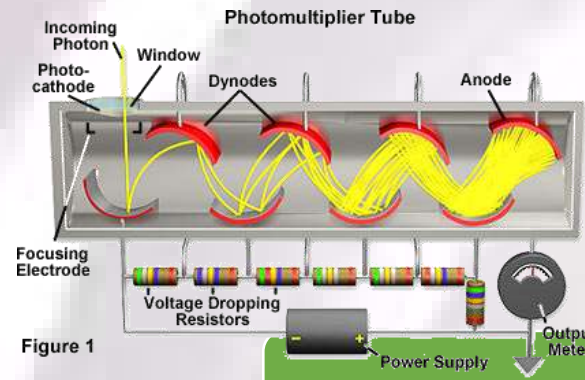


# Key Element Sensors

# Sensor



Detector Type

Photomultiplier

SEMI-Conductor

Mono-Elements

Multi-Elements

Linear Array

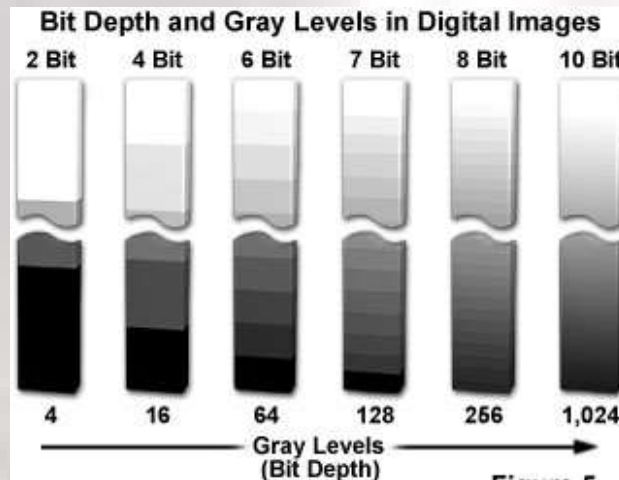
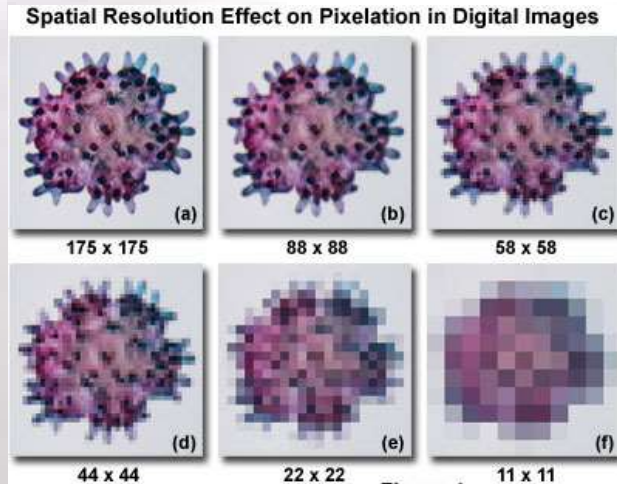
Matrix



# Key Parameters to evaluate detectors

- Spectral Responsivity (sensitivity)
- Quantum Efficiency
- Responsivity Area
- Responsivity Area Uniformity
- Response Linearity
- Conversion Gain
- Wavelength Bandwidth
  - peak wavelength/ cutoff wavelength
- Modulation Transfer function
- Noise Equivalent Power
- Dynamic Range

## Spatial Resolution



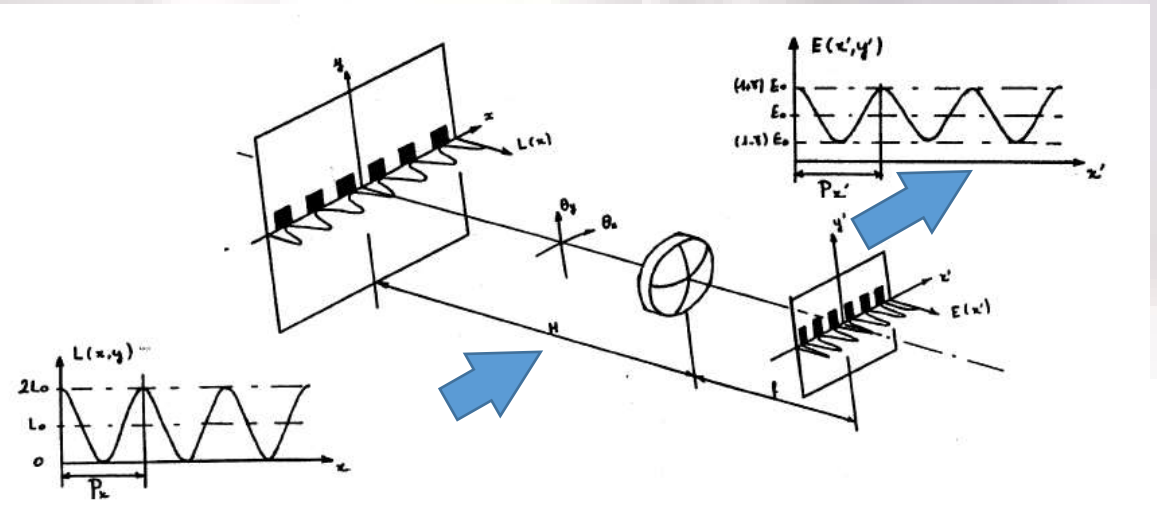
A higher number of gray levels corresponds to greater bit depth and the ability to accurately represent a greater signal dynamic range

Bit Depth	Grayscale Levels	Dynamic Range (Decibels)
1	2	6 dB
2	4	12 dB
3	8	18 dB
4	16	24 dB
5	32	30 dB
6	64	36 dB
7	128	42 dB
8	256	48 dB
9	512	54 dB
10	1,024	60 dB
11	2,048	66 dB
12	4,096	72 dB
13	8,192	78 dB
14	16,384	84 dB
16	65,536	96 dB



# Modulation Transfer Functions (MTF)-1

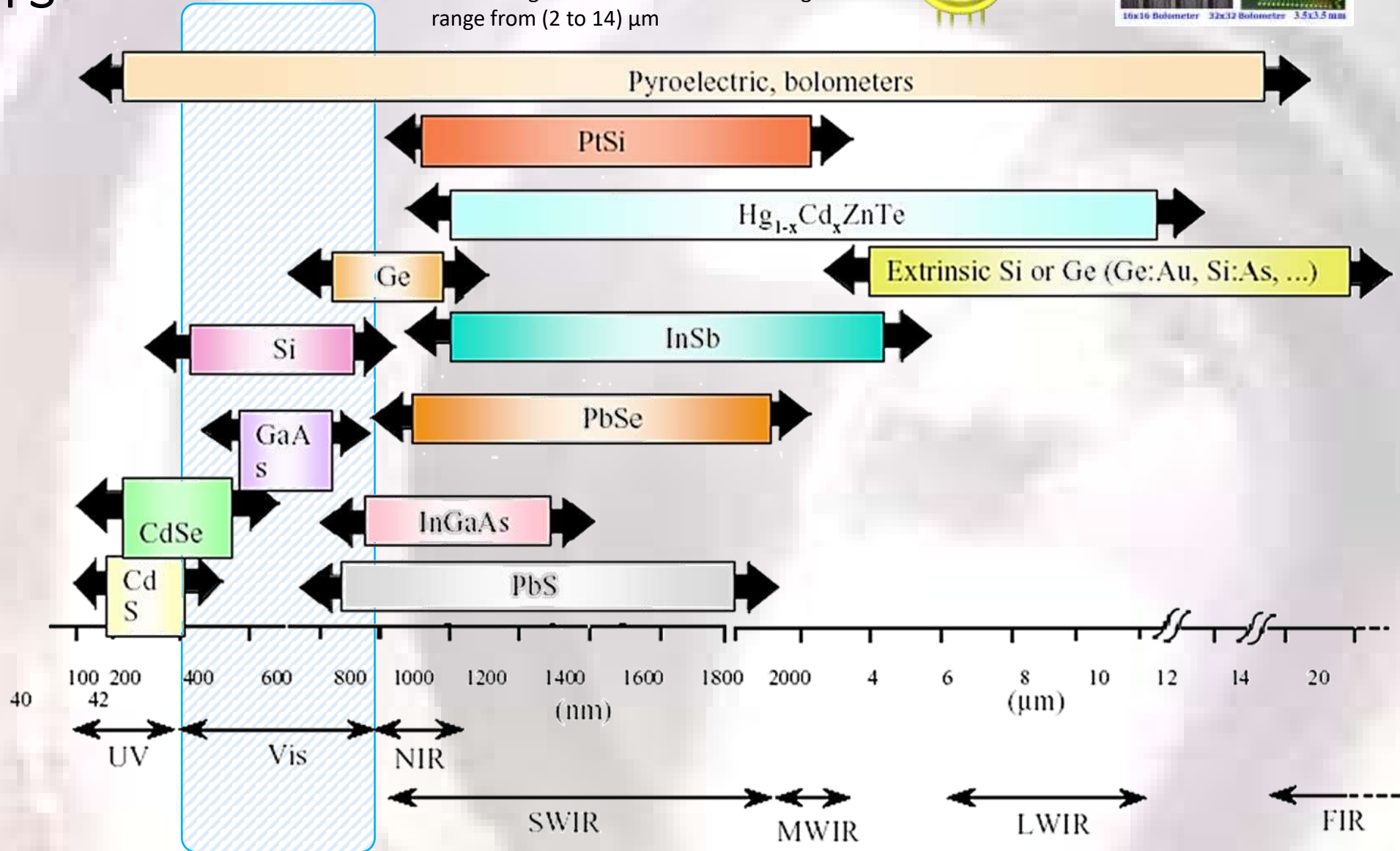
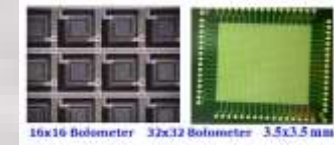
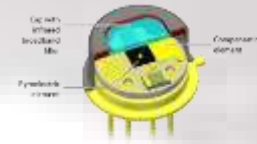
- MTF is always used for estimating quality of an imaging system
- *Contrast*,  $\mathbb{C} \equiv \frac{I_{max} - I_{min}}{I_{max} + I_{min}}$
- $MTF = \frac{\mathbb{C}_{image}}{\mathbb{C}_{object}}$
- $MTF = f(\text{spatial frequency})$



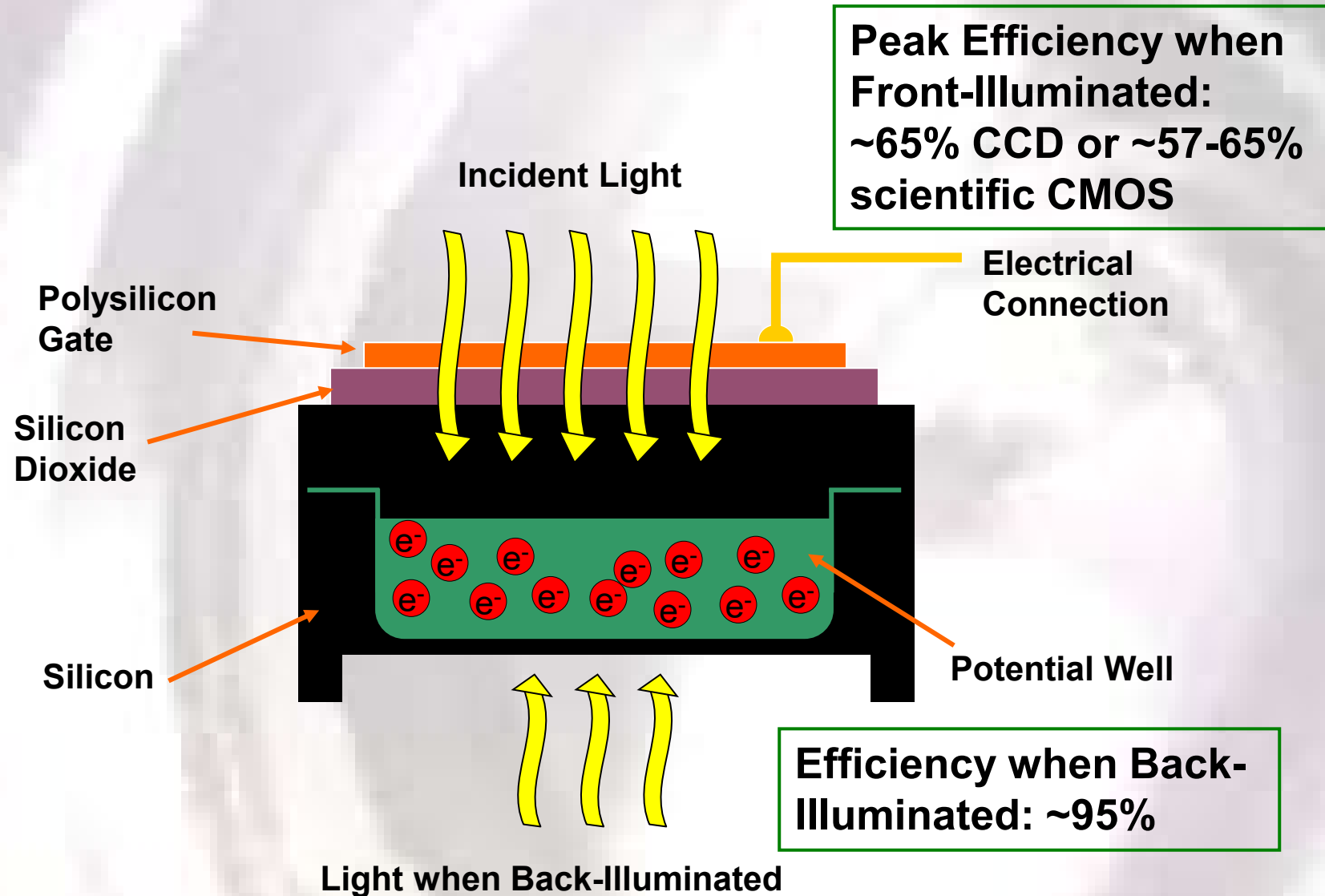
# Sensors

A Pyroelectric detector is an infrared sensitive optoelectronic component which are specifically used for detecting electromagnetic radiation in a wavelength range from (2 to 14)  $\mu\text{m}$

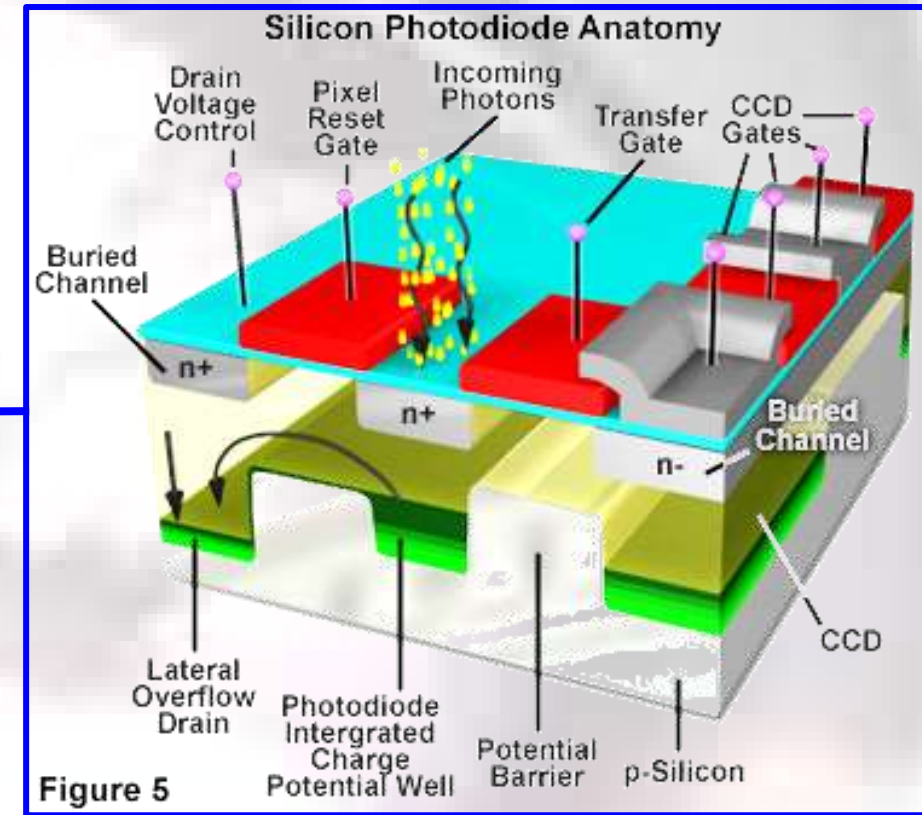
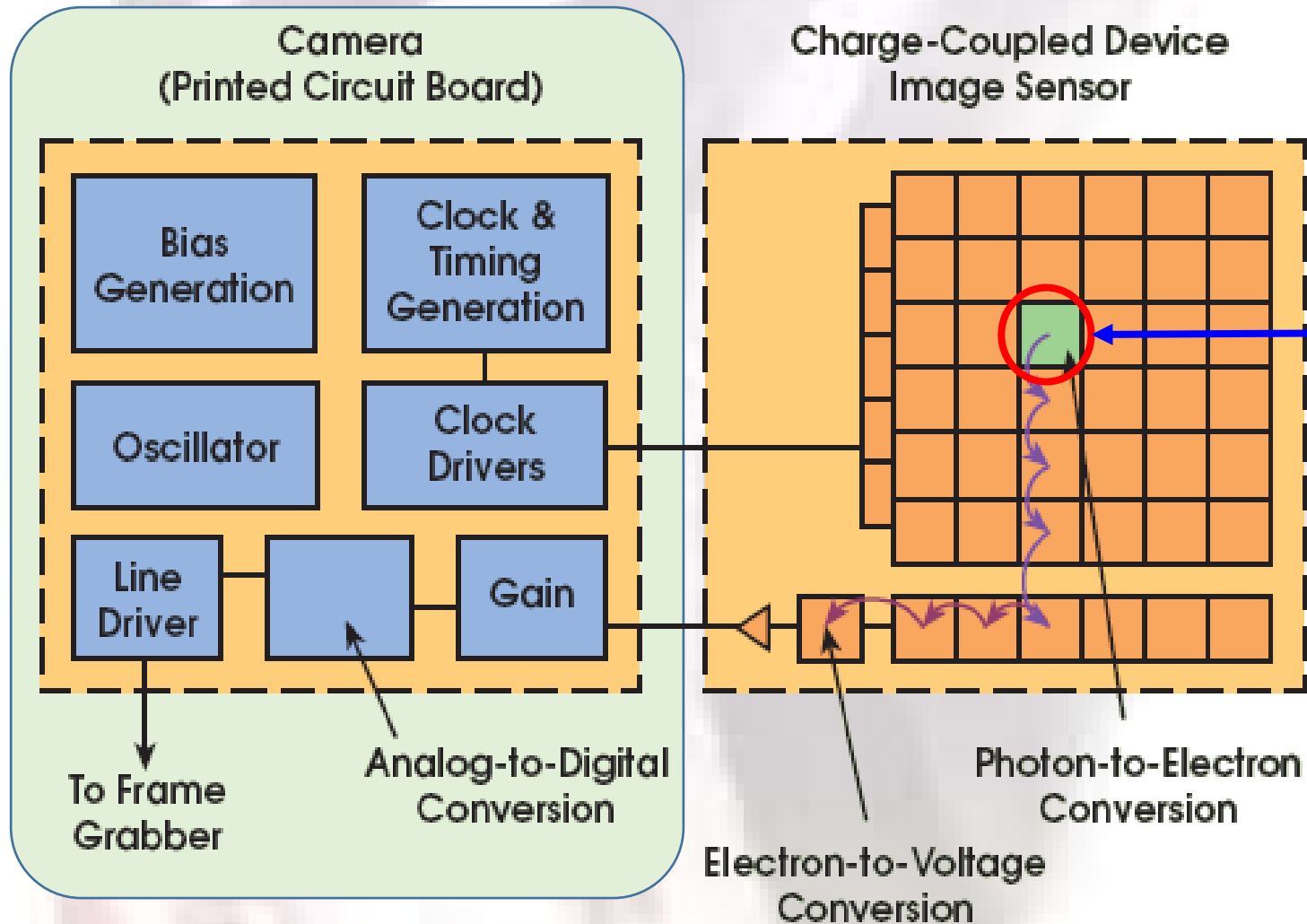
Microbolometers



