

Matrox Helios eCL/XCL

Camera Interface Application Note

SENTEC STC-CL1500

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Basics about the
camera

Camera Descriptions

- Effective resolution: $1360 \times 1024 \times 10\text{-bit}$ @ 15 fps.
- Camera Link BASE interface (Single channel).
- Progressive scan.
- Internal sync.
- Internal or external exposure control.
- 26.636 MHz pixel clock rate.

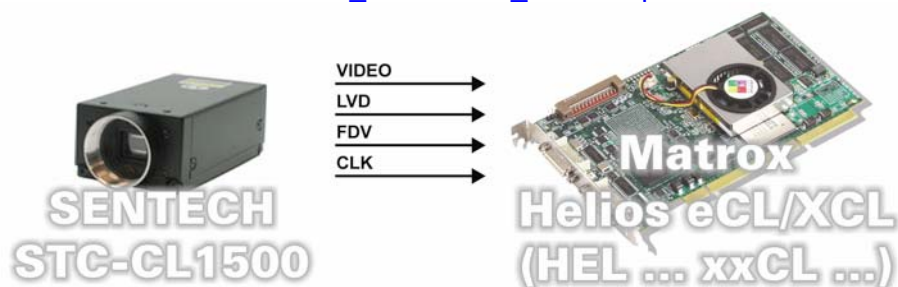
Interface Mode

- Continuous
- Pseudo-continuous
- Asynchronous reset (Level controlled exposure mode)

Camera Interface Briefs

Mode 1: Continuous

- $1360 \times 1024 \times 10\text{-bit}$ @ 15 fps.
- Camera Link BASE interface (Single channel).
- Progressive scan.
- Matrox Helios eCL/XCL receiving LDV, FDV, CLK and video signal from camera.
- DCF used: [STCCL1500_1360x1024_10bit1TapCon.DCF](#)



Mode 2: Pseudo-continuous

- $1360 \times 1024 \times 10\text{-bit}$.
- Camera Link BASE interface (Single channel).
- Progressive scan.
- Matrox Helios eCL/XCL sending periodic EXPOSURE2 (CC1) signal to camera to initiate and control exposure time.
- Matrox Helios eCL/XCL receiving LDV, FDV, CLK and video signal from camera.
- DCF used: [STCCL1500_1360x1024_10bit1TapPcon.DCF](#)

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

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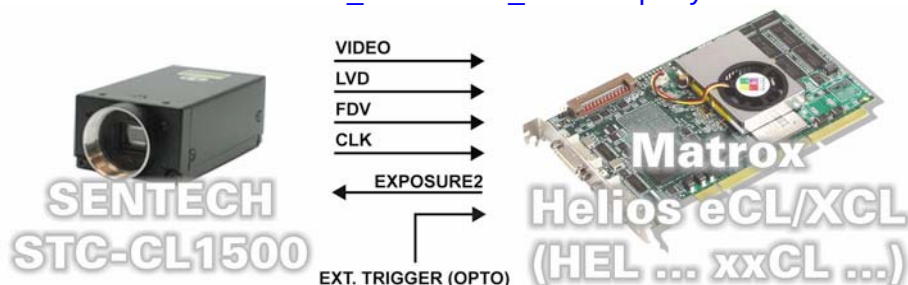
Camera Interface Briefs (cont.)

Mode 2: Pseudo-continuous



Mode 3: Asynchronous reset

- 1360 × 1024 × 10-bit.
- Camera Link BASE interface (Single channel).
- Progressive scan.
- Matrox Helios eCL/XCL receiving external trigger signal.
- Matrox Helios eCL/XCL sending EXPOSURE2 (CC1) signal to camera to initiate and control exposure time.
- Matrox Helios eCL/XCL receiving LDV, FDV, CLK and video signal from camera.
- DCF used: [STCCL1500_1360x1024_10bit1TapAsync.DCF](#)



Specifics about the
interface modes

Camera Interface Details

Mode 1: Continuous

- **Frame Rate:** Matrox Helios eCL/XCL receives the continuous video from the camera at 15 frames per second at full resolution.
- **Exposure time:** Exposure time is determined by the shutter setting. Refer to the camera manual for more information.
- **Camera switch settings:** Use the default switch settings.

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Camera Interface Details (cont.)

Mode 2: Pseudo-continuous

- **Frame Rate/Exposure time:** The frame rate is determined by the EXPOSURE2 (CC1) setting in the DCF. Changing the frequency (delay period) will control the frame rate, while changing the width (falling edge to rising edge) of EXPOSURE2 (CC1) controls the frame rate as well as exposure time. The frame rate and exposure time can be modified using Matrox Intellicam or with the MIL MdigControl() function. Refer to the respective manual for more information.
- **Camera switch settings:** Set the camera switch to **Level Controlled Exposure** by setting switch 2 of the 8 DIP switch to **ON**.

Mode 3: Asynchronous reset

- **Frame Rate:** The frame rate is determined by the frequency of the external trigger signal.
- **Exposure time:** The width (falling edge to rising edge) of the EXPOSURE2 (CC1) signal is the exposure time. The exposure time can be modified using Matrox Intellicam or with the MIL MdigControl() function. Refer to the respective manual for more information.
- **Camera switch settings:** Same as Mode 2: Pseudo-continuous.

Cabling Requirements

Modes 1 and 2: Continuous, Pseudo-continuous

- **Cable and Connection:** Standard Camera Link cable.

Mode 3: Asynchronous reset

- **Cable and Connection:** Standard Camera Link.
- **External trigger:** External trigger should be connected to the OPTO TRIG input of the 9-pin connector (pins 7 and 2) on the Expanded I/O adapter bracket.

EXPANDED I/O BRACKET

(9-pin connector)

		External Trigger Source	
OPTOTRIG +	07	←	SIGNAL --
OPTOTRIG -	02	←	GROUND --

Cabling details for the
interface modes

The DCFs mentioned in this application note are also attached (embedded) to this PDF file – use the Adobe Reader's View File Attachment to access the DCF files. The information furnished by Matrox Electronics System, Ltd. is believed to be accurate and reliable. Please verify all interface connections with camera documentation or manual. Contact your local sales representative or Matrox Sales office or Matrox Imaging Applications at 514-822-6061 for assistance. © Matrox Electronic Systems Ltd, 2006-2011.

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