

Liquid Lens Actuators

Variable Focus
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What do we do ?

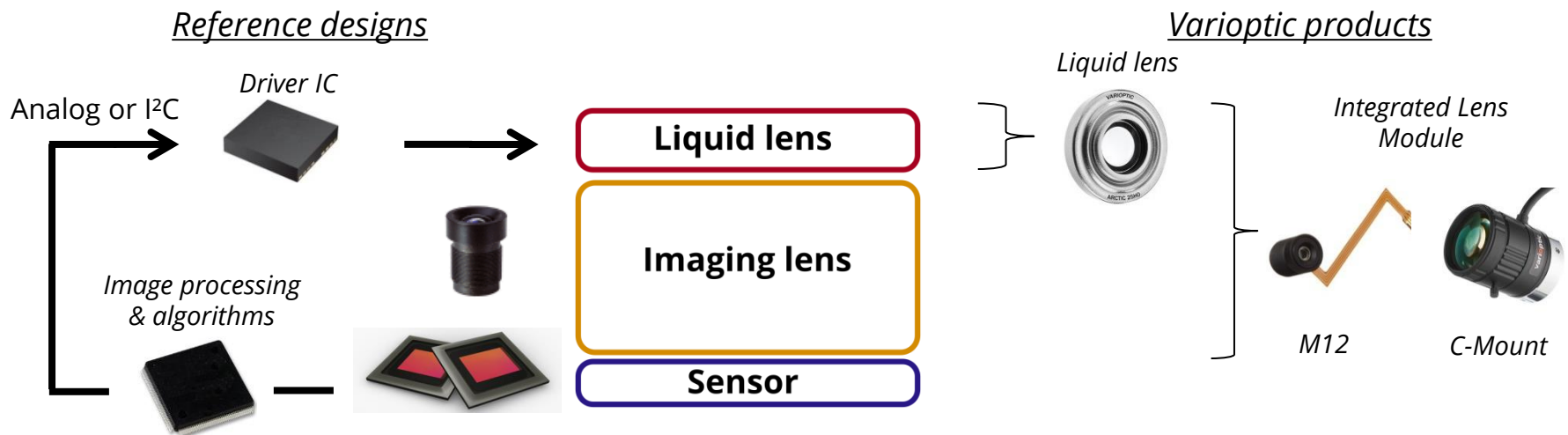
Varioptic is a component manufacturer for:

- Imaging applications
- Laser applications

What do we do ?

For imaging applications, Varioptic provides:

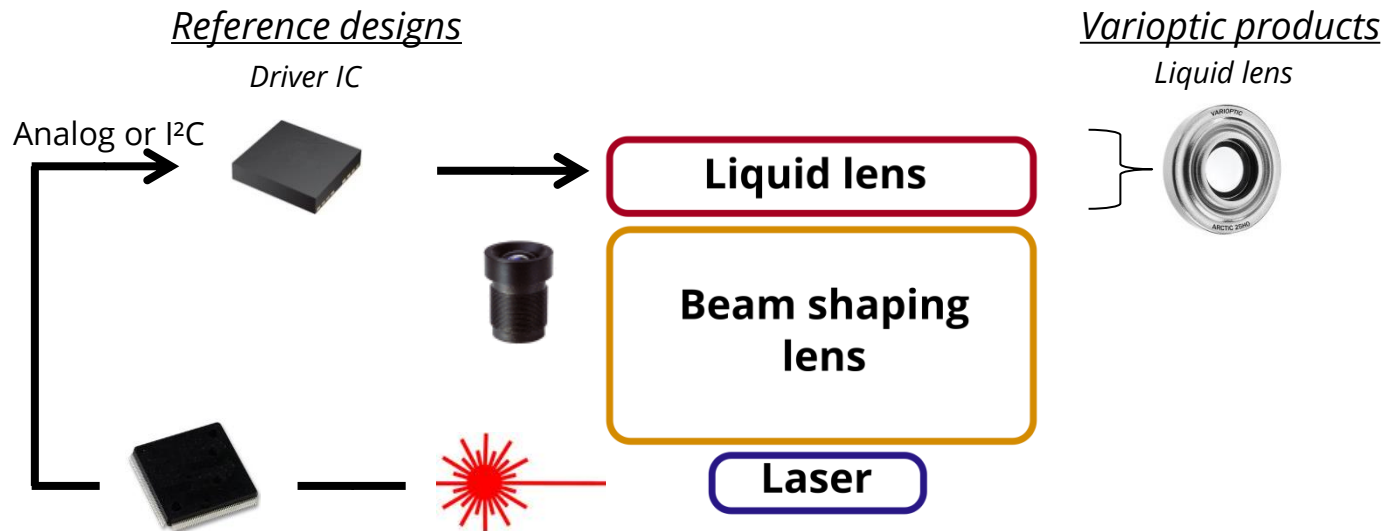
- Variable focus, AutoFocus,
- Continuous AutoFocus



