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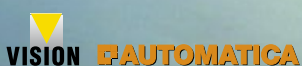
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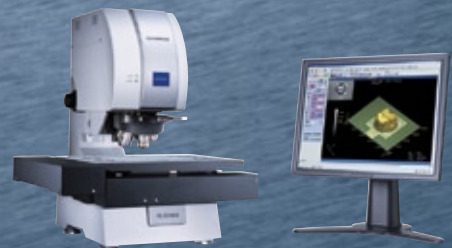
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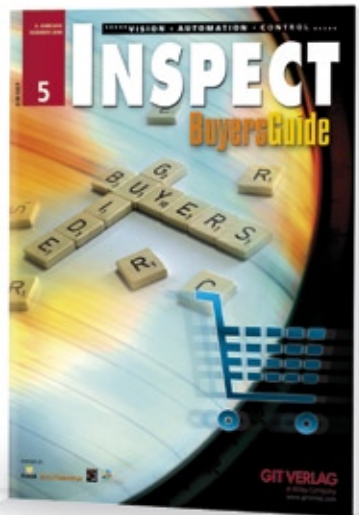
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This issue of INSPECT brings you, for the first time, the new Buyers Guide, the European reference for components, products, systems and services for machine vision and optical metrology. As the leading European journal for machine vision and optical metrology in industrial applications, we have published this issue in English language.

Starting 2009, INSPECT will be published monthly. With 10 yearly issues (two double issues), we will keep you updated with the latest, detailed information on machine vision, automation, quality assurance and measuring technology in the manufacturing industries. We have also expanded the INSPECT concept to live up to our European and global presence. The monthly print issues will be published in German and an English version of every issue will be distributed as ePaper.

The INSPECT team has been expanded to accommodate the new concept and expansion, and together with the former Editor-in-Chief and now Publishing Director Gabriele Jansen, I have taken on the responsibility as Editor-in-Chief for these issues. For many of our valued readers, my face is not a new one, as you will know me as Editor-

in-Chief of my previous publication for quality management and quality assurance. The expansion of INSPECT is a logical reaction to the globalization of the manufacturing industry and for me, bringing in my experience and market knowledge is an enjoyable task. Having a professional publishing management team with clear goals and a passion for innovation behind us will also help to implement the expansion successfully.

The new format will also be accompanied by an extensive online presence. Managing Director of GIT VERLAG, Dr. Michael Schön, emphasized in industry journal *Horizont*: "The aim of the new multimedia concept is to provide our partners with professional platforms for the exchange of thoughts, opinions and information."

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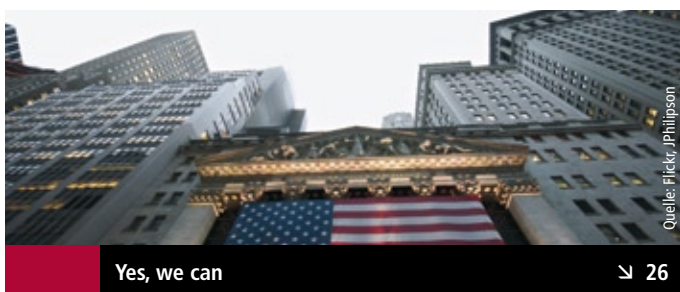
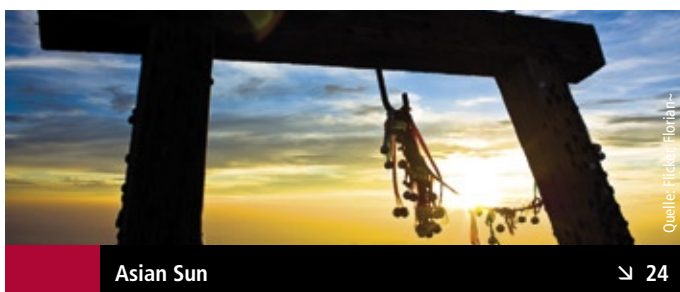
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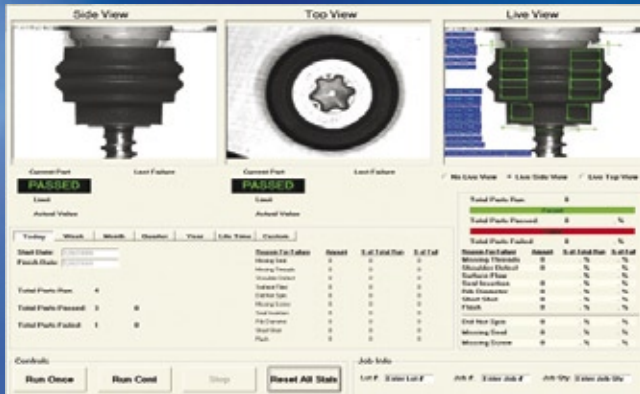
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Understanding Depth

Range Image Sensors and 3D Data Acquisition

For us human beings, it is easy to understand pictures. We are able to estimate depth easily by using the information given by motion or the disparity between the two images seen with our two eyes. In contrast to this, – even with the incredible growth of computational capacity and power in the last years – computers are not able to understand images in every context. An image provided by a common camera depicts the intensity distribution of the scene without any 3D data. One of the main problems in the research field of image understanding is the lack of three-dimensional (3D) data. The interest in range images for high-end research projects and applications has increased dramatically in the last decade. One way to capture 3D information is the ability to directly acquire range images with laser range sensors. These sensors deliver a discrete representation of the surface in the scene, which offers a greater chance for computers to increase the level in image understanding.



A wide variety of laser range scanners are available in the market. Range images differ from “usual” intensity images in the consideration of additional depth information. For depth measuring two major principles — triangulation and time-of-flight (TOF) — are used in many fields of research and applications. TOF and phase measurement methods are long range technologies and triangulation based methods belong to close range methods.

The non-contact approach is the most important aspect of visual range measurement methods. This allows for the measurements of substances which may be hot, chemically aggressive, sticky or sensitive, provided that sufficient light is reflected back from the surface. There is no possibility of any damage or wastage to the object. In addition, these techniques are relatively fast and economical. On the other hand, visual non-contact methods are vulner-

able against transparency and multiple reflections. Different methods exist for the visual data acquisition and even range data is obtained in many different ways. In general, the range data acquisition is separated into two categories – active and passive range imaging, respectively. In the passive method, no special light is required in addition to the ambient light for illumination. The most common data sources for industrial applications are still passive camera systems.

In active range imaging, a dedicated and well defined light source (e.g. laser light source) is used in cooperation with a visual capture device. At the moment, these active sensors are superior to other industrial measurement methods regarding their accuracy, cost and robustness compared to stereo camera systems. The well known methods “time-of-flight” (TOF) and “triangulation” are part of the active methods. In the active triangulation scheme, the scene is illuminated by a laser source from one direction and viewed by a sensor from the other direction. TOF measures the time of a reflected laser pulse to determine the distance to an object.

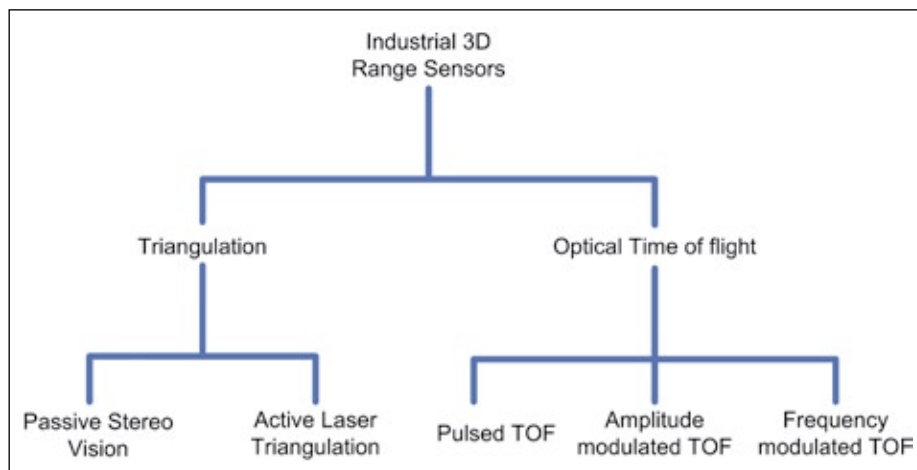


Fig. 1: Industrial 3D Range sensors

The advantages of the active methods are the production of dense sampling points and the high robustness and precision compared to the passive methods. However, additional light sources must be added in the scene and the methodology does not correspond to human stereo vision.

Figure 1 shows the variety of different measurement technologies. TOF and phase measurement methods are long range technologies (over 1 m) and triangulation-based methods belong to close range methods. Most long range measurement sensors are used for surveying and mapping in architectural and cultural heritage, geodesic laser scanning, archeological heritage conservation, and the 3D scanning of buildings. Active close range 3D sensors are often used in quality management, reverse engineering, visualization and 3D modeling, and have become one of the major aspects of computer vision and robotics.

The process of reconstructing an existing object (reverse engineering) which gives all the information about the shape and size of the object is very important for industrial applications. Quality management can use the Computer Aided Design (CAD) model of the product through range imaging to ensure the uniformity in shape and size.

Triangulation

The principle of triangulation is based on simple geometrical constraints. An active triangulation system consists of a light source and a receiving unit. There are triangulation-based sensors existing that deliver one-dimensional, two-dimensional and range image data. Depending on the resulting dimension, the active triangulation methods can be separated in Single Spot Triangulation, Sheet of Light Triangulation and Coded/Structured Light Triangulation.

Single Spot Laser Triangulation is based on simple trigonometric equations. A laser spot is projected onto the object. The scene is recorded with a CCD array. If the distance changes to the laser, the position of the reflection in the CCD array also changes. Due to geometric relations, the changed distance can be calculated the other way round.

The distance to the object in figure 2 can be calculated by the following equation:

$$x = D \frac{\frac{x_0}{D} + \frac{x' - x_0}{f}}{1 - \frac{x_0}{D} \frac{x' - x_0}{f}} \quad (1.1)$$

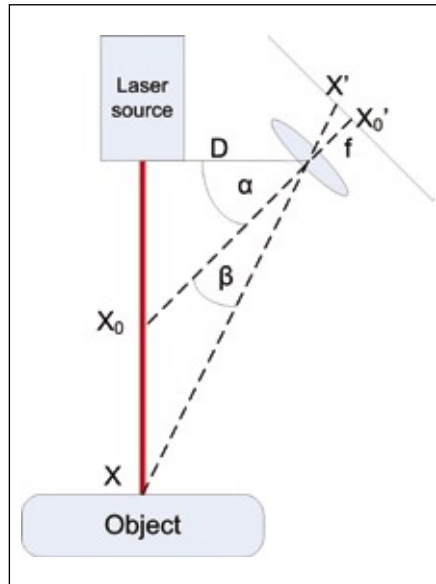


Fig. 2: Triangulation principle

Figure 2 shows the configuration for a reflected laser spot and a CCD-array, which can be used for determining a one-dimensional distance value. The accuracy (usually ~1:1000) depends on the distance between the laser and receiving unit and the object distance. Active triangulation is usually used in measuring a range of 0.1–5 m. Measurement times of less than 10 ms are common, allowing real-time study of moving or vibrating objects. Active triangulation can also be extended to a laser line and CCD-matrix, resulting in a two-dimensional distance array.

In this application the triangulation system acquires a fully two-dimensional profile. A camera captures the projected line. With the help of the geometric configuration the distance can be acquired. For each column X_i in the camera matrix, the geometrical considerations (Equation 1.1) of single spot triangulation are applied.

A further method of triangulation sensors belongs to structured or coded light techniques. A coded pattern – such as a gray coded or phase-coded pattern — is used to illuminate the scene for acquisition. In a growing number of industrial applications, structured light approaches are realized. For the acquisition of 3D scenes, no scanning or moving profile sensors are required, so this method is usually faster than other 3D scanning techniques.

In the last few years, the accuracy of structured light range data acquisition has increased up to 1 μm . More and more companies offer promising solutions. Unfortunately, this measurement technique still suffers from ambient light influences, complex calibration and the lack of a ready-to-use solution for industrial environments. Several 2D trian-

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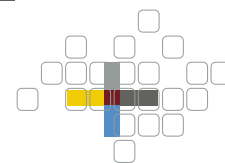
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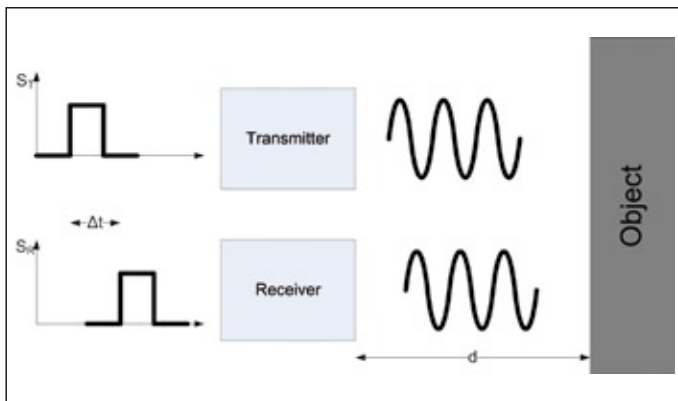


Fig. 3: Pulsed TOF measurement principle

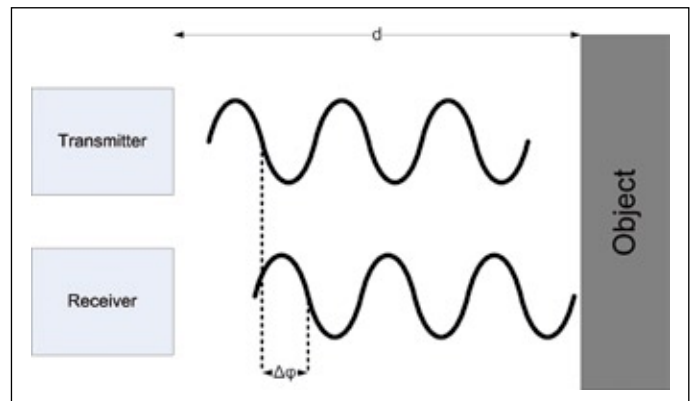


Fig. 4: Modulated Continuous Wave TOF measurement principle

gulation-based laser range sensors are available for industrial applications. Most of these are close range sensors with a laser stripe source and a camera inside a fixed frame without the need of calibration.

Time of Flight

Time-of-flight (TOF) laser distance sensors measure the distance between the object and the light source along a light beam. Time-of-flight systems send out a light beam towards an object. The light is diffusely reflected by the surface and a part of the light returns to the receiver. The time that light needs to travel from the laser diode to the object surface and back is measured. When the light pulse is emitted a high accuracy stopwatch is started. The light pulse travels to the target and back to the receiver. When the light pulse arrives, the stopwatch is stopped and the time of the flight is calculated. With the known speed of light the distance to the object is determined.

Figure 3 shows the TOF configuration. In practice, the active light source and the receiver are located very closely to each other. Illumination and observation directions are approximately colinear, so this avoids shadowing effects. The existing methods relying on the principle of TOF can be separated in Pulsed TOF and Modulated Continuous Wave TOF.

In the case of pulsed TOF, the travel time is directly proportional to the distance traveled, taking into account the velocity of light in the involved medium using the following equation:

$$d = \frac{c \Delta t}{2n} \quad (1.2)$$

It applies here: c is the velocity of light and Δt is the time taken by the signal to travel from the source to the object and

back. The involved medium is integrated as the refraction index n . The equation contains a factor of 0.5 because of the way to the object and back. Theoretically, the accuracy of the depth measuring is independent from the distance of the object to the camera and only depends on the precision achieved measuring the travel time. But precision in the millimeter and sub-millimeter range requires pulse lengths of a few picoseconds and the associated electronics. Mainly, the pulse rate influences the maximum range for TOF sensors. To send out a new pulse, the receiving unit has to wait for the last echo arriving from the object. Some long range sensors use the pulsed TOF method to measure distances up to a few kilometers for cartographic mapping. At ranges of a few kilometers and above, a different problem arises: at such distances the amount of reflected photons that reach the detector is very small. The sensitivity of the receiving unit and the power of the emitted light pulse are limited in all real range sensors. This leads to a limitation of the range of these sensors. A variation of the time-of-flight distance measuring is the measuring of the phase shift. This method effectively measures the difference between emitted and received signals. A continuous wave (CW) laser emits light continuously and, therefore, is called a CW-laser.

As shown in figure 4, the distance information is extracted from the received signal by comparing its modulation phase to that of the emitted signal. The range of phase measurement TOF sensors depends on the wavelength of the modulated signal so the resolution of these sensors can be improved if signals with short wavelength are used. That being said, this leads to a reduced maximum range of phase shift measurement. The maximum unambiguous detectable phase delay is a full cycle of the modulation period. For phase shifts over 360° , however, an unequivocal de-

termination of the distance is not trivial, which means that the maximum useful measurable distance is half of the distance traveled by light during one period. This continuous wave can be modulated in the amplitude or the frequency. An amplitude modulated continuous wave (AMCW) is often a sinusoid wave and this wave is modulated in amplitude by varying the power. Frequency modulated continuous wave (FMCW) distance measurement is achieved by measuring the phase of the modulation of the transmitted light. Phase shift measurement has a higher precision than that of conventional TOF measuring. In practice, a combination of these two procedures is often used. This method is typically used for measurement distances of a few tens of meters. The accuracy is between a few millimeters and two or three centimeters, depending on time measurement and on the distance between the object and the scanner (object distance). The TOF-principle is extended for industrial range image data acquisition by moving the laser line or by putting many laser emitting/receiving units together.

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Vision 2008 Even More International

Increases in Number of Exhibitors and Occupied Exhibition Area



Vision is continuing its success story. After an excellent start at the New Stuttgart Trade Fair Centre last year, Vision 2008 featured more exhibitors, was even more international and occupied even more space. The International Trade Fair for Machine Vision and Identification Technologies is thus underlining its position as the world's leading trade fair for the industry.

Machine Vision is a key technology for economical and modular automation. Without Machine Vision systems, companies in the automotive industry, the automotive component supply industry, the electronic/electrical engineering industry and the metalworking industry, to name only a few, cannot produce economically or guarantee their product quality either. This enabling technology, which serves to an extremely wide range of customer industries, has been recording impres-

sive sales increases during recent years, even during economically weak periods. However, Machine Vision is even now continuing to exploit its enormous market potential. Although the main application area for Machine Vision is still regarded to be industrial production where there is a need for zero defect control to increase quality or minimise costs, Machine Vision has for years generated a significant share of its market growth in non-industrial applications. Exhibitors at Vision have also taken account of this fact since both the trade fair and the accompanying program also contained numerous examples and a great deal of background information on these non-industrial applications.

In 2008, for the first time, two standard halls were completely occupied with a total exhibition area of 20,000 m². 292 exhibitors and 17 representative companies presented their product innovations and services in these halls. 45 % of the exhibitors came from foreign countries. They came primarily from Europe, but also from Israel, Japan, Canada, Switzerland, Taiwan, the USA and the People's

Republic of China. A total of 28 countries was represented at Vision 2008.

The Vision was supported by three national and international associations, i. e. the German Engineering Federation (VDMA), the European Machine Vision Association (EMVA) and the Automated Imaging Association (AIA).

