

# Computational Illumination

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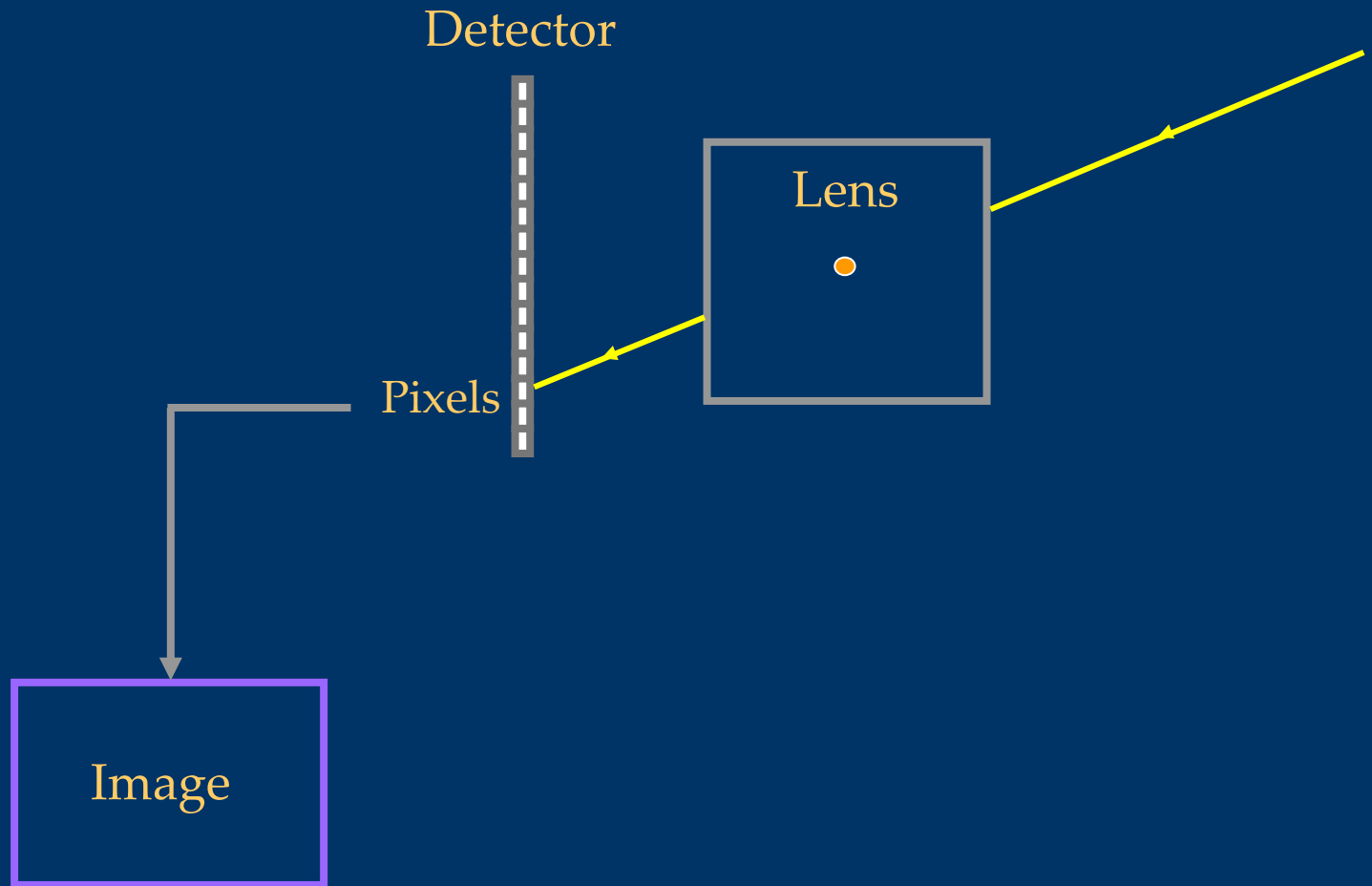
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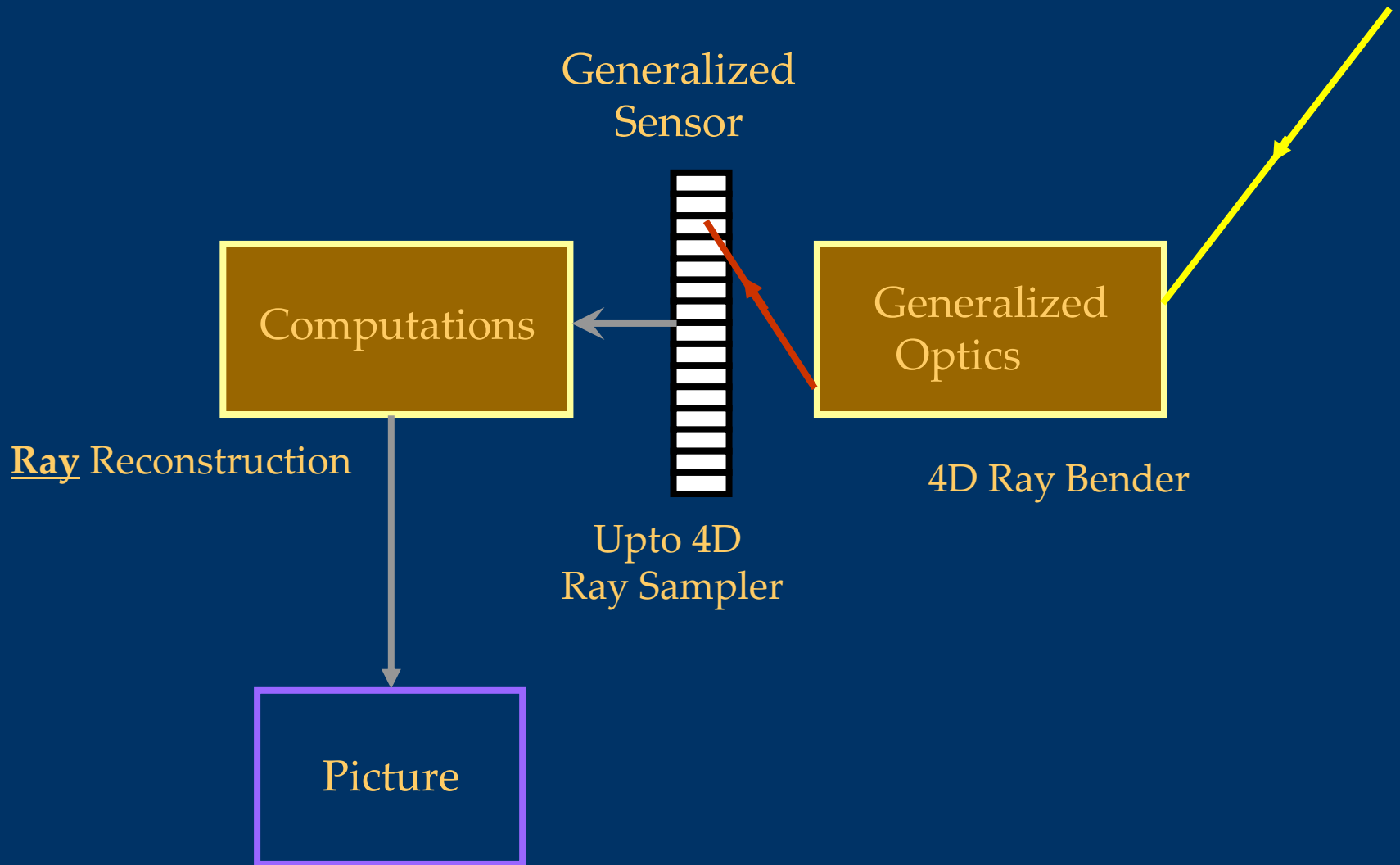


Computational  
Illumination

# Traditional 'film-like' Photography

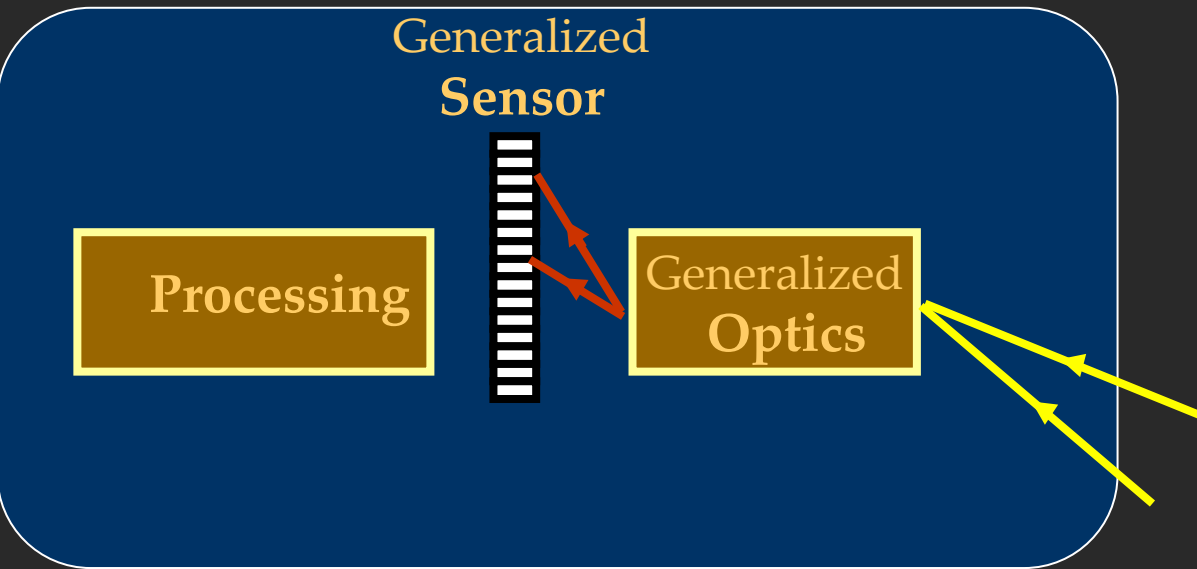


# Computational Photography: Optics, Sensors and Computations



# Computational Photography

## Novel Cameras



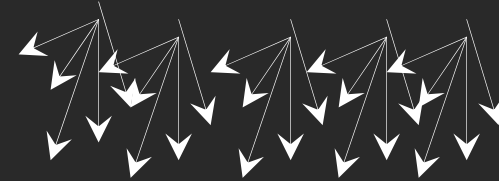
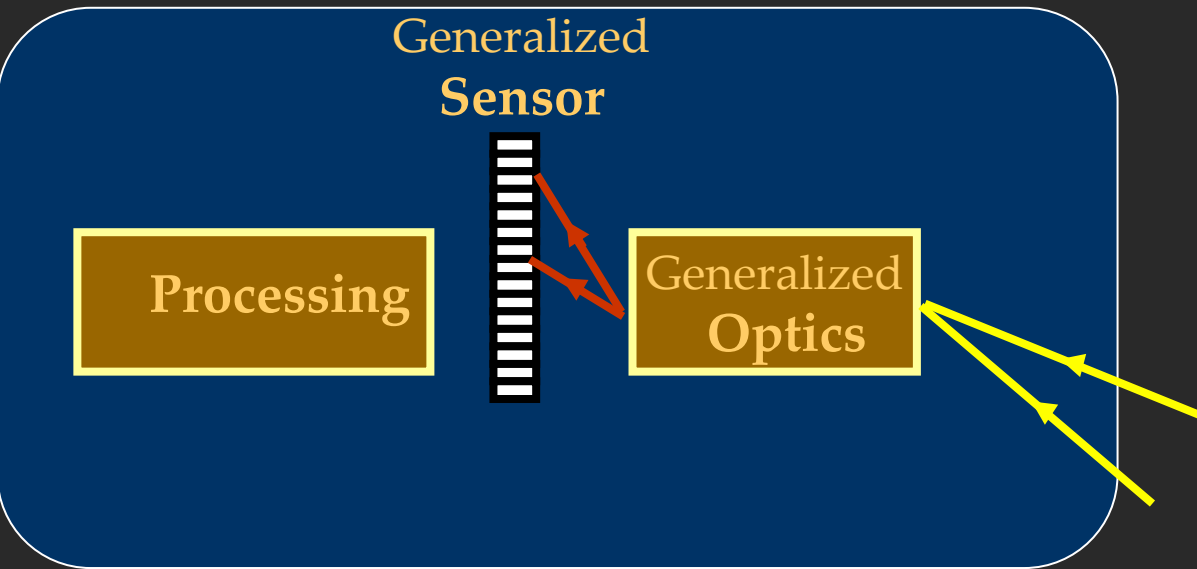
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## Novel Illumination

Light Sources



## Novel Cameras



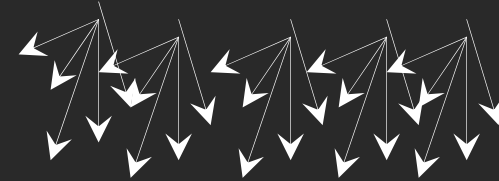
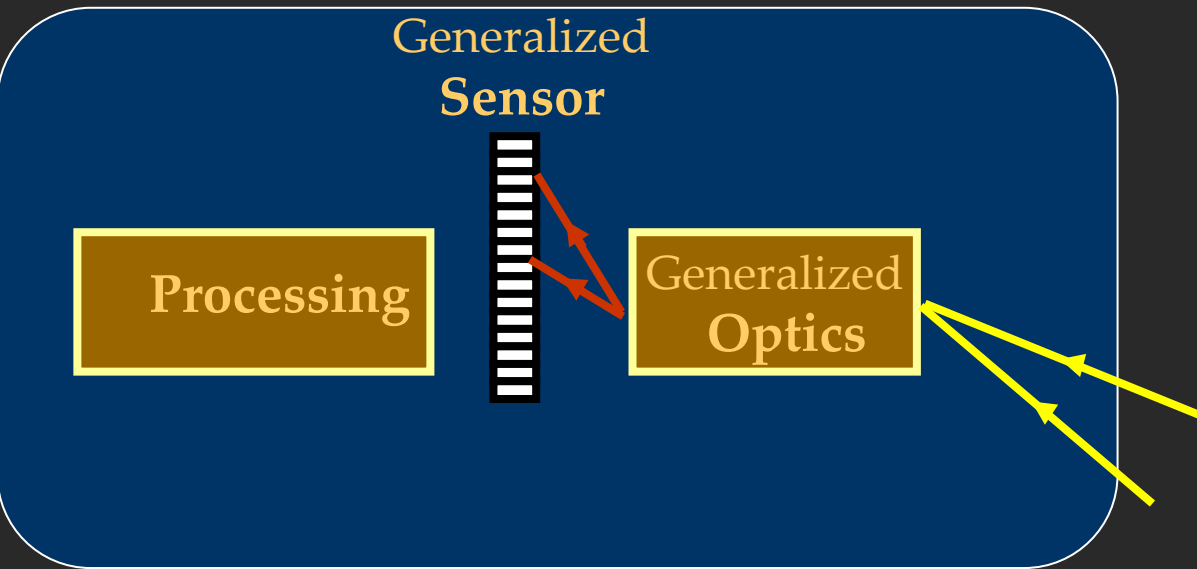
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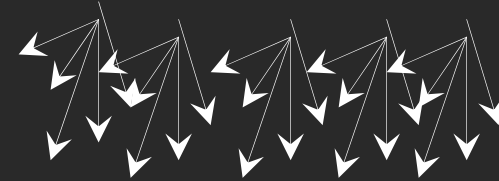
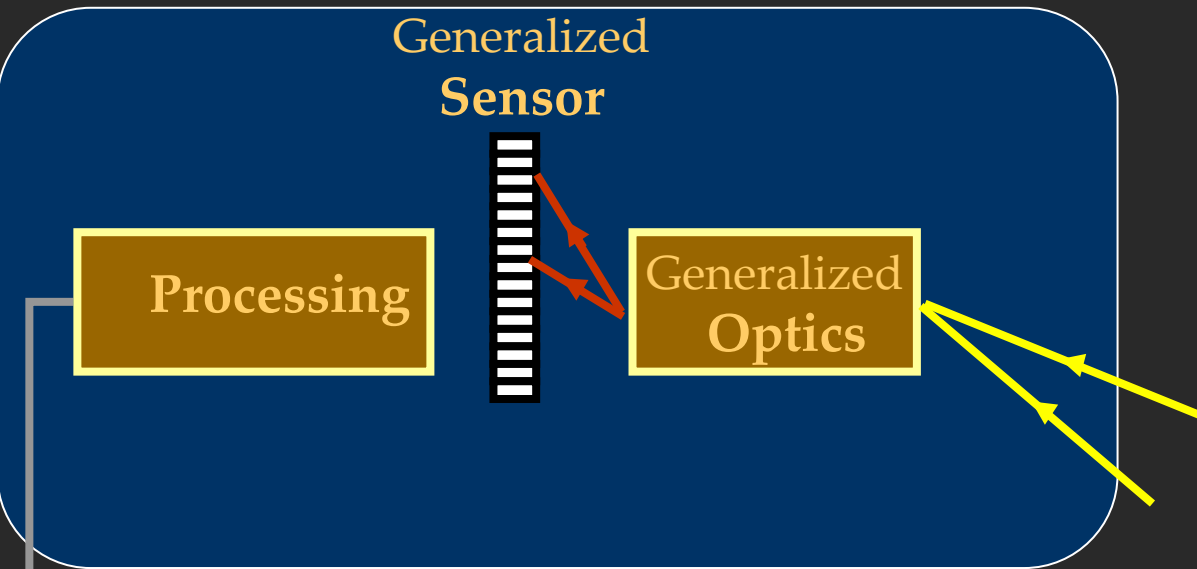
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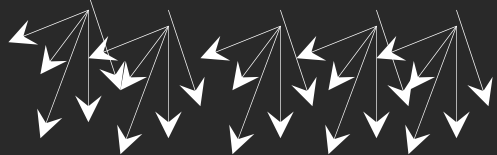
Light Sources



## Novel Cameras



Display



Recreate 4D Lightfield

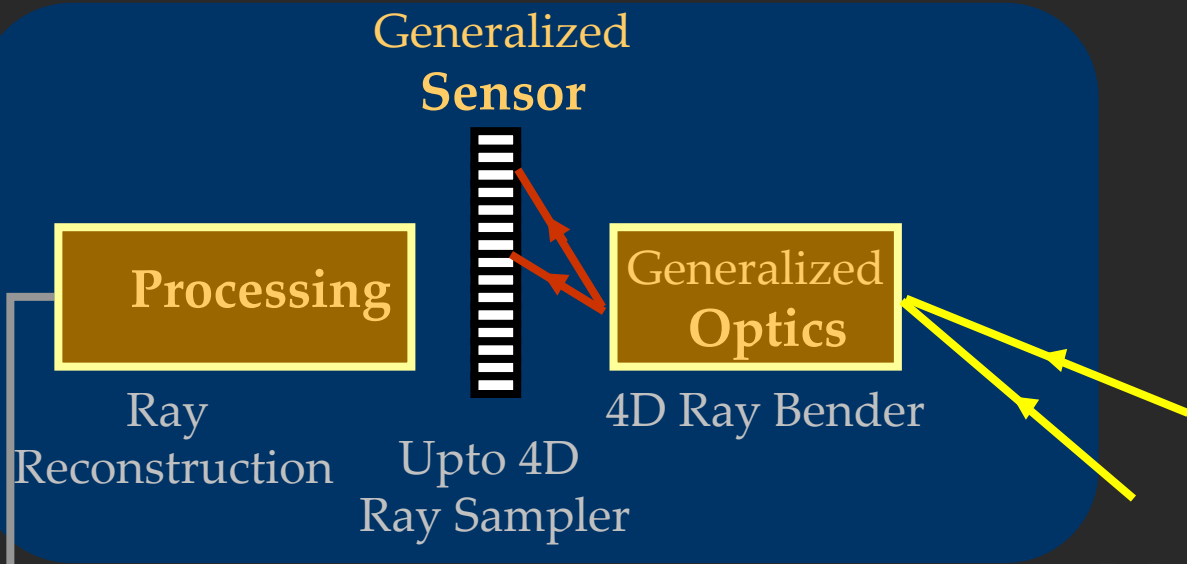


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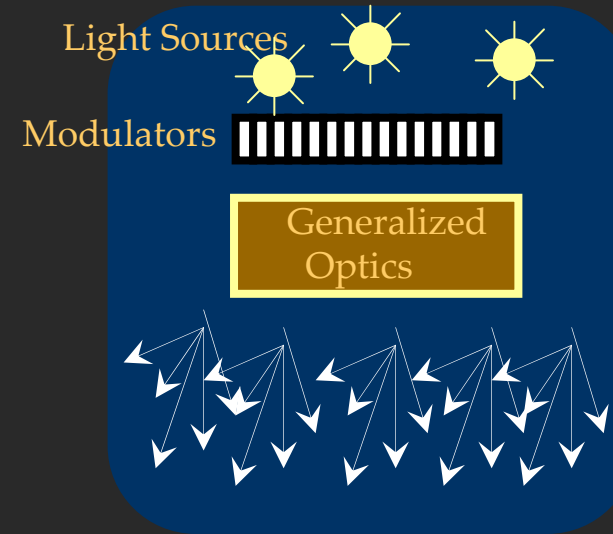


