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IBIS4-1300 1.3 MPxl Rolling Shutter CMOS Image Sensor

Overview

The IBIS4-1300 is a digital CMOS active pixel image sensor with SXGA format.

Due to a patented pixel configuration a 60% fill factor and 50% quantum efficiency are obtained. This is combined with an on-chip double sampling technique to cancel fixed pattern noise.

Features

- SXGA resolution: 1280 x 1024 pixels
- \blacksquare High sensitivity 20 μ V/e⁻
- High fill factor 60%
- Quantum efficiency > 50% between 500 and 700 nm.
- 20 noise electrons = 50 noise photons
- Dynamic range: 69 dB (2750:1) in single slope operation
- Extended dynamic range mode (80...100 dB) in double slope integration
- On-chip 10 bit, 10 mega Samples/s ADC
- Programmable gain and offset output amplifier
- 4:1 sub sampling viewfinder mode (320x256 pixels)
- Electronic shutter
- \blacksquare 7 x 7 μ m 2 pixels
- Low fixed pattern noise (1% Vsat p/p)
- **Low dark current: 344 pA/cm²**
- (1055 electrons/s, 1 minute auto saturation)
- RGB or monochrome
- Digital (ADC) gamma correction

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Architecture of Image Sensor

The IBIS4-1300 is an SXGA CMOS image sensor. The chip is composed of 3 modules: an image sensor core, a programmable gain output amplifier, and an on-chip 10 bit ADC.

[Figure 1.](#page-1-0) shows the architecture of the image sensor core.

Figure 1. Architecture of Image Sensor Core

Image Sensor Core - Focal Plane Array

The core of the sensor is the pixel array with 1280 x 1024 (SXGA) active pixels. The name 'active pixels' refers to the amplifying element in each pixel.

This type of pixels offer a high light sensitivity combined with low temporal noise. The actual array size is 1286 x 1030 including the 6 dummy pixels in X and Y. Although the dummy pixels fall outside the SXGA format, their information can be used e.g. for color filter array interpolation.

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Next to the pixel array there are two Y shift registers, and one X shift register with the column amplifiers. The shift registers act as pointers to a certain row or column. The Y readout shift register accesses the row (line) of pixels that is currently readout. The X shift register selects a particular pixel of this row. The second Y shift register is used to point at the row of pixels that is reset. The delay between both Y row pointers determines the integration time -thus realizing the electronic shutter.

A clock and a synchronization pulse control the shift registers. On every clock pulse, the pointer shifts one row/column further. A sync pulse is used to reset and initialize the shift registers to their first position.

The smart column amplifiers compensate the offset variations between individual pixels. To do so, they need a specific pulse pattern on specific control signals before the start of the row readout.

[Table 1.](#page-2-0) summarizes the optical and electrical characteristics of the image sensor. Some specifications are influenced by the output amplifier gain setting (e.g., temporal noise, conversion factor,...). Therefore, all specifications are referred to an output amplifier gain equal to 1.

Table 1. Optical and Electrical Characteristics (continued)

Pixel Characteristics

Note 1. The pixel rate can be boosted to 37.5 MHz. This requires a few measures.

□ increase the analog bandwidth by halving the resistor on pin Nbias_oamp
□ increase the ADC speed by the resistors related to the ADC speed (nbiasana1, nbiasana2, pbiasencload)

❐ experimentally fine tune the relative occurrence of the ADC clock relative to the X-pixel clock.

Note

2. The pure digital scan speed in X and Y direction is roughly 50 MHz. This is maximum speed for skipping rows and columns.

Table 1. Optical and Electrical Characteristics (continued)

Light Sensitivity

[Figure 3.](#page-4-0) shows the spectral response characteristic. The curve is measured directly on the pixels. It includes effects of non-sensitive areas in the pixel, e.g., interconnection lines. The sensor is light sensitive between 400 and 1000 nm. The peak QE

* FF is more than 30% between 500 and 700 nm. In view of a fill factor of 60%, the QE is thus larger than 50% between 500 and 700 nm.

