1/3-Inch CMOS Digital Image Sensor

MT9M021/MT9M031 Datasheet, Rev. 9

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Features

- Superior low-light performance
- HD video (720p60)
- Global shutter
- Video/Single Frame mode
- Flexible row-skip modes
- On-chip AE and statistics engine
- Parallel and serial output
- Support for external LED or flash
- Auto black level calibration
- Context switching

Applications

- Scene processing
- Scanning and machine vision
- 720p60 video applications

General Description

The ON Semiconductor MT9M021/MT9M031 is a 1/3 inch CMOS digital image sensor with an active-pixel array of 1280H x 960V. It includes sophisticated camera functions such as auto exposure control, windowing, scaling, row skip mode, and both video and single frame modes. It is designed for low light performance and features a global shutter for accurate capture of moving scenes. It is programmable through a simple two-wire serial interface. The MT9M021/MT9M031 produces extraordinarily clear, sharp digital pictures, and its ability to capture both continuous video and single frames makes it the perfect choice for a wide range of applications, including scanning and HD video.

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The ON Semiconductor MT9M021/MT9M031 can be operated in its default mode or programmed for frame size, exposure, gain, and other parameters. The default mode output is a full-resolution image at 45 frames per second (fps). It outputs 12-bit raw data, using either the parallel or serial (HiSPi) output ports. The device may be operated in video (master) mode or in frame trigger mode.

FRAME_VALID and LINE_VALID signals are output on dedicated pins, along with a synchronized pixel clock. A dedicated FLASH pin can be programmed to control external LED or flash exposure illumination.

The MT9M021/MT9M031 includes additional features to allow application-specific tuning: windowing, adjustable auto-exposure control, auto black level correction, on-board temperature sensor, and row skip and digital binning modes.

The sensor is designed to operate in a wide temperature range (–30°C to +70°C).

Functional Overview

The MT9M021/MT9M031 is a progressive-scan sensor that generates a stream of pixel data at a constant frame rate. It uses an on-chip, phase-locked loop (PLL) that can be optionally enabled to generate all internal clocks from a single master input clock running between 6 and 50 MHz. The maximum output pixel rate is 74.25 Mp/s, corresponding to a clock rate of 74.25 MHz. Figure 1 shows a block diagram of the sensor.

Figure 1: Block Diagram

User interaction with the sensor is through the two-wire serial bus, which communicates with the array control, analog signal chain, and digital signal chain. The core of the sensor is a 1.2 Mp Active- Pixel Sensor array. The MT9M021/MT9M031 features global shutter technology for accurate capture of moving images. The exposure of the entire array is controlled by programming the integration time by register setting. All rows simultaneously integrate light prior to readout. Once a row has been read, the data from the columns is sequenced through an analog signal chain (providing offset correction and gain), and then through an analog-to- digital converter (ADC). The output from the ADC is a 12-bit value for each pixel in the array. The ADC output passes through a digital

processing signal chain (which provides further data path corrections and applies digital gain). The pixel data are output at a rate of up to 74.25 Mp/s, in parallel to frame and line synchronization signals.

Features Overview

The MT9M021/MT9M031 Global Sensor shutter has a wide array of features to enhance functionality and to increase versatility. A summary of features follows. Please refer to the MT9M021/MT9M031 Developer Guide for detailed feature descriptions, register settings, and tuning guidelines and recommendations.

• Operating Modes

The MT9M021/MT9M031 works in master (video), trigger (single frame), or Auto Trigger modes. In master mode, the sensor generates the integration and readout timing. In trigger mode, it accepts an external trigger to start exposure, then generates the exposure and readout timing. The exposure time is programmed through the twowire serial interface for both modes.

Note: Trigger mode is not compatible with the HiSPi interface.

• Window Control

Configurable window size and blanking times allow a wide range of resolutions and frame rates. Digital binning and skipping modes are supported, as are vertical and horizontal mirror operations.

- Context Switching Context switching may be used to rapidly switch between two sets of register values. Refer to the MT9M021/MT9M031 Developer Guide for a complete set of context switchable registers.
- Gain

The MT9M021/MT9M031 Global Shutter sensor can be configured for analog gain of up to 8x, and digital gain of up to 8x.

• Automatic Exposure Control

The integrated automatic exposure control may be used to ensure optimal settings of exposure and gain are computed and updated every other frame. Refer to the MT9M021/MT9M031 Developer Guide for more details.

• HiSPi

The MT9M021/MT9M031 Global Shutter image sensor supports two or three lanes of Streaming-SP or Packetized-SP protocols of ON Semiconductor's High-Speed Serial Pixel Interface.

• PLL

An on chip PLL provides reference clock flexibility and supports spread spectrum sources for improved EMI performance.

• Reset

The MT9M021/MT9M031 may be reset by a register write, or by a dedicated input pin.

- Output Enable The MT9M021/MT9M031 output pins may be tri-stated using a dedicated output enable pin.
- Temperature Sensor
- Black Level Correction
- Row Noise Correction
- Column Correction
- Test Patterns Several test patterns may be enabled for debug purposes. These include a solid color, color bar, fade to grey, and a walking 1s test pattern.

