

FlightSense™ Time-of-Flight sensors

Introduction



ToF principle & main functions



FlightSense™ use-cases



Product portfolio and roadmap





ST pioneer and leader in Time-of-Flight (ToF)

ST is #1 Worldwide ToF sensor supplier

4 Generations

of all-in-one ToF solution deployed since 5 years

>155 phones with FlightSense™

Above 15 smartphone OEMs

Hundreds other customers

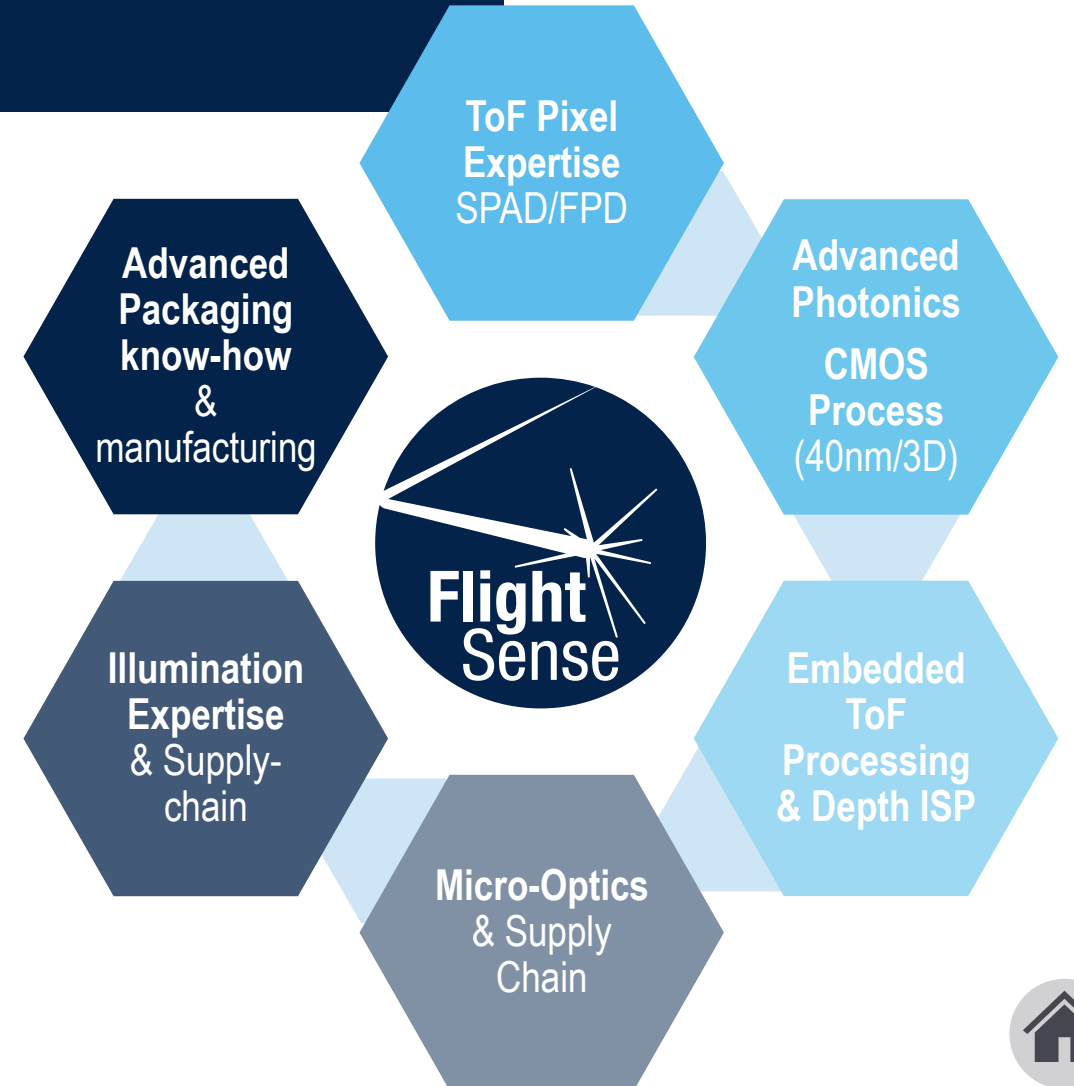
Hundreds non wireless end-products in the market

