

  Computational  

Photography

Introduction

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Background

- Sales of digital cameras surpassed sales of film cameras in 2004.



Digital cameras are cool

- Free film
- Instant display
- Quality surpasses film
- Records metadata
 - shooting parameters, camera location & orientation

Digital cameras are boring

- Same experience as film cameras
 - Set zoom and focus
 - Set aperture and exposure
 - Press shutter to take a single picture
- Essentially, film camera with bits (0/1) ?

Digital cameras are boring

- The most common type of digital camera today: cellphone camera.



Can we leverage the computational power?

Course Information

- **When:** M/W 2:30-3:45
- **Where:** Gates 392
- **Lecturers:**
 - Jongmin Baek
 - Dave Jacobs
 - Kari Pulli (NVIDIA)

Course Information

- **Office hours:** TTh 2:30-3:45, Gates 360
- **Grading:**
 - 2 Assignments (15% each)
 - 1 Final project (70%)
- **Perks:**
 - Loaner NVidia Tegra 3 tablet
(Thanks Kari)

Course Information

- (Mostly unenforced) Requirements:
 - Basic knowledge in graphics or vision or photography (CS148, CS178, etc)
 - Mathematical maturity
 - Good programming skills
 - Necessary: C++ or Java
 - Helpful: OpenCV, OpenGL, ImageStack

Course Information

- **E-mail:** cs478-win1112-staff@lists.stanford.edu
- **URL:** cs478.stanford.edu
 - Schedule
 - Lecture slides
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Computational Photography: Definition

- Computational techniques that enhance or extend the capabilities of digital photography
- Output is an ordinary photograph, but one that could not have been taken by a traditional camera

Computational Photography: an Interdisciplinary Field

- Computer graphics
- Computer vision
- Image processing
- Signal processing
- Optics
- Embedded systems

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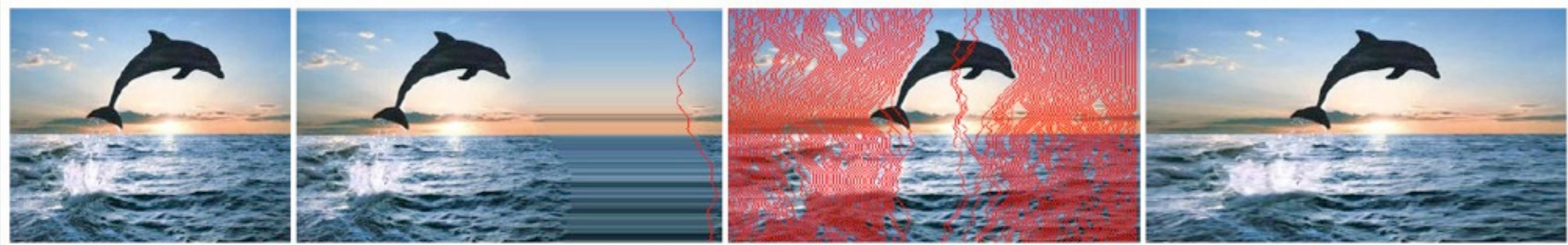
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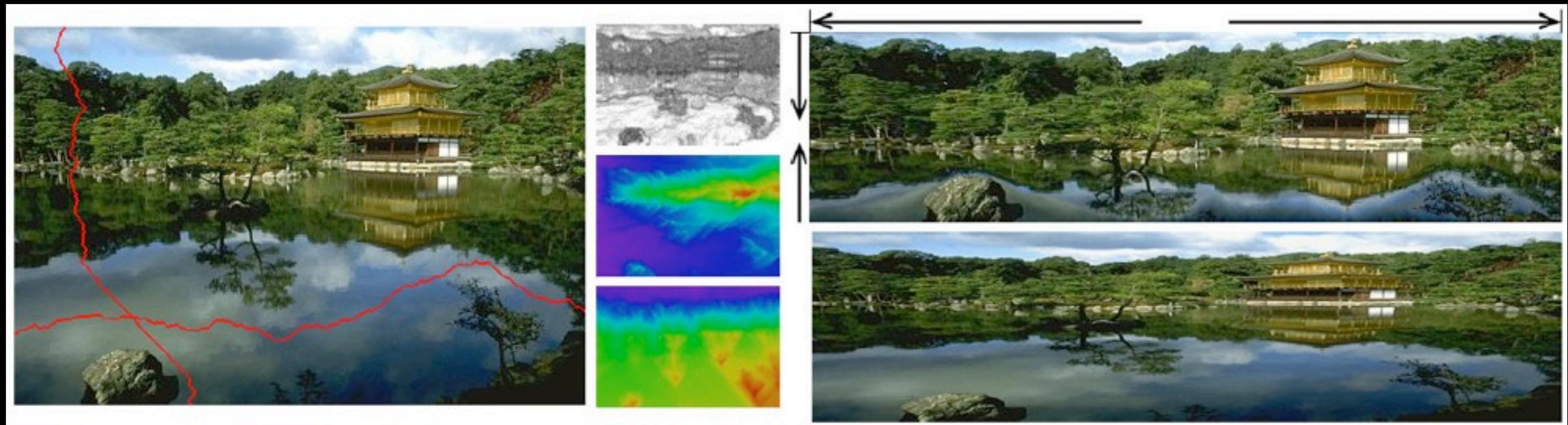
[Nayar, Tumblin]

Seam Carving for Content-Aware Image Resizing

Avidan, Shamir (SIGGRAPH 2007)



- To expand: insert pixel along seams that, if removed, will yield original image.



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- To contract: remove pixels along the lowest-energy seams, found with dynamic programming
- Object removal for an application?



A Bayesian Approach to Digital Matting

Chuang et al. (CVPR 2001)

- Generate local color model for foreground, background.
- Probabilistically assign alpha to unclassified pixels.



Removing Camera Shake from a Single Image

Fergus et al. (SIGGRAPH 2006)



Fast Motion Deblurring

Cho, Lee (SIGGRAPH Asia 2009)



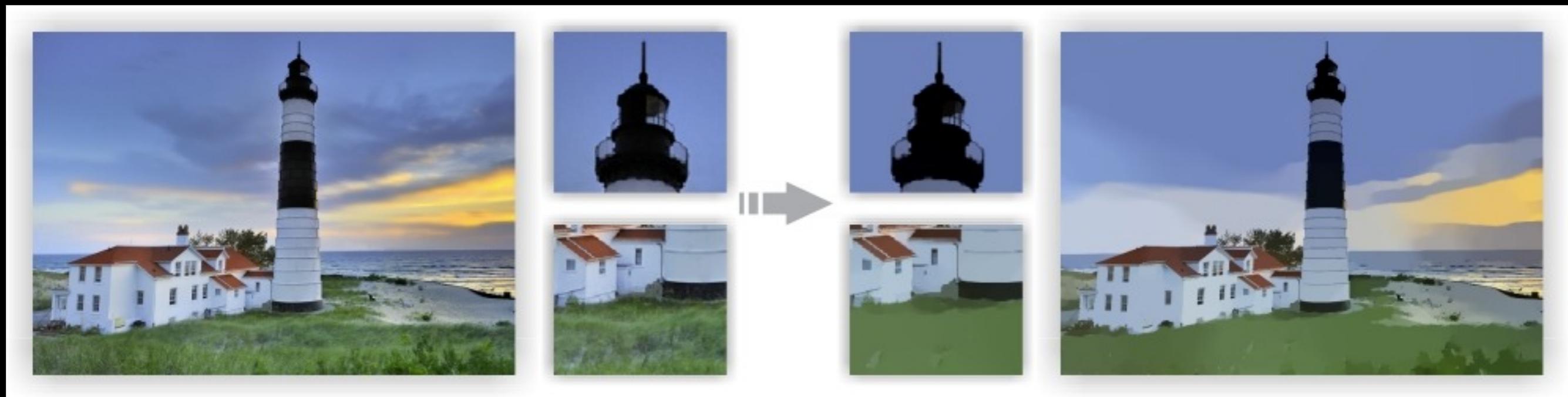
Local Laplacian Filters: Edge-aware Image Processing with a Laplacian Pyramid

Paris, Hasinoff, Kautz (SIGGRAPH 2011)



Image Smoothing via L_0 Gradient Minimization

Xu et al. (SIGGRAPH Asia 2011)



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Interactive Digital Photomontage

