Cameras

Digital Visual Effects

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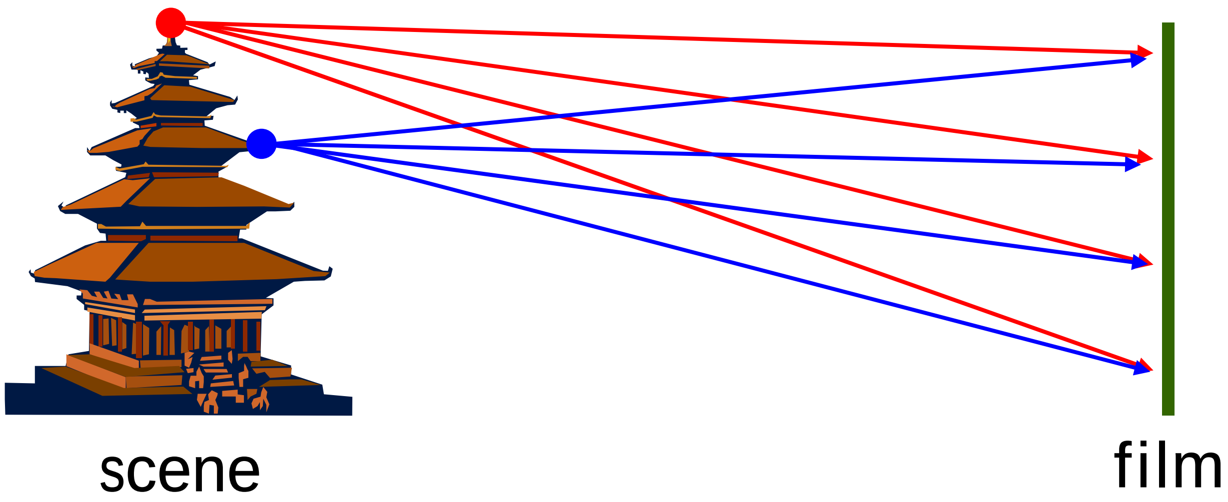
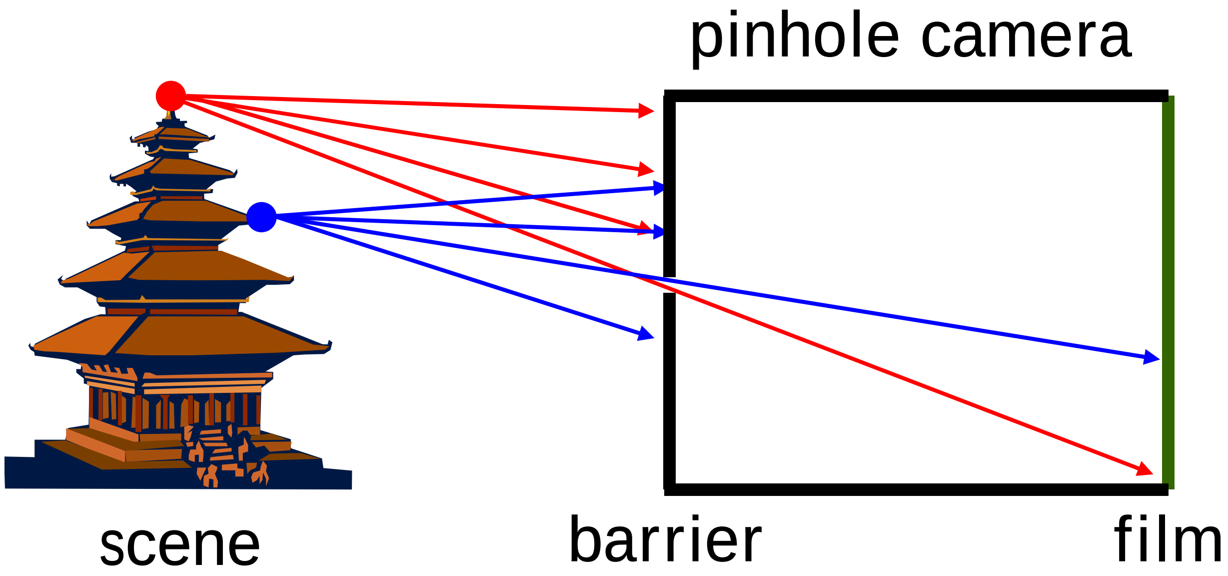
Camera trial #1



Put a piece of film in front of an object.

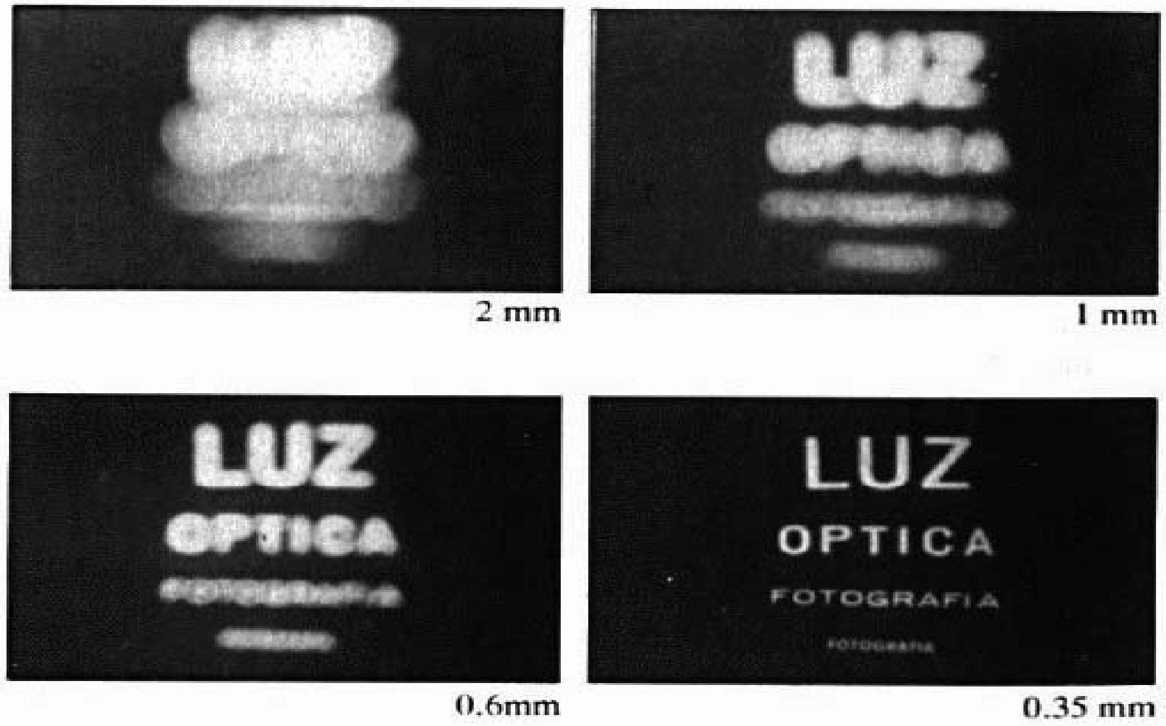
Pinhole camera



Add a barrier to block off most of the rays.

- It reduces blurring
- The pinhole is known as the aperture
- The image is inverted

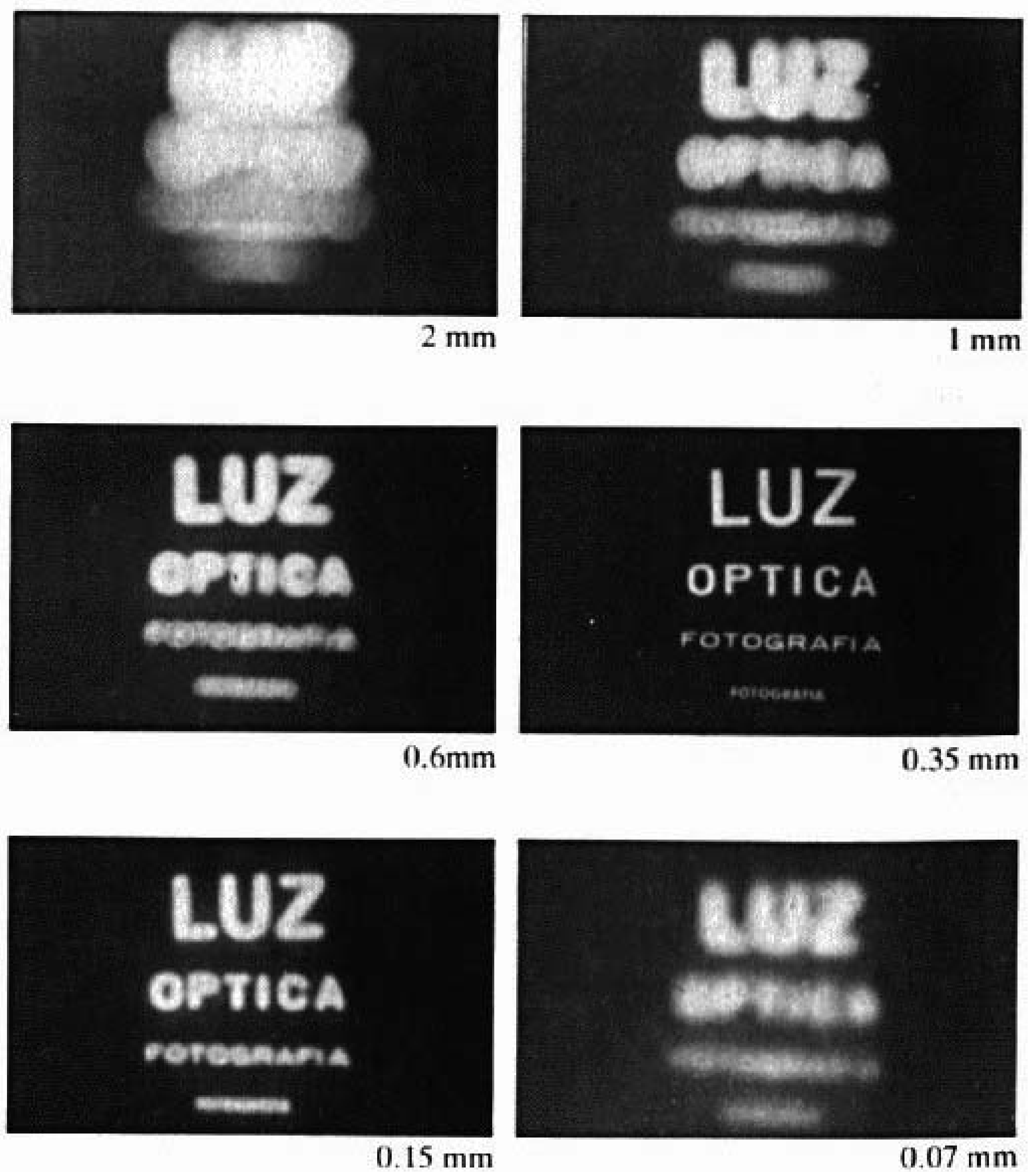
Shrinking the aperture



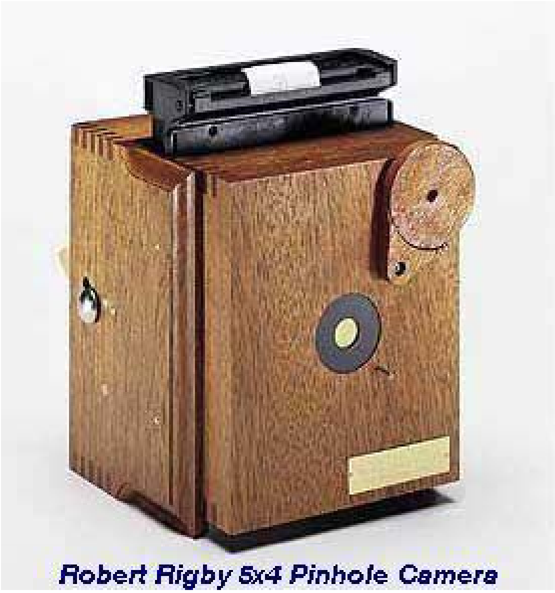
Why not making the aperture as small as possible?

- Less light gets through
- Diffraction effect

Shrinking the aperture

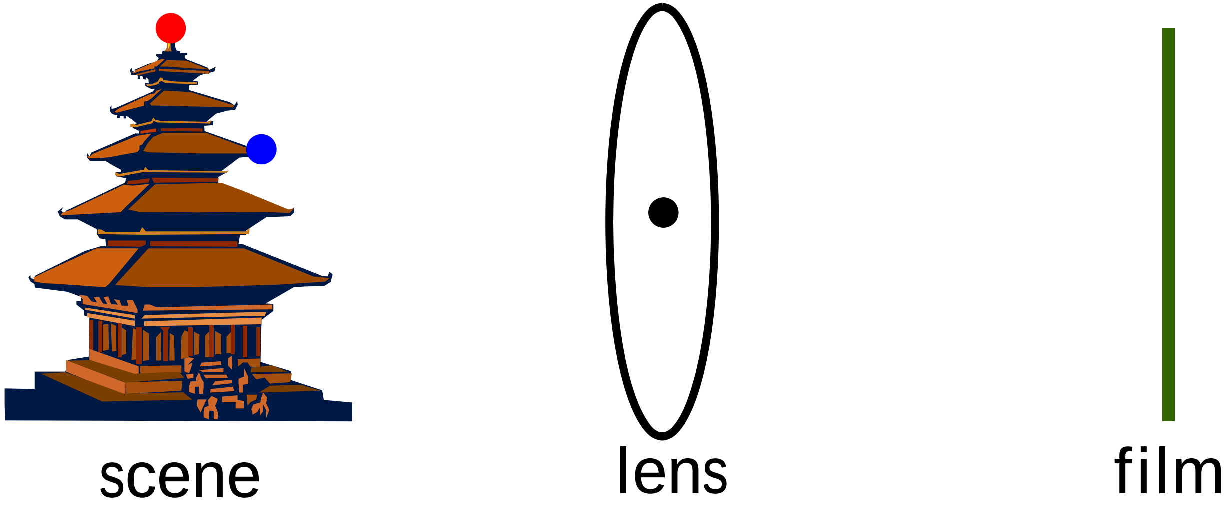


High-end commercial pinhole cameras

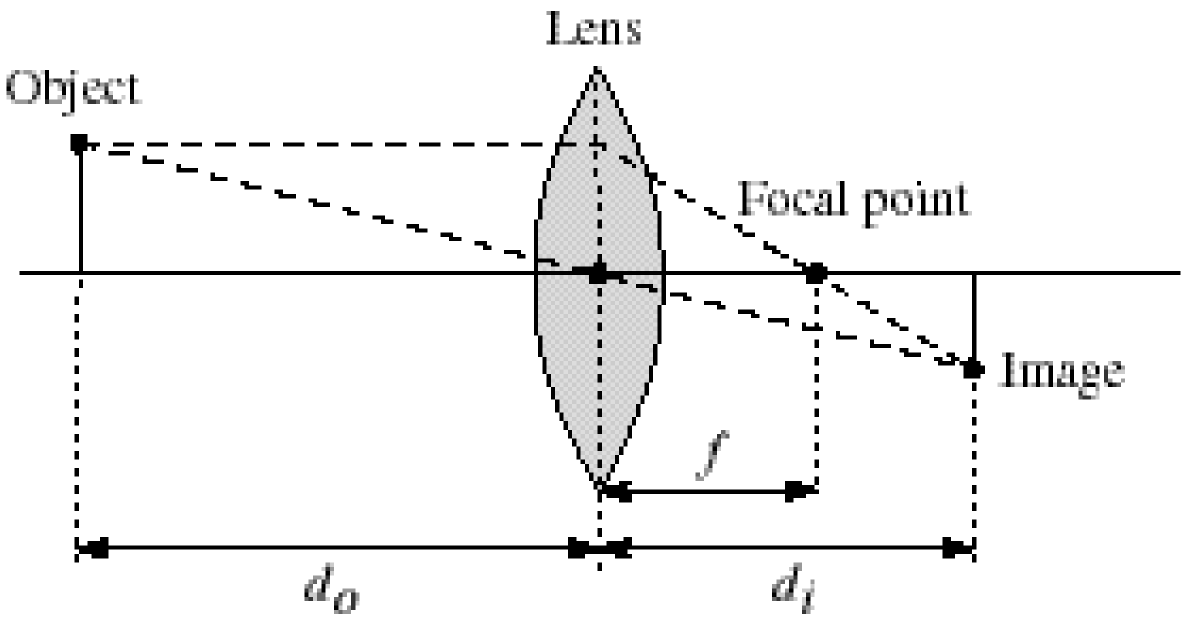


$200~$700

Adding a lens



Lenses

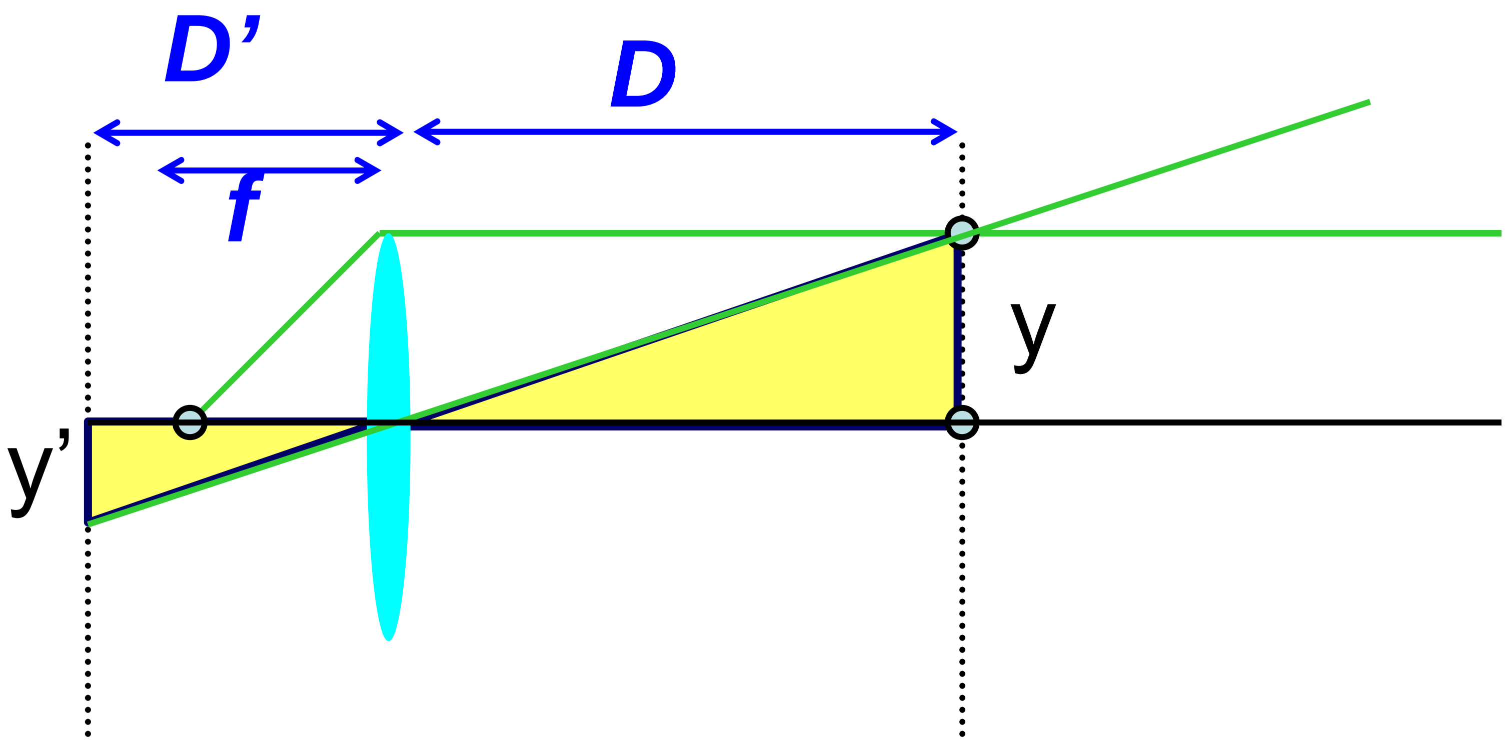


Thin lens equation: $\frac{1}{d_o} + \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{f}$

Thin lens formula

Similar triangles everywhere!

