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### Latest Time-of-Flight sensor solutions and applications

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## FlightSense<sup>™</sup> making light work







## ST pioneer and leader in Time-of-Flight (ToF)

### ST is #1 Worldwide Time-of-Flight sensor supplier

### **4** Generations

of all-in-one ToF solution deployed since 2014

### >500 devices

Over 200 phones with ST's Time of Flight technology Several hundreds of non wireless end products on the market Unlimited variety of use-cases beyond smartphones

### >80,000

Evaluation kits deployed

### >2 Billions

ToF units shipped. Mastering end-to-end supply chain







## FlightSense industrial & mass market portfolio



### **Single-zone sensors**





### Single-zone family

### Single-zone family is pin-to-pin compatible

us3	VL53L4CD	VL53L0CX	VL53L1CX	VL53L3CX	VL53L4CX	VL53L1CB
Max distance measurement	130 cm	200 cm	400 cm	500 cm	600 cm	800 cm
Field-of-view	18°	25°	27° (SW config)	25°	18°	27° (SW config)
Perf. under ambient light	60 cm	80 cm	135 cm	140 cm	180 cm	160 cm
Close distance linearity	+++++ >0.1 cm	++ >2.5 cm	+ >2.5 cm	++ >2.5 cm	+++ >1.0 cm	++ >2.5 cm
Min. distance detection	0 cm	<1.5 cm	1.0 cm	1.0 cm	0 cm	1.0 cm
Histogram				$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Autonomous mode*	<b>√</b> 240µA (10 ms)	<b>√</b> 395µA (20 ms)	<b>√</b> 320µA (20 ms)			
Ultralow power mode**		<b>√</b> 55 µA	<b>√</b> 65 µA	<b>√</b> 55 μA		
Continuous mode	22 mA	19 mA	16 mA	16 mA	19 mA	16 mA
All-in-one module size	4.4 x 2.4 x 1.0 mm	4.4 x 2.4 x 1.0 mm	4.9 x 2.5 x 1.56 mm	4.4 x 2.4 x 1.0 mm	4.4 x 2.4 x 1.0 mm	4.9 x 2.5 x 1.56 mm
Pinout			Same pinout f	for all products		



\* autonomous mode power consumption is calculated at 1 Hz using the timing budget referenced after the power consumption

\*\* Ultralow power (ULP) mode uses special settings allowing very low power consumption transforming the sensor into a detection sensor





## Histogram processing mode

#### Histogram enable multi-object detection and crosstalk compensation

#### **Multi-object detection**

- Histogram output ranging distance for each object
- Allows first object detection and background removal
  - Ideal for complex scenes management (foreground / background)
- Allows multi-human detection for privacy (on-looker detection)
  - While respecting user privacy, technology is not a camera



### **Crosstalk compensation** Histogram enables coverglass accurate distance airgap output whatever module the smudge or crosstalk Raw range data Crosstalk calibration data\* Crosstalk free range data





## Low power "autonomous ranging mode"

### Low power consumption thanks to the autonomous mode

#### **Benefits**

- Low power consumption
- The system can sleep until an interrupt is sent by the sensor to the host
- Can be integrated in battery-powered devices



- The sensor is active only during the integration time
- During the remaining time of the ranging period, the sensor is sleeping and consumes low power, the SW is in standby
- The user can define integration time and ranging period depending on application
- Thresholds can be programmed to send an interrupt to the host and wake-up the system only when a target is approaching the sensor



#### System activation





## ST Ultra Low Power ToF sensors

### Time-of-Flight ranging sensors used as detector sensors





### **Multizone sensors**





### 8x8 multizone Time-of-Flight sensor products

		VL53L5CX	VL53L7CX	VL53L8CX
Field of view		45° x 45° (65° diag.)	60° x 60° (90° diag.)	45° x 45° (65° diag.)
Resolution			8x8 and 4x4	
Processing n	node		Histogram	
Common feat	tures		Autonomous low power mode Motion indicator Crosstalk immunity >60 cm	
Additional fea	atures			Autostop External synchronization pin
Driver			100% compatible	
Module size		6.4 x 3.0 x <b>1.5 mm</b>	6.4 x 3.0 x 1.6 mm	6.4 x 3.0 x 1.75 mm
Interface		l <sup>2</sup> C	I <sup>2</sup> C	I <sup>2</sup> C and SPI
Distance	Dark condition*	400 cm	350 cm	400 cm
ranging	Under ambient light*	170 cm	170 cm 65 cm	
Power consu	mption**	4.5 mW	8.3 mW	1.6 mW

\* Best conditions using white target (88% reflectance)

\*\* power consumption measured at 1 Hz frequency and with 3.3 V analog and VCSEL supply





## Multizone max distance and field-of-view (FoV)

### The VL53L7CX has a wider FoV, the VL53L5CX and VL53L8CX range further



Motion indicator sensor detects motion in each zone Compatible with detection thresholds **Option A** Frame N Wake up your devices with anomaly **Movement** detection <u>/!</u>\ detected! **Option B** Z<sub>z</sub> Nothing happened Frame N+1 **Motion indicator Data collection Results** algorithms **Features** Market and use-cases Based on histogram algorithms For more information Movement variation in each zone Motion intensity is the output data User Manuals Runs in Autonomous mode

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## What does an 8x8 multizone ToF sensor see?

