



# Femto-Photography: Trillion FPS Imaging to Look Around Corners

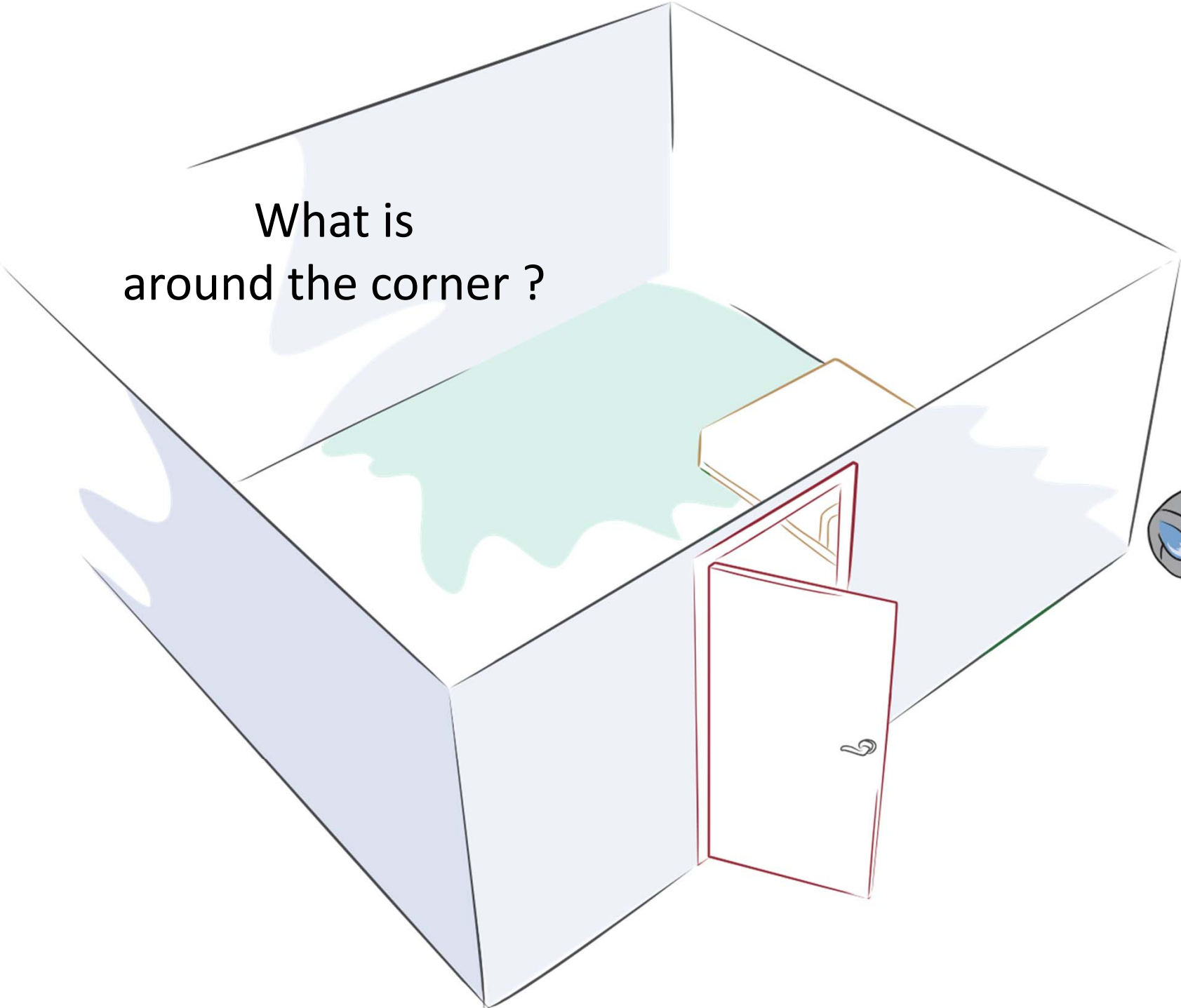
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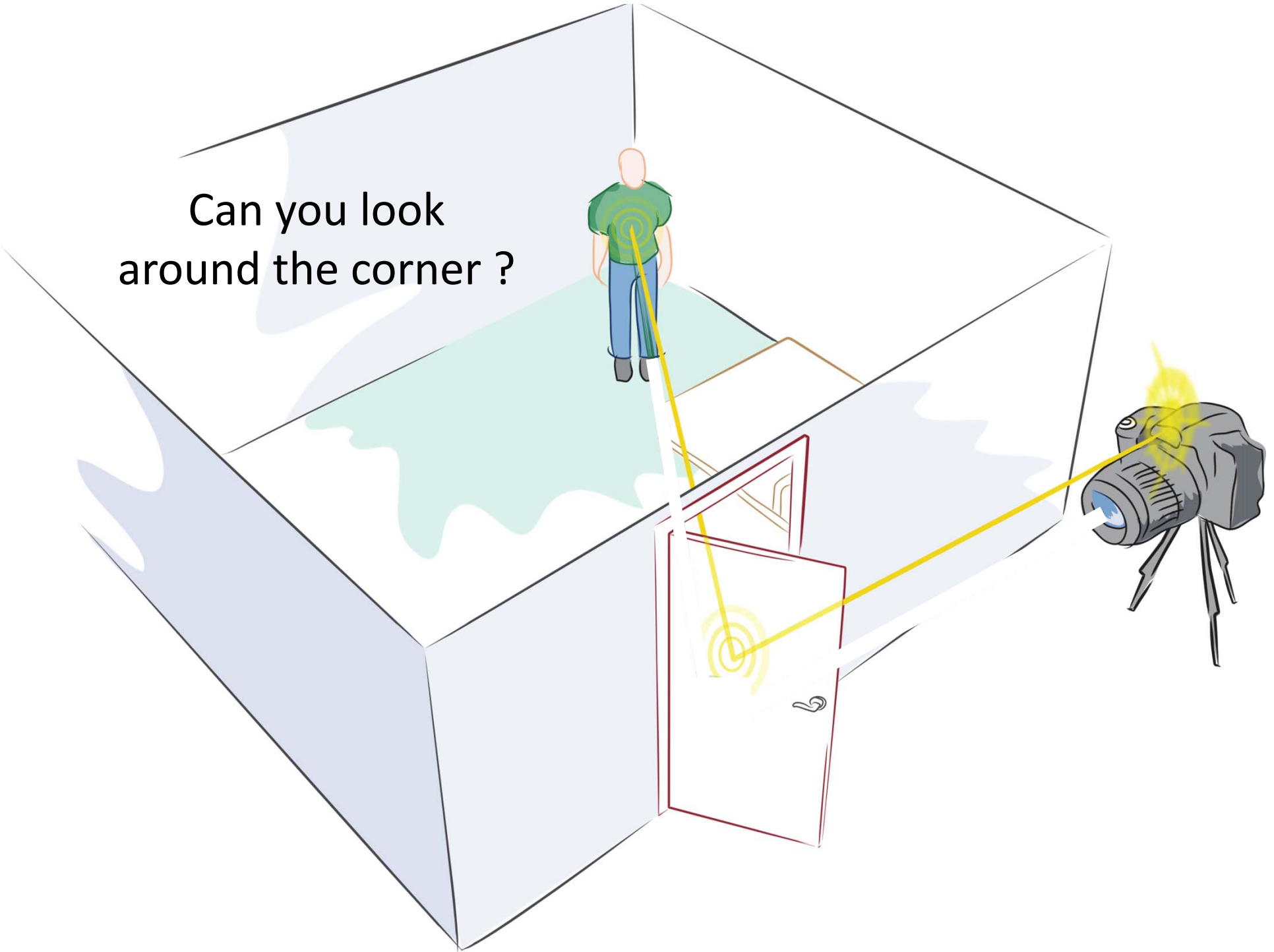
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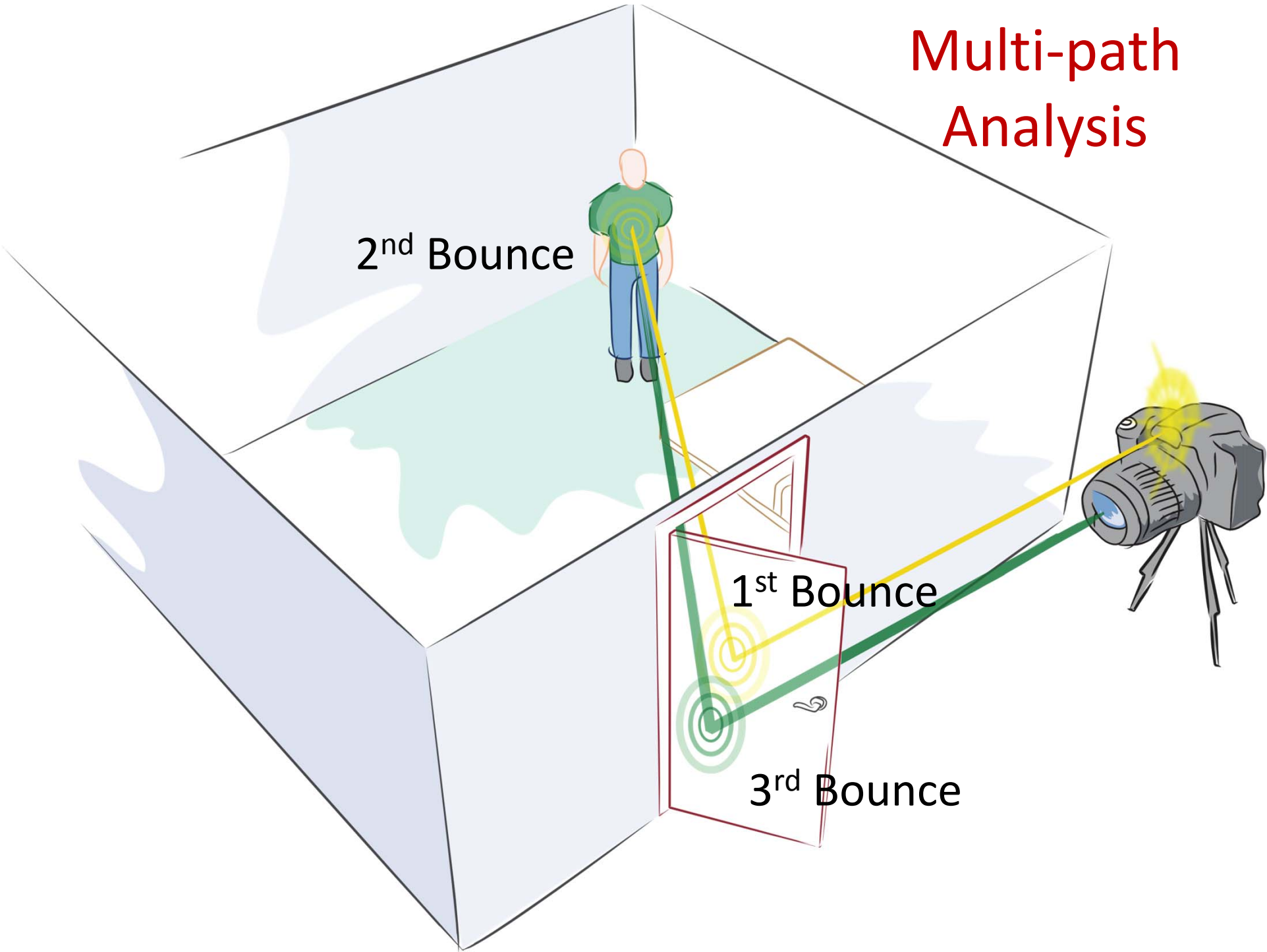
What is  
around the corner ?



Can you look  
around the corner ?