What do we do ?

For Laser applications, Varioptic provides:

- Variable focus



About Varioptic and Invenios

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- Founded by Bruno Berge in 2002.
- First shipments of products started in 2007.
- Varioptic is acquired by Invenios end 2016.
- Varioptic is the world leader in Liquid Lens Technology.



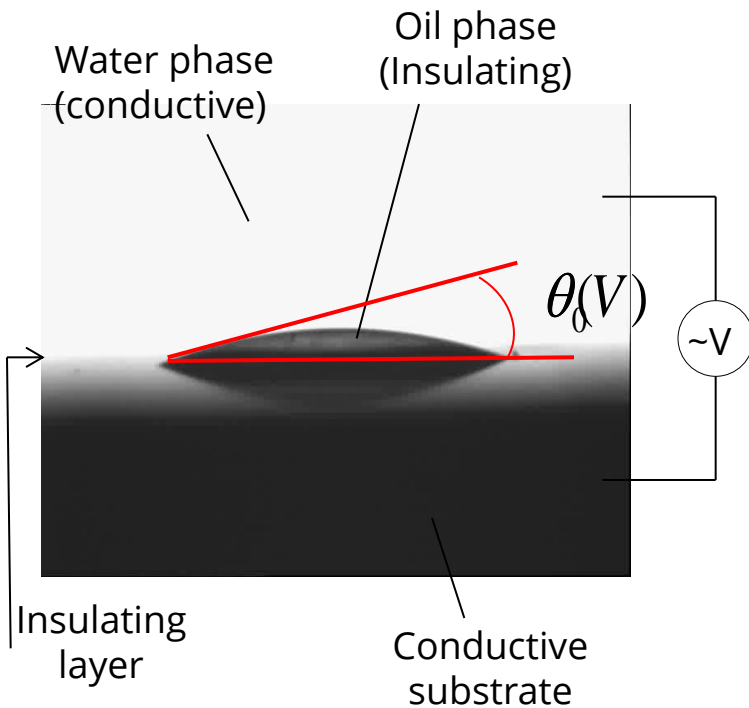
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- Founded by Ray Karam in 2002.
- Located in Santa Barbara, California
- Core expertise: glass structuring and glass bonding
- Invenios acquired Optilux, Varioptic's licensee for mobile phones in 2013.

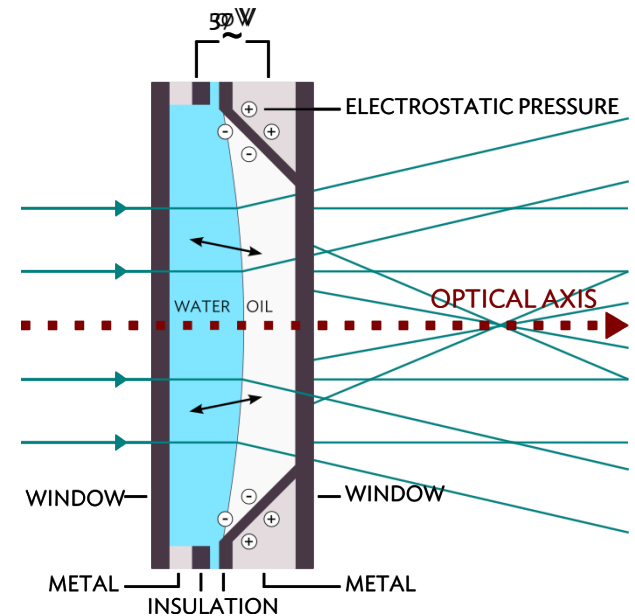
How does it work?