#### VL53L8CX live demo







On-demand webinar from March 2023 available for viewing on st.com

### **New CNH sensors**





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## **Compact Normalized Histogram**

### CNH resolution and data-set contains way more information than ranging distances



New data

- X unit is bin number
- Y unit is signal count
- The measured ambient level is removed from the CNH data



#### **Additional features**

- Both standard and CNH data
- Ambient map information
- Autonomous mode available
- Both I<sup>2</sup>C and SPI\* communication modes available

#### High data quantity

- 1 histogram bin = 1 data
- Up to 18 bins per zone (8x8)
  - Total of 1152 data

#### What means CNH?

**C: Compact**  $\rightarrow$  Options are available to reduce the amount of data compared to the native "raw" histogram data

N: Normalized → Raw data are adjusted to compensate variations caused by frame-to-frame adjustments

H: Histogram → Primary data is in the form of histograms recording return-signal-strength vs range





### Two products, one solution

Two products
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#### VL53L7CH

- Up to 350 cm ranging
- 60° x 60° FoV (90° diagonal)
- I<sup>2</sup>C interface

### • VL53L8CH

- Up to 400 cm ranging
- 45° x 45° FoV (65° diagonal)
- High ambient light immunity
- Low power consumption
- I<sup>2</sup>C and SPI interface
- External synchronization pin

### Common features

- Autonomous low power mode
- Motion indicator



### **Output data**

### **Compact Normalized Histogram**



- Up to 18 bins in 8x8 at 15Hz
- Up to 72 bins in 4x4 at 15Hz

#### **Standard data**



- 2 for distance (distance, sigma)
- 1 for signal (signal peak)
- 2 additional data (ambient level and reflectance)

#### Ambient map



IR ambient light level data generated based on the same zone aggregation as the CNH histogram data





### How CNH achieves tenfold data quantities





### **Applications and solutions**





### Applications everywhere





### Touchless activation with ToF detection sensors

#### Avoid any contact with physical buttons thanks to ToF detection sensors







### STGesture<sup>™</sup> recognition

#### Turnkey solution working with VL53L5CX, VL53L7CX and VL53L8CX





### Content management

#### Inventory management, waste management and liquid level control





Long distance ranging & multiobject detection

Accurate distance measurement

400cm

Multi-zone ranging up to 8x8 zones



Multiple sensors integration

Low power

#### **Smart Shelves demo**

 Using VL53L1CX and programmable Region of Interest



 <u>www.youtube.com/</u> watch?v=iayV3r5ALbk









## Nonintrusive liquid level monitoring solutions

#### A dual throng solution portfolio for best end-system integration adequation





### **Robotics multi-applications**

#### Only one ST ToF multi-zone sensor supporting up to 6 use-cases

#### **Cliff/edge/slope prediction**

• Signature change on lower rows can detect approach to stairs/slope



 Estimate object size (including flat object & cables) and precise distance in order to avoid them

**Small object detection** 









### The applications are endless

#### **Cup detection**

- Diameter estimation
- Height measurement
- Liquid level monitoring



#### **Presence detection**

- Wake-on-Approach
- Passing-by filtering
- Walk-away lock

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### **Technical resources**





## FlightSense ecosystem and tools

Imaging products supported by ST ecosystem & and expanding optical partnership network

#### **Complete package**

- X-NUCLEO expansion board
- P-NUCLEO packs with STM32 NUCLEO



 Stand-alone Breakout boards

#### **Expansion boards**

- Fully integrated in STM32 Ecosystem
- Compatible with all STM32 Nucleo boards
- Cover Glasses:



- - Referenced cover glass proposed in NUCLEO development boards
  - Square Cover Glass
  - 3 spacers 0.25/0.5/1mm to create
    - various air gaps
  - Cover glass holder



#### 3.3V supply application



5V to 3.3V supply application



#### **Breakout boards**

- Enabling easy & swift integration at customers
- The expansion boards can accept breakout boards via connectors or fly wires



