

# Less is More: Coded Computational Photography

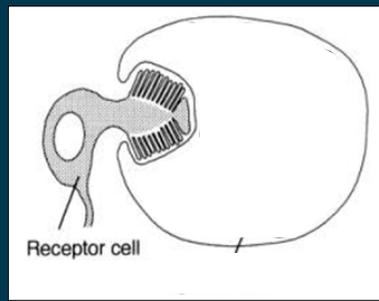


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# Simplest Visual Organs

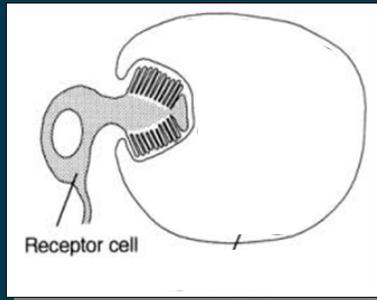


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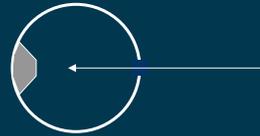


'Single Pixel' Camera

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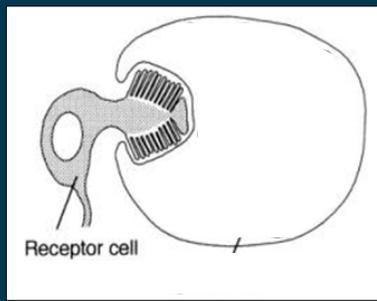


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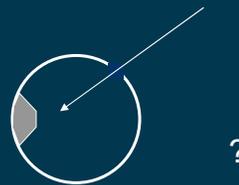


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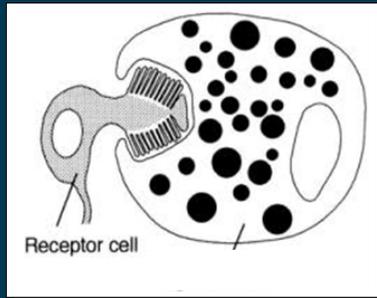
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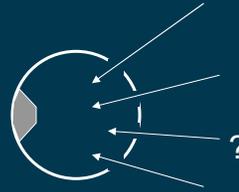
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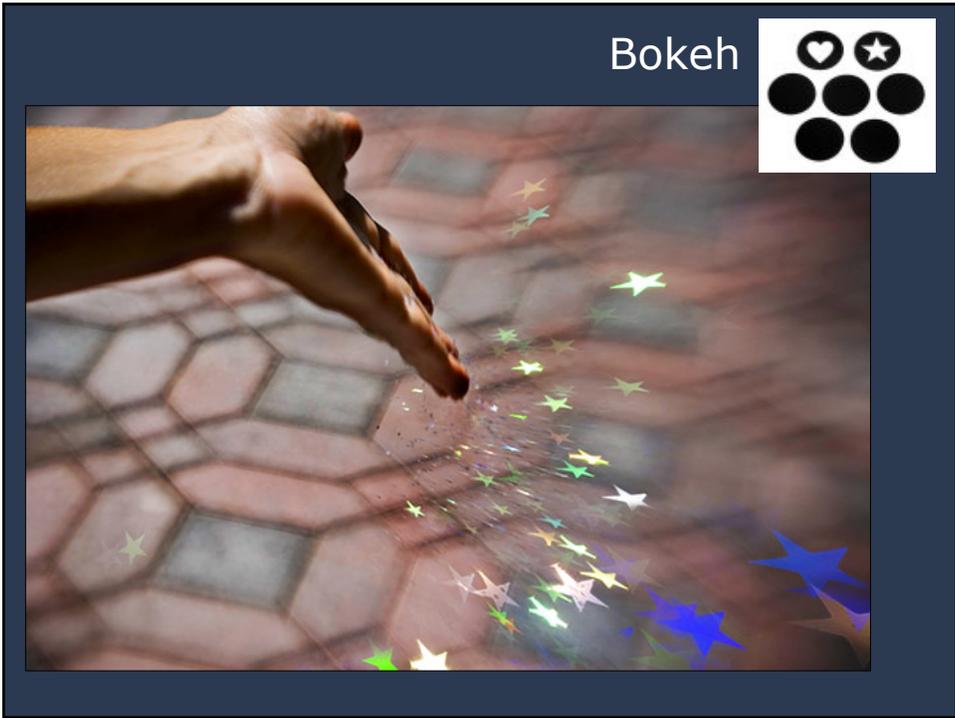
The aperture of a 100 mm lens is modified

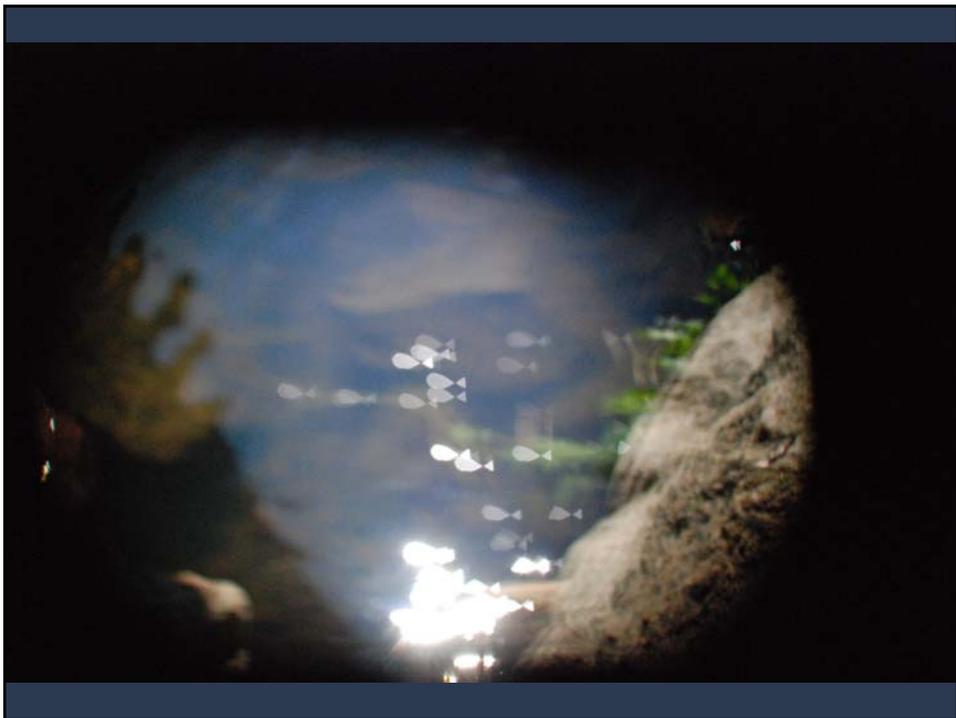
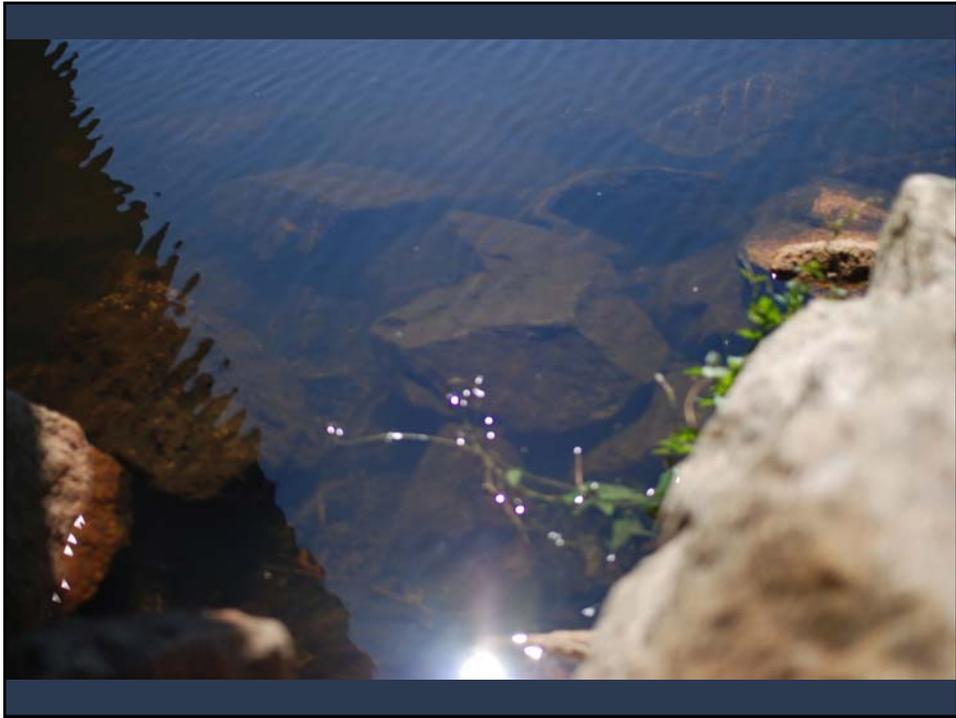


