

## **Description**

CambridgeIC's CAM622 is a Resonant Inductive Encoder IC. It includes a Sensing Engine for measuring contactless position, and an Interface Processor that can generate encoder style outputs.

The Sensing Engine connects to an external sensor. This detects the position of a contactless inductive resonant target. Both sensor and target are made from PCBs. They include coil patterns for resonant inductive sensing. These are available from CambridgeIC, so customers can manufacture the parts themselves and integrate them with their product. The CAM622 works with a variety of different sensor and target sizes.

The Interface Processor can generate encoder style digital outputs, using an SPI interface for configuration and diagnostics. A host may alternatively use SPI as the primary interface, reading measurement results at high speed.

## **Features**

- Works with CambridgeIC's "Type B" sensor PCBs
- Fully ratiometric Sensing Engine
- Automatic tuning to target frequency
- Optional adaptive filter for extra resolution
- Filter can be configured for zero phase delay
- Encoder style ABN outputs
- UVW outputs for motor commutation
- SPI for configuration or reading results
- Internal software upgradable over SPI
- Exceptionally stable across temperature

## **Performance**

- Up to 33000 position samples per second
- Resonator frequency tuning range  $\pm 10\%$
- ABN cycles/rev configurable up to 16384

## **Product identification**



CAM622UE 28-pin UQFN -40°C to 125°C







### **Figure 2 CAM622UE 28-pin SSOP pinout**



<span id="page-0-0"></span>**Figure 3 CAM622 function overview**



# **1 Functional Description**

[Figure 3](#page-0-0) shows an overall block diagram of the CAM622, sensor and external circuitry.

Please refer to section [3](#page-5-0) for details of the external circuitry required, including the excitation circuit and filter circuit.

## **1.1 Type B Sensor Overview**

The CAM622 works with Type B Sensors. Please refer to a Type B sensor's datasheet for more details of its operation and performance. Please refer to the Type B Sensor Reference Manual for the principle of operation of Type B sensors, and for sensor integration guidelines.

Sensors and targets are both built from conventional PCBs. The sensor comprises 3 or 5 printed coils, and is connected to CAM622 circuitry. The target is an electrical resonator and comprises one printed coil connected to one or more resonator capacitors. The target has no electrical or mechanical connection to the sensor.

Sensors include an excitation (EX) coil that is used to energise the resonator inside the target.

Type B sensors each have a Subtype. When this is non-zero, this indicates that the sensor includes fine (COSA, SINA) and coarse (COSB, SINB) sensor coils. The Subtype is the number of sinusoidal repeats of the fine coil across 360° mechanical rotation. The coarse coils have one sinusoidal repeat across 360° mechanical rotation.

## <span id="page-1-0"></span>**1.2 Sensing Engine Description**



### <span id="page-1-1"></span>**Figure 4 Sensing Engine block diagram**

The purpose of the Sensing Engine is to energise the sensor and process its return signals to yield position and velocity data.

The Sensing Engine includes an EX Waveform Generator that outputs the DR1…3 signals used to drive the excitation circuit. It is fully digital and its precise frequency and timing are under the control of an EX Frequency Control block. The target's resonator has a high Q-factor, which means that the frequency of the energising current must closely match its resonant frequency for efficient power transfer. The EX Frequency Control block includes a control loop to maintain a match between the EX Waveform Generator's output frequency and the resonator's frequency.

Signals from the sensor coils are converted to digital signals with ADCs. This allows all remaining processing to be done in the digital domain, for precision and reliability. A multiplexer scheme allows the ADCs to either measure fine sensor coil signals (COSA, SINA) or coarse sensor coil signals (COSB, SINB). A Measurement Control block selects which coils are connected for any given measurement.

Detection blocks process ADC results, and yield data on signal amplitude, frequency and phase. These blocks have a wide but finite frequency range, and this determines the extent to which the Sensing Engine can tolerate resonator frequency variation. This is specified in section [4.](#page-14-0)

Frequency data from these detection blocks is passed to the EX Frequency Control block, to close the EX frequency control loop and keep the EX frequency matching the resonator frequency.



Signal amplitude and phase data is passed to the Position Calculation block. This manipulates the data in a precise, ratiometric way to yield measurements of the target's position.

Most position measurements are taken using data from the fine coils. Measurements from the coarse coils are only taken at start-up, to first establish absolute position, and again at regular intervals as a cross check. That interval is under the control of the ABSSEL control, see sectio[n 6.4.](#page-21-0) The Position Calculation block combines fine and coarse measurement data to ensure that its output remains absolute across 360° all of the time.

The Sensing Engine's measurement process is extremely rapid, typically repeating with an interval as little as 30µs (see section [6.5\)](#page-22-0).

Position measurements are processed by a Motion Filter. This can reduce measurement noise at the expense of a delayed response to changes in velocity. It also corrects for the small position lag between physical angle and each position update. Please see section [11](#page-48-0) for full details of how to configure this filter, and its dynamic performance.



## **1.3 Interface Processor Description**

<span id="page-2-0"></span>**Figure 5 Interface Processor block diagram**

The Interface Processor communicates measurement results to the outside world. It can generate ABN signals emulating the outputs of an optical encoder. It can also emulate the output of a BLDC motor's Hall sensors used for commutation at the same time.

Encoder signal settings include the number of AB cycles per revolution and the angular position of the N pulse. Commutation signal settings include the number of pole pairs per revolution and an angle offset. These settings are stored in non-volatile memory. Since they are software settings and not a function of hardware, this allows a single hardware variant to address multiple applications. It allows settings to be configured, adjusted or uploaded in the field under software control.

The Interface Processor also includes an SPI interface. This may be used as a primary interface to a host device in place of encoder and commutation signals. Alternatively it may be used to program the CAM622's non-volatile memory to configure sensing, encoder and commutation settings.

When operating as the primary interface, the exact time of the start of each SPI transaction (nCS low) is measured with a timer. This is used to correct for variable delays between Sensing Engine results and SPI, so that position values reported over SPI reflect the exact position when nCS went low.



The Interface Processor shares a Precision RC oscillator frequency reference with the Sensing Engine. Its frequency tolerance affects the scaling of velocity measurements reported by the Sensing Engine and over SPI. However this tolerance does not affect the frequency of encoder signals. If the Precision RC oscillator's frequency is high then the velocity measurement will be low, and this will be exactly compensated by a higher ABN and UVW edge frequency.

## **1.4 Pin Functions**

[Table 1](#page-3-0) summarises CAM622 pin functions and type. Please refer to section [2](#page-4-0) for electrical characteristics for each type. Signal directions are given from the CAM622 chip's perspective.

<b>Signal Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Function</b>
VDD1, VDD2	Power	Positive supply voltage, internally connected.
<b>AVDD</b>	Analog Input	Analog supply voltage, connect to VDD.
VSS, AVSS	Power	OV connection and common return for sensor inputs.
nRESET	Digital Input	Hardware reset, active low.
nCS	Digital Input	SPI Interface line: Chip Select, active low.
<b>SCK</b>	Digital Input	SPI Interface line: Serial Clock. Serial data is shifted out on the falling edge and captured on the rising edge of SCK.
SDI	Digital Input	SPI Interface line: Serial Data In. Data is captured on the rising edge of SCK.
<b>SDO</b>	Digital and Open Drain Output	SPI Interface line: Serial Data Out. SDO is driven as a digital output by the CAM622 during SPI transactions, when is nCS is low (active). When nCS is high it is Open Drain to allow other slave devices to share the SPI bus.
<b>SI</b>	Digital or open drain output	Sample indicator indicating new results or for controlling an LED.
LA, LB, LN	Digital Outputs	Encoder outputs, single ended, logic level. Use an external line driver to generate RS-422 level ABN signals from these, see section 3.7.
LU, LV, LW	Digital Outputs	Motor commutation outputs, single ended, logic level. Use external MOSFETs to generate open drain UVW signals from these, see section 3.7.
<b>EXT</b>	Digital Output	Configurable function
$DR1 - DR3$	Digital Outputs	Used to drive external MOSFETs for powering the excitation coil of the resonant inductive position sensor.
COS1, COS2 SIN1, SIN2	Analog Inputs	Used to sense the sensor coil outputs of resonant inductive sensors.
A0, A1	Digital Outputs	Configuration outputs, see section 6.8.
<b>Exposed Pad</b>	Shield	Centre Pad under package, connect to VSS.

<span id="page-3-0"></span>**Table 1 CAM622 pin names and functions**



# <span id="page-4-0"></span>**2 Electrical Characteristics**

## **2.1 Operating Characteristics**

## <span id="page-4-2"></span>**Table 2 Operating characteristics**



## **2.2 Absolute Maximum Ratings**

### **Table 3 Absolute maximum ratings**



## **2.3 Digital Input Specifications**

### **Table 4 Digital input specifications**



## <span id="page-4-3"></span>**2.4 Digital Output Specifications**

### **Table 5 Digital output specifications**



## <span id="page-4-5"></span>**2.5 Application Memory Characteristics**

### <span id="page-4-4"></span>**Table 6 Application Memory characteristics**



## **2.6 Hardware Reset**

The CAM622 chip will be reset when the host device pulls nRST low. The timing parameter TnRSTL is the low time for the nRST signal, and this is specified in [Table 7.](#page-4-1)

### <span id="page-4-1"></span>**Table 7 Reset timing**





# <span id="page-5-0"></span>**3 External Circuitry**

Sections [3.1](#page-5-1) and [3.2](#page-6-0) detail the circuitry for processing sensor signals using the CAM622. This is all that is needed when the host communicates with the CAM622 chip over SPI.

For applications where encoder outputs are the primary interface it is likely that line drivers will be required. These can boost current and voltage, provide line matching and add differential outputs. Please refer to section [3.7](#page-10-0) for an example of how to approach this.

## <span id="page-5-1"></span>**3.1 Schematic, Sensing Circuitry**

[Figure 6](#page-5-2) is a schematic for circuitry required around the CAM622 chip for its sensing function.



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Sensors with a Subtype of 0 only have one pair of sensor coils COS and SIN, which are connected to the COSA and SINA nets. They do not use COSB and SINB connections. In this case R\_MB, C\_MB, R\_FB and C\_FB may be omitted.



## <span id="page-6-0"></span>**3.2 Components Required, Sensing Circuitry**

[Table 8](#page-6-1) lists the component values required for the schematic of [Figure 6.](#page-5-2)



### <span id="page-6-1"></span>**Table 8 Components required**

Note(1): May be omitted when the sensor's Subtype is 0.

[Table 9](#page-6-2) illustrates the effect of component grade choice on reproducibility error, see also section [3.6.](#page-9-0)

### <span id="page-6-2"></span>**Table 9 Reproducibility error due to filter components, 360°rotary sensor**





## **3.3 Supply and Reset Circuitry**

The circuitry is powered by the VS connection.

R\_VDD and C\_S4 form an RC filter, which limits the amount of supply ripple on VS that reaches the CAM622's VDD pin. R\_AVDD and C\_S5 form another RC filter which further reduces ripple on the AVDD. It is essential that the voltage magnitude between the VDD and AVDD pins remains below 0.3V, including when supply voltage is applied to and removed from VS. This condition is met with the component values specified, and providing the maximum VS rise rate specified in [Table 2](#page-4-2) is respected.

Decoupling capacitors C\_S1, C\_S2 and C\_S3 must be positioned immediately next to the CAM622 chip with short connections to it. Please see [Figure 10](#page-11-0) for the recommended layout and wiring of these components.

Reset circuitry connects to the CAM622 chip's nRESET pin. C\_R and R\_RP ensure nRESET is initially low and then high if nRST is not connected to a host device, to ensure the part resets when power is first applied. nRST is an optional connection to the host device. It can simplify updates to internal software over SPI.



## **3.4 Excitation Circuitry**

The sensor is powered by excitation current into its excitation connection EX. Excitation comprises a few cycles of alternating current. This flows between the start and end of excitation, marked EX\_START and EX\_END in the waveform drawing of [Figure 7.](#page-8-0)

Excitation current has period T\_PER marked in the waveforms of [Figure 7,](#page-8-0) and hence frequency 1/T\_PER. The CAM622 chip adjusts this period so that the excitation frequency matches the target's resonant frequency.