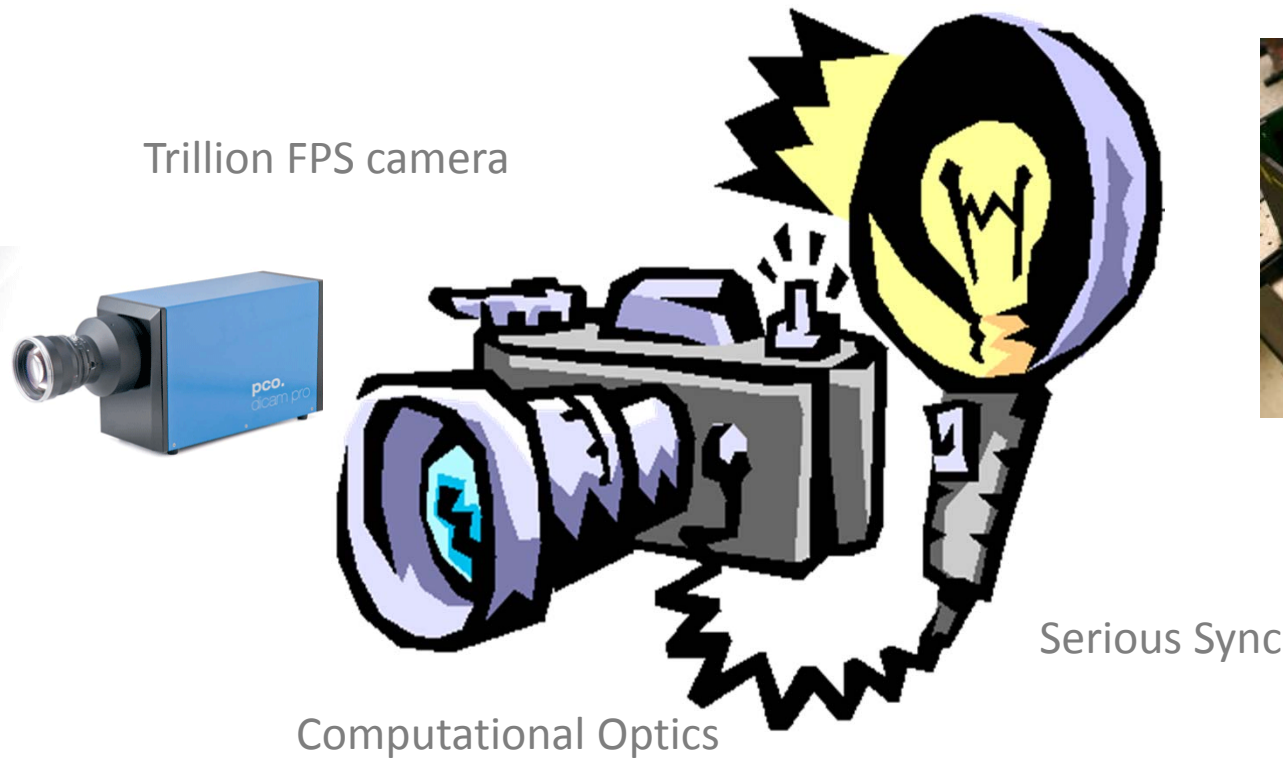


# Multi-path Analysis

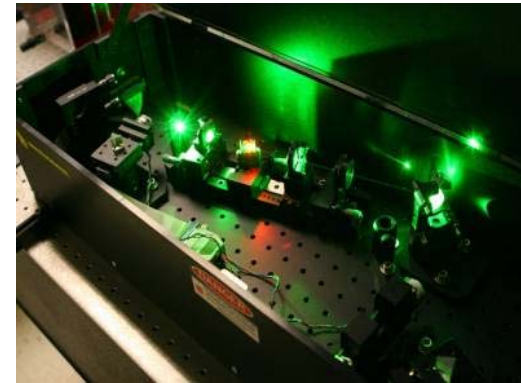




# Femto-Photography (Transient Imaging)



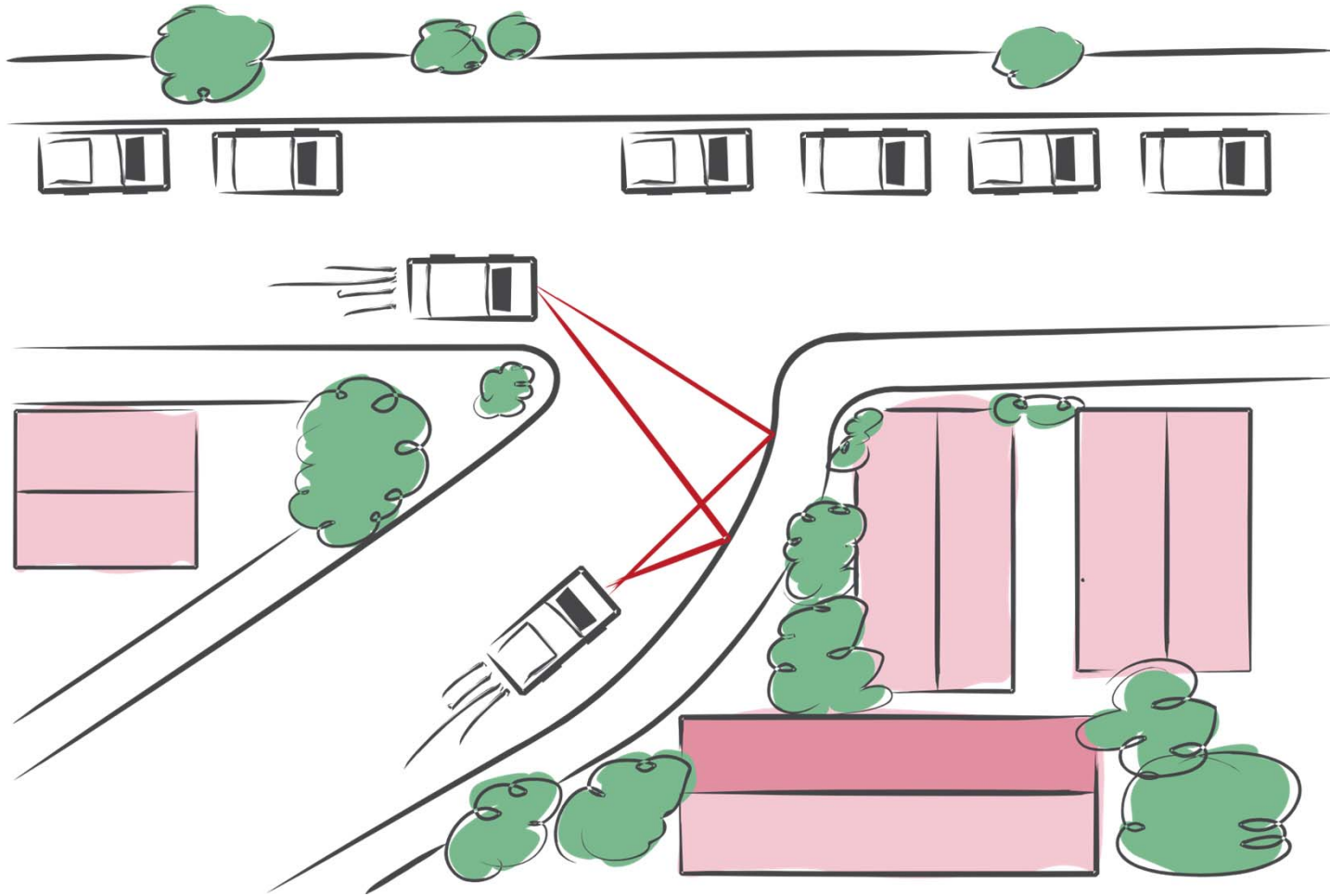
FemtoFlash

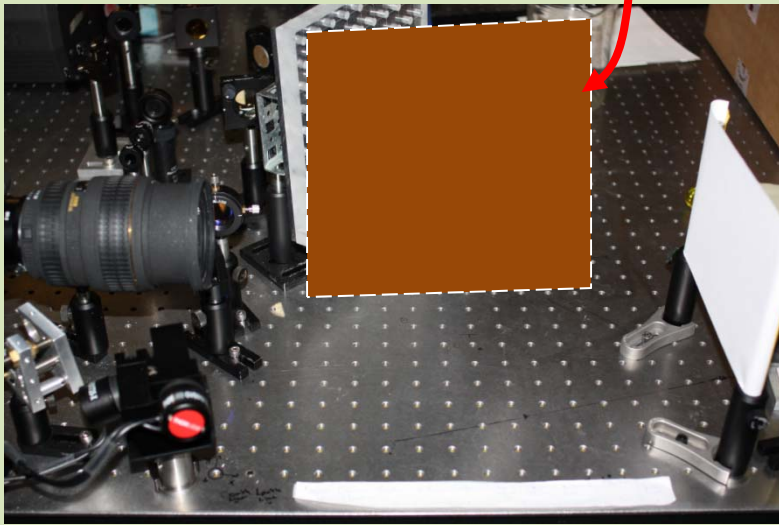


With M Bawendi,  
MIT Chemistry

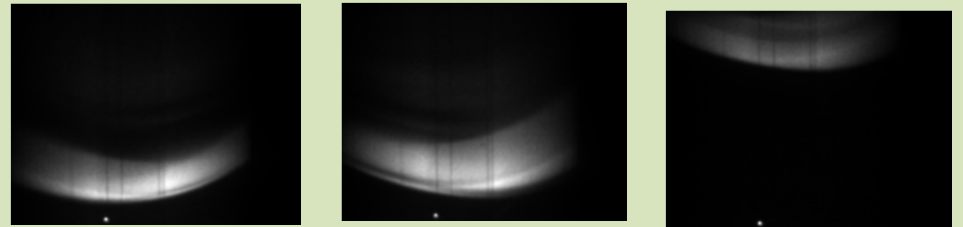
- 2011: CVPR (Pandharkar, Velten, Bardagjy, Bawendi, Raskar)
- 2009: **Marr Prize** Honorable Mention (Kirmani, Hutchinson, Davis, Raskar, ICCV'2009)
- 2008: Transient Light Transport (Raskar, Davis, March 2008)

# Collision avoidance, robot navigation, ...

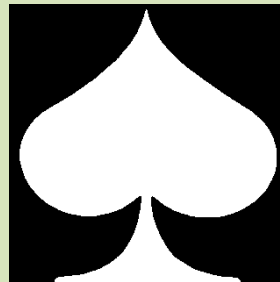




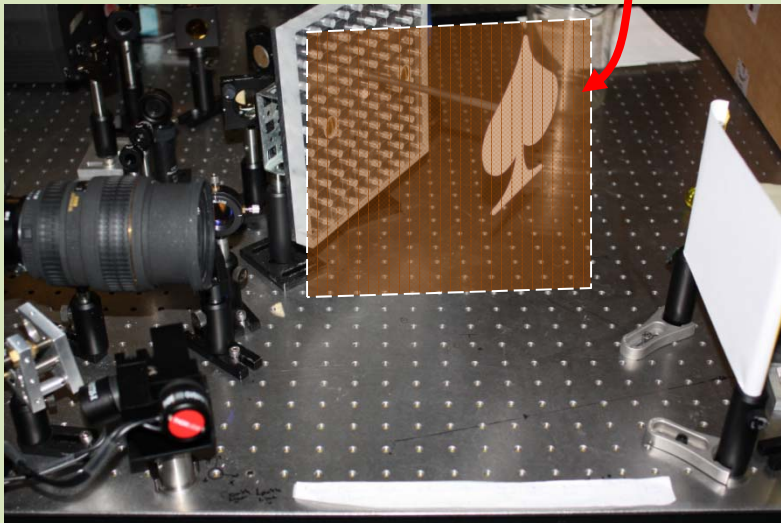
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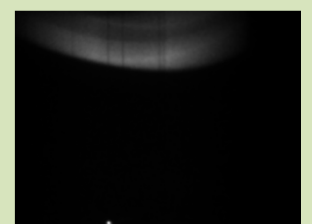
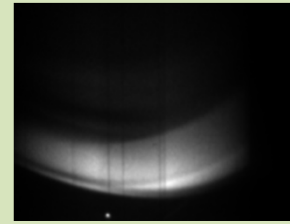
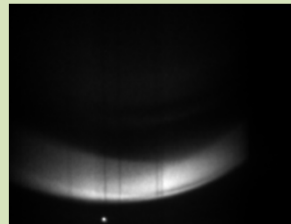
Photos from Streak Camera



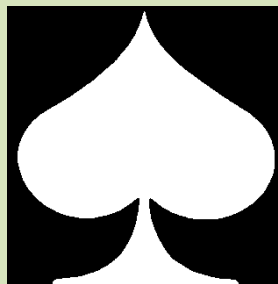
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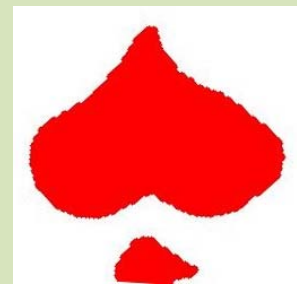
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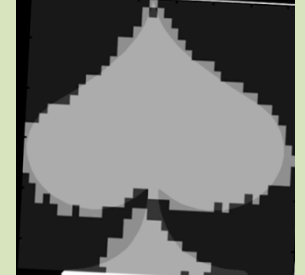
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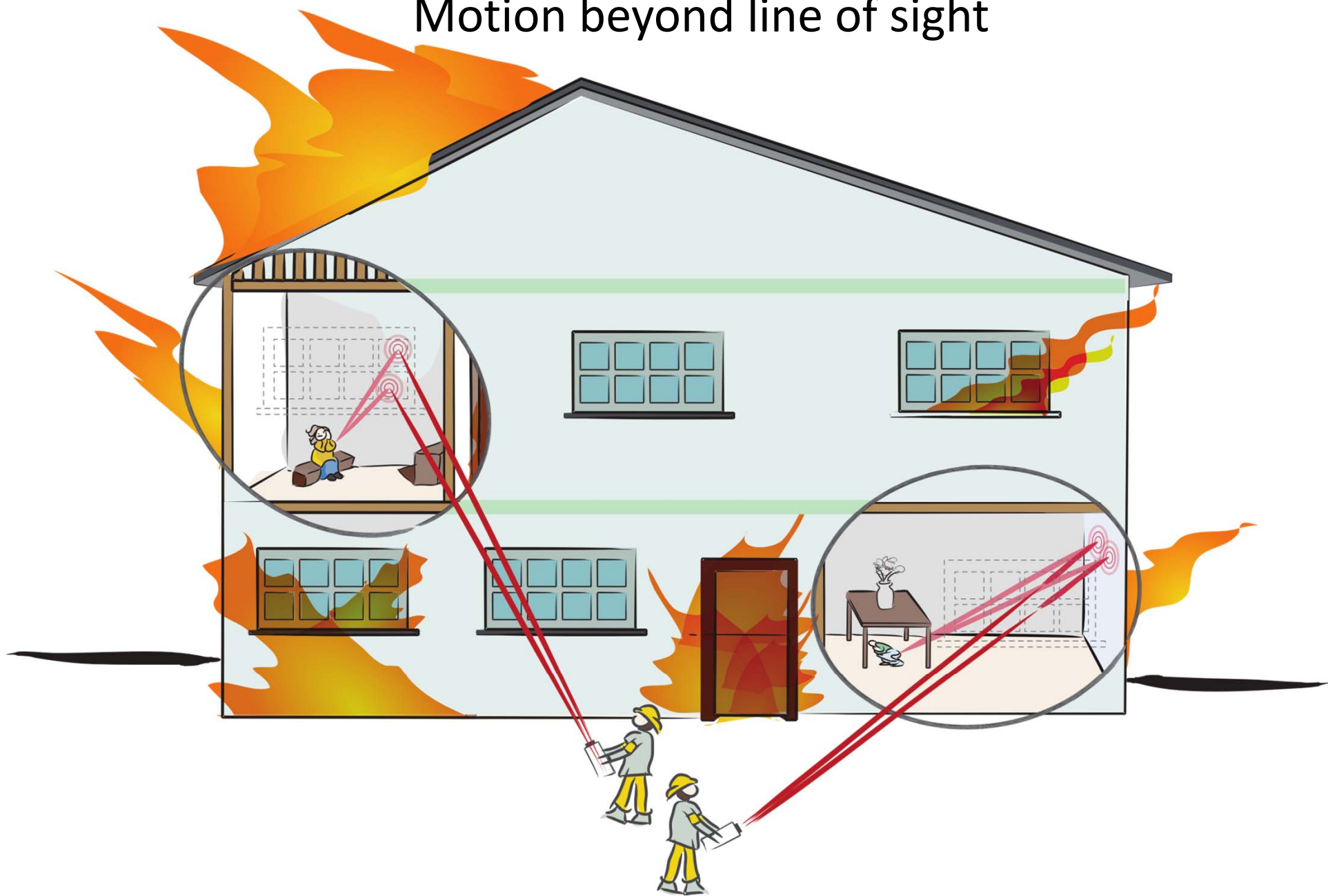
Reconstruction



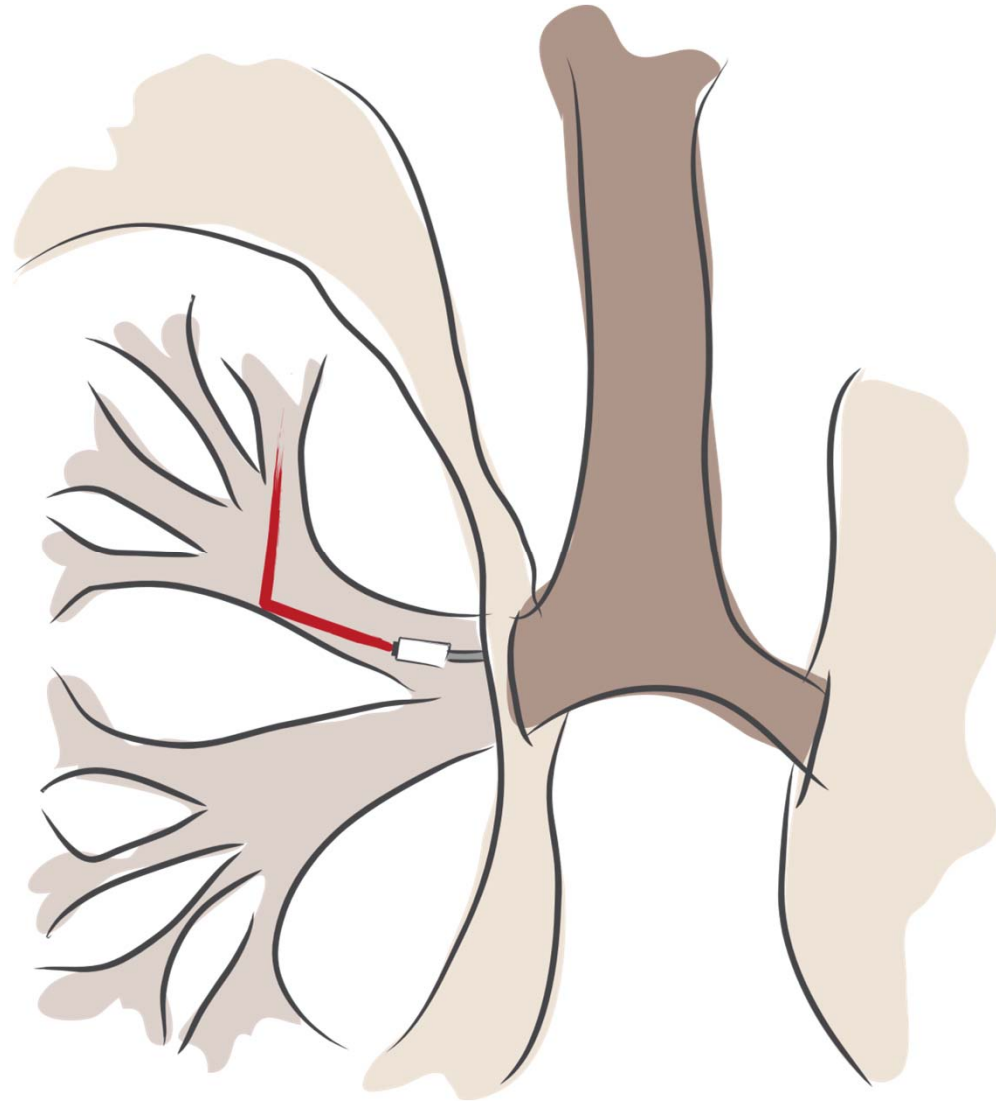
Overlay



# Motion beyond line of sight



..., bronchoscopies, ...



Participating Media



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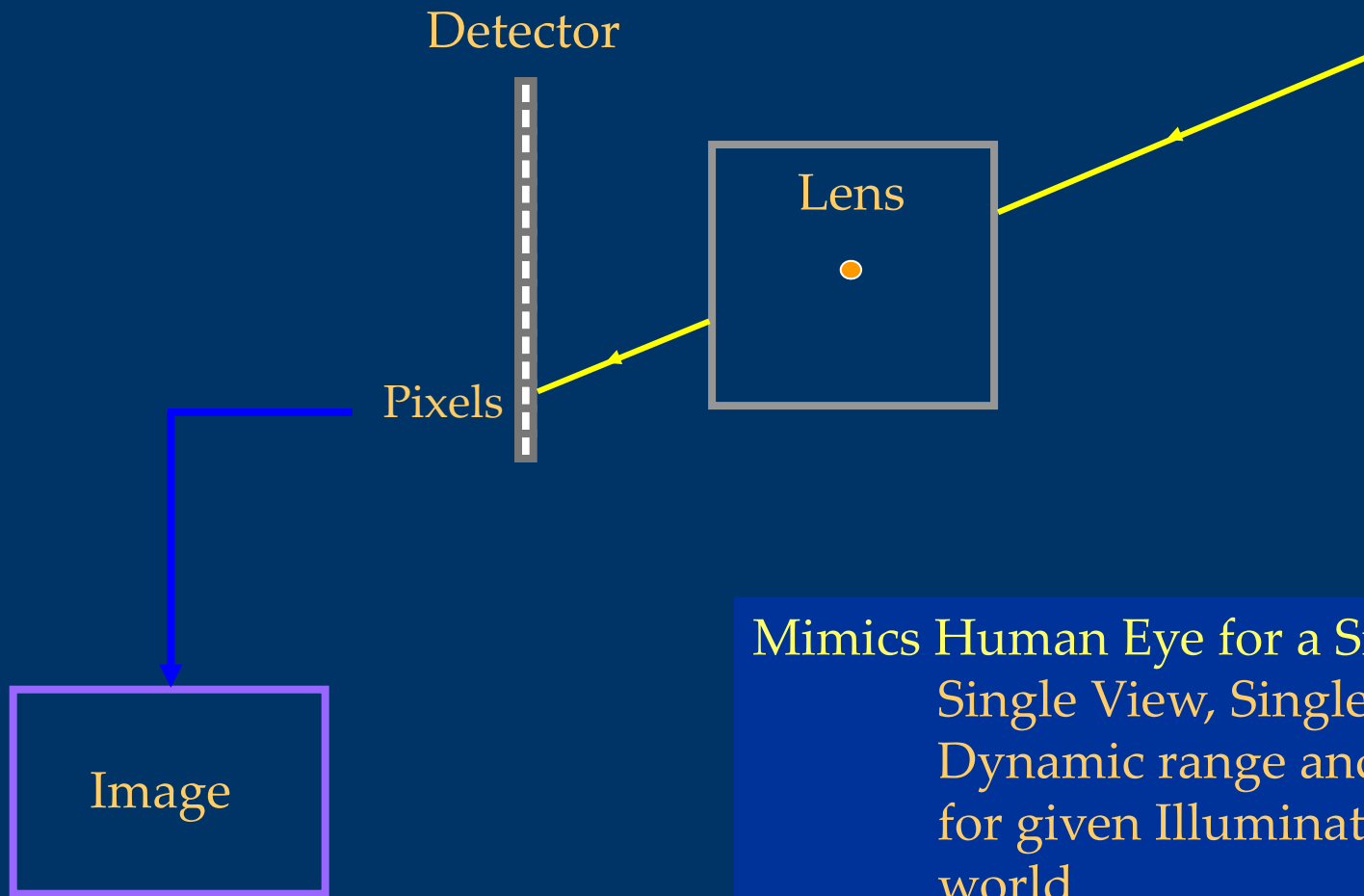
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# Traditional Photography

