Computer Vision – TP1
Image Formation

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Outline

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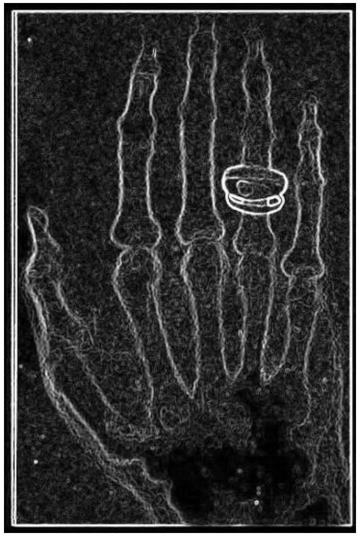
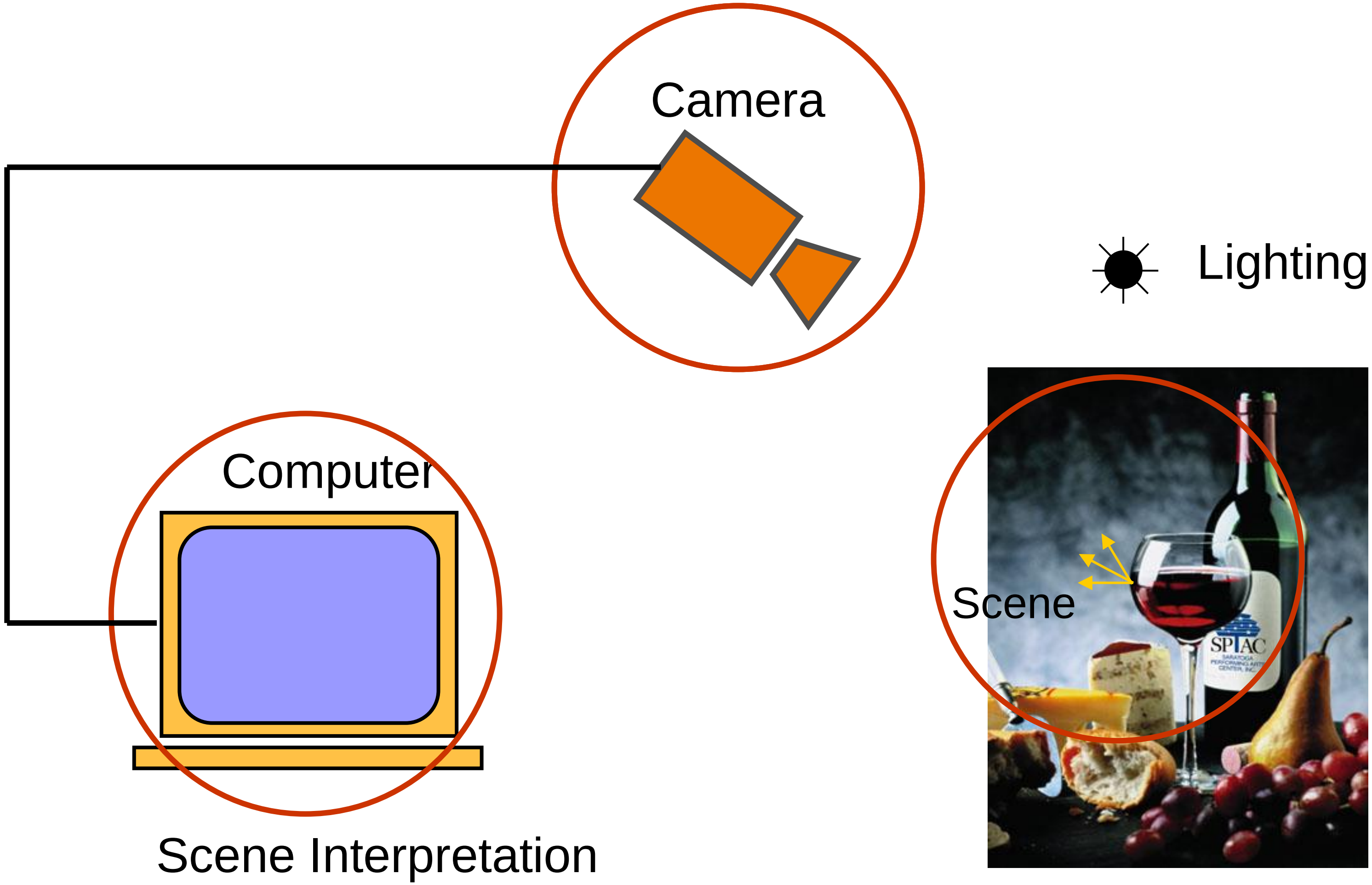
Computer Vision

"The goal of Computer Vision is to make useful decisions about real physical objects and scenes based on sensed images",

Shapiro and Stockman, "Computer Vision", 2001



Components of a Computer Vision System



Topic: The Human Visual System

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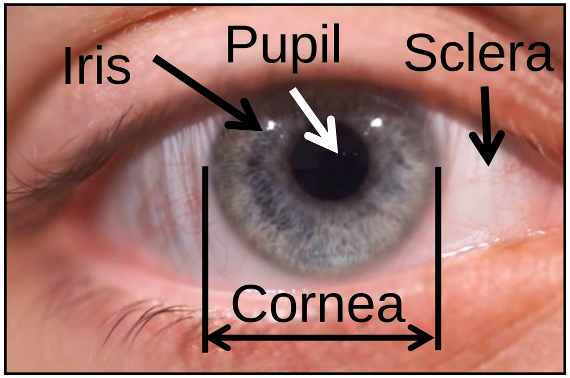
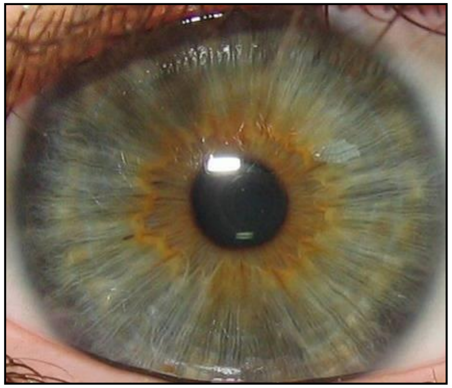
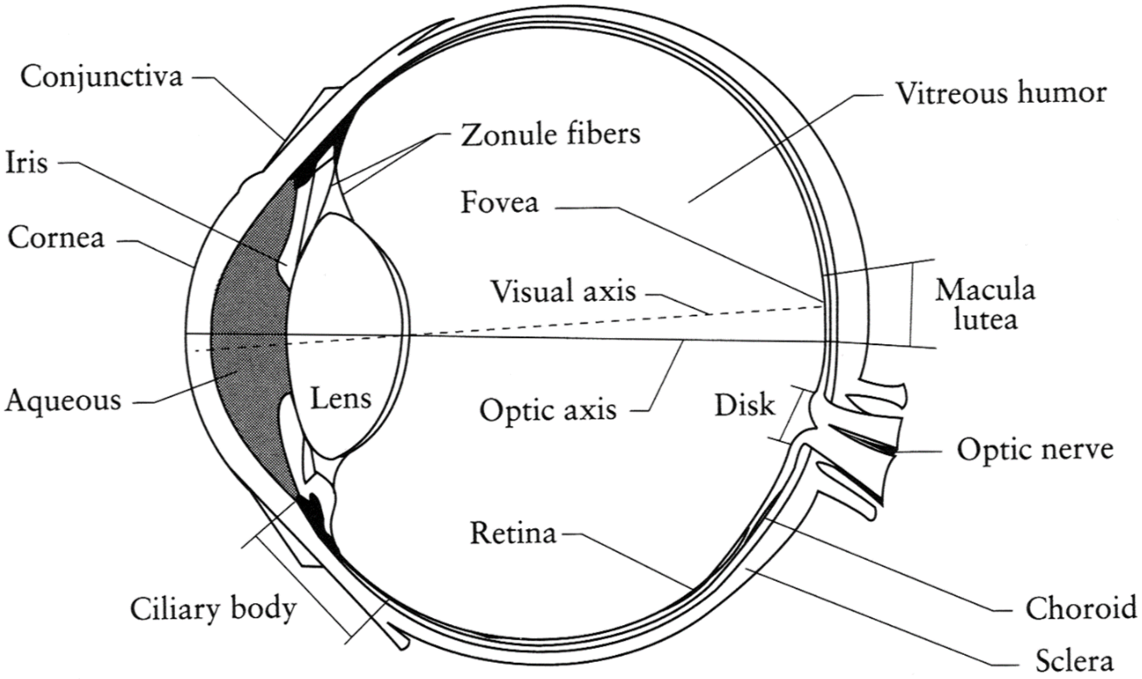
Our Eyes