$$y'/y = D'/D$$



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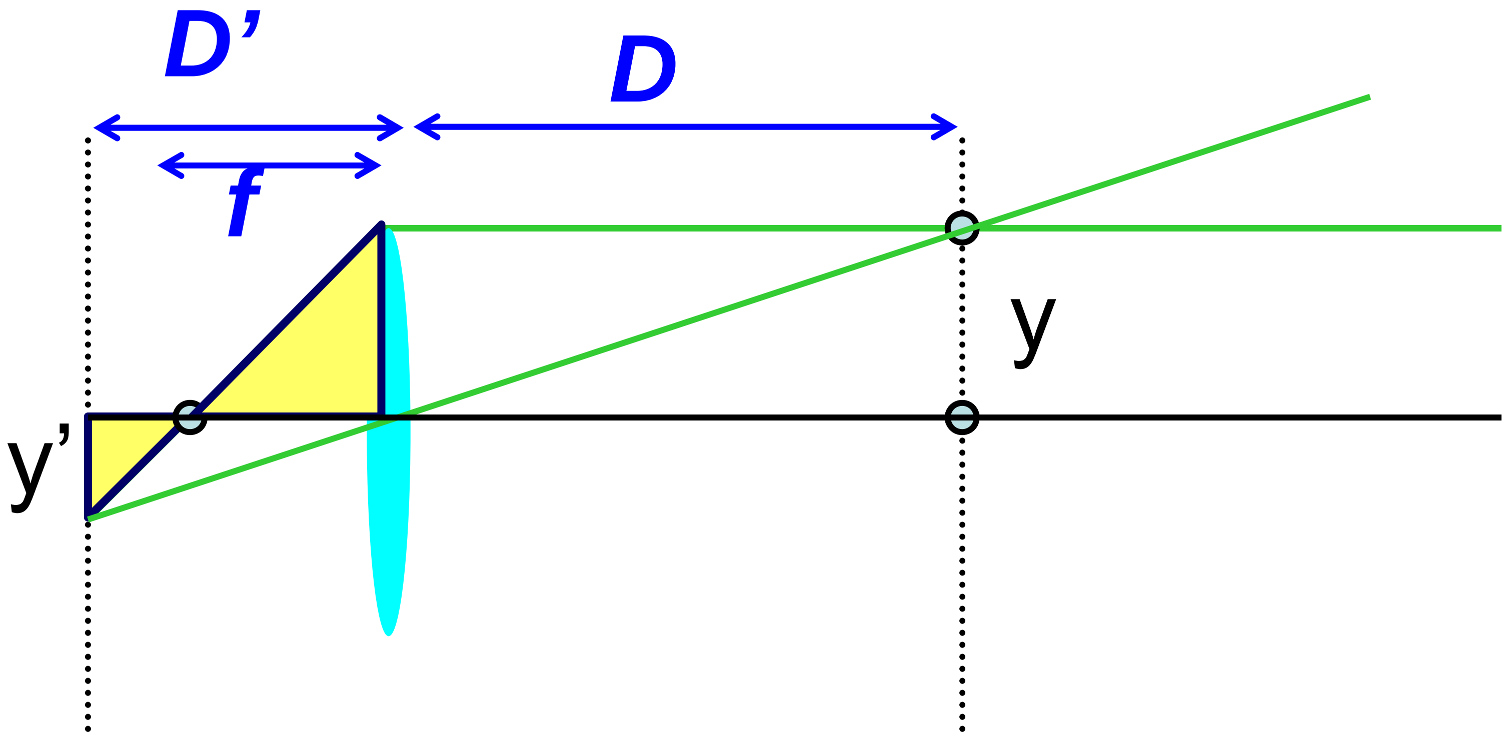

Frédo Durand's slide

Thin lens formula

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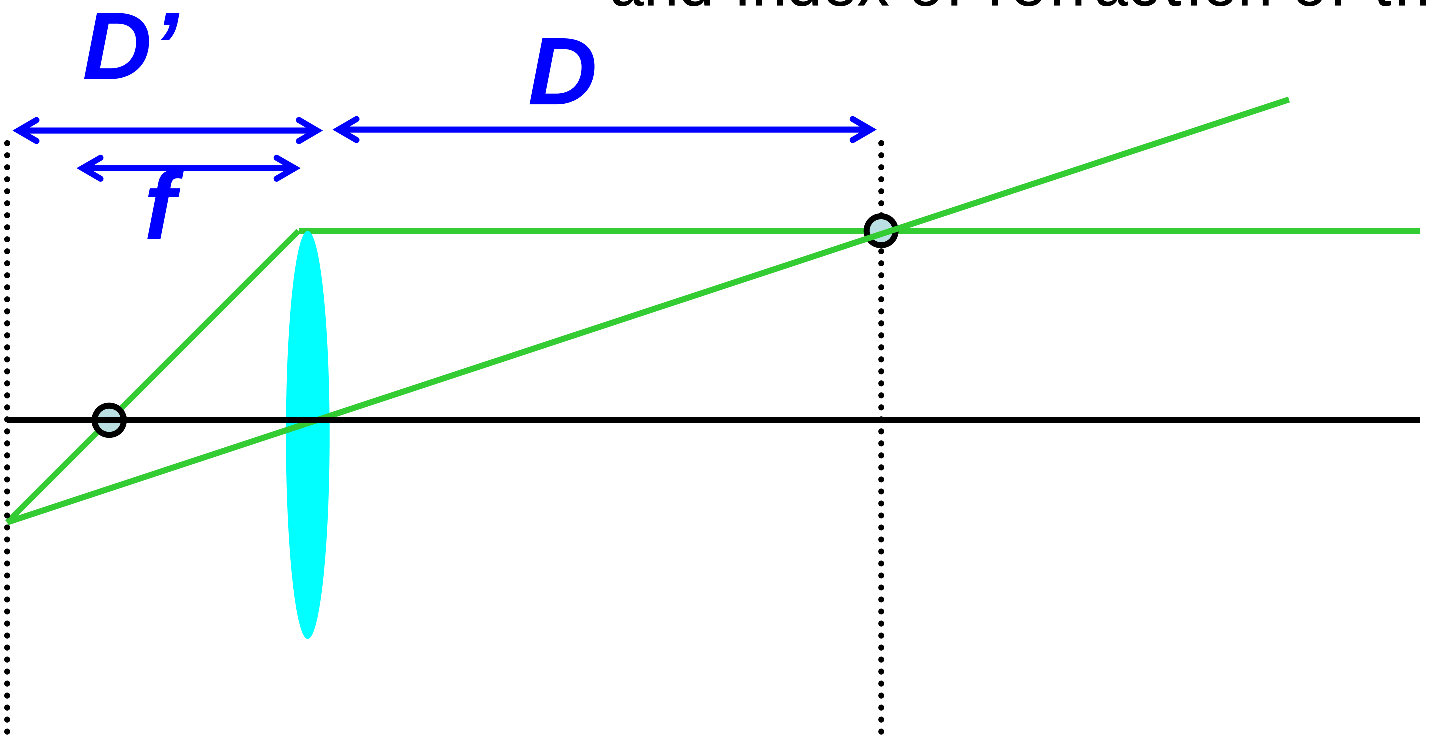
The focal length f determines the lens's ability to bend (refract) light. It is a function of the shape and index of refraction of the lens.



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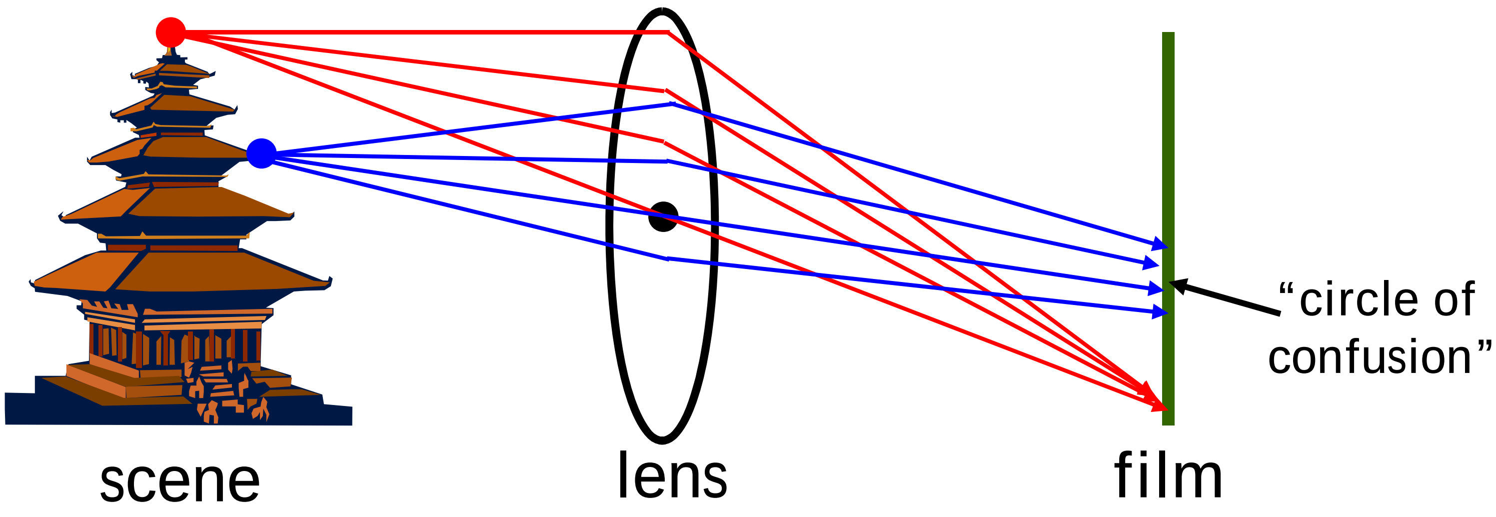


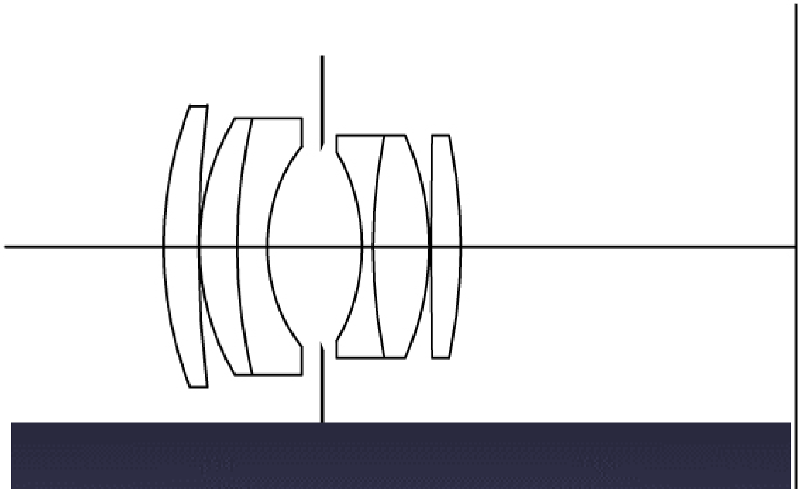
A lens focuses light onto the film

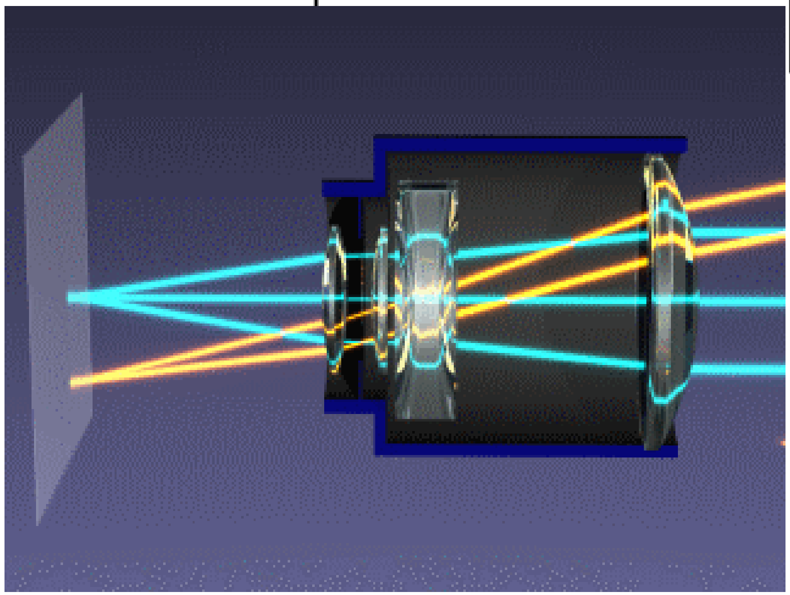
- There is a specific distance at which objects are "in focus"
- other points project to a "circle of confusion" in the image
- Thin lens applet: http://www.phy.ntnu.edu.tw/java/Lens/lens_e.html

Zoom lens

200mm

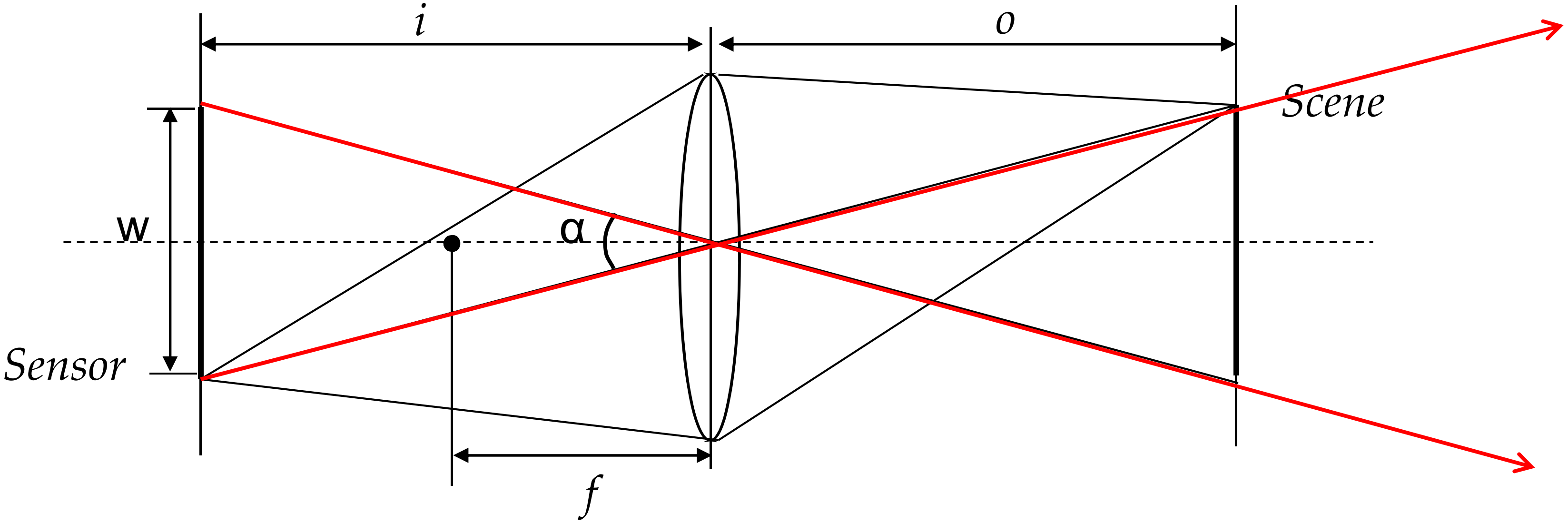
Nikon 28-200mm zoom lens.





simplified zoom lens in operation From wikipedia

Field of view vs focal length

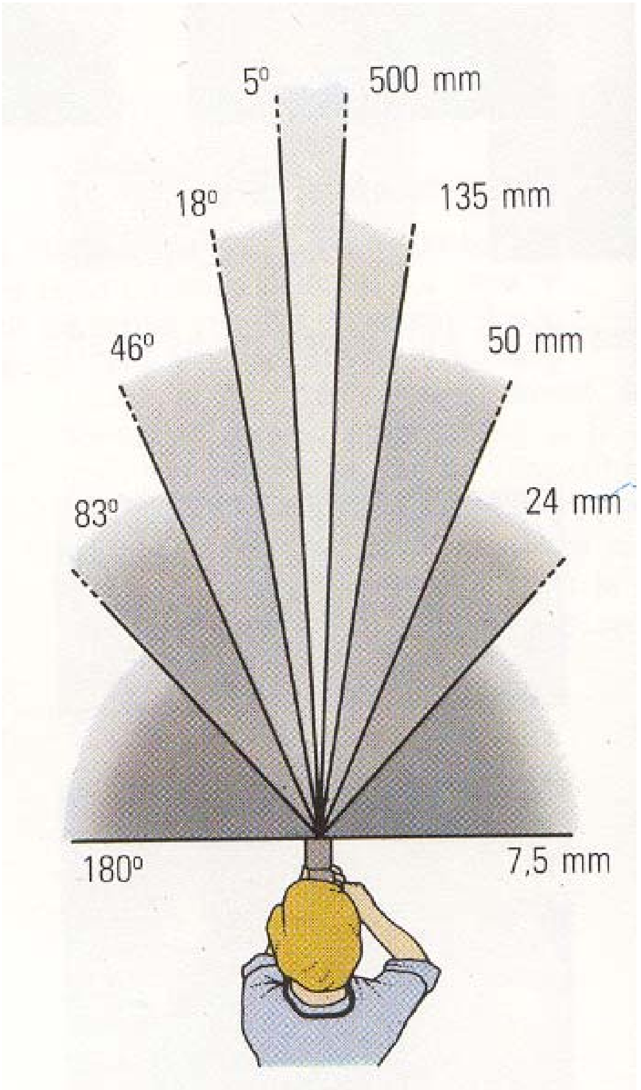


Gaussian Lens Formula: $$\frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{o} = \frac{1}{f}$$

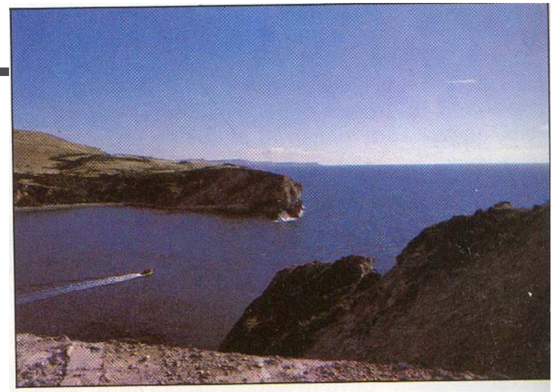
Field of View: α = 2arctan(w/(2i)) ≈ 2arctan(w/(2f))

