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LOLA Low Latency Audio Visual Streaming System Installation & User's Manual

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1. Introduction

Lola is an Audio Visual Streaming System developed by "Conservatorio di Musica G. Tartini", Trieste, Italy, with the goal to provide a tool for real-time audio video "natural" distance human interaction. It was originally conceived for distance music performances, education and production, but can be used for any other scenario where real-time interaction is required. A special attention has been paid to the optimization of the signal processing and transmission in order to keep the system latency as low as possible, below the human delay perception threshold.

The system is based on high performance audio/video acquisition hardware, and on the integration and optimization of audio/video stream acquisition, presentation and transmission. The LOLA system also requires very high performance Wide Area and Local Area Networks: 1 Gigabit per second end-to-end connection is the minimum suggested configuration.

2. Hardware and Operating System prerequisites

In order to achieve a low transmission and presentation latency, LOLA relies on software optimization and on high performance audio and video devices. Low latency video in particular has been achieved by adopting a family of industrial video grabbers which at the moment are only supported under the MS Windows Operating System. To date, LOLA has been tested on both MS Windows XP and MS Windows 7 (32 bits and 64 bits versions).

2.1. Audio input/output hardware requirements

Low latency audio performance requires that small in/out audio buffers can be used, that no bottlenecks are present in the data transfer between the converters and the system, and that robust and efficient software drivers are available for the OS in use. USB and FireWire (IEEE 1394) external devices do not offer such a fast data acquisition processing, thus LOLA uses a PCI/PCIe internal device, and a reliable ASIO driver. To date, the following Audio boards have been tested and have shown good performances:

- <u>RME Hammerfal HDSP 9632 (PCI internal card)</u>
- <u>RME Multiface II (PCI/PCIe host card + external ADC/DAC box)</u>

2.2. Video input hardware requirements

Fast video acquisition and streaming relies on a family of video grabbers by BitFlow Inc., which provides high hardware performances and a versatile programming API for low-level video processing control. The BitFlow video grabbers currently used by LOLA are the analog ones, like the

- <u>Bit Flow ALT AN1 grabber with SDK 5.60 drivers</u>

which supports both analog b/w and color cameras. A possible camera for LOLA for b/w service is the

- <u>Sony HR50 b/w analog.</u>

In case of color video acquisition the video camera must provide component analog color output (RGB or YpbPr). For color operation the PC running LOLA should provide enough CPU power to deal with data processing, i.e., an i5/i7 CPU based workstation is recommended. The following color camera has been extensively tested with LOLA (and a camera file is provided):

- Hitachi KP-FD30 color analog.

To connect the cameras to the video grabber you need appropriate analog cables. Analog cables length can vary, and up to now cables up to 12m have been successfully used. Longer cables should work fine as well, but testing that the performance does not degrade is recommended. These cables can be easily created starting from high quality VGA cables, both for b/w and color analog cameras. A schematic of the cable pinout is included in Appendix C.

LOLA also experimentally supports digital Camera Link grabber and cameras (B/W and Color), See Appendix A for details. See also Appendix B for further considerations and a short list of compatible video cameras.

2.3. Video output hardware requirements

LCD/LED monitors introduce additional latency w.r.t CRT monitors. Use a fast LCD/LED monitor with low response time (usually 2-5 milliseconds), or an old style CRT monitor.

The way you connect the monitor to the PC may also cause additional latency. Use VGA, DVI-D or RGB connectors, avoid HDMI. In case you use any additional device, like video splitters, cable extenders, etc., please ensure that they do not add significant further latency to the video output chain. If you need dual video output, try to use graphic cards in the PC which already have native dual output, instead of using external splitting devices.

2.4. PC hardware requirements

The LOLA software runs on a typical multimedia PC. A suggested configuration consists in a Intel dual/quad core based system (i5/i7 for color support), with 4 GB RAM, 500 GB Hard Disk, and the following characteristics:

– Mid/high performance motherboard providing <u>PCI Express bus</u> and supporting <u>DDR2/DDR3 ram technology</u>.

- <u>1Gbit LAN port (LOLA supports 1 LAN port at present, might support 2 LAN ports in the future for higher video resolution).</u>

- Integrated graphic adapter should be enough, however a <u>PCI Express Video Adapter (e.g.,</u> Nvidia GeForce cards) is recommended, especially for color video processing.

