Nowadays cars are only partially autonomous. The NCAP safety organizations are mandating driver monitoring systems (DMS) to detect driver distraction and drowsiness. Furthermore, the industry is advancing towards greater levels of automation in the coming years, but even then, the driver will still need to be able to take control in certain circumstances. Real-time monitoring of the driver’s attention level, position, and movements is therefore crucial. ToF technology is used today for gesture recognition. The potential scope of ToF, however, goes way beyond this use case: 3D ToF cameras are able to offer driver monitoring and in-cabin monitoring with a single wide field-of-view (e.g. 110°) camera.

Eyeware and Melexis have joined forces to create advanced driver monitoring system (DMS) demonstrators based on Melexis’ 3D ToF evaluation kits. The demonstrators show Eyeware’s attention-monitoring technology based on Melexis’ automotive qualified 3D ToF sensors to enable robust eye gaze and head tracking for in-cabin driver monitoring.

Solution benefits:
- 3D eye position tracking improves eye detection availability and eye state and eye gaze accuracy.
- higher flexibility for different camera mounting positions (dashboard, rear view mirror, A-pillar, etc.) and car types due to 3D head position detection
- extended head orientation range
- proven robustness versus sunlight (120 klux)
DRIVER MONITORING AND IN-CABIN MONITORING WITH A SINGLE 3D TIME-OF-FLIGHT CAMERA

Gen2 and Gen3 time-of-flight sensors

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Eye gaze and head pose overlay

WIDE HEAD MOVEMENT RANGE

EVK order codes

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Key benefits

Time-of-flight sensors:
- Fast read-out time and high FPS
- Sunlight invariance and robustness
- Operating temperature up to 105 °C ambient temp.
- Automotive grade, reliable CMOS process
- Safety manual for ASIL rated applications

DMS software:
- Gaze tracking
- Multi-person tracking
- Wide head-movement range
- Free positioning of camera
- Real-time 3D gaze vector

Comfort & UX
- Hand position detect
- Hand gestures
- Intuitive HMI, pointing finger
- Object detection, parcel classification
- Face and body recognition

Safety L3/L4
- NCAP driver drowsiness & distraction, eye state, eye gaze, head pose
- Driver activity detection
- Occupant classification & body pose
- Advanced seatbelt detection
- Child left behind

Legal, NCAP

Security
- Anti-spoof (2D+3D based) face and body recognition
  - access control
  - secure authentication

Autonomous vehicles
- Blindspot detection
- Collision avoidance
- Autonomous parking
- Vehicle exterior cocoon
- Smart access

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