Example: w = 30mm, f = 50mm => α ≈ 33.4°

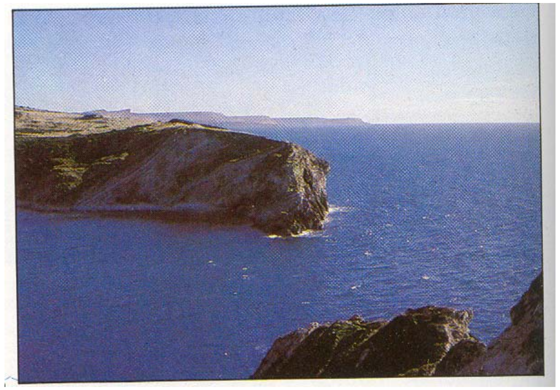
Focal length in practice



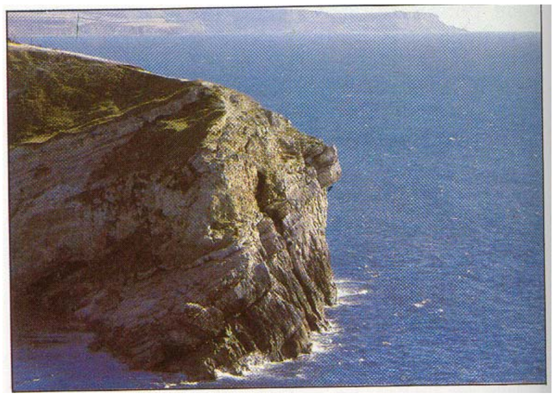
24mm



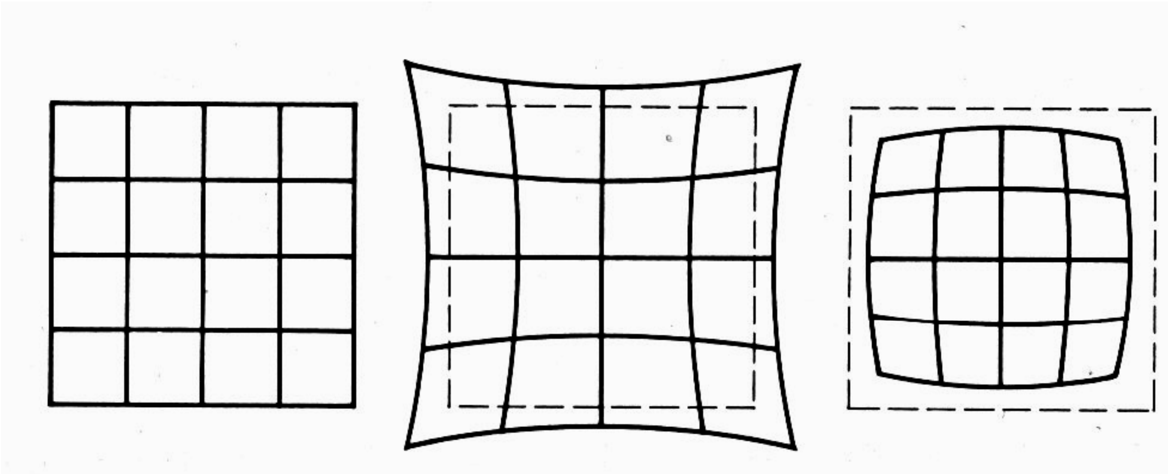
50mm



135mm



Distortion



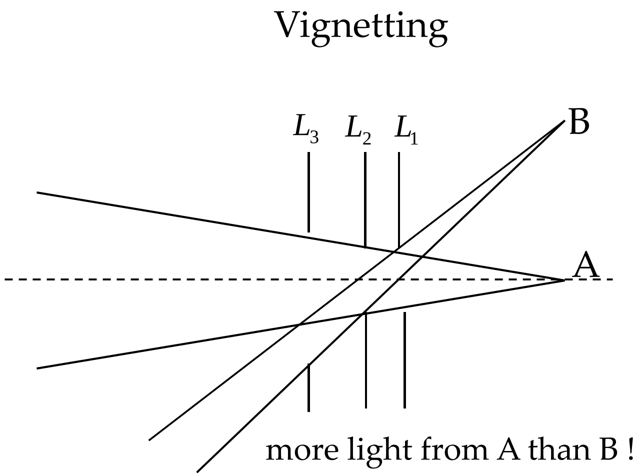
No distortion Pin cushion Barrel

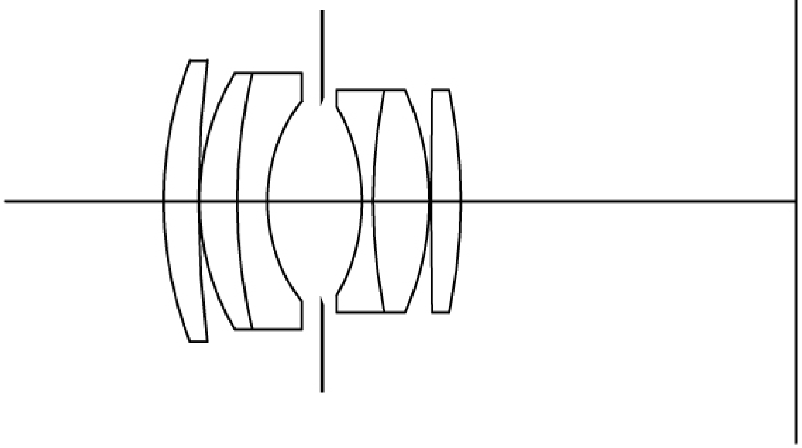
- Radial distortion of the image
  - Caused by imperfect lenses
  - Deviations are most noticeable for rays that pass through the edge of the lens

Correcting radial distortion

from [Helmut Dersch]

Vignetting





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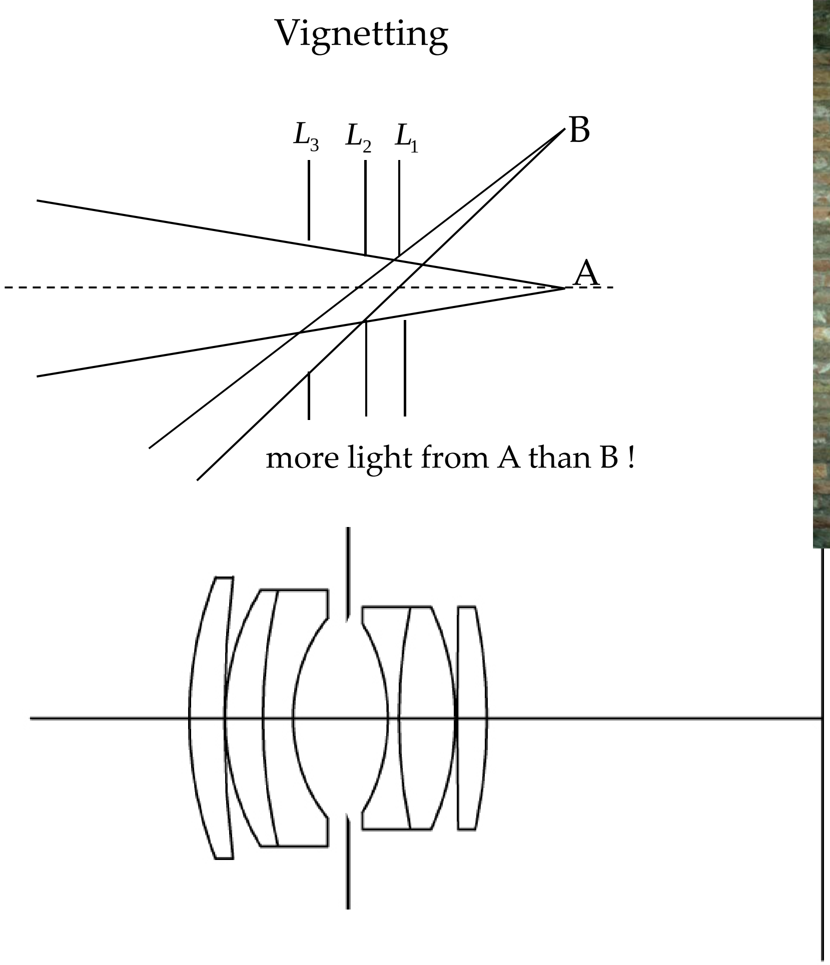

Goldman & Chen ICCV 2005

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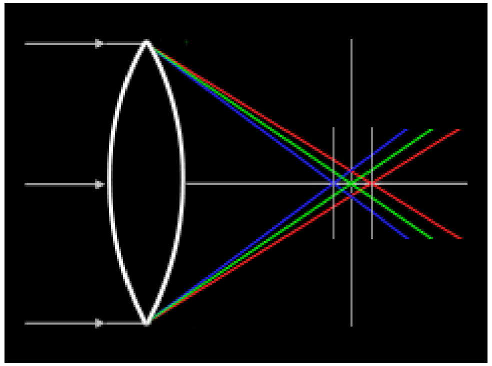
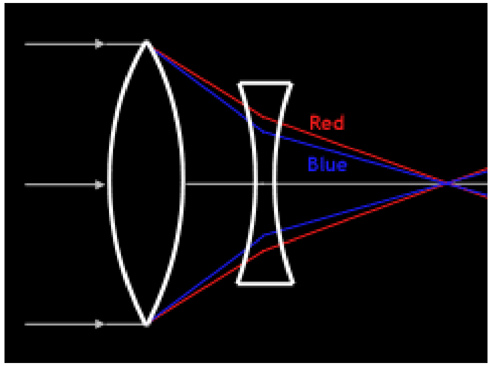
Chromatic Aberration



Lens has different refractive indices for different wavelengths.



Special lens systems using two or more pieces of glass with different refractive indexes can reduce or eliminate this problem.

http://www.dpreview.com/learn/?/Glossary/Optical/chromatic_aberration_01.htm

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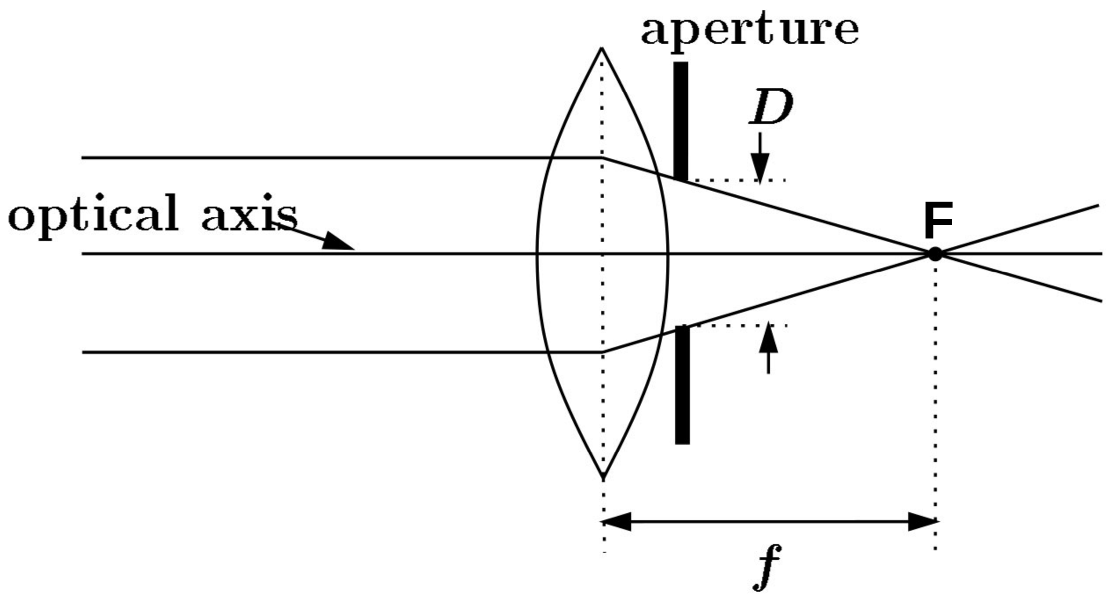
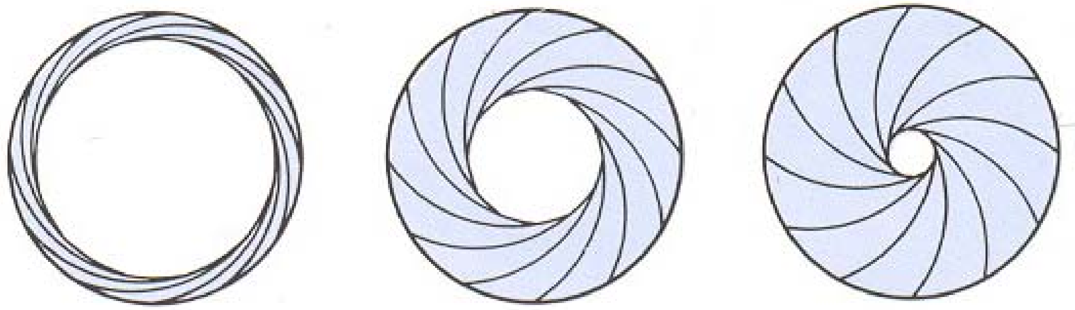
Exposure = aperture + shutter speed



- Aperture of diameter D restricts the range of rays (aperture may be on either side of the lens)
- Shutter speed is the amount of time that light is allowed to pass through the aperture

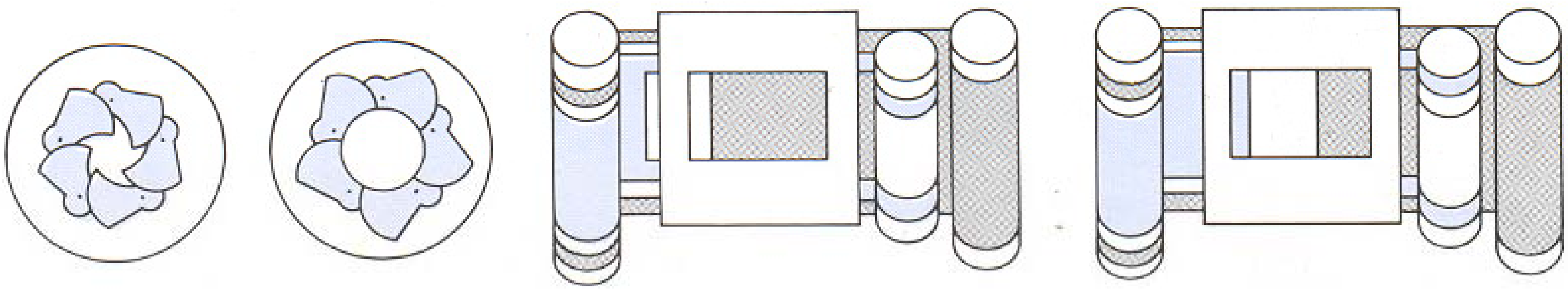
Exposure

- Two main parameters:
  - Aperture (in f stop)



Full aperture Medium aperture Stopped down

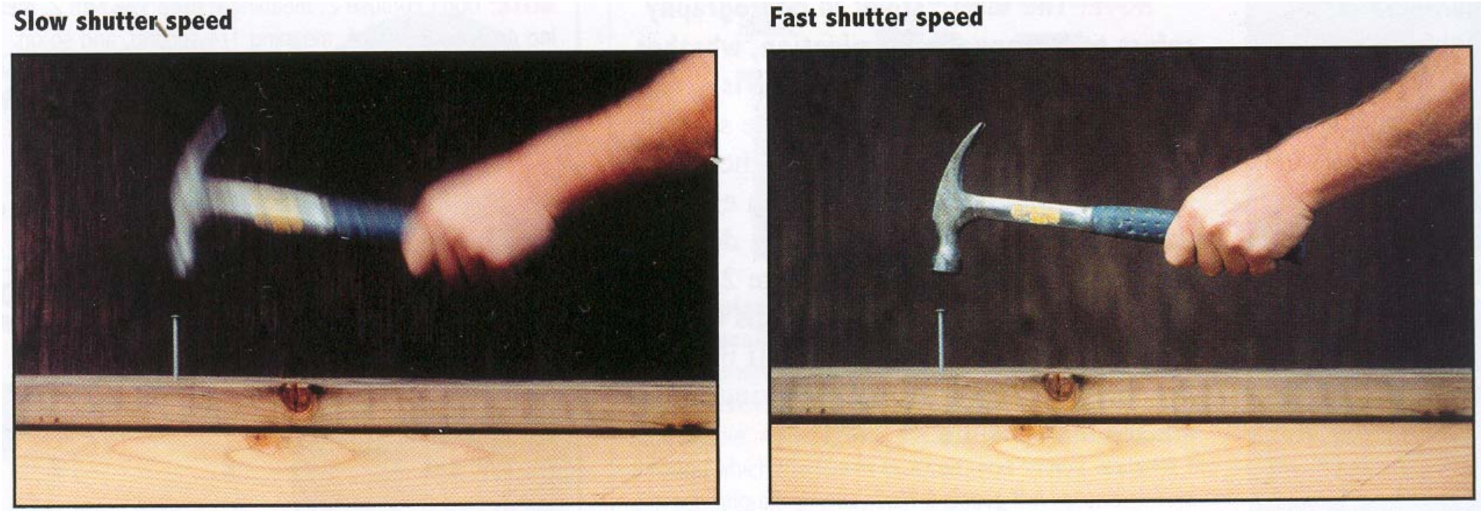
  - Shutter speed (in fraction of a second)



Blade (closing) Blade (open) Focal plane (closed) Focal plane (open)

Effects of shutter speeds

- Slower shutter speed => more light, but more motion blur



- Faster shutter speed freezes motion

From Photography, London et al.

Walking people

1/125

Running people

1/250

Car

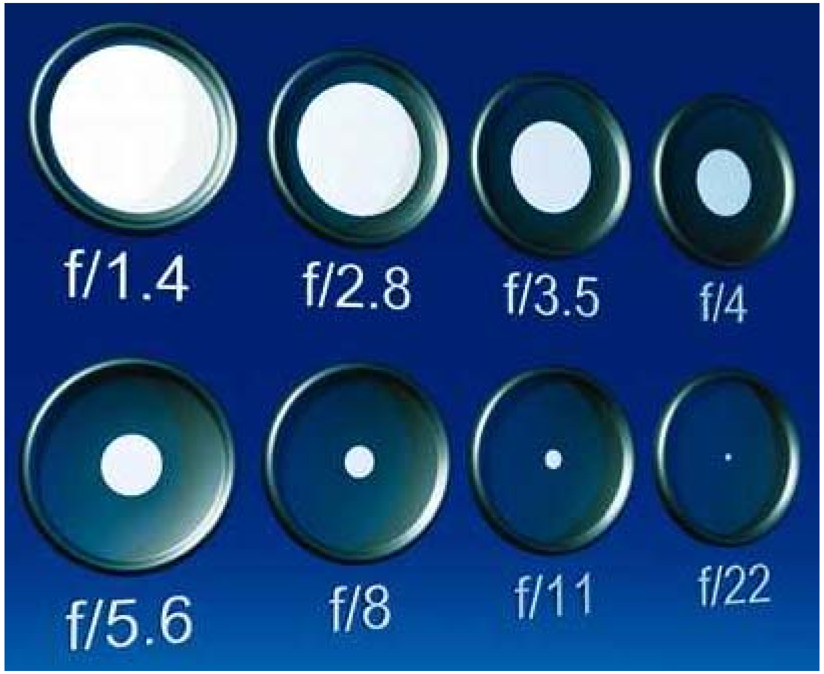
1/500

Fast train

1/1000

Aperture

- Aperture is the diameter of the lens opening, usually specified by f-stop, f/D, a fraction of the focal length.
  - f/2.0 on a 50mm means that the aperture is 25mm
  - f/2.0 on a 100mm means that the aperture is 50mm
- When a change in f-stop occurs, the light is either doubled or cut in half.
- Lower f-stop, more light (larger lens opening)
- Higher f-stop, less light (smaller lens opening)



Depth of field

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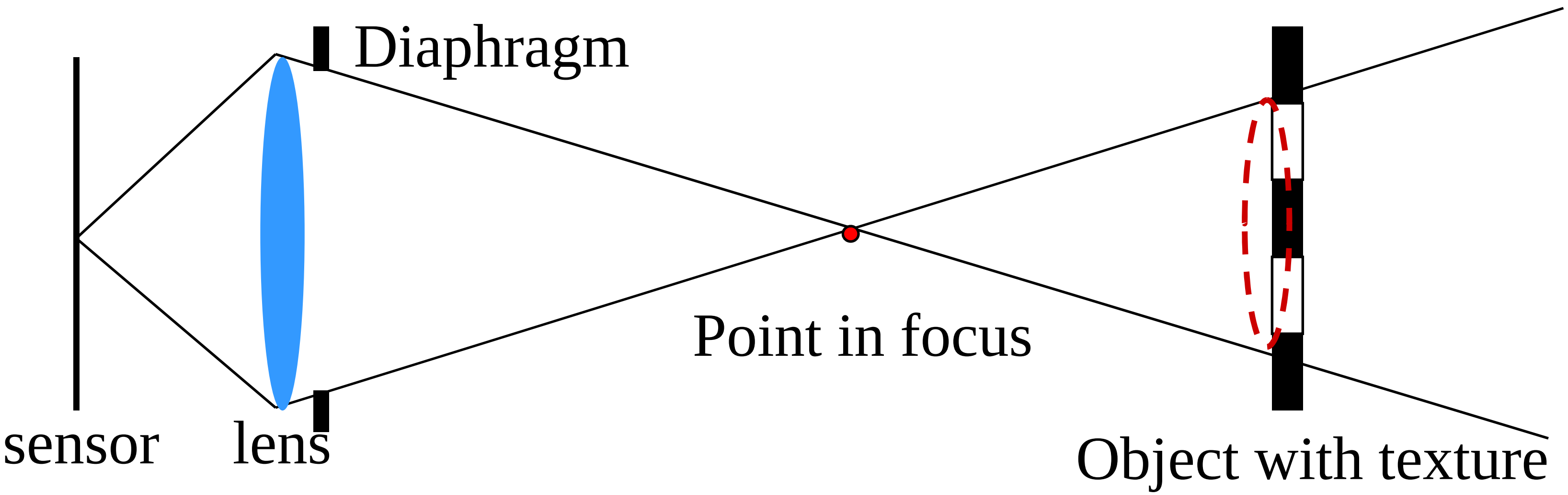

