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1 General Information

This guide applies to the Melexis EVK75123 from BECOM Systems. Follow this guide chapter by chapter to set up and understand your product. If a section of this document only applies to certain camera parts, this is indicated at the beginning of the respective section.

The document applies to product V1.0.x

1.1 Symbols Used

This guide makes use of a few symbols and conventions:



Warning

Indicates a situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury and/or property damage or damage to the device.



Caution

Indicates a situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor damage to the device, in malfunction of the device or in data loss.



Note

Notes provide information on special issues related to the device or provide information that will make operation of the device easier.

Procedures



A procedure always starts with a headline



1. The number indicates the step number of a certain procedure you are expected to follow.

Steps are numbered sequentially.

This sign ➤ indicates an expected result of your action.



References

This symbol ➡ indicates a cross reference to a different chapter of this manual or to an external document.

2 Overview

The document describes the necessary steps and settings to work with the Melexis EVK75123 and describes the firmware dependent interfaces.

The Melexis EVK75123 features the MLX75023/ MLX75024 ToF sensor and the MLX75123 ToF companion chip. It was designed with full user's control of the MLX75123 in mind, which is accomplished by direct access to the companion chip's register set.

This document applies to firmware version 0.12.x.



Note

Since firmware version 0.12.0, default phase order for MLX75024 EVKs changed from 0/180/90/270 to 45/225/135/315 degrees. Phase shifts mentioned in this document refer to the 0/180/90/270 order.

3 Interfacing

The Melexis EVK75123 provides control and data interfaces via Gigabit-Ethernet.

The control interface is used to set and read the configuration of the Melexis EVK75123 via a set of registers. Refer to chapter 6 for a detailed register description.

The data interface provides a continuous stream of raw phase data, or distance and amplitude values depending on the configuration.

3.1 Control Interface

The Melexis EVK75123 can be configured using a TCP/IP connection. For the control interface the Melexis EVK75123 is listening to the following factory default IP settings:

- **IP-Address:** 192.168.0.10
- **Subnet mask:** 255.255.255.0
- **Network protocol:** TCP
- **TCP port:** 10001



Note

The Ethernet IP settings can be configured using the **Eth0_** registers. The changes become active on writing register **Eth0Gateway1**.

Once a TCP connection has been established the Melexis EVK75123 can be configured using a dedicated set of command frames. The Melexis EVK75123 answers to each command frame with a dedicated response frame. The following table shows the currently supported command frames:

Command frame	Description
Register Read	Used to read one or more consecutive registers
Register Write	Used to write one or more consecutive registers
Reset	Used to reset/reboot the Melexis EVK75123
Flash Update	Used to either update the firmware or the boot loader
Alive	Used to keep the TCP control connection alive. If no command is sent for 10 seconds, the Melexis EVK75123 closes the control interface connection and waits for a new incoming connection request. Up to 5 concurrent control connections are supported.

Table 1: Supported command frames

The following section describes each command frame and the expected answer in detail. To be able to communicate with the Melexis EVK75123 the frame must be composed exactly as described.

The following types are used:

- **UInt8:** 8 bit unsigned integer
- **UInt16:** 16 bit unsigned integer
- **UInt32:** 32 bit unsigned integer



Note

Values with '0x' as prefix are hexadecimal values.

3.1.1 Register read

Command frame

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Preamble	UInt16 (high byte first)	0xA1EC	Unique identifier, start of header
0x02	ProtocolVersion	UInt8	0x03	This description refers to protocol version V3.0
0x03	Command	UInt8	0x03	Command code for read registers
0x04	SubCommand	UInt8		Ignored
0x05	Status	UInt8		Ignored
0x06	Flags	UInt16	Refer to table	Optional flags
0x08	Length	UInt32 (high byte first)	<# of bytes to read>	Number of bytes to read. Must be a multiple of two. The length divided by two represents the # of registers to read.
0x0C	RegisterAddress	UInt16 (high byte first)	<Register Address>	Start register address for read command
0x0E	HeaderData2	UInt8		Ignored
0x0F	HeaderData3	UInt8		Ignored
0x10	Reserved (42 bytes)	UInt8[]		Ignored
0x3A	DataCrc32	UInt32 (high byte first)	0x0	No data present after header.
0x3E	HeaderCrc16	UInt16 (high byte first)	<CRC16 checksum>	Checksum over 60 bytes of Header: 0x02 – 0x3D ¹⁾

Table 2: Register read command frame

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

Response frame

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Preamble	UInt16 (high byte first)	0xA1EC	Unique identifier, start of header

0x02	ProtocolVersion	Uint8	0x03	This document refers to protocol version V3.0
0x03	Command	Uint8	0x03	Command code for read registers
0x04	SubCommand	Uint8		Ignore
0x05	Status	Uint8	Refer to table	Result code
0x06	Flags	Uint16	Refer to table	Optional flags
0x08	Length	Uint32 (high byte first)	<# of bytes read>	The number of bytes read (length of <Data> in bytes). The length divided by two represents the # of registers read.
0x0C	RegisterAddress	Uint16 (high byte first)	<Register Address>	Start register address of read data
0x0E	HeaderData2	Uint8		Ignored
0x0F	HeaderData3	Uint8		Ignored
0x10	Reserved (42 bytes)	Uint8[]		Ignored
0x3A	DataCrc32	Uint32 (high byte first)	<CRC32 checksum>	Checksum over <Data> ²⁾
0x3E	HeaderCrc16	Uint16 (high byte first)	<CRC16 checksum>	Checksum over 60 bytes of Header: 0x02 – 0x3D ¹⁾
0x40	Data	Uint16[] (high byte first)	<result data>	Result: One or more 16 bit values

Table 3: Register read response frame

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

Note 2): For the CRC32 calculation the CRC-32 is used (Polynom: 0x04C11DB7, start value: 0xFFFFFFFF). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-32.

Flags

Flags	Description
Bit 0	1: Ignore DataCrc32

Table 4: Register read flag description

Result codes

Status	Description
0x00	Ok
0x0D	Invalid handle (internal error)
0x0F	Illegal write: The Address is not valid or the register is not write-enabled
0x10	Illegal read: The Address is not valid (deprecated, replaced by 17)
0x11	Register end reached
0xFA	Length exceeds maximum file size (not enough memory for file download)
0xFB	HeaderCrc16 mismatch
0xFC	DataCrc32 mismatch
0xFD	Length invalid: Cannot be equal 0

0xFE	Length invalid: Cannot be greater 0
0xFF	Unknown command

Table 5: Result codes

3.1.2 Register write

Command frame

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Preamble	UInt16 (high byte first)	0xA1EC	Unique identifier, start of header
0x02	ProtocolVersion	UInt8	0x03	This document refers to version V3.0
0x03	Command	UInt8	0x04	Command code for write registers
0x04	SubCommand	UInt8		Ignored
0x05	Status	UInt8		Ignored
0x06	Flags	UInt16	Refer to table	Optional flags
0x08	Length	UInt32 (high byte first)	<# of bytes to write>	The number of bytes to write. Must be a multiple of two and match length of <Data> in bytes. The length divided by two represents the # of registers to write.
0x0C	RegisterAddress	UInt16 (high byte first)	<Register Address>	Start register address for write command
0x0E	HeaderData2	UInt8		Ignored
0x0F	HeaderData3	UInt8		Ignored
0x10	Reserved (42 bytes)	UInt8[]		Ignored
0x3A	DataCrc32	UInt32 (high byte first)	<CRC32 checksum>	Checksum over <Data> ²⁾
0x3E	HeaderCrc16	UInt16 (high byte first)	<CRC16 checksum>	Checksum over 60 bytes of Header: 0x02 – 0x3D ¹⁾
0x40	Data	UInt16[] (high byte first for each register value)	<data to write>	One or more 16 bit values in a stream that should be written

Table 6: Register write command frame

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

Note 2): For the CRC32 calculation the CRC-32 is used (Polynom: 0x04C11DB7, start value: 0xFFFFFFFF). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-32.

Response frame

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Preamble	UInt16 (high byte first)	0xA1EC	Unique identifier, start of header
0x02	ProtocolVersion	UInt8	0x03	This document refers to version V3.0

0x03	Command	Uint8	0x04	Command code for write registers
0x04	SubCommand	Uint8		Ignored
0x05	Status	Uint8	Refer to table	Result code
0x06	Flags	Uint16	Refer to table	Optional flags
0x08	Length	Uint32 (high byte first)	0	No <Data> present
0x0C	RegisterAddress	Uint8 (high byte first)	<Register Address>	Same as in sent command
0x0E	HeaderData2	Uint8		Ignored
0x0F	HeaderData3	Uint8		Ignored
0x10	Reserved (42 bytes)	Uint8[]		Ignored
0x3A	DataCrc32	Uint32 (high byte first)	0x0	No data present after header.
0x3E	HeaderCrc16	Uint16 (high byte first)	<CRC16 checksum>	Checksum over 60 bytes of Header: 0x02 – 0x3D ¹⁾

Table 7: Register write response frame

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

Flags

Flags	Description
Bit 0	1: Ignore DataCrc32

Table 8: Register write flag description

Result codes

Please refer to Table 3-5.