# Computational Photography

## Novel Cameras



## Novel Illumination



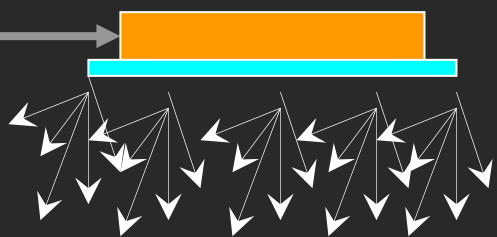
## 4D Incident Lighting

## 4D Light Field



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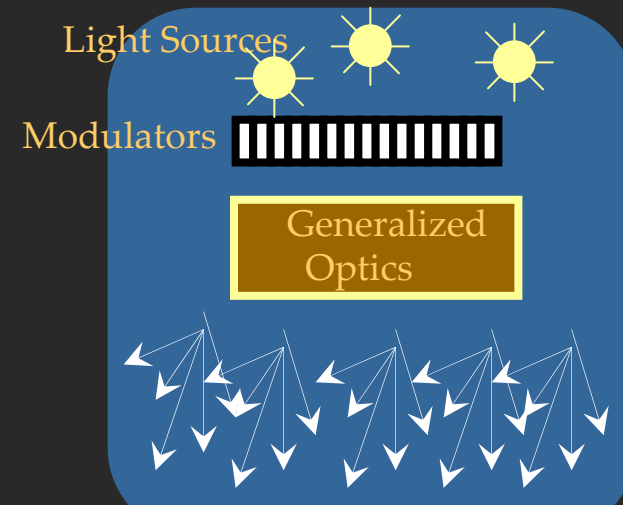
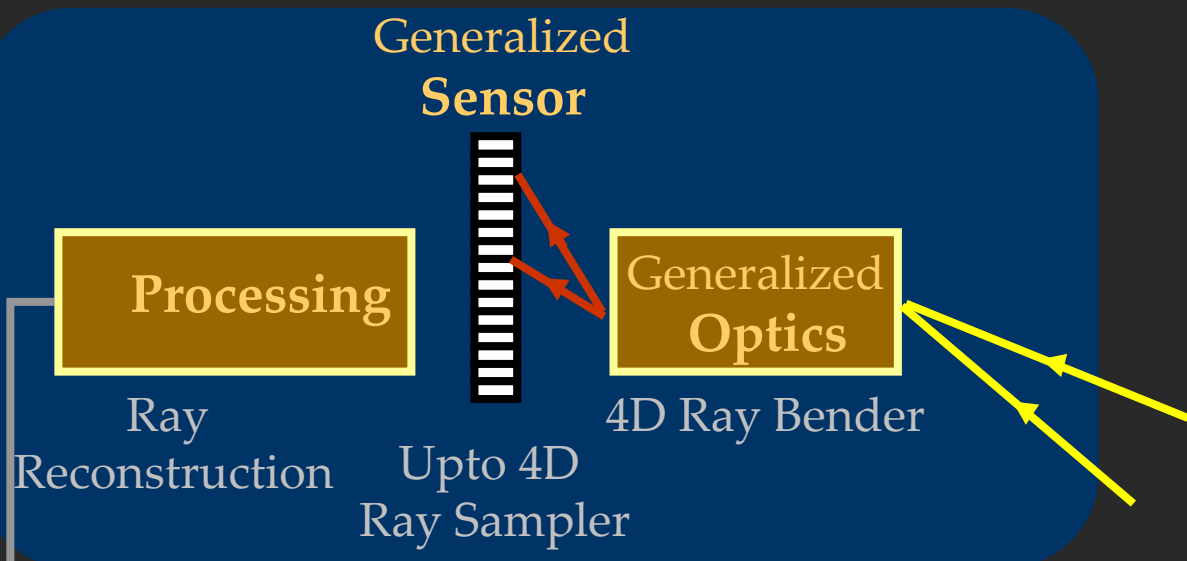
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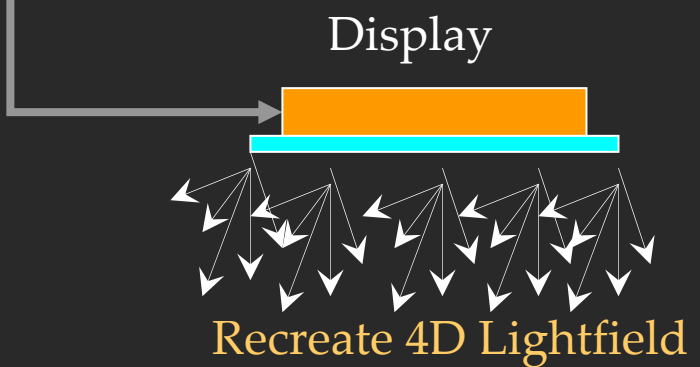
# Computational Illumination

## Novel Cameras



**Programmable 4D Illumination field + time + wavelength**

4D Light Field



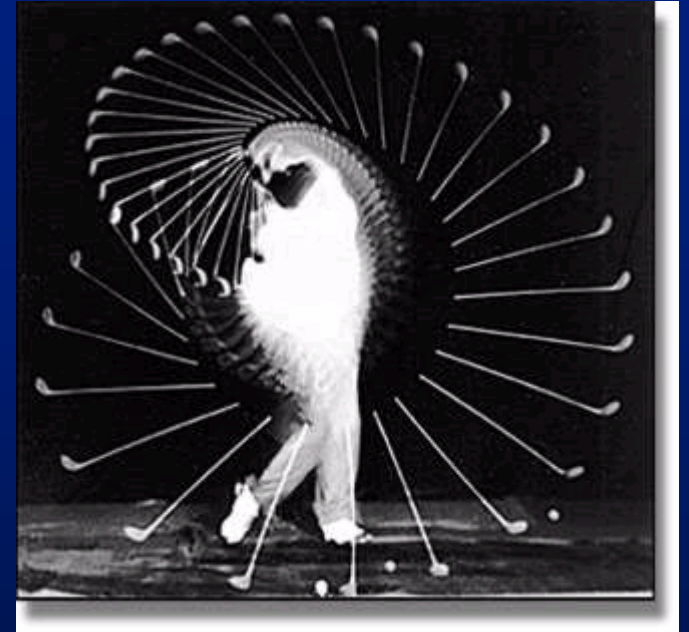
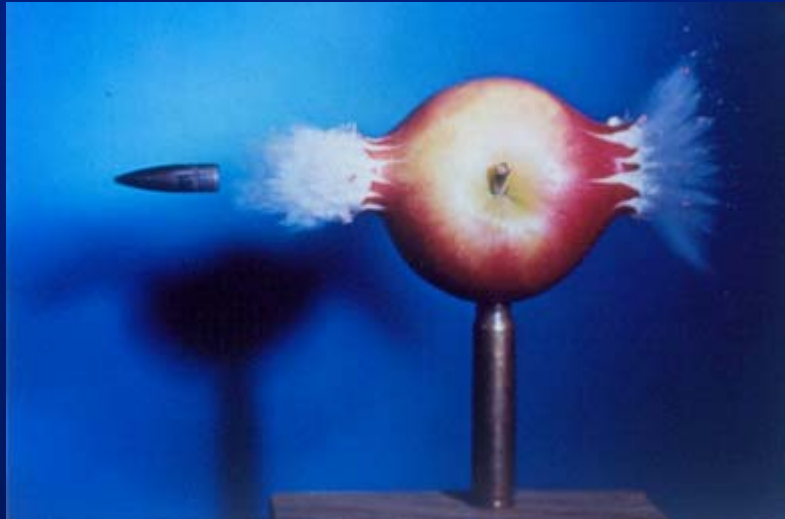
Scene: 8D Ray Modulator

# 'Smarter' Lighting Equipment

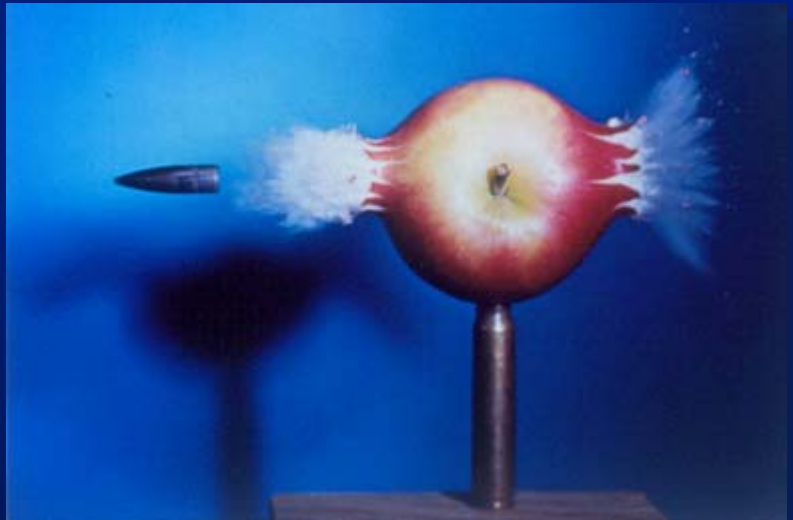


**What Parameters Can We Change ?**

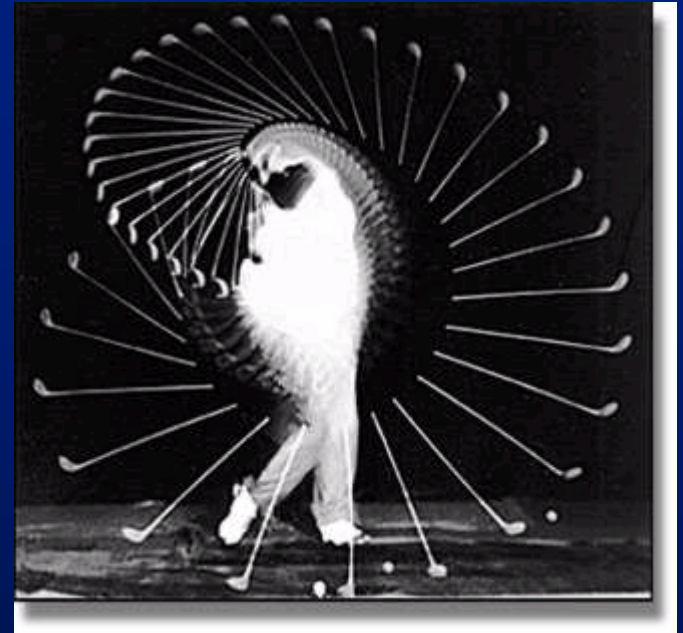
# Edgerton 1930's



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Stroboscope  
(Electronic Flash)



Multi-flash  
sequential photography



# Computational Illumination:

*Programmable 4D Illumination Field + Time + Wavelength*

- Presence or Absence, Duration, Brightness
  - Flash/No-flash
- Light position
  - Multi-flash for depth edges
  - Programmable dome (image re-lighting and matting)
- Light color/wavelength
  
- Spatial Modulation
  - Synthetic Aperture Illumination
- Temporal Modulation
  - TV remote, Motion Tracking, Sony ID-cam, RFIG
- Exploiting (uncontrolled) natural lighting condition
  - Day/Night Fusion

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# Denoising Challenging Images

## Available light:

+ nice lighting

- noise/blurriness
- color





## Flash:

+ details

+ color

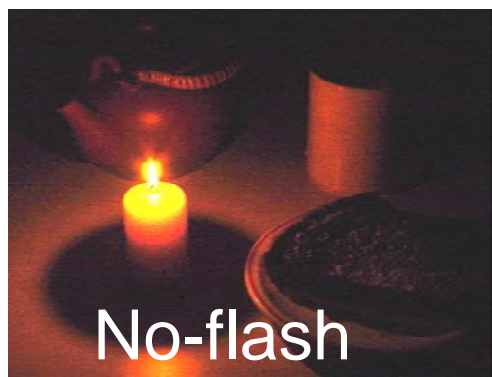
- flat/artificial



[Elmar Eisemann](#) and [Frédo Durand](#) , Flash Photography Enhancement via Intrinsic Relighting

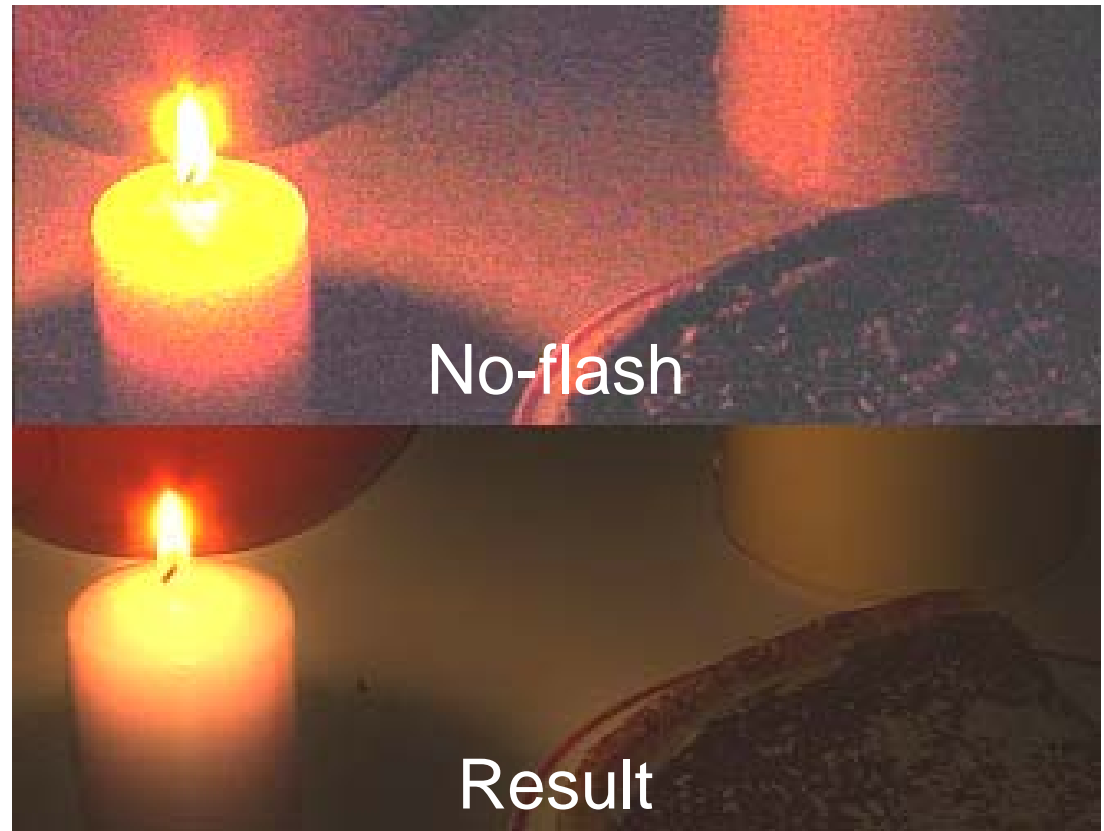
Georg Petschnigg, Maneesh Agrawala, Hugues Hoppe, Richard Szeliski, Michael Cohen, Kentaro Toyama. [Digital Photography with Flash and No-Flash Image Pairs](#)

## Denoise no-flash image using flash image

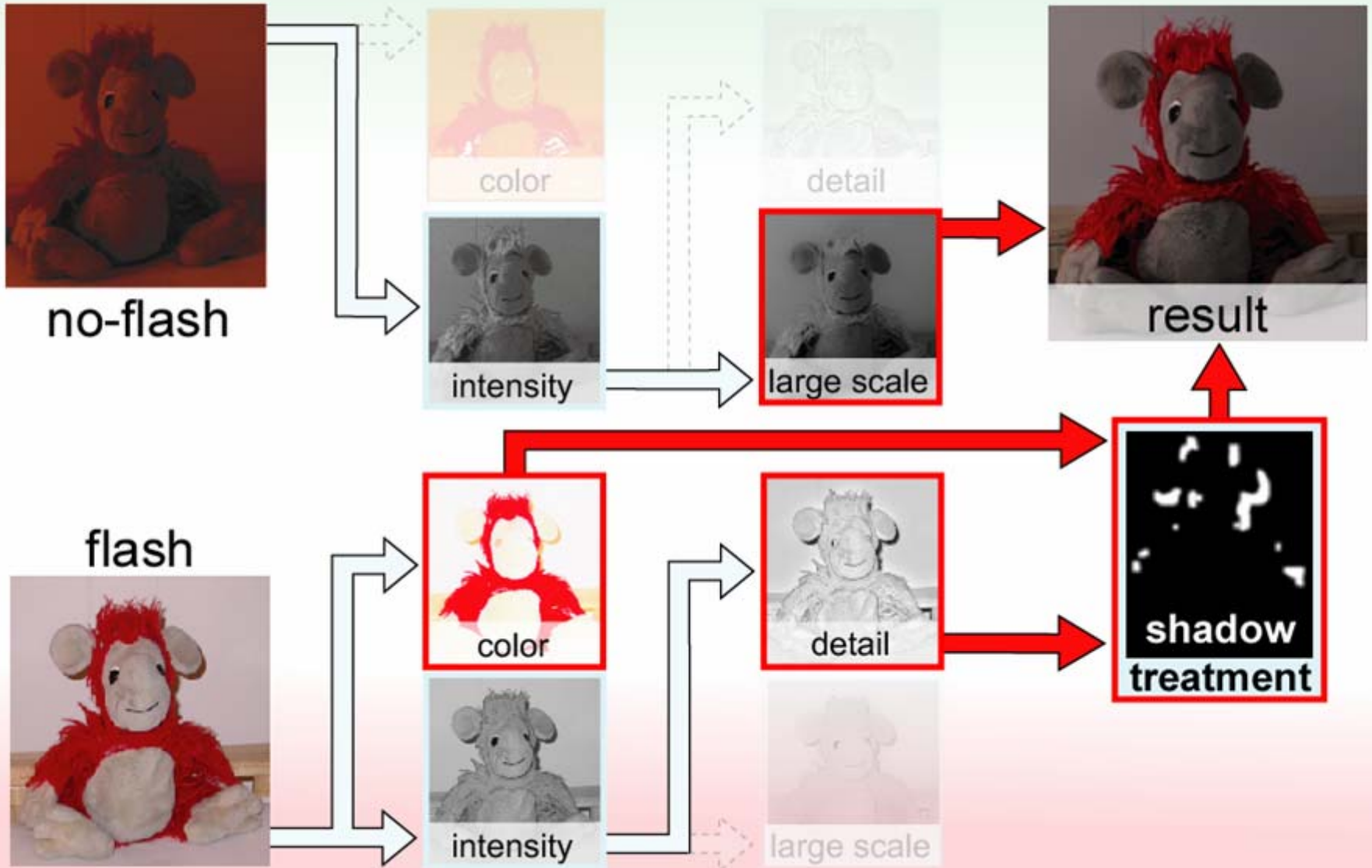


# Transfer detail from flash image to no-flash image

- + original lighting
- + details/sharpness
- + color

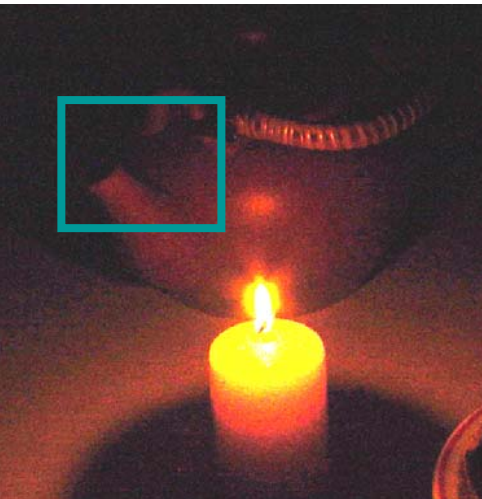


# Cross-Bilateral Filter based Approach



## Cross Bilateral Filter

- When no-flash image is too noisy
- Borrow similarity from flash image
  - edge stopping from flash image



# Detail Layer



Intensity



Large-scale



Detail

Recombination: Large scale \* Detail = Intensity



Ambient

Need flash component!



