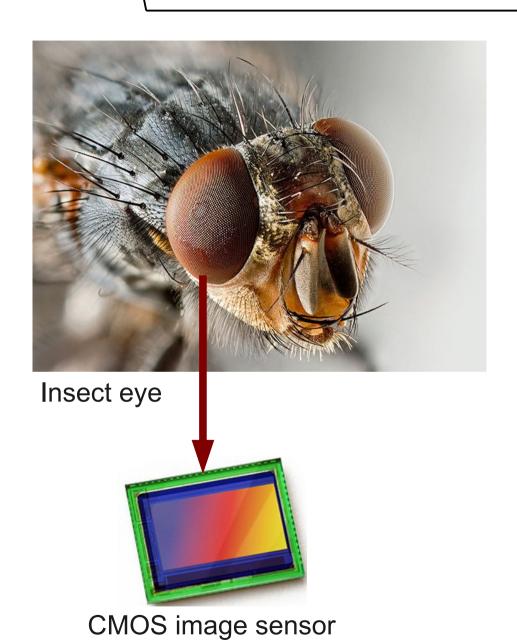
OpticalFlow-Z





Z → Biologically Inspired Machine Vision



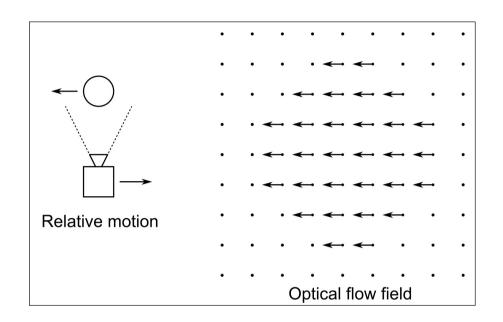
Insects can navigate effectively using vision...

...without needing a powerful CPU/GPU like many modern image processing algorithms

Applying the techniques used by insects to modern digital electronics, we can create new types of miniature sensors such as the OpticalFlow-Z

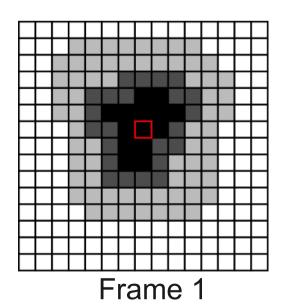


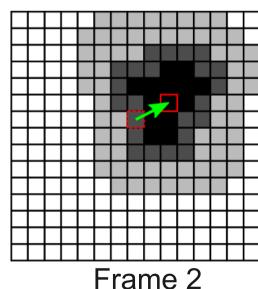
Z → What is Optical Flow?



Measurement of relative motion:

- Motion of objects seen by the sensor
- Motion of the sensor relative to a stationary background
- A combination of the two



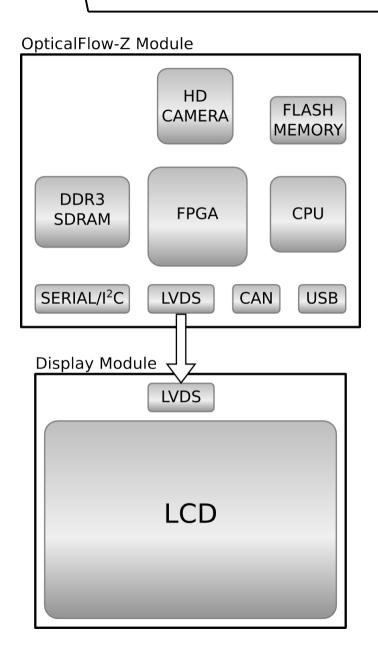


Calculated from successive images

- Features such as edges are detected in the images
- The area around each sample point is compared between both images
- The motion vector at each sample point is determined by the distance objects have moved



\OpticalFlow-Z Sensor



OpticalFlow-Z module

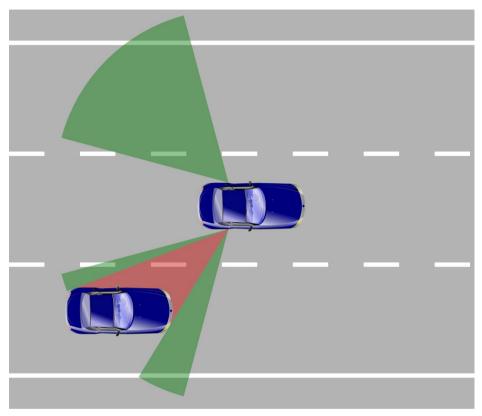
- HD image sensor
 - Up to 1920x1080 (30 frames/sec)
 - Up to 240 frames/sec (320x240 pixels)
- FPGA
 - Parallel processing of image data
- CPU
 - ARM Cortex-M3 (120 MHz)
- Memory
 - 1 Gbit DDR3 SDRAM (5.3 Gb/s)
 - 64 Mbit flash memory
- Multiple interfaces
 - CAN/USB/serial/I2C/LVDS
- Small size
 - 50x50 mm

Display Module

- 4.3 inch colour display
 - 480x272 pixels
 - 60 frames/sec



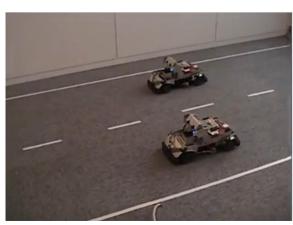
Usage of OpticalFlow-Z



Example usage: Detection of overtaking cars

- It can be difficult for drivers to notice cars approaching quickly from behind
- OpticalFlow-Z can detect this situation and alert the driver

"Safe" objects such as the road and background have a relative motion towards the rear of the car, while "dangerous" objects such as overtaking cars have the opposite motion.





It is therefore quite simple to detect a dangerous situation (see video)