3.1.3 Reset

Command frame

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Preamble	Uint16 (high byte first)	0xA1EC	Unique identifier, start of header
0x02	ProtocolVersion	Uint8	0x03	This document refers to version V3.0
0x03	Command	Uint8	0x07	Command code for reset
0x04	SubCommand	Uint8		Ignored
0x05	Status	Uint8		Ignored
0x06	Flags	Uint16	Refer to table	Optional flags
0x08	Length	Uint32 (high byte first)	0x0	No <Data> present
0x0C	HeaderData0	Uint8		Ignored
0x0D	HeaderData1	Uint8		Ignored
0x0E	HeaderData2	Uint8		Ignored
0x0F	HeaderData3	Uint8		Ignored
0x10	Reserved (42 bytes)	Uint8[]		Ignored

0x3A	DataCrc32	Uint32 (high byte first)	0x0	No data present after header.
0x3E	HeaderCrc16	Uint16 (high byte first)	<CRC16 checksum>	Checksum over 60 bytes of Header: 0x02 – 0x3D ¹⁾

Table 9: Reset command frame

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

Response frame

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Preamble	Uint16 (high byte first)	0xA1EC	Unique identifier, start of header
0x02	ProtocolVersion	Uint8	0x03	This document refers to version V3.0
0x03	Command	Uint8	0x07	Command code for reset
0x04	SubCommand	Uint8		Ignored
0x05	Status	Uint8	Refer to table	Result code
0x06	Flags	Uint16	Refer to table	Optional flags
0x08	Length	Uint32 (high byte first)	0x0	No <Data> present
0x0C	HeaderData0	Uint8		Ignored
0x0C	HeaderData1	Uint8		Ignored
0x0E	HeaderData2	Uint8		Ignored
0x0F	HeaderData3	Uint8		Ignored
0x10	Reserved (42 bytes)	Uint8[]		Ignored
0x3A	DataCrc32	Uint32 (high byte first)	0x0	No data present after header.
0x3E	HeaderCrc16	Uint16 (high byte first)	<CRC16 checksum>	Checksum over 60 bytes of Header: 0x02 – 0x3D ¹⁾

Table 10: Reset response frame

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

Flags

Flags	Description
	Currently no flags defined for this command

Table 11: Reset flag description

Result codes

Please refer to Table 3-5.

3.1.4 Flash Update

Command frame

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Preamble	Uint16 (high byte first)	0xA1EC	Unique identifier, start of header
0x02	ProtocolVersion	Uint8	0x03	This document refers to protocol version V3.0
0x03	Command	Uint8	→	0x0B: Flash boot loader 0x0C: Flash Application 0x21: Flash Lens Calibration File 0x22: Wiggling Calibration File
0x04	SubCommand	Uint8	Refer to table	Indicates which flash to write to
0x05	Status	Uint8		Ignored
0x06	Flags	Uint16	Refer to table	Optional flags ³⁾
0x08	Length	Uint32 (high byte first)	<# of bytes to write>	The size of the binary file to flash
0x0C	FlashAddress	Uint32 (high byte first)	<Flash Address>	Ignored
0x10	Reserved (42 bytes)	Uint8[]		Ignored
0x3A	DataCrc32	Uint32 (high byte first)	<CRC32 checksum>	Checksum over <Data> ²⁾
0x3E	HeaderCrc16	Uint16 (high byte first)	<CRC16 checksum>	Checksum over 60 bytes of Header: 0x02 – 0x3D ¹⁾
0x40	Data	Uint8[]	<binary loader file>	The file to flash as a binary byte stream

Table 12: Flash update command frame

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

Note 2): For the CRC32 calculation the CRC-32 is used (Polynom: 0x04C11DB7, start value: 0xFFFFFFFF). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-32.

Note 3): The DataCrc32 is mandatory, the appropriate flag must be set to 0.

Response frame

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Preamble	Uint16 (high byte first)	0xA1EC	Unique identifier, start of header
0x02	ProtocolVersion	Uint8	0x03	This document refers to protocol version V3.0
0x03	Command	Uint8		Identical to command frame

0x04	SubCommand	UInt8	Refer to table	Indicates which flash to write to
0x05	Status	UInt8	Refer to table	Result code
0x06	Flags	UInt16	Refer to table	Optional flags
0x08	Length	UInt32 (high byte first)	0x0	No <Data> present
0x0C	HeaderData0	UInt8		Ignored
0x0D	HeaderData1	UInt8		Ignored
0x0E	HeaderData2	UInt8		Ignored
0x0F	HeaderData3	UInt8		Ignored
0x10	Reserved (42 bytes)	UInt8[]		Ignored
0x3A	DataCrc32	UInt32 (high byte first)	0x0	No data present after header.
0x3E	HeaderCrc16	UInt16 (high byte first)	<CRC16 checksum>	Checksum over 60 bytes of Header: 0x02 – 0x3D ¹⁾

Table 13: Flash update response frame

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

Subcommand

SubCommand	Description
Ignored	Always ignored

Table 14: Flash update subcommand description

Flags

Flags	Description
Bit 0	1: Ignore DataCrc32

Table 15: Flash update flag description

Result codes

Please refer to Table 3-5.

3.1.5 Alive

Command frame

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Preamble	UInt16 (high byte first)	0xA1EC	Unique identifier, start of header
0x02	ProtocolVersion	UInt8	0x03	This document refers to protocol version V3.0
0x03	Command	UInt8	0xFE	Command code for 'Alive message
0x04	SubCommand	UInt8		Ignored
0x05	Status	UInt8		Ignored
0x06	Flags	UInt16	Refer to table	Optional flags

0x08	Length	UInt32	0x0	No <Data> present
0x0C	HeaderData0	UInt8		Ignored
0x0D	HeaderData1	UInt8		Ignored
0x0E	HeaderData2	UInt8		Ignored
0x0F	HeaderData3	UInt8		Ignored
0x10	Reserved (42 bytes)	UInt8[]		Ignored
0x3A	DataCrc32	UInt32 (high byte first)	0x0	No data present after header.
0x3E	HeaderCrc16	UInt16 (high byte first)	<CRC16 checksum>	Checksum over 60 bytes of Header: 0x02 – 0x3D ¹⁾

Table 16: Alive command frame

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

Response frame

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Preamble	UInt16 (high byte first)	0xA1EC	Unique identifier, start of header
0x02	ProtocolVersion	UInt8	0x03	This document refers to protocol version V3.0
0x03	Command	UInt8	0xFE	Command code for 'Alive message'
0x04	SubCommand	UInt8		Indicates which flash to write to
0x05	Status	UInt8	Refer to table	Result code
0x06	Flags	UInt16	Refer to table	Optional flags
0x08	Length	UInt32 (high byte first)	0x0	No <Data> present
0x0C	HeaderData0	UInt8		Ignored
0x0D	HeaderData1	UInt8		Ignored
0x0E	HeaderData2	UInt8		Ignored
0x0F	HeaderData3	UInt8		Ignored
0x10	Reserved (42 bytes)	UInt8[]		Ignored
0x3A	DataCrc32	UInt32 (high byte first)	0x0	No data present after header.
0x3E	HeaderCrc16	UInt16 (high byte first)	<CRC16 checksum>	Checksum over 60 bytes of Header: 0x02 – 0x3D ¹⁾

Table 17: Alive response frame

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

Flags

Flags	Description
	Currently no flags defined for this command

Table 18: Alive flag description

Result codes:

Please refer to Table 3-5.

3.1.6 Direct access to MLX75123 registers

The control interface allows direct access to the ToF companion chip's registers. Most register addresses are identical for the companion chip as well as the control interface.

Here is the complete mapping:

Register name	MLX75123 Register Address	Control Interface Register Address
REG_NVRAM_CTRL	0x0	0x0FFC
REG_DIAGNOSTICS	0x2	0x0FFD
REG_ENABLES	0x4	0x0FFE
REG_I2C_CMD	0x6	0x0FFF
NV_I2C_ADDR_MODE	0x1000	0x1000

NV_FREE5	0x119E	0x119E

Table 19: Register mapping from MLX75123 to Control Interface

Note that MLX75123 register writes to the active frame table are prevented. So, if frame table 1 is selected in MLX75123 register **NV_FRAME_TABLE**, MLX75123 registers **NV_T1_Frame_settings** to **NV_T1_P7_Tsetup** cannot be written. Likewise, if frame table 2 is selected, registers **NV_T2_Frame_settings** to **NV_T2_P7_Tsetup** cannot be written.

3.2 Data Interface

A UDP stream delivers distance and amplitude data from the Melexis EVK75123. Each UDP packet contains a header and up to 1400 bytes of data (Ethernet, IP, and UDP headers are not shown in Figure 3-1).

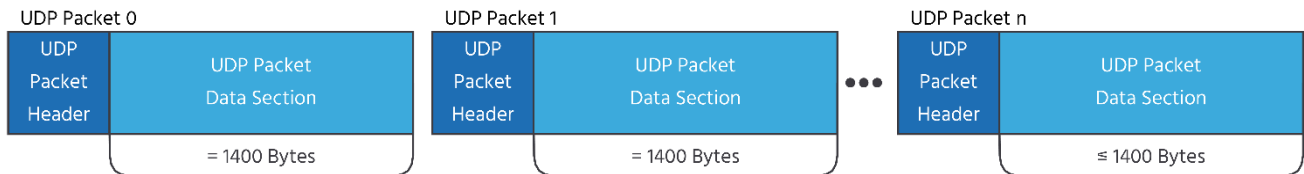


Figure 3-1: UDP streaming data format

The following types are used in the data streaming protocol:

- **UInt8:** 8 bit unsigned integer
- **UInt16:** 16 bit unsigned integer
- **UInt32:** 32 bit unsigned integer



Note

Values with '0x' as prefix are hexadecimal values.

The UDP streaming is enabled by factory default. The Melexis EVK75123 streams to the following IP settings:

- **IP-Address:** Multicast address 224.0.0.1
- **UDP port:** 10002



Note

The UDP stream settings can be configured using the **Eth0_** registers.

As multicast is used more than one can receive the stream within the same subnet at the same time. The client has to join the appropriate multi cast group and open the port 10002 on its local network interface card (NIC) where the Melexis EVK75123 is connected to. The receiver should receive the stream and interpret it as the following protocol description shows.



Note

Be aware that a multicast stream may slow down your Ethernet network as the stream must be spread to all active links of switches/hubs and routers.

Also, be aware that firewalls may block multicast UDP packets!