Flash

# Build Exposure HDR image

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- Multiple images with different exposure
  - Debevec & Malik, Siggraph 97
  - Nayar & Mitsunaga, CVPR 00

Increasing Exposure 





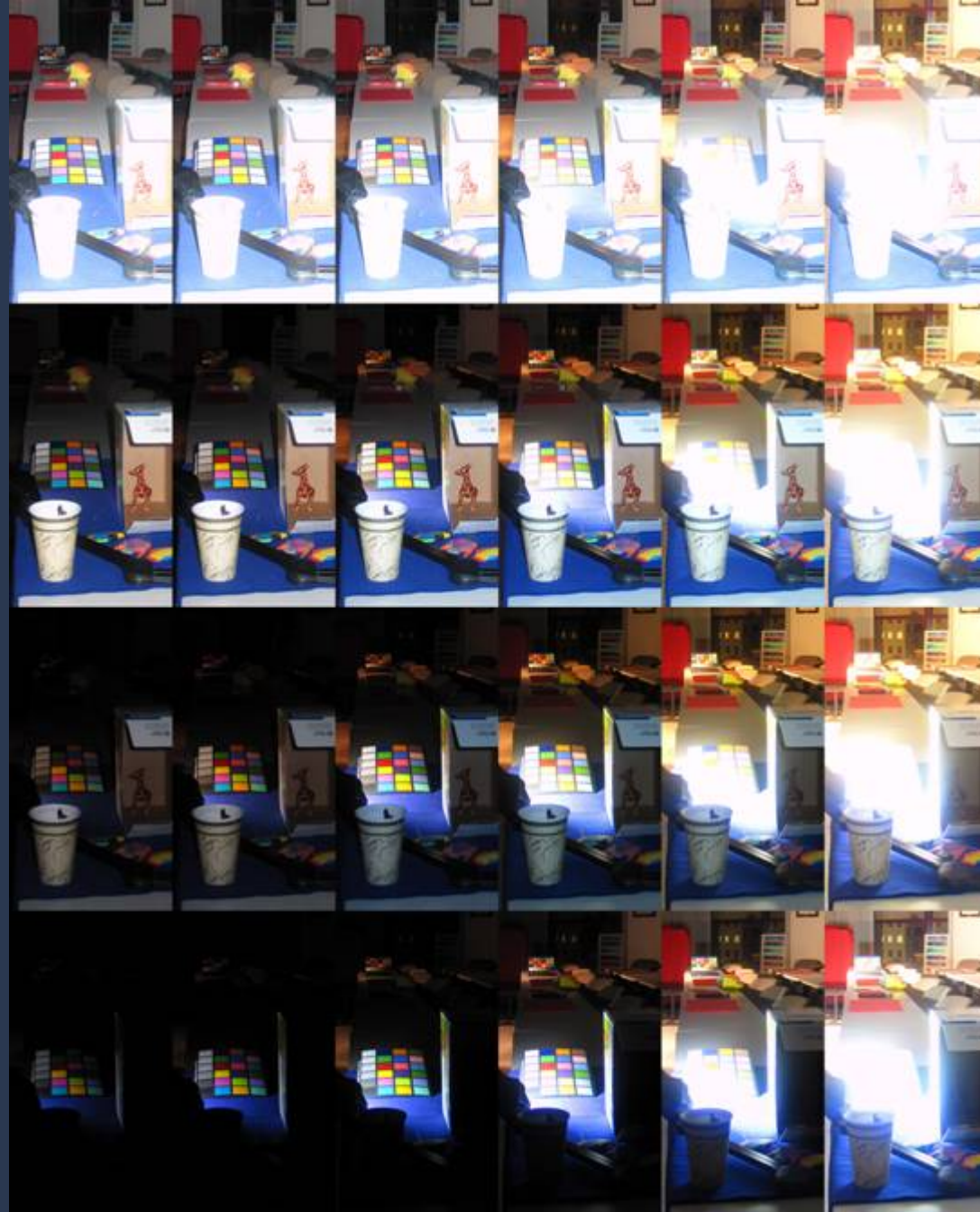
# Build Flash HDR image



Flash Intensity



Flash Intensity ↑



Exposure →

**Flash-Exposure  
Sampling**

**Build  
Flash-Exposure  
HDR image**

Agrawal, Raskar, Nayar, Li  
Siggraph05

# Capturing HDR Image

Varying Exposure time

Varying Flash brightness

Varying both



# Flash and Ambient Images

[ Agrawal, Raskar, Nayar, Li Siggraph05 ]

Ambient



Flash



Result

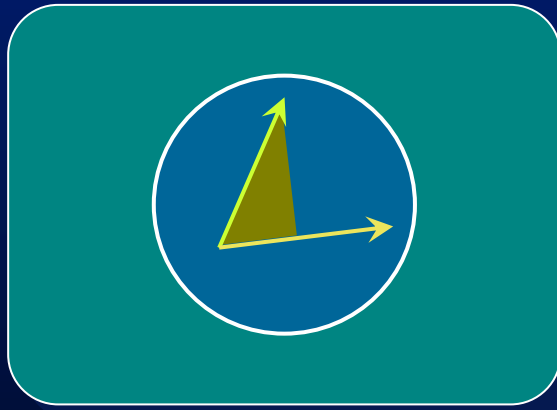


Reflection Layer



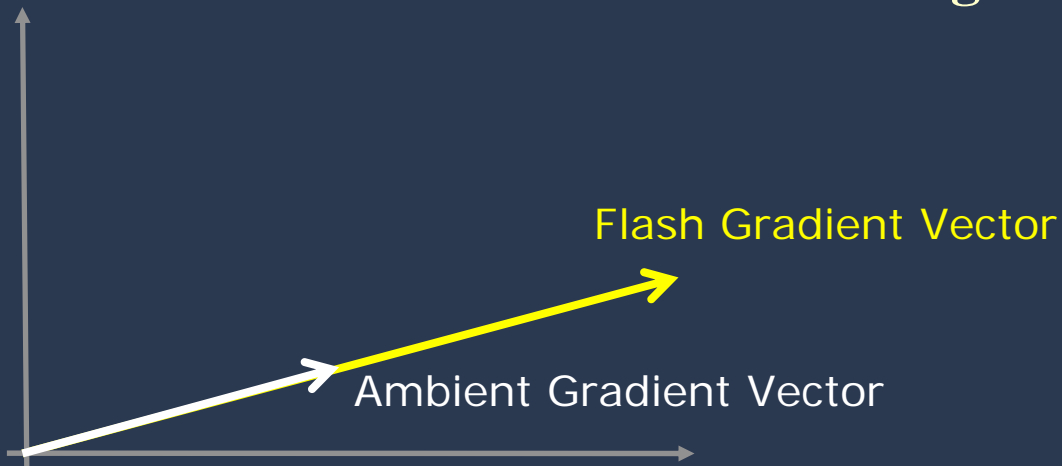
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# Intensity Gradient Vector Projection



# Intensity Gradient Vectors in Flash and Ambient Images

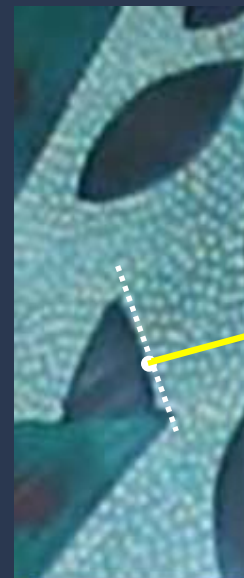
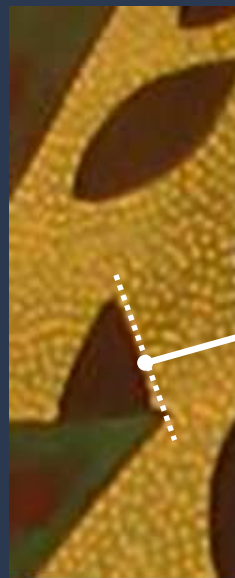
Same gradient vector direction



Ambient

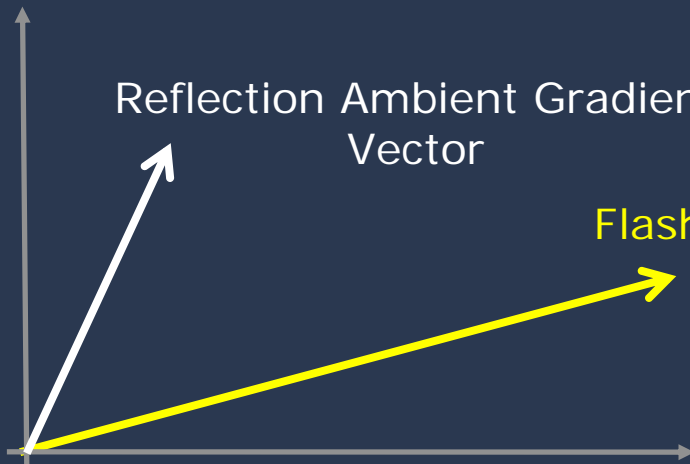


Flash



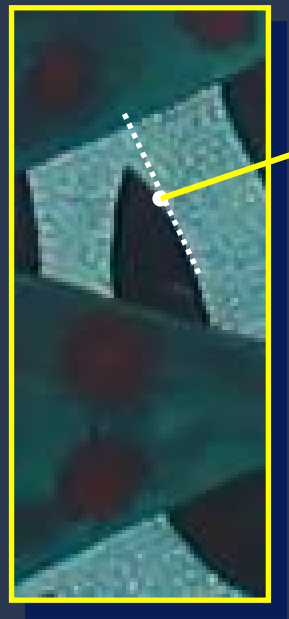
No reflections

Different gradient vector direction



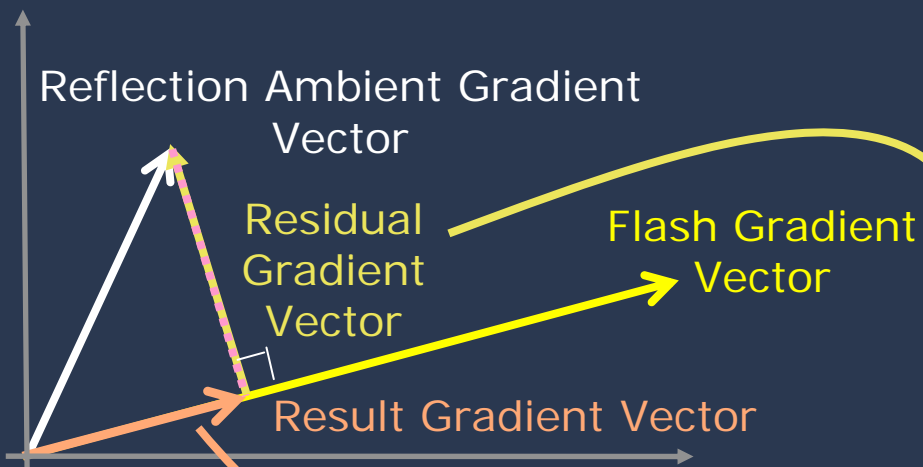
Reflection Ambient Gradient Vector

Flash Gradient Vector



With reflections

Intensity Gradient  
Vector Projection



Ambient



Flash



Result



Residual





Ambient

Flash

Projection  
= Result

Residual  
= Reflection Layer



Co-located Artifacts

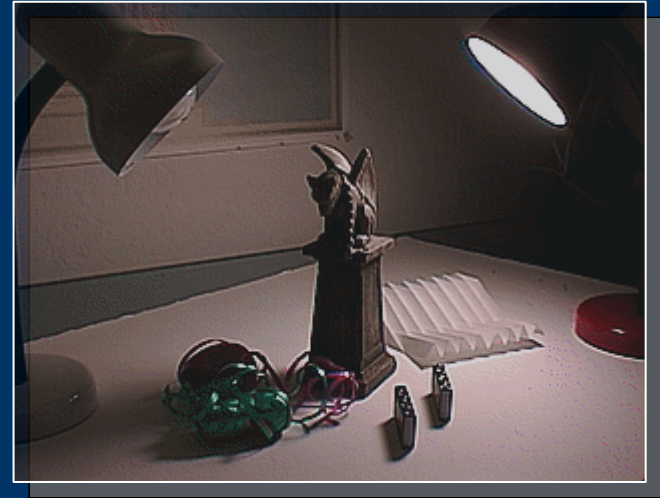
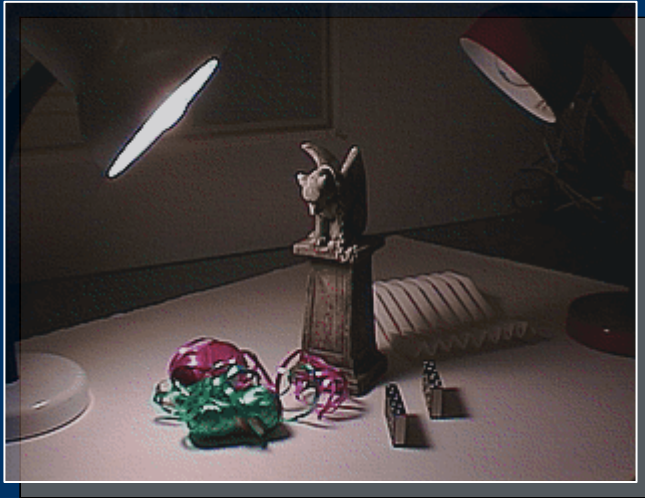
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# Synthetic Lighting

Paul Haeberli, Jan 1992



# Debevec et al. 2002: 'Light Stage 3'



# Image-Based Actual Re-lighting

Debevec et al., SIGG2001

Light the actress in Los Angeles



Film the background in Milan,  
Measure incoming light,

Matched LA and Milan lighting.



Matte the background

Rame



## Photomontage

courtesy of A Agrawala

courtesy of P. Debevec



Ramesh Raskar, Computational Illumination

# Table-top Computed Lighting for Practical Digital Photography



Ankit Mohan, Jack Tumblin

Northwestern University

Bobby Bodenheimer

Vanderbilt University

Cindy Grimm, Reynold Bailey

Washington University in St. Louis



A photograph of a white ceramic teapot and a silver spoon on a dark red surface. The teapot is on the right, and the spoon is on the left. The lighting is dramatic, coming from the top left, creating strong highlights and deep shadows. Several annotations with red arrows point to specific areas: 'Make this darker' points to the top left background; 'Remove this specular highlight' points to a bright spot on the teapot's rim; 'Soften this shadow' points to the shadow of the spoon; 'Make this brighter' points to the side of the teapot; and 'Move shadow back' points to the shadow of the teapot.

Make this darker

Remove this specular highlight

Soften this shadow

Make this brighter

Move shadow back

# Sketch Your Desires, Optimize

Target

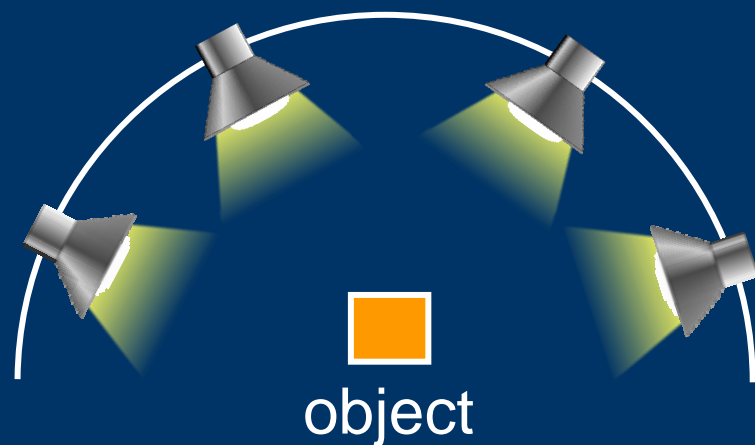


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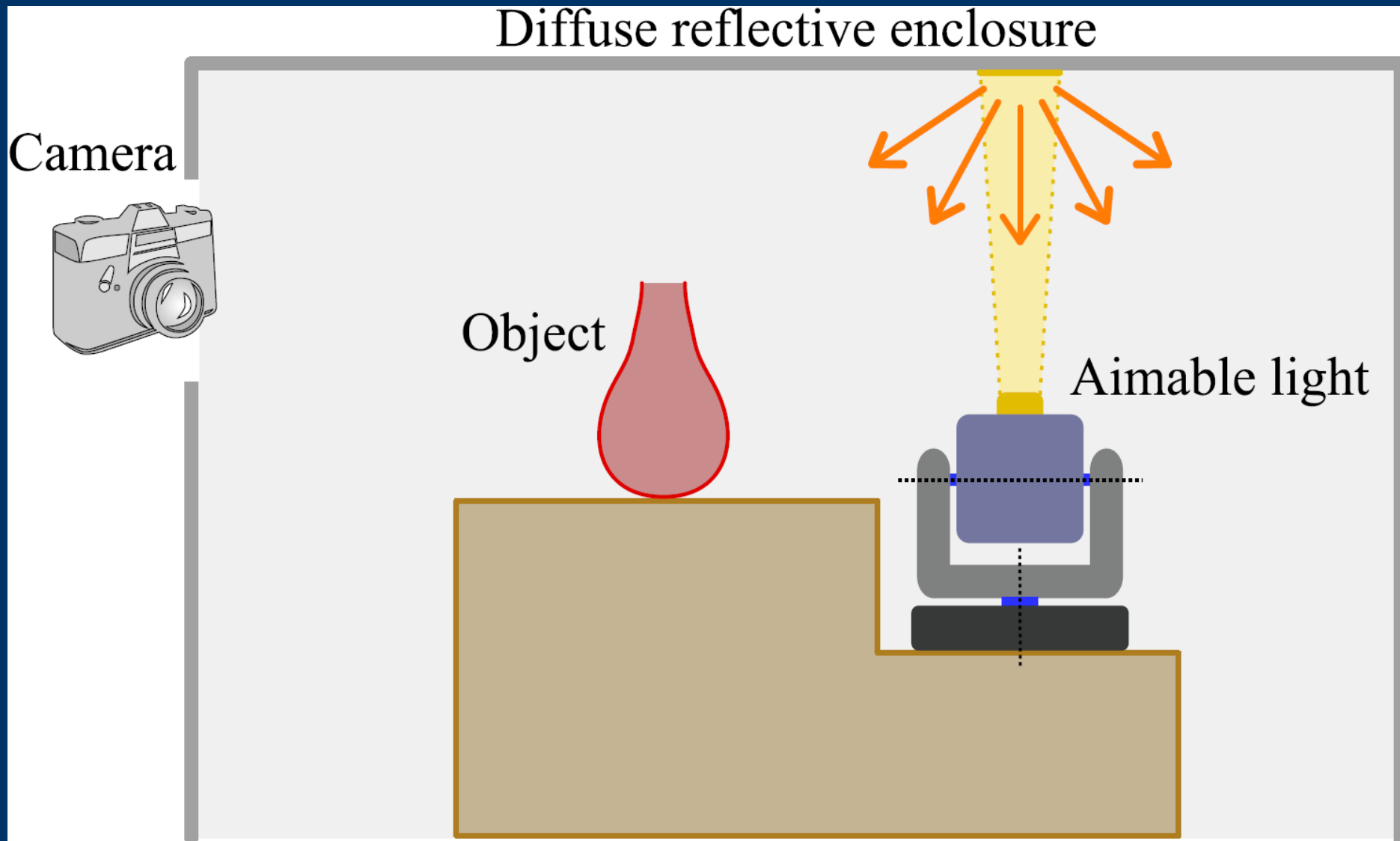