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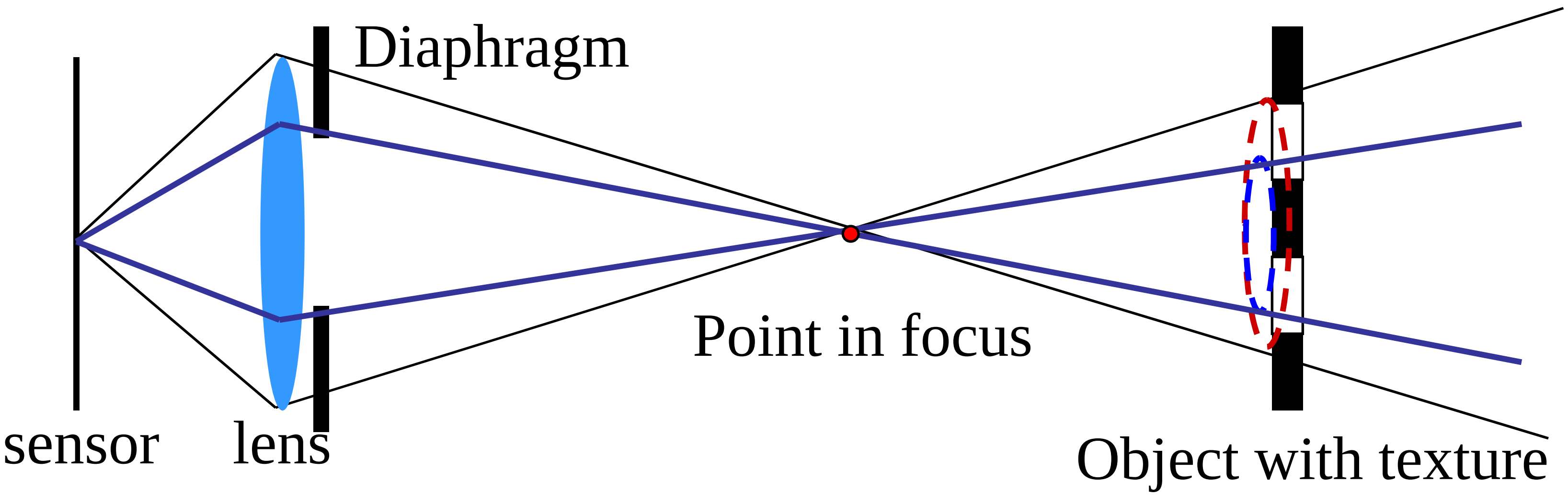

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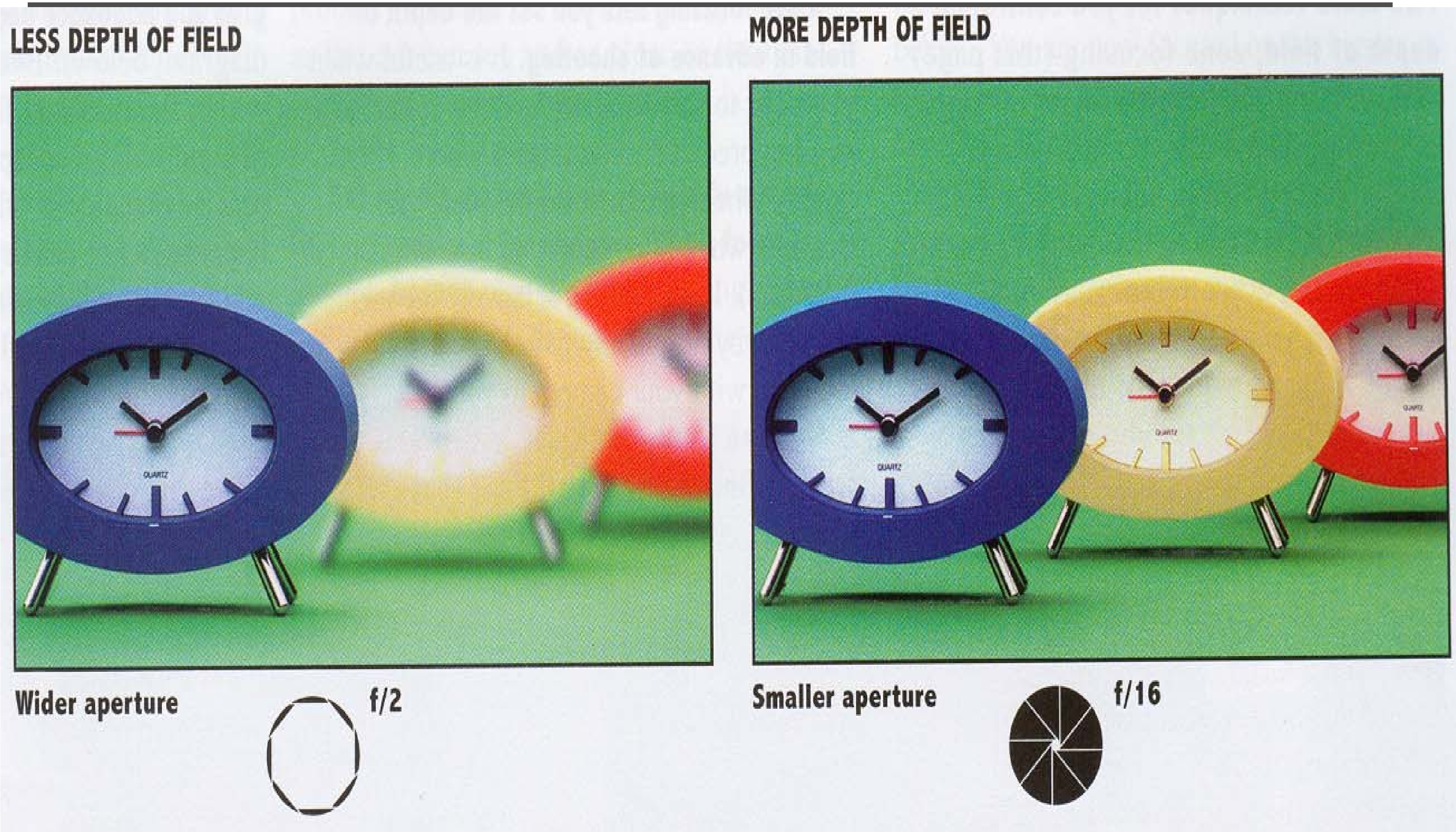

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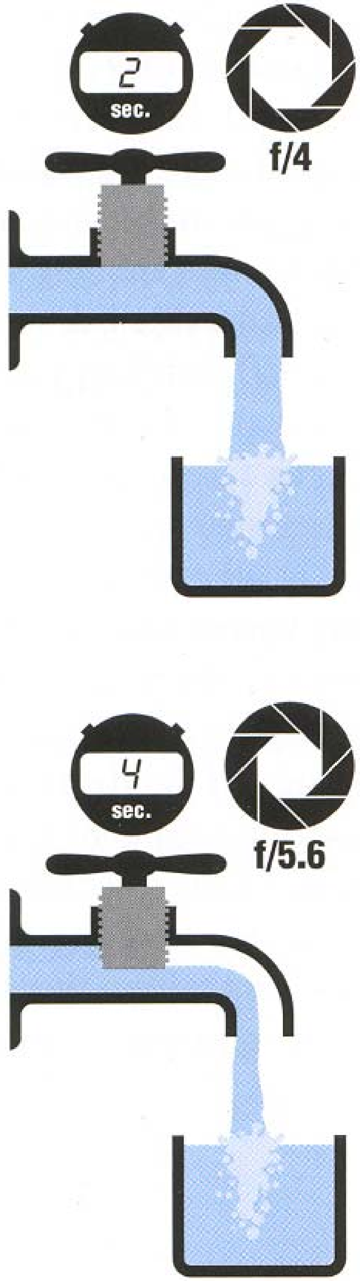
Exposure

- Two main parameters:
  - Aperture (in f stop)
  - Shutter speed (in fraction of a second)
- Reciprocity

  The same exposure is obtained with an exposure twice as long and an aperture *area* half as big

  - Hence square root of two progression of f stops vs. power of two progression of shutter speed
  - Reciprocity can fail for very long exposures



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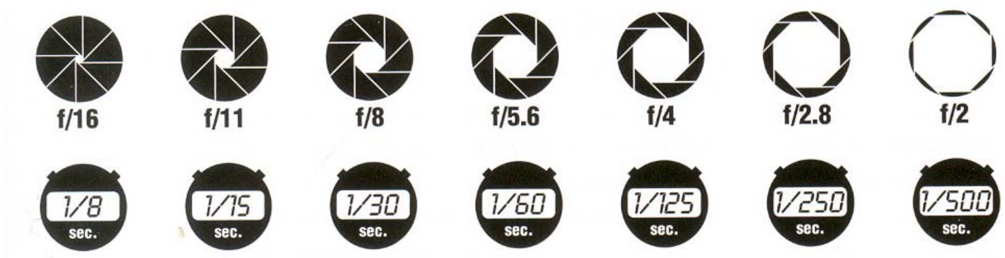
Reciprocity

- Assume we know how much light we need
- We have the choice of an infinity of shutter speed/aperture pairs



- What will guide our choice of a shutter speed?
  - Freeze motion vs. motion blur, camera shake
- What will guide our choice of an aperture?
  - Depth of field, diffraction limit
- Often we must compromise
  - Open more to enable faster speed (but shallow DoF)

Exposure & metering

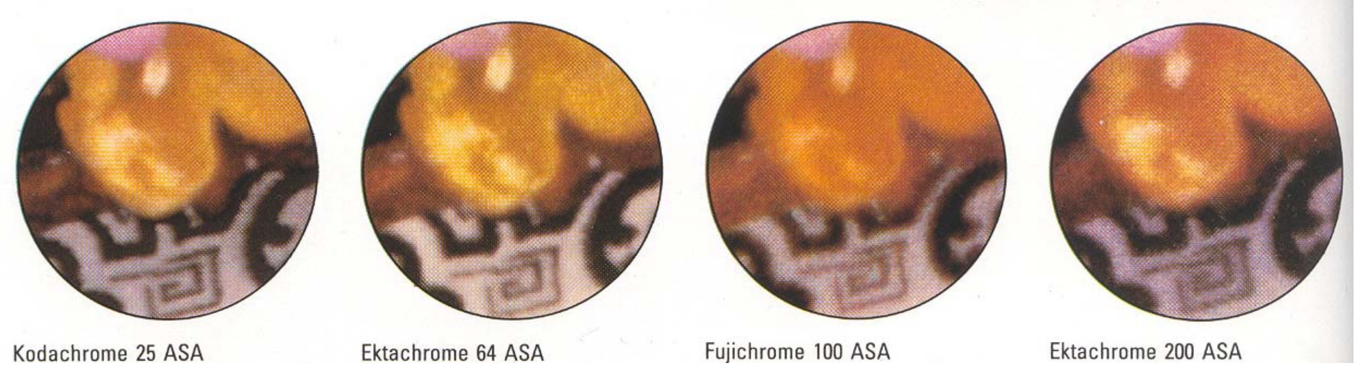
- The camera metering system measures how bright the scene is
- In Aperture priority mode, the photographer sets the aperture, the camera sets the shutter speed
- In Shutter-speed priority mode, photographers sets the shutter speed and the camera deduces the aperture
- In Program mode, the camera decides both exposure and shutter speed (middle value more or less)
- In Manual mode, the user decides everything (but can get feedback)

Pros and cons of various modes

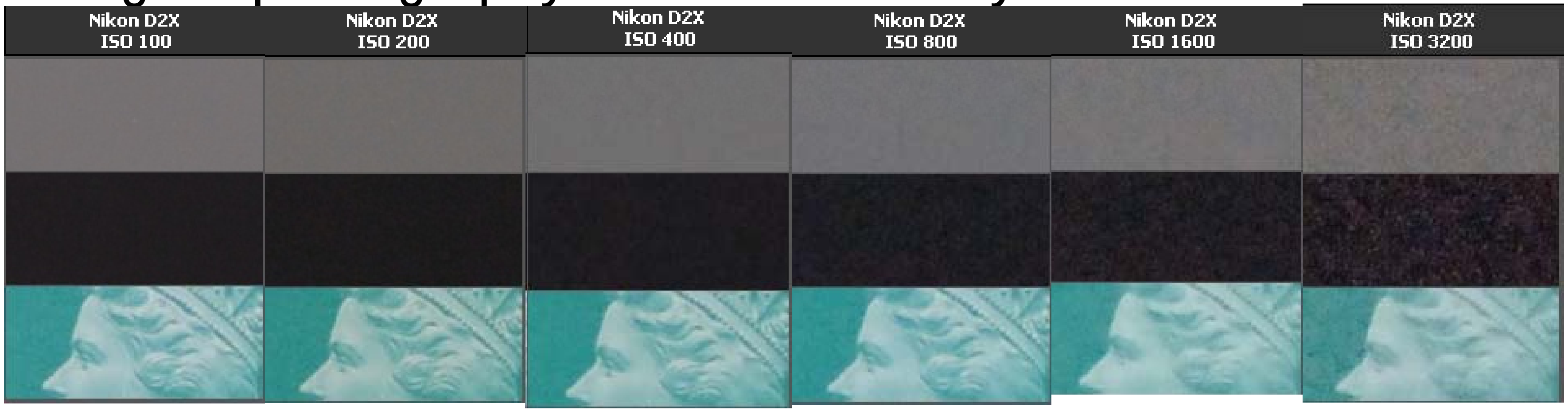
- Aperture priority
  - Direct depth of field control
  - Cons: can require impossible shutter speed (e.g. with f/1.4 for a bright scene)
- Shutter speed priority
  - Direct motion blur control
  - Cons: can require impossible aperture (e.g. when requesting a 1/1000 speed for a dark scene)
    - Note that aperture is somewhat more restricted
- Program
  - Almost no control, but no need for neurons
- Manual
  - Full control, but takes more time and thinking

Sensitivity (ISO)

- Third variable for exposure
- Linear effect (200 ISO needs half the light as 100 ISO)
- Film photography: trade sensitivity for grain



- Digital photography: trade sensitivity for noise

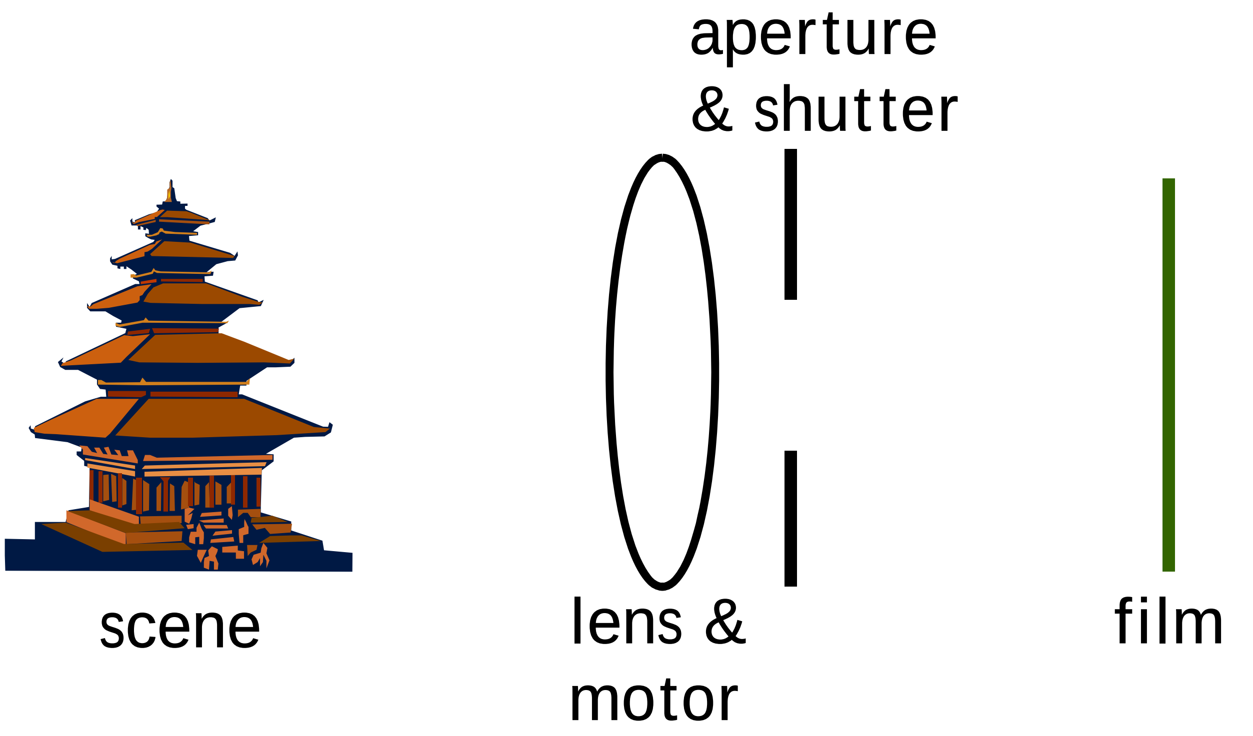


From dpreview.com

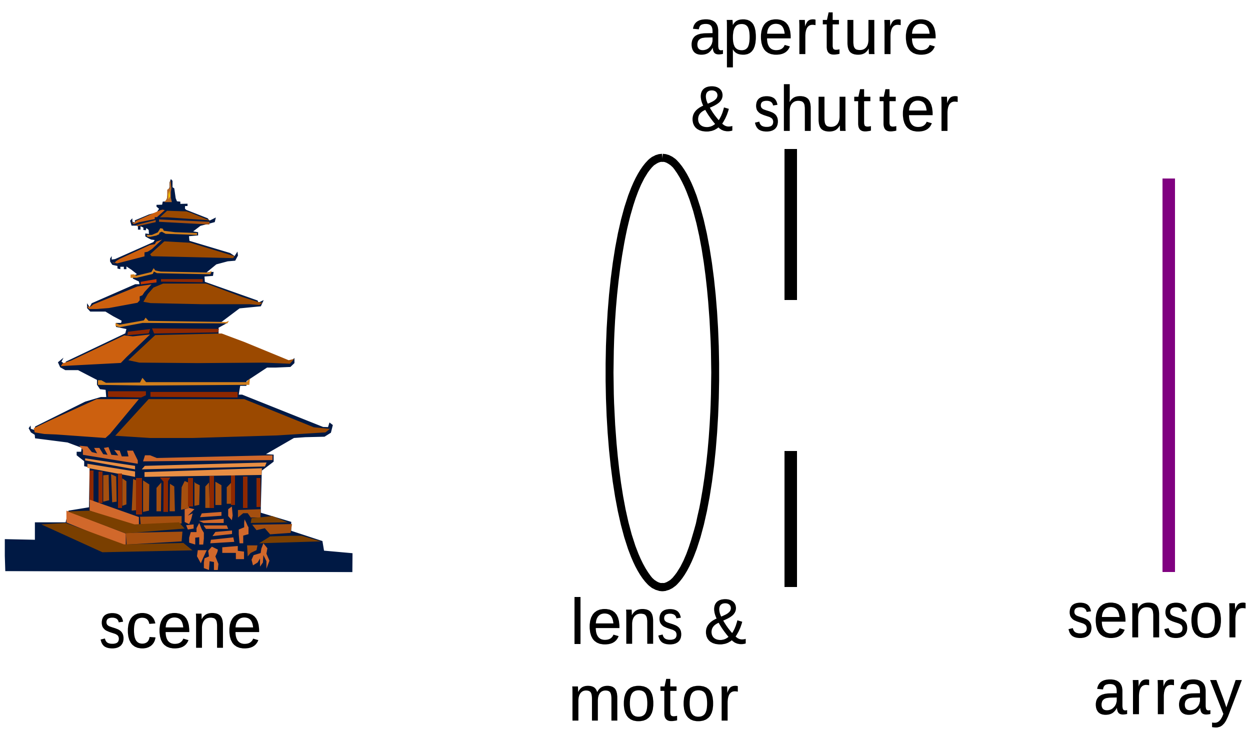
Demo

See http://www.photonhead.com/simcam/

Film camera



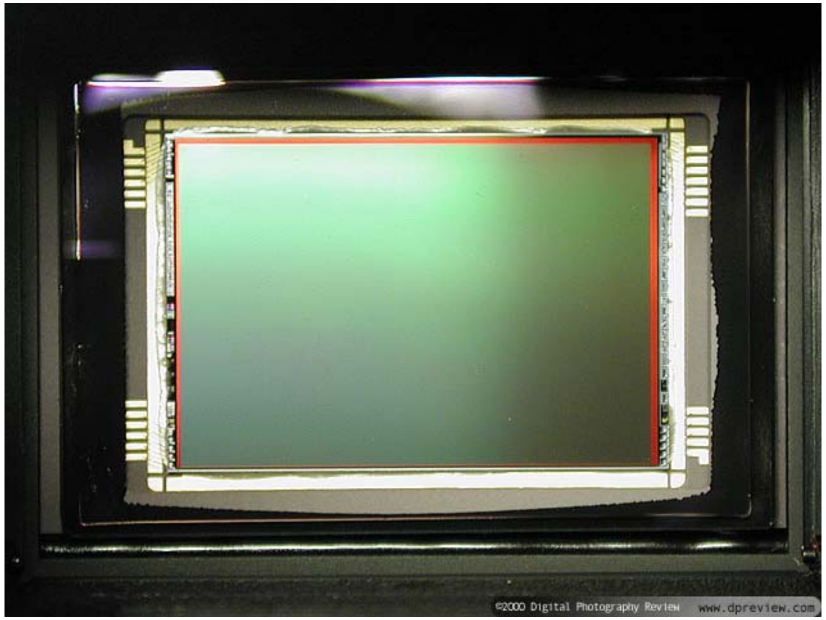
Digital camera



- A digital camera replaces film with a sensor array
- Each cell in the array is a light-sensitive diode that converts photons to electrons