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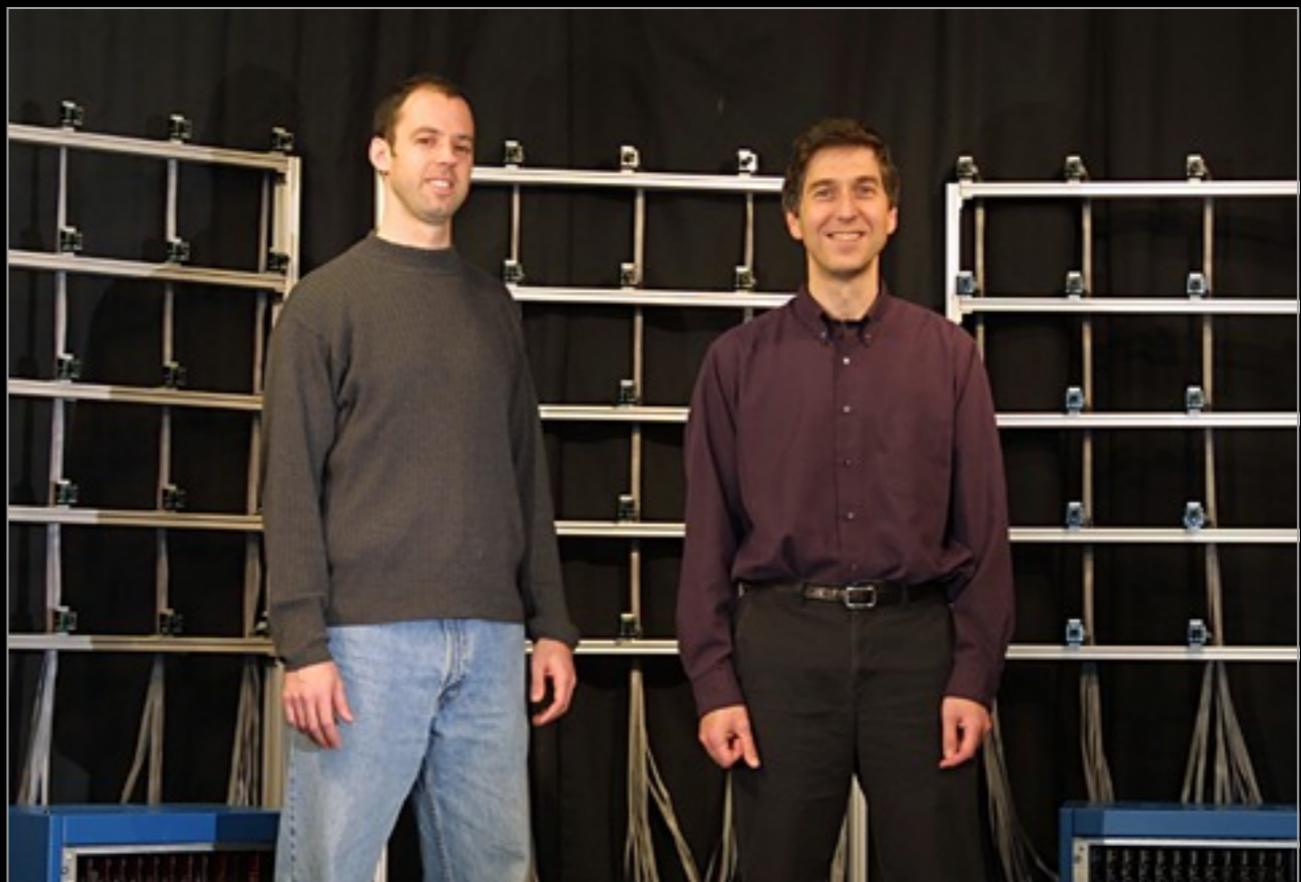
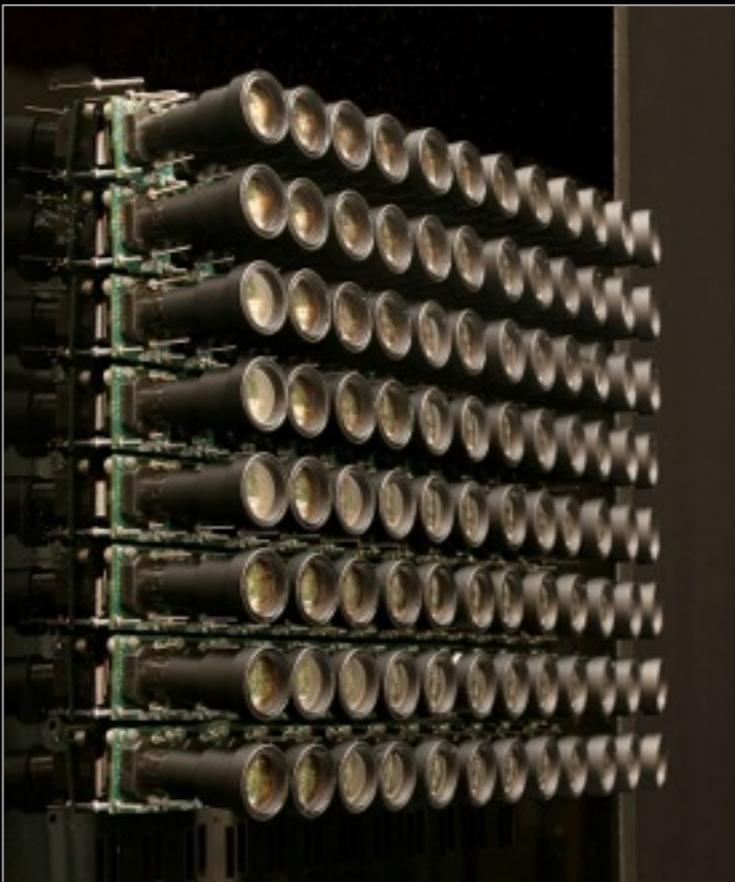
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High Performance Imaging using Large Camera Arrays

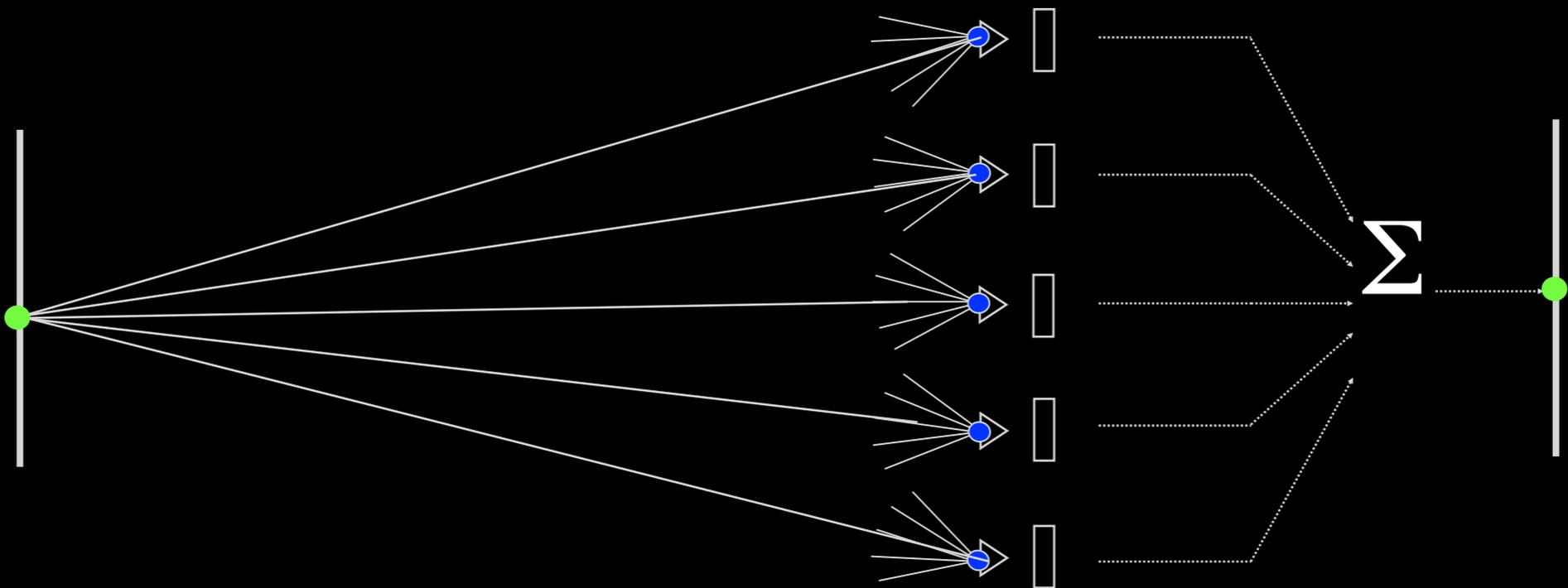
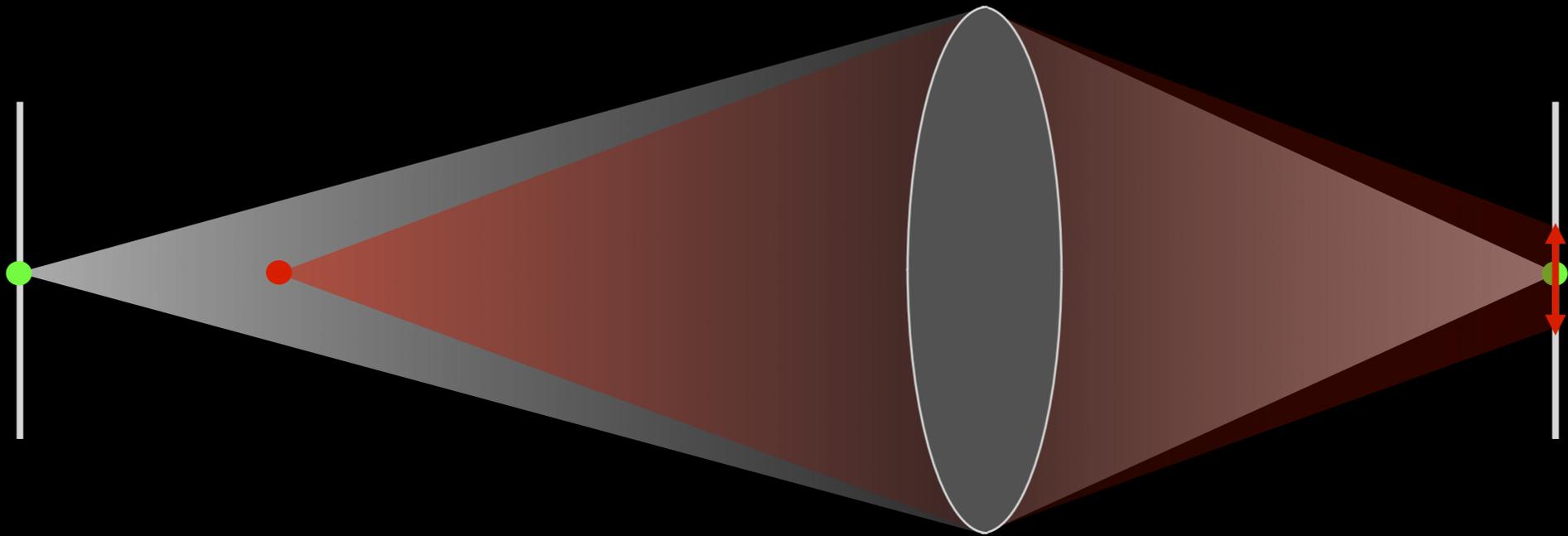
Wilburn et al. (SIGGRAPH 2005)