>40,000

Evaluation kits deployed

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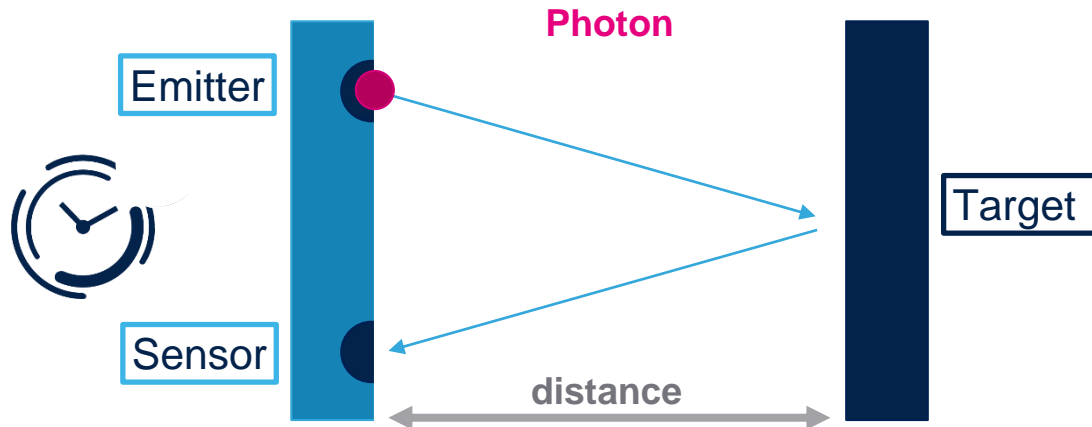
ToF units shipped. Mastering end-to-end supply chain





FlightSense™ ... making light work

Time-of-Flight Principle



$$\text{Measured distance} = \text{Photon travel time} / 2 \times \text{Speed of light}$$

1cm round-trip takes 67ps

ST proprietary **FlightSense™** technology

True distance measurement
Independent of target size, color & reflectance

Fast and low power

Truly invisible 940 nm illumination



FlightSense™

Typical module overview

All-in-One (illumination & sensor) Time of Flight system
→ Optimized size / performance / cost mix