# Basic Pixel Architecture

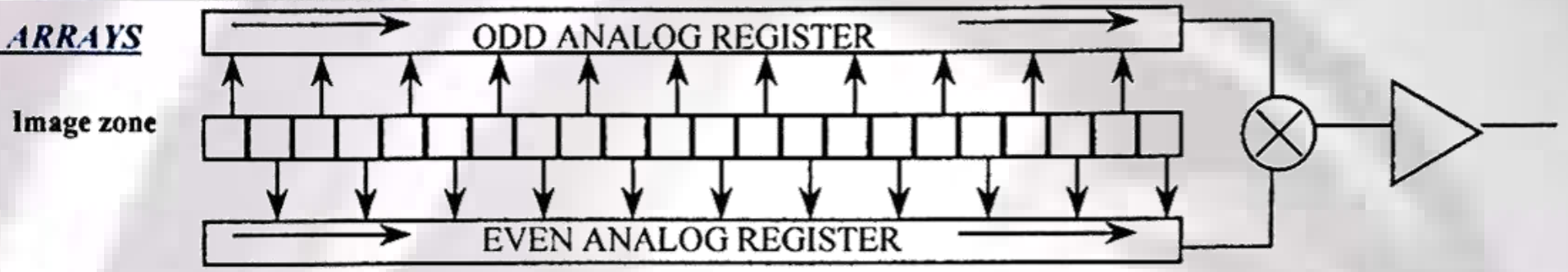


# Architecture of CCD

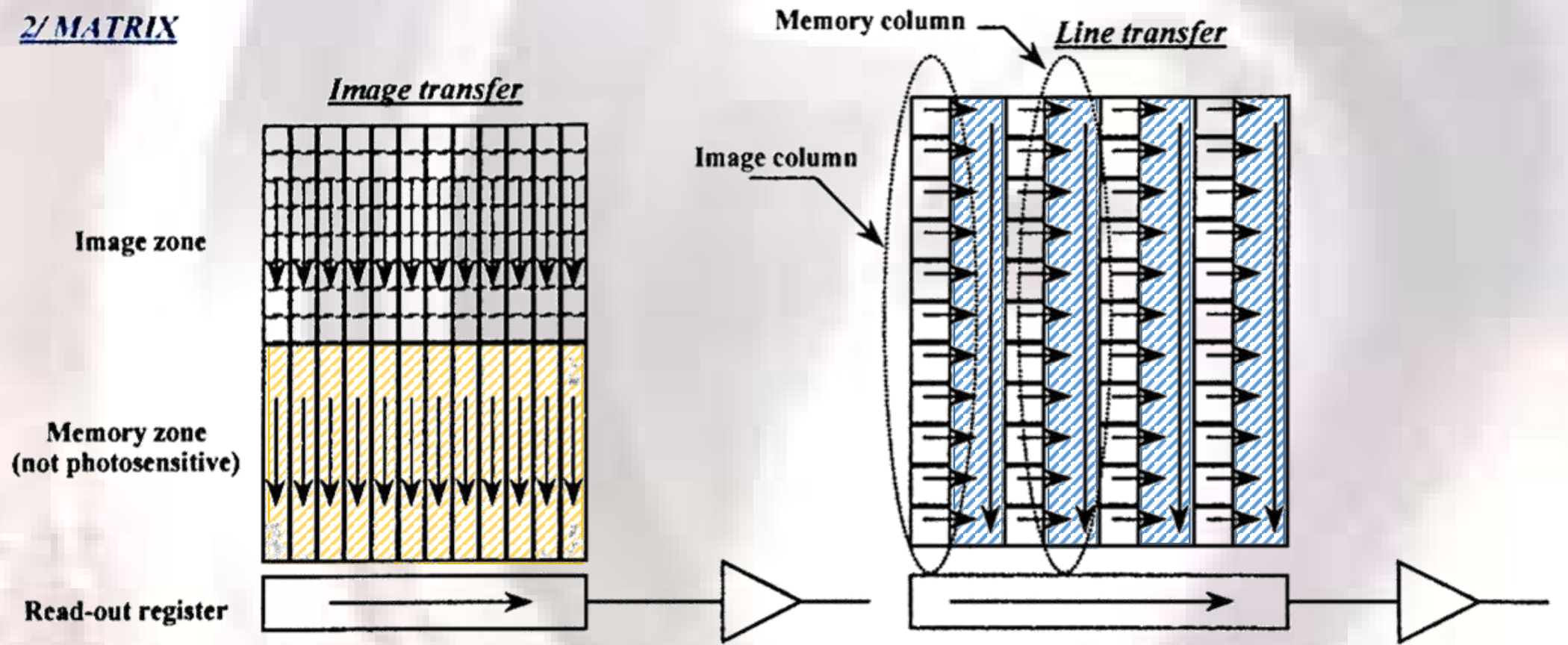


Basic structure of a single metal oxide semiconductor (MOS) element in a CCD array  
 The substrate is a p/n type silicon wafer insulated with a thin layer of silicon dioxide

1/ LINEAR ARRAYS



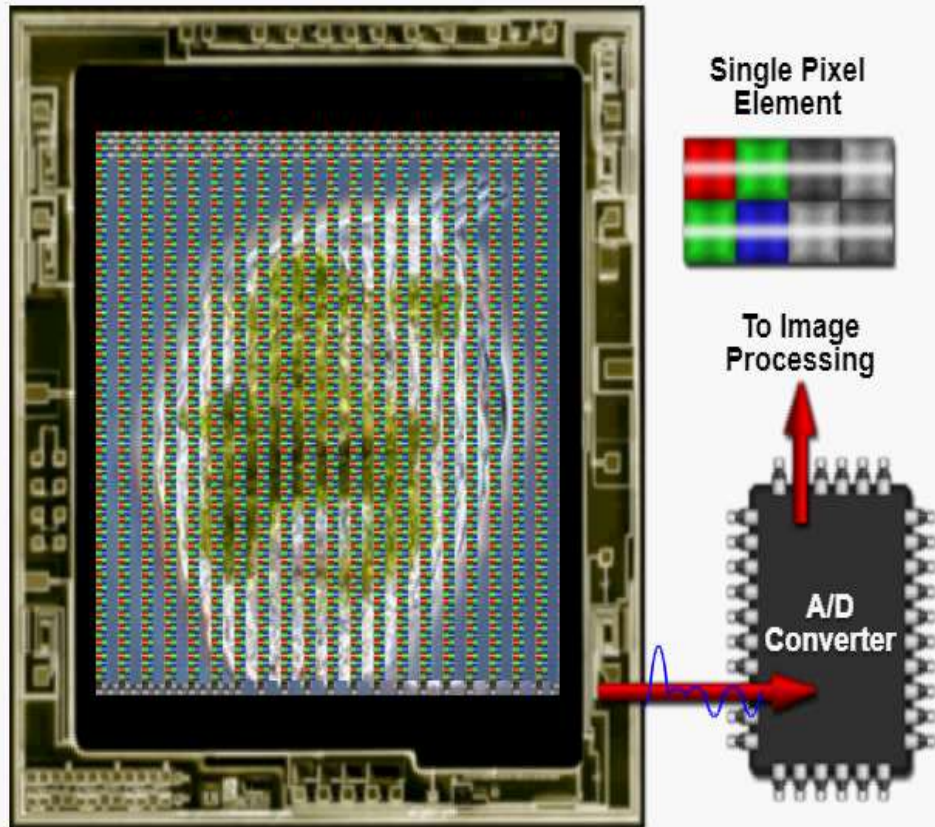
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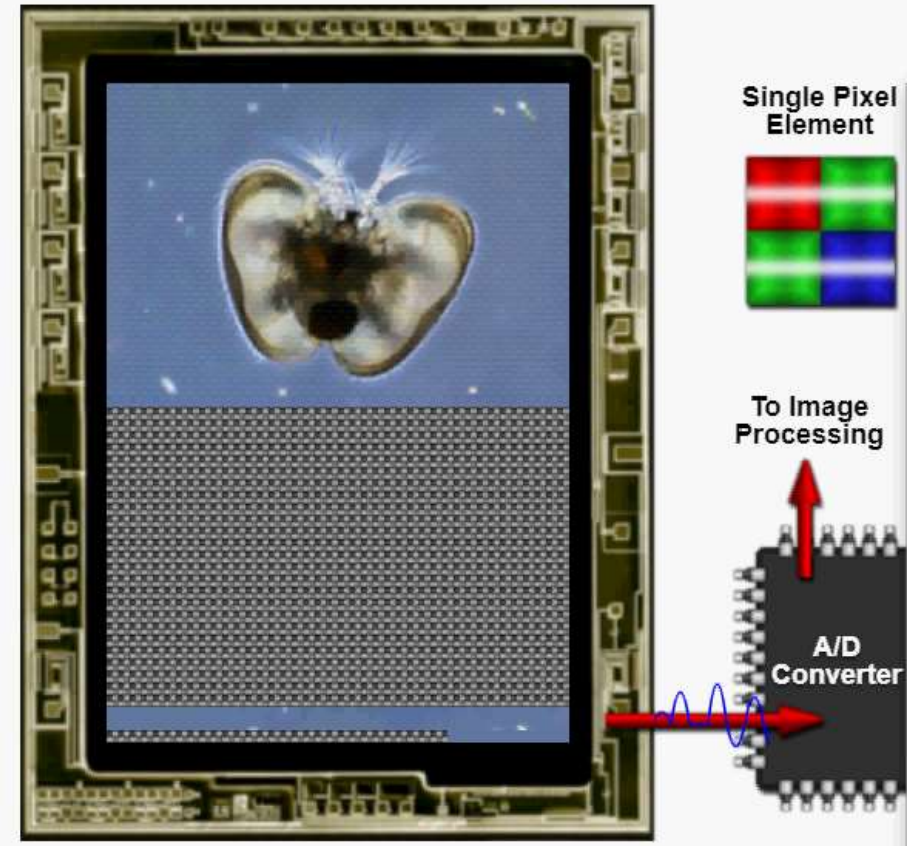


# CCD Sensor—Interline/Frame transfer

## Interline CCD Operation



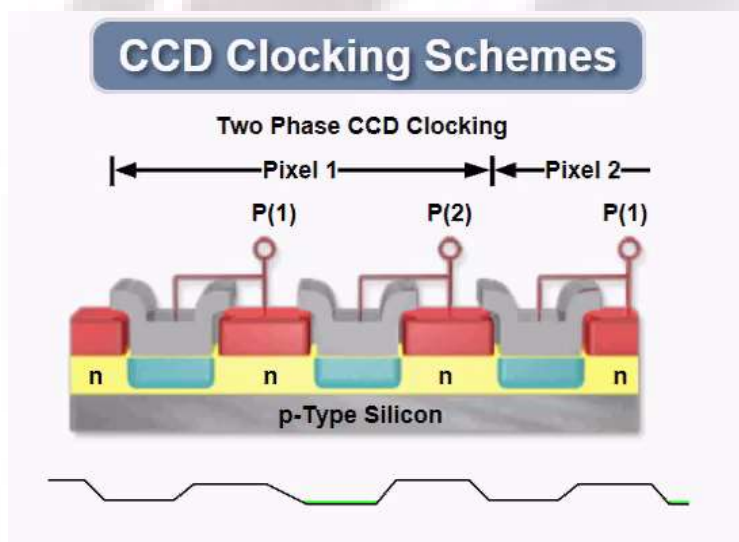
## Frame-Transfer CCD Operation



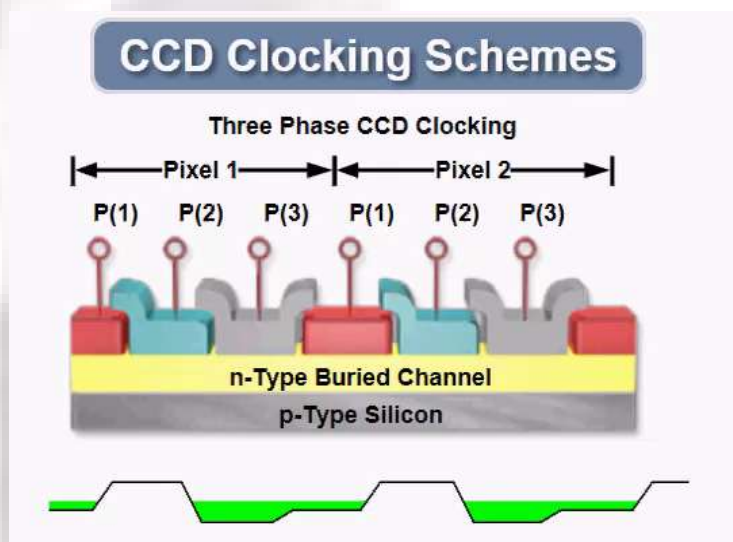
How to transfer the accumulated voltage of each pixel as signal to A/D for the following digitization

# CCD Sensor—Operation clock

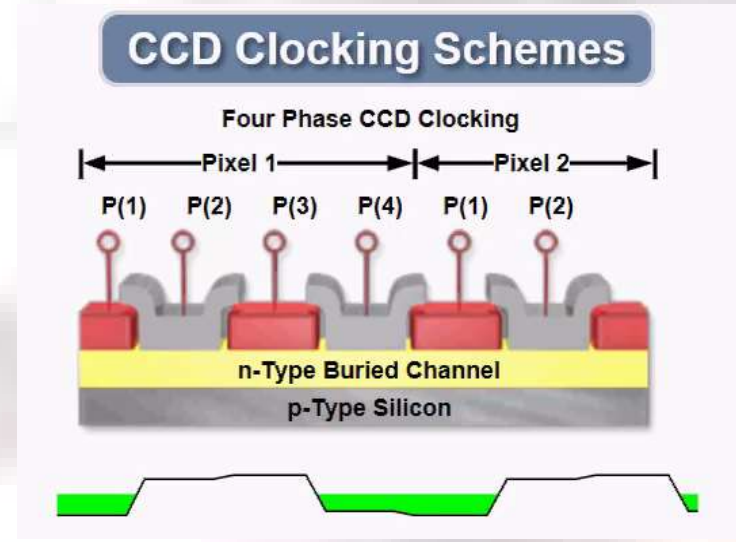
## Clock modes



2 phase



3 phase

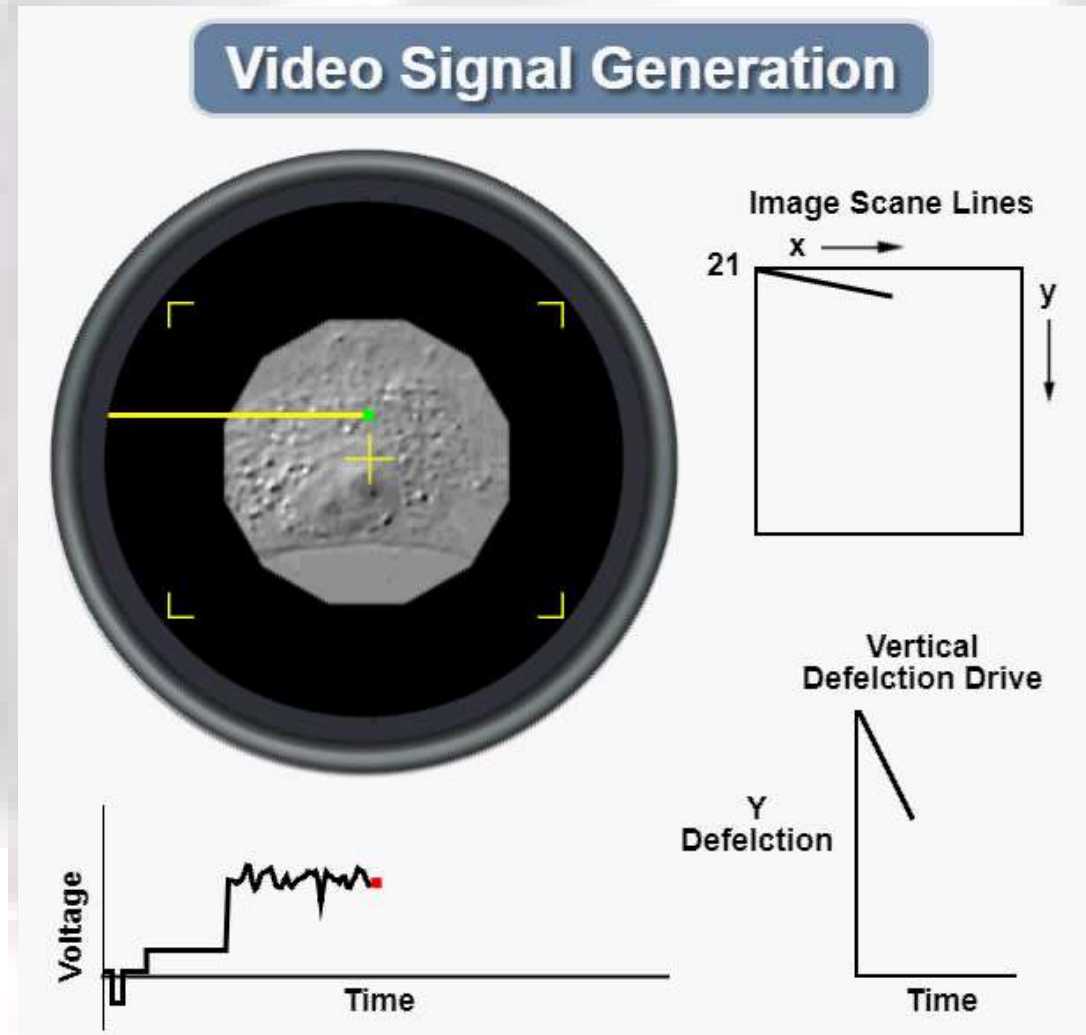


4 phase

Controlling exposure time interval

Dumping photo-conducted-electronic out sensor site

# Generating Video Signal—Analogy output



# CCD Primary Noise Sources

SN = Shot (Photon) noise =  $\sqrt{\text{signal}}$  (Physical property of light due to individual photons)

DN = Dark noise =  $\sqrt{\text{dark current}}$  (Temperature dependent)

RN = Read noise (Gaussian distribution of values imparted by single output node/readout amplifier)

## CCDs SNR

$$SNR = \frac{S}{\sqrt{DN^2 + RN^2 + SN^2}}$$

S = Signal = Photon flux \* time \* QE

DN = Dark noise =  $\sqrt{\text{dark current}}$

RN = Read noise

SN = Shot (Photon) noise =  $\sqrt{\text{signal}}$

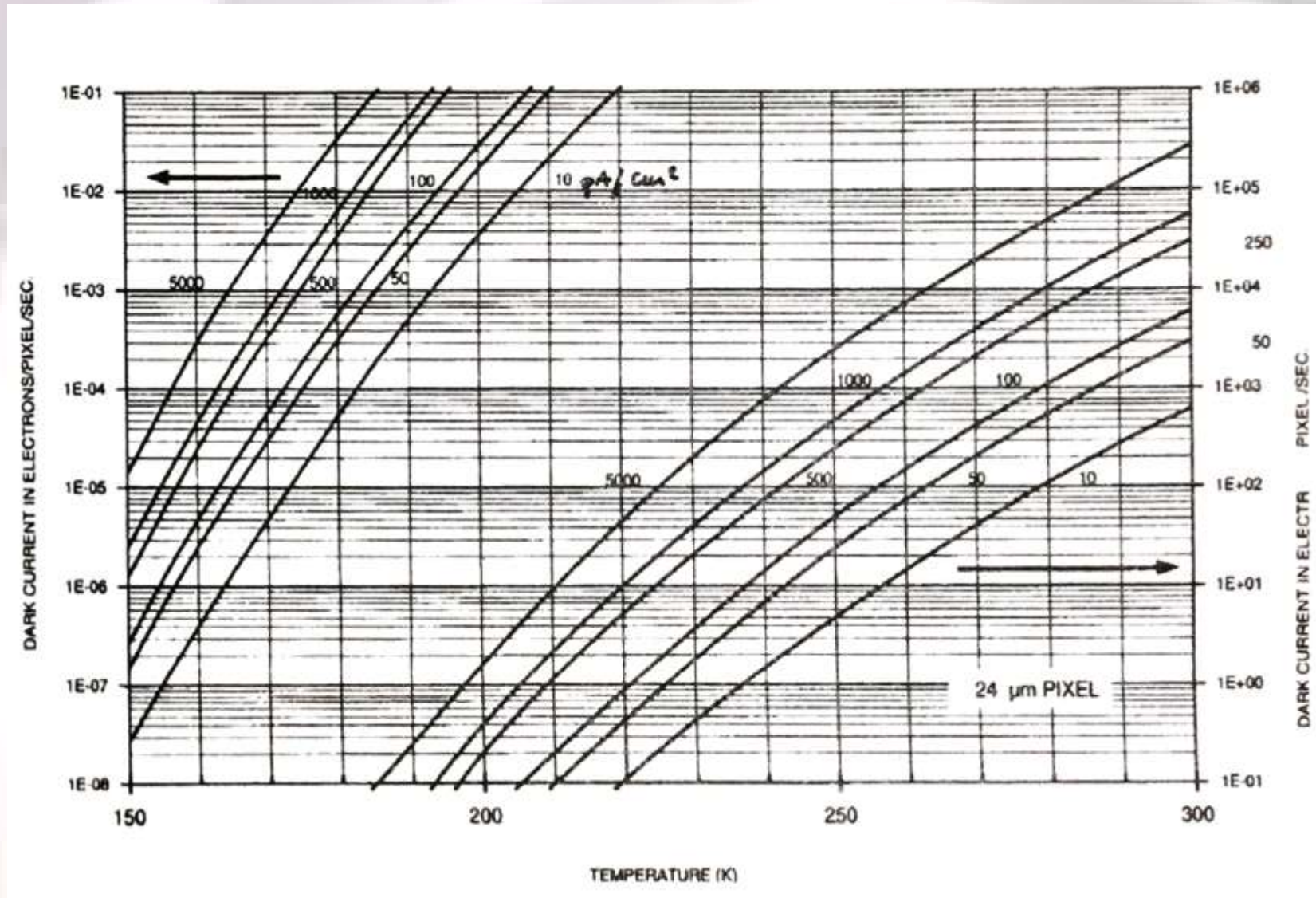
Dark Current is typical temperature dependence

$$I_{DK} = 2^{(T-T_0)/7}$$

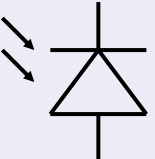
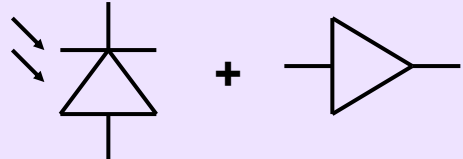
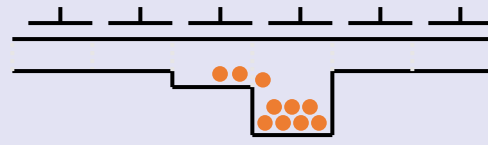
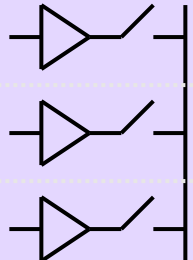
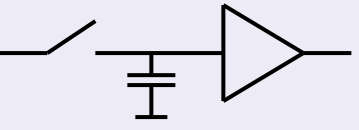
→ Dynamic range reduction