- 640×480 pixels \times
30 fps \times 128 cameras
- synchronized timing
- continuous streaming
- flexible arrangement



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Multi-Exposure Imaging on Mobile Devices

Gelfand et al. (ACM Multimedia 2010)



short exposure
(outside 😊)



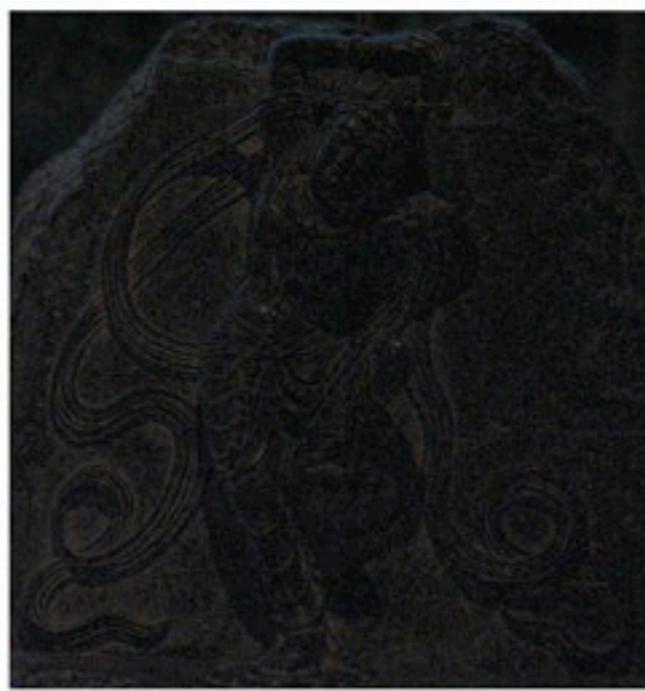
long exposure
(inside 😊)



combined result
(everywhere 😊)

Image Deblurring with Blurry/Noisy Image Pairs

Yuan et al. (SIGGRAPH 2007)



long exposure
(blurry)

short exposure
(dark)

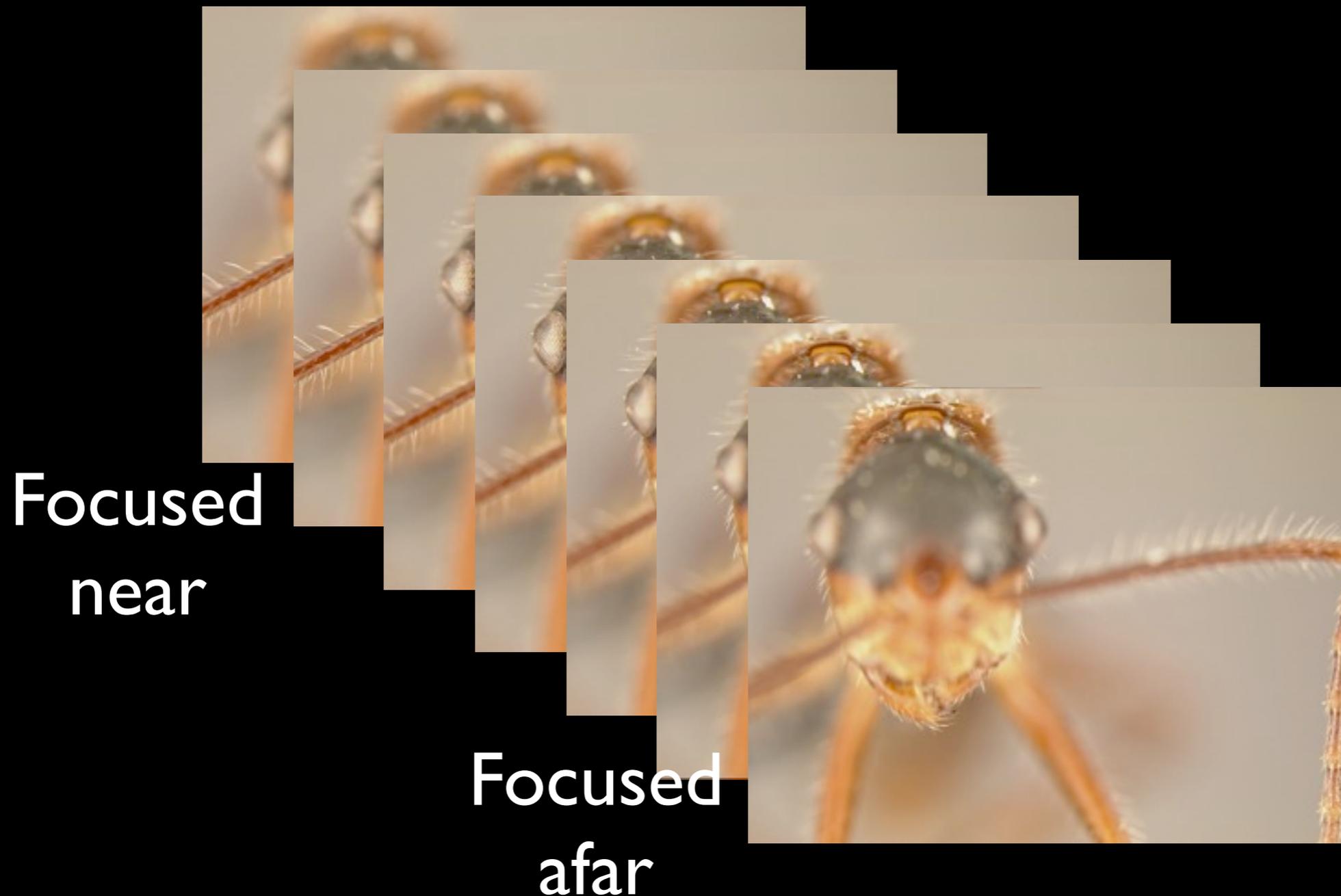
same, scaled up
(noisy)

joint
deconvolution

Light Efficient Photography

Hasinoff, Kutulakos (ECCV 2008)
(+ many others)

- Combine many photos in a focal stack.



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Viewfinder Alignment

Adams, Gelfand, Pulli (Eurographics 2008)

- Store and align viewfinder images in real-time.