Special Show "International Machine Vision Standards"

A number of manufacturers have long been agreeing international standards in order to simplify the combination of Machine Vision components from different manufacturers. Visitors could attain an overview of the most important standards, their application areas and their advantages during the special show entitled "International Machine Vision Standards". Experts gave information and were available for questions. This special show was organised by Messe Stuttgart and the three international Machine Vision associations AIA, EMVA and JIIA (Japanese Industrial Imaging Association).

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PC Accelerator Board with PowerXCell 8i Processor

On the one hand, the powerful IBM Cell/B.E. processor guarantees impressive 3D visualization in the games console PlayStation 3, on the other hand, it helps the Roadrunner in Los Alamos to place first on the ranking of worldwide fastest computers. With the mvXCell-8i PCIe accelerator board Matrix Vision (www.matrix-vision.de) makes the power of IBM PowerXCell 8i processor available for standard PCs.

The latest Cell/B.E. (Cell Broadband Engine) PowerXCell 8i processor has a standard core (PPE) working as a manager and eight cores (SPEs), which are optimized for fast parallel processing of pixel and DP float data. On the mvXCell-8i, all nine cores work with 2.8 GHz. For this reason, the board can reach 180 GFLOPS single precision and 90 GFLOPS double precision float. Furthermore, with four GB DDR-RAM the board provides enough memory for dozens of image data. The mvXCell-8i can be used as an accelerator board for Windows and Linux systems or as a standalone Linux computer.



Basler aviator camera series with two new camera models based on Kodak's new KAI-01050 CCD sensor

New Aviator Area Scan Camera Series

Basler Vision Technologies (www.baslerweb.com) is expanding the product portfolio by adding its new Basler aviator camera series with two new camera models based on Kodak's new KAI-01050 CCD sensor. The Basler aviator series is a high speed mainstream camera. It exhibits superior image quality even at high speed image capture rates. The first models of this series feature 1 megapixel resolution (1024 x 1024 pixels) at 120 frames per second. The Basler aviator is equipped with Kodak's state-of-the-art CCD sen-



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sors. The cameras provide progressive scan readout and global shutter technology. They are an ideal fit for various applications like semiconductor manufacturing, electronics manufacturing, metrology and medical imaging.

New Driver Software for all uEye Cameras

IDS (www.ids-imaging.de) presented a new version of its uEye driver. The latest 3.30 release comes with a host of enhancements. Besides boosting the performance of the camera/software combination, the new driver has increased support of many hardware features. This applies in particular to the Gigabit Ethernet models. The camera's RS232 interface, for example, now allows full use as the standard COM port for controlling a pan/tilt unit or a light controller.

With the new driver many CMOS models achieve up to 50% higher frame rates when using the subsampling and binning functions.

The GigE versions of the uEye series benefit most from the new release. They now support a colour depth of up to 12 or 36 bits, depending on the sensor. The maximum frame rate of the 5 Mpixel versions has increased to 15 fps. In addition colours can now be calculated either in the PC or in the camera.

Super Wide Angle Lens for Industrial Imaging Applications

Carl Zeiss (www.zeiss.com/photo) has now introduced the Distagon T* 3,5/18 ZF for industrial applications and technical automation – a compact wide angle system covering an extremely wide image angle. Many industrial imaging applications demand more than excellent imaging performance. Only an extreme image angle can ensure that large objects are captured reliably and completely in a small space.

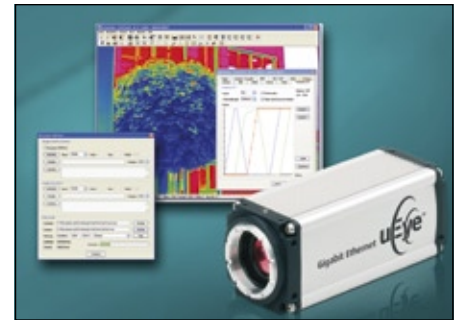
With the new Distagon T* 3,5/18 ZF, industrial robots for quality assurance tasks achieve an impressive di-

The Stingray camera family, launched by Allied Vision Technologies

agonal image angle of up to 99°. This means maximum acquisition of ambient and object information, even at short distances, making the lens ideal for near-range photogrammetry and optical measurements of components, e.g. in the automotive industry.

Two New Stingray FireWire Cameras

The Stingray camera family, launched by Allied Vision Technologies (www.allied-visiontec.com) at last year's Vision 2007, has grown with the addition of two new models that combine the newest Sony CCD sensors with AVT's clever Smart Features.



IDS presented a new version of its uEye driver

The Stingray F-125 is equipped with the new, high-sensitivity Sony CCD sensor ICX445 with 1.3 megapixel resolution. Thanks to ExView HAD technology, the camera delivers an especially high light-sensitivity. Combined with Stingray electronics, the user can expect outstanding image quality. With its IEEE 1394b interface, the Stingray F-125 can deliver up to 30 frames per second at full resolution.

The Stingray line has now been expanded upward with the addition of the Stingray F-504. The camera is equipped with the new 5 megapixel Sony ICX655 sensor, with single-channel read-out, and as such requires no channel balance. It delivers razor-sharp images for applications requiring a high degree of detail.

Both of these new cameras have inherited the Stingray family's comprehensive functionality package for the optimization of image data before its transfer to a PC.



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Machine Vision Software with Easy User Interface

The SAC machine Vision interpreter is based on the latest SAC Coake 6.7 platform (www.sac-Vision.de). With this universal high-performance tool it is possible to solve applications in the field of optical measurement and inspection technology more efficiently than before. Due to the easy structured user interface, machine Vision tasks can be realized quickly and comprehensively – after a short training scheme – without any previous knowledge of the user.

The command sequence is compiled in the well-structured Coake program editor via drag & drop. Several standard commands are already included in the scope of delivery. The command selection ranges from simple commands to complex macros which are completely pre-configured for the use of typical tools.

The inspection and interim results can be filed or are transferred via the integrated interface. The results can be correlated. The data can be edited with Office software programs as well as special statistic and quality programs. Common machine interfaces are already integrated.



Carl Zeiss introduced the Distagon T* 3,5/18 ZF for industrial applications and technical automation – a compact wide angle system covering an extremely wide image angle

Next Generation Smart

Sony (www.sonybiz.net/Vision) has launched its second generation of smart cameras, the XCI series. The four new camera modules, launched by Sony Europe's Image Sensing Solutions (ISS) division, process image data before transmitting to a PC and combine a powerful CPU with an open FPGA delivering a 3X performance improvement over the previous generation.

The camera modules in the new product family are available for VGA (XCI-

V100) and SXGA (XCI-SX100) monitoring, with colour and black and white modules created for each.

The camera's FPGA provides pre processing for real time raw image data without any load placed on its 1GHz CPU, reducing the camera's power consumption. To add flexibility, the function of the module's four inputs and eight outputs can be specified using the FPGA.

The addition of color analysis in two of the four new camera modules enables the smart cameras to be used in a diverse range of markets where hue is vital to data analysis with initial beta tests including airport security, animal welfare in agriculture, traffic surveillance, forest fire prevention and machine Vision applications.

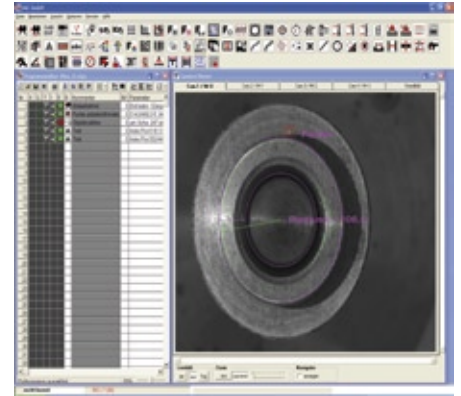
All cameras in the range are sized 94x70x139.5 mm, support C and CS mounting, come with 512 Mb of SDRAM, eight memory buffers and a 1 Gb memory card accessory with Windows XPe is also available. To ensure system cabling is as simple as possible, the XCI series utilizes a share trigger line.

New Sensor Architecture and New Possibilities for Use

The image processing specialist Vision & Control (www.Vision-control.com) has extended the Vision sensor platform camat to include the new generation of Vision sensors, camat S48 Multi-Head. The Vision sensors can be configured, for the first time, with up to four remote sensor heads, and convince with their small dimensions and low weight, opening up new possibilities for use in industrial image processing. The compact sensor heads already integrate precision optics, powerful homogeneous LED lighting as well as high-resolution imaging sensors. The captured image data are transferred to the controller, the heart of the Vision sensor, and evaluated. Fast mounting of the sensor heads, weighing only 80 g, in confined spaces as well as the intuitive "Step-by-Step" user guidance ensures that the user can quickly implement the inspection tasks to be solved.

LMI Launched Two New Products

New at Vision, LMI technologies (www.LMItechnologies.com) was introducing FireSync, a Vision engineering platform to simplify and accelerate the entire Vision system development process from specification to final assembly. Also premiering is HexSight 4.0 with color. The approachable machine Vision library with a comprehensive list of capabilities was demonstrated its new support for



The SAC machine Vision interpreter is based on the latest SAC Coake 6.7 platform. With this universal high-performance tool it is possible to solve applications in the field of optical measurement and inspection technology more efficiently than before

color image acquisition and processing in live demonstrations.

Multi-sensor Camera with up to Four Freely Positional Sensors

VRmagic (www.vrmagic.com) presented a FPGA camera with up to four pixel-synchronous sensors. The CMOS sensors with global shutter are connected to the camera by an LVDS data cable and can be freely positioned. The image data is coordinated on a FPGA module with at least 256 MB RAM. The multi-sensor camera can produce pixel-synchronous images from several positions, as required for 3D reconstruction, for example. Light-section-, Gray-code- and phase shift processes can even be applied to moving objects when using the multi-sensor camera.

They also introduced a compact, programmable intelligent camera. The new intelligent component from VRmagic is



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a high-performance camera featuring a combination of ARM processor, DSP and an optional FPGA module. Deployed is the DaVinci processor by Texas Instruments. The camera operates autonomously with a Linux operating system.

Smart Camera for Machine Vision

Matrox Imaging (www.matrox.com) announced the Matrox Iris GT, the next-generation smart camera for machine vision applications. Designed for the harshest and most demanding environ-



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ments, the small, fast and rugged Matrox Iris GT is the perfect fit for industrial applications.

The Matrox Iris GT is powered by an Intel 1.6 GHz Atom processor and runs Windows CE 6.0, Microsoft's real-time embedded operating system. Matrox Iris GT features an integrated graphics controller with VGA output, 256 MB DDR 2 memory, and 1 GB of flash disk. For connectivity to external devices, Matrox Iris GT includes a 10/100/1,000 Ethernet port, a USB 2.0 port, an RS-232 serial port, an opto-coupled trigger input and strobe output. Matrox Iris GT also supports Ethernet/IP and Modbus over TCP/IP communications to directly interact with PLCs and other automation equipment.

CVB GigE Vision-Server – Turning the Tables

When people talk about software for GigE Vision cameras they are usually referring to the drivers required for image capture. Now, Stemmer Imaging (www.stemmer-imaging.de) is turning the tables by offering an innovative GigE Vi-



Sony launched its second generation of smart cameras, the XCI series

sion Server for Common Vision Blox (CVB) for the first time.

With its independent imaging libraries, Common Vision Blox has, for some time, offered the most comprehensive and powerful implementation of the GigE Vision and GenICam standards. With the new GigE Vision Server, a suitably equipped computer behaves like a complete GigE Vision and GenICam compatible camera, with freely configurable features. As one would expect, Stemmer Imaging's CVB remains true to the principle of hardware independence. The data output by the CVB GigE Vision Server conforms to the GigE Vision and GenICam standards and is therefore compatible with any standards compliant software interfaces from other providers.

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CVB GigE Vision Server opens up completely new areas of opportunity for imaging. At its most basic level, images can be transferred from a hard disk or from any CVB compatible imaging hardware, via a network interface, thus making use of the benefits offered by simplified GigE Vision cabling.

TX Digital Cameras – Versatility through Innovation

All Baumer TX digital cameras are engineered around our belief in “Versatility Through Innovation” (www.baumeroptronic.com). By combining state-of-the-art sensor technology with proprietary components and know-how, Baumer guarantees a quality image is transferred from the sensor to the interface and to the final application. Versatility is ensured by integrating the technology into a innovative, compact housing and by conforming to industrial standards such as Gigabit Ethernet and FireWire. The TX camera family covers a diverse range of applications with versatile well-designed models. Where the entry level TXGC03 model uses CMOS sensors to provide an attractive solution for simple visualization or image processing the TXG50 model uses a high-resolution 5 megapixel CCD for sophisticated image processing requirements.

Higher Resolution and DSP Coprocessors

National Instruments (www.ni.com) announced the extension of its NI Smart Camera product line with the introduction of three new products. The NI 1744, NI 1762 and NI 1764 Smart Cameras deliver faster processing speed and higher image resolution to offer more powerful options for engineers requiring an embedded machine Vision solution.

Powered by a 533 MHz PowerPC, the new NI 1744 Smart Camera features a high-resolution image sensor that acquires images up to 1.3 megapixels (1,280 x 1,024). Industrial engineers and machine builders can use the camera to inspect objects for smaller defects and make measurements with four times the resolution of previous NI Smart Cameras.

For engineers needing higher performance for pattern matching, optical character recognition and code reading, the NI 1762 Smart Camera offers a 720 MHz Texas Instruments DSP coprocessor alongside the 533 MHz PowerPC, making it possible to run algorithms up to four times faster with no changes to the application software.

The new NI 1764 Smart Camera offers the highest resolution and performance of all the new cameras, featuring the 1.3 megapixel image sensor and the 720 MHz Texas Instruments DSP coprocessor. The NI 1764 is ideal for uses such as high-speed manufacturing line applications that are inspecting large objects or locating and identifying small codes or features.

New Version Halcon 9

MVTec Software GmbH announced the new version 9.0 of its software Halcon (www.halcon.com). With this software release, the Munich-based manufacturer of machine Vision software again sets high standards.



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Within the machine vision community, Halcon is considered as a technology-leading force. The new version 9.0 will be released in January 2009 and provides unique innovations to the users.

Again, Halcon offers valuable speed-ups with its new version 9.0, especially regarding its exceptional automatic operator parallelization, which distributes the processing to the number of available cores. This technique has been speeded up considerably and thus significantly increases the benefit of multi-core computers.

Furthermore, Halcon 9.0 provides unique new matching technologies. In the future, it will be possible to robustly and reliably find 2D objects (e.g., labels) or work pieces with a corresponding structure even in images with strong perspective distortions.

World's Fastest In GaAs Camera Now with Double CameraLink

Xenics' (www.Xenics.com) new high-speed digital Cheetah-640CL, covering the SWIR spectral band 0.9 to 1.7 μm , offers a 640 x 512 pixel resolution at 20 μm pixel pitch and a record full frame rate of 1,730 Hz. Cheetah enables fast data transfer via

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double CameraLink. The camera is fully software-configurable; it combines the TE-cooled InGaAs FPA detector head with all control and communications circuitry in a convection-cooled compact housing.

With a frame rate of 1,730 fps at its full 640 x 512 pixel resolution, the new Cheetah-640CL sets a world-record for InGaAs cameras. Cheetah features 14-bit digitization to capture and display 14-bit optical data for high-speed imaging. The camera's 16 outputs provide 14 bit each at a 40 MHz pixel clock. Pixel operability is >99%. A graphical user interface that provides direct access to various camera settings such as ROI, integration time, sensor temperature and ADC, makes the camera flexible and easy to use.

Cheetah-640CL is perfectly suited for high-speed, hyperspectral image SWIR applications as well as laser-beam profiling and vision enhancement in industrial, automotive, airborne or medical applications (OCT), semiconductor inspection and on-line process control. Thermal imaging of hot objects ranges from 200 °C to 800 °C.

CMOS Image Sensor for Machine Vision and Holographic Data Storage Applications

Cypress Semiconductor Corp. (www.cypress.com) announced the commercial sampling of a CMOS image sensor with industry-leading digital data throughput of 13.2 Gbps. The new 3.0-megapixel LUPA-3000 sensor offers a triggered and pipelined synchronous shutter with a high frame rate of 485 frames-per-second (fps) and windowing capability for undistorted images and fast readout. The sensor also features on-chip digital LVDS (Low Voltage Differential Signaling) outputs that simplify the transport of sensor data and overall camera design for machine vision and holographic data storage applications.

"The high-speed LUPA-3000 sensor opens up the holographic data storage market to our industry leading portfolio," said Cliff Drowley, vice president of Cypress's image sensor business unit.

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"Its unparalleled performance exemplifies Cypress's drive to push the envelope of image sensor capabilities."

Contour-based Object Recognition

Vision Components (www.Vision-components.com) presented new software solutions for industrial image processing applications, such as the pattern matching tool VC Smart Finder. The software allows users to identify structures (e.g. bottle labels or complex components) by means of preset patterns. The real-time program, which operates with subpixel accuracy, ensures high-speed processes: it recognizes between 10 and 100 objects per second at a 640 x 480 pixel resolution. Object recognition is not influenced by rotational position, object size or illumination. Moreover, the software reliably recognizes objects which are occluded by up to 80%. An intuitive, easy-to-use teach-in option allows users to include new objects.

QX Platform Technology

Microscan (www.microscan.com) introduced the new QX Platform which combines Quick Connect and X-Mode technologies to deliver high performance barcode reading with unmatched simplified connectivity and networking in in-

dustrial automation environments. The first product introduced with the new QX Platform technology is the QX-830 compact laser scanner.

In naming the new platform technology, the "Q" represents the Quick Connect system of cabling and easy networking, with streamlined setup and connectivity through M12 Ultra-Lock connectors from Molex. The QX-830 is the ONLY data acquisition device with Quick Connect technology. The "X" represents X-Mode symbol reconstruction technology to deliver aggressive barcode reading out of the box.

Users can expect the Quick Connect system to simplify setup and deployment of single and multiple reader networks, while providing IP65 sealing for harsh industrial environments with the new Molex M12 Ultra-Lock connectors. The QX Platform also reduces the number of accessories required for multiple reader network solutions, and brings considerable savings in material costs as well as installation time.

Monochrome Versions

e2v (www.e2v.com) announced the launch of two new high performance monochrome models to its EliiXA range of industrial line scan cameras. The new 4096 pixel multi-line monochrome camera delivers scene grab rates of up to 54 KHz, or a four times improvement in sensitivity at 18 KHz, while featuring expanded spectral response.

EliiXA's unique row spacing (only 20 µm center-to-center), coupled with its wide spectral response, made it a suc-

cess in the color line scan camera market. This technology is now being applied to full monochrome models to provide an attractive alternative to the high-performance 4K pixel line-scan camera market.