Notes: 1. All power supplies must be adequately decoupled.

- 2. ON Semiconductor recommends a resistor value of $1.5k\Omega$, but it may be greater for slower two-wire speed.
- 3. This pull-up resistor is not required if the controller drives a valid logic level on SCLK at all times.
- 4. The parallel interface output pads can be left unconnected if the serial output interface is used.
- 5. ON Semiconductor recommends that 0.1µF and 10µF decoupling capacitors for each power supply are mounted as close as possible to the pad. Actual values and results may vary depending on layout and design considerations. Refer to the MT9M021/MT9M031 demo headboard schematics for circuit recommendations.
- 6. ON Semiconductor recommends that analog power planes be placed in a manner such that coupling with the digital power planes is minimized.
- 7. Although 4 serial lanes are shown, the MT9M021/MT9M031 supports only 2 or 3 lane HiSPi.

Figure 3: Typical Configuration: Parallel Pixel Data Interface

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Figure 4: 9x9mm 64-Ball iBGA Package

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Top View (Ball Down)

Table 3: Pin Descriptions - 64-Ball iBGA Package

Figure 5: 48 iLCC Package, Parallel Output

Table 4: Pin Descriptions - 48 iLCC Package, Parallel

Table 4: Pin Descriptions (continued)- 48 iLCC Package, Parallel

Electrical Specifications

Unless otherwise stated, the following specifications apply to the following conditions:

 $VDD = 1.8V - 0.10/ + 0.15$; VDD _{-IO} = VDD _{-PLL} = VAA = VAA _{-PIX} = $2.8V \pm 0.3V$; VDD_SLVS = $0.4V - 0.1/ + 0.2$; T_A = -30° C to $+70^{\circ}$ C; output load = 10pF; PIXCLK frequency = 74.25 MHz; HiSPi off.

Two-Wire Serial Register Interface

The electrical characteristics of the two-wire serial register interface (SCLK, SDATA) are shown in [Figure 6](#page-11-1) and [Table 5.](#page-12-0)

Figure 6: Two-Wire Serial Bus Timing Parameters

Note: Read sequence: For an 8-bit READ, read waveforms start after WRITE command and register address are issued.

Table 5: Two-Wire Serial Bus Characteristics

f EXTCLK = 27 MHz; VDD = 1.8V; VDD_IO = 2.8V; VAA = 2.8V; VAA_PIX = 2.8V; VDD_PLL = 2.8V; T^A = 25°C

Notes: 1. This table is based on I^2C standard (v2.1 January 2000). Philips Semiconductor.

2. Two-wire control is 1^2C -compatible.

3. All values referred to V_{IHmin} = 0.9 VDD and V_{ILmax} = 0.1VDD levels. Sensor EXCLK = 27 MHz.

4. A device must internally provide a hold time of at least 300 ns for the SDATA signal to bridge the undefined region of the falling edge of SCLK.

5. The maximum ^tHD;DAT has only to be met if the device does not stretch the LOW period (^tLOW) of the SCLK signal.

6. A Fast-mode I^2C -bus device can be used in a Standard-mode I^2C -bus system, but the requirement ^tSU;DAT 250 ns must then be met. This will automatically be the case if the device does not stretch the LOW period of the SCLK signal. If such a device does stretch the LOW period of the SCLK signal, it must output the next data bit to the S<code>DATA</code> line t r max + t SU;<code>DAT</code> = 1000 + 250 = 1250 ns (according to the Standard-mode I^2C -bus specification) before the SCLK line is released.

7. Cb = total capacitance of one bus line in pF.

I/O Timing

By default, the MT9M021/MT9M031 launches pixel data, FV and LV with the falling edge of PIXCLK. The expectation is that the user captures DOUT[11:0], FV and LV using the rising edge of PIXCLK. The launch edge of PIXCLK can be configured in register R0x3028.

See [Figure 7](#page-13-0) below and [Table 6 on page 14](#page-13-1) for I/O timing (AC) characteristics.

Figure 7: I/O Timing Diagram

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Table 6: I/O Timing Characteristics¹

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Notes: 1. Minimum and maximum values are taken at the temperature and voltage limits; for instance, 70°C ambient at 90% of VDD_IO, and -30°C at 110% of VDD_IO. All values are taken at the 50% transition point. The loading used is 20pF.

2. Jitter from PIXCLK is already taken into account as the data of all the output parameters.

Table 7: I/O Rise Slew Rate (2.8V VDD_IO)¹

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Table 8: I/O Fall Slew Rate (2.8V VDD_IO)¹

Note: 1. Minimum and maximum values are taken at the temperature and voltage limits; for instance, 70°C ambient at 90% of VDD IO, and -30°C at 110% of VDD IO. All values are taken at the 50% transition point. The loading used is 20pF.

