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Photonfocus MV1-D2048-3D06 Camera Series

3D CMOS camera with GigE interface

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Preface

1.1 IMPORTANT NOTICE!

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1 Preface

1.2 About Photonfocus

The Swiss company Photonfocus is one of the leading specialists in the development of CMOS image sensors and corresponding industrial cameras for machine vision.

Photonfocus is dedicated to making the latest generation of CMOS technology commercially available. Active Pixel Sensor (APS) and global shutter technologies enable high speed and high dynamic range (120 dB) applications, while avoiding disadvantages like image lag, blooming and smear.

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1.6 Legend

In this documentation the reader's attention is drawn to the following icons:



Important note, additional information



Important instructions



General warning, possible component damage hazard



Warning, electric shock hazard



Warning, fire hazard

1 Preface

Introduction

This manual describes the Photonfocus 3D camera series that have a Gigabit Ethernet (GigE) interface and are based on the CMV2000 image sensors from CMOSIS.

A list of all cameras covered in this manual is shown in Table 4.2. The term MV1-D2048-3D06 is used in this manual to denote all available cameras of this series.

2.1 Camera Naming convention

The naming convention of the MV1-D2048-3D06 camera series is summarized in Fig. 2.1.



Figure 2.1: Camera naming convention

- **Prefix1** All cameras with a form factor of 55x55 mm have MV1 as Prefix1.
- Prefix2 All digital cameras have D as Prefix2.
- Sensor width All cameras covered in this manual use sensors with a width of 2048 pixels.
- Sensor height This indication is optional to avoid ambiguity. The cameras that use the 2 MPix CMV2000 sensor have a height indicator of "1088". The cameras that use the 4 MPix CMV4000 sensor don't have a height indication.
- **3D coordinate data format** Available 3D coordinate data formats are: "3D06": integer part 12 digits, fractional part 4 digits (see also Section 5.2.7).
- **Camera speed** The camera speed is specified as the product of the camera data clock in MHz and the number of parallel data channels (taps).
- Interface type Available interface type options: "G2": Gigabit Ethernet with RS-422 interface for a shaft (rotary) encoder; "H2": Gigabit Ethernet with HTL (High Threshold Logic) interface (instead of RS-422) for a shaft (rotary) encoder

Interface resolution Maximal resolution (bit width) of the camera interface.

Lens mount Cameras with no lens mount specifier have a standard (straight) C-Mount lens mount. Cameras with the "S10" lens mount option have a 10 degree Scheimpflug (C-Mount) lens mount.

2 Introduction

3.1 Introduction

This guide shows you:

- How to install the required hardware (see Section 3.2)
- How to install the required software (see Section 3.3) and configure the Network Adapter Card (see Section 3.4 and Section 3.5)
- How to acquire your first images and how to modify camera settings (see Section 3.6)

A GigE Starter Guide [MAN051] can be downloaded from the Photonfocus support page. It describes how to access Photonfocus GigE cameras from various third-party tools.

To start with the laser detection it is recommended to use the PF 3D Suite which can be downloaded from the software section of the Photonfocus web page. The PF 3D Suite is a free GUI for an easy system set up and visualisation of 3D scan. To get started, please read the manual [MAN053] which can be downloaded from the Photonfocus web page.



Prior to running the PF 3D Suite, the GigE system should be configured as indicated in this chapter.

3.2 Hardware Installation

The hardware installation that is required for this guide is described in this section.

The following hardware is required:

- PC with Microsoft Windows OS (XP, Vista, Windows 7)
- A Gigabit Ethernet network interface card (NIC) must be installed in the PC. The NIC should support jumbo frames of at least 9014 bytes. In this guide the Intel PRO/1000 GT desktop adapter is used. The descriptions in the following chapters assume that such a network interface card (NIC) is installed. The latest drivers for this NIC must be installed.
- Photonfocus GigE camera.
- Suitable power supply for the camera (see in the camera manual for specification) which can be ordered from your Photonfocus dealership.
- GigE cable of at least Cat 5E or 6 with shielding.



Photonfocus GigE cameras can also be used under Linux.



Photonfocus GigE cameras work also with network adapters other than the Intel PRO/1000 GT. The GigE network adapter should support Jumbo frames.

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Do not bend GigE cables too much. Excess stress on the cable results in transmission errors. In robots applications, the stress that is applied to the GigE cable is especially high due to the fast movement of the robot arm. For such applications, special drag chain capable cables are available.

The following list describes the connection of the camera to the PC (see in the camera manual for more information):

- 1. Remove the Photonfocus GigE camera from its packaging. Please make sure the following items are included with your camera:
 - Power supply connector
 - Camera body cap

If any items are missing or damaged, please contact your dealership.

2. Connect the camera to the GigE interface of your PC with a shielded GigE cable of at least Cat 5E or 6.



Figure 3.1: Rear view of the Photonfocus GigE camera series with power supply and I/O connector, Ethernet jack (RJ45) and status LED

3. Connect a suitable power supply to the power plug. The pin out of the connector is shown in the camera manual.



Check the correct supply voltage and polarity! Do not exceed the operating voltage range of the camera.

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A suitable power supply can be ordered from your Photonfocus dealership.

4. Connect the power supply to the camera (see Fig. 3.1).

3.3 Software Installation

This section describes the installation of the required software to accomplish the tasks described in this chapter.

- 1. Install the latest drivers for your GigE network interface card.
- 2. Download the latest eBUS SDK installation file from the Photonfocus server.



You can find the latest version of the eBUS SDK on the support (Software Down-load) page at www.photonfocus.com.

- 3. Install the eBUS SDK software by double-clicking on the installation file. Please follow the instructions of the installation wizard. A window might be displayed warning that the software has not passed Windows Logo testing. You can safely ignore this warning and click on Continue Anyway. If at the end of the installation you are asked to restart the computer, please click on Yes to restart the computer before proceeding.
- 4. After the computer has been restarted, open the eBUS Driver Installation tool (Start -> All Programs -> eBUS SDK -> Tools -> Driver Installation Tool) (see Fig. 3.2). If there is more than one Ethernet network card installed then select the network card where your Photonfocus GigE camera is connected. In the Action drop-down list select Install eBUS Universal Pro Driver and start the installation by clicking on the Install button. Close the eBUS Driver Installation Tool after the installation has been completed. Please restart the computer if the program asks you to do so.

🎤 eBUS Driver Installation Tool 📃 🗖 🔀				
<u>File H</u> elp				
Network Adapter MAC	Description	Current Driver	Action	
00-19-d1-6d-82-0c	Intel(R) 82566DC Gigabit Network Connect	Manufacturer Driver	Do Nothing 🛛 🗸 🗸	
00-1b-21-38-8d-99	Intel(R) PRO/1000 GT Desktop Adapter	Manufacturer Driver	Install eBUS Universal Pro Driver 🛛 🗸	
			Do Nothing	
			Install eBUS Universal Pro Driver	
			Install eBUS Optimal Driver	
Learn more about drivers Install Close				



- 5. Download the latest PFInstaller from the Photonfocus server.
- 6. Install the PFInstaller by double-clicking on the file. In the Select Components (see Fig. 3.3) dialog check PF_GEVPlayer and doc for GigE cameras. For DR1 cameras select additionally DR1 support and 3rd Party Tools. For 3D cameras additionally select PF3DSuite2 and SDK.



Figure 3.3: PFInstaller components choice

3.4 Network Adapter Configuration

This section describes recommended network adapter card (NIC) settings that enhance the performance for GigEVision. Additional tool-specific settings are described in the tool chapter.

 Open the Network Connections window (Control Panel -> Network and Internet Connections -> Network Connections), right click on the name of the network adapter where the Photonfocus camera is connected and select Properties from the drop down menu that appears.

🕹 Local Area Connection 2 Properties 🛛 🔹 💽		
General Advanced		
Connect using:		
Intel(R) PRO/1000 GT Desktop Adap Configure		
This connection uses the following items:		
January Packet Scheduler		
Install Uninstall Properties		
eBUS Universal Pro Filter Driver		
 Sho<u>w</u> icon in notification area when connected Notify <u>me</u> when this connection has limited or no connectivity 		
OK Cancel		

Figure 3.4: Local Area Connection Properties

 By default, Photonfocus GigE Vision cameras are configured to obtain an IP address automatically. For this quick start guide it is recommended to configure the network adapter to obtain an IP address automatically. To do this, select Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) (see Fig. 3.4), click the Properties button and select Obtain an IP address automatically (see Fig. 3.5).

Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties				
General Alternate Configuration				
You can get IP settings assigned automatically if your network supports this capability. Otherwise, you need to ask your network administrator for the appropriate IP settings.				
Obtain an IP address automatical	ų.			
Use the following IP address: —				
IP address:				
S <u>u</u> bnet mask:				
Default gateway:				
⊙ O <u>b</u> tain DNS server address autor	natically			
OUse the following DNS server ad	dresses:			
Preferred DNS server:				
Alternate DNS server:				
Ad <u>v</u> anced				
OK Cancel				

Figure 3.5: TCP/IP Properties

3. Open again the Local Area Connection Properties window (see Fig. 3.4) and click on the Configure button. In the window that appears click on the Advanced tab and click on Jumbo Frames in the Settings list (see Fig. 3.6). The highest number gives the best performance. Some tools however don't support the value 16128. For this guide it is recommended to select 9014 Bytes in the Value list.



Figure 3.6: Advanced Network Adapter Properties

4. No firewall should be active on the network adapter where the Photonfocus GigE camera is connected. If the Windows Firewall is used then it can be switched off like this: Open the Windows Firewall configuration (Start -> Control Panel -> Network and Internet Connections -> Windows Firewall) and click on the Advanced tab. Uncheck the network where your camera is connected in the Network Connection Settings (see Fig. 3.7).

🖗 Windows Firewall 🛛 🔀
General Exceptions Advanced
Network Connection Settings
Windows Firewall is enabled for the <u>c</u> onnections selected below. To add exceptions for an individual connection, select it, and then click Settings:
☑ 1394 Connection Settings
Local Area Connection
C Security Logging
You can create a log file for troubleshooting purposes.
- ICMP
With Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP), the <u>Settings</u> computers on a network can share error and status information.
C Default Settings
To restore all Windows Firewall settings to a default state, <u>R</u> estore Defaults click Restore Defaults.
OK Cancel

Figure 3.7: Windows Firewall Configuration

3.5 Network Adapter Configuration for Pleora eBUS SDK

Open the Network Connections window (Control Panel -> Network and Internet Connections -> Network Connections), right click on the name of the network adapter where the Photonfocus camera is connected and select Properties from the drop down menu that appears. A Properties window will open. Check the eBUS Universal Pro Driver (see Fig. 3.8) for maximal performance. Recommended settings for the Network Adapter Card are described in Section 3.4.

🕹 Local Area Connection 2 Properties 🛛 🔹 💽			
General Advanced			
Connect using:			
Intel(R) PRO/1000 GT Desktop Adap			
This connection uses the following items:			
OoS Packet Scheduler			
Install Uninstall Properties Description eBUS Universal Pro Filter Driver			
 Sho<u>w</u> icon in notification area when connected ✓ Notify <u>m</u>e when this connection has limited or no connectivity 			
OK Cancel			

Figure 3.8: Local Area Connection Properties

3.6 Getting started

This section describes how to acquire images from the camera and how to modify camera settings.

 Open the PF_GEVPlayer software (Start -> All Programs -> Photonfocus -> GigE_Tools -> PF_GEVPlayer) which is a GUI to set camera parameters and to see the grabbed images (see Fig. 3.9).

eer GEVPlayer	
<u>File T</u> ools <u>H</u> elp	
Connection Select / Connect Disconnect	Display
IP address MAC address	
Manufacturer	
Name	
Acquisition Control	
Mode	
Channel Data Channel #0	
Play Stop	
Parameters and Controls	
Communication control	
GEV Device control	
Image stream control	

Figure 3.9: PF_GEVPlayer start screen

2. Click on the Select / Connect button in the PF_GEVPlayer . A window with all detected devices appears (see Fig. 3.10). If your camera is not listed then select the box Show unreachable GigE Vision Devices.

GEV Device Selection	
🛟 Refreshing	Interface Information
□ ■ System □ ■ Network Interface 00-16-76-d7-10-11 [192.168.1.156] □ ● ● ● ● ● ● ■ ● ● ● ■ ● ● ● ■ ● ● ■ ● ● ● ■ ● ● ● ■ ● ● ● ■ ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●	
	GigE Vision Device Information
Show upreachable GidE Vision Devices	
Set IP Address	OK Cancel

Figure 3.10: GEV Device Selection Procedure displaying the selected camera

3. Select camera model to configure and click on Set IP Address....

Refreshing	Interface Informatio	n	
System ■ Network Interface 00-16-76-d7-10-11 [192.168.1.156] d etUS Interface 00-1b-21-07-ac-8e [192.168.5.1] d etUS Interface 00-1b-21-07-	Description MAC IP Address Subnet Mask Default Gateway	Intel(R) PRO/1000 GT Desktop Adap 00-1b-21-07-ac-8e 192.168.5.1 255.255.255.0	
	GigE Vision Device Information		
	MAC	00-11-1c-00-65-3d	
	IP	169.254.245.176	
	Subnet Mask	255,255,0,0	
	Default Gateway	0.0.0.0	
	Vendor	Photonfocus AG	
	Model	MV1-D1312-80-GB-12	
	Access Status	Unknown	
	Manufacturer Info	Photonfocus AG (00140622)	
	Version	Version 0.1 (02.01.12)	
	Serial Number		
	User Defined Name		
	Protocol Version	1.0	
	IP Configuration	Invalid on this interface	
	License	Valid	

Figure 3.11: GEV Device Selection Procedure displaying GigE Vision Device Information

4. Select a valid IP address for selected camera (see Fig. 3.12). There should be no exclamation mark on the right side of the IP address. Click on 0k in the Set IP Address dialog. Select the camera in the GEV Device Selection dialog and click on 0k.

Set IP Address		×	
NIC Configuration			
MAC Address	00-1b-21-38-8d-99		
IP Address	169.254.209.228		
Subnet Mask	255.255.0.0		
Default Gateway			
GigE Vision Device IF	GigE Vision Device IP Configuration		
MAC Address	00-11-1c-f5-a0-1c		
IP Address	169 . 254 . 209 . 150		
Subnet Mask	255 . 255 . 0 . 0		
Default Gateway			
	OK Cancel		

Figure 3.12: Setting IP address

- 5. Finish the configuration process and connect the camera to PF_GEVPlayer .
- 6. The camera is now connected to the PF_GEVPlayer. Click on the Play button to grab images.



An additional check box DR1 resp. QR1 appears for DR1/QR1 cameras. The camera is in double rate mode if this check box is checked. The demodulation is done in the PF_GEVPlayer software. If the check box is not checked, then the camera outputs an unmodulated image and the frame rate will be lower than in double rate mode.

ile <u>T</u> ools <u>H</u> elp)		
Connection		Display	
Select / Co	Disconnect		
IP address	192.168.5.5		
MAC address	00-11-1c-00-65-3d]	
Manufacturer	Photonfocus AG (00140622)]	
Model	MV1-D1312-80-GB-12]	
Name], .	
Acquisition Con	trol		
Mode	Continuous		
Channel	Data Channel #0		
Play	See.		
		J	
Parameters and	Controls		
	Communication control	J	
	GEV Device control]	
	Image stream control]	

Figure 3.13: PF_GEVPlayer is readily configured



If no images can be grabbed, close the PF_GEVPlayer and adjust the Jumbo Frame parameter (see Section 3.3) to a lower value and try again.

GEV Player			
Eile Iools Help)		
Connection		Display	
Select / Co	Disconnect		
IP address	192.168.5.5		1.1
MAC address			
Manufacturer	Photonfocus AG (00140622)		
Model	MV1-D1312-80-GB-12	In the second	
Name			
Acquisition Con	trol		
Mode	Continuous		
Channel	Data Channel #0 🛛 🗸		
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	Communication control		
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Figure 3.14: PF_GEVPlayer displaying live image stream

7. Check the status LED on the rear of the camera.



The status LED light is green when an image is being acquired, and it is red when serial communication is active.