Excitation current comes from MOSFET Q1. This includes n-channel and p-channel devices Q1A and Q1B respectively, which form a half bridge driver. Their gates are controlled by the CAM622 with non-overlapping signals DR1 and DR3. There is a time delay  $\bar{T}$  SL between each MOSFET turning off and the next turning on, and this yields high efficiency.



<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Figure 7 Excitation waveforms**

MOSFET Q2A is controlled by DR2 and is on during excitation. This connects capacitor C\_N between EX and 0V, so that it conducts excitation coil current when Q1A and Q1B are both off. During this period the excitation current will be approximately constant because the excitation coil is an inductive load. The voltage at EX will therefore slope up or down at a controlled rate. This makes the EX output a trapezoidal waveform approximating a sine wave, to minimise unwanted emissions.

Excitation ends at EX\_END, marked in [Figure 7,](#page-8-0) and is followed by resonator detection. At this point Q1A, Q1B and Q2A are all turned off in order to minimise any residual current flowing in the excitation coil during resonator detection, which would otherwise disturb measurements. This is of great benefit to performance, and is one distinguishing feature of resonant inductive sensing compared to conventional (non-resonant) inductive sensing. Conventional inductive sensing requires excitation during detection, so there is no opportunity to switch off the excitation current completely.

MOSFETs are driven by resistors R\_DRH and R\_DRL. These ensure MOSFETs switch on and off slowly, to avoid unwanted transients during and immediately after excitation.

Resistor R\_N helps to absorb any remaining transients in the transition from excitation to detection after EX\_END. It is switched into circuit by Q2B, and is also controlled by the DR2.



## **3.5 Sensor Signal Description**

The excitation current I\_EX illustrated in [Figure 7](#page-8-0) is applied to the senor's excitation coil. This couples to the moving target's resonator and causes it to resonate. The resonance builds up while I EX is applied, and starts to decay when it is removed at EX\_END. The decay takes many cycles because the resonator is designed to have a high Q-factor.

The resonator couples back into the sensor's sensor coils. These are patterned so that the coupling between the resonator and sensor coils varies sinusoidally with angle. Coupling to the fine sensor coils COSA and SINA repeats multiple times per target rotation. The number of sinusoidal repeats depends on the sensor design and equals its Subtype. Coupling to the coarse sensor coils COSB and SINB repeats once per rotation. If a sensor's Subtype equals 0 then it only has one pair of sensor coils COS and SIN.

[Figure 8](#page-9-1) illustrates the end of the excitation current waveform and the resulting resonator signals induced in the fine sensor coils. Coarse sensor signals are similar but are typically smaller.



<span id="page-9-1"></span>**Figure 8 Sensor coil signals COSA and SINA**

To determine the angle of the moving target, the CAM622 detects the amplitude of each sensor signal. This is illustrated as the envelope of the waveform in [Figure 8](#page-9-1) for simplicity. Please refer to the Type B Sensor Reference Manual for more details.

## <span id="page-9-0"></span>**3.6 Sensor Signal Filtering**

An external low-pass filter is required to suppress any high-frequency interference coupled into the sensor and its connections. This comprises two stages of RC filtering per sensor signal. This simple approach is ensures gain and phase matching across channels, which is important for accuracy.

Close tolerance filter component values are preferred when accuracy is particularly important, denoted "Grade A" in [Table 8.](#page-6-1) The contribution made by the filter to reproducibility error depends on grade as illustrated in [Table 9.](#page-6-2)



## <span id="page-10-0"></span>**3.7 Line Driver Options**

The CAM622 chip's encoder outputs (LA, LB, LN) and motor commutation outputs (LU, LV, LW) are 3.3V nominal logic level and have a relatively low output voltage and current (section [2.4\)](#page-4-3). These may be sufficient where they can be directly connected to a 3.3V powered host device on the same PCB or with short and direct connections. However some applications will require signal transmission over longer cable lengths, with greater voltage and peak current. This requires line drivers to be added, usually driven from a different power supply voltage.

Encoder signals are often transmitted differentially to the RS-422 standard, requiring differential outputs. This can be done with a Line Driver IC with differential outputs, as illustrated in [Figure 9.](#page-10-1) These are widely available, for example the iC-DL from iC-Haus.

Encoders are often operated from a 5V power supply. The CAM622 circuitry is supplied from 3.3V, so a regulator is also usually required.



### <span id="page-10-1"></span>**Figure 9 Typical industrial interfacing scheme**

Brushless DC motor controllers usually expect signals to come from digital Hall sensors. These are open drain or open collector. [Figure 9](#page-10-1) illustrates how MOSFETs may be added to emulate this arrangement. Note that this is inverting: nU is inverted relative to LU and so on. The offset angle of the UVW signals may be chosen to compensate, since signal inversion is equivalent to a 180° electrical phase shift. Please see section [10.2.](#page-45-0)



## **3.8 Layout Recommendations**

It is recommended to use a PCB with at least 4 layers. A middle layer should include a solid ground plane underneath the CAM622 and the circuitry of [Figure 6.](#page-5-2)

[Figure 42](#page-59-0) shows the recommended footprint for the CAM622 part. This includes a large centre pad. It is recommended to add vias to this centre pad as shown in the footprint drawing. These are denoted "thermal vias" in [Figure 42.](#page-59-0) They also serve to maintain a low impedance connection between the ground plane and the centre pad. Having a grounded centre pad also allows short and direct connections to the VSS pins, which is important for performance.

Decoupling capacitors C\_S1, CS2 and C\_S3 and filter capacitors C\_FA and C\_FB must be positioned immediately adjacent to the CAM622 chip. Their grounded end must be connected directly to the ground plane or an immediately adjacent pin connected to VSS or AVSS.

[Figure 10](#page-11-0) illustrates the recommended arrangement.



### <span id="page-11-0"></span>**Figure 10 Recommended capacitor locations and wiring**

Connections to the CAM622 chip's other pins are less critical.



## **3.9 Sensor Coil and Filter Network Connections**

[Figure 11](#page-12-0) illustrates connections between sensor coils and the CAM622 circuit, including its filter components. When a sensor coil is connected to the CAM622 circuit, the traces and/or wires forming the connection make a loop. The loop formed by the COSA coil connection is shaded as an example. The loop area for each of the sensor coils must be minimised, in order to minimise coupling to the target and/or any AC magnetic interference.



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Wires used for connection must be run in a tight bundle, on adjacent conductors in a ribbon cable or twisted. Conductors on a PCB should be arranged adjacent to a common VREF conductor as in [Figure 12](#page-12-1) (a), (b) or (c). These bundles should ideally be less than 100mm long.





<span id="page-12-1"></span>**Figure 12 PCB conductor arrangements for sensor coils**

Track and Gap figures should be minimised, providing connection resistance does not fall below 2Ω, or below 1Ω for a VREF connection that is common to two or more coils.



## **3.10 Excitation Circuit and Coil Connections**

The CAM622 chip drives the gates of external MOSFETs, which in turn drive current into the excitation coil to energise the resonator inside the target.

To keep the circuit efficient and to minimise emissions, the traces used to form the current paths highlighted in red in [Figure 13](#page-13-0) must be kept short, direct and as wide as possible. To achieve this, the relevant components (C\_EX, Q1, Q2, C\_N) must be located together.



### <span id="page-13-0"></span>**Figure 13 Excitation circuit with critical paths highlighted**

Excitation coil connections must be made with a minimum of loop area, in a similar way to sensor coil connections.

The traces connecting the excitation coil (EX and VREF nets) should be at least 0.2mm wide and ideally less than 50mm long.



# <span id="page-14-0"></span>**4 Resonator Detection**

Type B sensors detect the position of an electrical resonator inside a moving target. [Table 10](#page-14-1) lists parameters relevant to the CAM622 chip's detection of resonators, and their values.

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Please refer to the Type B Sensor Reference Manual for details, including how to tune the target's resonator to match the CAM622 Resonant Inductive Encoder IC.



# <span id="page-15-1"></span>**5 SPI Hardware**

## **5.1 Overview**

This section describes how the CAM622 and a host exchange data over an SPI interface.

## **5.2 Data Transfer Method**

The CAM622 chip is an SPI peripheral. The host controls the nCS, SCK and SDI inputs to the CAM622. The host starts a data transfer by driving nCS low. It sends data to the CAM622 with the SDI line, and provides the CAM622 with a serial clock line SCK. The CAM622 detects each SDI bit on the rising edge of SCK. The CAM622 sends data back to the host with the SDO line. SDO changes state on the falling edge of SCK. The host should detect the state of SDO on each rising edge. This is commonly referred to as SPI Mode 0. The beginning and end of an SPI transaction are illustrated in [Figure 14.](#page-15-0)



<span id="page-15-0"></span>The timing parameter marked TnCSH is the time that nCS remains high between successive SPI transactions. Its minimum value depends on the details of the preceding SPI transaction. Several values are given in [Table 11.](#page-17-0) For example TnCSH read is the time between read operations when ABEN=0, as illustrated in [Figure 19.](#page-27-0)



Data is transmitted most significant bit (MSB) first. The CAM622 interprets data it receives on SDI as 16-bit words. This data is denoted WIN0, WIN1, WIN2 in [Figure 15.](#page-16-0) The host should also interpret data output by the CAM622 as 16-bit words, denoted WOUT0, WOUT2, WOUT2.



### <span id="page-16-0"></span>**Figure 15 Arrangement of SPI words**

All SPI transactions MUST be bounded by chip select (nCS) being driven low at the start and being driven high at the end. The SPI interface will not function if nCS remains permanently low.

## <span id="page-16-1"></span>**5.3 SPI Following Reset**

The CAM622 includes power on reset circuitry that holds it in reset until its power supply has reached a level suitable for normal operation. It may also be reset by pulling nRESET low, or by setting the RESET bit (section [6.8\)](#page-23-0).

Once out of reset, the CAM622 performs an internal self test and validity checking procedure. This process must complete for the CAM622 to subsequently enter its normal operating mode, to allow measurements and register access over SPI. To complete successfully, the host must maintain nCS high during the procedure. The minimum high time TR2nCSL(min) between coming out of reset and nCS low is specified in [Table 11.](#page-17-0)

If the host interrupts self test and validity checking by pulling nCS low, the CAM622 will enter its bootloader mode. Please refer to document "Uploading Application Code" for details of this process.



# **5.4 SPI Transaction Timings**

[Table 11](#page-17-0) specifies the timing parameters required for correct operation of the CAM622 SPI interface.

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# **6 Register Access and Descriptions**

The CAM622 includes a set of registers used to configure its operation. A host may also read version information and the results of measurements from registers.

## <span id="page-18-2"></span>**6.1 Register Access over SPI**

The host accesses CAM622 registers over the SPI interface, see section [5.](#page-15-1) Each SPI transaction, the host sends a number of data words to the CAM622 denoted WIN0, WIN1, WIN2… and the CAM622 returns data words to the host denoted WOUT0, WOUT1, WOUT2...

To read registers without modifying their contents, the host must clear the first bit of the first word it sends to the CAM622 (WnR=0, bit 15 of WIN0). The contents of the CAM622's registers are returned in the WOUT words. WOUT0 corresponds to the contents of register address 0x00 (CTRL), WOUT1 corresponds to the contents of register address 0x01 (POSH), and so on. Please see [Figure 16.](#page-18-0) Apart from the WnR bit, the CAM622 ignores all of the WIN words it receives from the host.



### <span id="page-18-0"></span>**Figure 16 Register read operation**

To write new values to registers, the host must set the first bit of the first word it sends to the CAM622 (WnR=1, bit 15 of WIN0). The CAM622's register contents are updated based on the WIN0, WIN1, WIN2… values it receives from the host. WIN0 is written to the register at address 0x00 (CTRL), WIN1 is written to the register at address 0x01, and so on. Please see [Figure 17.](#page-18-1)



### <span id="page-18-1"></span>**Figure 17 Register write-read operation**

During a write operation, the CAM622 returns register contents in WOUT0, WOUT1, WOUT2… Note these are the contents of the registers as they stood before the SPI transaction. An SPI transaction with the WnR bit set therefore performs both write and read operations, and is referred to below as "write-read".

Register access may be either read only ("R") or write-read ("WR"). The contents of read only registers are only updated by the CAM622. When performing a write-read operation, the host must write 0x0000 to read only registers. The contents of write-read registers are updated by the host, using a write-read SPI transaction.

The control register CTRL is an exception, including bits with both read only and write-read access.