→ Associated noise

# Dark Current vs. Temperature

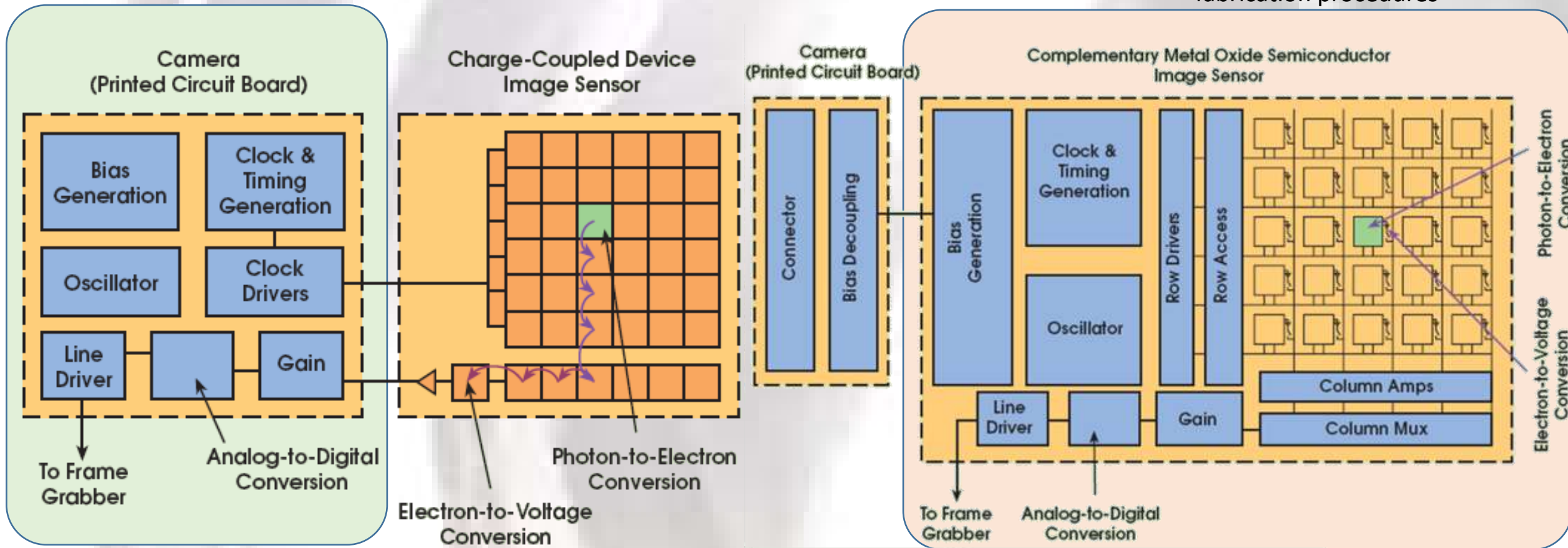


# General CCD/CMOS Detector

	CCD Approach	CMOS Approach
Pixel	<p><i>Photodiode</i></p>  <p>Charge generation &amp; charge integration</p>	<p><i>Photodiode</i> + <i>Amplifier</i></p>  <p>Charge generation, charge integration &amp; charge-to-voltage conversion</p>
Array Readout	 <p>Charge transfer from pixel to pixel</p>	 <p>Multiplexing of pixel voltages: Successively connect amplifiers to common bus</p>
Sensor Output	 <p>Output amplifier performs charge-to-voltage conversion</p>	<p>Various options possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no further circuitry (analog out)</li> <li>- add. amplifiers (analog output)</li> <li>- A/D conversion (digital output)</li> </ul>

# Architecture of CCD and CMOS Sensor

Highly complied with  
standard CMOS  
fabrication procedures



Typical Architecture of CCD Sensor

Typical Architecture of CMOS Sensor

# Common CMOS Features

- **CMOS sensors/multiplexers utilize the same process as modern microchips**
  - Many foundries available worldwide
  - Cost efficient
- **CMOS process enables integration of many additional features**
  - Various pixel circuits from 3 transistors up to many 100 transistors per pixel
  - Random pixel access, windowing, subsampling and binning
  - Bias generation (DACs)
  - Analog signal processing (e.g. CDS, programmable gain, noise filter)
  - A/D conversion
  - Logic (timing control, digital signal processing, etc.)
- **Electronic shutter (snapshot, rolling shutter, non-destructive reads)**
  - No mechanical shutter required
- **Low power consumption**
- **Radiation tolerant (by process and by design)**



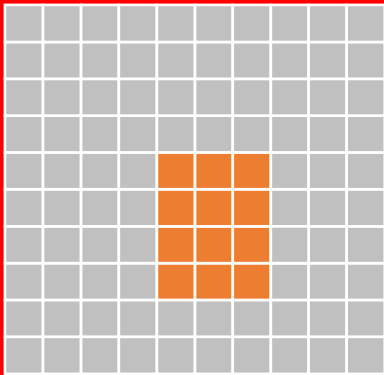
# Selecting image output by CMOS

Different scanning methods are available to reduce the number of pixels being read:

1. Allows for higher frame rate or lower pixel rate (reduction in noise)
2. Can reduce power consumption due to reduced data

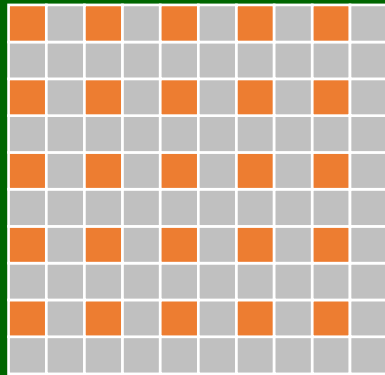
## Windowing

- Define one or multiple ROI
- Used to achieve higher frame rates (e.g. AO, guiding)



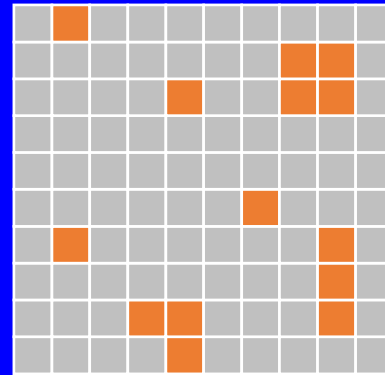
## Subsampling

- Skip defined pixels (columns or rows) when output the signals
- Enable higher frame rates in compare with full-field images



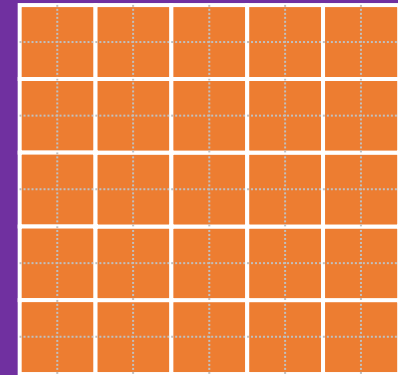
## Random Read

- Random access (read or reset) of certain pixels
- Selective reset of saturated pixels
- Fast reads of selected pixels



## Binning

- Combining several pixels into larger pixels
- Achieve lower noise and higher frame rates



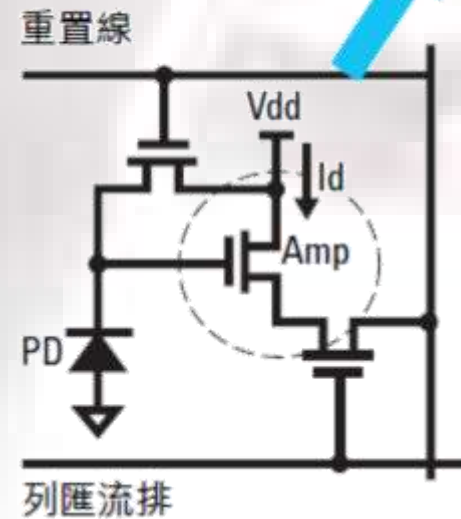
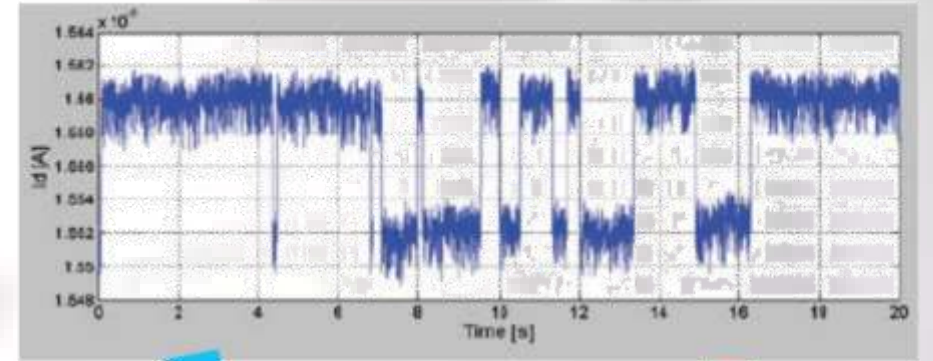
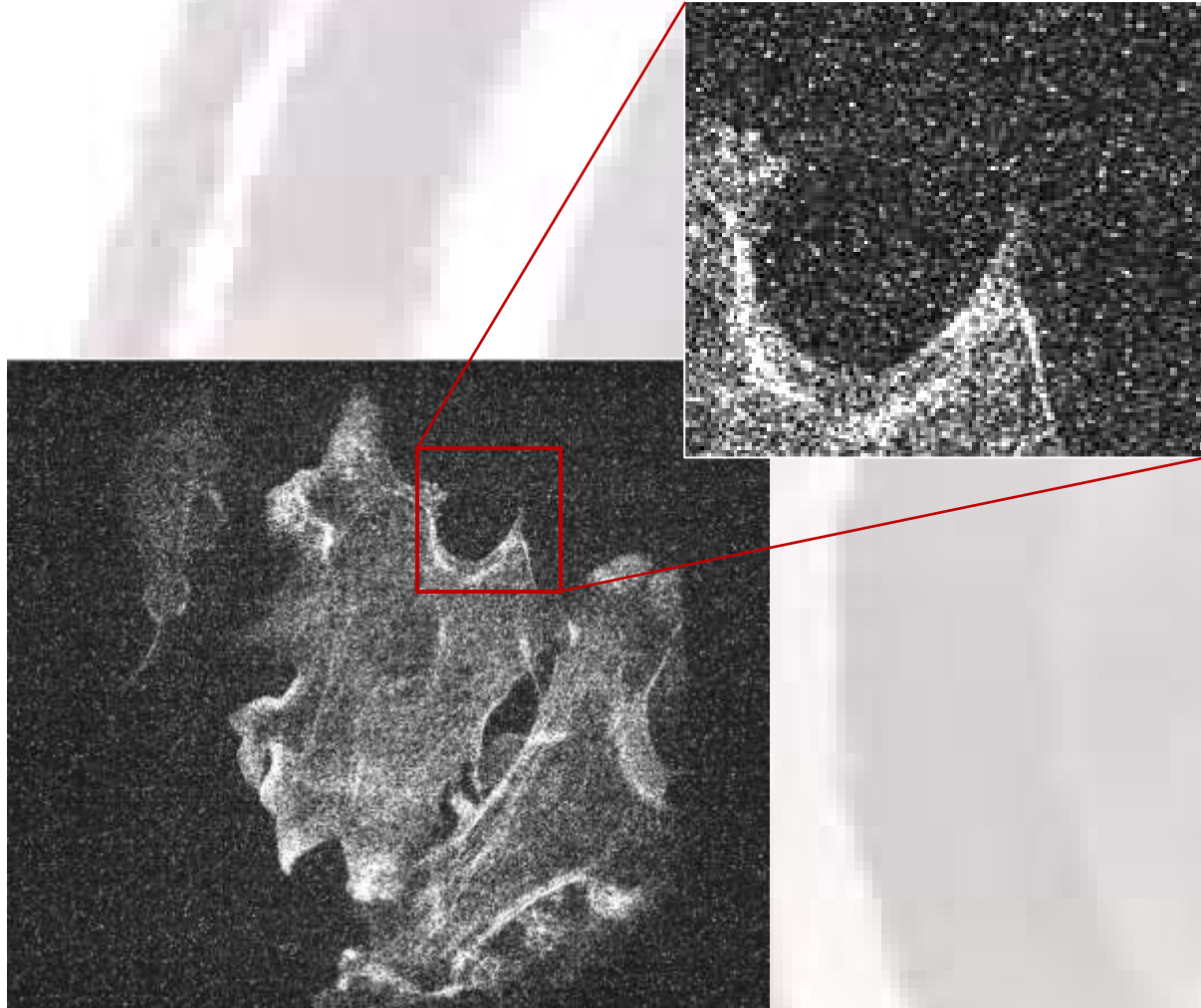
# CMOS Primary Noise Sources

SN = Shot (Photon) noise =  $\sqrt{\text{signal}}$  (Physical property of light, regardless of sensor)

DN = Dark noise =  $\sqrt{\text{dark current}}$  (Temperature dependent and higher for global shutter)

RN = Read noise (This includes **Random Telegraph Noise (RTN)**, which is non-Gaussian, and depends on multiply column and pixel amplifiers)

# CMOS Random Telegraph Noise (Salt-and-Pepper Noise)



# SNR for CMOS

$$SNR = \frac{S}{\sqrt{DN^2 + RN^2 + SN^2}}$$

$S$  = Signal = Photon flux \* time \* QE

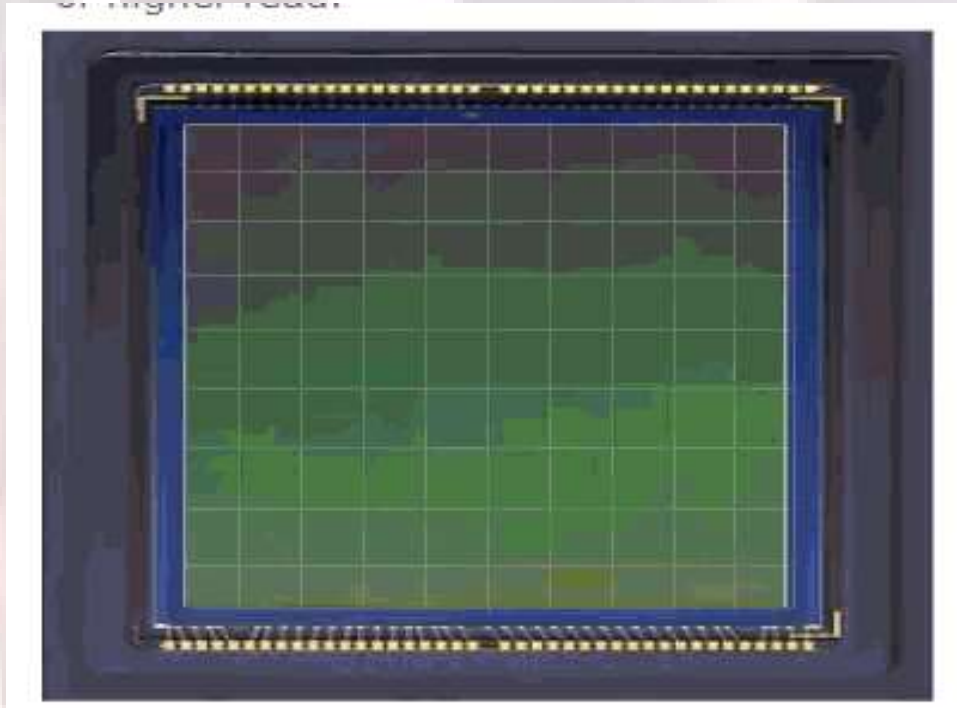
$DN$  = Dark noise =  $\sqrt{\text{dark current}}$

$RN$  = Read noise (This includes Random Telegraph Noise (RTN), a significant component of CMOS noise)

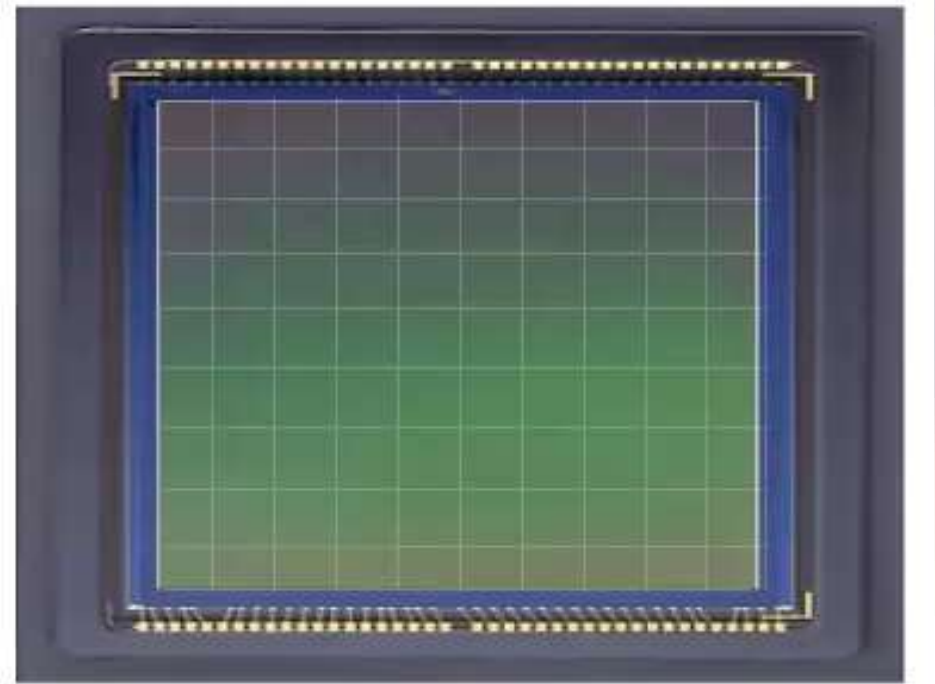
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# CMOS Sensor Readout Modes

Global Shutter



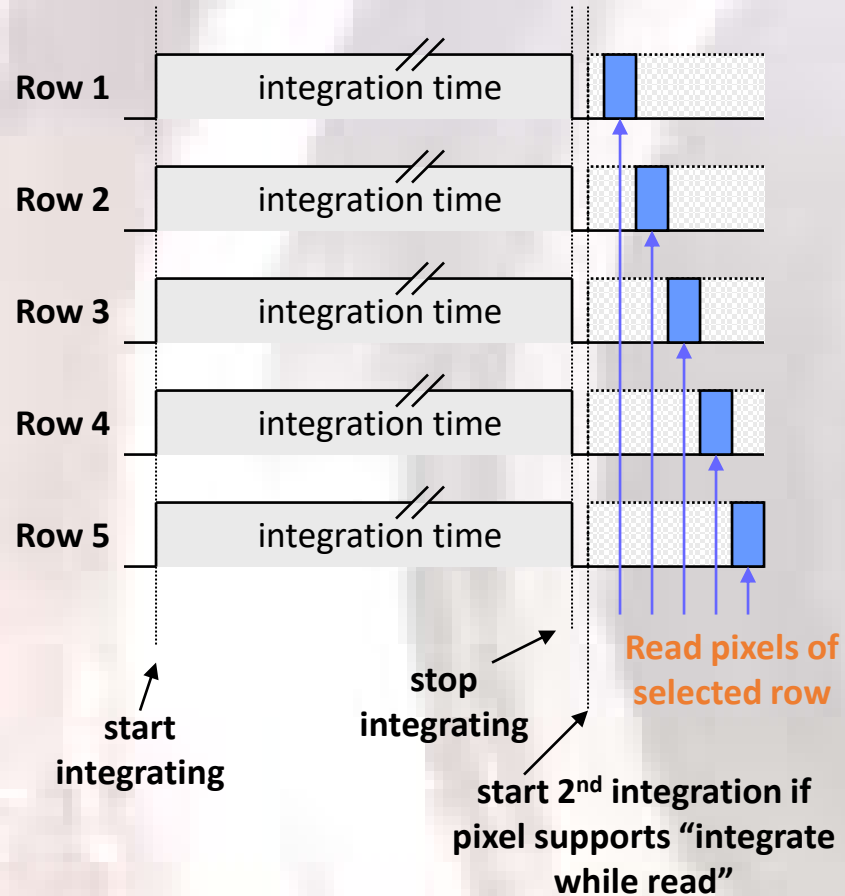
Rolling Shutter (More Common)



# Electronic Shutter— Snapshot & Rolling Shutter

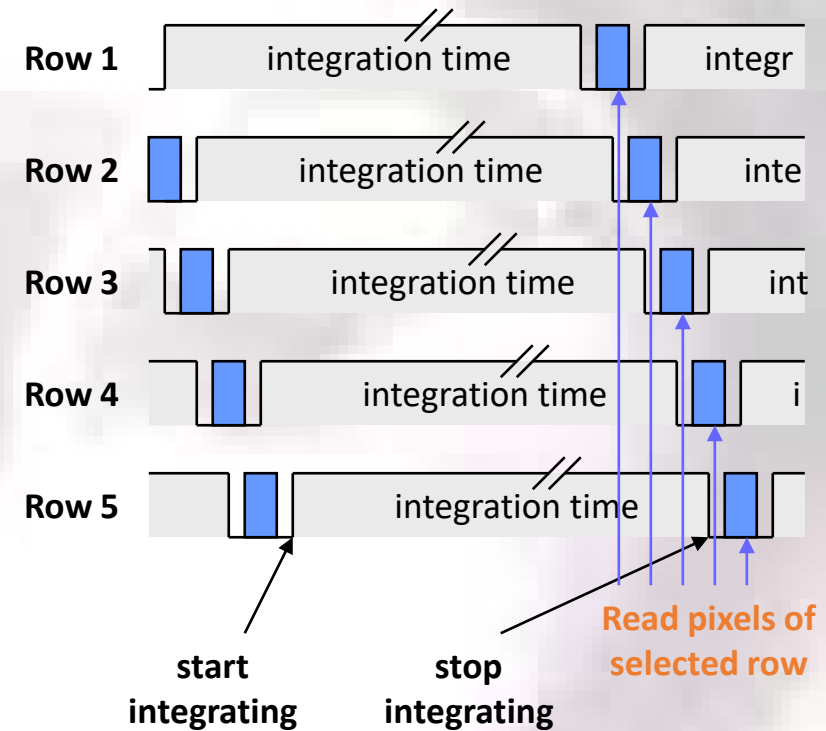
- Snapshot(Global) Shutter

- All rows are integrating at the same time.
- Typically more transistors per pixel and higher noise.

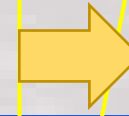


- Rolling Shutter (Ripple Read)

- Each row starts and stops integrating at a different time (progressively).
- Typically less transistors per pixel and lower noise.