Advanced optics with
integrated IR filter

State-of-art assembly & testing
manufacturing ST line in SHZ



Monolithic ToF SoC, SPAD Array,
RAM/ROM & powerful Class1
VCSEL driver

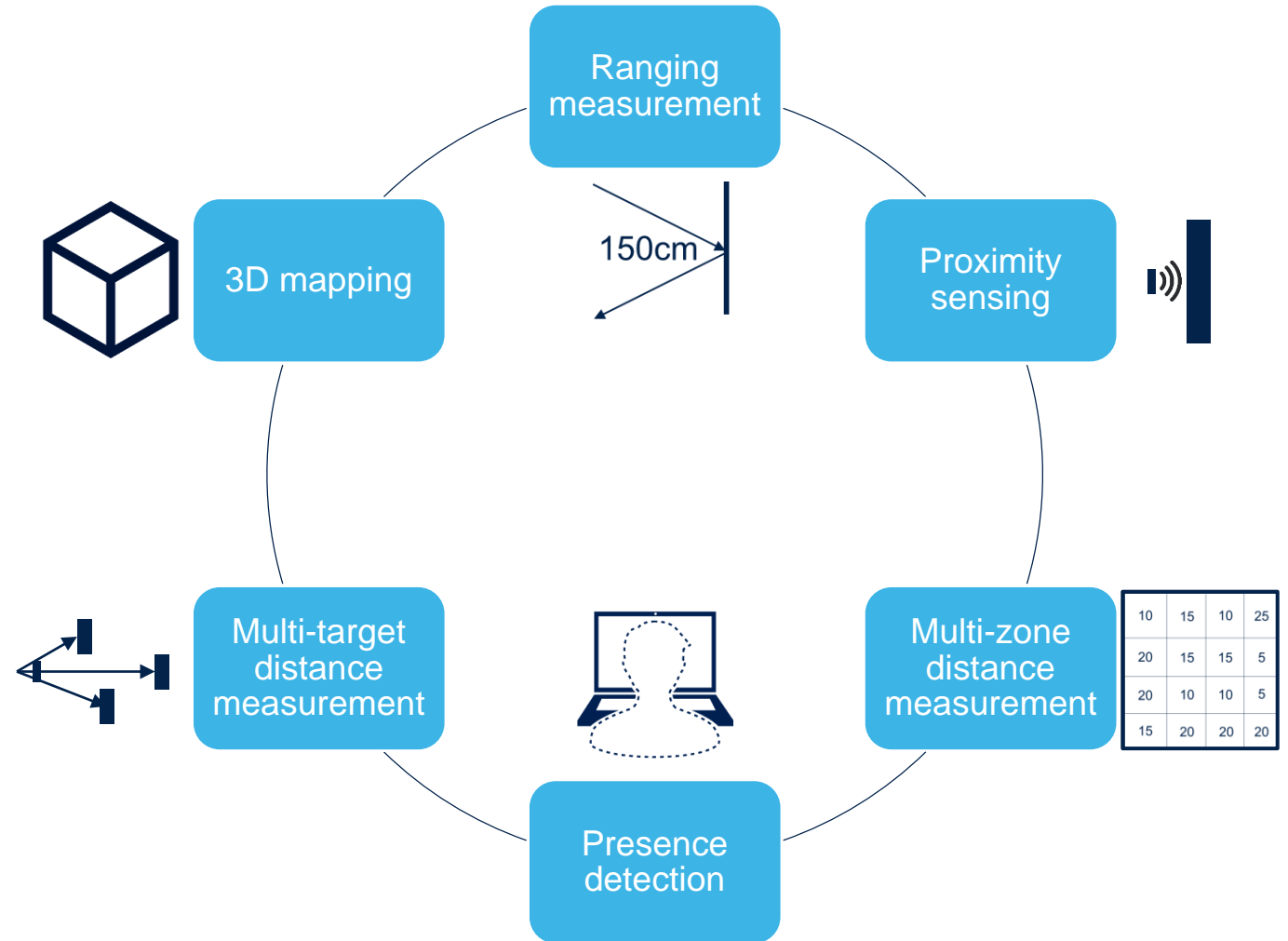
High power VCSEL
Full Class 1 safety



FlightSense™ sensors main functions

Enabling endless Use-Cases

- Ceiling detection
- Content analysis
- Cliff detection
- Gesture control
- Hands-free operation
- Light control
- Load management
- Object detection
- Obstacle avoidance
- Occupancy detection
- Parking occupancy
- People counting
- Power saving
- SLAM
- Touch-less operation
- User detection
- Volume control
- Wall tracking



Market & applications





FlightSense™ robotics applications

Typical use-cases

Cliff detection
Avoid robot falling

Wall tracking

Obstacle detection
Avoid collision with user or
breakable object

Cleaning
robots

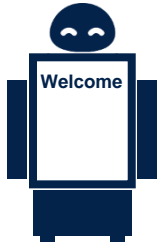


Home
assistant



Air purifier

Service
robots



Pet robots

Toy robots



Benefits

Depth map (multi sensor design)
Avoid collision with human or object
Low power



FlightSense™ smart building applications

Typical use-cases

Gesture control
Robust gesture recognition for IoT

Light control
Energy management

User detection
Energy saving

Parking occupancy
Security, parking management



Smart
Home

White
Goods



Benefits

Small footprint for easy integration
Works with many cover Glass materials
Immune to color, texture, and material
Battery-operated, high-performance applications
- Down to 175 μ W at 1 Hz