Unimplemented registers and unimplemented bits within registers must be written to 0 when the host performs a write-read operation.

## <span id="page-18-3"></span>**6.2 Register Listing**

This section provides an overview of registers and their locations. The tables below list register addresses, names, a brief summary of their function and, where necessary, the section number for more details.

### **Table 12 Control register (includes write-read and read only fields)**





## <span id="page-19-0"></span>**Table 13 Results registers (read only \*)**

(\*) The POSH register is used as a write-read register when programming a CAM622 for autonomous operation. The value 0x0C1C must be written to POSH in order for the SAVE bit (section [6.8\)](#page-23-0) to take effect. See section [8.2](#page-31-0)

The 4 Information Registers may be configured to equal any register values from 0x10 (SECONFIG) onwards.



### <span id="page-19-1"></span>**Table 14 Information registers (read only)**

### **Table 15 Sensing Engine control registers (write-read)**



### **Table 16 System control registers (write-read)**







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## **Table 17 Versions registers (read only)**

## <span id="page-20-0"></span>**Table 18 ABN results registers (read only)**



## **Table 19 ABN control registers (write-read)**



### **Table 20 UVW results registers (read only)**



### **Table 21 UVW control registers (write-read)**





## <span id="page-21-1"></span>**6.3 CTRL Register**

The host accesses CTRL with every SPI transaction, because it located at address 0x00 corresponding to the first word of the SPI transaction. Unlike all other registers, some of the bits that the host accesses are different between writes and reads.

[Table 22](#page-21-2) shows the names of bits within CTRL controlled by data coming from the host on the SDI line (WIN0 i[nFigure](#page-16-0)  [15\)](#page-16-0). As noted in section [6.1,](#page-18-2) the top bit (WnR) controls whether the SPI transaction is to read registers (0) or to write-read (1). The contents of subsequent registers (and the START bit) will only be updated if WnR=1. They will remain unaffected if WnR=0.



### <span id="page-21-2"></span>**Table 22 CTRL register, bits sent from host**

Setting the START bit initiates measurements, and clearing it stops measurements. When START=1, the host may only access registers up to and including INFO3 (address 0x0E).

[Table 23](#page-21-3) shows the names of bits that the host reads from CTRL.

### <span id="page-21-3"></span>**Table 23 CTRL register, bits sent from CAM622**



SYSID is the System ID. When there are multiple devices on an SPI bus, this may be used to check the correct device is responding. Its value may be changed by the host, see section [6.8.](#page-23-0) The host may also use SYSID as a basic check that communication with the CAM622 is intact, by checking its value against the expected one.

SYSID may also be used as a check for an unexpected reset. The host should change its value when configuring the CAM622. If the host subsequently reads the default SYSID value instead of this new one, a reset has occurred.

COUNT increments each time a measurement is completed. If the host is designed to read the results of each measurement, for example reading results in response to the signal indicator (section [7.4\)](#page-28-1), then COUNT enables the host to check it has not missed results or read the same set again. COUNT increments in a modulo fashion, so the next value after 0xF is 0x0.

The CAM622 VALID=1 when the result of the last measurement was valid. This means the target is in range of sensor, its resonator frequency is within the CAM622 resonator tuning range (section [4\)](#page-14-0) and the Motion Filter has initialised (section [11.1\)](#page-48-1).

## <span id="page-21-0"></span>**6.4 SECONFIG Register**

SECONFIG includes fields for configuring the Sensing Engine.



### **Table 24 SECONFIG register**

The DDC bit disables delay compensation applied by the Motion Filter, see section [11.1.](#page-48-1)



ABSSEL configures the number of measurements from the sensor's fine (A) coils between every measurement from its coarse (B) coils, when valid. This number will be denoted ABSCOUNT. Please see section [1.2](#page-1-0) for more details. ABSCOUNT is calculated from [Equation 1:](#page-22-2)

### <span id="page-22-2"></span>**Equation 1**

 $ABSCOUNT = 2^{ABSSEL}$ 

The default value of ABSSEL is 0xF, or 15 in decimal. In this case the value of ABSCOUNT given by [Equation 1](#page-22-2) is 32768. When operating with the nominal sample interval (see section [6.5\)](#page-22-0) this means a coarse measurement takes place approximately very second.

SUBTYPE is a property of the sensor. Precision sensors that include both fine and coarse coils have a SUBTYPE value greater than 1. SUBTYPE is the number of fine COS/SIN periods per coarse COS/SIN period. Basic sensors only have one COS/SIN pair of sensor coils, and their SUBTYPE value is 0. Please refer to the Type B Sensor Reference Manual for more details SUBTYPE.

A precision sensor's SUBTYPE value is included in its full name. For example the 25mm B3 Precision Through-Hole Sensor has SUBTYPE=3 (the number after "B"). If in doubt, please refer to the sensor's datasheet. Position measurements reported by the CAM622 will always be wrong unless SUBTYE is configured correctly for the connected sensor.

## <span id="page-22-0"></span>**6.5 INTERVAL Register**

INTERVAL controls the interval between the start times of successive Sensing Engine measurements.



INTERVAL is nominally in multiples of 0.1µs, so that the relationship between sample interval in µs and INTERVAL is given by [Equation 2:](#page-22-3)

### <span id="page-22-3"></span>**Equation 2**

 $Sample\ Interval/\mu s = INTERVAL \times 0.1\mu s$ 

For example, INTERVAL is 0x012C by default which is 300 decimal, so Sample Interval is 300 x 0.1µs = 30µs. INTERVAL must be set to this default value for ABN encoder outputs to function correctly.

These figures are subject to a tolerance associated with the CAM622's on-chip oscillator. This tolerance is specified in [Table 10](#page-14-1) ("CAM622 Frequency tolerance across parts and Operating Temperature").

## <span id="page-22-1"></span>**6.6 FLTLVLS Register**

FLTLVLS includes the filter level controls MAXFILTLVL and MINFILTLVL, arranged as in [Table 26.](#page-22-4) Please refer to section [11](#page-48-0) for details on how these are used.

### <span id="page-22-4"></span>**Table 26 FLTLVLS Register**





## <span id="page-23-1"></span>**6.7 HYAD Register**

HYAD includes the HYSESET control which configures the amount of hysteresis added to position measurements when they are used to synthesise ABN encoder and UVW motor commutation signals. Please see section [9.6](#page-40-0)

HYAD also includes ADAPTSENS, which controls the sensitivity of adaptive filtering. Please see section [11.5.](#page-53-0)

These registers are arranged as shown in [Table 27.](#page-23-2)

### <span id="page-23-2"></span>**Table 27 HYAD Register**



## <span id="page-23-0"></span>**6.8 SYSCONFIG Register**

<span id="page-23-3"></span>**Table 28 SYSCONFIG Register**

SYSCONFIG includes several fields and bits that control system operation, and its arrangement is shown in [Table 28.](#page-23-3)



### SYSID is the System ID, whose value is read out of the CAM622 in the first word of each SPI transaction, see section [6.3.](#page-21-1) The host may change its value by writing a new value to SYSCONFIG.

The host uses the SAVE bit to signal to the CAM622 that register values should be written to non-volatile memory in preparation for standalone operation. It uses the FACTORY bit to return non-volatile memory to factory defaults. Please see section [8.](#page-31-1) When writing to SYSCONFIG for other reasons, the host must write 0 to SAVE and FACTORY.

Setting the BOOT bit puts the CAM622 into its bootloader mode in preparation for uploading new Application Code. Please refer to document "Uploading Application Code" for details of this process. When writing to SYSCONFIG for other reasons, the host must write 0 to BOOT.

When its RESET bit is set, the CAM622 performs a software reset following the SPI transaction. When writing to SYSCONFIG for other reasons, the host must write 0 to RESET.

The A0 and A1 bits control the states of the CAM622's A0 and A1 output pins. These are typically used to configure external devices.

EXTMODE controls the function of the EXT pin, as summarised in [Table 29.](#page-23-4)



<span id="page-23-4"></span>**Table 29 EXTMODE Function**

When set to 1, EXT controls an LED, to provide a visible indication of status. EXT will activate when the CAM622 measurements are VALID with healthy signal level. It will toggle on and off repeatedly to indicate VALID measurements with low signal level. It will inactivate when measurements are not VALID. LEDTHRESHOLD configures

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the threshold between low and healthy signal level, and it is in units of reported amplitude (AMPA). Please refer to a sensor's datasheet for expected amplitude values. EXTAH controls whether EXT is active high (EXTAH=1) or active low (EXTAH=0). LEDTHRESHOLD and EXTAH are both fields in the SICONFIG register, see section [6.9](#page-24-2) below.

## <span id="page-24-2"></span>**6.9 SICONFIG Register**

<span id="page-24-3"></span>**Table 30 SICONFIG register**

SICONFIG controls the behaviour of the CAM622's SI and EXT outputs. It includes the fields shown i[n Table 30.](#page-24-3)



SI is a sample indicator output pin. It activates to indicate when each measurement completes, and new data is available from the Results Registers. A host may synchronise its SPI transactions to SI in order to minimise latency between actual position and obtaining measurements, see section [7.4.](#page-28-1) The SIAH bit configures whether SI is active high (SIAH=1) or active low (SIAH=0). The SIDO bit configures whether SI is a digital output (SIDO=1) or open drain  $(SIDO=0)$ .

The functions of LEDTHRESHOLD and EXTAH are detailed in section [6.8](#page-23-0) above.

## <span id="page-24-0"></span>**6.10 INDEX10 and INDEX32 Registers**

The 4 Information Registers [\(Table 14\)](#page-19-1) are arranged immediately after the Results Registers. Their contents are configurable under host control, using the INDEX10 and INDEX32 registers. The Information Registers are arranged immediately after the Results Registers. An SPI host can read out Results Registers and Information Register values when the CAM622's ABN encoder outputs are enabled (ABEN=1). Indexing therefore allows a host to read selected register values faster than normal, and without the normal restriction preventing registers beyond address 0x10 from being accessed when ABEN=1.

### <span id="page-24-4"></span>**Table 31 INDEX10 Register**



### **Table 32 INDEX32 Register**



The INDEX0 register controls the contents of INFO0 at address 0x0B. The INDEX1 register controls the contents of INFO1 at address 0x0C. The INDEX2 register controls the contents of INFO2 at address 0x0D. The INDEX3 register controls the contents of INFO3 at address 0x0E. In each case, the register value appearing in the respective INFO register is equal to the INDEX value plus 0x10.

The default value for INDEX0 shown in [Table 31](#page-24-4) makes INFO0 equal to  $0x0C + 0x10 = 0x1C$ , which is the address of the CAMID register. This therefore appears in INFO0 by default. Similarly INFO1 equals SYSVER, INFO2 equals BOOTVER and INFO3 equals SEVER by default.



## <span id="page-25-0"></span>**6.11 ABCONFIG Register**

ABCONFIG configures the CAM622's encoder outputs LA, LB and LN, and includes the bits shown in [Table 33.](#page-25-1)



### <span id="page-25-1"></span>**Table 33 ABCONFIG Register**

Please refer to section [9](#page-36-0) for how to configure these bits, including their descriptions listed in [Table 37.](#page-36-1)

Setting the ABEN bit enables the encoder outputs LA, LB and LN. When taking measurements over SPI, ABEN must be 0 for the CAM622 to respond to SPI transactions with a minimum of delay.

## <span id="page-25-3"></span>**6.12 UVWCONFIG Register**

UVWCONFIG configures the CAM622's motor commutation outputs U, V and W, and includes the bits shown in [Table](#page-25-2)  [34.](#page-25-2)



## <span id="page-25-2"></span>**Table 34 UVWCONFIG Register**

Please refer to section [10](#page-45-1) for how to configure these bits.

Setting the UVWEN bit enables the motor commutation outputs U, V and W. When taking measurements over SPI, UVWEN must be 0 for the CAM622 to respond to SPI transactions with a minimum of delay.



# <span id="page-26-1"></span>**7 Reading Measurements Over SPI**

This section explains how to connect a host to the CAM622 when SPI will be the primary means of communication. Please refer to section [8](#page-31-1) for using SPI to configure the CAM622 for standalone operation.

## **7.1 Host Connections to CAM622 Circuitry**

A host connects to the CAM622 circuitry of [Figure 6](#page-5-2) using the 4 SPI lines nCS, SCK, SDI and SDO, as illustrated in [Figure 18.](#page-26-0) Host control over nRST is also strongly recommended, so that the host can put the CAM622 into a known state prior to operation.