- <u>Enough PCI/PCIe free slots</u> to host the Audio card, the PCIe Graphic adapter and the BitFlow grabber (Note: the video grabber requires a <u>x4 PCIe</u> slot at least. Using a lower bandwidth PCIe slot, sometimes located besides the PCIe x4 and PCIe x16 ones, will result in bad video grabbing performances).

- Mid tower case with <u>low noise</u> power supply unit and fans, and at least four full height expansion slots.

2.5. Network requirements

LOLA requires at least 100Mbps in minimal configuration (standard definition, b/w, 30 frames per second) up to 500Mbps in full configuration (standard definition, color, 60 frames per second), and generates a very high Packet per Second (PPS) rate, as it uses 1K data packets, e.g. from 100 up to 500 KPPS. Thus the minimal end-to-end connectivity must be at least 1Gbps. This requires 1Gbps compliant cabling (Cat6 or optical), and adequate networking hardware. You should pay special attention to LAN switches performances when using LOLA, because of the high PPS rate, in particular when other data flow compete on the same switch; in general the ideal situation is when the LOLA workstation is directly connected to the Wide Area Network device (router or switch) at 1Gbps with no other network devices in between, or at least there is no competing network traffic on the LAN devices being used by LOLA data traffic. The following table gives an approximate estimate of LOLA bandwidth traffic:

- b/w, 30 fps \sim 95Mbps;

- b/w, 60 fps ~180Mbps;
- color, 30 fps ~260Mbps;
- color, 60 fps ~460Mbps.

LOLA should not run behind a Firewall, and should run with a public IPv4 address (no NAT). IPv6 addresses are currently not yet supported.

As LOLA provides no error recovery procedures and a very minimal data buffering, the whole endto-end network connection must be with very high performance: low jitter, error free, and the lowest possible network latency (packets Round Trip Time, RTT); network latency adds in fact to LOLA system latency, and the sum define the upper limit when real-time human interaction is still possible. LOLA has been developed to use the services provided by the Research and Education hiend networking services (like GARR, GÈANT, Internet2) and can run both on shared IP network services (TCP and UDP) or on dedicated circuits, which provide better network performances and reliability, especially at high bandwidth configuration. It is recommended to perform end-to-end network tests also using additional tools (like *iperf* or equivalent <u>http://iperf.sourceforge.net/</u>) trying to simulate LOLA expected traffic before using LOLA itself. These tools are also useful as a powerful network debugging aid, in case of problems using LOLA.

Host PC	Intel dual/quad core based system (i5/i7 required for color), with 4 GB RAM, 500 GB Hard Disk		
	Motherboard with PCIe bus and DDR2/DDR3 ram technology		
	1 or 2 Gbit LAN ports		
	PCIe Graphic Adapter		
	Low noise case/power supply with enough PCI/PCIe free slots		
Audio	RME Hammerfal HDSP 9632 (PCI internal card)		
	RME Multiface II (PCI/PCIe host card + external ADC/DAC box)		
Video	Bit Flow ALT AN1 grabber with at least SDK 5.60 drivers		
	Sony HR50 b/w analog video camera or hitachi KP- FD30 analog color video camera		
	Analog cable for camera connection		
	low video latency time LCD Monitor		
Network	1Gbps end-to-end connection. See session 2.5 above.		

3. System Setup

3.1. Install required libraries and drivers

LOLA relies on the WinPCap windows packet capture library, which has to be installed on the PC. The installer can be found at the following address:

http://www.winpcap.org

Download and install the latest available firmware and drivers form the video board producer site:

http://www.bitflow.com/index.php/DownloadTable

In order to support 64 bits Windows version the minimal SDK version must be 5.60 (select "Software <u>BitFlow SDK 5.60</u>"). In case you have installed previous versions (or you are upgrading an older LOLA version), you must first remove the old SDK, and then install the new one.

You do not need a license code for the BitFlow SDK, thus just install it as "drivers only", when prompted for the serial number.

Download and install also the latest available firmware and drivers form the audio board producer site.