Variable Focus Lens – Arctic Family

Key principle: Electrowetting



$$\cos \theta = \cos \theta_0 + \frac{\epsilon_0}{2e\gamma} V^2$$



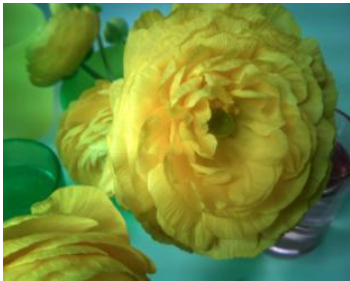
Key features :

- Electrowetting
- Iso-density
- Drop centering
- Refractive index difference

Why use Arctic variable focus lenses ?

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- Still pictures : Sharp images, whatever the distance : from infinity to Macro Mode



5 cm macro



Infinity focus



- Video mode : continuous & smooth AutoFocus allows sharp pictures even if the object distance is changing



Why use Liquid Lenses ?

Technical advantages

VARIOPTIC TECHNOLOGY GETS RID OF ANY MOVING PART
=> BRINGS UNIQUE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

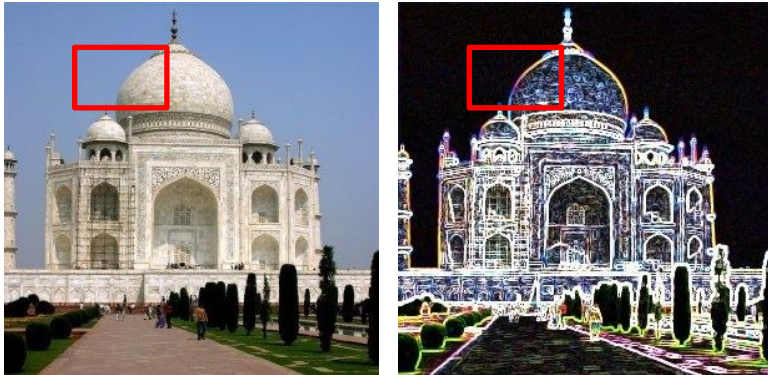
- **No wear** – Tested over 500 millions of cycles !
- **Fast**
 - ~10 frames to be in focus in Closed loop mode
 - <50ms in Open Loop mode
- **Robust** – unmatched mechanical shock resistance
Lens withstands: 2000g / 0.25ms / 100 times (x2 directions) !
- **Close Focus Ability** – below 5cm focus ability
- **Accurate** – Low hysteresis
- **Easy to integrate** – add-on to fixed lens
- **Low Power** – <1 mW (~20 mW with driver)
- **Silent** – no crosstalk between motor and microphone



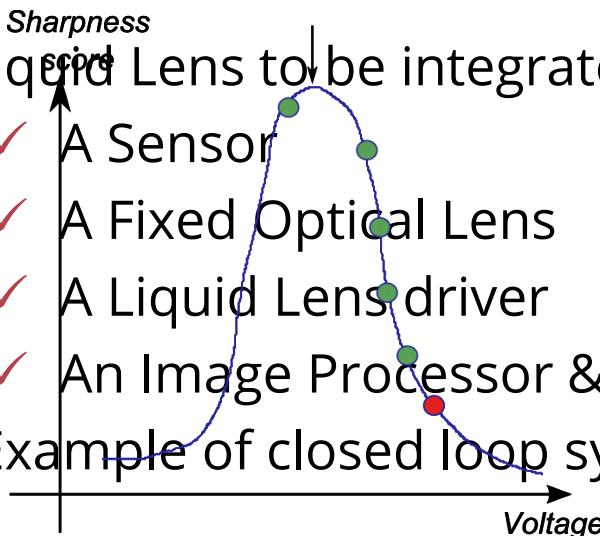
No Moving Parts – Nothing to wear out !