# Problem of Rolling Shutter

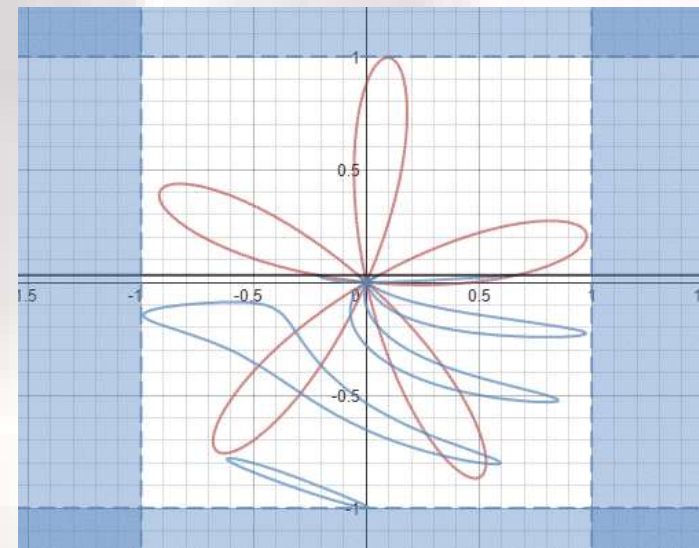


Rolling Shutter

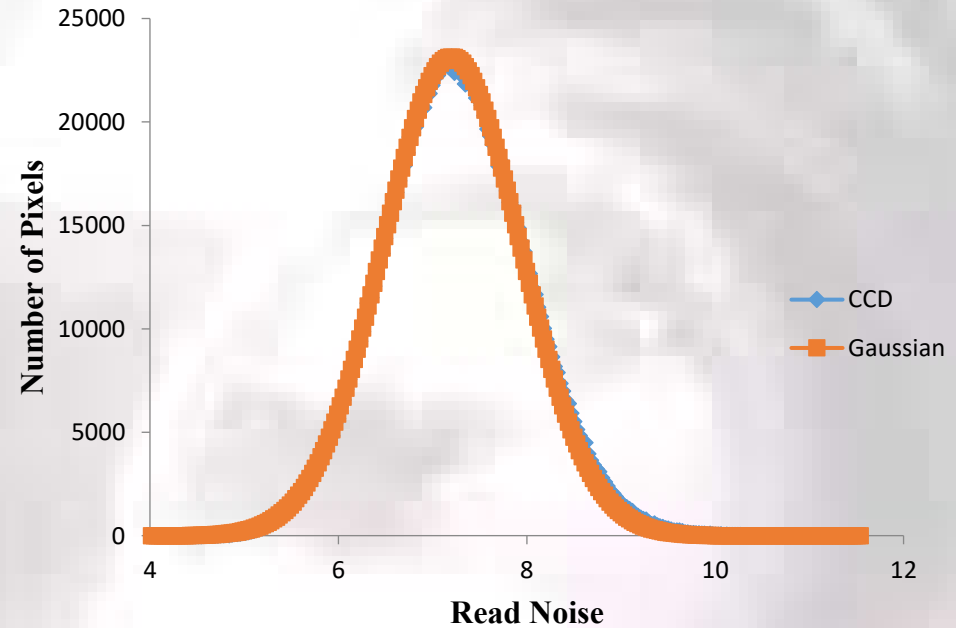
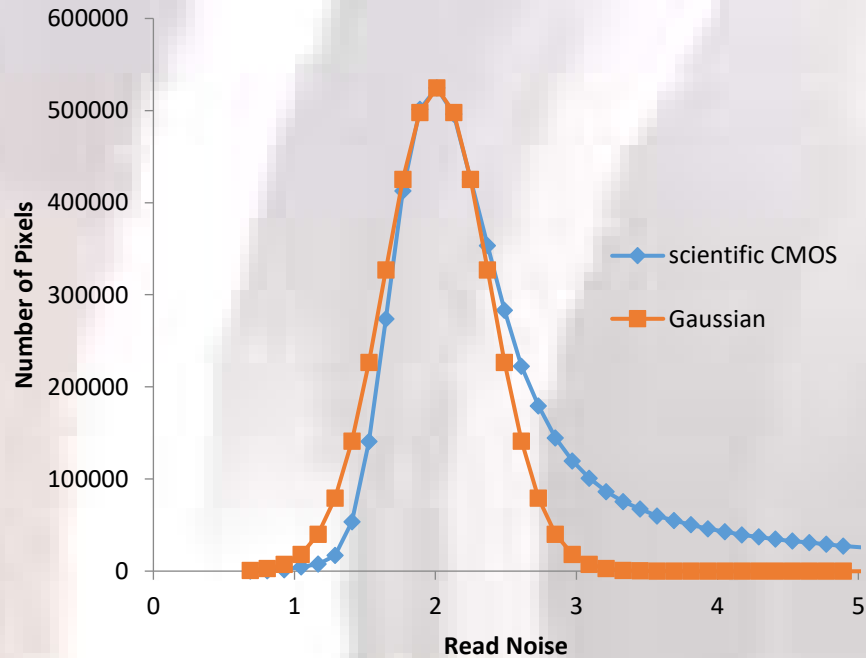
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<https://www.bhphotovideo.com/explora/video/tips-and-solutions/rolling-shutter-versus-global-shutter>



# CMOS Read Noise



- 40% outside of Gaussian fit
- The CCD has a read noise distribution close to Gaussian
- The CMOS read noise distribution is skewed to much larger values due to the noisy pixels (RTN). It is skewed from Gaussian.
- 3% outside of Gaussian fit



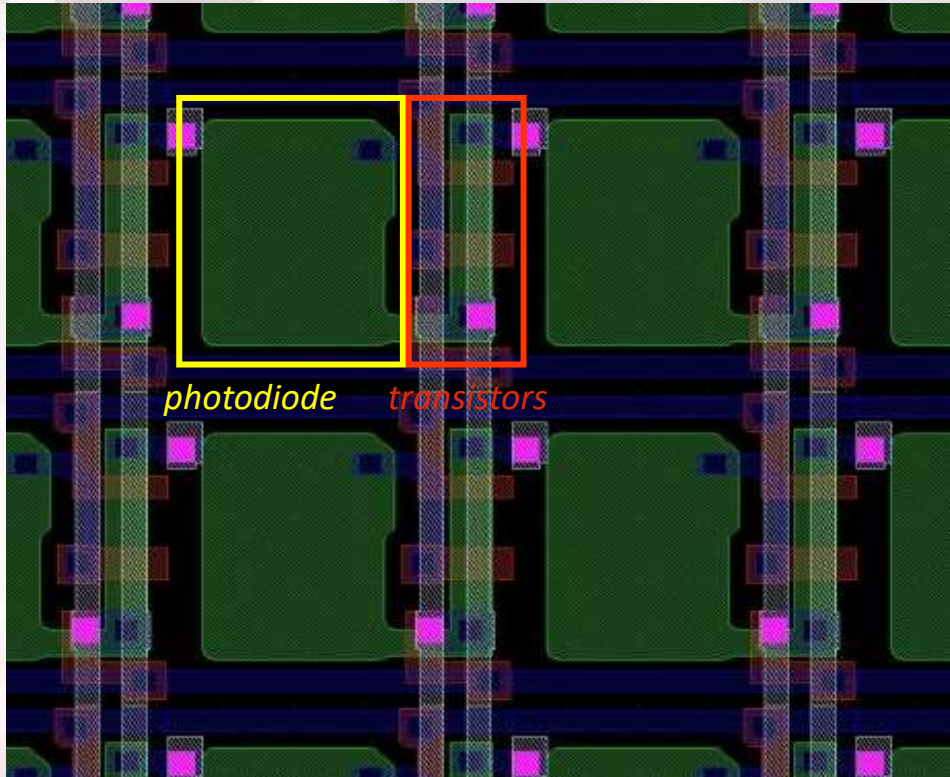
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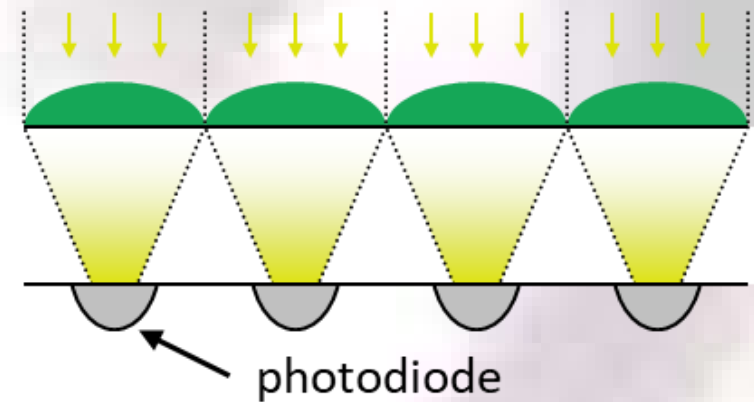
A monolithic CMOS image sensor combines the photodiode and the readout circuitry in one piece of silicon

Photodiode and transistors share the area => less than 100% fill factor

Small pixels and large arrays can be produced at low cost => consumer



- **Microlenses increase fill factor:**



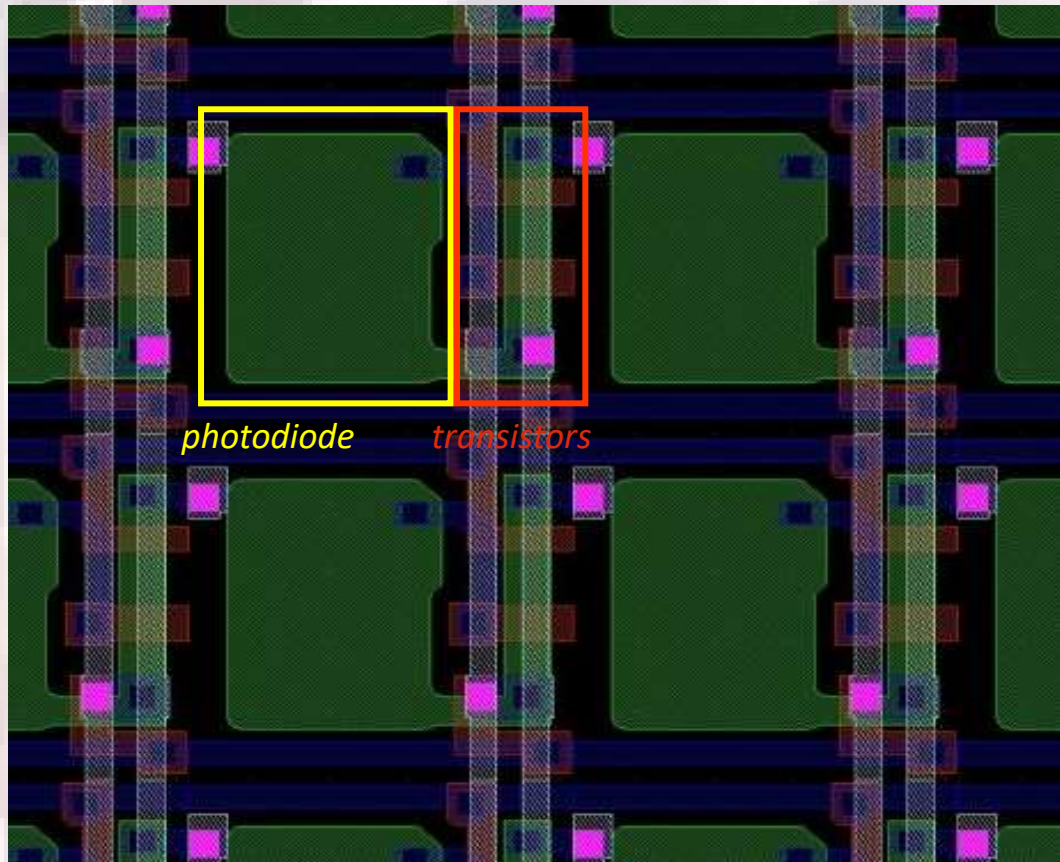
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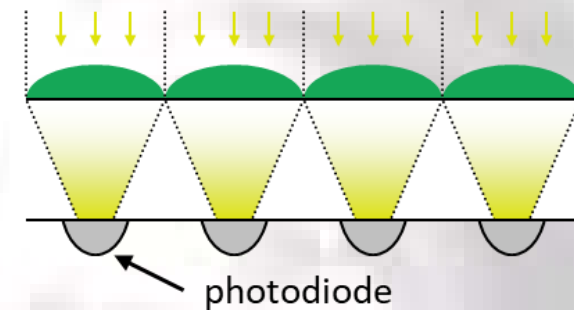
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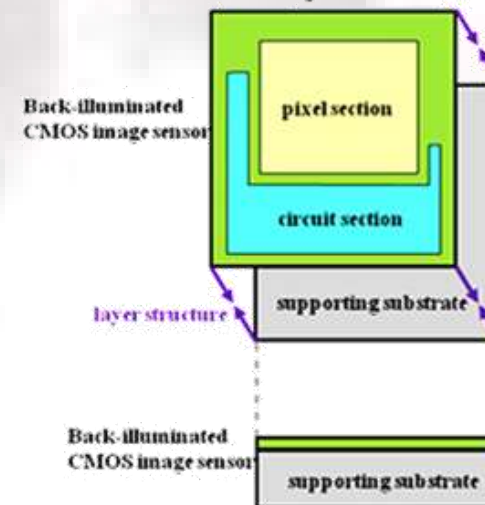
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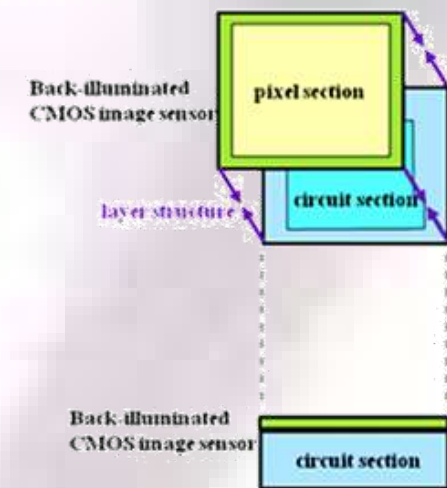
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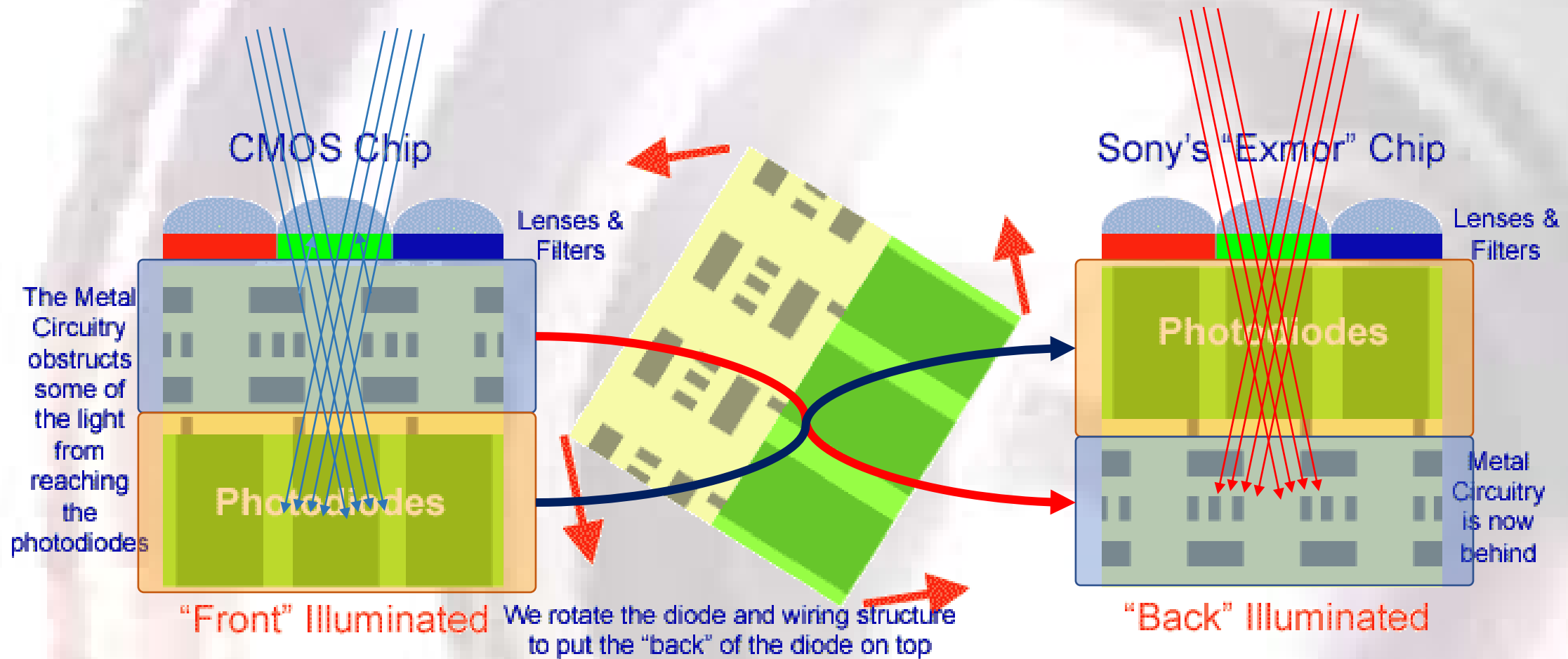
< Conventional back-illuminated CMOS image sensor >



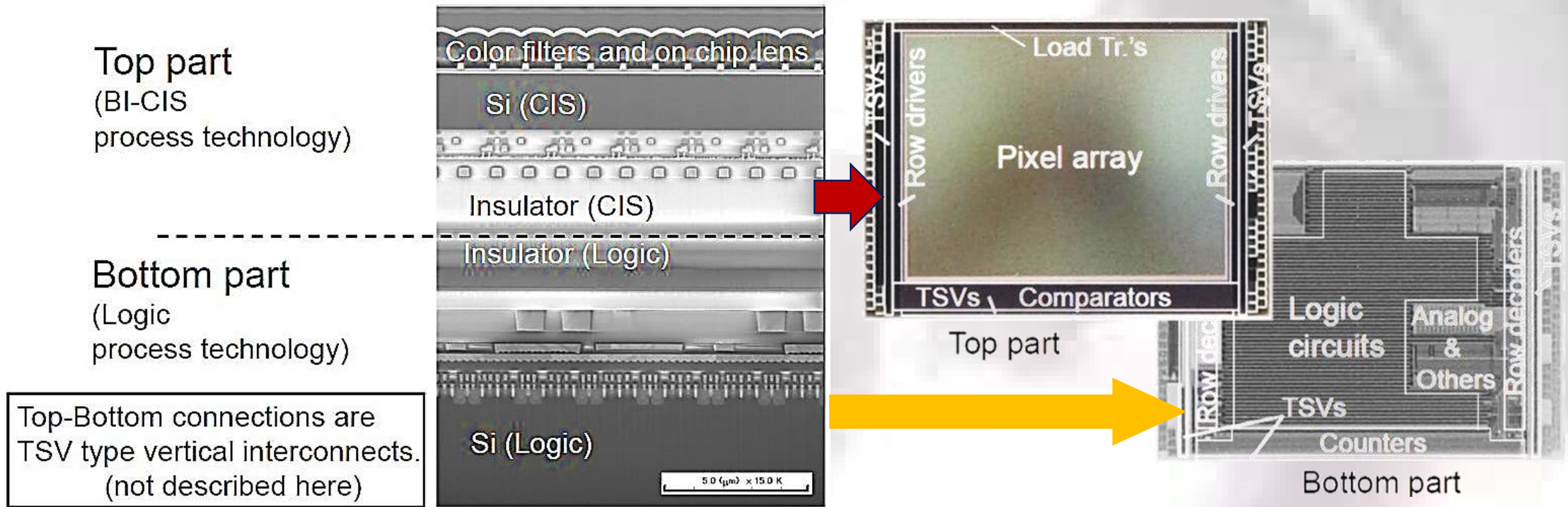
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# Back-illuminated structure pixels

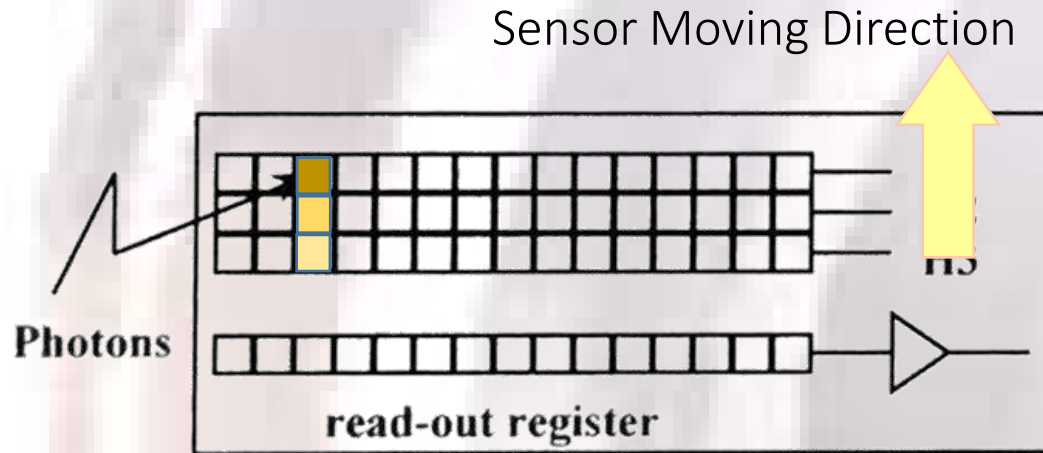


# Back-illuminated structure pixels



# TDI- Time Delay Interaction Device

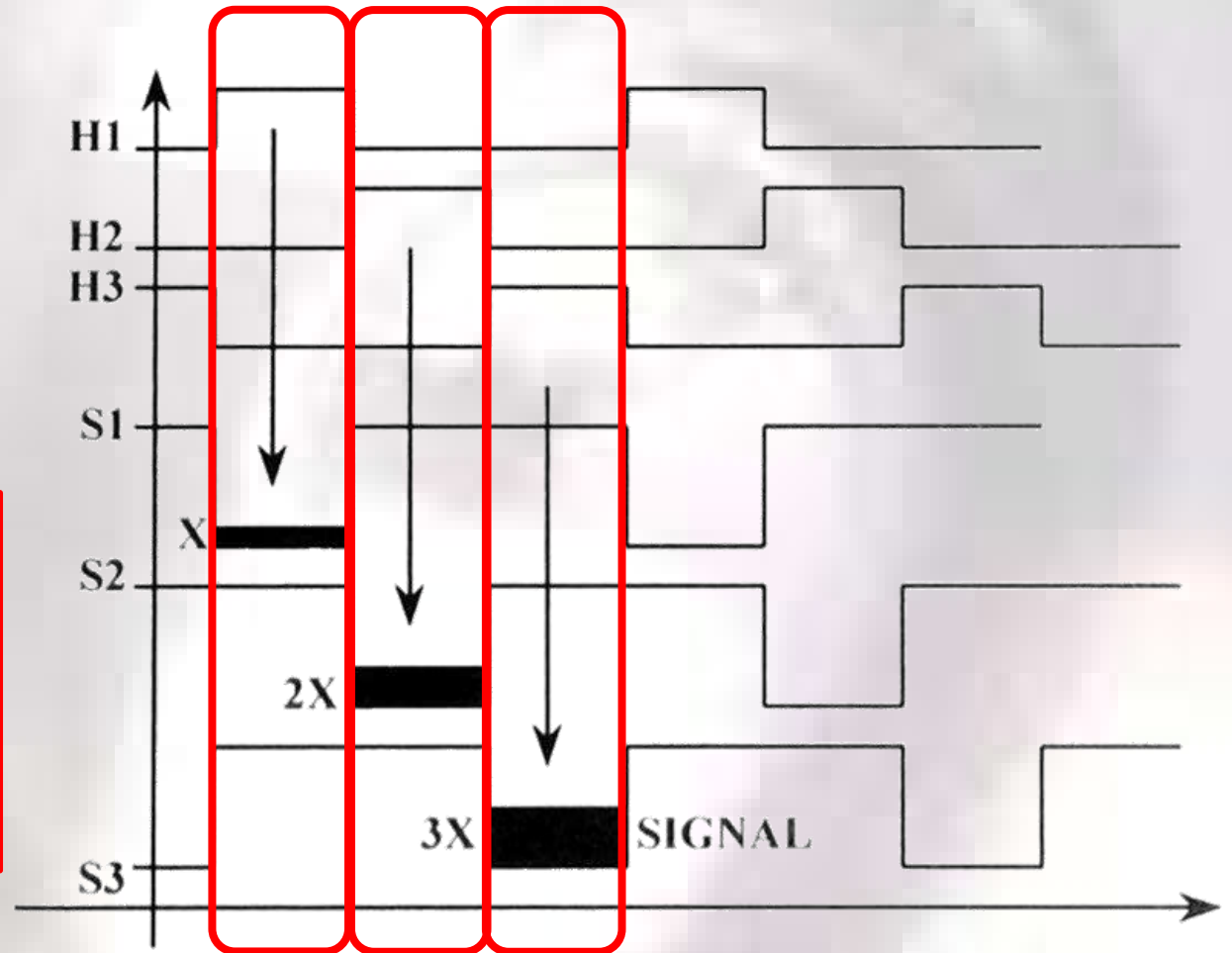
“like a larger aperture or a lower F-number”



$$SNR_{TDI} = SNR_{PD} * \sqrt{N}$$

$N$ : TDI steps

Purpose of TDI:  
To maximize SNR ratio  
instead of to maximize detecting Signal



# Some Facts of TDI sensor

TDI: by accumulating multiple exposures of the same object(moving object/ scanning) through effectively

Question:

Why is TDI first developed based on CCD sensor instead of CMOS sensor?

