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Throughout the year, we aim to provide you with information about new developments, technological trends, groundbreaking applications, new products and leading companies. Throughout the year we are faced with the recurring challenge: What to select, what to highlight, what to point out. There is never enough room to cover it all. So once a year we seize the opportunity to present to you a comprehensive overview of the machine vision and optical metrology industries.

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In the ongoing (and probably not any time soon ending) discussion about print versus

online, we decided that for a Buyers Guide both is best. Thus the INSPECT Buyers Guide is a true cross-media product. At www.inspect-online.com/buyersguide the online database provides sophisticated search functions for all listed companies. Every entry can be searched for with full-text search, and every listed company will be found here according to the short description they have provided themselves. Additionally, every listed company will be found by name, company category (e.g. producer, integrator, research facility, association, etc.) and country of headquarters.

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The availability of data online is a clear benefit when presented with clever search functions. However, sometimes you do not want to bother going online, or you don't want to search specifically but rather obtain a quick overview. In these instances a printed version has its unchallenged advantages. Not to mention the ease-of-use when taking notes right next to the provided data. Thus, once a year in December, the INSPECT Buyers Guide printed edition is provided to you. With this guide we strive to give you a full overview that is still easy-touse, a complete set of information that is still not too sub-divided into too many categories. The INSPECT Buyers Guide 2010 is divided into three main chapters: Topics of long-term impact, company profiles for the main global regions, and company listings for the main product categories.

#### **Topics with Impact**

As topics of long term impact, we have a focus this year on machine vision standards. You will find features about EMVA 1288, GigE Vision, Gen<i>Cam, Camera Link, Lens Mount and a proposal for a standardized software benchmark. In addition we exclusively present to you some of the results of the annual camera technology study the INSPECT has conducted in close cooperation with Framos Imaging Solutions. The editorial section is rounded off with some of the highlights from our panel discussion "All you ever wanted to know about 3D", hosted at the Vision trade show in Stuttgart early November of this year.

#### **Company Profiles**

In the company profiles section you will find all companies listed in the Online IN-SPECT Buyers Guide at the date of publication of this printed edition. The companies are presented with the profiles they themselves provided for the data base. To allow for a faster overview the world is "broken down" into the regions of the German speaking countries (Germany, Austria, Switzerland) where a large cluster of vision and optics companies are located, Europe, North America and World. The companies are listed according to the main location they had chosen for their online profile.

#### **Company Listings**

The company listings section provides a company overview according to the products and services the companies are offering. When we first designed the Buyers Guide we debated whether it is preferable to offer as detailed product groups as possible or to try to list the companies in a higher level of aggregation. We decided for the latter being fully aware that we will miss some levels of detail but convinced that the user-friendliness does outweigh this. We have tried to come up with useful categories, but we are open to suggestions for our next editions, if you think we should add, omit, amend or change anything here. In this section we do not only provide the companies that actively presented their company profile in the Online Buyers Guide, but we added quite a few companies based on our own research, to make sure that you will get a very good overview and lots of choices for any upcoming decisions.

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# **INSPECT Panel Discussion:** 3D Vision and 3D Metrology

All You Ever Wanted to Know about 3D – Technologies, Applications, Benefits



3D: The annual market study by the EMVA, the European Machine Vision Association, documented that 3D technologies are on the rise. In the year 2008 already close to 10% of the total sales of application specific machine vision systems out of Europe were generated with 3D metrology. In this number the sales of 3D robot vision, 3D inspection, 3D identification is not even counted. Also in the halls of the Vision 2009 trade show it could be seen that 3D products are a hot topic this year. 11 out of 40-odd presentations in the Industrial Vision Days talk about 3D products or technologies. Significantly more than 10% of all the trade show exhibitors offered products for 3D applications one way or the other.

Now 3D technologies, what is that? That is a very generic term for a very broad field of methods, sensors, algorithms, and applications. Compared to the traditional 2D of machine vision, they come with an additional level of complexity, additional hardware requirements, and more often than not also additional cost is involved somehow.

So what is then the additional benefit for the user? Which technology is the best for which application? What is the state-of-the-art today and what more can be expected in the future?

These and other questions were pondered at the INSPECT panel discussion "All you ever wanted to know about 3D" during the annual Vision trade show early November 2009 in Stuttgart, Germany.

The six experts on the panel were:

- Dr. Wolfgang Eckstein, CEO and cofounder of MVTec Software;
- Dr. Heiko Frohn, Managing Director and Head of the Industrial Automation Division of Vitronic;
- Dr. Mats Gökstorp, Member of the Management Board and responsible for the Advanced Industrial Sensors Division of Sick;
- Per Holmberg, President of Hexagon Metrology EMEA;

- Leonard Metcalfe, Chairman of LMI Technologies;
- Dr. Christian Wöhler, Senior Research Scientist in the Environment Perception Department of Daimler Group Research and Advanced Engineering.

INSPECT: One of the main areas of 3D technologies today from the machine vision point of view is quality inspection. It is, for example, difficult to see the chocolate sprinkles on a chocolate cake in a grey value 2D image but it is rather easy to see it based on the 3D data. Which other areas of quality inspection are best addressed with 3D technologies? What are the pros and cons in comparison to the 2D technologies?

W. Eckstein: The first benefit is that you can reduce your cost, and the second benefit is that you can increase the quality. So two very nice aspects we should have in mind when looking at the current economic situation. Let me give you two examples on that. When we look for example into semiconductor one of the typical tasks is PGA inspection. We have these small solder balls on the board, they are round spheres and they have to be inspected. Classically this would be done in 2D, so we can measure the shape of the spheres. But what we cannot measure in 2D is the height of the spheres. So,

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if you invest a bit more in the quality inspection at the production part, there is no need to combine the components to mount them and in the end to make the electrical inspection. Then the cost is much higher to remove the component. If you do it quite early then you can definitely save the cost. On the other hand we can improve the quality and for this, another example, again semiconductor: Think about the way how the die and the chip is connected to the lead frame. There are lots of very, very tiny wires and with nowadays chips you have multiple dies on top of each other which means you have hundreds of wires and you have to inspect if these wires touch each other. But if they are stacked on top of each other, you cannot do this in 2D any more. You need 3D inspection to see if they get close to each other.

M. Gökstorp: When you go to the 3D technology you get a lot of advantages and you get more or less independent from the color or the surface contrast of the objects. You can focus completely on the shape, on the dimensions and on the geometrical characteristics of the object. And specifically when you look into areas with metal parts or in packaging industry where there is a lot of colorful packages the task is much, much easier if you go to 3D technology instead of using the 2D technology. And this becomes specifically powerful if you can - with some fusion methods - apply both technologies at the same time.



Dr. Wolfgang Eckstein, MVTec Software



Dr. Mats Gökstorp, Sick

INSPECT: Another area where 3D technologies are not only in use for quite some time but actually on the upswing is robot vision. Multi camera systems guiding robots to apply sealant on a car, e.g., are standard production equipment. Stereo vision sensors mounted on the robot arm provide even higher flexibility. And 3D robot guidance based on the information provided by only a single camera was the roar two or three years ago already. Are there other technologies out there? Where is 3D robot vision mainly in use today and tomorrow?