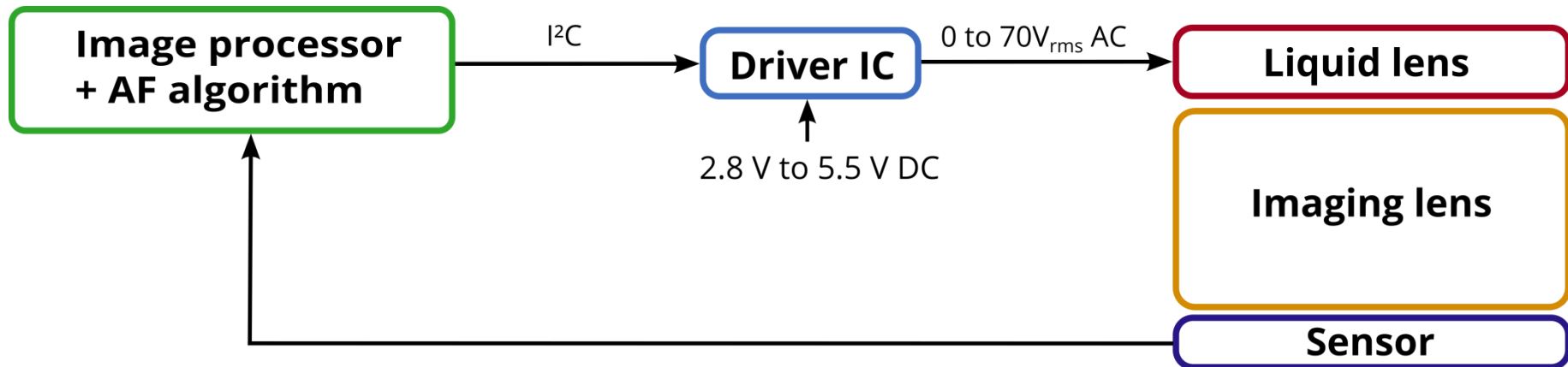
How does it work ?

Example of closed loop AF system integration



Edge filter (Sobel filter) + ROI

- Liquid Lens to be integrated with :
 - ✓ A Sensor
 - ✓ A Fixed Optical Lens
 - ✓ A Liquid Lens driver
 - ✓ An Image Processor & Algorithm
 - Example of closed loop system :
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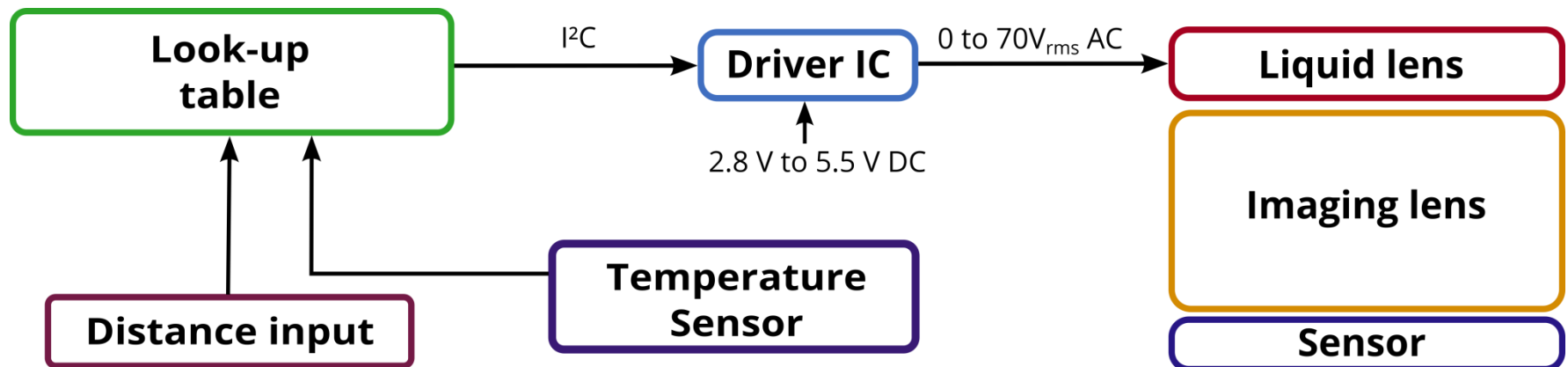


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Example of open-loop driving



- Open loop system requires the knowledge of object distance and system temperature, and an accurate calibration.
- Open-loop (for coarse AF) and closed-loop (for fine search) need to be combined for optimum performances.