The current protocol version is **1**.

Each image transmitted on the UDP stream is split into packets of max. 1432 bytes length (except the last which may be smaller). Each packet consists of a 32 byte packet header and up to 1400 bytes of image data section (refer to Figure 3-1).

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Version	UInt16 (high byte first)	0x0001	Protocol version
0x02	FrameCounter	UInt16 (high byte first)		Continuous frame counter. On an overrun it restarts at 0.
0x04	PacketCounter	UInt16 (high byte first)		Actual packet #. The frame data must be recomposed in order of the packet #.
0x06	DataLength	UInt16 (high byte first)		Length of the image data section of the current packet.
0x08	FrameSize	UInt32 (high byte first)		Size of the image data. It may be used to calculate the expected # of packets for a frame.
0x0C	PacketCRC32	UInt16 (high byte first)		CRC32 checksum over the entire packet (pos 0 to pos n) ¹⁾
0x10	Flags	UInt32	Refer to Table 21	Optional flags
0x14	Reserved			Reserved for future use
0x20	ImageData			Image data section

Table 20: UDP packet header

Note 1): For the CRC32 calculation the CRC-32 is used (Polynom: 0x04C11DB7, start value: 0xFFFFFFFF). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-32.

Flags

Flags	Description
Bit 0	1: Ignore DataCrc32

Table 21: UDP packet header flag description

3.2.1 Image header

The image data itself is split into a 64 byte image header and the image data section. The format of the image data depends on the selected image format and is described in chapter 4.3. Below you can find the format of the 64 byte image header.

Addr	Field	Type	Value	Description
0x00	Reserved	UInt16	0xFFFF	
0x02	HeaderVersion	UInt16 (high byte first)	0x0003	Current header version
0x04	ImageWidth	UInt16		Width of the image in pixels. Depends on binning settings.

		(high byte first)		
0x06	ImageHeight	Uint16 (high byte first)		Height of the image in pixels. Depends on binning settings.
0x08	NofChannels	Uint8		Nof data channels. Depends on the image format
0x09	BytesPerPixel	Uint8	0x02	Bytes per pixel of the image data.
0x0A	ImageFormat	Uint16 (high byte first)		The content is the same as in the register <i>ImageDataFormat</i> .
0x0C	Timestamp	Uint32 (high byte first)		Timestamp of the actual image in μ s
0x10	FrameCounter	Uint16 (high byte first)		Continuous frame counter. On an overrun it restarts at 0.
0x12	PreMetaData	Uint8		If ImageFormat(3:10) == 24: Meta-data before image data description identifier, common for all channels 1... Meta data 1 (1 line) <i>This field is constant. The meta data 1 line is transferred always.</i>
0x13	PostMetaData	Uint8		If ImageFormat(3:10) == 24: Meta-data after image data description identifier, common for all channels 0...No meta data 1...Meta data 2 (1 line) 2...Sensor test rows (8 lines) 3...Sensor test rows, followed by meta data 2 (9 lines) 4...ADC test line (1 line) 5...ADC test line, followed by meta data 2 (2 lines) 6...Sensor test rows, followed by ADC test line (9 lines) 7...Sensor test rows, followed by ADC test line, followed by meta data (10 lines)
0x1A	MainTemp	Uint8		ToF sensor temperature in $^{\circ}\text{C} + 50$. Decrement this field by 50 to get the current ToF sensor temperature.
0x1B	LEDtemp	Uint8		Average LEDs temperature in $^{\circ}\text{C} + 50$. Decrement this field by 50 to get the current average temperature of LEDs.
0x1C	FirmwareVersion	Uint16 (high byte first)		Content of the register <i>FirmwareInfo</i>
0x1E	MagicV31	Uint16 (high byte first)	0x3331	These magic bytes indicate that header version is 3.1
0x20	IntegrationTime	Uint16 (high byte first)		Integration time in μ s.
0x22	ModFreq	Uint16 (high byte first)		Modulation frequency with resolution 10 kHz (e.g., a value of 0x1234 means frequency 46.6 MHz)
0x24	Temp3	Uint8		MLX75123 temperature sensor in $^{\circ}\text{C} + 50$. Decrement this field by 50 to get the current temperature. A value of 0xFF means sensor error.

0x30	RawPhaseContent	Uint32 (high byte first)	<p>If ImageFormat(3:10) == 24:</p> <p>Bits 0...3: Phase 0 Bits 4...7: Phase 1 Bits 8...11: Phase 2 Bits 12...15: Phase 3 Bits 16...19: Phase 4 Bits 20...23: Phase 5 Bits 24...27: Phase 6 Bits 28...31: Phase 7</p> <p>Each 4 bits contain a content number which describes the raw phase: 0...1 common mode bit + 11 signed bits, aligned to LSB (MLX75123 sensor mode 0) 1...12 signed bits, aligned to LSB (MLX75123 sensor mode 1) 2...1 common mode bit + 11 unsigned bits, aligned to LSB (MLX75123 sensor mode 2) 3...12 unsigned bits, aligned to LSB (MLX75123 sensor modes 4, 5, 6)</p>
0x3E	CRC16	Uint16 (high byte first)	CRC16 checksum over the header without the first two bytes and the CRC16 checksum itself (addr 0x02 to addr 0x3D) ¹⁾

Table 22: Image data header

Note 1): For the CRC16 calculation the CRC-CCITT is used (Polynom: 0x1021, start value: 0). Please ask the BECOM Systems support for an implementation example of the CRC-CCITT.

3.3 Hardware Trigger Input

In case the MLX75123 is in triggered multi-frame mode, frame capture may be triggered by an external hardware signal. Therefore, Pin #16 on connector X1 was configured as trigger input. The trigger input is low-active. No voltage must be applied to that pin. To create a trigger event, this pin should be connected to GND.

3.4 Secure Shell (SSH) Login

The Melexis EVK75123 features an OpenSSH server listening to TCP port 22.

	Root account	User account
Username	root	user
Default password	root	user

Table 23: Default login credentials

3.4.1 Change default password

Change default password

1. Log in via SSH, e.g., `ssh root@192.168.0.10`
2. Type `passwd root` or `passwd user`
3. Supply the new password for two times
4. Copy the file `/etc/shadow` (containing the encrypted passwords) to the non-volatile settings partition, to be restored again on next reboot: `cp /etc/shadow /mnt/settings`

3.5 Debug UART



Note

Using the Debug UART is optional.

The Melexis EVK75123 features a debug UART, which is the primary debug interface for the boot loader as well as the Linux kernel.

The Debug UART is available via a Mini-USB-connector, with a UART-to-USB converter behind. To be able to access the serial terminal via the Debug UART, you need an appropriate driver installed in your OS for the FTDI FT234 device.

Windows OS Device Driver Download



<http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/VCP.htm>

Most Linux distributions come with an appropriate driver and create a device node `/dev/ttyUSB...` dynamically.

Additionally, one needs a serial terminal emulator, e.g., Minicom or C-Kermit for Linux, or TeraTerm for Windows OS. The emulator has to be configured with the following settings:

Baud rate	115200
Data bits	8
Parity	none
Stop bits	1
Flow control	none

Table 24: Debug UART settings

The Debug UART also allows to log in to the evaluation kit's Linux OS. Please see chapter 3.3 for the default login and how to change it.

4 Evaluation Kit Features

4.1 Basic Settings

The Melexis EVK75123 comes up according to the reset (default) values as described in the register description section (refer to chapter 6).

4.2 Image Processing Chain

The following flow diagram shows the image processing chain of the Melexis EVK75123 for the distance data. For the amplitude data currently no post processing will be performed.

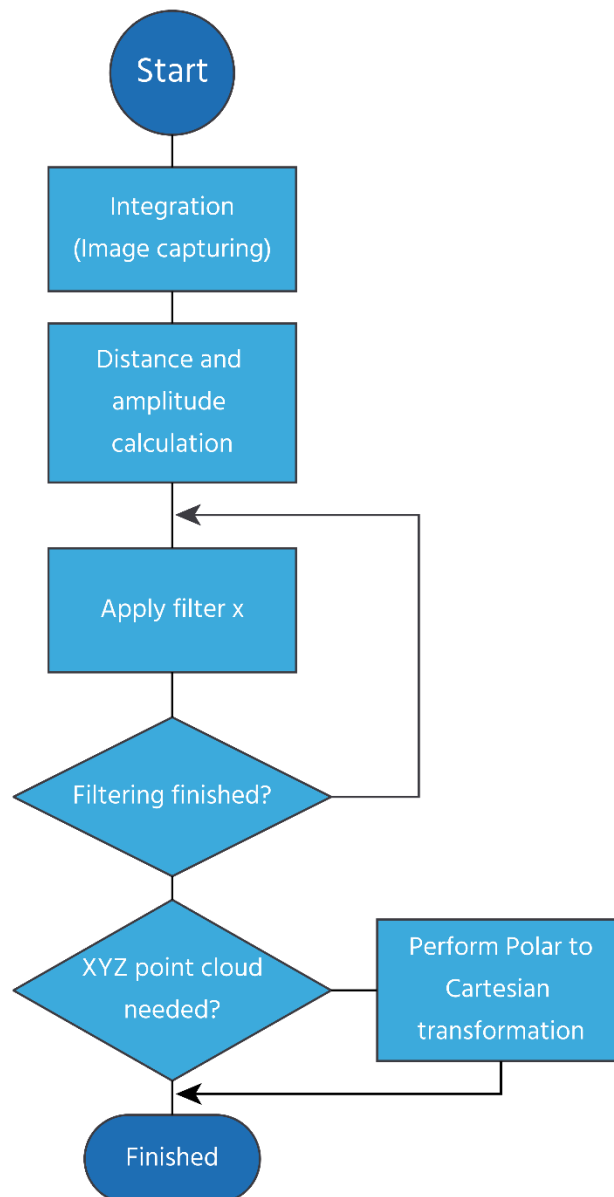


Figure 4-1: Image processing flow

4.3 Image filtering

After the distance and amplitude calculation some filters can be applied to the distance data. The amplitude data will be left unchanged (except for the “Vertical Stripes Workaround” filter). Each of the filter provides one or more configuration parameters. The iteration count for each filter can also be configured. The filters can be enabled or disabled by writing the *ImgProcConfig* and *ImgProcConfig2* registers. Enabling more than one filter is possible but each added filter reduces the maximum achievable frame rate (as does the number of iterations).