H. Frohn: I see two major fields of application in robot vision. One is the one of rather simple but fast pick and place technologies which are dominated today by 2D technologies. The other one is one where the focus is on robustness and reliability or on more complex tasks which vou couldn't probably solve robustly anyway without 3D. I would say the first field will not be for a long time a topic for individual robot vision systems because this will be more and more integrated into the robot itself. On the other side when we are talking about robot vision in the near to middle future we will always talk about 3D solutions. And maybe one more aspect: today we have a lot of different techniques for 3D perception but once time-of-flight is available as a standard component with higher resolution, then we won't talk about 2D robot vision any more.

**L. Metcalfe:** We use robotic inspection for both the metrology side in the automotive industry where we are using robots to do flexible inspection on an automotive line where the models are changing as they come down the line so the robots have to inspect different parts of a car. On the other side we're using time-of-flight sensors right now to do robot milking. That's a pretty wild harsh application area where you're operating at barn temperatures trying to put a milking machine on a moving cow. And 3D is the only solution to do that. I see a lot of mixtures of these technologies coming. I see time-of-flight being mixed with 2D technologies to be able to solve some of these problems.

INSPECT: 3D metrology is one field where 3D technologies are employed for many, many years and today an increasing number of coordinate measurement machines are equipped with optical sensors to speed up offline measurement. Projected fringes technologies are state of the art in rapid prototyping and inline measurement is providing several hundred 3D measurement points of every single car body to insure that dimen-



Dr. Heiko Frohn, Vitronic

sional tolerances are not exceeded along a complex production and assembly process. Although all of these methods basically go back to optical triangulation one way or the other, the single measurements in the different stages of product development and production are not combined today. And sometimes you think that they don't even seem comparable. Do you see this change into an integrated metrology in the future?

**Ch. Wöhler**: This is a question basically of data management and putting data to-





jection, perhaps even time of flight sensors and vision methods in the sense that the photometric properties of the surface are exploited.

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**P. Holmberg:** We can do from an accuracy point of view or a speed point of view or from a simplicity point of view what the industry, what our customer wants. What is needed is the practical application bringing bundled the different technologies on the sensor side, on the carrier side, and on the reading or the analysis side, the software side together in a practical way. I would say one of the biggest hurdles is not each of the technologies that we are discussing here. It is really in the back end where

Dr. Christian Wöhler, Daimler

gether in unique forms and comparison between data from different technologies from several systems. This is one side. On the other hand, it is still not easy to obtain 3D data especially in the context of car manufacturing of sufficient resolution, to obtain a good basis for comparison between for example CAD data and the measurements obtained. Most photogrammetric approaches have very high resolution and depth but have a rather low resolution in the lateral direction, at least when compared to imaging sensors. Where still lots of active research is currently done is the densification of photogrammetrically obtained 3D data, for example of car bodies or metal parts with difficult surfaces. So this is where I see the main perspective between the combination of classical me-



Per Holmberg, Hexagon Metrology

we see the experience and the reference points that the industry or the companies are sitting with and they can't go away from, that is the biggest hurdle here right now. The other hurdle is once again the practical going from quality control to process control, going from having 20 hours, 30 hours before you would need to give an answer until you've got six cycle times or 60-65 seconds and getting the robustness of the different technologies that you have to bundle together in this sense. That's where I see the barriers.

L. Metcalfe: I think the point is bringing all the data together and analyzing it. I watch in the automotive lines that we collect all this data, its great 3D data and a lot of times its not being used enough to look at the process and feed it back and find out why that robot, why that stud moved over 3mm and go back and fix the problem. In the sawmill industry we do a lot of 3D inspection, its close loop control; it actually goes back and changes the process dynamically. That hasn't been applied in a lot of industries vet and I think we're going to get there but there's a lot of software involved in that process and not a lot of expert input on how we should use that data. I think that's going to come from the factory floor.

INSPECT: Still another field, an emerging field for 3D technologies, is identification, the identification of persons, of objects, by making use of the additional information generated by 3D sensors. So for example face recognition based on projected fringes or PMD systems seems to deliver more reliable results than mere 2D feature comparison. In pharmaceutical packaging 3D codes are identified by shape-from-shading technologies and driver assistance systems are sup-

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posed to make use of 3D cameras in the future. So where else are 3D technologies employed for identification and what advantages are provided in comparison to 2D methods?

**M. Gökstorp:** We see today that we can provide added value by combining the code reading functionality with the 3D sensor capability. That enables us to read bar codes and OCR text on rubber tires for example. These are called black on black reading and that enables a higher level of traceability in the industry today.

**H. Frohn:** 3D is something like an enabling technology for the 2D identification. You just generate contrast out of 3D and then you have a 2D identification. And there are other examples where it is similar. For example in parcel sorting applications, you have 2D applications. It's just code reading, OCR reading, 2D code reading, so just classical 2D applications but that you couldn't do without knowing how the surfaces are oriented, where the surface is moving in 3D space. So, the 3D object identification or object recognition is something like a prerequisite that you can do your 2D job.

INSPECT: We covered four different application areas so far and learned through the discussion that 3D technologies in every single one of them provide more information, better data, and in some cases the only access to solve an application. So this is state of the art. To round this off a little bit I would like our experts here to take a look into their crystal balls and share with us their view of the future. Which further developments can be expected in 3D technologies and in which way will the end user benefit from these developments?

Ch. Wöhler: In my opinion the combination of different technologies, 2D, 3D, laser range finding and fringe projection with classical 2D image information will be a great benefit for the applier, as we are at Daimler, in the field of industrial metrology and vision because it will probably decrease the price and keep the accuracy at least constant. An important issue for us appliers of such technologies is always to have it available at moderate cost. Otherwise it won't be applied but some other methods for example, or no inspection at all will be performed, or it will be done differently, or the production process will be adapted. So an inspection technology needs to be affordable and at the same time in the domain of car manufacturing needs to cope with very difficult surfaces. That's where I see personally an important field of further development.

H. Frohn: First of all, we have heard only about the advantages of 3D technology so far. So where I'll start is that 3D is probably not the answer for everything. There will remain significant need or reasonable applications which should also be handled in the future with 2D. But, today already the decision of 2D or 3D is in many cases based on cost vs. a performance tradeoff decision and in these cases 3D will probably get stronger and stronger. The second notion I already mentioned: time-of-flight cameras to come as something to maybe dramatically change the field of robot vision. This is some development which will change probably much more than that. There is a possibility to open up entirely new application fields especially in natural environments and probably mainly used in the security and traffic applications

L. Metcalfe: The key enabler of 3D is creating robust products to go on the factory floor. 3D added to 2D, whether you use time-of-flight to do it or structured light combined with 2D, lets you build a product that's quite robust and doesn't require so much fixturing when you put it on a production line and is a lot easier to install. Those of you who have been involved in using geometric pattern matching realize that we have to do scaling all the time with 2D. When we add 3D to it all of a sudden geometric pattern matching is not as difficult because you don't have to scale any more because you actually know the object. So, the ability of using 3D to supplement and with sensor fusion, and bring all the different technologies together is going to make very robust products that can be installed by plant personnel and work right away without a vision engineer having to help install it.

P. Holmberg: Ease of use, ease of installation, and ease of use of the data coming out of it. I think that is what you will see here with the next one, two, three years, a new set of sensors coming out to the market in the different applications. However, that is not a limitation today. It's not a limitation today with regard to the carriers. The carriers will be looking in the industrial surrounding much simpler than today, much cheaper and more flexible and they are already there. It's just a question of making them field tested and practically usable to the man on the floor. However, what I think you will see as a change and what this industry - me included - has to do is to work pretty hard on not the data collection getting to 3D, but actually the manipulation of the data in a timely manner. You don't have this half hour, and you don't have this hour, you've got these 55 seconds in cycle times in lots of the processes out there and that's where we yet have to make use of the tools in an industrial comprehensible way. But, we are on the way doing that.