CCD v.s. CMOS

- CCD is less susceptible to noise (special process, higher fill factor)
- CMOS is more flexible, less expensive (standard process), less power consumption



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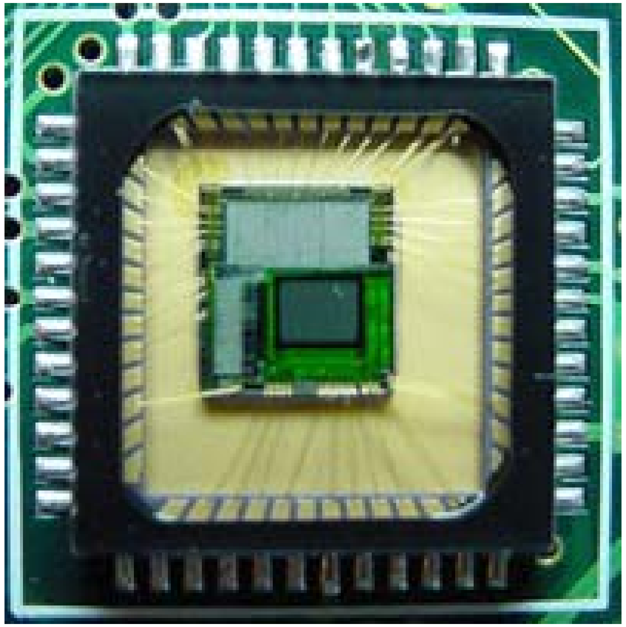
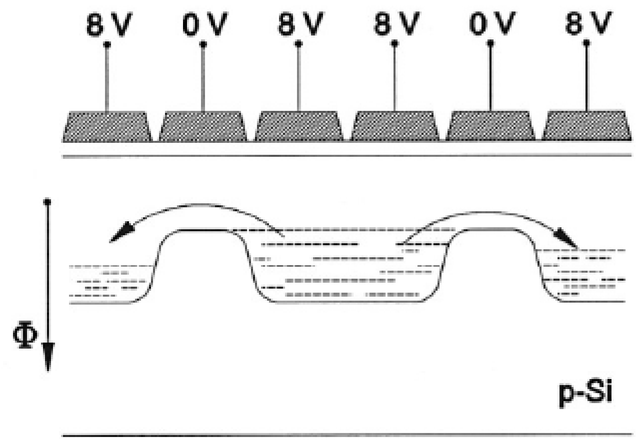


CMOS

Sensor noise

- Blooming
- Diffusion
- Dark current
- Photon shot noise
- Amplifier readout noise



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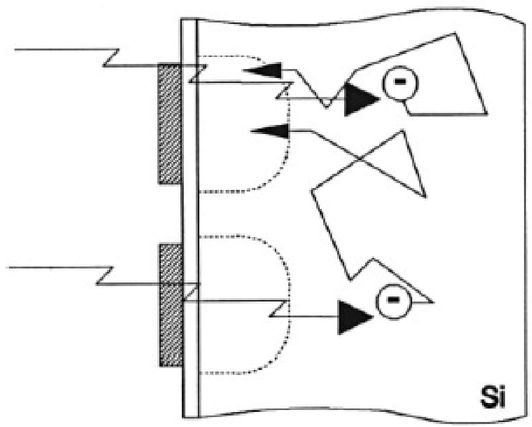
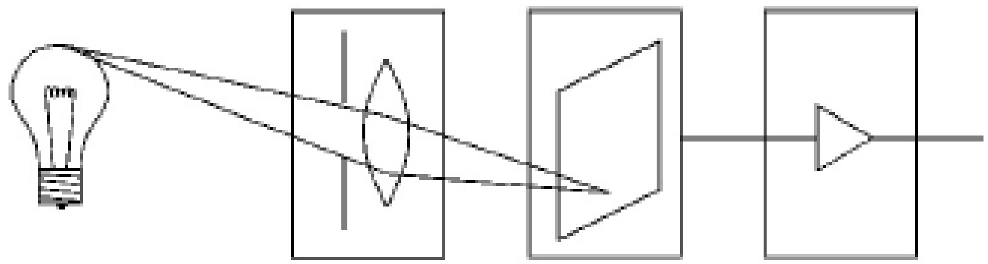
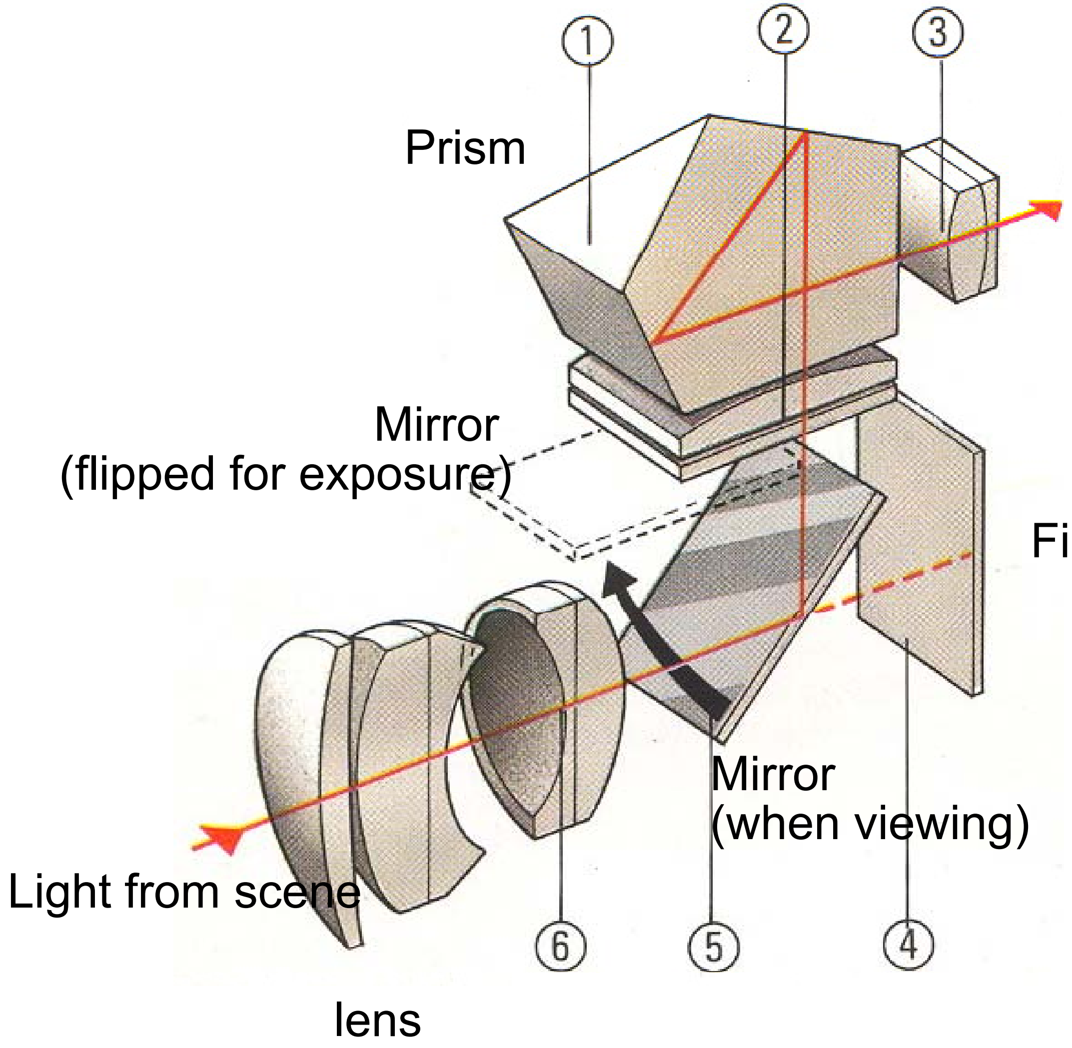


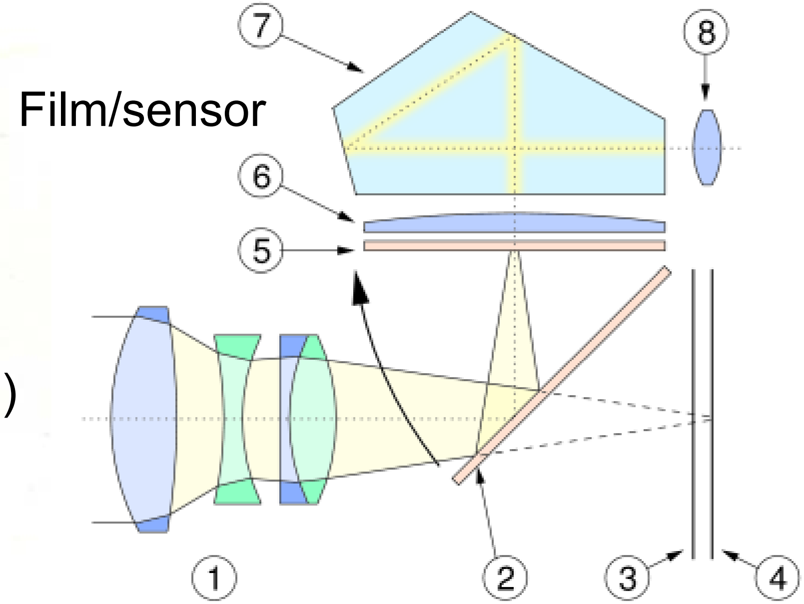


SLR (Single-Lens Reflex)

- Reflex (R in SLR) means that we see through the same lens used to take the image.
- Not the case for compact cameras

SLR view finder



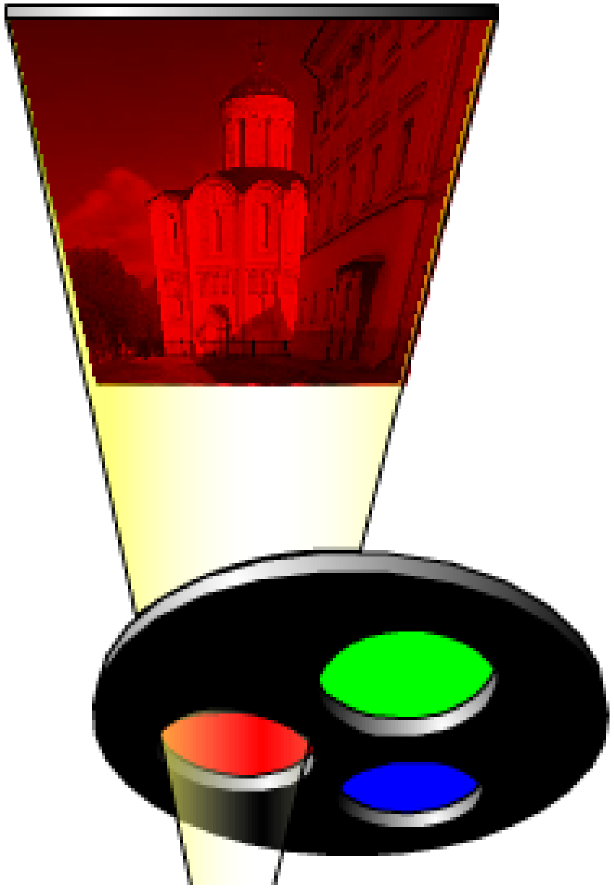


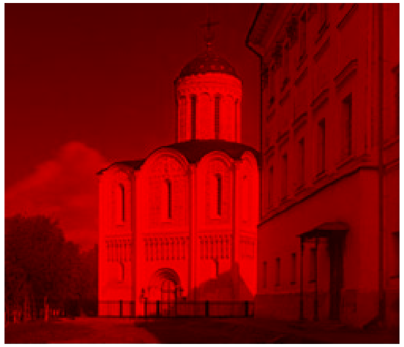
Color

So far, we've only talked about monochrome sensors. Color imaging has been implemented in a number of ways:

- Field sequential
- Multi-chip
- Color filter array
- X3 sensor

Field sequential





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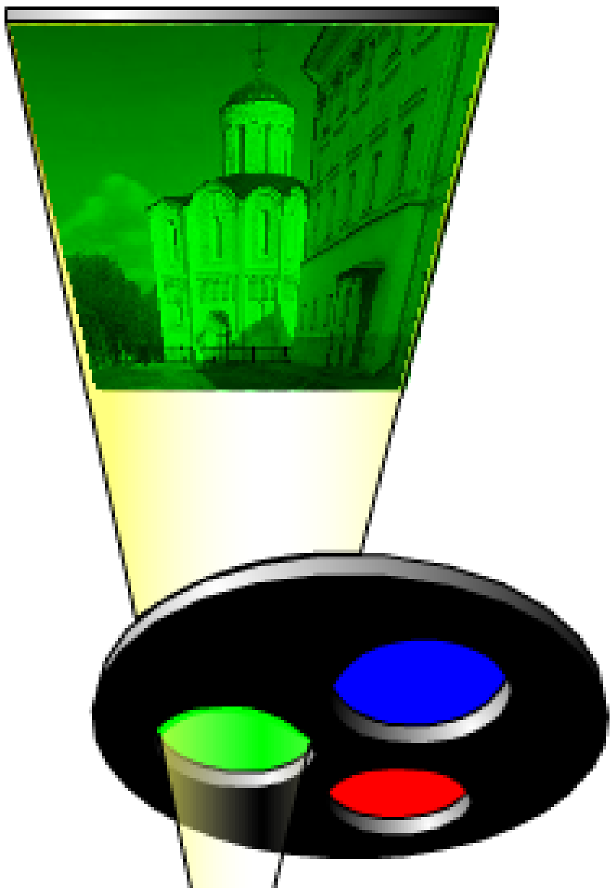

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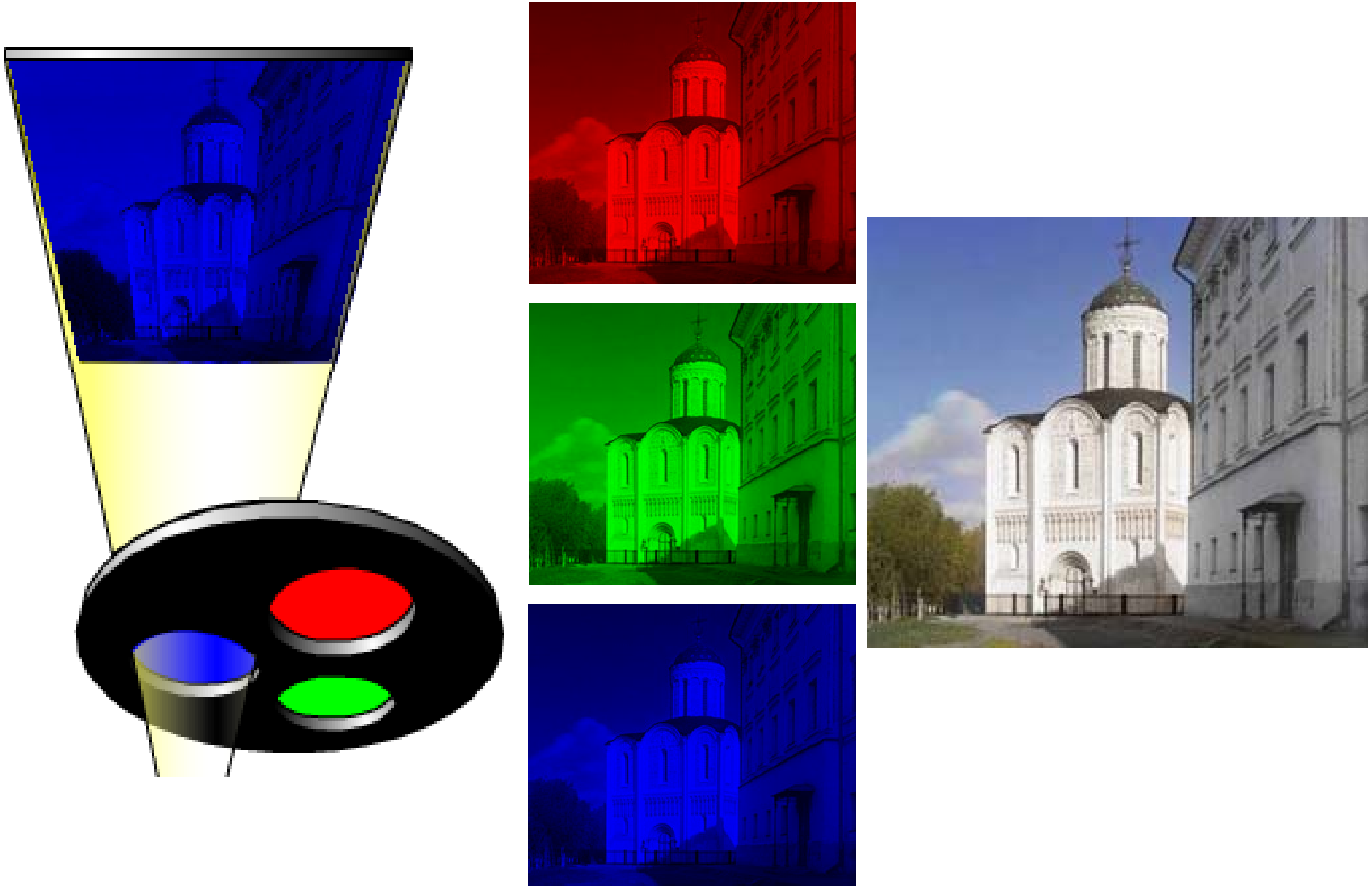
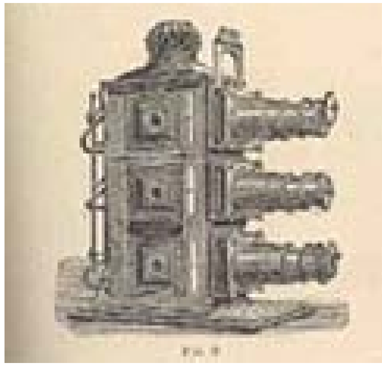


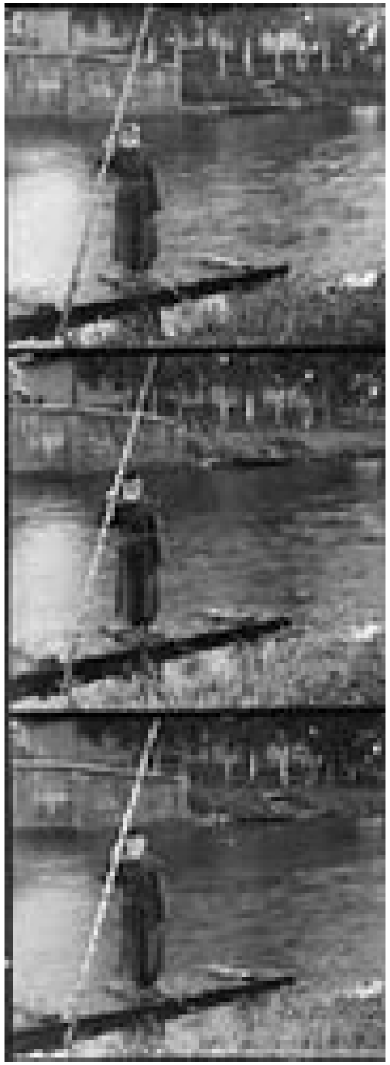
Prokudin-Gorskii (early 1900's)