8. Camera parameters can be modified by clicking on GEV Device control (see Fig. 3.15). The visibility option Beginner shows most the basic parameters and hides the more advanced parameters. If you don't have previous experience with Photonfocus GigE cameras, it is recommended to use Beginner level.

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Figure 3.15: Control settings on the camera

9. To modify the exposure time scroll down to the AcquisitionControl control category (bold title) and modify the value of the ExposureTime property.

Product Specification

4.1 Introduction

This manual describes the Photonfocus MV1-D2048-3D06 camera series. The cameras have a Gigabit Ethernet interface and are optimized for high speed laser triangulation applications with up to 18619 profiles/s. The MV1-D2048x1088-3D06 camera contains the 2.2 megapixel CMOS image sensor CMV2000 Version V3. The laser line detection algorithm (LineFinder or Center of Gravity) is able to compute the peak position of a laser line with sub-pixel accuracy. Thus, the height profile of an object gets computed within the camera, making additional calculations in the PC needless.

The cameras are built around the monochrome CMOS image sensor CMV2000 (2.2 MP) V3, developed by CMOSIS. The principal advantages are:

- Up to 18619 profiles/s @ 2048 x 11 resolution
- Choice of two laser line detection algorithms, LineFinder or Center of Gravity (COG)
- High reliability and accuracy of 3D reconstruction, due to the non-linear interpolation technique used in the LineFinder detection algorithm
- Higher accuracy detection of symmetrical profiles with the COG algorithm
- Laser line detection with up to 1/16 sub pixel accuracy
- High Speed Mode available: higher speed at lower accuracy
- Moving ROI: automatic vertical centering of ROI
- Gigabit Ethernet interface with GigE Vision and GenICam compliance
- Combined 2D/3D applications can be realized in the 2D/3D mode of the camera (at a reduced frame rate)
- Global shutter
- Image sensor with high sensitivity
- Region of interest (ROI) freely selectable in x and y direction
- Column Fixed Pattern Noise Correction for improved image quality.
- Advanced I/O capabilities: 2 isolated trigger inputs, 2 differential isolated inputs (RS-422 or HTL) and 2 isolated outputs
- A/B shaft encoder interface: RS-422 (G2 models) or HTL (H2 models). HTL is recommended for noisy environments.
- Model variant \$10 with Scheimpflug 10 degree (C-Mount) lens mount available
- Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) for powerful operations on input and output signals
- Wide power input range from 12 V (-10 %) to 24 V (+10 %)
- The compact size of only 55 x 55 x 51.5 mm³ makes the Photonfocus MV1-D2048-3D06 cameras the perfect solution for applications in which space is at a premium
- Free GUI available (PF 3D Suite) for an easy system set up and visualisation of 3D scans

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The basic components for 3D imaging consist of a laser line and a high speed CMOS camera in a triangular arrangement to capture images (profiles) from objects that are moved on a conveyor belt or in a similar setup (see Fig. 4.1 and Section 5.2.2).



You can find more information on the basics of laser triangulation and on the principles of 3D image acquisition technique in the user manual "PF 3D Suite" available in the support area at www.photonfocus.com.



Figure 4.1: Triangulation principle with objects moved on a conveyor belt



Figure 4.2: Photonfocus MV1-D2048-3D06 camera series

4.2 Feature Overview

The general specification and features of the camera are listed in the following sections. The detailed description of the camera features is given in Chapter 5.

	MV1-D2048x1088-3D06-760
Interface	Gigabit Ethernet, GigE Vision, GenICam
Camera Control	GigE Vision Suite / PF 3D Suite
Trigger Modes	External isolated trigger inputs / Software Trigger / PLC Trigger / AB Trigger
Features	Laser line detection (LineFinder)
	Linear Mode / multiple slope (High Dynamic Range)
	Moving ROI: automatic horizontal centering of ROI
	Grey level resolution 8 bit
	Region of Interest (ROI)
	Column Fixed Pattern Noise Correction for improved image quality
	Isolated inputs (2 single ended, 2 differential) and outputs (2 single ended)
	Trigger input / Strobe output with programmable delay
	A/B shaft encoder interface (RS-422 or HTL, depending on model)

Table 4.1: Feature overview (see Chapter 5 for more information)

4.3 Available Camera Models



Please check the availability of a specific camera model on our website www.photonfocus.com.

Name	Sensor Resolution	Encoder Interface	Lens mount
MV1-D2048x1088-3D06-760-G2-8	2048 x 1088	RS-422	standard
MV1-D2048x1088-3D06-760-H2-8	2048 x 1088	HTL	standard
MV1-D2048x1088-3D06-760-G2-8-S10	2048 x 1088	RS-422	Scheimpflug 10°
MV1-D2048x1088-3D06-760-H2-8-S10	2048 x 1088	HTL	Scheimpflug 10°

Table 4.2: Available Photonfocus MV1-D2048-3D06 camera models (all with C-Mount)

4.4 Technical Specification

	MV1-D2048x1088-3D06-760
Sensor	CMOSIS CMV2000 V3
Technology	CMOS active pixel
Scanning system	progressive scan
Optical format / diagonal	2/3" (12.75 mm diagonal)
Sensor resolution	2048 x 1088 pixels
Pixel size	5.5 μ m x 5.5 μ m
Active optical area	11.26 mm x 5.98 mm
Full well capacity	11 ke-
Spectral range standard sensor	< 350 to 900 nm (to 10 % of peak responsivity)
Spectral range of (I) models	< 350 to 970 nm (to 10 % of peak responsivity)
Spectral range of colour models	390 to 670 nm (to 10 % of peak responsivity)
Conversion gain	0.075 LSB/e ⁻
Sensitivity	5.56 V / lux.s (with micro lenses @ 550 nm)
Optical fill factor	42 % (without micro lenses)
Dark current	125 e⁻/s @ 25°C
Dynamic range	60 dB
Micro lenses	Yes
Colour format	monochrome
Characteristic curve	Linear, Piecewise linear (multiple slope)
Shutter mode	global shutter
Bit depth	8 bit
Maximal frame rate	see Section 5.3
Digital Gain	0.1 to 15.99 (Fine Gain)
Exposure Time	13 μs 0.349 s / 20.8 ns steps

Table 4.3: General specification of the MV1-D2048-3D06 cameras

Fig. 4.3 shows the quantum efficiency curve of the CMV2000 sensor from CMOSIS measured in the wavelength range from 400 nm to 1000 nm.

	MV1-D2048-3D06 cameras
Operating temperature	0°C 40°C
Camera power supply	+12 V DC (- 10 %) +24 V DC (+ 10 %) ¹⁾
Trigger signal input range	+5 +30 V DC
Typical power consumption	< 6 W
Lens mount	C-Mount
Dimensions	55 x 55 x 51.5 mm ³
Mass	260 g
Conformity	CE, RoHS, WEEE

Table 4.4: Physical characteristics and operating ranges (Footnotes: $^{1)}$ for minimal camera power consumption work with a power supply at +12V DC)



Figure 4.3: Spectral response of the CMV2000 CMOS image sensor (with micro lenses)

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5.1 Introduction

This chapter serves as an overview of the camera configuration modes and explains camera features. The goal is to describe what can be done with the camera. The setup of the MV1-D2048-3D06 cameras is explained in later chapters.

5.2 3D Features

5.2.1 Overview

The MV1-D2048-3D06 cameras contain a very accurate laser line detector for laser triangulation (measurement of 3D profiles) that extracts 3D information in real time. For more details see Section 5.2.4.

The camera should be placed so that the laser line is located in horizontal direction. The outputs of the laser detector (LineFinder or COG) are the location coordinate of the laser line, the width of the laser line and the peak height, representing the signal intensity of the laser line (see Section 5.2.3).

The camera has a special mode (see 2D&3D mode in Section 5.2.5) for setup and debugging purposes that allows to view the image and the detected laser line in the same image.

5.2.2 Measuring Principle

For a triangulation setup a laser line generator and a camera is used. There are several configurations which are used in the laser triangulation applications. Which setup is used in an application is determined by the scattering of the material to be inspected. There are setups for highly scattering materials and others for nearly reflecting surfaces.

In addition the penetration depth of light depends on the wavelength of light. The longer the wavelength the deeper is the penetration of the light. Historically red line lasers with a wavelength around 630 nm were used. With the modern high power semiconductor line laser in blue (405 nm), green and also in the near infrared there is the possibility to adapt the wavelengths according to the inspection needs.

But not only the penetration depth affects the choice of the wavelength of the line laser. For an accurate measurement, other disturbing effects such as radiation or fluorescence of the object or strong light from neighbourhood processes have to be suppressed by optical filtering and an appropriate selection of the laser wavelength. Hot steel slabs for instance are best inspected with blue line laser because of the possibility to separate the laser line with optical filters from temperature radiation (Planck radiation) which occurs in red and NIR.

The accuracy of the triangulation system is determined by the line extracting algorithm, the optical setup, the quality parameters of the laser line generator and the parameters of the lens which makes optical engineering necessary.

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Triangulation Setup 1

In this setup the camera points at a viewing angle α to the laser line projected from the top. A larger angle leads to a higher resolution. With larger angles the range of height is reduced. Small angles have the benefit of little occlusions.



Figure 5.1: Triangulation setup 1

Triangulation Setup 2

This setup shows an opposite configuration of the laser line and the camera. The resolution at same triangulation angle is slightly higher but artefacts which occur during the measurement at the borders of the object have to be suppressed by software.



Figure 5.2: Triangulation setup 2

Triangulation Setup 3

In this setup the laser line generator and the camera are placed in a more reflecting configuration. This gives more signal and could be used for dark or matte surfaces. In case of reflecting surfaces there is only a little amount of scattering which can be used as signal for triangulation. Also in this case this triangulation setup helps to get results.



Figure 5.3: Triangulation setup 3

Triangulation Setup 4

In contrast to setup 3 this setup is used for high scattering material or for application where strong reflections of the object have to be suppressed. The resolution is reduced due to the relations of the angles α and β .



Figure 5.4: Triangulation setup 4

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5.2.3 Laser Line Detection

The laser line detectors (LineFinder and COG) each take two threshold values as their input, a signal threshold and a width threshold. The thresholds of the different algorithms are configured seperately. They fulfill the following purposes:

- All pixels with grey value below the signal threshold value will be ignored. This filters out the image background.
- The width threshold is used in the calculation of the laser line width (see below). It has to be higher than (or equal to) the signal threshold.

The LineFinder Algorithm has an additional configurable threshold called saturation hysteresis. This feature becomes relevant when a lot of pixels in a laser line are saturated. In this case, the algorithm starts counting saturated pixels at the first saturated pixel in a column, but only stops counting when the pixel value drops below the saturation hysteresis threshold again.

The following output values are calculated column wise (see also Fig. 5.5):

Peak coordinate Vertical coordinate of the laser line peak

- Laser line width The laser line width is the number of pixels that have a grey value above the width threshold around the laser peak. If there are no pixels at the peak position that are above the width threshold, the resulting laser line width is 0. In this case the width threshold value should be changed.
- Laser line height For the COG algorithm, the laser line height is the highest grey value of the detected laser line. In order to suppress noise, the laser line height of the LineFinder algorithm is the mean value between the two pixels surrounding the peak position. Depending on the shape of the peak, this may not result in the maximum peak value.



The value of the threshold should be set slightly above the grey level of the image background. The width threshold value should be set so that the maximum peak width of 63 is not exceeded too often.


Figure 5.5: Schematic of the cross section of a laser line

5.2.4 Interpolation Technique

Structured light based systems crucially rely on an accurate determination of the peak position of the Gaussian shaped laser line. The LineFinder algorithm in the MV1-D2048-3D06 cameras applies nonlinear interpolation techniques, where 16 data points are calculated between two pixels within the Gaussian shaped laser line. This technique is superior to other commonly used detection techniques, such as the detection of peak pixel intensity across the laser line (resulting in pixel accuracy) or the thresholding of the Gaussian and calculation of the average (resulting in sub pixel accuracy).

The nonlinear interpolation technique used in the LineFinder algorithm results in a better estimate of the maximum intensity of the laser line. The data mapping for the 3D data block is shown in Section 5.2.7 and the basics of the interpolation principle are illustrated in Fig. 5.6.

The line position (PEAK) is split into a coarse position and a fine position (sub-pixel). The coarse position is based on the pixel pitch and is transferred in PEAK [15:4]. The sub-pixel position that was calculated from the LineFinder algorithm is mapped to PEAK [3:0] (see also Section 5.2.7).



Figure 5.6: Interpolation technique provides sub-pixel accuracy in the detection of the laser peak by interpolating up to 16 data points between two pixels.

5.2.5 3D modes

The camera has three modes that determine which data is transmitted to the user:

- **2Donly** Laser detection is turned off and camera behaves as a normal area scan camera. This mode serves as a preview mode in the setup and debugging phase.
- **2D&3D** Laser line detection is turned on. The sensor image (2D image) is transmitted together with the 3D data. In the PF 3D Suite, the detected laser line is shown as a coloured line in the 2D image. This mode serves as a preview mode in the setup and debugging phase of the triangulation system.
- **3Donly** Laser line detection is turned on and only 3D data is transmitted. The scan rate of this mode is considerably faster than the 2D&3D mode.



The 3Donly mode must be used to achieve the highest scan rate.

5.2.6 2D Line

For many tasks it is required or beneficial to have a 2D image of the scanned object. The MV1-D2048-3D06 cameras can be configured to additionally transmit one image row. This feature is enabled via the 3D data format (see Section 5.2.7), it is turned on for data formats 0/1/5 and turned off for data formats 2/3/4. A complete 2D image can be obtained by joining the 2D lines. The vertical position of the 2D lines can be set by the user (property Peak0_2DY).

The illumination outside the laser scan area is normally low. A digital gain (property Peak0_Gain) and offset (property Peak0_DigitalOffset) can be set for the 2D lines to have an image with enough light intensity.

Additionally, the 2D Line can be configured to have a height of 2 or 4 (property Peak0_2DH). The 2 respectively 4 lines are then binned in Y direction to produce a single output line. Only the 8 MSB are output; in order to access the lower bits, there is a configurable bitshift after the Binning (property Peak0_2DBitshift).



The 2D lines must not be placed inside a laser scan area, otherwise the image and laser line detection will be seriously affected.

5.2.7 3D data format

For every peak there are 4 or 2 lines that contain the 3D data. Every pixel contains 8 bits of 3D data which are always placed in the 8 LSB. A table with the bit assignment of the 3D data for DataFormat3D=2 resp. 5 is shown in Fig. 5.7, DataFormat3D=0 resp. 3 in Fig. 5.8 and DataFormat3D=1 resp. 4 in Fig. 5.9. For data formats 0, 1 and 5, the 2D line (see Section 5.2.6) is transmitted before the 3D data.

Note that every value described in this table (with exception of STAT data) is the value for the corresponding image column. The peak position coordinate (PEAK) is relative to the scan area of the peak. To get the absolute position on the image sensor, the value Peak_3DY must be added.

LL_WIDTH is the laser line width and LL_HEIGHT is the laser line height as explained in Section 5.2.3.

STAT value: the status (value) of some parameters and internal registers are placed here. The status information is described in Section 5.10.2. In every pixel (column) 4 bits of this status information send, starting with the LSB in the first column.

20				В	its				Description						
3D row	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0							
0			PE	AK[1	5:8]				Detected laser line coordinate.						
1			PE	EAK[7	7:0]				PEAK[15:4]: integer part, PEAK[3:0]: fractional part.						

Figure 5.7: 3D data format. DataFormat3D=2 or 5

20				В	its				Description								
3D row	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0									
0			PE	AK[1	5:8]			·	Detected laser line coordinate.								
1			PE	AK[7	7:0]				PEAK[15:4]: integer part, PEAK[3:0]: fractional part.								
2	'0'	'0'		LL_	WID	TH[5	:0]		LL_WIDTH: laser line width								
3	LL_HEIGHT[3:0] STAT								LL_HEIGHT: laser line height (4 MSB). STAT: Status information								

Figure 5.8: 3D data format, DataFormat3D=0 or 3

20				В	its				Description					
3D row	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	Description					
0			PE	AK[1	5:8]				Detected laser line coordinate.					
1			PE	AK[7	7:0]				PEAK[15:4]: integer part, PEAK[3:0]: fractional part.					
2			LL_	HEIC	GHT[7:0]			LL_HEIGHT: laser line height (8 bit).					
3	LL_WIDTH[3:0] STAT								DTH[3:0] STAT LL_WIDTH: laser line width (4 MSB). Width of la line is 4*LL_WIDTH STAT: Status information					

Figure 5.9: 3D data format. DataFormat3D=1 or 4

Calculation example (DataFormat3D=3): Suppose that the 3D data of image column n has the following data: 14 / 140 / 10 / 128 (see also Fig. 5.10).

