

ESPROS Photonics Corporation



3D Camera as Smart Surveillance Sensors

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A few words about ESPROS



Locations

- Sargans, Switzerland (est. 2006)
- USA, China



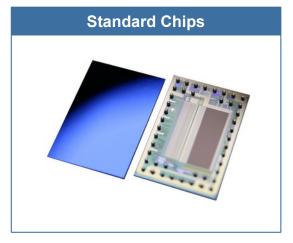
Activities

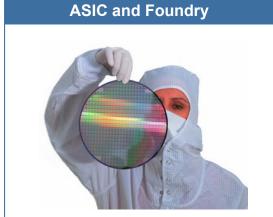
- Design and manufacturing of photonics chips and TOF cameras
- Sales in 2021
 - >10k 3D TOF cameras sold in 2021
 - >500k camera chips sold
 - >15m chips sold in 2021



ESPROS' Offerings

Key offerings







Selected key features

- TOF 8 x 8
- TOF 160 x 60
- TOF 320 x 240
- Line Imager 1024 x 1
- Photo diode amplifiers
- Photo diode arrays
- High voltage output switches
- Spectral sensing

- 150nm CMOS process
- 8" wafer size
- 6 metal layers
- 1 poly layer
- 1V8 core, up to 12V mixed signal
- Photonics ASIC, focused on
 - cwTOF
 - pTOF / LiDAR
 - TDI imaging
 - Ultrafast imaging
- Pixel design
- TCAD simulation
- IP building blocks
- Project management
- PDK for Cadence design environment

- TOFrange-611
- TOFcam-611
- TOFcam-635
- TOFcam-660
- Custom modules



ESPROS' Key Markets

Markets

Automotive



Technical Capabilities

- Long range LiDAR: >250m
- High resolution: better 0.05°
- High frame rate: >100 fps
- At full sunlight and at night
- QE>70% at 905 nm

Mobile Robotics





- cwTOF
- pTOF/LiDAR
- Low power
- Flash and scanning
- SLAM

IoT / Automation





- cwTOF
- CCD technology
- Imaging with up to 20 Mfps
- Very high near infrared sensitivity
- High sensitive photodiode amplifiers
- Low cost photodiode arrays

Applications

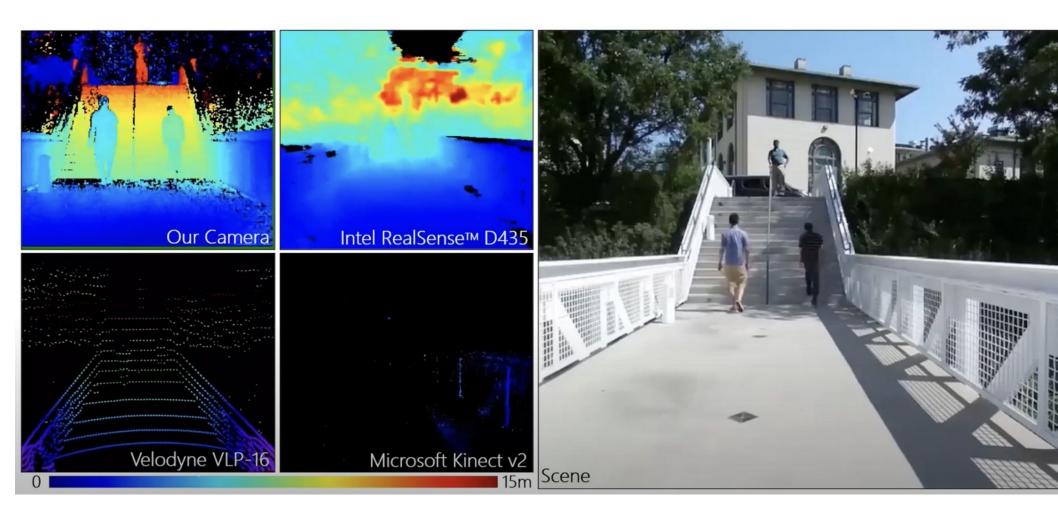
- Autonomous vehicles
- Driver assistance systems
- Long range LiDAR sunlight
- High resolution
- Object classification
- Night vision
- In-cabin monitoring
- Gesture control
- 360° surround view
- Driver monitoring

- Obstacle collision avoidance
- Step sensing
- Camera auto-focus
- Hospitality and retail robots
- Household robots
- Consumer and security drones
- Delivery robots

- Rotary and linear encoder
- Triangulation
- Surface scan
- Silo monitoring
- TDI imaging
- Nursing home monitoring
- People counting
- Automatic door sensors
- Elevator door sensors



See the difference



This comparison clearly shows why our technology has achieved a breakthrough for outdoor applications. The study was independently carried out by the Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburg/USA (https://www.cmu.edu).