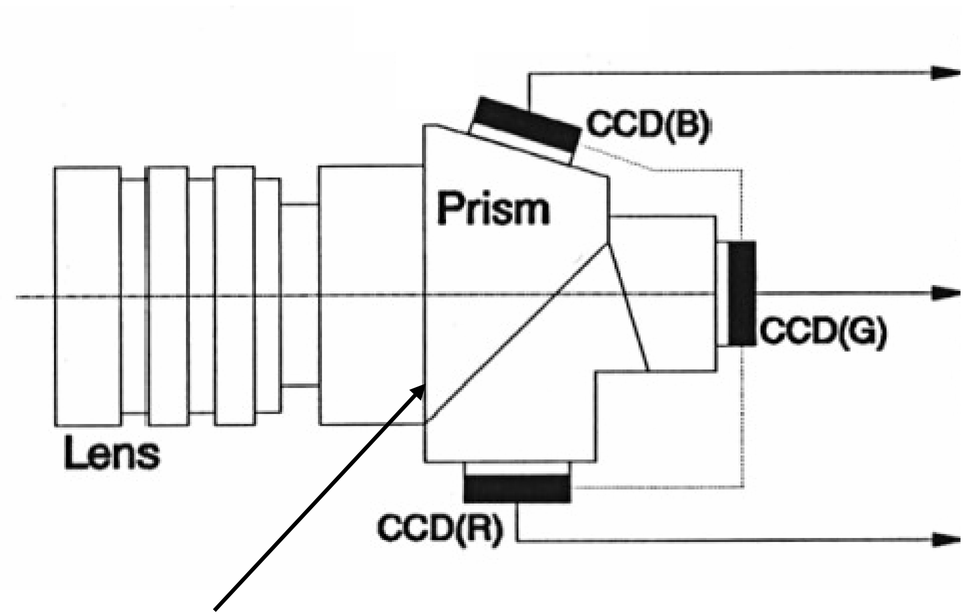
Lantern projector

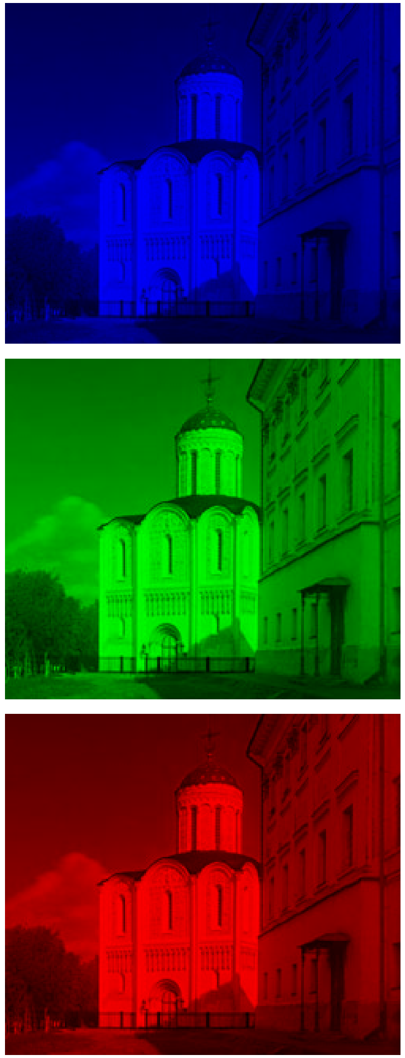
http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/empire/

Prokudin-Gorskii (early 1990's)



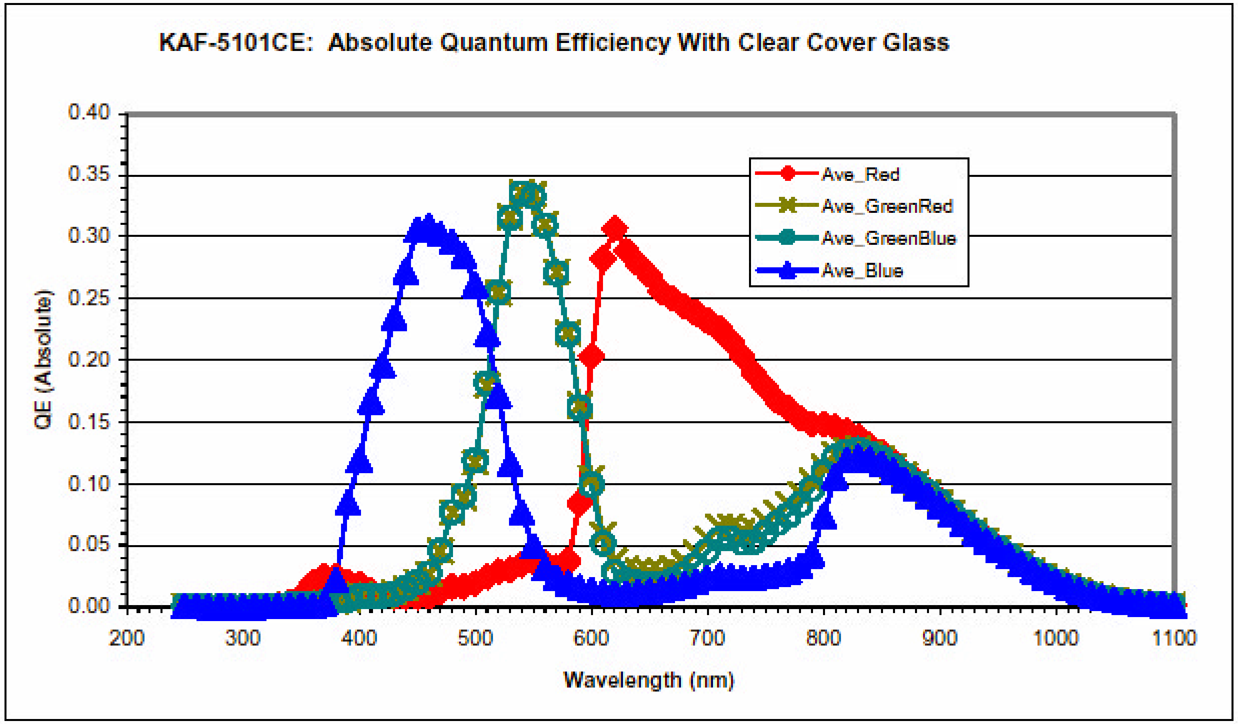
Multi-chip





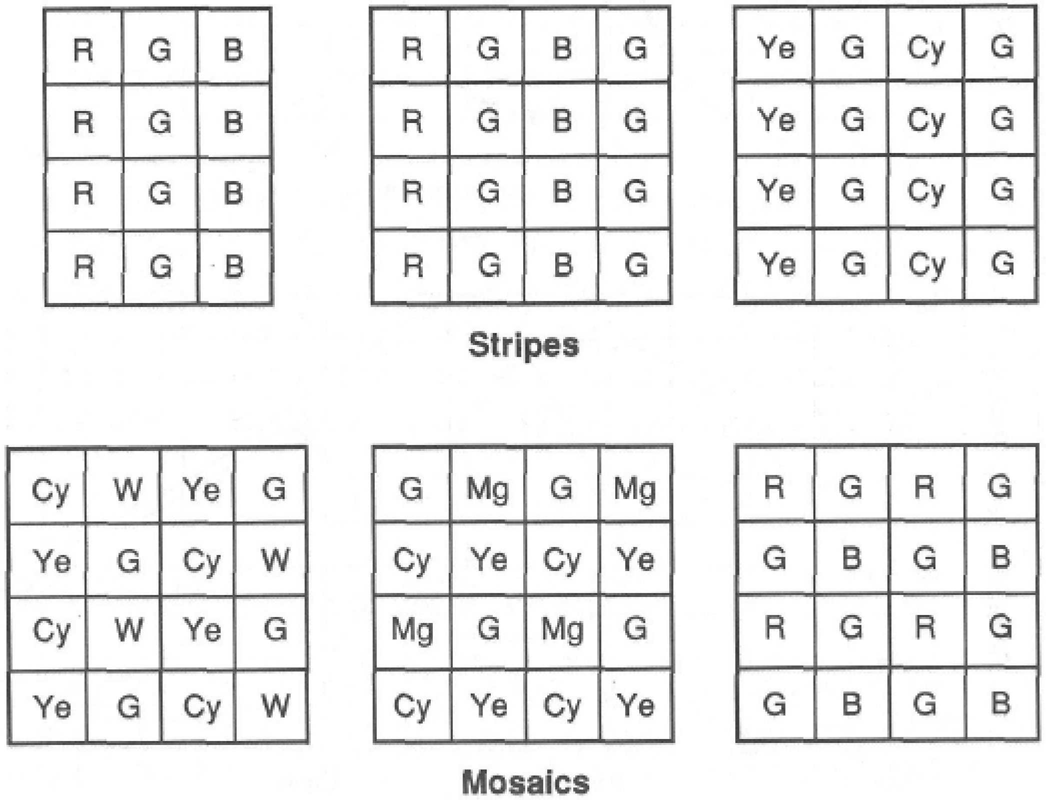
wavelength
dependent

Embedded color filters

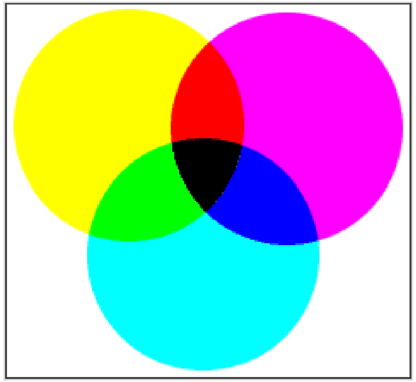


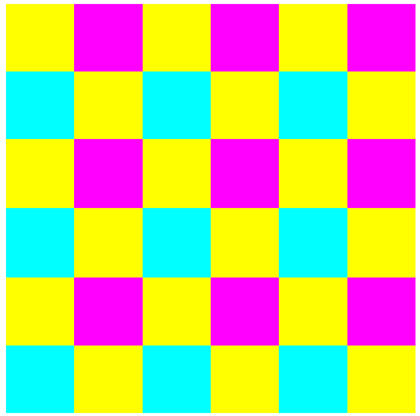
Color filters can be manufactured directly onto the photodetectors.

Color filter array



Kodak DCS620x

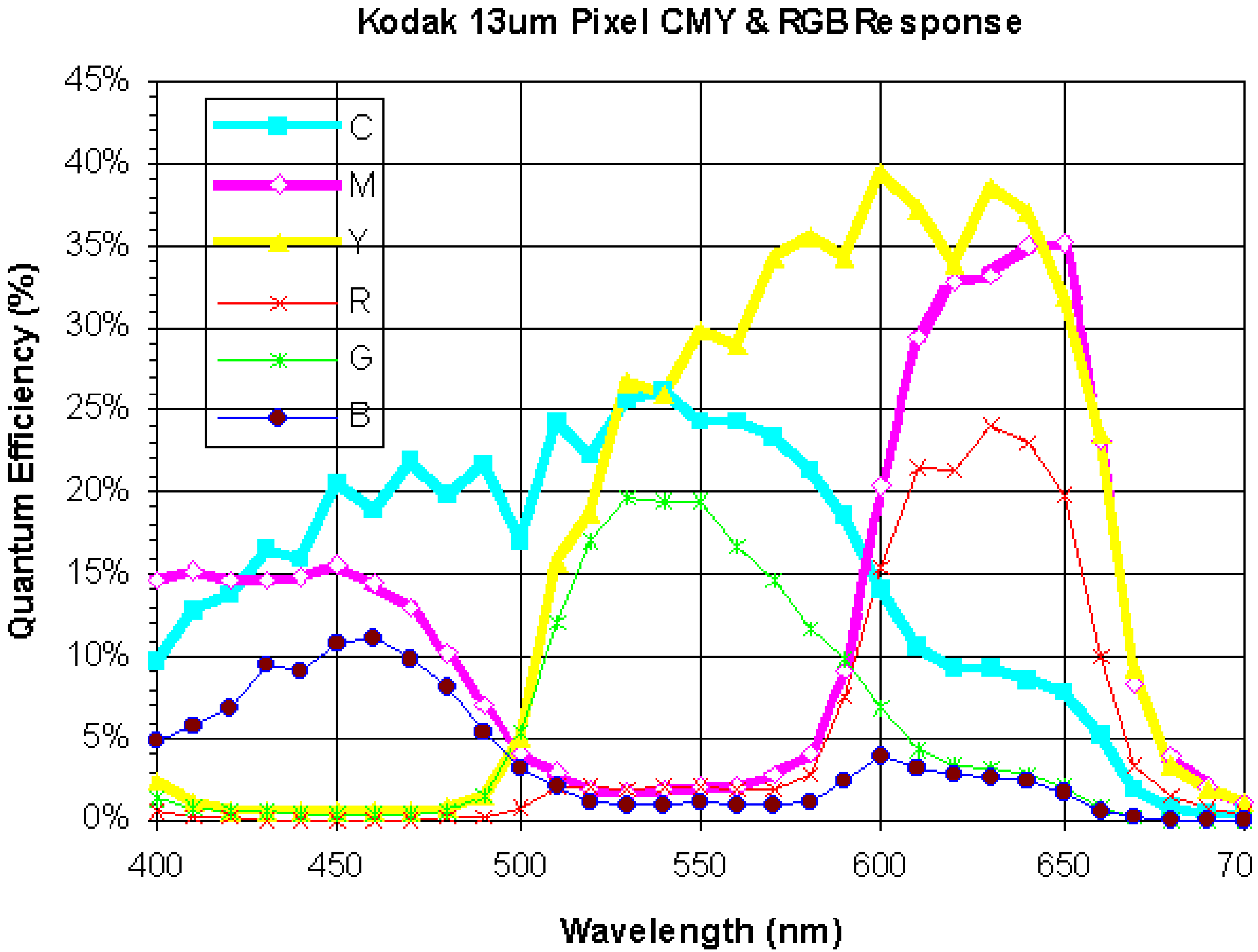




CMY

Color filter arrays (CFAs)/color filter mosaics

Why CMY CFA might be better



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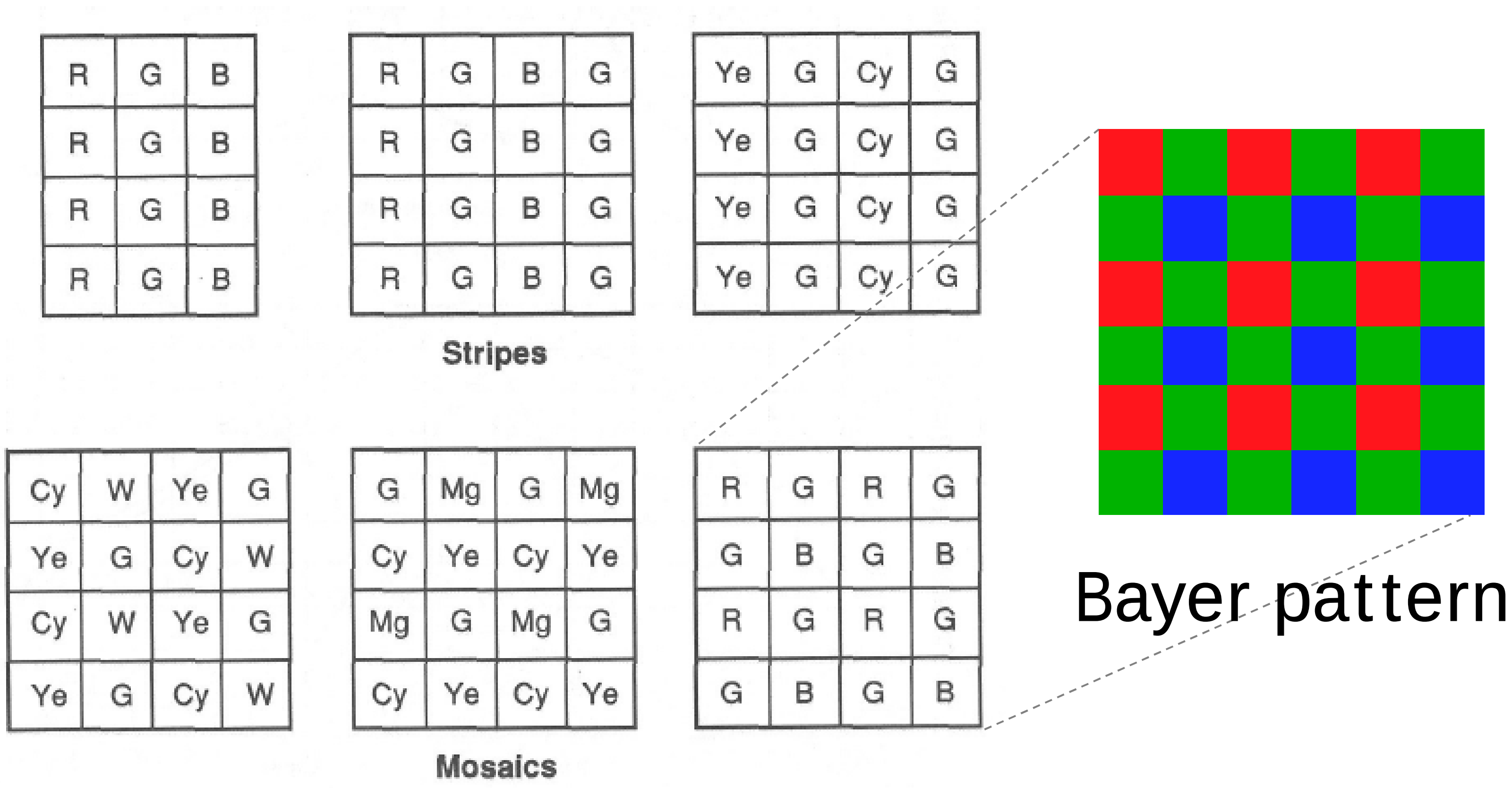
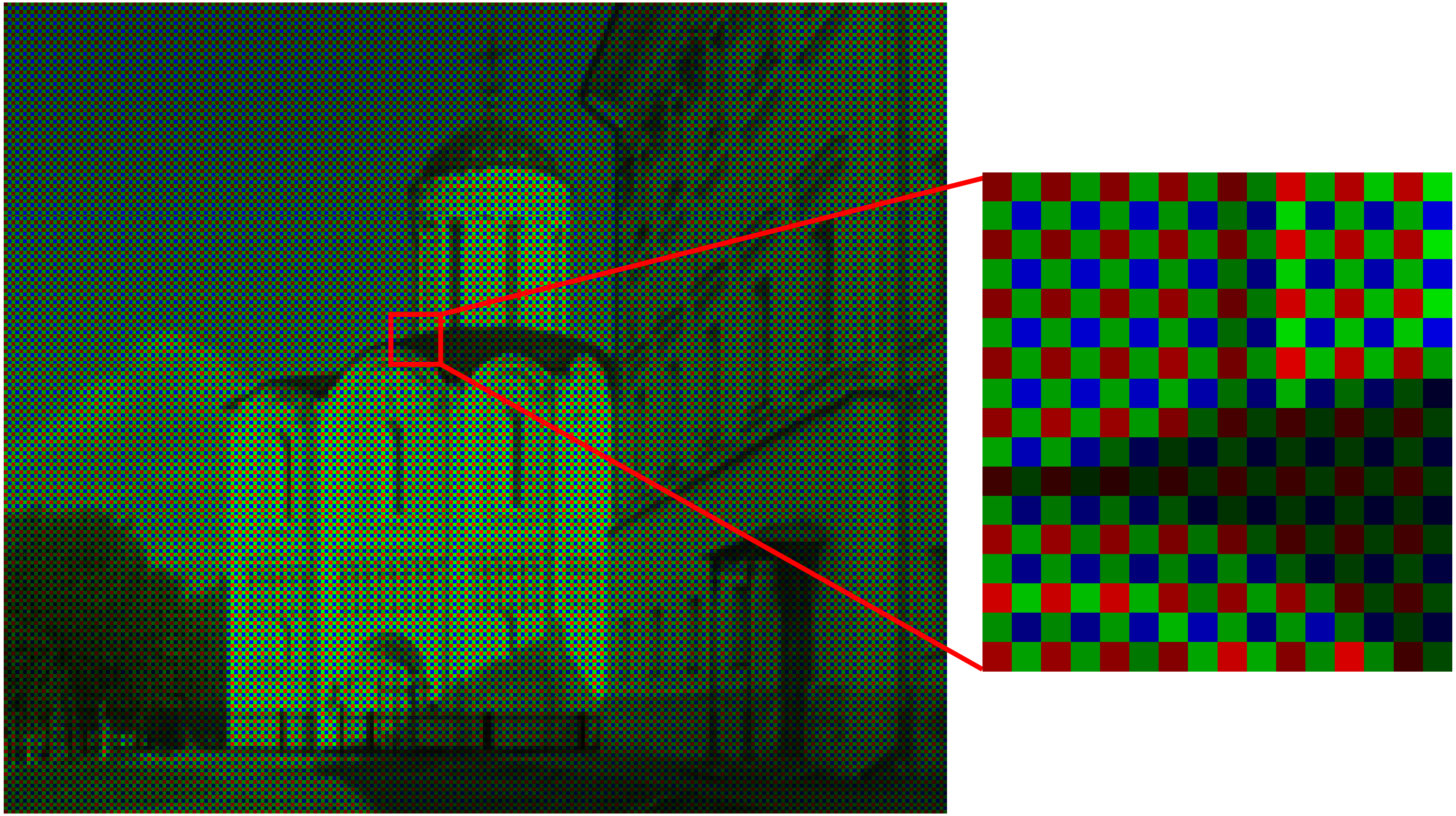