The position of the laser line is in this case 232.75: integer part is calculated from the 8 bits of 3D row 0 followed by the 4 MSB of 3D row 1: 0b000011101000 = 0x0e8 = dec 58. The fractional part is calculated from the 4 LSB of 3D row 1: 0b1100 = 0xc. This value must be divided by 16: 0xc / 16 = 0.75.

The laser line width is 10 pixels (6 LSB of 3D row 2).

The LL_HEIGHT value is in this case 8 (=4 MSB of 3D row 3). These are the 4 MSB of the mean value between the two pixels around the peak position. At 12 bit resolution, the mean value lies between 0x800 (=2048) and 0x8ff (=2303).

2D row				В					
SDTOW	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	Position integral part
1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	Position fractional part
2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	Laser line width
3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		LL F	HEIG	ΗТ					

Figure 5.10: 3D data calculation example (3D06 models)

5.2.8 Transmitted data in 2D&3D mode

The transmitted image in 2D&3D mode is shown in Fig. 5.11. The data is transmitted in the following order:

- Raw image
- 3D data

Resulting height in 2D&3D mode is:

Hres = Peak0_3DH + 5 (if DataFormat3D=0 or 1), or

Hres = Peak0_3DH + 4 (if DataFormat3D=3 or 4), or

Hres = Peak0_3DH + 3 (if DataFormat3D=5), or

Hres = Peak0_3DH + 2 (if DataFormat3D=2)



3D data rows: 2 (DataFormat3D=2) or 4 (DataFormat3D=3 or 4)

Figure 5.11: Transmitted image in 2D&3D mode

5.2.9 Transmitted data in 3Donly mode

In 3Donly mode only the 3D data is transmitted. The FrameCombine feature (see Section 5.2.10) was added to lower the transmitted frame rate. For FrameCombine = f, the data for f images are combined into one image.

Resulting height in 3Donly mode is therefore:

Hres = f * 5 (if DataFormat3D=0 or 1), or

Hres = f * 4 (if DataFormat3D=3 or 4), or

Hres = f * 3 (if DataFormat3D=5), or

Hres = f * 2 (if DataFormat3D=2)



3D data rows: 2 (DataFormat3D=2) or 4 (DataFormat3D=3 or 4)

Figure 5.12: Transmitted image in 3Donly mode

5.2.10 Frame Combine

Very high frame rates that are well over 1000 fps can be achieved in 3Donly mode. Every frame (image) activates an interrupt in the GigE software which will issue a high CPU load or the frame rate can not be handled at all by an overload of interrupts.

To solve this issue, the FrameCombine mode has been implemented in the MV1-D2048-3D06 camera. In this mode, the data of n images are bundled into one frame. In the example shown in Fig. 5.13 4 frames are combined into one frame (FrameCombineNrFrames=4). In this case there are 4 times less software interrupts that indicate a new frame than without FrameCombine and the CPU load is significantly reduced. Instead of receiving 4 images with 5 rows, only one image with 20 rows is received which reduces the frame rate on the computer side. Without FrameCombine, the CPU load on the computer might be too high to receive all images and images might be dropped. The value n (=FrameCombineNrFrames) can be set by the user. This value should be set so that the resulting frame rate is well below 1000 fps (e.g. at 100 fps). E.g. if the camera shows a maximal frame rate of 4000 (property AcquisitionFrameRateMax), then FrameCombineNrFrames could be set to 40 to have a resulting frame rate of 100 fps. The PF 3D Suite supports this mode.



The FrameCombineNrFrames value should be set so that the resulting frame rate is well below 1000 fps.



Individual images

Figure 5.13: Example for FrameCombine with 4 frames

Frame Combine Timeout

There exist possibilities to transmit the combined frame even if there is not enough data to fill it. E.g. It can be desirable to get the 3D data immediately after an item on the conveyor belt has passed.

FrameCombine_Timeout A timeout can be specified after which the combined frame will be transmitted, regardless if there was enough data to fill it. The timeout counter is reset after each frame and counts until a new trigger has been detected or until the timeout is reached.



A FrameCombine_Timeout value of 0 disables the FrameCombine timeout feature.

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FrameCombine_ForceTimeout The transmission of the combined frame is forced by writing to the FrameCombine_ForceTimeout property.

When the FrameCombine is finished by a timeout, then the remaining data in the combined frame will be filled with filler data: the first two pixels of every filler row have the values 0xBB (decimal 187) and 0x44 (decimal 68). The remaining pixels of the filler rows have the value 0. An example is shown in Fig. 5.14. The timeout occured after the second frame and the two remaining frames are filled with dummy data. DataFormat3D=2 is used in this example.



The FrameCombine mode is only available in 3Donly mode.



When acquisition is stopped, then a pending combined frame will be discarded. To get the pending combined frame, a FrameCombine_ForceTimeout command must be sent prior to stopping the acquisition.

_					
2D data frama 0					
SD data frame v					
2D data frama 1					
SD data frame f					
2D data frama 2					
SD data frame z					
	0	 0	0	68	187
	0	 0	0	68	187
	0	 0	0	68	187
	0	 0	0	68	187

Figure 5.14: Example for timeout with dummy frames in FrameCombine with 5 frames

5.2.11 Peak Filter

Peaks that are detected by the LineFinder algorithm can be filtered by applying the parameters described in this section. A filtered peak appears as all 3D data set to 0, which is the same as if no peak occurred.

Filtering peaks might increase the robustness of the 3D application by filtering peaks that were caused by unwanted effects, such as reflections of the laser beam.

PeakFilter parameters:

- Peak0_EnPeakFilter Enable peak filtering. If set to False, the PeakFilter settings are ignored.
- **Peak0_PeakFilterHeightMin** Filters all peaks (columns) where 256*LL_HEIGHT < Peak0_PeakFilterHeightMin (see Fig. 5.8 and Fig. 5.15).
- Peak0_PeakFilterHeightMax Filters all peaks (columns) where 256*LL_HEIGHT > Peak0_PeakFilterHeightMax (see Fig. 5.8 and Fig. 5.15).
- **Peak0_PeakFilterWidthMin** Filters all peaks (columns) where LL_WIDTH < Peak0_PeakFilterWidthMin (see Fig. 5.8 and Fig. 5.16).
- **Peak0_PeakFilterWidthMax** Filters all peaks (columns) where LL_WIDTH > Peak0_PeakFilterWidthMax (see Fig. 5.8 and Fig. 5.16).

An illustration of the PeakFilterHeight parameters is shown in Fig. 5.15. The red line denotes a situation where the laser peak is filtered because the height is too big or too small. An illustration of the PeakFilterWidth parameters is shown in Fig. 5.16. The red line denotes a situation where the laser peak is filtered because the width is too big or too small.



Figure 5.15: Illustration of the PeakFilterHeight parameters



Figure 5.16: Illustration of the PeakFilterWidth parameters

5.2.12 Peak Mirror

The property Peak_Mirror flips the peak coordinates vertically by applying the formula Peak_3DH-p-1, where Peak_3DH=height of scan area and p=detected laser position.

Depending on the geometrical setup of the camera and the lasers, a bigger object height may be indicated by either a smaller or larger position. The PeakMirror property can be set to obtain the same orientation every time.

5.2.13 Absolute Coordinates

The 3D coordinates are given relative to the start of the 3D ROI as a default.

When the property Peak0_EnAbsCoordinate is set to True then the 3D coordinates are given relative to the first row of the sensor. This is useful if the 3D-ROI is not kept constant.

Example: Peak0_EnAbsCoordinate = True, Peak0_3DY=200: If the peak is detected in row 50 of the ROI, the value 250 (50+Peak0_3DY) would be given as resulting 3D coordinate.

MirrorPeak and absolute coordinates

IfPeak0_Mirror =True and Peak0_EnAbsCoordinate = True then the formula to calculate the 3D coordinate is:

 $c' = MAX_H - Peak[i]_3DY - c - 1,$

where c is the original (relative) coordinate without mirroring. MAX_H=1088.

The resulting coordinates are then relative to the last row of the sensor.

5.2.14 High speed mode

The High Speed Mode provides higher scanning speed at the cost of reduced data accuracy (see also Section 5.3.2 for a list of frame rates). The average loss in data accuracy is +/- 0.5 pixel.



High speed mode is only available in 3Donly mode



High speed mode is not available in combination with Moving ROI

5.2.15 Moving ROI

Overview

The Moving ROI feature automatically centers the ROI vertically based on the detected 3D coordinates. This allows to set a smaller region of interest (ROI) and therefore achieve a bigger frame rate.

The Moving ROI feature is specially suitable for scanning of flat surfaces.



The Moving ROI feature reconfigures the camera registers on a frame by frame basis. Do not change any camera settings while Moving ROI is enabled.



Do not store any default values while Moving ROI is enabled.



Do not reset the camera while Moving ROI is enabled.



The Moving ROI feature is available in 2D&3D mode and in 3DOnly mode.



The Moving ROI is not available in High Speed mode.

Mode of operation

The mode of operation of the moving ROI featue is shown in Fig. 5.17. The vertical start position of the 3D-ROI is automatically adjusted so that the detected laser line lies in the center of the ROI.

The height of the 3D-ROI (property Peak0_3DH) must be big enough to contain the laser line. The 3D ROI height must have enough margin to contain the movement of the laser line from one profile to the next profile.

The vertical axis in Fig. 5.17 is the vertical position (ROI-Y) on the image sensor. The two blue lines mark the boundaries of the moving ROI area (laser finder window, specified by the properties Peak0_MovingROIRangeY and Peak0_MovingROIRangeH). The red rectangle marks the 3D-ROI. Note how the window moves to keep the laser line inside the window. In image 0 the detected laser line lies in the lower part of the image. The position of the 3D-ROI is then moved downward so that the laser line lies again in the middle of the ROI.

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Property	Description
Peak0_EnMovingROI	Enables moving ROI feature
Peak0_MovingROIEnLaserFinder	Automatic recalibration of moving 3D ROI using a bigger window
Peak0_MovingROIForceLaserFinder	Force a repositioning of moving 3D ROI using a bigger window
Peak0_MovingROIRangeY	Vertical start position of the laser finder window and minimal start position of a ROI in moving ROI mode
Peak0_MovingROIRangeH	Height of the laser finder window. The ROI is only moved inside the window specified by MovingROIRangeY and MovingROIRangeH
Peak0_MovingROIMinCol	Minimal percentage of columns (detected peaks) required to calculate moving ROI
Peak0_MovingROIMinDistance	Minimal vertical distance of detected peak to upper and lower boundary of 3D ROI. A violation sets the corresponding bit in the status pixels.
Peak0_MovingROISmoothing	Type of smoothing of peak positions used to determine moving ROI window position. Available values: None, MA8 and MA16

Table 5.1: Moving ROI Properties



Figure 5.17: Moving ROI principle

Laser Finder

The working principle of the laser finder is shown in Fig. 5.18. If the position of the laser line suddenly jumps then the 3D-ROI might not contain the laser line anymore (image 1 in Fig. 5.18). If the laser finder is enabled (property Peak0_MovingROIEnLaserFinder=True) then one image with a bigger ROI (laser finder window) is used to calculate the position of the next 3D-ROI. Note that some profiles might be lost during this process as it takes more time to read out the laser finder window and therefore some triggers might be missed.

The criterion when the laser finder window should be used is based on the setting of the property Peak0_MovingROIMinCol. If the number of columns with a detected peak falls below this

number (as a percentage) then the laser finder window will be used. E.g. if Peak0_MovingROIMinCol is set to 50 and the width of the ROI is set to 2048, then a laser finder window is used when less than 1024 columns (50 % of 2048) carry a valid laser detection (peak coordinate bigger than 0).

Note that in 2D&3DMode only the lower part of the laser finder window (up to the height of the 3D-ROI) is sent to the camera output as the dimension of the output window must remain constant. The 3D information output is nonetheless valid and provides correct coordinate information.



The horizontal position (X and W) of the 3D-ROI and the laser finder window is the same and is set by the properties OffsetX and Width. These values are not altered by the moving ROI feature.



If the laser finder is disabled and the number of columns with a detected laser line is less than the value of Peak0_MovingROIMinCol then the position of the 3D-ROI is not modified.



Figure 5.18: Laser Finder

Moving ROI and status information

Some values specific to the moving ROI feature are available in the status information fields (see Section 5.10.2). Specially the moving ROI status can be useful to monitor.

Moving ROI smoothing

The moving ROI feature uses the minimal and maximal laser line coordinate to calculate the position of the 3D-ROI. If there are outlier pixels, e.g. due to reflections then the calculation can produce a window position that is not optimal. In this case it might be better to smooth the laser coordinate prior to the position calculation. The property Peak0_MovingROISmoothing sets the smoothing level:

None No smoothing is applied

MA8 A moving average of 8 pixels is used for smoothing

MA16 A moving average of 16 pixels is used for smoothing which results in the highest amount of smoothing

Columns where no position is determined are simply skipped when calculating the moving average, meaning the 8 or 16 previous positions that were valid are used for calculating the next value.



Smoothing is only used for the calculation of the position of the 3D-ROI in the moving ROI feature but has no impact on the 3D data output of the camera.

Considerations in using moving ROI

The moving ROI feature should be considered if the horizontal position of the detected laser line changes in the course of the detection. A typical case is the examination of flat surfaces: the deviation of the laser line in every profile is rather small, but the vertical position of the detected laser line might change due to vibrations or if the surface is not parallel to the conveyor belt.

Gradual changes of the vertical position are optimal for the moving ROI feature. Abrupt changes can be handled by the Laser Finder feature (see Section 5.2.15) at the cost of losing some profiles.

The following steps should be considered when setting the parameters for moving ROI:

- 1. Turn off moving ROI and stop acquisition.
- 2. Specify the starting row (Peak0_MovingROIRangeY) and the height (Peak0_MovingROIRangeH) of the laser finder window. This window should contain the minimal and the maximal position of the laser line during the scanning process. This window should not be set much bigger than required because the duration of the laser finder process (if it is enabled) depends on the size of the laser finder window.
- 3. Specify the horizontal ROI position through the properties OffsetX and Width.
- 4. Specify the height (Peak0_3DH) and the starting position (Peak0_3DY) of the 3D-ROI. This window should contain an individual profile and account for the movement of the laser position from one profile to the next profile. The 3D-ROI must be fully contained in the laser finder window, even if the laser finder feature is disabled (this is not enforced by the software).
- 5. Set the value of Peak0_MovingR0IMinCol even if you are not using laser finder. Rough rule for setting this value: look at the detected laser profiles and estimate how many columns (percentage of ROI width) contain a detected laser line. Take half or a third of it as the value of Peak0_MovingR0IMinCol. Example: if the laser line is visible in almost all columns then a value of 50 would be appropriate for Peak0_MovingR0IMinCol. If there are parts where no laser line is detected (e.g. due to holes) then you should lower the value.
- 6. The laser finder should be used. Currently no situation is known where the use of the laser finder is disadvised.
- 7. Smoothing is normally not required. It can be considered if the results without smoothing are not satisfactory.
- 8. Turn on moving ROI.



Consider to use the PeakFilterWidthMin functionality to filter out unwanted peak coordinates (see also Section 5.2.11).

5.3 Reduction of Image Size

5.3.1 Region of Interest (ROI) (2Donly mode)

This section describes the ROI features in the 2Donly mode where the camera behaves as a standard area scan camera.



The maximal frame rate of the 2Donly mode is considerably lower than in the 3Donly mode.