W. Eckstein: From the software side of view looking on 3D I would see a couple of points that should really come in the near future. First of all, doing inspection is a matter of speed, so currently 3D requires a lot of computation power within your PC and I can tell you that things are becoming way faster in the next years. What I also have mentioned already is that currently at least for a huge bunch of applications you still have to buy different components from different vendors. If, and I assume this will be the case, 3D will be successful then you will see solutions within the next years for a broad range of applications. You no longer need to buy different components but you get them integrated into one system. Together with this, I think like in other industries, like we see with cameras, we need standardization as well

which is the path to integration of the components to make this quite easy. And finally at least for those technologies where 3D is not used that long we definitely need ease of use. We are doing 2D vision now for 40 years and it's still not over and as we learned it's definitely still be needed and it will continue. 3D vision in some industries we do for 20 years plus, in others for a couple years or not yet at all. So you can guess that in the next 20 years there is still a lot more to come.

M. Gökstorp: I think that 3D vision enables the next step in automation. We've been working with 2D a very long time and 2D has to a certain level matured. 3D provides a new growth opportunity and opens up new applications. One example which we touched upon earlier today is the topic of process control. Today you can apply a 3D vision system, measure the volume of dispensed dough for cookie making or bread baking and thereby you reduce waste. Customers saved a lot of money by reducing waste and measure the exact amount of dough with a direct feedback into the process control loop. This shows that 3D can take automation to the next level. The strong development towards ease of use is the key enabling factor. This is the key topic to get a further use of 3D in the industry. Once again that will enable the customer to think more about application, and less about the technology. I think it's a good vision if we at some time in the future can reach the level to have a 3D vision sensor or a 3D camera system as easy to use as an industrial sensor or a photoelectric sensor is today.

INSPECT: I would like to thank you for sharing your outlook into the 3D future with us and let's agree to meet here again five years from now to see how the 3D technologies will have evolved. For today I would like to thank you very much for joining me here in this panel discussion and through your presence making this a very outstanding event of the Vision Year 2009.

This is an edited transcription of only parts of the panel discussion. The audio stream of the entire panel discussion is available in the webcast section of www.inspect-online.com.

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# Camera Roadmap

International Technology Trend Survey for Industrial Vision Cameras



For suppliers and users of vision components and products alike, it is of high interest to learn which features are demanded today and what are the future trends. For the product class of cameras, which according to the annual EMVA study is the biggest component sub-group for machine vision products at about 27% turnover share of total machine vision sales and about 63% turnover share of machine vision components sales, a survey was conducted between August and October of 2009 to gather a wealth of data.

For the second time now, Framos Imaging Solutions, Munich, and INSPECT magazine together conducted this market survey for industrial vision cameras. Two different questionnaires have been compiled for camera users and camera manufacturers respectively, each in German and English language. Due to the significant differences in impact on the vision market that the different participants brought to the table, the number of employed or produced cameras was taken as a weighting factor. The higher the number of cameras has been stated, the bigger the impact of the individual answer in light of the total result. In order to avoid statistical distortion of the study, the top 5%, i.e. the biggest producers and users, were taken out of the evaluation. In addition, only questionnaires were accepted for the evaluation where the participant took at least five minutes time to completely answer all questions. Only then could the input be evaluated seriously.

In total 1,260 questionnaires have been returned. However, 1,011 of those questionnaires were either not completed or the completion was done in less than five minutes so that in the end a total of 249 questionnaires were accepted for evaluation. From these 68 participants are producers and 181 participants are users of industrial camera technology. After deducting the top 5%, 66 producers and 172 users remained. That means that after taking care of all distorting factors there was still a good number of questionnaires to evaluate so that the study does have a reasonably good statistical relevance.

The producers covered in the survey manufactured between one and 200,000 cameras in 2009. The users named numbers of cameras employed between one and 15,000 during the same period of time. After deduction of the top 5% the maximum number cameras per manufacturer was stated at 100,000 units, the maximum number of cameras employed by one user has been at 2,000 units. On average the participating manufacturers produced 3,979 cameras (2008: 5,330 cameras) mainly for industrial use at 37%, with security following at 25%, scientific at 16% and a large portion of unspecified others at 22%. The largest chunk of cameras went to the electronics industry at 22%, followed by medical technology at 13% and paper/textile at a combined 12%. The participating users on average employed 98 (in 2008: 97) cameras mainly for applications in industry (60%) and security (17%).

#### CCD or CMOS

Questioned about the percentage of CCD chips and CMOS chips, respectively, in the used or sold cameras today and in two years time, producers confirmed the significant shift towards the CMOS tech-



Distribution of CCD and CMOS cameras today and in two years time



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nology expressed in last year's survey. Currently 38% (2008: 28%) of cameras sold are CMOS cameras, 62% (2008: 72%) are CCD-based cameras. In two years time the manufacturers expect an increase to 50% of CMOS cameras.

The users currently still utilize 29% CMOS cameras as opposed to 71% CCD cameras (2008: 30% to 70%). An increase by 8% to a ratio of 38% CMOS cameras is expected within the next two years. Consequently, the users expect that there will still be a share of 62% of CCD cameras put into use in 2011.

#### Trend towards Color Confirmed

Last year we stated that it will be interesting to see if the trend towards color cameras that was expected by the producers but could not vet be seen at the user's side, will come true. The results of this year's survey show a trend in this direction. The distribution between monochrome and color cameras has been at 51% color cameras and 49% monochrome cameras in 2008 on the manufacturer's side. For the users this ratio was significantly different at 35% for color cameras and 65% for monochrome cameras.

In the 2009 result the gap between the producer numbers and the user numbers is slightly decreased: 40% color cameras and 60% monochrome cameras on the camera manufacturer side, and 53% of color cameras compared to 47% of monochrome cameras on the user's side.

## Big Change in Camera Resolution

The biggest year-to-year change that was revealed by the survey was the distribution of camera resolution. The results by far surpassed the expectations of the survey participants of last year.



Shares of monochrome and color cameras compared between 2008 and 2009



Manufactured/deployed camera distribution by resolution

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Table 1: Current and expected distribution of interfaces form the national and international manufacturers view (percent)

	Natio	nal '09	International '09		
	today	in 2 years	today	in 2 years	
IEEE1394a	13.83	25.19	12.14	25.04	
IEEE1394b	15.50	24.81	13.08	24.87	
USB 2.0	15.25	22.90	21.07	10.76	
Camera Link	14.96	22.90	13.36	10.76	
Ethernet	19.56	0.38	19.12	26.81	
GigE	15.85	3.82	16.60	1.76	
others	5.05	0.00	4.63	0.00	
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	

Table 2: Current and expected distribution of interfaces form the national and international users view (percent)

	Natio	nal '09	International '09		
	today	in 2 years	today	in 2 years	
IEEE1394a	15.86	21.29	16.77	12.89	
IEEE1394b	13.30	25.89	13.07	27.10	
USB 2.0	17.21	9.01	13.56	18.50	
Camera Link	18.00	10.24	19.14	8.48	
Ethernet	14.61	17.31	14.74	22.32	
GigE	15.54	14.16	18.59	9.73	
others	5.48	2.10	4.13	0.97	
	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	

The camera manufacturers declared within the survey that 38% (2008: 71%) of their products today belong to the class below 1 Megapixel, 35% (2008: 14%) are between 1 and 3 Mpix, 11% (2008:10%) in the 3–5 Mpix range and 15% (2008: 4%) are in the high resolution class of more than 5 Mpix.