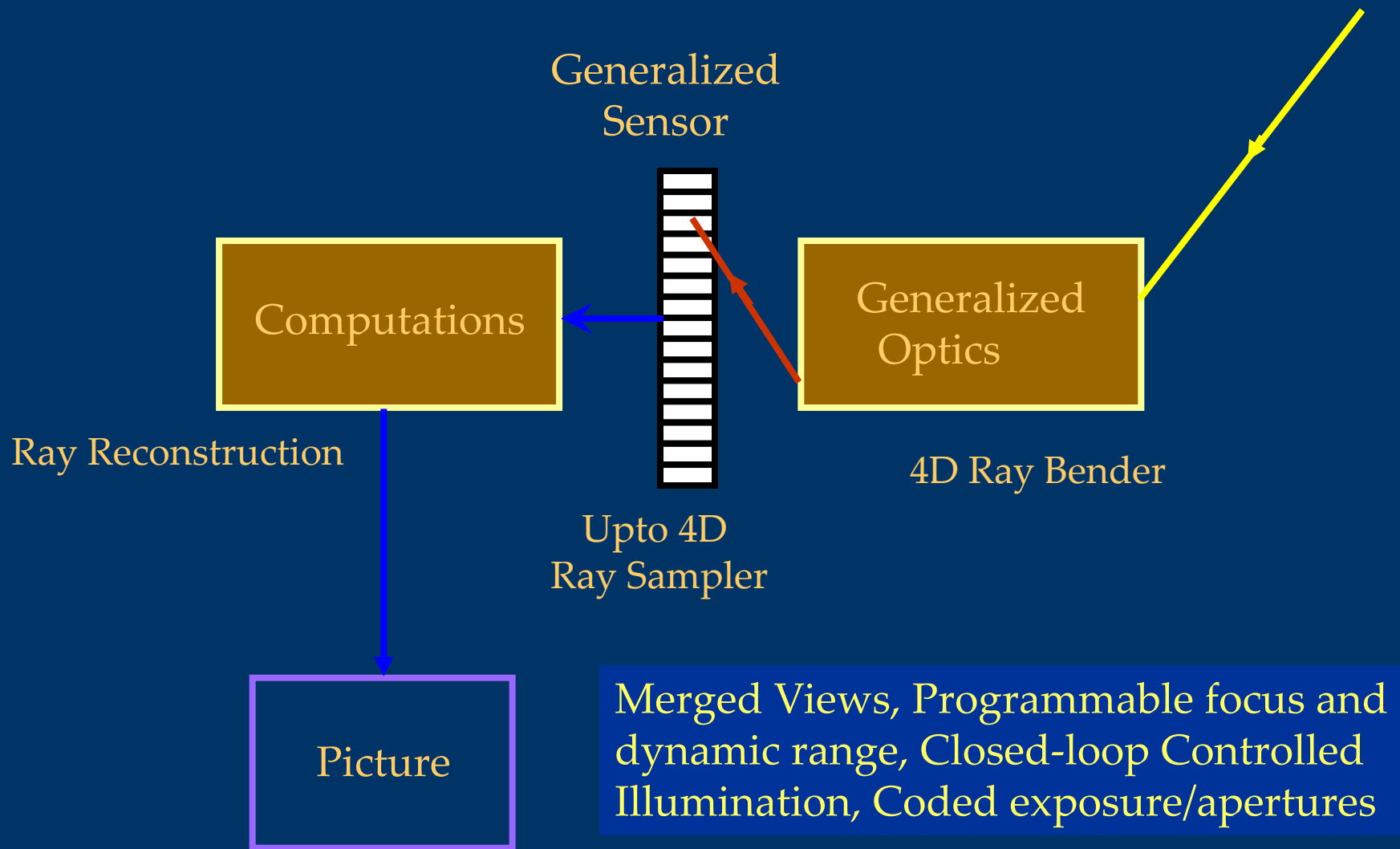


Mimics Human Eye for a Single Snapshot:  
Single View, Single Instant, Fixed  
Dynamic range and Depth of field  
for given Illumination in a Static  
world

Courtesy: Shree Nayar

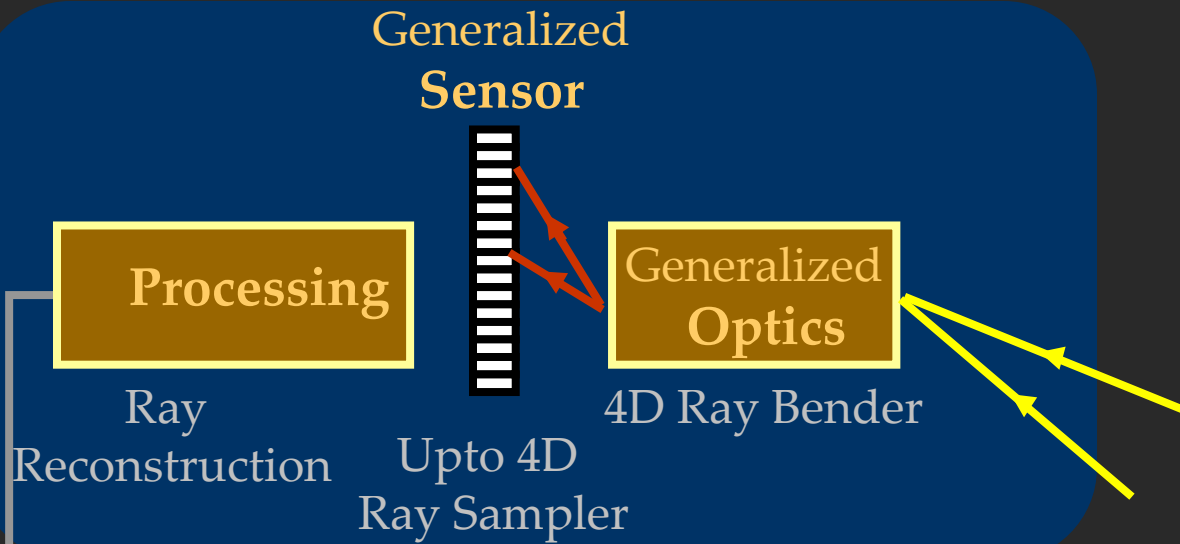


# Computational Camera + Photography: Optics, Sensors and Computations

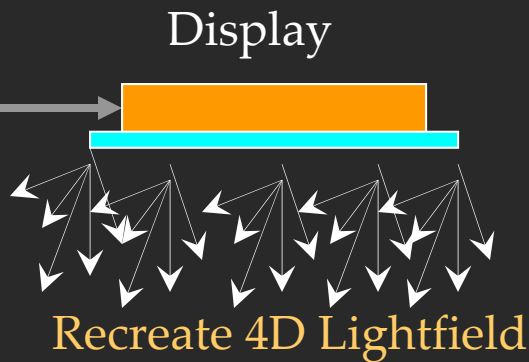


# Computational Photography

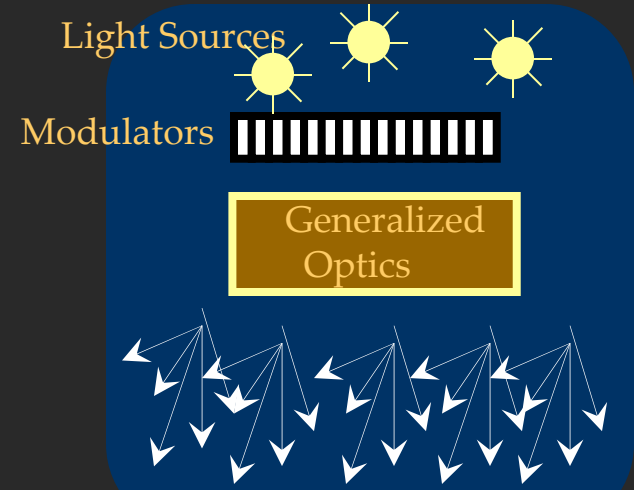
## Computational Cameras



4D Light Field



## Novel Illumination

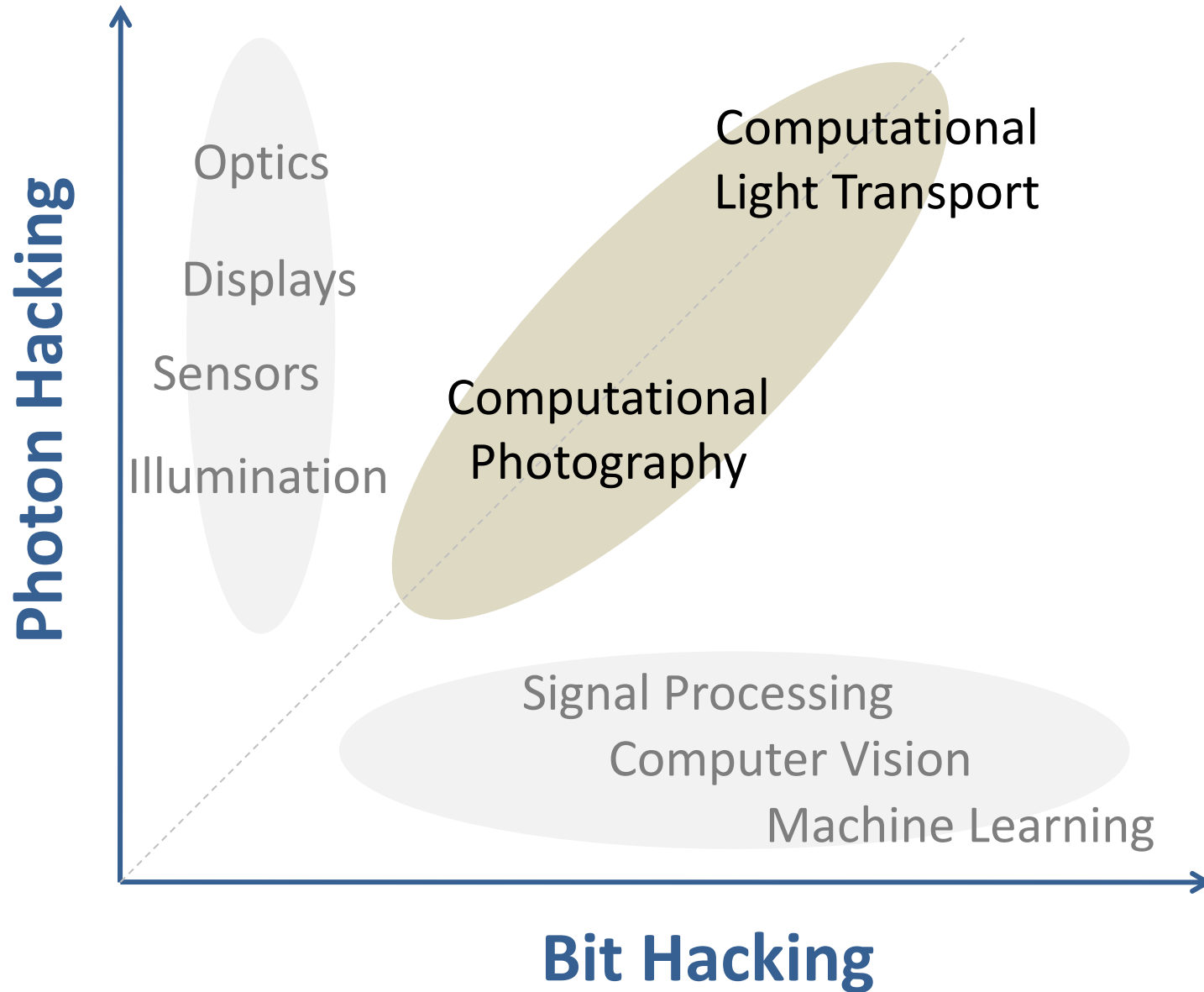


4D Incident Lighting



Scene: 8D Ray Modulator

# Co-designing Optical and Digital Processing



# Smart Cameras

# Computational Camera and Photography

Pixels  
Images

Photons  
Light Fields (4D/6D/8D)

Illumination  
Lenses

Computational Light  
Transport

Image Processing

Algebraic Rank  
Scene Priors/sparsity  
Transforms (signal proc)



## What is MIT Media Lab?

MIT Media Lab  
www.media.mit.edu

A Graduate Program in the Media Arts & Sciences

*Houses ~150 students and 30 PIs*

A Research Lab that spans across disciplines and academic/ industrial lines

*65 sponsor companies,*

*Sponsorship = ~ Cost of 1 employee*

*Sponsors get free, non-exclusive licenses for ML IP*



Founded in 1985 by  
Nicholas Negroponte and Jerome Wiesner



2010: New Building



Close Ties With Industry



Our 65 corporate sponsors include some of the most creative companies in the world

# Camera Culture

Ramesh Raskar

MIT Media Lab

How to create new ways to capture and share visual information.



## Cameras

### 1 Cameras of the Future

Our group conducts multi-disciplinary research in modern optics, sensors, illumination, actuators, probes, and software processing.



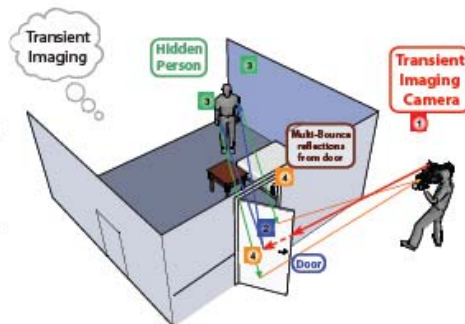
### 2 Image Destabilization

A method for obtaining SLR-like defocus (Bokeh) with a point-and-shoot camera by perturbing both the lens and the sensor during exposure.



### 3 Looking Around Corners

Using short laser pulses and fast detectors, we aim to build a device that can look around corners with no imaging device in the line of sight using time resolved transient imaging.



## Displays

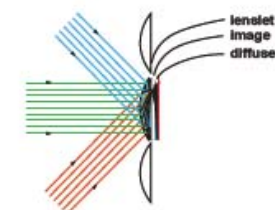
### 4 Slow Display

A high-resolution, ultra-low power, day/night display using programmable lasers and monostable light-reactive materials updated intentionally at a slow frame rate.



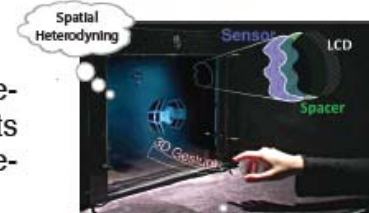
### 5 Living Windows | 6D Display

A completely passive display that responds to changes in viewpoint and changes in incident light conditions.



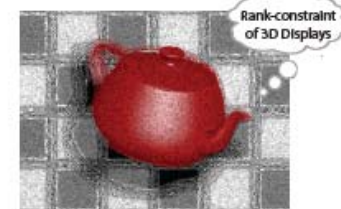
### 6 BiDi Screen

A thin, depth-sensing LCD for 3D interaction using light fields which supports both 2D multi-touch and unencumbered 3D gestures.



### 7 Glasses-free 3D HDTV

Lightfield displays with increased brightness and refresh rate by stacking a pair of modified LCD panels, exploiting rank constraint of 3D displays.





## Medical Imaging

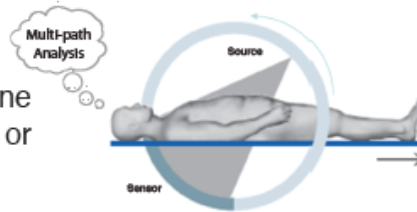
### 8 NETRA

Exploiting cellphone display held near eye and simple user interaction to determine the lens prescription data.



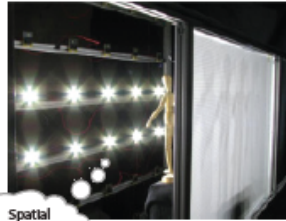
### 9 High-speed Tomography

A compact, fast CAT scan machine using no mechanically moving parts or synchronization.



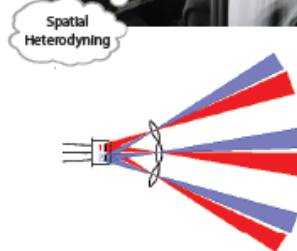
### 10 Shield Fields

3D reconstruction of objects from a single shot photo using spatial heterodyning.



### 11 Blind Sight

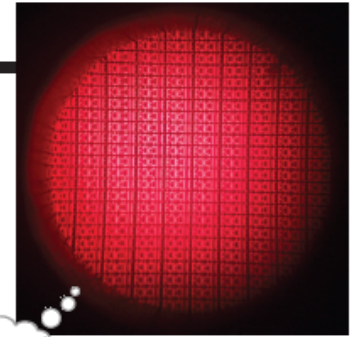
A thermal sensing system using an array of single-bit thermal sensors coupled with gray-coded binary masks to track human motion while maintaining privacy.



## User Interaction

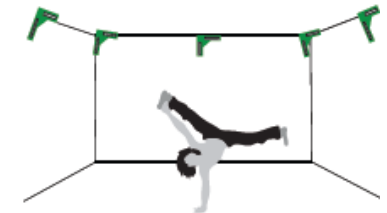
### 12 Bokode

Tiny barcode tags that can be viewed at large distances provide camera viewable encoding of identity, distance, and angle.



### 13 Second Skin

Using 3D motion tracking with real-time vibrotactile feedback aids the correction of movement and position errors to improve motor learning.



### 14 Vision on Tap

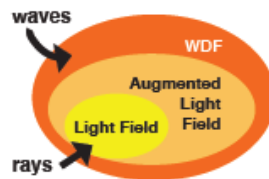
Bringing Computer Vision to the masses through an easily accessible web service and visual programming



## Light Propagation Theory and Fourier Optics

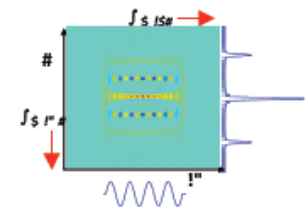
### 15 Augmented Light Fields

Expands light field representations to describe phase and diffraction effects by using the Wigner Distribution Function.