Some applications do not need full image resolution. By reducing the image size to a certain region of interest (ROI), the frame rate can be drastically increased. A region of interest can be almost any rectangular window and is specified by its position within the full frame and its width and height. Table 5.2 shows some numerical examples of how the frame rate can be increased by reducing the ROI.

ROI Dimension	MV1-D2048-3D06						
2048 x 1088	42 fps						
1280 x 1024 (SXGA)	45 fps						
1280 x 768 (WXGA)	60 fps						
800 x 600 (SVGA)	77 fps						
640 x 480 (VGA)	96 fps						
2048 x 256	179 fps						

The ROI is determined by the following properties: OffsetX, Width, OffsetY, Height

 Table 5.2: Frame rates of different ROI settings in 2Donly mode (minimal exposure time)

5.3.2 Region of Interest (ROI) in 3D modes

The ROI definition in the 3Donly and 2D&3D modes is tailored to laser line detection.

The ROI is determined by the following properties: OffsetX, Width, Peak0_3DY and Peak0_3DH. The minimal height of the laser triangulation region is 11.

There is a high speed mode that provides higher scanning speed at the cost of reduced data accuracy.

The maximal frame rates for the MV1-D2048x1088-3D06 camera series are shown in Table 5.3. "HS" refers to the HighSpeed mode (see also Section 5.2.14). The image (profile) width can be set by the user.

Reducing the image width only increases the maximum frame rate if the interface data rate is the limiting factor. This is the case when DataFormat3D = 3 or 4 and the height of the triangulation region is 18 or less. See Table Table 5.4 for frame rates where DataFormat3D=3 resp. 4.

Peak0_3DH	2D&3D mode	3Donly mode	3Donly mode HS
11	2796 fps	19512 fps	19512 fps
16	2149 fps	15458 fps	19512 fps
32	1235 fps	9286 fps	15458 fps
64	667 fps	5162 fps	9286 fps
128	348 fps	2734 fps	5162 fps
256	177 fps	1409 fps	2734 fps
512	89 fps	715 fps	1409 fps
1024	45 fps	360 fps	715 fps
1088	42 fps	339 fps	673 fps

Table 5.3: MV1-D2048x1088-3D06 Frame rates of different ROI settings in different 3D modes (DataFormat3D=2, minimal exposure time, free-running mode)

Peak0_3DH	2D&3D mode	3Donly mode	3Donly mode HS
11	2496 fps	14146 fps	14146 fps
16	1968 fps	14146 fps	14146 fps
32	1173 fps	9078 fps	14146 fps
64	649 fps	5098 fps	9078 fps
128	342 fps	2716 fps	5098 fps
256	176 fps	1404 fps	2716 fps
512	89 fps	714 fps	1404 fps
1024	45 fps	360 fps	714 fps
1088	42 fps	339 fps	672 fps

Table 5.4: MV1-D2048x1088-3D06 Frame rates of different ROI settings in different 3D modes (DataFormat3D=4, Width=2048, minimal exposure time, free-running mode)

5.4 Trigger and Strobe

5.4.1 Trigger Source

The trigger signal can be configured to be active high or active low by the TriggerActivation (category AcquisitionControl) property. One of the following trigger sources can be used:

- Free running The trigger is generated internally by the camera. Exposure starts immediately after the camera is ready and the maximal possible frame rate is attained, if AcquisitionFrameRateEnable is disabled. Settings for free running trigger mode: TriggerMode = Off. In Constant Frame Rate mode (AcquisitionFrameRateEnable = True), exposure starts after a user-specified time has elapsed from the previous exposure start so that the resulting frame rate is equal to the value of AcquisitionFrameRate.
- Software Trigger The trigger signal is applied through a software command (TriggerSoftware in category AcquisitionControl). Settings for Software Trigger mode: TriggerMode = On and TriggerSource = Software.
- Line1 Trigger The trigger signal is applied directly to the camera by the power supply connector through pin ISO_IN1 (see also Section A.1). A setup of this mode is shown in Fig. 5.19 and Fig. 5.20. The electrical interface of the trigger input and the strobe output is described in Section 7.6. Settings for Line1 Trigger mode: TriggerMode = On and TriggerSource = Line1.
- PLC_Q4 Trigger The trigger signal is applied by the Q4 output of the PLC (see also Section 7.7). Settings for PLC_Q4 Trigger mode: TriggerMode = On and TriggerSource = PLC_Q4.

ABTrigger Trigger from incremental encoder (see Section 5.4.9).



Some trigger signals are inverted. A schematic drawing is shown in Fig. 8.4.







Figure 5.20: Trigger Inputs - Multiple GigE solution

5.4.2 Acquisition Mode

The available acquisition modes are shown in Table 5.5.



The ContinuousRecording and ContinousReadout modes can be used if more than one camera is connected to the same network and need to shoot images simultaneously. If all cameras are set to Continuous mode, then all will send the packets at same time resulting in network congestion. A better way would be to set the cameras in ContinuousRecording mode and save the images in the memory of the IPEngine. The images can then be claimed with ContinousReadout from one camera at a time avoid network collisions and congestion.

AcquisitionMode	After the command AcquisitionStart is executed:
Continuous	Camera aquires image frames continuously. Acquisition can be stopped by executing AcquisitionStop command.
SingleFrame	Camera acquires one frame and acquisition stops.
MultiFrame	Camera acquires n=AcquisitionFrameCount frames and acquisition stops.
SingleFrameRecording	Camera saves one image on the on-board memory of the IP engine.
SingleFrameReadout	One image is acquired from the IP engine's on-board memory. The image must have been saved in the SingleFrameRecording mode.
ContinuousRecording	Camera continuosly saves images on the on-board memory of the IP engine until the memory is full. The size of available on-board memory is 24 MB.
ContinousReadout	All Images that have been previously saved by the ContinuousRecording mode are acquired from the IP engine's on-board memory.

Table 5.5: AcquisitionMode and Trigger

5.4.3 Exposure Time Control

The exposure time is defined by the camera. For an active high trigger signal, the camera starts the exposure with a positive trigger edge and stops it when the programmed exposure time has elapsed.

External Trigger

In the external trigger mode with camera controlled exposure time the rising edge of the trigger pulse starts the camera states machine, which controls the sensor and optional an external strobe output. Fig. 5.21 shows the detailed timing diagram for the external trigger mode with camera controlled exposure time.



Figure 5.21: Timing diagram for the camera controlled exposure time

The rising edge of the trigger signal is detected in the camera control electronic which is implemented in an FPGA. Before the trigger signal reaches the FPGA it is isolated from the camera environment to allow robust integration of the camera into the vision system. In the signal isolator the trigger signal is delayed by time $t_{d-iso-input}$. This signal is clocked into the FPGA which leads to a jitter of t_{jitter} . The pulse can be delayed by the time $t_{trigger-delay}$ which can be configured by a user defined value via camera software. The trigger offset delay $t_{trigger-offset}$ results then from the synchronous design of the FPGA state machines. The exposure time $t_{exposure}$ is controlled with an internal exposure time controller.

The trigger pulse from the internal camera control starts also the strobe control state machines. The strobe can be delayed by $t_{\rm strobe-delay}$ with an internal counter which can be controlled by the customer via software settings. The strobe offset delay $t_{\rm strobe-delay}$ results then from the synchronous design of the FPGA state machines. A second counter determines the strobe duration $t_{\rm strobe-duration}$ (strobe-duration). For a robust system design the strobe output is also

isolated from the camera electronic which leads to an additional delay of $t_{\rm d-iso-output}$. Table 5.6 gives an overview over the minimum and maximum values of the parameters.

5.4.4 Trigger Delay

The trigger delay is a programmable delay in milliseconds between the incoming trigger edge and the start of the exposure. This feature may be required to synchronize the external strobe with the exposure of the camera.

5.4.5 Trigger Divider

The Trigger Divider reduces the trigger frequency that is applied to the camera. Every n-th trigger is processed for a setting of TriggerDivider = n. If n=1, then every trigger is processed (default behaviour). Fig. 8.4 shows the position of the TriggerDivider block.



TriggerDivider is ignored if trigger mode must be set to free-running Trigger (TriggerMode = Off).

5.4.6 Burst Trigger

The camera includes a burst trigger engine. When enabled, it starts a predefined number of acquisitions after one single trigger pulse. The time between two acquisitions and the number of acquisitions can be configured by a user defined value via the camera software. The burst trigger feature works only in the mode "Camera controlled Exposure Time".

The burst trigger signal can be configured to be active high or active low. When the frequency of the incoming burst triggers is higher than the duration of the programmed burst sequence, then some trigger pulses will be missed. A missed burst trigger counter counts these events. This counter can be read out by the user.

The burst trigger mode is only available when TriggerMode=On. Trigger source is determined by the TriggerSource property.

The timing diagram of the burst trigger mode is shown in Fig. 5.22.

5.4.7 Trigger Timing Values

Table 5.6 shows the values of the trigger timing parameters.



Figure 5.22: Timing diagram for the burst trigger mode

	MV1-D2048-3D06	MV1-D2048-3D06
Timing Parameter	Minimum	Maximum
$t_{d-iso-input}$	1 <i>µ</i> s	1.5 μs
$t_{d-RS422-input}$	65 ns	185 ns
t _{jitter}	0	21 ns
$t_{ m trigger-delay}$	0	0.34 s
$t_{\rm burst-trigger-delay}$	0	0.34 s
$t_{\rm burst-period-time}$	depends on camera settings	0.34 s
$t_{\rm trigger-offset}$ (non burst mode)	170 ns	duration of 1 row
t _{trigger-offset} (burst mode)	210 ns	210 ns
t _{exposure}	13 <i>µ</i> s	0.34 s
$t_{ m strobe-delay}$	600 ns	0.34 s
$t_{\rm strobe-offset}$ (non burst mode)	170 ns	170 ns
$t_{ m strobe-offset}$ (burst mode)	210 ns	210 ns
$t_{ m strobe-duration}$	200 ns	0.34 s
$t_{\rm d-iso-output}$	150 ns	350 ns
$t_{\rm trigger-pulsewidth}$	200 ns	n/a
Number of bursts n	1	30000

Table 5.6: Summary of timing parameters relevant in the external trigger mode using camera MV1-D2048-3D06

5.4.8 Software Trigger

The software trigger enables to emulate an external trigger pulse by the camera software through the serial data interface. It works with both burst mode enabled and disabled. As soon as it is performed via the camera software, it will start the image acquisition(s), depending on the usage of the burst mode and the burst configuration. The trigger mode must be set to external Trigger (TriggerMode = On).

5.4.9 A/B Trigger for Incremental Encoder

An incremental encoder with A/B outputs can be used to synchronize the camera triggers to the speed of a conveyor belt. These A/B outputs can be directly connected to the camera and appropriate triggers are generated inside the camera.



The A/B Trigger feature is is not available on all camera revisions, see Appendix B for a list of available features.

In this setup, the output A is connected to the camera input ISO_INC0 (see also Section 7.6.4 and Section A.1) and the output B to ISO_INC1.

In the camera default settings the PLC is configured to connect the ISO_INC inputs to the A/B camera inputs. This setting is listed in Section 8.11.3.

The following parameters control the A/B Trigger feature:

TriggerSource Set TriggerSource to ABTrigger to enable this feature

- **ABMode** Determines how many triggers should be generated. Available modes: single, double, quad (see description below)
- ABTriggerDirection Determines in which direction a trigger should be generated: fwd: only forward movement generates a trigger; bkwd: only backward movement generates a trigger; fwdBkwd: forward and backward movement generate a trigger.
- ABTriggerDeBounce Suppresses the generation of triggers when the A/B signal bounce. ABTriggerDeBounce is ignored when ABTriggerDirection=fwdbkwd.
- **ABTriggerDivider** Specifies a division factor for the trigger pulses. Value 1 means that all internal triggers should be applied to the camera, value 2 means that every second internal trigger is applied to the camera.
- **EncoderPosition (read only)** Counter (signed integer) that corresponds to the position of incremental encoder. The counter frequency depends on the ABMode. It counts up/down pulses independent of the ABTriggerDirection. Writing to this property resets the counter to 0.

A/B Mode

The property ABMode takes one of the following three values:

Single A trigger is generated on every A/B sequence (see Fig. 5.23). TriggerFwd is the trigger that would be applied if ABTriggerDirection=fwd, TriggerBkwd is the trigger that would be applied if ABTriggerDirection=bkwd, TriggerFwdBkwd is the trigger that would be applied if ABTriggerDirection=fwdBkwd. GrayCounter is the Gray-encoded BA signal that is shown as an aid to show direction of the A/B signals. EncoderCounter is the representation of the current position of the conveyor belt. This value is available as a camera register.

Double Two triggers are generated on every A/B sequence (see Fig. 5.24).

Quad Four triggers are generated on every A/B sequence (see Fig. 5.25).



There is a bug in the single A/B trigger mode in some camera revisions (see Appendix B). In this case when the encoder position moves back and forth by a small amount, the EncoderCounter is incremented and the decrement is sometimes omitted, leading to a wrong EncoderPosition indication in the camera. Therefore the single A/B trigger mode should not be used in the affected versions. To have the same behaviour as the single trigger mode, but without the bug, use the double A/B mode and double the value of ABTriggerDivider.











Figure 5.25: Quad A/B Mode

A/B Trigger Debounce

A debouncing logic can be enabled by setting ABTriggerDeBounce=True. It is implemented with a watermark value of the EncoderCounter (see Fig. 5.26). Suppose ABTriggerDirection=fwd, then the watermark value is increased with the increments of the EncoderCounter. If EncoderCounter decreases, e.g. Due to bouncing problems, the watermark value is hold unchanged. Triggers are then only generated when the watermark value increases.



Figure 5.26: A/B Trigger Debouncing, example with ABMode=quad

The A/B Trigger Debounce mode can also be used for another issue:

In some applications the conveyor belt may stop between parts. In practice the conveyor belt stops and retraces by a small amount which may cause a misalignment in the system. If ABTriggerDirection=fwd is used and the Debounce mode is enabled and the conveyor belt starts again in forward direction, no triggers are generated for the amount that the conveyor belt retraced (see Fig. 5.27). The highest value of the EncoderCounter is stored as the watermark. Triggers are only generated when the EncoderCounter is at the watermark level.



Figure 5.27: A/B Trigger Debouncing, example with ABMode=quad; example for encoder retracing

A/B Trigger Divider

if ABTriggerDivider>1 then not all internally generated triggers are applied to the camera logic. E.g. If ABTriggerDivider=2, then every second trigger is applied to the camera (see Fig. 5.28).

А																			
В																			
GrayCounter	0	χ 1	χ2	χз	X O	χ 1	χ2	χз	2	χ 1	X O	χз	<u>2</u>	<u> 1</u>	2	χз	X O	(1	
EncoderCounter	0	χ 1	χ2	χз	χ 4	χ 5	χ 6	χ 7	χ 6	χ 5	χ4	χз	χ2	χ 1	2	<u>х</u> з	χ 4	χ 5	
InternalTriggerFwd			Л	Л		Л											П		
AppliedTriggerFwd						Л		Л										Л	

Figure 5.28: A/B Trigger Divider, example with ABTriggerDivider=1, ABMode=quad

A Only Trigger

The camera supports the use of simple incremental decoders that only provide one input, by enabling the property ABTriggerAOnly. The B-signal is ignored in this mode and information about direction of the object movement is not available: if ABTriggerAOnly is enabled then the encoder position is always incremented. Detailed diagrams are shown in Fig. 5.29 and Fig. 5.30. Note that the quad mode is not available when ABTriggerAOnly=true.



Figure 5.29: AOnly Trigger in Single A/B Mode

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EncoderCounter	0	χ 1	2	χ 3	ζ4	5	(6	(7	8	(9	(10
TriggerFwd			Π	Π	Π		Π	Π	Π	Π.	П
TriggerBkwd										 	
TriggerFwdBkwd											 Л

Figure 5.30: AOnly Trigger in Double A/B Mode

Encoder Position

The internal ABTrigger signal before the ABTriggerDivider is processed for the Encoder Position: every TriggerFwd pulse increments the Encoder Position and every TriggerBkwd pulse decrements its value. For details refer to the diagram of the corresponding mode.

