Optoskin: Large-Area Electrode-Free Optical Tactile Sensor



In a groundbreaking collaboration, Sestosenso partners from **ISSP**, **ISL**, **UZ** and **UL** have developed a novel type of optical tactile sensor based on the timeof-flight (ToF) principle called **Optoskin**.

Its emits a pulse of light and precisely measures the time it takes for this light to travel to the point of contact and return.

Advantages over traditional touch sensors:

- •Electrode-free surface: simplifies sensor design and integration.
- •Adaptability: conform to irregular surfaces.
- Co-located light source and detector, few ToF sensorize large areas: streamlines electronics and reduces energy consumption.
 - \Rightarrow Prototypes demonstrate that
 - Two ToF ensure a sensorized area of 400 cm²,
 - Resolutions: 10 mm, 3.5°.
- •Low fabrication costs respect to current SoA touch localization sensors.









Our Prototypes









Applications



Consumer Electronics

- Touchscreens
- Gaming Consoles and Controllers
- Medical and Healthcare Devices
 - Touch-enabled Medical Instruments
 - Assistive Technologies

- Smart Home Devices Touch-sensitive Home Controls Appliances Interactive Education Tools Smartboards and Interactive Whiteboard Public Spaces and Transportation Interactive Information
 - Kiosks
 - **Ticketing Systems**



Robotics and Automation

- Tactile Sensing for Robots
- Human-Robot Collaboration (HRC)

Human-Machine Interfaces (HMI)

- Automotive Touchscreens and Controls
- Industrial Control Panels
- Robotic Control

Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR)

- Interactive Surfaces
- Retail and Point-of-Sale (POS) Systems
 - Interactive Kiosks and Displays
 - Self-checkout Machines









Development Roadmap











What We Need











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