Figure 4. Near Infrared Spectral Response

Calculation of Sensitivity in [V/lx.s]

Color Sensitivity

[Figure 5.](#page-6-0) shows the pixel response curve in linear response mode. This curve is the relation between the electrons detected in the pixel and the output signal. This curve was measured with light of 600 nm, with an integration time of 138.75 ms (10 MHz pixel rate), at minimal gain setting 0000. The resulting voltage/electron curve is independent of these parameters. The conversion gain is 18 µV/electron for this gain setting.

Note that the upper part of the curve (near saturation) is actually a logarithmic response, similar to the FUGA1000 sensor.

The level of saturation can be adjusted by the voltage on GND-AB. However, note also that this logarithmic part of the response is not FPN corrected by the on-chip offset correction circuitry.

The signal swing (and thus the dynamic range) is extended by increasing the Vdd_reset (pins 59/79) To 5.5V. This is mode of operation is not further documented.

Table 2. shows the pins of the IC that are related to the image sensor core, describing their functionality.

Table 2. Pins of the Image Sensor Core

Digital Controls

Table 2. Pins of the Image Sensor Core (continued)

Output Amplifier

The output amplifier stage is user-programmable for gain and offset level. Gain and offset are controlled by 4-bit wide words. Gain settings are on an exponential scale. Offset is controlled by a 4-bit wide DAC, which selects the offset voltage between 2 reference voltages (Vhigh_dac and Vlow_dac) on a linear scale.

The offset setting is independent of the gain setting.

The gain setting is independent of amplifier bandwidth.

The amplifier is designed to match the specifications like the output of the imager array. This signal has a data rate Of 10 MHz and is located between 1.2 and 2.4V. [Table 3.](#page-8-0) Summarizes the specifications of the amplifier.

Table 3. Summary of Output Amplifier Specifications

The range of the output stage input is between 1 and 4V. A lowest gain the sensor outputs a signal in between 1.2 and 2.2V, which fits into the input range of the amplifier. The range of the output signal is between 1 and 4.5V, dependent on the gain and offset settings of the amplifier. This range should fit to the input range of the ADC, external or internal. The on-chip ADC range is between 2 and 4V. A minimal gain setting of "3" seems necessary for the internal ADC, and the offset voltage should be set to the low-reference voltage of the ADC.

Figure 6. Output Amplifier Architecture

[Figure 6.](#page-9-0) shows the architecture of the output amplifier. First of all, there is a multiplexer which selects either the imager core signal or an external pin EXTIN as the input of the amplifier. EXTIN can be used for evaluation, or to feed alternative data to the output.

SEL_EXTIN controls this switch.

Then, the signal is fed to the first amplifier stage. This stage has an adjustable gain, controlled by a 4-bit word ('gc_bit0...3').

Then, the upper level of the signal must be clipped in some situations (clipping sometimes is necessary when the imager signal is highly saturated, which affects the calibration level. This is visible as black banding at the right side of bright objects in the scene). In order to do this, a voltage should be applied to the 'Clip' pin. The signal is clipped if it is higher than Vclip - Vth,pmos, where Vth,pmos is the PMOS threshold voltage and is typically -1 V. If clipping is not necessary, 5 V should be applied to 'Clip'.

After this, the offset level is added. This offset level is set by a DAC, controlled by a 4-bit word (DAC_bit0...3). The offset level can be calibrated in two modes: fast offset adjustment or slow offset adjustment. This is controlled by 'calib_s' and 'calib_f'. The slow adjustment yields a somewhat cleaner image.

After this, the signal is buffered by a unity feedback amplifier and it leaves the chip. This 2nd amplifier stage determines the maximal readout speed, i.e., the bandwidth and the slew rate of the output signal. The whole amplifier chain is designed for a data rate of 10 Mpix/s (at 40 pF). (It is up to the experimenter to increase this speed by reducing the various setting resistors)

Table 4. shows the IBIS4-1300 pins used by the output amplifier with a short functional description. Power and ground lines are shared between the output amplifier and the image sensor.