Color filter arrays (CFAs)/color filter mosaics

Bayer's pattern



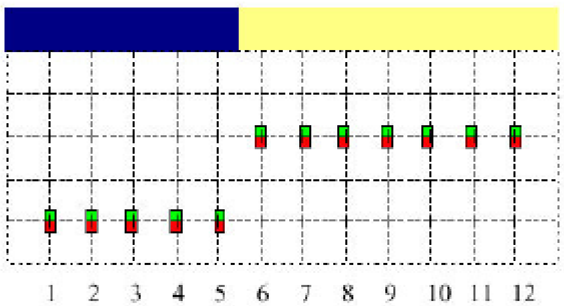
Demosaicking CFA's

R 11	G 12	R 13	G 14	R 15	G 16	R 17
G 21	B 22	G 23	B 24	G 25	B 26	G 27
R 31	G 32	R 33	G 34	R 35	G 36	R 37
G 41	B 42	G 43	B 44	G 45	B 46	G 47
R 51	G 52	R 53	G 54	R 55	G 56	R 57

bilinear interpolation

$$G_{44} = (G_{34} + G_{43} + G_{45} + G_{54})/4$$

$$R_{44} = (R_{33} + R_{35} + R_{53} + R_{55})/4$$



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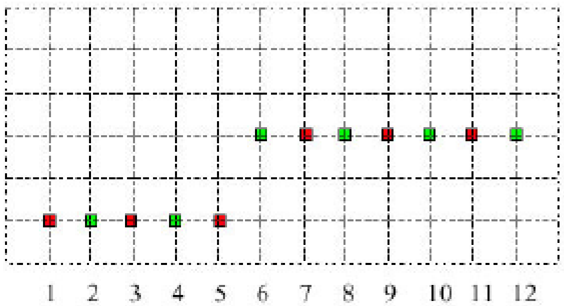

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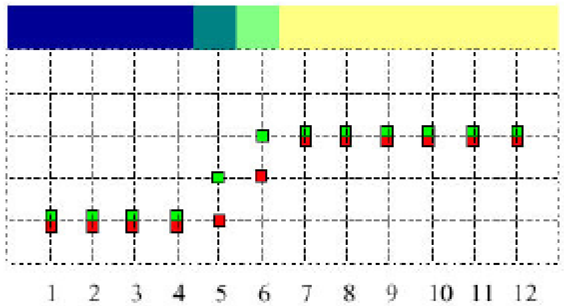

linear interpolation

Demosaicking CFA's

R_{11}	G_{12}	R_{13}	G_{14}	R_{15}	G_{16}	R_{17}
G_{21}	B_{22}	G_{23}	B_{24}	G_{25}	B_{26}	G_{27}
R_{31}	G_{32}	R_{33}	G_{34}	R_{35}	G_{36}	R_{37}
G_{41}	B_{42}	G_{43}	B_{44}	G_{45}	B_{46}	G_{47}
R_{51}	G_{52}	R_{53}	G_{54}	R_{55}	G_{56}	R_{57}
G_{61}	B_{62}	G_{63}	B_{64}	G_{65}	B_{66}	G_{67}
R_{71}	G_{72}	R_{73}	G_{74}	R_{75}	G_{76}	R_{77}

Constant hue-based interpolation (Cok)

Hue: $(R/G, B/G)$

Interpolate G first

$$R_{44} = \mathbf{G}_{44} \frac{\frac{R_{33}}{\mathbf{G}_{33}} + \frac{R_{35}}{\mathbf{G}_{35}} + \frac{R_{53}}{\mathbf{G}_{53}} + \frac{R_{55}}{\mathbf{G}_{55}}}{4}$$

$$B_{33} = \mathbf{G}_{33} \frac{\frac{B_{22}}{\mathbf{G}_{22}} + \frac{B_{24}}{\mathbf{G}_{24}} + \frac{B_{42}}{\mathbf{G}_{42}} + \frac{B_{44}}{\mathbf{G}_{44}}}{4}$$

Demosaicking CFA's

R 11	G 12	R 13	G 14	R 15	G 16	R 17
G 21	B 22	G 23	B 24	G 25	B 26	G 27
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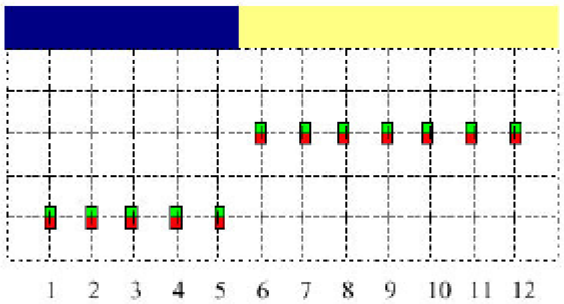
R 51	G 52	R 53	G 54	R 55	G 56	R 57
G 61	B 62	G 63	B 64	G 65	B 66	G 67
R 71	G 72	R 73	G 74	R 75	G 76	R 77

Median-based interpolation (Freeman)

1. Linear interpolation
2. Median filter on color differences

Demosaicking CFA's

Median-based interpolation (Freeman)



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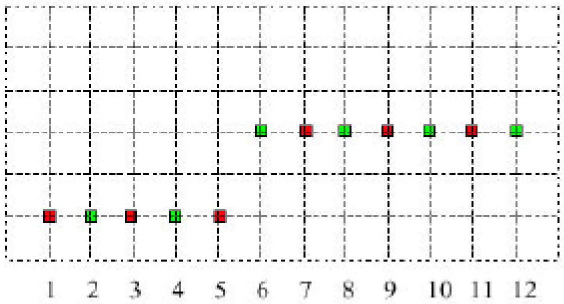

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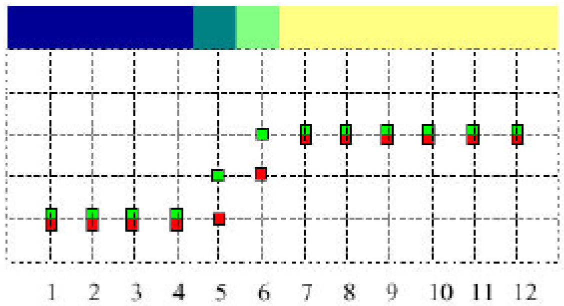
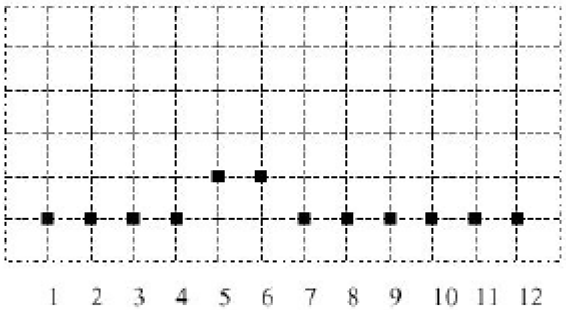
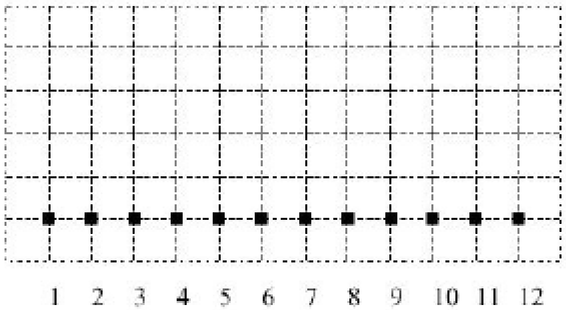


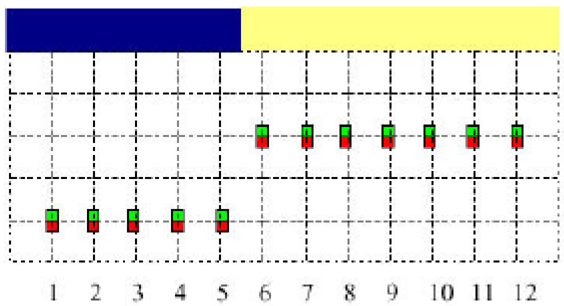
linear interpolation



color difference
(e.g. G-R)



median filter
(kernel size 5)



Reconstruction
(G=R+filtered
difference)

Demosaicking CFA's

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R 31	G 32	R 33	G 34	R 35	G 36	R 37
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R 51	G 52	R 53	G 54	R 55	G 56	R 57
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Gradient-based interpolation (LaRoche-Prescott)

1. Interpolation on G

$$\alpha = \text{abs}[(B_{42}+B_{46})/2 - B_{44}]$$

$$\beta = \text{abs}[(B_{24}+B_{64})/2 - B_{44}]$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{44} = \begin{cases} \dfrac{G_{43}+G_{45}}{2} & \text{if } \alpha < \beta \\ \dfrac{G_{34}+G_{54}}{2} & \text{if } \alpha > \beta. \\ \dfrac{G_{43}+G_{45}+G_{34}+G_{54}}{4} & \text{if } \alpha = \beta \end{cases}$$

Demosaicking CFA's

R 11	G 12	R 13	G 14	R 15	G 16	R 17
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Gradient-based interpolation (LaRoche-Prescott)

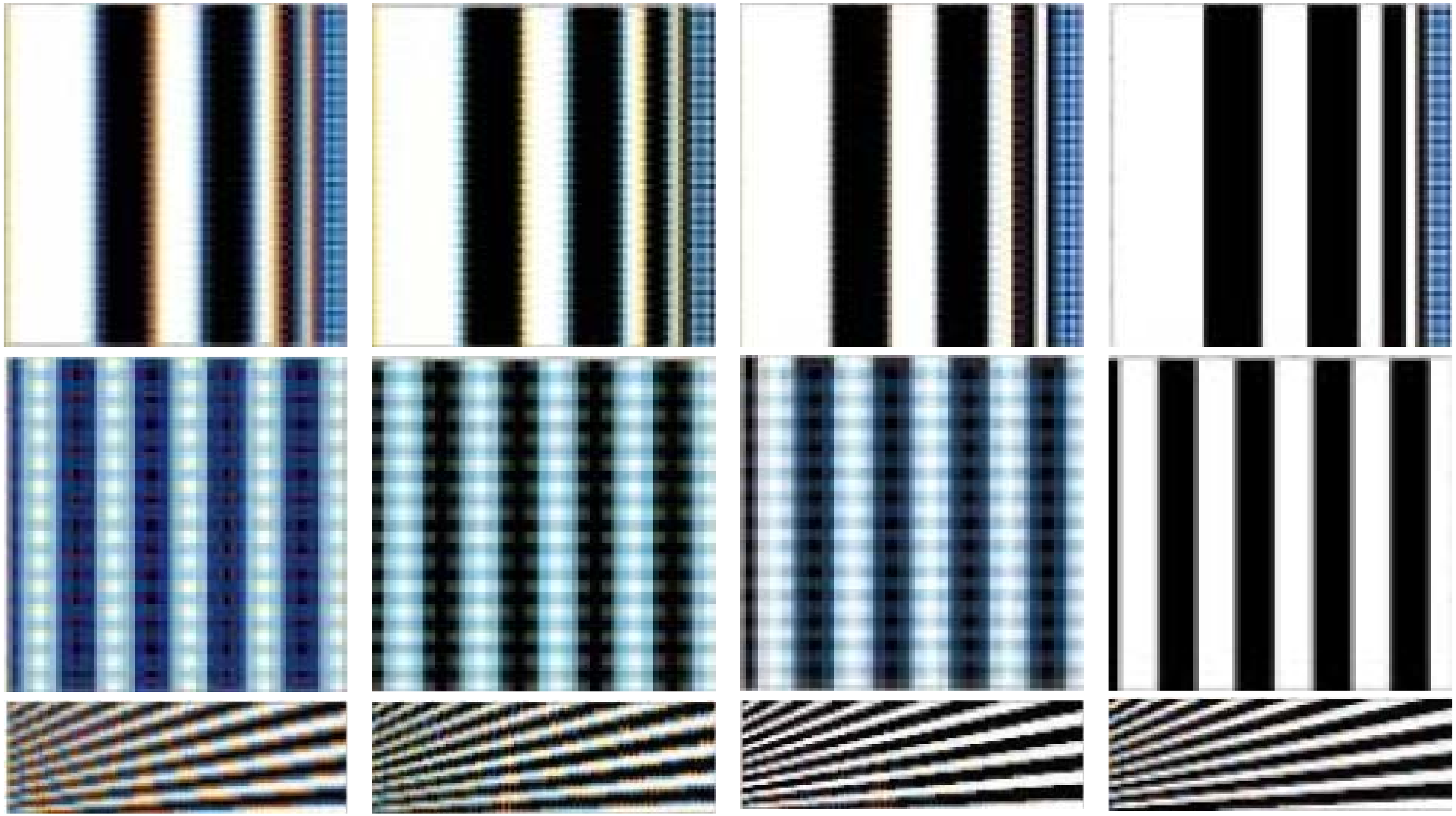
2. Interpolation of color differences

$$R_{34}=\frac{(R_{33}-\mathbf{G}_{33})+(R_{35}-\mathbf{G}_{35})}{2}+G_{34},$$

$$R_{43}=\frac{(R_{33}-\mathbf{G}_{33})+(R_{53}-\mathbf{G}_{53})}{2}+G_{43},$$

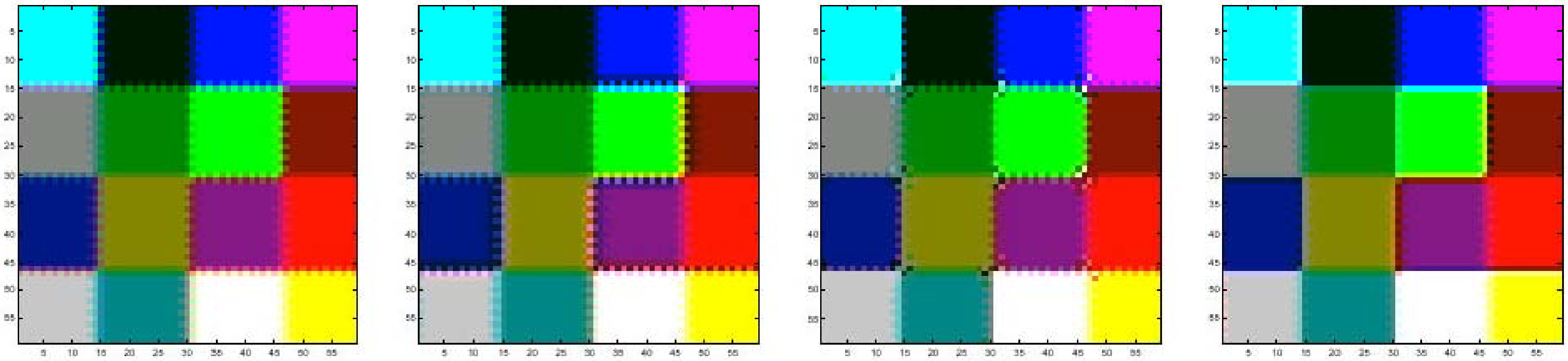
$$R_{44}=\frac{(R_{33}-\mathbf{G}_{33})+(R_{35}-\mathbf{G}_{35})+(R_{53}-\mathbf{G}_{53})+(R_{55}-\mathbf{G}_{55})}{4}+G_{44}.$$

Demosaicking CFA's

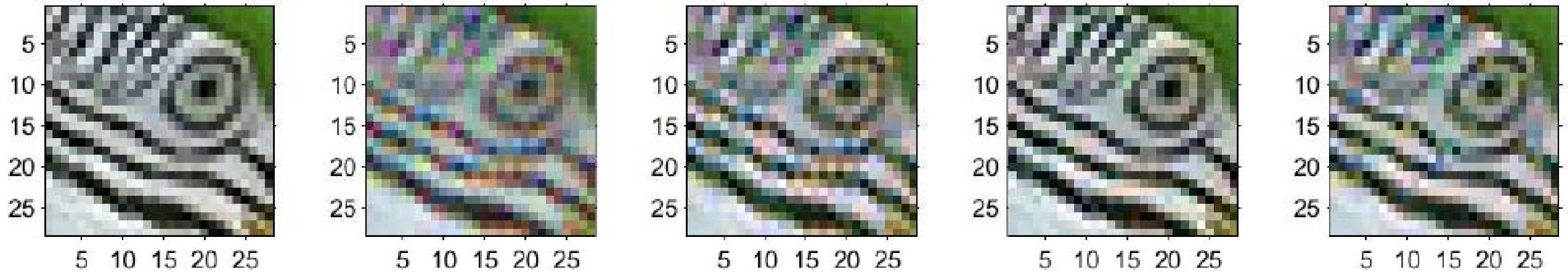


bilinear Cok Freeman LaRoche

Demosaicking CFA's



Bilinear *Cok* *Freeman* *LaRoche*

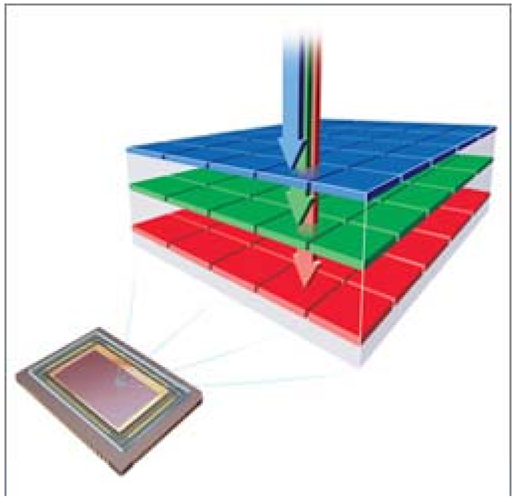


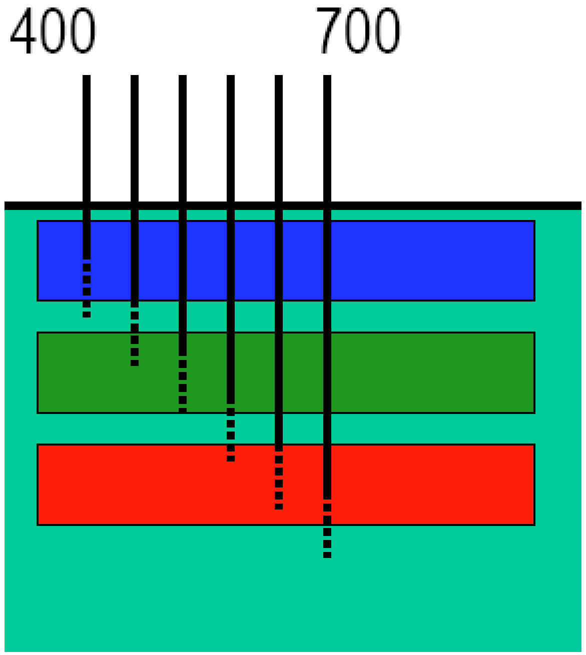
Input *Bilinear* *Cok* *Freeman* *LaRoche*

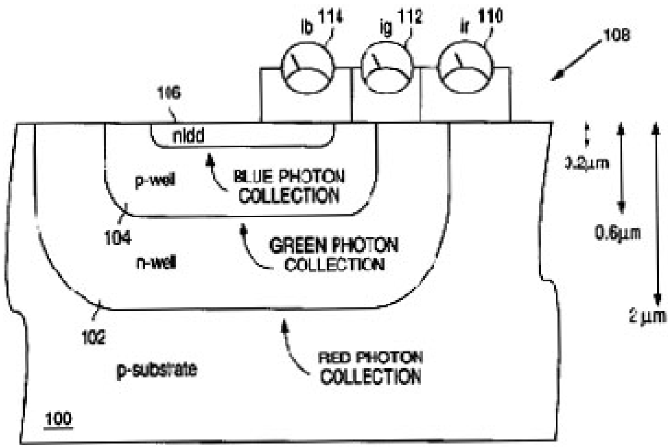
Generally, Freeman's is the best, especially for natural images.