For the users the distribution looks very much alike in the lower resolutions with 37% (2008: 49%) below 1 Megapixel, 32% (2008: 32%) between 1 and 3 Mpix, and only slightly different at the higher resolutions with 15% (2008: 11%) in the 3–5 Mpix class and 13% (2008: 6%) above 5 Mpix.

In two years time the camera manufacturers expect the current situation to change toward: <1 Megapixel at 27%, 1–3 Mpix at 37%, 3–5 Mpix at 14% and >5 Mpix at 21%. 1% of the producers did not answer this question.

The camera users indicated the following distribution of camera resolution for 2011: below 1 Mpix at 24%, 1–3 Mpix at 32%, 3–5 Mpix at 22% and >5 Mpix at 17%. 5% of the participants did not answer this question.

In summary, both manufacturers and users expect an ongoing trend towards the higher resolutions. The least change is expected for the class between 1 and 3 Mpix, here the share is expected to stay relatively stable at around 30%.

## Dynamic Developments for Interfaces

In many of the survey questions there was no significant difference between the answers of national (German) and international participants. This, however, is very different when asked to prioritize the choice of interfaces and to estimate the interface distribution in two year's time (table 1).

Also from the users point of view the distribution today is very similar between national and international users, the prognosis for the future, however, differs visibly (table 2).

#### Last but Not Least ...

... there is always the question of how to choose from the abundant supply of different cameras. Which are the aspects the suppliers put special emphasis upon in order to convince with their product range and which criteria are relevant for the customer decision? And are both aspects in line?

In answer of the question "Please list your top five criteria for camera selection," manufacturers and users named the following features:

Manufacturer	User
Frame Rate	Price
Resolution	Resolution
Price	Frame Rate
Image Quality	Size/ Mounting Form
Size/ Mounting Form	Interface

Within our short summary we could only cover a small portion of the market study results. The complete evaluation and thus also data regarding frame rates, read-out technologies, optical mounts and sensor formats, but also regarding the future development of smart cameras and the expected pricing for cameras, have been provided exclusively to the participants of this study in appreciation for the time they took and the valuable data they provided.

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# The Only **Real-time** Machine Vision Network Protocol

#### Interface for High Bandwidth Applications: Camera Link

During the early years of the machine vision market in the 1980s and 1990s, the scientific and industrial digital video market lacked a standard method of communication, resulting in hundreds of proprietary connectors, cables, and pin outs. Back then, cameras generated analog signals that were converted to digital values at the frame grabber and/or processing unit. Even after the cameras began to issue digital signals, frame grabber and camera manufacturers continued to develop products with different connectors, making cable production difficult for manufacturers and very confusing (and expensive) for consumers. The need for an interoperable real-time digital connectivity protocol that offered a standard interface for components from different manufactures grew with an expanding universe of machine vision components and increasing data rates as customers demanded higher resolution images at faster frame rates for industrial applications.

Working with machine vision original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), the Automated Imaging Association (AIA) helped to develop the Camera Link 1.0 digital, bi-directional serial communication protocol for industrial and scientific imaging. Today's Camera Link 1.2 stan-



dard interface makes large segments of machine vision equipment interoperable, offers real-time, high-bandwidth communication between camera and frame grabber, reduces support time and cost while giving customers greater flexibility by avoiding single-source, proprietary hardware solutions. Next generation Camera Link 2.0 will deliver even higher bandwidths, in small packages, and with more robust cabling solutions.

#### **Camera Link Basics**

Camera Link is a digital communication protocol designed for computer vision applications based on the National Semiconductor communications protocol chipset, Channel Link. The base Camera Link standard uses 28 bits to represent up to 24 bits of pixel data and 4 bits for Video Sync signals. These consist of Data Valid, Frame Valid, and Line Valid bits and a spare for future expansion. The data is serialized 7:1, and the four data streams and a dedicated clock are driven over five LVDS pairs in each direction. The remaining three LVDS pairs supply power to the device and allow for remote camera control.





Camera Link comes in three configurations, depending on the required bandwidth: base, medium, and full. Each configuration operates at one of three chipset frequencies (40 MHz, 66 MHz and 85 MHz), which also impact bandwidth. The "Base" Camera Link configuration carries signals over a single connector/cable. The cable used is a MDR ("Mini D Ribbon") 26-pin Male Plug Connector, optimized by 3M for the LVDS signal. At the maximum chipset operating frequency (85 MHz), the base configuration yields a video data throughput of 2.04 Gbps (255 MBps). The "Medium" configuration doubles the video bandwidth through a second cable, adding an additional 24 bits of data and the same four framing/enable signals present in the "Base" configuration. This yields a 48-bit wide video data path capable of throughput up to 4.08 Gbps (510 MBps). The "Full" configuration adds a third 24-bit channel to the data path, resulting in a 72-bit wide video path that can carry 6.12 Gbps across two Camera Link cables.

#### **Real-time Advantage**

Today, Camera Link accounts for approximately 20% of all new machine vision installations, while Ethernet (Gigabit Ethernet and GigE Vision) account for nearly 80% of new installations. The reader may ask why haven't USB and FireWire claimed more of the machine vision market, and the answer lies in interoperability, bandwidth, and robustness.

Camera Link's maximum bandwidth of 6.1 Gbps is significantly higher than USB 2.0's maximum bandwidth of 480 Mbps, and even FireWire 800 (800 Mbps). USB and FireWire are limited to single cable runs of 5 m or less, while Camera Link, running on the 40 MHz chipset, can transmit up to 10 m without a repeater. Higher 85 MHz runs are typically shorter than the 10 m maximum distance. As a

Camera Link is the preferred interface for high bandwidth applications. JAI's AT-200CL camera shows dual Camera Link interfaces configurable for Base, Medium, or Full output (Photo by JAI)



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Configurable frame grabbers can support four base or two full and 10-tap Camera Link cameras as shown with BitFlow's Karbon CL-4 (Photo by BitFlow, Inc.)

#### result, AIA working with OEM cable manufactures have come up with a new way to test and qualify Camera Link cables using their electrical response instead of conductor type. Finally, USB's tree topology, and FireWire's ring topology transmit data based on network availability and are not built for real-time parallel communications. Among the various nonproprietary network protocols used by machine vision designers today, only Camera Link offers real-time, high-bandwidth parallel communications.

In addition to real time data, Camera Link also offers four general-purpose camera control lines that can be defined by the camera manufacturer to control any camera feature, giving camera manufacturers opportunities to differentiate their equipment while still complying with an industry standard interface.

Finally, with Camera Link 1.2, manufactures now can build smaller cameras and power those cameras using Power over Camera Link (PoCL). The latest standard adds the new HDR or SDR 26pin connectors, which are approximately half the height and width or one quarter of the total size of the existing MDR connectors, similar to USB and mini-USB.

