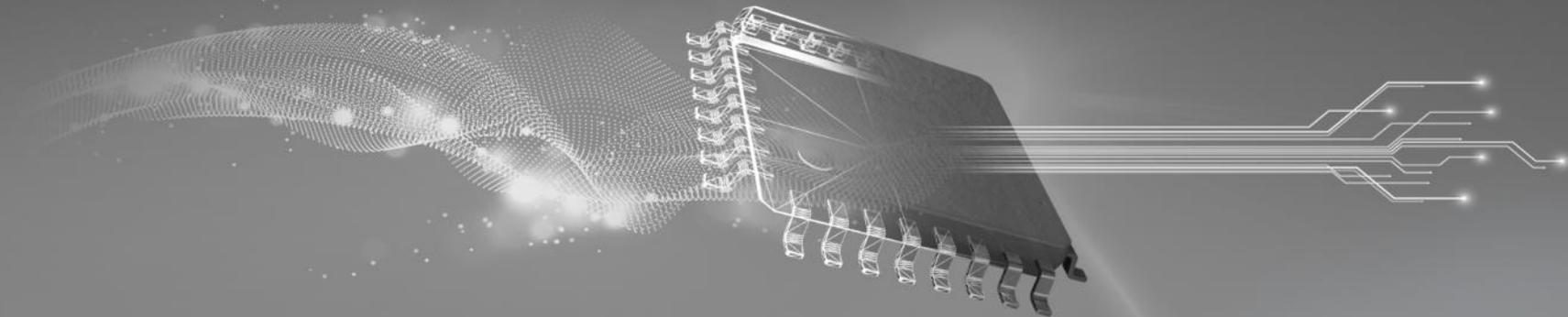


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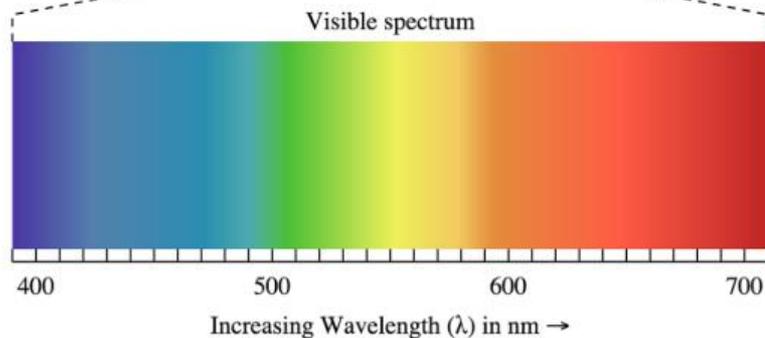
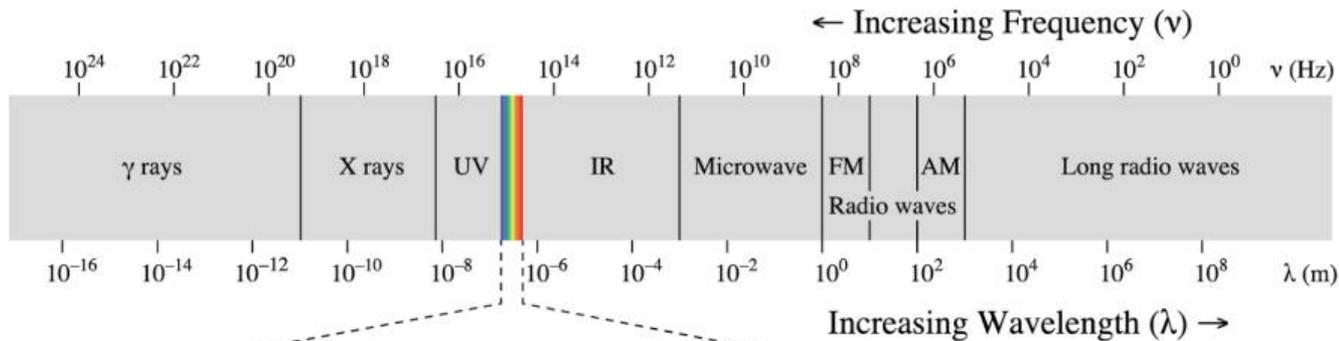
Techniques for PIR-based motion detection

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PIR operation and limitation

Infrared radiation (IR)



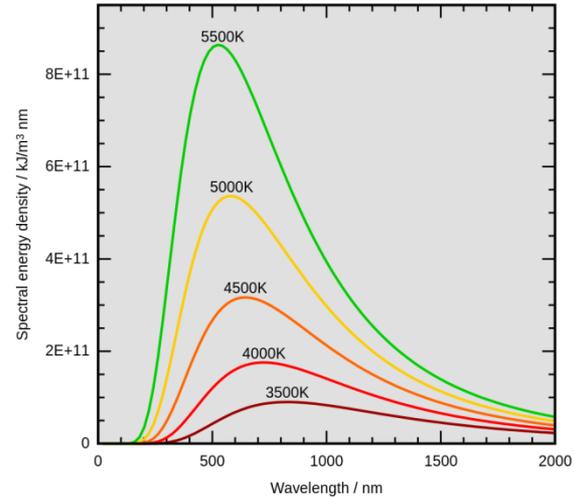
Light comparison ^[9]			
Name	Wavelength	Frequency (Hz)	Photon energy (eV)
Gamma ray	less than 0.01 nm	more than 30 EHz	more than 124 keV
X-ray	0.01 nm – 10 nm	30 EHz – 30 PHz	124 keV – 124 eV
Ultraviolet	10 nm – 400 nm	30 PHz – 790 THz	124 eV – 3.3 eV
Visible	400 nm–700 nm	790 THz – 430 THz	3.3 eV – 1.7 eV
Infrared	700 nm – 1 mm	430 THz – 300 GHz	1.7 eV – 1.24 meV
Microwave	1 mm – 1 meter	300 GHz – 300 MHz	1.24 meV – 1.24 μ eV
Radio	1 meter – 100,000 km	300 MHz – 3 Hz	1.24 μ eV – 12.4 feV

Wien's displacement law

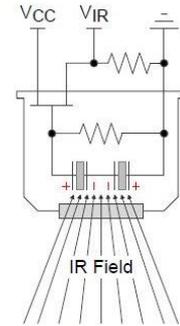
Black-body radiation curve for different temperatures will peak at different wavelengths that are inversely proportional to the temperature

$$\lambda_{max} = \frac{b}{T} \quad b \approx 2898 \mu\text{m K}$$

Mammals with a skin temperature of about **300°K** emit peak radiation at around **10 μm** in the far infrared. This is therefore the range of infrared wavelengths that pit viper snakes and passive IR cameras must sense.



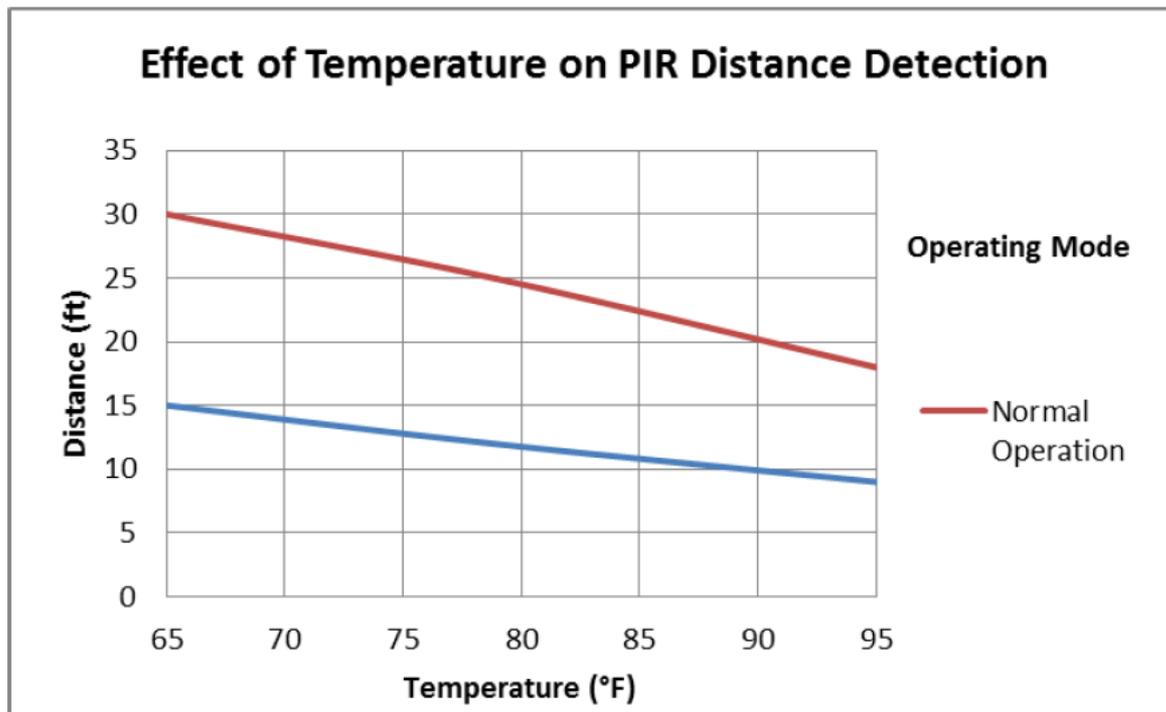
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Indoor ($T_A = 72\text{ }^\circ\text{F}$) vs outdoor ($T_A = 94\text{ }^\circ\text{F}$)



PIR sensor range is affected by: Environmental conditions including ambient temperature and light sources



Pyroelectric infrared (PIR) sensor

Part: IRA-S210ST01, courtesy Murata.com

Operating Temperature Range	-40°C to 70°C
Shape	Lead
Field of View	theta1=theta2=45deg.
Electrode	(2.0x1.0mm)x2
Responsivity(typ.)	4.6mV
Optical Filter	5micro meter Long Pass
Supply Voltage Range	2V to 15V
Storage Temperature Range	-40°C to 85°C