Foveon X3 sensor

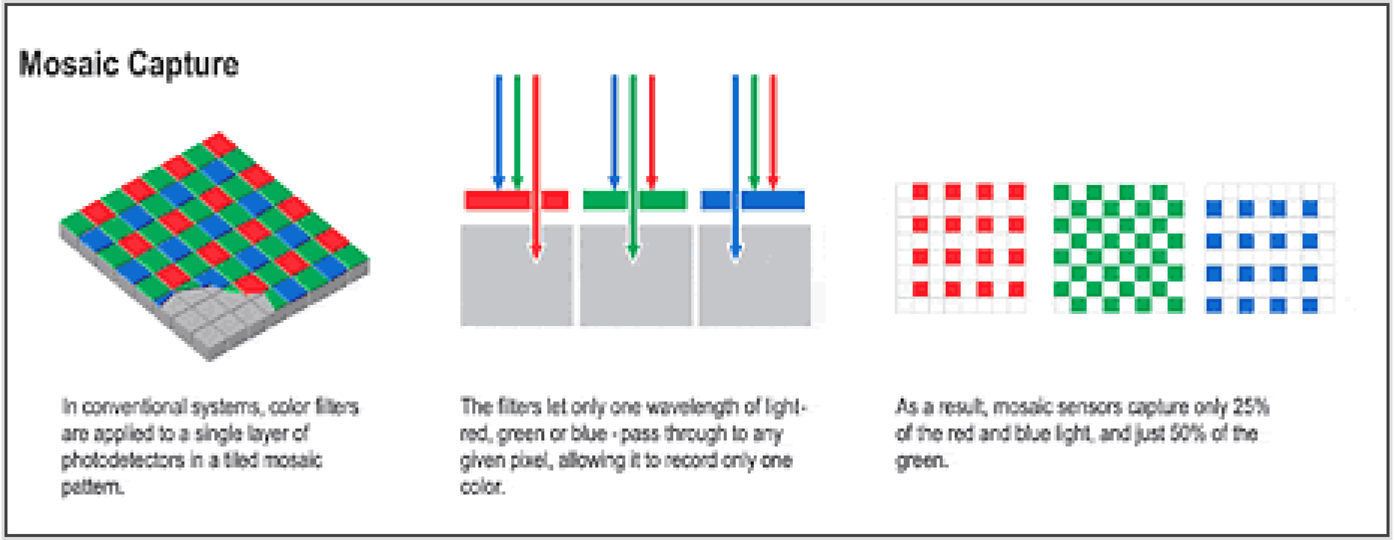
- light penetrates to different depths for different wavelengths
- multilayer CMOS sensor gets 3 different spectral sensitivities

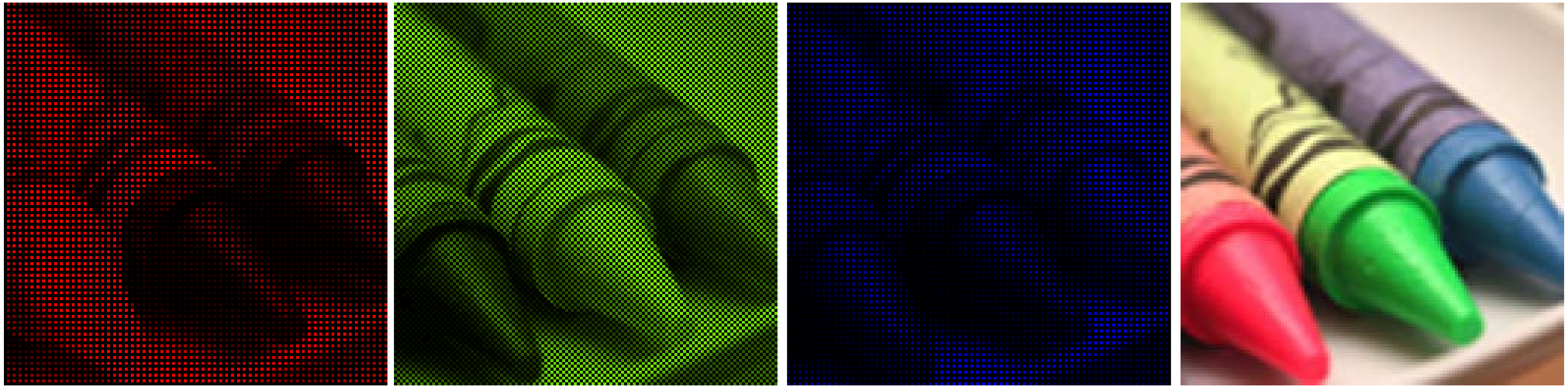






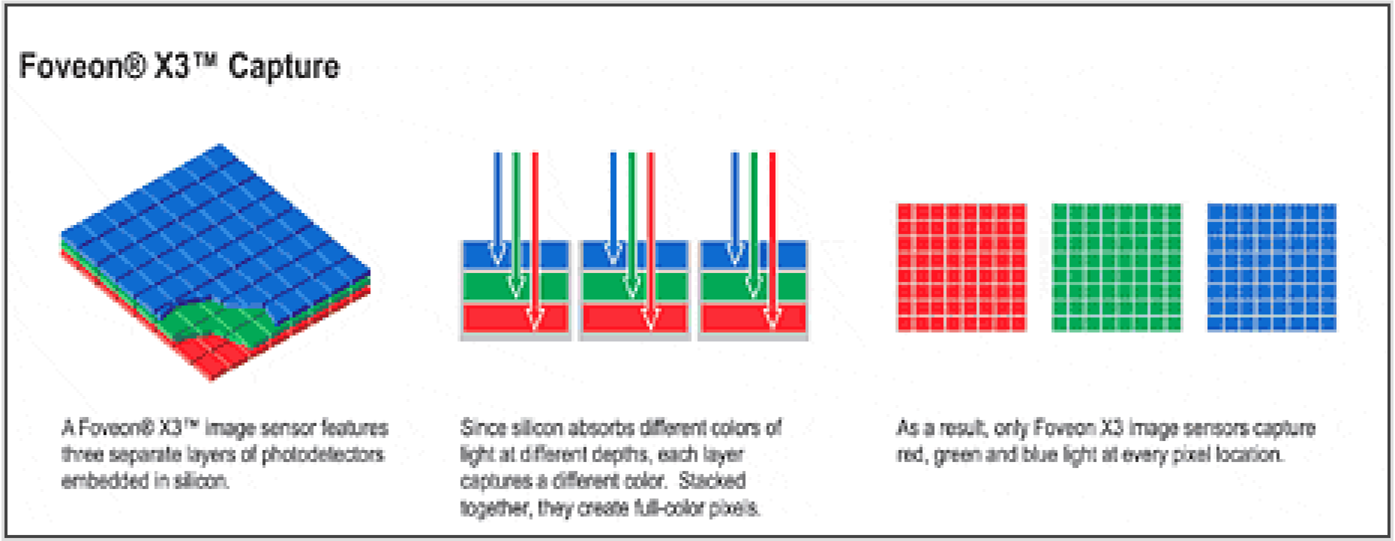
Color filter array

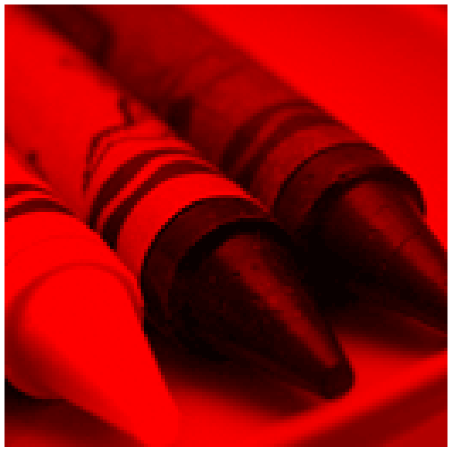




red green blue output

X3 technology

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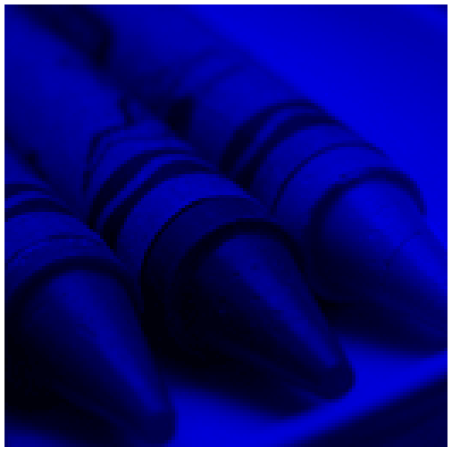
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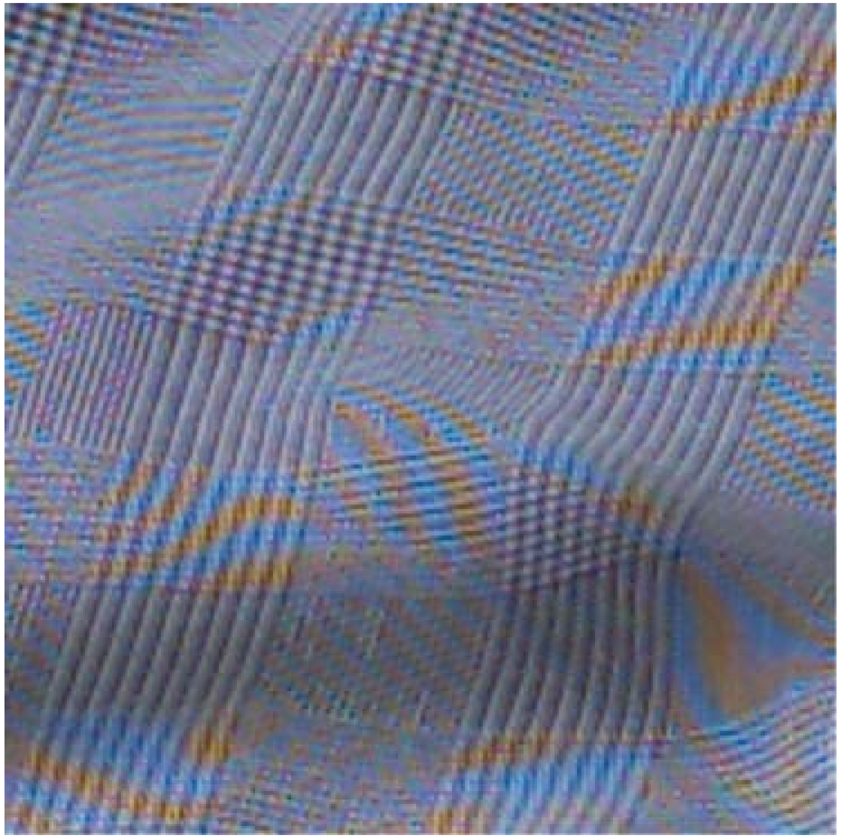
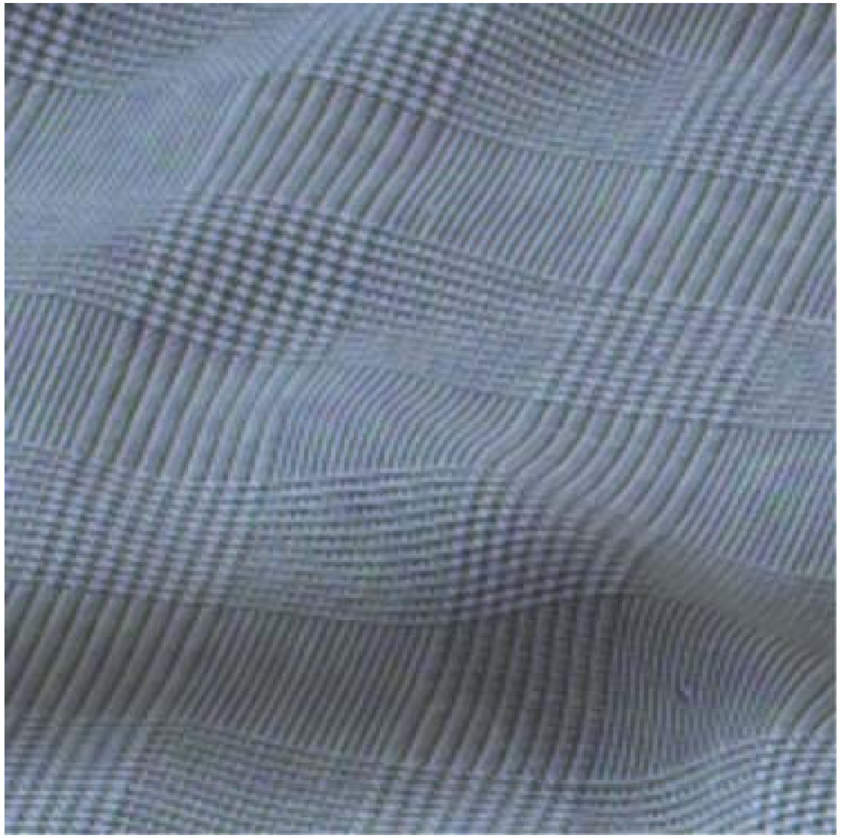
output

Foveon X3 sensor



Bayer CFA



X3 sensor

Cameras with X3

Sigma SD10, SD9

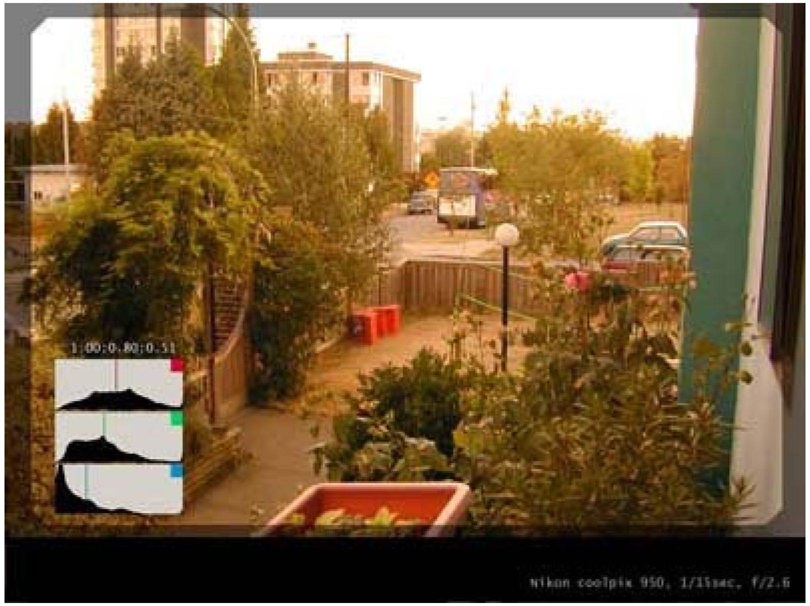
Polaroid X530

Sigma SD9 vs Canon D30

Color processing

- After color values are recorded, more color processing usually happens:
  - White balance
  - Non-linearity to approximate film response or match TV monitor gamma

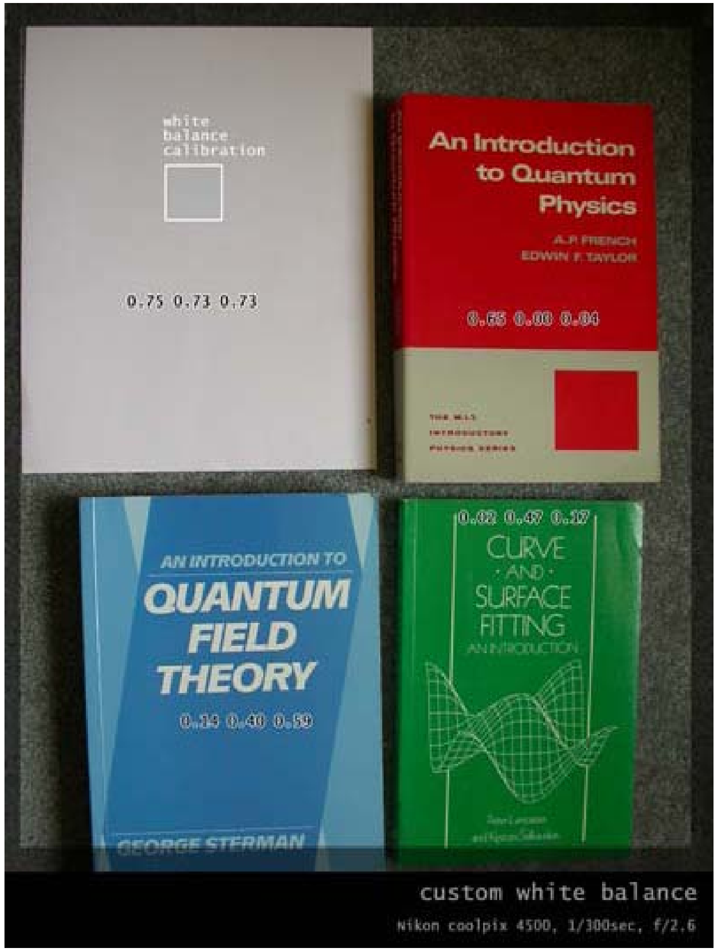
White Balance



warmer +3

automatic white balance

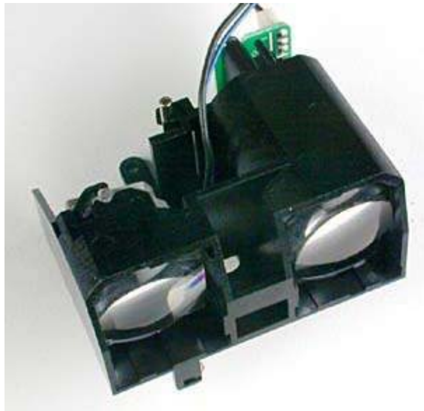
Manual white balance



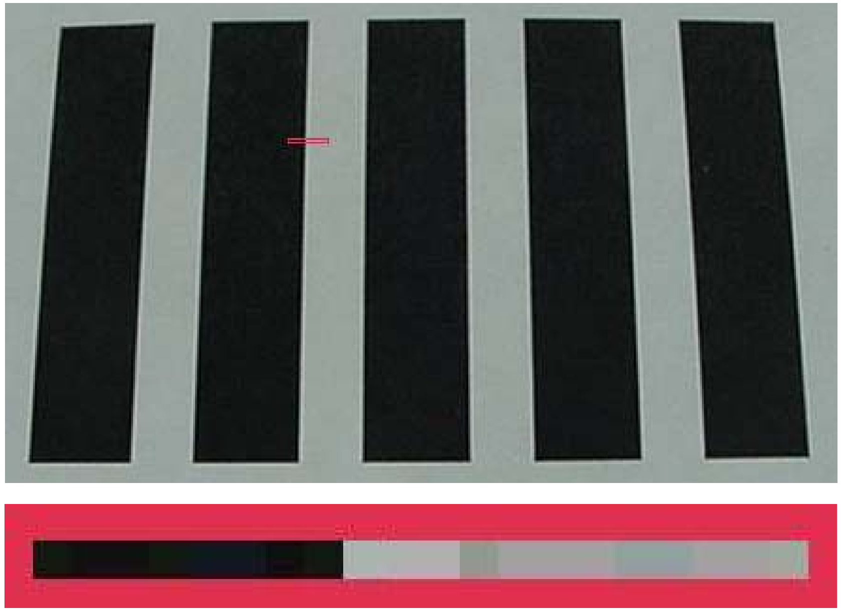
white balance with
the white book

white balance with
the red book

Autofocus



- Active
  - Sonar
  - Infrared
- Passive

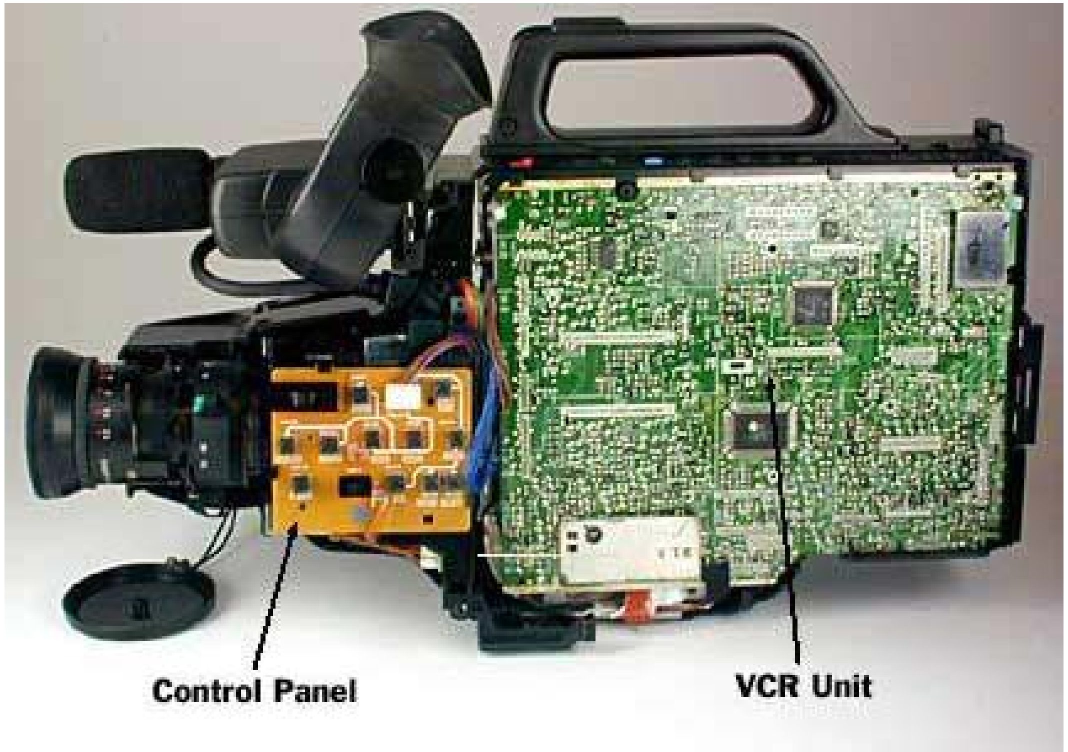


Digital camera review website

DigiVFX

- A cool video of digital camera illustration
- http://www.dpreview.com/

Camcorder



Interlacing

without interlacing

with interlacing

Deinterlacing

blend

weave

Deinterlacing

Discard
(even field only or
odd filed only)

Progressive scan

Hard cases

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