Arctic product family: Variable Focus Liquid Lenses

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	Arctic 16F0	Arctic 25H0	Arctic 39N0
Clear aperture, 0° FOV	1.6 mm	2.5 mm	3.9 mm
Clear aperture, 50° FOV	1.45 mm	2.5 mm	3.5 mm
External diameter	6.2 mm	7.75 mm	13 mm
Low optical power	-5 diopter	-5 diopter	-5 diopters
High optical power	+15 diopters	+13 diopters	+15 diopters
WFE rms, typical	25 nm	45 nm	50 nm
Response time, ms	30 ms	30 ms	60 ms
Operating temperature	-30°C..+85°C	-30°C..+85°C	-20°C..+60°C
Storage temperature	-40°C..+85°C		

Arctic-P product family: Packaged Variable Focus Liquid Lenses

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	A-25H0-PXX	A-39N0-PXX
External diameter	9.40 mm	15.5 mm
Thickness	3.5 mm	5.2 mm for -P 5.5 for -PW



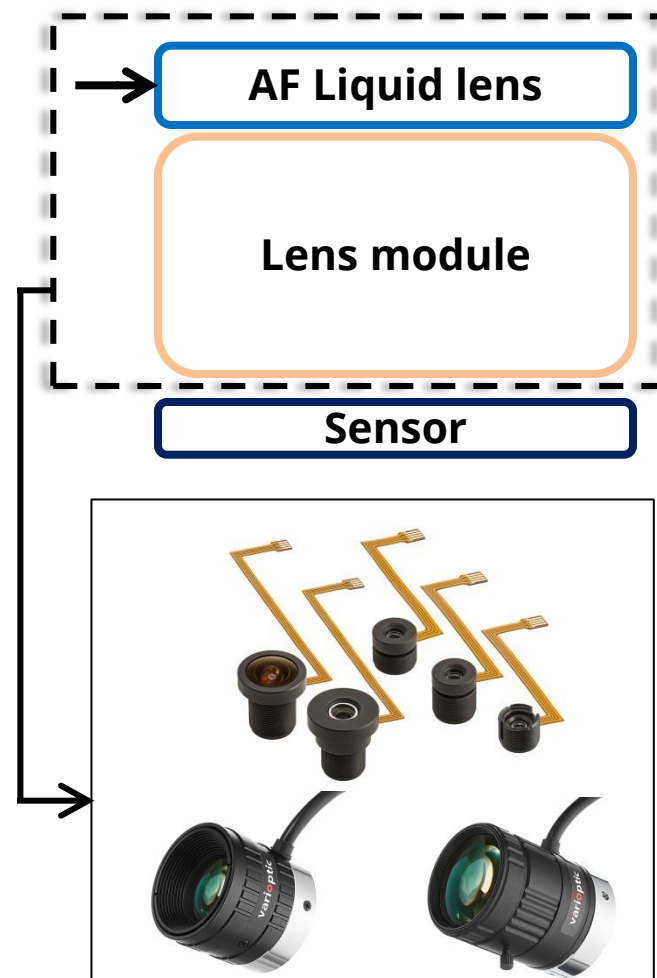
A-39N0-PW065

Caspian Module: Easy integration!

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- Integration of an Arctic lens and a fixed lens, with FPC cable or connector
- M12x0.5** or **C-Mount** format
- Available with or without IR cut filter for M12
- Other focal lengths available upon request

	Arctic 25H					Arctic 39N0	
Format	M12/S-Mount					C-Mount	
EFL (mm)	2.6	4.7	7.5	9.6	15.8	16	25
F#	2.5	2	2.9	3.7	4	2.8	4
Image circle (mm)	7.2	8	7.2	9.1	6	11	
Sensor compatibility	1/2.5"	1/2"	1/2.5"	1/1.8"	1/3"	2/3"	



C-Mount objective with Liquid Lens

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Power supply:

V_{DC} 3.3 to 24 V – ~25 to 100 mA

Simple Control of liquid Lens Voltage:

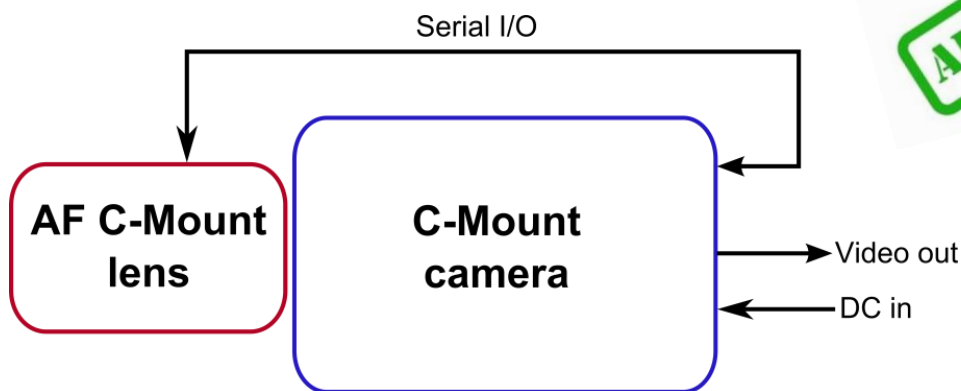
C-C-39N0-XX0-**I2C** : I²C operation

C-C-39N0-XX0-**R33** : RS232-3.3V operation

C-C-39N0-XX0-**R23** : RS232-12 V operation

C-C-39N0-XX0-**SPI** : SPI operation

All modules (except SPI) are compatible with Analog control.



Compatible camera
Manufacturers :



More to come !

Caspian for Microscopy:

Caspian u-25H0-075

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- Based on a modified Caspian S-25H0-075



	Extension ring		
Magnification	X2	X3	X5
Working distance	7 mm	6 mm	5 mm
Focusing Range	± 0.85 mm	± 0.7 mm	± 0.65 mm
Back Focal	15 mm	22 mm	37 mm

Drivers for Liquid Lenses



	Maxim MAX 14574	Supertex HV892
Max Voltage	70 V	60 V
Interface	I ² C	I ² C
Resolution	10 bits	8 bits
Size	1.6 mm x 2.6 mm	4 mm x 4 mm
Package	15 bump WLP	DFN
External components	5	2
Output waveform	PWM	Special square AM
Power consumption	40 mW	20 mW
Temperature measurement	Internal/External	No

With Whom?

Liquid Lens: Proven Performance for Demanding Applications

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How to start ?

Arctic 25H Development kit

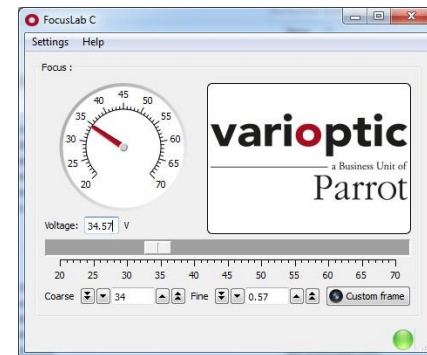
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Arctic 25H DK

A-25HX and A-25HX-P07	1 of each
USB-M drivboard and USB Cable	1
Lens Holder, VHD-07	1
Maxim drivboard	1
Microchip HV892 drivboard	1
Flex circuit FPC-A-3	1
FocusLab C Software	1
Development documentation	1



Development documentation



FocusLab C Software



USB-M Drivboard



VHD-0x lens holder



Arctic 25H0



A-25H0-P07



FPC A-3 Circuit



Maxim drivboard



Microchip HV 892
drivboard

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Arctic 39N Development kit

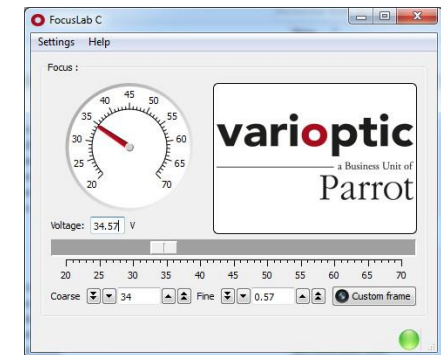
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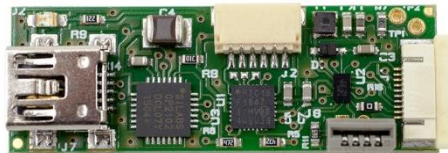
A-39NX and A-39NX-P04	1 of each
USB-M drivboard and USB Cable	1
Lens Holder, VHD-06	1
Maxim drivboard	1
Microchip HV892 drivboard	1
Flex circuit FPC-A-4	1
FocusLab C Software	1
Development documentation	1