3.2. Audio hardware Setup

Update/install the drivers first! (see section 3.1). Before using the software, it is highly recommended to check if there is any board setup panel providing latency settings on which the software applications have no control. The RME driver usually provides a DSP Setting Panel as the one shown in Fig. 1 (a link to it is usually available in the bottom-left tool bar in Windows 7/XP). Set the hardware latency (Buffer Size) to the smallest available (32, or 0.7 ms).

When LOLA is launched, it will check for all available audio ASIO devices (if none is available, the program will provide a warning and run without audio support). It will be possible to select the desired ASIO audio device from the *Audio Video Setup* dialog window, available in the *Tools* menu (Fig. 3).

SyncAlign Suffer Size (Latency) 32 (0.7 ms) 64 (1.5 ms) 128 (3 ms) 512 (12 ms) 1024 (23 ms) 2048 (46 ms) 2048 (46 ms) 4096 (93 ms) SyncCheck Word Clock No Lock	AEB SPDIF In Optical Coaxial Internal AES TMS SPDIF Out Optical Professional Emphasis Non-Audio	System Clock	XLR Input Level C Lo Gain C +4 dBu C -10 dBV Output Level C Hi Gain C +4 dBu G -10 dBV Phones ④ 0 dB C -6 dB C -12 dP
ADAT In No Lock	SPDIF Freq.	Mode Master	C Mute
SPDIF In No Lock	No Lock	Freq. 44.1 kHz	

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Figure 1: audio device control panel

3.3. Video hardware Setup

Update/install the drivers first! (see section 3.1). Before using an application relying on Bit Flow video devices, a so called *camera configuration file* must be installed for each camera possibly connected to the BitFlow grabber. The utility *SysReg.exe*, available in *Start/All Programs/BitFlow/Sdk 5.60/*, can be used to add a new camera file to the grabber (**note:** for these tools to affect the system configuration in Windows 7, they must be "run as Administrator"). It is useful to also install test camera files which can generate synthetic video with a wide range of frame rate and resolution characteristics. You should install the camera files for the video camera(s) you intend to use with LOLA. The current camera files for the LOLA tested cameras are included into the BitFlow standard distribution):

Sony HR50: SONY-XC-HR50-EXTRIG-SHUT-MODE2.anlg
Hitachi KP-FD30: Hitachi-RGB-648x480-ExtTrig-NTG.anlg

rd Details				×
Board type (model):	R64 (0) - NEO-PC	E-CLB		
Board ID register:	3			
Board DMA latency:	255			
Attached cameras:	SenTech-STC-Pol	CL33A-E3-FreeRun.r64		
Camera file operation: Special firmware:	Add	Change	Remove	Recent ->

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Figure 2: The SysReg.exe utility. The Add button allows to choose new camera files from the list of available ones

When the camera files are installed, you can select the appropriate camera from the *Audio Video Setup* dialog window, available in the LOLA *Tools* menu (Fig. 3).

LOLA allows the user to select different frame rates (30 or 60 fps) from its own setup dialog windows. In order to make this option work, **the camera must be configured to allow triggering by an external source.** See Appendix D to correctly set the supported cameras.

Camera Setup Check

After the camera files have been registered, it is recommended to check that the video grabbing devices are working properly, by using the *CiView.exe* utility provided with the BitFlow SDK in the same location as the *SysReg.exe* tool. Note that with this particular configuration, the camera must triggered by an external trigger. This can be achieved by running the application in "Free Run Mode" (this option is available in the *Preview* menu).

When LOLA is launched, it will check for all available video BitFlow devices (if none is available, the program will provide a warning and run without video support). It will be possible to select the desired video camera, among the ones configured with the BitFlow *SysReg.exe* utility, from the *Audio Video Setup* dialog window, available in the *Tools* menu (Fig. 3)

3.4. Installing LOLA

After the WinPCap and BitFlow SDK are installed, to install LOLA, unzip the .zip file provided in a directory of your choice.

To run LOLA just launch the *LolaGuivx.x.x.exe* (x.x.x = version number) application.

The first time the software is launched, LOLA will ask you for a user identification and an activation code. Just insert the ones you received. Then the Audio/Video setup dialog window will pop up (Fig. 3) asking for first-time device selection. The setup will then be stored in a *.ini* configuration file in the current directory, and will be used in future sessions.

