

# Matrox Radiant eCL

## Camera Interface Application Note

Sentech STC-CL202A

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### Basics about the camera

### Camera Descriptions

- Effective resolution:  $1620 \times 1236 \times 10\text{-bit}$  @ 15 fps.
- Camera Link BASE interface (Single tap).
- Progressive scan.
- Internal sync.
- Internal or external exposure control.
- 36.8181 MHz pixel clock rate.

Mode of operations as per  
Matrox Imaging (in parentheses  
as per camera manufacturer)

### Interface Mode

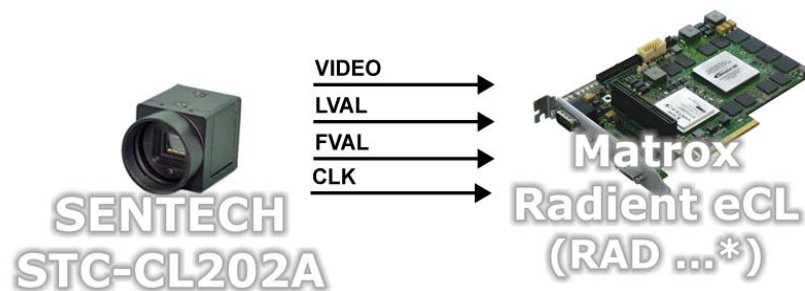
- Continuous (Continuous Mode)
- Pseudo-continuous (Pulse Width Trigger Mode)
- Asynchronous reset (Pulse Width Trigger Mode)

### Basics about the interface modes

### Camera Interface Briefs

#### Mode 1: Continuous

- $1620 \times 1236 \times 10\text{-bit}$  @ 15 fps.
- Camera Link BASE interface (Single tap).
- Matrox Radiant eCL receiving LVAL, FVAL, PIXEL CLOCK (CLK @ 36.8181 MHz) and video from camera.
- DCF used: [STC-CL202A\\_1620x1236\\_10bitCon.DCF](#)



#### Mode 2: Pseudo-continuous

- $1620 \times 1236 \times 10\text{-bit}$ .
- Camera Link BASE interface (Single tap).
- Matrox Radiant eCL sending TIMER 1 OUT (CC1) signal to camera to initiate and control the exposure.
- Matrox Radiant eCL receiving LVAL, FVAL, PIXEL CLOCK (CLK @ 36.8181 MHz) and video from camera.
- DCF used: [STC-CL202A\\_1620x1236\\_10bitPcon.DCF](#)

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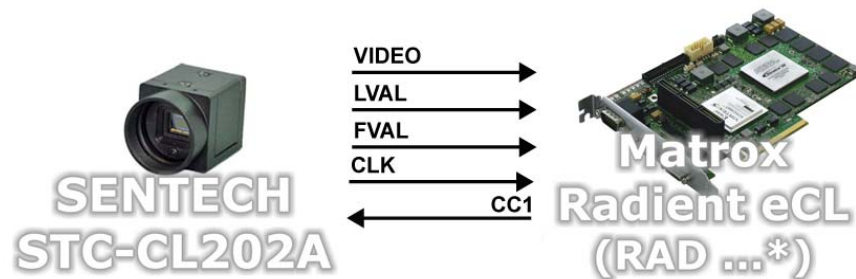
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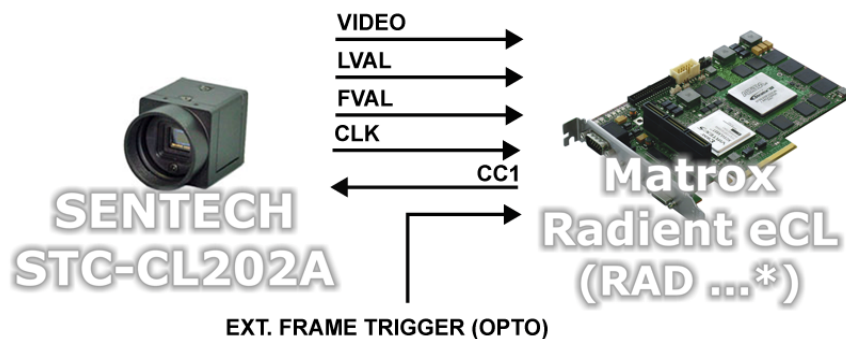
### Camera Interface Briefs (cont.)

#### Mode 2: Pseudo-continuous



#### Mode 3: Asynchronous reset

- 1620 × 1236 × 10-bit.
- Camera Link BASE interface (Single tap).
- Matrox Radiant eCL receiving external trigger signal.
- Matrox Radiant eCL sending TIMER 1 OUT (CC1) signal to camera to initiate and control the exposure.
- Matrox Radiant eCL receiving LVAL, FVAL, PIXEL CLOCK (CLK @ 36.8181 MHz) and video from camera.
- DCF used: [STC-CL202A\\_1620x1236\\_10bitAsync.DCF](#)



Specifics about the interface modes

### Camera Interface Details

#### Mode 1: Continuous

- **Frame rate:** Matrox Radiant eCL receives the continuous video from the camera at 15 frames per second.
- **Exposure time:** Exposure time is set using the integration time setting in the Camera Configuration utility. Refer to the camera manual for more information.

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*Specifics about the interface modes*

### Camera Interface Details (cont.)

#### *Mode 1: Continuous*

- **Camera control settings:** Set the camera using the Sentech SOF-Cube Camera Configuration Utility as follows: Trigger Mode = Normal | Output Mode = 10-bit

#### *Mode 2: Pseudo-continuous*

- **Frame rate:** The frame rate is determined by the frequency of the TIMER1 OUT (CC1) signal.
- **Exposure time:** The Active Duration of the TIMER1 OUT (CC1) signal is the exposure time, which can be modified in the DCF using Matrox Intellicam or with the MIL MdigControl() function. Consult the respective manual for more information.
- **Camera control settings:** Set the camera using the Sentech SOF-Cube Camera Configuration Utility as follows: Trigger Mode = Pulse Width Trigger | Output Mode = 10-bit | Trigger Reset Mode = V-Reset

#### *Mode 3: Asynchronous Reset*

- **Frame rate:** The frame rate is determined by the frequency of the external trigger signal. The period between the external trigger signals must be larger than the frame readout period plus the exposure time.
- **Exposure time:** Refer to Mode 2: Pseudo-continuous.
- **Camera settings:** Refer to Mode 2: Pseudo-continuous.

*Cabling details for the interface modes*

### Cabling Requirements

#### *Mode 1 and 2: Continuous and Pseudo-continuous*

- **Cable and Connection:** One Mini-To-Mini Camera Link cable.

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*Cabling details for the interface modes*

### Cabling Requirements (cont.)

#### *Mode 3: Asynchronous Reset*

- **Cable and Connection:** One Mini-To-Mini Camera Link cable.
- **External trigger:** External trigger should be connected to the external auxiliary I/O (connector A on Matrox Radiant eCL bracket).

#### **EXTERNAL AUX. I/O**

##### **(connector A)**

| PIN NAME       |  | PIN NO. | External Trigger Source |         |
|----------------|--|---------|-------------------------|---------|
|                |  |         | PIN NAME                | PIN NO. |
| OPTO_AUX_IN0 + |  | 15 ←    | SIGNAL                  | --      |
| OPTO_AUX_IN0 - |  | 09 ←    | GROUND                  | --      |

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