4. TDI is developed for **light-starved** applications, typically, the sensor designed with no anti-blooming function
5. The TDI is developed based on CCD, however, CMOS TDI is proposed in recent years **(why?)**

TDI Line Rate << Object Velocity  
(~30% Mismatch)

# CMOS TDI

Parameter	2016, Nie	2006, G. Lepage	2006, C. B. Kim	2012, K.W. Cheng	2014, K. Nie	2014, K. Nie
Technology	0.18- $\mu\text{m}$ CMOS	0.35- $\mu\text{m}$ CMOS	0.6- $\mu\text{m}$ CMOS	0.18- $\mu\text{m}$ CMOS	0.18- $\mu\text{m}$ CMOS	0.18- $\mu\text{m}$ CMOS
Chip size	18.2mm $\times$ 18.9mm	100mm $\times$ 25mm	15.5mm $\times$ 8mm	1.7mm $\times$ 1.3mm	6mm $\times$ 12mm	18.3mm $\times$ 29.8mm
Array size	1024(H) $\times$ 128(V)	8000(H) $\times$ 25(V)	150(H) $\times$ 64(V)	128(H) $\times$ 6(V)	128(H) $\times$ 32(V)	1024(H) $\times$ 128(V)
Pixel size	15 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 15 $\mu\text{m}$	13 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 13 $\mu\text{m}$	100 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 100 $\mu\text{m}$	6 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 6 $\mu\text{m}$	15 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 15 $\mu\text{m}$	15 $\mu\text{m}$ $\times$ 15 $\mu\text{m}$
Maximum stage	128	25	64	6	32	128
Maximum line rate	3875 lines/s	N/A	400 lines/s	1600 lines/s	3875 lines/s	3875 lines/s
Maximum Sensitivity	2010 V/lux $\cdot$ sec*	N/A	N/A	N/A	77 V/lux $\cdot$ sec	617 V/lux $\cdot$ sec
Power consumption	290 mW	N/A	N/A	N/A	110 mW	500 mW

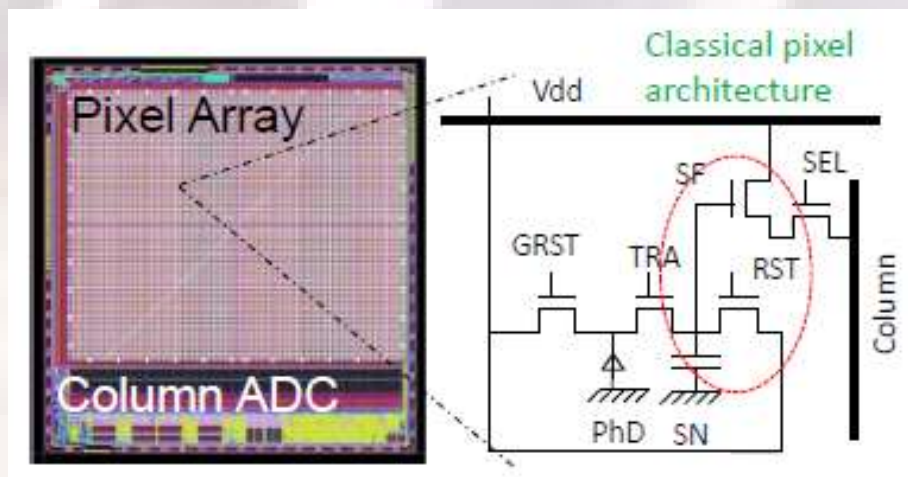
\* Estimated value based on measurement results.



# CMOS TDI- 2 approaches (solution of e2V)

## Summation done in the digital domain—Standard CMOS

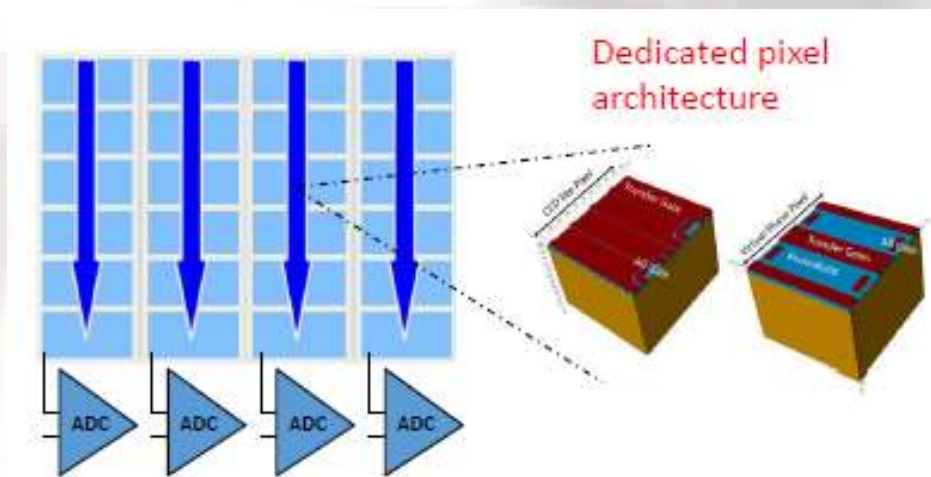
- Charge to voltage conversion is done at pixel level



- Virtually Unlimited saturation → high saturation equivalent signal
- N-lines Conversions → High Noise Equivalent Signal
- $Dynamic\ Range|_{max} = \sqrt{N} \times \frac{Full\ Well\ Capacity}{Noise}$

## Summation is done inside the pixel along the track—CCD Like

- Charge to voltage conversion is done at column level after the charge summation

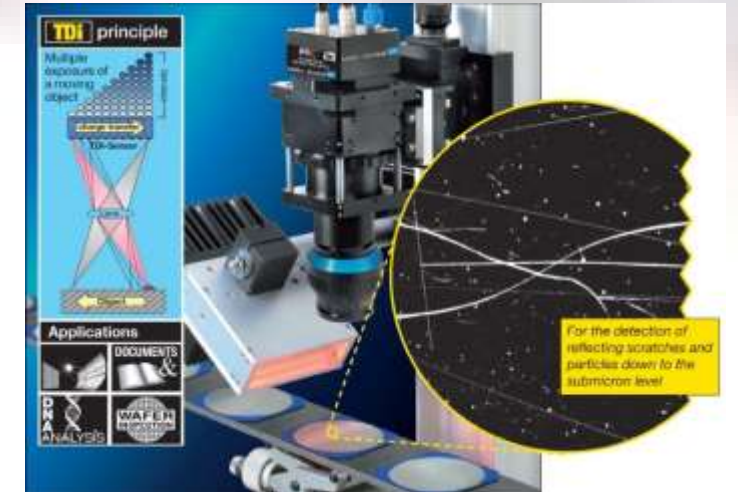


- Saturation limited by one pixel → Low saturation equivalent signal
- Only one Conversion → Low Noise Equivalent Signal
- $Dynamic\ Range|_{max} = \frac{Full\ Well\ Capacity}{Noise}$



# Applications of TDI sensors

- **Si-Wafer inspection:** Detection of voids on and **inside (lighted by SWIR)** Si-wafers
- **High-speed parts inspection:** Acquire image with high speed and high sensitivity
- **Sorting:** Fast automatic sorting of letters and parcels
- **Glass inspection:** Inspect blemish or scratch on a large size glass with high-speed by bi-directional readout
- **Fluorescence detection:** in liquid flow Observation of fluorescence images and measurement of intensity simultaneously
- **DNA chip reader:** High sensitivity and minimized damage of samples by excitation light
- **Virtual Microscope/ Digital Pathology :** Fast and high resolution conversion of fluorescence glass slides into digital slides



# Blooming Effect

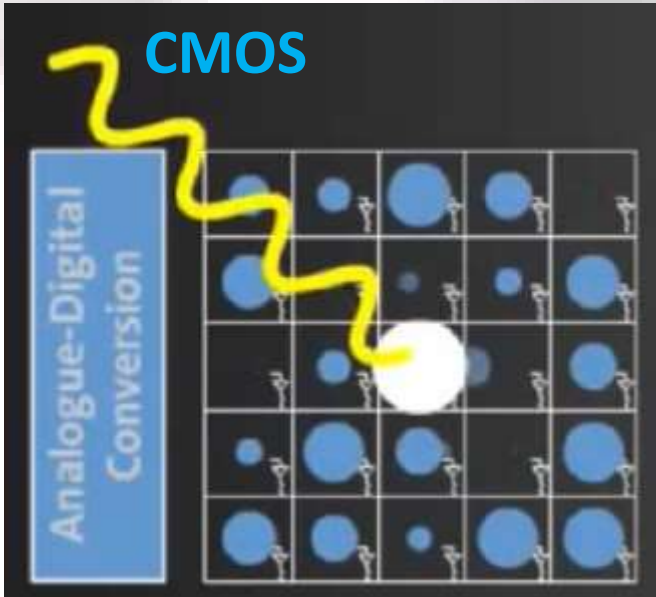
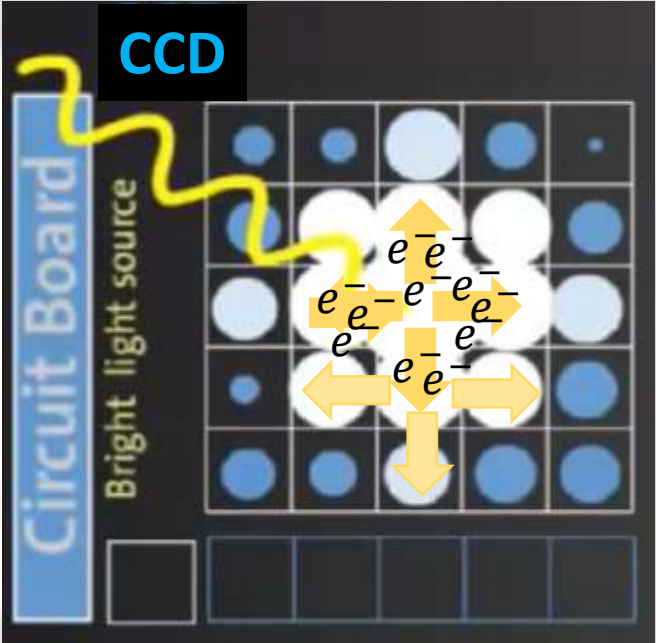
Blooming Phenomenon



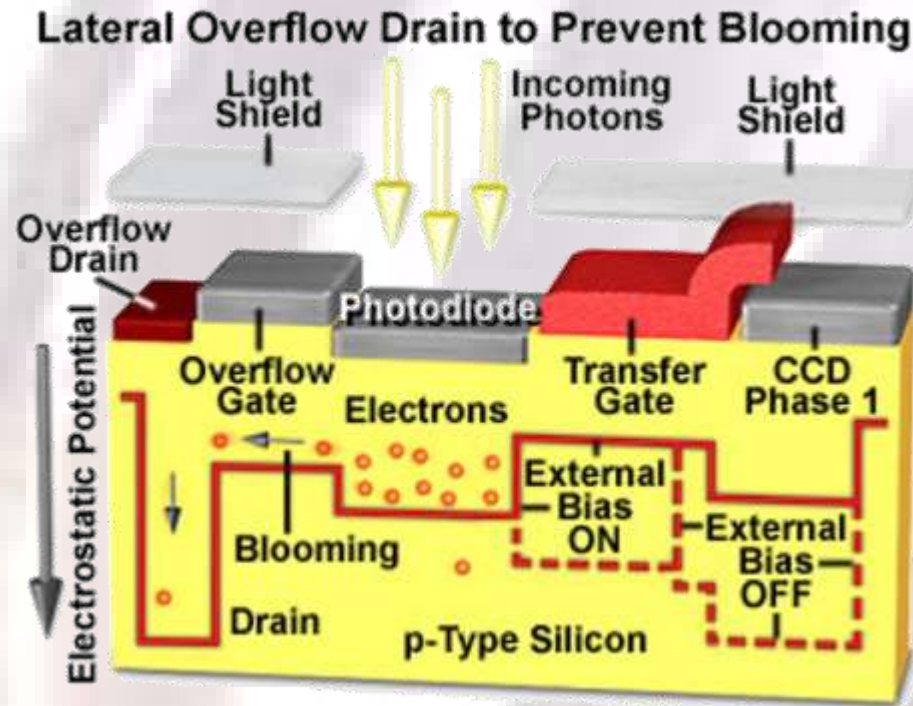
CCD Camera



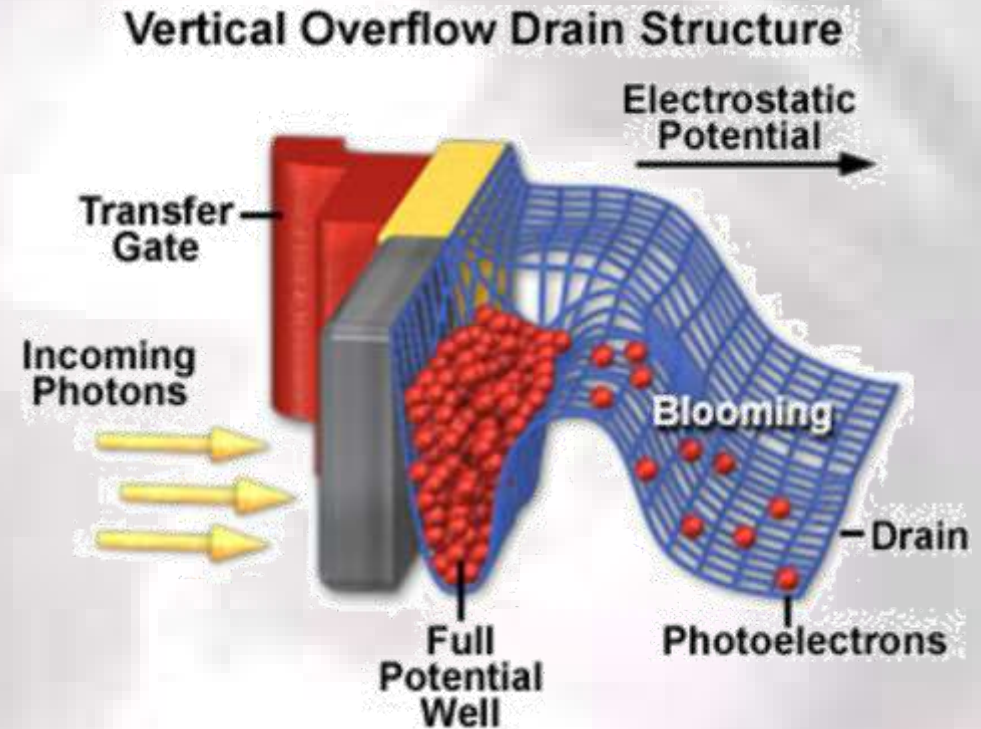
CMOS Camera



# Blooming Effect—Antiblooming



Lateral Overflow Drain—Reduce ~30% pixel size

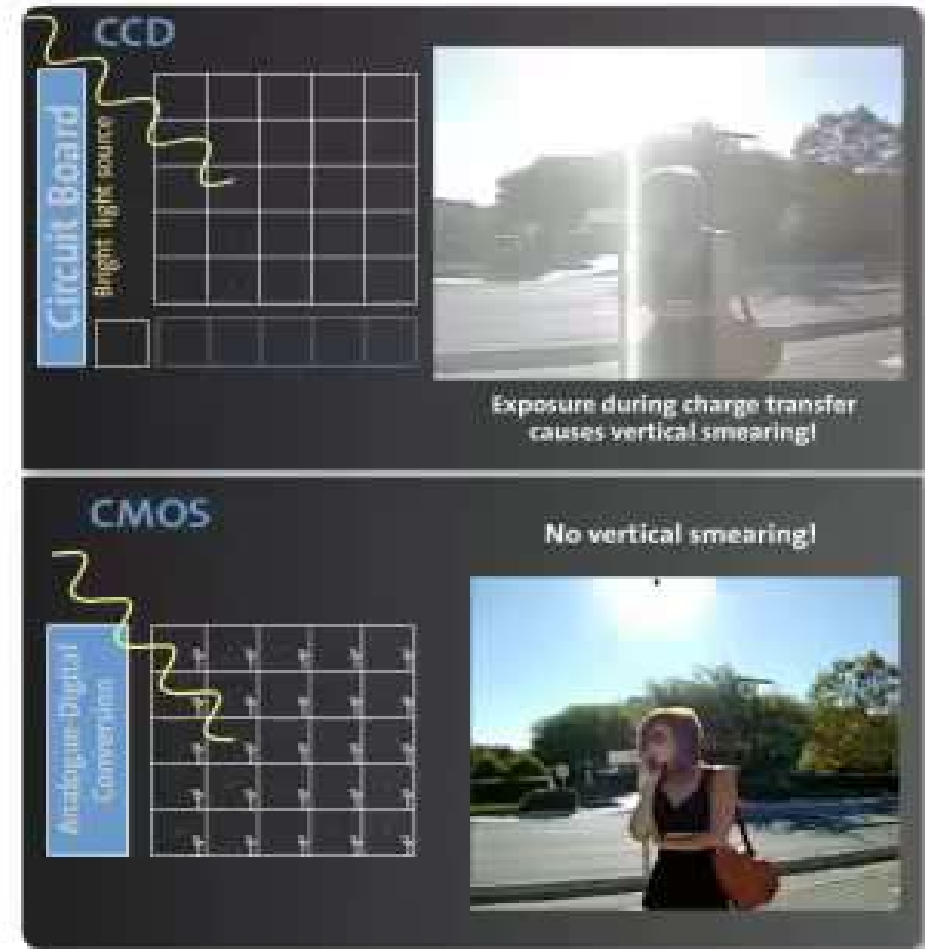
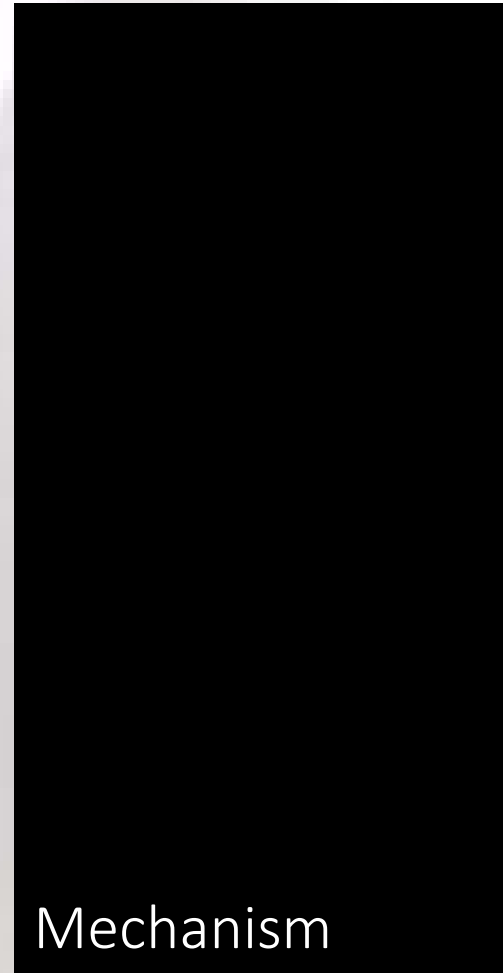


Vertical Overflow Drain—

1. lower dynamic range
2. preclude thinning and backside illumination methods
3. device complexity conducts fabrication cost increased
4. overall quantum efficiency is low; typically, the peak value reduced approximately 25%