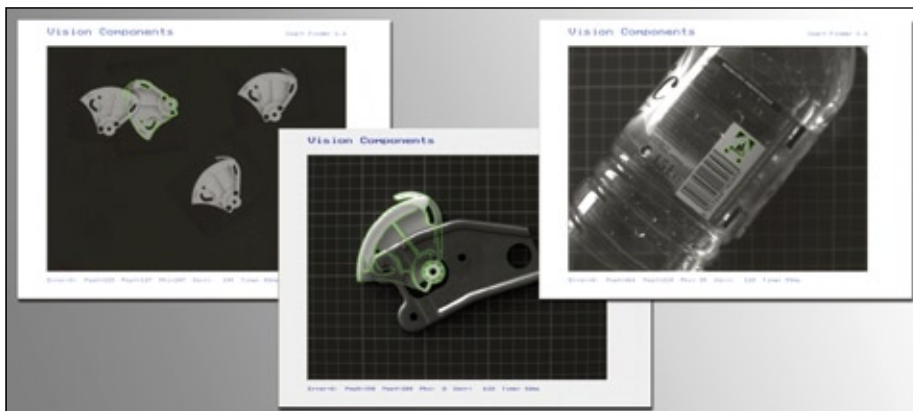
The monochrome cameras will be available in two models: 4S and the 3V: The 4S EliiXA monochrome model is an 18 KHz 4096 pixel camera, with extremely high sensitivity, ideally suited for low light use, an application currently only addressed by TDI cameras.

The 3V monochrome model can grab scenes running at 54 KHz; making it an alternative for demanding applications



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requiring both speed and resolution of 4096 pixels, today only served by more expensive CCD TDI or high-end CMOS cameras. While the multi-line sensor physically operates each individual line, simultaneously, at 18 KHz, a patented process re-orders the lines, ultimately making the camera behave like a single line camera.



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Åke Lindqvist New IFR President

The International Federation of Robotics (IFR) elected unanimously Åke Lindqvist, ABB, as new President and Junji Jay Tsuda, Yaskawa Electric, as new Vice President at its Executive Board Meeting on 16th October 2008 in Seoul. The biannual meeting of IFR Executive Board members was held in Seoul on the occasion of the International Symposium on Robotics (ISR). The incumbent President, Stefan Müller, Kuka Robot, retired following his successful two-year presidency. Müller was pleased about the election: "The election of Åke Lindqvist and Junji Tsuda respectively represents a sensible next step which also reflects the importance of their respective markets. I would hope to see countries such as China, Brazil, India, Mexico and Russia working together with us in the IFR in the near future, giving them representation in the only world-wide federation for industrial and service robots. In this and all their other undertakings I wish my successors and the entire IFR Executive Board every success."

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Vintec Award 2008 to Daimler

At the Euroblech trade fair in Hanover, Dr.-Ing. Norbert Stein, President and Sole shareholder of Vitronic, presented the Vintec Award 2008 to Guenter Kasper, head of axle production at Daimler. The award was presented after the joint development and installation of a ground-breaking welding concept at the Daimler plant in Mettingen. Welded seams are automatically inspected and optimized using Viro-wsi, a weld seam inspection system from Vitronic. Since its installation in February 2007 more than 8 million welded seams have been inspected and, if necessary, optimized. After successfully implementing the system on the production line of the C-Class, Daimler has also decided to use the unique solution for the new E-Class and with it remains a step ahead of all automobile manufacturers.

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e2v Signs US Distribution Agreement

e2v have signed a distribution agreement allowing Physimetrics to distribute e2v's range of line-scan cameras throughout the US. The camera families, AviiVA and EliixA, set the industry bar for quality and performance in the industrial machine vision market, with recent additions of new color, quadrilinear, and monochrome models. Physimetrics, a US based sales and technical support specialist in machine vision and image processing, provides the US market with years of experience in machine vision requirements, a commitment to quality, and the provision of class leading customer service. Backing e2v's technical expertise in camera design and application, and to further assist system manufacturers, Physimetrics also provides a full range of products to support e2v's camera range, including frame grabbers, software, lenses and cables.

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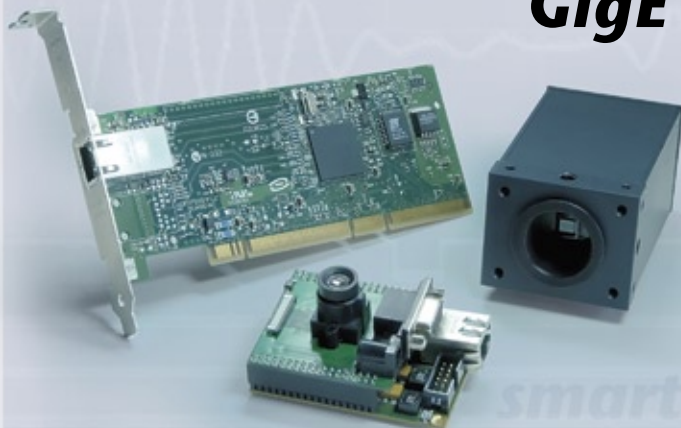
New Managing Director at VMT



With effect from 1st November 2008, Dr. Ing. Stefan Gehlen, a recognized expert in image processing and automation, joined the management board of VMT Vision Machine Technik Bildverarbeitungssysteme, Mannheim/Germany. After completing a study program and graduating from the Technical University in Darmstadt, Dr. Gehlen chaired the Board of Directors of ZN Vision Technologies, Bochum. Important technological innovations were accomplished under his management, such as automated face identification processes. Appointing Dr. Gehlen has strengthened the strategic role of image processing solutions within the Pepperl+Fuchs Group. For VMT and its customers, it is an important step in the direction of long-term assurance of innovation capability and professional competence.

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Topics with Impact: Big Brother Is Watching You?

INSPECT Panel Discussion "Machine Vision and Security" at Vision 2008



How about applying the high performance and industry weathered robustness of machine vision technology to the analysis of surveillance camera images? How far could one get by comparing and matching performance and requirements of both areas – Vision and Security? Could automating the surveillance processes help in protecting privacy?

In this year's panel discussion during the Industrial Vision Days at Vision 2008 in Stuttgart, six experts from both industries were invited by INSPECT to discuss state-of-the-art and future developments of camera based surveillance.

About 160 trade show visitors followed the lively discussion between the six panelists. The allotted hour was much too short to cover all aspects of the topic. Machine Vision and camera based Security Technologies have quite some potential to benefit from closer cooperation of the respective market players. Maybe

this open panel was a first step to fuel a further continuation of the information exchange.

From many a visitor's point of view, the discussion certainly came to a peak when the industry representatives shared their view of the future of video surveillance.*



**Klaus Baumgartner,
Siemens Building Technologies**

I am convinced that we have to get used to the thought that video surveillance will continue to penetrate the public and also the semi-public areas. Does that worry me? It does not. With the huge amount of data, that will thus be provided, there is

no other way than to reduce this data already on a meta level. When an event occurs that was actually supposed to be detected, and only then, original data will be provided to the authorized recipient for evaluation.

Our industry is faced with the important task to design security standards guaranteeing that all acquired data will remain private up until the pre-defined situation occurs that requires the analysis of the data.

**Volkhard Delfs,
Panasonic Systems Solutions**

Today we are at the verge of overcoming the restrictions analogue video technology had imposed on us. That will result in an improvement of options but also in additional challenges. The success will be based on our efforts in making the cameras somewhat smarter to unburden the

* Editor's Note: The panel discussion was originally conducted in German language. Any flaws in the transcription into the English language text of this article lie solely in the responsibility of the editor.

operator. Especially in open air low contrast scenarios it is very, very difficult to detect motion, even for the human eye. Sensors, however, are perfectly capable here, provided that they come with computing power.



Prof. Dr. Jörg Krüger,
Innovation Cluster Secure Identity

It will be no small task to integrate pre-processing functionality into the camera with the goal to distinguish pixel noise from actual object movement, even at low light conditions, as a threshold of what will be presented to an operator. We spoke earlier about applications with 8,000 cameras [editor's note: in casinos], no operator can cope with that. The systems need to be more clever. Event driven display, integration of other sub-systems, visualization of conditions: that is no small task lying ahead of us.

In automation, in production, everywhere we have the same problem of data overflow. The world around us is connected. We can collect data with no end, but we are no longer able to analyze this data. What we need are mining technologies to get information out of data. This will be our task for the next couple of years. One possibility to apply this to video technology is to detect and describe the relations between single objects. To not only detect single objects but to find the logical scenario correlation between these objects. This is still a long way, but first approaches can be seen already manifold in research.

Looking at the hardware aspect, we will see more 2,5 D in the future compared to today's rather 2D products. We will use the depth information in addition since this helps us to detect objects more accurately or to separate objects from each other. There is a lot to achieve methodically. That of course pleases me as a scientist.



Dr. Stefan Gehlen, VMT

The vision of integrating IP and IT in security has already begun. This trend is fast and irreversible. In cameras and system technology we will see more resolution, higher accuracy. This results not necessarily in larger areas to be covered but in higher quality of the captured data, enabling automated image analysis.

On another note and looking at the development in Asia, we come to a totally different aspect: the question on how to open up new fields of application for video analysis. Border control, for example. The driving factor here will be the automation of security. The business case will no longer be the security application but the automation of security processes.



Dr. Dietmar Ley,
Basler Vision Technologies

I am convinced that there will be applications with smaller requirements for data analysis or image analysis. I'm thinking here of applications in retail where a wrong decision does not present a problem. The main task here is to understand how my shop works, which aisles enjoy especially high customer attention, which crowd my shop attracts, how to optimize my business. Another application might be, and here the two worlds will cross each other somewhat,

to monitor production cells by using technology developed for security applications, substituting light curtains by scene analysis to e.g. stop a robot when a human enters the working zone. That is not necessarily the high end application, but something that will already work tomorrow. I think we should look for applications that are already feasible with the state-of-the-art. Along the way we will acquire the skills for the more difficult and demanding tasks. Experience already acquired in machine vision can be used here to implement good and profitable applications. These applications maybe a little bit off the path of traditional security tasks but instead more in the area of surveillance. That is my expectation for the near future.



Rudolf Spielberger,
Bosch Security Systems

I happened to come across a press release last week, stating that three quarters of the German population wishes for an increased video surveillance. That, of course, pleases our industry.

Ultimately, our path will lead us from today's situation of creating video garbage, tera bytes of it, to transforming this data into meaningful meta data. Into information really providing us with the facts we need for decisions. And ultimately we aspire, independent from cross-system usage, a future where video surveillance is not merely relevant after the fact, but where, with the help of smart components, we master the step to act before a critical event takes place, to even prevent this event.

In case you missed this discussion at the Vision and you would like to learn more from the experts, you will find the audio stream of the event at www.inspect-online.com.

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European Diversity

Machine Vision Has Seen Robust Growth in 2008



The European machine vision industry has seen a steady growth in the past years. For the year 2008, optimistic forecasts were justified, although major changes in demand and use of machine vision products, which already commenced a year before, did continue. It seems that the high expectations once more have been met.

General Trends in Europe's Machine Vision Market

According to the 2007 EMVA market study, easy-to-use and inexpensive standard products, such as vision sensors or smart cameras, were clearly in high demand in the previous year, and will have also been in 2008: Due to advanced hardware and software, they are able to perform tasks for which – not long ago – more complex solutions had to be created. Nevertheless, complex, high-end and application-specific devices still constitute the biggest portion of sales and push the limits of what is technically and economically feasible.

Industrial production once again generated by far the biggest contribution to the total turnover of the European machine vision industry in 2007; with the automotive and electric/electronic industry as key drivers. But even outside the industrial production sector, there is great potential for new applications of vision technology, with future mega-topics such as environmental protection and the demographic change to mention just a few. The cost-efficient standard systems will help to capture these new areas of application.

In-house production of machine vision systems by industrial equipment manufacturers increased somewhat in

2007. Linked to this trend, robot manufacturers tend to integrate machine vision into the robot and offer packages.

Regarding the business activities outside the European borders, machine vision cameras from European companies recorded good sales. North America and Asia were the main destinations for these shipments. This underlines the trend of the growing importance of the export business to the whole sector over the past few years.

Small Enterprises Dominate

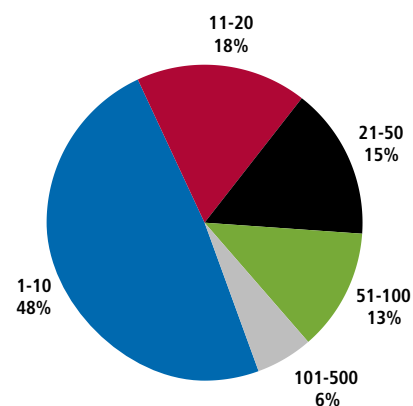
The machine vision industry in Europe is still dominated by Small and Medium Enterprises (SME). On average, in 2007, the companies in the European market employed 37 people, with a peak in the German market: here the average size was 40 employees. The majority of machine vision enterprises in Europe employed less than 50 people in 2007. Almost every second machine vision company in Europe has ten employees or fewer and can be counted as a small enterprise.

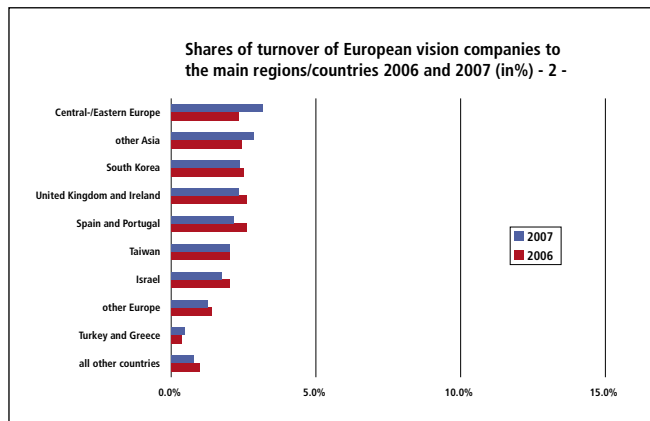
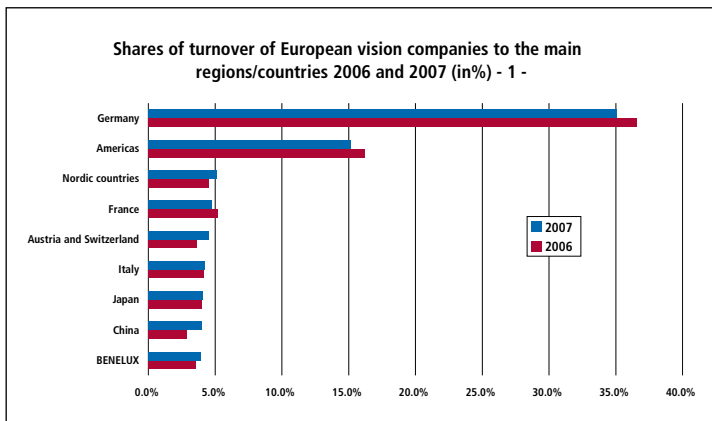
Over the past years, a trend has emerged that an increasing number of companies in the automation industry set up their own vision systems division. According to this, the proportion of

“pure” vision companies is declining. As for the largest European market – Germany – by now, only half of the machine vision companies are still “pure”. In all other European countries, more than 60% of the machine vision companies still name machine vision as their sole business. But even when machine vision is only a division within the company, mostly there is only a small number of employees working in the vision sector. In Europe there are no “pure” machine

Structure of vision companies in Europe 2007

Shares of companies by employees in the vision sector in %





vision companies with more than 500 employees.

Internationalization is more and more an issue in the machine vision industry. Some 10% of the participants of the 2007 edition of the “European Vision Technology Market Statistics” were subsidiaries of companies from outside of Europe. At the same time, almost 20% of the European vision technology companies also employed people on other continents.

Export to Asia Growing

Recorded sales volumes of the European machine vision companies participating

in the Market Statistics survey increased by 4% in 2007 over the previous year. Some 69% of the total sales in 2007 were realized within Europe. Here, smaller markets such as Austria, Switzerland, Benelux, the Nordic countries, and Turkey managed to compensate stagnation or even a slight downturn in the main markets Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, and the U.K. Outside of Europe, North America again proved to be a major market area for European vision technology, with a share of 14% of the total sales volume in 2007. The fastest growing market in Asia remained China, where exports surged by 42% in 2007, and reached 5% of the total sales. Alto-

gether Asia, for the first time, measured up to the North American market in terms of sales volume.

Vision Systems

Sales of vision systems by European companies remained at a high level in 2007, while their share of the total turnover dropped by two percentage points to 52%. Following this trend, the turnover of application-specific vision systems dropped the second year in a row and reached a level of 40% of total turnover in 2007. While the unit sales of these turnkey vision systems decreased, the average unit price rose.

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Fewer, but more valuable systems were in demand.

On the other hand, numerous areas nowadays require simpler standard systems, which is why the turnover of these lower priced configurable systems is steadily increasing. Smart cameras with embedded intelligence, another product group recorded separately, become more and more important. This also applies to vision sensors, the shooting stars in machine vision technology. In 2007, 20,500 units were sold. Compared with the unit sales rate of 7,200 in 2006, the expression shooting star is not disproportionate.

Vision Components

The turnover of components made by European machine vision companies rose in 2007 by 9% compared to the previous year, giving them a share of 45% of total machine vision turnover. Cameras again were the most important component. Unit sales increased by 7%. Frame grabbers were less in demand than in earlier years, due to the continuing trend towards digital cameras. The steadily falling unit price played a role here, too. Optics and Lighting appliances both increased their turnover compared to the previous year, as well as vision software, which saw a slight increase of 1%.

Customers of European Vision Technology

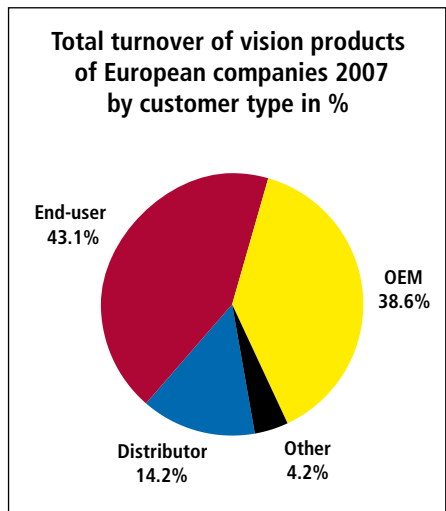
For the system suppliers, the automotive industry remained the largest purchaser of European vision systems, with 26% of the total turnover. Also the number of robots supplied to the automotive industry increased considerably in Europe, China and other Southeast Asian countries, as well as in North

America. This indicates high investments, which will have appeared in the balance sheets of the vision technology companies with a one-year delay in 2008.

In the electrical/electronics sector, supplies to the semiconductor industry decreased somewhat in 2007, while all other sub sectors increased purchases of machine vision products compared to the previous year. This includes the photovoltaic industry, which is currently booming especially in Germany. For robot manufacturers in the metal industry demand had already gone up in 2006, and continued to do so in 2007. Strong demand for metal products correlates with a need to modernize and expand production facilities.