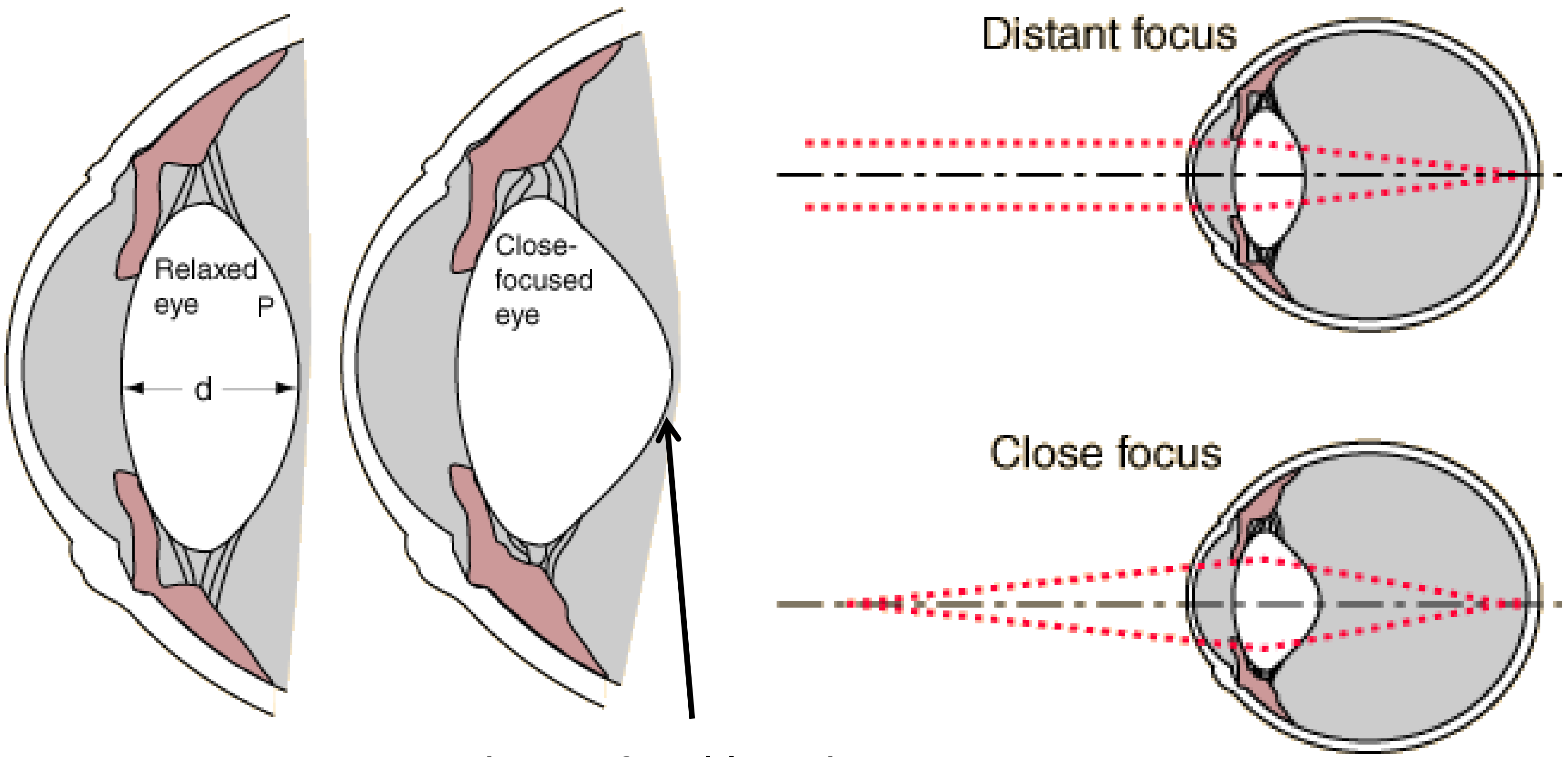




Iris is the diaphragm that changes the aperture (pupil)