#### Camera Link 2.0 – Faster, Better, Cheaper

Although Ethernet and GigE Vision dominate machine vision network protocols today, it is very unlikely that these standards will eliminate the need for Camera Link because Ethernet is not a real-time protocol. In anticipation of growing bandwidth demands and the emergence of 10 GigE, AIA's Camera Link committee is working on the 2.0 standard, which targets bandwidths of up to 30 Gbps, while preserving backwards compatibility with existing Camera Link systems.

As you can see, Camera Link represents the only standardized real-time network protocol for machine vision applications. While some may point to cost and the need for a Camera Link frame grabber as a detriment to the Camera Link protocol, the truth is that Camera Link represents the lowest-cost, highestperformance machine vision protocol. USB, FireWire, and Ethernet all require an IP layer in the camera and processing unit to packetize the data in addition to the physical (PHY) layer chipset, which carry their own costs. Another issue is the cost of developing Gigabit Ethernet competency within the OEM. While most engineers can take the Camera Link standard, read the document and get up and running in just a few hours, learning the right way to implement Gigabit Ethernet requires a time and labor investment for success.

Camera Link's market share may be small, however, when it comes to complex high-speed machine vision systems, Camera Link represents the best choice for camera to processor communication. For information on obtaining the Camera Link standard, plus a list of Camera Link suppliers and compliant products, visit the "Vision Standards" section of AIA's website.



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# **Transparency** for Industrial Cameras and Sensors

## **Objective Specification of Vital Camera Data: EMVA 1288**

Choosing the suitable camera for a given machine vision application often proves to be a challenging task. The data sheets provided by the manufacturers are difficult to compare. Frequently, vital pieces of information are not available so that users are forced to conduct a costly comparative test, which still fails to deliver all relevant camera parameters. This is where the EMVA 1288 Standard comes in. It creates transparency by defining reliable and exact measurement procedures and data presentation guidelines.



## **EMVA Standard Compliant**

#### Specification Parameters Currently Covered by the EMVA 1288 Standard:

- Color
- Spectral sensitivity
- Signal/noise ratio (maximal SNR, dynamic range, dark noise)
- Inhomogeneities (DSNU, PRNU)
- Linearity
- Defect pixels
- Trigger delays and jitter

The EMVA 1288 Standard has been developed by a working group of over 20 leading manufacturers, vision users and research institutes within the European Machine Vision Association (EMVA). The group was founded in 2004 with the aim to assist users of industrial cameras in their selection process. The quality and the parameters of a camera (or of an image sensor) can be described by objective criteria as the operation of any digital camera system is based on elementary physical principles, which are well understood. Consequently, the aim of the working group has been to define a set of objective parameters, the necessary measurement procedures and data presentation guidelines which are all contained in the EMVA 1288 Standard.

#### **Benefits for Users and Vendors**

The EMVA 1288 standard allows users of image sensors and cameras a true datasheet-based comparison of different products. Specifications are clearly defined as are the measuring methods. This helps the user to take an objective decision. The definition of data presentation guidelines further increases transparency and comparability. In addition, it assists in modeling and optimizing image sensor performance for a given application.

Manufacturers of image sensing equipment also benefit from the EMVA 1288 standard: By complying with it they can clearly communicate the performance and quality of their product to their customers and help them select the most suitable camera or image sensor for the planned application. Numerous manufacturers also use the standard in their R&D departments when developing and testing new products. This has already had a positive impact on camera quality and performance.



Not only camera manufacturers offer 1288-compliant products. The standard covers image sensors as well (Sources: Basler, PCO, Awaiba)



The 1288 Standard is based on elementary physical principles which are clearly defined and allow an objective characterization of key properties of cameras and image sensors, such as the signal/noise-ratio

#### Five Parameter Categories for Camera Performance

Sensitivity: The intensity of a camera signal does not adequately describe its quality. The relevant parameter is the ratio between signal and noise (SNR) at a given illumination and wavelength. The best sensor theoretically conceivable would have a quantum efficiency of one and zero dark noise. This theoretical limit is used to describe how much the actual sensitivity of a real camera system falls short of the ideal one.

Linearity: A number of applications, especially measuring tasks, require a linear relationship between the intensity of illumination and the digital gray scale value. Therefore, the EMVA 1288 Standard specifies a measure that describes the deviation from this ideal linearity.

**Dark current:** In an image sensor, a signal is generated which is not dependent on the intensity of the illumination but created by purely thermal effects.



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This so-called dark current accumulates charge over time. This effect determines the maximum useful exposure time of a camera.

Homogeneity: Due to the fact that a camera contains a multitude of sensor elements, these will not have exactly identical properties and therefore certain variations will inevitably occur. The image quality is heavily influenced by the type and intensity of these variations which will show as static pattern ("fixed pattern noise") in the images.

Trigger behavior: In many applications, the image acquisition needs to be synchronized with external events or several cameras have to take images simultaneously. In these cases, it is essential to know the delay between the trigger signal and the start of the image acquisition (trigger delay) and how this delay is varying (the so-called jitter).

#### New Version 3.0 to be Released Soon

At Vision 2009 in Stuttgart, Germany, a preliminary new version 3.0 of the EMVA 1288 was presented at the Special Exhibition on International Machine Vision Standards. An extensive comparative test of six cameras that were tested different laboratories in worldwide had been preceding it and resulted in a great deal of practical experience in applying the standard effectively. The final version 3.0 will be released in the first guarter of 2010. In the near future. the standard is planned to be further expanded to include non-linear cameras and special camera types such as time-of-flight (TOF) cameras.

## Easy Access to the EMVA 1288 Standard

More information on the standard and licensing documents are available at www.1288.standard.org. The

complete standard can be downloaded free of charge. The working group is open for manufacturers, system integrators and distributors of cameras and image sensors. Institutes carrying out research in this field are also welcome to join. Participation is free of charge. Producers who wish to introduce products 1288-compliant must first obtain a license from the EMVA which is also free of charge.

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# **Camera Network** of the Future

#### **Reduced Hardware Count and Increased Interoperability: GigE Vision**

Ethernet dominates the world's local area networks (LAN). So it makes sense that the machine vision industry would find a way to bend the consumer network standard to industrial imaging purposes. GigE Vision, based on the Gigabit Ethernet User Datagram Protocol/Internet Protocol (UDP/IP) standard, combined with the GenICam generic inter-



face for cameras, reduces hardware count and increases interoperability for machine vision systems by eliminating the need for a specialized frame grabber. Today, any PC running GigE Vision compatible image processing software with an Ethernet port can com-

municate with a GigE Vision compatible camera simply by connecting the two with a standard Ethernet cable. This fact is why Ethernet and its GigE Vision variant account for up to 80% of new machine vision system installations.

#### The GigE Vision Standard – True Plug and Play Interoperability

The GigE Vision standard is based on Internet Protocol (IP) with no changes to the physical layer. However, to make the Ethernet standard applicable to the needs of industrial imaging systems, 50 companies along with the Automated Imaging Association (AIA), developed the GigE Vision standard by adding application layers on top of the UDP/IP layer to enable automatic detection and communication between GigE Vision-compliant cameras and Ethernet-enabled computers.

## The GigE Vision enhancements to Gigabit Ethernet include:

- The GigE Vision Control Protocol (GVCP), which runs on top of Universal Datagram Protocol (UDP) IPv4. It defines how to control and configure compliant devices such as cameras, specifies stream channels and control data to host computers. GVCP does not actually carry the image data.
- The GigE Vision Stream Protocol (GVSP), which defines data types and describes how images are transmitted over Gigabit Ethernet.
- The Gigabit Ethernet Device Discovery Mechanism, which defines how cameras and other compliant devices obtain IP addresses.