The Encoder Position value can be accessed through the EncoderPosition property or through the status info that is inserted into the image (see Section 5.10).

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By default the Encoder Position is only generated when TriggerMode=On and TriggerSource=ABTrigger. When the property ABTriggerCountAlways=True, then the Encoder Position is generated regardless of the trigger mode.

5.4.10 Counter Reset by an External Signal

The image counter and the real time counter (timestamp) (see Section 5.10.1) can be reset by an external signal. Both counters can be embedded into the image by the status line (see Section 5.10) or their register can be read out. These counters may be used to check that no images are lost or to ease the synchronisation of multiple cameras.

The external signal to reset the above mentionend counters is selected by the property Counter_ResetCounterSource. Available choices are PLC_Q4 to PLC_Q7 (see Section 8.11), Line1 (ISO_IN1) and ExposureStart. ExposureStart resets the counters at the start of an exposure.

The property Counter_ResetCounterMode determines how often the selected source should reset the counters. The setting Once works together with the property Counter_ResetCounterOnNextTrigger.

If Counter_ResetCounterMode=Once, then the counters are reset on the next active edge of the selected reset source (property Counter_ResetCounterSource) after the device is armed with Counter_ResetCounterOnNextTrigger=True. The register Counter_ResetCounterOnNextTrigger is reset after the resetting trigger is received.

The setting Counter_ResetCounterMode=Continuous resets the counters on every occurrence of an active edge of the reset source without the requirement to arm the device first. This setting is suited if the reset source signal is different than the camera trigger.

The active edge of the reset input can be set by the property Counter_ResetCounterSourceInvert. If set to True, then the rising edge is the active edge, else the falling edge.



Counter reset by an external signal is important if you would like to synchronize multiple cameras. One signal is applied to all cameras which resets the counters simultaneously. The timestamps of all cameras are then theoretically synchronous with each other. In practice every camera runs on its own clock source which has a precision of +/- 30 ppm and therefore the values of the timestamp (real time counter) of the cameras may diverge with time. If this is an issue, then the counters could be reset periodically by the external signal.



The counter reset by an external signal feature is not available on all camera revisions, see Appendix B for a list of available features.

Reset of Individual Counters (ResetCounter_Dual)

If the property ResetCounter_Dual is set to False or if this property is not available, then the ResetCounter settings apply to the image counter and to the real time counter together.

If ResetCounter_Dual is set to True then CounterReset can be set separately for the image counter and for the real time counter. In this case the settings without 'RTC' are applied to the image counter and the settings with 'RTC' in its name are applied to the real time counter.



The ResetCounter_Dual feature is not be available on all camera revisions, see Appendix B for a list of available features.

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5.4 Trigger and Strobe

5.4.11 Trigger Acquisition

The applied trigger can be enabled or disabled by one or two external signals in the TriggerAcquisition mode. This mode works with free-running (internal) trigger and external trigger.

The property TriggerAcquisition_Enable enables the TriggerAcquisition mode.

Level Triggered Trigger Acquisition

The Level Triggered mode is enabled by setting TriggerAcquisition_Mode to Level and TriggerAcquisition_Enable=True. A signal acts as a trigger enable (see Fig. 5.31). This signal is selected by TriggerAcquisition_StartSource. A high signal level enables triggering of the camera and a low signal level disables all triggers.



To invert the TriggerAcquisition signal use one of the PLC_Q signal and select the inverted signal as its source. Table 5.7 shows a setting that uses ISO_INO as trigger enable signal: the inverted signal is used as ISO_INO is inverted in the input logic (see Fig. 8.4).



Figure 5.31: Trigger Acquisition Level triggered (TriggerAcquisition_Mode = Level)

Feature	Value	Category
TriggerAcquisition_Enable	True	Trigger/TriggerAcquisition
TriggerAcquisition_Mode	Level	Trigger/TriggerAcquisition
TriggerAcquisition_StartSource	PLC_Q5	Trigger/TriggerAcquisition
PLC_I0	Line0	<plc>/SignalRoutingBlock</plc>
PLC_Q5_Variable0	PLC_I0_Not	<plc>/LookupTable/Q5</plc>
PLC_Q5_Operator0	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q5</plc>
PLC_Q5_Variable1	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q5</plc>
PLC_Q5_Operator1	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q5</plc>
PLC_Q5_Variable2	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q5</plc>
PLC_Q5_Operator2	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q5</plc>
PLC_Q5_Variable3	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q5</plc>

Table 5.7: Example of using ISO_INO as trigger enable in level mode

Edge Triggered Trigger Acquisition

The Edge Triggered mode is enabled by setting TriggerAcquisition_Mode to Edge and TriggerAcquisition_Enable=True. Two signals act as trigger enable (see Fig. 5.32). A rising edge on the start signal enables triggering. A rising edge on the stop signal disables all triggers. The start/stop signals are selected by TriggerAcquisition_StartSource and TriggerAcquisition_StopSource.



Figure 5.32: Trigger Acquisition Level triggered (TriggerAcquisition_Mode = Edge)

Trigger Acquisition and Free-Running Trigger

The TriggerAcquisition feature can also be used with free-running trigger (TriggerMode=Off). TriggerAcquisition enables or disables in this case the generation of the free-running trigger.

5.4.12 Strobe Output

The strobe output is an isolated output located on the power supply connector that can be used to trigger a strobe. The strobe output can be used both in free-running and in trigger mode. There is a programmable delay available to adjust the strobe pulse to your application.



The strobe output needs a separate power supply. Please see Section 7.6, Fig. 5.19 and Fig. 5.20 for more information.

5.5 High Dynamic Range (multiple slope) Mode

To have an accurate laser line detection it is important that the pixels that represent the laser line, are not saturated. The High Dynamic Range (HDR) mode is a special integration mode that increases the dynamic range of the pixels, and thus avoids the saturation of the pixels in many cases. The HDR mode is also called multiple slope mode or piecewise linear mode.

The HDR (multi slope) mode clips illuminated pixels which reach a programmable voltage, while leaving the darker pixels untouched (see Fig. 5.33). The clipping level can be adjusted once (2 slopes) or twice (3 slopes) within the exposure time.

Parameters:

- Multislope_Mode There are 3 predefined HDR parameter sets: LowCompression,
 - NormalCompression and HighCompression. If Multislope_Mode is set to UserDefined then the individual parameters can be set to user defined values.
- Multislope_NrSlopes Number of slopes. Multislope_NrSlopes=2: 2 slopes with only knee point B. Multislope_NrSlopes=3: 3 slopes with knee points A and B.
- Multislope_Value1 Corresponds to Vlow1: the higher the value, the higher the compression.
- Multislope_Time1 Time corresponding to knee point B. The value is the fraction (per mill) of the total exposure time.
- Multislope_Value2 Corresponds to Vlow2: the higher the value, the higher the compression. This value is ignored if Multislope_NrSlopes =2.
- Multislope_Time2 Time corresponding to knee point A. The value is the fraction (per mill) of the total exposure time. This value is ignored if Multislope_NrSlopes =2.

The red line in Fig. 5.33 shows a pixel with high illumination. Without the HDR (3 slopes) mode, the pixel would have reached its saturated value. With HDR mode, the pixel reaches value P1 which is below the saturation value. The resulting pixel response in this case is shown in Fig. 5.34. The blue line (P2) shows a pixel with low illumination. Its value never reaches Vlow2 or Vlow1 at the knee points and the resulting response is linear.



The parameters Multislope_Value1 and Multislope_Value2 are only applied after a camera trigger. Note that in free-running mode the camera trigger is applied internally by the camera itself.



Figure 5.33: Multi Slope (HDR mode)



Figure 5.34: Piecewise linear response

5.6 Data Path Overview

The data path is the path of the image from the output of the image sensor to the output of the camera. The sequence of blocks is shown in figure Fig. 5.35.



Figure 5.35: camera data path
5.7 Outliers Correction

Defective pixels of the image sensor might appear as dark or bright pixels. Although this is not common, a defective pixel correction (Outliers Correction) is implemented in the camera. By default the outliers corrections for black pixels and for white pixels are enabled.

A pixel is labeled as a black pixel if the grey value is smaller than the parameter BlackLimit and the grey value differences to its two neighbours on the same row exceed the value of the parameter BlackDiff (see Fig. 5.36). The Black Pixel Outliers correction can be enabled or disabled by a property (see also Section 8.8). If it is enabled then a black outlier pixel is replaced by the mean of the grey values of its two neighbours on the same row.

Similarly a pixel is labeled as a white pixel if the grey value is bigger than the parameter WhiteLimit and the grey value differences to its two neighbours on the same row exceed the value of the parameter WhiteDiff (see Fig. 5.36). The White Pixel Outliers correction can be enabled or disabled by a property (see also sec_gui_outliers_corr). If it is enabled then a white outlier pixel is replaced by the mean of the grey values of its two neighbours on the same row.



Figure 5.36: Outliers correction

5.8 Column FPN Correction

The camera contains a correction to decrease the Column Fixed Pattern Noise (FPN) of the sensor. By default the Column FPN Correction is enabled.

The Column FPN Correction of the camera is correctly calibrated at the Photonfocus production facility. Although a new calibration is normally not required, the user can recalibrate the Column FPN Correction. No light should be applied to the camera during calibration. The average grey value of every column of the image is calculated. The difference to the average grey value of the whole image is then calculated for every column and stored in internal camera memory. After calibration, this difference is then subtracted column-wise from every image to reduce the Column FPN. Detailed instructions on the calibration of the Column FPN Correction is given in Section 8.7.

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5.9 Gain and Offset

There are three different gain settings on the camera:

- Analog Gain Analog gain on the image sensor (only available in some models, see Appendix B). Available values: x1, x1.2, x1.4, x1.6. Note that Digital Offset is applied after the Analog Gain.
- Gain (Digital Fine Gain) Digital fine gain accepts fractional values from 0.01 up to 15.99. It is implemented as a multiplication operation. Colour camera models only: There is additionally a gain for every RGB colour channel. The RGB channel gain is used to calibrate the white balance in an image, which has to be set according to the current lighting condition.
- **Digital Gain** Digital Gain is a coarse gain with the settings x1, x2, x4 and x8. It is implemented as a binary shift of the image data where '0' is shifted to the LSB's of the gray values. E.g. for gain x2, the output value is shifted by 1 and bit 0 is set to '0'.

The resulting gain is the product of the three gain values, which means that the image data is multiplied in the camera by this factor.



Digital Fine Gain and Digital Gain may result in missing codes in the output image data.

A user-defined value can be subtracted from the gray value in the digital offset block. If digital gain is applied and if the brightness of the image is too big then the interesting part of the output image might be saturated. By subtracting an offset from the input of the gain block it is possible to avoid the saturation.

5.10 Image Information and Status Information

There are camera properties available that give information about the acquired images, such as an image counter and the number of missed trigger signals. These properties can be queried by software.

5.10.1 Counters

- **Image counter** The image counter provides a sequential number of every image that is output. After camera startup, the counter counts up from 0 (counter width 24 bit). The counter can be reset by the camera control software.
- **Real Time counter (Time stamp)** The time counter starts at 0 after camera start, and counts real-time in units of 1 micro-second. The time counter can be reset by the software in the SDK (Counter width 32 bit).
- **Missed trigger counter** The missed trigger counter counts trigger pulses that were ignored by the camera because they occurred within the exposure or read-out time of an image. In free-running mode it counts all incoming external triggers (counter width 8 bit / no wrap around).
- **Missed burst trigger counter** The missed burst trigger counter counts trigger pulses that were ignored by the camera in the burst trigger mode because they occurred while the camera still was processing the current burst trigger sequence.

Missed FrameCombine trigger counter Counts missed triggers due to the FrameCombine feature (see also Section 5.2.10). A missed FrameCombine trigger can occur if a trigger is applied while filler rows are added to a frame due to a FrameCombine timeout.

5.10.2 Status Information

Status information is inserted in the 4 LSB in the last 3D data row if DataFormat3D = 3 or 4 (see bits labeled STAT in Fig. 5.8). LSB are transmitted first (see Table 5.8). The status information is divided in fields of 32 bits each, where every information field corresponds to one information parameter (see Table 5.9). Unused bits are set to 0.

Col 0	Col 1	Col 2	Col 3	 Col n
STAT[3:0]	STAT[7:4]	STAT[11:8]	STAT[15:12]	 STAT[4*n+3:4*n]

Table 5.8: STAT value

Status bits	Parameter	Description		
STAT[23:0]	IMG_CNT[23:0]	Image counter (see also Section 5.10.1)		
STAT[63:32]	RT_CNT[31:0]	Real time counter (time stamp) (see also Section 5.10.1)		
STAT[87:64]	ENC_POS[23:0]	Encoder position (see also Section 5.4.9)		
STAT[103:96]	M_TRIG[7:0]	Missed trigger counter (see also Section 5.10.1)		
STAT[135:128]	M_BURST_TRIG[7:0]	Missed burst trigger counter (see also Section 5.10.1)		
STAT[167:160]	M_FC_TRIG[7:0]	Missed FrameCombine trigger counter (see also Section 5.10.1)		
STAT[195:192]	M_TRIG_LEVEL[3:0]	Trigger Level: signal level of the trigger input signal (only available in some models, see Appendix B). Bit 0: PLC_Q4: Bit 1: Line1; Bit 2: PLC_Q6 (A-Trigger); Bit 3: PLC_Q7 (B-Trigger).		
STAT[224]	MOV_ROI_COL_WARN	Applies to moving ROI only (see Section 5.2.15): value 0: there are more columns with a detected laser line than specified in Peak0_MovingROIMinCol. Value 1: there are less columns with a detected laser line than specified in Peak0_MovingROIMinCol.		
STAT[225]	MOV_ROI_BORDER	Applies to moving ROI only: value 1: the distance from the mimimum or maximum coordinate to the corresponding image border is less than specified by Peak0_MovingROIMinDistance. This is an indication that perhaps the height of 3D-ROI is too small for the current situation.		
STAT[226]	MOV_ROI_LASER_FINDER	Applies to moving ROI only: value 1: the current frame is a laser finder window.		
STAT[238:228]	PEAK0_ROI_Y	Vertical starting position of the current 3D RO This information might be useful for moving ROI.		
STAT[266:256]	MOV_ROI_MIN_POS	Applies to moving ROI only: minimal position of laser line in current image.		
STAT[282:272]	MOV_ROI_MAX_POS	Applies to moving ROI only: maximal position of laser line in current image.		
STAT[288:289]	ALGORITHM_3D	The algorithm that produced the 3D data. 1: LineFinder, 2: COG.		

Table 5.9: Status fields

5.11 Laser test image

A Laser Test Image has been added that resembles a moving laser line (see Fig. 5.37) and it is placed just before the peak detection. Therefore it can be used to test if the 3D data is correctly processed during application development.



Figure 5.37: Laser test image

5.12 Test Images

Test images are generated in the camera FPGA, independent of the image sensor. They can be used to check the transmission path from the camera to the acquisition software. Independent from the configured grey level resolution, every possible grey level appears the same number of times in a test image. Therefore, the histogram of the received image must be flat.



A test image is a useful tool to find data transmission errors or errors in the access of the image buffers by the acquisition software.



The analysis of the test images with a histogram tool gives a flat histogram only if the image width is a multiple of 256 (in 8 bit mode).

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5.12.1 Ramp

Depending on the configured grey level resolution, the ramp test image outputs a constant pattern with increasing grey level from the left to the right side (see Fig. 5.38).



Figure 5.38: Ramp test images: 8 bit output

5.12.2 LFSR

The LFSR (Linear Feedback Shift Register) test image outputs a constant pattern with a pseudo-random grey level sequence containing every possible grey level that is repeated for every row. The LFSR test pattern was chosen because it leads to a very high data toggling rate, which stresses the interface electronic and the cable connection.



Figure 5.39: LFSR (linear feedback shift register) test image

In the histogram you can see that the number of pixels of all grey values are the same. Please refer to application note [AN026] for the calculation and the values of the LFSR test image.