Output Amplifier Offset Level Adjustment

The purpose of this adjustment is to bring the pixel voltage range as good as possible within the ADC range. The offset level of the output signal is controlled by a 4-bit resistive DAC. This DAC selects the offset level on a linear scale between 2 reference voltages. These reference voltages are applied to Vlow_dac and Vhigh_dac.

This offset level is adjusted during the calibration phase. During this phase, the amplifier input should be constant and refers to the 'zero' signal situation. The IBIS4-1300 outputs a dark reference signal after a row has been read out completely. This signal can be used as the 'zero signal' reference. Alternatively one can apply an external reference on pin EXTIN, which is applied to the output amplifier when SEL_EXTIN is 1.

Offset adjustment can be done during row or frame blanking time.

Figure 7. Offset Adjustment: Fast Offset Adjustment Mode

There are 2 modes of offset calibration for the output amplifier: slow and fast adjustment. [Figure 7.](#page-10-0) shows the timing and signal waveforms for fast offset adjustment mode. Closing both 'calib_f' and 'unitygain' operates it. After 'calib_f' is opened again, the offset level is adjusted to the desired value in a single cycle. The signal applied to the output amplifier should be stable just before and during the adjustment phase. The same is true for the DAC output.

The signal applied to the output amplifier can be either:

- The signal generated by the electrical dark reference in the imager core itself, i.e., the pixels named "dark" in [Figure 20.](#page-23-0)
- Apply the reference from outside on the pin EXTIN, controlled by SEL_EXTIN.

If this fast offset adjustment is used, it should be done once each frame, before the readout of the frame starts, e.g., during the blanking time of the first line.

Figure 8. Slow Offset Adjustment Mode

[Figure 8.](#page-10-1) shows the timing and signal waveforms for slow offset adjustment mode. It is operated by pulsing 'calib_s'. The amplifier input signal must be stable and refer to 'dark' signal at the moment when calib_s goes low. The offset is slowly adjusted

with a time constant of about 100 of these pulses. One pulse is then generated during each row blanking time.

The baseline is to use the fast calibration once per image. The slow calibration is intended as alternative if, for very slow readout, the offset drifts during the image.

Table 4. Pins Involved in Output Amplifier Circuitry

Output Amplifier Gain Control

Figure 9. Output Amplifier DC Gain

Table 5. DC Gain of Output Amplifier for Different Gain Settings

Gain Setting	DC Gain (<1 MHz)	Gain Setting	DC Gain (<1 MHz)
0000	1.28	1000	5.33
0001	1.51	1001	6.37
0010	1.82	1010	7.41
0011	2.13	1011	8.91
0100	2.60	1100	10.70
0101	3.11	1101	12.65
0110	3.71	1110	15.01
0111	4.40	1111	17.53

The output amplifier gain is controlled by a 4-bit word. In principle, the output amplifier can be configured in unity feedback mode by a permanent high signal on UNITYGAIN, but the purpose of this mode is purely diagnostic. The "normal" gain settings vary on an exponential scale. [Figure 9.](#page-12-0) and [Table 5.](#page-12-1) report all gain settings.

In first approximation, the gain setting is independent of bandwidth, as the amplifier is a 2-stage design. The first stage sets the gain, and the second stage is a unity gain buffer, that determines bandwidth and slew rate. There is however some influence of gain setting on bandwidth. [Figure 10.](#page-13-0) shows the output amplifier bandwidth for all gain settings.

Figure 10. Output Amplifier Bandwidth for Different Gain Settings

Figure 11. Typical Transfer Characteristic of Output Amplifier (no Clipping, Voffset = 2 V, Input Signal During Offset Adjustment is 1.2 V)

[Figure 11.](#page-13-1) shows the output characteristic curve in a typical case for the imager. The offset voltage is adjusted to 2 V, which corresponds to the low-level voltage of the ADC. Clipping is off, and the input signal is changed between 0 and 5 V. During offset adjustment (when calib \overline{s} is switched from 1 -> 0 or when calib f is on), the input signal is at 1.2 V. This level corresponds to the imager dark reference output. The input signal is transferred to the output by adding a 2V offset and multiplication with the appropriate gain. The input signal of dark pixels (at 1.2 V) corresponds with 2 V at the output. Higher input signals are amplified. The curves for 3 typical gain settings are shown (unity gain, setting 3, 7, and11).