Retina is the sensor where the fovea has the highest resolution

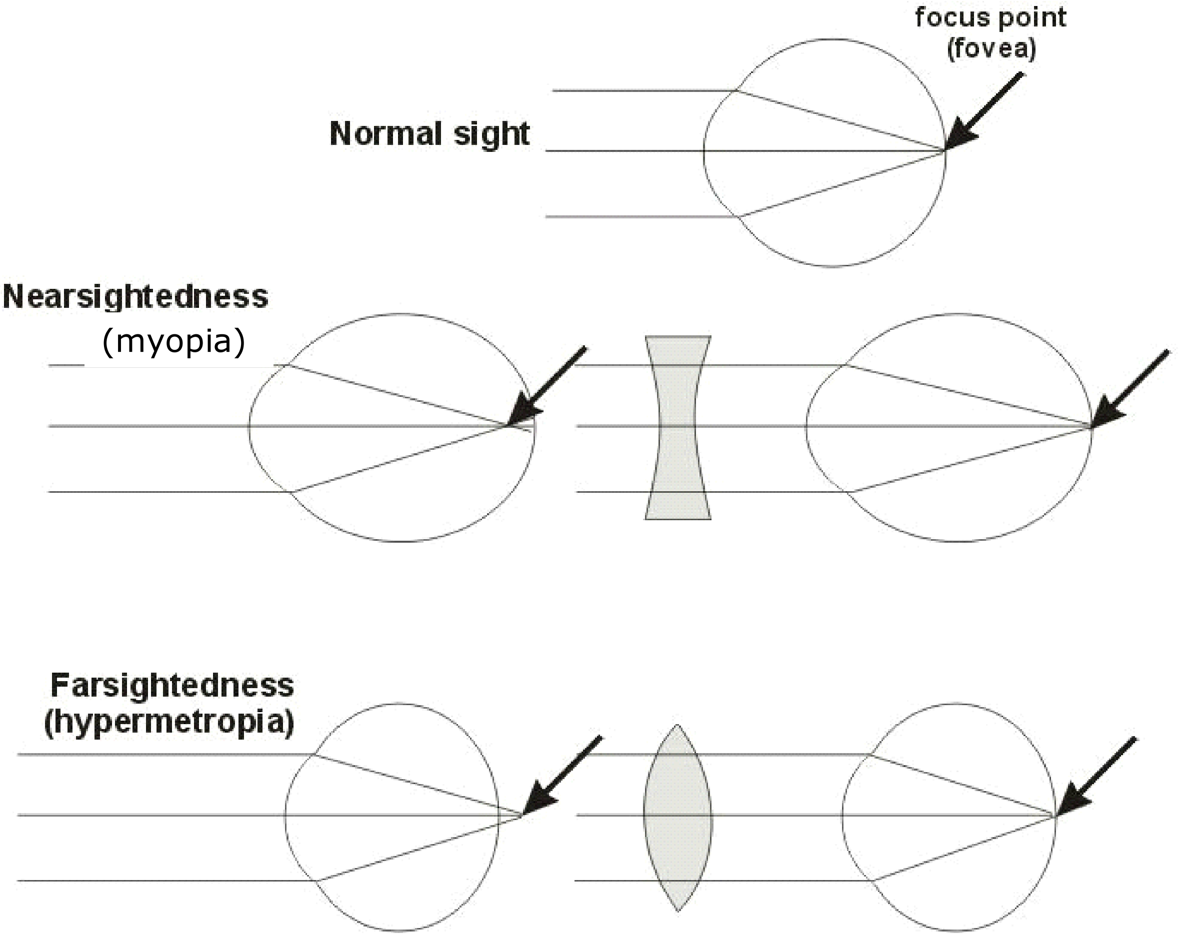
Focusing



shorter focal length

Changes the focal length of the lens

Myopia and Hyperopia

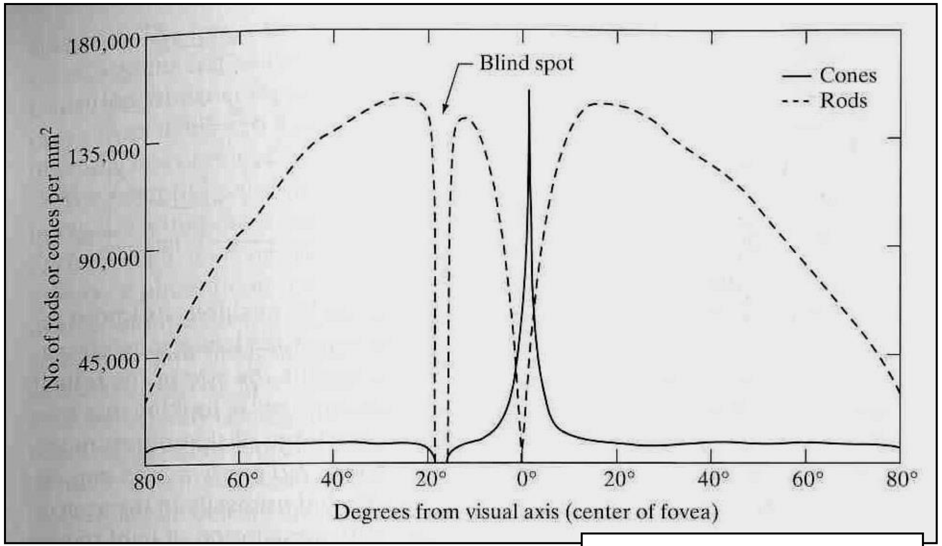


Blind Spot in the Eye

Close your right eye and look directly at the “+”

Colour

- Our retina has:
  - **Cones** – Measure the frequency of light (colour)
    - 6 to 7 millions
    - High-definition
    - Need high luminosity
  - **Rods** – Measure the intensity of light (luminance)
    - 75 to 150 millions
    - Low-definition
    - Function with low luminosity



Gonzalez & Woods

We only see colour in the centre of our retina!

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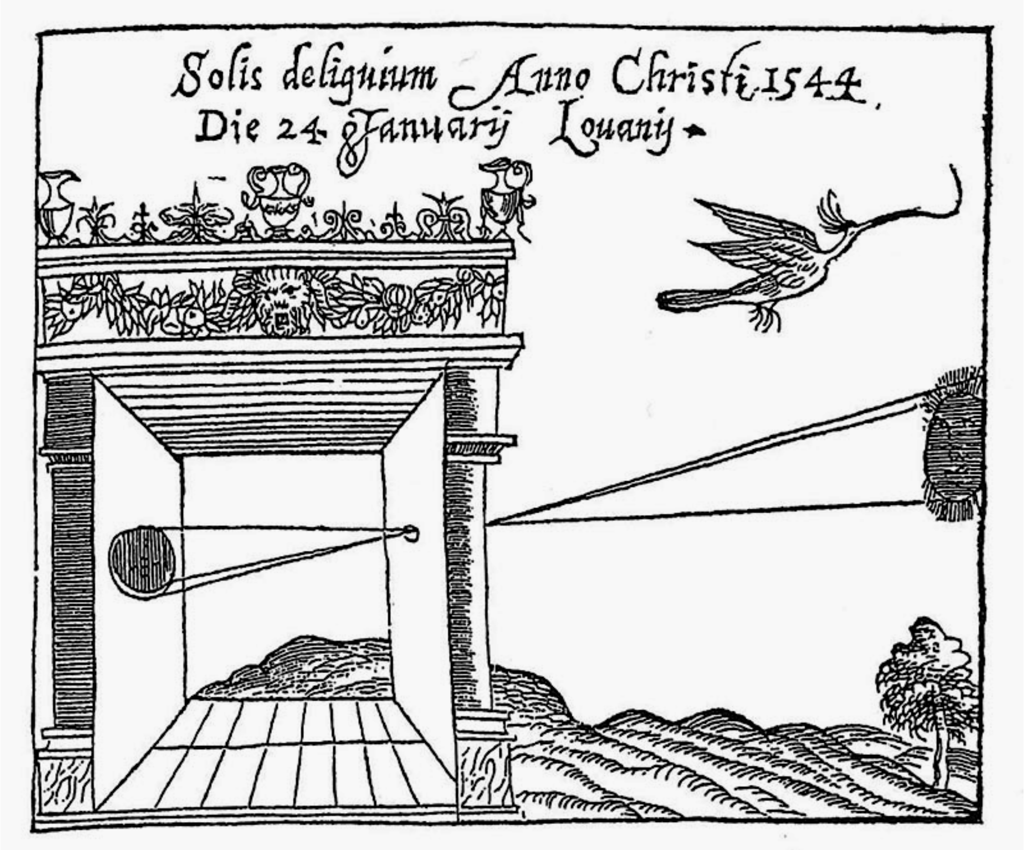
A Brief History of Images



Camera Obscura, Gemma Frisius, 1544

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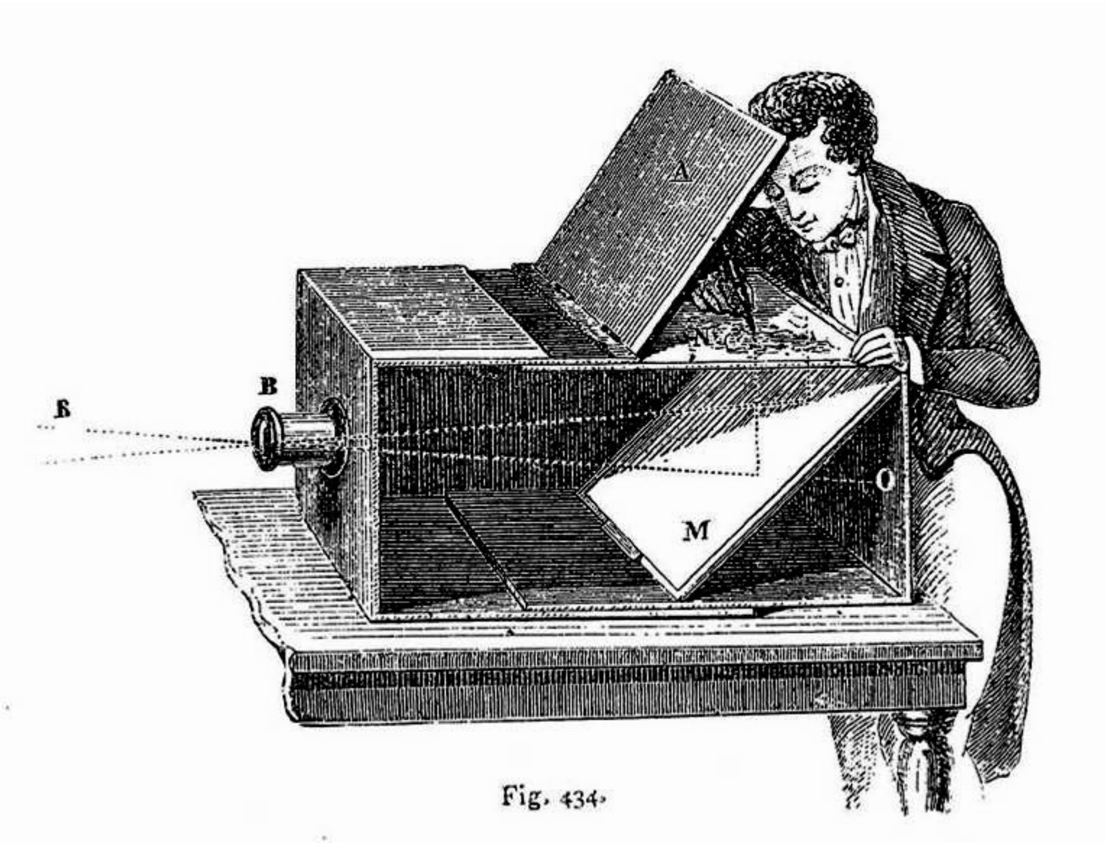