The filters are applied in the following order:

1. “Vertical Stripes Workaround” filter
2. Frame Average filter
3. Sliding Average filter
4. Median filter
5. Bilateral filter

4.3.1 “Vertical Stripes Workaround” Filter

Register *ImgProcConfig2*, bit 4

This is an MLX75123/MLX75023 specific filter. It interpolates columns with vertical stripes with the values of their neighbor columns according to the following Matlab description:

```
dataCorrected = data;  
for i = 9:8:313  
    dataCorrected(:,i) = (data(:,i-1) + data(:,i+1)) / 2;  
end
```

4.3.2 “Vertical Stripes Workaround” Filter for column 8

Register *ImgProcConfig2*, bit 6

This is an MLX75123/MLX75023 specific filter. It works like the “Vertical Stripes Workaround” Filter (chapter 4.3.1), but is only applied to column 8.

4.3.3 Median Filter

A 3x3 median filter can be applied.

Register: *FilterMedianConfig*

The number of iterations is configurable.

4.3.4 Bilateral filter

Registers: *FilterBilateralConfig*, *FilterBilateralConfig2*

Configuration options are σ_R (Width of range kernel), σ_S (Width of spatial kernel), number of iterations, and window size.

4.3.5 Sliding Average Filter

Register: *FilterSLAConfig*

A sliding average filter over up to 255 frames can be applied. The number of frames is configurable. Only the distance data will be averaged. The amplitude data will be left unchanged. An increasing number of frames will not decrease the frame rate but may add blurring effects.

4.3.6 Frame Average Filter

Register: *FilterFrameAverageConfig*

A frame average filter over up to 15 frames can be applied. The number of frames is configurable. Only the distance data will be averaged. The amplitude data is left unchanged.

The frame rate of the data interface will be divided by the number of configured frames to be averaged, e.g., if the evaluation kit is configured to 40 frames per second, and the frame average filter with number 4 is used, the resulting output frame rate will be 10.

4.4 Pixel Invalidation

The Melexis EVK75123 provides an on-board check for invalid pixels:

- Underexposed pixels: The amplitude is too low for the distance value to be trustworthy. The Melexis EVK75123 sets the pixel distance to the maximum value. The threshold is set via register ***ConfidenceThresLow***.
- Overexposed pixels: The amplitude is too high for the distance value to be trustworthy. The Melexis EVK75123 sets the pixel distance to the minimum value. The threshold is set via register ***ConfidenceThresHigh***.
- Invalid pixels: The Melexis EVK75123 features sensor modes with 1 bit common mode information. This information is evaluated to "pixel valid" or "pixel invalid" (depending on the limits set ***IsmLowerLimit*** and ***IsmUpperLimit*** registers).

4.4.1.1 Distance values

If the amplitude of the reflected signal is below a threshold (underexposure) the distance value of the appropriate pixel will be set to 0xFFFF. If the amplitude is too high (overexposure) the distance value will be set to 0x0000.

For invalid pixels, the distance value is set to 0x0001.

4.4.1.2 XYZ values

If the amplitude of the reflected signal is below a threshold (underexposure) the X value of the appropriate pixel is set to 32767 (0x7FFF), i.e., the largest positive Int16 value. Y and Z values are set to 0.

If the amplitude of the reflected signal is above a threshold (overexposure) the X of the appropriate pixel is set to 0. Y and Z values are set to 0 as well.

If the ACF plausibility check classified the pixel's distance as invalid, the X value of the appropriate pixel is set to 1. Y and Z values are set to 0.

4.5 Coordinate System

The default coordinate system starts pixel numbering in the upper right corner of the pixel array, seen from the evaluation kit's point of view.

4.6 Data Format

The evaluation kit provides up to 8 data channels. The meaning of each data channel depends on the selected data format.

Which image format will be transferred can be selected by the register **ImageDataFormat**. The following sections describe each of the supported formats in detail. Only the data section which contains the image data of the transferred frame will be described. For information about the packet format and meta-data please refer to chapter 3.2.

If an image data format is set that enables distance calculation (in fact, all except "raw phase data" mode), the application processor configures the MLX75123 automatically to suitable phase settings, to be able to get required phase data for distance calculation. The settings are as follows:

- Number of phases: 4
- Output mode: 1
- Phase shifts: 0°, 180°, 90°, 270° (in this order)

If the operator changes parameters of the companion chip in a way that distance data cannot be calculated from the input data, the kit automatically switches to image data format "Raw phase data".

4.6.1 Raw phase data

Format number for *ImageDataFormat* register: 24

In this mode the raw phase data will be transferred in progressive mode. There are 1 to 8 channels that contain phase data. How many channels will be actually transferred depends on the configuration of the MLX75123.

Each phase contains the following lines.

- 1 line meta data 1
- 240 lines pixel data (at full ROI), controlled by the companion chip's ROIHEIGHT setting. The data array starts with pixel #0. The values are raw 12-bit values as they are transmitted by the Analog-Digital Converter.
- 8 MLX75023 sensor test lines (if enabled)
- 1 ADC test line (if enabled)
- 1 line meta data 2

The length of each line is 320 pixels (2 bytes each) at full ROI, and can be controlled via the ROI width setting of the companion chip.

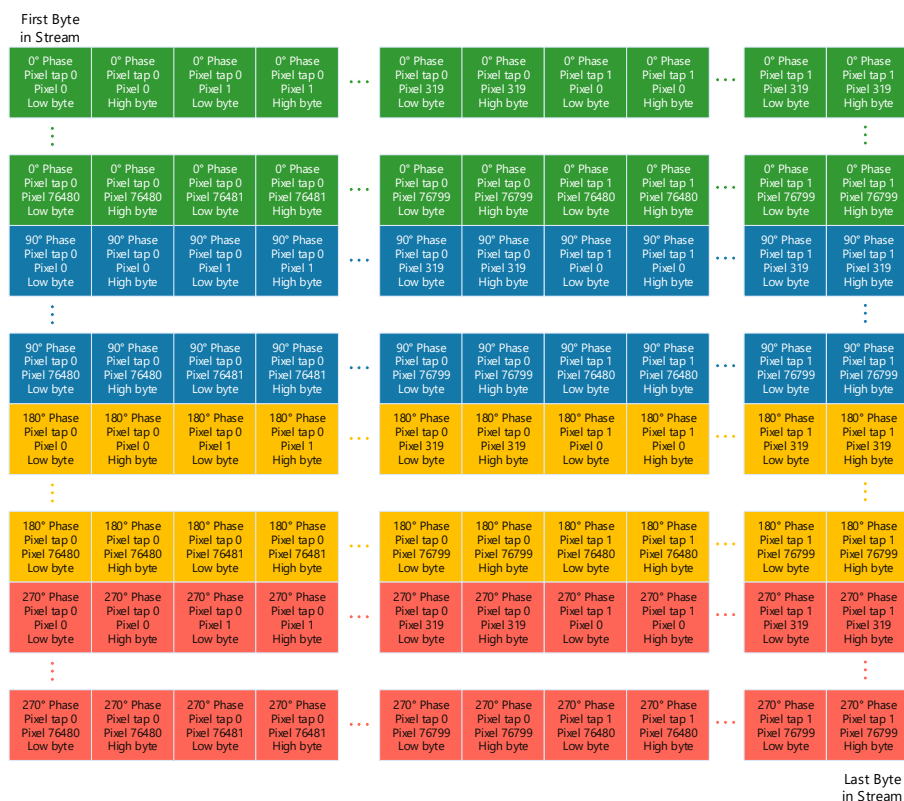


Figure 4-2: Data format of raw phase data

4.6.2 Distances and Amplitudes

Format number for *ImageDataFormat* register: 0

In this mode the distances and amplitudes will be transferred in progressive mode, first the distance array, then the amplitude array.

The stream starts always with pixel #0. Both arrays have size 320x240 pixels. The output size can be decreased by setting the ROI.

The **distances** are coded in **millimeters** as **Uint16**, the **amplitudes** also as **Uint16**.

