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1 ToF Camera from TriDiCam GmbH.

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TOF IMAGE SENSORS

The new Fraunhofer IMS SQCIF image sensor generation for scannerless, real-time, pulse-modulated time-of-flight range imaging cameras is employing a novel highspeed low-noise photodetector. It ensures high precision range measurement at harsh environmental conditions.

The SQCIF PM ToF image sensor is offering a very high degree of flexibility to the user. The sensor enables for instance variable pulse accumulation count settings to improve the precision and increase the dynamic range. The key feature, here, is that these multiple accumulations are realized in the charge domain within the photodetector, hence reducing kTC noise significantly. The sensor can operate with a variety of active light sources and diverse timing. However, it is recommended using the patented MSI scheme since it provides better ambient light suppression. Linearization within a certain measurement range allows to yield the range information from the output signals by means of the simple formula

$$z = -\frac{cT_{shutter}}{2} \frac{V_2 - V_3}{V_1 + V_2 - 2V_3}$$

which can be easily implemented. Usage of intelligent algorithms though allow to increase the measurement range significantly.

The dedicated ToF image sensors enable a multitude of applications in areas as:

- Industrial Imaging
- Machine Vision & Robotic
- Automotive
- Consumer Electronics
- Security and Surveillance



Exemplary PM ToF Camera

Field-of-view Active light source

Measurement range Achieved precision

Specifications

Resolution Pixel pitch Package

Measurement range Frame rate Accumulation count Short-time integration window

Employable wavelengths Camera gain Responsivity (@ 525 nm) Linearity error according to EMVA1288 Read noise Full-well capacity SNRmax Optical dynamic range Linear output voltage swing DSNU according to EMVA1288 PRNU according to EMVA1288 Dark current @ 28 °C 6° x 4,5° 75W, 905 nm LASER module, 8 kHz repetition rate, 45 ns pulse width ≤ 2 m ≤ σ = 4 cm; ≤ σ/Δz = 2 % @ R = 20%; 10 % systematic error for z ≤ 150 cm @ accumulation count: 1000

SQCIF (128×96) 40 × 40 µm² CQFJ84

adjustable up to 50 fps adjustable ≥ 30 ns

400 nm - 950 nm 0,14 DN/e⁻ 6 mDN/ph/pix 1,4 % 700 µV 250 ke⁻ 54 dB 70 dB 2 V 2200 e⁻ 1,1 % ≤ 10000 e⁻/s





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- 3 Gray Scale Image.
- 4 Depth Image.