Again, as can be seen on the above figure, the applied input signal during the output amplifier calibration (by 'CALIB S' or 'CALIB_F') is the reference level to which the signal is amplified. During this calibration, a stable input is required.

Setting of the VLOW_DAC and VHIGH_DAC Reference Voltages

VLOW_DAC & VHIGH_DAC are the reference voltages for the DAC. They represent the 0000 resp. 1111 code. The internal series resistance is about 1.3 kOhms. They can be connected as in [Figure 12.](#page-14-0), and decoupled to ground.

Analog-to-Digital Converter

The IBIS4-1300 has a 10-bit Flash analog-to-digital converter running nominally at 10 Msamples/s. The ADC is electrically separated from the image sensor. The input of the ADC ("IN_ADC") should be tied externally to the OUTPUT of the output amplifier.

Table 6. ADC Specifications

Note

^{4.} Project partners have demonstrated 20 MHz data rate by careful timing and by decreasing some or all of the resistors on NBIAS* and PBIAS*.

ADC Timing

The ADC converts on the falling edge of the CLK_ADC clock. The input signal should be stable during a time Ts before the falling clock edge. The digital output is available Td after the falling clock edge [\(Figure 13.](#page-15-0), Ts = 100 ns, Td = 50 ns). These

values are the delays to obtain a stable LSB after a half-scale swing of the input signal. For the MSB to become stable, Ts=20 ns is sufficient. For a full scale input swing (which normally doesn't appear with image sensors), Ts is 140 ns for the LSB and 20 ns for the MSB.

TRI_ADC can be used to put the output bits in a tristate mode (e.g., for bidirectional buses). If this is used, the output signal becomes valid 50 ns after the falling edge on TRI_ADC.

BITINVERT can be used to invert the output word, if necessary (one's complement). When NONLINEAR is high, the ADC conversion is non-linear. The contrast will be higher in dark image regions, and lower in bright areas, similar to gamma correction.

Table 7. ADC Pins

Table 7. ADC Pins (continued)

Control of the VLOW_ADC & VHIGH_ADC Reference Voltages

VLOW_ADC and VHIGH_ADC are the reference voltages for a 0 and 1023 code. A 2K-resistor ladder internally connects them. The appropriate 2V and 4V DC voltages can be obtained as in [Table 7.](#page-15-1) pins of the ADC, and decoupled to ground.

Linear and Non-Linear Conversion Mode - "Gamma" Correction

Figure 14. Linear and Non-Linear ADC Conversion Characteristic

[Figure 14.](#page-16-0) shows the ADC transfer characteristic. For this measurement, the ADC input was connected to a 16-bit DAC. The input voltage was a 100 kHz triangle waveform.

The non-linear ADC conversion is intended for gamma-correction of the images. It increases contrast in dark areas and reduces contrast in bright areas. The non-linear curve is tolerant for external pixel offset error correction. This means that pixel offset variations can be corrected by changing the offset after the non-linear AD conversion. This is so because the non-linear transfer function is

 $H(s) = 1 - exp(-a*s)$

by design, and neglecting the offset, the relation between the non-linear output (y) and the linear output (x) is exactly:

 $Y = 1024 * (1 - exp(-x/713)) / (1 - exp(-1024/713))$

This law yields an increased accuracy of about a factor 2 near the zero end of the scale. It is thus possible to obtain an effective 11 bit accuracy on a linear scale after post processing by applying the reverse law to the non-linear output:

 $Z = -2 * 713 * ln(1 - y/(1024/(1-exp(-1024/713)))) = -1426 * ln(1-y/1343.5)$

Then Z is an 11-bit linear output in the range 0...2047.