FlightSense™ laptops / tablets / conference calls applications

Typical use-cases

Security

Immediate log-off or lock, log-in assist

Power saving

Immediate screen on/off, low power mode

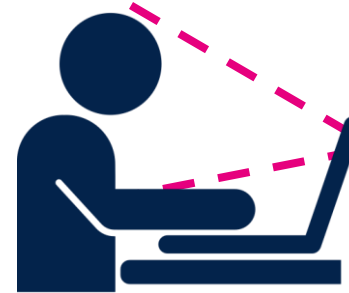
Eye protection

Warning when user is too close from screen

Audio/User interface enhanced control

Adjust mic/speaker mode based on distance

Simple and robust gesture Tap & Swipe



**PC presence
detection**



**Conference call system
presence detection**



**Tablet
proximity
measurement**

Benefits

Immediate Presence Detection

Accurate distance measurement

Small footprint for easy integration

Autonomous low power mode



FlightSense™ industrial applications

Typical use-cases

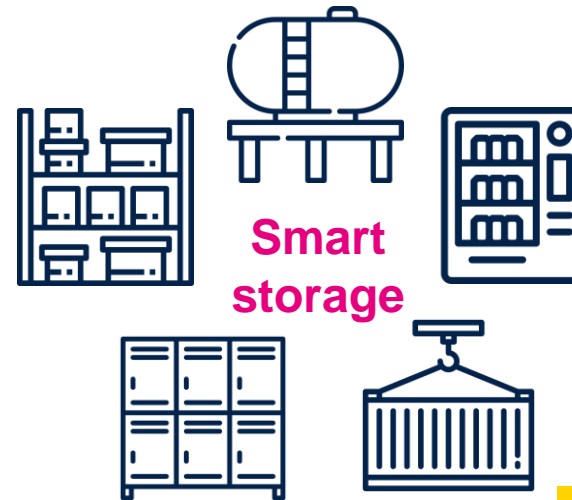
Liquid level control
Water / Oil tank level management

User detection
People counting

Load management
Filling monitoring

Object detection
Smart lockers, smart shelves

Security
Security barriers to protect



Industrial
robots



Factory
management



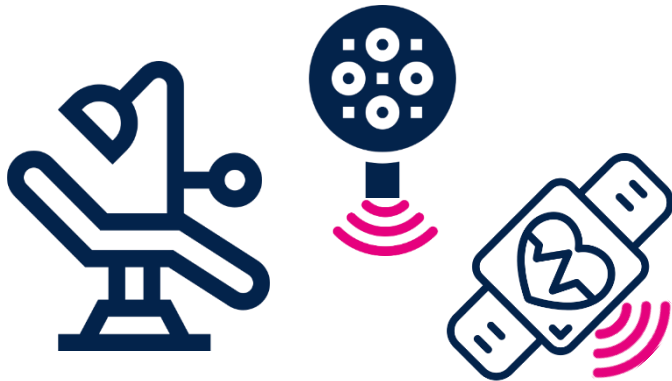
Benefits

High accuracy
Configurable FoV
Fast ranging mode (100 Hz)
Long distance ranging



FlightSense™ applications

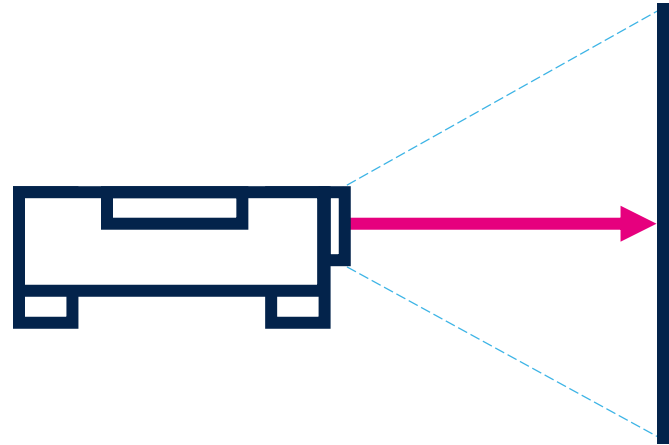
Medical



Basic gesture recognition

“zero-touch” control of devices

Projectors



Auto-Focus adjust

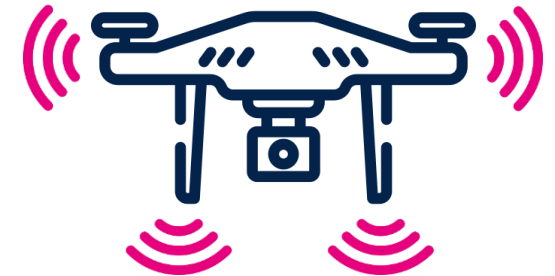
Distance measurement

Adaptive configuration & set-up

Presence detection

User eye safety protection

Drones



Flying assist

Collision avoidance

Obstacle, ceiling and floor detection





FlightSense™ mass-market roadmap