3D camera as a surveillance sensor: Nursing home use cases



3D camera as a surveillance sensor: Nursing home use cases



Source: https://www.nursinghomeabuseguide.org/news/what-to-look-for-with-nursing-home-accessibility/



Trends

- The aging population increases
- Available professionals is decreasing
- Automation is required to reduce the number of professionals



Current Situation

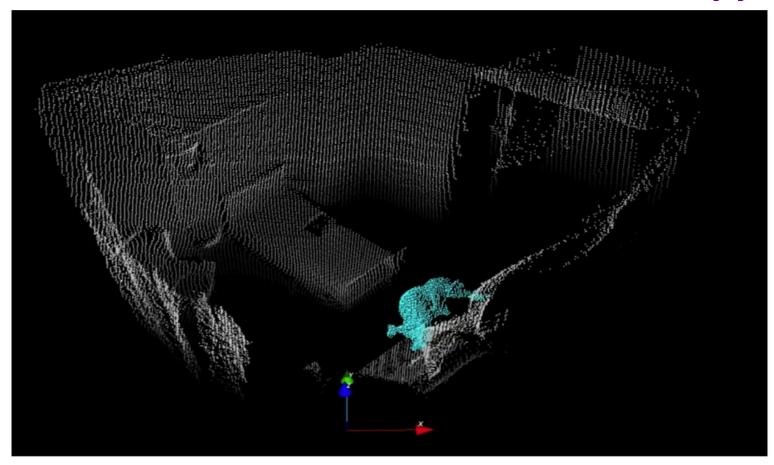
- At night, nurses visit the residents approx. every 3 hours
- In between these visits, no real time information is available
- Thus, undiscovered incidents can occur and can lead to a fatality





One in two persons aged over 75 has a fall every year!

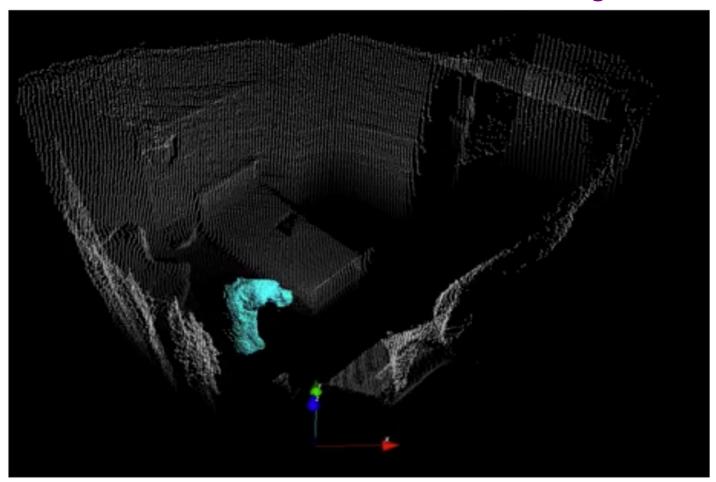
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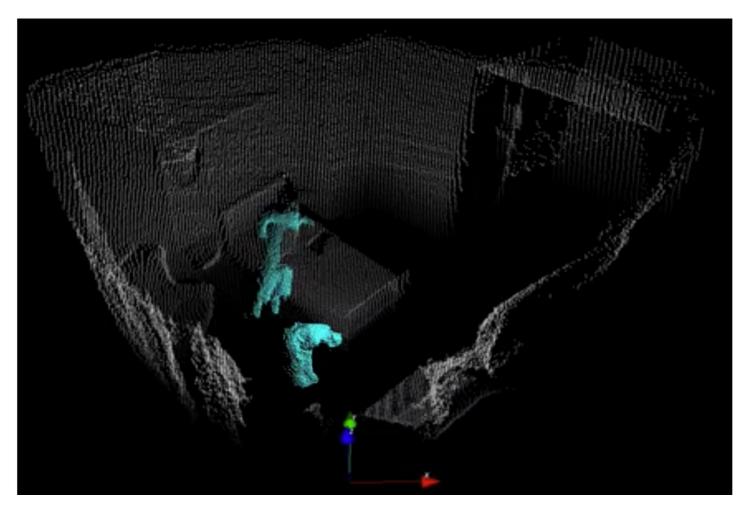
Residents wander around too long, become anxious and get exhausted.