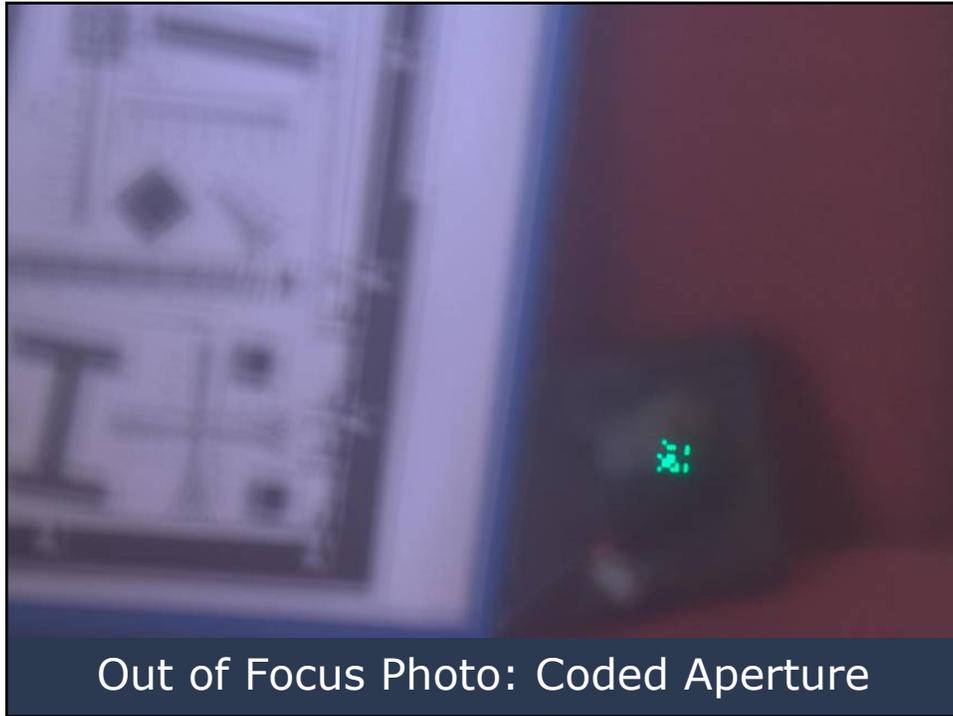
Insert a **coded mask** with chosen binary pattern

