

Multiplexed imaging with Nchannels beams

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 $\mu\text{m} = 10^{-6};$   
 $\mu\text{s} = 10^{-6};$   
 $\text{ms} = 10^{-3};$   
 $\text{ns} = 10^{-9};$   
 $\text{mm} = 10^{-3};$   
 $\text{kHz} = 10^3;$   
 $\text{Mbps} = 10^6;$   
 $\text{min} = 60;$   
 $\text{hour} = 3600;$   
 $\text{mmps} = 10^{-3};$   
  
 $L = 10\text{ mm};$  (*Size of the whole sample*)  
 $\Delta z = 0.5\text{ }\mu\text{m};$  (*spatial sampling in z*)  
 $T_{\text{line}} = 62.5\text{ }\mu\text{s};$  (*Time per scanned line*)  
 $T_{\text{laser}} = 12.5\text{ ns};$  (*Laser pulse repetition period*)  
 $t_{\text{FPGA}} = 6.25\text{ ns};$  (*Clock of the FPGA*)  
  
 $N_{\text{channels}} = 16;$  (*Number of laser beams*)  
 $N_{\text{bits}} = 4;$  (*Number of bits per pixel*)  
 $N_{\text{pixWidth}} = 400;$  (*Number of pixels per line*)  
 $N_{\text{pixHeight}} = 25;$  (*Number of lines per frame,  
per channel. The total lines in a frame is  $N_{\text{channels}} \times N_{\text{pixHeight}}$  *)  
 $N_{\text{tiles}} = 50 \times 50;$  (*Number of tiles*)  
 $N_{\text{frames}} = 10000;$  (*Number of frames*)  
 $\text{FIFOOUTdepth} = 131071;$   
  
 $\text{BW}_{\text{acquisition}} = N_{\text{channels}} \times N_{\text{bits}} \frac{N_{\text{pixWidth}}}{T_{\text{line}}};$  (*Acquisition bandwidth for Nchannels*)  
  
 $\text{BW}_{\text{reading}} = 250.\text{ Mbps};$  (*Bandwidth for transferring the FIFO  
data from the FPGA to the computer (experimentally measured) *)  
 $t_{\text{WholeSampleNoPause}} = N_{\text{tiles}} \times N_{\text{frames}} \times N_{\text{pixHeight}} \times T_{\text{line}};$ 
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Block imaging - the acquisition of each frame starts immediately after the previous frame. Then the acquisition is stopped to wait till the PC finishes reading the FIFO

con: stopping and re-starting the z-stage could take several ms and could be non-deterministic

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tFillUp = Nchannels * Nbits * FIFOOUTdepth / (BWacquisition - BWreading);
(*Time to fill up the FIFO*)
tEmpty = Nchannels * Nbits * FIFOOUTdepth / BWreading; (*Time to empty a full FIFO*)

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NmaxLines = 1200.; (*Max number of lines successfully read from the PC
before overflowing (?) the FPGA FIFO OUT. Determined experimentally*)
NmaxFrames = NmaxLines / NpixHeight; (*Number of frames in a block (whole sample)*)
Npause = Ntiles * Nframes / NmaxFrames; (*Total time pausing (whole sample)*)
tPause = 0.5 * tEmpty (*Time pausing per block*)
dtWholeSampleBlock = Npause * tPause;
(*Total additional time added by pausing (whole sample) *)
tWholeSampleBlock = tWholeSampleNoPause + dtWholeSampleBlock;
(*Total imaging time (whole sample)*)
tPerFrameBlock = NpixHeight * Tline; (*Time to image a frame*)
tPerBlock = tPerFrameBlock * NmaxFrames; (*Time to image a block*)
ZstageSpeedBlock = Δz / tPerFrameBlock; (*Speed of the z-stage*)

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  {"3", "Reading bandwidth", BWreading/Mbps, "Mbps", "Measured"},
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    tEmpty/ms, "ms", "> time to pause the acquisition"},
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  {"7", "# frames per block", NmaxFrames, "-"},
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  {"9", "Time pausing per block", tPause/ms, "ms", "Probably a fraction of #5"},
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  {"12", "Speed z-stage", ZstageSpeedBlock/mm/s, "mm/s"}}, Frame → All]

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| # | PARAMETER | VALUE | UNITS | COMMENTS |
|----|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|---|
| 1 | FIFO depth | 131 071 | elements | |
| 2 | Acquisition bandwidth | 409.6 | Mbps | Calculated. Exact |
| 3 | Reading bandwidth | 250. | Mbps | Measured |
| 4 | Time to fill up the FIFO | 52.5598 | ms | |
| 5 | Time to empty a full FIFO | 33.5542 | ms | > time to pause the acquisition |
| 6 | # lines per block | 1200. | - | Rought approx |
| 7 | # frames per block | 48. | - | |
| 8 | Time imaging per block | 75. | ms | Longer than #4. Probably the FIFO's BW measurement is off |
| 9 | Time pausing per block | 16.7771 | ms | Probably a fraction of #5 |
| 10 | Total pausing time (whole sample) | 2.42724 | hour | |
| 11 | Total imaging time(whole sample) | 13.2779 | hour | Without considering the shifting in XY and the VT cutting |
| 12 | Speed z-stage | 0.32 | mm/s | |

Interleaved imaging - After acquiring a frame, the code waits for number of RS swings so that the PC finish reading the FIFO. The z-stage runs continuously

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NwaitLinesPerFrame = 15;(*Wait for this amount of RS swings between frames*)
tWaitPerFrame = NwaitLinesPerFrame * Tline;(*Waiting time after each frame*)
tPerFrameInterleaved = NpixHeight * Tline + tWaitPerFrame;(*Time to image a frame*)
BWacquisitionInterleaved =  $\frac{NpixHeight * Nchannels * Nbits * NpixWidth}{tPerFrameInterleaved}$ ;
(*Because of multiplexing, only NpixHeight lines have to be scanned in each frame*)
dtWholeSampleInterleaved = Ntiles * Nframes * tWaitPerFrame;
(*Total additional time from waiting (whole sample)*)
tWholeSampleInterleaved = tWholeSampleNoPause + dtWholeSampleInterleaved;
(*Total imaging time (whole sample)*)
ZstageSpeedInterleaved =  $\Delta z / tPerFrameInterleaved$ ;(*Speed of the z-stage*)

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  {"6", "Total imaging time(whole sample)", tWholeSampleInterleaved/hour, "hours"},
  {"7", "Speed z-stage", ZstageSpeedInterleaved/mm/s, "mm/s"}}, Frame → All]

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| # | PARAMETER | VALUE | UNITS | COMMENTS |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|--|
| 1 | FIFO depth | 131 071 | elements | |
| 2 | # waiting lines between frame | 15 | - | Increase till #4 close to the measured value |
| 3 | Imaging time per frame | 2.5 | ms | |
| 4 | Interleaved imaging bandwidth | 256. | Mbps | Of course lower than without waiting |
| 5 | Total pausing time (whole sample) | 6.51042 | hour | |
| 6 | Total imaging time(whole sample) | 17.3611 | hours | |
| 7 | Speed z-stage | 0.2 | mm/s | |