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DC Electrical Characteristics

The DC electrical characteristics are shown in [Table 11,](#page-16-0) [Table 12,](#page-16-1) [Table 13](#page-16-2), and [Table 14](#page-17-0).

Table 11: DC Electrical Characteristics

Caution Stresses greater than those listed in [Table 12](#page-16-1) may cause permanent damage to the device. This is a stress rating only, and functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions above those indicated in the operational sections of this specification is not implied.

Table 12: Absolute Maximum Ratings

Note: 1. Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect reliability.

Table 13: Operating Current Consumption for Parallel Output

VAA = VAA_PIX = VDD_IO = VDD_PLL = 2.8V; VDD= 1.8V; PLL Enabled and PIXCLK = 74.25 MHz; TA = 25°C; CLOAD = 10pF

Note: 1. IDD_IO operating current is specified with image at 1/2 saturation level.

Table 14: Standby Current Consumption

Analog - VAA + VAA_PIX + VDD_PLL; Digital - VDD + VDD_IO; T_A = 25°C

HiSPi Electrical Specifications

The ON Semiconductor MT9M021/MT9M031 sensor supports SLVS mode only, and does not have a DLL for timing adjustments. Refer to the High-Speed Serial Pixel (HiSPi) Interface Physical Layer Specification v2.00.00 for electrical definitions, specifications, and timing information. The VDD_SLVS supply in this datasheet corresponds to VDD_TX in the HiSPi Physical Layer Specification. Similarly, VDD is equivalent to VDD_HiSPi as referenced in the specification. The HiSPi transmitter electrical specifications are listed at 700 MHz.

Table 15: Input Voltage and Current (HiSPi Power Supply 0.4 V)

Measurement Conditions: Max Freq 700 MHz

Figure 8: Differential Output Voltage for Clock or Data Pairs

Table 16: Rise and Fall Times

Measurement Conditions: HiSPi Power Supply 0.4V, Max Freq 700 MHz

Notes: 1. One UI is defined as the normalized mean time between one edge and the following edge of the clock.

- 2. Taken from 0V crossing point w/ DLL off.
- 3. Also defined with a maximum loading capacitance of 10pF on any pin. The loading capacitance may also need to be less for higher bitrates so the rise and fall times do not exceed the maximum 0.3UI.
- 4. The absolute mean skew between the Clock lane and any Data Lane in the same PHY between any edges.
- 5. The absolute mean skew between any Clock in one PHY and any Data lane in any other PHY between any edges.
- 6. Differential skew is defined as the skew between complementary outputs. It is measured as the absolute time between the two complementary edges at mean VCM point.

Figure 9: Eye Diagram for Clock and Data Signals

Figure 10: Skew Within the PHY and Output Channels

Power-On Reset and Standby Timing

Power-Up Sequence

The recommended power-up sequence for the MT9M021/MT9M031 is shown in [Figure 11.](#page-20-1) The available power supplies (VDD_IO, VDD, VDD_SLVS, VDD_PLL, VAA, VAA_PIX) must have the separation specified below.

- 1. Turn on VDD_PLL power supply.
- 2. After 0–10 μ s, turn on VAA and VAA_PIX power supply.
- 3. After 0-10 μ s, turn on VDD_IO power supply.
- 4. After the last power supply is stable, enable EXTCLK.
- 5. Assert RESET_BAR for at least 1ms.
- 6. Wait 150000 EXTCLKs (for internal initialization into software standby.
- 7. Configure PLL, output, and image settings to desired values.
- 8. Wait 1ms for the PLL to lock.
- 9. Set streaming mode (R0x301a[2] = 1).

Figure 11: Power Up

Table 17: Power-Up Sequence

Notes: 1. Xtal settling time is component-dependent, usually taking about $10 - 100$ ms.

- 2. Hard reset time is the minimum time required after power rails are settled. In a circuit where hard reset is held down by RC circuit, then the RC time must include the all power rail settle time and Xtal settle time.
- 3. It is critical that VDD_PLL is not powered up after the other power supplies. It must be powered before or at least at the same time as the others. If the case happens that VDD PLL is powered after

other supplies then the sensor may have functionality issues and will experience high current draw on this supply.

Power-Down Sequence

The recommended power-down sequence for the MT9M021/MT9M031 is shown in [Figure 12.](#page-21-0) The available power supplies (VDD_IO, VDD, VDD_SLVS, VDD_PLL, VAA, VAA_PIX) must have the separation specified below.

- 1. Disable streaming if output is active by setting standby $R0x301a[2] = 0$
- 2. The soft standby state is reached after the current row or frame, depending on configuration, has ended.
- 3. Turn off VDD_SLVS.
- 4. Turn off VDD.
- 5. Turn off VDD_IO
- 6. Turn off VAA/VAA_PIX.
- 7. Turn off VDD_PLL.

Figure 12: Power Down

Table 18: Power-Down Sequence

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Note: t4 is required between power down and next power up time; all decoupling caps from regulators must be completely discharged.

Figure 13: Quantum Efficiency – Monochrome Sensor

Package Dimensions

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SEATING PLANE

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