Operation of the Image Sensor

Set Configuration and Pulse Timing

[Figure 15.](#page-18-0) shows a typical operation mode of the image sensor.

At the start of a new frame, the device may be reconfigured. If necessary, the output amplifier gain and offset are adjusted or the device is put in viewfinder mode.

Then, the frame readout shift register is initiated by pulsing "SYNC_YR". This pulse occurs once per frame, normally as a part of the first row blanking sequence.

The readout of a row (line) starts with row blanking initialization sequence. Here several pulses are applied for Y-direction shift, the column amplifier S&H and nulling, and the start (SYNC_X) of the X-direction shift register.

The frame reset shift register is started also once per frame by "SYNC_YL", this pulse occurs once per frame, normally as a part of the row blanking sequence of one particular row. The time delay from the SYNC_YL to SYNC_YR is the integration time. The integration is thus a multiple of the row readout time. The reset shift register always leads the readout shift register. Therefore, the integration time should be determined before the start of the frame readout. The value that is fixed at that moment will be the integration time of the NEXT frame. If the value set for the integration time changes during frame readout, the start pulse might be lost and the next frame might be invalid. We will now discuss all steps in more detail.

Set Configuration

Configuration of the image sensor implies control and adjustment of the following points:

- output amplifier offset level, set by 'dac_bit[0...3]'
- output amplifier gain setting, set by 'gc_bit[0...3]'

Viewfinder Mode Versus Normal Readout

- choose the integration time of the next frame
- set/clear viewfinder mode (pin 'subsampl')
- in case when the fast adjustment of the offset level is used, plus 'calib_f' and 'unitygain' as described before in [Figure 7.](#page-10-0) and [Figure 8.](#page-10-1)

In full image readout mode (pin 84, subsmpl $= 0$), the imager is a 1280 x 1024 SXGA image sensor. There are 3 dummy pixels read at all 4 borders of the image.

In viewfinder mode (subsmpl = 1), the imager acts as a 320×256 QVGA image sensor with one dummy pixel at the start of a row/column.

[Table 8.](#page-19-0) shows which column or row is selected after a number of clock pulses.

Start of the Y Shift Registers for Row Readout and Row Reset

The shift registers are put in their initial state by a synchronization- or start pulse. (sync_x, sync_yr, sync_yl). The synchronization signal is low-active and should only be generated when the clock of the shift register is high. After the synchronization pulse, two falling clock edges are needed to skip dummy pixels/lines. On every falling clock edge, the shift register selects a new row for readout or reset. [Figure 16.](#page-20-0) shows this timing.

Figure 16. Timing of Y Shift Registers (for Row Selection)

Figure 17. End-of-Scan Pulse

End-of-Scan: EOS_YL, EOS_YR, EOS_X

All three shift registers are equipped with 'end-of-scan' pulses. These pulses are low during the clock period after the last pixel or row has been read out, also in viewfinder mode.

At the EOS_X pulse, the electrical dark reference level is put on the readout bus. This voltage remains on the bus until the SIN pulse goes high. During the row blanking time, this voltage can be used for the offset adjustment of the output amplifier. The SIN high forces the DCREF voltage on the output bus.

We advise not to use the EOS pulses as an input for the row blanking time sequence generation, but to use simple counters

instead. If by some reasons the EOS signal is absent or subject to glitches, the system would hang. EOS is intended as diagnostic means.

Row Initialization

During the row blanking time (which occurs at the beginning of every row read), several tasks are executed: selection of a new row, readout of this row by double sampling, reset of a new row, and possibly (slow) offset adjustment of the output amplifier. Therefore, a pulse patterns must be applied to several signals during this time. There is some freedom to make this pattern. The constraints are listed below:

Figure 18. Timing Constraints for Row Readout Initialization (Blanking Time)

[Figure 18.](#page-21-0) and [Table 9.](#page-21-1) illustrate the timing constraints of the row initialization/ blanking sequence.

