

sensicam qe - 1288 data

The following data are typical data for the sensicam qe camera system measured in an EMVA 1288 standard¹ compliant way. All symbols presented refer to the linear camera model, which is described in the Standard².

Temporal Noise and Sensitivity

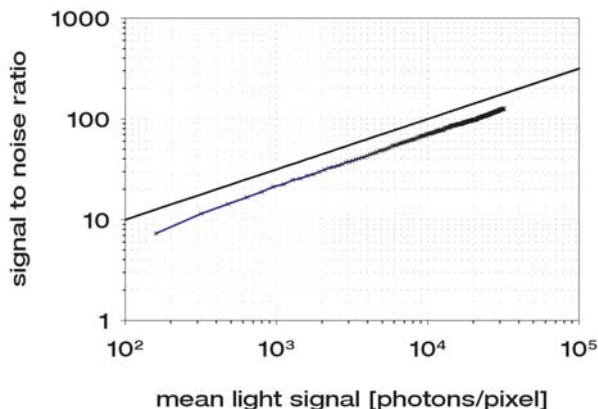
Temporal Noise refers to the noise in the time dimension. Therefore the differences per pixel between consecutive images are addressed. The sensitivity in general shows the characteristic of the camera system to convert light into digital information.

Basic Parameters

	unit	setpoint	sensicam qe
total quantum efficiency η_{mean}	%	@ 525nm	48.0
inverse of overall system gain 1/k (conversion factor)	e^-/DN^3	typical	4.1
saturation capacity $\mu_{e,\text{sat}}$	e^-		16 790
standard deviation of temporal dark noise σ_{d0}	e^-	@ 0s exposure time	4.7
dark current N_{d30}	e^-/s	@ 30°C housing temperature	tbd ⁴
doubling temperature k_d	°C		tbd

Derived Parameters

Signal-to-Noise-Ratio (SNR)

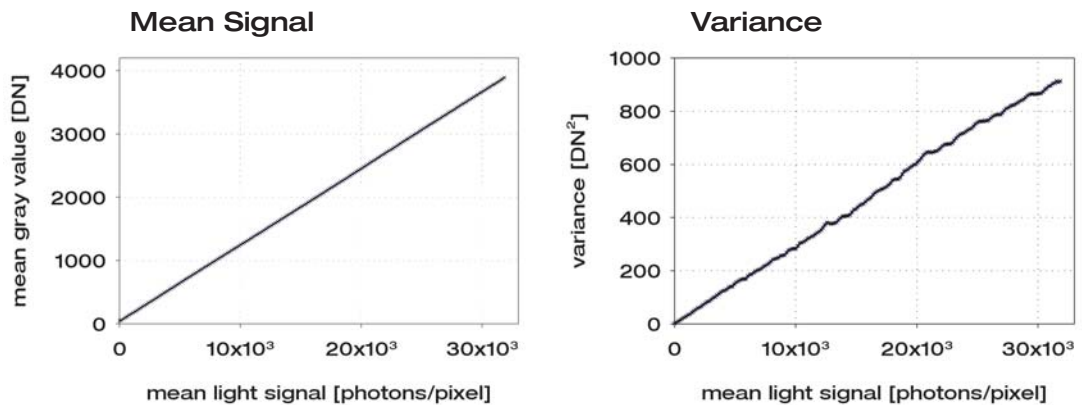


Data were measured with monochrome light at 525nm peak wavelength. The solid line gives the theoretical limit defined by the statistical character of light, here the SNR is the number of photons divided by the square root of number of photons, which gives the maximum achievable SNR of light.

- [1] The mathematical model and explanation of the EMVA 1288 Standard can be downloaded at: www.emva.org
- [2] All measurements were performed at 12MHz pixelclock, low gain, default light mode
- [3] The 1288 Standard uses [DN] for digital number instead of [count], which we used in our product sheets before.
- [4] To-be-done (tbd) in a later issue of the 1288 data of this camera

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Raw Data



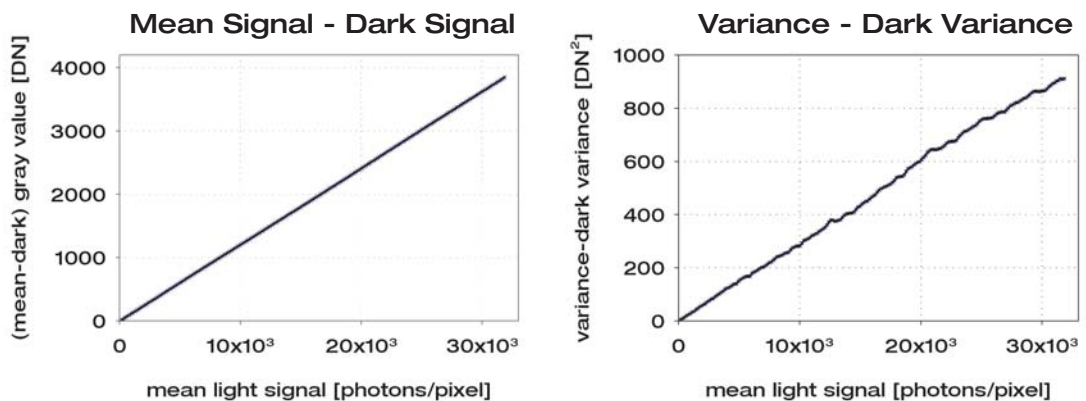
The left graph shows how good (or linear) the digital signal of the camera corresponds to the light input signal. The right graph uses the photon transfer technique to measure the conversion factor or inverse of total system gain of the camera system. If the variance vs. mean gray level is used, the slope of the curve directly yields to the conversion factor.