An nRST connection also simplifies bootloader operation. Please refer to document "Updating Application Code" for details of how to program Application Code using the CAM622's bootloader.



<span id="page-26-0"></span>**Figure 18 Host connections to CAM622 circuitry**

The CAM622 drives SDO high and low when nCS is low (SPI transaction in progress). When nCS is high, the CAM622 makes its SDO output a high impedance. This allows other devices to share the same SPI bus. To avoid SDO floating, a pull-up resistor is needed on SDO. If this can not be provided within the host device itself, it is recommended to add one: R\_SDO illustrated in [Figure 18.](#page-26-0)

## <span id="page-26-2"></span>**7.2 Factory Default Register Settings**

This section assumes the CAM622 chip has not been configured for standalone operation. If it has, this is likely to interfere with taking measurements over SPI, because the CAM622 will contain non-default register values saved to non-volatile memory. For example, the ABEN bit is usually set for standalone operation, and this will interfere with SPI communication.

To avoid issues such as these, a CAM622 IC that was previously used for standalone operation should have its factory defaults restored, see section [8.7.](#page-35-0) Note that this operation should only be performed once or a small and limited number of times, to avoid exceeding the CAM622's specification for the maximum number of FLASH updates [\(Table 6\)](#page-4-4). It must not be performed each time the CAM622 is used.

This is not normally an issue for production applications, because a CAM622 IC configured for standalone operation is unlikely to then be subsequently used inside a different product using SPI communication. It is more likely to be encountered during development, when care should be taken.



## <span id="page-27-2"></span>**7.3 Measurement Process**



[Figure 19](#page-27-0) illustrates the process for communicating with the CAM622 over SPI, to configure it and then take repeated measurements.

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The host starts the process by toggling nRST low to reset the CAM622. This puts the CAM622 into a known state, including default register values. A delay TR2nCSL(min) is then required before further SPI activity to allow the CAM622's internal self test and validity checking procedure to complete. TR2nCSL is described in sectio[n 5.3](#page-16-1) and its minimum value is specified in [Table 11.](#page-17-0)

The first SPI transaction is to write the intended register configuration to the CAM622, and read back its version numbers. This SPI transaction accesses all registers up to and including SYSCONFIG, or SICONFIG if Sample Indicators are used (section [7.4\)](#page-28-1). [Table 35](#page-27-1) lists the registers to be accessed, and how to establish their values.



### <span id="page-27-1"></span>**Table 35 Registers requiring configuration for taking measurements over SPI**



This first write-read SPI transaction returns default register values to the host. These include version numbers [\(Table](#page-19-1)  [14\)](#page-19-1). It is recommended to check returned version numbers against expected values.

A time delay of at least TnCSH\_config(min) is required after this first SPI transaction and before any subsequent SPI transaction to give the CAM622 time to implement changes to register settings. This is specified in [Table 11.](#page-17-0)

It is then recommended to perform a read SPI transaction, to verify that the registers and fields listed in [Table 35](#page-27-1) have been correctly communicated to the CAM622. A delay of at least TnCSH\_read(min) is required after this SPI transaction and before the next one. This is specified in [Table 11.](#page-17-0)

Measurements must now be started by writing 1 to the CTRL register's START bit (section [6.3\)](#page-21-1). A delay of at least TnCSH\_GO(min) is required after this SPI transaction and before the next one, specified in [Table 11.](#page-17-0)

The host may now perform an SPI transaction accessing the results registers [\(Table 13\)](#page-19-0) each time new values are required. A delay of at least TnCSH read(min) is required after this SPI transaction and before the next one. This is specified in [Table 11.](#page-17-0)

Please refer to section [7.5](#page-28-0) for how to interpret the values returned in results registers.

## <span id="page-28-1"></span>**7.4 Using the Sample Indicator**

The SI Sample Indicator output activates each time new results become available. This is illustrated in [Figure 20.](#page-28-2)



### <span id="page-28-2"></span>**Figure 20 Sample Indicator behaviour, SILED=0**

The time between successive measurements is denoted the Sample Interval. It is controlled by the INTERVAL register (section [6.5\)](#page-22-0). When set to the default value, the Sample Interval is minimised at a nominal 30µs.

When each measurement completes, new results become available. If a host system requires a very low and constant latency, it may be designed to initiate an SPI results read immediately after each activation of SI.

Another application for the Sample Indicator signal is to allow a host to measure the Sample Indicator relative to its own timing reference. This can improve the accuracy of the system's velocity measurement (section [7.5\)](#page-28-0). To take a measurement, the host should measure the time between one transition from inactive to active to the next. For greater accuracy, it can alternatively measure the time between multiple transitions and divide the result by the number of Sample Intervals spanned. The measurement process should be repeated occasionally to ensure that the host's measurement of Sample Interval maintains accuracy in case of drift of the CAM622's on-chip oscillator, especially as temperature changes.

## <span id="page-28-0"></span>**7.5 Interpreting Results**

Section [7.3](#page-27-2) detailed how a host can read repeated results from the CAM622. This process returns the values of the CTRL register [\(Table 23\)](#page-21-3) and results registers [\(Table 13\)](#page-19-0). Each read of results returns values from the most recently completed measurement. This section describes how to interpret these results.

The CTRL:VALID bit indicates whether the result of the most recent measurement was valid (1) or not (0). In order to report a VALID result, the target must be in range of the sensor, both in position and resonant frequency. Once this condition is met, it can take up to 80 measurements for the Motion Filter to become initialised (section [11.1\)](#page-48-1), at which point the CAM622 will report VALID.



When VALID=0, the host should ignore results register values. When VALID=1, values obtained from the results registers are reliable.

The POSH and POSL registers are the high word and low word of a 32-bit position result respectively ("POS32"). This may be converted to position in mechanical degrees using [Equation 3.](#page-29-0)

### <span id="page-29-0"></span>**Equation 3**

Position =  $\frac{POS32}{233}$  $\frac{1}{2^{32}} \times 360^{\circ}$ 

POS32 may be interpreted either as an unsigned or as a signed integer. When interpreting POS32 and other CAM622 results as signed integers, they are represented in two's complement notation.

If the host only needs position to 16 bit resolution then the POSL register value can be ignored. In this case the 16-bit POSH value may be converted to mechanical degrees using [Equation 4.](#page-29-1)

## <span id="page-29-1"></span>**Equation 4**

Position =  $\frac{POSH}{216}$  $\frac{1}{2^{16}} \times 360^{\circ}$ 

The VELH and VELL registers are the high word and low word of a 32-bit velocity result respectively. These must be interpreted as a signed integer ("VELI32"). This may be converted to mechanical velocity using [Equation 5.](#page-29-2)

### <span id="page-29-2"></span>**Equation 5**

Velocity/ $\degree$  per second =  $\frac{VELI32}{216}$  $\frac{22}{2^{16}} \times 360 \times \frac{1}{Sample \; J}$ Sample Interval

Sample Interval is controlled by the CAM622's INTERVAL register (section [6.5\)](#page-22-0). Its default value is nominally 30µs. The nominal value can be used in [Equation 5.](#page-29-2) However in this case the velocity reading will be subject to the CAM622's on-chip oscillator tolerance (see [Table 10](#page-14-1), "CAM622 Frequency tolerance across parts and Operating Temperature"). In cases where a more accurate reading is required, the actual Sample Interval can be measured by the host relative to its own frequency reference, see section [7.4.](#page-28-1)

Note that the velocity measurement reported by the CAM622 is NOT equal to the difference between the two most recent position measurements, unless the Motion Filter is disabled (section [11.6\)](#page-55-0). The Motion Filter's estimate of velocity is filtered and delayed more than its position output, as noted in section [11.1.](#page-48-1) The "reported (over SPI)" trace of [Figure 36\(](#page-52-0)c) shows the reported velocity delay in response to a step change in velocity. By way of comparison, the "reported (AB frequency)" plot in that figure illustrates velocity calculated from successive position measurements. The benefit of the velocity measurement reported over SPI is lower noise, providing the Motion Filter is used.

The AMPA register contains the reported Amplitude measurement taken from the sensor's fine coils. This is a measure of sensor signal level, and is an important system health indication. Typical values are shown in a sensor's datasheet. Amplitude varies with gap, and with the presence of nearby metal.

The AMPB register contains a signal level measurement taken from the sensor's coarse coils. The value is not updated each measurement. Instead, it is only updated every coarse measurement. Coarse measurements are scheduled with the ABSSEL bits, see section [6.5.](#page-22-0) The reported value of AMPB is normally between about 10% and 30% of the AMPA value. AMPB is also important for diagnostic purposes. Basic sensors with Subtype=0 do not include coarse coils and in this case AMPB should be ignored.

The BAMISMATCH register contains the difference between coarse and fine position measurements. This is useful for diagnostic purposes. BAMISMATCH should be interpreted as a signed 16-bit number. Values near zero are an indication of a healthy system. Values whose magnitude exceeds 16000 are an indication of significant mismatch. Like AMPB, BAMISMATCH is only updated every coarse measurement, and it should be ignored for a basic sensor. The FNUM register contains the CAM622's measurement of the target's resonant frequency relative to the Nominal Resonator Centre Frequency [\(Table 10\)](#page-14-1). An estimate of the resonant frequency, Fres, may be calculated from [Equation 6.](#page-29-3)

### <span id="page-29-3"></span>**Equation 6**

 $Fres/kHz = FNUMI16 \times 0.00635 + 833.3$ 

The FILTLVL register contains the current filter level setting for the Motion Filter. Please see section [11.](#page-48-0) Its value can be helpful during development, when setting up Adaptive Filtering (section [11.5\)](#page-53-0). In this case FILTLVL varies between MINFILTLVL and MAXFILTLVL, depending on observed acceleration and noise. It can be useful to check how FILTLVL



varies with applied acceleration. It is also important to check that maximum filtering is applied when there is no acceleration and/or motion (FILTLVL remains at MAXFILTLVL). These tests help verify that the sensitivity of the Adaptive Filter (ADAPTSENS) is set appropriately.

The host may use the CRC register to check that the data it receives from the CAM622 is uncorrupted in transmission. It contains a checksum value obtained by applying a CRC-16 algorithm to registers CTRL to FNUM inclusive (CAM622 data output on SDO). The CRC algorithm is summarised in [Equation 7](#page-30-0) using standard shorthand notation.

### <span id="page-30-0"></span>**Equation 7**

CRC Polynomial:  $x^{16} + x^{15} + x^2 + 1$  (0x8005)  $CRC$  Initialisation:  $0x0000$ 



# <span id="page-31-1"></span>**8 Configuring for Standalone Operation**

This section explains how to program a CAM622's configuration into its non-volatile memory over SPI. The CAM622 can then operate autonomously, for example generating encoder and/or motor and commutation outputs, and an LED control signal (SI). For details of using SPI as the primary communications interface please refer to section [7](#page-26-1) instead.

## **8.1 Programming Connections to CAM622 Circuitry**

The CAM622 is configured for standalone operation over its SPI interface. A temporary connection to an SPI host ("programmer") is therefore required for programming. CambridgeIC's Streaming Adapter may be used as this programmer. Alternatively, a customer may use their own SPI controller device as the programmer.

There are 5 essential programming connections: the 4 SPI lines (nCS, SCK, SDI, SDO) plus 0V. It is strongly recommended to connect nRST too, since this helps the programmer put the CAM622 into a known state. Alternatively, if the programmer also supplies power to the CAM622 circuitry then a power cycle (power on to off to on again) can be used to reset the CAM622 instead of toggling nRST low.



**Figure 21 Connections to CAM622 circuitry for standalone operation**

Once configured, CAM622 circuitry will take measurements autonomously and generate encoder outputs (ABN) and/or motor commutation outputs (UVW). These are generated from its LA, LB, LN, LU, LV and LW outputs together with any signal conditioning required (section [3.7\)](#page-10-0).

The CAM622 can also generate an SI output signal for controlling an LED.

## <span id="page-31-0"></span>**8.2 Configuration Process**

[Figure 22](#page-32-0) illustrates the process for configuring the CAM622 over SPI.