5.12.3 Troubleshooting using the LFSR

To control the quality of your complete imaging system enable the LFSR mode, set the camera window to 1024 x 1024 pixels (x=0 and y=0) and check the histogram. The camera window can also be set to a multiple of this resolution (e.g. 2048 x 2048 or 4096 x 3072) if the camera model supports this resolution. If your image acquisition application does not provide a real-time histogram, store the image and use an image viewing tool (e.g. ImageJ) to display the histogram.

In the LFSR (linear feedback shift register) mode the camera generates a constant pseudo-random test pattern containing all grey levels. If the data transmission is correctly received, the histogram of the image will be flat (Fig. 5.40). On the other hand, a non-flat histogram (Fig. 5.41) indicates problems, that may be caused either by a defective camera, by problems in the acquisition software or in the transmission path.



Figure 5.40: LFSR test pattern received and typical histogram for error-free data transmission



Figure 5.41: LFSR test pattern received and histogram containing transmission errors

In robots applications, the stress that is applied to the camera cable is especially high due to the fast movement of the robot arm. For such applications, special drag chain capable cables are available. Please contact the Photonfocus Support for consulting expertise.

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Precautions

6.1 IMPORTANT NOTICE!



READ THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE BEFORE OPERATING THE CAMERA STORE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE FOR FURTHER READING



The installation of the camera in the vision system should be executed by trained and instructed employees.

DANGER - Electric Shock Hazard

Unapproved power supplies may cause electric shock. Serious injury or death may occur.



• If you use a powered hub or a powered switch in PoE or USB vision systems these devices must meet the SELV and LPS requirements.

WARNING - Fire Hazard

Unapproved power supplies may cause fire and burns.



- You must use camera power supplies which meet the Limited Power Source (LPS) requirements.
- If you use a powered hub or a powered switch in PoE or USB vision systems these devices must meet the LPS requirements.

Supply voltages outside of the specified range will cause damage. Check the supply voltage range given in this manual. Avoid reverse supply voltages.



Respect the voltage limits and the common mode rails of the camera control signals. Ensure that the output signals are not over loaded. Respect the power limitations of the outputs. Carefully design the vision system before you connect electronic devices to the camera. Use simulation tools to check your design.



Avoid compensation currents over data cables. Use appropriate ground connections and grounding materials in the installation of your vision system to ensure equal potential of all chassis earth in your system. 6 Precautions



Incorrect plugs can damage the camera connectors. Use only the connectors specified by Photonfocus in this manual. Using plugs designed for a smaller or a larger number of pins can damage the connectors.



The cameras deliver the data to the vision system over interfaces with high bandwidth. Use only shielded data cables to avoid EMC and data transmission issues. High speed data cables are susceptible to mechanical stress. Avoid mechanical stress and bending of the cables below the minimum bending radius of the cables during installation of your vision system. For robot applications appropriate cables have to be used.

Inappropriate software code to control the cameras may cause unexpected camera behaviour.



- The code examples provided in the Photonfocus software package are included as sample code only. Inappropriate code may cause your camera to function differently than expected and may compromise your application. The Photonfocus software package is available on the Photonfocus website: www.photonfocus.com.
- To ensure that the examples will work properly in your application, you must adjust them to meet your specific needs and must carefully test them thoroughly prior to use.

Avoid dust on the sensor.

The camera is shipped with a plastic cap on the lens mount. To avoid collecting dust on the camera's IR cut filter (colour cameras) or sensor (mono and mono NIR cameras), make sure that you always put the plastic cap in place when there is no lens mounted on the camera. Follow these general rules:

- Always put the plastic cap in place when there is no lens mounted on the camera.
- Make sure that the camera is pointing down every time you remove or replace the plastic cap, a lens or a lens adapter.
- Never apply compressed air to the camera. This can easily contaminate optical components, particularly the sensor.

Cleaning of the sensor

Avoid cleaning the surface of the camera sensor or filters if possible. If you must clean it:



- Before cleaning disconnect the camera from camera power supply and I/O connectors.
- Follow the instructions given in the section "Cleaning the Sensor" in this manual.



Cleaning of the housing

To clean the surface of the camera housing:

• Before cleaning disconnect the camera from camera power supply and I/O connectors.



- Do not use aggressive solvents or thinners which can damage the surface, the serial number label and electronic parts.
- Avoid the generation of ESD during cleaning.
- Take only a small amount of detergent to clean the camera body. Keep in mind that the camera body complies to the IP40 standard.
- Make sure the detergent has evaporated after cleaning before reconnecting the camera to the power supply.

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7.1 GigE Connector

The GigE cameras are interfaced to external components via

- an Ethernet jack (RJ45) to transmit configuration, image data and trigger.
- a 12 pin subminiature connector for the power supply, Hirose HR10A-10P-12S (female) .

The connectors are located on the back of the camera. Fig. 7.1 shows the plugs and the status LED which indicates camera operation.



Figure 7.1: Rear view of the GigE camera

7.2 Power Supply Connector

The camera requires a single voltage input (see Table 4.4). The camera meets all performance specifications using standard switching power supplies, although well-regulated linear power supplies provide optimum performance.



It is extremely important that you apply the appropriate voltages to your camera. Incorrect voltages will damage the camera.

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A suitable power supply can be ordered from your Photonfocus dealership.

For further details including the pinout please refer to Appendix A.

7.3 Status Indicator (GigE cameras)

A dual-color LED on the back of the camera gives information about the current status of the GigE CMOS cameras.

LED Green	It blinks slowly when the camera is not grabbing images.When the camera is grabbing images the LED blinks at a rate equal to the frame rate. At slow frame rates, the LED blinks. At high frame rates the LED changes to an apparently continuous green light, with intensity proportional to the ratio of readout time over frame time.
LED Red	Red indicates an active serial communication with the camera.

Table 7.1: Meaning of the LED of the GigE CMOS cameras

7.4 Power and Ground Connection for GigE G2 Cameras

The interface electronics is isolated from the camera electronics and the power supply including the line filters and camera case. Fig. 7.2 shows a schematic of the power and ground connections in the G2 camera models.



Figure 7.2: Schematic of power and ground connections in G2 camera models

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7.5 Power and Ground Connection for GigE H2 Cameras

The interface electronics is isolated from the camera electronics and the power supply including the line filters and camera case. Fig. 7.3 shows a schematic of the power and ground connections in H2 camera models.



Figure 7.3: Schematic of power and ground connections in H2 camera models

7.6 Trigger and Strobe Signals for GigE Cameras

7.6.1 Overview

The 12-pol. Hirose power connector contains two external trigger inputs, two strobe outputs and two differential inputs (G2 models: RS-422, H2 models: HTL). All inputs and outputs are connected to the Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) (see also Section 7.7) that offers powerful operations.



The pinout of the power connector is described in Section A.1.



G2 models: ISO_INC0 and ISO_INC1 RS-422 inputs have -10 V to +13 V extended common mode range.



H2 models: The voltage level for the HTL interface should be given by the user by means of connecting the encoder power pin (HTL_ENC_PWR) and the ISO_PWR pin to the same power supply within a range between 10 and 30V. In the same way, encoder ground (HTL_ENC_GND) and ISO_GND signals should be connected to the same ground in order to guarantee the good reception of the differential signals.



ISO_OUT0 and ISO_OUT1 have different output circuits (see also Section 7.6.2).



A suitable trigger breakout cable for the Hirose 12 pol. connector can be ordered from your Photonfocus dealership.



Simulation with LTSpice is possible, a simulation model can be downloaded from our web site www.photonfocus.com on the software download page (in Support section). It is filed under "Third Party Tools".



Don't connect single-ended signals to the differential inputs ISO_INC0 and ISO_INC1.

Fig. 7.4 shows the schematic of the inputs and outputs for the G2 models and Fig. 7.5 for the H2 models. All inputs and outputs are isolated. ISO_VCC is an isolated, internally generated voltage.



Figure 7.4: Schematic of inputs and output (G2 models)



Figure 7.5: Schematic of inputs and output (H2 models)

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7.6.2 Single-ended Inputs

ISO_IN0 and ISO_IN1 are single-ended isolated inputs. The input circuit of both inputs is identical (see Fig. 7.4).

Fig. 7.6 shows a direct connection to the ISO_IN inputs.



In the camera default settings the PLC is configured to connect the ISO_IN0 to the PLC_Q4 camera trigger input. This setting is listed in Section 8.11.2.



Figure 7.6: Direct connection to ISO_IN

Fig. 7.7 shows how to connect ISO_IN to TTL logic output device.



Figure 7.7: Connection to ISO_IN from a TTL logic device

7.6.3 Single-ended Outputs

ISO_OUT0 and ISO_OUT1 are single-ended isolated outputs.



ISO_OUT0 and ISO_OUT1 have different output circuits: ISO_OUT1 doesn't have a pullup resistor and can be used as additional Strobe out (by adding Pull up) or as controllable switch. Maximal ratings that must not be exceeded: voltage: 30 V, current: 0.5 A, power: 0.5 W.

Fig. 7.8 shows the connection from the ISO_OUT0 output to a TTL logic device. PTC is a current limiting device.



Figure 7.8: Connection example to ISO_OUT0

Fig. 7.9 shows the connection from ISO_OUT1 to a TTL logic device. PTC is a current limiting device.



Figure 7.9: Connection from the ISO_OUT1 output to a TTL logic device

Fig. 7.10 shows the connection from ISO_OUT1 to a LED.



Figure 7.10: Connection from ISO_OUT1 to a LED



Respect the limits of the POWER MOSFET in the connection to ISEO_OUT1. Maximal ratings that must not be exceeded: voltage: 30 V, current: 0.5 A, power: 0.5 W. (see also Fig. 7.11). The type of the Power MOSFET is: International Rectifier IRLML0100TRPbF.



Figure 7.11: Limits of ISO_OUT1 output

7.6.4 Differential RS-422 Inputs (G2 models)

ISO_INC0 and ISO_INC1 are isolated differential RS-422 inputs (see also Fig. 7.4). They are connected to a Maxim MAX3098 RS-422 receiver device. Please consult the data sheet of the MAX3098 for connection details.



Don't connect single-ended signals to the differential inputs ISO_INC0 and ISO_INC1 (see also Fig. 7.12).



Figure 7.12: Incorrect connection to ISO_INC inputs

7.6.5 Master / Slave Camera Connection

The trigger input of one Photonfocus G2 camera can easily connected to the strobe output of another Photonfocus G2 camera as shown in Fig. 7.13. This results in a master/slave mode where the slave camera operates synchronously to the master camera.



Figure 7.13: Master / slave connection of two Photonfocus G2 cameras

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7.6.6 I/O Wiring

The Photonfocus cameras include electrically isolated inputs and outputs. Take great care when wiring trigger and strobe signals to the camera, specially over big distances (a few meters) and in noisy environments. Improper wiring can introduce ground loops which lead to malfunction of triggers and strobes.

There are two roads to avoid ground loops:

- Separating I/O ground and power supply (ISO_GND and ISO_PWR) from camera power (CAM_GND, CAM_PWR)
- Using a common power supply for camera and I/O signals with star-wiring

Separate Grounds

To separate the signal and ground connections of the camera (CAM_GND, CAM_PWR, data connections) from the I/O connections (ISO_GND, ISO_PWR, ISO_IN, ISO_OUT) is one way to avoid ground loops. Fig. 7.14 shows a schematic of this setup. In this setup the power supplies for the camera and for ISO power must be separate devices.



Separate ground → no ground loop

Figure 7.14: I/O wiring using separate ground

Common Grounds with Star Wiring

Ground loops can be avoided using "star wiring", i.e. the wiring of power and ground connections originate from one "star point" which is typically a power supply. Fig. 7.15 shows a schematic of the star-wiring concept.

Fig. 7.16 shows a schematic of the star-wiring concept applied to a Photonfocus GigE camera. The power supply and ground connections for the camera and for the I/O are connected to the same power supply which acts as the "Star Point".



Figure 7.15: Star-wiring principle

Star wirinig → no ground loop



Figure 7.16: I/O wiring using star-wiring

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Fig. 7.17 shows an example of how to connect a flash light and a trigger source to the camera using star-wiring. The trigger in this example is generated from a light barrier. Note how the power and ground cables are connected to the same power supply.



Figure 7.17: I/O wiring using star-wiring example



An example of improper wiring that causes a ground loop is shown in Fig. 7.18.

Figure 7.18: Improper I/O wiring causing a ground loop

7.7 PLC connections

The PLC (Programmable Logic Controller) is a powerful device where some camera inputs and outputs can be manipulated and software interrupts can be generated. Sample settings and an introduction to PLC are shown in Section 8.11. PLC is described in detail in the document [PLC].

Name	Direction	Description		
A0 (Line0)	Power connector -> PLC	ISO_IN0 input signal		
A1(Line1)	Power connector -> PLC	ISO_IN1 input signal		
A2 (Line2)	Power connector -> PLC	ISO_INC0 input signal		
A3 (Line3)	Power connector -> PLC	ISO_INC1 input signal		
A4	camera head -> PLC	FVAL (Frame Valid) signal		
A5	camera head -> PLC	LVAL (Line Valid) signal		
A6	camera head -> PLC	DVAL (Data Valid) signal		
A7	camera head -> PLC	Reserved (CL_SPARE)		
Q0	PLC ->	not connected		
Q1	PLC -> power connector	ISO_OUT1 output signal (signal is inverted)		
Q2	PLC ->	not connected		
Q3	PLC ->	not connected		
Q4	PLC -> camera head	PLC_Q4 camera trigger		
Q5	PLC -> camera head	Reserved for future use		
Q6	PLC -> camera head	Incremental encoder A signal		
Q7	PLC -> camera head	Incremental encoder B signal		

Table 7.2: Connections to/from PLC

Software

8.1 Software for MV1-D2048x1088-3D06

Various software packages for Photonfocus the MV1-D2048x1088-3D06 camera series are available on the Photonfocus website:

- **eBUS SDK** Contains the Pleora SDK and the Pleora GigE filter drivers. Many examples of the SDK are included.
- **PFInstaller** Contains the PF_GEVPlayer, the PF 3D Suite and SDK, a property list for every GigE camera and additional documentation and examples.
- **PF 3D Suite and SDK** Visualization tool for Photonfocus 3D cameras. This tool is described in a separate manual [MAN053] and is included in the PFInstaller.

8.2 PF_GEVPlayer

The camera parameters can be configured by a Graphical User Interface (GUI) tool for Gigabit Ethernet Vision cameras or they can be programmed with custom software using the SDK.

A GUI tool that can be downloaded from Photonfocus is the PF_GEVPlayer. How to obtain and install the software and how to connect the camera is described in Chapter 3.

After connecting to the camera, the camera properties can be accessed by clicking on the GEV Device control button (see also Section 8.2.2).



The PF_GEVPlayer is described in more detail in the GEVPlayer Quick Start Guide [GEVQS] which is included in the PFInstaller.



There is also a GEVPlayer in the Pleora eBUS package. It is recommended to use the PF_GEVPlayer as it contains some enhancements for Photonfocus GigE cameras such as decoding the image stream in DR1 cameras.

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8.2.1 PF_GEVPlayer main window

After connecting the camera (see Chapter 3), the main window displays the following controls (see Fig. 8.1):

Disconnect Disconnect the camera

Mode Acquisition mode

Play Start acquisition

Stop Stop acquisition

Acquisition Control Mode Continuous, Single Frame or Multi Frame modes. The number of frames that are acquired in Multi Frame mode can be set in the GEV Device Control with AcquisitionFrameCount in the AcquisitionControl category.

Communication control Set communication properties.

GEV Device control Set properties of the camera head, IP properties and properties of the PLC (Programmable Logic Controller, see also Section 7.7 and document [PLC]).

Image stream control Set image stream properties and display image stream statistics.



Figure 8.1: PF_GEVPlayer main window

Below the image display there are two lines with status information

8.2.2 GEV Control Windows

This section describes the basic use of the GEV Control windows, e.g. the GEV Device Control window.

The view of the properties in the control window can be changed as described below. At start the properties are grouped in categories which are expanded and whose title is displayed in bold letters. An overview of the available view controls of the GEV Control windows is shown in Fig. 8.2.

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To have a quick overview of the available categories, all categories should be collapsed. The categories of interest can then be expanded again. If the name of the property is known, then the alphabetical view is convenient. If this is the first time that you use a Photonfocus GigE camera, then the visibility should be left to Beginner.