The two graphs with mean dark signal vs. exposure time and variance dark signal vs. exposure time, which are required by the 1288 standard, have been omitted, because the exposure time has not been changed for the presented measurements, but the light signal itself. Therefore everything was measured with the same exposure time.

The corresponding mean and variance values are:

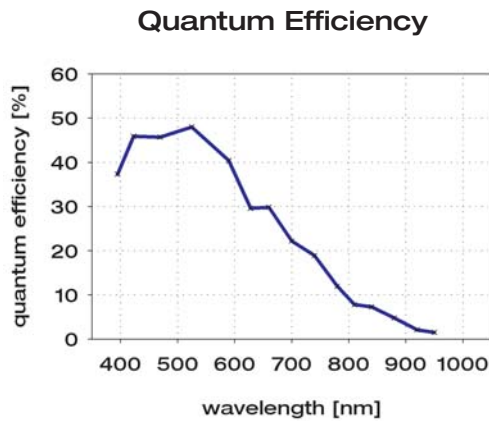
$$\mu_{y,\text{dark}} = 45.46 \text{ [DN]}$$

$$s^2_{y,\text{temp.dark}} = 1.33 \text{ [DN}^2\text{]}$$



Both graphs show the same curves like above, but corrected for the dark signals, which include the dark signal noise and dark current contributions to the total signal.

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quantum efficiency [%]	wavelength [nm]
37.3	395
45.9	423
45.7	470
48.0	525
40.4	590
29.6	628
29.8	660
22.2	700
18.9	740
12.0	780
7.8	810
7.3	840
4.8	880
2.1	920
1.5	950

The quantum efficiency curve shows the efficiency, with which impinging light is converted into charge carriers in the image sensor. It includes all effects of the camera and the chip (cover glasses, micro lenses, fill factor etc.). As corresponding curves of image sensor manufacturers are measured sensor only, the quantities will be different.

Spatial Noise

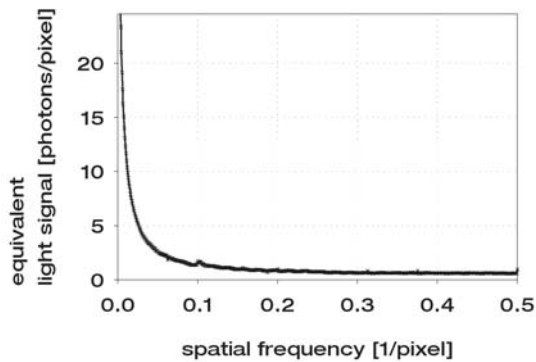
The Spatial Noise refers to the noise in the spatial dimension. Therefore the differences at homogeneous or no illumination within one image but without the temporal noise are addressed.

Basic Parameters

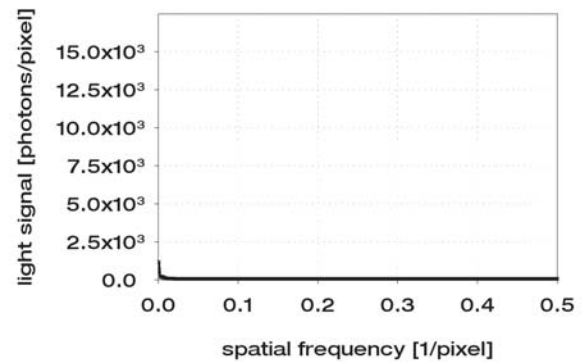
	unit	setpoint	sensicam qe
standard deviation of spatial offset noise σ_0	e ⁻		tbd
standard deviation of spatial gain noise S_g	%		tbd

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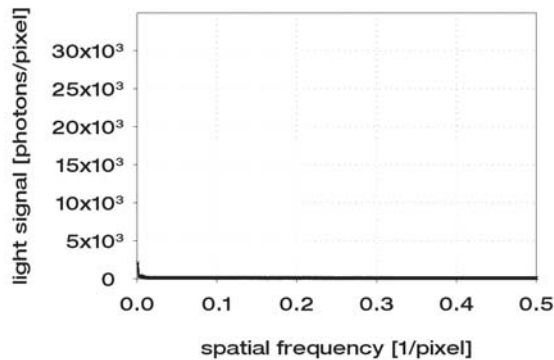
Spectrogram - no light



Spectrogram - 50% light signal



Spectrogram - 90% light signal



The spectrogram curves show the averaged Fast Fourier Transformations of each line in an image at various homogeneous illuminations of the camera. In case of no light, the corresponding noise values were converted in equivalent light signals for better comparison.

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