# Acquisition for Relighting

- Uniquely lit  
basis images
- **Known** light-positions



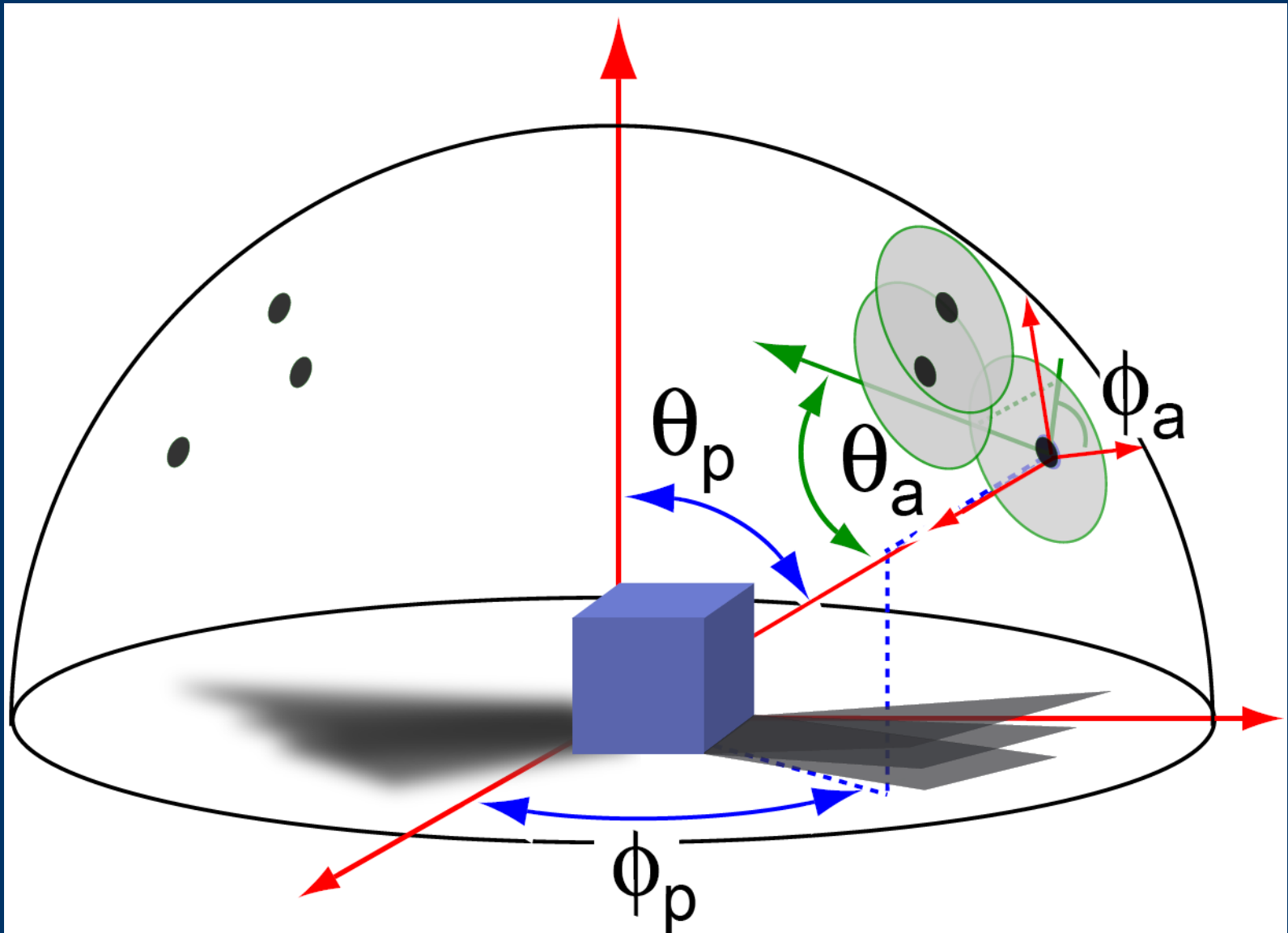
# 'Aimed Spot': low-risk movement



From Jack Tumblin

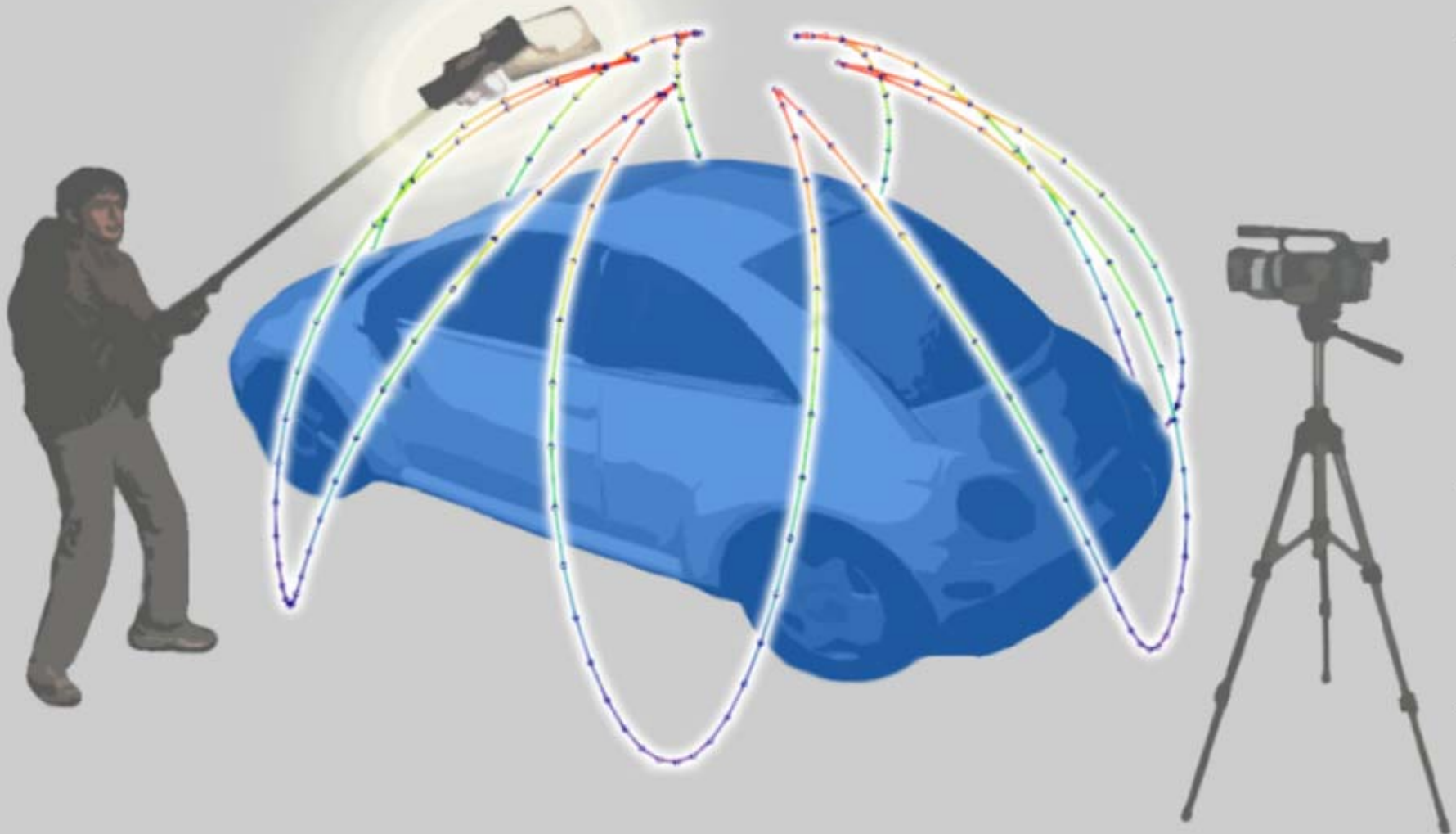


# Overlapped Spots avoid aliasing

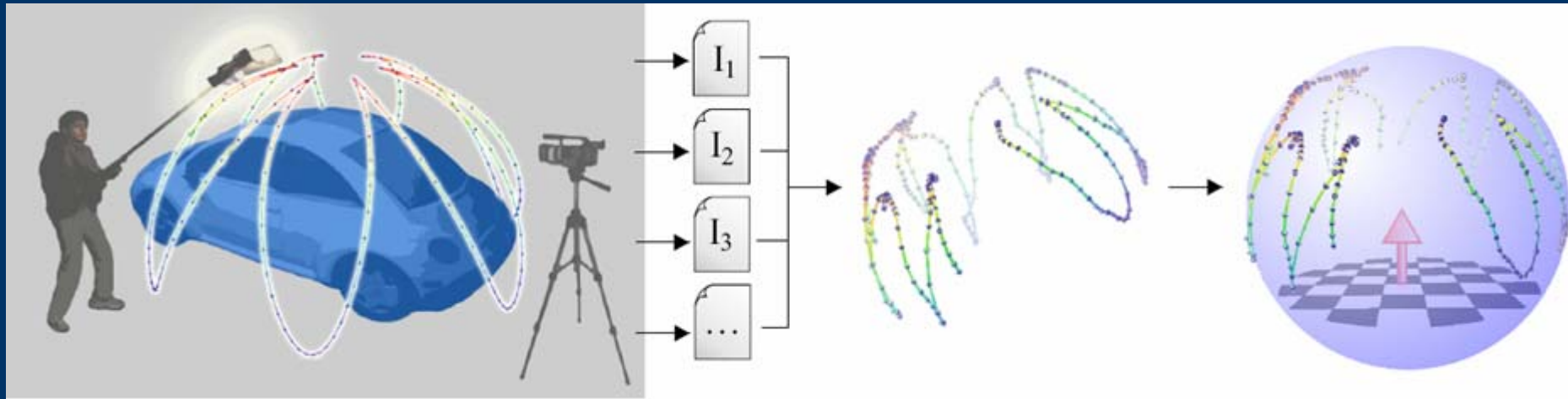


# “Light Waving”

Tech Sketch (Winnemoller, Mohan, Tumblin, Gooch)



# Light Waving: Estimating Light Positions From Photographs Alone



Holger Winnemöller, Ankit Mohan,  
Jack Tumblin, Bruce Gooch  
Northwestern University



# Computational Illumination

## Quest for 4D Illumination

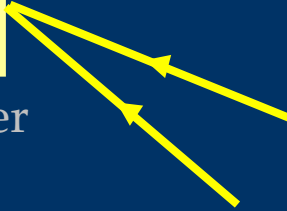
### Novel Cameras

Generalized  
Sensor



Generalized  
Optics

4D Ray Bender

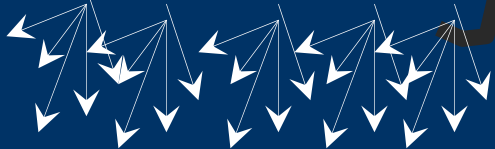


Processing

Ray  
Reconstruction

Upto 4D  
Ray Sampler

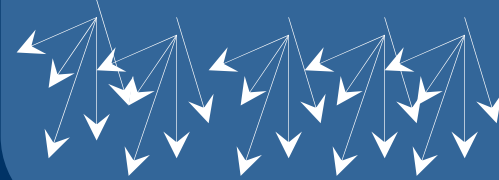
Display



Light Sources



Generalized  
Optics



Programmable  
4D Illumination field +  
time + wavelength

4D Light Field



Scene: **8D Ray Modulator**

# A 4-D Light Source



[Debevec et al. 2000]



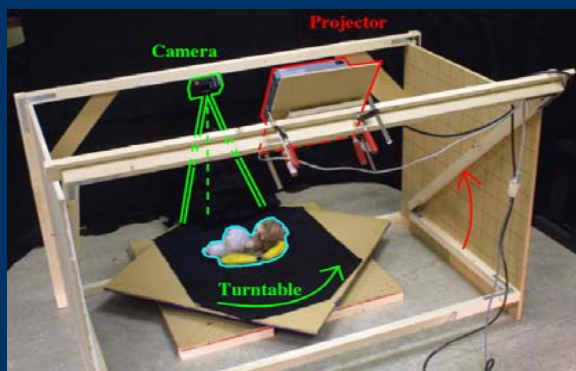
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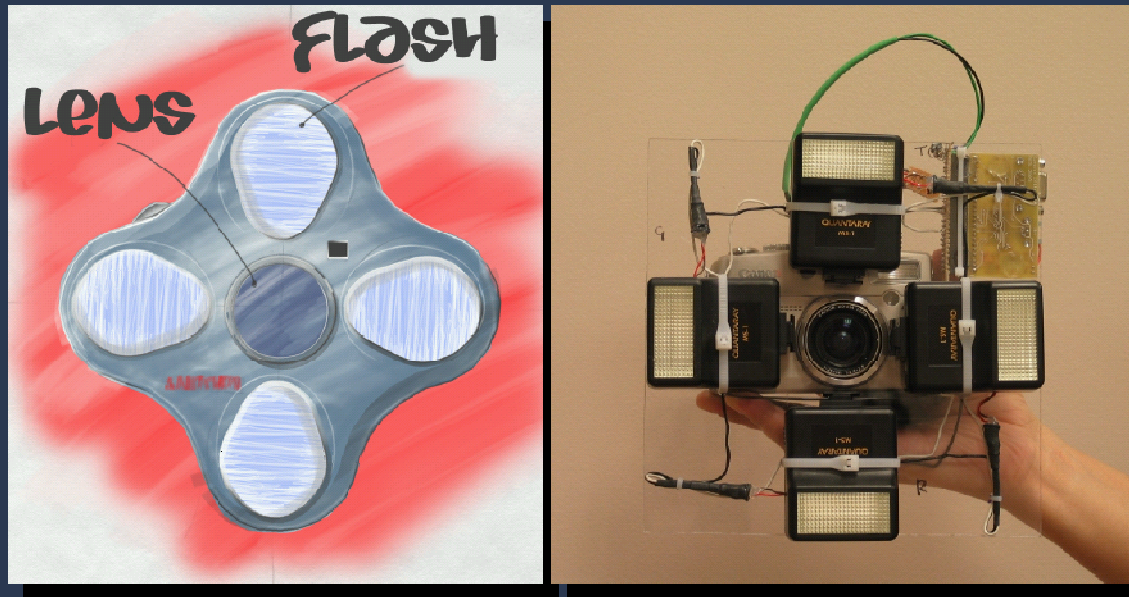


[Masselus et al. 2003]



[Malzbender et al. 2002]

# Non-photorealistic Camera: Depth Edge Detection and Stylized Rendering using Multi-Flash Imaging



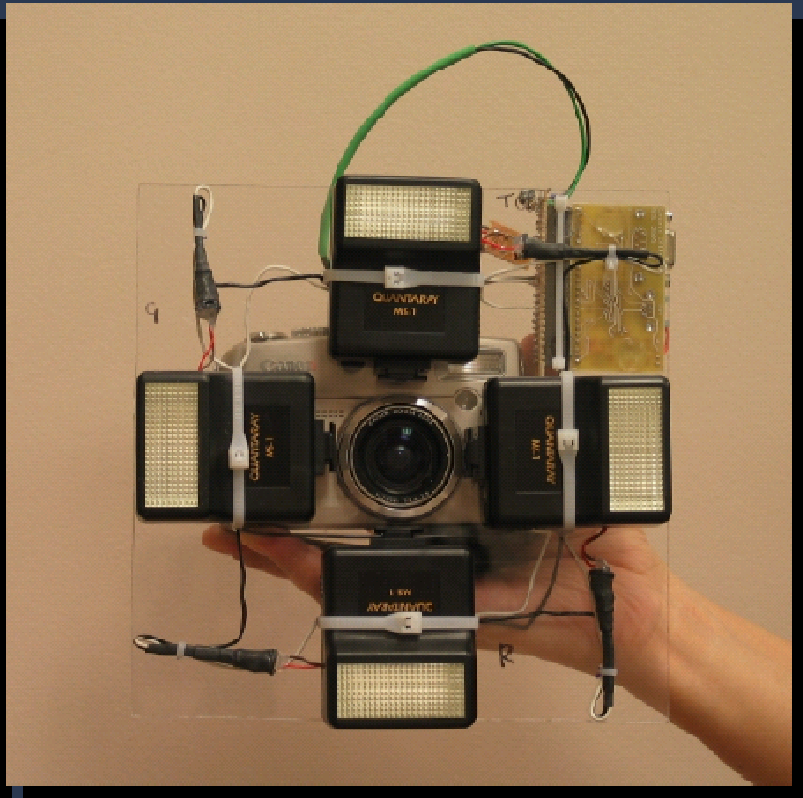
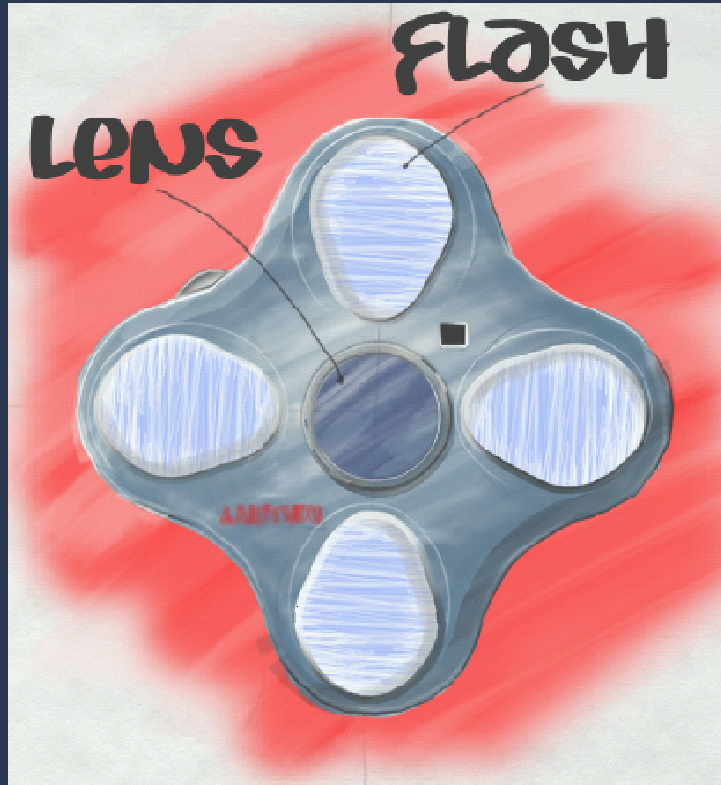
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Jingyi Yu, Matthew Turk

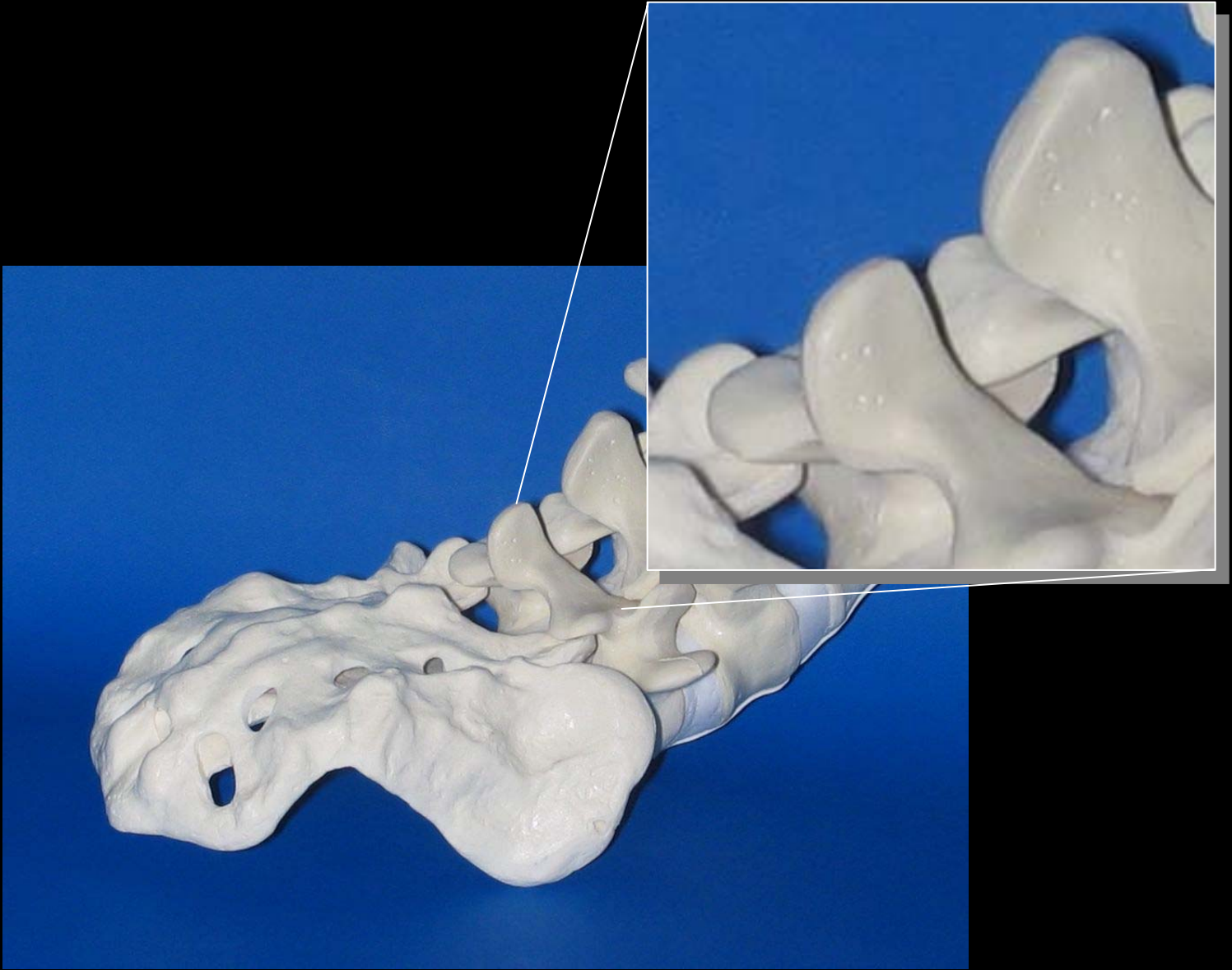
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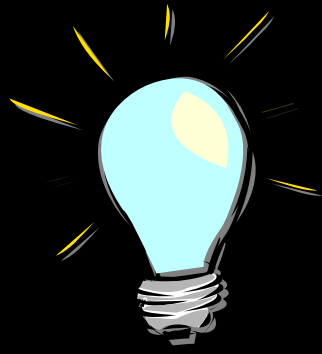


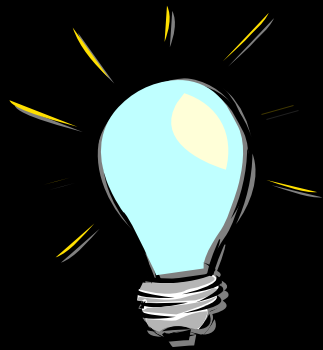


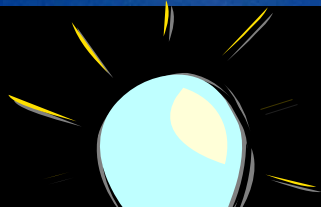
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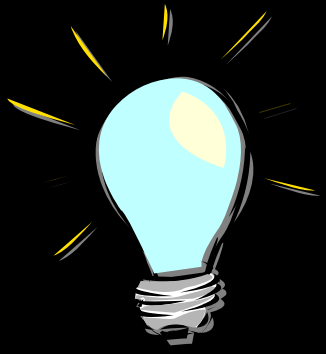






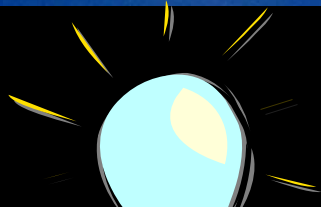








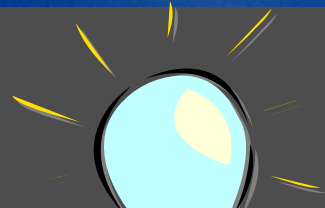










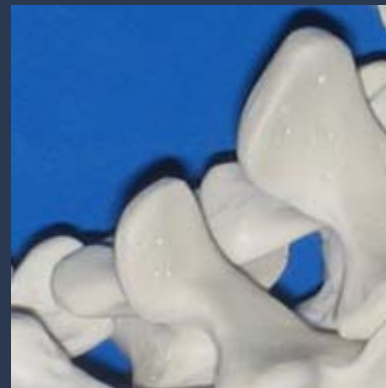
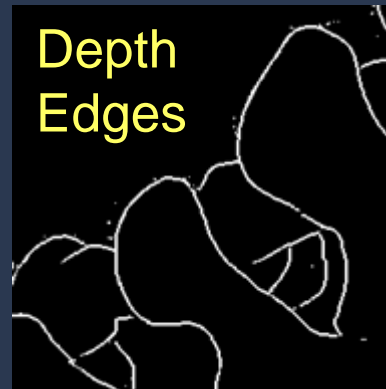