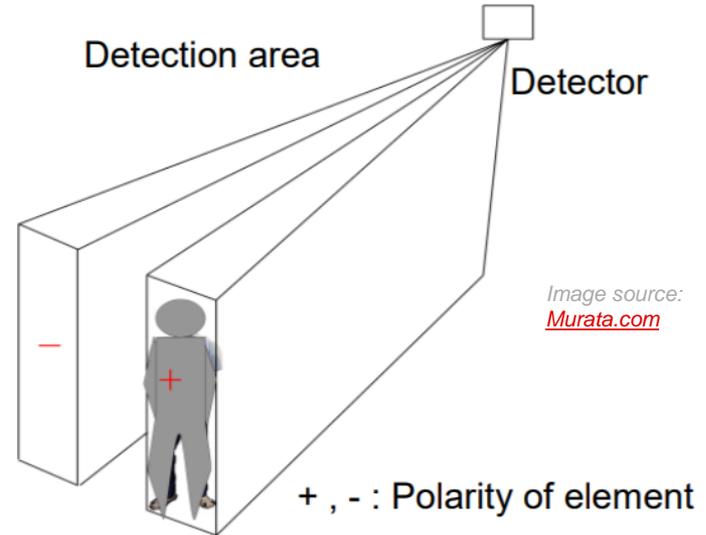
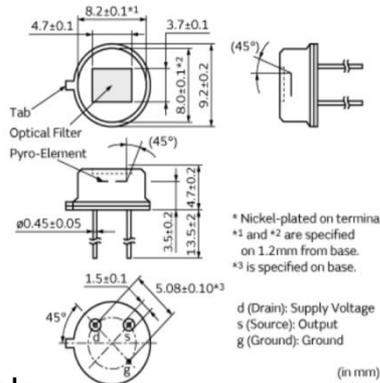
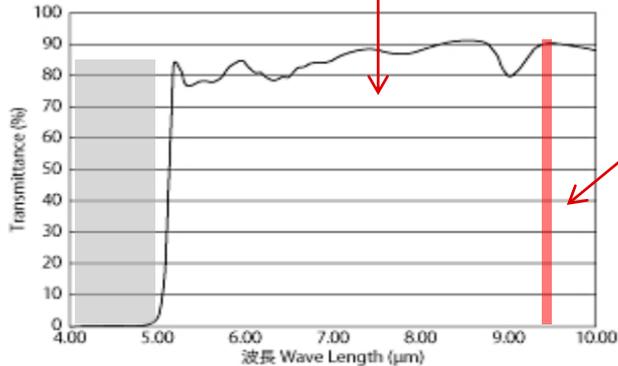
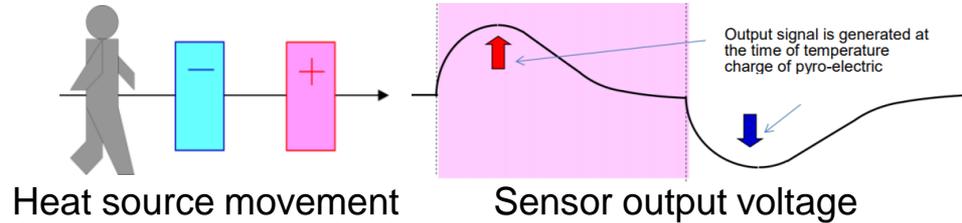


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Spectral response of window materials



300°K
(9.3 μm)

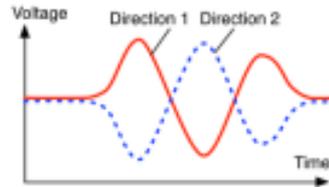
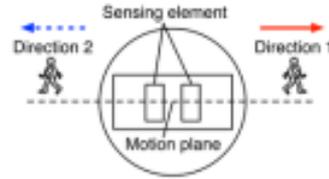
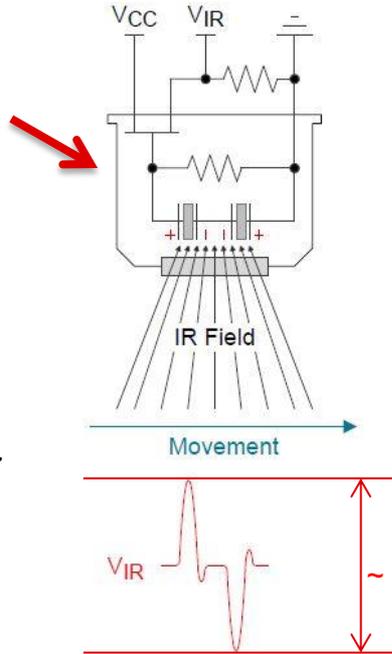


PIR sensor operation, heat source movement

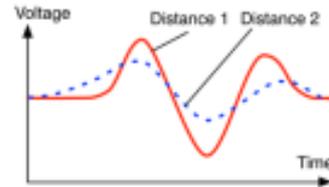
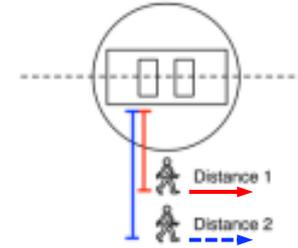


Pyroelectric
Infrared Sensor
IRA-S210ST01

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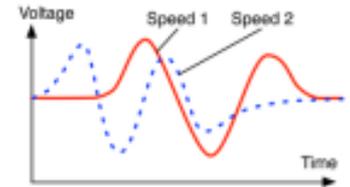
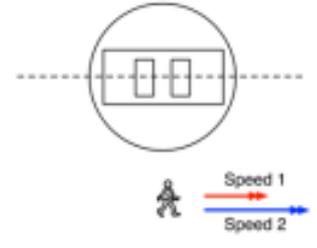


(a) Direction



(b)

Distance



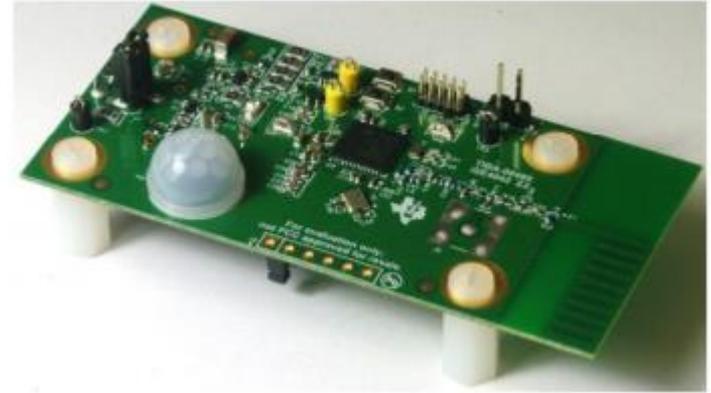
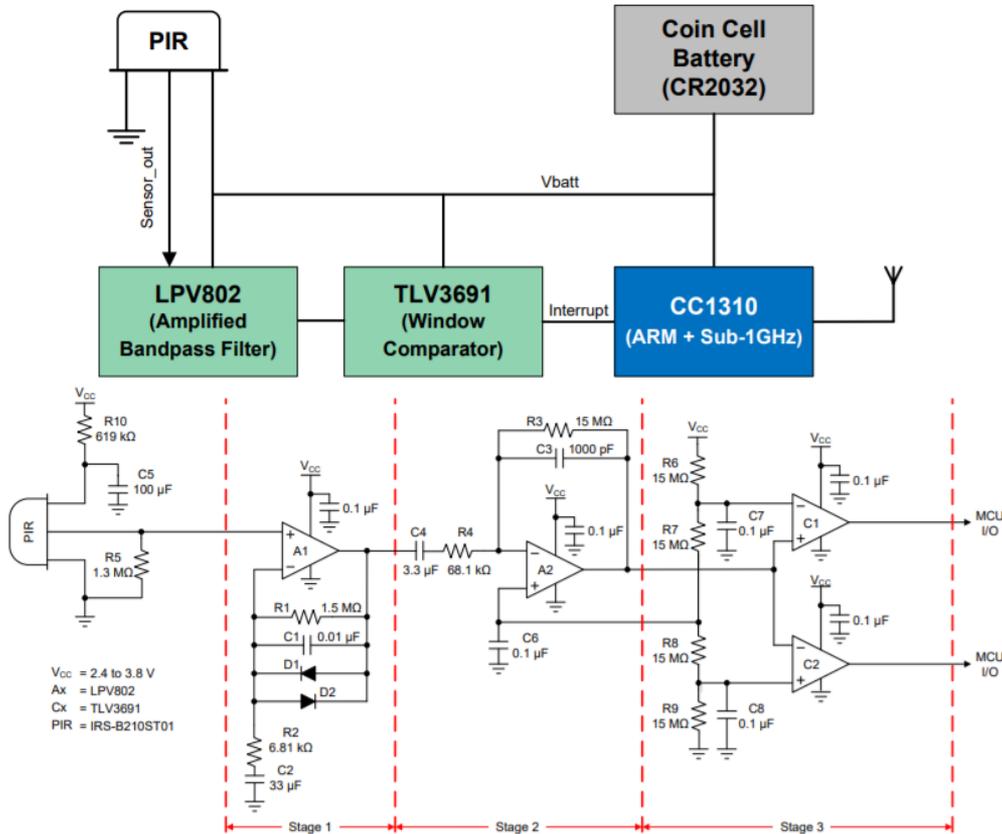
(c)