ASIO Hammerfall DSP	
/ideo	
BitFlow Camera File	Frame Rate (FpS)
	30
	60

Figure 3: Audio Video Setup Dialog

3.5. TCP/UDP ports used by LOLA

LOLA will use by default ports TCP 7000, UDP 19788 and UDP 19798 for service communication and audio/video streaming. It is thus required that no restrictions apply for these ports (e.g. due to firewall settings or local network administration policies).

3.6. Tuning the LOLA workstation

It is recommended to switch off other applications that might interfere with the audio/video streaming process when the application is used in production sessions: anti-virus scanning software or similar should be carefully disabled.. The fine tuning of the Operating System for audio video streaming applications might also be advisable, although it is not strictly necessary. A throughout list of settings and optimizations, suggested for use of the DVTS networking software, can be found here: http://www.nws.edu/searchresults.aspx?search=DVTS

4. Running LOLA

LOLA user interface (Fig. 4) is intended to be as simple as possible: a remote address to call (IP address), a "Check" button to make a quick and simple pre-connection test, a "Connect" and a "Disconnect" button. A "Session name" box allows you to assign a specific name to a setup configuration for easier identification. It is also possible to recall previously saved setup data, including the remote party IP address, for an "address book quick call" operation via the "File menu" "Open" and "Save" options. LOLA also remembers the "last session" setup, thus it will always restart from the last session configuration.

File Options Tools Color View	Help	
Remote Session	🖉 Local host: 640x480, 8 bit, 50.30 FpS	×
Session Name SessionName	Window Zoom Palette	
IP Address 0.0.0.0		
Check		
Connect Disconnect		
Status: Not connected		
A/V Presentation		
I Local Audio On		
Recording (Audio)		►
Start New		
Files Path		
Status: Not Recording		
	Ready	NUM

Figure 4: Lola main window: the control panel (left) and the local host video frame

4.1. Local audio and video settings

Before attempting to connect to a remote host, the user should correctly configure the local audio and video options. The *Audio Video Setup* dialog (in the *Options* Menu, Fig. 3) allows to select the desired ASIO audio device, the video camera file, and the desired video frame rate (30 / 60 fps).

It is recommended to verify that audio input is working properly and the input latency is low as expected. A rough test can be done by switching on input-to-output redirection (using the "Local audio On/Off" flag available on the control panel in the main window, see Fig. 4) and using headphones connected to the LOLA audio card output to avoid an audio feedback effect. Further checks on the audio setup can be done using the appropriate audio card mixer/setup application.

If the local video camera is connected, and the correct camera file is selected, you should also see in the "Local Host" windows your local video. Also in this case you should check that the local video latency is low as expected. You should also check that the local audio and the local video are synchronized correctly.

The features of the local video stream (resolution / pixel depth / frame rate) are shown on top of the video frame, as shown in Fig. 5 ("Local host: 640x480, 8 bit, 50.30 FpS" for the case shown). It is finally possible to enlarge the video frame by selecting the desired zoom ratio form the menu available on the video frame (Fig. 5).



Figure 5: Resize video frame options

4.2. Connection with a remote host

The simplest way to connect to a remote host is by specifying its IP address in the *Remote IP Address* box and clicking on the *Connect* button. You can also assign a "Session name" label for easier identification into the corresponding box.

You may also load a previously saved "Session Configuration File" in which the address information for a given host is stored. These are files with extension *.ssn*, and can be loaded/saved *using the File* Menu (Fig. 6). These files are stored into the same folder where the LOLA application is. The configuration stored into the "LastSsn.ssn" file is always the settings used in the last LOLA session. If you want to create your own LOLA address/configuration book, just create one *.ssn* file per each site you usually connect to, and then recall the appropriate one when needed. To remove a stored session configuration, just delete the corresponding *.ssn* file in the LOLA folder.



Figure 6: Session load/save options

Before sending a connection request, it is recommended to check if the remote host is ready for the connection. After inserting the remote host IP address, use the *Check* button provided in the control panel below the IP address box: LOLA will issue a "ping request" the remote host at the given IP address, and will also check if LOLA is running on it. An estimate of the network round trip time (RTT) will also be provided. If the remote host is reachable, but LOLA is not running on it, you should ask your remote party to start LOLA on his local host, and wait for your connection request to come in.