# Depth Discontinuities



Internal and external  
Shape boundaries, Occluding contour, Silhouettes





**Sigma = 9**

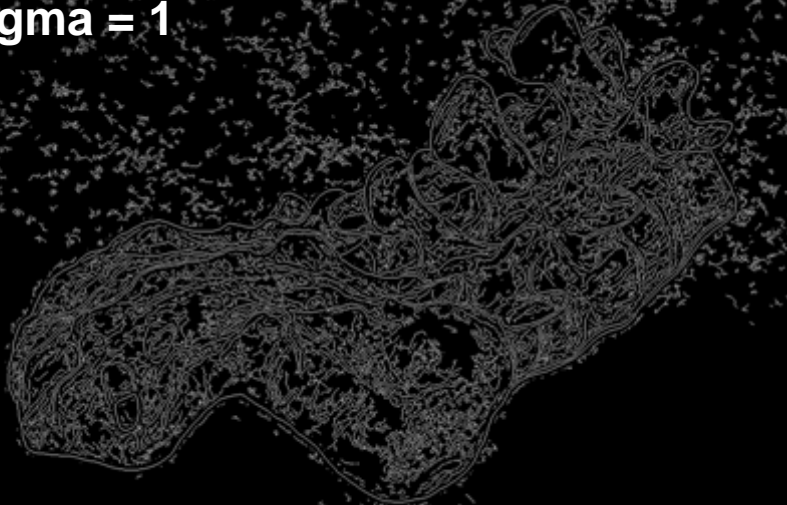


**Canny Intensity Edge Detection**

**Sigma = 5**

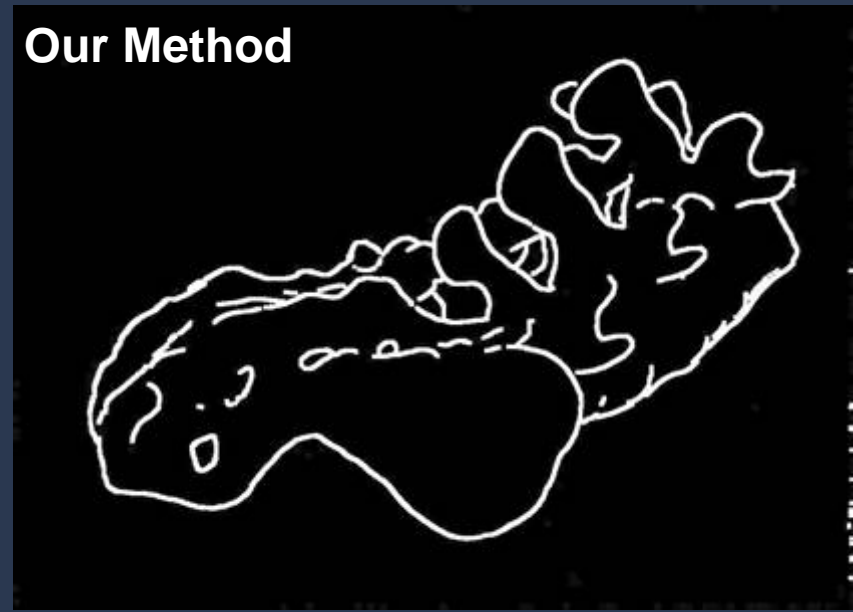
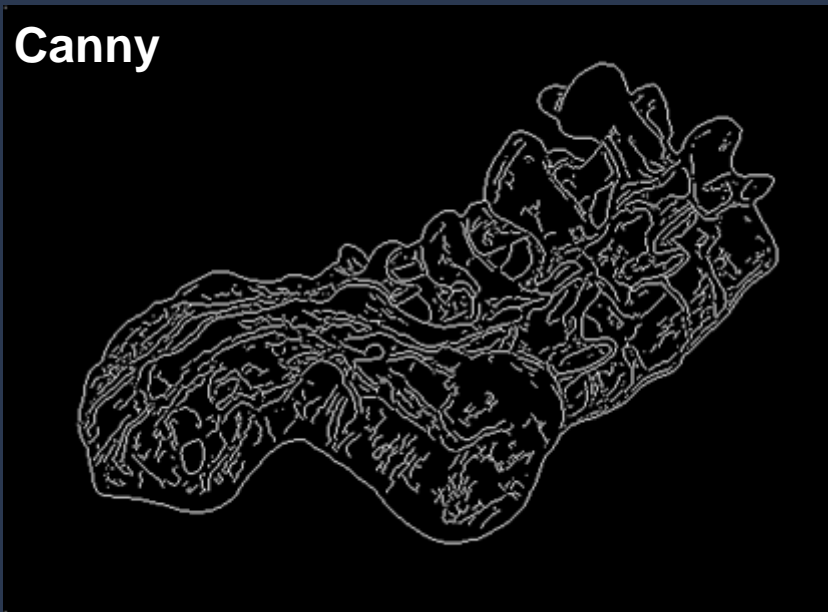
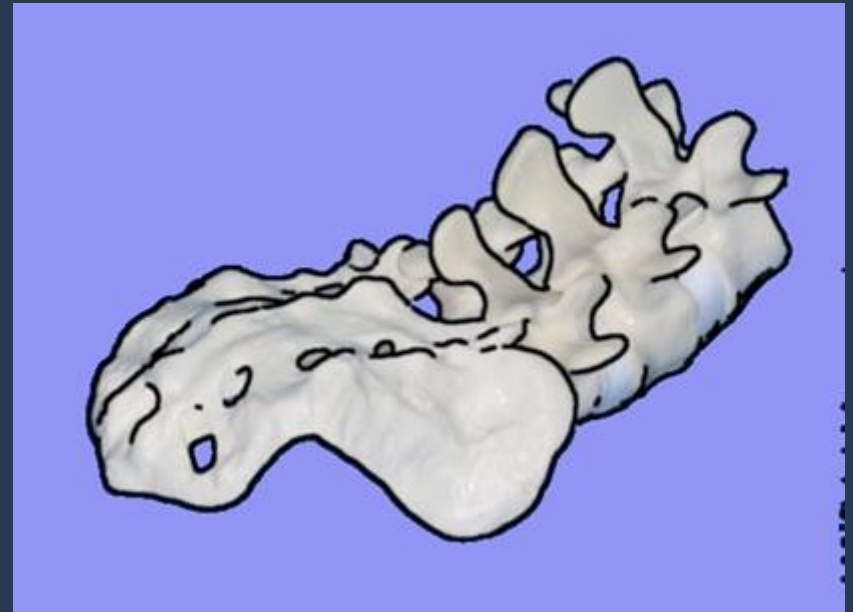


**Sigma = 1**



**Our method captures shape edges**



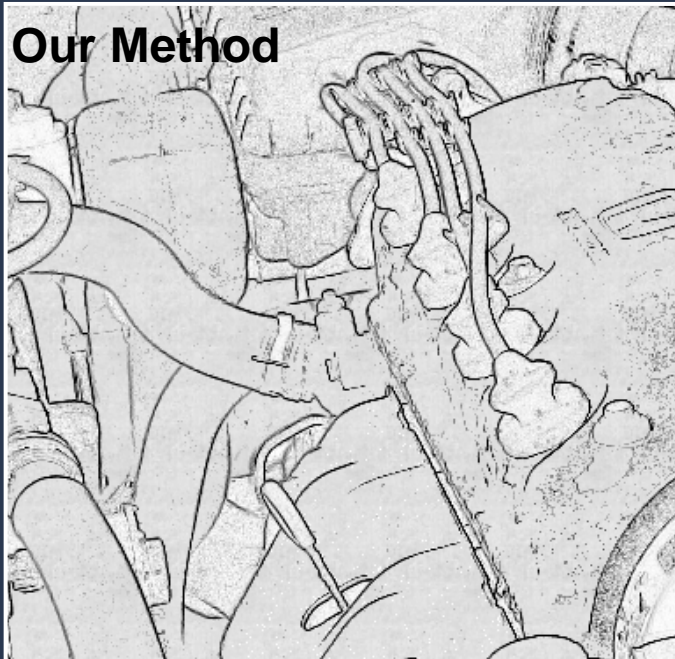




**Photo**



**Our Method**





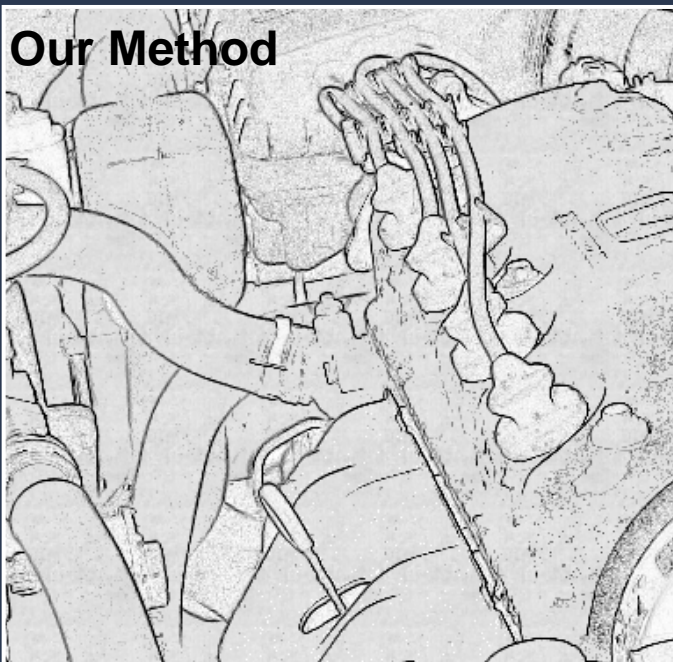
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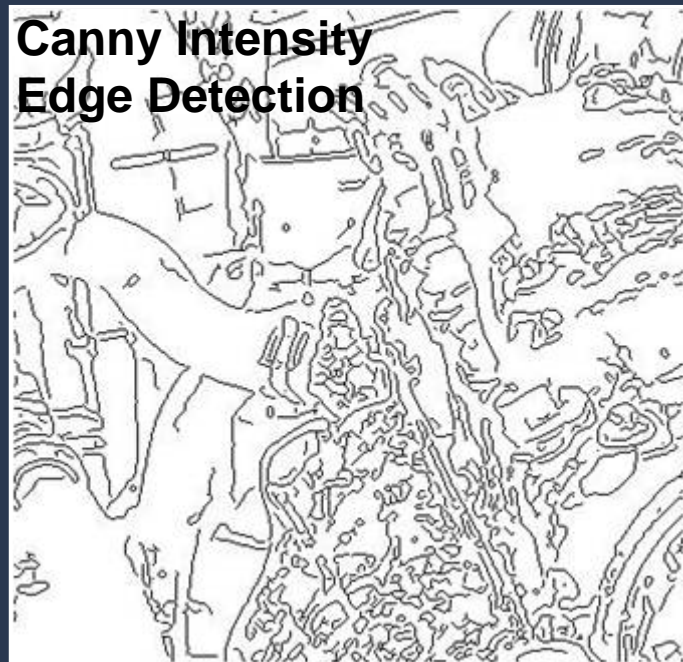
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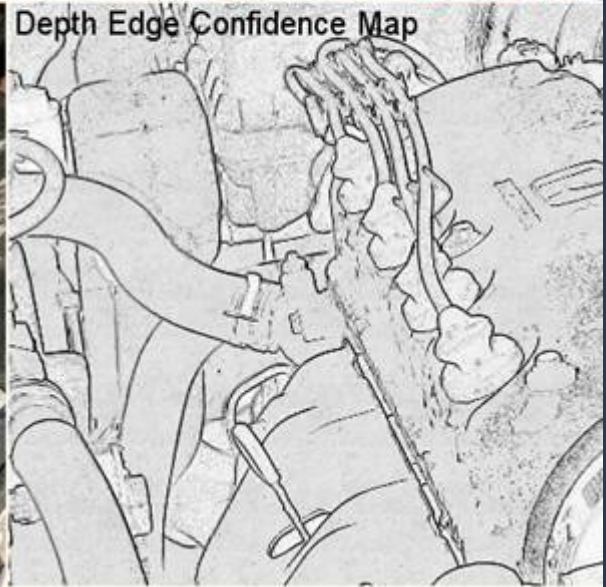


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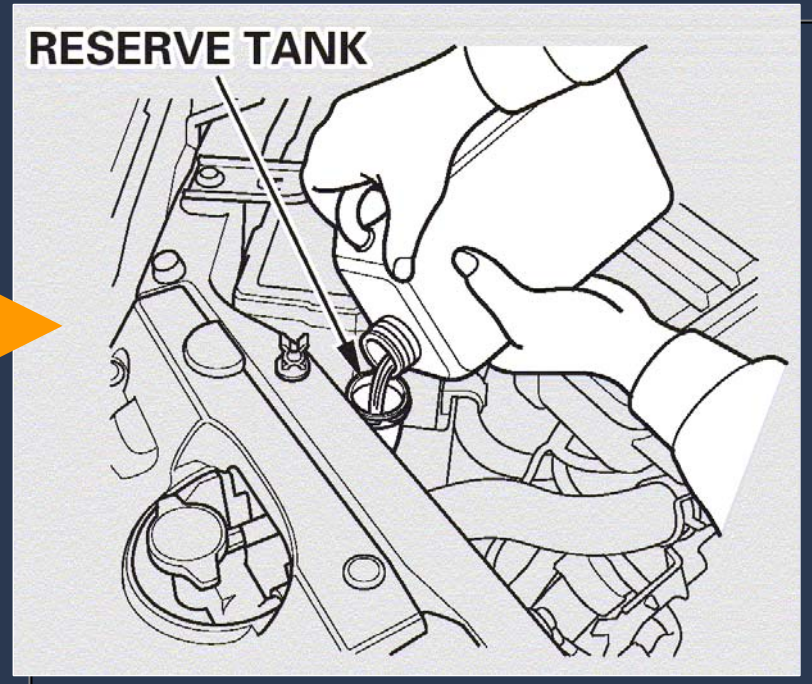
**Canny Intensity  
Edge Detection**





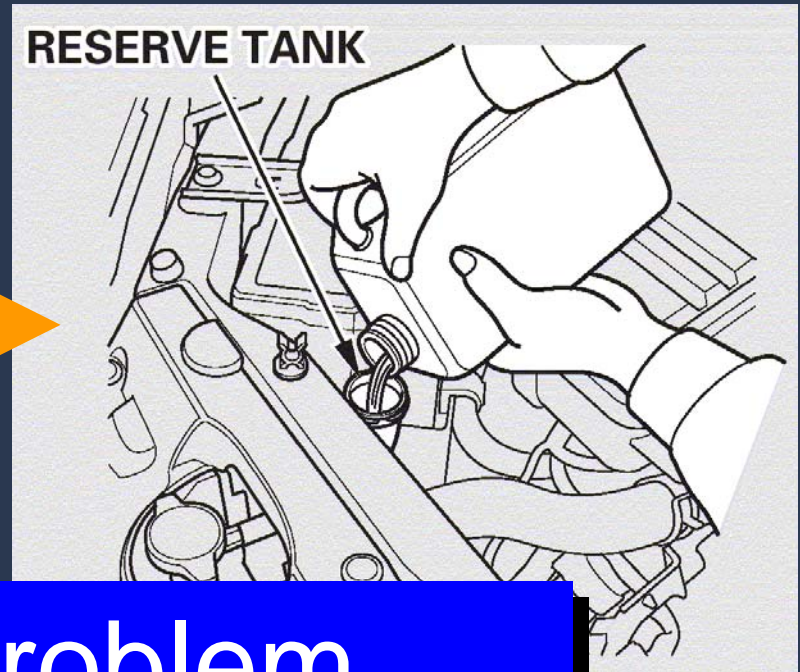


Shadows  
Clutter  
Many Colors



Highlight Shape Edges  
Mark moving parts  
Basic colors





## A New Problem

Shadows

Clutter

Many Colors

Highlight Edges

Mark moving parts

Basic colors



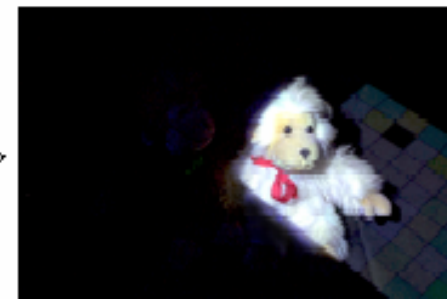
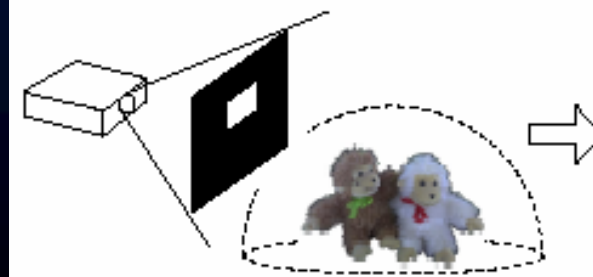
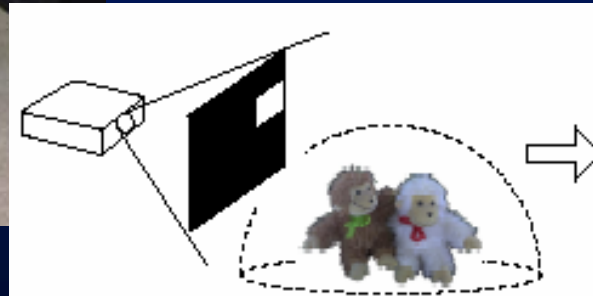
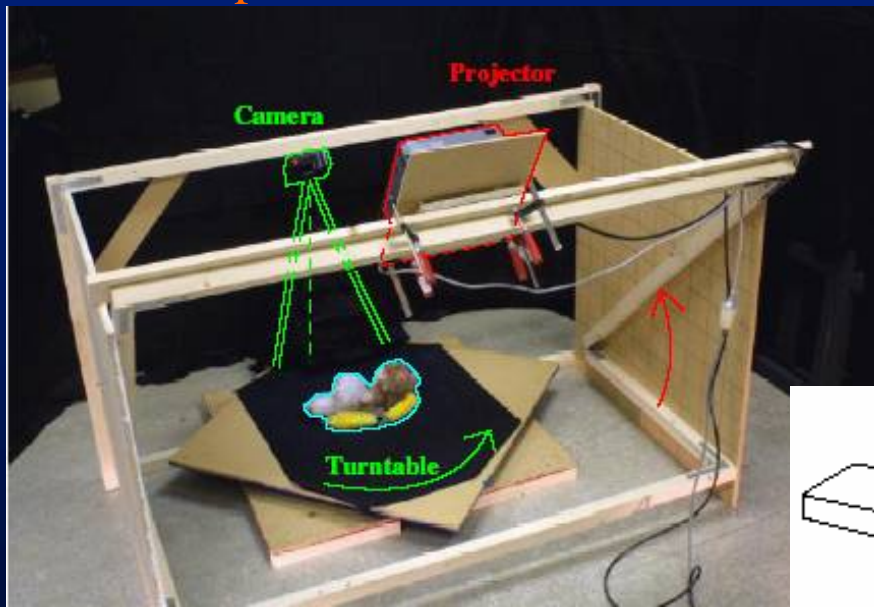


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# 6-D Methods and beyond...