# Smearing

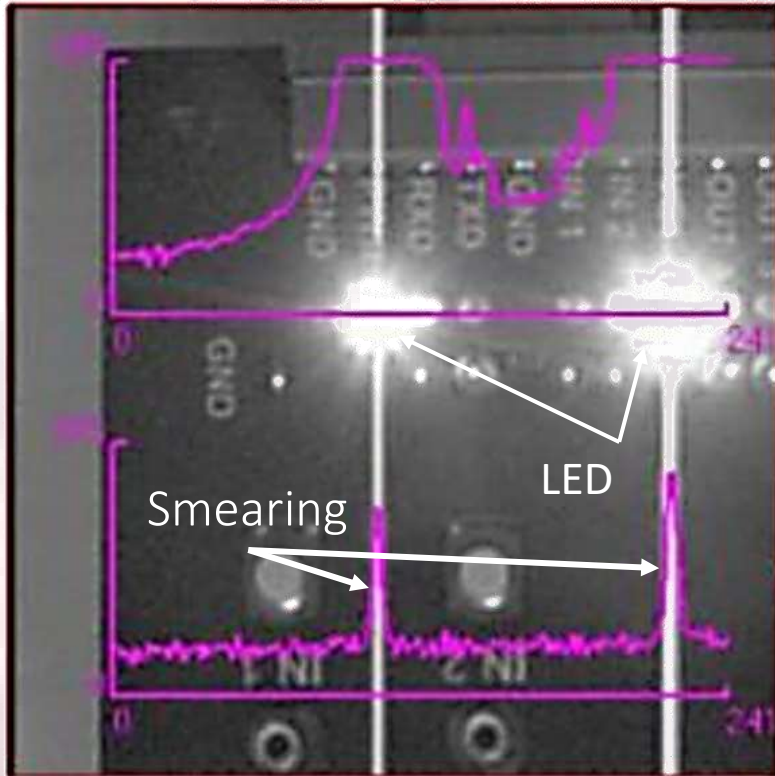
1. Can be observed only for CCD sensor
2. Occurred together with blooming



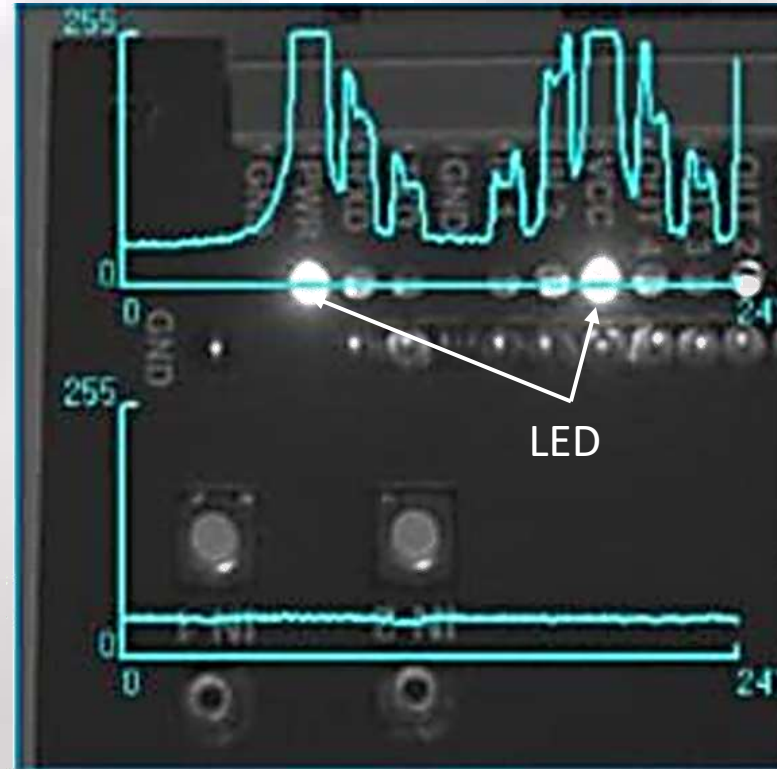
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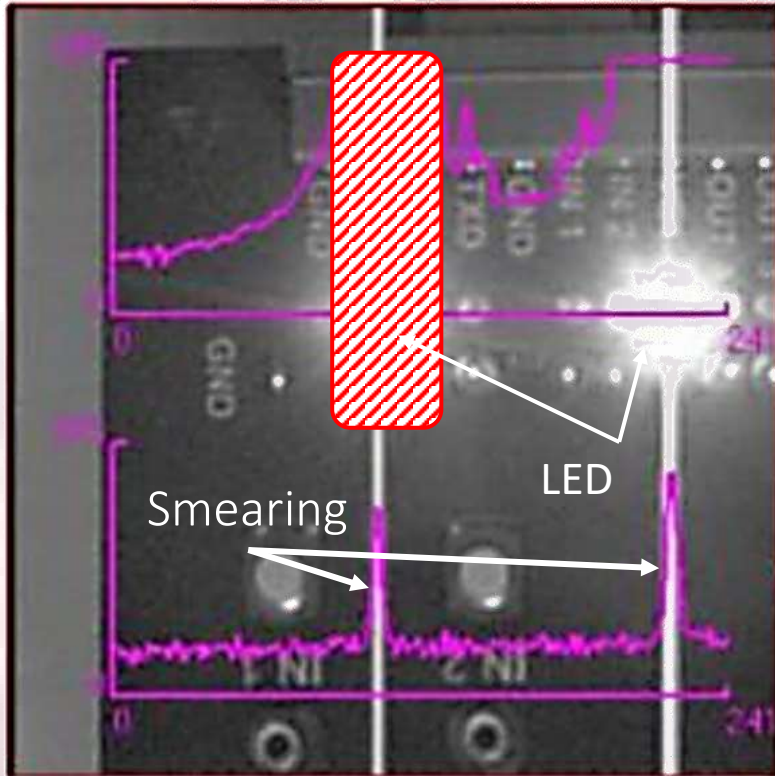
CCD(Sony ICX 655)



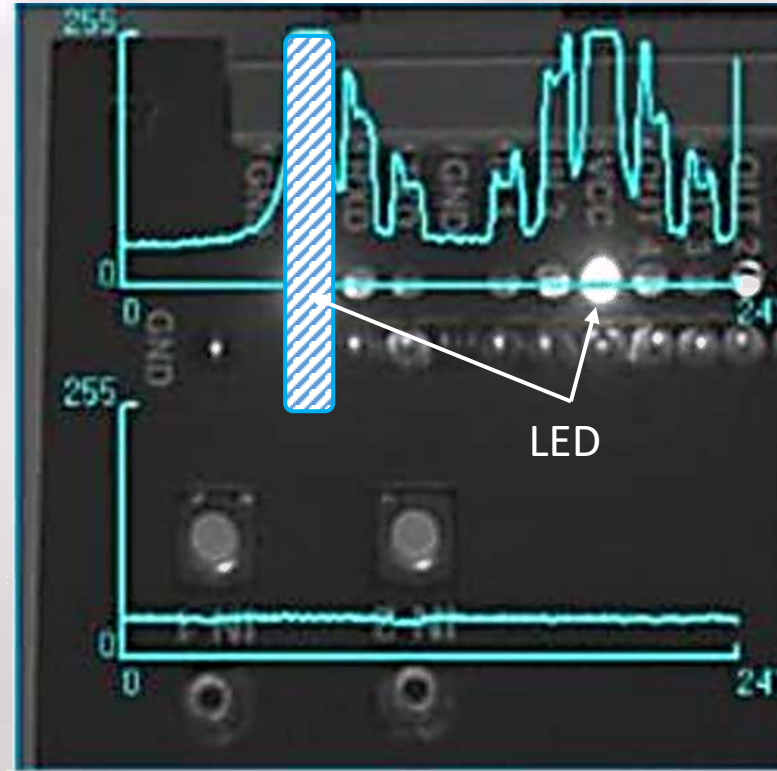
CMOS(Sony IMX 264)

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# Moiré effect

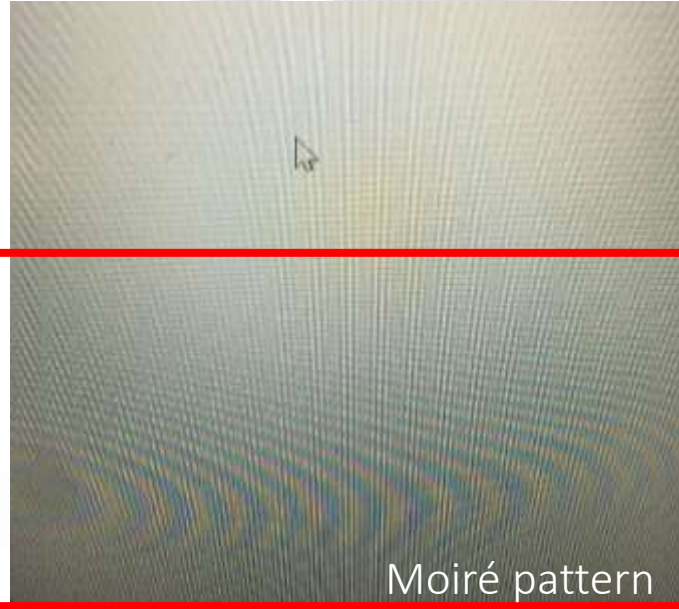
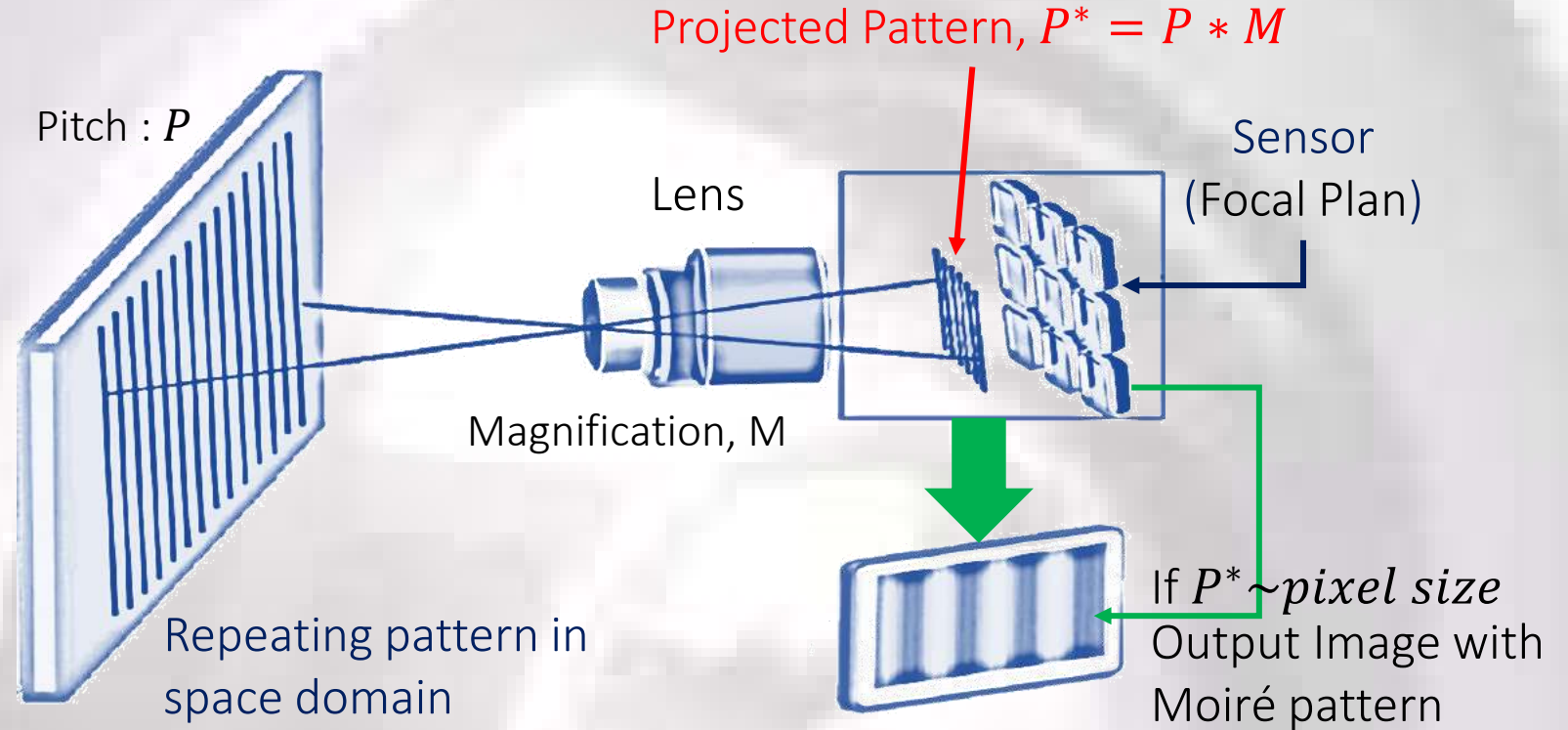


Image of LCD taken by iPhone 6 plus



Possible ways to reduce the moiré effects:

1. Rotating the camera or the object to different angle might can minimize the moiré effect;
2. Change the position of the camera (changing the image height)
3. Change the focus;
4. Replacing a lens with a different focal length

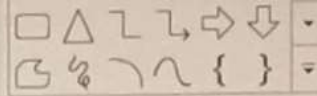
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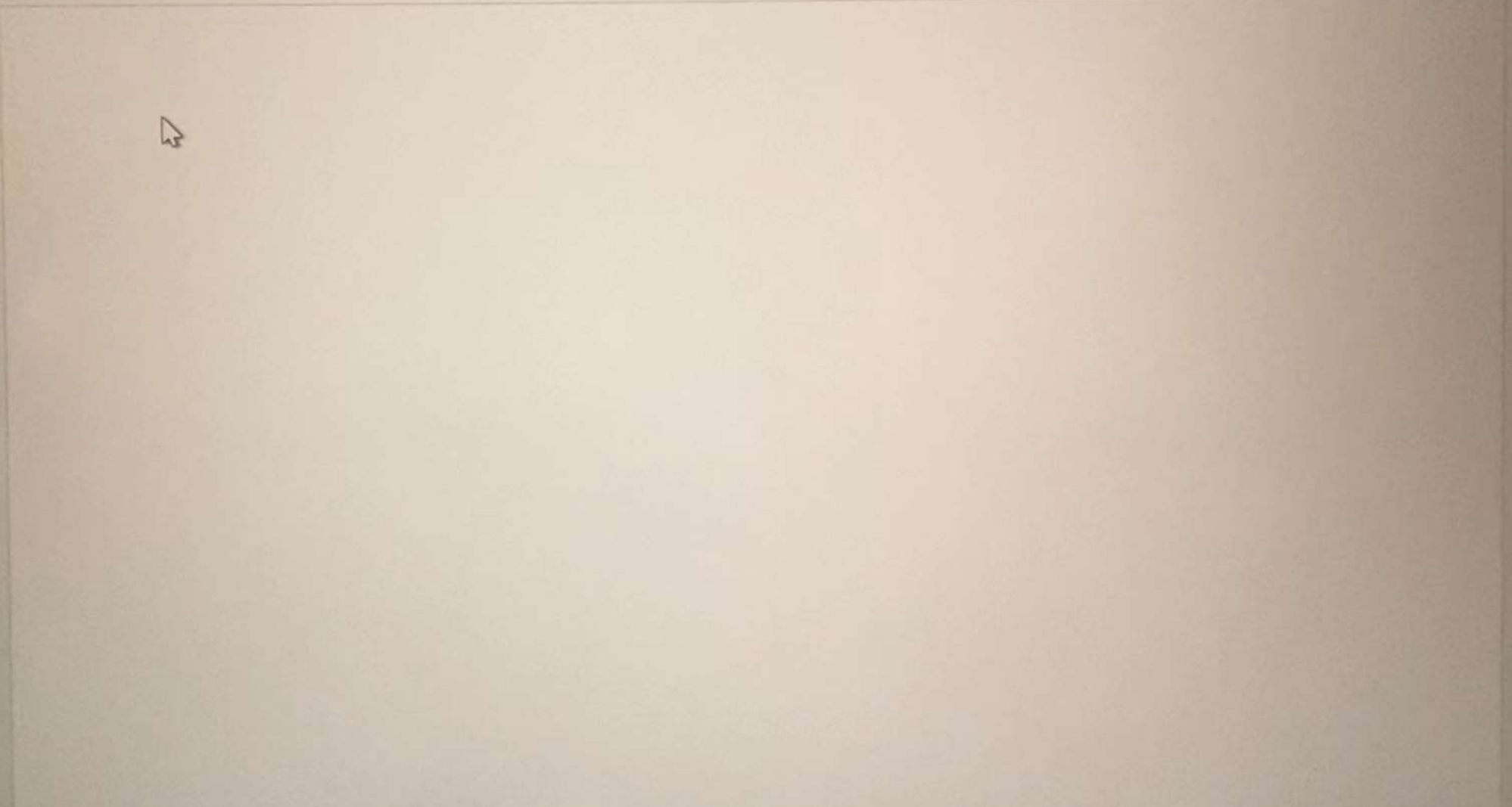
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編輯

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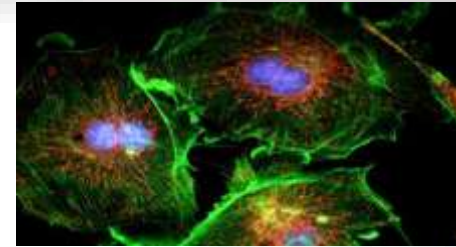




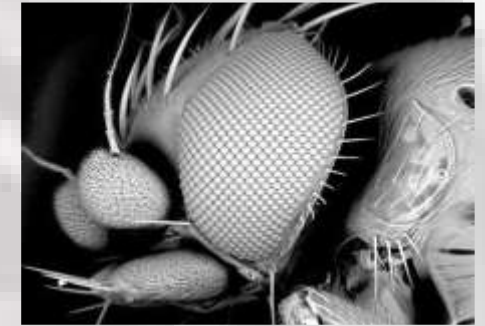
# Can CCD survive? Based on Applications

Acquisition with minimal noise Low light intensities

1. Microscopy
  - Fluorescence microscopy
  - High resolution microscopy
2. Astronomy (**long exposure time**)
3. High resolution and high quality images
4. Bioluminescence / Chemoluminescence
5. Science
  - **Knowing collected data well**



Fluorescence microscopy



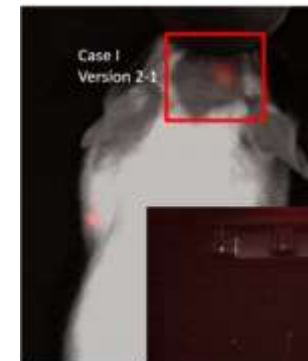
High resolution microscopy



Long exposure time



High resolution and high quality images



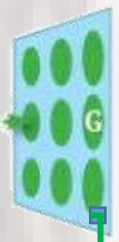
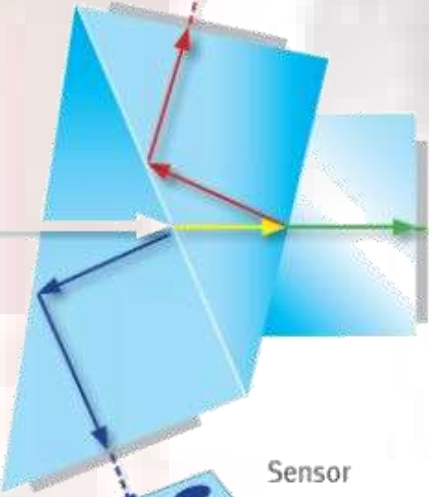
Bioluminescence

# Color CCD/CMOS sensor—RGB

Principle: Prism-based 3-CCD camera:



Sensor  
-Red color channel



Sensor  
-Green color channel



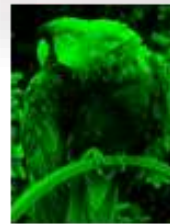
Sensor  
-Blue color channel



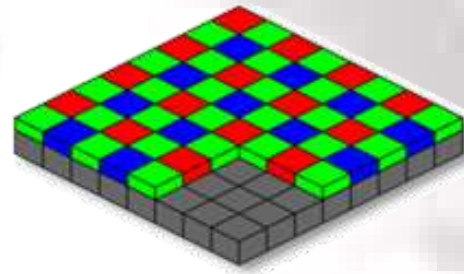
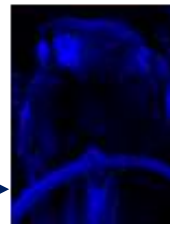
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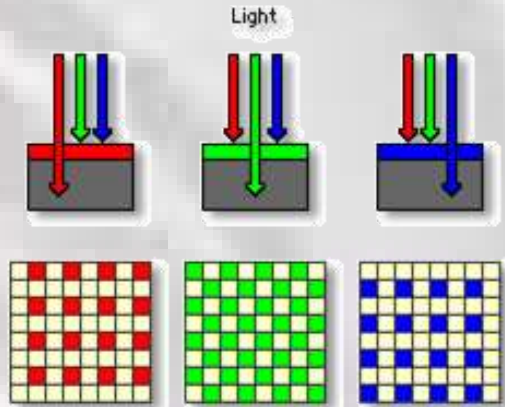


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Color Filter Array Sensor

Spatial Resolution/ Interpolation



Alignment/ Registration Issue

# What you see is Different from CCD/CMOS sensors



Picture taken by CCD sensor with **IR-cut in front of sensor removed**

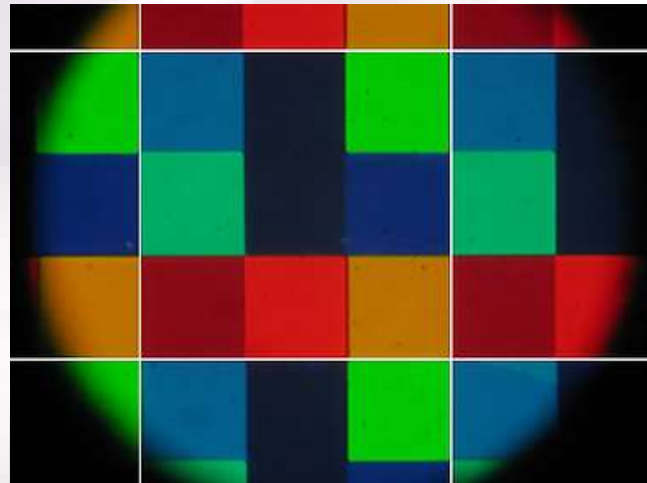
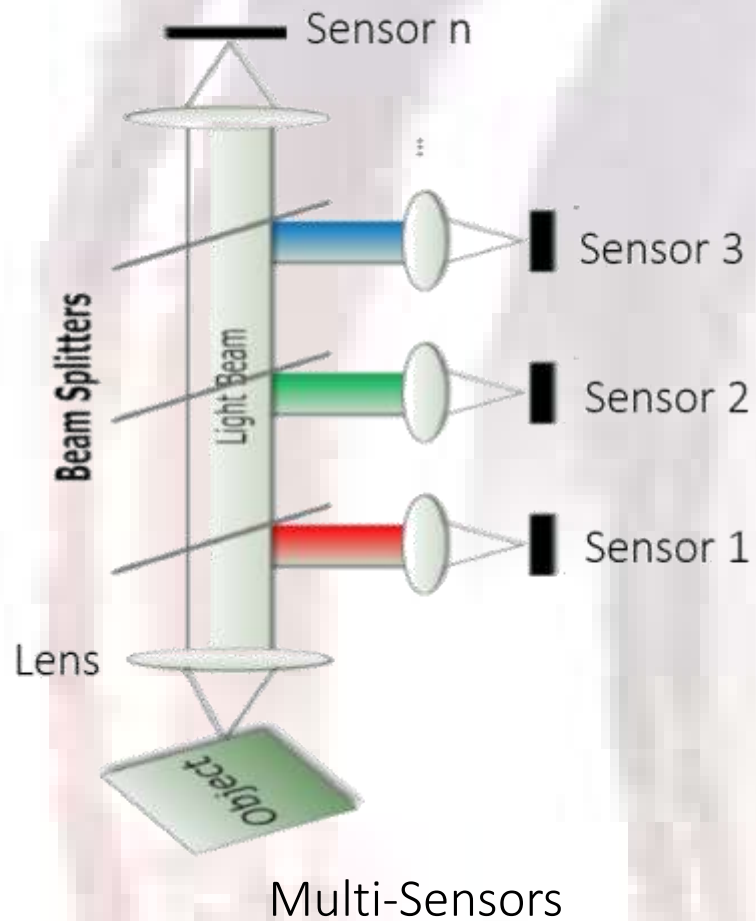
Picture source: Instrument Technology Research Center, NARLabs

Picture source: Dr. Te-I Cheng

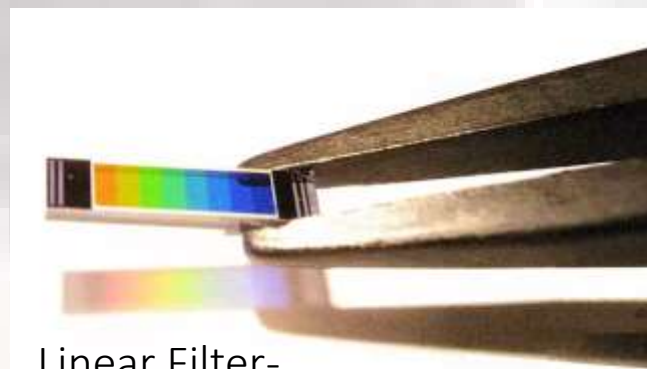


Snow?