GigE Vision helps meet the growing demand for advanced network architectures with interoperability between all network elements (Graphic: Pleora Technologies) ▼



 An XML description file based on the GenICam standard, which provides the equivalent of a computer-readable datasheet to allow access to camera controls and image stream.

The GenICam standard developed by the European Machine Vision Association (EMVA) is an important part of a GigE Vision network. GenICam uses extensible

markup language (XML) to tell any computer on the network running GigE Vision compatible software exactly how the camera operates, including pixel and array sizes, controls, signaling and much more. While the FireWire IIDC standard Mode 7 attempts to provide this same functionality, Mode 7 implementations vary by manufacturer, which can negatively impact plug-and-play interoperability.

While GigE Vision's GVCP and GVSP protocols represent a decoupling of GigE Vision from the Ethernet standard, the use of existing physical, transport, internet, and application layers means that GigE Vision users still get the benefit of Gigabit Ethernet networks, including:

- High bandwidth (1,000 Mbps) with up to 10 Gbps for GigE Vision networks expected by 2011.
- Data transfers up to 100 m without repeaters or hubs, compared with 10 m for Camera Link, and 5 m for USB and FireWire.
  - Standard Gigabit Ethernet hardware allows single/multiple camera connection to single/ multiple computers.
    - Low cost cables (CAT5e or CAT6) and standard connectors.
      - Scalable network that benefits from the growth of Ethernet bandwidth.

#### GigE Vision Moves Forward

The GigE Vision Technical Committee issued GigE Vision stan-dard 1.0 in May 2006. Since

then, the committee issued Revision 1.1, which consolidated and improved the written technical standard and added 60 pages of supporting engineering guidance. GigE Vision 1.1 is currently available in English and Japanese languages. Revision 1.2, which the committee will finalize by the end of 2009, introduces non-streaming devices to the standard, such as GigE Vision-enabled lights. Using the GenICam XML standard, non-streaming components will now be automatically recognized by the computers on the network. GigE Vision works with Power over Ethernet. Baumer TX camera with Power over Ethernet shown with **GigE Power Switch and Trigger** Device (Photo: Baumer Optronic GmbH)





Interoperability in action: The International Machine Vision Standards booth at Vision Stuttgart 2009 demonstrated the true value of the GigE Vision with 11 different cameras connected to two software platforms providing seamless integration between them (Photo: AIA)

Next year, the committee expects to release GigE Vision 2.0, which will include 10 GigE compatibility as well as packet and header changes to accommodate high speed cameras up to 10 Gbps. Other enhancements include consideration of including IEEE1588 for real time triggering. While the point-topoint Camera Link protocol does not have to worry about network-induced latency found in Ethernet-based LANs, GigE Vision can still be considered realtime for many machine vision applications because of its high bandwidth. Using IEEE1588, GigE Vision will be able to synchronize events among multiple devices and computers using a central clock with trigger jitter on the order of 1 µs.

GigE Vision 2.0 will also formally define Link Aggregation, which is already an integral part of the Ethernet specification. Link Aggregation allows multiple Ethernet connections to be used in parallel, allowing a camera-computer connection to double, triple, etc., Gigabit bandwidth between devices (30 Gbps).

To further maximize bandwidth, GigE Vision 2.0 is expected to include a formal image compression scheme likely based on JPEG, H.264, and/or other mainstream image compression standards. Again, the aim is to increase the quantity of images that can be transferred over the link. If the raw bandwidth cannot be increased, then another option is to reduce the amount of information in the images through compression.

For information on obtaining the GigE Vision standard, plus a list of GigE Vision member companies and compliant products, visit the "Vision Standards" section of AIA's website.

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# Interconnection Made Easy

#### Generic Interface for Cameras: GenICam

GenICam is a tool to connect cameras from different vendors, with different interfaces via different software libraries to your software. Thus GenICam greatly simplifies the work of developers by allowing them to easily use and interchange a range of GenICam compliant cameras, regardless of the interface or protocol technologies, using a compliant application running on their PCs.

#### An Industry Driven Standard

Today's digital cameras are packed with much more functionality than just delivering an image. Processing the image and appending the results to the image data stream, controlling external hard-

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ware and taking care of the real-time part of the application have become common tasks for machine vision cameras. As a result, the programming interface for cameras has become increasingly complex. This prompted the industry to establish the GenICam working group within the European Machine Vision Association (EMVA) in 2004 with the aim of creating a generic interface for cameras. Today, more than 70 companies from all over the world are part of this initiative.

#### How Does GenICam Work?

GenICam is relevant for three product categories: cameras, transport layers and libraries. Simply put, these product categories form a chain, in which image data is transported from

the camera via transport layers (low-level software drivers or frame grabbers) to libraries (or applications) running on a PC. In the other direction, control data can be sent from the PC to the camera, allowing users to adjust features and settings inside the camera, e.g. the exposure time or the gain. GenICam can be used with many different interface technologies such as GigE Vision, Camera Link, IEEE 1394 IIDC, USB, and others.

#### GenICam consists of four modules:

- GenApi an XML description file format defining how to capture the features of a device and how to access and control the features of a camera in a standard way.
- SFNC (= Standard Features Naming Convention) – a list of standard features of a camera defined in terms of name, type, and functionality. Together with the GenApi module the SFNC yields plug & play.
- GenTL a generic transport layer interface between software drivers and libraries for delivering image data from the camera to the customer's applications running on a PC.
- CL Protocol the specification of the interfaces of a platform dependent dynamic-link library being used to convert a vendor-specific Camera Link serial protocol to a GenApi interface.

#### The GenICam API Reference Implementation

Although, strictly speaking, it is not a part of the standard, the GenICam working group has created and is maintaining a reference implementation. While the standard itself defines a universal and therefore abstract concept, the reference implementation is a concrete piece of software written in the C<sup>++</sup> programming language which implements this concept and can be used to control cameras. It can be downloaded free of charge and supports Windows as well as Linux (in the 32 or 64 bit version).

#### GenICam - What Is in It for You?

The benefits of GenICam are manifold and depend on the user group. Machine vision users can easily combine the best products available and come to solutions fast. The software library uses a familiar API and with regard to the transport layer and camera, the user has the free-



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dom of choice of the preferred interface. In general, performance and quality can be optimized and many smart features are available.

Vendors also benefit from the GenICam standard by lowering costs and increasing their markets. Suppliers of software libraries no longer need to adapt to different camera interfaces and all camera features are supported immediately and without additional effort. Suppliers of transport layer technology reach customers which are tied to a specific library and can provide hardware pre-processing. Camera makers no longer need to adapt to different drivers and libraries and can easily deliver smart features through all software libraries.

#### GenICam Roadmap

At the Vision 2009 in Stuttgart the new version 2.0 of GenI-Cam with numerous improvements and additional features was released. It ensures full backward compatibility with v1.0 cameras and allows easy migration from v1.0 to v2.0. The first products that are compliant with GenICam 2.0 are expected to be introduced in the first half of 2010.

GenICam 2.1 is already available as a beta version. It adds Camera Link support. The final release of v2.1 is scheduled to take place at the end of 2009.

