

Integrated Sensing Platform

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Project Description

While establishing a proof of concept or initial design, an often-overlooked effort for the designer is coalescing various discrete devices which use different communication protocols. We would like to minimize this effort by creating an integrated sensing platform of various sensors that is capable of transmitting data using a standard digital interface. We want this solution to be a generic, low cost platform that can be quickly and intuitively implemented by the end user.

Project Objective

Create an integrated sensing platform, with sensors that include but are not limited to: accelerometer; image sensor; temperature sensor; capacitive touch sensor; range finder; hall effect sensor; radiation sensor; and pressure sensor. The system should implement a variety of sensors which maximize the utility of the final design and enable it for use in a variety of applications. The platform should be able to transmit sensor data from any of the sensors using a consistent digital data interface. Selection of sensors should be chosen based on cost, yield, and general application requirements. In addition, we would like the team to design and fabricate a PCB and integrate selected sensors into a homogenous physical design.

Project Deliverables

Prototype PCB design with integrated sensor nodes
Demonstrate communication to all sensors through single interface

Preferred Student Qualifications

Background in electrical engineering
Interest in sensors
Experience in discrete component design
Experience using microcontrollers to deserialize and write data

Assets Available to Students

Engineers at Senseseeker Engineering Inc.