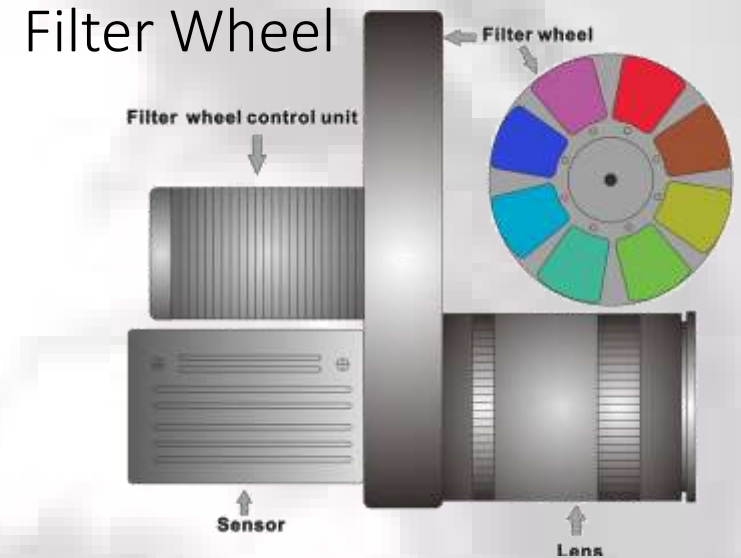
# Devices for implementing multispectral imagers



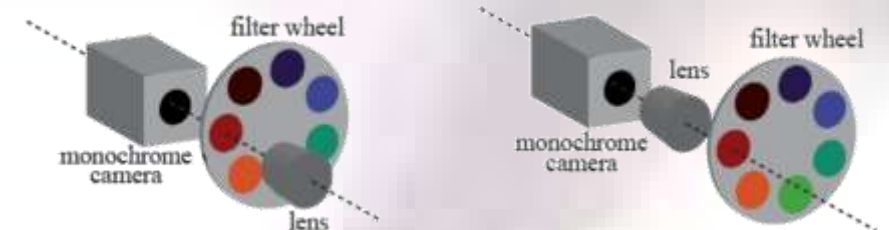
Mosaic Filter-  
Spatial interpolate (demosaic) Required



Linear Filter-  
Scanning mechanism Required



Typical Motorized Filter Wheel



Wheel can be located in front/ beyond of optical Lens

# Multispectral Imager

Scan

Snapshot

Tunable Filter

Linear Filter

Tunable Illumination

Single Sensor

Multiple Sensor

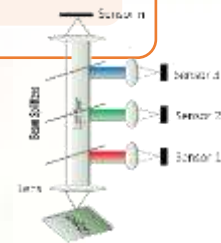
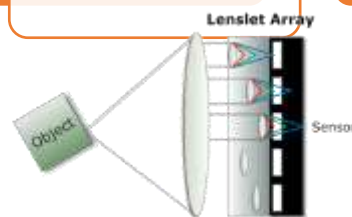
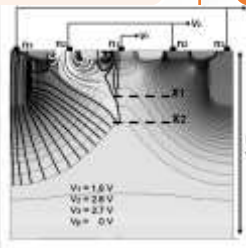
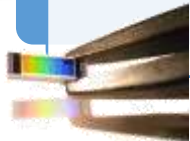
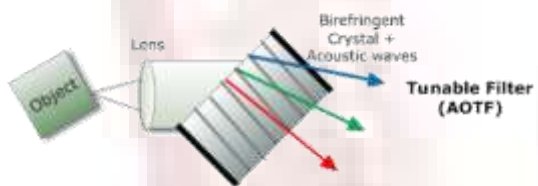
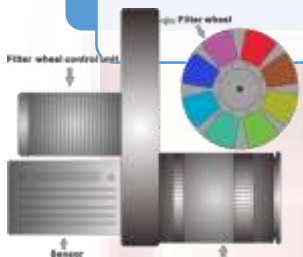
Interferometer

Tunable Sensor

Filtered Lenslet Array

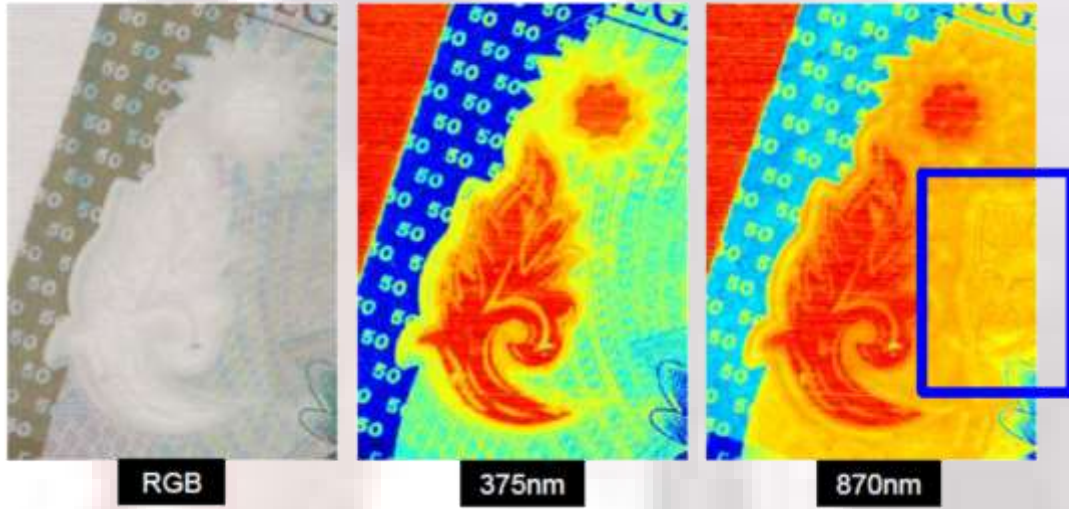
Multispectral filter array

Beam Splitter

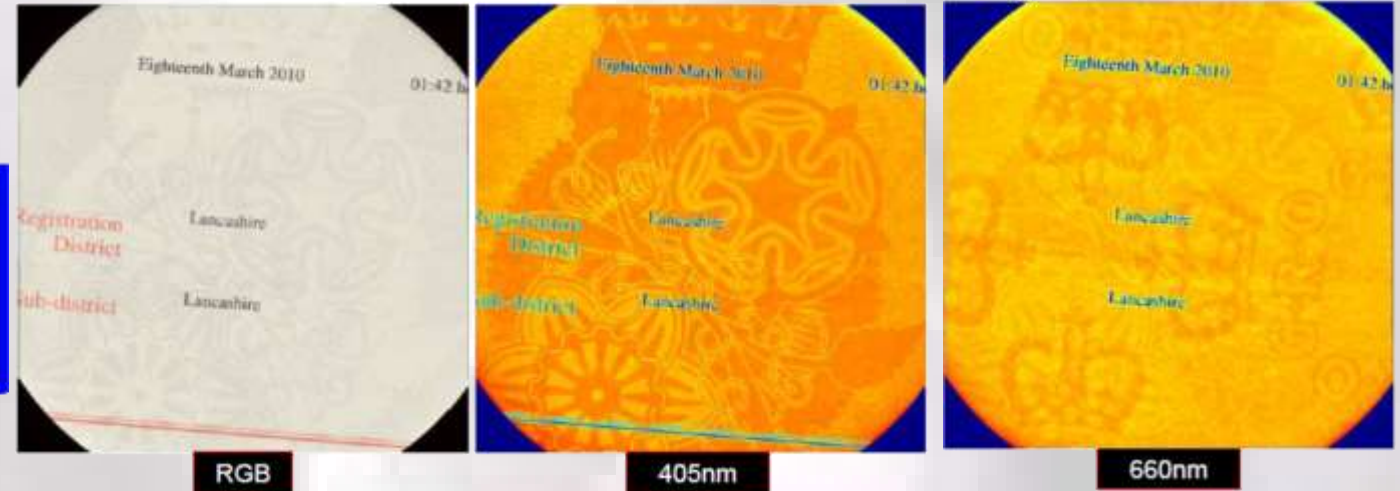


# Applications of Multispectral imager

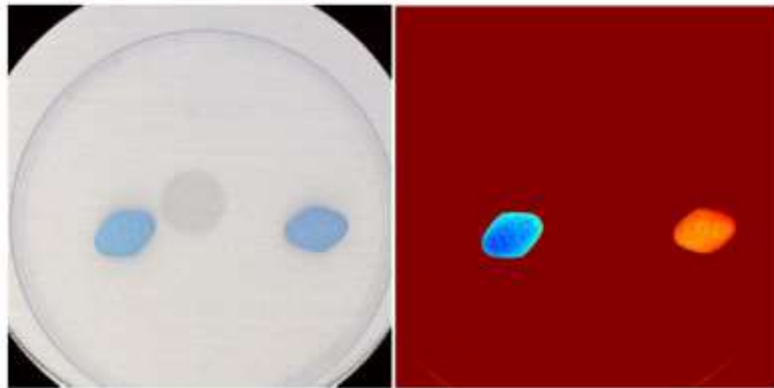
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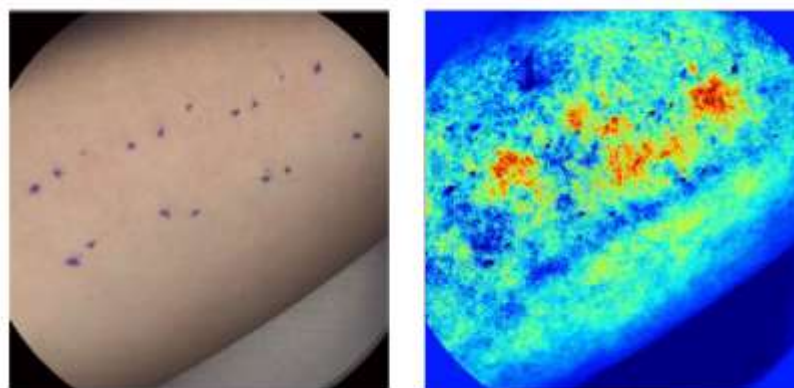
## Watermarks



## Counterfeit Drugs



## Allergen testing



# Comprising Multispectral/ Hyperspectral Imagers

Spectral Image



$$I(x, y, \lambda)$$

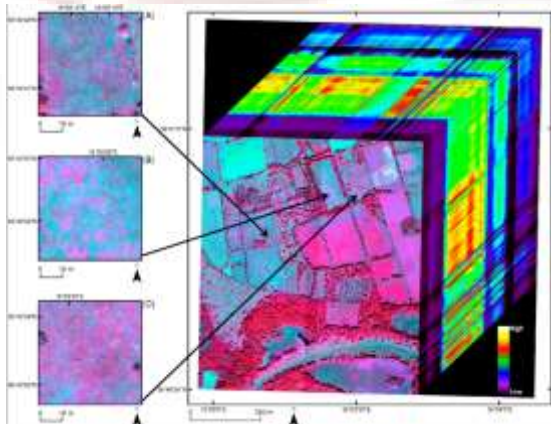
Knowing as Data Cube

Multispectral  
Image (MI)

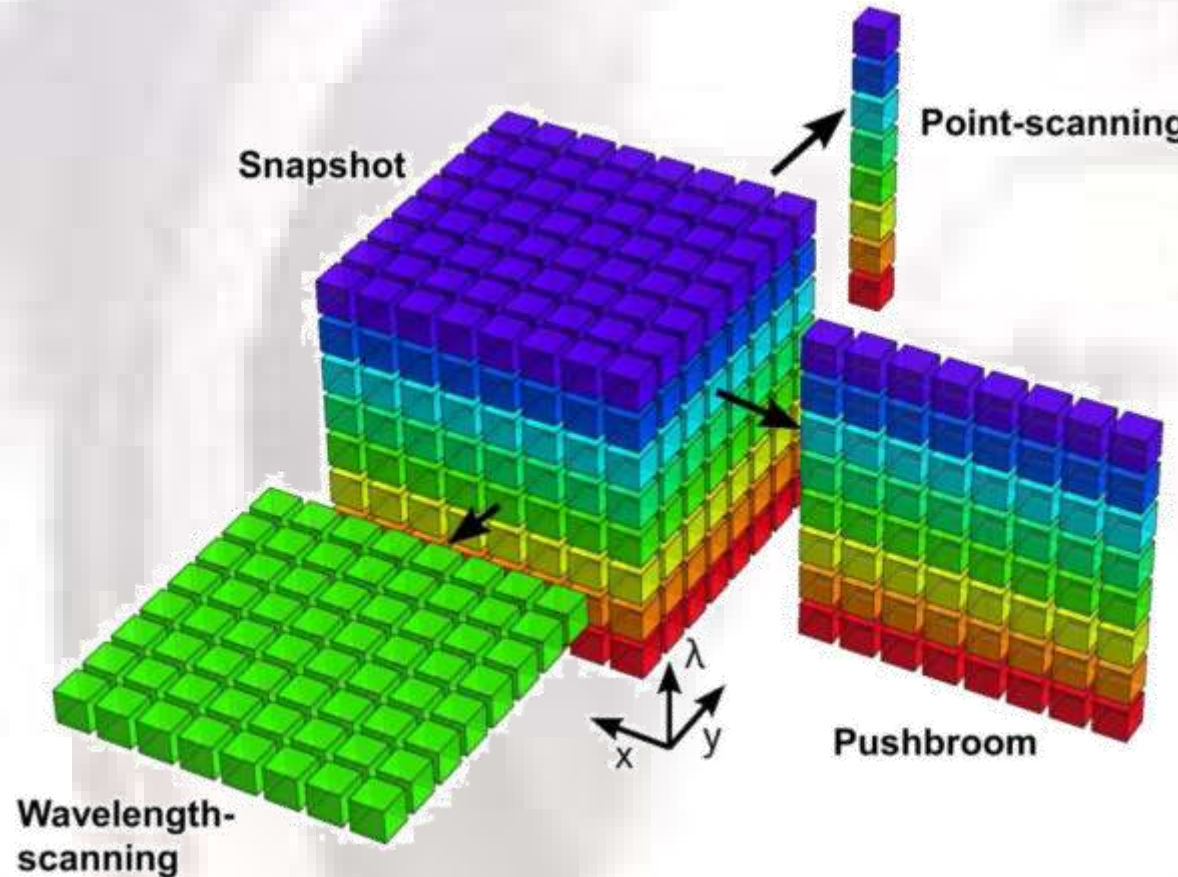
Hyperspectral  
Image (HSI)

HSI generally captures tens to hundreds of spectral bands while multispectral imaging has much less bands.

HSI continuously measures the spectrum while multispectral imaging normally acquires non-continuous, spaced spectral bands

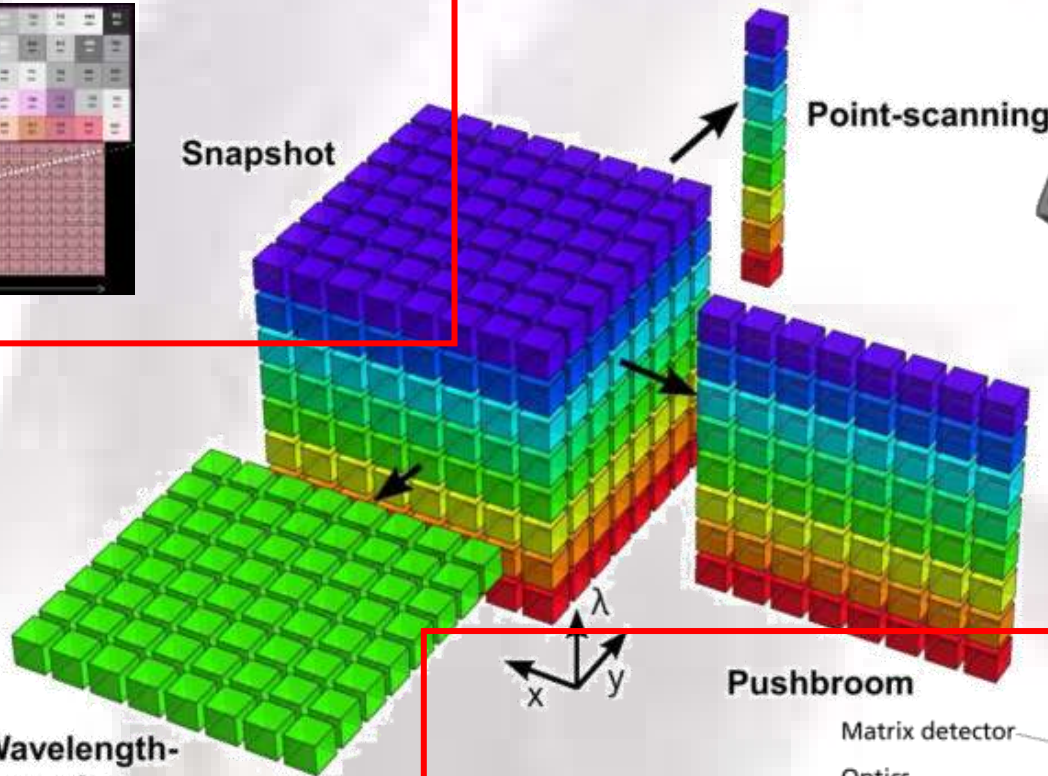
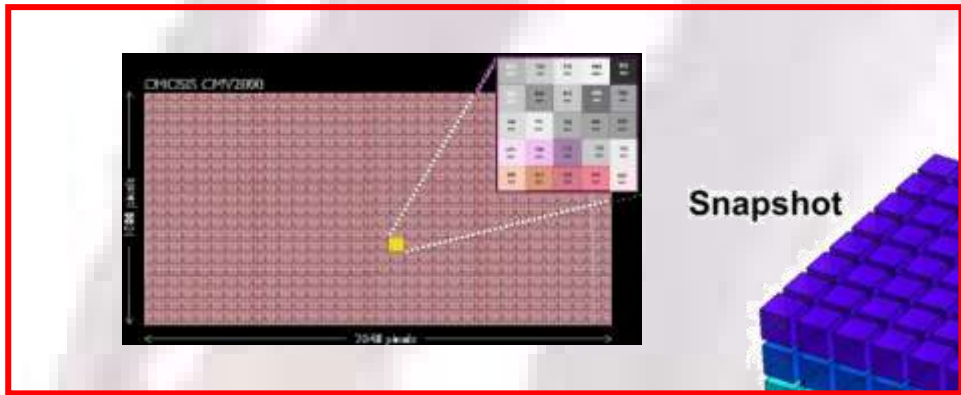