The host starts the process by toggling nRST low to reset the CAM622. This puts the CAM622 into a known state, including default register values. A delay TR2nCSL(min) is then required before further SPI activity to allow the



CAM622's internal self test and validity checking procedure to complete. TR2nCSL is described in section [5.3](#page-16-1) and its minimum value is specified in [Table 11.](#page-17-0)



<span id="page-32-0"></span>**Figure 22 SPI transactions for standalone configuration**

The first SPI transaction is a single word write read to clear the START bit in the CONFIG register. This is required in cases where the CAM622 has already been configured for standalone operation. In this case the CAM622 will start taking measurements following a reset, because START is always set to 1 for standalone operation. Clearing START allows the host to access all configuration registers in a subsequent SPI transaction, at least TnCSH\_START later. This step is not necessary if the CAM622's START bit is already 0, for example if it has never been programmed with nonvolatile defaults before or if factory defaults were restored immediately beforehand (section [8.7\)](#page-35-0).

The next SPI transaction writes the intended register configuration to the CAM622's non-volatile memory, and reads back its version numbers. This SPI transaction accesses all registers up to and including UVWCYC, or ABCYC if motor commutation outputs are not required. [Table 36](#page-33-0) lists the registers to be accessed, and how to establish their values.

This write-read SPI transaction returns default register values to the host. These include version numbers [\(Table 14\)](#page-19-1). It is recommended to check returned version numbers against expected values.

A time TnCSH\_NVconfig(min) is required after this SPI transaction in order for the CAM622 to update register values and write them to non-volatile memory. Please refer to [Table 11](#page-17-0) for its value.

The CAM622 performs an internal reset once this process is complete. The CAM622's default register values should now include the newly configured register values. It then begins standalone operation once out of reset.

It is recommended to perform a verification step, to check that registers have been updated correctly and in a nonvolatile way. To do this, the programmer should first toggle nRST low once the TnCSH\_NVconfig period has elapsed. The ensuing reset ensures that register values subsequently read out of the CAM622 are truly non-volatile. A time TR2nCSL(min) is then required before further SPI activity to allow the CAM622's internal self test and validity checking procedure to complete.

Next, a write-read SPI transaction accessing only CTRL should be used to set CTRL:START=0. This allows the host to read out the values of registers beyond address 0x0E in a subsequent SPI transaction. This transaction returns the value of CTRL:START stores in the CAM622's non-volatile memory, and the host should check this is 1.

Finally, now that START=0, the host can use a read transaction to read the CAM622's configuration and check register values against expected values [\(Table 36\)](#page-33-0).

To resume autonomous measurements and outputs, the host can either reset the CAM622 or use a write-read SPI transaction to set CTRL:START=1. It is recommended that these outputs (e.g. ABN encoder signals) be tested, by connecting appropriate measurement equipment to the relevant outputs.

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## <span id="page-33-0"></span>**Table 36 Registers requiring configuration for autonomous operation**



## **8.3 "Teach" Step**

It may be desirable to establish the value of some parameters by experiment, during a "teach" step at manufacture or installation. For example the ideal value of NPOS may depend on the orientation of a target on a shaft, which may depend on how it was installed. In this case the programmer can first take position measurements over SPI and read results, as detailed in section [7.](#page-26-1) It can then use those results to calculate appropriate values for standalone operation.

For example, to teach the position where the N signal activates, move the target to the desired position for ABN count zero [\(Figure 24\)](#page-39-1). Take readings from POSH, ideally averaging a number of readings (modulo 65536) to eliminate the effect of noise. Use the resulting value for NPOS when configuring for standalone operation.

## <span id="page-34-0"></span>**8.4 Testing Configurations Without Updating Non-Volatile Memory**

In some situations it may be helpful to test the effect of different register settings iteratively. Multiple updates to nonvolatile memory should be avoided, because there is a maximum number for any CAM622 part. This number is large, see section [2.5.](#page-4-5) However it is good practice to avoid multiple updates to non-volatile memory where possible, to make it easier to verify that the programming process never exceeds the limit.

To avoid updating non-volatile memory each time the CAM622's standalone configuration is updated, use the settings listed in [Table 36](#page-33-0) except with SYSCONFIG:SAVE set to 0 and POSH set to 0x0000. Then test the system without performing a reset. Once an optimum configuration is achieved the register settings can be made non-volatile using the process detailed in section [8.2.](#page-31-0)

## **8.5 Reading Position in AB Counts**

The POSH and POSL registers together return a 32-bit position value with full scale representing 360° [\(Equation 3\)](#page-29-0). It may be helpful to instead read position in AB counts, for example while performing iterative testing as described in section [8.4.](#page-34-0) This is possible when the CAM622's ABN encoder outputs are enabled (ABEN=1). Values appear in the ABCOUNTH and ABCOUNTL registers [\(Table 18\)](#page-20-0). Since these registers have addresses beyond 0x0E, a host SPI device can not read them directly when START=1. Instead, they may be accessed through the Information Registers. When configured according to [Table 36,](#page-33-0) ABCOUNTH will appear at address 0x0B (INFO0) and ABCOUNTL at 0x0C (INFO1).

ABCOUNTH contains the whole number of AB counts and ABCOUNTL the fractional part. The relationship between mechanical position and counts is given by [Equation 8.](#page-34-1)

### <span id="page-34-1"></span>**Equation 8**

$$
Position = \left[\frac{NPOS}{2^{16}} + \frac{2^{16} \times ABCOUNTH + ABCOUNTL}{2^{16} \times (4 \times ABCYC)}\right] \times 360^{\circ}
$$

NPOS specifies the ABN count zero position offset and ABCYC the number of AB cycles per revolution, see section [9.5.](#page-39-0) Note that (4 x ABCYC) is the number of AB states or edges per revolution.

To read ABCOUNTH and ABCOUNTL registers, perform an SPI read transaction up to and including INFO1. A delay of at least TnCSH\_ABNread(min) is required after this SPI transaction and before the next one. This is specified in [Table](#page-17-0)  [11.](#page-17-0)

Please note that the checksum CRC register is not updated when ABEN=1.

## **8.6 Reading UVW State**

When START=1 and UVW generation is enabled with UVWEN=1, the UVWCOUNTH register returns the UVW state number. This normally runs from 0 to 5 for commutating a 3-phase motor. Alternatively it runs from 0 to 3 for a 2 phase motor (when the 2PH bit is set). The value of UVWCOUNTH reflects the state of the LU, LV and LW pins.

The UVWCOUNTL register returns the fractional part of the state number. This value is only available through the SPI interface, and not on physical pins.

The UVWCOUNTH and UVWCOUNTL registers have addresses beyond 0x0E, so a host SPI device can not read them directly when START=1. Instead, they may be accessed through the Information Registers. When configured according to [Table 36,](#page-33-0) ABCOUNTH will appear at address 0x0C (INFO2) and ABCOUNTL at 0x0D (INFO3).

To read ABCOUNTH and ABCOUNTL registers, perform an SPI read transaction up to and including INFO3. A delay of at least TnCSH\_ABNread(min) is required after this SPI transaction and before the next one. This is specified in Table [11.](#page-17-0)



## <span id="page-35-0"></span>**8.7 Restoring Factory Defaults**

The configuration process detailed in section [8.2](#page-31-0) leaves a CAM622 in a custom state which survives a reset. There is a mechanism to return a CAM622 to factory defaults, so that register values return to their default values following a reset. This can be used to prepare a CAM622 for communication using SPI as a primary interface, see section [7.2.](#page-26-2)

To restore a CAM622's registers to factory defaults, reset the CAM622 and then perform a write-read SPI transaction with POSH set to 0x0C1C and the SYSCONFIG:FACTORY bit set to 1 (section [6.8\)](#page-23-0). This may be followed by another reset and then a read SPI transaction to verify the change. This verification step can include checking that CTRL:SYSID has returned to its default value of 0xA, providing a different SYSID value was programmed as part of any custom configuration as recommended in [Table 36.](#page-33-0) The process is the same as the one illustrated in [Figure 22,](#page-32-0) including timings.



# <span id="page-36-0"></span>**9 Encoder Operation**

The CAM622 may be configured to generate digital ABN outputs like an optical encoder. A and B signals are a quadrature count, and N is an index pulse that asserts once per revolution.

The CAM622 is configured for autonomous operation over its SPI interface. Please refer to section [8.](#page-31-1) This includes [Table 36](#page-33-0) which lists the registers requiring configuration for autonomous operation.

## **9.1 Settings Relevant to Encoder Signals**

This section describes available settings for the ABN output. These are typically written to the CAM622's non-volatile memory in a configuration step at manufacture, see section [8.](#page-31-1) Once programmed in this way the CAM622 operates autonomously with the chosen settings.

[Table 37](#page-36-1) lists the available settings associated with the ABN encoder output. The following subsections detail their effects.



## <span id="page-36-1"></span>**Table 37 Encoder settings**

The ABN encoder outputs are also affected by the Motion Filter described in section [11,](#page-48-0) and its settings are listed in [Table 40.](#page-49-0) These settings affect the dynamic behaviour of the position values fed into the Encoder Edge Control Loop. Filtering can help reduce noise. This in turn can help control ABN edge flicker if needed for achieving high resolutions.

The Motion Filter's DDC setting ("Disable Delay Compensation") controls whether the Motion Filter compensates for measurement and filter delays. It is also used to control delay compensation applied to the Encoder Edge Control Loop. When set to the default value of 0, the CAM622 compensates for delays both in the Motion Filter itself and in the Encoder Edge Control Loop. When set to 1, this compensation is disabled, resulting in the delays specified in [Table](#page-51-0)  [41.](#page-51-0)



## **9.2 Effect of ABCYC**

ABCYC controls the number of AB cycles per 360° target revolution according to [Equation 9:](#page-37-0)

### <span id="page-37-0"></span>**Equation 9**

AB Cycles Per  $Rev = 16384$  IF  $ABCYC = 0$ AB Cycles Per Rev =  $ABCYC$  IF  $ABCYC > 0$ 

There are 4 AB edges per AB Cycle, so the number of AB edges per 360° target revolution is given by [Equation 10:](#page-37-1)

### <span id="page-37-1"></span>**Equation 10**

AB Edges Per Rev =  $4 \times AB$  Cycles Per Rev

Note that an encoder's Interface Resolution is usually expressed as the number of distinguishable states, hence [Equation 11:](#page-37-2)

### <span id="page-37-2"></span>**Equation 11**

Interface Resolution =  $log_2$  (AB Edges Per Rev)

## **9.3 True Edge Timing**

The Interface Processor includes an Encoder Edge Control Loop as illustrated in [Figure 5.](#page-2-0) Its purpose is to synthesise ABN signals whose edges match as closely as possible those generated by an ideal optical encoder.

The Encoder Edge Control Loop updates every 30µs on a new position measurement. This is set by the INTERVAL register, and the default value must be used for AB signal generation, see section [6.5.](#page-22-0) The control loop aims to maintain a match between actual position and ABN count value, by controlling the frequency and timing of ABN edges.

When there is more than one ABN count change per measurement, the count rate is constant between measurements. An ideal encoder's count rate changes continuously, so there can be a small apparent ABN count error during periods of extremely high acceleration. This error is tiny for practical purposes, due to the very small time between measurements.



## <span id="page-38-0"></span>**9.4 Logic Level Outputs**

The CAM622 outputs logic level signals LA, LB and LN. The voltage and current of these signals are typically boosted using a line driver, as illustrated in section [3.7.](#page-10-0)

LN always equals the state of N. LA and LB may optionally be inverted using the ANEG and BNEG bits. This function is illustrated schematically in [Figure 23.](#page-38-1)



<span id="page-38-1"></span>**Figure 23 Effect of ANEG and BNEG**



## <span id="page-39-0"></span>**9.5 Effect of ABDIR, NPOS and ABCYC**

[Figure 24](#page-39-1) illustrates how A, B and N signals vary with position when enabled (ABEN=1). The A and B signals are a quadrature count, and N is an index pulse that asserts once per revolution.

[Figure 24\(](#page-39-1)a) illustrates the signals when ABDIR=0. In this case the A and B signals count in a positive direction when the target's position moves in the positive direction relative to the sensor. A positive count direction is defined as A leading B. Please refer to the Type B Sensor Reference Manual for a definition of the coordinate system used, including Actual Angle and its direction. [Figure 24\(](#page-39-1)b) illustrates the signals when ABDIR=1. In this case the A and B signals count in a negative direction when the target's position moves in the positive direction.