### 16 View-Dependent Displays

Defines connections between parallax barrier displays and holographic displays by analyzing their operations and limitations in phase space.


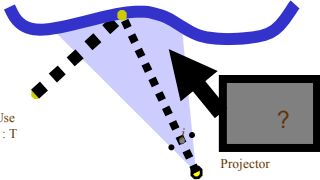

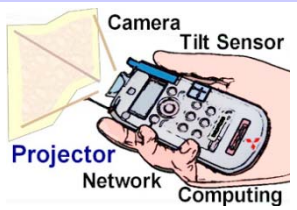
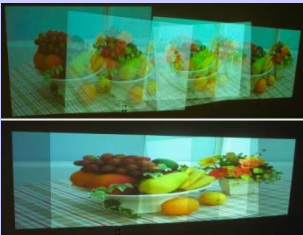
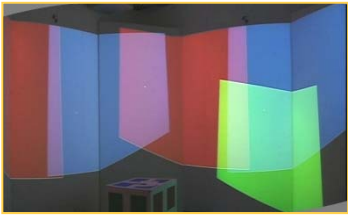

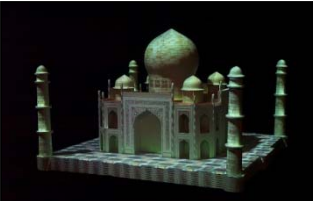



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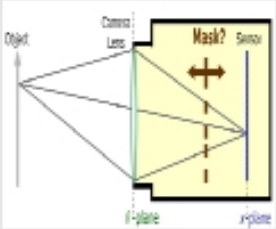

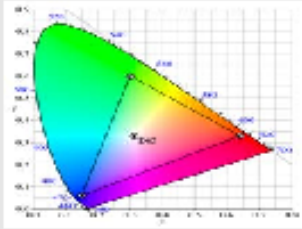
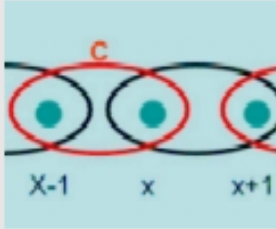
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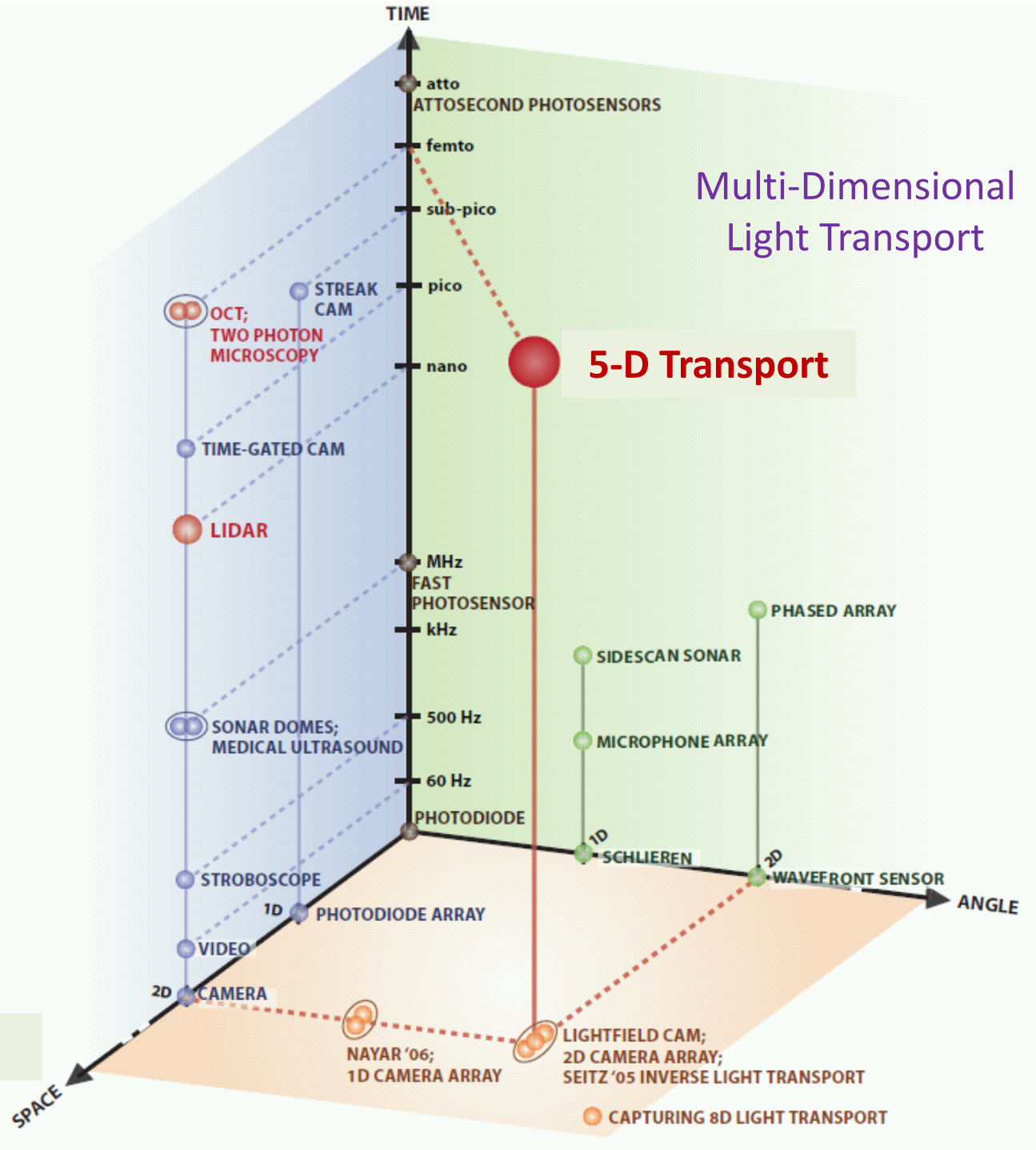
# Computational Illumination

	Planar	Non-planar	Curved	Objects	Pocket-Proj
Single Projector	1998 	1997 		2002 	2002 
Multiple Projectors	1998 	1998 	2002 	1999 	2003 

# Computational Camera and Photography

Coded <u>Time</u> (Exposure)	Coding in <u>Space</u>	Coded <u>Illumination</u>	Coded <u>Wavelength</u>	Coded <u>Sensing</u>	
Flutter Shutter Cam	Coded Aperture	Optical Heterodyning	Multi-flash Camera	Agile Spectrum	Gradient Processing
					
2006	2007	2007	2004	2008	2005

Gigapan

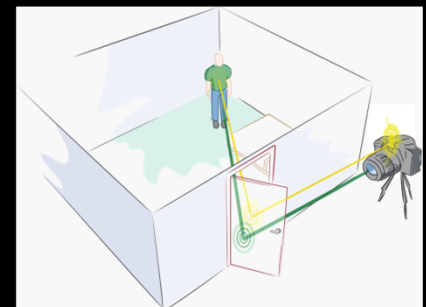
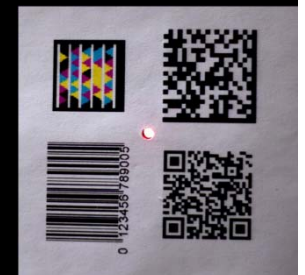
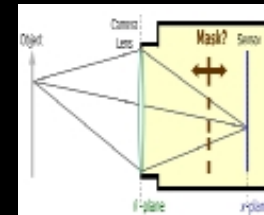




# Computational Camera + Photography

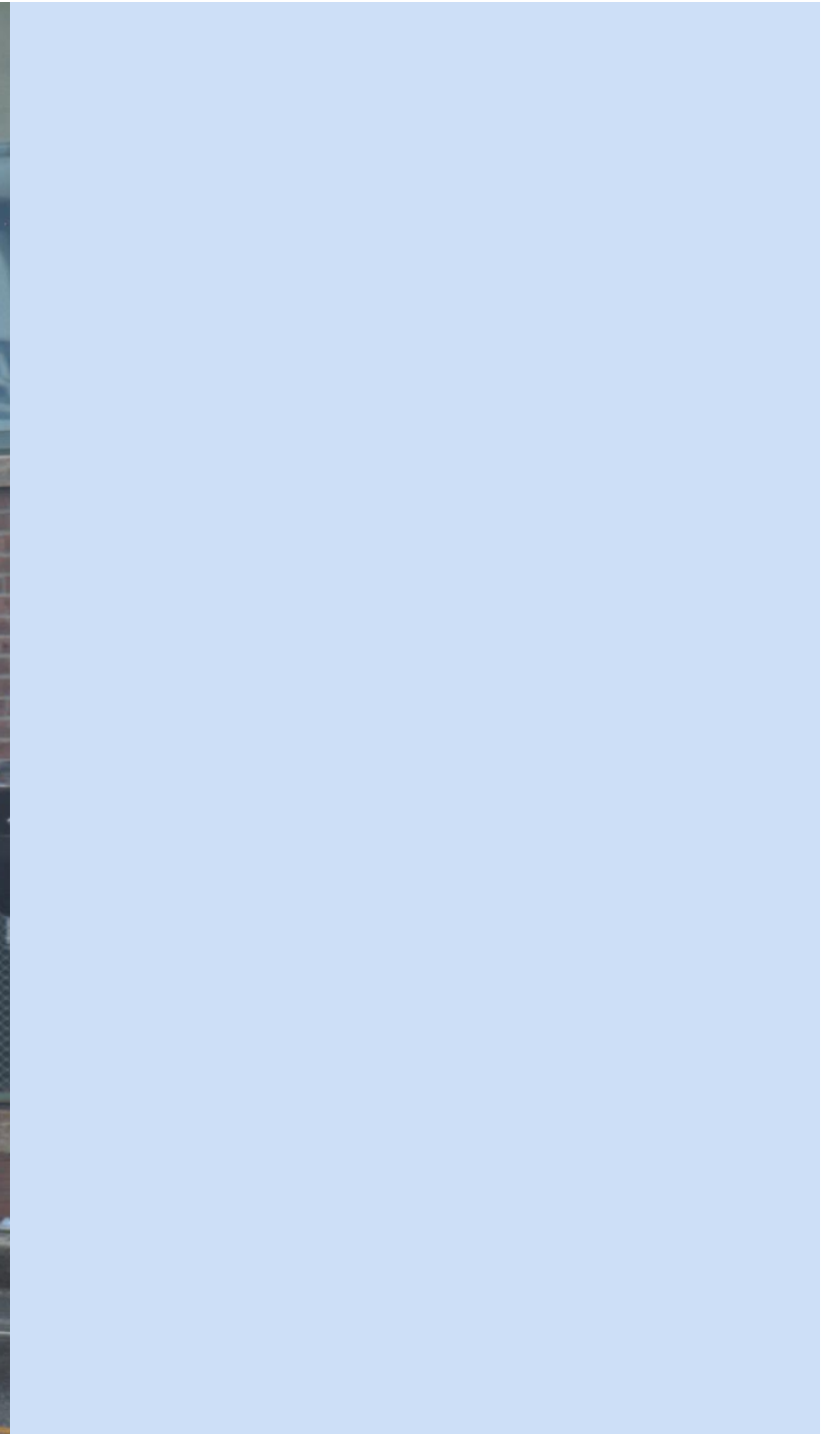
## Photons not Pixels

- Time
  - Looking around a corner
  - Flutter Shutter (motion deblur)
- Space
  - LCD as virtual cameras (BiDi)
  - Mask-based Light Field Camera (depth)
- Illumination
  - Multi-flash Camera
- Computational probes
  - Bokode (long distance barcodes)

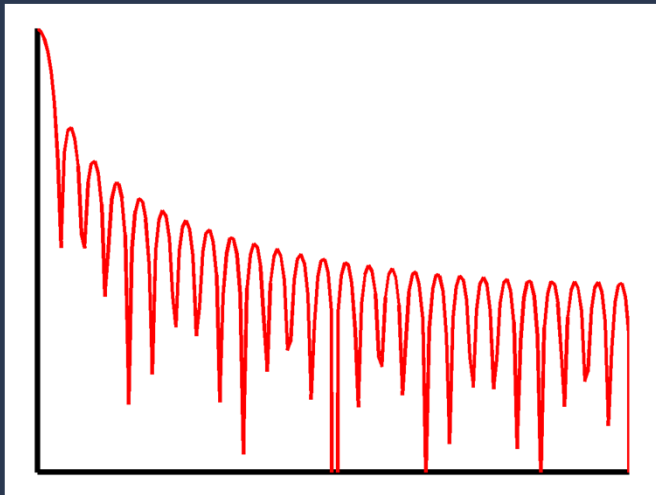




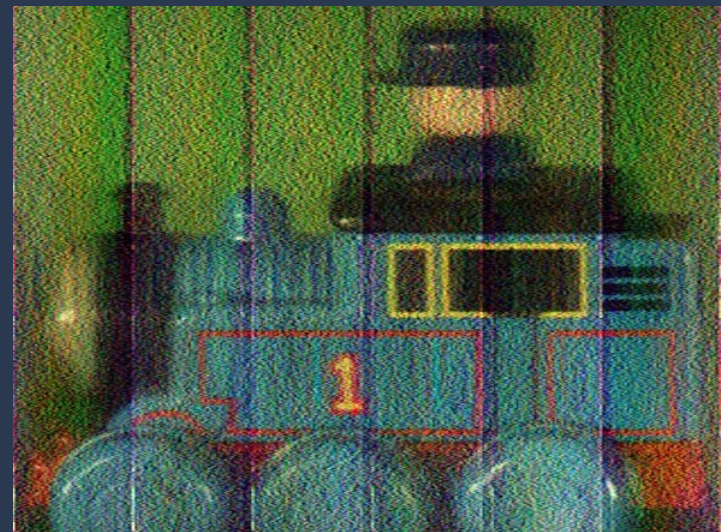
# Motion Blur in Low Light



Traditional



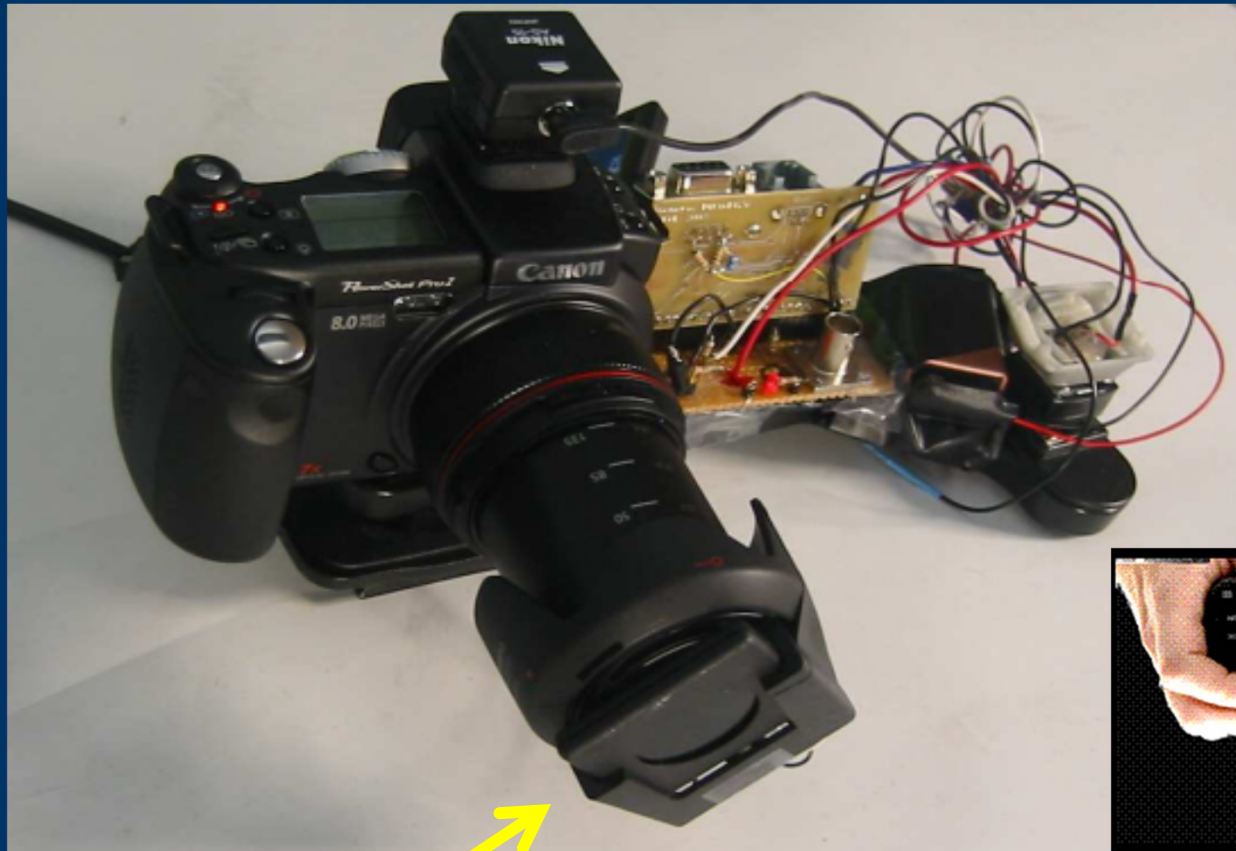
Blurred Photo



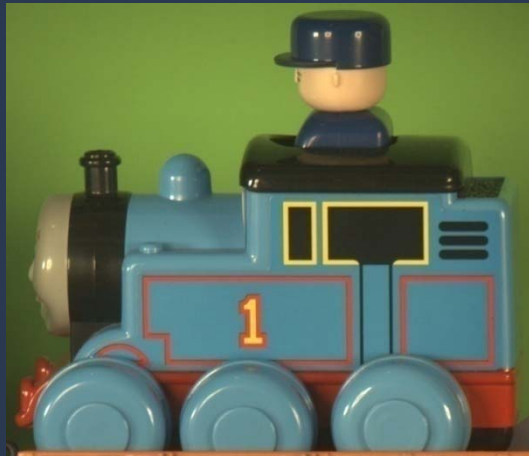
Deblurred Image

# Fluttered Shutter Camera

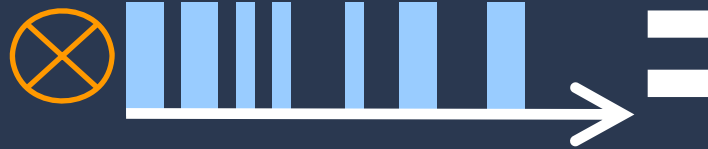
Raskar, Agrawal, Tumblin Siggraph2006



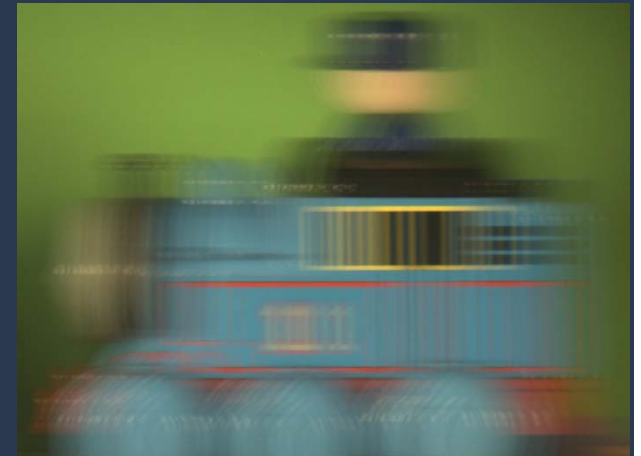
Ferroelectric shutter in front of the lens is turned opaque or transparent in a rapid binary sequence