- The EOS_X pulse flags the end of the scanning of previous line, and should be considered as a diagnostic means only. The blanking sequence could start earlier or later.
- The next row (=line) is selected after the falling edge of CLK_YR and CLK_YL,
- The column amplifiers receive the signals on the pixels array columns buses when SHY is low (transparent).
- The SIN pulse (high) forces the column amplifiers in an "offset nulling" state.
- After 3 us, the column amplifiers have reached offset-free equilibrium, and the SIN pulse is brought low again. The pixel's signal level is thus stored in the column amplifier.
- After that the pixels in the selected row (line) are be reset (first pulse on RESET).
- Consequently the reset level is frozen in the column amplifiers when SHY goes high. Both signal level and reset level have now been applied to the column amplifiers. The sample hold (SHY) guarantees that this information will not change anymore during readout of the line.
- Now, the row is ready for readout. A pulse on SYNC_X must be given to start the row readout. SYNC_X initiates the X-direction scanning register. The scanning itself is controlled by CLOCK_X.
- During the beginning of the row readout, or possibly before, the RESET pulse for the electronic shutter (ES) must be given, if the ES is used. This is a pulse on RESET together with a high level on L/R. If the ES is not used, L/R remains low and the second RESET pulse is not generated.

During some or the entire row blanking times, the output amplifier can be calibrated.

If the slow calibration method is used, pulse the 'CALIB_S' pin once per line. The calibration happens on the rising edge of the pulse.

If the fast calibration is used, the 'CALIB_F' should be pulsed during the row blanking time of the first row only. This calibration happens during the time that the pulse is high.

During this calibration, the input applied to the amplifier must be the dark reference, which can either be the built-in electrical dark reference, or an external dark reference on the pin EXTIN.

Figure 19. Pulse on 'CALIB_F'& 'UNITYGAIN' to be Given Once Per Frame, or on CALIB_S Once Per Line

The X-Direction Shift Register

The X shift register behaves like the Y shift registers.

The sequence if initiated by SYNC_X, which should occur when CLOCK_X is high. As CLOCK_X is halted during the blanking time, the SYNC_X pulse could occur anywhere, and be taken equal to some other pulse (e.g. CLOCK_Y).

The first real (dummy) pixel is read out after the 3rd falling edge on the clock. Dummy pixels are perfectly operational pixels, but are added to shield the "real" pixels from the cross talk of the periphery.

Figure 20. Timing of X Shift Register and Pixels Readout

On-Chip Generated Electrical Dark References

The sensor outputs a electrical dark reference level after the 2nd falling edge on the clock (after sync).

At the end of the row readout, after EOS_X becomes low, the sensor outputs the electrical dark reference voltage also, and it remains present on the on the readout bus until SIN goes high.

Note that if the X-register is reset before the EOS is reached, the dark reference is not put on the bus. Use the dark reference of the beginning of the line instead.

Pixel Readout

The same continuous 10 MHz clock drives CLK_ADC and CLK_X. On the falling edge of CLK_X, a new pixel is selected and propagates to the output amplifier. At the same time, the ADC input is frozen by the falling edge on CLK_ADC. The digital output has a delay of one pixel compared to the analog signal. The digital output becomes valid between 25 to 50 ns after the falling edge on CLK ADC.

If the end of a row is reached, the sensor outputs an end-of-scan (EOS) pulse during one pulse period. And the electrical black reference level appears at the output for all successive pulses. So, the same 10 MHz clock can drive CLK_X and CLK_ADC.

Example: tIming Used on IBIS4 Breadboard

The next figure is the timing as used in the IBIS4 breadboard version 12 January 2000. In this baseline only CALIB_F is used (pulsing once per frame). CALIB_S (pulse every line) is shown as reference, but is actually not used in the baseline. The UNITY_GAIN pulse is identical to CALIB_F.

Figure 22. Pulse Sequence Used in IBIS4 Breadboard v. January 2000

Illumination Control

There are two means of controlling the illumination level electrically. For high light levels, there is an electronic shutter. For low light levels, the output signal can be amplified by controlling the output amplifier gain. The offset level of the signal can also be controlled digitally.