individual frames, aligned



panorama

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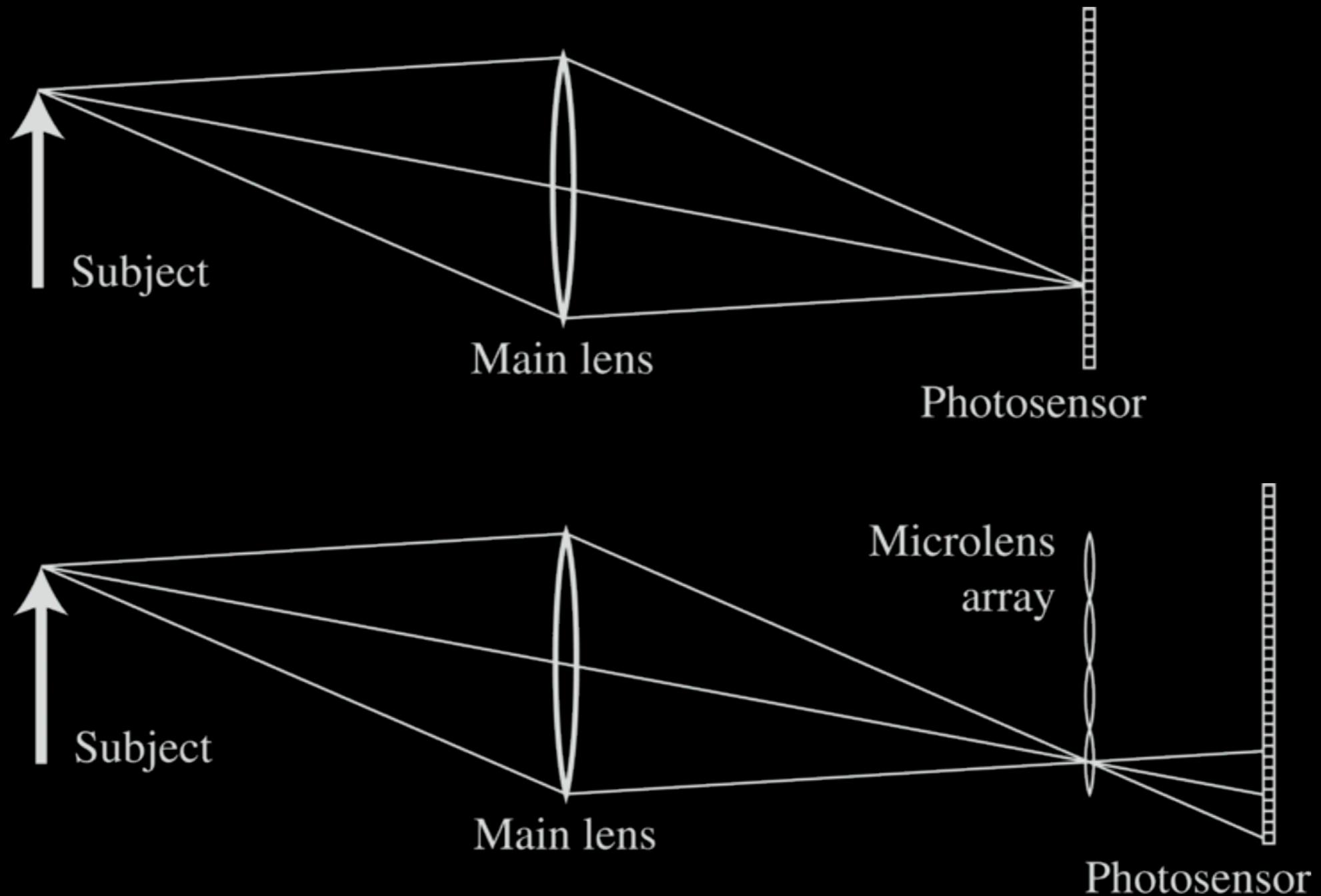
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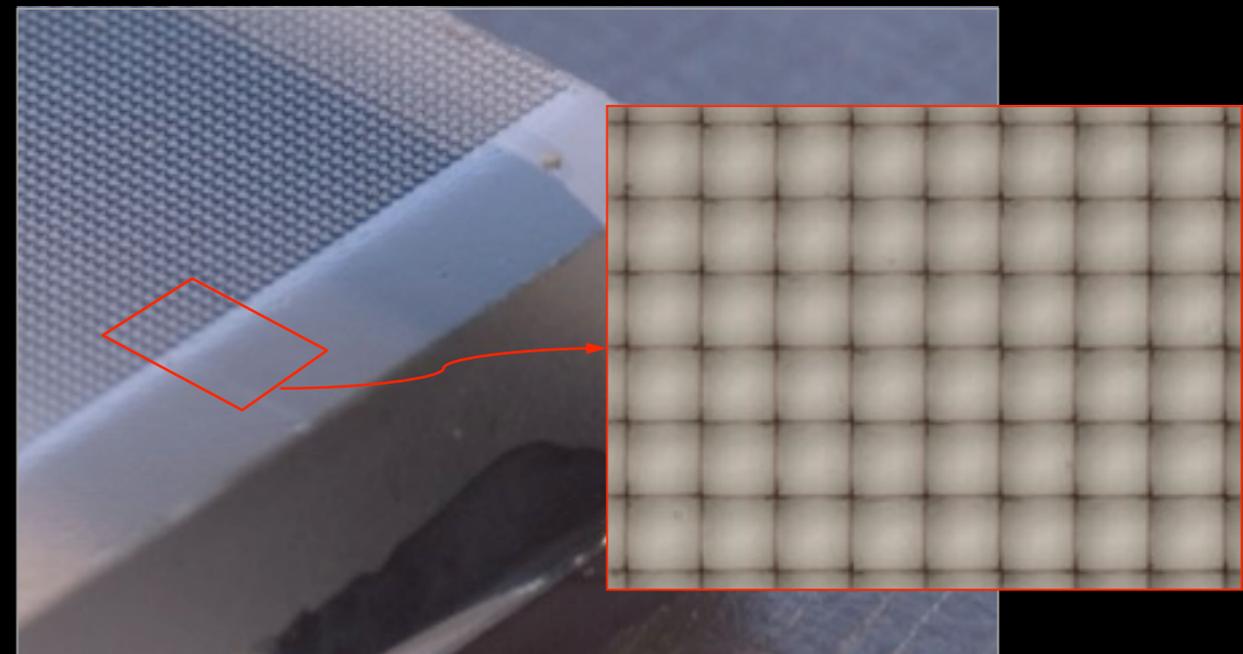
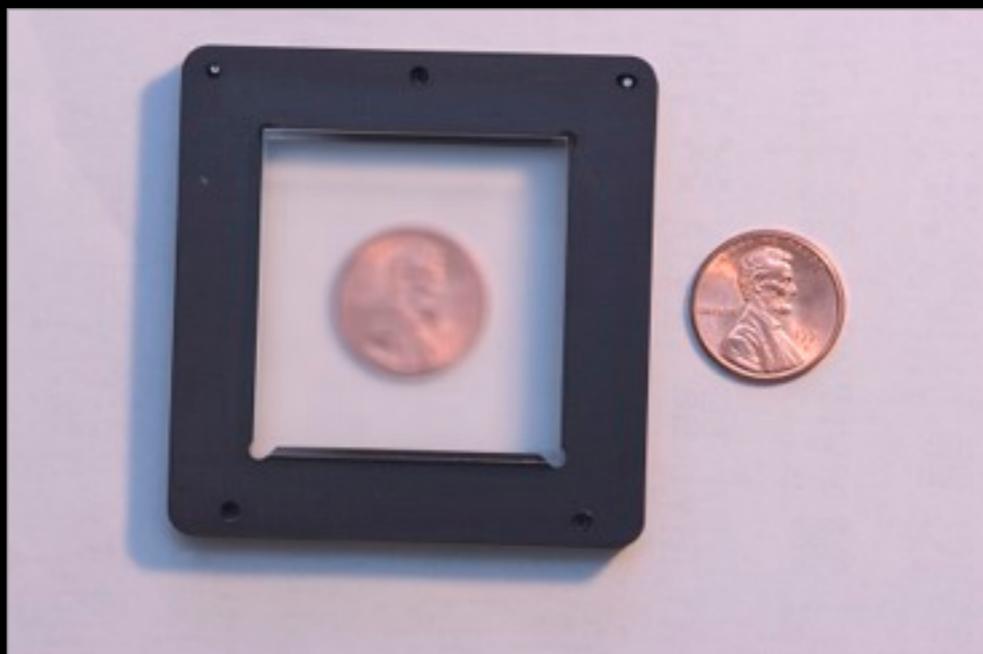
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Adaptive Optics microlens array