Sharp  
Photo

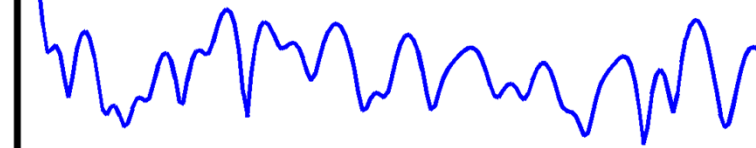


Fourier  
Transform



Blurred  
Photo

PSF == Broadband Function

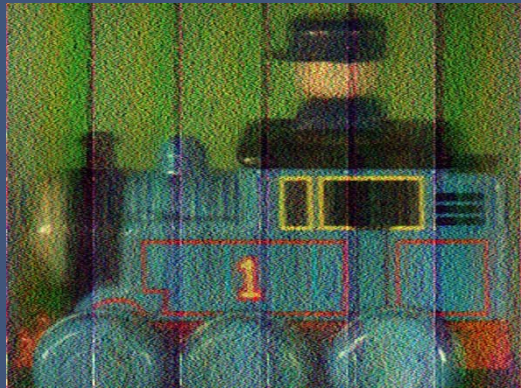
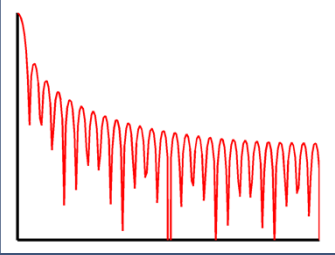


Preserves High Spatial  
Frequencies

Flutter Shutter: Shutter is OPEN and CLOSED

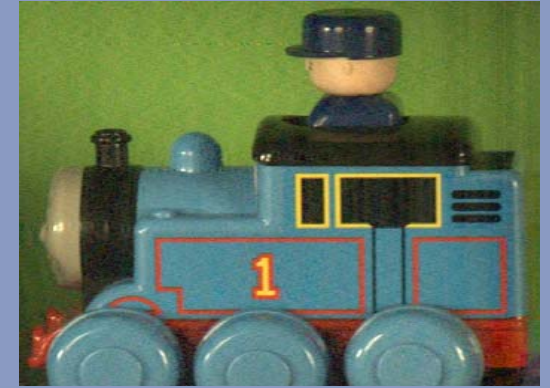
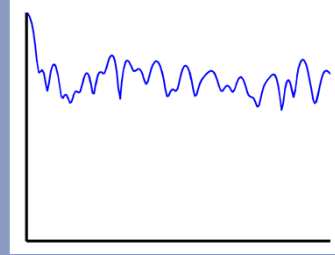
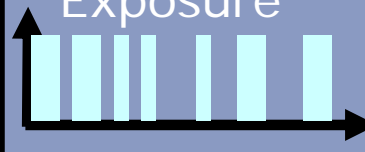


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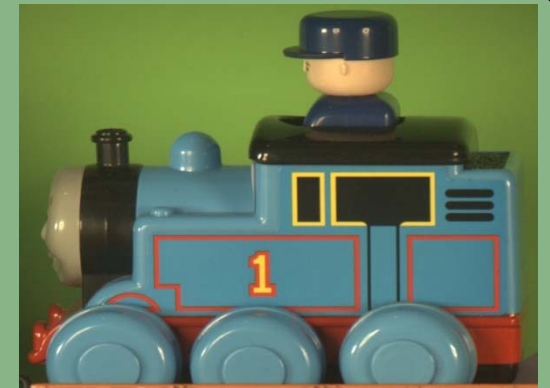
Deblurred Image

Coded Exposure



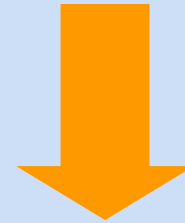
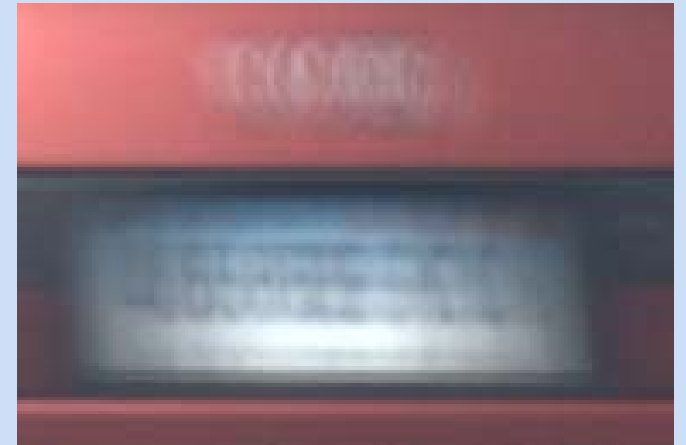
Deblurred Image

Image of Static Object



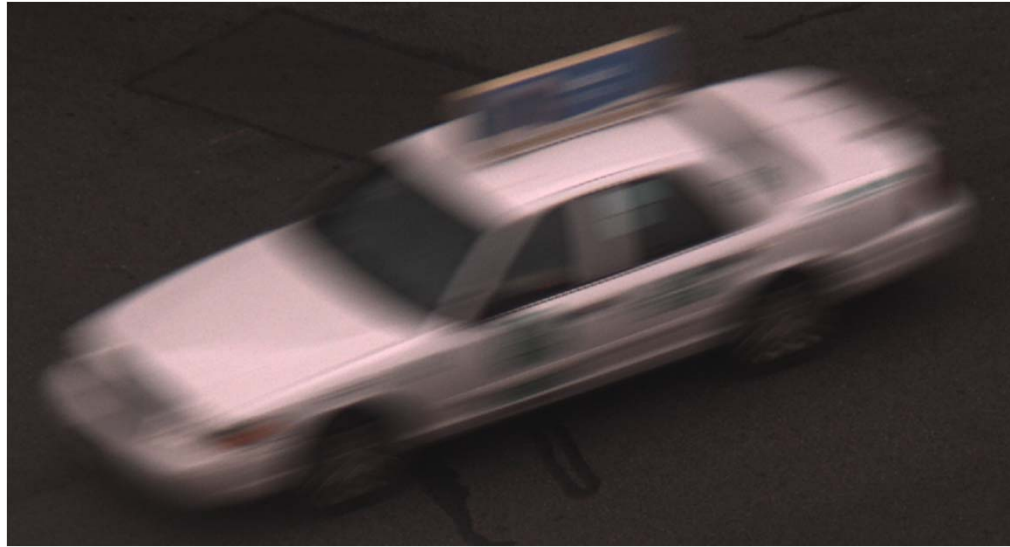


# Motion Blur in Low Light



# Varying Exposure Video: Exploit auto-exposure mode





Blurred Photo



Completely automatic: (i) Segmentation,  
(ii) PSF estimation, (iii) deblurring



# Input Photos

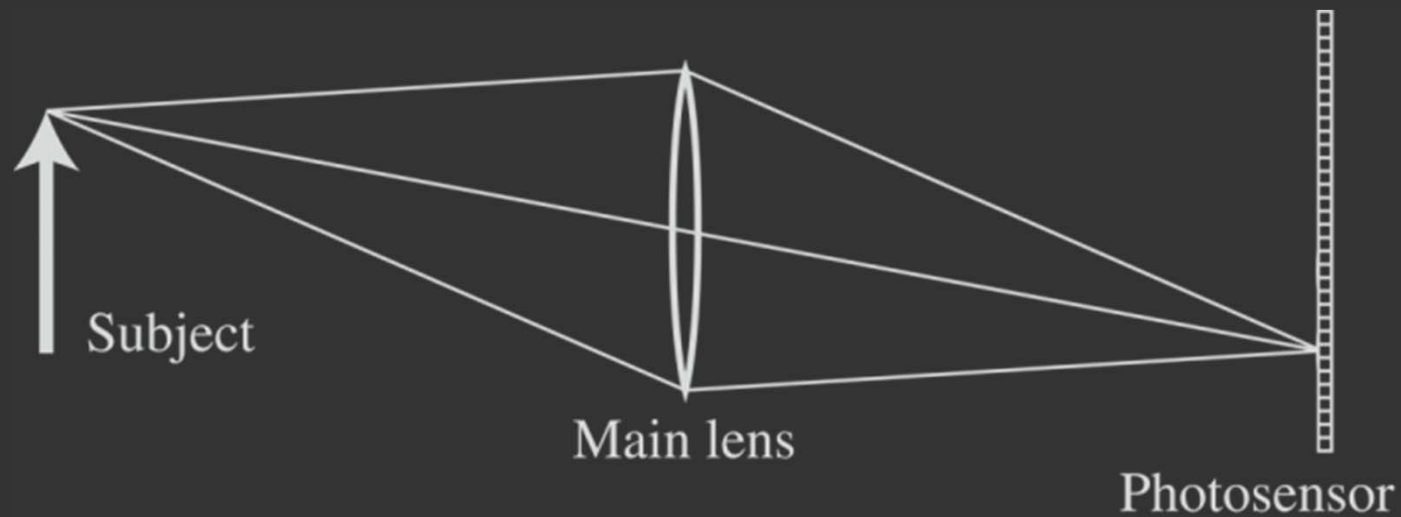


Deblurred Result

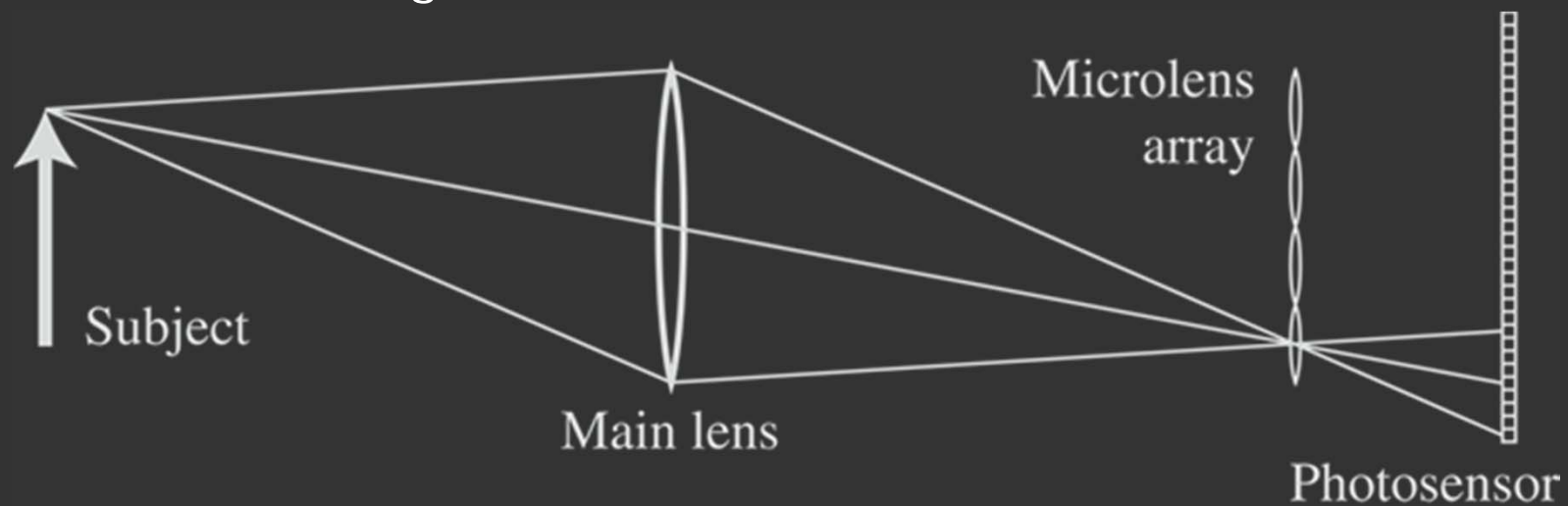


Ground Truth

# Lightfield Camera for 4D Capture



## Lenslet-based Light Field camera



[Adelson and Wang, 1992, Ng et al. 2005 ]



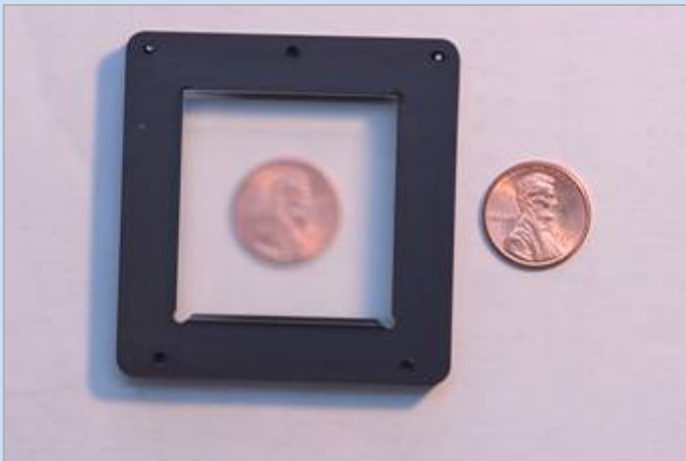
# Stanford Plenoptic Camera [Ng et al 2005]



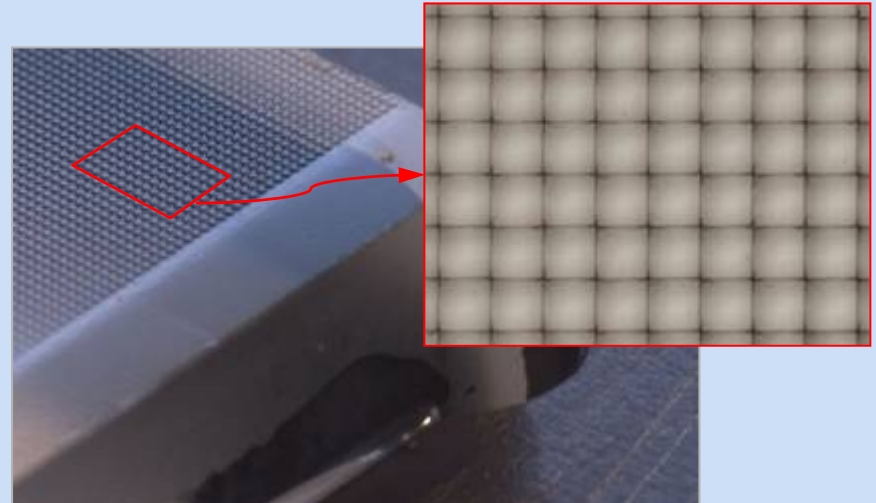
Contax medium format camera



Kodak 16-megapixel sensor



Adaptive Optics microlens array



125μ square-sided microlenses

$$4000 \times 4000 \text{ pixels} \div 292 \times 292 \text{ lenses} = 14 \times 14 \text{ pixels per lens}$$

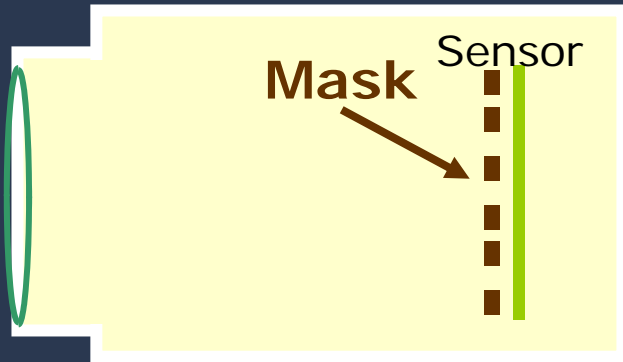
# Digital Refocusing



[Ng et al 2005]

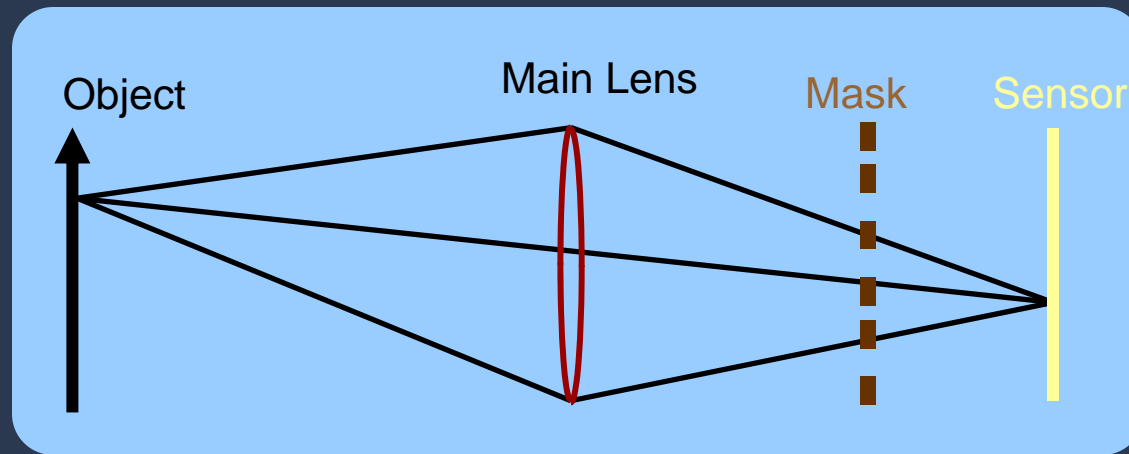
Can we achieve this with a Mask alone?