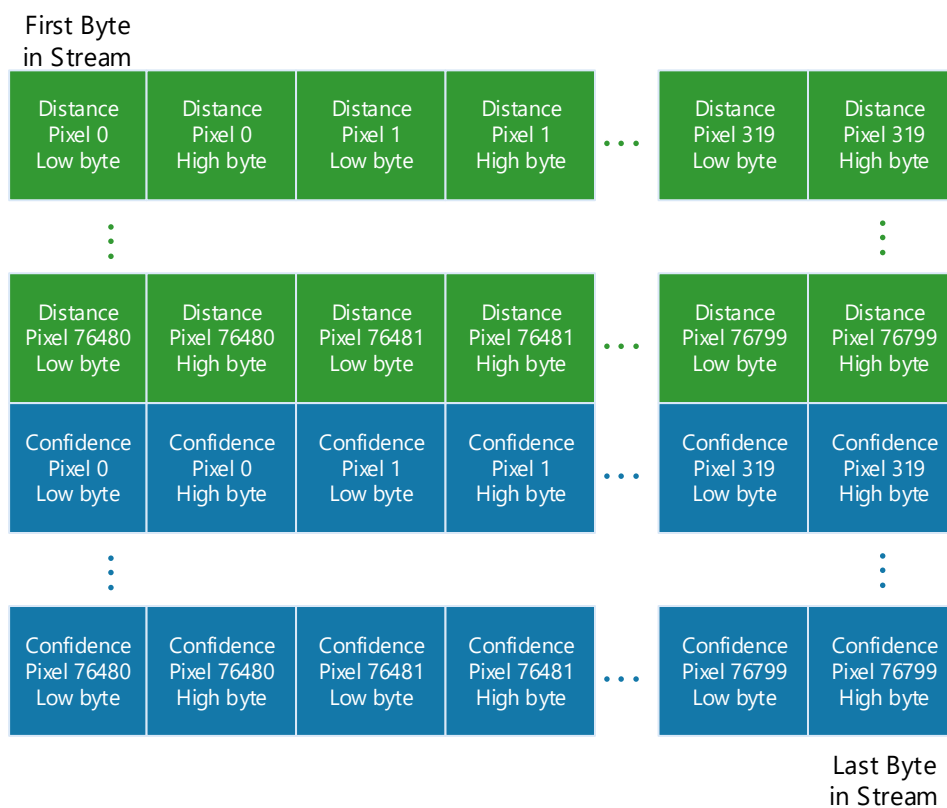


Figure 4-3: Data stream of Distance and Amplitude data

4.6.3 Distances, Amplitudes, and Balance

Format number for *ImageDataFormat* register: 23

In this mode the distances, amplitudes, and balance values will be transferred in progressive mode, first the distance array, then the amplitude array, last the balance value.

The stream starts always with pixel #0. Arrays have size 320x240 pixels with full ROI and no binning. The output size can be decreased by setting the ROI.

The **distances** are coded in **millimeters** as **Uint16**, the **amplitudes** as **Uint16**. The **balance** for a pixel is defined as the sum of phases 0 and 180 of that pixel minus the sum of phases 90 and 270 of that pixel. It is coded as **Int16**.

4.6.4 Distances

Format number for *ImageDataFormat* register: 12

In this mode a single array with distances is transferred.

The stream starts always with pixel #0. The array size is 320x240 pixels. The output size can be decreased by ROI settings.

The **distances** are coded in **millimeters** as **Uint16**.

4.6.5 XYZ Point Cloud

Format number for *ImageDataFormat* register: 3

In this mode the XYZ point cloud will be transferred in progressive mode, first the X coordinate array (channel 0) then the Y (channel 1) and Z (channel 2) coordinate array.

The stream starts always with pixel #0. The array size is 320x240 pixels. The output size can be decreased by ROI settings.

The **coordinates** are coded in **millimeters** as **Int16**.



Figure 4-4: Data stream of XYZ Point Cloud



Note

XYZ data will not be reliable until a proper Lens Calibration is programmed onto the evaluation kit. After programming the Lens Calibration, set the lens identifier (= horizontal opening angle; default: 63) in register **HardwareConfiguration**.

4.6.6 Distances and XYZ Point Cloud

Format number for **ImageDataFormat** register: 9

In this mode the distances and the XYZ point cloud will be transferred in progressive mode, first the distances array (channel 0), then X (channel 1), Y (channel 2), and Z (channel 3) coordinate arrays.

The stream starts always with pixel #0. . The array size is 320x240 pixels. The output size can be decreased by ROI settings.

The **distances** are coded in millimeters as Uint16. The **coordinates** are coded in **millimeters** as Int16.



Note

XYZ data will not be reliable until a proper Lens Calibration is programmed onto the evaluation kit. After programming the Lens Calibration, set the lens identifier (= horizontal opening angle; default: 63) in register **HardwareConfiguration**.

4.6.7 X Coordinate and Amplitudes

Format number for **ImageDataFormat** register: 10

In this mode a single coordinate array, more specifically, the one belonging to the optical axis of the evaluation kit (X), is transferred in channel 0, as well as the amplitudes (channel 1).

The stream starts always with pixel #0. The array size is 320x240 pixels. The output size can be decreased by ROI settings.

Coordinate values are coded in **millimeters** as **Int16**. The **amplitudes** are coded as **UInt16**.



Note

XYZ data will not be reliable until a proper Lens Calibration is programmed onto the evaluation kit. After programming the Lens Calibration, set the lens identifier (= horizontal opening angle; default: 63) in register **HardwareConfiguration**.

Each binning mode requires a separate Lens Calibration to be programmed!

4.6.8 Test mode

Format number for **ImageDataFormat** register: 11

In this mode four arrays with test data are transferred in progressive order. Each array has size 320x240 pixels. The output size can be decreased by ROI settings.

- First array: UInt16 value = Pixel Index
- Second array: UInt16 value always constant '0xbeef'
- Third array: UInt16 value = (Pixel Index)²
- Fourth array: UInt16 value always constant '0x0000'

4.6.9 Raw phase QI

Format number for **ImageDataFormat** register: 25

In this mode the real part I (phase0°-phase180°) and the imaginary part Q (phase270°-phase90) will be transferred in progressive mode, first the 'I' array, then the 'Q' array.

The stream starts always with pixel #0. The array size is 320x240 pixels. The output size can be decreased by ROI settings. The data is sent as **Int16**.

4.6.10 Amplitude

Format number for **ImageDataFormat** register: 27

In this mode a single array with amplitudes is transferred.

The stream starts always with pixel #0. The array size is 320x240 pixels.

The output size can be decreased by ROI settings.

The **amplitudes** are sent as **Uint16**.

4.7 Distance Offset Calibration

There is an absolute offset in millimeters all distances are corrected with. The absolute offset is stored in register **DistOffset0**. You can modify this value by a register write.

The evaluation kit has also a built-in offset calibration function, which is described in the following procedure. You let the evaluation kit know the real distance and it will calculate the correct absolute offset. It uses a square of 4x4 pixels in the center of the distance image. See the register description of registers **RealWorldXCoordinate** and **CalibrationCommand**.

4.8 Trigger Modes

The default mode of the MLX75123 companion chip is “continuous trigger mode”, where the kit streams continuously with configured frame rate. To use manual frame triggering, you have to put the companion chip into “triggered multi-frame mode”.

In this mode, a frame capture on the ToF sensor is triggered via register **Mode0**, where the application processor sends a trigger signal to the companion chip via a GPIO. Likewise, it is possible to create a trigger event with the GPIO trigger input described in chapter 3.3.

4.9 MLX75123 Frequency

The input clock for the ToF companion chip is controlled by register **TimClock**. The frequency can be set freely between 40 and 80 MHz in steps of 10 kHz. So, for example, set it to 4000 for 40MHz, or 8000 for 80MHz.



Note

Before the input clock is changed, the NVRAM of the MLX75123 is saved automatically.



Note

Changing the input clock changes as well the modulation frequency and allToFCC parameters dependent on the modulation frequency! Please configure theToFCC accordingly after changing the input clock!

4.10 MLX75023 MIXH Voltage Control

The MIXH voltage of the ToF sensor can be controlled via a digital-to-analog converter. It can be configured using register `MixhVoltage`. Voltage is limited between 0.9V and 2.2V.

In order to change the voltage, write the value in 1/10 volts to register `MixhVoltage`, so for example, to set a MIXH voltage of 2.0V, write decimal value 20 into this register.



Note

This register setting is password-protected. In order to generate valid writes, you have to enter the correct password into register ***CmdEnablePassword*** beforehand.

4.11 Illumination Power Control

The output power of the illumination can be controlled using register ***IllPower***. The register takes a percent value between 0 and 100, whereas 1 is the least output power and 100 the highest. A value of 0 disables the illumination completely.

4.12 ToF Output Mode

The companion chip can deliver various data formats from the sensor.

Available modes:

- 1 bit common mode information + 11 bits (A-B) phase data (*)
- 12 bits (A-B) phase data (*)
- 1 bit common mode information + 11 bits (A+B)/2 phase data
- 12 bits (A+B)/2 phase data
- 12 bits A phase data
- 12 bits B phase data

In output modes with common mode information, pixels that have its common mode information set to “invalid” are marked as invalid in the distance output image (see Chapter 4.4). The limits for the common mode information bits can be configured on the ToF companion chip.

Only modes marked with an asterisk (*) are suitable for calculating distance data!

4.13 Temperature Monitoring

4.13.1 Illumination Temperature

The firmware constantly reads the values of the temperature sensor on the illumination board. The temperature value is provided via register **LedboardTemp** as well as in each image header (see chapter 3.2).

If no LED temperature could be read, Bit[3] in the **Status** register is set.

4.13.2 Illumination Over-Temperature Protection

The Melexis EVK75123 firmware has a built-in monitoring for over-temperature condition of the illumination board. If this temperature exceeds 70°C, the evaluation kit will automatically stop illumination and streaming, until temperature is below 68°C.

During over-temperature condition, Bit[9] of the **Status** register is set.

The maximum temperature can be set via register **MaxLedTemp**.

4.13.3 ToF Sensor Temperature

The value of the temperature sensor near the MLX75023 ToF sensor is provided in register **MainboardTemp**, as well as in each image header (see chapter 3.2).

4.13.4 ToF Companion chip temperature

The value of the temperature sensor near the MLX75123 ToF sensor is provided in register **BaseBoardTemp**, as well as in each image header (see chapter 3.2).

4.13.5 Application Processor temperature/speed

Via register **ProcessorStatus**, the temperature of the processor on the Melexis EVK75123 as well as its current clock speed can be read out. Users can detect insufficient cooling of the processor this way.



Warning

If the temperature goes above 80°C, the cooling is insufficient. The processor will automatically decrease its clock speed in this case (default is ca. 1 GHz).

4.14 Save Registers

The entire register map can be saved into the flash using the register **CmdExec**. It will be restored from flash after a reboot or power cycle. Use this feature to save a user specific configuration.

Note, on a save command, also the ToF companion chip is triggered to save its configuration to its internal NVRAM.