ìRolling Curtain" Electronic Shutter

The electronic shutter can reduce the integration time (= exposure time). This is achieved by an additional reset pulse every frame. In this way, the integration time is reduced to a fraction of the frame readout time.

There are two Y shift registers. One of them points at the row that is currently being read out. The other shift register points at the row that is currently being reset. Both pointers are shifted by the same Y-clock and move over the focal plane. The integration time is set by the delay between both pointers.

Figure 23. Schematic Representation of Curtain Type Electronic Shutter

This is a so-called 'rolling curtain'-type shutter. It 'rolls' over the focal plane.

The left and right shift registers can be used both for pointing to the row that is readout or the row that is reset. The shift register that is active for readout or reset is selected by the signal on L/R. In the above timing diagrams, we use the R shift register for readout, and the L shift register for electronic shutter reset. We call them the readout shift register and reset shift register.

The integration time is controlled by the delay between the SYNCY_L and SYNCY_R pulse. The shorter this delay, the shorter the integration time and the smaller the output signal will be.

If the electronic shutter is not used, the L/R signal is not pulsed. The integration time is then equal to the frame readout time.

For proper operation of the ES, the CLOCK_Y must come as an uninterrupted pulse train. Also during the dead time between frames the CLOCK_Y must be clocked. The reason is that each line should see the same elapsed time between the "ES-reset" and the reset of the line being read-out. If the CLOCK_Y is halted, the lines between the two pointers will have a longer effective integration time, and appear brighter.

Gain Control

For low illumination levels, the electronic shutter is not used - or set to its maximal value. Longer integration times can only be obtained by decreasing the frame rate. As an alternative or in complement, one can increase the output amplifier gain.

The gain is controlled by a 4-bit word. Gain values vary between 1.2 and 16, and on an exponential scale, as the F-stops of a lens.

Of course, increasing the signal amplitude by increasing the gain, will also increase the noise level. The apparent increase of sensitivity is at the cost of a lower dynamic range.

Offset Level Adjustment

The offset level of the output signal is set by a 4-bit digital word. The offset level voltage is selected between VLOW_DAC and VHIGH_DAC on 16 taps.

"Double Slope" or "High-Dynamic Range" Mode

IBIS4-1300 has a feature to increase the dynamic range. The pixel response can be extended over a larger range of light intensities by using a "dual slope integration" (patents pending). This is obtained by the addition of charge packets from a long and a short integration time in the pixel during the same frame time.

Figure 24. Response Curve of the Pixels in Dual Slope Integration

[Figure 24](#page-25-0) shows the response curve of a pixel in dual slope integration mode. The curve also shows the response of the same pixel in linear integration mode, with a long and short integration time, at the same light levels.

Dual slope integration is obtained by

- Feeding a lower supply voltage to VDD_RESETL, e.g., apply 4 to 4.5 volts. The difference between this voltage and VDD determines the range of the high sensitivity, thus the output signal level at which the transition between high and low sensitivity occurs.
- Put the amplifier gain to the lowest value where the analog output swing covers the ADC's digital input swing. Increasing the amplification too much will likely boost the high sensitivity part over the whole ADC range.
- The electronic shutter determines the ratio of integration times of the two slopes. The high sensitivity ramp corresponds to "no electronic shutter", thus maximal integration time. The low sensitivity ramp corresponds to the electronics shutter value that would have been obtained in normal operation.

These example images are found at <http://www.fillfactory.com/htm/technology/htm/dual-slope.htm>.

Figure 25. Linear Long Exposure Time

Figure 26. Linear Short Exposure Time

Figure 27. Double Slope Integration

Electrical Parameters

Dc Voltages

VDD and GND

Nominal VDD-GND is 5V DC.

Overall current consumption for the different parts.

- imager core + output amplifier analog
- imager core digital
- ADC analog
- ADC digital
- Are quoted in the data sheets.

The sensor works properly when using a 7805 type of regulator.

Decoupling VDD to GND must happen close to the IC.