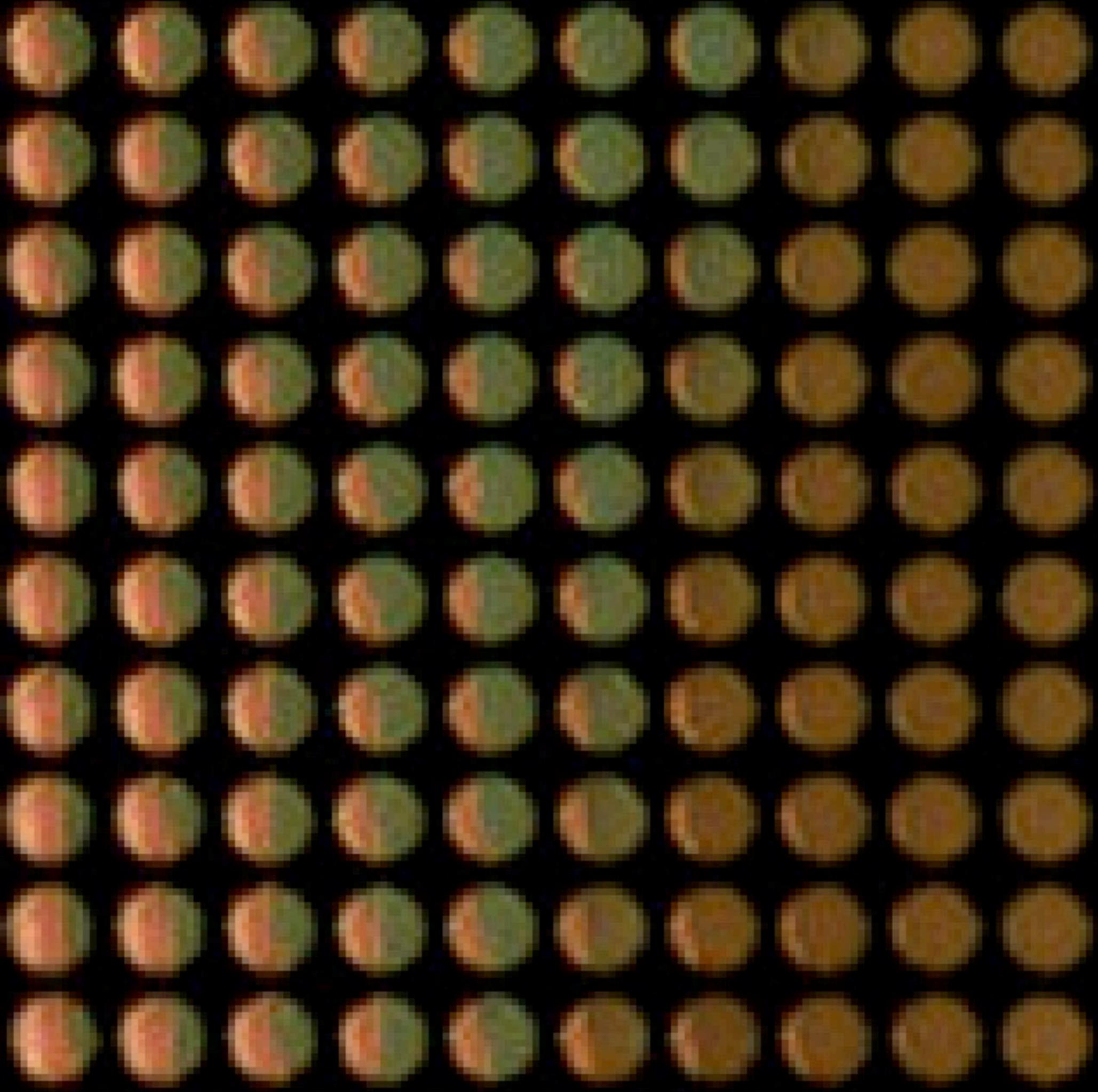
125 μ square-sided microlenses

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

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(Now known as “Lytro” camera.)

Spatiotemporal modulation of defocus blur ("coded aperture")

Levin et al. (SIGGRAPH 2007)

Veeraraghavan et al. (SIGGRAPH 2007)

Nagahara et al. (ECCV 2008)

Levin et al. (SIGGRAPH 2009)

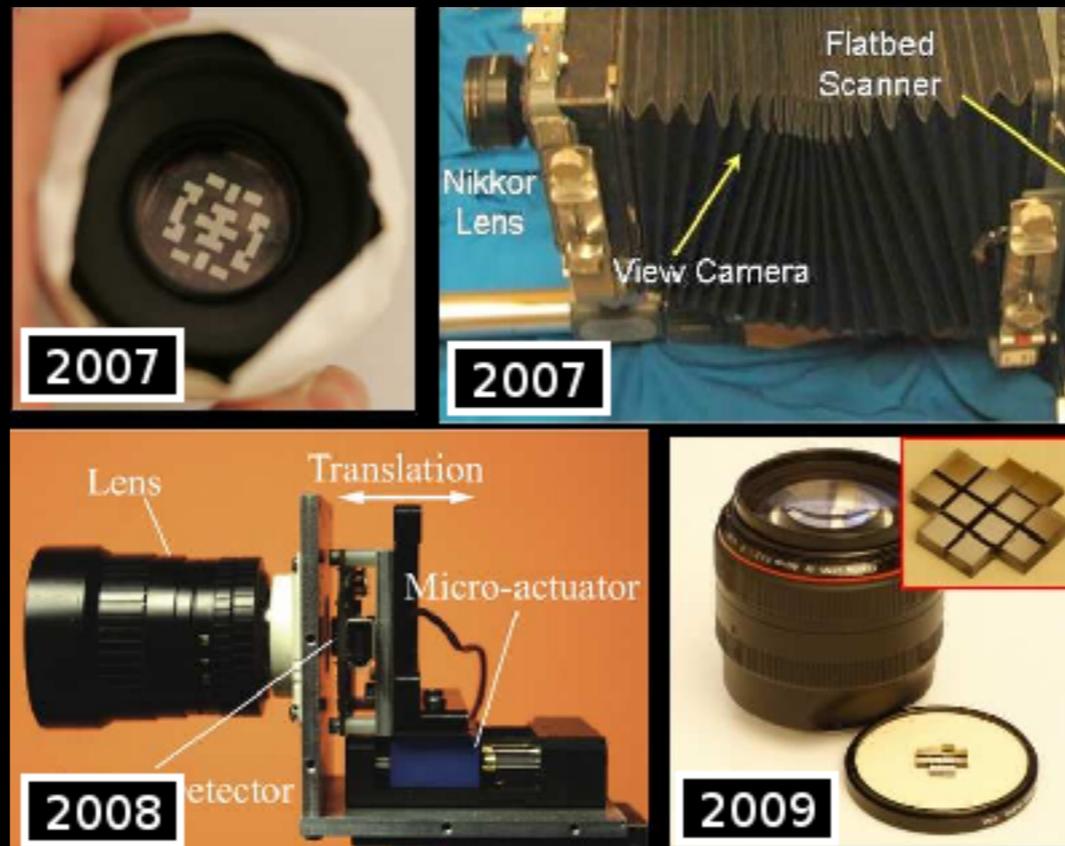
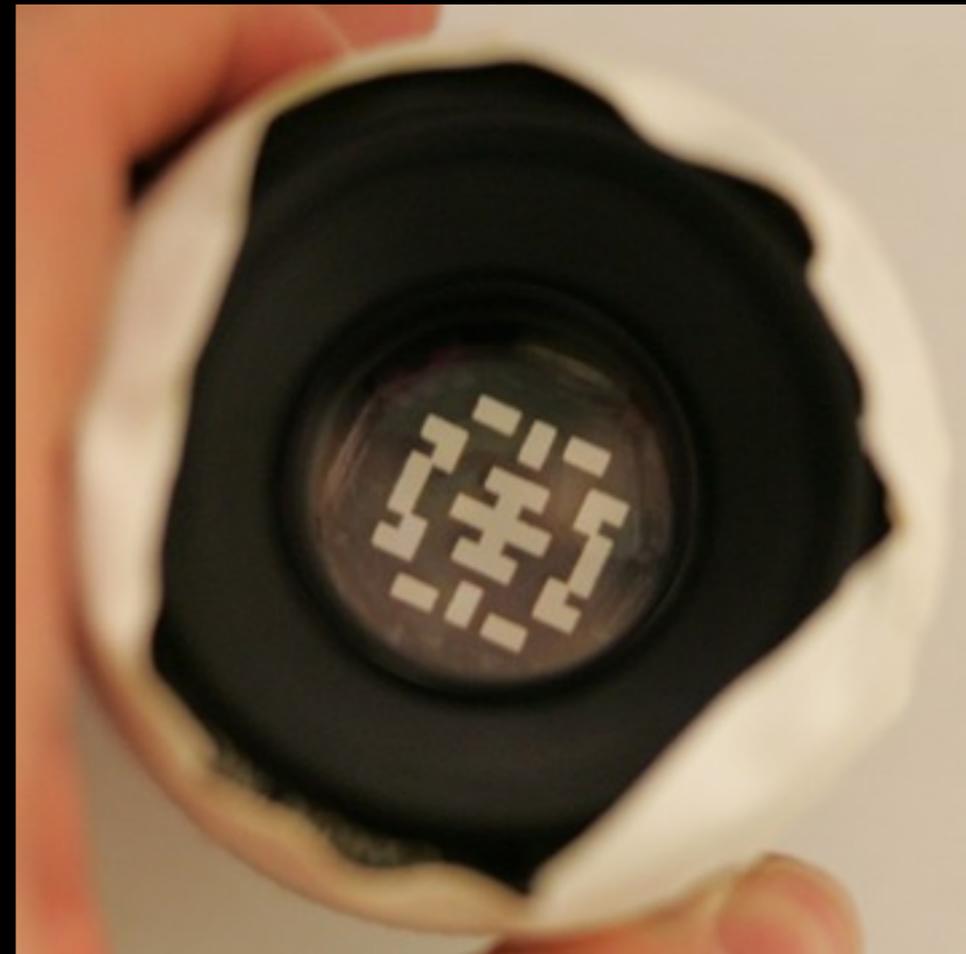


Image and Depth from a Conventional Camera with a Coded Aperture

Levin et al. (SIGGRAPH 2007)



conventional aperture



coded aperture

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input
(blurred)