### <span id="page-39-1"></span>**Figure 24 ABN signals as a function of position**

The ABCYC parameter controls the number of AB cycles around 360°. This is marked in [Figure 24,](#page-39-1) which illustrates the case when ABCYC=8. Set ABCYC to the number of cycles required, or to 0 if 16384 cycles are required.

An AB Count is the smallest angle change that can be directly measured from ABN signals, and is marked in [Figure 24.](#page-39-1)

The ABN count zero position is variable across 360° and is controlled by the NPOS setting. NPOS is a 16-bit integer value. The relationship between NPOS and the physical angle Noffset shown in [Figure 24](#page-39-1) is given by [Equation 12.](#page-39-2)

### <span id="page-39-2"></span>**Equation 12**

$$
Noffset = \frac{NPOS}{65536} \times 360^{\circ}
$$

Note that the N signal asserts at the phase of the AB cycle when A and B are both 1. Some hosts may require the opposite, with N asserting when A and B are both 0. In this case, use the ANEG and BNEG bits (section [6.11\)](#page-25-0) to invert LA and LB relative to A and B (section [9.4\)](#page-38-0).



## <span id="page-40-0"></span>**9.6 Applying Hysteresis with HYSTSET**

Hysteresis may be deliberately added to ABN encoder signals in order to reduce or eliminate edge jitter. A conventional optical encoder's photodetectors include hysteresis for the same reason, although in this case it is not controllable.

The effect of hysteresis is to introduce a position lag between actual angle and encoder count. This is illustrated in [Figure 25.](#page-40-1) The AB count value trails actual position for movement in both directions. This means there is a hysteresis band between the transfer function in each direction. Its size is denoted Position Hysteresis when measured in angle units (°) and AB Count Hysteresis when measured in AB counts.



### <span id="page-40-1"></span>**Figure 25 Definition of Position Hysteresis and AB Count Hysteresis**

[Figure 26](#page-40-2) illustrates the effect of hysteresis on A and B encoder signals. The solid waveforms are for a positive count direction and the dashed lines are for a negative count direction. Strictly, these are nominal waveforms in the absence of noise. Noise will tend to affect the precise location of each edge. The reason to add hysteresis is to help reduce or eliminate edge jitter, especially around zero speed including when the angle is reversing. To eliminate it completely, the peak to peak position noise (after filtering, if used) should be less than the Position Hysteresis.



<span id="page-40-2"></span>**Figure 26 Effect of hysteresis on encoder signals**

To eliminate edge jitter, first establish worst case peak to peak position noise, and hence a Position Hysteresis value. This may be done by direct measurement of a physical system, including appropriate Motion Filter Settings which also reduce noise. It may also be done by analysis, by taking Noise Free Resolution values from a sensor's datasheet and adding the filter's resolution improvement from [Figure 35.](#page-50-0)

Next, read off the value of HYSTSET corresponding to this Position Hysteresis value from [Figure 27.](#page-41-0)







<span id="page-41-0"></span>**Figure 27 Position Hysteresis as a function of HYSTSET**

Position Hysteresis may also be calculated from AB Count Hysteresis, in cases where it is easier to define hysteresis in AB Counts:

### **Equation 13**

Position Hysteresis  $\text{/}^{\circ} = \frac{AB \text{ Count Hysteresis}}{4 \times \text{cycles per revolution}} \times 360^{\circ}$ 

AB Count Hysteresis is usually less than 1 count, although this is not essential.

Note that it is not always important to add hysteresis. The host device's counter may function correctly when there is AB edge jitter. Edge jitter must usually be avoided in optical encoders because the frequency of the jitter may exceed the host device's ability to count it correctly. However the CAM622 enforces a minimum time period for a count change when it reverses direction. This means that the N pulse is never shorter than 80ns, which helps ensure that the host's count remains correct.



## <span id="page-42-0"></span>**9.7 Effect of NSTART and MAXABFREQ**

The CAM622's ABN output normally emulates the output of a conventional optical encoder. However unlike an optical encoder, the CAM622 "knows" absolute position when its measurements are VALID. It may be configured to count to the current position from the reference position (N active) when first VALID. This has the effect of initialising a host's ABN counter to the correct absolute position following power on. To configure this mode of operation, the NSTART bit should be set. [Figure 28](#page-42-1) illustrates CAM622 behaviour in this case.



### <span id="page-42-1"></span>**Figure 28 ABN behaviour following first VALID with NSTART=1**

When NSTART=1 and first VALID, the CAM622 asserts N. The A and B signals then toggle at a maximum rate until the indicated count value reaches the actual position in counts. The A and B signals then continue to count to match actual position. A host system counter is therefore initialised with the correct absolute position, without the target having to rotate past the reference position.

If the CAM622's measured position subsequently becomes invalid the A and B signals will stop counting. When VALID again, they will count from the AB count value immediately preceding invalid. If the target moved while invalid, the AB count will transition at maximum rate as before once VALID again, to ensure that the host's AB count becomes correct as soon as possible afterwards.

The CAM622 selects the initial count direction to minimise the number of AB transitions required to reach the current position from the reference position when first VALID. Note that this direction may be the opposite direction to any actual target rotation.

Te is the Edge Interval, the time between A and B edges. The AB edge rate is defined as its reciprocal: 1/Te. As in [Equation 14:](#page-42-2)

### <span id="page-42-2"></span>**Equation 14**

AB Edge Rate  $= \frac{1}{r}$ 

If a host system can tolerate a certain Maximum AB Edge Rate, the value of MAXABFREQ required is given by:

### <span id="page-42-3"></span>**Equation 15**

$$
MAXABFREQ = \frac{Maximum AB Edge Rate}{34.3kHz}
$$

The maximum allowed value of MAXABFREQ is 141, corresponding to a Maximum AB Edge Rate of 4.8MHz. If a host system can tolerate an AB Edge Rate of more than 4.8MHz then set MAXABFREQ to 141.



When NSTART is set to 0, the CAM622 counts from the current position when first VALID. This matches the behaviour of an optical encoder when it is first switched on.



### **Figure 29 ABN behaviour following first VALID with NSTART=0**

When NSTART=0, the host's AB count value does not match the current position until the target has rotated past the reference position. This matches the behaviour of a conventional optical encoder and most other encoder products.

MAXABFREQ control sets the maximum AB rate for all AB edges at all times, including NSTART=0 and NSTART=1. It does not only apply following first VALID when NSTART=1. For the ABN interface to operate correctly, the AB edge rate due to normal target rotation must always be less than the value given by [Equation 16:](#page-43-0)

### <span id="page-43-0"></span>**Equation 16**

Maximum Rotation Rate /rpm =  $60 \times \frac{MAXABFREQ \times 32300Hz}{4 \times 4R \text{ C}$ 4  $\times$  AB Cycles Per Rev

This yields a maximum rotation rate of 4170rpm with the maximum MAXABFREQ=141 and 16384 cycles per rev.

Note that the 32.3kHz figure given in [Equation 16](#page-43-0) is less than the 34.3kHz figure given in [Equation 15.](#page-42-3) The difference is due to the CAM622 Frequency tolerance specified in [Table 10.](#page-14-1) [Equation 15](#page-42-3) uses a nominal figure of 33.3kHz plus an allowance for tolerance, to yield a MAXABFREQ to guarantee that the Maximum AB Edge Rate is less than or equal to the required value. [Equation 16](#page-43-0) uses a nominal figure of 33.3kHz minus an allowance for tolerance, so that the Maximum Rotation rate that is calculated is always less than the maximum that can be generated, across the CAM622 frequency tolerance range.

## **9.8 N Pulse Timing**

The CAM622's N pulse is delayed slightly relative to the corresponding A and B edges, as illustrated in [Figure 30.](#page-43-1)

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[Figure 30](#page-43-1) illustrates A, B and N signals for clarity. However the timing parameters actually apply to the LA, LB and LN signals derived from ABN as illustrated in section [9.4](#page-38-0)

TAB2NH is the delay time between A and B both becoming high and N going high. TAB2NH is the delay time between one of A or B going low again and N going low. [Table 38](#page-44-0) lists maximum values for these parameters.

### <span id="page-44-0"></span>**Table 38 N Edge Delay Specifications**



## **9.9 ABN Accuracy**

There are two main aspects to ABN signal accuracy:

- ABN Spatial Accuracy
- ABN Edge Jitter

ABN Spatial Accuracy concerns the accuracy with which ABN edges match the physical positions that they represent. It is largely a function of the sensor's linearity error. Please refer to the sensor datasheet for more information. When operating at high rotation speeds with a high filter level, the motion filter may act to filter linearity error, yielding somewhat improved ABN Spatial Accuracy.

The Edge Interval Te is already defined in [Figure 28,](#page-42-1) and is shown again in [Figure 31](#page-44-1) for clarity.



### <span id="page-44-1"></span>**Figure 31 Edge Interval**

Peak Te Jitter is defined as the magnitude of the difference between minimum and maximum values and the average, as in [Equation 17:](#page-44-2)

### <span id="page-44-2"></span>**Equation 17**

Peak Te Jitter =  $Te(max) - Te(average) = Te(average) - Te(min)$ 

In normal operation with a healthy signal amplitude (AmplitudeA≥4000), the peak jitter in the Edge Interval Te may be approximated by [Equation 18:](#page-44-3)

### <span id="page-44-3"></span>**Equation 18**

Peak Te Jitter =  $15ns + Te \times 0.01$ 

If a host system were to measure the time between each AB edge to determine velocity then the resulting velocity jitter may be estimated from [Equation 19:](#page-44-4)

### <span id="page-44-4"></span>**Equation 19**

Peak Instantaneous Velocity Jitter  $=\frac{Te\,Jitter}{T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{S}}\,T_{\text{$  $\frac{Te\ Jitter}{Te\ average} = 1\% + \frac{15ns}{Te}$  $\frac{240}{Te} \times 100\%$ 

For example, if the target is rotating at 1000rpm with 65536 edges per revolution then Te=900ns. In this case the Peak Te jitter will be approximately 24ns, which is 2.7%.

Note that most well designed host systems will not use a single measurement like this to determine velocity. They will typically measure the time between multiple edges, or the number of edges in a given time. In this case the apparent velocity jitter determined by the host will be lower than given in [Equation 19.](#page-44-4)



# <span id="page-45-1"></span>**10 Motor Commutation Operation**

### **Motor commutation outputs are not currently implemented. This section is preliminary information, to advise customers of a possible future CAM622 enhancement.**

The CAM622 may be configured to generate digital UVW outputs. These are for motor commutation. The UVW signals are like those generated by digital Hall devices commonly installed in brushless motors.

## **10.1 Settings Relevant to Commutation Signals**

This section describes available settings for the UVW outputs. These are typically written to the CAM622's non-volatile memory in a configuration step at manufacture, see section [8.](#page-31-1) Once programmed in this way the CAM622 operates autonomously with the chosen settings.

[Table 39](#page-45-2) lists the available settings associated with the UVW outputs. The following subsections detail their effects.



## <span id="page-45-2"></span>**Table 39 Commutation Settings**

The UVW outputs are also affected by the Motion Filter described in section [11,](#page-48-0) and its settings are listed in [Table 40.](#page-49-0) These settings affect the dynamic behaviour of the position values fed into the communication edge calculation. Filtering can help reduce noise. This in turn can help control UVW edge flicker if needed.

The Motion Filter's DDC setting ("Disable Delay Compensation") controls whether the Motion Filter compensates for measurement and filter delays. It is also used to control delay compensation applied to the communication edge calculation. When set to the default value of 0, the CAM622 compensates for delays both in the Motion Filter itself and in UVW synthesis. When set to 1, these compensation is disabled, resulting in the delays specified in [Table 41.](#page-51-0)

## <span id="page-45-0"></span>**10.2 Logic Level Outputs**

The CAM622 outputs logic level signals LU, LV and LW. These signals are typically converted to open drain signals with high voltage and current capacity as illustrated in section [3.7.](#page-10-0)

This conversion may be done with MOSFETs as illustrated in [Figure 9.](#page-10-1) In this example the outputs nU, nV and nW will have the opposite polarity to LU, LV and LW.

Note that there is no provision for the CAM622 to invert LU, LV and LW signals because inversion is equivalent to an electrical 180° shift in phase. This phase shift can be implemented with an appropriate change to the value of UVWPOS and hence UVWoffset (section [10.3\)](#page-46-0). UVWoffset is in mechanical degrees, and an electrical phase change of 180° is equivalent to a mechanical angle change of ±180°/UVWCYC.