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Unwanted visits to the other rooms



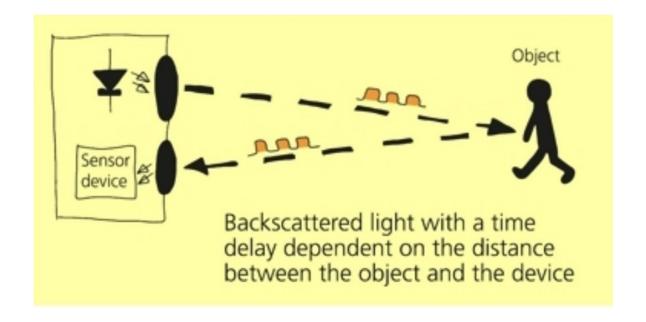
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How to implement nursing automation?



Use a 3D Camera



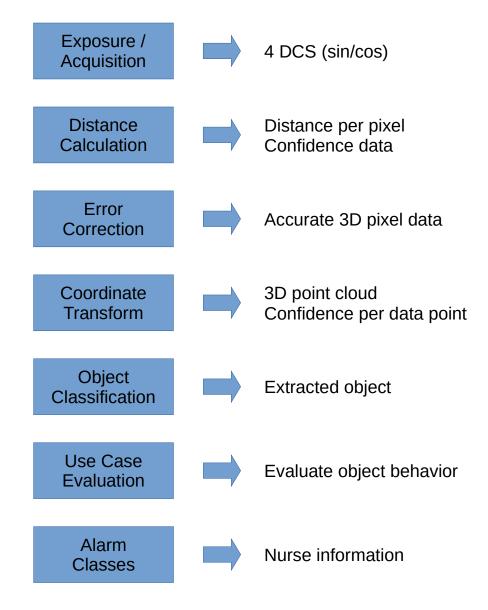
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How does it work?



Camera Operation: 7 Steps Processing Pipeline



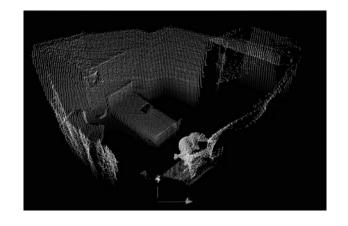


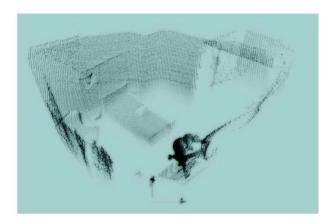
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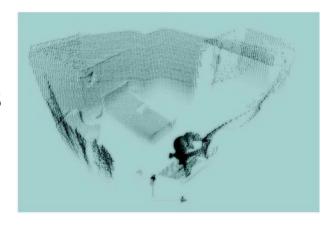


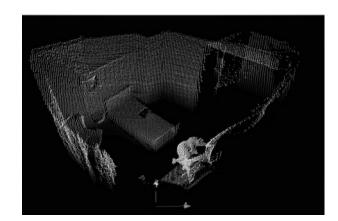
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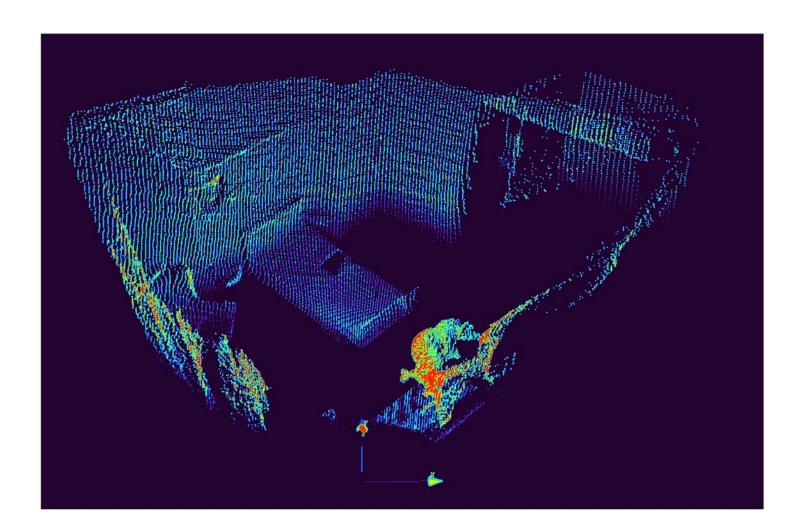