# Mask based Light Field Camera



[Veeraraghavan, Raskar, Agrawal, Tumblin, Mohan, Siggraph 2007 ]

# Spatial Heterodyning



Light Field without Additional Lenslets

Wavefront Analysis for ANY wavelength

# Captured 2D Photo

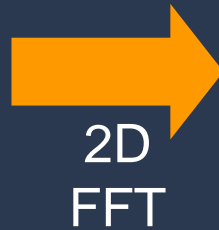


Encoding due to  
Mask

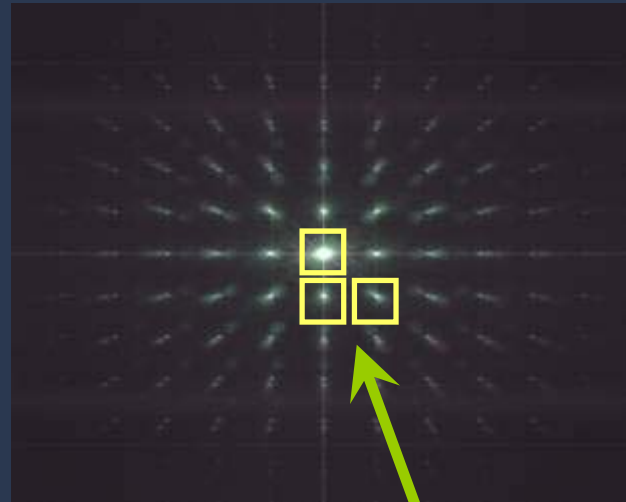


# Mask-based 4D Light Field

2D Sensor Photo, 1800\*1800



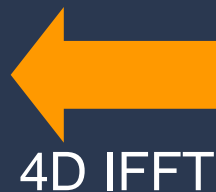
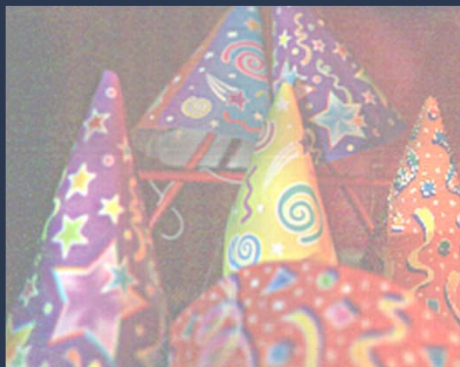
2D Fourier Transform, 1800\*1800



$9 \times 9 = 81$  spectral copies

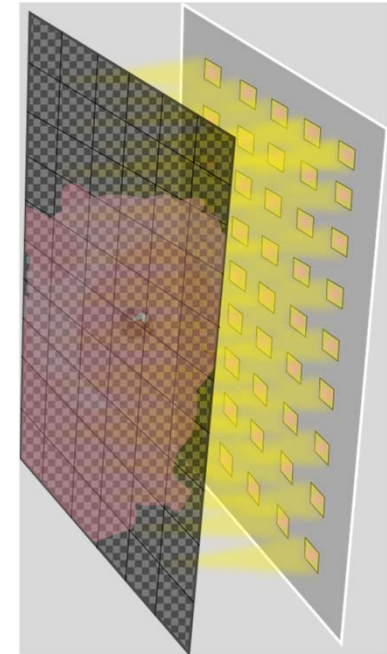


Rearrange 2D tiles into 4D planes  
 $200 \times 200 \times 9 \times 9$



4D Light Field  $\rightarrow$  Depth  
 $200 \times 200 \times 9 \times 9$

# BiDi Screen: Thin LCD for touch+hover



Sensing Depth from Light Sensing LCD  
By creating Array of Virtual Cameras in LCD



Hirsch, Holtzman Lanman, Raskar      Siggraph Asia 2009

# BiDi Screen: Multi-touch + Hover 3D interface

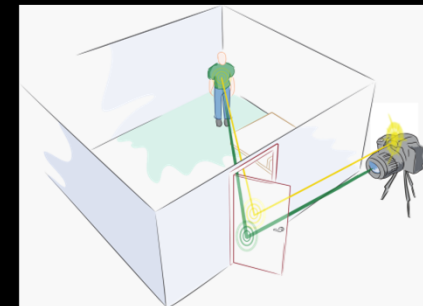
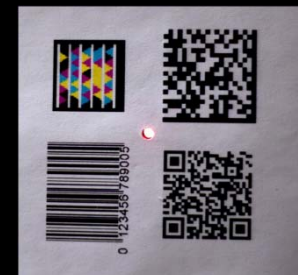
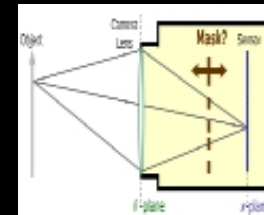
LCD = Large Area Camera



# Computational Camera + Photography

## Photons not Pixels

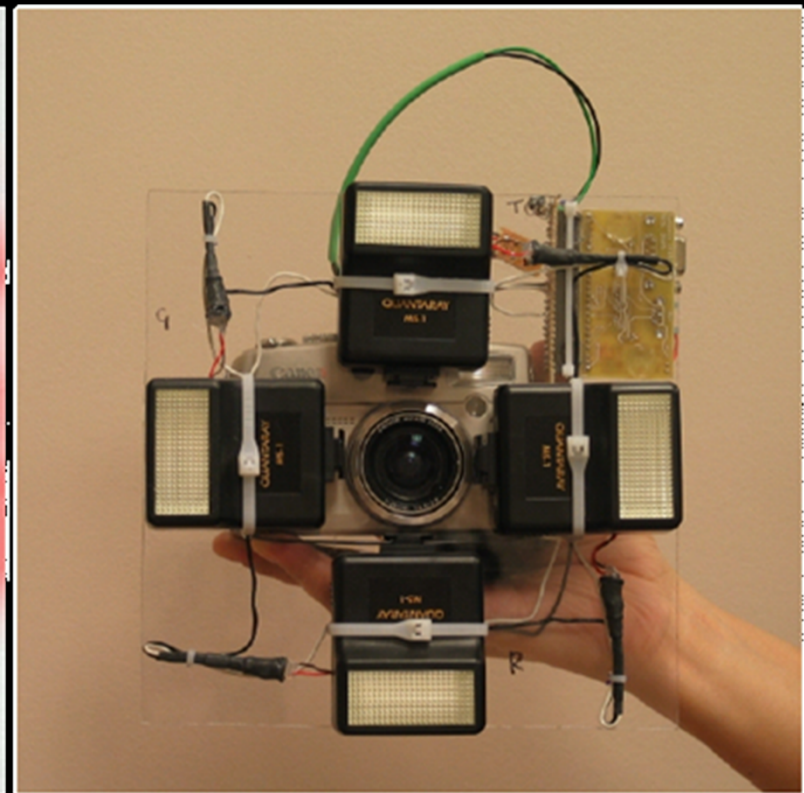
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  - LCD as virtual cameras (BiDi)
  - Mask-based Light Field Camera (depth)
- Time
  - Flutter Shutter (motion deblur)
  - Looking around a corner
- Illumination
  - Multi-flash Camera
- Computational probes
  - Bokode (long distance barcodes)

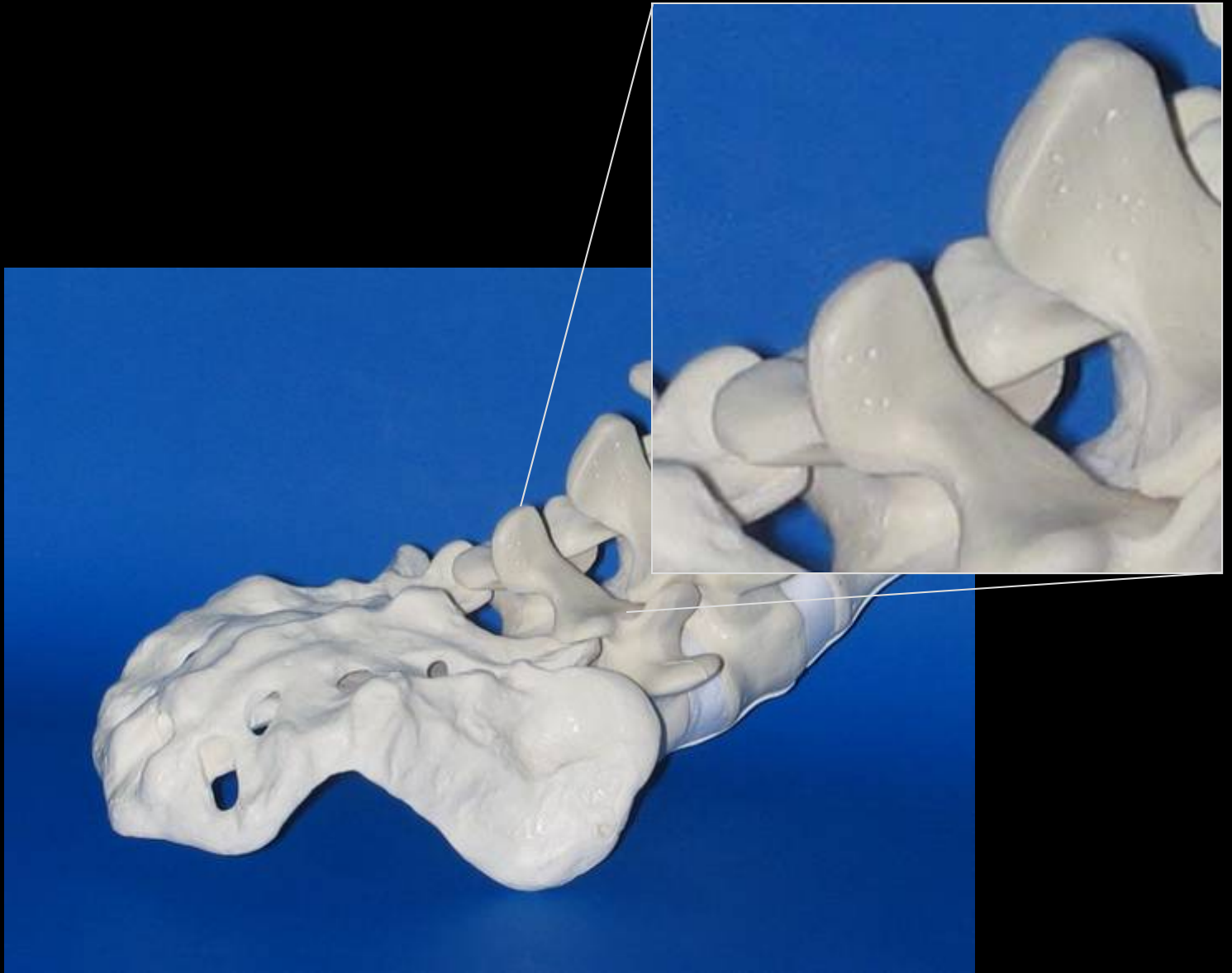
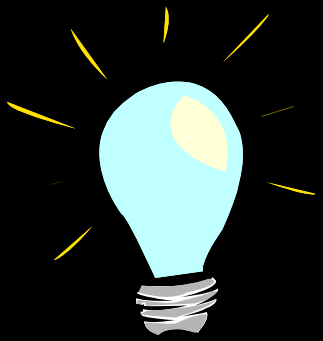


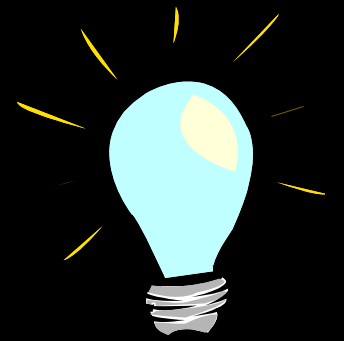


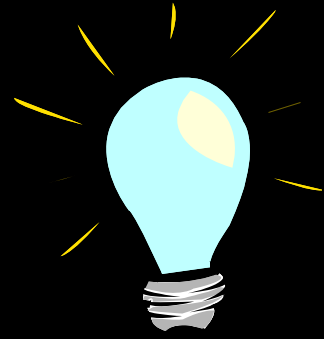
# Depth Edges with MultiFlash

Raskar, Tan, Feris, Jingyi Yu, Turk – ACM SIGGRAPH 2004

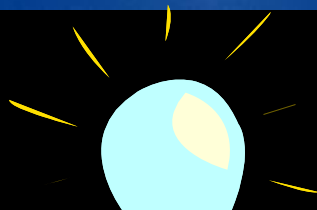








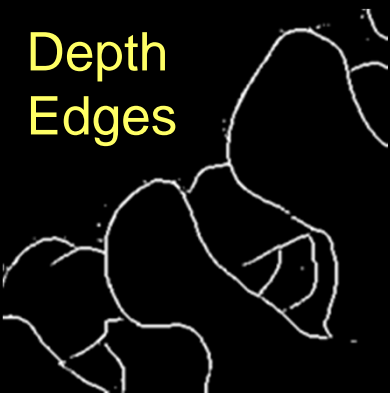


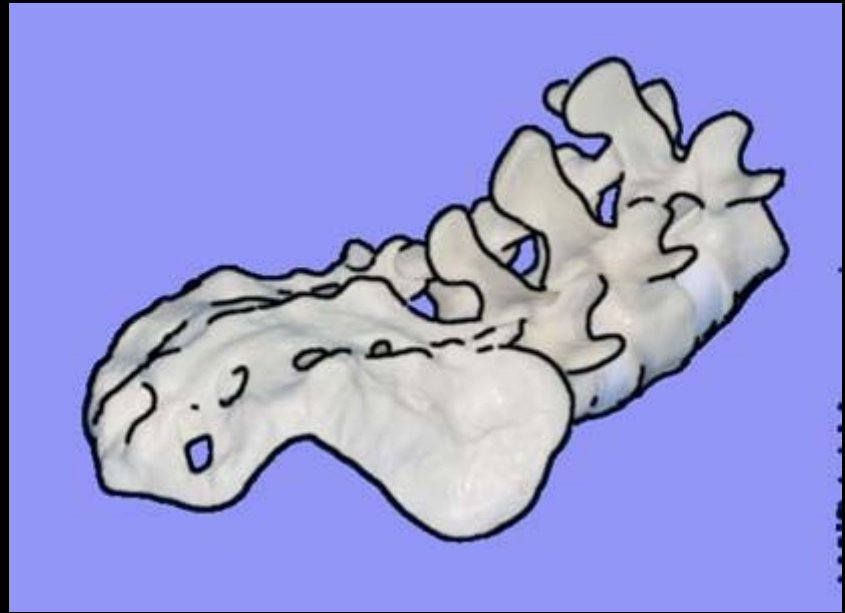


# Depth Discontinuities



Internal and external  
Shape boundaries, Occluding contour, Silhouettes





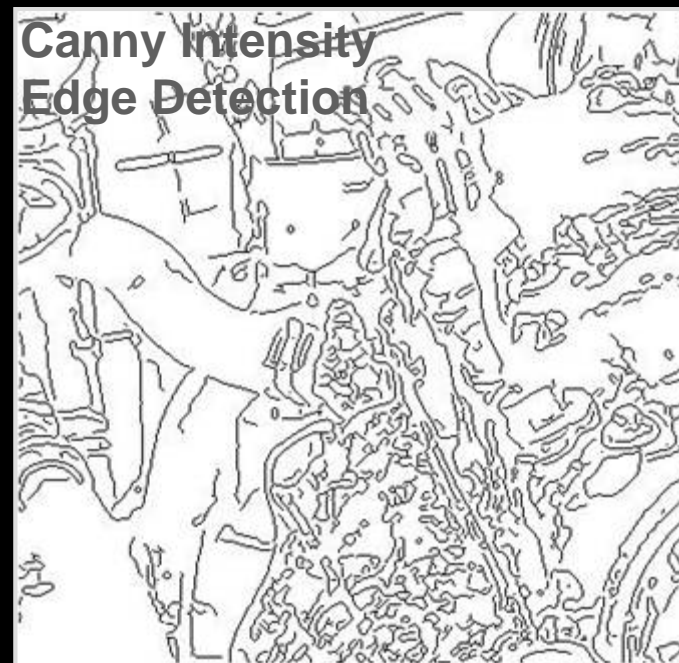
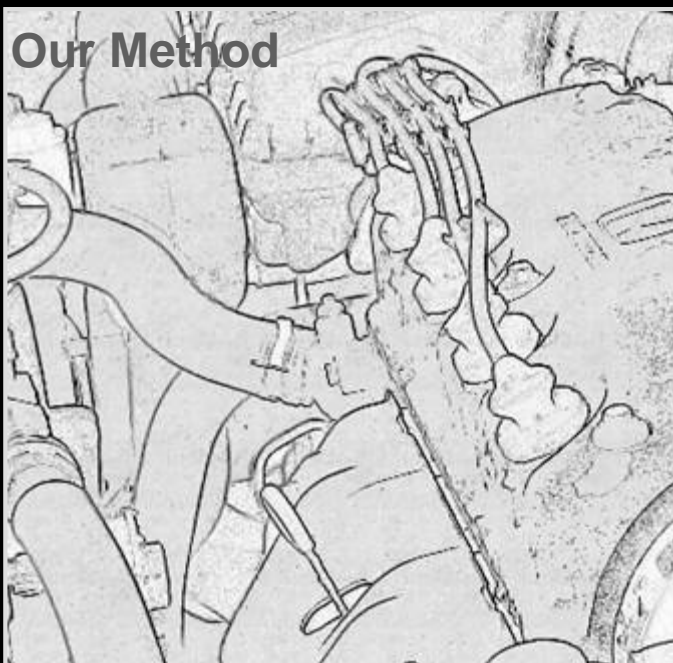
**Canny**