The description of the currently selected property is shown at the bottom ot the window.



After selecting a property from a drop-down box it is necessary to press <Enter> or to click with the mouse on the control window to apply the property value to the camera.



A red cross at the upper right corner of the GEV Control Window indicates a parameter error, i.e. a parameter is not correctly set. In this case you should check all properties. A red exclamation mark (!) at the right side of a parameter value indicates that this parameters has to be set correctly.



Figure 8.2: PF_GEVPlayer Control Window

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8.2.3 Display Area

The images are displayed in the main window in the display area. A zoom menu is available when right clicking in the display area. Another way to zoom is to press the Ctrl button while using the mouse wheel.

8.2.4 White Balance (Color cameras only)

A white balance utility is available in the PF_GEVPlayer in Tools -> Image Filtering (see Fig. 8.3). The gain of the color channels can be adjusted manually by sliders or an auto white balance of the current image can be set by clicking on the White Balance button. To have a correct white balance setting, the camera should be pointed to a neutral reference (object that reflects all colors equally), e.g. a special grey reference card while clicking on the White Balance button.



The white balance settings that were made as described in this section, are applied by the PF_GEVPlayer software and are not stored in the camera. To store the color gain values in the camera, the Gain settings in the GEV Device Control (in AnalogControl) must be used. If the gain properties in the camera are used, then the PF_GEVPlayer RGB Filtering should be disabled.

Image Filtering					X
RGB Filtering	Gains			Offsets	
Red		1.000 🛟		0	*
Green		1.084 🛟		0	*
Blue		1.280		0	*
White Balance Reset					
Bayer Interpolation	n 🗸]			

Figure 8.3: PF_GEVPlayer image filtering dialog

8.2.5 Save camera setting to a file

The current camera settings can be saved to a file with the PF_GEVPlayer (File -> Save or Save As...). This file can later be applied to camera to restore the saved settings (File -> Open), Note, that the Device Control window must not be open to do this.



The MROI and LUT settings are not saved in the file.

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8.2.6 Get feature list of camera

A list of all features of the Photonfocus GigE cameras in HTML format can be found in the GenICam_Feature_Lists sub-directory (in Start -> All Programs -> Photonfocus -> GigE_Tools).

Alternatively, the feature list of the connected camera can be retrieved with the PF_GEVPlayer (Tools -> Save Camera Features as HTML...).

8.3 Pleora SDK

The eBUS package provides the PureGEV C++ SDK for image acquisition and the setting of properties. A help file is installed in the Pleora installation directory, e.g. C:\Program Files\Pleora Technologies Inc\eBUS SDK\Documentation.

Various code samples are installed in the installation directory, e.g. C:\Program Files\Pleora Technologies Inc\eBUS SDK\Samples. The sample PvPipelineSample is recommended to start with.

Samples that show how to set device properties are included in the PFInstaller that can be downloaded from the Photonfocus webpage.

8.4 Frequently used properties

The following list shows some frequently used properties that are available in the Beginner mode. The category name is given in parenthesis.

Width (ImageFormatControl) Width of the camera image ROI (region of interest)

Height (ImageFormatControl) Width of the camera image ROI

OffsetX, OffsetY (ImageFormatControl) Start of the camera image ROI

ExposureTime (AcquisitionControl) Exposure time in microseconds

TriggerMode (AcquisitionControl) External triggered mode

TriggerSource (AcquisitionControl) Trigger source if external triggered mode is selected

Header_Serial (Info / CameraInfo) Serial number of the camera

UserSetSave (UserSetControl) Saves the current camera settings to non-volatile flash memory.

8.5 Height setting

The Height property must be set manually to the value of HeightInterface whenever a property relevant to the height setting is modified (an example for this can be found in Section 8.6). The height relevant properties are:

- LineFinder_Mode
- Peak0_3DH
- FrameCombine

The height can be directly written to the Height property in 2Donly mode.

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8.6 3D (Laser Line Detector) settings

This section describes how to the set the 3D properties. These properties are described in Section 5.2.

- 1. Select the Algorithm to use through the LineFinder_Algorithm3D property, either LineFinder or COG.
- 2. Set threshold values for laser line in categories LineFinder/Peak0/Peak0_3D/LineFinder respectively LineFinder/Peak0/Peak0_3D/COG (see also note in Section 5.2.3).
- 3. Set scan area by setting the start row (Peak0_3DY in category LineFinder/Peak0/Peak0_3D) and the height (Peak0_3DH in category LineFinder/Peak0/Peak0_3D) (see also Section 5.3.2).
- 4. Configure the 2D Line by setting the start row (Peak0_2DY in category LineFinder/Peak0/Peak0_2D) and the height (Peak0_2DH in category LineFinder/Peak0/Peak0_2D) (see also Section 5.2.6). Note that the entire 2D line ROI must be outside the scan area.
- 5. Set LineFinder_Mode (in category LineFinder) to Mode_3Donly or to Mode_2Dand3D. Note that Mode_3Donly should be selected for maximal frame rate.
- 6. If LineFinder_Mode is set to Mode_2Dand3D then skip steps 6 to 8 and continue at step 9.
- 7. The number of frames of the FrameCombine feature (FrameCombine_NrOfFrames) should be set to a value that the resulting frame rate is below 200 for most applications (see also Section 5.2.10). The resulting frame rate is the trigger rate divided by FrameCombine_NrOfFrames. In free running mode (TriggerMode = Off) the frame rate can be read from the property AcquisitionFrameRateMax (in category AcquisitionControl). The lower the resulting frame rate, the fewer interrupts are generated by the GigE driver and the less load is produced on the computer's CPU. E.g. if the trigger rate is 4000 fps then FrameCombine_NrOfFrames should be set to 20 or more.
- 8. If FrameCombine is used, then the parameter FrameCombine_Timeout (in microseconds) should be set (see also Section 5.2.10. The value should be higher than the longest time between triggers, e.g. if the trigger rate is constant, then it could be set to twice the time between triggers.
- 9. If FrameCombine is used then FrameCombine_Enable should be set to True.
- 10. Read the value of the parameter HeightInterface and set Height to this value.

8.7 Column FPN Correction

Due to the readout structure of the image sensors there is a column-wise fixed pattern noise (FPN). The Column FPN Correction (ColCorrection) adds or subtracts a fixed value to a column. These values are obtained by a calibration process. The ColCorrection of the camera was calibrated at Photonfocus production facility.

8.7.1 Enable / Disable the Column FPN Correction

The Column FPN Correction can be enabled or disabled with the property ColCorrection_Enable (in category Correction/ColCorrection). By default the correction is enabled.

8.7.2 Calibration of the Column FPN Correction

The Column FPN Correction of the camera is correctly calibrated at Photonfocus production facility. Although a new calibration is normally not required, you can recalibrate the Column FPN Correction with the following instructions:

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Setup the camera to the mode where it will be usually used. (Exposure time, ...). The width should be set to its maximal value. Due to the internal structure of the camera, best performance of calibration will be achieved when calibrating under "real conditions". When the camera will be run in 3Donly mode, which is required for maximal frame rate, then the following settings should be applied: LineFinder_Mode = Mode_3Donly (category LineFinder), Peak0_3DY = 0 (category LineFinder / Peak0 / Peak0_3D), Peak0_3DH = 1088 (category LineFinder / Peak0 / Peak0_3D, Width = 2048 (category ImageFormatControl), Height = 4 (category ImageFormatControl)



If different exposure times will be used, calibrate the camera under the longest exposure time.

- 2. Put the camera in free-running mode by setting the property TriggerMode to Off.
- 3. Start grabbing of the camera by clicking on the Play button.
- 4. Wait until the camera has achieved working temperature.
- 5. Close the lens of the camera or put a cap on the lens. The calibration requires an uniform dark image. The black level offset should be set so that all pixels (except defect pixels) have values above 0.
- 6. Set the visibility of the Device Control window of the PF_GEVPlayer to Expert.
- 7. Run the command ColCorrection_CalibrateBlack (category ColCorrection) by clicking on the corresponding button. The camera transmits a test image during calibration.
- 8. Run the command ColCorrection_Update by clicking on the corresponding button. Read the ColCorrection_Busy value which should be 0 after the calibration has finished. Repeat this step if its value is not 0. If the ColCorrection_Busy value doesn't show 0 after various tries, check if the camera receive triggers or set the TriggerMode of the camera to Off.
- 9. Check the values of the properties ColCorrection_Overflow and ColCorrection_Underflow. Both should have the value 0 after calibration. If ColCorrection_Overflow is not 0, then decrease BlackLevel (in category AnalogControl) and re-run the procedure from step 6 on. If ColCorrection_Underflow is not 0, then increase BlackLevel (in category AnalogControl) and re-run the procedure from step 6 on.
- 10. The Column FPN correction is now calibrated. The calibration values are stored in the camera's RAM and these values are lost when the camera power is turned off. To store the calibration values to permanent memory see Section 8.7.3.

8.7.3 Storing the calibration in permanent memory

After running the calibration procedure (see Section 8.7.2) the calibration values are stored in RAM. When the camera is turned off, their values are lost.

To prevent this, the calibration values must be stored in flash memory. This can be done by clicking on the property ColCorrection_SaveToFlash (in category Calibration). Wait until the command has been finished, i.e.the property ColCorrection_Busy (category Correction / ColCorrection) is 0. ColCorrection_Busy can be updated by clicking on the property ColCorrection_Update (in category Calibration).



Storing the calibration in permanent memory overwrites the factory calibration.

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8.8 Outliers Correction

The Outliers Correction feature is explained in Section 5.7. This section shows its properties.

8.8.1 Black Pixel Correction

The Black Pixel Outliers Correction can be enabled by the property

OutliersCorrection_EnBlackPixel (in category Correction / OutliersCorrection / BlackPixel). A black pixel must have a grey value smaller than OutliersCorrection_BlackLimit and the minimal difference to its two neighbours on the same row is OutliersCorrection_BlackDiff. All values are specified at 12 bit resolution, i.e. 4095 is the value for a saturated pixel.

8.8.2 White Pixel Correction

The White Pixel Outliers Correction can be enabled by the property

OutliersCorrection_EnWhitePixel (in category Correction / OutliersCorrection / WhitePixel). A White pixel must have a grey value bigger than OutliersCorrection_WhiteLimit and the minimal difference to its two neighbours on the same row is OutliersCorrection_WhiteDiff. All values are specified at 12 bit resolution, i.e. 4095 is the value for a saturated pixel.

8.9 Permanent Parameter Storage / Factory Reset

The property UserSetSave (in category UserSetControl) stores the current camera settings in the non-volatile flash memory. At power-up these values are loaded.

The property UserSetLoad (in category UserSetControl) overwrites the current camera settings with the settings that are stored in the flash memory.

The command CameraHeadFactoryReset (in category PhotonfocusMain) restores the settings of the camera head



The property CameraHeadStoreDefaults (in category PhotonfocusMain) stores only the settings of the camera head in the flash memory. It is recommended to use UserSetSave instead, as all properties are stored.



The calibration values of the FPN calibration are not stored with UserSetSave (or CameraHeadStoreDefaults). Use the command Correction_SaveToFlash for this (see Correction_SaveToFlash).

8.10 Persistent IP address

It is possible to set a persistent IP address:

- 1. Set GevPersistentIPAddress (in category TransportLayerControl) to the desired IP address.
- 2. Set GevPersistentSubnetMask (in category TransportLayerControl) to the sub net mask.
- 3. Set GevCurrentIPConfigurationPersistent (in category TransportLayerControl) to True.
- 4. Set GevCurrentIPConfigurationDHCP (in category TransportLayerControl) to False.
- 5. The selected persistent IP address will be applied after a reboot of the camera.
8.11 PLC Settings

8.11.1 Introduction

The Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) is a powerful tool to generate triggers and software interrupts. A functional diagram of the PLC tool is shown in Fig. 8.4. The PLC tool is described in detail with many examples in the [PLC] manual which is included in the PFInstaller.



The AB Trigger feature is not available on all camera revisions, see Appendix B for a list of available features.



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Figure 8.4: PLC functional overview and trigger connections

The simpliest application of the PLC is to connect a PLC input to a PLC output. The connection of the ISO_IN0 input to the PLC_Q4 camera trigger is given as an example. The resulting configuration is shown in Section 8.11.2.

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- 1. Identify the PLC notation of the desired input. A table of the PLC mapping is given in Section 7.7. In our example, ISO_IN0 maps to A0 or Line0.
- Select a Signal Routing Block (SRB) that has a connection to the desired PLC input and connect it to the PLC input. In our example, SRB PLC_I0 will be used as it has a connection to Line0. To connect the SRB to input, set PLC_I<x> to the input. In the example, set PLC_I0 to Line0.
- 3. Identify the PLC notation of the desired output. A table of the PLC mapping is given in Section 7.7. In the example Q4 is the desired output.
- 4. Connect the LUT that corresponds to the desired output to the SRB from step 2. In the example, PLC_Q4 is connected to PLC_I0. Note that every LUT has the capability to connect up to 4 inputs. In the example only the first input (PLC_Q4_Variable0) is used. The other inputs are ignored by setting the PLC_Q4_Variable to Zero and the PLC_Q4_Operator to Or for inputs 1 to 3.
- 5. If a PLC output is used to connect to a camera trigger, then the corresponding Trigger Source must be activated. In the example, TriggerSource is set to PLC_Q4 and TriggerMode is set to On.

8.11.2 PLC Settings for ISO_IN0 to PLC_Q4 Camera Trigger

This setting connects the ISO_INO to the internal camera trigger, see Table 8.1 (the visibility in the PF_GEVPlayer must be set to Guru for this purpose).

Feature	Value	Category
TriggerMode	On	AcquisitionControl
TriggerSource	PLC_Q4	AcquisitionControl
PLC_I0	Line0	<plc>/SignalRoutingBlock</plc>
PLC_Q4_Variable0	PLC_I0_Not	<plc>/LookupTable/Q4</plc>
PLC_Q4_Operator0	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q4</plc>
PLC_Q4_Variable1	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q4</plc>
PLC_Q4_Operator1	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q4</plc>
PLC_Q4_Variable2	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q4</plc>
PLC_Q4_Operator2	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q4</plc>
PLC_Q4_Variable3	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q4</plc>

Table 8.1: PLC Settings for ISO_IN0 to PLC_Q4 Camera Trigger (<PLC> = in category IPEngine/ProgrammableLogicController)

8.11.3 PLC Settings for A/B Trigger from differential inputs

This settings connects the ISO_INC differential inputs to the A/B camera inputs. ISO_INC0 is mapped to the A signal and ISO_INC1 to the B signal, see Table 8.2 (the visibility in the PF_GEVPlayer must be set to Guru for this purpose).



The AB Trigger feature is not available on all camera revisions, see Appendix B for a list of available features.

Feature	Value	Category
TriggerMode	On	AcquisitionControl
TriggerSource	ABTrigger	AcquisitionControl
PLC_I2	Line2	<plc>/SignalRoutingBlock</plc>
PLC_I3	Line3	<plc>/SignalRoutingBlock</plc>
PLC_Q6_Variable0	PLC_I2	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Operator0	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Variable1	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Operator1	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Variable2	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Operator2	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Variable3	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q7_Variable0	PLC_I3	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Operator0	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Variable1	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Operator1	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Variable2	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Operator2	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Variable3	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>

Table8.2:PLCSettingsforA/BTriggerfromdifferentialinputs(<PLC> = incategoryIPEngine/ProgrammableLogicController)

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8.11.4 PLC Settings for A/B Trigger from single-ended inputs

This configuration maps the single-ended inputs to the A/B camera inputs: ISO_IN0 is mapped to the A signal and ISO_IN1 to the B signal see Table 8.3 (the visibility in the PF_GEVPlayer must be set to Guru for this purpose).



The AB Trigger feature is not available on all camera revisions, see Appendix B for a list of available features.