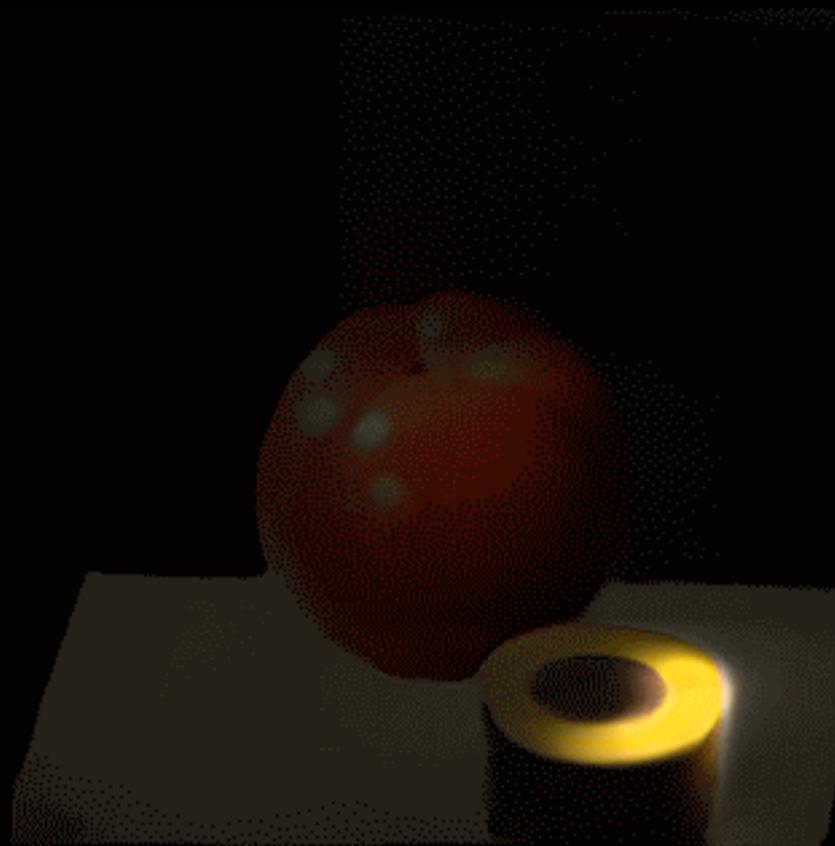
output
(deblurred)



depthmap

Visualizing Photons in Motion at a Trillion Frames per Second

Velten, Raskar, Bawendi (OSA 2011)



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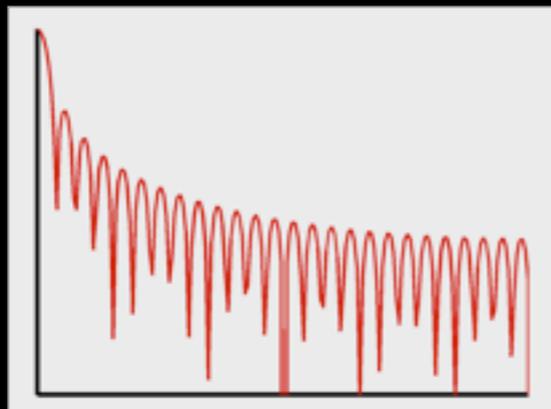
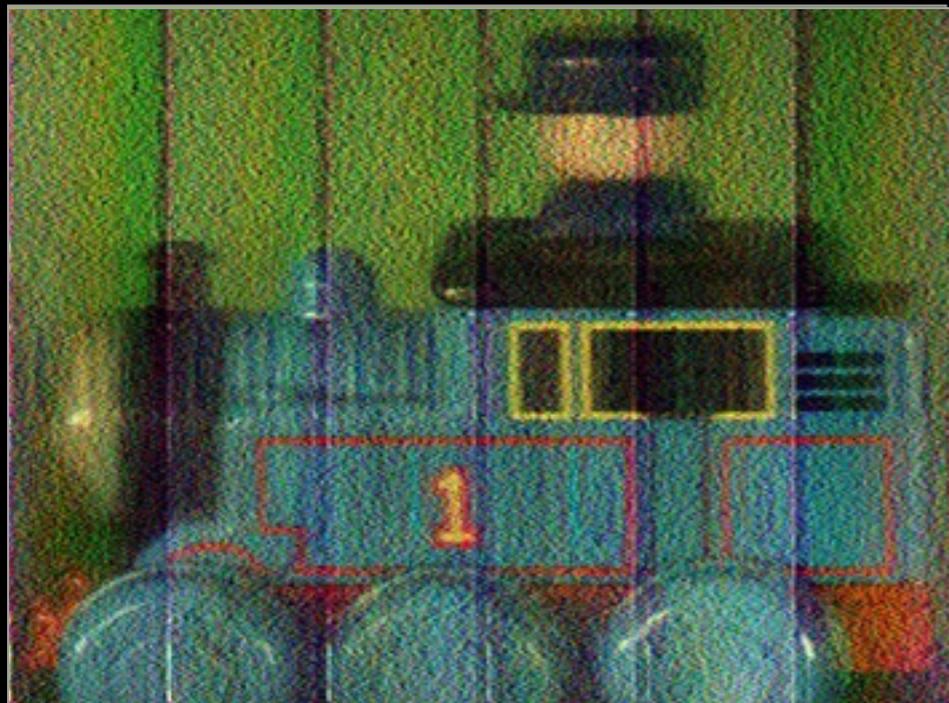
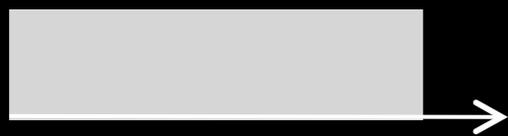


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Coded Exposure Photography: Motion Deblurring using Fluttered Shutter

Raskar, Agrawal, Tumblin (SIGGRAPH 2006)

continuous shutter

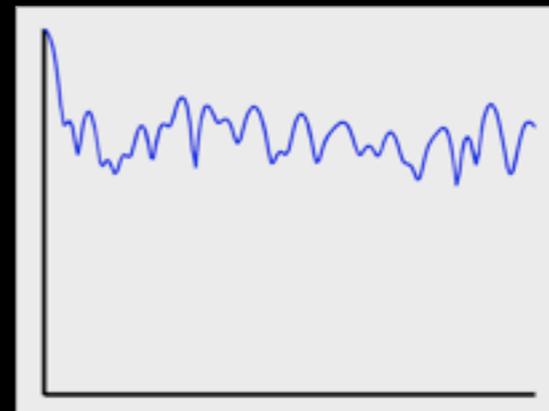
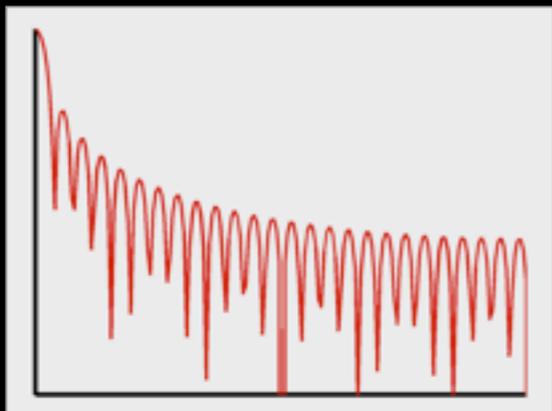
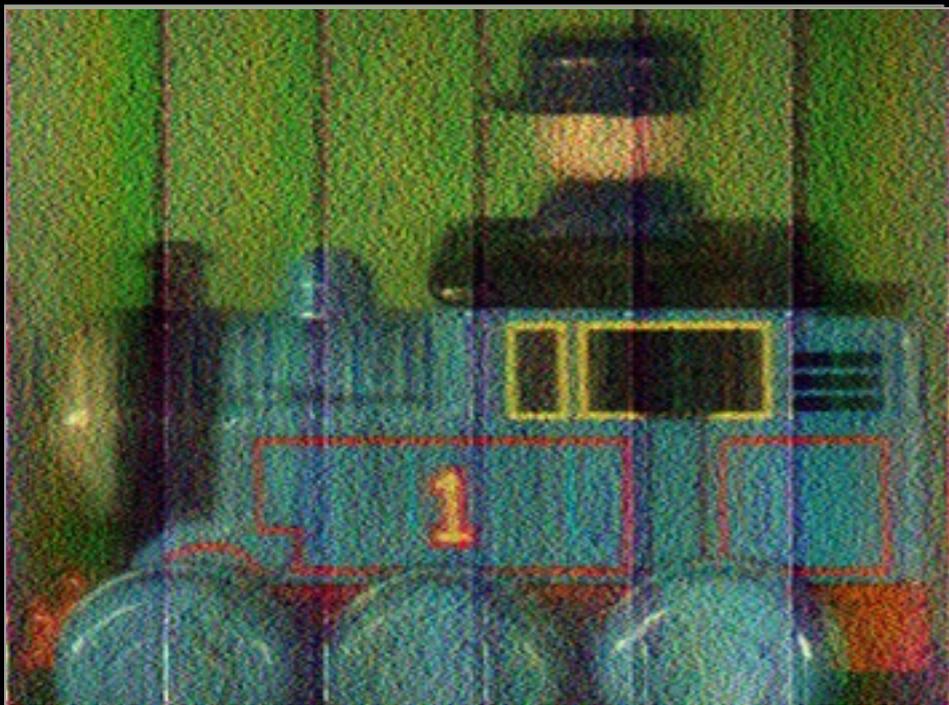
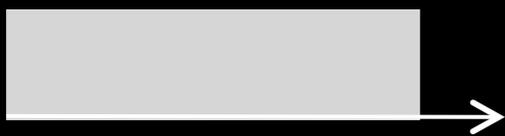


