

LiDAR Technologies

Applications and suitable components

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Advantages of Optical Distance Measurement

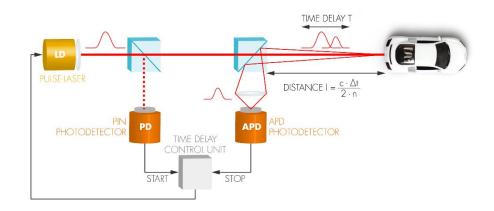
- Fast (c = 299 792 458 m/s,
 d.h. 1 ns corresponds to ca.
 30 cm)
- Contactless
- No wear and tear
- Different measuring ranges and measurement accuracy

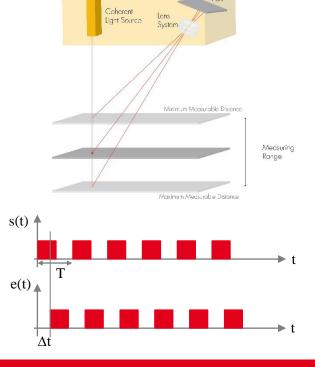




Variants of Optical Distance Measurement

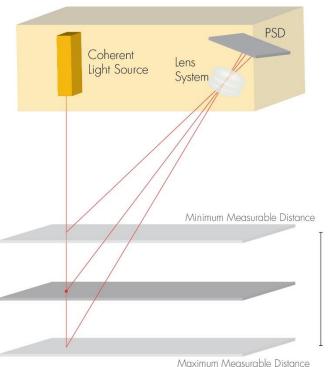
- Triangulation
- Phaseshift
- Time-of-Flight (ToF)







Measuring Principle of Triangulation



Suitable Components

Emitter:

- LED, collimiated laser diode, VCSEL

Detector:

- PSD, Differential or Quadrant-Photodiode, CCD



Measuring Range

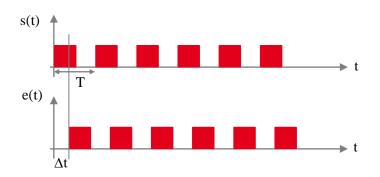
Measuring Range, Accuracy, Properties

- Measuring range 1 μm to max. 10 m, most 5-200 mm
- Accuracy of 0.01% possible (sub μm)
- Depending on the surface
- Inexpensive
- Robust





Measuring Principle of Phaseshift



The phase difference is obtained through the equation:

$$\phi = \frac{\Delta t}{T} * 2 \pi$$

Distance can be calculated by:

$$s_n = \frac{c * T}{4 \pi} (\phi + 2 \pi * n)$$



Suitable Components

Emitter:

- Laser diode, red / green / NIR

Detector:

- Low cost Si-APD, PIN-Photodiode

Measuring Range, Accuracy, Properties

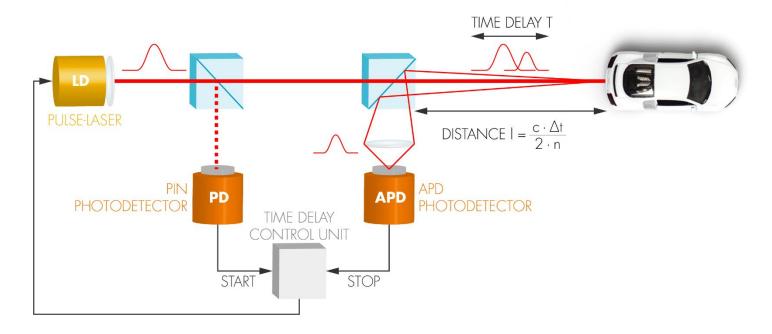
- Measuring range few cm up to max. 200 m
- Accurracy: mm-ramge
- High frequency (bis 1 GHz)
- Production costs low







Measuring Principle of TOF – Time of Flight





Measuring Range, Accuracy, Properties

- Measuring range 1 m up to >> 10 km
- Accurracy: mm-range possible, usually m-range
- ns / ps sulses
- short reaction time

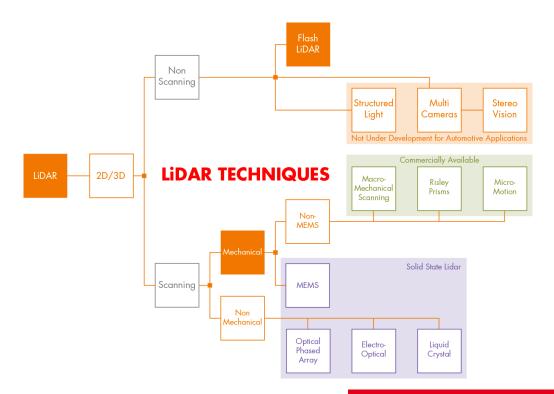




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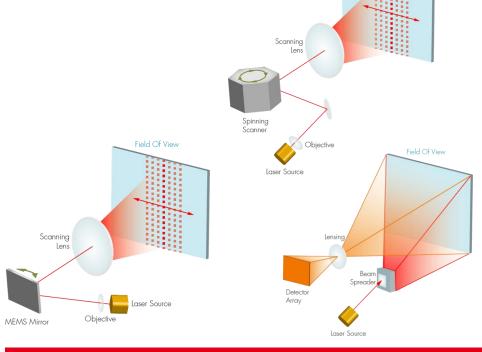
2D / 3D Scanner





Application: 3D Laser Scanner i.e. for Automotive

- 3D Laser Scanner
 - 905 nm PLDs (Arrays), QS-PLD (Quick Switch), Si-APDs (Arrays), Si-PM
- Solid State 3D Laser Scanner
 - 905 nm PLDs (Arrays), QS-PLD (Quick Switch), Si-APDs (Arrays), Si-PM
- Flash LiDAR
 - VCSELs, HPLD, SPADs, HD-SiPM

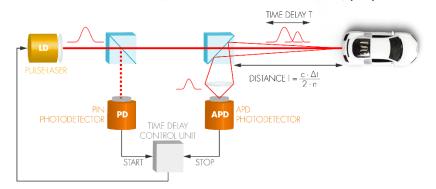


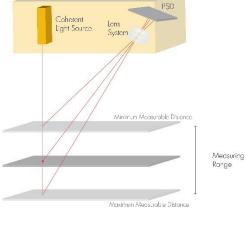
Field Of View

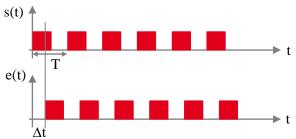


Summary

- Triangulation
 - $1 \mu m 100 m$, nm resolution possible
- Phaseshift
 - Frequency depending up to 200-300m, mm resolution, cheap
- Time-of-Flight
 - 1 m >> 10 km, short reaction time, ns/ps pulses









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