Speed

Distance [inch]	Vpp [v]
30	3,14
70	1,42
90	0,92
130	0,42

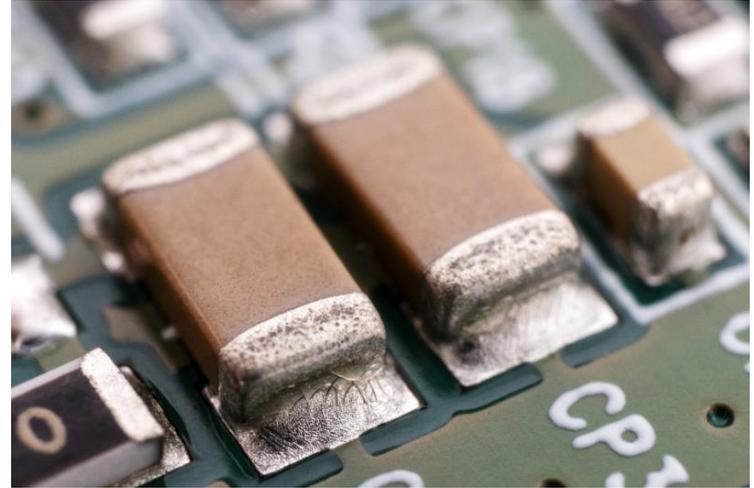
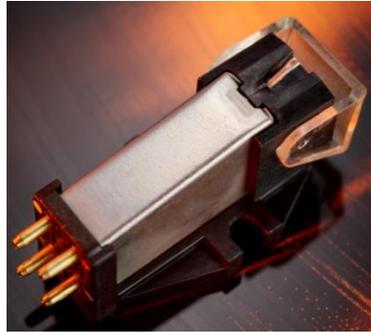
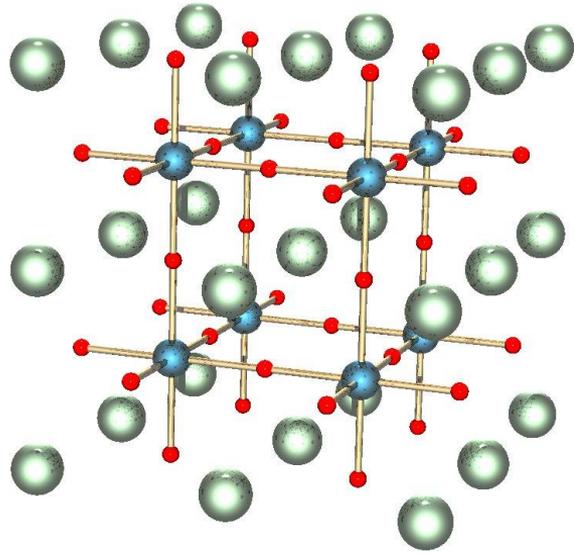
Noise reduction techniques

PIR analog signal chain (from TIDA-00489)

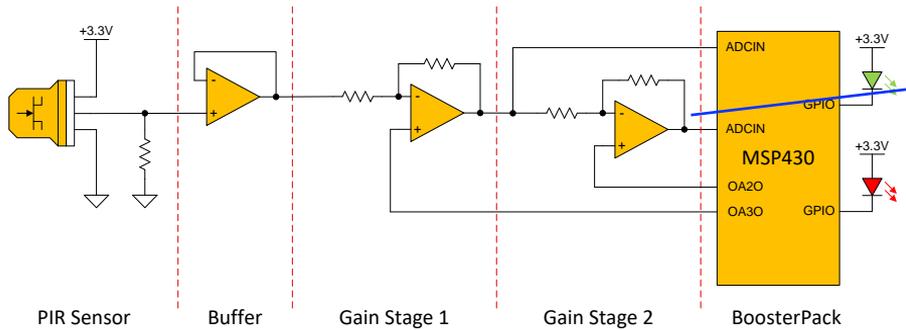
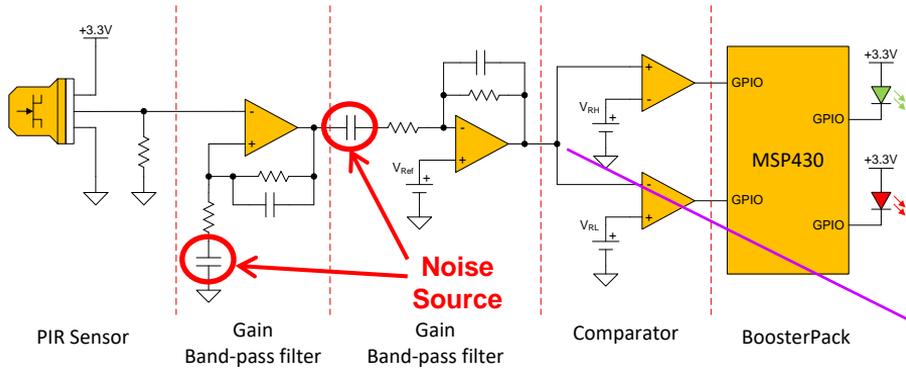


- Advantages
 - Simple, low power
- Disadvantages
 - Gain/bandwidth are fixed in hardware
 - Filter capacitors can act as noise sources (see next slide)

Barium titanate (BaTiO₃)

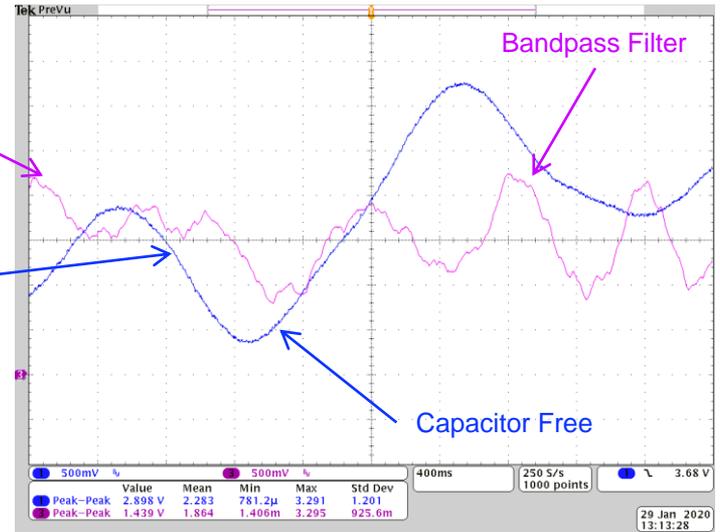


SNR improvement with capacitor free design

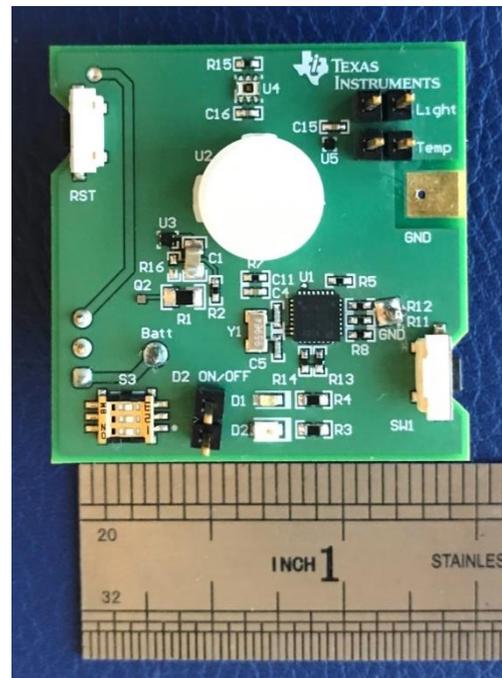
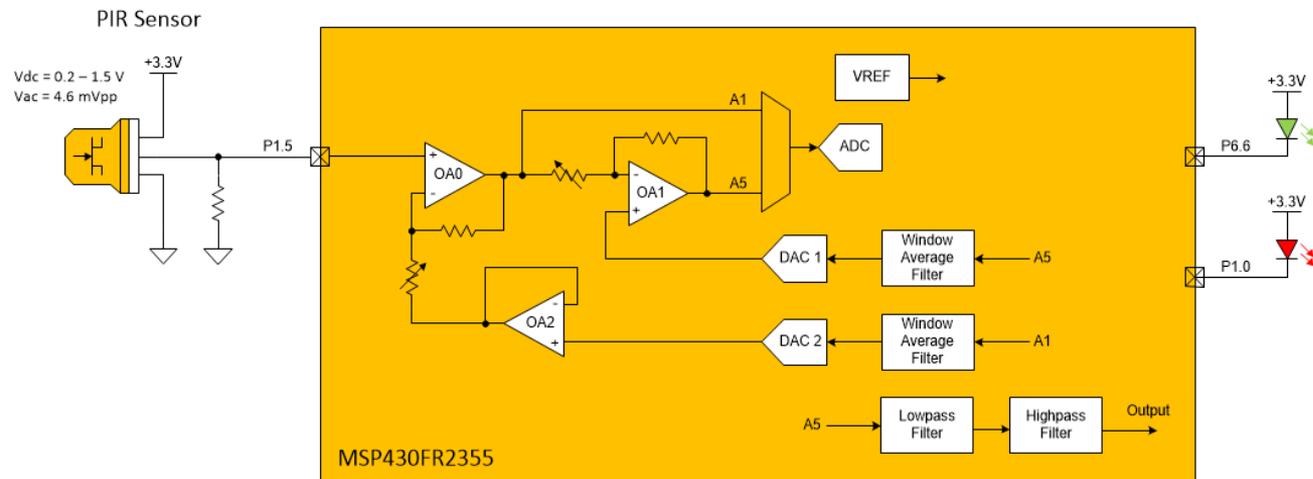


Capacitor as noise source:

- Ceramic - Microphonic
- Tantalum - $1/f^3$



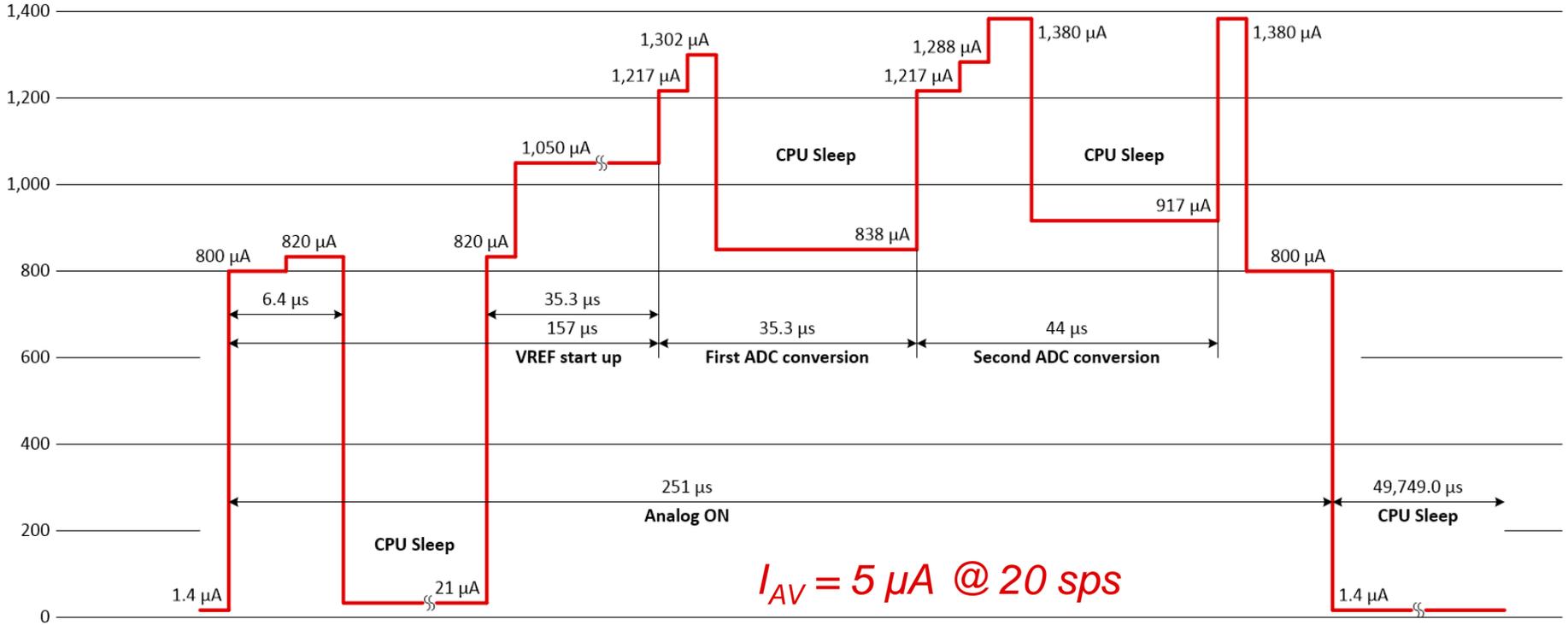
Single chip ultra-low power PIR solution



Advantages

- Configurable gain and pass band → allows for optimizations for detecting targets at different distances and speeds
- Low noise → Improved SNR in signal chain reduces false detections
- Low average power consumption → long battery life
- Fewer components → lowers BOM cost and simplifies layout

MSP430 analog signal acquisition current

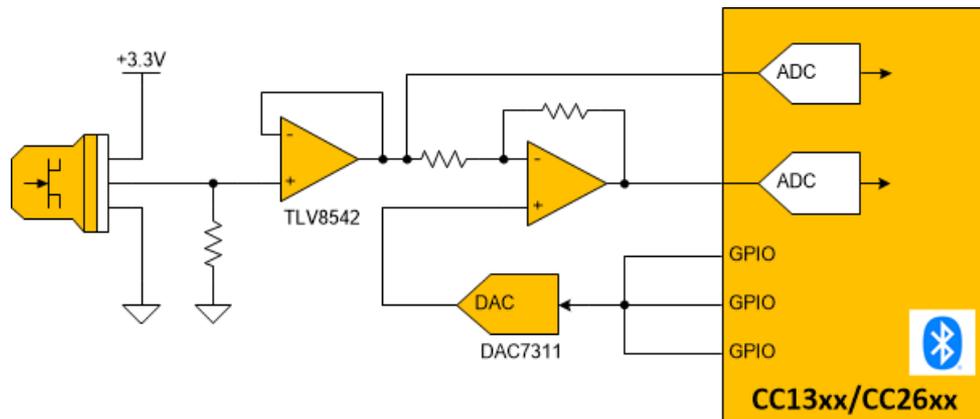


Battery life calculation

- Assumptions (based on TIDA-00489)
 - Current in low power mode: 5 μ A
 - Active-mode duration when event occurs: 60 s
 - Additional current during active period: 645 nA
 - Average current during wireless transmission: 1.12 mA
 - Duration of wireless transmission: 104 ms
 - Number of detection events per hour: 10
 - Battery derating factor: 85%
- Battery life
 - CR2032 @ 240 mAh: **4+ years**
 - CR2450 @ 600 mAh: **10+ years**

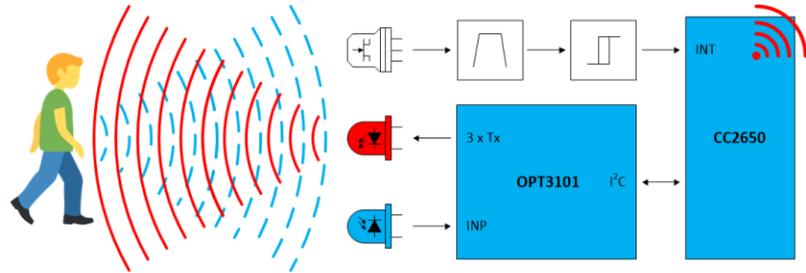
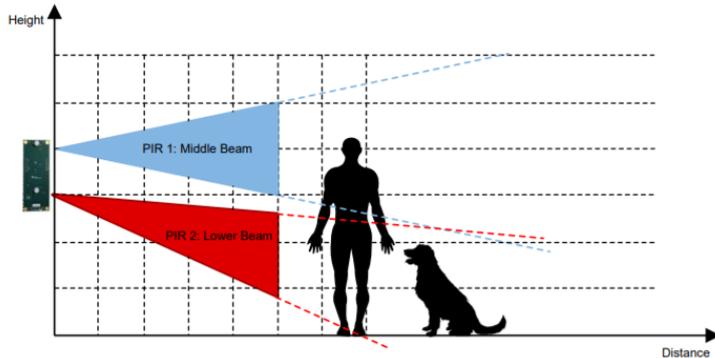
Sub-1 GHz communication options

- Option 1: MSP used to run simple Sub-1G protocol and interface to external transceiver
- Option 2: Capacitor-less solution can be migrated to a wireless MCU (less integration of analog generally possible). Example below:



Other topics to consider

- Multiple PIR sensors and to reduce false triggering (e.g., due to pets)
- Dual-mode detection techniques:
 - PIR + optical ToF (improved sensitivity to longitudinal movement)
 - PIR + ultrasonic
 - PIR + discrete doppler
- Tamper/masking resistance



Advanced motion detection

- **Multiple PIR**
- PIR + camera
- PIR + ToF
- PIR + Ultrasonic
- PIR + uWave

Sensor and Fresnel lens combination

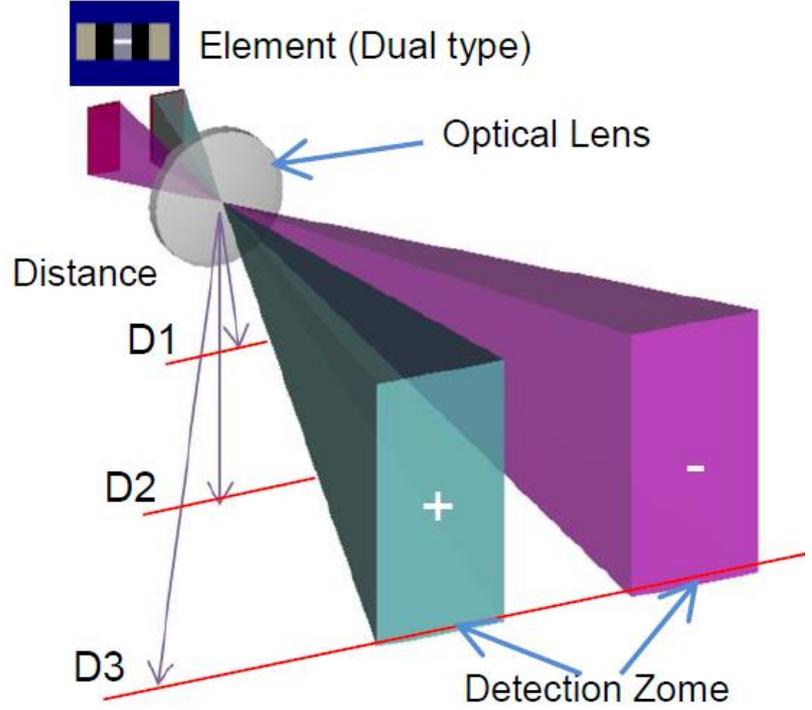
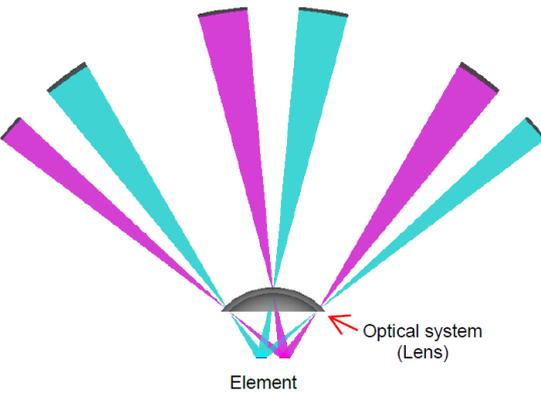
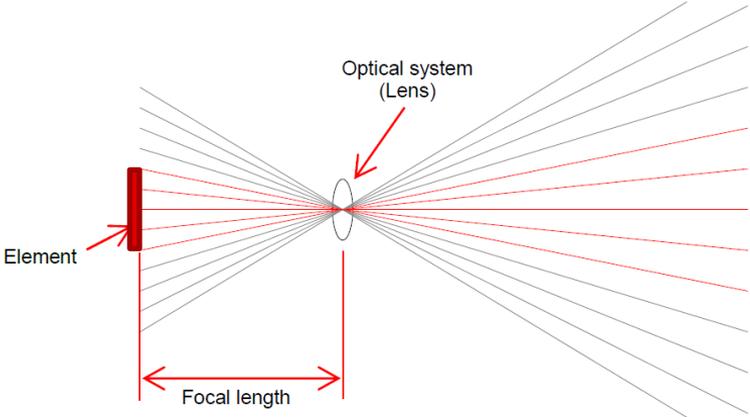
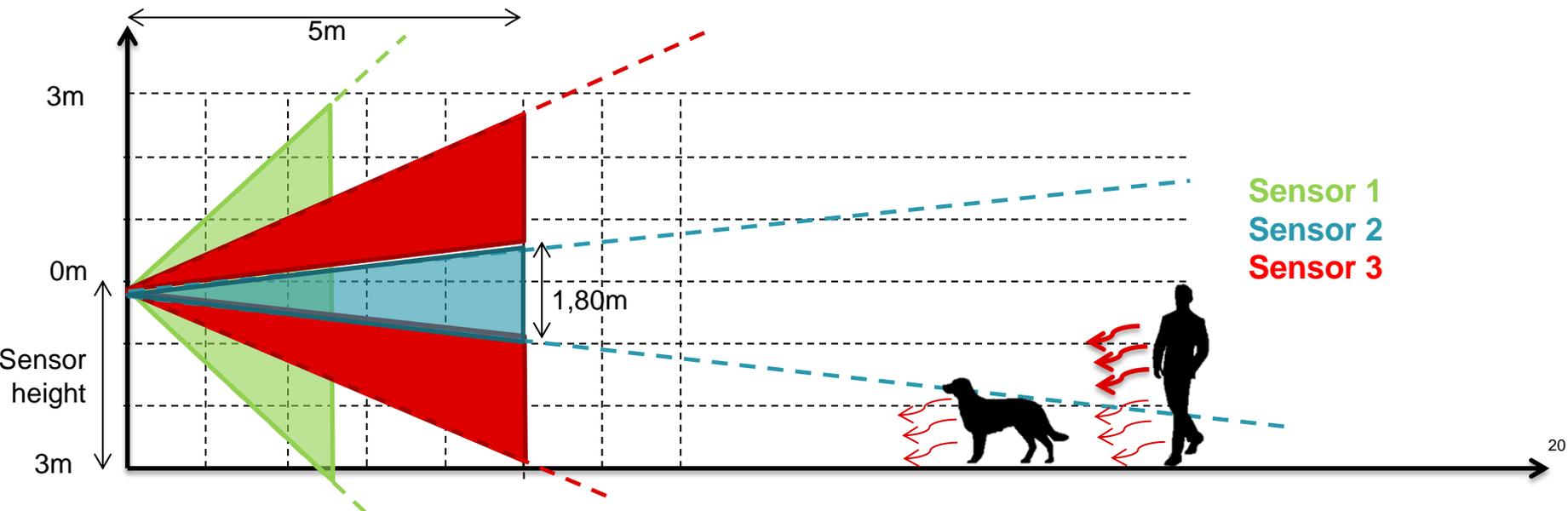