If LOLA is running on the remote host, pressing the Connect button will cause the two systems to negotiate the connection and start sending their audio/video streams to each other. Only one node needs to initiate the connection. Note that while different video stream characteristics are allowed for the two hosts (e.g., different frame rate, picture resolution, bit depth, color or b/w), the audio stream parameters must be exactly the same. By default, 44100 Hz @ 16 bit, stereo, is assumed. If during the negotiation an incompatible setup is detected, the two hosts will refuse to connect.

4.3. Fine Audio/Video buffer tuning

Once the two hosts are connected, the user will have the opportunity to interactively change the number of audio and video buffers used by the application, by using the Buffer Tuning panel available in the *Tools* menu (Fig. 7, left). The number of buffers can be set both using the control slider, or by typing the value into the box below the slider.

For the video, you can control both the number of buffers you use before sending your video ("Local") and the number of buffers you use before displaying the received remote video ("Remote"). For the audio you can only control the number of buffers you use before rendering the received remote audio.

The number of buffers can be increased if dropouts or glitches are noticed in the received audio or video streams, due to network traffic or delay jitter, otherwise it should be kept as low as possible to avoid additional latency. In a typical correct situation video buffers are both set to "0", and audio buffers should not exceed "5".



Figure 7: Buffer tuning panel (left) and network monitor panel (right)

4.4. Toggling Audio/Video and Network Monitor

During a connection, the user can also gain some information on the audio and video stream through the Network Monitor panel, available in the *Tools* menu (Fig. 7, right). This dialog box provides some information on the connection and on the traffic, as well as the possibility of selectively switching off/on each one of the inbound, outbound, audio and video streams.

4.5. Disconneting from a remote host

The connection can be interrupted by any of the two hosts by clicking on the Disconnect button.

When the software is shut down, the current local configuration (i.e., audio and video setup) will be saved on a *.ini* file located in the same directory as the executable, and will be loaded at the next start-up of the Lola application. Also, the last session information (remote host address and info) is stored for future sessions.

4.6. Debugging a connection: Bounce Back mode

To allow some easier debugging in case of problems, and to let you check the quality of your transmission as received on the remote site, under the "*Tools*" menu you can enable the "*Bounce-back mode*". When selected, the remote LOLA host will start bouncing back your video stream instead of sending its own. This action does not require any intervention on the remote host. On the other hand, if you also want to have your audio to be bounced-back, an action is needed on the remote host, by either physically connecting the in-out audio on the card, or by telling the audio card mixer to route the audio in back to out channel. This bounce-back feature is still experimental and also requires the remote host to use quite a lot of processing power.

4.7. The Color menu

The "*Color*" menu is intended for use with not yet supported cameras (digital cameras or other types) and thus shall not be used for normal operations with analog cameras. Please ensure that "*Color Bayer Decoding*" is not checked. Refer to Appendix A for further information on this work in progress.

Appendix A – experimental digital video setup

A CamerLink Digital (B/W and Color) video configuration is being tested, and at present it is not still clear whether its acquisition latency is as low as that of analog video grabbing. The Camera Link configuration under test is as follows:

- BitFlow Neon-CL grabber with SDK 5.60 drivers.

- Sentech STC-PoCL33A color video camera (color output is Bayer encoded, needs SW Bayer decoding).

n	Color Bayer decoding		8 bit, 50.
	Color Correction		tte
Session	Choose Bayer Matrix		
UCDUIOT II	Auto Balance		
0.0.0.0	White Balance		
	Hardware Decoder Mode		Figure 1
1	Algorithm	•	

figure 8: Color options available in the Color menu

The *Color* Menu (Fig. 8) allows to switch from B/W to Color (by software Bayer decoding) for digital video cameras supporting colors through Bayer encoding. The functions available in the *Color* menu provide support for color correction through RGB components balance, Bayer matrix type selection, decoding algorithm selection.

Digital color video will require a pixel depth of 32 bits per pixel (whereas B/W usually requires 8/10 bits per pixel and analog color requires 24 bits per pixel).

Digital Camera Link cameras are found on the market in a wide variety of brands and models, and a selection of cameras, both B/W or RGB and likely to be compatible with LOLA, is as follows:

Adimec (e.g., A1000 Camera Link or Opal2000 CoaxPress), Basler (e.g., L100 or L300 series), CIS (e.g. **VCC-F32 series**), Hitachi (e.g., KP-FD30CL), Imperx (e.g., ICL-B0610), Leutron Vision (e.g., PicSight P34B-PoCL) Jai (e.g., RMC-6740CL), PhotonFocus (e.g., MV-D640(C) series), Sentech (e.g., STC-CLC33A), Toshiba-Teli (e.g., CS6910CL), Uniq(e.g., UP600-CL).