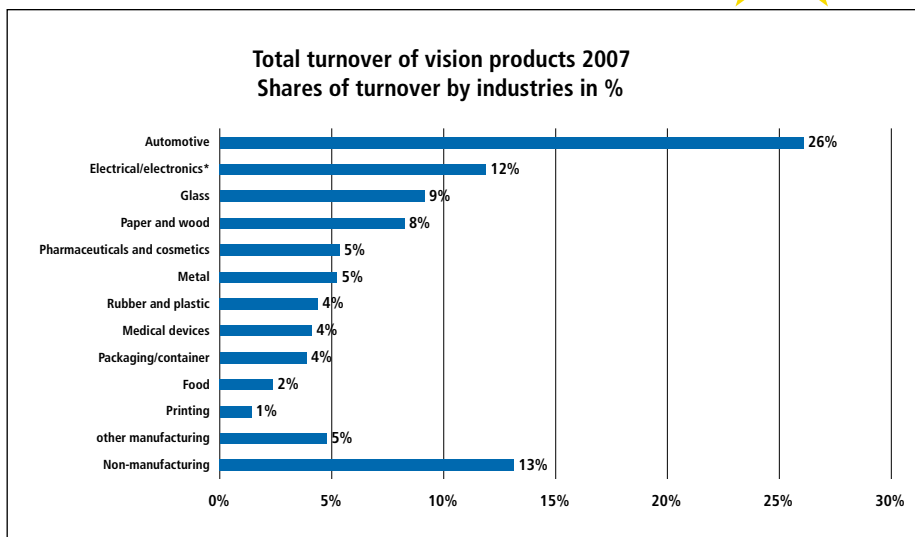
Due to the strong wood and paper industry in the northern part of Europe, sales in this sector were more important in Nordic countries than in the traditional big markets for the machine vision industry, such as Germany. The use of machine vision systems in the pharmaceutical/cosmetics industry, as well as the metal and the medical device industry considerably increased in 2007, and all sectors invested heavily in automation. The ever advancing medical progress and the demographic development make the demand for medical components and devices, as well as pharmaceutical products rise. High quality standards and cost pressure force companies here to increase the level of automation.

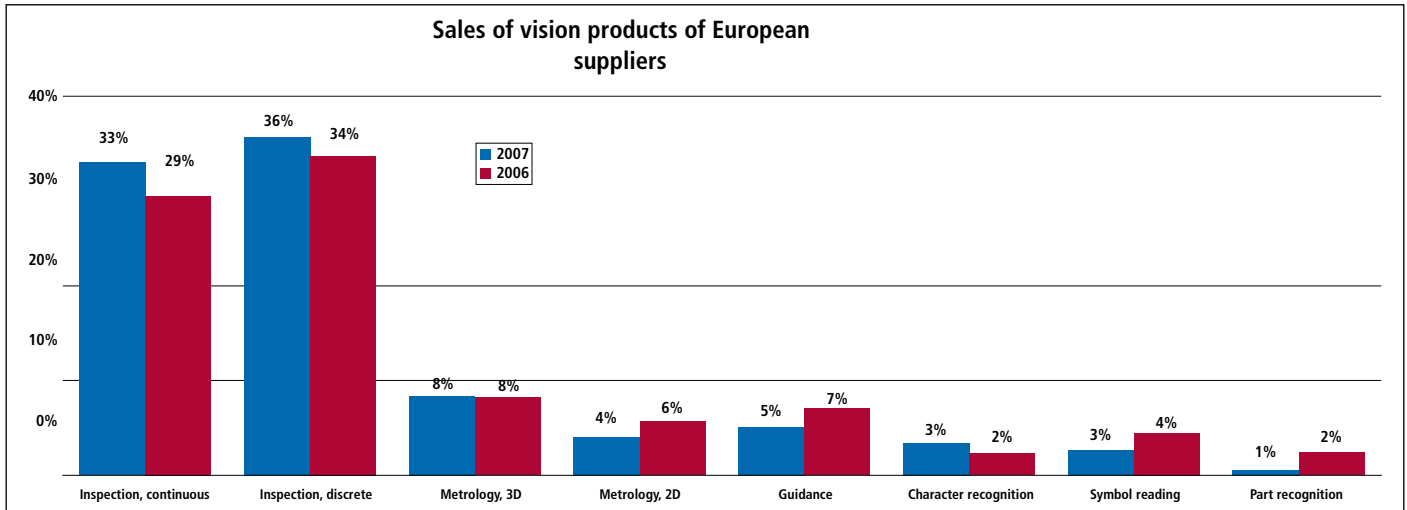
Whereas system manufacturers sold fewer machine vision solutions to the sectors of packaging and filling, as well as printing, orders from the food industry again rose



considerably. However, with just about 2%, the share of the food industry in the total turnover to all industry sectors is still marginal.

If the customers of European systems suppliers are split up by their position in the value chain, one can see that the major part of turnover is realized with end-users (43.1%), followed by Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) with a share of 38.6%. Distributors accounted for 14% of the total sales. Viewed separately, the strongly represented German companies made 41% of their turnover to OEMs, all other European companies only about





24%. These results fit in the German picture of a traditionally strong machine building industry. Quite interesting to note is that vision component suppliers in Europe made a remarkable amount of their total turnover with end-users. This underlines the trend, that an increasing number of manufacturers integrate their own machine vision solutions.

Great potential for new applications of vision technology can be found outside the area of industrial production. All non-manufacturing appliances accounted for 13% of the sector turnover in 2007. Social mega-trends such as environmental protection, resource conservation or the demographic change are opening up new areas of application and markets.

Continuous Demand for Inspection

Among the eight main applications of European Vision Technology, inspection is still by far the most important one, and demand here continues to increase. This applies both for inspection of discrete items (piece parts), the share of which increased by two percentage points to 36% in 2007; as well as for inspection of continuous products ("web" inspection), which rose to a share of 33% in 2007 from 29% in the previous year. Checking, and in particular checking individual parts, still is

the standard application for machine vision.

Besides inspection, 3D metrology keeps being important with a share of 8%. Manufacturers assume that this application will gain importance in the field of sophisticated metrology, not only in the automotive industry, but also in robotics for pick and place applications. Guidance, which includes robot guidance but can also be applied to other tasks, overtook 2D metrology in 2007. The trend towards robot vision is stable, more and more robot manufacturers provide complete solutions in cooperation with machine vision suppliers. Character recognition and symbol reading both applied 3% of the shares; part recognition with only 1% played a minor role.

Economic Outlook

In 2008, the trend of internationalizing business activities has continued among machine vision companies in Europe. Expectations of a 6% increase in turnover will most likely have been met. Dark

clouds coming from the financial sector will have done no harm to this forecast, at least until the end of the year, due to existing order cushions. As for 2009, the economic slowdown caused by the global financial crisis will subsequently affect the industry sector, and with this also the machine vision industry. With lower expectations for the coming year on the one hand, many European machine vision enterprises still remain optimistic to be able to maintain the high level of the market volume seen in 2008, but do not expect growth potential in 2009.

The European machine Vision Association (EMVA) representing the machine vision industry in Europe is about to expand its "European Vision Technology Market Statistics". As of 2009 and the years to come, new chapters such as more country-specific reports, and macroeconomic data for the regions examined will be added. The aim is to increase market intelligence with this new tool and to address additional target groups who will benefit from this report. All European machine vision companies, e.g. companies selling vision products out of Europe, are invited to participate in the annual EMVA market survey and in turn will receive the complete results free of charge. For purchase of the study contact info@emva.org.

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Asian Sun Rising

Japanese Market Study by JIIA

The Japan Industrial Imaging Association (JIIA), supported by JIIA member companies as well as other non-member companies, collects market statistic data mainly for the Japanese market and is published every year. Based on this study the author highlights some significant trends of the Japanese Machine Vision market.



With special focus on the area camera, JIIA compared the data collected for the Japanese financial years of the 2007 and 2006 (the Japanese financial year is from the 1st April of a given year till the 31st March of the following year).

As the table on the right shows, the total quantity sold based on ex-factory in 2007 was 3.2% higher than in 2006. However, the members that provide their data to JIIA, represented as 'JIIA Member' above, sold 17.5% less than during the previous year. On the other hand, the results for the other companies indicated as "JIIA Non-Member" in the table, are evidently growing stronger.

Due to a lack of available data regarding the sold amount, a definite information analysis is not possible for the time being. The rapidly decreasing ex-factory quantity sold by JIIA member companies ought to raise anxiety.

Strong Asian Market

Chart 1 shows the distribution of cameras sold by JIIA member companies with regard to their destination. Compared to the data of 2006, the export to the Asian market increased to more than

(Quantity based on Ex-Factory of Camera Manufacturer (pcs.)

	Financial Year 2006	Financial Year 2007	
JIIA Member	248,155	204,775	▼17.5%
JIIA Non-Member	90,000	145,225	△61.4%
Total	338,155	349,000	△3.2%

15%, and now exceeds more than 10% of the total quantity exported. Roughly 13% of exports to Korea, and roughly 57% of exports to China are proof that the market for Machine Vision in Asia is strongly increasing.

On the other hand, it has always been the case that the export percentage to Europe has been roughly at 15%, but in 2007 it has begun to fall down to little less than 5%. In addition, the export to North America is reduced to about 25%.

A comparison with the statistical data for the AIA/EMVA's production is necessary. Regarding the digital interface, it is possible to think that Japanese corporations are behind their European counterparts. From now on, JIIA will need to take more initiative to improve the relative importance of new digital interfaces like CameraLink, IEEE1394 and especially GigE and other new standards.

Within Japan in general, the market share has been stable for several years.

Image Resolution

Let's take a look at the image resolution trend next. Chart 2 represents the deeply rooted market share of the TV standard. Combined with VGA, the total market share is a little more than 70%. However, the market share used to be even higher at slightly over 80% in 2004. Now it has decreased by 10% to 70%. It is not because 1M or 2M have had an increase in usage. Moreover,

and worthy of a special mention, 4M~5M cameras have had a greater prominence. This result is of great interest.

Interfaces

We will now take a look at the market share of the different interfaces. Chart 3 shows that the analogue system, based on quantity sales, had an overwhelming percentage share of the market at 80%. Only four years ago, in 2004, digital interfaces had a mere 5% of market share. However, it penetrated the market and in 2007 it collectively had a more prominent total of

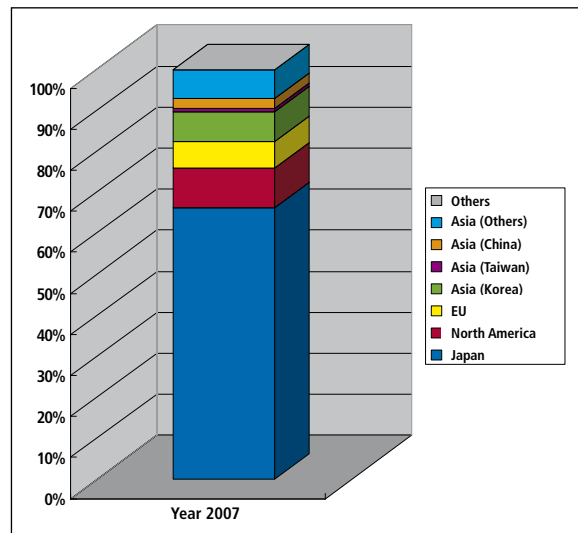


Chart 1: Distribution of Ex-Factory Camera Sales

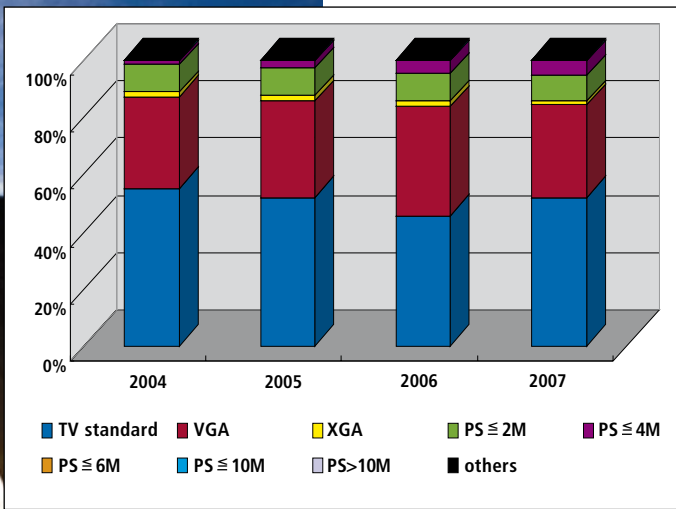


Chart 2: Image Resolution Trend

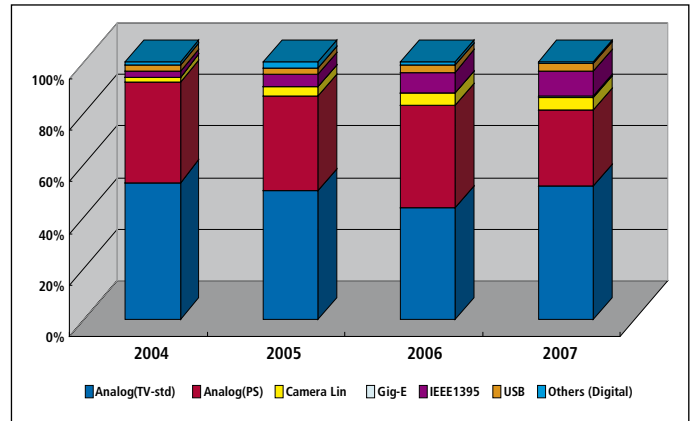


Chart 3: Interface Trend

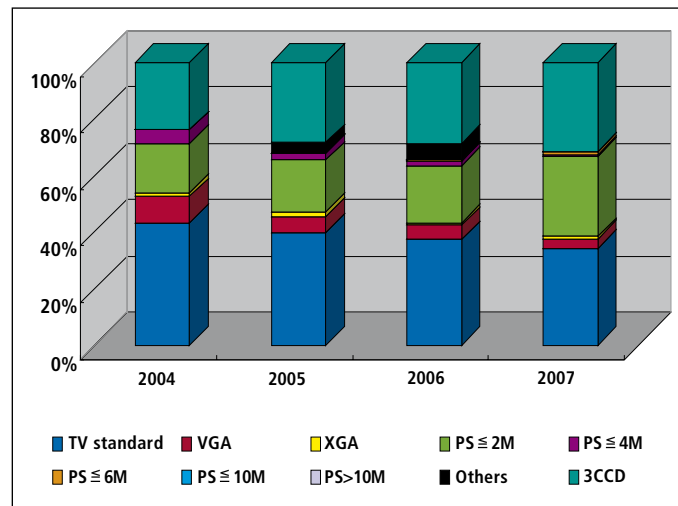


Chart 4: Picture Resolution Trend for Color Cameras

20% of market share. Within the detailed classification of digital interfaces, Camera-Link only had a marginal increase from 2006 to 2007.

Manufactured goods that were based upon the IEEE1394 standard, increased by up to 10% in total. The reason of this is because more and more IEEE1394 products have been released into the market. It is most certainly possible to say that the rise in the market share of the IEEE1394 standard is of great interest.

However, concerning GigE, the market share has not really increased from a total of 1%. The reason behind this is, as mentioned previously in the statistical data of EMVA and AIA above: Japan is still behind their European counterparts concerning the emergence of GigE, and this is of great concern.

Color Cameras

Finally, looking at color cameras, Chart 4 shows the relative comparison of sales for different camera resolutions. In terms of quantity the TV standard is still by far the strongest, having around 80% of market share. However, looking at the turnover, the

TV standard has only 34% of the market.

Chip resolution of up to 2 million pixel has about 28% of the market and 3CCD has 32% of the market. TV Standard is becoming cheaper and cheaper. The market demand for high accuracy processors using higher resolution cameras or 3CCD cameras is ever increasing.

Outlook

At the time I was asked to write this article, it was a historically bad time worldwide, right in the midst of the financial crisis. Before, and ever since 2001, the Machine Vision market in Japan had developed and grown favorably. But in spite of this, the financial crisis has disrupted the recovery and favorable growth, which has been felt strongly in Tokyo.

At this certain point of time, at the end of the first half of the Japanese financial

year, one can usually forecast the expectations of 2009, in normal times. However, semiconductors, electronic components, the automotive industry market and related products together have more than 70% of market share in the Asian market, and it is very difficult to forecast the coming year due to the financial crisis.

After the 'burst of the bubble', in the beginning of the 1990s, Japan has been concentrating thoroughly to restore the domestic financial situation, especially for the reorganization of the financial environment. Japan has spent a lot of effort to improve the economic climate and this period has been coined as the so called 'lost 10 years'. Because of the bubble burst, and its restoration, the Japanese economy has had a rather sluggish recovery compared to the British and American economies. As a result of this sluggish recovery, the Japa-

nese economy has not been so hard-hit compared to the British and American economies during this global financial crisis.

The Japanese economy relies heavily on exports and imports. The Japanese Yen exchange rate has appreciated 20% over the US dollar and has also appreciated 30% over the Euro, and this rapid increase in strength in the Yen has affected the Japanese exports negatively. And in turn the Machine Vision market has been affected accordingly.

In this tough and extremely unfortunate global financial crisis, all countries must help one another to overcome this global financial crisis, and bring back the Machine Vision market to its normal state of activity, as soon as possible.



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Yes, We Can

Machine Vision in North America



Despite some warning clouds on the horizon, long-term prospects for machine vision sales in North America remain positive. The short-term outlook is not quite as rosy however. In this article, the author shares some results of the 2008 AIA Market Study (Machine Vision Markets – 2007 Results and Forecasts to 2012) and offers some predictions for the years ahead, factoring in the effects of a weakening economy.

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Machine vision (MV) companies selling their products in North America are keen to learn how the weakening economy will affect their sales in the quarters ahead. Of course, it is not possible to foretell the future of sales with certainty, but it is evident that an understanding of sales performance presupposes a longer-term perspective. In the short term, sales volumes are subject to the vagaries of the business cycle. Consequently, using only recent data to forecast sales runs the risk of over-forecasting in good economic times and under-forecasting, when the economy is weak. By contrast, a longer-term perspective allows the forecaster to

identify and extrapolate the underlying sales trend as a baseline forecast and overlay forecasted economic impacts for the years ahead. In this way, taking a longer-term perspective avoids an uncritical mindset that automatically assumes a long-term “gloom and doom” scenario in bad times or, conversely, an “over-exuberant” scenario in good times.

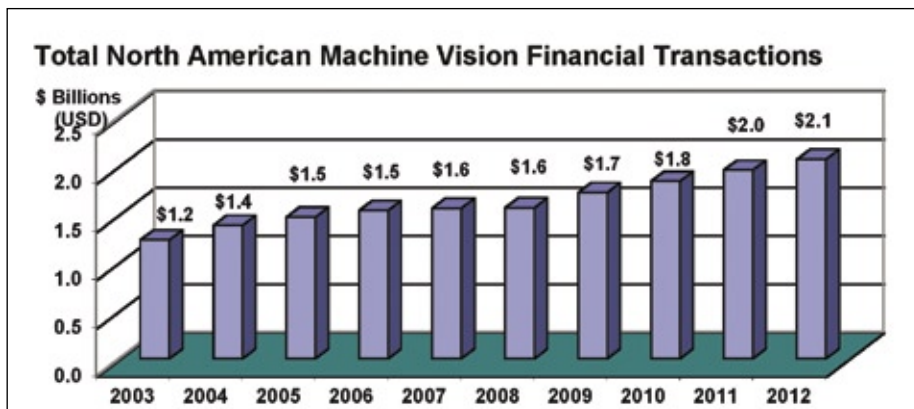
To assess the overall health of machine vision sales in North America, we add total MV component and system sales in North America (market basis) to derive total MV financial transactions. (This most succinctly captures the gen-

eral performance of machine vision companies operating in the North American market instead of focusing on individual product markets.) When we plot these total financial transactions over time, we see strong evidence of a solid, long-term trend.