Rest of the camera is unmodified



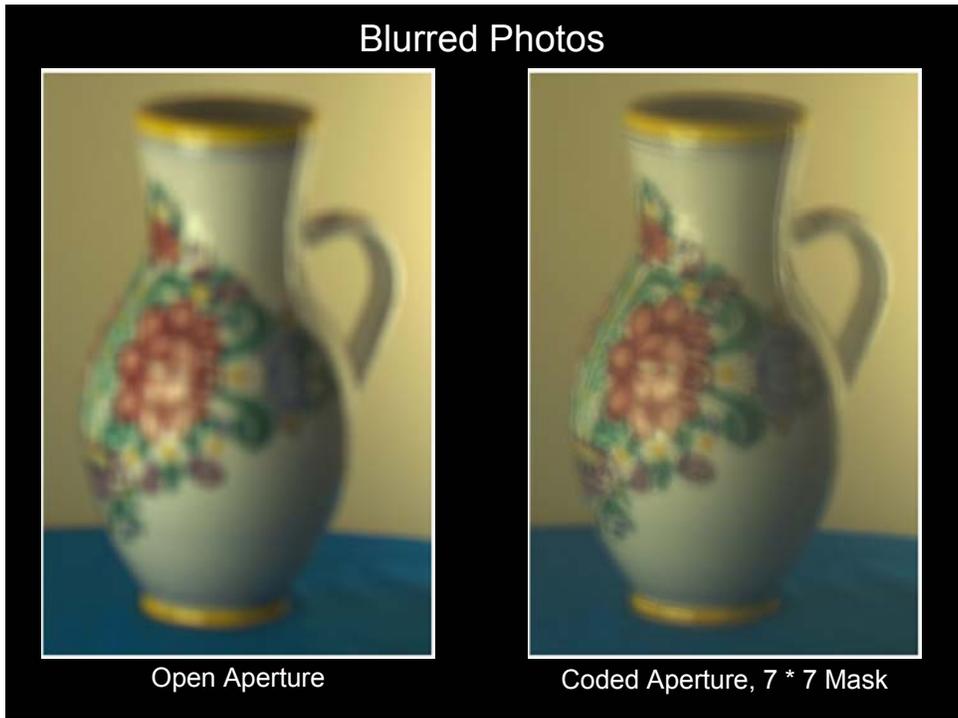






Out of Focus Photo: Coded Aperture





After Removing De-Focus Blur



Open Aperture

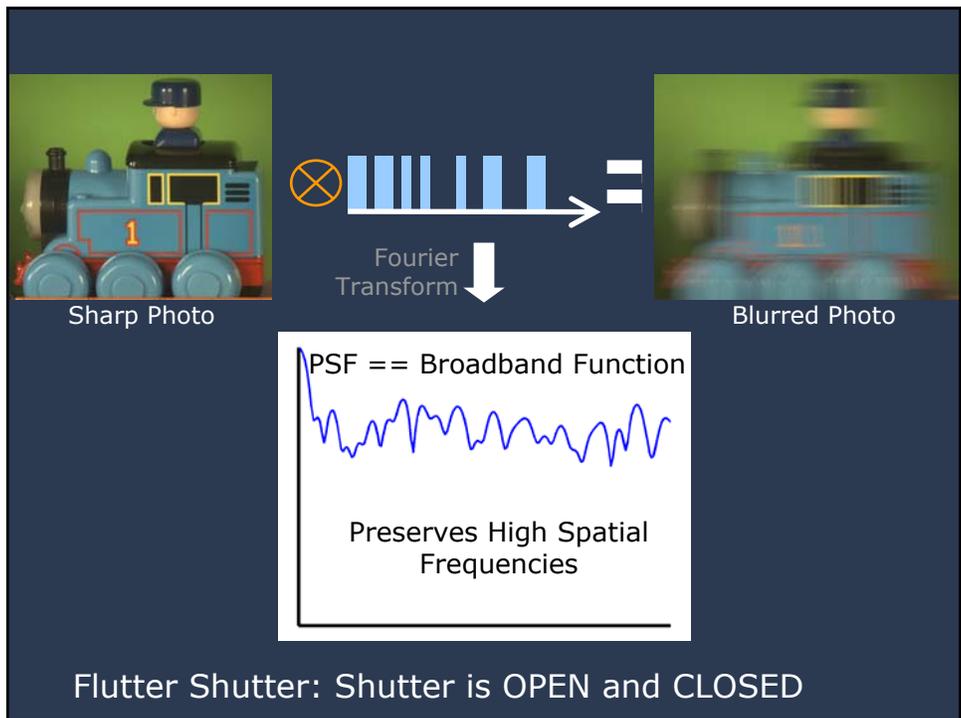
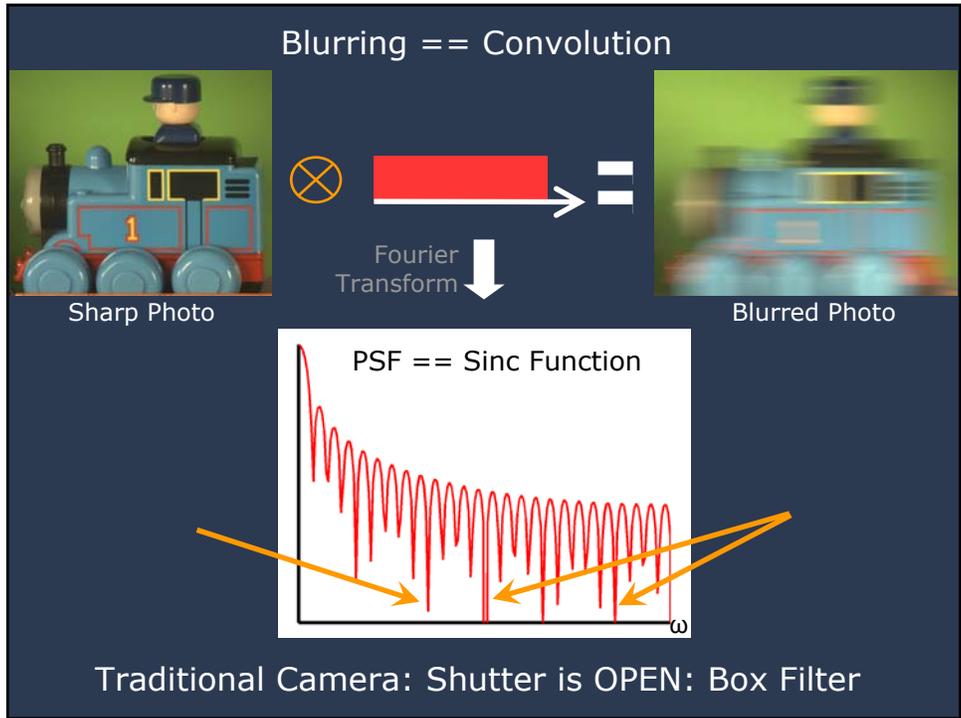


Coded Aperture, 7 \* 7 Mask





Short Exposure	Traditional	
		← Shutter
		← Captured Single Photo
		← Deblurred Result
Dark and noisy	Banding Artifacts and some spatial frequencies are lost	

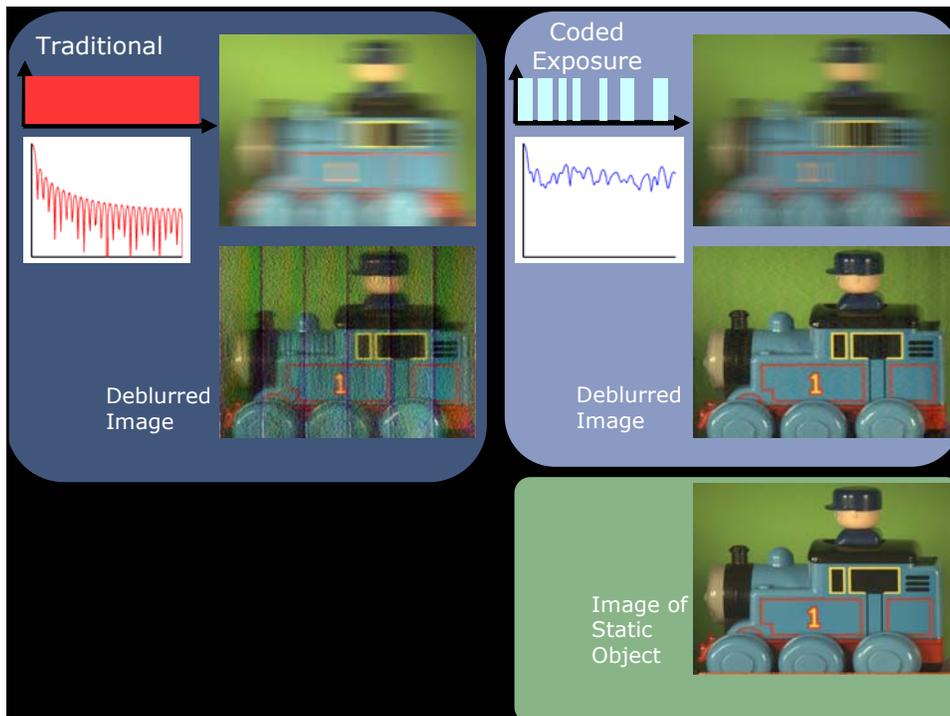


# Flutter Shutter Camera

Raskar, Agrawal, Tumblin [Siggraph2006]



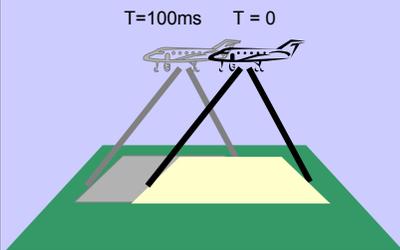
LCD opacity switched in coded sequence



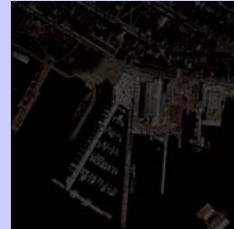


## Application: Aerial Imaging

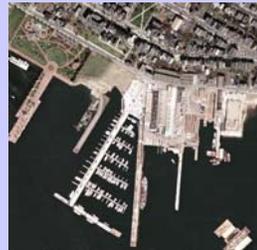
Sharpness versus Image Pixel Brightness



Long Exposure:



Short Exposure:



Sharp image with sufficient brightness

Flutter Shutter



## Coded Exposure



Temporal 1-D broadband code:  
Motion Deblurring

## Coded Aperture



Spatial 2-D broadband mask:  
Focus Deblurring

## Less is More

Blocking Light == More Information

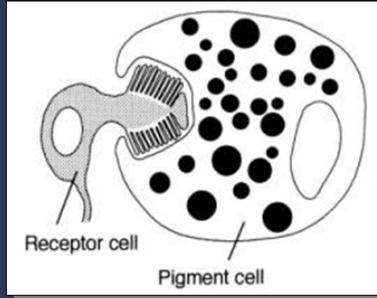


Coding in Time



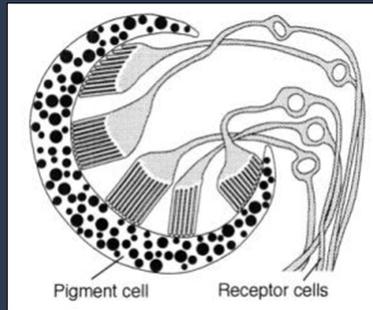
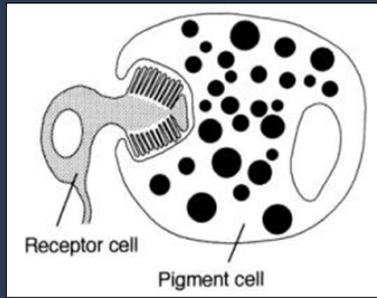
Coding in Space





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### Coded Aperture in Nature ?

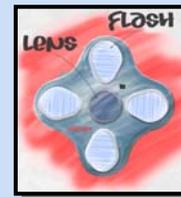
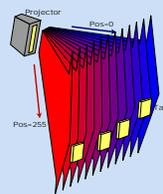


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## Less is More ..