Appendix B – Compatible Video Cameras

Analog B/W cameras with characteristics similar to the Sony HR50 can be easily found. On the other hand, analog color cameras with frame rates > 30 fps @ 640x480 and RGB output seems to be rare on the market. A few examples of brands offering analog RGB cameras are Toshiba (e.g., IK-TF5), JAI-Pulnix (e.g. the CV-M91 series), Hitachi (e.g. KP-D20A/B).

Using a different camera (color or b/w) usually requires adapting/creating a new "camera file" specific for the camera itself. You can start from the ones available in the distribution kit, and create a new one for the intended model. Finally, the camera file must also be compliant to external trigger mode. This can be achieved by editing a camera file with the *CamEd.exe* tool (available in *Start/All Programs/BitFlow/Sdk 5.60/*), and setting the *External trigger* flag to *Enabled* in the *Triggering* menu item (Fig. 9).

Sony-XCL-5005-W2-OneSho	ot-ExtTrig-TTL.r64	2
Bayer Misc. Exposure C Line Frame Sensor	control CTABs I/O Quad Triggering Identification C	. Encoder Comments
Horiztonal encoder:	Not used	•
Encoder polarity:	Rising edge	-
Encoder input:	Differential	•
External encoder:	Disabled	•
Vertical trigger:	Triggers vertical CTABs (edge m	ode 💌
Trigger polarity:	Rising edge	-
Trigger input:	TTI	-
External trigger:	Enabled	•
Vertical reset:	End of frame (fixed size)	•
Encoder multiplier:	1.00000	
Vertical trigger delay (lines):	0	
Time out (milliseconds):	4096	
Pasat Al	L Apply (Ctrl+A)	

Figure 9: The CamEd.exe utility, and the external trigger flag set to "enable".

Other parameters which might need adjustment and the camera resolution, and the video sensor offsets. Please contact <u>lola-project@conts.it</u> for assistance if you plan to use a different camera from the ones in the supported list.

Work is also in progress to support generic RGB and YpbPr input video sources.

Appendix C – Cameras Cabling Guide

Although you can buy appropriate cables for many of the analog cameras to be used with the BitFlow grabber cards, this short guide can help you in building your own high quality cables.

In order to start, we suggest to use high quality VGA cables, which you can quite easily get anywhere. A good reference model are for example the Belkin F3H982, which comes in different lengths.

For b/w cameras you will often need a 12 pin Hirosi connector model HA10A-10P-12S, while color cameras often use a standard 15pin VGA connector, thus you do not need to replace the one already on the cable.

For the BitFlow grabber 62 pin connectors the suggested parts are: Plug model AMP 748367-1, Shielding HW model AMP 748471-1, Enclosure model AMP 748476-1

Please always check the camera documentation for the correct cabling. The following are the schemas for LOLA supported cameras. In addition here is the BitFlow 62 pin cabling full specification

Pin	In/Out	Signal	1-tap Cameras	2-tap Cameras	Color Cameras
1	IN	VFG0_VIDEO2			Cam0, B
2	IN	VFG0_VIDEO1	Cam0	Cam0,Tap1	Cam0, G
3		AGND			
4		AGND			
5	Power	VFG0_12V_POWER			
6		AGND			
7	Power	VFG1_12V_POWER			
8	IN	VFG1_VIDEO3			
9	IN	VFG1_VIDEO1	Cam1	Cam1, Tap1	Cam1, G
10	IN	VFG1_VIDEO0		Cam1, Tap0	Cam1, R
11		AGND			
12		AGND			
13	Power	VFG2_12V_POWER			
14		AGND			
15	IN	VFG2_VIDEO3			
16	IN	VFG2_VIDEO1	Cam2	Cam2, Tap1	Cam2, G
17		AGND			
18		AGND			
19	Power	VFG3_12V_POWER			
20	IN	VFG3_VIDEO3			
21	IN	VFG3_VIDEO2			Cam3, B