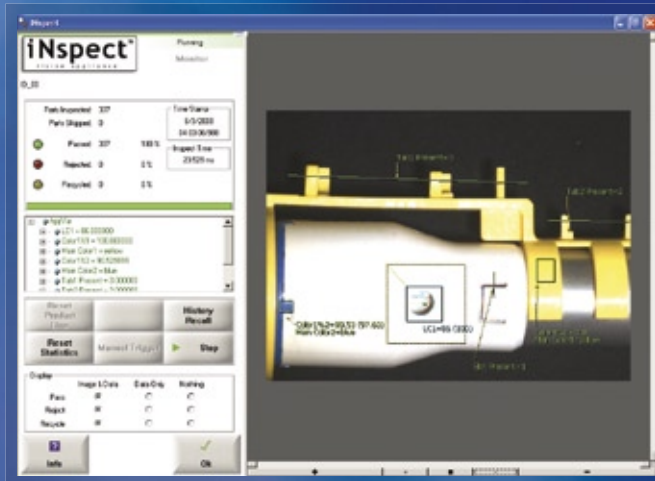
Impressive Growth from Humble Roots

As shown by the bar graph left, total MV financial transactions in North America increased from US\$1.2 billion in 2003 to US\$1.6 billion in 2007. According to the 2008 AIA MV Market Study, this solid growth will continue, reaching US\$2.1 billion by 2012.

This impressive pattern of growth is not at all surprising, given the performance of machine vision since its inception. According to the 2008 AIA study, machine vision in North America has made major inroads in manufacturing and other sectors of the economy. From its humble roots approximately 25 years ago in North America, machine vision has evolved into an important automation technology, having attained an indispensable role as an enabler of quality control, productivity and cost containment in a growing number of industries.



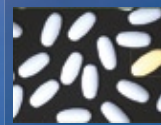
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Recession Forecasted

In addition to reflecting the historical, long-term trend in MV sales, the market study's North American forecast also was in line with the consensus forecast of economists at the time, which foresaw an economic slowdown instead of a recession. Consequently, we predicted only a minor departure from the historical trend line. However, it is now apparent that North America is, or will experience a recession, as shown by the revised economic forecasts in the upper right hand table.

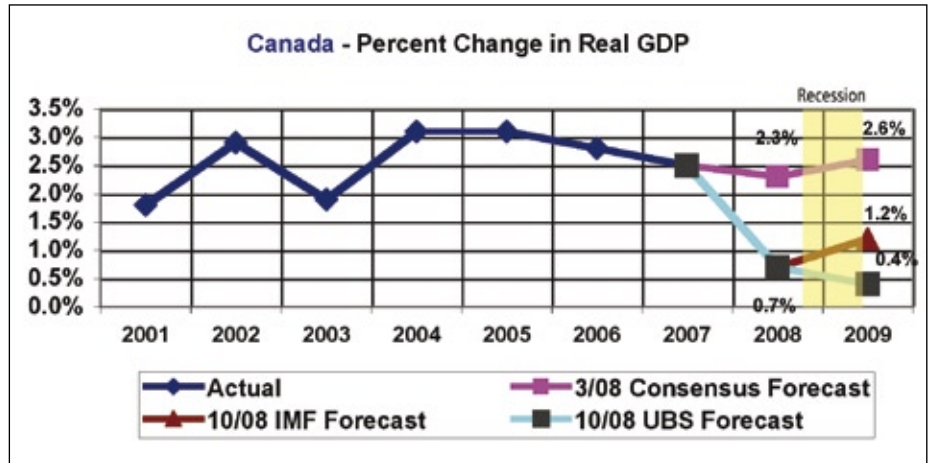
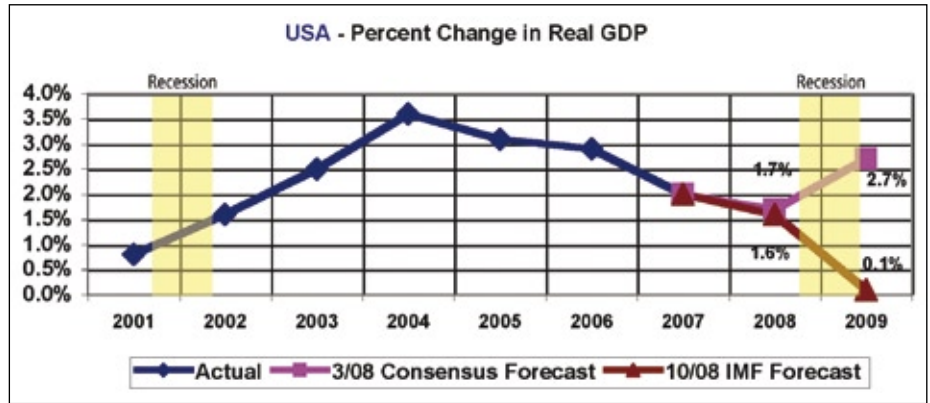
According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s latest forecast, the USA will experience a recession in the second half of 2008 which will extend into part of 2009. Real GDP in 2009 will reach only 0.1%.

Will Canada follow the USA into recession? The IMF does not think so, forecasting real GDP at 1.2%. UBS does however; its forecast for Canada in 2009 is only 0.4%. Thus, agreement has not yet emerged regarding the likelihood of a recession in Canada. But for North America as a whole, the prognosis is clearly recession, since the US economy is roughly 10.8 times larger than that of Canada.

For machine vision companies, however, the critical issue is: how will these economic forecasts, if true, affect MV sales.

Long-term Prospects Bright

Based on the impacts of the 2001 US recession, our strong expectation is that at least in the latter half of 2008 and 2009 the recession will slow MV sales growth. As indicated by our historical sales data (not shown), growth rates of MV sales following the 2001 recession went negative for a number of product markets in 2002 and 2003. This is of course very much in line with intuition and personal experiences in the industry. As sales people know best, demand for MV products

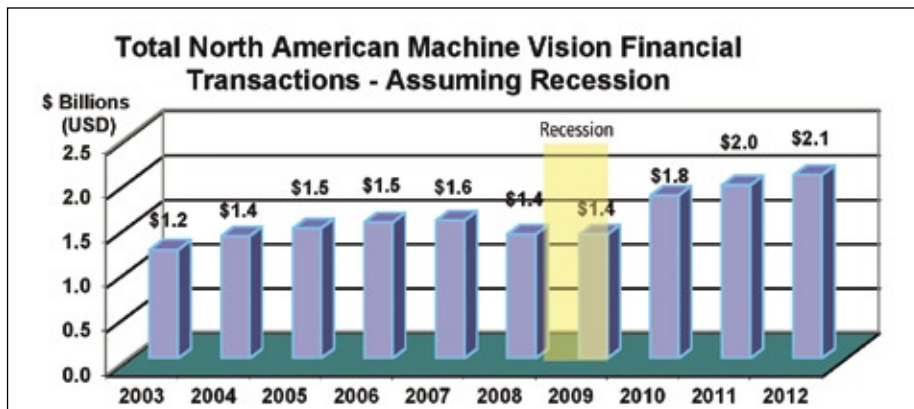


is driven largely by capital expenditures (Capex), which the CFOs of companies sharply curtail in anticipation of bad times as required by their fiduciary responsibilities.

While it is very difficult to accurately forecast MV sales in times of economic turbulence, it is possible to estimate what the MV growth rates reflecting the 2001 recession would do to the volume of MV Financial Transactions in 2008 and 2009. As shown by the following bar chart, total transactions would dip to US\$1.4 billion in both years, a loss of US\$0.2 and US\$0.3 billion, respectively. But of course all recessions are different in terms of duration and severity. The latest recession could be worse or milder than the 2001 recession, depending on many factors including actions taken by the gov-

ernment. It is simply not possible to know in advance.

At the same time, one thing is clear. While MV companies in North America will probably face tough times in the short term, their long-term prospects remain bright. History shows that the machine vision industry in North America is highly resilient. Despite the impacts of the 2001 recession, MV sales eventually recovered strongly, evincing once again healthy rates of growth across product markets, as sales growth returned to the long-term trend line. We expect the same thing to happen again.



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A Technology Together with a Dream

Machine Vision in China

There was a legend in the ancient orient that someone might obtain the insight by hard anneal and self-cultivation, and the Bible also described that our human ancestors had suffered the original sin in order to understand the world. So it is obvious that people must undergo crucifixions before they may understand the real world, and this is similar true both in east and west cultures. However, only in our modern industrial society, the technology machine vision may bring a great extension and liberation to the function of human perception.



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The Status of Machine Vision in China

In China, the application of machine vision came with the introduction of technology in the 1980s; and it was firstly used in semiconductor and electronics industry. The application of machine vision in this industry has played a pivotal role in improving the quality and productivity of electronic product manufacturing. At present, China is becoming one of the most active regions for machine vision growth in the world, and the scope of applications has covered almost all sectors of national economy, including industry, agriculture, medicine, military, aerospace, meteorology, astronomy, public security, transport, scientific research and others. However, the application in industry accounts for the largest share, and the important reason may be that China has become the machining center of the global manufacturing industry.

Reviewing the existing achievements will help us to understand the present situation and future needs of machine vision in China. Machine vision technology has been successfully applied in almost all industrial test fields. At the same time, China is a large agricultural country with rich agricultural products, thus it is of great significance to automatically clas-

sify the agricultural products automatically and practice right quality for right price so as to produce better economic results. With the rapid development of industrialized agriculture, the machine vision technology is also an important application in monitoring the crop growing status to enable the scientific irrigation and fertilization.

The requirements determine the products. Machine vision has mastered the initiation and development phases in China. The next step is how to tend towards the future in China's social environment.

Trends in Manufacturing Industry

There are many factors affecting the launch, application and growth of machine vision, which not only include technical aspects but also the commercial part. At present, the needs from manufacturing are crucial. The development of the manufacturing industry promotes the needs of machine vision, and it also determines that machine vision will gradually develop from simply collecting, analyzing, delivering data and judging action to systematization, "intelligentization" and specialization. This trend at the same time indicates that machine vision

technology and automatic equipment will be more closely integrated.

Except for the semiconductor and electronics industries as the main growth areas for machine vision, it should be fully noticed that the Chinese government may continuously increase its efforts to upgrade the traditional manufacturing industry. They have put forward the scientific development thoughts of "the information technology drive industrialization", and track "the new industrialization road" in recent years. This brings unprecedented opportunities for the development of machine vision. In the next few years, with the developing of China's manufacturing industry, the application status of machine vision will change from the low-end in the early stage to the high-end, and the manufacturing automation will be developed toward the smart, efficient, high-quality and precise direction.

Roadmap to Promote the Development of the Chinese Machine Vision Market

The goals for the further development of machine vision products have gradually formed as follows:

1. To form a unified and open standard.

Machine vision products and the re-

lated technologies can be developed and matched in a common platform to promote the application of Chinese machine vision to meet the international standards, and also to boost the whole industry development.

2. As for the products, machine vision will decreasingly depend on the PC technology, and it will be more closely integrated with the control and measurement of other data collection means. The embedded visual products will gradually replace the PC card-based products and SDK methods, so as to enhance the reliability and maintainability of the vision products and to facilitate continuous improvement and upgrading.
3. The vast standardization technology is required to be adopted in the machine vision products, the secondary development may be carried out according to the user requirements so as to adapt the manifold needs. At the same time, machine vision equipment manufacturers are not only the providers, but have the system integration capability to solve problems.

The development of modern vision theory and technology requires that machine vision products can not only be able to simulate the functions of human eyes, more importantly it shall be able to finish the jobs that human eyes are insufficient for. Based on the continuously maturing and perfection of today's technologies of electronics, optics and computer, many advantages of machine vision, such as automation, objectivity, non-contact and high-precision, high-speed as well as the reliability of industrial on-site environments, have been very apparent.

Market Survey

The survey result, which is carried out by "Control Engineering China", about the current application of machine vision products in China and the user's specific requirements may be helpful to the fu-

ture market development strategy. According to the statistics, the application fields which mostly use machine vision today are ranked as motion control, testing, diagnosis, testing and maintenance, SCADA, continuous processing and batch processing, machine control, CNC, robots and so on (see fig. 1).

Figure 2 shows the major application obstacles of machine vision products in the Chinese market. The listed six factors are budget limitation, the uneasy usage, the project implementation resource limitation, the acceptance level by operators, the understanding on the visual technology, the priority level being not high enough compared with other automation projects. It also indicates that the most prominent obstacles in the current application may be the insufficient understanding of vision technology and budget constraints.

Figure 3 shows the investigation results regarding user criteria for selecting machine vision products. The most important criteria are the technical support ability and the complete solution (including software) delivery ability of the supplier. The price factor is only ranked as number 6.

The Rising Domain of Machine Vision Demand in China

China is at a high-speed stage of economic and social development, along with a rapid urbanization process and the implementation of a large number of infrastructure projects, all required to install "electronic eyes", and these applications have put forward the urgent needs for high-end vision products with intelligent image processing and analysis functions.

In order to strengthen the social security, visual monitoring has become a basic city security measure. For example, Guangdong will install 1 million surveillance cameras to cover all key areas till 2010. Moreover, 250,000 "surveillance cameras" have been used only in Guangzhou for monitoring the city zone

at present. Similar to European countries, a lot of cities in China will enter the information security era with millions of "electronic eyes".

One of the most important goals for intelligent visual monitoring systems is to reduce the rate of false alarm. The errors are mainly due to moving objects in the monitoring area, such as a shadow of a flying cloud, reflected light of the sunshine, and also are possible from the system themselves, camera shaking with wind, light and aperture mismatched, and so on. Especially in the field of bank applications, it is required to see the people and scene features by adopting the natural contrast correction under a strong light contrast, and it has become the key factor for success or failure of the whole monitoring system. In addition, the application fields such as the detection and identification of fingerprints, pupils, facial features have become an area for rapid growth of machine vision.

The Ecological Analysis of the Machine Vision Market

In the current and also the coming period, the machine vision market in China will mainly indicate the ecological characteristics which are interdependent and promote each other between technology, price and applicability.

The two main points are technical factors. Firstly, it is more difficult to design and implement high-end systems due to the composition of the machine vision application which may involve various specialties. Secondly, the miniaturized and integrated products will become an important direction to achieve "the vision system on chip", the development of the intelligent machine vision and the automatic image information analysis system have indicated the significant advantage of the integrated visual products.

As for the machine vision product prices, the cost performance is an important factor in the current market. Even as one thought by industry experts, the own unique industry individuality of machine vision is the universality of product applications; the other is that its products can not directly create value. The high expectations from users in machine vision technology and the high development costs of the vision device hardware and software research will be the contradiction between supply and demand in the market development in the future time. To resolve this problem, we mainly rely on technical progress and improvement of the product cost performance.

As for the applicability, it appears in the integration of technologies and de-

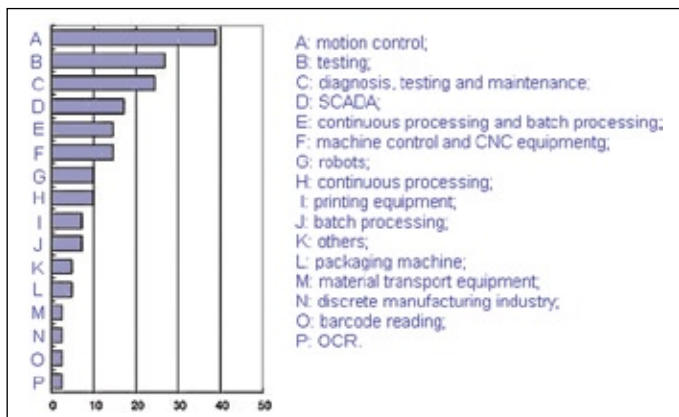


Fig. 1: Machine Vision Applications

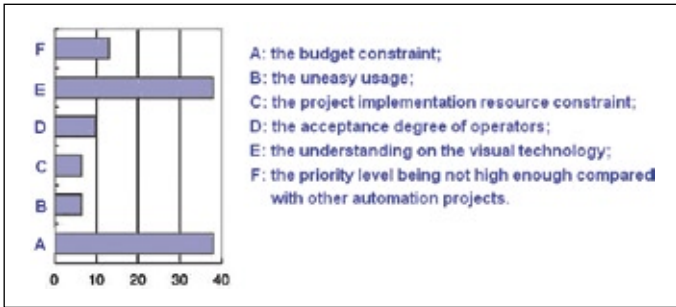


Fig. 2: Major obstacles for the application of machine vision products

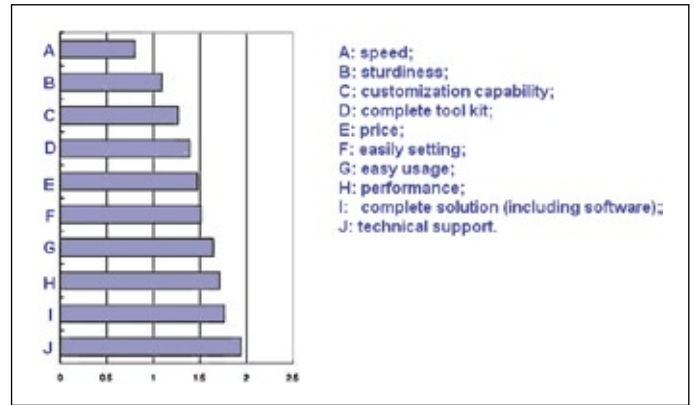


Fig. 3: Decision criteria for users to select machine vision products

mands. As mentioned above, the diversified and personalized programs of machine vision products and systems, and the professional services may be increasingly important. At the same time, during the developing process of product miniaturization technology, it should be able to gradually overcome the weakness of too "complicated" operating conditions, so as to realize its application in the limited space and conditions provided by users.

What requires special attention is that the relation between machine vision technology, which is interdisciplinary and cross-industry, and the integrative mechanical system covering the light mechanical/electrical and software, is very close. However, the severe shortage of the required talents, the insufficiency of application engineers and their knowledge structure may affect the research and development of machine vision products and the industrialized application capacity. Even as the rising and development of the computer technology has directly corresponded with the increasing pullulation of computer professionals in

software and hardware. CMES, the China Mechanical Engineering Institute, who leads China's manufacturing industry and its subordinate industry committees, will play the important role in organization, popularization, policy support for technical guidance, personnel training, project planning, foreign cooperation and market development.

Conclusions

During the 20 years of development, the machine vision technology is not only one interdisciplinary and cross-industry field with the character with high and new technologies integration. Moreover, it also is becoming one emerging industry with the goal of intelligent information systems and mechanical intelligence. It becomes a new technology and economy development point which has caught the attention of all sectors of the community. In its application areas, effects such as the automation, informationization, intellectualization, high-quality, high efficiency, high precision have been

achieved. With the continuous application of new technologies and theories in machine vision systems, the peoples sensing capability may encompass the span from "Giant" to "Remoteness" so that people come to a fully new cognitive world and complete the tasks which may be difficult or impossible to carry out today. Therefore, machine vision will boost the development of productivity and the great progress of society.