Lens Based Camera Obscura, 1568

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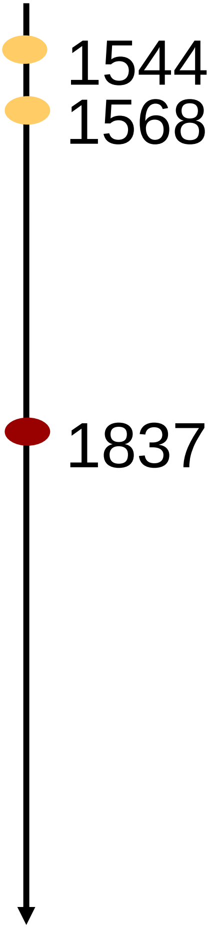
Still Life, Louis Jaques Mande Daguerre, 1837



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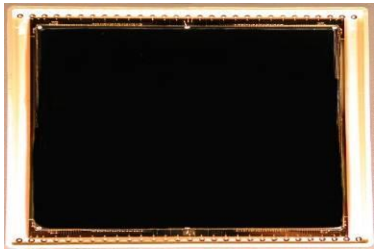
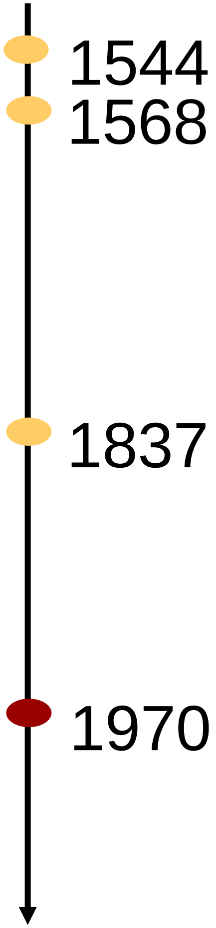


Silicon Image Detector, 1970



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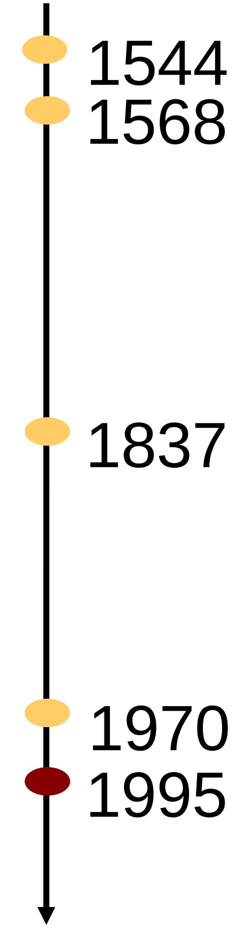
Digital Cameras



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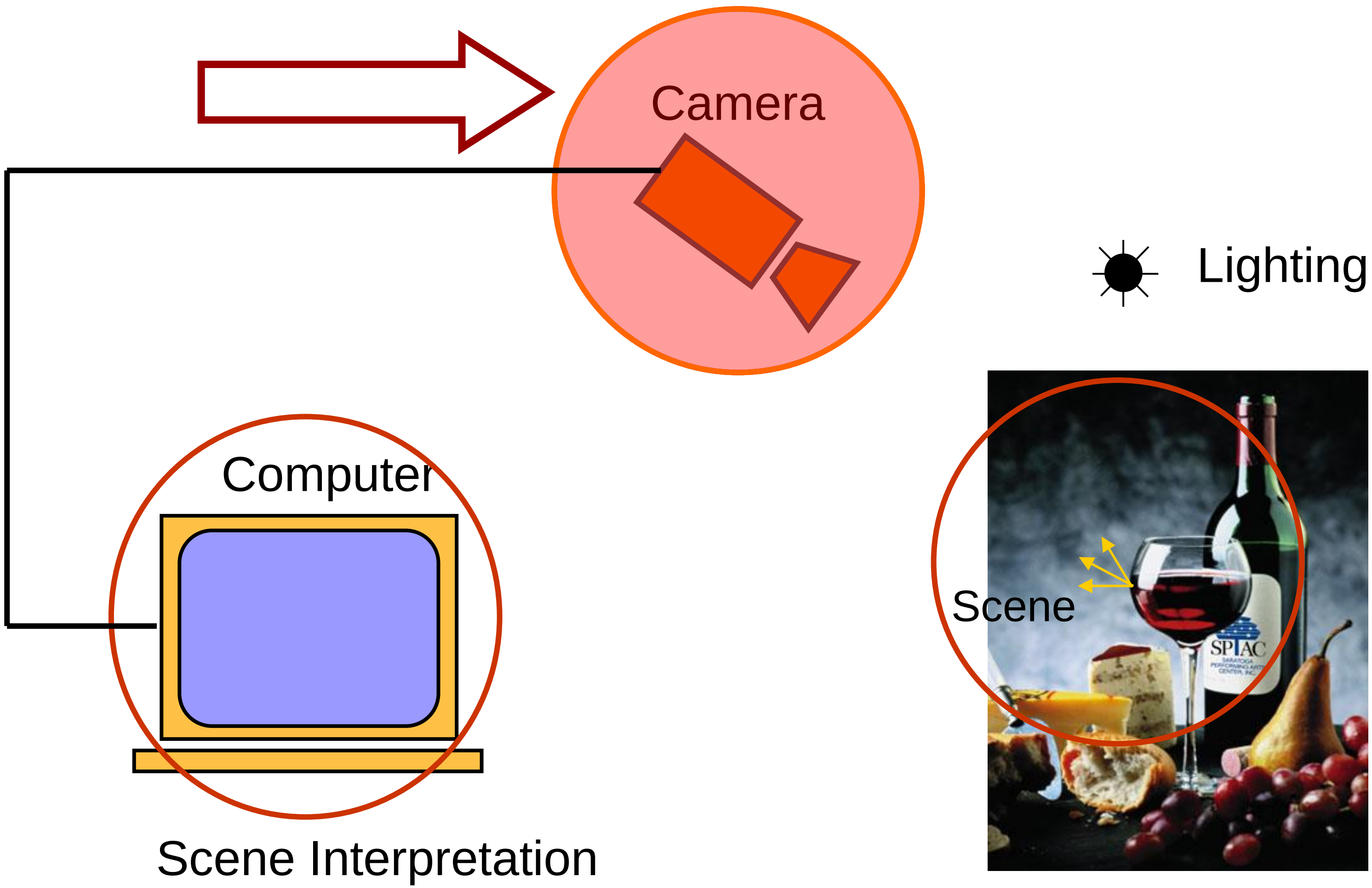
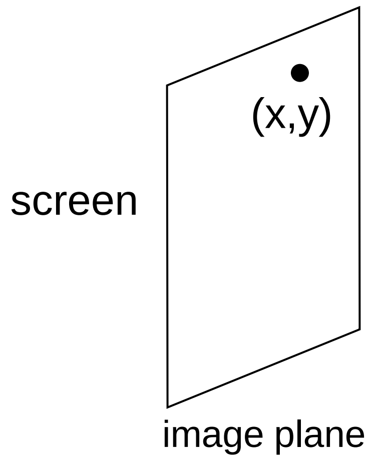