- Coded Exposure
  - Motion Deblurring
- Coded Aperture
  - Focus Deblurring
- Optical Heterodyning
  - Light Field Capture
- Coded Illumination
  - Motion Capture
  - Multi-flash: Cartoons



## Computational Photography

1. Epsilon Photography
  - Multi-photos by perturbing camera parameters
  - HDR, panorama
  - 'Ultimate camera': (Photo-editors)
2. Coded Photography
  - Single/few snapshot
  - Reversible encoding of data
  - Additional sensors/optics/illum
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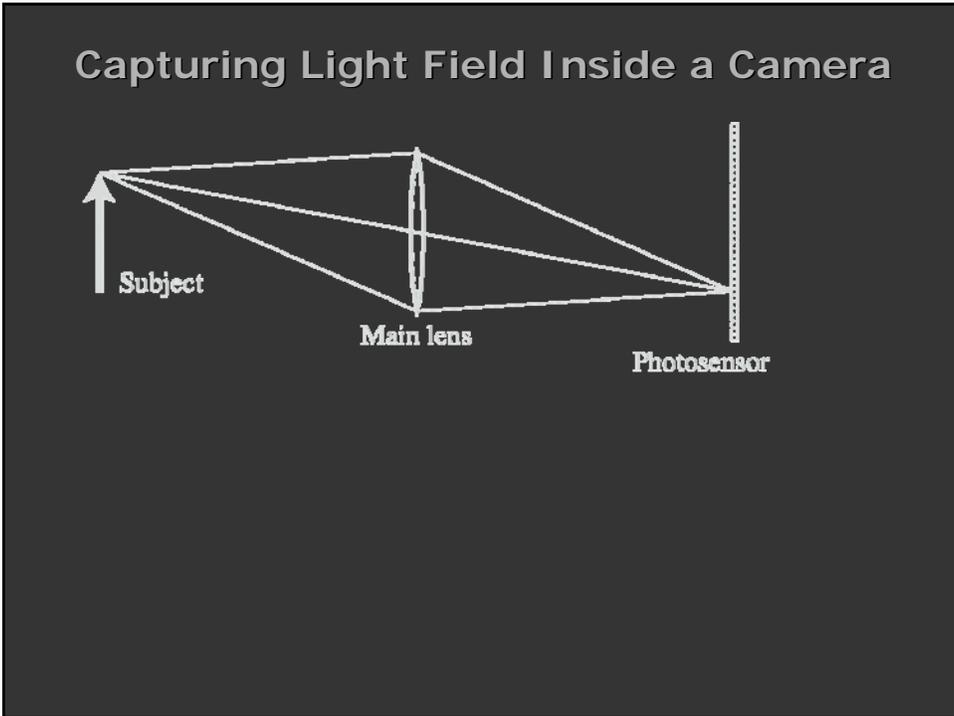
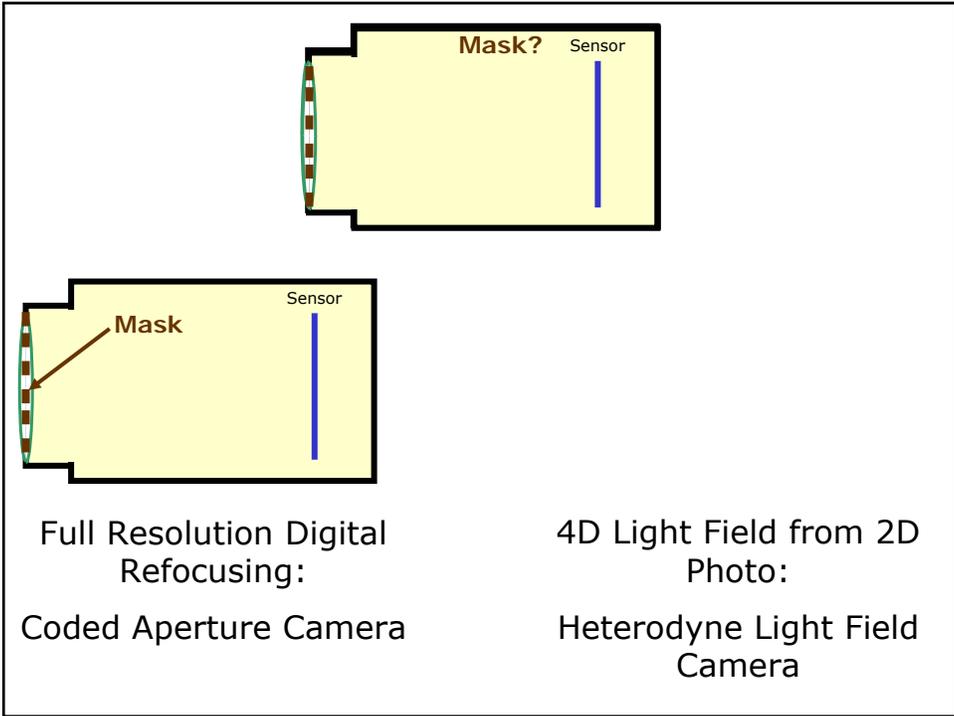
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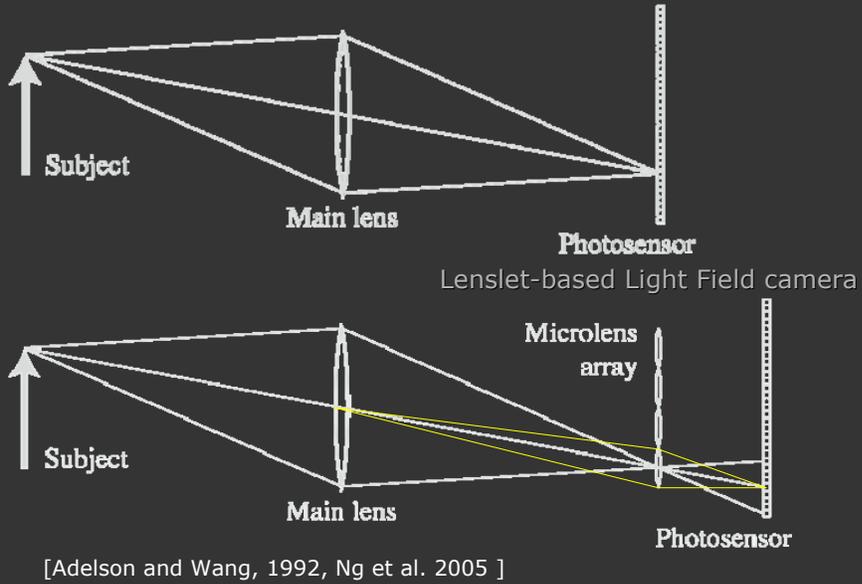
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## Capturing Light Field Inside a Camera



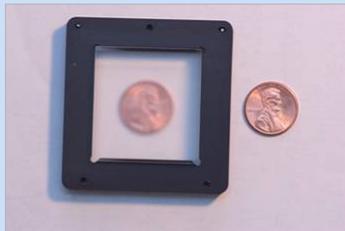
## Stanford Plenoptic Camera [Ng et al 2005]



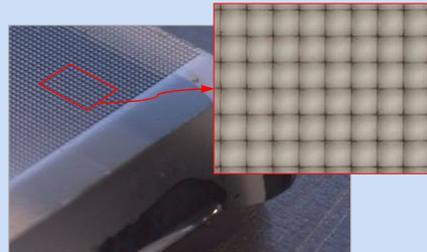
Contax medium format camera



Kodak 16-megapixel sensor



Adaptive Optics microlens array



125µ square-sided microlenses

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

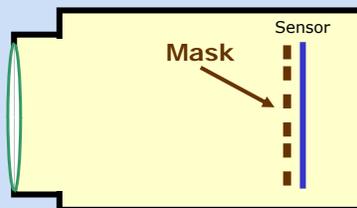
## Digital Refocusing



[Ng et al 2005]