### X-CUBE-TOF1





### FlightSense™ Proximity ToF ordering codes

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ltem	Picture	Ordering Code	Comments		Comments		ltem	Picture	Ordering Code	Com	ments
VL53L0CX sensor	-61 20	VL53L0CXV0DH/1	Tape & reel	MOQ= 5ku	VL53L4CD sensor	12.53.4CD -	VL53L4CDV0DH/1	Tape & reel	MOQ= 4.5ku		
	** •		With liner	LT= 16weeks				With liner	LT= 16weeks		
VL53L0CX Nucleo™ expansion board		X-NUCLEO-53L0A1/	<ul> <li>Cover-window holder</li> <li>Cover-window sample</li> <li>3x spacers</li> <li>2x 2v8 Breakout boards</li> </ul>		VL53L4CD Nucleo™ expansion board		X-NUCLEO-53L4A1-	<ul> <li>Cover-windo</li> <li>Cover-windo</li> <li>3x spacers</li> </ul>	ow holder ow sample		
VL53L0CX expansion pack		P-NUCLEO-53L0A1/	X-NUCLEO-53L0A1 + NUCLEO-F401RE		VL53L4CD expansion pack		P-NUCLEO-53L4A1-	X-NUCLEO- NUCLEO-F4	53L4A1 + 01RE		
VL53L0CX Breakout boards		53L0-SATEL-I1/1	2x Breakout delivered	boards	VL53L4CD Breakout boards		SATEL-VL53L4CD	2x Breakout delivered	boards		





### FlightSense™ Long distance single-zone ToF ordering codes

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VI 521 1CV concor		VI 521 1 CV//0EV/1	Tape & reel	MOQ= 3.6ku	VI 521 1CB concor			Tape & reel	MOQ= 3.6ku	
VESSETCA Sensor		VESSETCAVOFT/T	With liner	LT= 16weeks	VESSEIGE Sensor		VL33LTCBV0F1/T	With liner	LT= 24weeks	
VL53L1CX Nucleo™ expansion board		X-NUCLEO-53L1A1/	<ul> <li>Cover-window holder</li> <li>Cover-window sample</li> <li>3x spacers</li> <li>2x 2v8 Breakout boards</li> </ul>		VL53L1CB Nucleo™ expansion board		X-NUCLEO-53L1A2/	<ul> <li>Cover-window holder</li> <li>Cover-window sample</li> <li>3x spacers</li> <li>2x 2v8 Breakout boards</li> </ul>		
VL53L1CX expansion pack		P-NUCLEO-53L1A1/	X-NUCLEO-53L1A1 + NUCLEO-F401RE		VL53L1CB expansion pack		P-NUCLEO-53L1A2/	X-NUCLEO- NUCLEO-F4	X-NUCLEO-53L1A2 + NUCLEO-F401RE	
VL53L1CX Breakout boards		VL53L1X-SATEL/1	2x Breakout boards delivered		VL53L1CB Breakout boards		VL53L1-SATEL/1	2x Breakout delivered	2x Breakout boards delivered	
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VL53L5CX sensor		VL53L5CXV0GC/1	Tape & reel	MOQ= 3.6ku	VL53L7CX sensor		VL53L7CXV0GC/1	Tape & reel	MOQ= 3.6ku		
	1999		With liner	LT= 22weeks				With liner	LT= 22weeks		
VL53L5CX Nucleo™ expansion board		X-NUCLEO-53L5A1/	<ul><li>Cover-window holder</li><li>Cover-window sample</li><li>3x spacers</li></ul>		VL53L7 Nucleo™ expansion board		X-NUCLEO-53L7A1/	<ul> <li>Cover-windo</li> <li>Cover-windo</li> <li>3x spacers</li> </ul>	w holder w sample		
VL53L5CX expansion pack		P-NUCLEO-53L5A1/	X-NUCLEO-53L5A1 + NUCLEO-F401RE		VL53L7 expansion pack		P-NUCLEO-53L7A1/	X-NUCLEO- NUCLEO-F4	53L7A1 + 01RE		
VL53L5CX Breakout boards		VL53L5CX-SATEL	2x Breakout delivered	boards	VL53L7 Breakout boards		SATEL-VL53L7CX SATEL-VL53L7 (Q1'24)	2x Breakout delivered	boards		

Item	Picture	Ordering Code	Comments	
VI 521 8CV concor	-		Tape & reel	MOQ= 3.6ku
VLJJLOCA SENSOI		VESSE6CAVUGC/1	With liner	LT= 22weeks
VL53L8 Nucleo™ expansion board		X-NUCLEO-53L8A1/	<ul> <li>Cover-window holder</li> <li>Cover-window sample</li> <li>3x spacers</li> </ul>	
VL53L8 expansion pack		P-NUCLEO-53L8A1/	X-NUCLEO- NUCLEO-F4	53L8A1 + 01RE
VL53L8 Breakout boards		SATEL-VL53L8	2x Breakout delivered	boards





### FlightSense™ Summary



#### 6 single-zone ToF sensors

- Wide product portfolio ٠
  - Ranging up to 800cm
  - Histogram mode
  - Very short distance linearity
  - Ultra low power mode



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#### **5 multizone ToF sensors**

Up to 8x8 zones ٠

- Wide FoV from 65° to 90°
- Ranging up to 400cm
- Strong ambient light immunity
- 2 new sensors for AI applications ٠

#### **Turnkey solutions**

- Gesture recognition •
- Presence detection
- Liquid level monitoring
- Content management •
- Floor sensing prediction

### **Continuous improvement** FlightSense industrial & mass market portfolio



#### **Unlimited markets & applications**





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