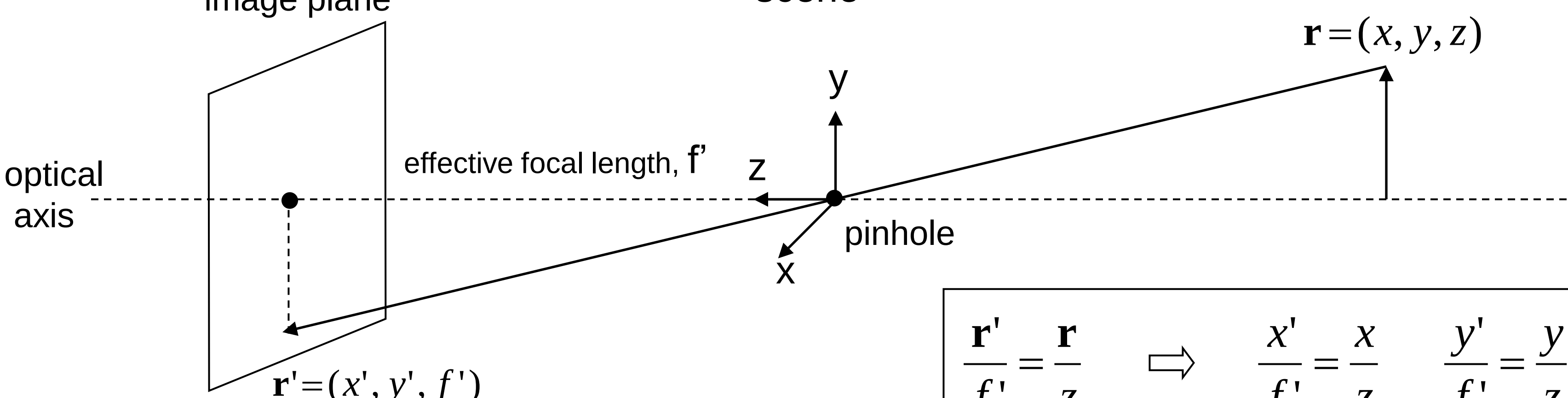
Pinhole and the Perspective Projection



scene

Is an image being formed on the screen?

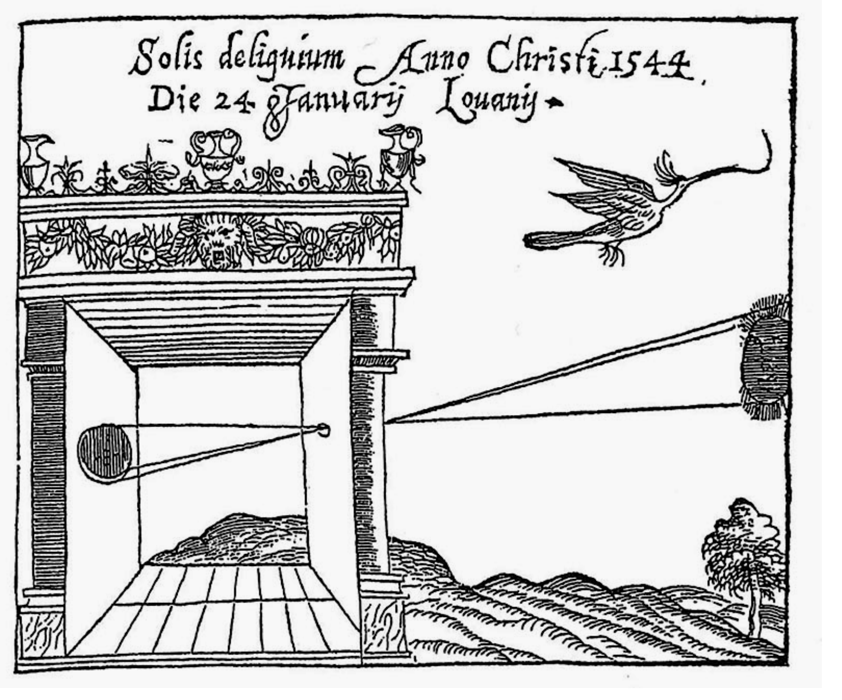
YES!   But, not a “clear” one.



$$\frac{\mathbf{r}'}{f'} = \frac{\mathbf{r}}{z} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{x'}{f'} = \frac{x}{z} \qquad \frac{y'}{f'} = \frac{y}{z}$$

Pinhole Camera

- Basically a pinhole camera is a box, with a tiny hole at one end and film or photographic paper at the other.
- Mathematically: out of all the light rays in the world, choose the set of light rays passing through a point and projecting onto a plane.



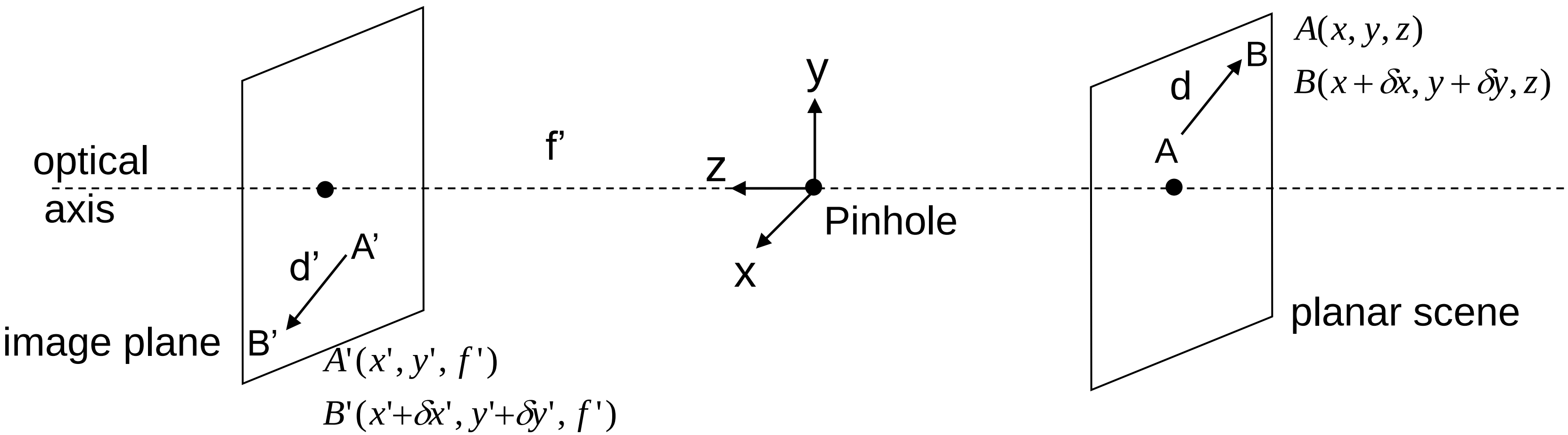
Pinhole Photography

©Charlotte Murray Untitled, 4" x 5" pinhole photograph, 1992

Image Size inversely proportional to Distance

Reading: http://www.pinholeresource.com/

Magnification



From perspective projection:

$$\frac{x'}{f'} = \frac{x}{z} \qquad \frac{y'}{f'} = \frac{y}{z}$$

$$\frac{x'+\delta x'}{f'} = \frac{x+\delta x}{z} \qquad \frac{y'+\delta y'}{f'} = \frac{y+\delta y}{z}$$