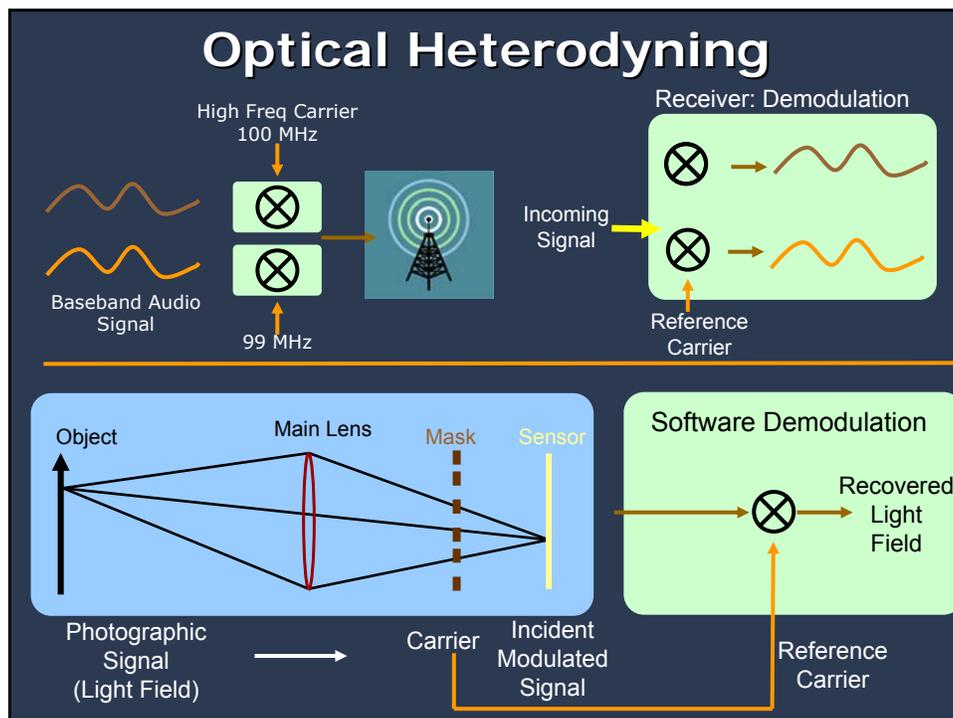
Can we achieve this with a Mask alone?

## Heterodyne Light Field Camera



# How to Capture 4D Light Field with 2D Sensor ?

What should be the  
pattern of the mask ?





### Traditional Camera vs Heterodyne Camera

	<p>2D FFT →</p>	
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Traditional Camera Photo

Magnitude of 2D FFT

Heterodyne Camera Photo

Magnitude of 2D FFT

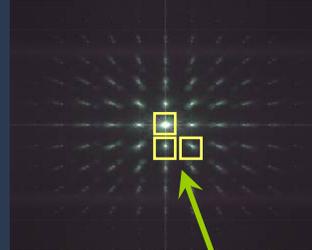
## Computing 4D Light Field

2D Sensor Photo, 1800\*1800



2D  
FFT

2D Fourier Transform, 1800\*1800



9\*9=81 spectral copies

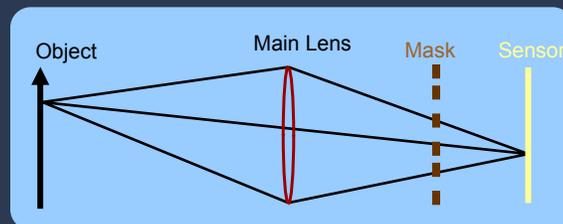
Rearrange 2D tiles into 4D planes  
200\*200\*9\*9



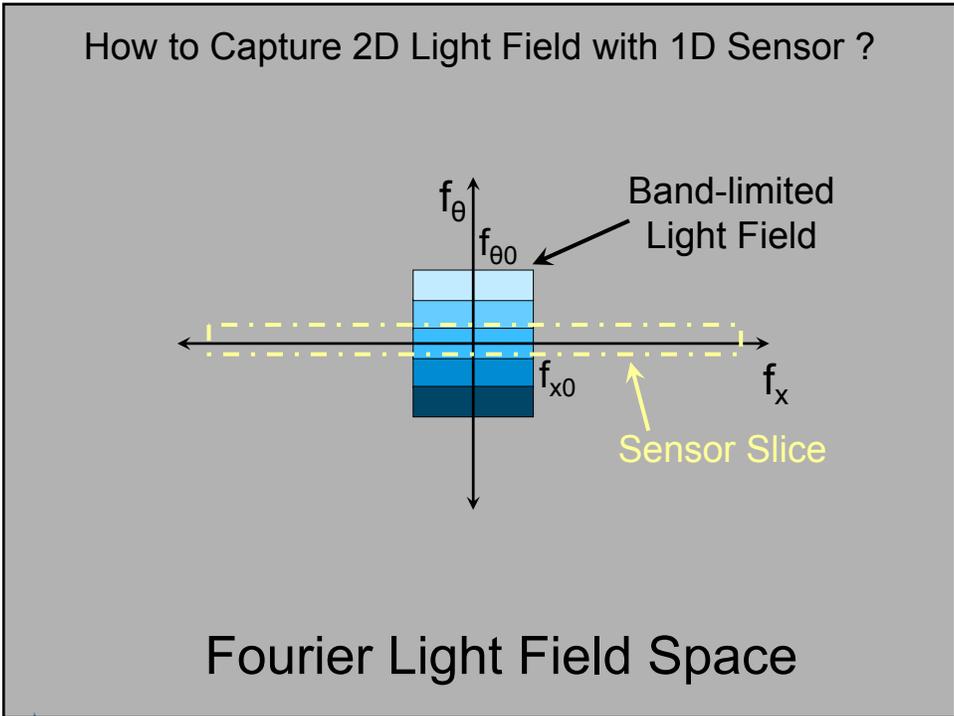
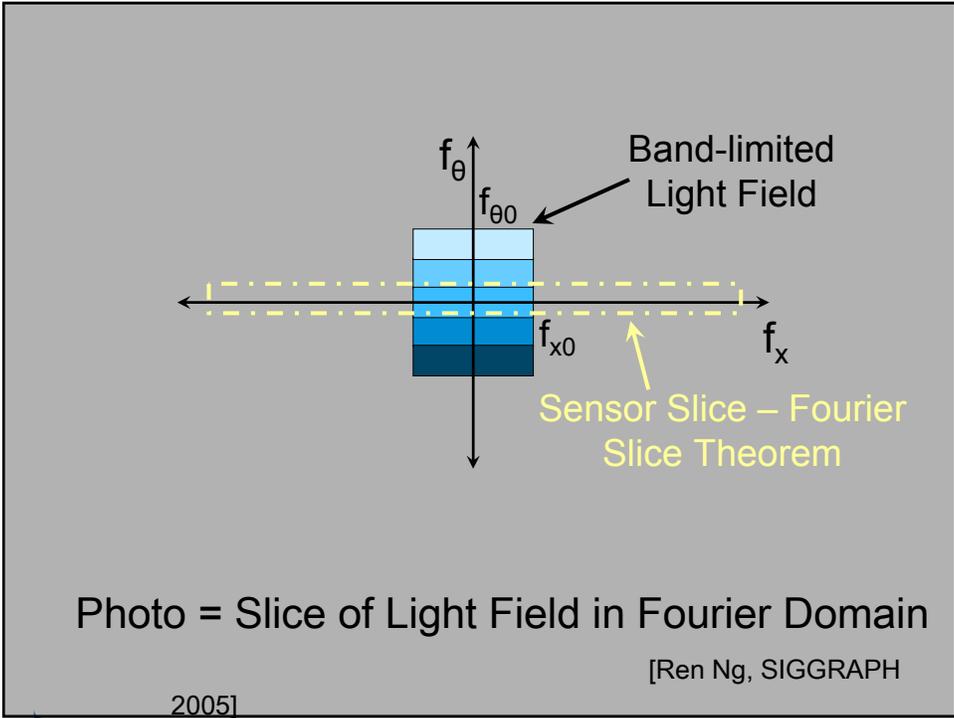
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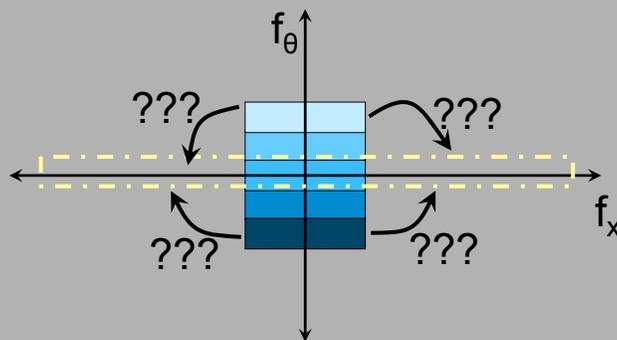
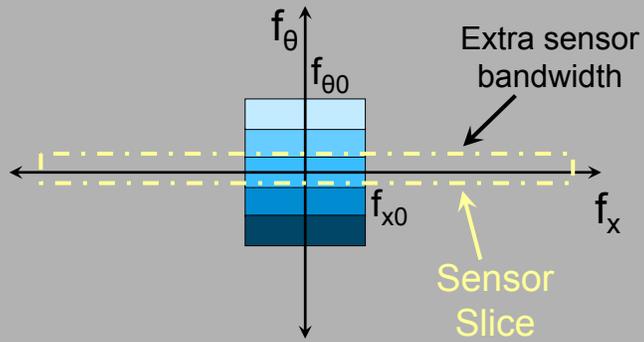
## A Theory of Mask-Enhanced Camera