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Sensor and Fresnel lens combination cont.

The solutions consist to use three sensors with different lenses, in order to have different covered zone.

- The **first sensor** will cover the whole area. This sensor will trigger the MCU and the rest of the circuit
- The **second sensor** will cover the bottom and top vertical zone
- The **third sensor** will cover the medium vertical zone



Advanced motion detection

- Multiple PIR
- **PIR + camera**
- PIR + ToF
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PIR + camera system

For systems that combine PIR sensors with cameras (for example, home security systems, video doorbells), it is possible to use the PIR to trigger the camera.

Once activated, the camera can determine whether the motion occurs within specific user-defined zones.

This helps to reduce nuisance notifications (e.g., due to pedestrians on sidewalk/street, movement of trees, etc.).



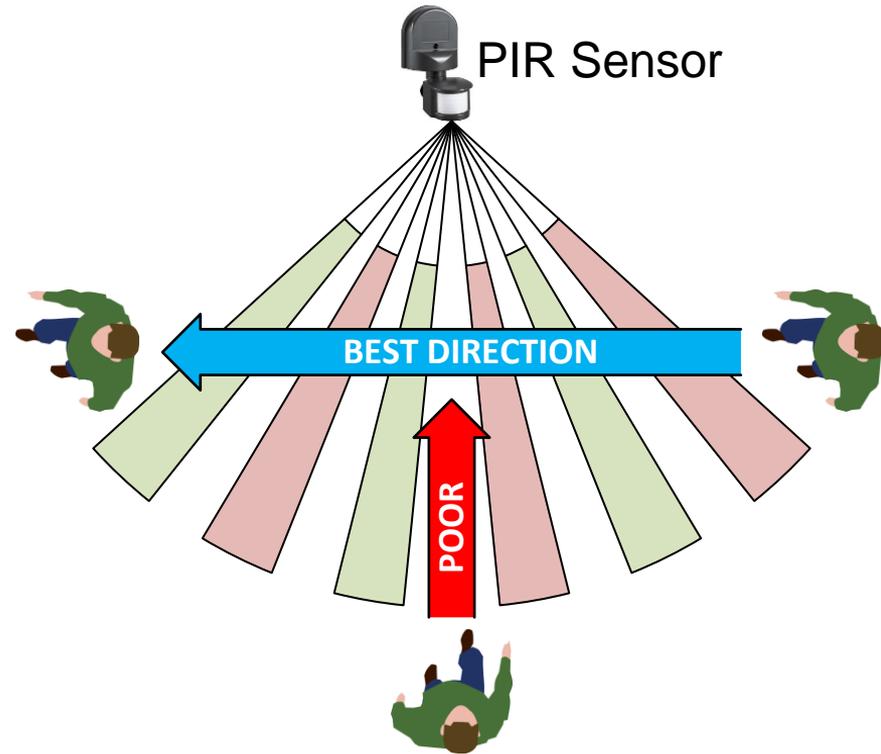
Advanced motion detection

- Multiple PIR
- PIR + camera
- **PIR + ToF**
- PIR + Ultrasonic
- PIR + discrete Doppler

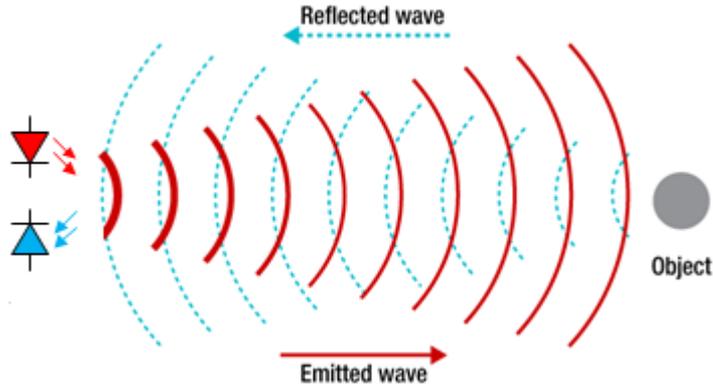
PIR motion detection: False alerts



Motion is detected because PIR more sensitive to lateral motion compare to longitudinal)



Motion detection using Time of Flight (ToF)

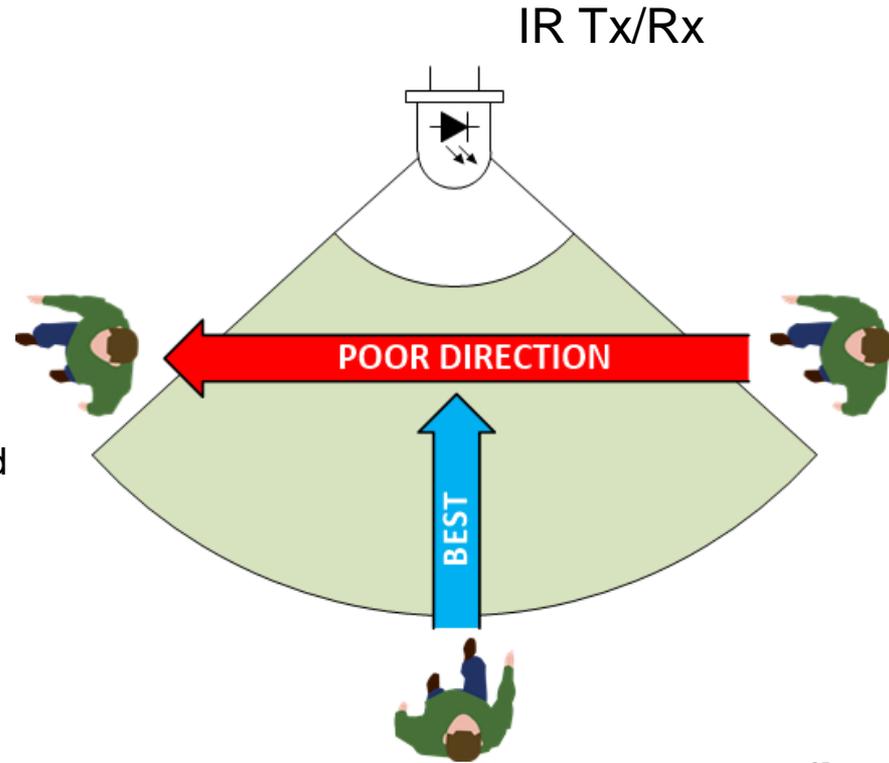


Distance is detected because:

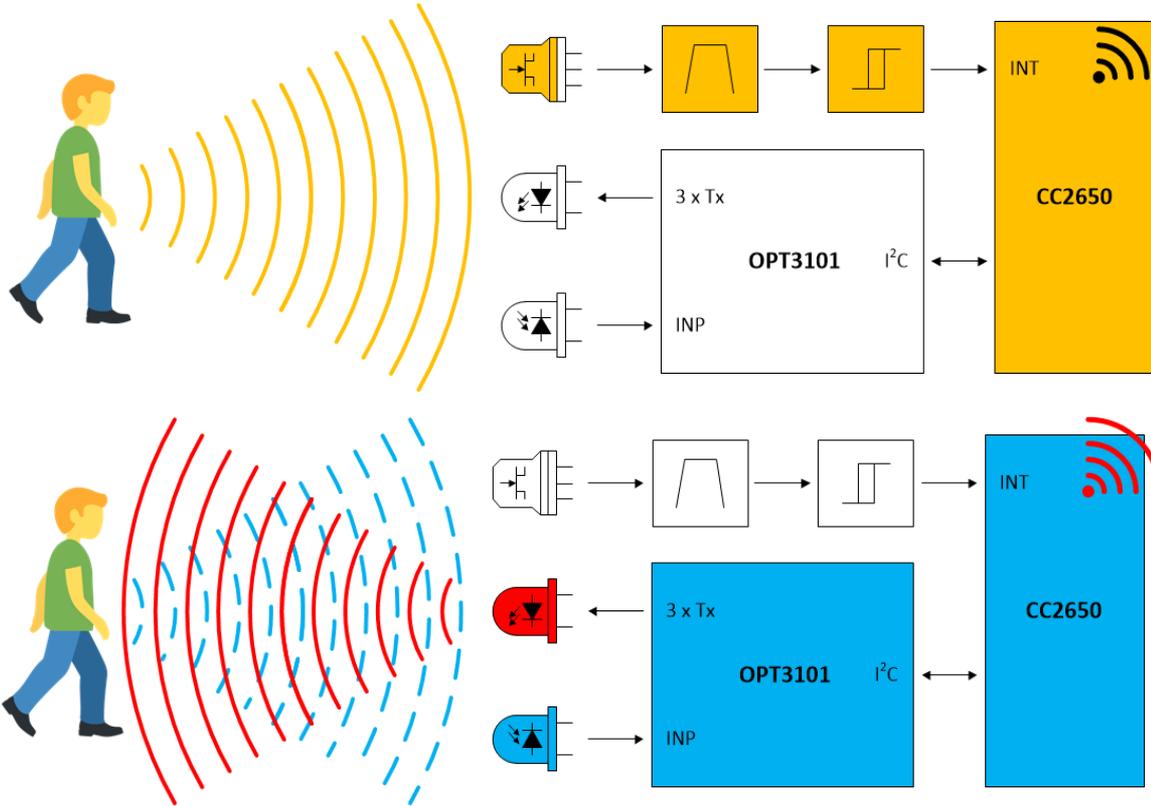
- Time between emitted and reflected wave is measured (ToF)

Motion is detected because:

- There is difference in distance between consecutive measurements.



