The Analytical Instrumentation Designer’s Answer to Faster Better

Instrument designers challenged to improve sensitivity and throughput have kept a close watch on scientific cameras to provide multiplexed and high throughput assays with superior sensitivity, linearity, dynamic range, and data quality. Unfortunately, the desire for a better instrument often ran counter to meeting instrument cost targets. The QImaging QI825 answers that challenge.

Unlike commodity machine vision hardware, the QImaging QI825 has all the features of a true scientific camera that will improve limits of detection and quantification: State of the art, highly efficient CCD sensor technology, full flexibility over image readout patterns and signal binning, and deep cooling to virtually eliminate dark current noise.

With the QI OEM series cameras, QImaging introduces Intelligent Quantification™ — on camera intelligence features that correct for defective pixels, removes accumulated dark current, and greatly extend dynamic range beyond 16 bits. A high speed 50 MHz pixel digitization rate increases camera FPS when focusing and spot finding, and an ultra-low noise 862 kHz pixel rate is used to quantify extremely low signal levels.

The QI825 uses the latest USB3.0 computer interface for efficient, reliable data transfer, tested at over 1 Million frames. For embedded hardware, the QI825 provides USB2 compatibility at reduced frame rates. Software integration is straightforward with QImaging’s PVCAM API, allowing the instrument designer to easily implement many QImaging and Photometrics brand camera models in future designs.

Traditionally, the use of scientific cameras was only possible in the most expensive, highest performing instruments. Through careful selection of image sensors and components the QI825 is an affordable OEM solution, even for routine, bench top instruments. Customers rely on the combined expertise of QImaging and Photometrics to provide a robust ISO9001 manufacturing process and responsive global network of customer service and repair centers.
**OEM Needs**

**Solutions**

**Extreme Low Light Imaging**
- 75% peak QE combined with low noise electronics reveals the weak signals missed by industrial cameras
- Increased exposure time and binning enables detection of the faintest signals with deep sensor cooling to < 5 e-/pixel/hour

**Rapid Find and Focus**
- 50 MHz two port readout simplifies finding and focusing on samples, while the ultra-low noise 862 kHz readout reduces electronic noise to negligible levels

**Perfect Image Capture**
- Advanced anti-blooming and two-shot EDR mode extend dynamic range using separate exposures to capture the brightest and weakest signals present in the sample

**Flawless Images**
- Intelligent Quantification provides advanced real-time FPGA algorithms to deliver better image quality
- Intelligent Quantification enables Pixel Defect Correction — EDR — Dynamic Dark Frame Subtraction

**Flexibility to Grow with Your Business**
- OEM customization of mechanics, sensors, algorithms and testing ensures that investment in the QI platform pays for decades

**Faster Time to Market**
- USB3.0 and PVCAM SDK makes integrating the QI825 easy and painless
- USB2 mode for backward compatibility particularly with embedded computing hardware

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**CCD Sensor**

- **Sensor Type**: Sony ICX-825 Scientific Interline CCD (Monochrome)
- **CCD Array**: 1360 x 1024
- **Pixel Size**: 6.45μm x 6.45μm
- **Active Area**: 8.8mm x 6.6mm (11mm diagonal)
- **Peak Quantum Efficiency**: 75% at 600nm*
- **Full Well Capacity**: 16,000e- single pixel
- **Full Well Capacity**: 24,000e- with on-chip binning
**Digital Output**
16 bit at 862 kHz and 14 bit at 50 MHz

**Digitization Rate**
- USB3: 50 MHz high frame rate, 862 kHz low noise mode
- USB2: 17.5 MHz high frame rate, 862 kHz low noise mode

**Read Noise (typical)**
- 50 MHz: < 8 e- RMS typical
- 862 kHz: < 5 e- RMS typical

**Frame Rate**
- 30fps at full resolution, 50 MHz
- 50fps binned 2x2

**Exposure Time Range**
25μs - 60min

**Supported Binning Modes**
1x1, 2x2, 4x4, 6x6, 8x8, 12x12, 16x16, 24x24

**Dark Current Rate (typical)**
0.0005 e/p/s at -20C regulated

**Sensor Cooling**
-20°C stabilized at 22°C ambient
Thermoelectric cooling with forced air

**Intelligent Quantification (iQ) Features**
Defect correction (nearest neighbor)
Dynamic Dark Frame subtraction*
Extended Dynamic Range*

* These options are available as add on features and not included with standard product.

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**Camera Interfacing**

**Computer Platforms/Operating Systems**
Windows 7 (64 bit), Windows 8 (64 bit)
Refer to the QImaging website for the latest list of minimum computer recommendations

**Digital Interface**
USB3.0 (USB2 compatible at reduced max fps)

**Triggering I/O Signals**
Trigger In, Expose Out, End-of-Frame, Shutter Out

**Supported Triggering Modes**
Trigger First, Strobe, Bulb

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**Mechanical/Power**

**Optical Interface**
1”, C-mount optical format

**Mounting Hole Thread Size**
1/4” - 20 thread, 4 sides

**Camera Dimensions**
98.4mm x 76mm x 76mm (length x width x height)

**Weight**
1.55lb, 0.72kg

**Power Requirement**
12V DC, 5A