Data Extraction

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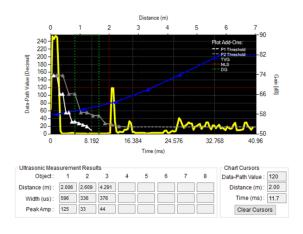
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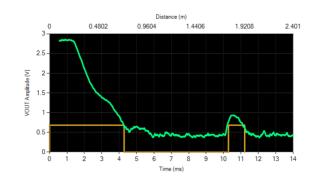
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Output Types

There are a variety of ultrasonic measurement result output options:







Digital Interface

Analog Waveform

Hybrid Analog/Digital

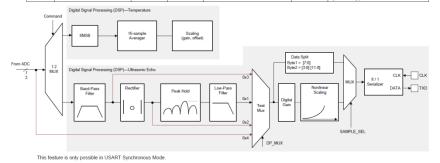
Digital Interface Output

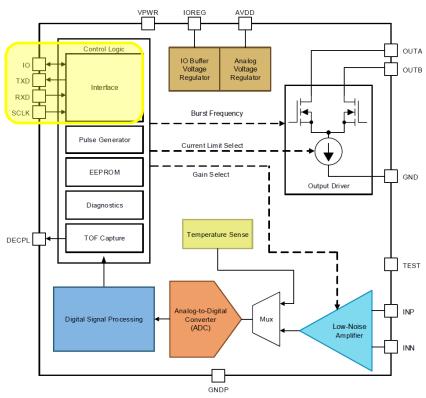
PGA460 device supports the following digital interfaces:

- UART / USART
- Time Command Interface (TCI)
- One-Wire UART (OWU)

Data points that can be extracted by a controller:

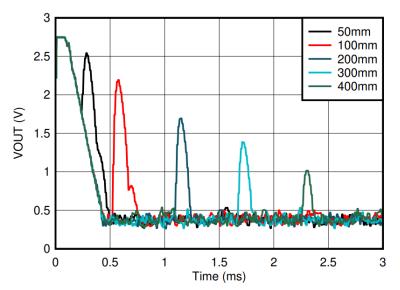
CMD[4:0]	COMMAND NAME	PGA460-Q1 RESPONSE		MASTER-TO-SLAVE DATA BYTES DESCRIPTION	S-TO-M DATA BYTES	SLAVE-TO-MASTER DATA BYTES DESCRIPTION
SINGLE ADDRESS						
5	Ultrasonic measurement result ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Yes	0		4 × N	$\begin{aligned} & \text{Byte} 1 - \text{Byte}2 \cdot \text{Object 1 time-of-flight (µs)} \\ & \text{(MSB, LSB)} \\ & \text{Byte}3 \cdot \text{Object 1 width} \\ & \text{Byte}4 \cdot \text{Object 1 peak amplitude} \\ & \text{Byte}(3 \times N - 3) - \text{Byte}(3 \times N - 2) \cdot \text{Object N} \\ & \text{Itme-of-flight (µs) (MSB, LSB)} \\ & \text{Byte}(4 \times N - 1) \cdot \text{Object N width} \\ & \text{Byte}(4 \times N - 1) \text{Object N peak amplitude} \end{aligned}$
6	Temperature and noise level result	Yes	0		2	Byte1: Temperature value Byte2: Noise level value
7	Transducer echo data dump	Yes	0		128	Byte1-Byte128: Echo data dump (array of 128 samples)
8	System diagnostics ⁽³⁾	Yes	0		2	Byte1: Transducer frequency Byte2: Decay period time



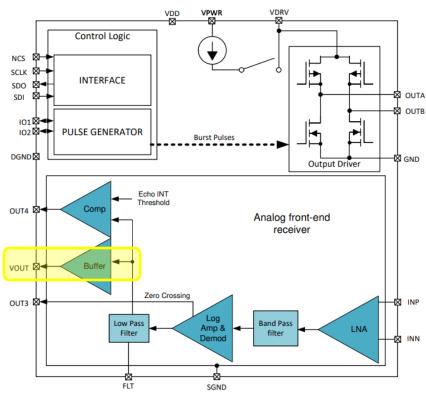


Analog Waveform Output

TUSS44x0 supports a demodulate log amp output that must be captured by an external ADC for post-processing to extract the time-of-flight information.



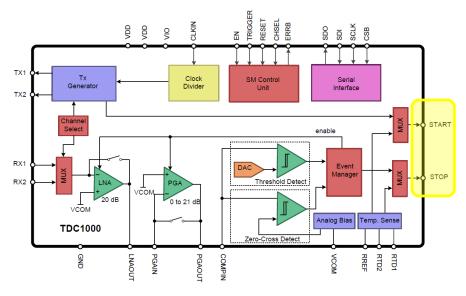
TUSS4470 400 kHz Ranging at 20-V Driver Example



Hybrid Output

TDC10xx generates an output pulse on the START pin, which is used as the time reference to begin a TOF measurement. The receiver detects the ultrasound wave that traveled through the medium and generates STOP signals.





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