**Our Method**







# Gestures and Pose Estimation

Input Photo



Canny Edges



Depth Edges



Feris et al 2005

Cell Manufacturing Automation  
with Mitsubishi Electric Research Labs



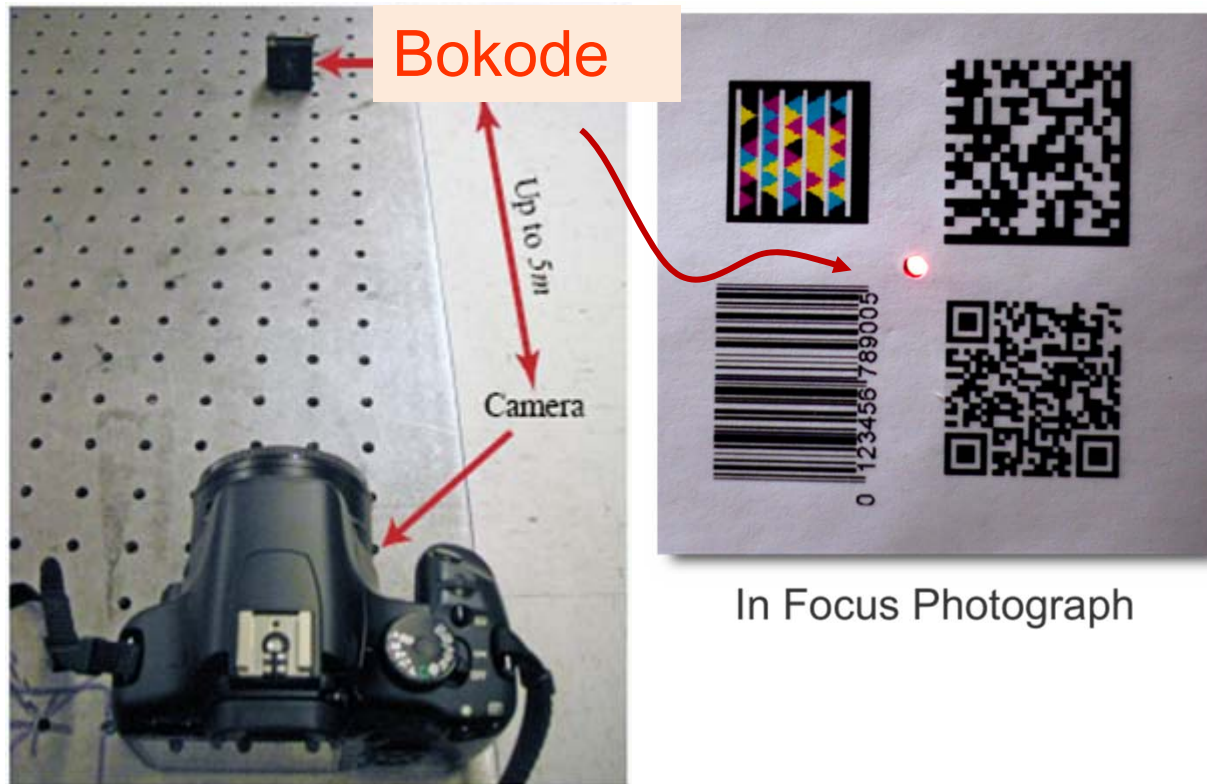
# Can we shrink barcodes?

Bokode



# Bokode: Long Distance Barcodes

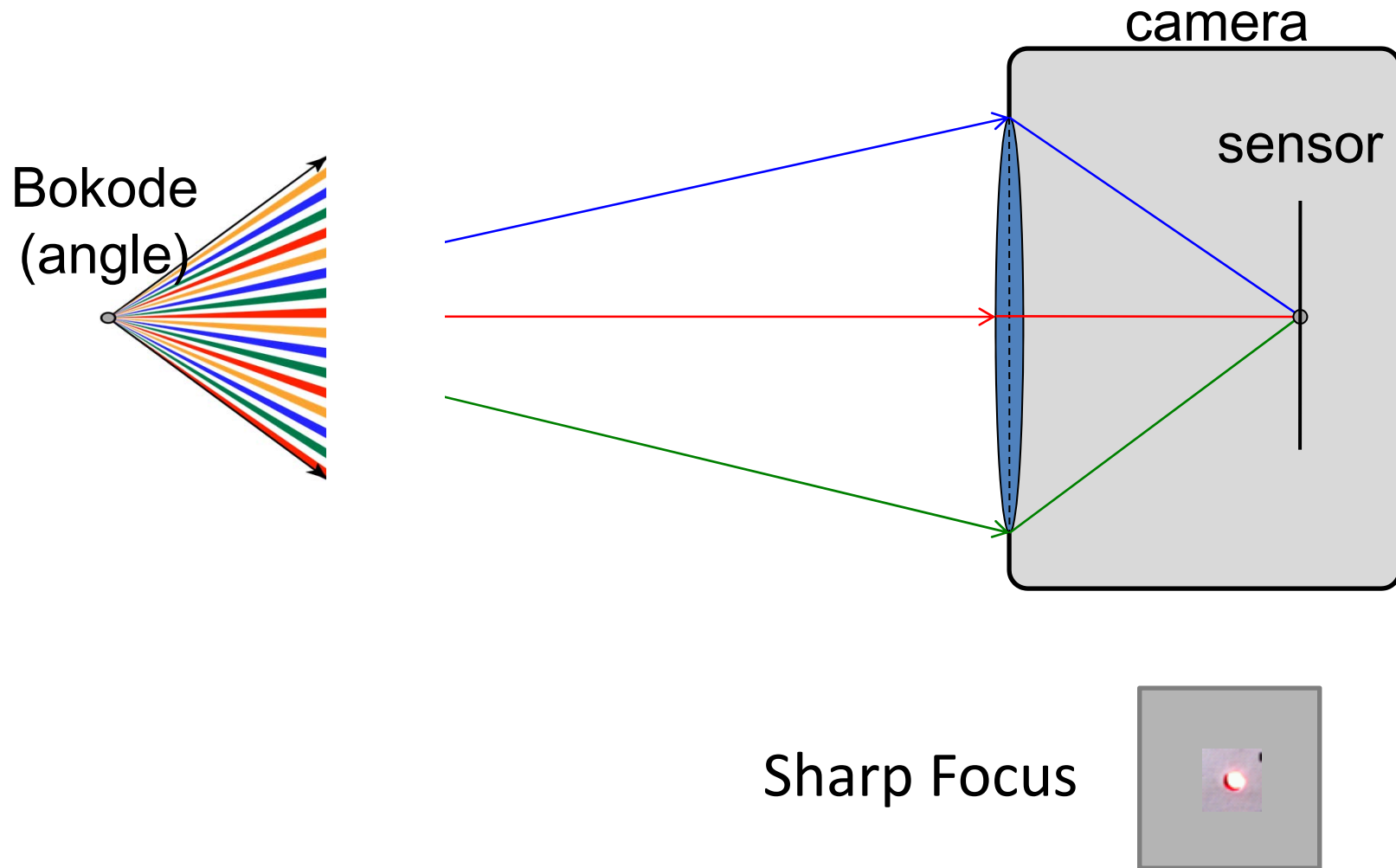
- Smart Barcode size : 3mm x 3mm
- Ordinary Camera: Distance 3 meter
- Recover using out-of-focus camera



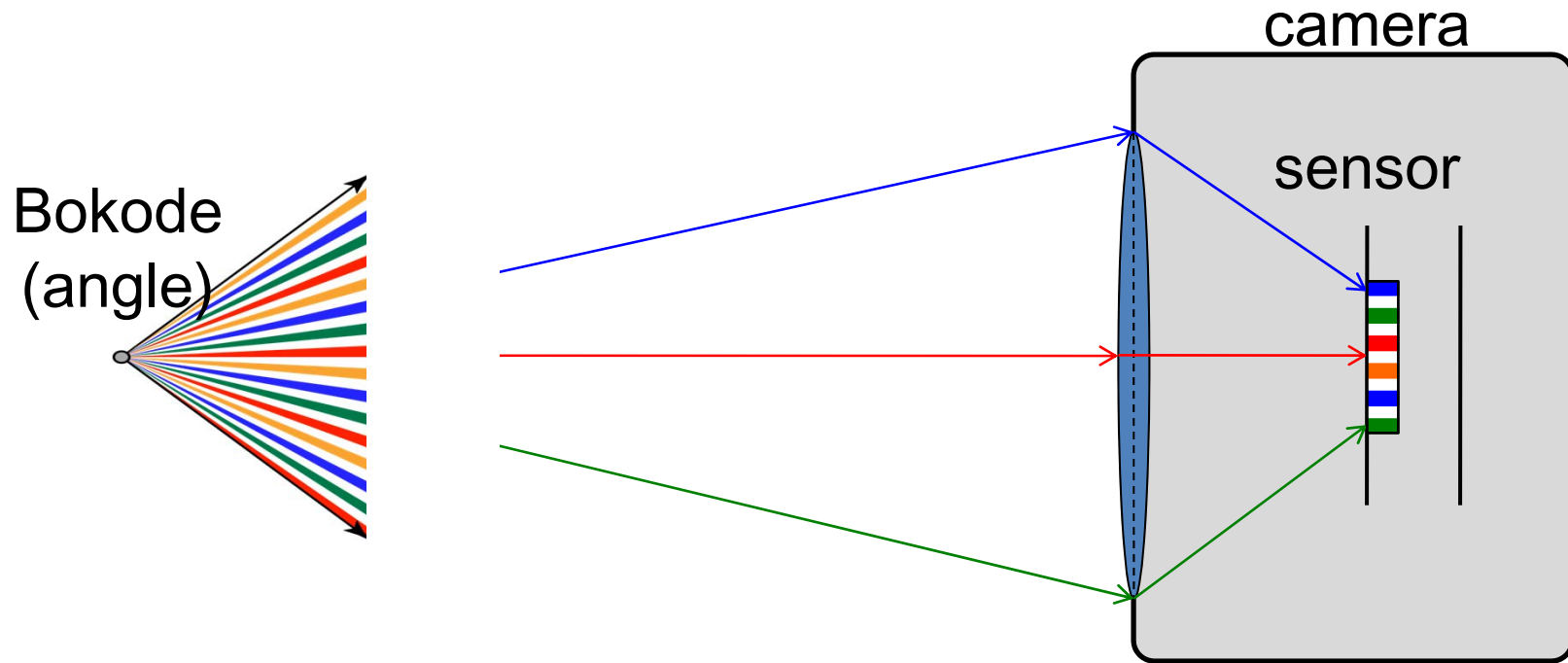




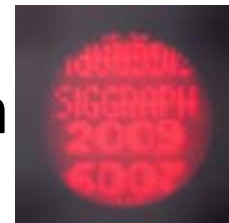
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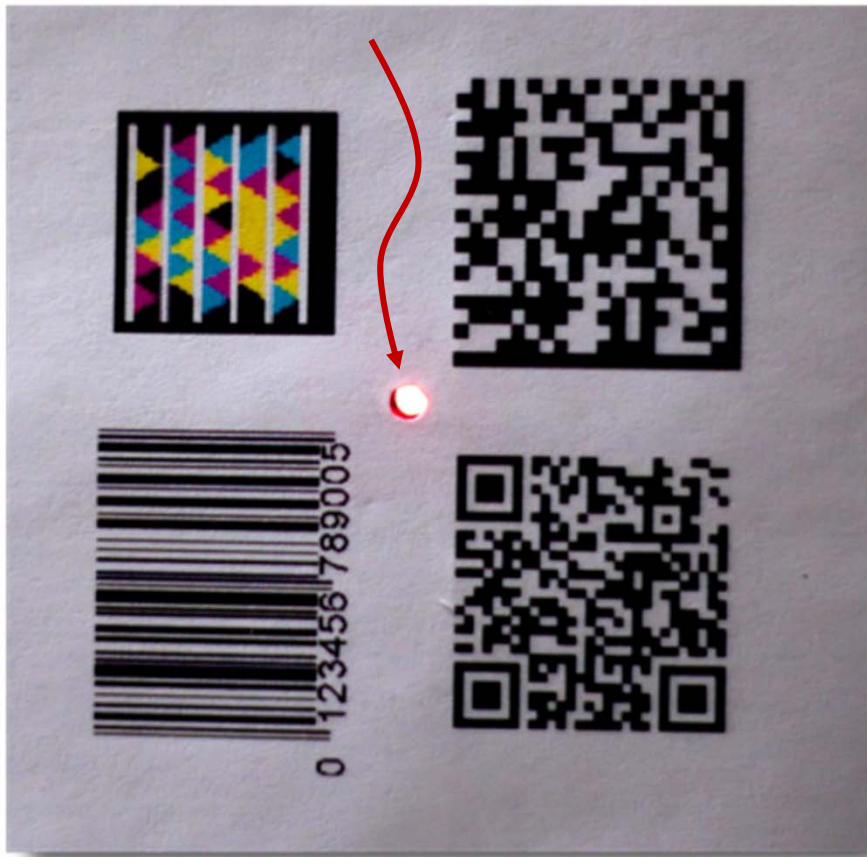
circle of confusion → circle of information



Quote suggested by Kurt Akeley

# Coding in Angle: Defocus not Zoom

Bokode



In Focus Photograph

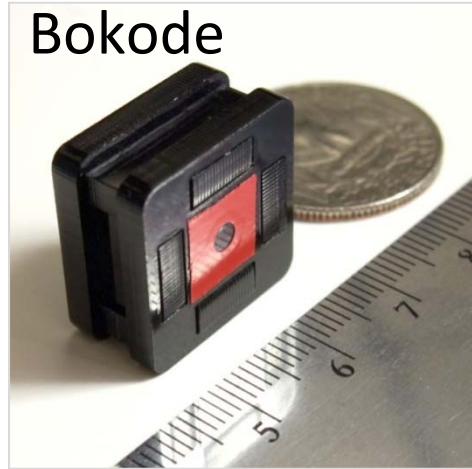


Out of Focus Photograph

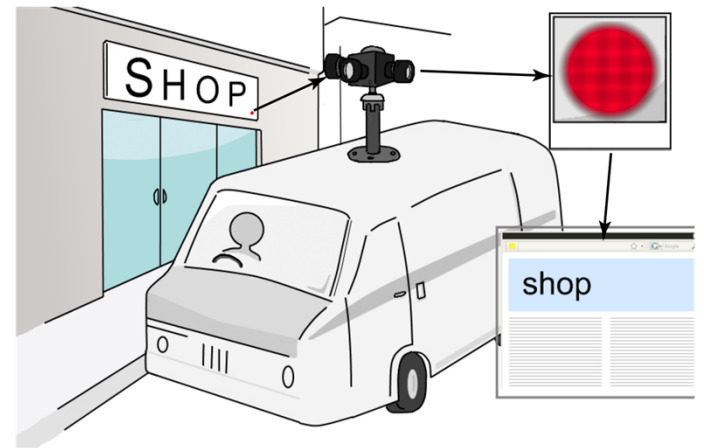




Product labels



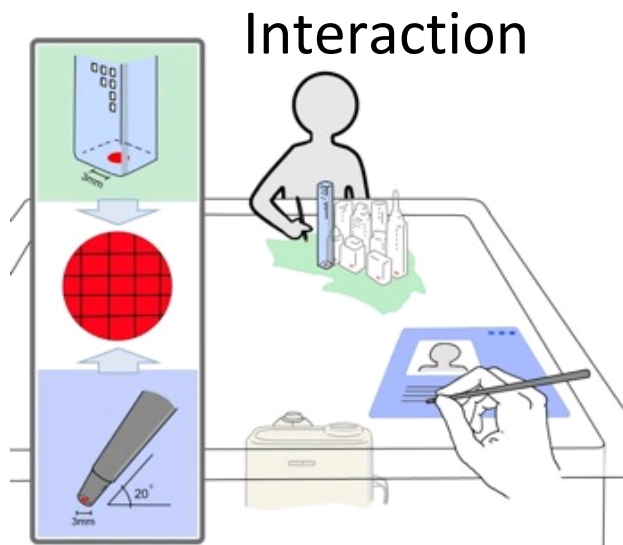
Bokode



Street-view Tagging



Multiuser classroom



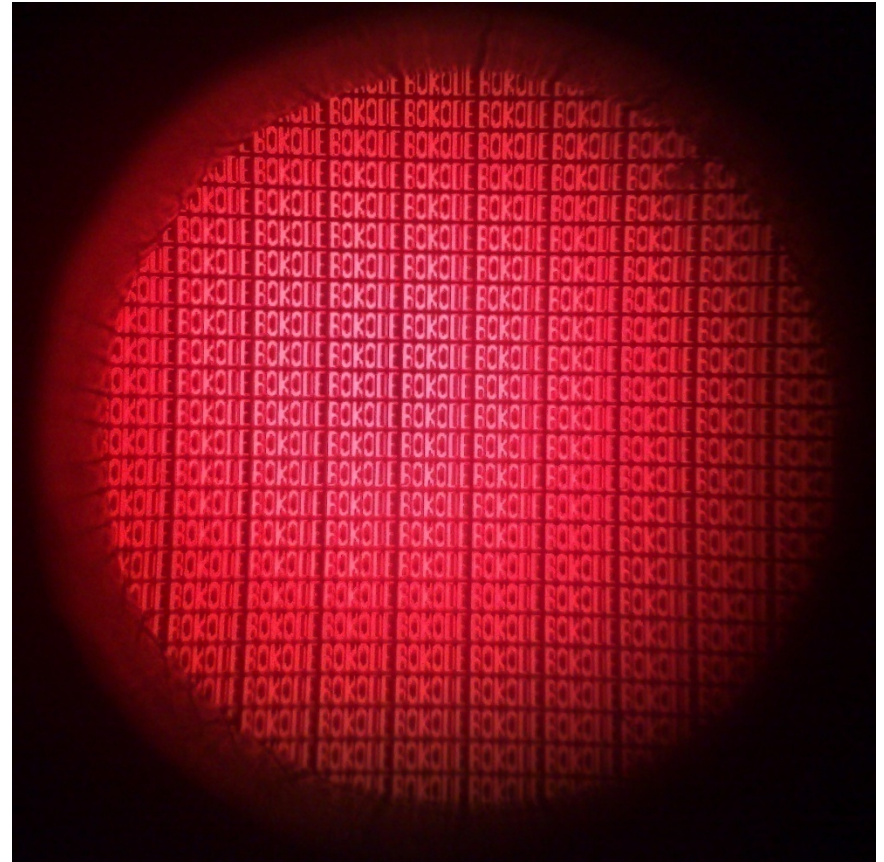
Interaction



Public gaming

# Capturing Bokodes

cell-phone camera  
close to the Bokode  
(10,000+ bytes of data)