## <span id="page-46-0"></span>**10.3Effect of UVWDIR, UVWPOS and UVWCYC**

[Figure 32](#page-46-1) illustrates how LU, LV and LW signals vary with position when enabled (UVWEN=1), and with 2PH=0. LU, LV and LW are 3-phase digital signals with UVWCYC repeats around a circle.

[Figure 32\(](#page-46-1)a) illustrates the signals when UVWDIR=0. In this case LU transitions high at the UVW zero position when moving in the positive angle direction. The LV signal lags LU, and the LW signal lags LV. Please refer to the Type B Sensor Reference Manual for a definition of the coordinate system used, including Actual Angle and its direction. [Figure 32\(](#page-46-1)b) illustrates the signals when UVWDIR=1. In this case the LU, LV and LW signals transition in the opposite direction.



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The UVWCYC parameter controls the number of UVW cycles around 360°. This is marked in [Figure 32,](#page-46-1) which illustrates the case when UVWCYC=8. Set UVWCYC to the number of cycles required. When used for motor commutation, UVWCYC is usually the number of motor pole pairs. UVWCYC must not be set to 0. The maximum value of UVWCYC is 63.

A UVW step is the smallest angle change that can be directly measured from UVW signals, and is marked in [Figure 32.](#page-46-1)

The UVW zero position is variable across 360° and is controlled by the UVWPOS setting. UVWPOS is a 16-bit integer value. The relationship between UVWPOS and the physical angle UVW offset shown i[n Figure 32](#page-46-1) is given by [Equation](#page-46-2)  [20.](#page-46-2)

### <span id="page-46-2"></span>**Equation 20**

 $UVWoffset = \frac{UVWPOS}{65536} \times 360^{\circ}$ 



Note that if UVWCYC is greater than 1 then there is more than one possible value of UVWPOS and UVWoffset that have the same effect. For example [Figure 32](#page-46-1) illustrates the case where UVWoffset=70°. The same waveforms would result if UVWoffset were set to  $70^{\circ} + 120^{\circ} = 190^{\circ}$  or  $70^{\circ} + 240^{\circ} = 310^{\circ}$ .

## <span id="page-47-0"></span>**10.4 Effect of 2PH**

When the 2PH bit is set to 1, the LU and LV signals behave as 2-phase digital signals, with LW always low. This is illustrated in [Figure 33.](#page-47-1) The effects of UVWCYC and UVWPOS are unchanged.



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Almost all brushless DC motors are 3-phase, and in this case 2PH must be set to 0. There are rare exceptions, including 2-phase stepper motors. 2-phase stepper motors are not usually operated as brushless motors with commutation, but in principle they can be using a CAM622 with 2POL=1.



# <span id="page-48-0"></span>**11 Motion Filter**

The Sensing Engine includes a Motion filter block, see [Figure 4.](#page-1-1) Its purpose is to reduce the noise present in raw position and velocity data, before this data is passed to the Interface Processor. A typical application is to increase the number of noise free encoder edges per revolution without adding unwanted hysteresis.

This increase in noise free resolution is at the expense of dynamic behaviour. A host will typically use the frequency of encoder edges to determine velocity, and the filter delays the CAM622's response to changes in velocity. This is only noticeable in applications with large velocity changes in a very short period of time. Please see section [11.4.](#page-52-1)

By default, the Motion Filter includes compensation for internal delays. This means that the position reported over the encoder, commutation and SPI interfaces is free from position lag when operating at constant velocity.

The Motion Filter can be configured to adapt the amount of filtering, to offer high resolution at constant velocity and a faster response to changes in velocity. Please refer to section [11.5.](#page-53-0)

The use of the Motion Filter is optional, and it can be disabled (section [11.6\)](#page-55-0).

## <span id="page-48-1"></span>**11.1 Motion Filter Design**



### <span id="page-48-2"></span>**Figure 34 Motion Filter design**

The Motion Filter is illustrated in [Figure 34.](#page-48-2) Its input Pmeas comprises raw measurement samples from position calculations. Its primary output is filtered position Pout. It also outputs a velocity estimate Vout. For the purposes of [Figure 34](#page-48-2) the units of velocity are position per sample.

The nominal Sample Interval is 30µs (section [6.5\)](#page-22-0). Incoming and outgoing measurements are updated each sample.

The Motion Filter's responsiveness is controlled by FILTLVL. FILTLVL can range from 0 (no filtering) to 255 (maximum filtering). FILTLVL is determined by the Adaptive Control block, which calculates an appropriate value based on host settings, apparent acceleration and motion history. The value of FILTLVL may be read over the CAM622's SPI interface, to assist with filter tuning.

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The filter settings MAXFILTLVL, MINFILTLVL, ADAPTSENS and DDC are under host control. They are usually stored in non-volatile memory when the CAM622 is generating encoder and commutation signals autonomously. Their functions are summarised in [Table 40.](#page-49-0)

### <span id="page-49-0"></span>**Table 40 Motion Filter controls**



The Motion Filter's design is a type of Kalman filter. It includes a control loop comparing the raw measurement data Pmeas with Pmodel and generating a difference signal Pinnov which it attempts to minimise. Pmodel is the Motion Filter's prediction of Pmeas, based on the assumption that motion is at constant velocity (successive Pmeas values equally spaced). Pinnov ("innovation") expresses the amount of unpredictable change in Pmeas. This is a combination of measurement noise and acceleration. Measurement noise is by its nature unpredictable. The CAM622 does not "know" what acceleration to expect at any given time, and can only rely on raw measurements to detect it.

The Motion Filter adds a fraction Kp of Pinnov to Pmodel to determine its best estimate of position Pest. Kp is calculated from FILTLVL. When FILTLVL is small Kp is near 1, so Pest is weighted strongly in favour of raw data Pmeas. When FILTLVL is near its maximum Kp is near 0, so Pmeas is weighted in favour of Pmodel, and hence the history of past values.

Similarly the Motion Filter adds a fraction Kv of Pinnov to Vmodel to determine its best estimate of velocity Vest. Kv is also calculated from FILTLVL. Its value also range from near 1 (FILTLVL small) to near 0 (FILTLVL near maximum).

Kp and Kv are calculated in such a way that the filter's dynamic behaviour is always critically damped. Note that Kv is generally much smaller than Kp when FILTLVL is large, so that the Motion Filter's estimate of velocity Vout is more sluggish than its position output Pout.

Vmodel is the Motion Filter's prediction of Velocity for the current sample. The Motion Filter does not attempt to estimate acceleration, so Vmodel is simply equal to the previous sample's velocity estimate Vout. "Z<sup>-1</sup>" blocks in [Figure 34](#page-48-2) denote a delay of one sample.

As noted above Pmodel is the Motion Filter's prediction of Pmeas based on the assumption that motion is at constant velocity. Pmodel is calculated from the previous estimated position (Pest delayed by one sample) plus Vmodel, the expected position change per sample.

The Sensing Engine's ADCs, detection and position calculation introduce a delay MeasDelay to Pmeas values relative to a snapshot of actual physical position. This same delay is present in Pest values. For the purpose of [Figure 34](#page-48-2) MeasDelay has units of a fraction of the Sample Interval. The motion filter can compensate for this delay by estimating the position lag it causes (Vout x MeasDelay) and adding this to Pest, to yield Pcomp. The position reported to the Interface Processor Pout is Pcomp by default, or Pest if DDC is set to 1. When the Interface processor receives a new value of Pout, it is nominally the instantaneous position of the target "right now" if DDC is set to 0. This means the measurement of Pout has a Phase Delay of zero, see section [11.3.](#page-51-1)

To synthesise encoder edges, the Interface Processor updates the AB edge frequency each sample and aims to achieve the correct count value when the next sample comes along. If DDC is set to 0, it predicts position at this next sample based on the current sample's Pout (=Pcomp) plus Vest. That is, it applies compensation for a further sample's worth of delay, over and above the compensation for MeasDelay shown in [Figure 34.](#page-48-2) This is done to ensure that encoder edges occur at the appropriate physical position without lagging behind due to delays. This means the encoder edges also have a Phase Delay of zero, see section [11.3.](#page-51-1)

When the Sensing Engine first detects a target, it initialises the Motion Filter using a small value of FILTLVL. This increases on subsequent measurements until FILTLVL reaches MINFILTLVL, at which point the Sensing Engine will report VALID. The number of measurements this takes depends on the value of MAXFILTLVL. When MAXFILTLVL is 70 or less, filter initialisation takes up to 10 measurements. This increases up to a maximum of 80 measurements when MAXFILTLVL=255.



## **11.2 Resolution Improvement**

The amount of filtering applied by the Motion Filter is controlled by FILTLVL. The host may select a fixed amount of filtering, by setting both MAXFILTLVL and MINFILTLVL to the desired FILTLVL value. Alternatively it may specify upper and lower bounds, MAXFILTLVL and MINFILTLVL respectively, and use adaptive filtering (section [11.5\)](#page-53-0). Providing the sensitivity of adaptive filtering set by ADAPTSENS is set appropriately, FILTLVL will equal MAXFILTLVL when the target is stationary or rotating at constant velocity, and will reduce as low as MINFILTLVL when acceleration is detected.

[Figure 35](#page-50-0) shows how the value of FILTLVL influences the system's noise free resolution. The vertical axis is improvement in Noise Free Resolution relative to raw measurements taken with the Motion Filter disabled (section [11.6\)](#page-55-0). The scale is in bits. One bit of Noise Free Resolution is equivalent to a factor of 2 reduction in position noise, for example as measured by its peak to peak value or standard deviation. 2 bits is therefore equivalent to a factor of 4 reduction in noise.



### <span id="page-50-0"></span>**Figure 35 Noise Free Resolution Improvement as a function of FILTLVL**

There are three plots in [Figure 35](#page-50-0). The "DDC=1" plot is with delay compensation disabled. This yields the best Noise Free Resolution, at the expense of Phase Delay (section [11.4\)](#page-52-1).

There are two "DDC=0" plots. The "Sensing Engine output" plot concerns noise measured directly at the Motion Filter's output Pout, which is an input to the Interface Processor. It also applies to when the host device reads position data over the SPI interface, providing each reading is taken shortly after activation of the sample indicator. If the timing of the host's SPI transactions is not synchronised to the sample indicator then the noise in reported position will be greater, due to additional delay compensation done in the Interface Processor. In this case the "DDC=0, encoder outputs" trace applies instead.

As noted in section [11.1,](#page-48-1) the Interface Processor adds its own delay compensation when generating encoder edges and when DDC=0. This adds position noise because of the additional delay compensation, and because the velocity estimate used for that compensation includes its own noise. The improvement in Noise Free Resolution is therefore less when delay compensation is applied, and the improvement is less the greater the delay that is compensated for.

The quality of the Motion Filter's velocity estimate increases with FILTLVL, and this means that the quality of delay compensation also improves. This means that there is less difference in Noise Free Resolution improvement between DDC=0 and DDC=1 for higher FILTLVL settings.

Where resolution is a customer's highest priority it is recommended to operate with delay compensation disabled, DDC=1, or with MINFILTLVL set to 150 or above.



## <span id="page-51-1"></span>**11.3 Performance at Constant Velocity**

Constant Velocity Time Delay is defined as the apparent time delay between the instantaneous position of the target and the position reported over the CAM622's encoder outputs ABN or the SPI interface, when the target is rotating at constant velocity.

By default, the CAM622 compensates for internal delays (DDC=0). Alternatively the CAM622's Motion Filter may be configured to disable Delay Compensation (DDC=1). This is typically done where resolution is an absolute priority or where the host applies its own compensation.

### <span id="page-51-0"></span>**Table 41 Constant Velocity Delay**



Delay may also be expressed as an angle, and the relationship between the two are given by [Equation 21:](#page-51-2)

### <span id="page-51-2"></span>**Equation 21**

Constant Velocity Angle Lag (°) = Constant Velocity Time Delay (s)  $\times$  Velocity (°/s)

Note that the velocity units in [Equation 21](#page-51-2) are degrees per second. [Equation 21](#page-51-2) may be rewritten with velocity in rpm, as in [Equation 22:](#page-51-3)

### <span id="page-51-3"></span>**Equation 22**

Constant Velocity Angle Lag (°) = Constant Velocity Time Delay (s)  $\times$  Velocity (rpm)  $\times$  6



## <span id="page-52-1"></span>**11.4Performance with Step Change in Velocity**

[Figure 36](#page-52-0) illustrates how the Motion Filter responds to a step change in actual velocity, for DDC set to 0.