Next on the agenda for the working group is the creation of additional documentation and tutorials. Further versions of GenICam will support additional compilers and platforms.

#### Easy Access to GenICam

The current version of the GenICam Standard can be downloaded free of charge from www.genicam.org. Here you will find a host of information about the standard, how it works and how you can make the best use of it. Machine vision companies are invited to join our working group and are welcome to contribute to the further development of the stan-dard. Camera manufacturers who would like to make their products GenICam compliant will find a downloadable license at www.genicam.org. The use of the standard is free of charge. Authors
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# **Ensuring** Optical Image Quality

#### Interface between High Resolution Cameras and Lenses: Lens Mount Standard

There is no adequate standard definition for an interface between high resolution machine vision cameras and high resolution lenses. In addition to the appropriate geometric size of an interface, the optical axis of the lens in high resolution machine vision systems must be aligned very well to the orientation of the sensor inside the camera. The Japan Industrial Imaging Association hosts an initiative to propose a future global standard for lens mounts.



#### The Aim of the JIIA

The Japan Industrial Imaging Association (JIIA) is a Japanbased organization fostering technological innovation of industrial imaging, promoting global communication among the organizations related to industrial imaging, and thereby further contributing to the development in the field of industrial imaging world-wide.

Japanese industrial imaging companies now have a large share of shipment value in the global market including industrial cameras, input devices, image processors, image processing software, optical instruments, lighting equipment, measurement and analysis machinery, and so on. The position of Japanese industrial imaging technology is high and important in the global markets and JIIA is therefore expected worldwide to act as a leading developer of industrial imaging technology.

JIIA specifically aims to:

- promote standardization of industrial imaging technology,
- disseminate foreign general standards in Japan,
- constitute a network with foreign related organizations,
- promote/contribute the field of industrial imaging world-wide.
- compile statistics for the machine vision market study.



Fig. 1: Classification of Image Sizes (JIIA LE-001-2007)

#### Standardization

Among all of the main activities of JIIA the standardization efforts have a very high priority. The specific steps in all standardization working groups are coming up with the technical specification for a new standard, taking the necessary steps to standardize, and promote the resulting standards for widely spread adoption.

Each specific standardization working group is formed by the Standardization Committee. Currently there are seven Working Groups such as Camera Link Working Group, GigE/GenICam Working Group, Next Generation Interface Working Group (Packet type, Clock type, CoaXPress), Next Generation Camera Protocol Working Group (IIDC2.0), Camera Spec Standard Working Group, Lighting Working Group, and Lens Working Group under the Standardization Committee to work on specification and standardization for various industrial cameras and peripheral products.

#### **Lens Working Group**

This Group works on standardization for industrial camera lens mounts. There is a market trend that high resolution area sensors and line scan sensors are largely adopted in recent applications of industrial cameras leading to the need of more considerate specifications in robustness, handling, and ease-of-use for the interface between camera and lens.

Given the fact that there has not yet been a working group established for the standardization of lenses in either the AIA or the EMVA, this group has a great mission that the first proposal of standard specifications in the industry is disseminated. The standardization committee of JIIA is being aligned with the AIA, the EMVA, and other standard-setting organizations outside and inside Japan for standardization efforts, and will work and promote standardizations effectively and complementarily to each other.

#### Motivation for Standardizing Lens Mounts

Regarding image sensors for machine vision cameras, there are several image sizes to be considered: the image size of 16 mm diameter or less of the C-mount camera, the 35 mm film format, the 7  $\mu$ m x 12 k pixels line scan camera, and others. There are various adaptable lenses for image sensors with these wide-scale image sizes, therefore there are misgivings about differences of lens mount type be-

#### Table 1: Lens Mount Sizes for each Image Size (JIIA LE-002-2008)

Class	Image Size			Example of Existing Mount	
	Greater than	Less than or Equal to	Mount Size	Screw	Bayonet
I	0	4	6.3	M6.3	-
			8	M8	-
II	4	8	10.5	M10.5	-
			12	M12	-
			15.5	M15.5	-
			17	NF	-
	8	16	25.4	C*, CS	-
Ш	16	31.5	35	TFL	-
			42	M42	-
			48	TFL-II	F (47 mm) *
IV	31.5	50	52	M52	-
			56	-	-
V	50	63	64	-	-
			72	M72*	-
VI	63	80	80	-	67 (76 mm)*
			90	-	-
VII	80	100	100	-	-
			125	-	-

tween camera and lens, or size on each company, each model. Thus, the JIIA Lens Working Group aims at providing the standardization for the purpose of setting up the environment for proper fixation of lens mounts in combination with various equipments on the customer side. We know that the majority of machine vision customers has many different requirements, but the Lens Working Group classifies these into the three major points of downsizing, low cost, and high reliability. All standardization activities are taking these aspects into account.



Fig. 2: Specifications of the NF Mount (JIIA LE-003-2008)

#### **Enacted Standards**

The Lens Working Group has enacted three standards at this time.

- JIIA LE-001-2007: Lens Mounts for Machine Vision Cameras – Classification of Image Sizes This standard classifies the range of image sizes which covers most basic image acquisition elements in conjunction with standardization of the lens mount. The classification of image sizes is shown in figure 1.
- JIIA LE-002-2008: Lens Mounts for Machine Vision Cameras – Lens Mount Sizes

This standard provides lens mount sizes to use for image size classes standardized by LE-001. The lens mount sizes to use for image size classes are shown in table 1.

■ JIIA LE-003-2008: NF Mount Standard and Operational Regulations The "NF mount" is the lens mount originally designed and commercialized by Sony Corporation. JIIA intends to standardize "NF Mount" as a miniature lens mount for machine vision application. The specifications of the NF mount are shown in figure 2.

All standards can be downloaded at http://www.jiia.org/index\_e.html.

#### **Next Steps**

There are many further issues on the lens mount specifications for machine vision; e.g., recommendations of lens mount tolerances for mechanical interfaces and alignment mechanisms for large format cameras. We have some plans to study these and other issues and to standardize on lens mounts in collaboration with the EMVA and the AIA members.



# **Comparing** Apples with Oranges

The Need of a Machine Vision Software Benchmark



Engineers selecting an appropriate software package for their application are faced with the tremendous work of learning, programming and benchmarking one or more libraries. More information than just the execution time of operators – a typical part of a brochure – is needed to come to a resilient decision. Robustness of a solution, time needed for the development, and speed of the overall application are crucial, but cannot be found in brochures. A benchmark based on applications – not just on single operators – would provide significant help for the decision process.

A successful machine vision benchmark (MVB) should evaluate only the software and how it performs on various types of hardware, e.g., a standard CPU or a graphic processing unit (GPU). This implies that a machine vision benchmark should not be limited to software packages running on PCs, but should also be open to frame grabbers with processing capabilities, embedded systems, and smart cameras.

The intention of any MVB should be to bring more transparency into the market for vision software and vision systems. Such a benchmark should enable users of vision systems to determine more easily which software is most suitable for the requirements of a given application.

The aim of developing such a benchmark should not be to compare single methods such as the execution time of a Sobel filter, e.g., but to evaluate how well an application can be solved with the software. Additionally, a single benchmark should focus not only on the speed of such applications but also their usability, accuracy and robustness.

This kind of benchmark can be accomplished by supplying machine vision and image processing vendors with a set of one or more images stored as image files – together with a description of the images and the task to be performed on these images.