4.15 Ethernet/IP Settings

4.15.1 MAC Address

A dedicated Ethernet MAC address from BECOM Systems MAC address pool is assigned to each Melexis EVK75123 by default. This MAC address is saved in the OTP and cannot be changed by the user.

The user is allowed to assign the Melexis EVK75123 another MAC address using the registers **Eth0Mac0** to **Eth0Mac2**. Be aware that in order to make the changes persistent you have to save the register map to flash using register **CmdExec**, otherwise the changes will be lost on a reboot or power cycle.

If the register map in the flash will be cleared the factory default MAC address from OTP will be loaded.

4.15.2 IP/TCP/UDP Settings

The IP Settings of the Melexis EVK75123 can be changes via the **Eth0_*** registers. A change of the IP settings (IP address, subnet mask, default gateway) will take effect on writing the latter one. Port settings will take effect immediately. UDP destination IP addresses will take effect immediately. Please see the register description for details.

To make the changes persistent you have to save the register map by writing a dedicated value to the **CmdExec** register.

4.16 Device Status and Error Conditions

The device offers several registers that indicate the current status and error conditions. Please consult Table 25 for a complete list of available flags.

Those flags are separated into two groups: Status flags and error flags.

Status flags indicate a specific status of the device. Status flags are set and cleared by the firmware depending on the state. They do not indicate errors.

Error flags indicate an error condition that is present currently or was present in the past. Error flags are only set by the firmware, they are never cleared automatically. The operator may clear all error flags by writing bit 6 of register **Mode0**.

Flag name	Register	Bit No.	Error flag	Status flag	Description
Ongoing Calibration	Status	2		X	The device is performing an operator-initiated calibration procedure currently.
Illumination temperature error	Status	3	X		There was an error reading the temperature sensor on the illumination board.
ToF sensor temperature error	Status	4	X		There was an error reading the temperature sensor near the MLX75023.
Calibration data missing	Status	5		X	Some calibration data is missing (was not uploaded or calibrated). Please consult registers CalibStatus and CalibStatus2 for more information.
Factory Regmap was loaded	Status	6		X	The device (not including the ToFCC) does not have a user register map stored, and so the factory default settings are currently loaded.
Previous firmware version was restored	Status	8		X	The programmed firmware could not be booted correctly for 3 times, so the previous firmware version was restored and is now booted. The reason is either that the last firmware update failed or was incomplete, or the device was power-cycled too often without booting fully in between.
Illumination over-temperature	Status	9		X	The current temperature of the illumination board exceeds the value of register MaxLedTemp . Illumination has been stopped automatically and will continue after cool-down. <u>This is an indication that your cooling measures of the illumination board are insufficient!</u>
Illumination error	Status	11	X		The Laser/LED switch on the illumination board reports error(s).
ToFCC temperature error	Status	14	X		There was an error reading the temperature sensor near the MLX75123.
ToFCC/PLL configuration error	Status	15	X		There was an error configuring the MLX75123 or the PLL providing the input clock for the MLX75123. The device is likely in an undefined state.
SERDES error	Status2	0	X		The deserializer on the interface board detected an error during communication with the serializer on the sensor board.
Capture error	Status2	1	X		Received frames from the ToF companion chip had errors in their meta data. Reasons can be: Invalid

Capture timeout	Status2	2	X	transmission by the MLX75123; transmission error through SERDES; Transmission error on the i.MX CSI; There are currently no frames received by the i.MX CSI. Reasons can be: The MLX75123 is in triggered multi-frame mode currently and is not triggered (and hence not transmitting frames); Errors during transmission;
Application processor too hot	Status2	3	X	The current temperature of the i.MX6 application processor exceeds 80°C. At this temperature, the processor is clocked down automatically (ARM cores as well as GPU). <u>This is an indication that your cooling measures of the processor module are insufficient!</u>

Table 25: Status and Error Flags

4.17 Reset to Factory Default

The Melexis EVK75123 can be reset to the factory default register settings by deleting the saved register map. This can be done by writing a dedicated value to the register **CmdExec**.

Note that the NVRAM of the ToF companion chip is not altered in any way with this command.

4.18 Firmware Update

The Melexis EVK75123 firmware is capable of updating the evaluation kit's firmware (as well as the boot loader). The update procedure is executed using dedicated TCP/IP command frames over the control interface connection.

BECOM Systems provides a .NET based tool for updating the Melexis EVK75123 firmware over Ethernet. Please refer to our support site.

BltToFSuite Downloader

 <https://support.bluetech-nix.at/index.html>



Note

In order to complete a firmware update, a complete reboot of the evaluation kit is required. The evaluation kit will NOT reboot automatically.

4.18.1 Firmware Recovery

If a new firmware fails to load for 3 times, the Melexis EVK75123 boot loader will recover the old firmware automatically.

After a firmware recovery, Bit[8] of the **Status** register is set.

The Melexis EVK75123 evaluation kit also features a firmware load attempt counter, in register **BootStatus**. It is usually 1 (first boot attempt successful). It will lose its value if power is completely removed from the evaluation kit.

4.19 Logging

The evaluation kit automatically saves log messages to a dedicated partition in the internal flash.

Log data may be retrieved using the Secure Shell login (see chapter 3.3) and can be found at `/mnt/logs/messages*` files. Newest log data is contained in file `messages`.

4.20 GPOs

The camera features 3 general-purpose outputs (GPO0, GPO1 and GPO2). Please see the register description (0x00D0) in chapter 6.1 for more information.

Pin	Name	Pin	Name
1	ECSPI3_MISO/DISP0_DAT2/GPIO4_23 - GPO2	2	Vin (12 V)
3	ECSPI3_MOSI/DISP0_DAT1/GPIO4_22	4	GND
5	ECSPI3_SCLK/DISP0_DAT0/GPIO4_21	6	GND
7	ECSPI3_MOSI/DISP0_DAT1/GPIO4_22	8	3.3 V
9	ECSPI3_MISO/DISP0_DAT2/GPIO4_23	10	GND
11	I2C2.SDA	12	GND
13	I2C2.SCL	14	GPIO.2_23
15	GPIO.2_24 - GPO0	16	GPIO.2_25 - GPO1

Table 4-5: Interface Board, Multi-IO connector

5 Software

5.1 Demo Application

For the first evaluation of the kit and to evaluate different settings and configurations a .NET demo application for Microsoft Windows is provided: BLT-ToF-Suite. The demo application can be downloaded from our support web site.

Software and documentation

 <https://support.bluetechnix.at/index.html>

5.2 Getting Started Software Development Example

To facilitate the integration of the Melexis EVK75123 into your own application, a C library implementing the "BltToFAPI" is provided. Please refer to our support site.

Software and documentation

 <https://support.bluetechnix.at/index.html>

6 Register Description



Note

Some critical registers are password protected. To enable the functionality a specific value must be written to the **CmdEnablePasswd** register in advance to enable the functionality. This should prevent from accidentally executing certain functions.

6.1 General

Addr (hex)	Register Name	Default Value (hex)	R/W	Description
0001	Mode0	0001	R/W	Bit[4]: 1...Manual Trigger (self-clearing bit) Bit[6]: 1...Clear error bits in Status and Status2 registers (self-clearing bit)
0003	Status	0060	R	Bit[2]: 1...Ongoing Calibration Bit[3]: 1...Illumination temperature sensor error Bit[4]: 1...ToF sensor temperature sensor error Bit[5]: 1...Calibration data missing Bit[6]: 1...Factory Regmap was loaded Bit[8]: 1...Previous firmware version was restored Bit[9]: 1...Illumination over-temperature Bit[11]: 1...Illumination error Bit[14]: 1...ToFCC temperature sensor error Bit[15]: 1...ToFCC/PLL configuration error
0004	ImageDataFormat	0000	R/W	Bits[3:10]: 0...2 bytes distance data / 2 bytes amplitude data 3... X/Y/Z coordinates (2 bytes signed for each coordinate) 4... X/Y/Z coordinates and amplitude data (2 bytes signed for each coordinate, 2 bytes unsigned for the amplitude value) 9... distance data and X/Y/Z coordinates (2 bytes unsigned for the distance value, 2 bytes signed for each coordinate) 10... Optical axis coordinate and amplitude data (2 bytes signed for the coordinate, 2 bytes unsigned for amplitude data)

				11...4 channels Test mode: Arithmetic functions (2 bytes ascending index; 2 bytes constant 0xbeef; 2 bytes ascending squared index; 2 bytes constant 0x0000)
				12...2 bytes distance data
				13... 2 bytes raw distance data; 2 bytes amp data
				23... 2 bytes distance data, 2 bytes amp data, 2 bytes balance data
				24...Raw phase data; 1 to 8 channels (variable); 2 bytes per pixel
				25... RawQI
				2 bytes P0-P180 data, 2 bytes P90-P270
				27...2 bytes amplitude data
0006	DeviceType	1E3C	R	Hardware specific identification
0008	FirmwareInfo		R	Bit[0-5]: Non Functional Revision Bit[6-10]: Minor Revision Bit[11-15]: Major Revision
000B	HardwareConfiguration	003F	R/W	Lens opening angle identifier.
000C	SerialNumberLowWord		R	Lower 16bit of the 32bit Serial Number
000D	SerialNumberHighWord		R	Higher 16bit of the 32bit Serial Number
000E	FrameCounter		R	Frame Counter (increments on every captured frame)
000F	CalibrationCommand	0000	R/W	Bit[0:7]: Cmd code 13...FPPN calibration of the current modulation frequency 16...Clear FPPN calibration data for current modulation frequency 19...Calibrate DistOffset of the current modulation frequency 27...Verical Band Correction
0010	ConfidenceThresLow	0000	R/W	Amplitude threshold for valid distance data
0011	ConfidenceThresHigh	FFFF	R/W	Amplitude threshold for valid distance data
001B	LedboardTemp		R	Average temperature of illumination in 0,01[°C] (FFFF: Temperature not available).
001C	MainboardTemp		R	Temperature of ToF chip in 0,01[°C] (FFFF: Temperature not available).
0020	RealWorldXcoordinate	0000	R/W	Distance to the calibration target [mm].
0021	CalibStatus	0000	R	Bit[0-7]: Status/error 0...Idle 19...FPPN calibration