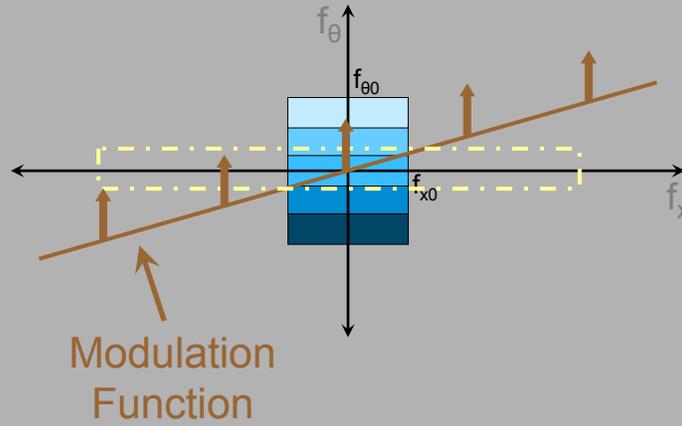
- Mask == Light Field Modulator
- Intensity of ray gets **multiplied** by Mask
- Convolution** in Frequency domain



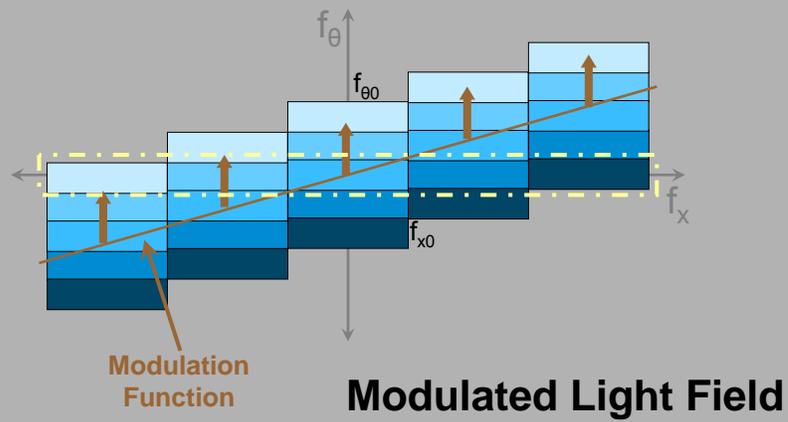
Extra sensor bandwidth cannot capture extra *dimension* of the light field



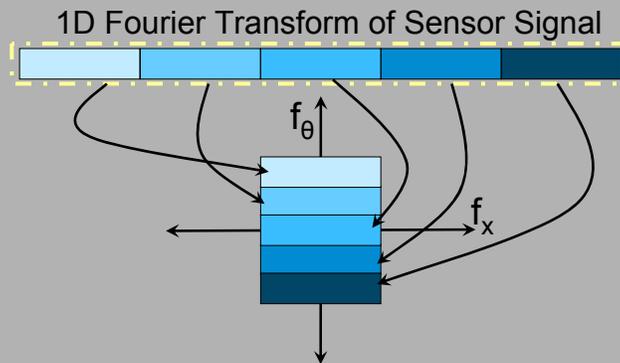
Solution: Modulation Theorem  
Make spectral copies of 2D light field