PIR with ToF motion detector eliminating false alerts

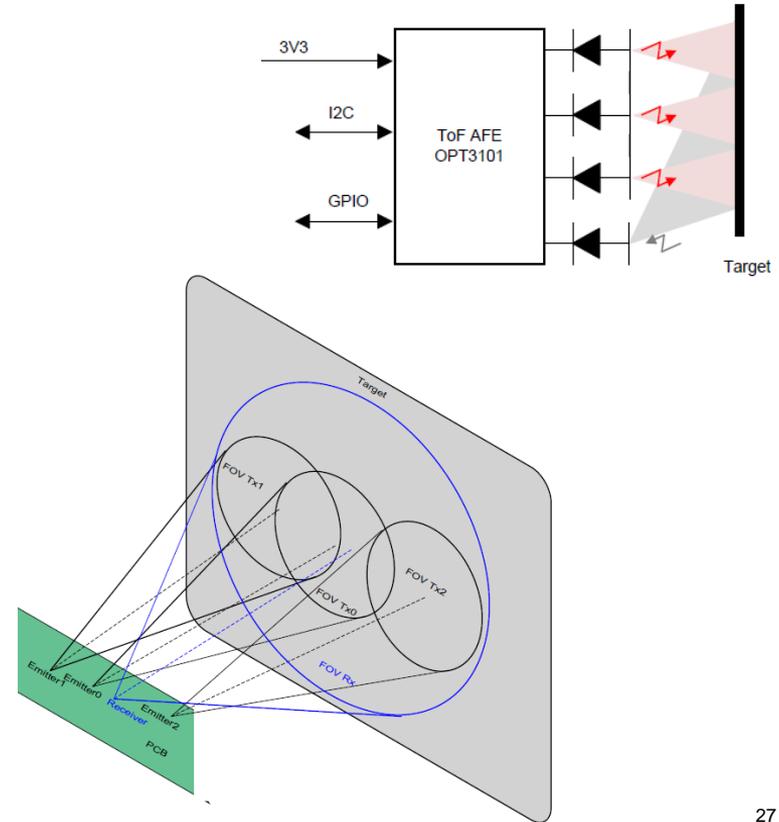


- Passive single of multiple PIR/s
 - Low Standby Current of 1.65 μ A
 - Optimized for low-power battery operations
 - Motion sensitivity up to 30 ft
 - Generates interrupt
 - Great flexibility
 - Low cost
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- Active ToF with multiple Tx
 - Sleep Mode Current 10 - 20 μ A
 - Interrupt driven low-power battery operations
 - Motion sensitivity 1.6 to 12 m
 - Registers: phase and amplitude
 - Great flexibility
 - Low cost

TIDA-010021: Wide-range (120° FoV at 1.6 Meters) proximity sensing with immunity to sunlight

Features

- Three NIR emitters support up to 3 zones of detection with a single OPT3101 device
- Total system Field-of-View (FoV) of 120° is covered by three LED emitters and one photodiode
- Detection range up to 1.6 meters without lens
- Adaptive high dynamic range (HDR) feature enables the detection range of system very wide
- ToF based sensing AFE (OPT3101) makes measurement insensitive to object color and reflectivity and supports operation under high ambient condition (outdoor and Indoor Conditions)
- Proximity sensing and direct distance measurement output with accuracy of $\pm 10\%$
- Low power mode running at 1 sample per second with a power drain of 30 mW
- Exempt group lamp classification LED as emitter

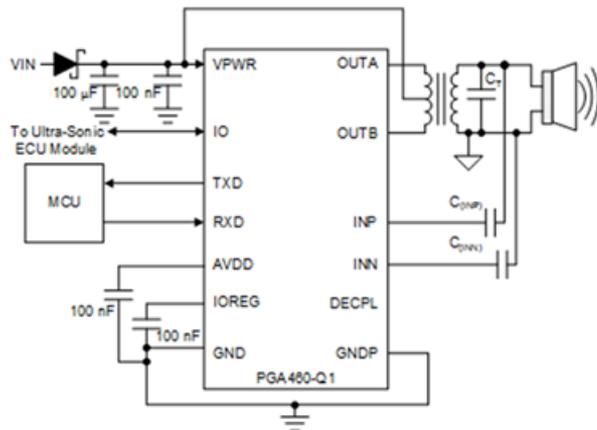


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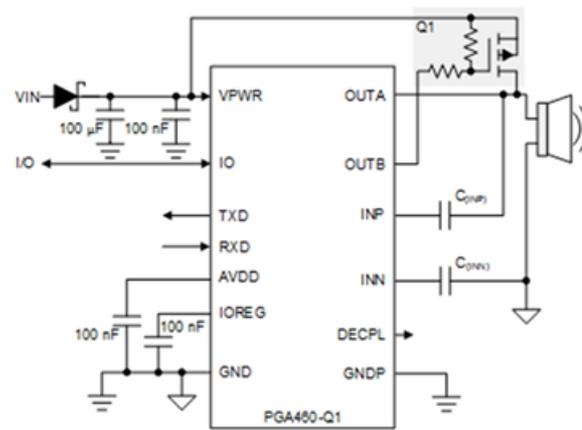
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- PIR + camera
- PIR + ToF
- **PIR + Ultrasonic**
- PIR + discrete Doppler

ToF measurement using PGA460

	Standard	Advanced
Drive Mode	Half-bridge (direct)	Transformer
Recommended Supply Voltage	6V	9V
Minimum Distance	30cm	15cm
Maximum Distance	3m (human sized target)	6m (human sized target)
Power per 1s interval	3.7mW	7.8mW
Solution Cost (at high volume)	\$1.50	\$2.00

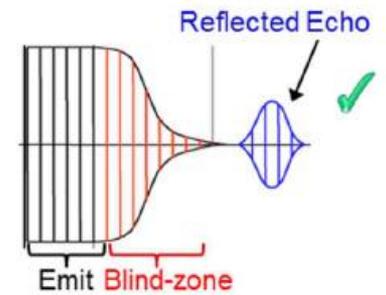
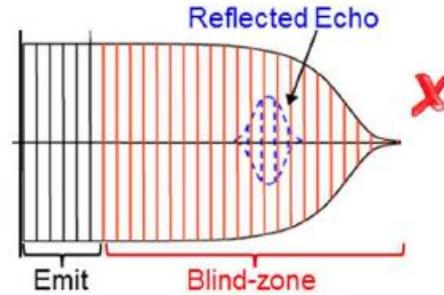
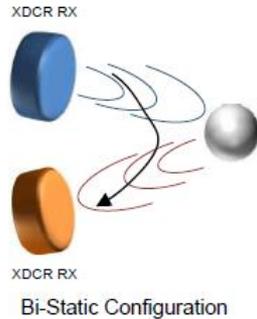
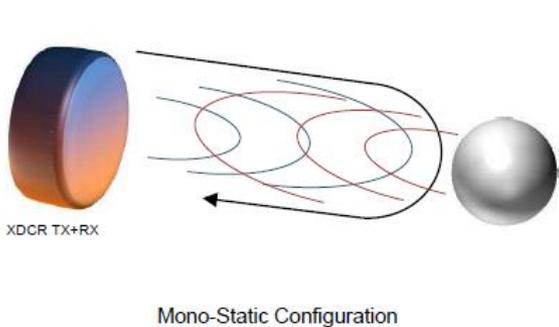
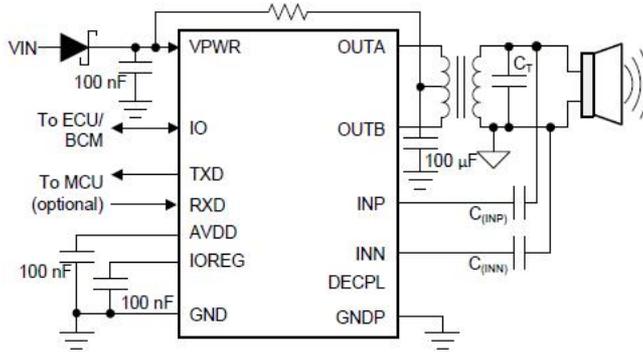
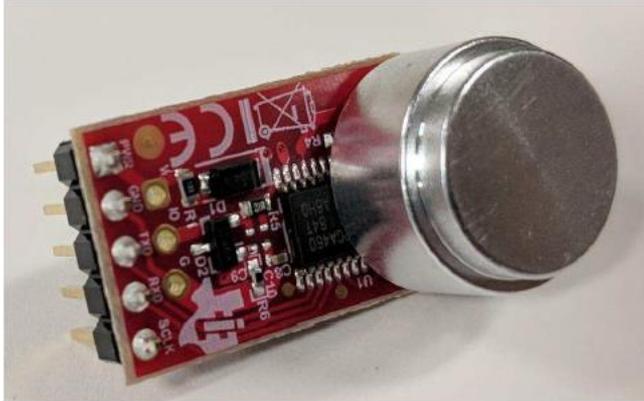