To develop such a benchmark, a commission has to be founded. The commission would operate under the umbrella of a broadly accepted association, such as the European Machine Vision Association (EMVA) or the Automated Imaging Association (AIA). To make the MVB a long lasting and fruitful one the members must comprise the leading suppliers for machine vision software.

The prime task of the MVB commission is to specify the rules for the MVB. Based on these rules, single benchmarks will be offered by MVB members and added to an MVB suite. In the same way every MVB member can perform tests by using the MVB and publish the results via the MVB commission. This approach would facilitate the development of an extensible MVB and, because the results would be visible to the whole community and to end-users, every software vendor would have a vested interest in ensuring that the MVB is up-to-date by using their latest software. This would ensure the MVB remains viable and always contains relevant information.

#### **Rules for a Benchmark**

In the development of an MVB, certain rules need to be established. These would include, for example, a description of a task to be solved, how the benchmark data was generated, or how results have to be published.

# MVB would include different machine vision applications

#### Barcode

List of codes:

- Code 128
- RSS

#### List of benchmarks:

Defocus

- Small module size
- Tilt
- Warping on cylinder
- Clutter
- Multiple codes
- Varying orientation
- Complex neighborhood background
- Inhomogeneous illumination
- Occlusion
- Too small quite zone

#### **Data Code**

#### List of codes:

- ECC200
- QR Code
- PDF 417

#### List of benchmarks:

- Same as barcode
- Damaged finder pattern
- Various typical printing styles

#### **Pattern Matching**

- List of objects:
- Various types of objects would be used

#### List of benchmarks:

- Clutter
- Noise
- Overexposure
- Low contrast
- Occlusion



Image series example for a MVB in template matching: the original image of a PCB would be successively defocused to provide a specific image sequence

Benchmarks would be chosen from classical fields of image processing, like blob analysis, measuring, template matching, or OCR. Such benchmarks require a description of the task to be accomplished – without restricting the selection of operators. Besides the application oriented tasks, a specific – but widely needed – feature of a software tool can be analyzed, such as the robustness of a data code reader that is used to read perspectively-distorted codes or the robustness of matching with respect to blur.

For the benchmark data used it must be specified how it was generated, e.g., whether it was generated synthetically (or modified) or whether the image used was captured from a camera. For general documentation purposes, it would be useful to specify further data such as the optics and camera used for acquiring the test images.

In addition to the benchmark data, there must be a clear description of the task that has to be solved. Here it is important that the approach to solve the task is not limited and that any suitable software with any kind of approach can be used.

Furthermore, benchmark results submitted must specify which information was used to solve the task. For example, it must be clear whether the approximate location of an object or the orientation of a barcode was used to restrict the search within an image, because such kind of restrictions will have significant influence on speed and robustness.

Finally the version of the software that was used, the hardware the software was running on, and the benchmark's execution time must be made public.

Various methods of image processing also require the tuning of parameters used within a specific software package. Since these parameters might differ from the default values, these must also be specified. Optional information could also include the code fragment used to solve the benchmark task. Besides transparency, this would allow users to learn more about the use of a given system and to perform the same test.

#### How to Perform a Benchmark

After developing such an MVB, the benchmark data and its description should be made freely available. Based on these benchmarks, each manufacturer can develop optimal solutions and perform them. The MVB members can provide the results to the commission which publishes them after checking whether the rules are fulfilled. The publication of the results together with a description and source code guarantees transparency.

To begin the development of an MVB, these single benchmarks should be easy to understand, have clear semantics, cover typical machine vision tasks and allow an easy comparison of vision systems.

As a starting point, MVTec proposes a number of benchmarks (see table), each of which consists of a set of image sequences. Each sequence tests a specific behavior of a method. Within each sequence the influence of a "defect" is continuously increased. For example, in template matching, an original image of a PCB could be generated and then successively defocused to provide a specific image sequence. The quality of specific software can then be measured by the number of images that can be processed correctly. The tests would check the speed, robustness, and accuracy of each application task.

MVTec invites manufacturers and users to an open discussion to bring the idea of an MVB forward to increase transparency in the machine vision market.

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Frame Grabber, Software

#### Applications

Digitalization, High Speed Analysis, Inspection Piece Parts, Inspection Webbed Material, Material Testing, Metrology 2D, Metrology 3D, Part Identification, Particle Analysis, Others

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3. Imaging system solutions development

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Point Grev Research, Inc. is a worldwide leader in the development of advanced digital camera technology products for machine vision, industrial imaging, and computer vision applications. Based in Richmond, BC, Canada, Point Grey designs, manufactures and distributes IEEE-1394 (FireWire) and USB 2.0 cameras that are known for their excellent quality, performance and ease of use; and will introduce new GigE and Camera Link cameras in 2010. A broad range of hardware, software and mechanical engineering skills has allowed Point Grey to successfully bring innovative and groundbreaking products to market. This drive for innovation has led to many industry firsts, including both the first and the world's smallest 1394b digital camera. Since its founding in January of 1997, the company's approach to product pricing, quality control, and customer service has attracted thousands of customers worldwide, and its organic growth through product sales has enabled the company to expand significantly without any outside investment. Point Grey currently employs more than 90 people worldwide, and has a German subsidiary

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AdLink's GIE62+ is a PCI Express x4 lane frame grabber that supports two Power over Ethernet (PoE) cameras while delivering an unprecedented image

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### VeriSens Vision Sensors with Ethernet Interface and Stainless Steel Housings

Baumer introduces the new vision sensors Series 1500 and 1800 with stainless steel housings, IP 69 K protection and Ethernet interfaces. With these new features, the VeriSens vision sensors can meet tough hygienic and bio-cleaning requirements while still offering flexible integration and reliable operation. Their

powerful inspection, identification and character recognition capabilities can be applied with confidence, improving process control. For instance, in the food industry, packaged foods can be inspected while also reading the "best-before" dates. Also, by using the internal Ethernet interface, the sensors can be quickly reconfigured for other applications and a standard web browser can be used for captured image visualization.







### **Green PowerLine Laser**

The thermoelectrically cooled green powerline laser was one of the high-lights at this year's Vision show in Stuttgart.

Green PowerLine structured light laser offers a thermoelectric system and fan that maintains a constant laser diode temperature, resulting in better wavelength, power, and pointing stabilities. The

Green PowerLine design makes focusing even easier with the focus adjusting screw located directly on the body of the laser.

### High Visibility, High Contrast Green Beam

A green beam can provide better contrast on red hot metal or wood. Another advantage is that a green beam is more visible to the human eye than red, thereby making the relative eye response to the green much higher. For the same power, a green beam (532 nm) will be better perceived by the human eye than a red beam (635 nm).

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- The SAC standardised testing device for toothing inspection has already assembled every required constituents and can be easy and quickly integrated on the spot through its compact construction.
- For surface inspection of continuous materials, e.g. paper, textile, metal, SAC designed VisionLine, a modular structured web inspection system that inspects in realtime the continuous material's surface for homogeneity and can be adapted in every production process.





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Look ahead to our first issue of 2010:

INSPECT 1/2010 will be published in March 2010. A special focus will be on machine vision and optical metrology for factory automation.

Automation of manufacturing processes with 2D and 3D robot vision will be featured as well as product identification by making use of product features, data matrix code or barcode, yield increase with automated quality inspection, and inline and offline metrology in production environments.

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