Feature	Value	Category
TriggerMode	On	AcquisitionControl
TriggerSource	ABTrigger	AcquisitionControl
PLC_I0	Line0	<plc>/SignalRoutingBlock</plc>
PLC_I1	Line1	<plc>/SignalRoutingBlock</plc>
PLC_Q6_Variable0	PLC_I0	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Operator0	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Variable1	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Operator1	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Variable2	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Operator2	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q6_Variable3	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q6</plc>
PLC_Q7_Variable0	PLC_I1	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Operator0	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Variable1	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Operator1	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Variable2	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Operator2	Or	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>
PLC_Q7_Variable3	Zero	<plc>/LookupTable/Q7</plc>

Table8.3:PLCSettingsforA/BTriggerfrom single-endedinputs(<PLC> = in categoryIPEngine/ProgrammableLogicController)

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Mechanical and Optical Considerations

9.1 Mechanical Interface

During storage and transport, the camera should be protected against vibration, shock, moisture and dust. The original packaging protects the camera adequately from vibration and shock during storage and transport. Please either retain this packaging for possible later use or dispose of it according to local regulations.

9.1.1 Cameras with GigE Interface

Fig. 9.1 shows the mechanical drawing of the camera housing for the Photonfocus D/L2048 GigE camera series.



Figure 9.1: Mechanical dimensions of the Photonfocus 2048 GigE cameras



Figure 9.2: Mechanical dimensions of the Photonfocus 2048 GigE S10 cameras (with Scheimpflug 10 deg)



For long life and high accuracy operation, we highly recommend to mount the camera thermally coupled, so that the mounting acts as a heat sink. To verify proper mounting, camera temperature can be monitored using the GeniCam command DeviceTemperature under GEVDeviceControl.

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9.2 Adjusting the Back Focus

The back focus of your Photonfocus camera is correctly adjusted in the production of the camera.

This section describes the procedure to adjust the back focus if you require that because e.g. you are using a special lens.

- 1. Screw a lens strongly into the camera's C-mount ring.
- 2. Unscrew the 3 small screws that lock the C-mount ring with a hex-wrench of size 0.89 mm. The position of the screws is shown in Fig. 9.3. The ring can now be screwn upwards or downwards by turning the lens.
- 3. To adjust the back focus fully open the aperture of the lens and set the focus to infinite.
- Start the image acquisition and point the camera to a straight edge/line in a distance x (x = infinite distance of your lens) from the camera, e.g. a door frame.
- 5. Screw the ring upwards or downwards until the straight edge/line (distance: infinite) is also straight on the camera image.
- 6. Tighten the small screws. As the ring is locked, the lens can now be easily removed.



Figure 9.3: Position of the 3 small screws that lock C-mount.ring

9.3 Optical Interface

9.3.1 Cleaning the Sensor

The sensor is part of the optical path and should be handled like other optical components: with extreme care.

Dust can obscure pixels, producing dark patches in the images captured. Dust is most visible when the illumination is collimated. Dark patches caused by dust or dirt shift position as the angle of illumination changes. Dust is normally not visible when the sensor is positioned at the exit port of an integrating sphere, where the illumination is diffuse.

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- 1. The camera should only be cleaned in ESD-safe areas by ESD-trained personnel using wrist straps. Ideally, the sensor should be cleaned in a clean environment. Otherwise, in dusty environments, the sensor will immediately become dirty again after cleaning.
- 2. Use a high quality, low pressure air duster (e.g. Electrolube EAD400D, pure compressed inert gas, www.electrolube.com) to blow off loose particles. This step alone is usually sufficient to clean the sensor of the most common contaminants.



Workshop air supply is not appropriate and may cause permanent damage to the sensor.

3. If further cleaning is required, use a suitable lens wiper or Q-Tip moistened with an appropriate cleaning fluid to wipe the sensor surface as described below. Examples of suitable lens cleaning materials are given in Table 9.1. Cleaning materials must be ESD-safe, lint-free and free from particles that may scratch the sensor surface.



Do not use ordinary cotton buds. These do not fulfil the above requirements and permanent damage to the sensor may result.

4. Wipe the sensor carefully and slowly. First remove coarse particles and dirt from the sensor using Q-Tips soaked in 2-propanol, applying as little pressure as possible. Using a method similar to that used for cleaning optical surfaces, clean the sensor by starting at any corner of the sensor and working towards the opposite corner. Finally, repeat the procedure with methanol to remove streaks. It is imperative that no pressure be applied to the surface of the sensor or to the black globe-top material (if present) surrounding the optically active surface during the cleaning process.

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Product		Supplier	Remark
EAD400D	Airduster	Electrolube, UK	www.electrolube.com
Anticon Gold 9"x 9"	Anticon Gold 9"x 9" Wiper Milliken, USA		ESD safe and suitable for class 100 environments. www.milliken.com
TX4025	Wiper	Texwipe	www.texwipe.com
Transplex	Swab	Texwipe	
Small Q-Tips SWABSQ-tipsHans J. MichaelBB-003Germany		Hans J. Michael GmbH, Germany	www.hjm-reinraum.de
Large Q-Tips SWABS CA-003	Q-tips	Hans J. Michael GmbH, Germany	
Point Slim HUBY-340	Q-tips	Hans J. Michael GmbH, Germany	
Methanol	Fluid	Johnson Matthey GmbH, Germany	Semiconductor Grade 99.9% min (Assay), Merck 12,6024, UN1230, slightly flammable and poisonous. www.alfa-chemcat.com
2-Propanol (Iso-Propanol)	Fluid	Johnson Matthey GmbH, Germany	Semiconductor Grade 99.5% min (Assay) Merck 12,5227, UN1219, slightly flammable. www.alfa-chemcat.com

Table 9.1: Recommende	d materials for sensor cleaning
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For cleaning the sensor, Photonfocus recommends the products available from the suppliers as listed in Table 9.1.



Cleaning tools (except chemicals) can be purchased directly from Photonfocus (www.photonfocus.com).

Standards Compliance

10.1 Directives and General Standards

The products described in this manual in the form as delivered are in conformity with the provisions of the following European Directives:

- 2014/30/EU Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)
- 2014/35/EU Low Voltage (LVD)
- 2011/65/EU Restriction of hazardous substances (RoHS)

Conformity to the Directives is assured through the application of the following standards:

Emission:

- EN 61000-6-4:2007/A1:2011: Generic standards Emission standard for industrial environments
- EN 55022:2010: Information technology equipment Radio disturbance characteristics, Limits and methods of measurements, class A
- FCC (2010) Part 15: Limit for digital devices, class A

Immunity:

- EN 61000-6-2:2017: Generic standards –Immunity standard for industrial environments
 - EN 61000-4-2:2009: Electronic discharge immunity tests
 - EN 61000-4-3:2006/A1:2008/A2:2010: Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test
 - EN 61000-4-4:2012: Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test
 - EN 61000-4-5:2014: Surge immunity test
 - EN 61000-4-6:2014: Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency fields

For details consult the EC Declaration of conformity of the specific product. The declarations are available on the Photonfocus website: www.photonfocus.com.

10.2 Country-specific Information

10.2.1 For customers in the USA

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

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You are cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

The shielded interface cable recommended in this manual must be used with this equipment in order to comply with the limits for a computing device pursuant to Subpart B of Part 15 of FCC Rules.

10.2.2 For customers in Canada

This apparatus complies with the Class A limits for radio noise emissions set out in Radio Interference Regulations.

10.2.3 Pour utilisateurs au Canada

Cet appareil est conforme aux normes Classe A pour bruits radioélectriques, spécifiées dans le Règlement sur le brouillage radioélectrique.

10.3 Life support applications

These products are not designed for use in life support appliances, devices, or systems where malfunction of these products can reasonably be expected to result in personal injury. Photonfocus customers using or selling these products for use in such applications do so at their own risk and agree to fully indemnify Photonfocus for any damages resulting from such improper use or sale.

Warranty

The manufacturer alone reserves the right to recognize warranty claims.

11.1 Warranty Terms

The manufacturer warrants to distributor and end customer that for a period of two years from the date of the shipment from manufacturer or distributor to end customer (the "Warranty Period") that:

- the product will substantially conform to the specifications set forth in the applicable documentation published by the manufacturer and accompanying said product, and
- the product shall be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. The distributor shall not make or pass on to any party any warranty or representation on behalf of the manufacturer other than or inconsistent with the above limited warranty set.

11.2 Warranty Claim



The above warranty does not apply to any product that has been modified or altered by any party other than manufacturer, or for any defects caused by any use of the product in a manner for which it was not designed, or by the negligence of any party other than manufacturer.

11.3 Breach of Warranty

To ensure that your warranty remains in force, adhere to the following rules:

- 1. Do not open the housing or destroy the warranty seal of the camera. Touching internal electronic components of the camera may damage the camera electronic.
- 2. Do not remove the camera serial number label. If the label is removed and the serial number cannot be read out from the camera registers, the product identification and the product traceability is no longer ensured.
- 3. Avoid mechanical stress and damage of the camera connectors and the camera housing. Secure the external connectors and cables against unusual force effects.
- 4. Avoid power supply voltage levels above the camera specifications and reverse voltages.
- 5. Avoid compensation currents over data cables. Use appropriate ground connections and grounding materials in the installation of your vision system to ensure equal potential of all chassis earth in your system.
- 6. Avoid electromagnetic fields strengths and electrostatic charging levels which are over the limits of the industrial standards cited in the conformity declaration of the camera.
- 7. Prevent the camera especially water and moisture ingress. Prevent any liquid, flammable, or metallic substances from entering the camera case.

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- 8. Avoid cleaning the sensor with improper methods. Follow the instructions in the corresponding chapter of this manual.
- 9. Transport and store the camera in its original packaging only and protect the sensor and the lens mount with a camera body cap.
- 10. Read the manual carefully before installing and using the camera.

Support and Repair

This chapter describes the product support and repair.

12.1 Technical Support

First level technical support is given from the sales department of Photonfocus or your local dealer. In case your issue could not be solved in this way Photonfocus support team takes over. The Photonfocus support team is available via email: support@photonfocus.com. For an efficient handling of your case we need the following information from you:

- 1. Camera model name,
- 2. Camera serial number and
- 3. Detailed description of the issue.

With the camera name and serial number we can determine the exact product status in our production data base. Without these numbers we cannot provide support for your issue. Before mailing the support make sure that your description is based on the latest revision of the camera manual and driver software. The camera manual and the latest driver software can be downloaded from the Photonfocus homepage: www.photonfocus.com. Perform a factory reset to be sure that the issue is not caused by your application settings or application software.

In cases you need sales support contact the Photonfocus sales team via email: <sales@photonfocus.com>.

12.2 Repair and obtaining an RMA Number

Whenever you want to return a camera to Photonfocus contact first the Photonfocus support to be sure that the camera has to be repaired. In a repair case you will get from Photonfocus a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number. The RMA number must be stated in your delivery documents. Please send us together with the RMA a detailed description of the error.

In a warranty case we will repair the camera and return the camera to you with a repair report. In cases without warranty we determine the effort to repair the camera. Before repair we will send you an offer for the repair costs. With your acceptance the camera will be repaired and shipped back to you. The repair will be documented in a repair report.

12.3 Temporal Abandoning and Scrapping

If you want to take the camera temporally out of service close the optical interface with the camera body cap and store the camera in the camera transport package or comparable package. Best practice is to seal the camera in an anti-static plastic bag

If you scrap your vision system or machine be aware that this camera must be disposed of in compliance with the directive 2002/96/EC on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).

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References

All referenced documents can be downloaded from our website at www.photonfocus.com.

- GEVQS GEVPlayer Quick Start Guide, Pleora Technologies. Included in eBUS installer.
- MAN051 Manual "Photonfocus GigE Quick Start Guide", Photonfocus
- MAN053 Manual "PF 3D Suite", Photonfocus, included in the PFInstaller
- **PLC** iPORT Programmable Logic Controller Reference Guide, Pleora Technologies. Included in GigE software package.

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Pinouts

A.1 Power Supply Connector

The power supply connectors are available from Hirose connectors at www.hirose-connectors.com. Fig. A.1 shows the power supply plug from the solder side. The pin assignment of the power supply plug is given in Table A.2.



It is extremely important that you apply the appropriate voltages to your camera. Incorrect voltages will damage or destroy the camera.



The connection of the input and output signals is described in Section 7.6.



A suitable power supply can be ordered from your Photonfocus dealership.

Connector Type	Order Nr.	
12-pole Hirose HR10A-10P-12S soldering	110-0402-0	
12-pole Hirose HR10A-10P-12SC crimping	110-0604-4	

Table A.1: Power supply connectors (Hirose HR10 series, female connector)



Figure A.1: Power supply connector, 12-pole female (rear view of connector, solder side)

Pin	I/O Type	Name	Description
1	PWR	CAMERA_GND	Camera GND, 0V
2	PWR	CAMERA_PWR	Camera Power 12V24V
3	0	ISO_OUT0	Default Strobe out, internally Pulled up to ISO_PWR with 4k7 Resistor
4	I	ISO_INC0_N	INC0 differential input (G2: RS-422, H2: HTL), negative polarity
5	I	ISO_INC0_P	INC0 differential input (G2: RS-422, H2: HTL), positive polarity
6	PWR	ISO_PWR	Power supply 5V24V for output signals
7	1	ISO_IN0	IN0 input signal
8	0	ISO_OUT1 (MISC)	Q1 output from PLC, no Pull up to ISO_PWR ; can be used as additional output (by adding Pull up) or as controllable switch (max. 100mA, no capacitive or inductive load)
9	1	ISO_IN1(Trigger IN)	Default Trigger IN
10	I	ISO_INC1_N	INC1 differential input (G2: RS-422, H2: HTL), negative polarity
11	I	ISO_INC1_P	INC1 differential input (G2: RS-422, H2: HTL), positive polarity
12	PWR	ISO_GND	I/O GND, 0V

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Camera Revisions

B.1 General Remarks

This chapter lists differences between the revisions of the camera models.

Always the newest camera revision is shipped if not otherwise mentioned by the customer. If a previous version is required then this must be clearly mentionend on the purchase order.

The version of your camera is stored in the property uCRevision (in category Info / CameraInfo, set visibility to Expert). It is a number with at least 5 digits. The two rightmost digits are the build number, the next two digits (counting from the right side) are the minor revision number and the remaining digits are the major revision number. uCRevision=10203 would therefore indicate the version 1.2 (build 3).

B.2 Glossary of terms used in revision table

List of terms used in the revision tables in this chapter:

Standard Trigger Standard trigger features. Trigger Source: Free running, Software Trigger, Line1 Trigger, PLC_Q4 Trigger. Exposure Time Control: Camera-controlled, Trigger-controlled. Additional features: Trigger Delay, Burst Trigger and Strobe. B Camera Revisions

B.3 MV1-D2048-3D06 Revision table

Table B.1 shows the revision table of the Photonfocus MV1-D2048-3D06 camera series. Some terms used in this table are listed in Section B.2.

Item	V3.4	V3.5
Laser Line Detection (LineFinder)	yes	yes
Laser Line Detection (COG)	no	yes
2D&3D mode (Section 5.2.5)	yes	yes
3Donly mode (Section 5.2.5)	yes	yes
Peak mirror (Section 5.2.12)	yes	yes
Frame combine (Section 5.2.10)	yes	yes
Peak filter (Section 5.2.11)	yes	yes
Absolute coordinates (Section 5.2.13)	yes	yes
High speed mode (Section 5.2.14)	yes	yes
Moving ROI (Section 5.2.15)	yes	yes
Standard trigger	yes	yes
A/B trigger (Section 5.4.9)	yes	yes
External counter reset (Section 5.4.10)	yes	yes
Dual reset counters (Section 5.4.10)	no	no
Trigger Acquisition (Section 5.4.11)	yes	yes
Multiple slope (Section 5.5)	yes	yes
Column FPN correction (Section 8.7)	yes	yes
Outliers correction (Section 5.7)	yes	yes
Gain and offset (Section 5.9)	yes	yes
Status information	yes	yes
Test image (Section 5.11)	yes	yes

Table B.1: Revision table MV1-D2048-3D06

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Revision History

Revision	Date	Changes
1.0	May 2017	First version
1.1	June 2017	Fixed Fig. 5.11 and Fig. 5.12 not showing the correct DataFormat3D values
1.2	June 2017	Added COG description
1.3	August 2018	 Added 2D Line description Updated power supply connector description