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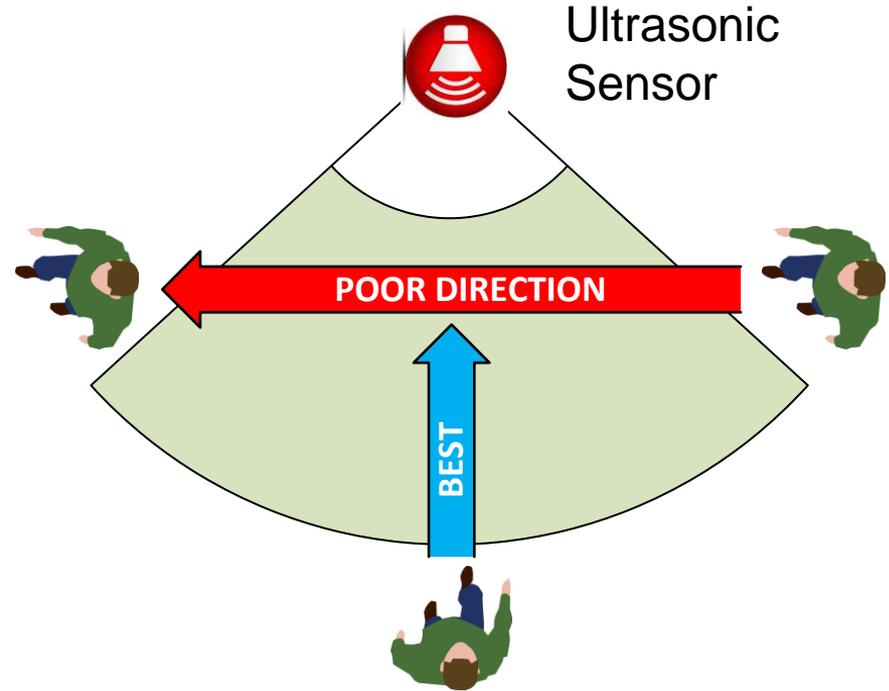
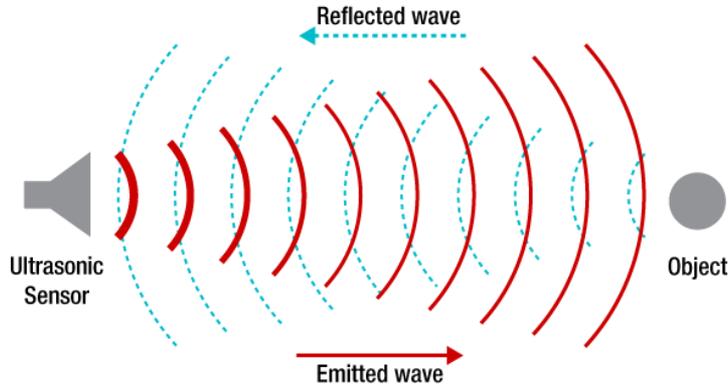
TIDA-060024: Ultrasonic proximity-sensing module (PSM) reference design



Advanced motion detection

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- **PIR + discrete Doppler**

Doppler effect (Doppler Shift)



Motion is detected because:

- Reflected and emitted wave have different frequencies.
- Ultrasonic, Microwave, mmWave and ToF can be used to measure Doppler shift.

Doppler effect (Doppler shift)

The Doppler effect (or the Doppler shift) is the change in frequency or wavelength of a wave in relation to an observer who is moving relative to the wave source.

Relationship between observed frequency f and emitted frequency f_0 is given by:

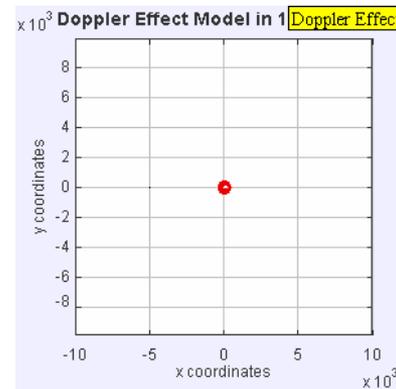
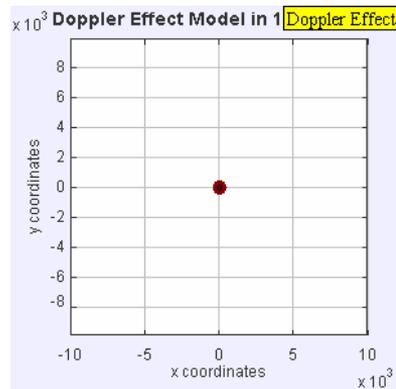
$$f = \left(\frac{c \pm v_r}{c \pm v_s} \right) f_0$$

where

c is the velocity of waves in the medium

v_r is the velocity of the receiver relative to the medium

v_s is the velocity of the source relative to the medium



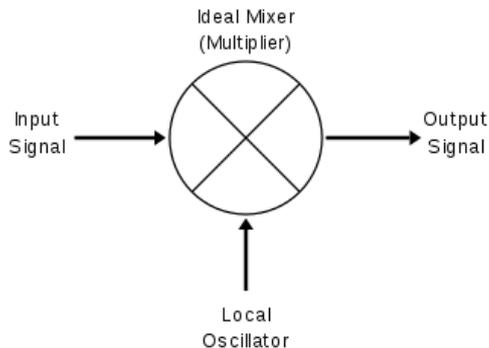
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If the speeds v_s and v_r are small compared to the speed of the wave, the relationship between observed frequency f and emitted frequency f_0 is approximately

$$f = \left(1 + \frac{\Delta v}{c} \right) f_0 \quad \Delta f = \frac{\Delta v}{c} f_0$$

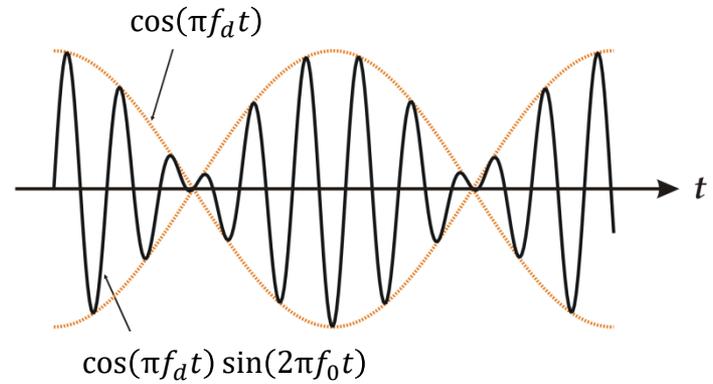
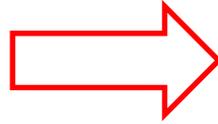
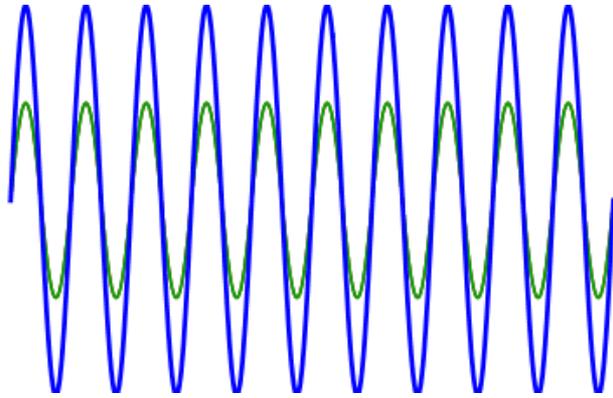
Intermediate frequency (IF)

Intermediate frequency (IF) is a frequency to which a carrier wave is shifted as an intermediate step in transmission or reception. The intermediate frequency is created by mixing the carrier signal with a local oscillator signal in a process called **heterodyning**, resulting in a signal at the difference or beat frequency.

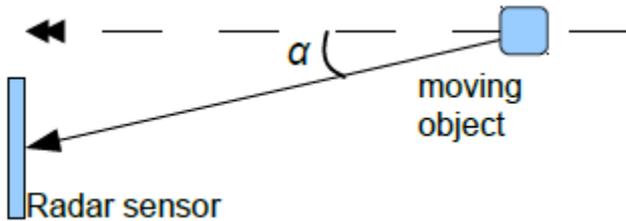


Heterodyning is a signal processing technique that creates new frequencies by combining or mixing two frequencies. Heterodyning is used to shift one frequency range into another, new one, and is also involved in the processes of modulation and demodulation. The two frequencies are combined in a nonlinear signal-processing device. In the most common application, two signals at frequencies f_1 and f_2 are mixed, creating two new signals, one at the sum $f_1 + f_2$ of the two frequencies, and the other at the difference $f_1 - f_2$. These frequencies are called heterodynes. Typically only one of the new frequencies is desired, and the other signal is filtered out of the output of the mixer. Heterodyne frequencies are related to the phenomenon of "beats" in acoustics.

Intermediate frequency (IF) cont.