Other Applied DC Voltages

Should be clean as the VDD. Can be derived by resistive division of VDD-GND, and decoupled to VDD or GND (as indicated)

External Resistors

Are used as current mirror settings. Should be decoupled to the opposite rail voltage as the connection of the resistor (thus: if the resistor is tied to VDD, the capacitor is tied to GND). In practice the decoupling can be omitted for almost all signals - to be experimented.

Input / Output

Digital Inputs

Clean rail to rail CMOS levels. 10%-90% rise and fall times between 10 ns and 40 ns

Digital Outputs

Deliver CMOS level, able to drive 40 pF capacitive loads

Analog Output of Imager Core

Designed to drive a 40 pF capacitive load

Analog Input of ADC

Is equivalent to a capacitive load of typ. 15 pF

Pin Configuration

Pin List

Bonding Pad Geometry for the IBIS4-1300

- The 84 pins are distributed evenly around the perimeter of the Chip. At each edge there are 21 pins. Pin 1 is (in this drawing) in the middle of the left edge.
- The opening in the bonding pads (the useful area for bonding) is 200 x 150 um.
- The centers of the bonding pads are at all four edges at 150 um distance from the nominal chip border.
- The scribe line (=the spacing between the nominal borders of neighboring chips) is 250 um.
- The bonding pad pitch is 437 um in X-direction.
- The bonding pad pitch in Y-direction is 393 um.

■ Relative position of pads in corners: see the following figure (measures in um).

Color Filter Geometry Sensors with diagonal pattern have:

- Pixel (1,1) is RED
- First line sequence is BGRBGR
- Second line sequence is RBGRBG

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Sensors with Bayer pattern have:

- Pixel (1,1) is GREEN
- First line sequence is GRGRG
- Second line sequence is BGBGB

Package

- 84 pins ceramic LCC package (JLCC also available)
- Standard 0.04 inch pitch outline
- 0.46" square cavity
- Die thickness nominally 711 um +- 50um
- Clearance from top of die to bottom of glass lid: 400um nominally

Cover Glass

■ Size 18x18 mm for JLCC and LCC

Color Sensor

- Refractive index: 1,55
- Thickness: 0,75+-0.05 mm

Material: BG39

This material acts a NIR cut-off filter. The transmission characteristics are given in the figures ahead. The data used to create the transmission curve of the BG39 material can be obtained as an excel file upon simple request to info@fillfactory.com.

Figure 29. Transmission Characteristics of BG39 Glass Used as NIR Cut-Off Filter for IBIS4-1300 Color Image Sensors

Monochrome Sensor

■ Refractive index: 1,52

■ Thickness: 0,55+-0.05 mm

Material: D263

The transmission characteristics are given in [Figure 30](#page-32-0) below.

Figure 30. Transmission Characteristics of D263 Glass Used as Protective Cover for IBIS4-1300 Monochrome Image Sensors

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Temperature Dependence of Dark Signal

The above graph is measured on an IBIS4-1300 under nominal operation, using breadboard. This particular sensor has about 100 "bad pixels" at RT.

Average offset (=dark signal) and RMS (=FPN of dark signal) are measured versus temperature. Offset is referred to the "short tint" offset at 20 C. Integration time was 160 ms (= "long tint").

Y-axis is the output signal (100% = ADC range)

Useful Range of "Double Slope"

Which total dynamic range can reasonably be obtained with the dual slope feature of the IBIS4-1300?

Assuming that the "regular" S/N is 2000:1, and that one can put the knee point halfway the voltage range, the each piecewise linear halve has 1000:1 S/N. If the ratio between slopes is a, then the total dynamic range becomes (1000+a*1000):1.

Example, is a=10, then the total dynamic range becomes 11000:1.

In practice, acceptable images are obtained with a up to 10. Larger a's are useable, but near the knee, contrast artifacts become annoying.

Skipping Rows or Columns

Although these modes are not described in the datasheets, it is possible to skip rows or columns by simply applying additional CLK_YR + CLR_YL, or CLK_X pulses. The maximum clock frequency is not documented. But it is probable that one can reach at least 10 MHz in Y and 40 MHz in X.

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