Relighting with 4D Incident Light Fields Vincent Masselus, Pieter Peers, Philip Dutre and Yves D. Willems SIGG2003



# Synthetic Aperture Illumination: Comparison with Long-range synthetic aperture photography

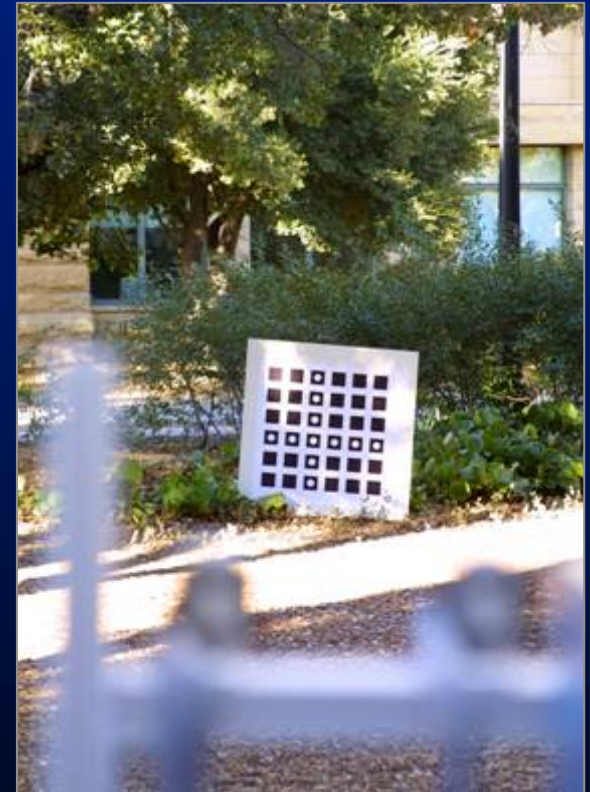
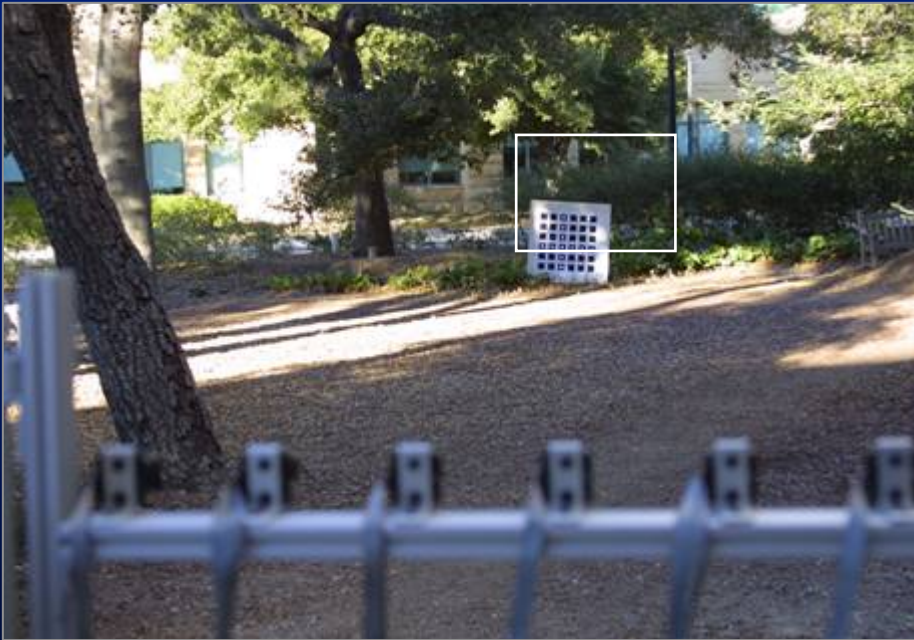
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- width of aperture 6'
- number of cameras 45
- spacing between cameras 5"
- camera's field of view 4.5°

# The scene

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- distance to occluder 110'
- distance to targets 125'
- field of view at target 10'

# Synthetic aperture photography using an array of mirrors

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- 11-megapixel camera (4064 x 2047 pixels)
- 18 x 12 inch effective aperture, 9 feet to scene
- 22 mirrors, tilted inwards → 22 views, each 750 x 500 pixels



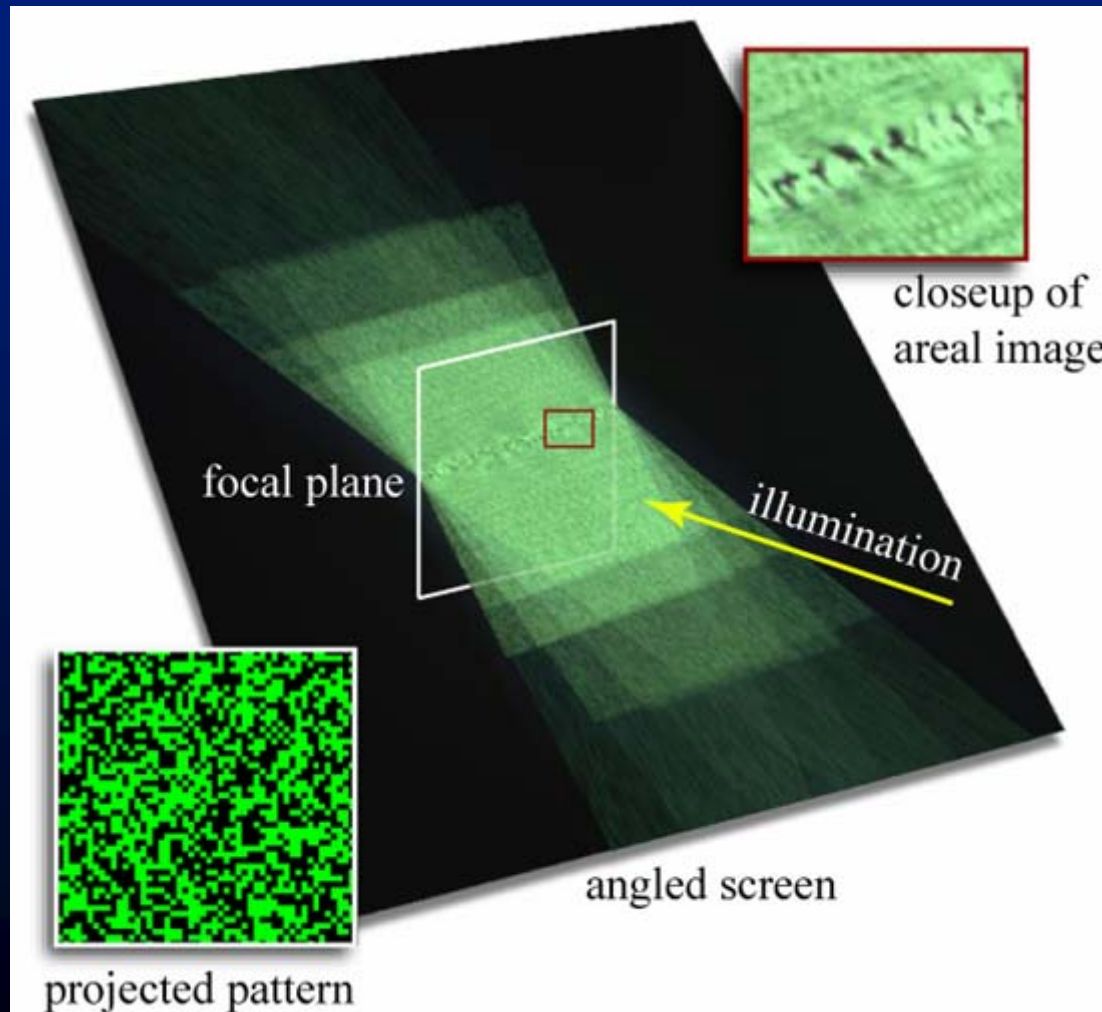
# Synthetic aperture illumination

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- technologies
  - array of projectors
  - array of microprojectors
  - single projector + array of mirrors

# What does synthetic aperture illumination look like?

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# What are good patterns?

pattern

one trial

16 trials



(a) pseudo-random tiling



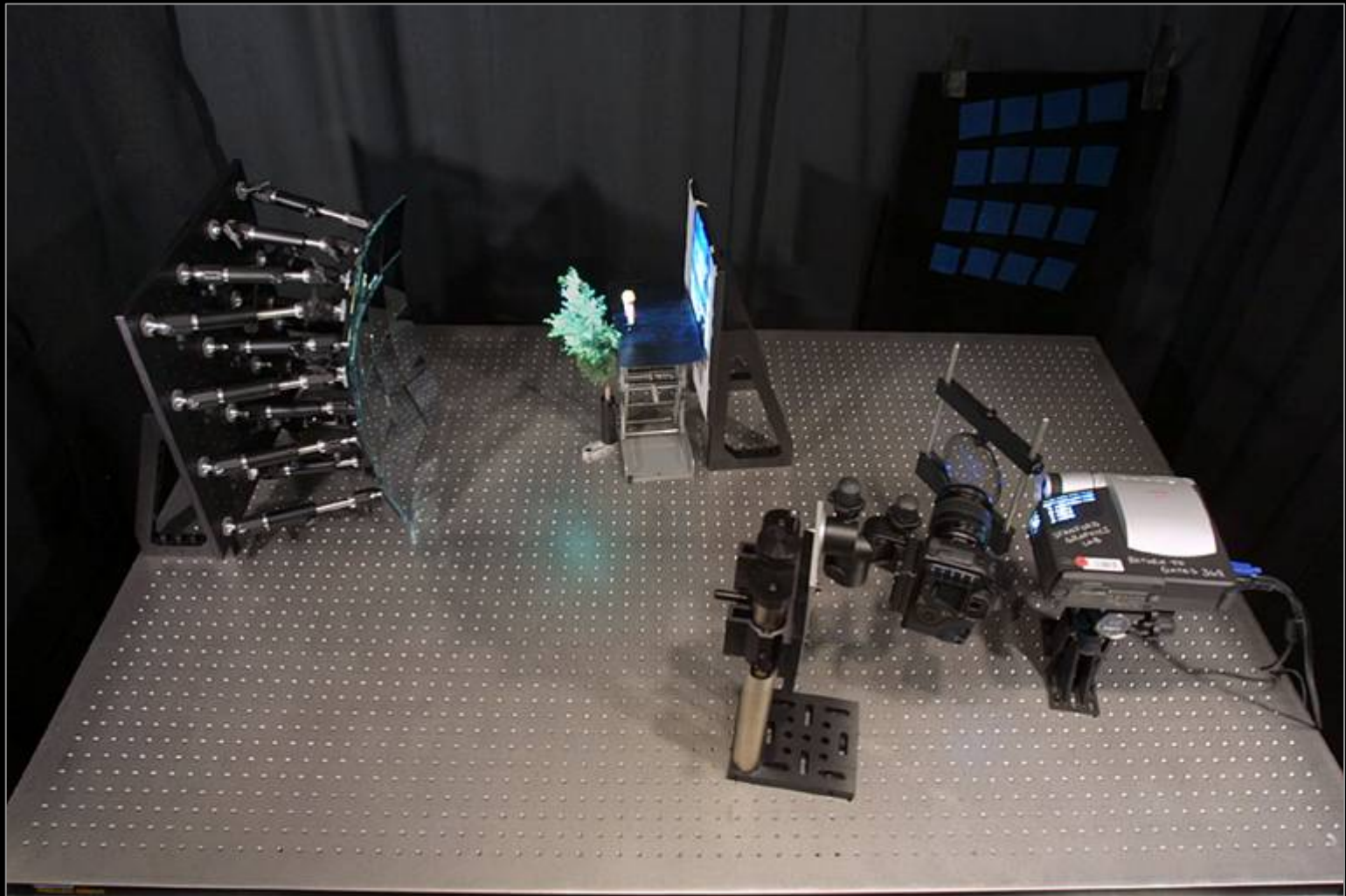
(b) randomly permuted tiling



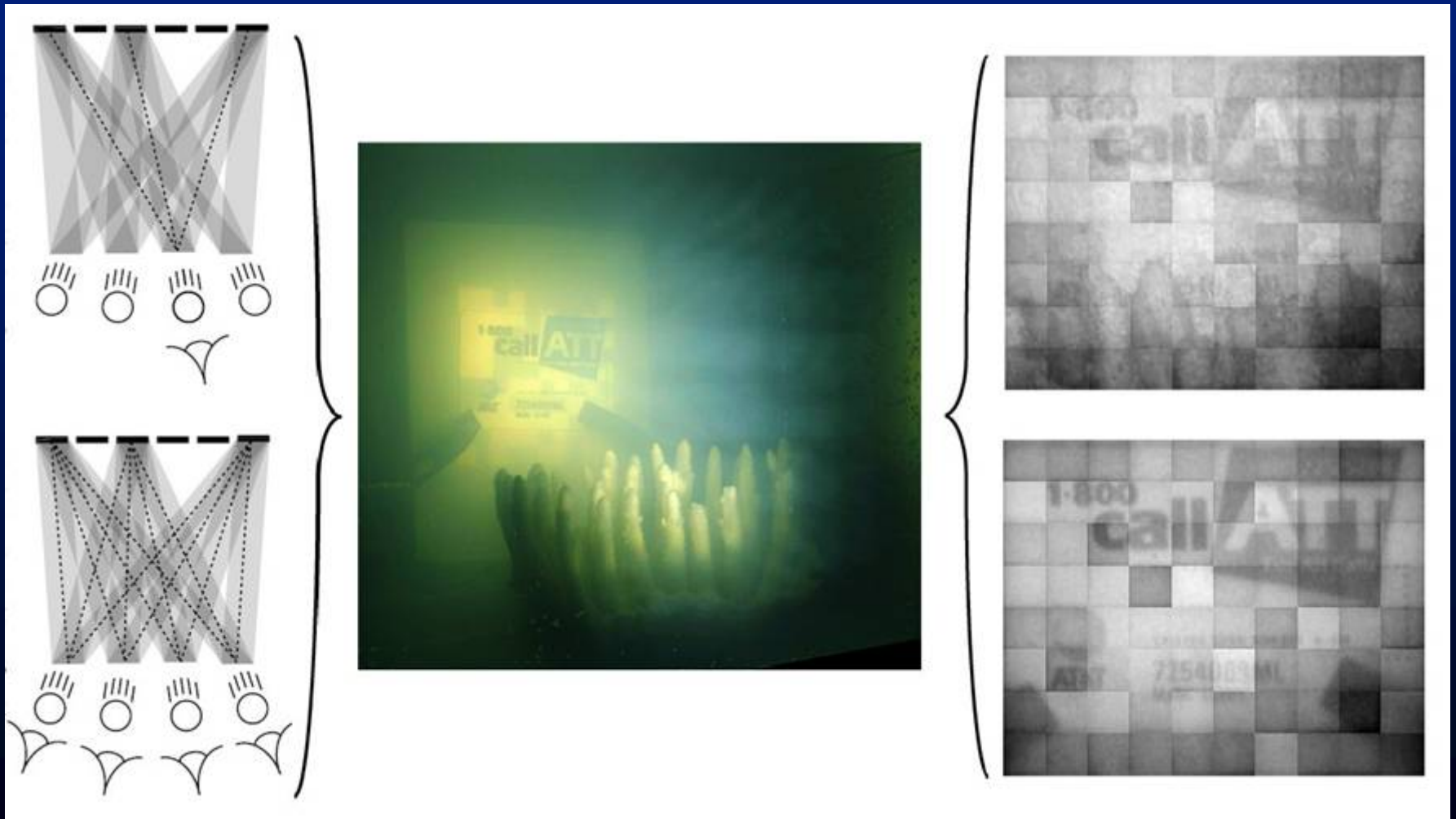
(c) randomly placed tiles



(d) sinuous patterns



# Underwater confocal imaging with and without SAP



# Computational Illumination

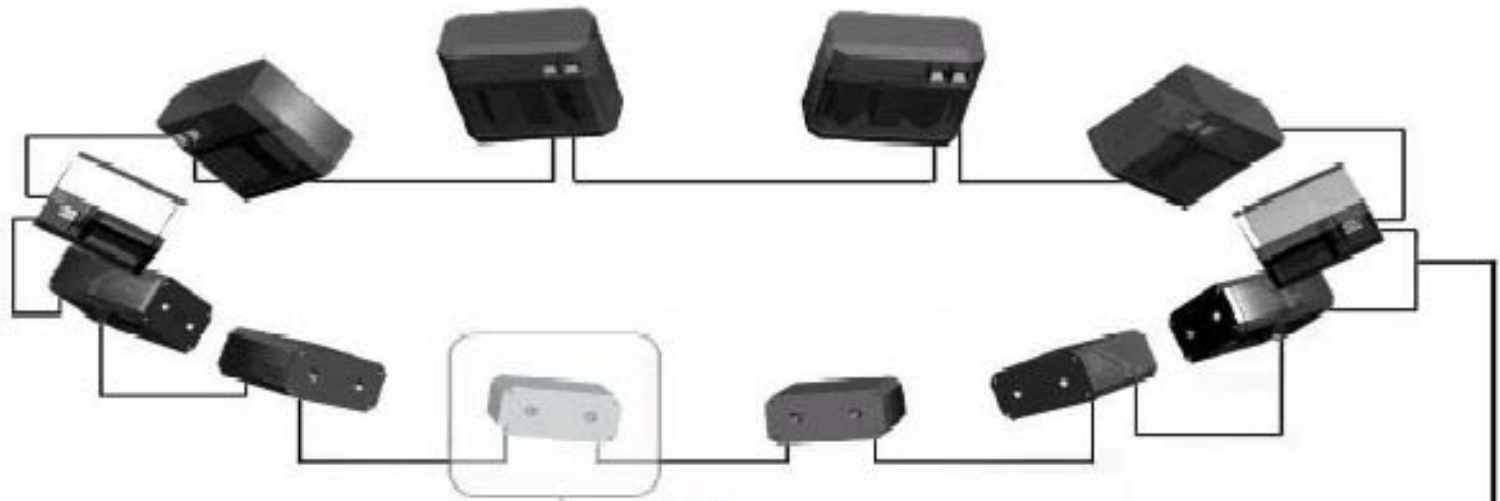
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# Demodulating Cameras



- Motion Capture Cameras
  - Visualeyez™ VZ4000 Tracking System
  - PhaseSpace motion digitizer



**Cameras**

- 2 Detectors
- 480 Hz
- 3,800 x 3,800 Optical Resolution
- 30,000 x 30,000 Sub-Pixel Resolution

**64 Bit Processor PC**

**Camera Processing Software**  
Peak Tracking  
Position, Velocity, Acceleration  
Marker Identification  
Filtering

**3D Point Calculation**  
3D Point Tracking  
Occluded Point Interpolation  
Dynamic Camera Offset

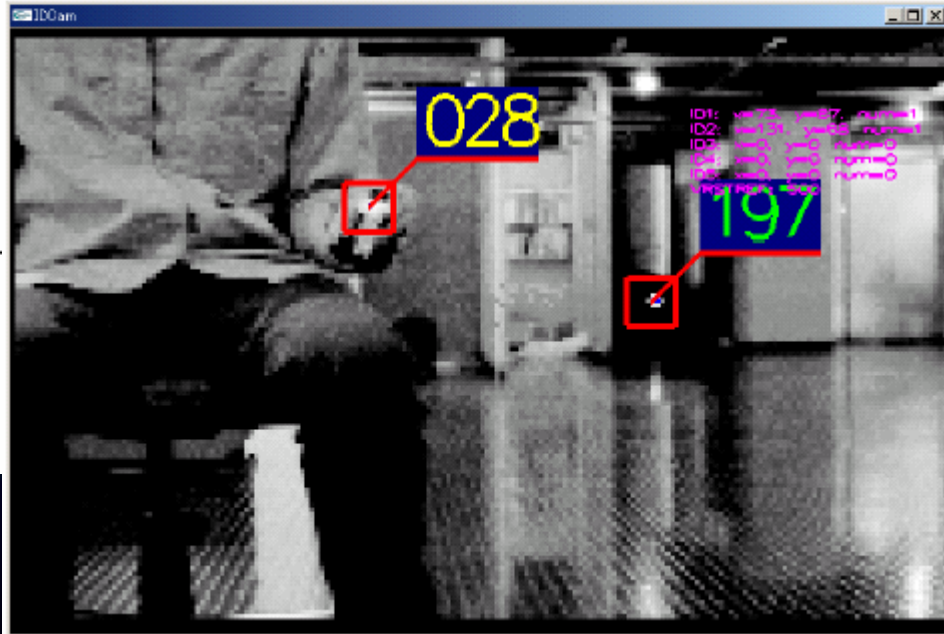
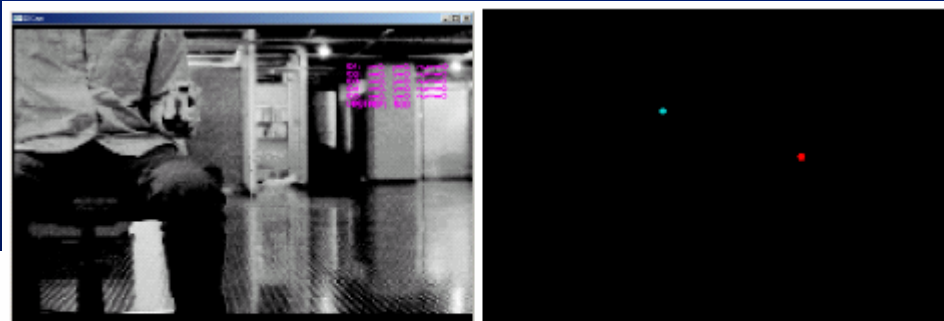
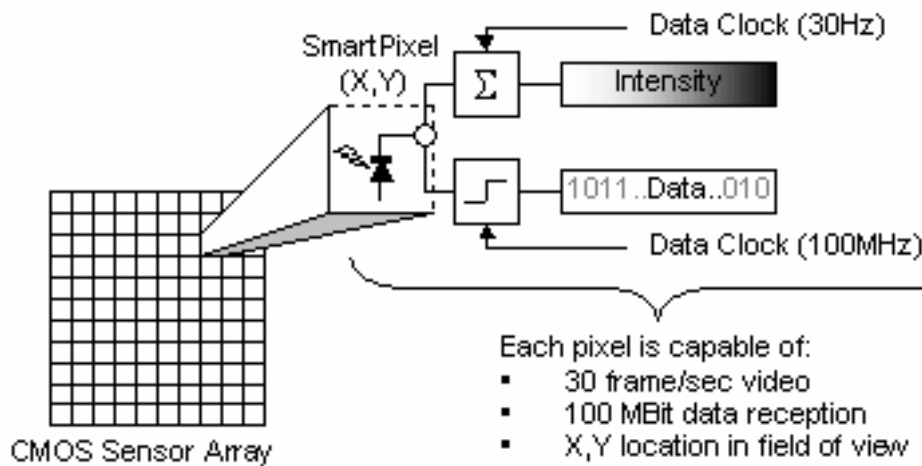
**User Interface**  
Session Control  
Real-time Viewing Software

**Client-Side Data Access**  
3rd Party Plugins  
Open API



# Demodulating Cameras

- Decode signals from blinking LEDs + image
  - Sony ID Cam
  - Phoci



# R F I G Lamps :

## Interacting with a Self-describing World via Photosensing Wireless Tags and Projectors



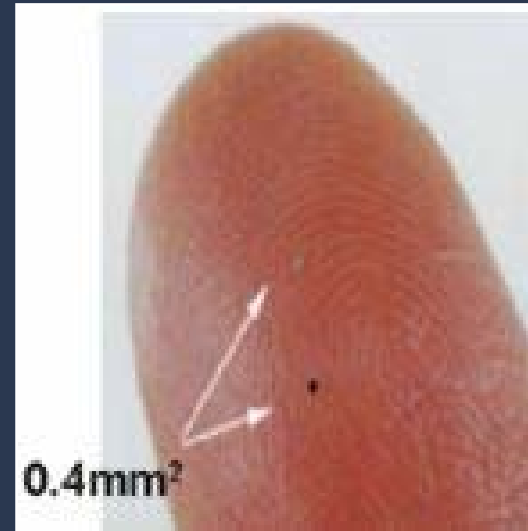
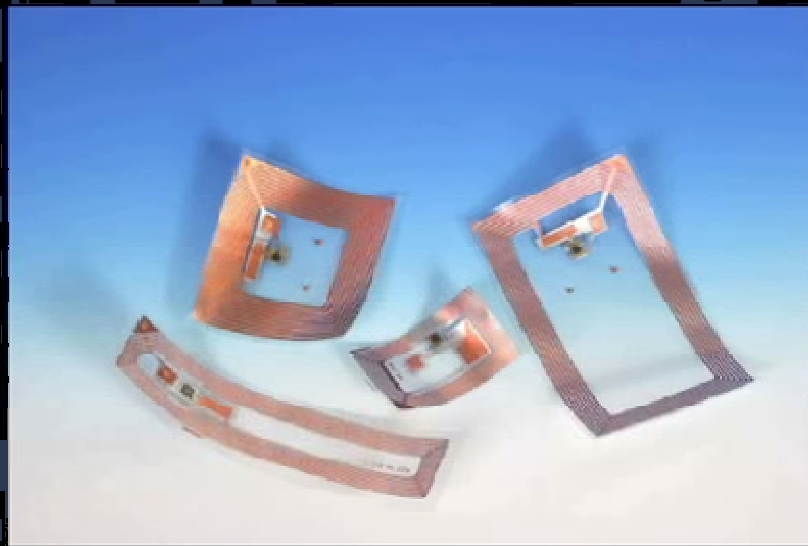
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Paul Dietz, Johnny Lee, Darren Leigh, Thomas Willwacher