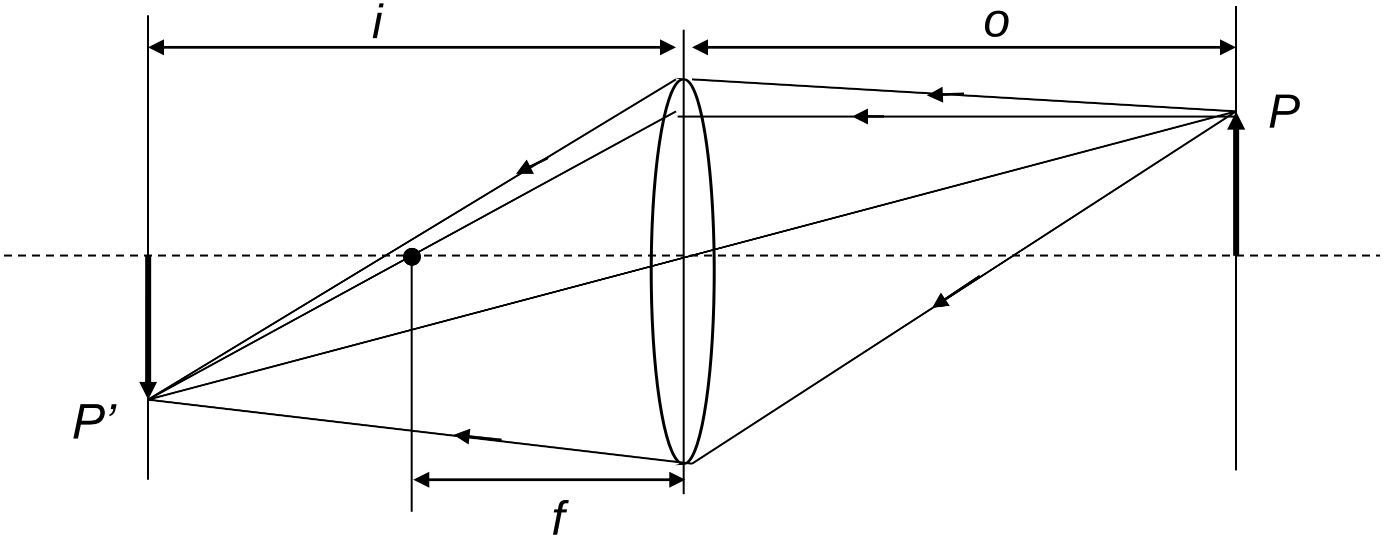
Magnification:

$$m = \frac{d'}{d} = \frac{\sqrt{(\delta x')^2 + (\delta y')^2}}{\sqrt{(\delta x)^2 + (\delta y)^2}} = \frac{f'}{z}$$

$$\frac{Area_{image}}{Area_{scene}} = m^2$$

Image Formation using Lenses

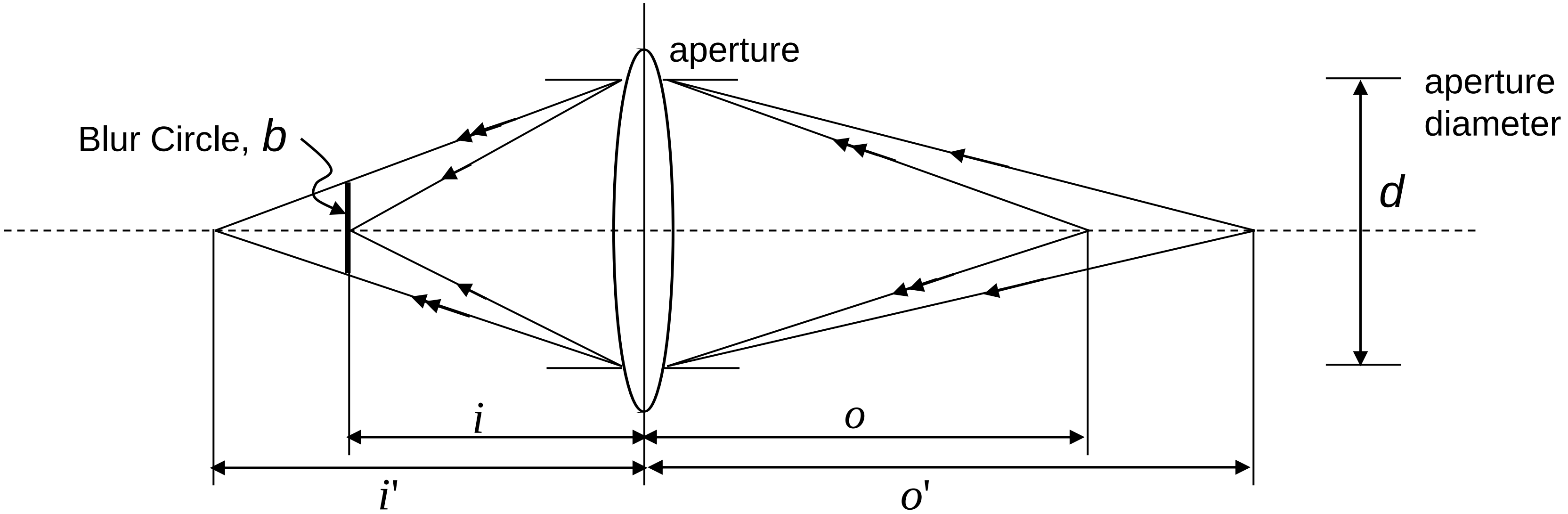
- Lenses are used to avoid problems with pinholes.
- Ideal Lens: Same projection as pinhole but gathers more light!



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

- f is the focal length of the lens – determines the lens's ability to refract light

Focus and Defocus



- Gaussian Law:

$$\frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{o} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\frac{1}{i'} + \frac{1}{o'} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad (i' - i) = \frac{f}{(o' - f)} \frac{f}{(o - f)} (o - o')$$

- In theory, only one scene plane is in focus

Depth of Field

- Range of object distances over which image is sufficiently well focused
- Range for which *blur circle* is less than the resolution of the sensor

http://images.dpchallenge.com/images_portfolio/27920/print_preview/116336.jpg

Image Sensors

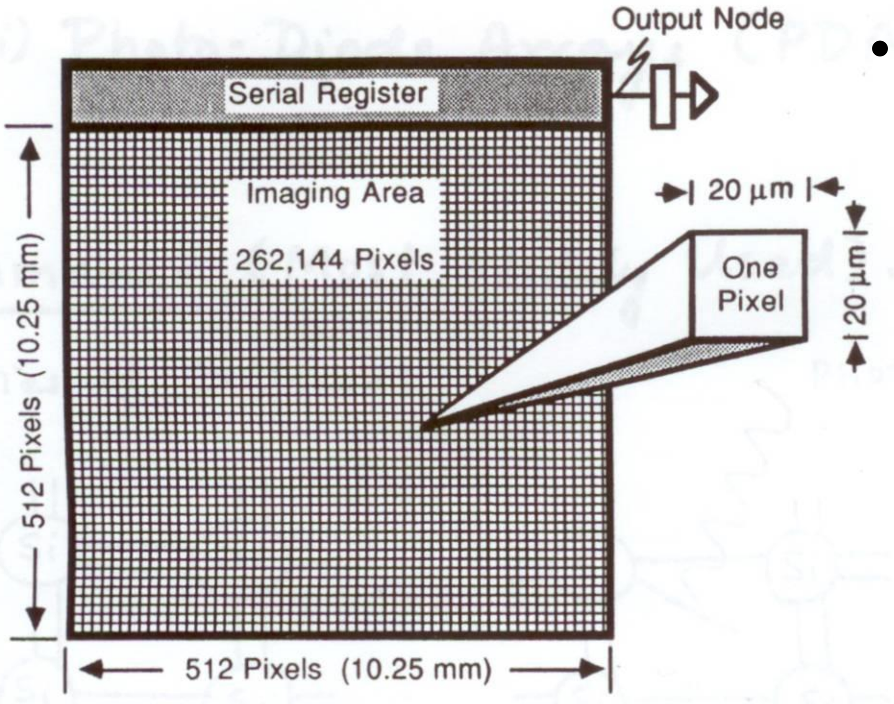
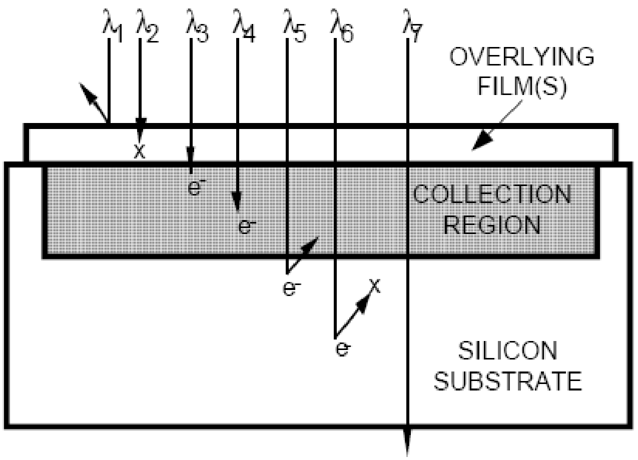