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European Machine Vision Market Overview

Who Is Who in Machine Vision and Optical Metrology

Europe accounts for roughly one third of all Machine Vision revenues worldwide. It is a vast and highly diversified market. Even after 16 years of European Union and seven years of Euro currency, Europe is still and will continue to be for years to come an area of very diverse countries, cultures, languages and industry centers. To get an overview which companies out of which areas cater to which of the Vision needs of which industries is a challenging task. With our INSPECT Buyers Guide, launched with this 2009 edition, we attempt to present the suppliers to the European markets in a transparent and comprehensive manner.

On the following pages you will find information about local and global companies serving the European markets with vision and optical metrology products, presented in a couple of different ways.

We structured the range of products and services in 13 main categories:

- **Cameras** comprises the whole range of area and line scan cameras, CCD and CMOS as well as thermography, high speed, IR and others.
- Under **Consulting** you will find industry associations, consultants but also companies that offer consulting as one part of their product range.
- **Frame Grabber** covers the different types of image acquisition boards.
- The category **Generic and Turn Key Vision Systems** actually spans from PC-based vision system products to any type of hardware turn-key systems including engineering and installation services.
- **Lighting Equipment** is LED, laser, strobes, fluorescent light and more, focused on the vision and metrology industries needs.
- At **Microscopes and Endoscopes** the instruments as well as the accessories can be found.
- **Optical Instruments** is a rather large category covering products as diverse as color measurement, spectrometer, surface measurement, optical coordinate measurement machines and 3D metrology products.
- The products in the **Optics** category are lenses, filters and optics calculation software.
- **Processors, Interfaces, Cables and Peripherals** is dedicated to the respective components specifically for the vision and metrology products and applications.
- In the **R&D** group research institutes are found, companies offering research services and also companies providing R&D intensive components especially developed for their customers.
 - **Software** covers machine vision software products as well as software for microscopy image analysis, 3D measurement and point cloud based calculation software and reaches as far as temperature compensation software and data mining tools for quality inspection systems.
 - The whole range of **Vision Sensors, Smart Cameras and Embedded Systems** is compiled in its own group, encompassing application specific as well as generic products.
- Last but not least, the category **Others** lists companies which offer an additional product range not listed before, specifically for vision and metrology applications.

For maximum ease of use, we decided to list each company with their respective weblink in each category covered by their product range. This way it will be easy for you to find what you are looking for at a quick glance without having to trail your finger through endless fine-print tables with scattered dots. The compilation of data was done based on the companies' own input and on our own research.

In addition to the listings we offered all suppliers the opportunity to present themselves in a larger format. Accordingly you will find a number of company entries complete with all contact data and a short self-presentation and some company profiles with additional company data and a detailed description of the firm and the product range.

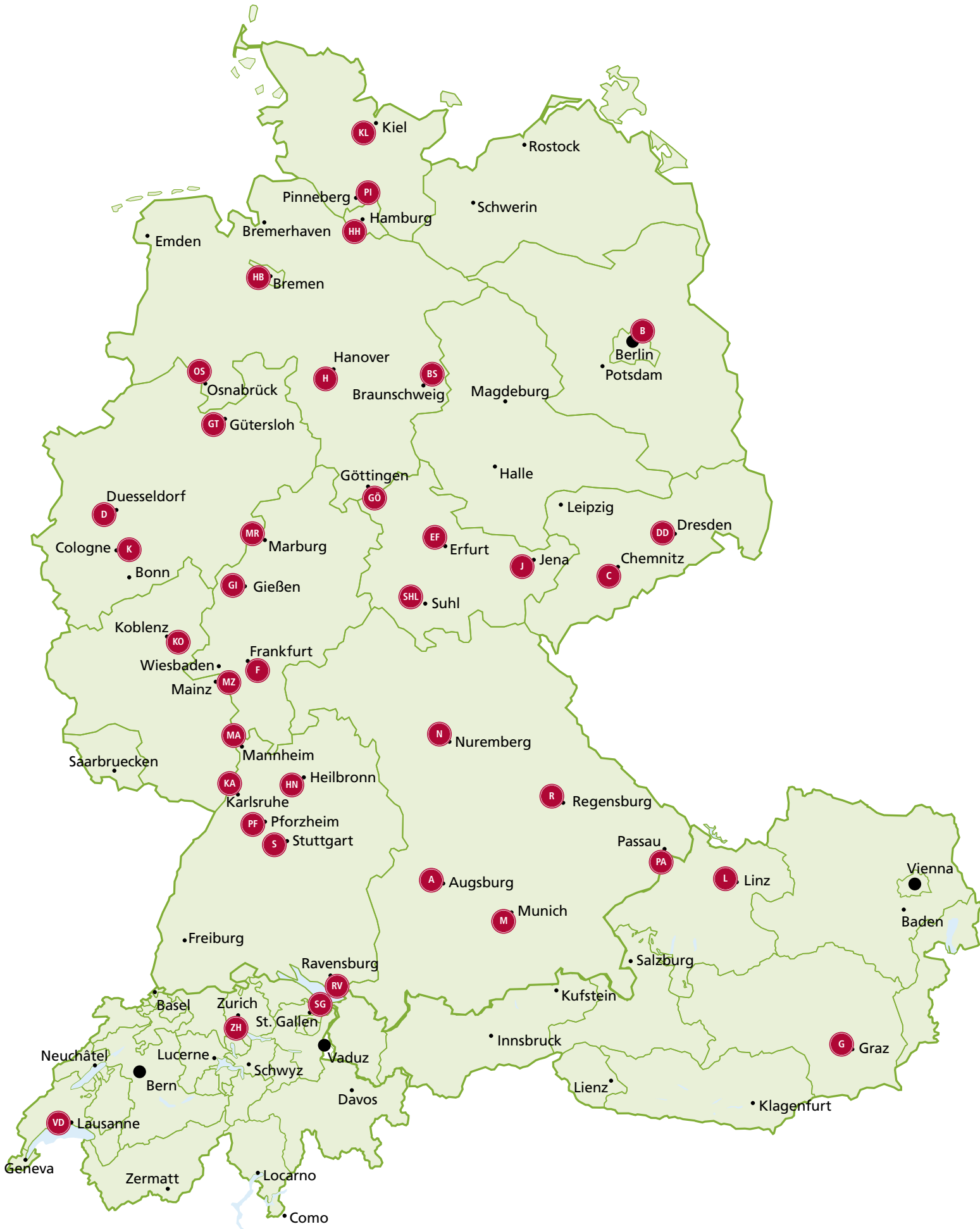
All companies presented in this way are shown in the maps of German speaking countries, Europe, North America and World to give you a chance to find out easily where the headquarter of your supplier is located.

We hope that you will get a lot of use out of this Buyers Guide during the upcoming year. Some aspects we wanted to approach a little bit differently than similar directories you might know to provide even more usability. We would appreciate your feedback and all kinds of additional ideas to make the tool more valuable to you with every new edition.

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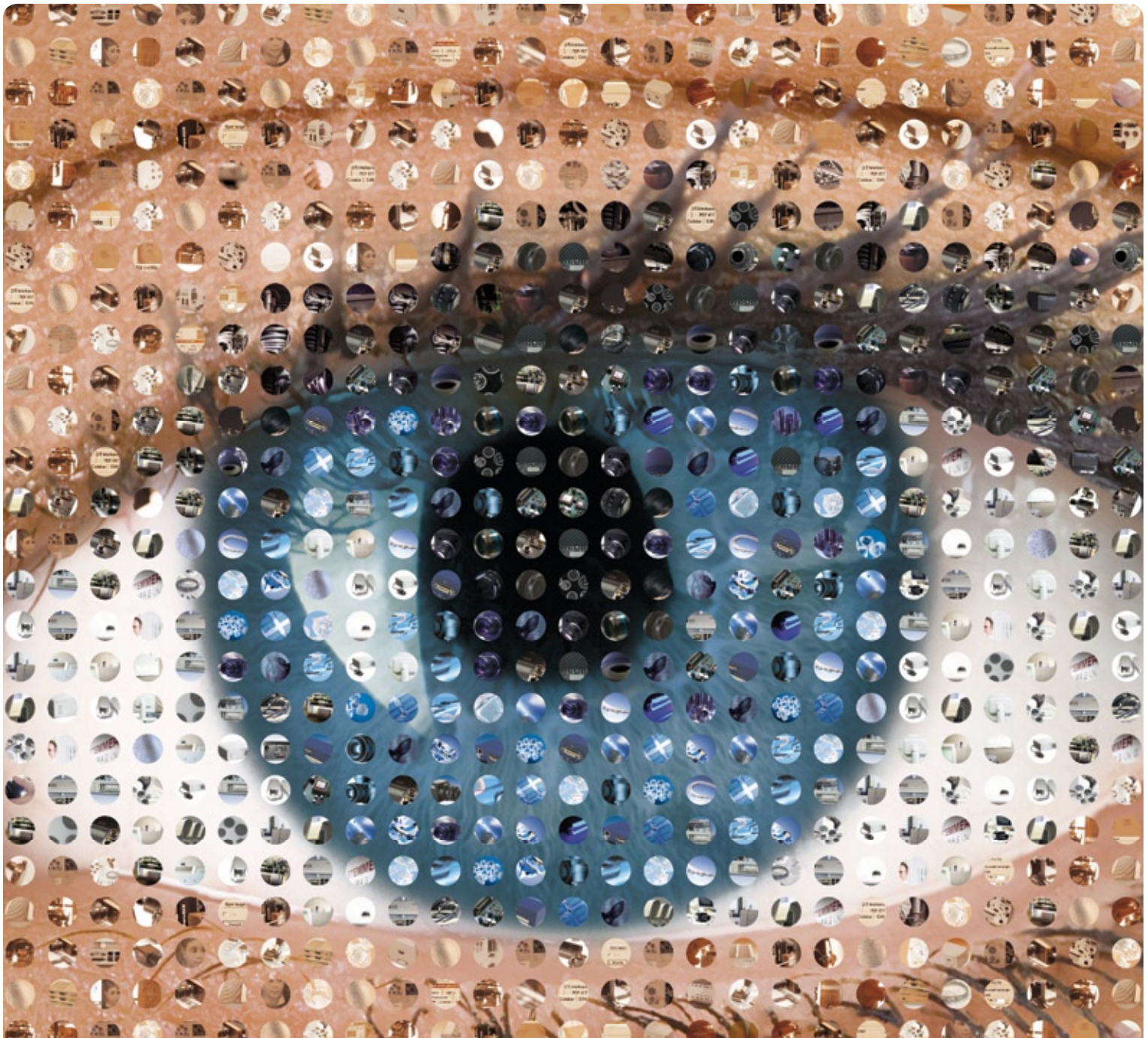
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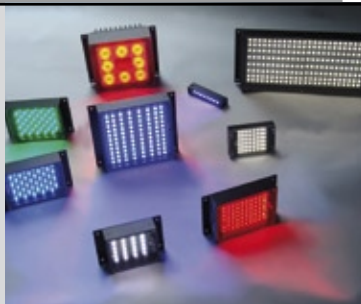
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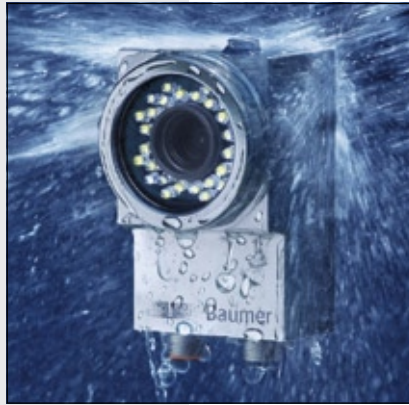
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Company category

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Product category

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Date established

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Employees

2,000

Industries served

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Applications

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Regions served

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Associations

EMVA, AIA, VDMA

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Baumer is one of the leading international manufacturers of innovative and high-quality sensors and systems in factory and process automation. With more than 2,000 employees worldwide and 250 employees (including some 100 engineers) in the area of industrial image processing and image sensor technology, Baumer belongs to the leading companies in the vision industry. Our customers benefit from internationally comprehensive consultation and reliable service.

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Regions served

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About Docter Optics

Optical systems and lenses from Docter Optics set industry benchmarks in the areas of biometrics and industrial image processing.

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Stilar 2.8/8 – The benchmark lens for 1.2" CMOS and CCD cameras

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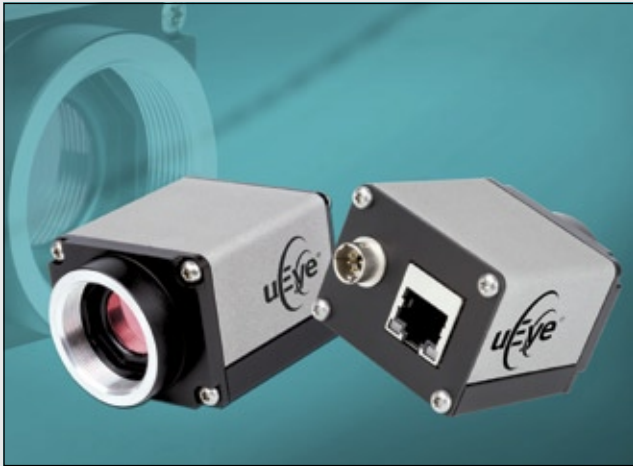
Association

The EMVA has more than 110 members representing 20 nations. Its aim is to promote the development and use of machine vision technology and to support the interests of its members – machine vision companies, research institutions and national machine vision associations. EMVA focuses on standardization, statistics, the annual EMVA Business Conference and other networking events, public relations and marketing. To find out more visit the web site www.emva.org.



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About IDS Imaging Development Systems

Cameras, Accessories and Support for Industrial Image Processing: Your Imagination Is Our Challenge

Committed to industrial image processing since its foundation in 1997, IDS Imaging Development Systems GmbH has been widely known for its development of frame grabbers. Today IDS offers a comprehensive range of USB and GigE based industrial cameras, accessories and software tools "made in Germany". The uEye camera series currently comprises over 100 model variants. They cater not only to the classical image processing markets, such as industrial automation and quality assurance, but also to the upcoming "new markets" of image processing, such as security technology and the non-industrial segment.

The uEye Industrial Camera Series

All uEye cameras boast an extremely compact design. The industrial cameras are available with high-quality CCD or CMOS sensors, with monochrome or color technology. The resolution ranges from 640 x 480 pixels to up to five megapixels. The uEye RE and uEye LE versions are optimized for their intended uses. RE if tough is not tough enough, LE – as little as possible, as much as necessary. The GigE uEye HE and the all new GigE uEye SE extend the broad range of USB cameras by powerful models for sophisticated, complex machine vision and compact and cost effective solutions for a wide range of image processing applications. Compact, small, powerful – with their design, with the mainstream bus technologies USB and GigE and the high-resolution sensors, the uEye industrial cameras perfectly meet the demanding require-

ments of modern image processing.

Custom-Made Cameras for Special Requirements

Even though the uEye series features over 100 different models, not all the specific demands of OEM customers can be met at a satisfactory level by using the standard models. To accommodate these requirements, IDS also develops customized and project-related solutions.

Optimum Software Support – the Second Half of the Camera

The powerful uEye software development kit (SDK) forms the basis. Demo programs for an easy camera configuration allow finding the best settings without previously programming a single line of code. The source code of the demo programs offers developers a useful programming basis. Direct interfaces are additionally provided for many current image processing libraries, such as Common Vision Blox, Halcon or LabView and the new universal camera interface standard GenICam will achieve shortest integration times for image processing.

Professional Service

Competent services complement and complete the product portfolio. They include, for example, application consulting, support during system integration and the design-in phase, feasibility studies, product leasing, and software training. IDS has a staff of approx. 80 employees in the development, production, sales, marketing and support departments at its head office in Obersulm, Germany and its subsidiary IDS Inc. in Woburn, USA. The company is represented in almost all European countries as well as the Americas and Asia through exclusive distributors.

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Product category

Cameras, Frame Grabber, Optics, Software, Interfaces/Cables/Peripherals, Consulting, R&D

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R&D Manager: Alexander Balz

Date established

1997

Employees

80

Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Automotive and suppliers, Electronics/Semiconductors, Packaging, Precision engineering/ Optics/ Machine vision, Plastics, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics/Chemicals, Foodstuffs/Beverages, Medical technology, Metal, Glass/Ceramics, Traffic/Logistics, Paper/Wood, Energy/Water/Solar technology

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Inspection web material, Robot Vision 2D, Robot Vision 3D, Character Recognition, Symbol Recognition, Part Identification, Metrology 2D, Metrology 3D, Particle Analysis, Material Testing, Digitalization

Companies represented

MVTec (Germany only)

Platforms supported

Windows, Linux

Regions served

National, Europe, North America, South/Central America, Asia and Pacific Rim, ROW

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Producer

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Solution Provider

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Product category

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Date established

Olympus Europe Group: 1963

Employees

Olympus Europe Group: 4,800

Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Automotive and suppliers, Electronics/Semiconductors, Packaging, Precision engineering/Optics/ Machine vision, Plastics, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics/Chemicals, Foodstuffs/Beverages, Medical technology, Metal, Glass/Ceramics, Energy/Water/Solar technology

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Part Identification, Metrology 2D, Metrology 3D, Particle Analysis, Material Testing, Digitalization

Regions served

Europe

About Olympus Life Science Europa

Olympus Microscopy: Meeting All Exacting Industrial Quality Requirements

For over 80 years, Olympus has been one of the world's leading manufacturers in the opto-digital industry. As one of the biggest and most respected providers of microscope systems, Olympus offers a comprehensive range of professional system solutions for all market requirements. These include entry-level inspection microscopes to high-end system solutions enabling pioneering research and routine applications in materials science, as well as innovative imaging systems and information technology for all industrial applications. Furthermore, Olympus offers a wide range of microscopes and accessories for observing surfaces and analysing new materials and nanoparticles.

High Performance Microscope Systems

Microscopy is an indispensable tool for materials and industrial research and development. With progressive developments in the areas of digital photography and image processing, as well as analysis and archiving, the range of possible microscope applications has changed radically, especially in recent years. Modern manufacturing processes do not only demand the most professional and precise microscope system solutions, but users also expect the manufacturer to provide a reliable and first class service. To this end, Olympus develops custom software and hardware solutions for microscopical imaging, in which all components are optimally integrated. Olympus users also get total peace of mind with comprehensive service and support at all times. With its broad

product spectrum, Olympus covers the requirements of all market areas. It provides models for routine tasks, high-end system solutions for inspection and metrology, as well as devices for material science research applications.

Flexibility as Standard

Flexibility is always one of the first considerations in the design of all Olympus microscopes. From the top-quality inspection MX series upright microscopes to both routine use and sophisticated systems of the GX series inverted microscopes, there are no exceptions. Constantly evolving toward greater simplicity and higher precision, the peerless Olympus OLS3100 Lext 3D provides near-UV cLSM capability for advanced metrology and fine surface profile applications.

All industrial level microscopes are equipped with infinity corrected optics and numerous ports. These enable components such as laser light sources, filters and cameras, to be integrated easily into the light path. For example, Olympus has developed two versatile illumination systems for its unique SZ2 and SZX2 industrial stereo microscope ranges. These lighting systems deliver uniform illumination over a large area and light up points of interest, providing an innovative and flexible approach to effective sample illumination, for all industrial and materials applications.

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Solution Provider

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Producer

Machine Vision lenses from Fujinon offer perspectives that point the way to the future for industrial image processing.