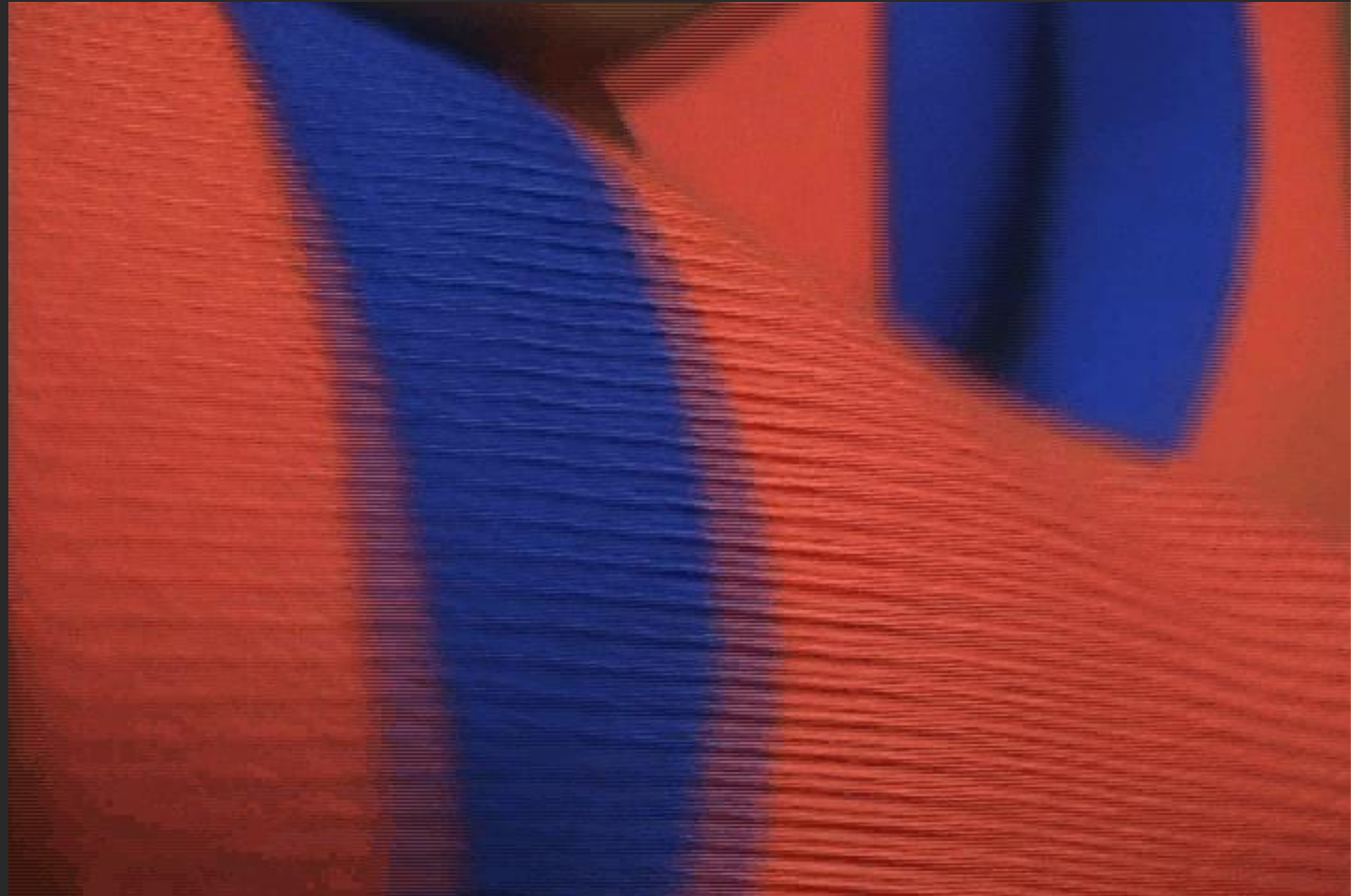


# Imperceptible Tags under clothing, tracked under ambient light

Hidden  
Marker Tags

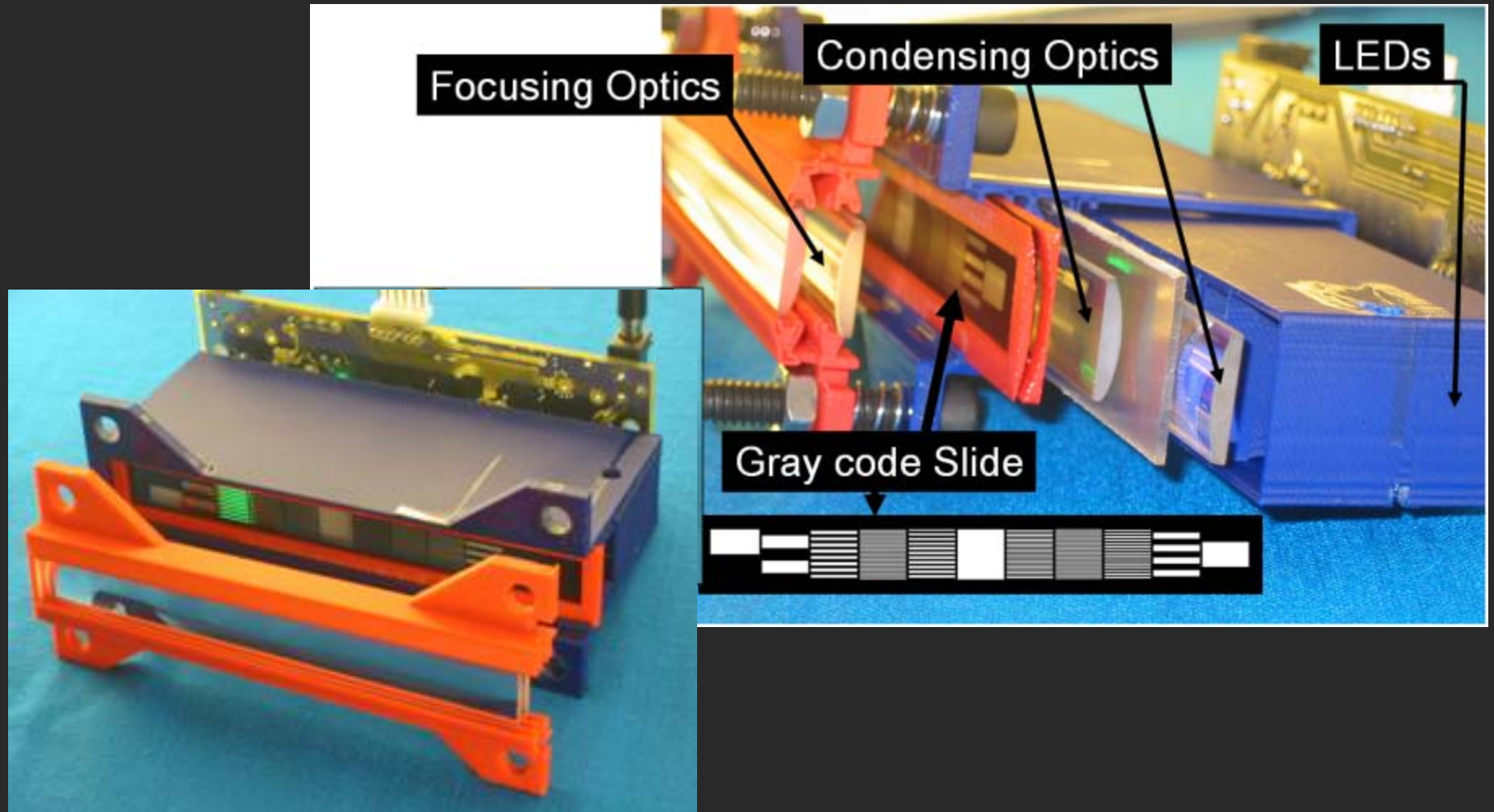
Outdoors

Unique Id





# Inside of Multi-LED Emitter

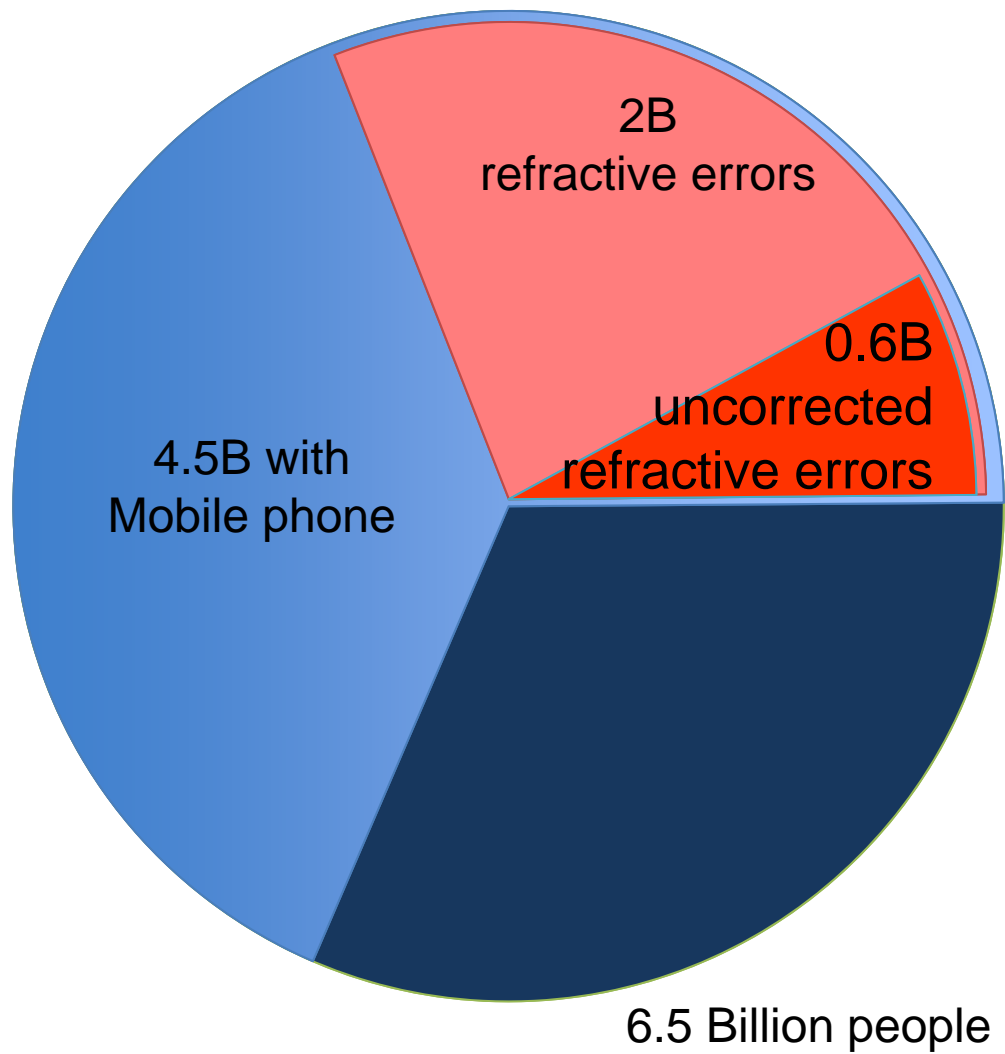




# NETRA: Near Eye Tool for Refractive Assessment

Pamplona, Mohan, Oliveira, Raskar, Siggraph 2010

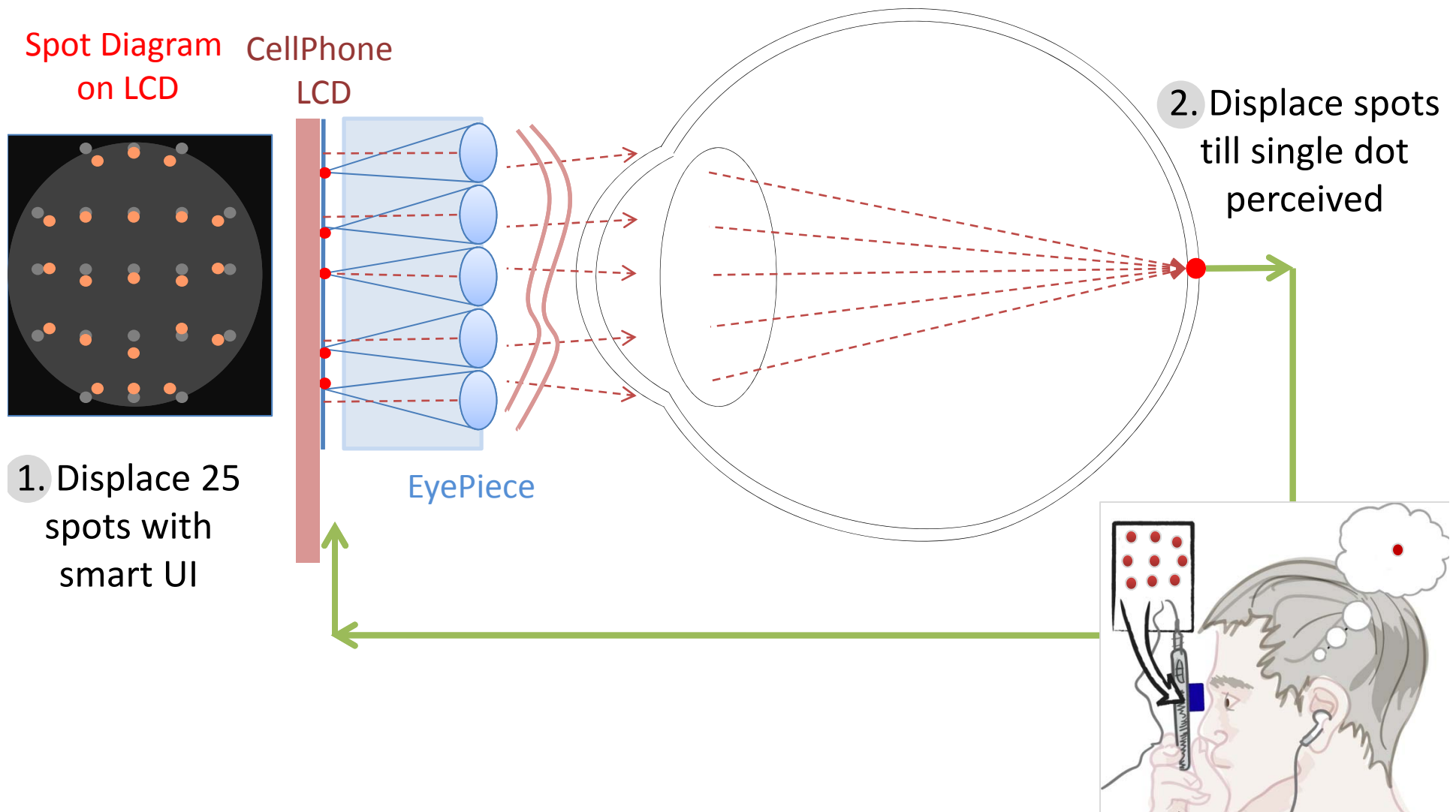




NETRA at  
LVP Eye Institute



# NETRA = Inverse of Shack-Hartmann wavefront sensor

User interactively creates the Spot Diagram





## Awards and Selection

-  **Vodafone Americas Foundation™** Winner \$300K prize  
Wireless Innovation Project™
- NASA/USAID Launch Top 10 Innovators
- World Bank 3 selected global health inv
- Google Innovation
- Deshpande Ignition Grant 
- MIT IDEAS (#2 award)
- International Space Station evaluation

## Validation

- 0.09 D : objective precision
- ~ 0.5 D: subjective trials
- 0.3 D: IRB approved wet-stud (data)

## Academic Scientific Papers

- SIGGRAPH 2010
- Frontiers in Optics
- Am Acad of Optometry (AAO)

## Selection for Global Health Events



**THE  
WORLD  
BANK**





Eye = Mirror of Health  
Ocular Manifestation: Leading Indicator?  
Convert CellPhones into Scientific Instruments





Direct

+



Global

[Nayar, Krishnan, Grossberg, Raskar 2006]

Trillion Frames Per Second

Trillion FPS





Each frame =  $\sim 2\text{ps}$  = 0.6 mm of Light Travel



Ripples of Waves



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