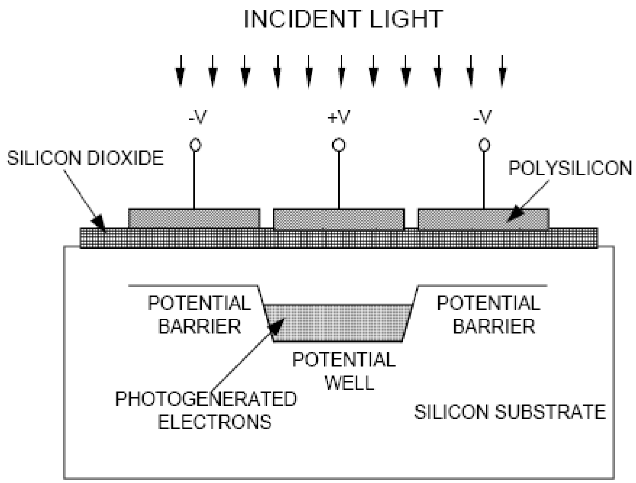
FIG. 4. Typical 512 × 512 CCD.

- Considerations
  - Speed
  - Resolution
  - Signal / Noise Ratio
  - Cost

Image Sensors

- Convert light into an electric charge



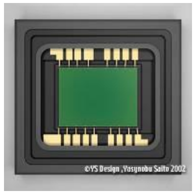


CCD (charge coupled device)

Higher dynamic range

High uniformity

Lower noise

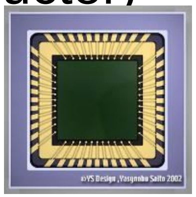


CMOS (complementary metal Oxide semiconductor)

