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|     | 172.140089] end request: I/O error, dev fd0, sector 0                        |
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|     | 185.194322] end request: I/O error, dev fdO, sector O                        |
|     | 185.194336] Buffer I/O error on device fd0, logical block 0                  |
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|     | 224.385614] end request: I/O error, dev fd0, sector 0                        |
|     | 224.385623] Buffer I/O error on device fd0, logical block 0                  |
|     | 224.780048] usb 3-1: new full-speed USB device number 2 using uhci_hcd       |
|     | 224.957077] usb 3-1: New USB device found, idVendor=0483, idProduct=5740     |
|     | 224.957084] usb 3-1: New USB device strings: Mfr=1, Product=2, SerialNumber= |
|     | 224.957088] usb 3-1: Product: STM32 Virtual COM Port                         |
|     | 224.957091] usb 3-1: Manufacturer: STMicroelectronics                        |
|     | 224.957094] usb 3-1: SerialNumber: 5CEA70663537                              |
|     | 225.030913] cdc_acm 3-1:1.0: This device cannot do calls on its own. It is n |
|     | a modem.   |
|     | 225.030967] cdc_acm 3-1:1.0: ttyACM0: USB ACM device                         |
|     | 225.033507] usbcore: registered new interface driver cdc_acm                 |
|     | 225.033511] cdc_acm: USB Abstract Control Model driver for USB modems and IS |

Figure 23. Port on Linux

## 4.3 Port detection on Mac OS

Before connecting the board to your Mac, open a terminal and type:

Is /dev/tty.\*

You will get a list of device files.

Now, if you connect the board to your Mac and type the same command again, you will see a new file named /dev/tty.usbmodemXXX (the last three characters are numbers automatically assigned by the system).

This means that the board is connected to the port *usb.modemXXX*.



# 5 Revision history

| Date        | Revision | Changes   |
|-------------|----------|---|
| 02-Mar-2011 | 1        | Initial release   |
| 06-Jun-2012 | 2        | Added 'Automatic COM Port Detection' flag in Section 2: Unico graphical user interface<br>Updated Table 1: Device vs supported tabs including new supported devices<br>All figures have been updated  |
| 10-Sep-2013 | 3        | Updated title of document<br>Updated <i>Figure 1: Unico launcher</i><br>Updated <i>Table 1</i> with new supported devices and added "State machine" tab; removed<br>obsolete demonstration board (STEVAL-MKI063V1 based on the LSM303DLH)<br>Added <i>Section 2.15: State machine tab</i><br>Minor textual updates  |
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#### Table 1. Document revision history



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