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# Radio Frequency Identification Tags (RFID)



No batteries,  
Small size,  
Cost few cents



Antenna

microchip



Warehousing



Routing



Livestock tracking



Library



Baggage handling

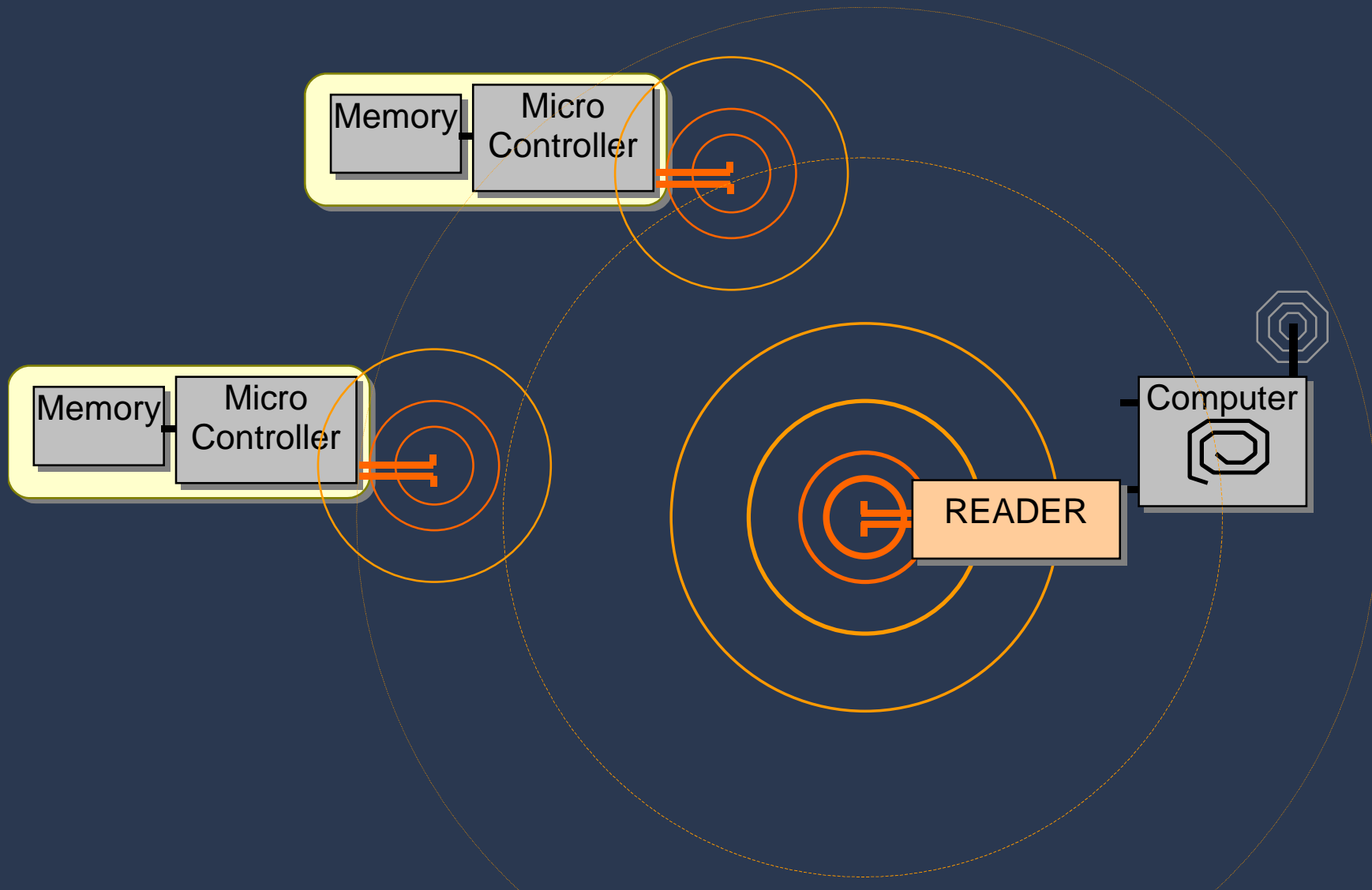


Currency





# Conventional Passive RFID





# Tagged Books in a Library



✓ **Id**

Easy to get list of books in RF range

✗ **No Precise Location Data**

Difficult to find if the books in sorted order ?

Which book is upside down ?

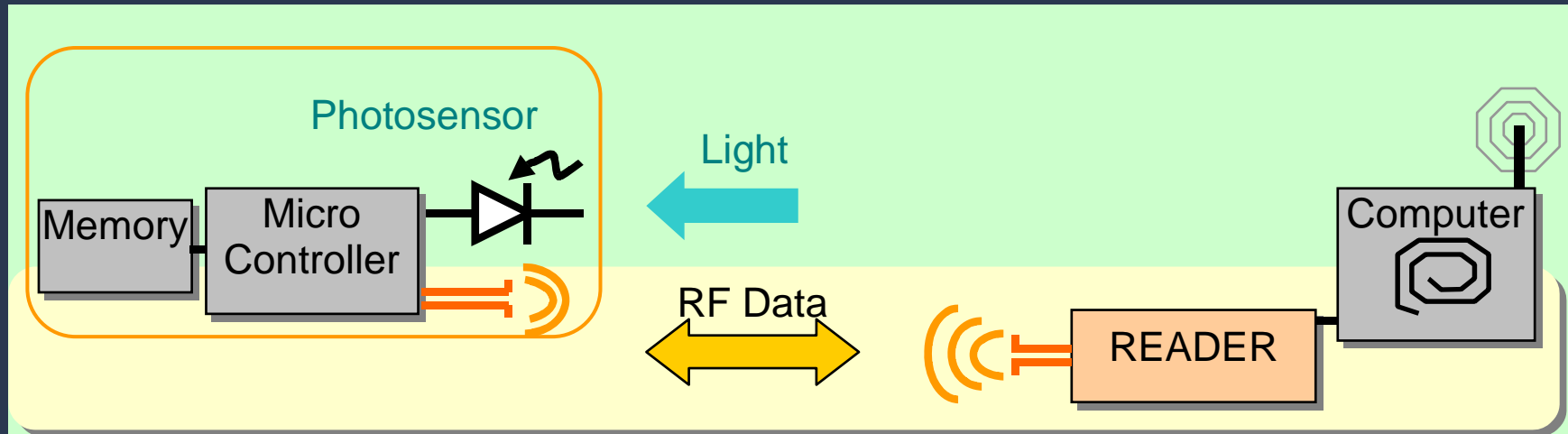
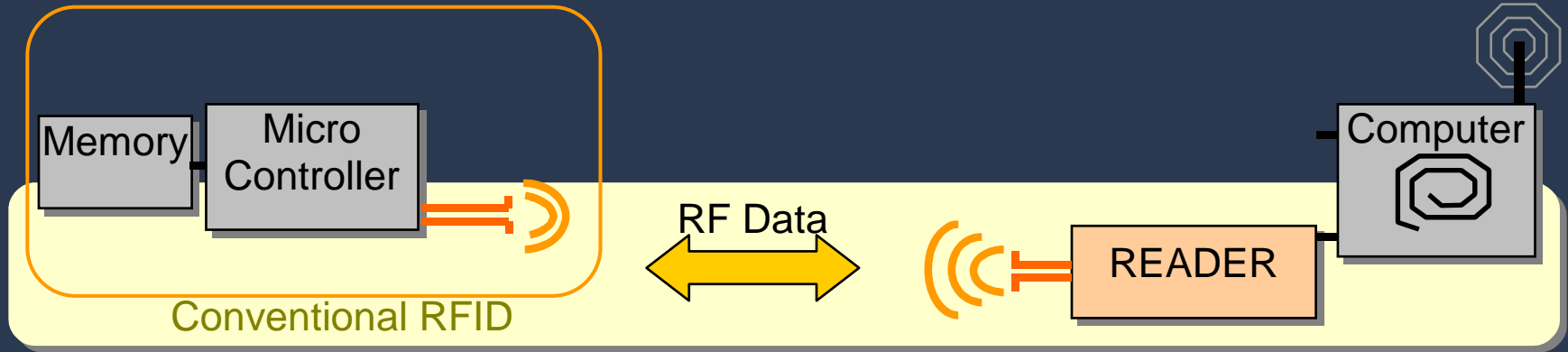


# Where are boxes with Products close to Expiry Date ?



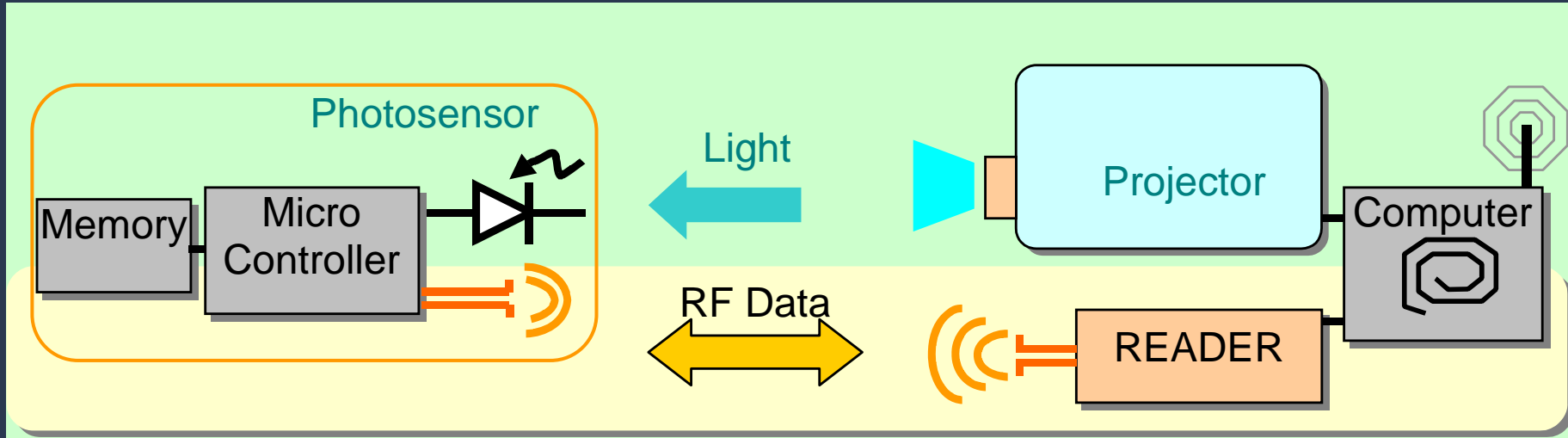


# Conventional RF tag



# Photo-sensing RF tag





## Photosensor ?

Compatible with  
RFID size and power  
needs

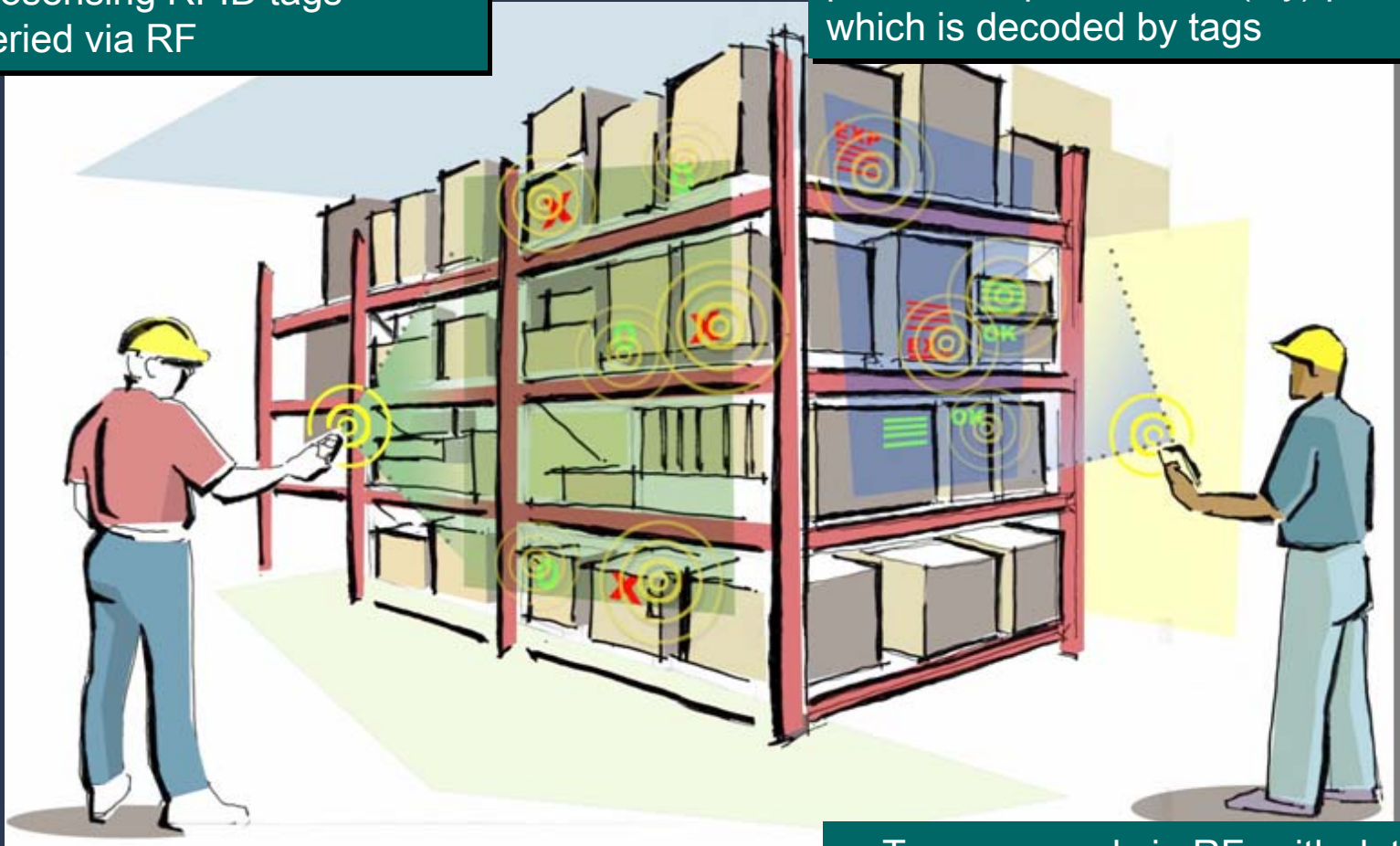
## Projector ?

Directional transfer,  
AR with Image overlay



a. Photosensing RFID tags are queried via RF

b. Projector beams a time-varying pattern unique for each (x,y) pixel which is decoded by tags



d. Multiple users can simultaneously work from a distance without RF collision

c. Tags respond via RF, with date and precise (x,y) pixel location. Projector beams 'O' or 'X' at that location for visual feedback





# RFID

(Radio Frequency Identification)

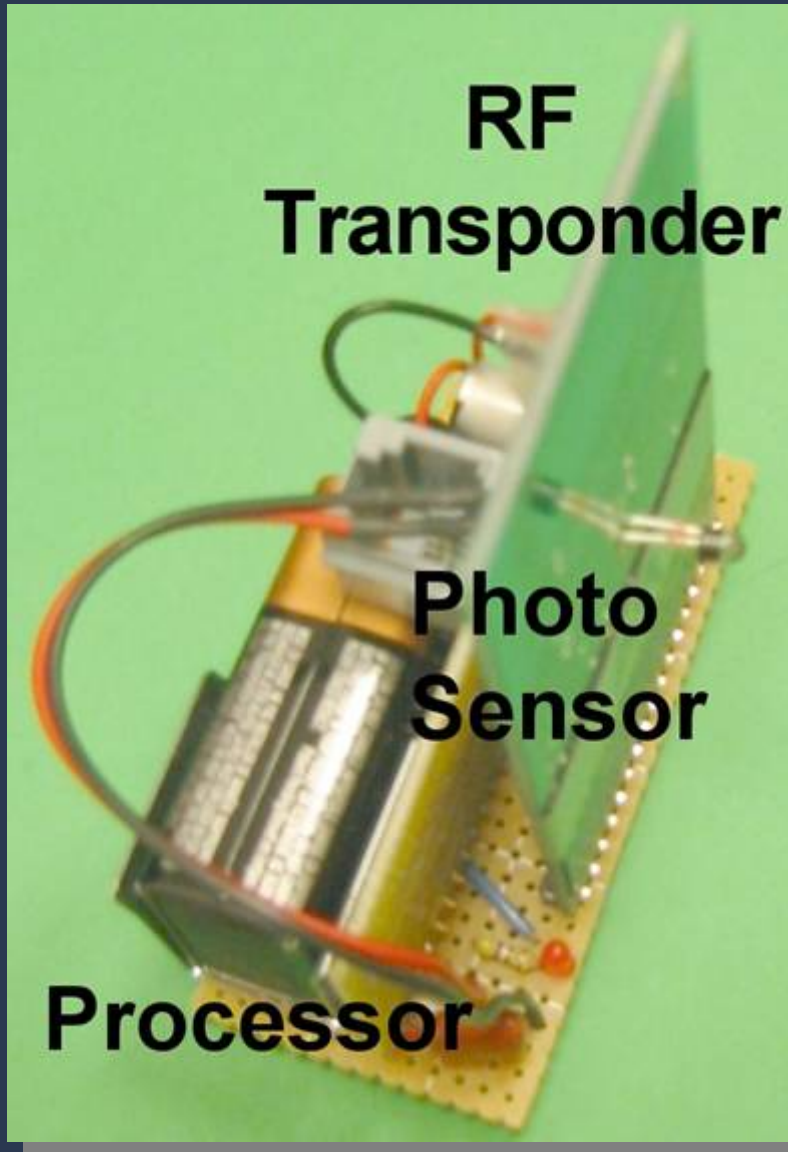


# RFIG

(Radio Frequency Id and **Geometry**)