Sensor Slice captures entire Light Field



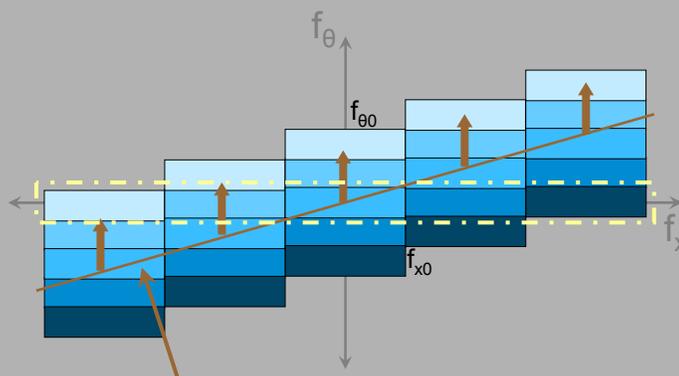
## Demodulation to recover Light Field

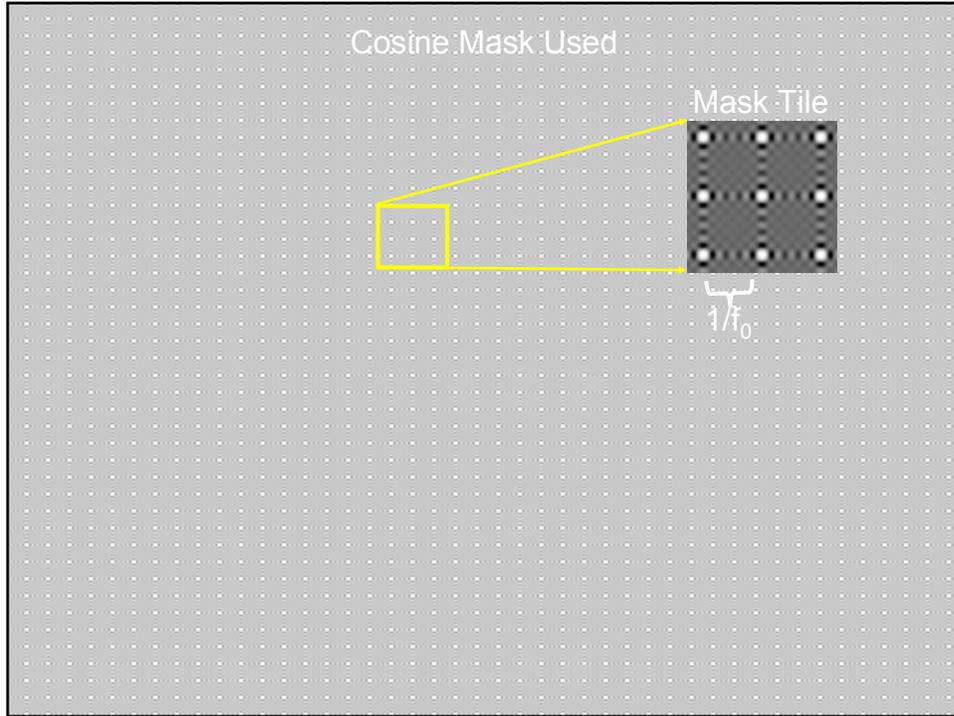


*Reshape* 1D Fourier Transform into 2D

Modulation Function == Sum of Impulses

Physical Mask = Sum of Cosines



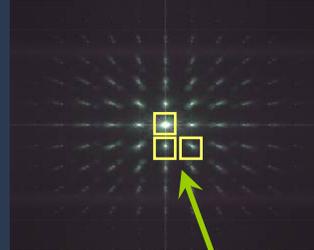


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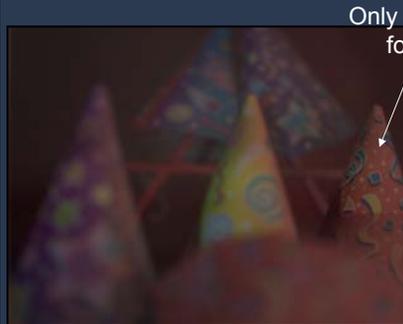
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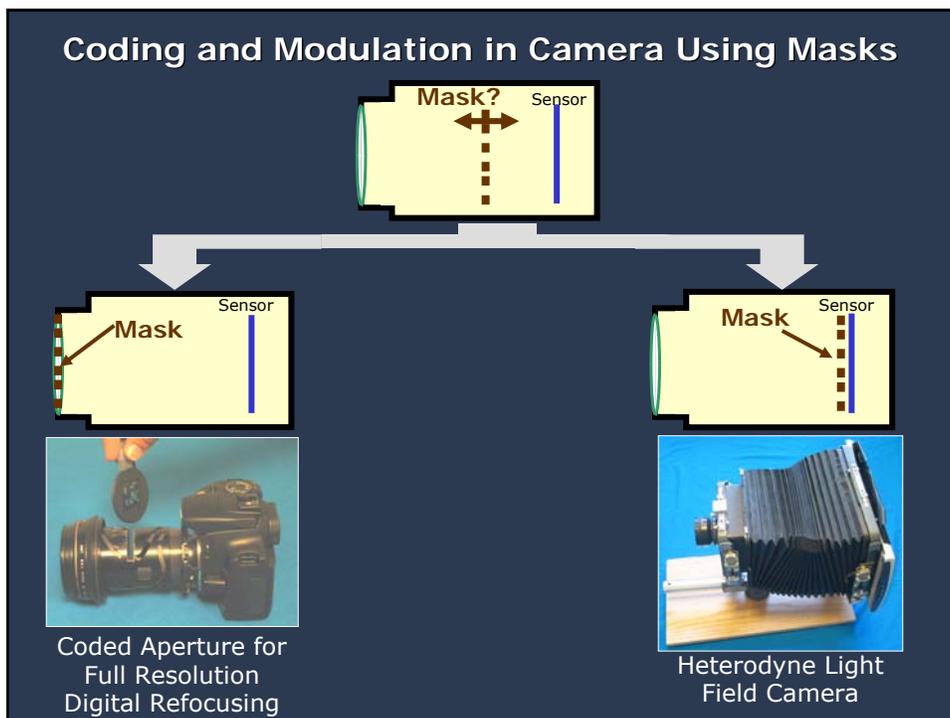
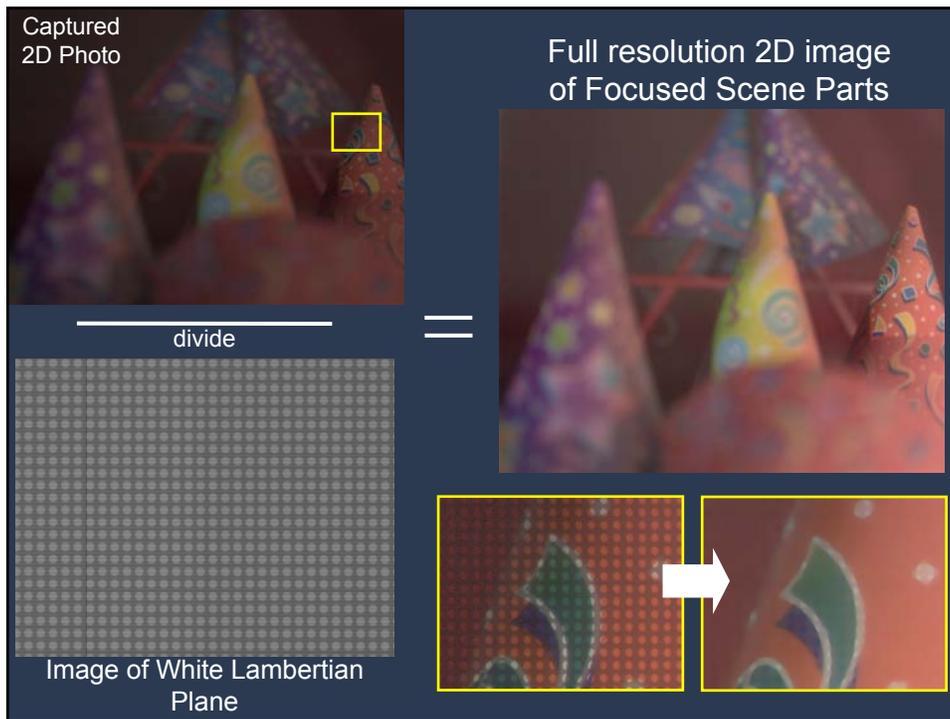
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Captured Photo

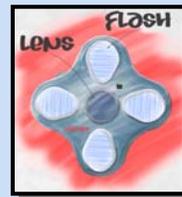
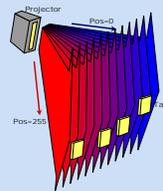


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## Vicon Optical Motion Capture