20...Erasing flash
21...DistOffset calibration
161...Operation done
255.. Generic error
252.. Out of memory
246.. Wrong image mode (Need distance)
244.. RealWorldXCoordinate value zero or too large
Bit[10]: 1...Error occurred
Bit[12]: 1...No FPPN Calibration data in NVM for current modulation frequency
Bit[14]: 1...No Lens Calibration data in NVM for current **HardwareConfiguration** setting

0022	CmdEnablePasswd	0000	R/W	Set a password for critical operations: 0x4877: Register map flash operations (register CmdExec 0x0033) 0x5E6B: Test commands (register TestConfig 0x01C0) 0x1E5E: Reset ToF CC
0024	MaxLedTemp	1B58	R/W	Maximum tolerable illumination temperature 0.01[°C]
0026	HorizontalFov		R	Horizontal field of view in 0,01[°].The content depends on the mounted lens and the calibration data and represents the real viewing angles.
0027	VerticalFov		R	Vertical field of view in 0,01[°].The content depends on the mounted lens and the calibration data and represents the real viewing angles.
002B	TriggerDelay	0000	R/W	Delay between trigger assertion and image capturing [ms]
002C	BootStatus	4000	R	Bit[14-15]: Firmware Load Counter. This counter is reset by the firmware. It counts the boot attempts.
002D	TempCompGradientLim		R/W	Factor 'c' of the illumination temperature compensation function: $y [mm] = a/100000 * x^3 + b/10000 * x^2 + c/1000 * x$
0030	TempCompGradient2Lim		R/W	Factor 'b' of the illumination temperature compensation function: $y [mm] = a/100000 * x^3 + b/10000 * x^2 + c/1000 * x$
0033	CmdExec	0000	R/W	Initiate an operation: 0xC2AE...Clear RegMap in flash

				<p>0x9E20...Read RegMap from flash</p> <p>0x909A...Read factory RegMap</p> <p>0xDD9E...Save RegMap in flash</p> <p>Writing these commands must be preceded by writing 0x4877 into register CmdEnablePasswd (0x0022).</p> <p>0xE5E1: Reset ToF CC</p> <p>Writing this command must be preceded by writing 0x1E5E into register CmdEnablePasswd (0x0022).</p>
0034	CmdExecResult	0000	R	<p>Result code of the operation initiated using CmdExec</p> <p>1...Success</p> <p>Other...Error</p>
				<i>This register is cleared to 0x0 on read.</i>
0035	FactoryMacAddr2		R	Hi byte and byte 4 of the MAC address stored in OTP flash
0036	FactoryMacAddr1		R	Byte 3 and 2 of the MAC address stored in OTP flash
0037	FactoryMacAddr0		R	Byte 1 and low byte of the MAC address stored in OTP flash
0038	FactoryYear		R	Production year (stored in OTP flash)
0039	FactoryMonthDay		R	<p>Bit[0-7]: Production day (stored in OTP flash)</p> <p>Bit[8-15]: Production month (stored in OTP flash)</p>
003A	FactoryHourMinute		R	<p>Bit[0-7]: Production hour (stored in OTP flash)</p> <p>Bit[8-15]: Production minute (stored in OTP flash)</p>
003B	FactoryTimezone		R	Production time zone (stored in OTP flash)
003C	TempCompGradient3Lim		R/W	<p>Factor 'a' of the illumination temperature compensation function: $y \text{ [mm]} = a/100000 * x^3 + b/10000 * x^2 + c/1000 * x$</p>
003D	BuildYearMonth		R	<p>Firmware Build date/time</p> <p>Bit[14-4]: Year</p> <p>Bit[3-0]: Month</p>
003E	BuildDayHour		R	<p>Firmware Build day/hour</p> <p>Bit[9-5]: Day</p> <p>Bit[4-0]: Hour</p>
003F	BuildMinuteSecond		R	Firmware Build date/time

			Bit[11-6]: Minute Bit[5-0]: Second
0040	UpTimeLow	R	Lower 16 bit of uptime in [s]
0041	UpTimeHigh	R	Higher 16 bit of uptime in [s]
0046	ProcessorStatus	R	Bit[0:7]:...Temperature of the processor in °C (0xFF: Sensor not available) Bit[8:15]:...Processor speed in 10-MHz-steps
004A	TempCompGradientTim	R/W	Factor 'c' of the TIM temperature compensation function: $y [mm] = a/100000 * x^3 + b/10000 * x^2 + c/1000 * x$
004B	TempCompGradient2Tim	R/W	Factor 'b' of the TIM temperature compensation function: $y [mm] = a/100000 * x^3 + b/10000 * x^2 + c/1000 * x$
004C	TempCompGradient3Tim	R/W	Factor 'a' of the TIM temperature compensation function: $y [mm] = a/100000 * x^3 + b/10000 * x^2 + c/1000 * x$
00C1	DistOffset0	R/W	Offset for distance values in millimeters
00D0	IOstate0	R/W	Bit[9]: ... state of GPO0 (R/W) Bit[10]: ... state of GPO1 (R/W) Bit[11]: ... state of GPO2 (R/W)
00FB	TimClock	R/W	TofCC input clock in 10 kHz steps. Valid range: 4000...8000.
00FC	MixhVoltage	R/W	In 1/10 volts. Valid range: 9...22. Controls the DAC which steers the MLX75023 MIXH voltage
00FD	Latency	R	Latency from capture to stream complete in milliseconds
00FE	Status2	R	Bit 0: 1... SERDES error Bit 1: 1... Capture error Bit 2: 1... Capture timeout Bit 3: 1... Application processor too hot, running at decreased GPU+CPU clock speed
00FF	TimClockCurrent	R	Current TofCC input clock in 10 kHz steps.

6.2 User Defined

Addr (hex)	Register Name	Default Value (hex)	R/W	Description
0100	UserDefined0	0	R/W	For any purpose
0101	UserDefined1	0	R/W	For any purpose

0102	UserDefined2	0	R/W	For any purpose
0103	UserDefined3	0	R/W	For any purpose
0104	UserDefined4	0	R/W	For any purpose
0105	UserDefined5	0	R/W	For any purpose
0106	UserDefined6	0	R/W	For any purpose
0107	UserDefined7	0	R/W	For any purpose
0108	UserDefined8	0	R/W	For any purpose
0109	UserDefined9	0	R/W	For any purpose

6.3 General (2)

Addr (hex)	Register Name	Default Value (hex)	R/W	Description
010A	TempCompGradientBaseboard		R/W	Factor 'c' of the ToF companion chip temperature compensation function: $y [mm] = a/100000 * x^3 + b/10000 * x^2 + c/1000 * x + u$
010B	TempCompGradient2Baseboard		R/W	Factor 'b' of the ToF companion chip temperature compensation function: $y [mm] = a/100000 * x^3 + b/10000 * x^2 + c/1000 * x + u$
010C	TempCompGradient3Baseboard		R/W	Factor 'a' of the ToF companion chip temperature compensation function: $y [mm] = a/100000 * x^3 + b/10000 * x^2 + c/1000 * x + u$
010D	BaseboardTemp		R	Temperature of the ToF companion chip in 0,01[°C] (FFFF: Sensor not available).
0118	CalibStatus2		R	Bit[0]: ... No wiggling calibration data in NVM
0159	IllPower		R/W	Illumination Power in percent. 0...100
01C0	TestConfig	0000	R/W	Bit[1]: 1... Watchdog Test Writing this register must be preceded by writing 0x5E6B into register CmdEnablePasswd (0x0022)

Table 26: General registers

6.4 Device Update

Addr (hex)	Register Name	Default Value (hex)	R/W	Description
01D1	FileUpdateStatus	0000	R	0...idle 3...out_of_memory

6...file crc error
8...erasing flash
9...flashing
11...erasing failed
12...flashing failed
14...update success
16...header version conflict
18...wrong fw identifier
20...data inconsistent
21...in progress
255...protocol violation

Table 27: Registers for device update

6.5 Filter Configuration

Addr (hex)	Register Name	Default Value (hex)	R/W	Description
01E0	ImgProcConfig	28C0	R/W	Bit[0]: 1...enable Median Filter Bit[3]: 1...enable Bilateral Filter Bit[4]: 1...enable Sliding Average Bit[6]: 1...enable Wiggling compensation Bit[7]: 1...enable FPPN compensation Bit[10]: 1...enable FrameAverage Filter Bit[11]: 1...enable Temperature compensation Bit[13]: 1...enable offset via register DistOffset0
01E1	FilterMedianConfig	0001	R/W	Bit[0-7]: Nr. of Median Iterations
01E4	FilterBilateralConfig	13DE	R/W	Bit[0-5]: Sigma R (Width of range kernel) Bit[6-11]: Sigma S (Width of spatial kernel) Bit[12-15]: Nr. of iterations
01E5	FilterSlafConfig	0005	R/W	Bit[0-7]: Window size
01E6	FilterBilateralConfig2	0003	R/W	Bit[0-5]: Square size (=> Window size = square size x square size)
01E7	FilterFrameAverageConfig	0002	R/W	Bit[0-3]: Number of Frames
01E9	ImgProcConfig2	0010	R/W	Bit 4: 1 ... Enable "Vertical Stripes Workaround" for Melexis Sensor/Companion Chip on both Distance and Amplitude images Bit 5: 1 ... Enable "Pinout swap workaround" for MLX75024 Bit 6: 1 ... Enable "Vertical Stripes Workaround" for Melexis Sensor/Companion Chip on both Distance

and Amplitude images for column 8 only
(MLX75024)