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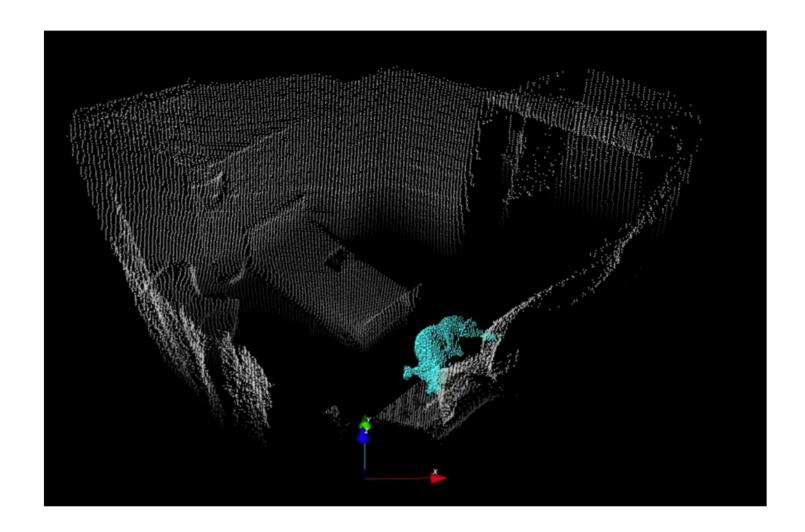
Point Cloud



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Object Discrimination and Classification

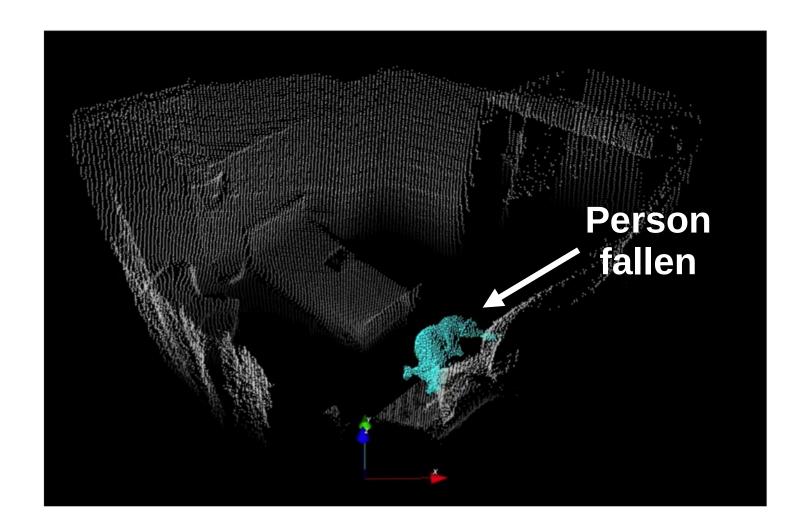


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Use case evaluation



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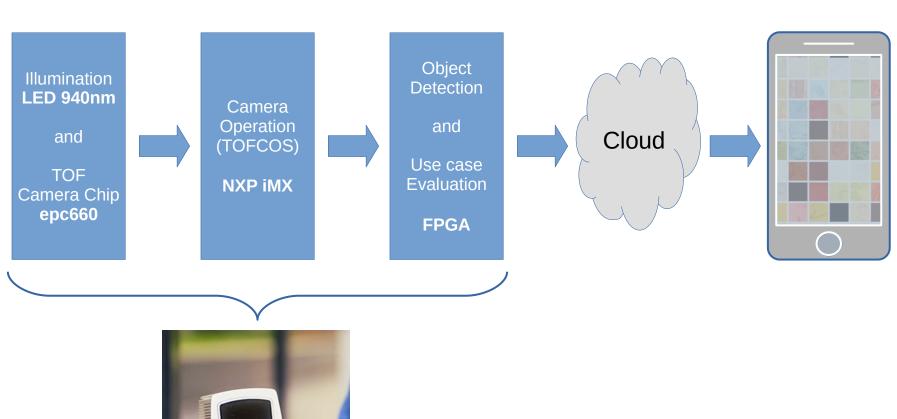


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Implementation Details

- 3D camera TOFcam-660 from ESPROS
- Use case evaluation on XILINX SOM board (FPGA)
- Invisible NIR 940 nm LED
- PoE / Ethernet or WiFi to cloud
- Low power, no cooling fan
- App on smartphone or PC
- Most important: Privacy of residents ensured!



Thank you!



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