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A Dual In-Pixel Memory CMOS Image Sensor for Computational Photography

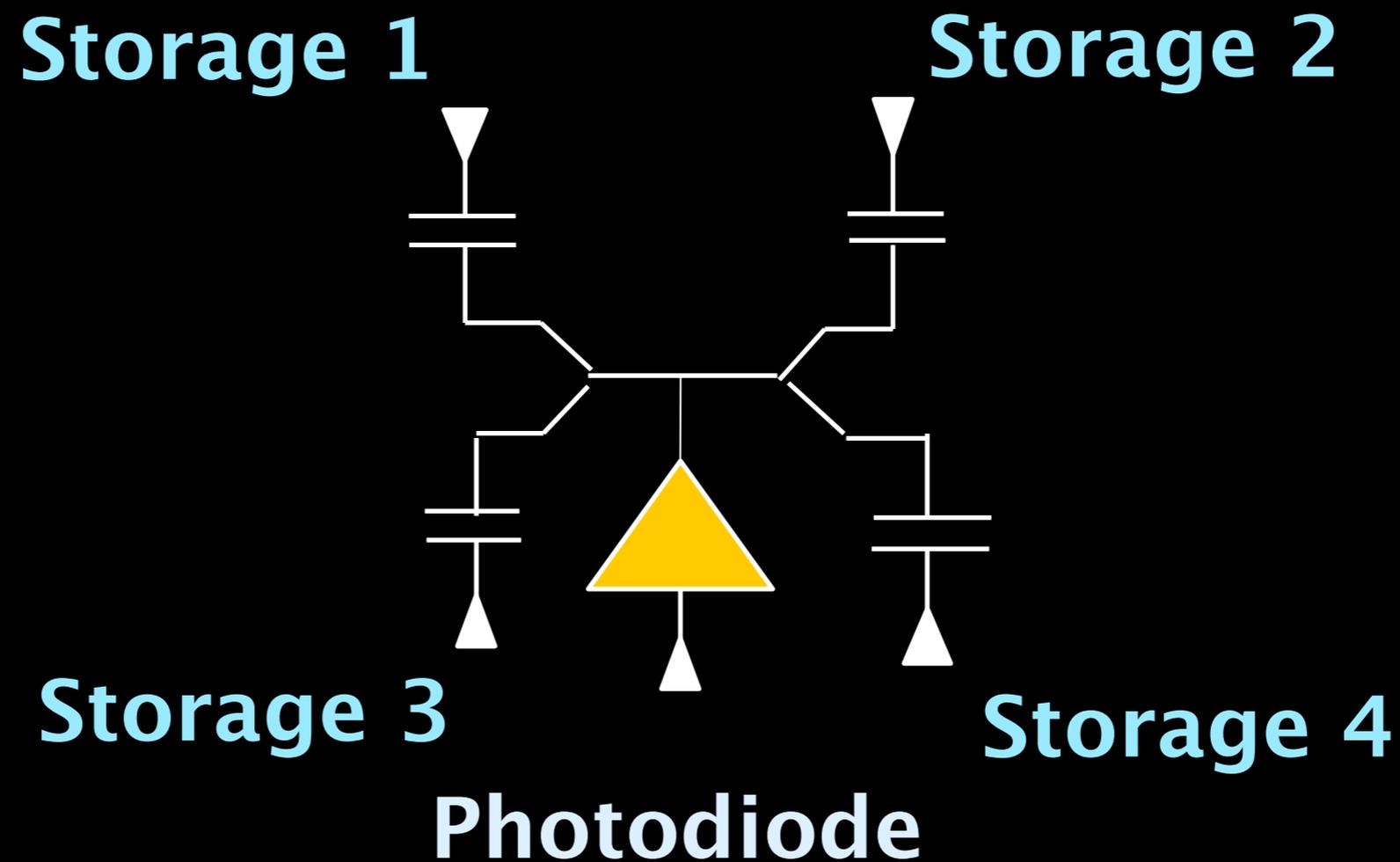
Wan et al. (Symp. VLSI Circuits 2011)



“Ghosting”

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Digital Photography with Flash and No-Flash Image Pairs

Petschnigg et al. (SIGGRAPH 2004)



Flash

No-Flash

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Flash

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Dark Flash Photography

Krishnan, Fergus (SIGGRAPH 2009)



Infrared

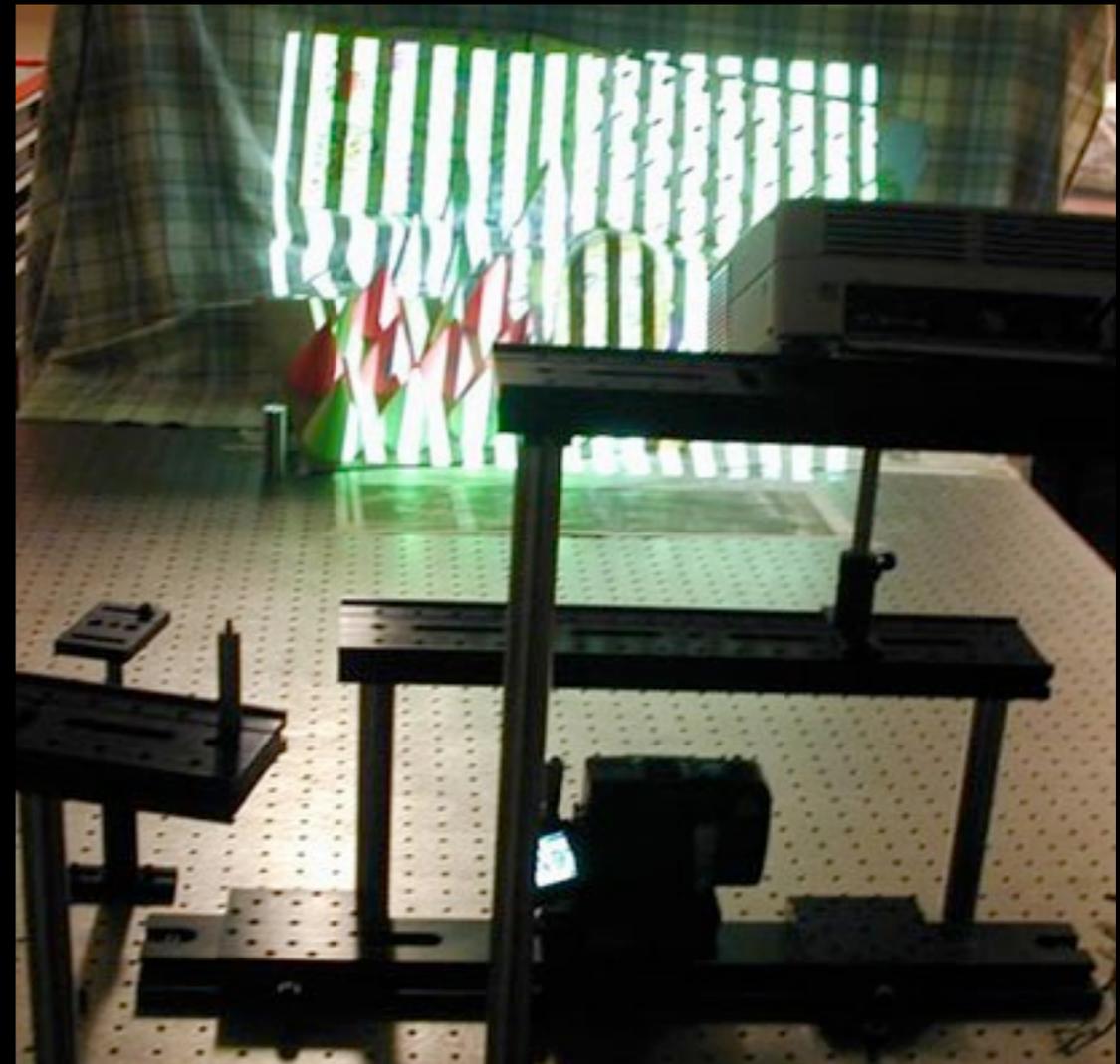
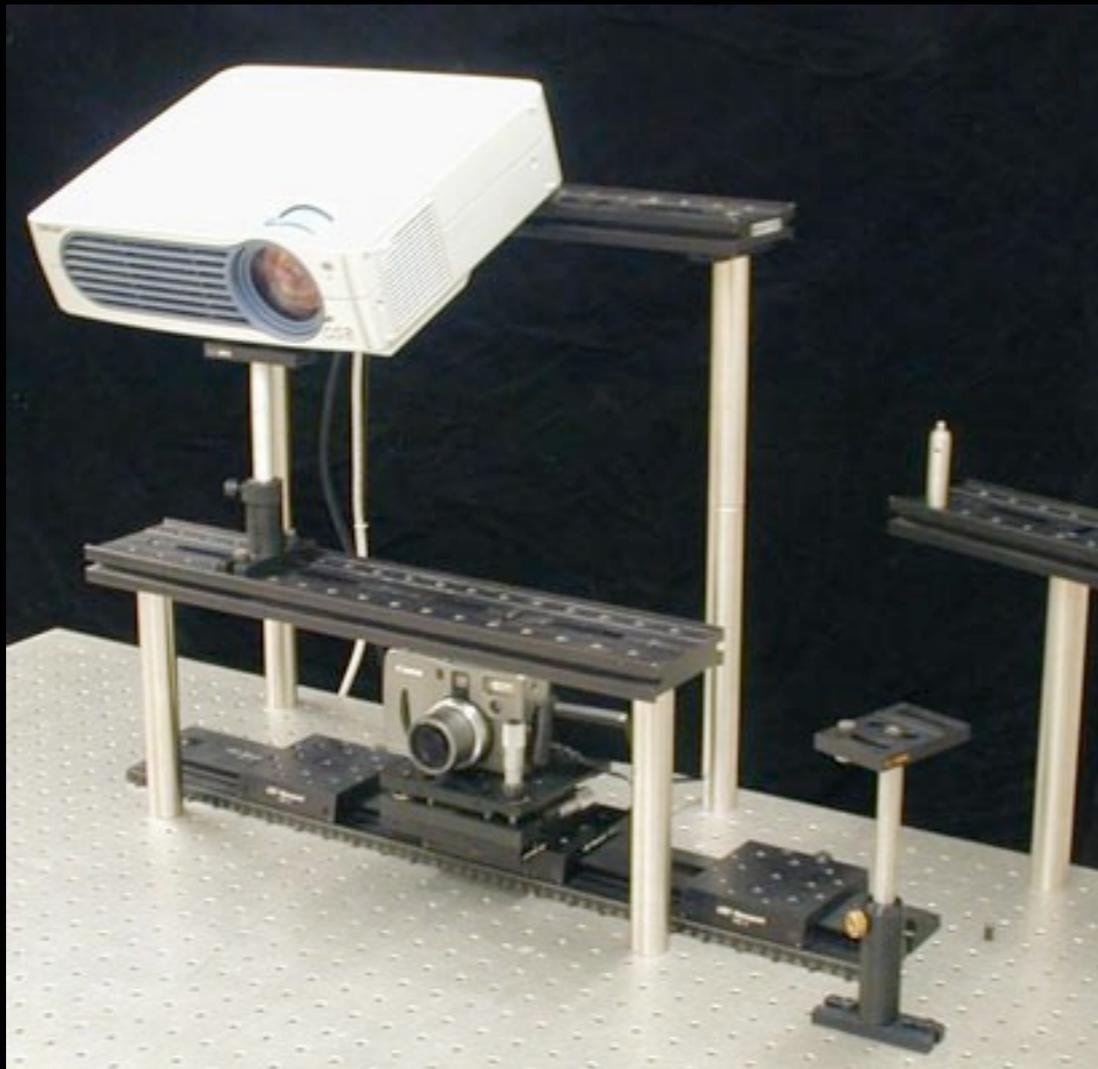
No-Flash