Table 28: Register for filter configuration

6.6 Ethernet configuration

Addr (hex)	Register Name	Default Value (hex)	R/W	Description
0240	Eth0Config	0006	R/W	Bit[0]: 1.. Enable DHCP Bit[1]: 1.. Enable UDP streaming Bit[2]: 1.. Ignore CRC for UDP streaming
0241	Eth0Mac2		R/W	Byte 5 (=High byte) and byte 4 of MAC address Writing this register has no immediate effect.
0242	Eth0Mac1		R/W	Byte 3 and byte 2 of MAC address Writing this register has no immediate effect.
0243	Eth0Mac0		R/W	Byte 1 and byte 0 (=Low byte) of MAC address Writing this register will update the network configuration with the new MAC address.
0244	Eth0Ip0	000A	R/W	Low word of IP address Writing this register has no immediate effect (see register 0x0249).
0245	Eth0Ip1	C0A8	R/W	High word of IP address Writing this register has no immediate effect (see register 0x0249).
0246	Eth0Snm0	FF00	R/W	Low word of subnet mask Writing this register has no immediate effect (see register 0x0249).
0247	Eth0Snm1	FFFF	R/W	High word of subnet mask Writing this register has no immediate effect (see register 0x0249).
0248	Eth0Gateway0	0001	R/W	Low word of gateway Writing this register has no immediate effect (see register 0x0249).
0249	Eth0Gateway1	C0A8	R/W	High word of gateway Writing this register will update the network configuration with new IP address, subnet mask and gateway.
024B	Eth0TcpCtrlPort	2711	R/W	Port for TCP control interface
024C	Eth0UdpStreamIp0	0001	R/W	Low word of IP address for UDP stream Writing this register has no immediate effect.

024D	Eth0UdpStreamIp1	E000	R/W	High word of IP address for UDP stream Writing this register will update the network configuration with the new UDP stream address.
024E	Eth0UdpStreamPort	2712	R/W	Port for UDP streaming

Table 29: Registers for Ethernet configuration

6.7 General 3

Addr (hex)	Register Name	Default Value (hex)	R/W	Description
0570	ArticleNrPart1		R	First part of the article number (###-****-*)
0571	ArticleNrPart2		R	Second part of the article number (***-####-*)
0572	DeviceRevisionMajor		R	Third part of the article number (***-****-#) Also: Major part of the revision number
0573	DeviceRevisionMinor		R	Bit[0-7]: ... nonfunctional part of the revision number Bit[8-15]: ... minor number of the revision number
0576	VerticalBandCorrectionNofSweeps	000C	R/W	Number of sweeps done in vertical band correction
0577	VerticalBandCorrectionStepsPerSweep	0064	R/W	Number of Frames averaged for every vertical band correction sweep

6.8 MLX75123 registers

Addr (hex)	Register Name	Default Value (hex)	R/W	Description
0FFC	NVRAM_CTRL			Access of MLX75123 register 0x0
0FFD	DIAGNOSTICS			Access of MLX75123 register 0x2
0FFE	ENABLES			Access of MLX75123 register 0x4
0FFF	I2C_CMD			Access of MLX75123 register 0x6
1000	NV_I2C_ADDR_MODE			Access of MLX75123 register 0x1000 (straight mapping)
...
119E	NV_FREE5			Access of MLX75123 register 0x119E (straight mapping)

7 Support

7.1 General Support

General support for products can be found at BECOM Systems' support site

Support Link

 <https://support.bluetechnix.at/index.html>

7.2 Software Packages

Software packages and software downloads are for registered customers only

Software Package

 <https://support.bluetechnix.at/index.html>

8 Firmware History

8.1 Version Information

Firmware Version	Status	Release date	Changes
0.4.0	X-Grade	Aug 2016	
0.4.3	X-Grade	Aug 2016	<p>Add immediate FAILED response if trying to write to active frame table registers of MLX75123;</p> <p>Fixed bug in calculating the modulation frequency out of ToF companion chip meta data (Rdiv and Ndiv were exchanged)</p>
0.5.0	X-Grade	Sep 2016	<p>MLX75123 input clock PLL: Can now be configured freely between 40 and 80 MHz</p> <p>Changed interpretation of MixhVoltage register from percent to 1/10 volts. Protected writes to this register with a password.</p> <p>Temperature of MLX75123 is now used as “base board temperature”, allowing for temperature compensation. Temperature value is also transferred in image header with each frame of the data interface. Register TempDevTemperature0 was removed.</p> <p>Added a new channel “balance” and a new image data format “Dist-Amp-Balance”. The balance is defined as (ph0+180)-(ph90+ph270) for each pixel.</p> <p>Added a Latency register</p> <p>Added a Status2 register, which reports SERDES status in a status bit</p> <p>Configured X1/Pin 16 as a low-active GPIO trigger input (in case the ToFCC is in triggered multi-frame mode)</p>
0.6.0	X-Grade	Sep 2016	<p>Apply changes to TimClock register (MLX75123 input clock) instantly, and eliminate therefore the need to restart the device in order to apply the new clock setting.</p> <p>Added register TimClockCurrent which reads the current companion chip input frequency.</p>

Add a filter "Vertical Stripes Workaround" as suggested by Melexis.
See chapter 4.3.1.

Improve performance of balance channel calculation.
Fix off-by-1-line bug in balance calculation.

Add more status/error flags to **Status** and **Status2** registers, and
revise their behavior. See chapter 4.16 for a detailed list.

If image data format 0 (Dist+Amp) is selected and ToFCC is
configured accordingly, keep output mode 0 or 1 on ToFCC, if output
mode 0 or 1 was selected previously, and don't statically set output
mode 1.

0.6.1 X-Grade Oct 2016

Fix saving customer registers to companion chip's NVRAM, which is
executed on "Save RegMap in flash" command written into
CmdExec register. The fix circumvents a ToFCC bug.

Values written into the **TimClock** register are not corrected
anymore. The corrected value can be read from the
TimClockCurrent register anyway.

Improve detection of a SERDES error via its status GPIOs. (SERDES
error is reported in register **Status2**).

Set illumination power default to 50%.

Change ToFCC video buffer drive strength to 1 (from max value 15)
which improves SERDES stability and probably image noise.

0.6.2 X-Grade Nov 2016

Enable temperature compensation by default and set default
compensation values that depend on the illumination temperature.

Support FPPN compensation data for different modulation
frequencies and different Flip/Mirror settings.

Support wiggling correction tables for different modulation
frequencies.

Make 48MHz the default input clock speed for the ToF companion
chip.

Improve I2C reading speed from the ToF companion chip for
multiple-register reads on the control interface.

0.7.0	X-Grade	Apr 2017	Support three GPOs. Support Raw Phase IQ image mode.
0.8.0	X-Grade	Jun 2017	Support ToFCC reset Add pinout swap workaround for MLX74024.
0.8.1	X-Grade	Jun 2017	Add log messages.
0.8.2	X-Grade	Jun 2017	ToF companion chip resets now done by I2C command.
0.8.3	X-Grade	Jul 2017	Fix initialization: only writes user registers.
0.8.6	X-Grade	Jun 2018	Fix offset setting causing distance readings outside unambiguity range. Add Amplitude only image mode. Add vertical band correction.
0.9.0	X-Grade	Jul 2018	(only released for devices with ToF companion chip version BA) Add PON/Device revision registers Add support for ToF companion chip version BA
0.10.0	X-Grade	Aug 2018	(only released for devices with ToF companion chip version BA) Fix 75024 chip select not operated by ToF companion chip
0.10.2	X-Grade	Aug 2018	(only released for devices with ToF companion chip version BA) Fix crashes after modulation frequency changes.
0.11.0	X-Grade	Dec 2018	Add support for LED illumination board. Add vertical stripe filter for column 8 only. Add limited binning support.
0.12.0	X-Grade		(only released for devices with ToF companion chip version BA) Switched phase order to 45-225-135-315 deg. Fix 2x2 binning data handling.

Table 30: Overview Melexis EVK75123 firmware changes

8.2 Anomalies

Applies to	Date	Description
0.4.0	Aug 2016	The modulation frequency is calculated wrongly out of the meta data, except where the Ndiv value equals the Rdiv value.
<= 0.5.0	Sep 2016	Balance channel: Off-by-1-line error. First line is invalid, and remaining lines are shifted to following line. Last line is missing.
All (hardware bug)	Sep 2016	On hardware version 1.0 of sensor and interface boards, the RoiXSize cannot be smaller than 144; otherwise, no frames are transmitted on the data interface.
< 0.10.1	Dec 2018	Device may crash after modulation frequency changes.

Table 31: Firmware anomalies

9 Document Revision History

Version	Date	Document Revision
1	2016 08 12	Initial version of the document
2	2016 09 01	Revised document for f/w version 0.5.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Updated chapters: 3.2.1, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.13.4, 6.1, 6.3, 8.1- Added chapters: 3.3, 4.6.3
3	2016 09 13	Revised document for f/w version 0.6.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Updated chapters: 2, 4.9, 4.12, 6.1, 6.3, 6.5, 8.1, 8.2- Added chapters: 4.3.1, 4.16
4	2016 11 09	Revised document for f/w versions 0.6.0 and 0.6.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Updated chapters: 8.1
5	2017 06 22	Revised document for f/w versions 0.8.0 and 0.8.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Added chapters: 4.6.9 and 4.20- Smaller layout updates- Chapter 6 register description updated
6	2019 03 13	Revised document for f/w versions 0.8.1 to 0.12.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Changed document template to BECOM Systems template- Replaced Figure 3-1 and Figure 4-1 to comply with new template- Added note in chapter 2 regarding new MLX75024 default phase order- Added chapter 4.3.2- Updated chapters 6 and 8

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