Table 10-1 Alta-AN Main Connector

Pin	In/Out	Signal	1-tap Cameras	2-tap Cameras	Color Cameras
22	IN	VFG0_VIDEO3			
23	IN	VFG0_VIDEO0		Cam0, Tap0	Cam0, R
24	IN/OUT	VFG0_HD			
25	OUT	VFG0_TRIGGER_OUT			
26	IN	VFG0_WEN			
27	OUT	VFG1_TRIGGER_OUT			
28	IN/OUT	VFG1_VD			
29	IN/OUT	VFG1_HD			
30	IN	VFG1_VIDEO2			Cam1, B
31	IN	VFG3_WEN			
32	IN	VFG1_WEN			
33	IN	VFG2_TRIGGER_IN			
34	OUT	VFG2_STROBE			
35	IN/OUT	VFG2_VD			
36	IN	VFG2_VIDEO2			Cam2, B
37	IN	VFG2_VIDEO0		Cam2, Tap0	Cam2, R
38	IN/OUT	VFG3_VD			
39	OUT	VFG3_TRIGGER_OUT			
40	OUT	VFG3_STROBE			
41	IN	VFG3_VIDEO1	Cam3	Cam3, Tap1	Cam3, G
42	IN	VFG3_VIDEO0		Cam3, Tap0	Cam3, R
43		GND			
44		GND			
45	IN	VFG0_TRIGGER_IN			
46	OUT	VFG0_STROBE			
47	IN/OUT	VFG0_VD			
48		GND			
49		GND			
50	IN	VFG1_TRIGGER_IN			
51	OUT	VFG1_STROBE			
52		GND			
53		GND			
54		GND			
55	IN/OUT	VFG2_HD			
56	OUT	VFG2_TRIGGER_OUT			
57	IN	VFG2_WEN			
58		GND			
59		GND			
60	IN/OUT	VFG3_HD			
61	IN	VFG3_TRIGGER_IN			
62		GND			

Cable for Sony HR50

The VGA connector has 3 coaxial cables for video signal, but for b/w cameras you only need one; just select, for example, the "G" (green) one. Use the twisted pairs for the other signals. Remove both VGA connectors from the cable, and connect the pins as follows:

<u>Hirosi</u>	<u>62pin</u>	signal	<u>comments</u>
1	42		
1	43	Ground	
2	5	+12V	
3	3	Ground	VIDEO1 shield, coax
4	2	VIDEO1	VIDEO1 signal, coax
5	44	Ground	
6	24	HD	
7	47	VD	
8	4	Ground	
9	23	Ground	
10	26	WEN_IN	
11	25	TRIG_OUT	
12	48	Ground	

Cable for Hitachi KP-FD30

Remove one of the VGA connectors from the cable and connect to the 62 pin connector as shown in Fig. 10, the other VGA connector is already correctly connected to go on the camera.



Figure 10: The cabling for the Hitachi KP-FD30 camera.

Appendix D – Setting Cameras in External Trigger Mode

This section show how to correctly set in External Trigger Mode the supported cameras. If you are using a camera not listed here, contact <u>lola-poject@conts.it</u> for assistance.

Sony HR50 setting for external trigger mode

If using the Sony HR50 B/W analog camera, the camera must be configured according to external trig/shutter mode 2 (DIP switches 6,7 set to OFF, and DIP switch 8 set to ON, see Fig. 11).



Figure 11: Sony HR50 DIP switch setting for external trig/shutter mode 2

Hitachi KP-FD30 setting for external trigger mode

If using the Hitachi KP-FD30 color analog camera, the camera must be configured according to external trig/shutter mode: the internal DIP switches (accessed by removing the back panel of the camera) should be set as follows: SW6001 - Lower side (input sync), SW6002 - Upper side (Fig 12).



Figure 12: Hitachi KP-FD30 internal switch setting for *external trig/shutter mode*.

The camera rear switch should be set for progressive scan as follows: 1-On (VGA progressive scan), 2-Off, 3-Off, 4-Off (Fig 13).



Figure 13: Hitachi KP=FD30 rear DIP switch setting for progressive scan mode.

Finally, the "shutter mode" field in the software setting menu of the camera should be set to "Ext. Trigger" (Main Menu-> Shutter Menu-> shutter mode)