### <span id="page-52-0"></span>**Figure 36 Response to step change in velocity**

[Figure 36](#page-52-0)(a) is a plot of position against time. The "Actual" trace is the target's position. The slope of trace increases where the velocity step change occurs. The "Reported" trace is the CAM622's position output. This represents the encoder output ABN count value (with discrete steps replaced with a continuous line for clarity), or the position read over SPI. Note how the Reported trace lags behind Actual for a short period, before catching up.

[Figure 36\(](#page-52-0)b) is a plot of the apparent time delay in reported position. It is equal to the difference between actual and reported position from [Figure 36\(](#page-52-0)a) divided by the instantaneous velocity. Both axes are in units of time, and they are scaled equally. The Reported Time Delay peaks at a value Peak Time Delay. This peak occurs at a time denoted Time Constant in [Figure 36](#page-52-0)(b); it is equal to the Motion Filter's time constant.



[Figure 36\(](#page-52-0)c) is a plot of velocity against time. Actual Velocity steps upward abruptly. There are two "Reported" traces. "Reported (AB frequency)" is the instantaneous frequency of the CAM622's encoder AB pulses, converted to velocity units. Note that this frequency actually changes in discrete steps, every sample interval (nominally 30µs, see section [6.5\)](#page-22-0). Steps are omitted for clarity. The "Reported (AB frequency)" trace also reflects the velocity a host would infer from successive position readings taken over SPI.

The "Reported (over SPI)" trace in [Figure 36\(](#page-52-0)c) is the velocity value read out over SPI. Note how this is slower to respond to the step change in velocity, as described in [11.1.](#page-48-1)

[Figure 37](#page-53-1) shows how the filter's Time Constant and Peak Time Delay vary with FILTLVL, with DDC set to 0.



<span id="page-53-1"></span>**Figure 37 Time Constant and Peak Time Delay as a function of FILTLVL**

## <span id="page-53-0"></span>**11.5 Adaptive Filtering**

Adaptive filtering varies the amount of filtering applied depending on detected motion. It aims to apply a high level of filtering when the target is stationary or moving at constant velocity, to maximise resolution and hence to minimise position noise. When acceleration is detected, adaptive filtering aims to reduce the amount of filtering, to reduce the filter's Time Constant and Peak Time Delay.

There are three controls for configuring adaptive filtering: MAXFILTLVL, MINFILTLVL and ADAPTSENS, as listed in [Table 40.](#page-49-0)

When there is no detected acceleration, the Motion Filter uses a filter level FILTERLVL=MAXFILTLVL. MAXFILTLVL should be set to the minimum needed to achieve sufficiently low position noise output by the Motion Filter. In a system generating ABN encoder edges, the peak to peak position noise should usually be less than the angle between AB edges. This ensures that AB edges can be free from jitter due to position noise, when an appropriate amount of hysteresis is also applied, see section [9.6.](#page-40-0) [Figure 35](#page-50-0) may be used as a guide to how resolution improves (and peak to peak position noise reduces) with FILTLVL setting.

MINFILTLVL is the minimum value of filter level FILTERLVL that the Motion Filter will apply when it detects acceleration. To determine an appropriate value, first establish the maximum allowable filter Time Constant or Peak Time Delay for the Motion Filter, during periods of acceleration. Then select the corresponding value of FILTERLVL from [Figure 37,](#page-53-1) and make this value MINFILTLVL.

If this value of MINFILTLVL is greater than or equal to the value of MAXFILTLVL established above then there is no need for adaptive filtering. Instead, use a value MINFILTLVL= MAXFILTLVL and set ADAPTSENS to 0. If this value of



MINFILTLVL is less than MAXFILTLVL then adaptive filtering is beneficial, and the next step is to establish an appropriate value for the ADAPTSENS parameter.

ADAPTSENS controls how sensitive the Motion Filter is to acceleration. It also controls how sensitive the Motion Filter is to position noise, since it has no way to distinguish position noise from acceleration. Position noise and acceleration both affect the Motion Filter's Pmeas input, and from the Motion Filter's perspective they are both random events that are impossible to anticipate. In practice, the choice of ADAPTSENS value should be made by considering position noise and not acceleration. This ensures that the Motion Filter does not adapt to position noise, and only to "genuine" acceleration.

A system's position noise may be measured using readings taken from a CAM622 over SPI with a stationary target. Filtering should be disabled (see section [11.6\)](#page-55-0) so that the CAM622 reports raw measurement samples from position calculations done in the Sensing Engine ("Pmeas" in [Figure 34\)](#page-48-2). Please refer to section [7](#page-26-1) for how to take measurements over SPI, and section [7.5](#page-28-0) for how to interpret results including position. This is typically done during design. Once a worst-case value for peak to peak noise in Pmeas has been established, the corresponding value for ADAPTSENS may be taken from [Figure 38.](#page-54-0)



<span id="page-54-0"></span>**Figure 38 Maximum position noise as a function of ADAPTSENS to avoid unwanted adapting to noise**

The effective amount of position noise may increase when the target is moving at high constant velocity due to sensor non-linearity. In this case systematic noise due to sensor non-linearity adds to random noise that is always present, including when stationary. This tends to reduce the Motion Filter's filter level FILTLVL when the target is moving at high velocity. In many applications this will be acceptable, because high resolution is rarely needed when operating at high constant velocity. If not, the value of ADAPTSENS may be reduced to accommodate the combination of random plus non-linearity induced noise, so that the Motion Filter does not adapt when the target is moving at high constant velocity.

The Motion Filter's FILTLVL value may be monitored by reading its value over the CAM622's SPI interface. Please refer to section [7](#page-26-1) for how to take measurements over SPI, including readings from the FLTLVL register [\(Table 13\)](#page-19-0). This may be done for diagnostic purposes, during the design process. When the target is stationary, FILTLVL should equal MAXFILTLVL. If smaller values are observed this may be a symptom that ADAPTSENS is too high. When the target's acceleration is sufficient the value of FILTLVL should decrease, down to a minimum of MINFILTLVL.



[Figure 39](#page-55-1) shows the result of a simulation illustrating how adaptive filtering helps reduce the apparent time delay of the Motion Filter. The upper red trace is without adaptive filtering. The lower blue trace is with adaptive filtering. In both cases there is a step change in velocity at time=0, and the graph plots apparent delay like in [Figure 36\(](#page-52-0)b). Adaptive filtering reduces the peak of apparent delay from 190µs to 40µs immediately following the change in velocity.



### <span id="page-55-1"></span>**Figure 39 Effect of Adaptive Filtering**

With no adaptive filtering, when ADAPTSENS=0, FILTLVL remains 250 throughout.

With adaptive filtering, when ADAPTSENS=130, FILTLVL is 250 before the velocity change (=MAXFILTLVL). FILTLVL reduces to 100 during the velocity change (=MINFILTLVL). It then ramps upwards back towards 250, so that it is back to 250 (=MAXFILTLVL) 3000µs after the velocity change. These changes serve to reduce the peak apparent delay from 190µs to 40µs. They also lead to a large reduction in the time taken to react to the velocity change.

[Figure 39](#page-55-1) illustrates the benefits of Adaptive Filtering when there is an instantaneous change of velocity, and therefore represents a system with very high acceleration and dynamic behaviour. Adaptive filtering will usually only be of benefit when accelerations are high. For example greater than 100,000rad.s<sup>-2</sup> when MAXFILTLVL is 250, or 1,000,000rad/s<sup>2</sup> when MAXFILTLVL is 170. When acceleration is lower, the apparent time delay is much less because the motion filter can keep up with the velocity change easier. It is then simpler to select a fixed MAXFILTLVL value.

## <span id="page-55-0"></span>**11.6 Disabling the Motion Filter**

The motion filter may be disabled with the settings shown in [Table 42](#page-55-2). These settings make the motion filter's output (Pout in [Figure 34\)](#page-48-2) equal to its input (Pmeas). This allows a host device to take charge of any filtering that is required. They are also required when taking measurements of raw measurement noise. That is, the noise in the Position Calculation output as shown in [Figure 4.](#page-1-1) This is the basis for measurements of noise free resolution quoted in sensor datasheets.



### <span id="page-55-2"></span>**Table 42 Motion Filter settings to disable filter**



# **12 Performance**

## **12.1Supply Current**

[Table 43](#page-56-0) provides guidance on the supply current drawn by the CAM622 for various operating conditions. Figures include supply current drawn by the CAM622 itself and the excitation circuitry. That is, the current passing through both R\_S and R\_EX of [Figure 6.](#page-5-2)

### <span id="page-56-0"></span>**Table 43 Supply current**



## **12.2 Thermal Stability**

Sensors, targets and the CAM622 IC are all individually stable across temperature. None have any form of temperature compensation, and temperature stability arises purely by the symmetry of design of each element.

System-level characterisation was carried out on the 25mm B3 rotary sensor and target together with CAM622 circuitry. Please see the 25mm B3 precision rotary sensor datasheet for details. In summary, reported position changed by less than 0.01° across the entire temperature range -40°C to +125°C.



# **13 Bootloader Operation**

The CAM622 chip has embedded software inside. This is partitioned into two fields: Application Code and Bootloader Code. Application Code is responsible for normal operation including taking measurements and interfacing the results to a host device. The Bootloader Code allows a host device to update the Application Code using the chip's SPI interface. In normal operation, the version number of the Application Code (the System Version Number) can be read over the SPI interface from the SYSVER register. The version number of the Bootloader Code can be read from the BOOTVER register. The version number of the Sensing Engine can be read from the SEVER register. Please see [Table](#page-19-1)  [14.](#page-19-1)

Please refer to document "Updating Application Code" for details of how to program Application Code using the bootloader. CAM622 timings specific to the bootloader and described in that document are specified [Table 44.](#page-57-0)



### <span id="page-57-0"></span>**Table 44 Bootloader timings**

The SPI parameters specified in [Table 11](#page-17-0) are the same for Bootloader SPI as for normal operation.

Note that the maximum specified value of TBOOTWAIT above only occurs a few times in the upload process. TBOOTWAIT is more typically at or near its minimum value.

The total time taken to undertake the complete Bootloader process is denoted TBOOTLOAD. [Table 44](#page-57-0) specifies a minimum value, based on a host responding to SDO low immediately and operating with the minimum TSDOOL2SCKH\_BOOT value. TBOOTLOAD(min) is the time the bootload process takes for a sufficiently fast and well optimised host.



# **14Package Details**

## **14.1CAM622UE**



**Figure 40 CAM622UE plastic quad-flat no-lead 28-pin (UQFN: U suffix)**



**Figure 41 CAM622UE product markings**





### <span id="page-59-0"></span>**Figure 42 CAM622UE Recommended PCB Footprint**

The CAM622UE has 4 Corner Anchor Pads and a Centre Pad. Connect the Centre Pad to VSS. The Corner Anchor Pads are internally connected to the Centre Pad. It is recommended to leave them unconnected on the PCB.



# **15 Tape and Reel Specifications**

## **15.1CAM622UE**

CAM622UE chips are available in tape and reel on complete reels of 1600 parts. The carrier tape is illustrated in [Figure](#page-60-0)  [43,](#page-60-0) and dimensions are specified in [Table 45.](#page-60-1)





### <span id="page-60-0"></span>**Figure 43 CAM312ME carrier tape dimensions**

### <span id="page-60-1"></span>**Table 45**





# **16 Reflow Soldering Recommendations**

The CAM622 is available in lead free packaging only. The recommended reflow soldering temperature profile is illustrated in [Figure 44.](#page-61-0) Values are shown in [Table 46.](#page-61-1)



## <span id="page-61-0"></span>**Figure 44 reflow soldering temperature profile definitions**

### <span id="page-61-1"></span>**Table 46**





# **17 Environmental**

### **Table 47**



# **18 RoHS Compliance**

The CAM622 uses Matte Tin (Sn) pin finish. CambridgeIC certifies, to the best of its knowledge and understanding, that the CAM622 chip is in compliance with EU RoHS directive 2011/65/EU and 2015/863.

# **19 Document History**

**Table 48 main changes**



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