Lower voltage

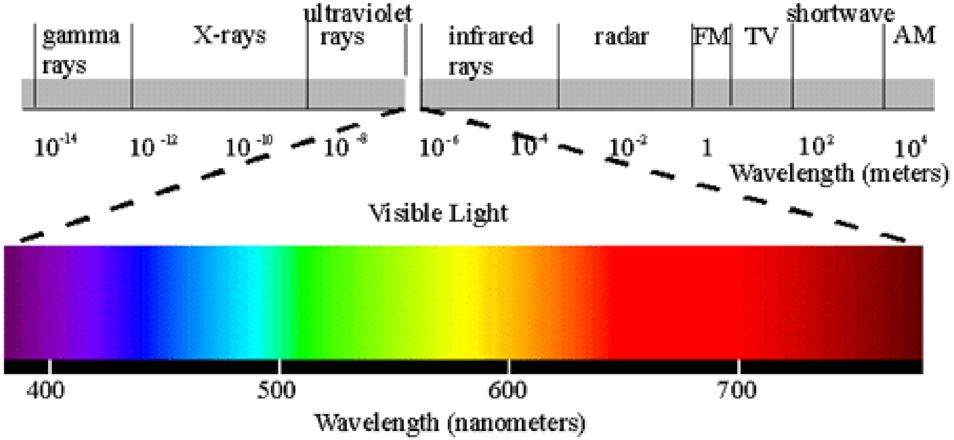
Higher speed

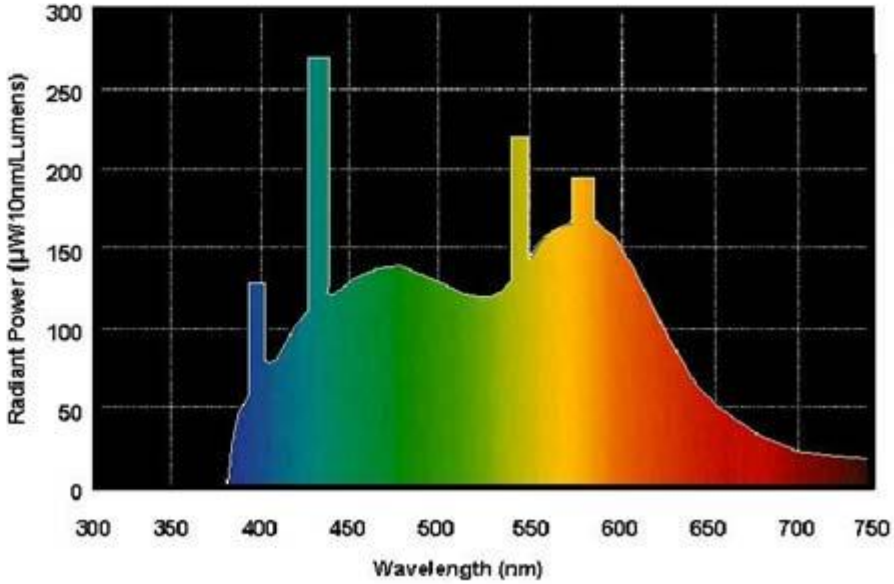
Lower system complexity



Sensing Brightness

Incoming light has a **spectral distribution** $p(\lambda)$



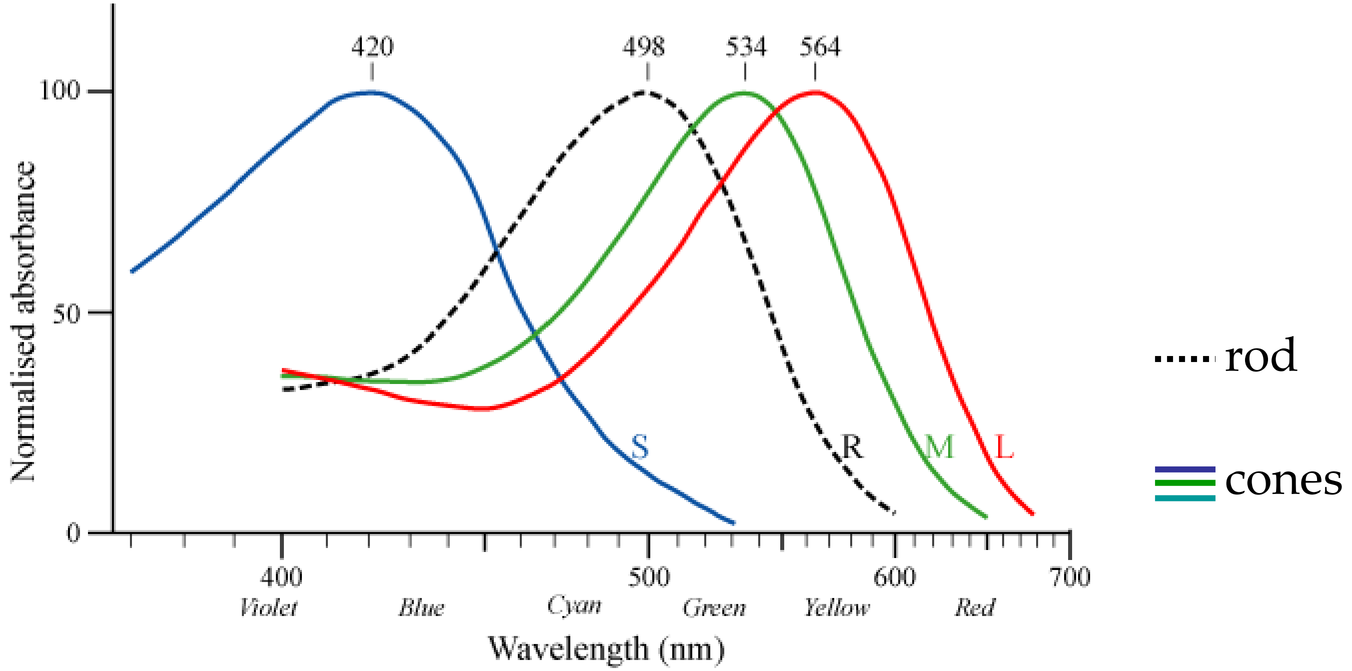


So the pixel intensity becomes

$$I = k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q(\lambda) p(\lambda) d\lambda$$

How do we sense colour?

- Do we have infinite number of filters?

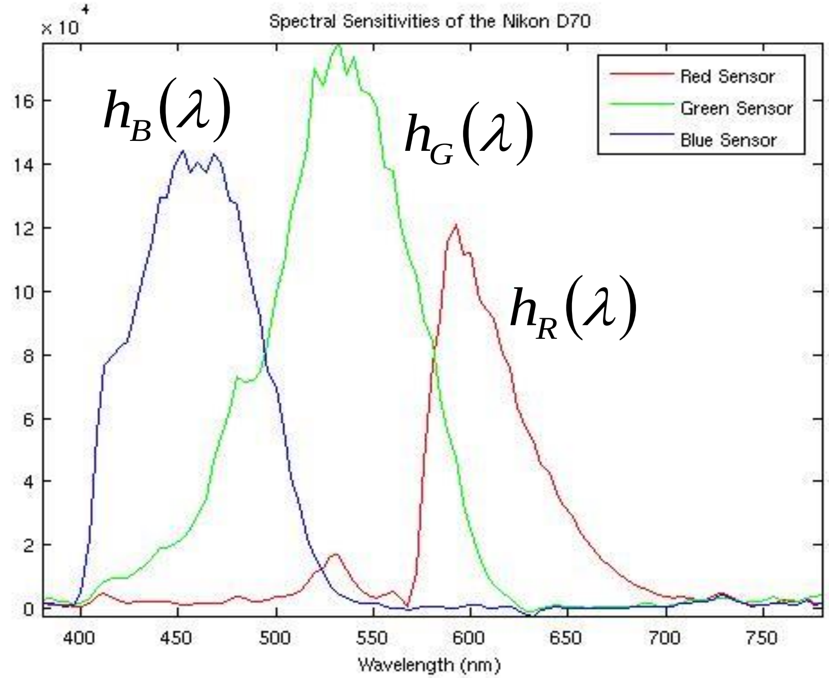


Three filters of different spectral responses

Sensing Colour

- Tristimulus (trichromatic) values (I_R, I_G, I_B)

Camera's spectral response functions: $h_R(\lambda), h_G(\lambda), h_B(\lambda)$



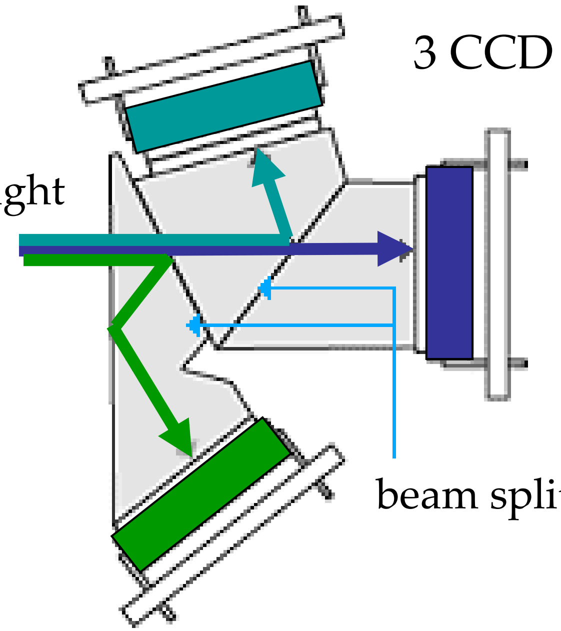
$$I_R = k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_R(\lambda) p(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$I_G = k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_G(\lambda) p(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$I_B = k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h_B(\lambda) p(\lambda) d\lambda$$

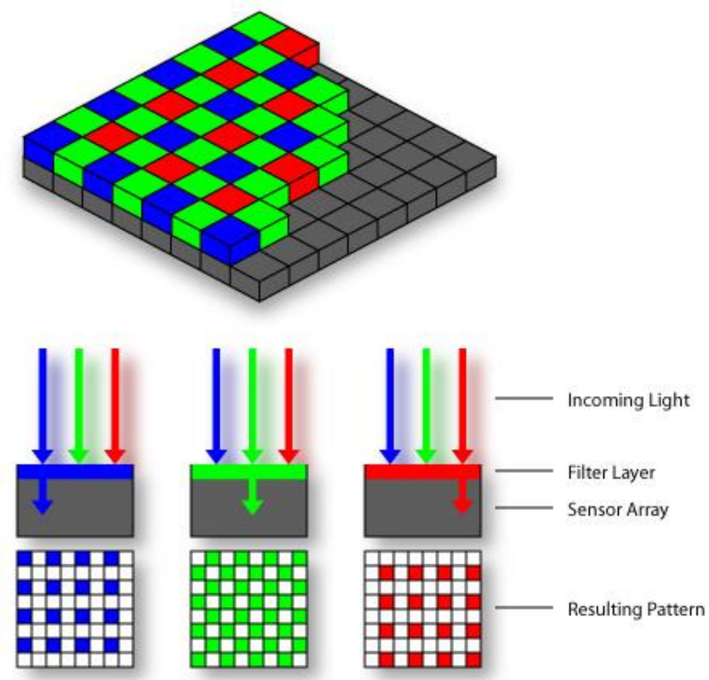
Sensing Colour

light

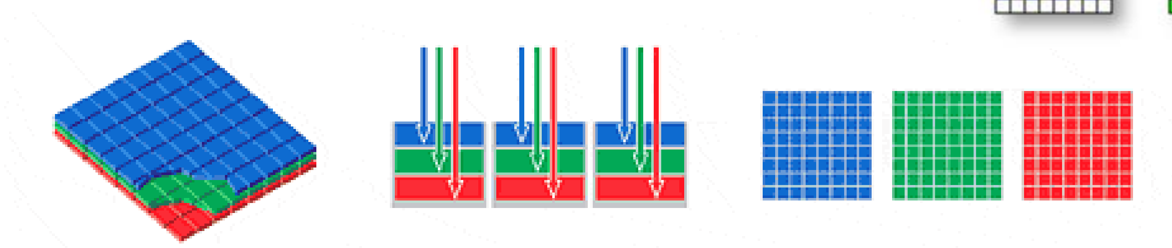


3 CCD

beam splitter



Bayer pattern



Foveon X3^{TM}

Resources

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