Combined

Groundtruth

High Accuracy Stereo Depth Map using Structured Light

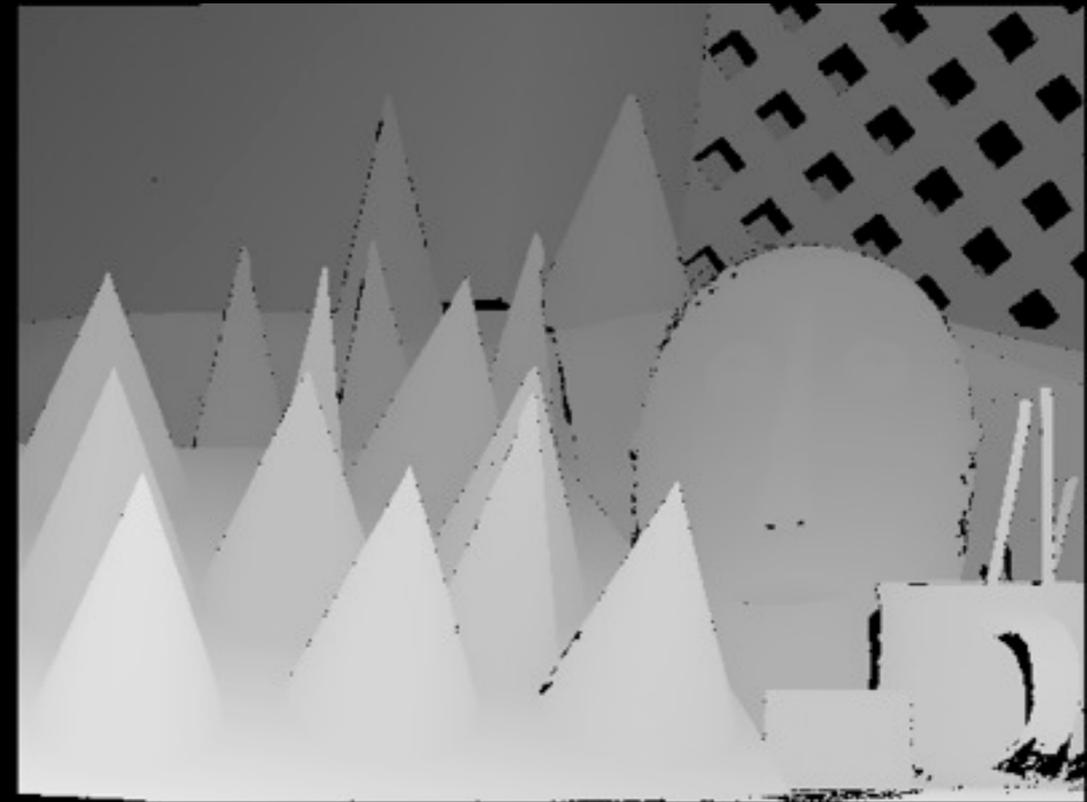
Scharstein, Szeliski (CVPR 2003)



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scene



depth map

(Used in Kinect, etc.)

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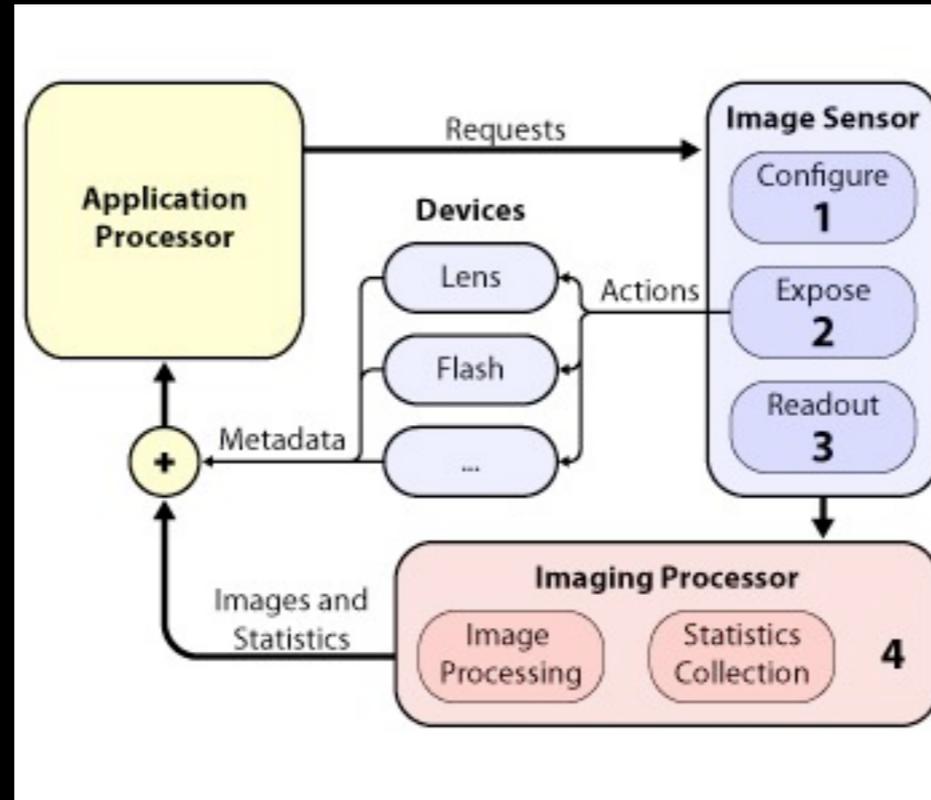
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Lots of Cool Stuff, but...

- Many of these techniques require modifying the camera.
- Many of these techniques require precise control of the camera parameters.
- Need a fully programmable and extensible platform!
- Not really available prior to 2010 until the advent of ...

The Frankencamera: an Experimental Platform for Computational Photography

Adams et al. (SIGGRAPH 2010)



- a sensible API to control a camera

Course Summary

- Learn theories behind cool computational photography projects.
 - Attend lectures.
- Learn how to put the theories into practice on a mobile platform.
 - Assignment #1
 - Assignment #2
 - Final project

Assignment Summary

- **Assignment #1 (15%)**
 - Write an autofocus algorithm for a camera application on a Tegra 3 tablet.
- **Assignment #2 (15%)**
 - Image processing using OpenCV or ImageStack on Tegra 3 tablet.
- **Final project (70%)**
 - Do something cool (by yourself or in a pair.)

Questions?