# Strategic for Generating Data Cube

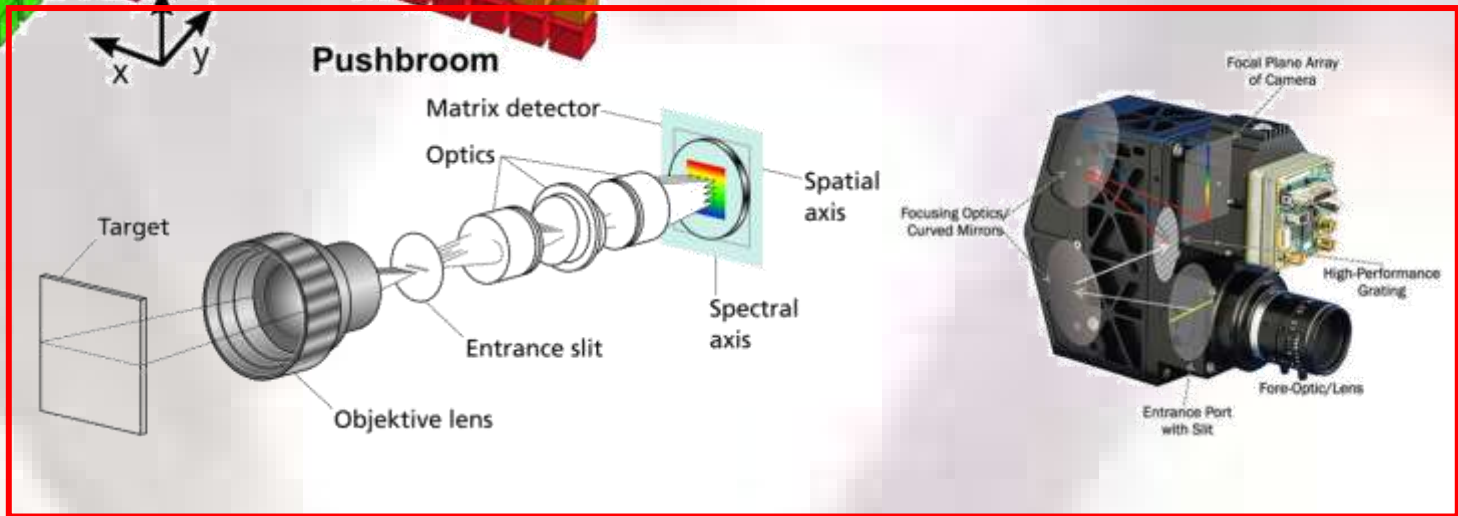




# Core Devices for Generating Data Cube



Wavelength-scanning



Pushbroom

# Design of a classical hyperspectral imaging camera with grating



## Gratings/prisms

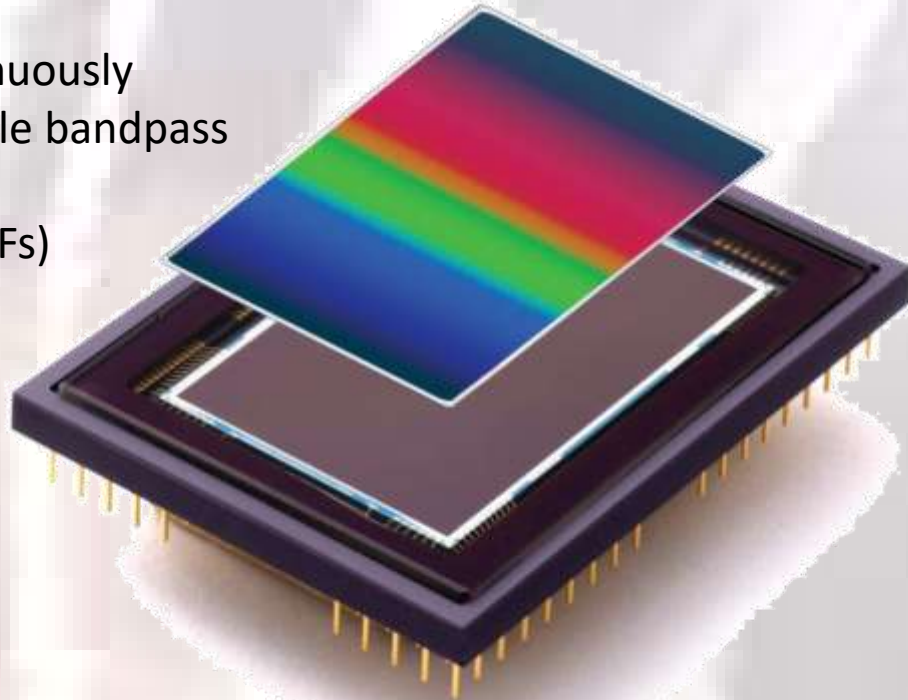
- long distance between a sensor and diffractive element
- large instrument
- misalignment caused by mechanical influences

## Slit (to obtain high spectral resolution)

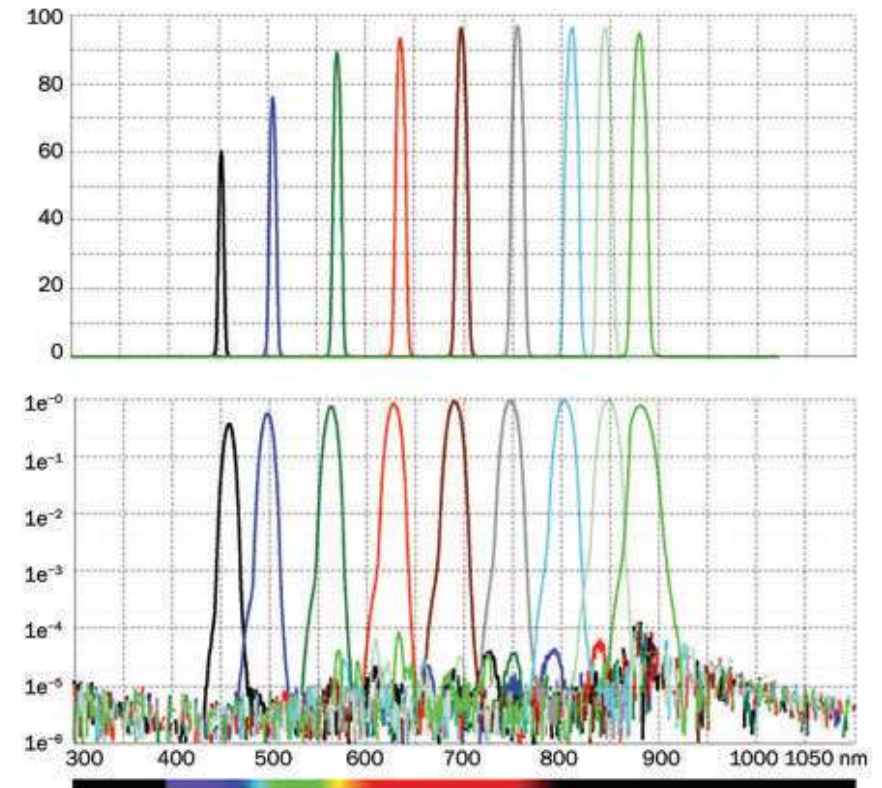
- limits the light throughput
- signal-to-background light level is typically not better than 1000:1

# Continuously Variable Bandpass Filters Aid Optics and HSI

Continuously variable bandpass filters (CVBPFs)



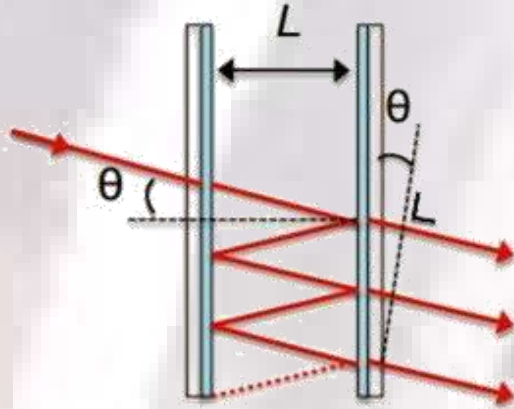
wavelength range of 450 to 880 nm with a bandwidth of approximately 2 percent of its center wavelength.



Transmission and blocking characteristics of a linear variable bandpass filter.

These micropatterning techniques allow for filters that have a staircase of different center wavelengths in one direction (also called stepped filters), suited for the pushbroom technique, or 2D mosaics, which are suited for the snapshot technique.

# Fabry-Perot Spectral Filter—imec's approach

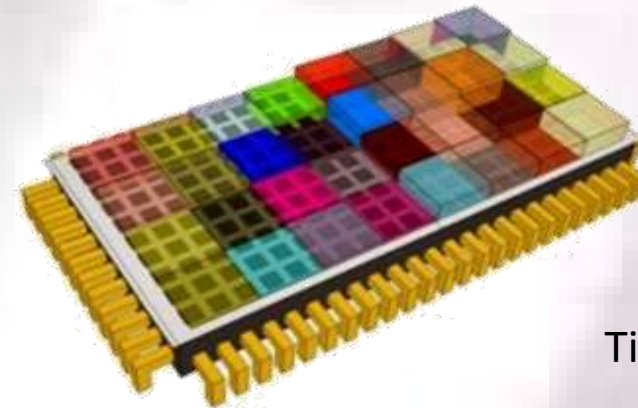
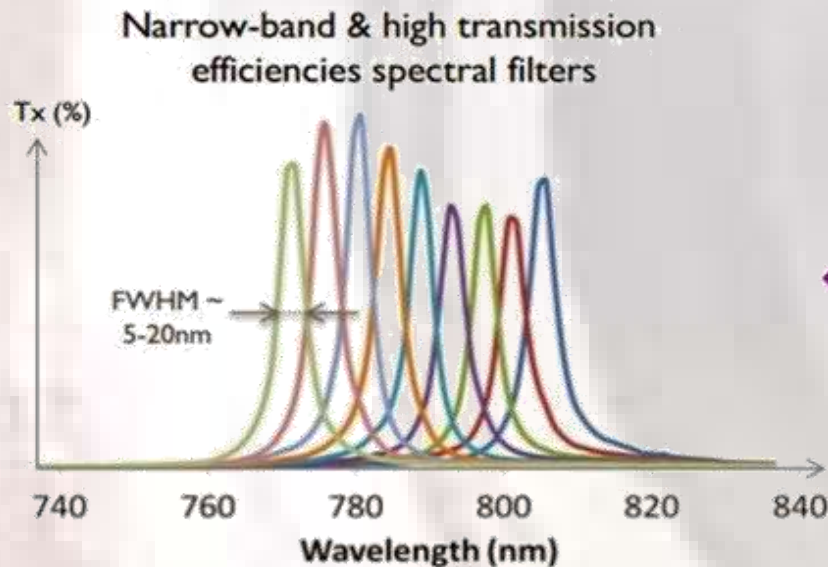


Wavelength selection depends on cavity length L

$$k\lambda = 2nL \cos \theta$$

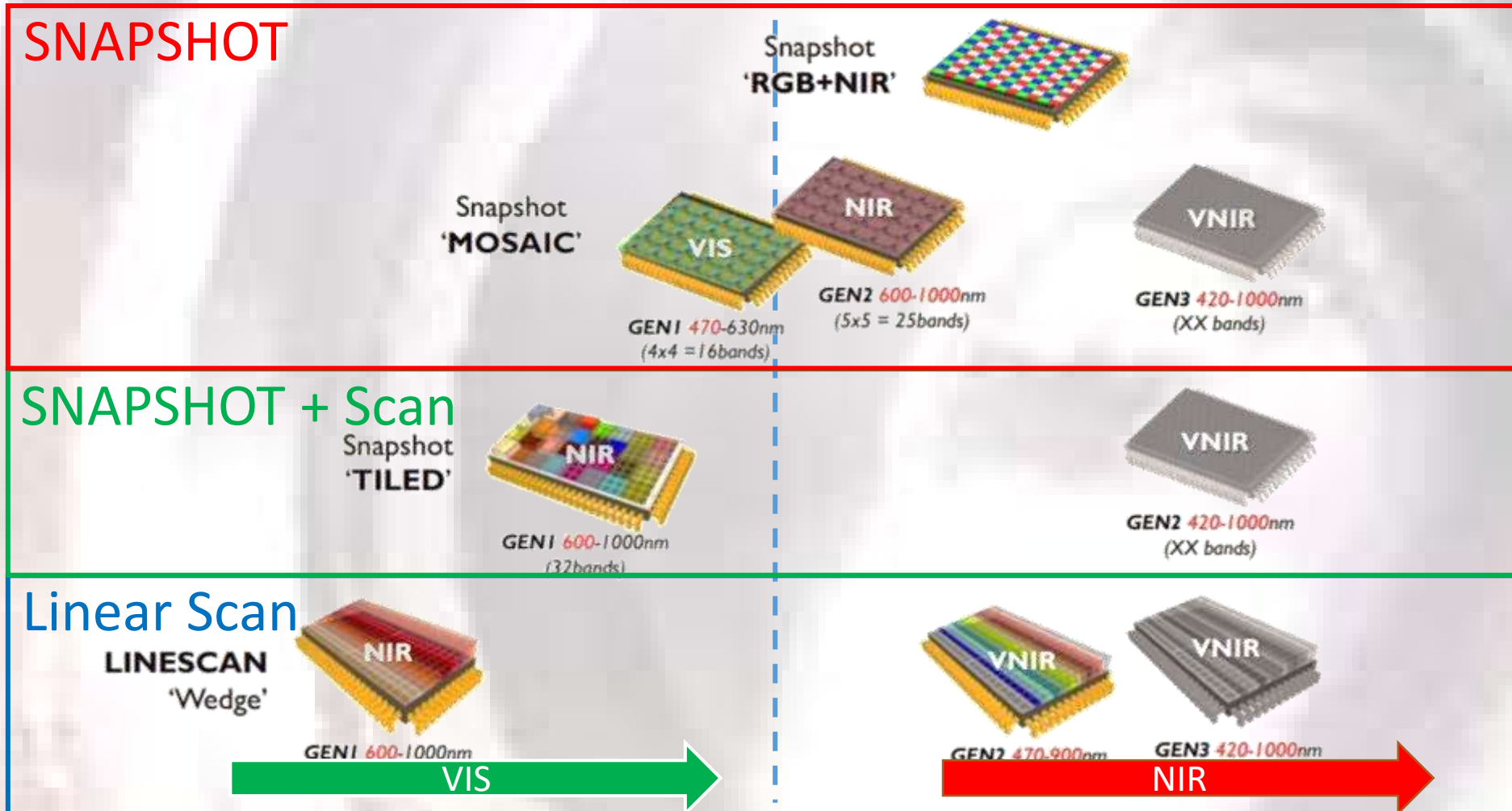
Discussion—  
Why Fabry-Perot?

Different cavity heights = different  
spectral wavelengths captured!

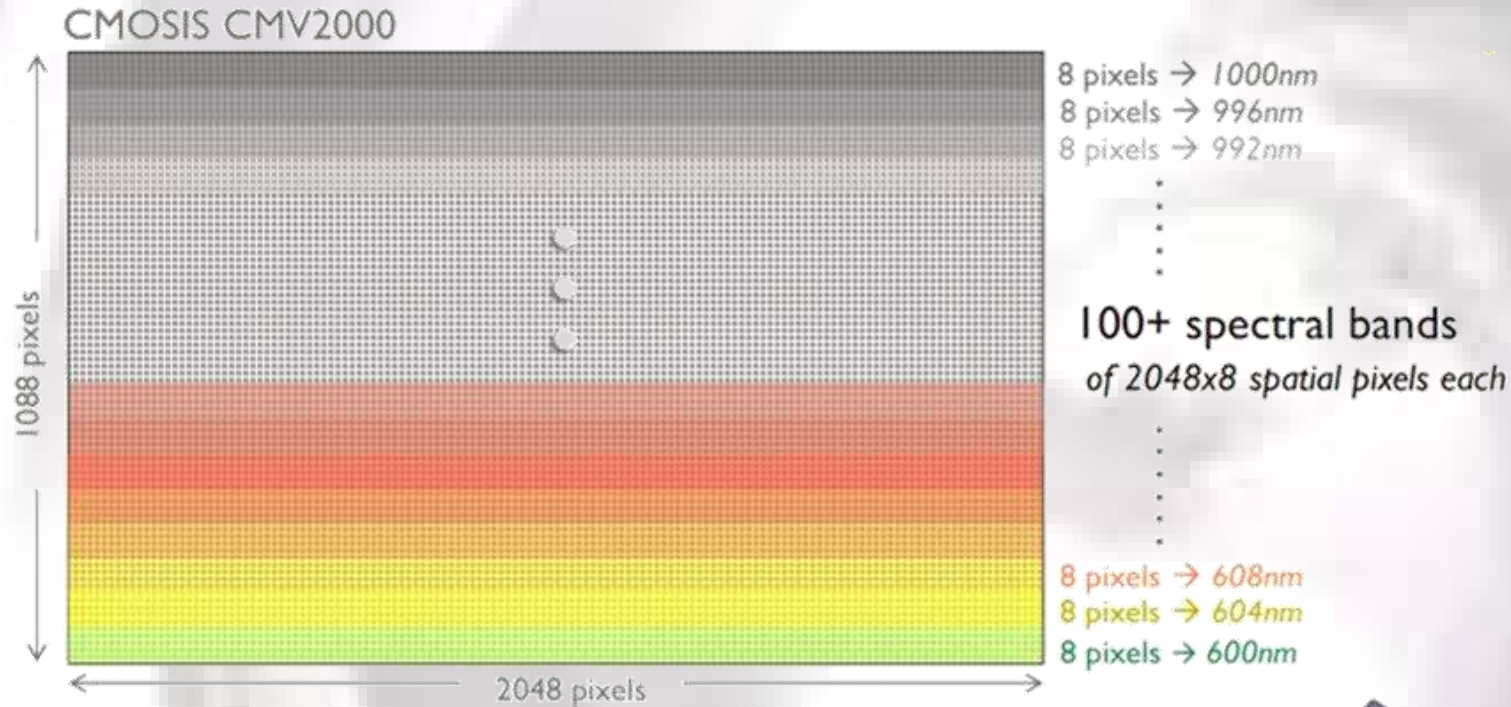


Tiled Sensor Design

# Sensor Technologies Associated with HSI— based on imec's roadmap

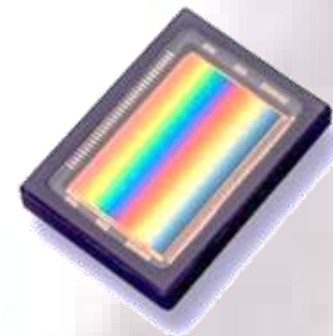


# Typical Linear Scan HSI Sensor Design—imec

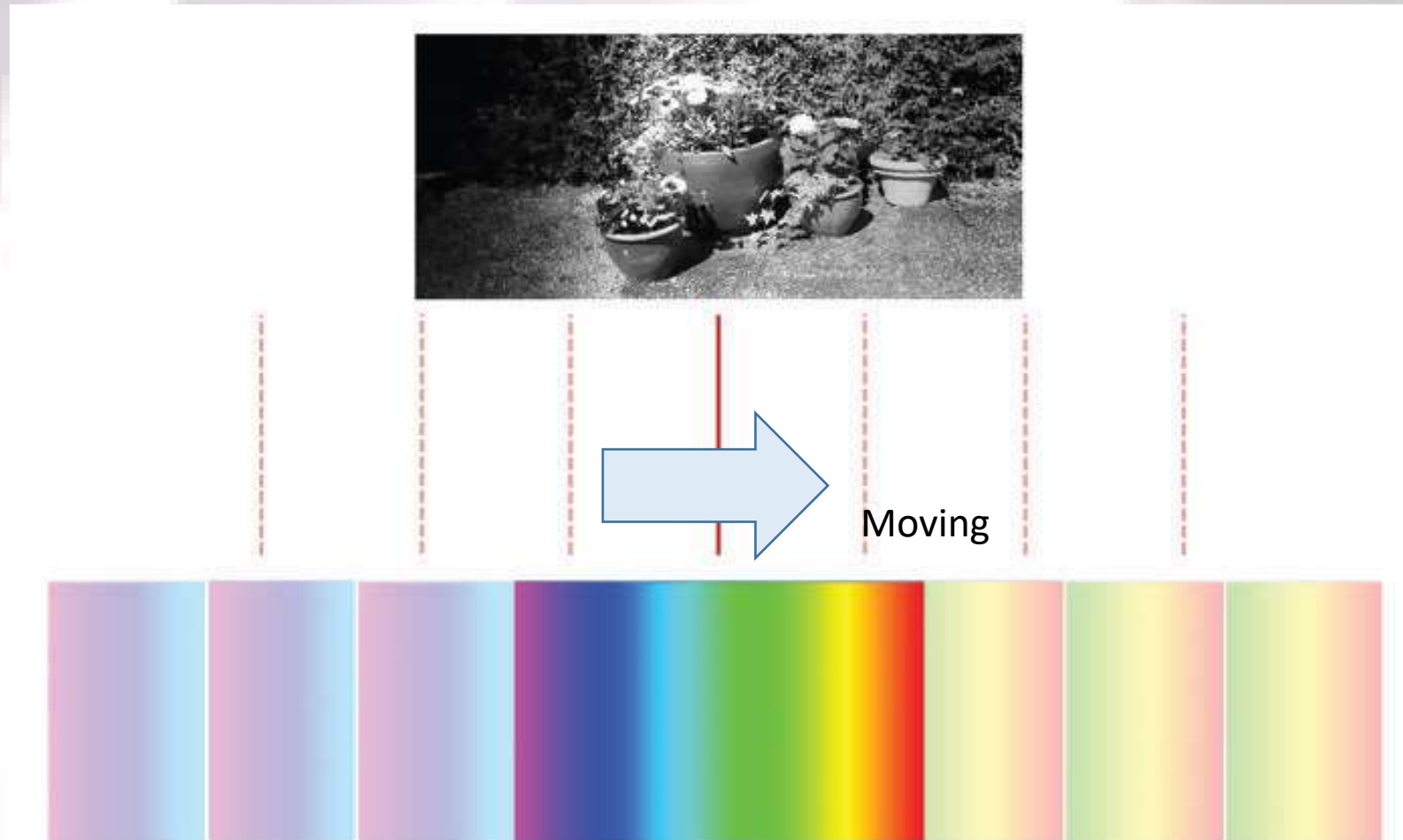


## ▪ Key specifications

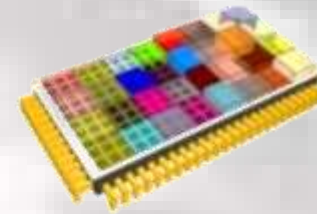
- **Spectral resolution:** 128 bands in 600-1000nm
- **FWHM:** ~ 10-12nm
- **Spatial resolution:** 2048 pixels x length of scan
- **Speed:** up to 340 fps (full sensor frame)



Relative movement between the camera and object enables 3D hyperspectral imaging –Linear Scan HIS sensor



# Snapshot HSI with Tiled Sensor Format



## ▪ Key specifications

- **Spectral resolution:** 32bands in 600-1000nm with 12nm incremental steps (optical duplicator needed)
- **FWHM:** ~ 10-15nm
- **Spatial resolution:** 256x256 for each spectral band
- **Speed:** up to 340 data-cubes / s (max sensor limit)



# Snapshot HSI with Mosaic Sensor Design



## Key specifications

- **Spectral resolution:** 4x4 mosaic (1 filter / pixel) = 16 bands in 470-630nm
- **FWHM:** ~ 15nm
- **Spatial resolution:** from 512x272 (RAW per band)
- **Speed:** up to 340 data-cubes / s (max sensor limit)