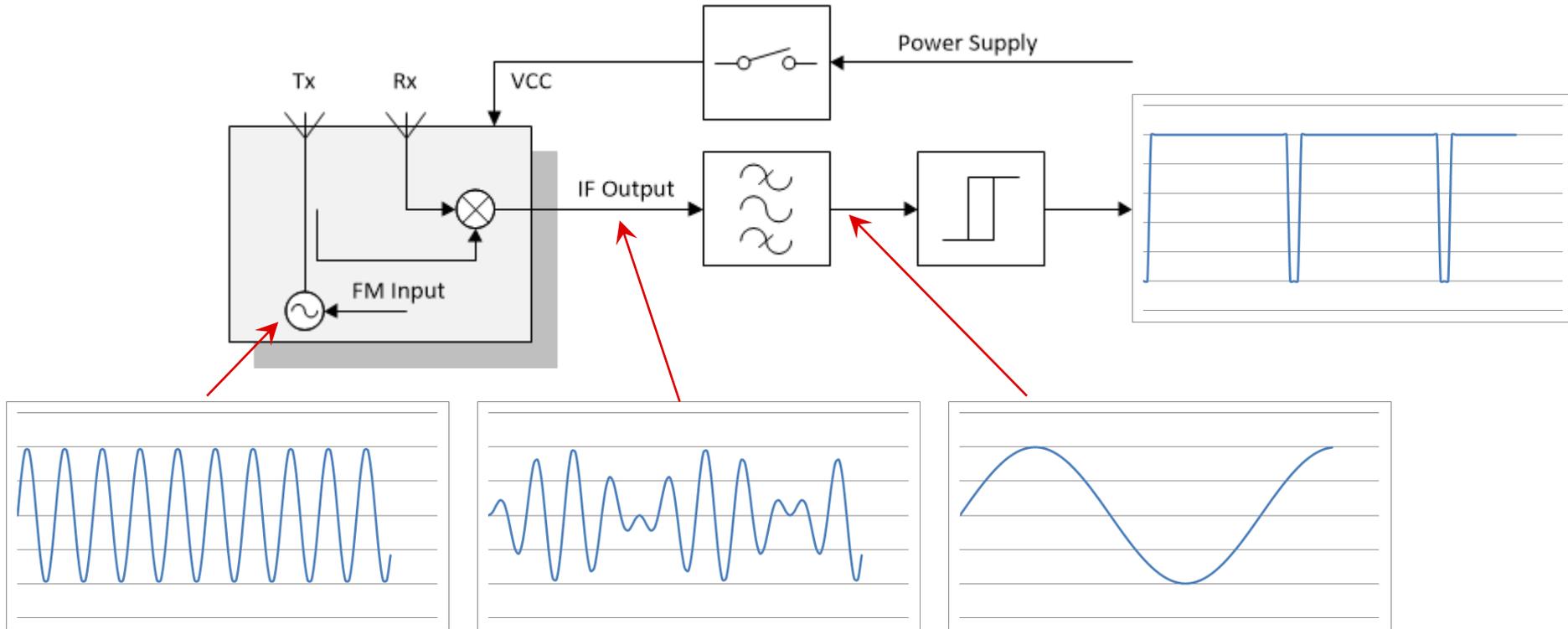
$$\cos(2\pi f_1 t) + \cos(2\pi f_2 t) = 2 \cos\left(2\pi \frac{f_1 + f_2}{2} t\right) \cos\left(2\pi \frac{f_1 - f_2}{2} t\right)$$



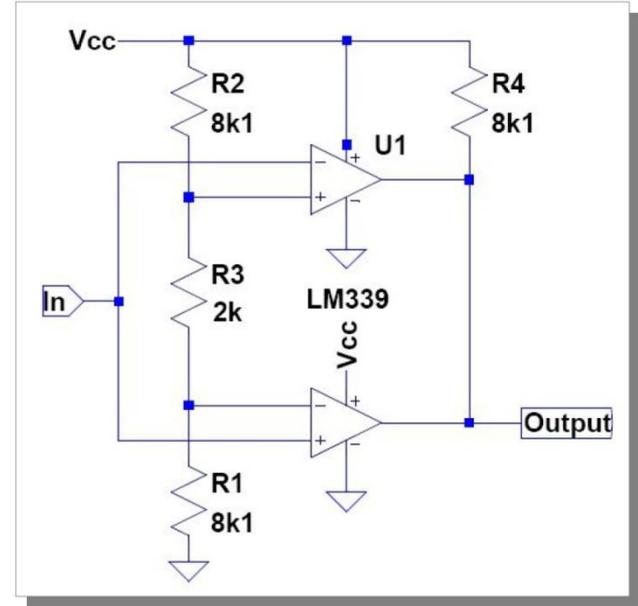
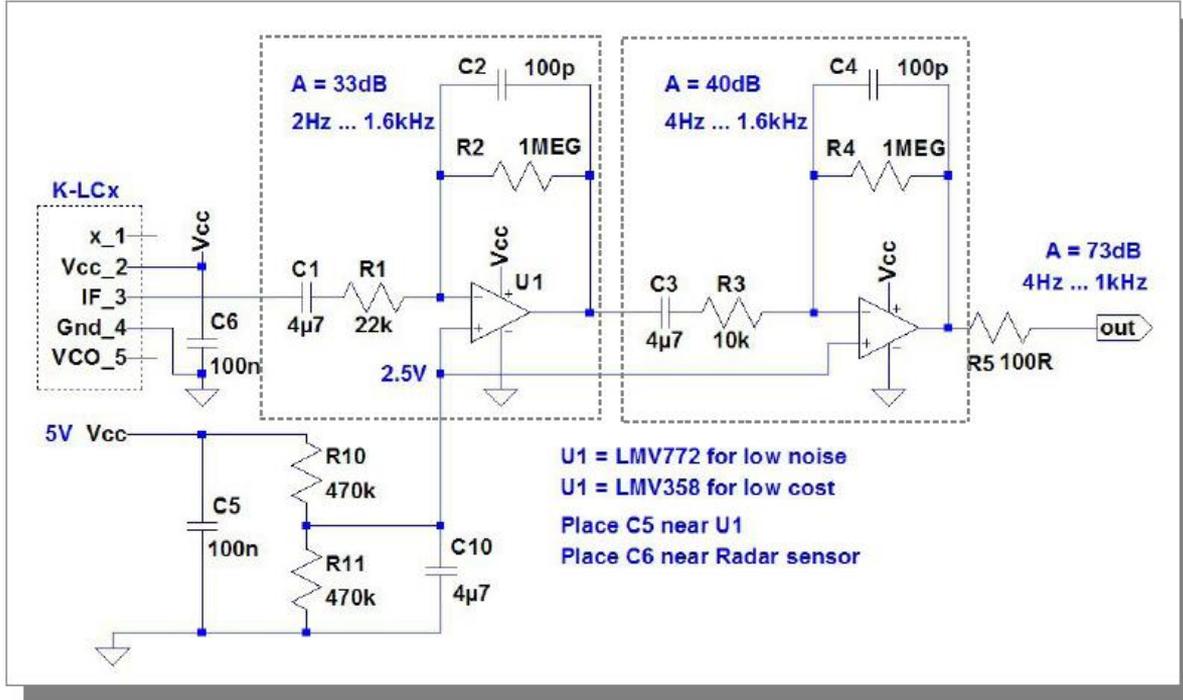
Doppler frequency f_d is proportional to the object speed v :

$$f_d = v \frac{44 \text{ Hz}}{\text{km/h}} \cos \alpha \quad \text{or} \quad f_d = v \frac{158 \text{ Hz}}{\text{m/s}} \cos \alpha$$

Motion detector using Doppler Effect



Motion detector using Doppler Effect cont.



For detecting Persons, BW is around 4Hz to 400Hz.

Comparing different motion detector technologies

Motion sensor technology comparison

	PIR	Microphonics	Ultrasonic	Microwave	mmWave	Camera	TOF
Motion Detection Operating Principle	Difference between heat of object and background	Detect audible sound levels compared background	Measure frequency shifts in the reflected ultrasonic sound waves (Doppler Sonar). TOF measurements also used.	Measure frequency shifts in the reflected microwaves (Doppler Radar). TOF measurements also used.	Measure phase and frequency shifts in the reflected millimeter waves as well as TOF measurements (Doppler Radar)	Compares consecutive image frames through image processing to determine motion. Depending on sophistication of algorithm, can filter for human motion.	Modulated IR transmission and reflection. Time of flight for reflections measured to calculate distance. Processing required for background calibration and analysis to detect presence and motion
Cost	\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$-\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$	\$\$-\$\$\$\$ (application dependent)	\$\$-\$\$
Range	10-12m	10-20m	10-12m	10-30m	~10m (fine motion) 50m+ (broad motion)	30m+	~6m (with lens) <20m (narrow FOV, increased power)
Requires clear line of sight between object and sensor	Yes	No	No (Can be directive thru use of horn or transducer design)	No	No	Yes	Yes
Power Consumption	Lowest	Low	Medium	High	High	Medium - High	Med
Fine Motion Detection	No	Maybe (depends on sound level of fine motion relative to background noise)	No	Maybe (depends on field of view)	Yes	Maybe (depends on space, zoom capabilities, and camera resolution)	Maybe (depends on space and field of view)

Motion sensor technology comparison (cont.)

	PIR	Microphonics	Ultrasonic	Microwave	mmWave	Camera	TOF
Major Performance Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest Cost • Lowest Power (passive sensing) • reasonable range 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passive sensing of sound waves • With signal processing, capable of masking non-human sounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capable of measuring the speed of object's motion • Capable of detecting stationary objects • Can "see" around corners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capable of measuring the speed of object's motion • Capable of detecting stationary objects • Can "see" through walls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capable of measuring the speed of object's motion • Capable of detecting stationary objects • Can "see" through walls • Capable of measuring angle of approach and distance • Carrier can be used to enable additional services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For systems with a camera, no additional sensors are required for motion sensing • Motion events can be recorded and replayed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capable of precise distance measurements • Capable of detecting stationary objects
Major Performance Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensitive to false triggering for anything creating changes in temperature or white light • Long time constant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of sensitivity (SNR) in environments with high ambient noise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can detect motion of objects outside of the desired field of detection by reflection around corners • Will detect motion of inanimate objects • Can be harmful to pets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can detect motion of objects outside of the desired field of detection (capable of penetrating walls) • Will detect motion of inanimate objects • Can be sensitive to certain fluorescent lighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can detect motion of objects outside of the desired field of detection (capable of penetrating walls) • Will detect motion of inanimate objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot "see" in dark environments unless coupled with illumination and filtering for night vision • Dust, dirt, moisture effect image quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot "see" through fog, dust, or smoke • Will detect motion of inanimate objects • Measurement errors for reflective or IR absorbing materials

Motion sensor technology comparison (cont.)

	PIR	Microphonics	Ultrasonic	Microwave	mmWave	Camera	TOF
Enclosure influence	Requires Fresnel lens which directly impacts shape and appearance of enclosure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs hole(s) for microphone input in enclosure No protrusions required 	Vents needed in the enclosure to avoid attenuation of the transducer signals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosure only needs to be large enough to house transducer Transducer can be concealed as long as material is transparent to carrier frequency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosure only needs to be large enough to house transducer Transducer can be concealed as long as material is transparent to carrier frequency 	Enclosure designed around camera lens	Enclosure needs to include IR transparent material to accommodate IR transmission and reception of reflected IR.
Direction of motion with highest sensitivity	Lateral	Omni	Longitudinal	Longitudinal	Longitudinal	Uniform in FOV of Camera Lens	Longitudinal



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