# Prototype Tag

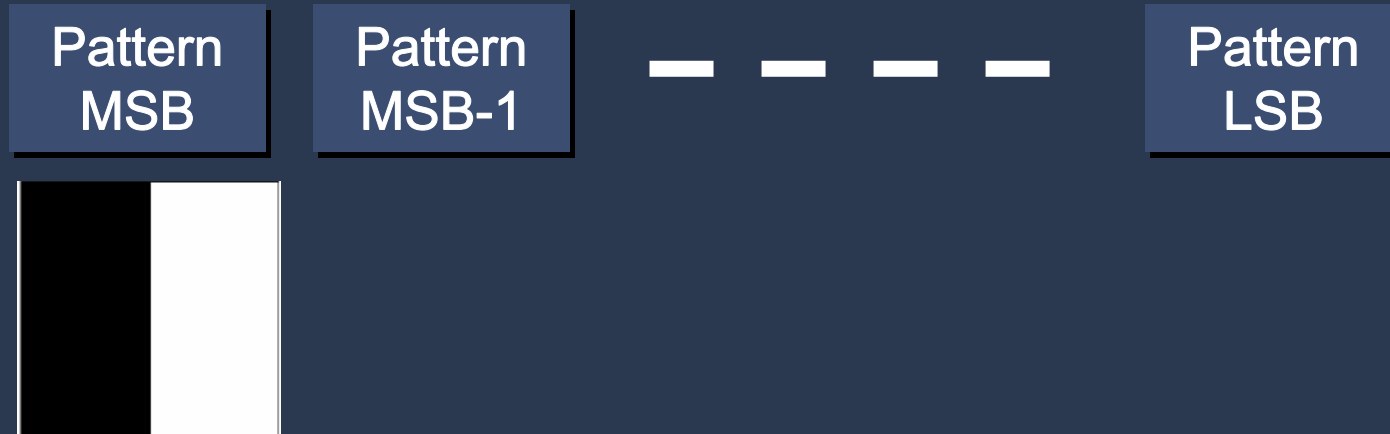


RF tag +  
photosensor





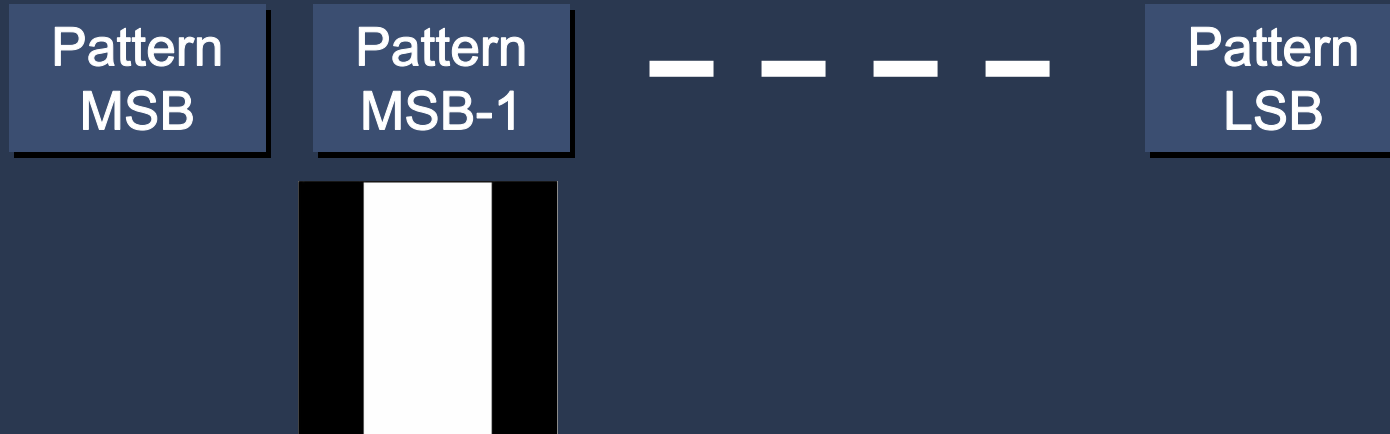
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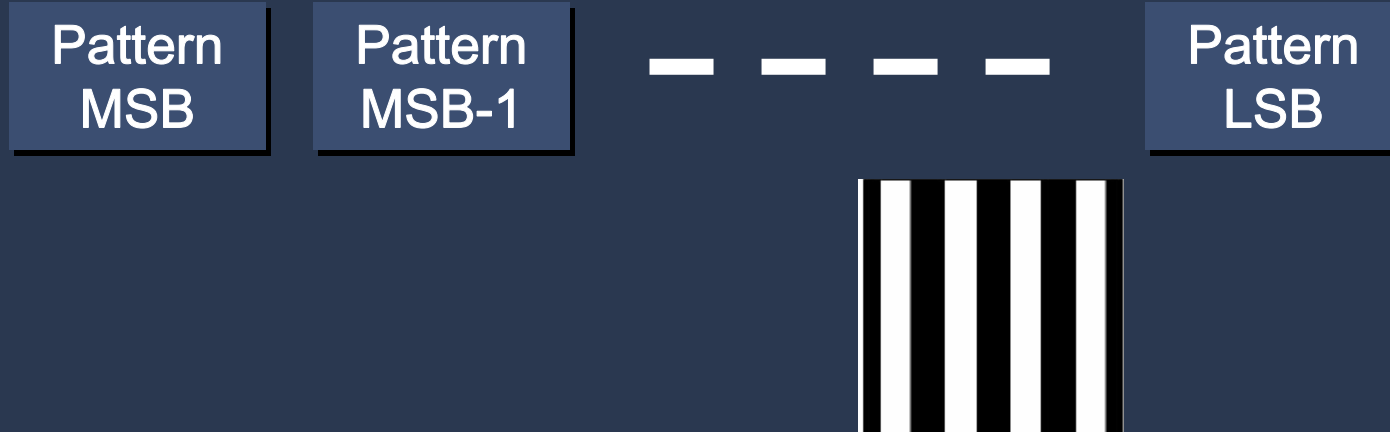


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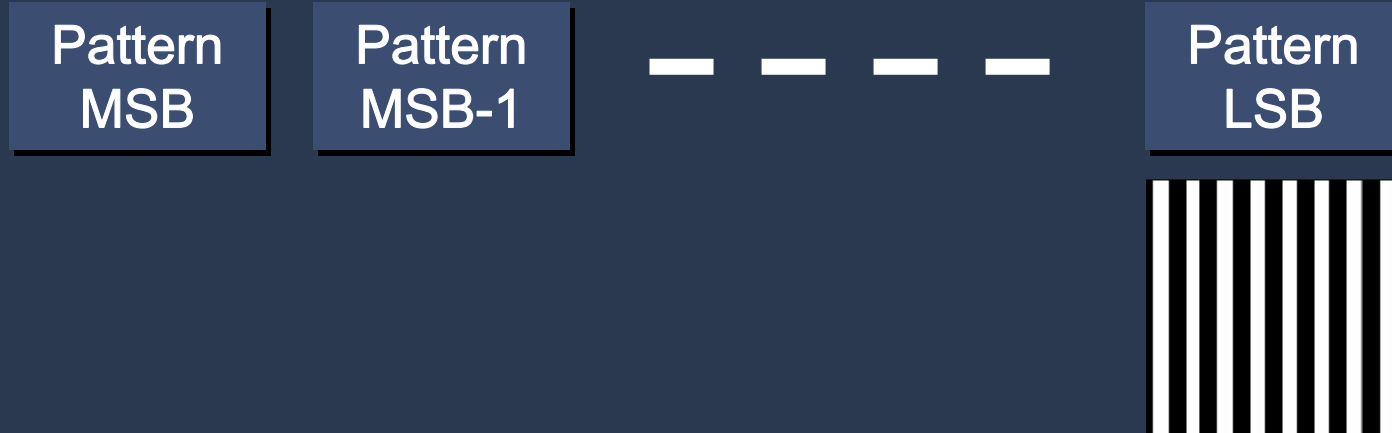
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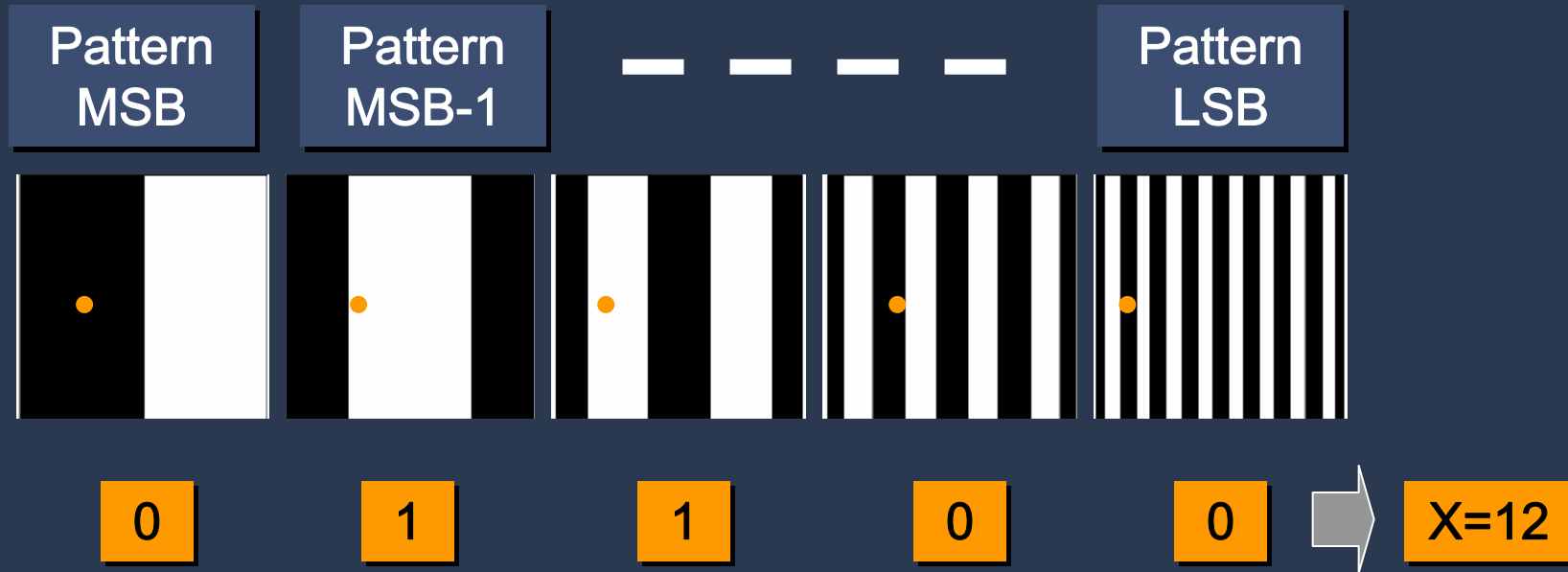
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For each tag

- From light sequence, decode  $x$  and  $y$  coordinate
- Transmit back to RF reader  $(Id, x, y)$



# Visual feedback of 2D position

- a. Receive via RF  $\{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots\}$  pixels
- b. Illuminate those positions

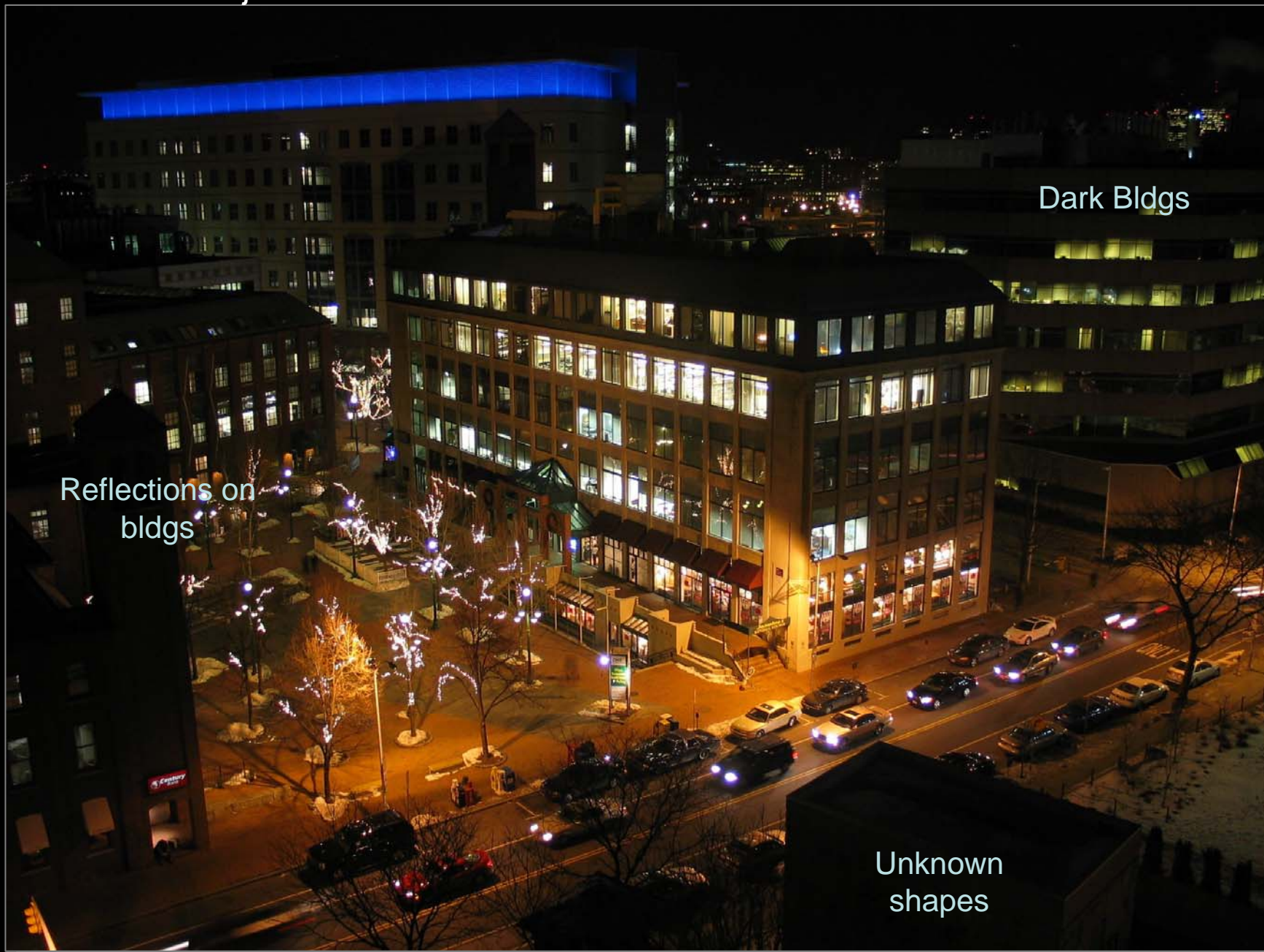


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# A Night Time Scene: Objects are Difficult to Understand due to Lack of Context



Dark Bldgs

Reflections on  
bldgs

Unknown  
shapes

Enhanced Context :  
All features from night scene are preserved, but background in clear



'Well-lit' Bldgs

Reflections in  
bldgs windows

Tree, Street  
shapes

Night Image



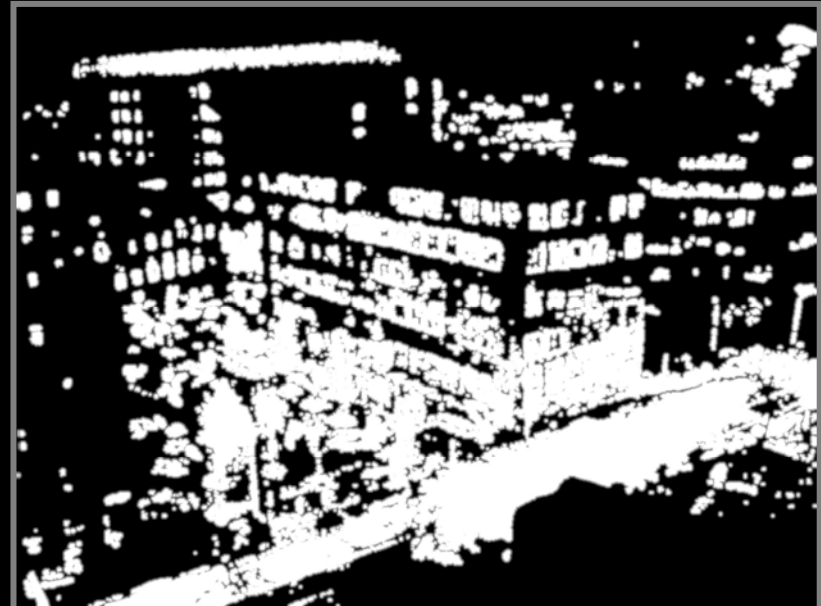
Background is captured from day-time scene using the same fixed camera



Day Image

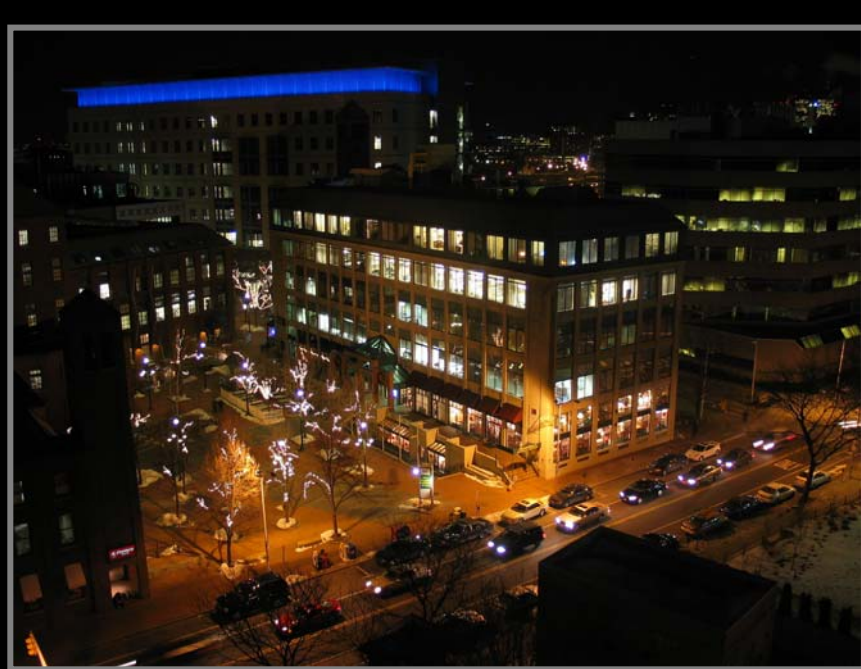
Result: Enhanced Image





Mask is automatically computed from scene contrast





But, Simple Pixel Blending Creates Ugly Artifacts



Pixel Blending



Our Method:  
Integration of  
blended Gradients



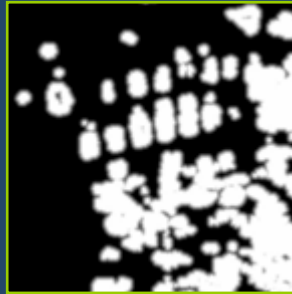
Nighttime image



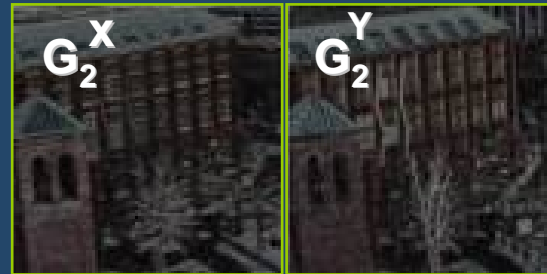
Gradient field



Importance image W



Daytime image



Gradient field

Mixed gradient field



Final result



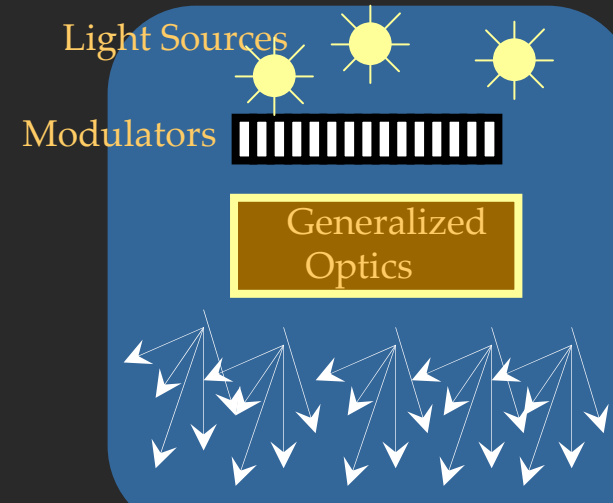
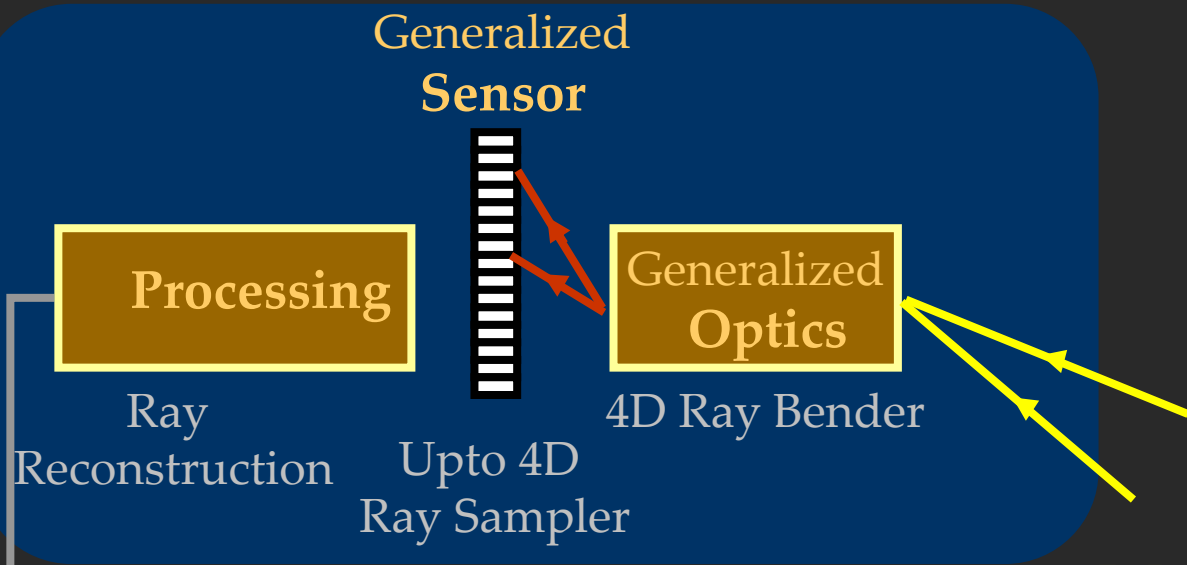
# 'Smarter' Lighting Equipment



**Programmable Parameters**

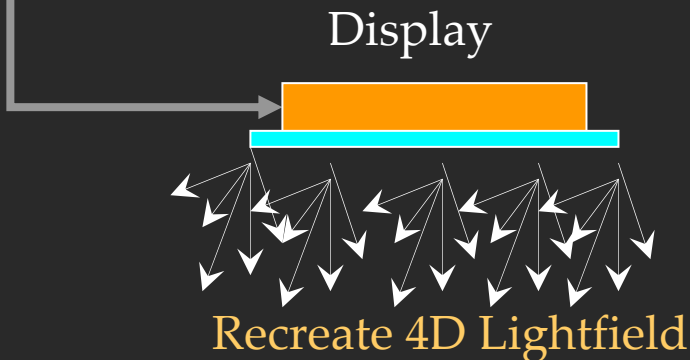
# Computational Illumination

## Novel Cameras



**Programmable 4D Illumination field + Time + Wavelength**

4D Light Field



Scene: 8D Ray Modulator

# Computational Illumination:

## *Programmable 4D Illumination Field + Time + Wavelength*

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