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Solution Provider

Gefasoft develops, manufactures and distributes innovative machine vision systems and complete assembly and measuring machines for the medical, automotive, electronic and semiconductor industry. Gefasoft also developed a library of 3D machine vision algorithms and data processing tools, targeted to the requirements of volume production. The 3D inspection system is integrated into the production line.

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Company category

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Product category

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Date established

1987

Employees

approx. 130

Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Automotive and suppliers, Electronics/Semiconductors, Packaging, Precision engineering/Optics/Machine vision, Plastics, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics/Chemicals, Foodstuffs/Beverages, Medical technology, Metal, Glass/Ceramics, Traffic/Logistics, Paper/Wood, Energy/Water/Solar technology, many others!

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Inspection web material, Robot Vision 2D, Robot Vision 3D, Character Recognition, Symbol Recognition, Part Identification, Metrology 2D, Metrology 3D, High Speed Analysis, Thermography, Particle Analysis, Material Testing, Digitalization, many others

Companies represented

Illumination: CCS, Gardasoft, Hema, StockerYale, V-Cubed, Volpi, Z-Laser
Optics: Fujinon, Jenoptik, Linos, Mamiya, Navitar, Nikon, Pentax, Schneider-Kreuznach, Sill, Tamron, Thales-Optem, Zeiss
Cameras: Allied Vision Technologies (AVT), Automation Technology, Dalsa, Flir, JAI, Mikrotron, Sony, Toshiba, TVI, VRmagic
Acquisition: Active Silicon, Cyberoptics, Dalsa, Pleora, Silicon Software, VRmagic
Software: Aqsense, Silicon Software, Stemmer Imaging
Systems: Cognex, Dalsa, Stemmer Imaging
Accessories: AD&D, B+W Filter, Phrontier, Stemmer Imaging

Platforms supported

Windows Vista, Windows XP

Regions served

National, Europe, North America, South/ Central America, Asia and Pacific Rim, ROW

Associations

EMVA, AIA, VDMA, UKIVA

IMAGING WITH ADDED VALUE**About Stemmer Imaging**

Stemmer Imaging is Europe's largest imaging technology provider with subsidiaries in Germany (Puchheim near Munich), United Kingdom (Tongham near London), France (Suresnes near Paris) and Switzerland (Pfäffikon near Zurich). The parent company was formed in 1987 in Puchheim and expanded in 2004/05 by combining the expertise of the companies formerly known as Firstsight Vision Ltd. (UK), Imasys S.A.S. (France) and OmniRay (Switzerland).

Stemmer Imaging customers have access to a wide variety of imaging products from the world's leading manufacturers, carefully selected and evaluated by our experts to be best of breed in the world. In combination these manufacturers provide cutting edge vision technology across all product segments, something that is unique in Europe.

Stemmer Imaging are the developers of the world's leading image processing development environment, Common Vision Blox, and also manufacture application-specific products to enable complex solution to be realised easily. We have extensive in-house expertise to draw on with a high percentage of engineers, allowing us to supply the best possible service to our customers when choosing an imaging solution. Stemmer Imaging does not install end user solutions – instead, using our close partnerships

with a large number of experienced system integrators, we can provide expert technical know-how for the planning, integration and realisation of complete solutions.

In fact, the services provided by Stemmer Imaging go far beyond just this; with more than 30 years of imaging experience and a staff of more than 120 employees, we are able to offer comprehensive support services to all of our customers. Our experts can support you from A to Z – finding the best technical solution and the most cost effective combination of components for your imaging task – assisting you in a solution-oriented and reliable way, before, during and also after the project. Feasibility studies, training and direct customer support are just some of the examples of the value add we give you.

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Solution Provider

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Solution Provider

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About Allied Vision Technologies

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Company category

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Product category

Cameras, Interfaces/Cables/
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Company Officials

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Date established

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Employees

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Industries served

Automotive and suppliers, Mechanical engineering/Line building, Electronics/Semiconductors, Precision engineering/Optics/Machine vision, Plastics, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics/Chemicals, Foodstuffs/Beverages, Medical technology, Traffic/Logistics

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Inspection web material, Robot Vision 2D, Robot Vision 3D, Character Recognition, Part Identification, Digitalization

Regions served

National, Europe, North America, South/Central America, Asia and Pacific Rim, ROW

Associations

EMVA, AIA, VDMA, JIIA

About Framos

For more than 25 years, the Framos Imaging Solutions Company serves customers in the field of industrial image processing. We offer a comprehensive range of image processing components and solutions in our branch offices in Germany, Great Britain, France and Italy. Our team consists of almost 40 associates, and we are achieving sales in the two-digit million Euro range. We are driven to 'teach machines to see'. At the same time, we are an innovative collaboration partner and expert for



high-quality image processing projects. We foster an open and trusting enterprise culture and keep striving for improvement through continued learning.

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Company category

Solution Provider/Distributor/
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Product category

Cameras, Frame Grabber, Optics,
Lighting equipment, Software

Company Officials

CEO: Dr. Andreas Franz

Date established

1981

Employees

40

Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Automotive and suppliers, Electronics/Semiconductors, Packaging, Precision engineering/Optics/ Machine vision, Plastics, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics/Chemicals, Foodstuffs/Beverages, Medical technology, Metal, Glass/Ceramics, Traffic/Logistics, Paper/Wood, Energy/Water/Solar technology

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Inspection web material, Robot Vision 2D, Robot Vision 3D, Character Recognition, Symbol Recognition, Part Identification, Metrology 2D, Metrology 3D, High Speed Analysis

Companies represented

Sony, Thomson, Toshiba Teli, Lumenera

Regions served

National, Europe, North America, Asia and Pacific Rim

Associations

EMVA, VDMA

Producer

Development and manufacture of high-quality solutions for infrared temperature measurement (sensor, software, mechanical integration etc.), both in single point measurement and thermal imaging.

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Solution Provider

Impuls GmbH creates products for scientific image processing and image analysis as well as machine vision on the PC. The products are sold worldwide to end users as well as OEMs, VARs and system houses that create customized solutions around the Impuls products. Impuls GmbH also carries out custom software development projects in the field of image processing and image analysis for markets such as life sciences and machine vision.

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Infinity Photo-Optical Company, headquartered in Boulder, Colorado, USA, also has a Sales Office in Göttingen, Germany, which serves the EU and all European countries.

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Solution Provider

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Producer

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Company category

Distributor/Producer

Product category

Cameras, Optics, Lighting equipment, Interfaces/Cables/Peripherals

Company Officials

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Date established

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Employees

approx. 30

Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Automotive and suppliers, Electronics/Semiconductors, Packaging, Precision engineering/Optics/ Machine vision, Plastics, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics/Chemicals, Foodstuffs/Beverages, Medical technology, Metal, Glass/Ceramics, Traffic/Logistics, Paper/Wood, Energy/Water/Solar technology

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Inspection web material, Robot Vision 2D, Robot Vision 3D, Character Recognition, Symbol Recognition, Part Identification, Material Testing

Companies represented

V S Technology Corp.
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Regions served

National, Europe, North America, South/Central America, Asia and Pacific Rim, ROW

Associations

EMVA, AIA

AUTOMATION: MEASUREMENT, INSPECTION, IDENTIFICATION, GUIDANCE

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Company category

Distributor

Product category

Cameras, Frame Grabber, Optics, Lighting equipment, Software, Processors, Vision Sensors/Smart Cameras/Embedded Systems, Interfaces/Cables/Peripherals

Company Officials

Ernst Rauscher

Date established

1973

Employees

14

Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Automotive and suppliers, Electronics/Semiconductors, Packaging, Precision engineering/Optics/Machine vision, Plastics, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics/Chemicals, Foodstuffs/Beverages, Medical technology, Metal, Glass/Ceramics, Traffic/Logistics, Paper/Wood, Energy Water/Solar technology, Others

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Inspection web material, Robot Vision 2D, Robot Vision 3D, Character Recognition, Material Testing, Symbol Recognition, Part Identification, Metrology 2D, High Speed Analysis, Particle Analysis, Digitalization, Others

Companies represented

Matrox, e2v, Photonfocus, Prosilica, Advanced Illumination

Platforms supported

Microsoft Windows, Linux

Regions served

National

Associations

EMVA, AIA, VDMA

About Silicon Software

Silicon Software is one of the international technology leaders with innovative product lines for a broad range of applications and service provider for customized adaptations.

The company produces off-the-shelf as well as customized OEM solutions. Base products are the series of intelligent image acquisition and processing boards, supporting PCI, PCI Express as well as GigabitEthernet. Advantage of this technology is the programmability of the on-board vision processors



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Company category

Producer

Product category

Frame Grabber, Software

Company Officials

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Date established

1997

Employees

23

Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Automotive and suppliers, Electronics/Semiconductors, Packaging, Precision engineering/Optics/Machine vision, Plastics, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics Chemicals, Foodstuffs/Beverages, Medical technology, Metal, Glass/Ceramics, Traffic/Logistics, Paper/Wood, Energy/Water/Solar technology, Entertainment, Communications

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Inspection web material, Part Identification, Metrology 2D, Metrology 3D, High Speed Analysis, Particle Analysis, Material Testing, Digitalization, Image Acquisition Networks, Postal sorting and documentation

Platforms supported

Windows 32/64bit, Linux 32/64bit, QNX, PCI 32/64bit, PCIe, OEM developments

Regions served

National, Europe, North America, South/Central America, Asia and Pacific Rim, ROW

Associations

EMVA, AIA, VDMA

Distributor/Producer

As a specialist supplier to the photonics market, Laser 2000 is committed to excellence in the quality of service and products that we provide to customers throughout Europe.

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Producer

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Producer

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A dedicated and experienced team can support the customer, achieving the best solution for his application. By keeping the direct link to our team will always have a look at the feasibility of the optical and mechanical design.



Date established

1894

Employees

135

Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Packaging, Precision engineering/Optics/Machine vision, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics/Chemicals, Medical technology, Glass/Ceramics, Energy/Water/Solar technology

Applications

Inspection piece, Robot Vision 2D, Robot Vision 3D, Character Recognition, Symbol Recognition, Part Identification, Metrology 2D, Metrology 3D, High Speed Analysis, Thermography, Particle Analysis, Material Testing, Others

Regions served

National, Europe, North America, Asia and Pacific Rim

Associations

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Company category

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Product category

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Company category

Producer

Product category

Cameras, Optics, Lighting equipment, Software, Vision Sensors/Smart Cameras/Embedded Systems, Interfaces/Cables/Peripherals, R&D, other



Company Officials

Dr. Juergen Geffe
(Managing Director)

Date established

1991

Employees

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Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Automotive and suppliers, Electronics/Semiconductors, Packaging, Precision engineering/Optics/

Machine vision, Plastics, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics/Chemicals, Foodstuffs/Beverages, Metal, Glass/Ceramics, Paper/Wood, Energy/Water/Solar technology

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Inspection web material, Robot Vision 2D, Character Recognition, Symbol Recognition, Part Identification, Metrology 2D, High Speed Analysis

Platforms supported

vcwin operating software



Regions served

National, Europe, North America, South/Central America, Asia and Pacific Rim, ROW

Associations

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Producer

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Producer

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Producer

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Solution Provider

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Solution Provider/Producer

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Distributor

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Distributor

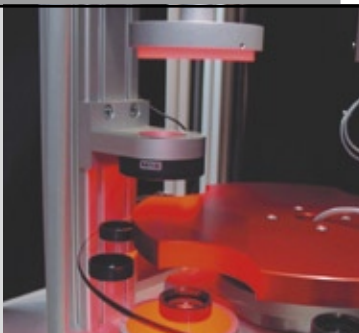
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Solution Provider

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KA-6

Solution Provider

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M-17

Solution Provider

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M-18

Producer

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HH-6

Producer

Distinct coding of products or parts of products is a key requirement of modern production processes. With our stationary and handheld code reading systems we offer just the right products for reading and verification of 1-D and 2-D codes, such as bar codes and data matrix codes. This allows tracking and tracing of production batches along the entire production process and beyond.

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N-2

Solution Provider

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M-19

Producer

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F-8

Solution Provider

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M-20

Solution Provider

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S-14

Producer

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Machine Builder

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S-15

Producer

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EF-3

Producer

We are a leading supplier of reliable and reasonable high-resolution digital cameras and custom imaging systems for machine vision. The portfolio of our product range for the domestic market covers the whole field of machine vision components, starting with illumination, followed by lenses, cameras, frame grabber, imaging libraries and computer hardware. Internationally we provide global sales, service and support through our distributors in Europe, USA and Asia for the SVCam camera series.

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M-21

Producer

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K-4

Solution Provider

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HB-1

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A-5

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OS-1

Producer

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C-1

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RV-5

Machine Builder/Solution Provider

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S-16

Producer

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EF-4

Producer

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KA-7

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KA-8

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M-22

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MZ-5

Solution Provider

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ZH-3

Producer

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Solution Provider

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RV-6

Machine Builder/Solution Provider

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F-9

Machine Builder

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ZH-4

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H-2

Solution Provider

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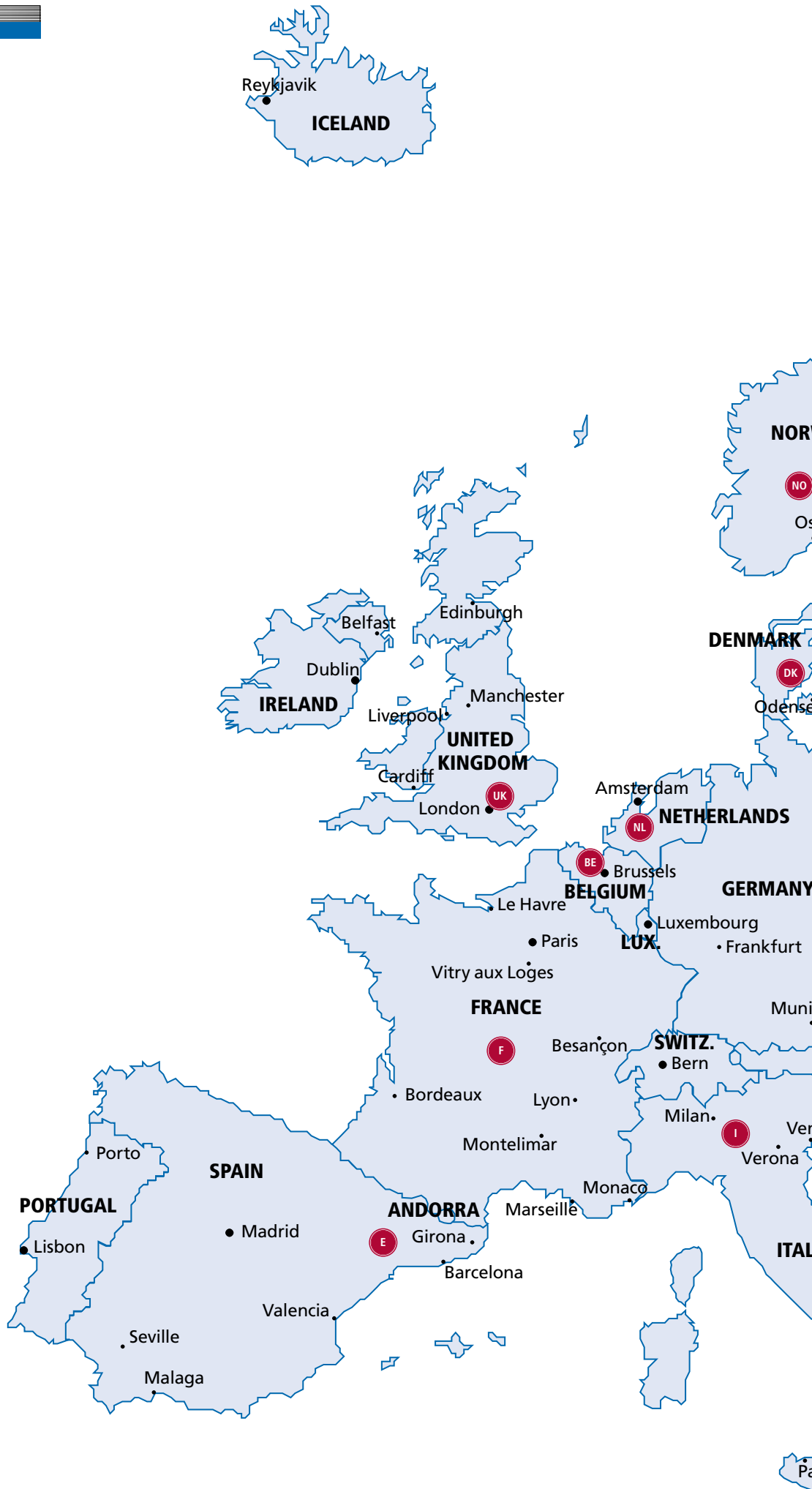
K-4

Producer

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F-10





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Distributor/Solution Provider

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UK-2

Producer

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E-1

Solution Provider

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PT-1

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F-2

Producer

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F-3

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BE-2

Solution Provider

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SI-1

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Infaimon is a company centered in machine vision, image analysis business and surveillance market and leader in the Spanish, Portuguese, Mexican and Latin America markets. We have a complete range of vision products.

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Solution Provider/Producer

InRay Solutions is a company specialized in custom software and hardware development and consulting services. We are a reliable and innovative modern company, offering not only products, but also successful solutions. One of our main activities is development of high resolution digital camera for industrial and scientific applications together with real-time image processing systems. We have developed and successfully implemented integral systems for control and monitoring. Our team of highly skilled IT professionals has the knowledge and experience to help you achieve your business targets.

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BG-1

Producer

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Solution Provider

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UK-6

Solution Provider

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F-4

Solution Provider

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NL-1

Producer

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I-1

Distributor/Producer

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UK-7

Producer

Photron, designer and manufacturer of high speed imaging systems sets new standards with high frame rates, image resolution and light sensitivity. The new Fastcam SA-1 system provides MegaPixel image resolution at frame rates up to 5,400 fps and a maximum recording rate of 675,000 fps with reduced image resolution. This unique high speed imaging performance together with an unequalled light sensitivity makes the Fastcam SA-1 the new system of choice for a wide variety of applications.

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UK-8

Producer

Sick IVP provides industrial vision cameras for factory automation. The product line includes Vision Sensors, Smart Cameras and cameras for high speed 3D machine vision. Target customers are OEM machine builders, system integrators and large end-users. Sick IVP is a part of the Sick Group, one of the world leading suppliers of industrial sensors.

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SE-1

Producer

Integrated machine vision cameras Visi5000, Visi40 paper industry: VisiEdge web edge tracking sensor, VisiEye web break detector steel industry: VisiLine Centring system, width measurement.

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FI-1

Producer

Sony Europe's Image Sensing Solutions division has an in-depth range of industry leading analog and digital component cameras and image sensing products. Sony ISS recently announced its second generation smart cameras, with a 3X performance improvement. These highly flexible color cameras extend the smart camera concept to several new markets, such as security, agriculture and traffic control. Sony ISS has also added GigE modules, for long lead applications, to its portfolio, complementing its IEEE1394 offering.