Development documentation



FocusLab C Software



USB-M Drivboard



VHD-0x lens holder



A-39N0



A-39N0-P04



FPC A-4 Circuit



Maxim drivboard



Microchip HV 892
drivboard

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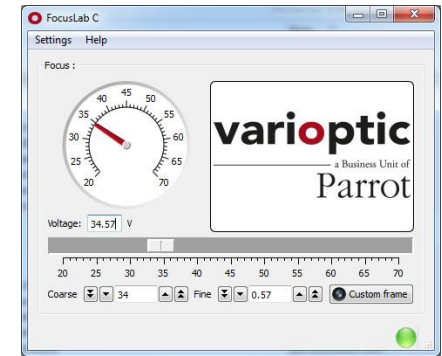
Caspian M12 Development kit

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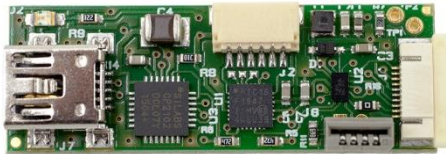
Caspian M12 DK

Caspian Module	2
USB-M drivboard and USB Cable	1
Maxim drivboard	1
Microchip HV892 drivboard	1
FocusLab C Software	1
Development documentation	1

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FocusLab C Software



USB-M Drivboard



Caspian Module



Maxim drivboard



Microchip HV 892
drivboard

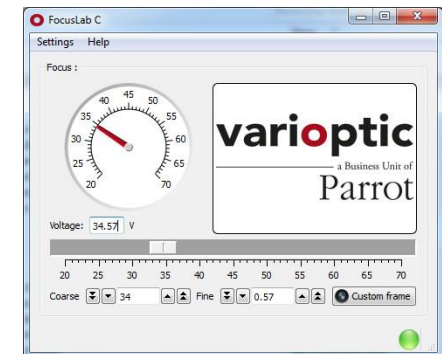
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Caspian Microscopy DK

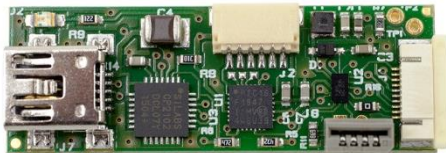
Caspian Microscopy DK

Caspian u-25H0-075-03	1
Caspian Microscopy Set	1
USB-M drivboard and USB Cable	1
Maxim drivboard	1
Microchip HV892 drivboard	1
FocusLab C Software	1
Development documentation	1

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FocusLab C Software



USB-M Drivboard



Caspian u-25H0-075-03
Module

Caspian Microscopy Set



Maxim drivboard



Microchip HV 892
drivboard

How to start ?

C-Mount Development kit

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Caspian C-39N0-XX0 DK

Caspian C-39N0-XX	1
Caspian C Com Board	1
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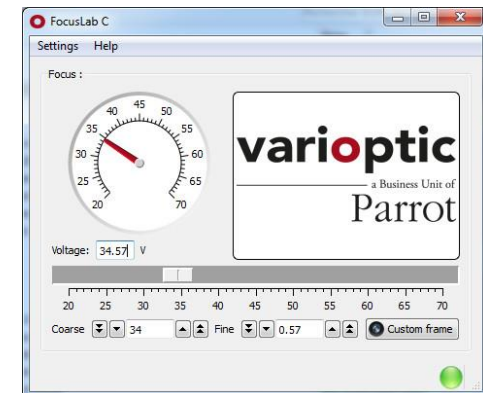
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C-Mount Lens



Caspian C Com Board
(USB to I²C/RS232/SPI)



FocusLab C

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