High-speed IR Camera

Medical Rehabilitation



Athlete Analysis



### Body-worn markers

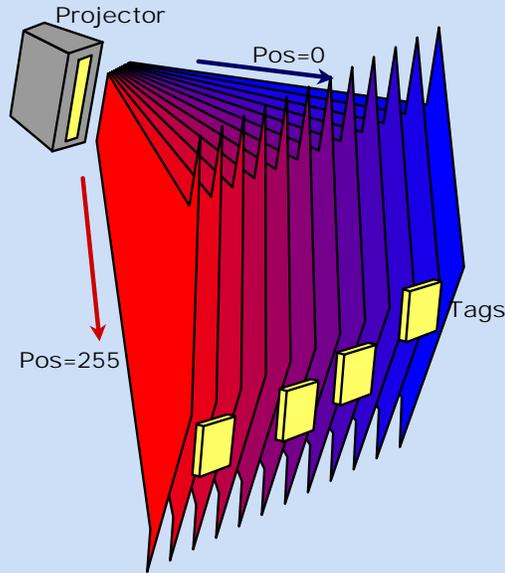


Performance Capture



Biomechanical Analysis

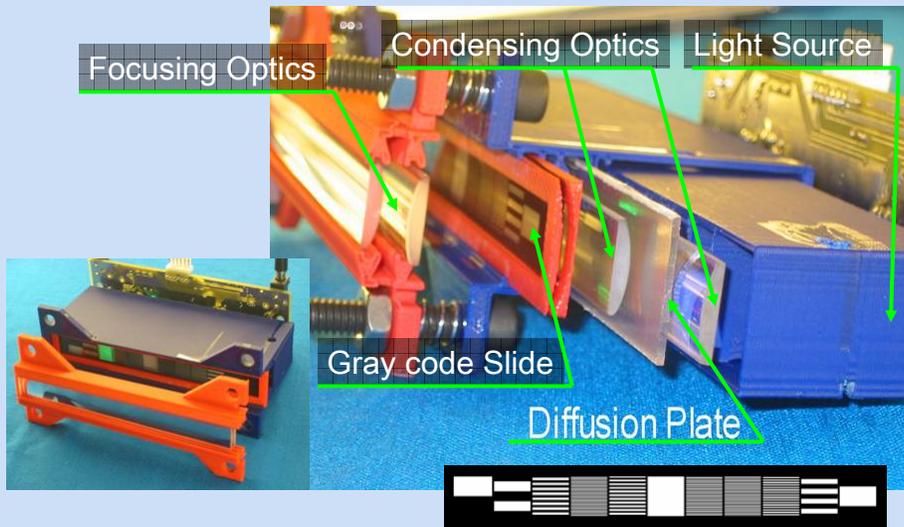
# Labeling Space



Each location receives a unique temporal code

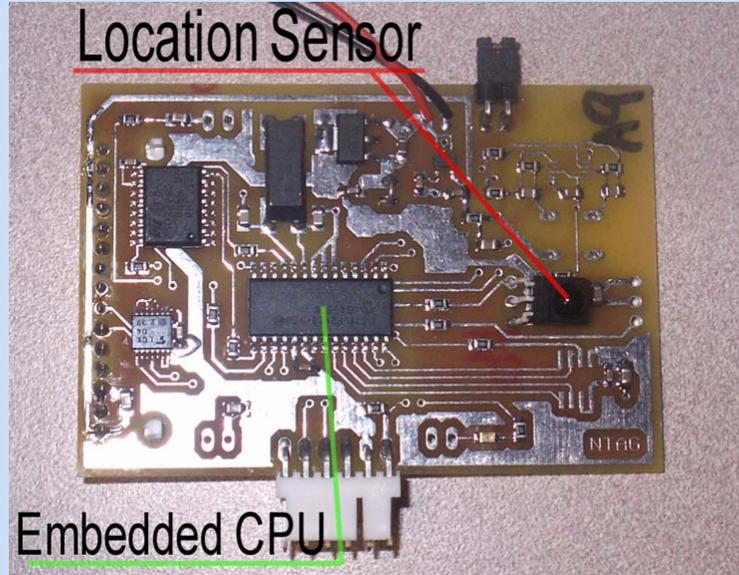
But 60Hz video projector is too slow

# Coded Illumination Projector

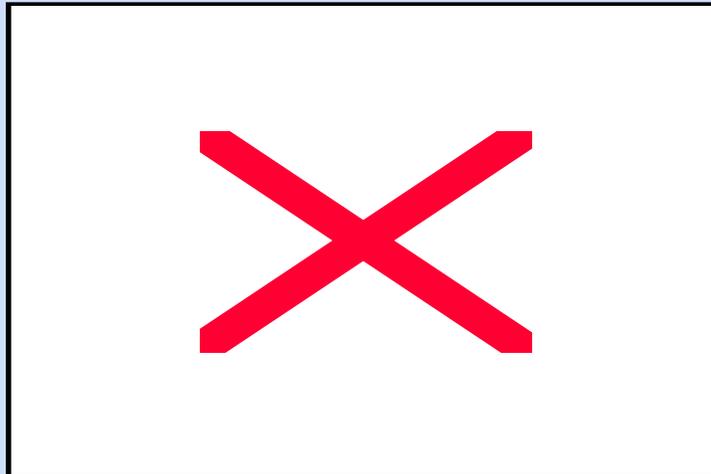


The Gray code pattern

## Photosensing Tag

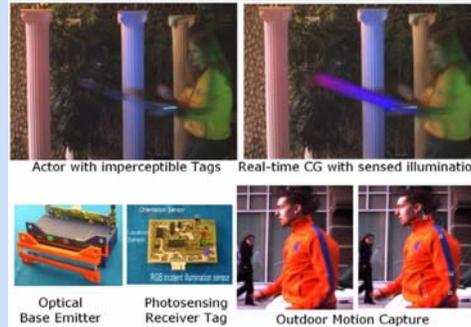


Imperceptible tags, Ambient Lighting, Id per marker



Prakash [Raskar, Nii, Summet et al Siggraph 2007]

## Coded Illumination for Motion Capture



- 500 Hz Tracking
- Id for each Marker Tag
- Capture in Natural Environment
  - Visually imperceptible tags
  - Photosensing Tag can be hidden under clothes
  - Ambient lighting is ok
- Unlimited Number of Tags Allowed
- Base station and tags only a few 10's \$

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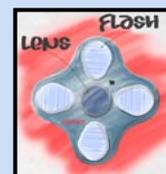
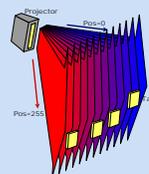
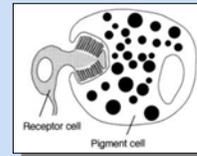
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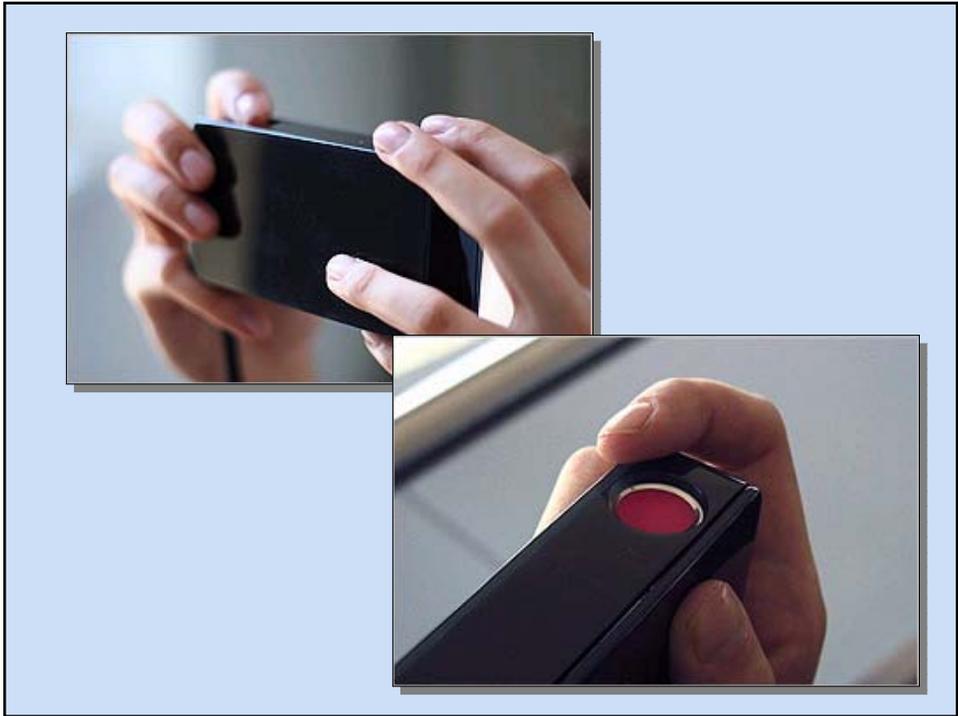
## Future of Coding Light

- How to block light in other ways?
  - Time, Space, Illumination .. Wavelength? On Sensor?
- What other blockers?
  - Dynamic masks (LCDs), non-planar or colored masks?
- Applications
  - Estimate params in presence of low pass convolution
  - Light Field Applications: lens aberration, microscopy

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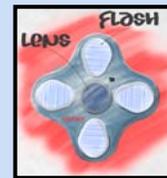
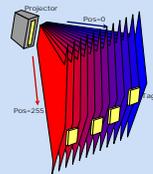
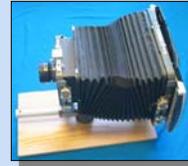
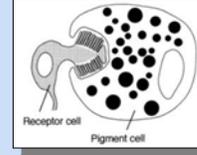


**Blind Camera**

Sascha Pohflepp,  
U of the Art, Berlin, 2006

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