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UK-9

Producer

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NL-2

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Solution Provider

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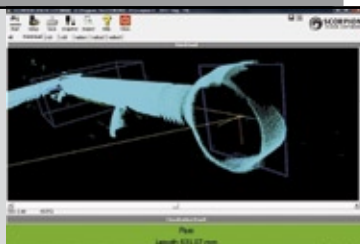
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UK-11

Producer

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NO-1

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DK-3

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I-2

Distributor/Producer

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VLT – creating optical solutions



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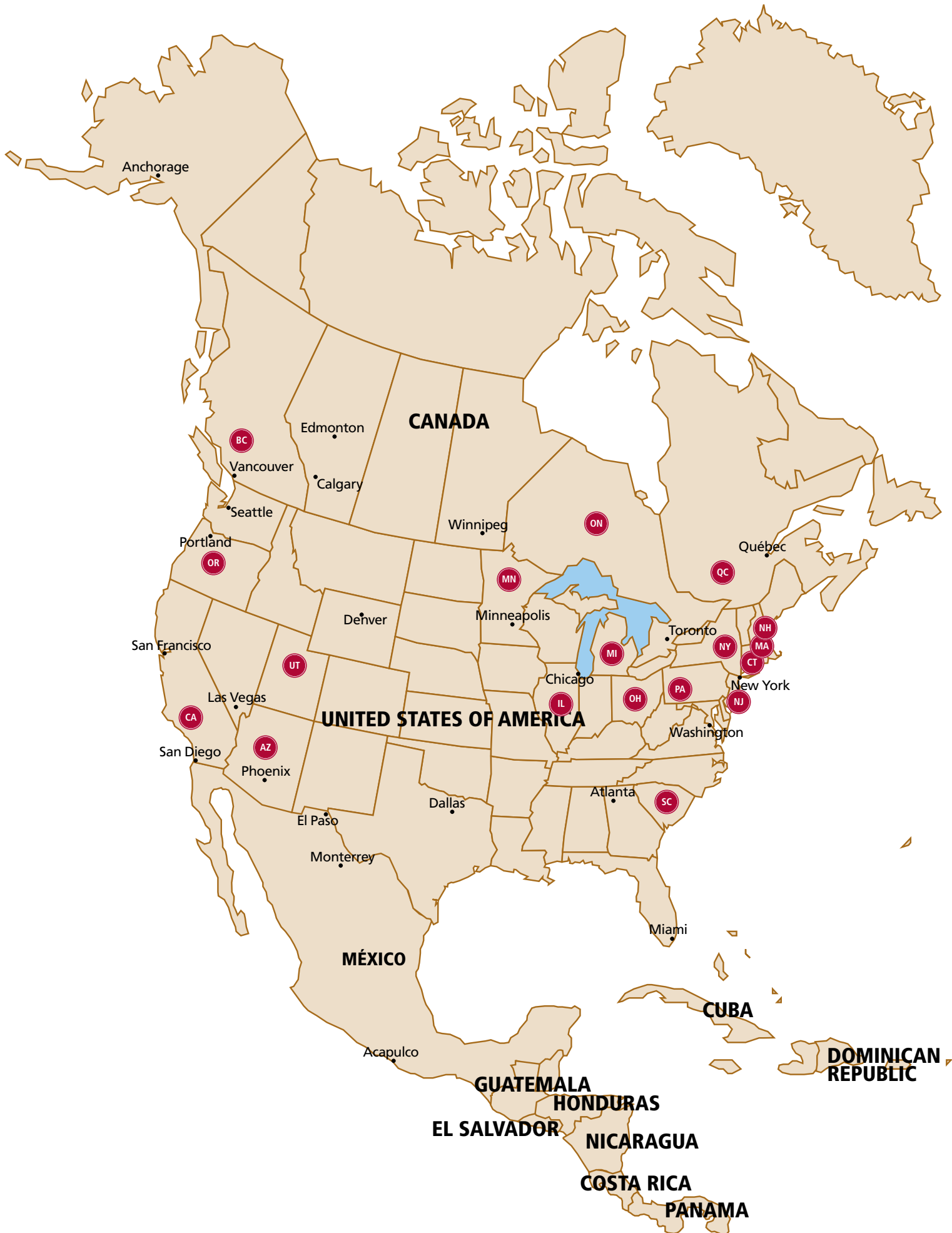
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Distributor

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Producer

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Producer

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MI-1

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IL-1

Producer

Manufactures high-speed megapixel digital cameras and systems based on state-of-the-art imagers and having high-speed, scalable, integrated FGPA's, processors, and memory subsystems. These features enable stand-alone recording or high-speed in-camera image processing. Also, FastVision offers lossless or lossy compressed image recording. Advanced IP and optimized software is available that can be added to allow stand-alone processing modes or integration.



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NH-1

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CT-1

Producer

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Company category

Producer

Product category

Cameras

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Date established

1997

Employees

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Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Automotive and suppliers,

Electronics/Semiconductors, Packaging, Precision engineering/Optics/ Machine vision, Plastics, Pharmaceuticals/Cosmetics/Chemicals, Foodstuffs/Beverages, Medical technology, Metal, Glass/Ceramics, Traffic/Logistics, Paper/Wood, Energy/Water/ Solar technology

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Robot Vision 2D, Robot Vision 3D, Character Recognition, Symbol Recognition, Part Identification, Metrology 3D, High Speed Analysis, Particle Analysis, Material Testing, Digitalization

Platforms supported

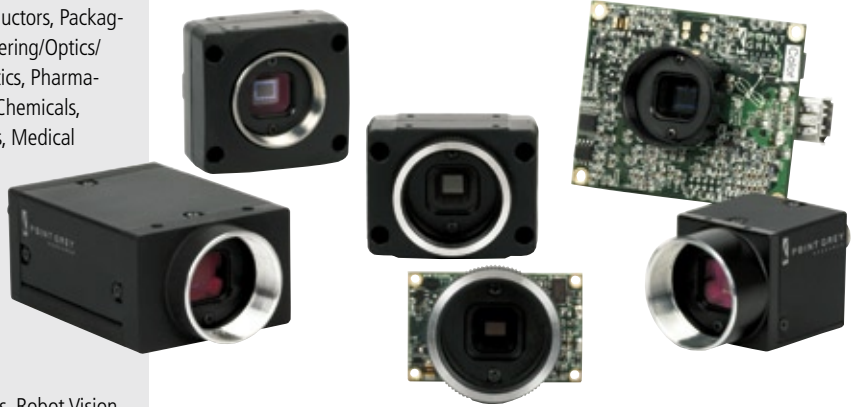
IEEE-1394 (FireWire) and USB 2.0

Regions served

Europe, North America, South/Central America, Asia and Pacific Rim, ROW

Associations

EMVA, AIA, 1394 TA

**About Point Grey Research**

Point Grey 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. A broad range of hardware, software and mechanical engineering skills has allowed Point Grey to successfully bring innovative and ground-breaking 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 70 people worldwide, and has a German subsidiary that provides sales and support services to customers in Europe, Africa and Israel. The company has also established a strong network of distributors in Japan, Korea, China, Singapore and Taiwan.

End-to-End Imaging Solutions

A critical component of any vision system is the speed and reliability of the imaging pipeline, from light hitting the image sensor to data reaching the host system. Point Grey Research has taken ownership of the entire pipeline, and over the last 11 years has created a diverse portfolio of digital cameras, peripheral components, and software.

Point Grey offers more than 75 different single-lens, stereo, and 360-degree spherical digital cameras, with a variety of monochrome and color CCD and CMOS image sensors from VGA to 5 megapixels. Many product families also offer board-level or customized options for specific OEM applications. In addition, Point Grey has introduced its FirePRO line of professional FireWire hubs, repeaters and host adapter cards, which are designed to maximize the effectiveness and reliability of the entire imaging pipeline. All Point Grey cameras comply with the IIDC v1.31 specification, which allows them to be used with many third-party software packages, such as those from Cognex, Matrox, MVTec, and National Instruments. Also included with every camera is the FlyCapture software development kit (SDK), a complete software package that includes device drivers, a full software API library, demo programs and C/C++ example source code.



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Solution Provider

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IL-3

Producer

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CA-3

Producer

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AZ-1

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QC-1

Producer

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PA-2

About LMI Technologies

LMI Technologies Inc. (LMI) specializes in leading edge machine vision technologies. Founded in 1976, LMI developed much of the 3D machine vision industry, accumulating more than 100 patents. LMI is recognized for designing and manufacturing sensors for specific vertical market applications under the Sensors That See brand. More recently LMI has received attention for establishing new vision sensor technology that supports the universal machine vision market. Under their Vision Components Division

LMI has established the FireSync platform, HexSight hardware and software products, as well as the recently launched maestro controller. Each of our LMI product solutions provide OEMs, System Integrators, engineering consultants, and in-house engineering teams with functional tools to rapidly design and install vision systems for their unique applications. LMI also provides custom design services to help our customers design and build unique machine vision and robotic solutions.



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Company category

Solution Provider

Product category

Cameras, Optics, Lighting equipment, Software, Processors, Vision Sensors/Smart Cameras/Embedded Systems, Interfaces/Cables/Peripherals, Topography, R&D

Company Officials

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Date established

1976

Employees

100

Industries served

Mechanical engineering/Line building, Automotive and suppliers, Electronics/Semiconductors, Precision engineering/Optics/Machine vision, Metal, Glass/Ceramics, Paper/Wood, Energy/Water/Solar technology, Road & Transportation, Rubber & Tire, Agriculture

Applications

Inspection piece parts, Inspection web material, Robot Vision 2D, Robot Vision 3D, Character Recognition, Symbol Recognition, Part Identification, Metrology 2D, Metrology 3D, High Speed Analysis

Regions served

National, Europe, North America, South/Central America, Asia and Pacific Rim

Associations

EMVA, AIA

Producer

Midwest Optical Systems designs filters expressly for machine vision applications, cameras and lenses which match the camera's spectral response and the currently-used lighting types. Specific filters are available for use with monochromatic (color) or white LED's, fiber optic illumination, structured diode-generated light patterns, and other lighting commonly used in imaging.

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IL-4

Solution Provider

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Producer

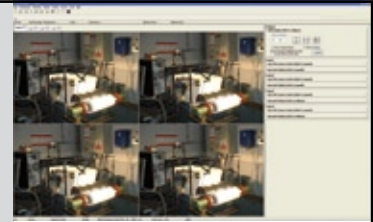
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Producer/Solution Provider

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Solution Provider

Optical Research Associates (ORA) is the world's leading developer of optical design software, providing users with CODE V for imaging design and LightTools for illumination design. ORA is also the largest independent supplier of optical design and engineering services, with more than 4,000 completed projects since the company was founded in 1963.

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BAP Image Systems
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C-Cam Technologies
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Edmund Optics
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EHD Imaging
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Eltec
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Epix
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Eureca Messtechnik
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Fabrimex Systems
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Fast Vision
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FJW Optical Systems
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Flir
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Fuzhou Feihua Optoelectronic Technology
www.fzfh.com

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Austrian Research Centers
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Isra Vision
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JFAS
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Kvant
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Lambda Photometrics
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Leutron Vision
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Matrix Vision
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Matrox Imaging
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Orbis
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Parameter
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Weiss Imaging and Solutions
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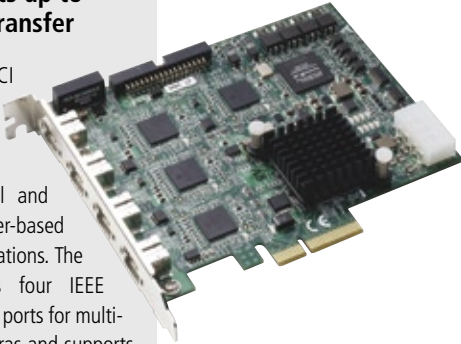
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cisely, with no overlapping. With this unique functionality the system improves efficiency and profitability as it reduces the number of discarded components and optimizes consequently production time and costs.



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Tripod Modular Light System

The Tripod's unique triangular design enables the end user to configure the light to meet their specific needs. The Tripod modules can be used separately as a spot light or they can be used together to create single or double row linear lights. They can also be used to create large area lights, ring lights or even light in the shape of an "L". Every Tripod module can be the Master or Slave. Up to 50 modules can run on a Master. The end user can decide if all the modules need to be strobed together or separately. The Tripod is also set to burst the LED at the maximum current rating when first turned on and then drop down to normal run current. The burst build into the light guarantees the maximum output for high speed applications. The end user can also decide if they would like to control the intensity of all the modules together or separately by either analog 0-10VDC or manually with a potentiometer. If the end user needs less light from any single mod-



ule they can manually adjust that module and still be able to adjust all of the modules together via analog control. Each module also has a LED error detection output and three Indicator lights. The housing is molded with a special thermally conductive plastic so that LED life is maximized. All of these features are what make the Tripod the best LED Machine Vision Light System on the market today.



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European Vision Network

The European Machine Vision Association (EMVA) has currently over 100 members representing 18 countries. EMVA aims to be an industry lobby to support the interests and concerns of its members, the companies, research institutes and national associations of the machine vision industry. The main activities to ensure that this world-leading technology is widely applied are: standardization, market studies and surveys, annual business conferences, European and regional networking events, PR and marketing.



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This Is Where the Industry Meets: INSPECT Network

Xing is, according to their own statement, the European market leader in business networking. Over 6 million business professionals use Xing in 16 languages to do business and promote their career. The platform makes networking and professional contact management simple, with made-to-measure networking functions and services.

Xing allows to see how people are connected, which is an excellent tool in generating new contacts. With features such as Xing Marketplace, over 17,000 groups and networking events from London to Beijing, it has developed from a contact platform to a web interface for business professionals around the world.

INSPECT Network

However, there is still room for dedication to a certain industry and their demands. With this in mind, INSPECT hosts a specialized branch community at <http://network.inspect-online.com>, focusing on Machine Vision and Optical Metrology. The INSPECT network was created as platform to exchange opinions between experts and aims to become the industry marketplace. In the first couple of months some 100 professionals joined the network: CEOs, managing directors, profes-

sors, engineers, sales & marketing managers and other experts. Every new member needs to be approved by the INSPECT team, so that only professionals from our industry will become part of the network.

Features

Members of the INSPECT network can invite industry friends and can participate in discussions. They can upload own videos and pictures, for example photos from trade shows or from company products and it is possible to post explanatory picture captions. This is an elegant way to launch information about own products or own events.

Within the network members can join existing groups or create their own groups for themes which are of common interest and which are not already covered by other groups.

At <http://network.inspect-online.com> you will be able to meet other experts of machine vision and optical metrology, get new contacts and intensify existing relationships. Take part and profit from the insider networking about industry trends, technologies and events. Register today at <http://network.inspect-online.com>.

The screenshot shows the INSPECT Network website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'My Profile', 'Members', 'Groups', 'Groups', 'Notes', 'Photos', 'Videos'. Below that, a post titled 'Vision 2008' is displayed. The post includes a photo of a group of people at an event, a description of the event, and a list of attendees. The interface is clean and professional, with a focus on sharing industry-related information.

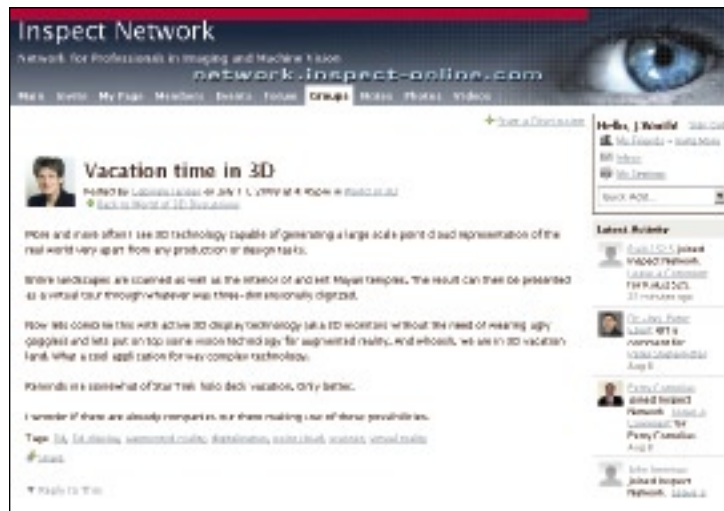
In the run-up of an event, people can exchange opinions, start discussions or make appointments with other network members

This screenshot shows another view of the INSPECT Network website, specifically a post for 'Vision 2008'. The post features a large photo of a group of people standing together at an event. Below the photo, there's a detailed description of the event, including the date and location. The website layout is consistent with the previous screenshot, showing a professional and user-friendly interface for industry professionals.

Sales managers can address new customers and stay in touch with existing customers, if only by hoisting the company flag. Engineers can discuss state-of-the-art technical topics and form virtual groups for problem solving. Users can contact potential providers directly and personally.

As also learned with Xing, business networks are an excellent platform for career moves. The INSPECT network is of course much more focused on openings in our industry than any general network can ever be.

In the run-up of an event, people can exchange opinions, start discussions or make appointments with other network members. In addition, it is transparent who announced their attendance to a featured event.



The World of 3D group is an exchange platform for information, ideas, insights about 3D measurement, digitalization, robot vision, inspection and the multitude of technologies involved

Yet another possibility to contribute to the network are own blogs within the network. New blog entries are visible at the start page for all community members.

Theme Groups

The network was launched including four groups, each dedicated to a topic of interest:

World of 3D: Exchange platform for information, ideas, insights about 3D measurement, digitalization, robot vision, inspection and the multitude of technologies involved.

Vision: Everything here circles around cameras, software, lenses, illumination, frame grabbers, vision sensors, smart cameras, embedded systems, interfaces, processors, cables, peripherals, and, and, and ... This theme group aligns with the topics from the Vision section of the INSPECT magazine.

Automation: This section, as the Automation section in the INSPECT magazine, features information, discussions, Q&A and more regarding machine vision turn-

key systems and applications for all industries.

Control: Optical measuring technology in industrial applications can be found in this group, analogue to the Control section in the INSPECT magazine.

Only weeks after the initial launch two new groups have been initiated, which are not moderated from the INSPECT editorial team.

The Group „Applied Research” was created by Prof. Dr.-Ing. Volker Lohweg with the group description: Exchange platform for information, ideas, insights about Image Processing and Pattern Recognition in the world of University related applied research.

The group “Smart Cameras” serves as exchange platform for all topics around Smart Cameras, Vision Sensors and Embedded Systems.

The Vision community network at <http://network.inspect-online.com> is yet another information channel provided by INSPECT for the vision community. It aims to complement the INSPECT magazine as well as the INSPECT portal at www.inspect-online.com and provides, in addition to both, the opportunity to directly network among professionals.

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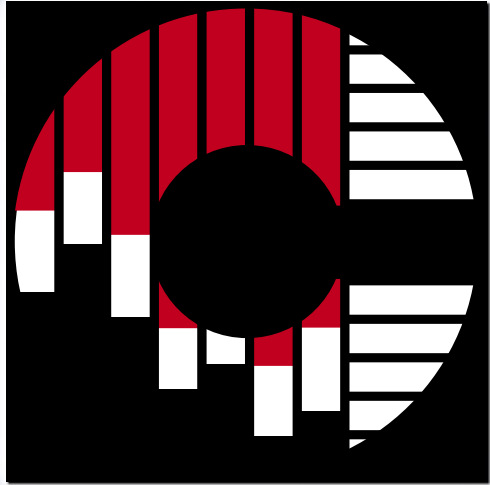
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