

# ECE 468: Digital Image Processing

## Lecture 1

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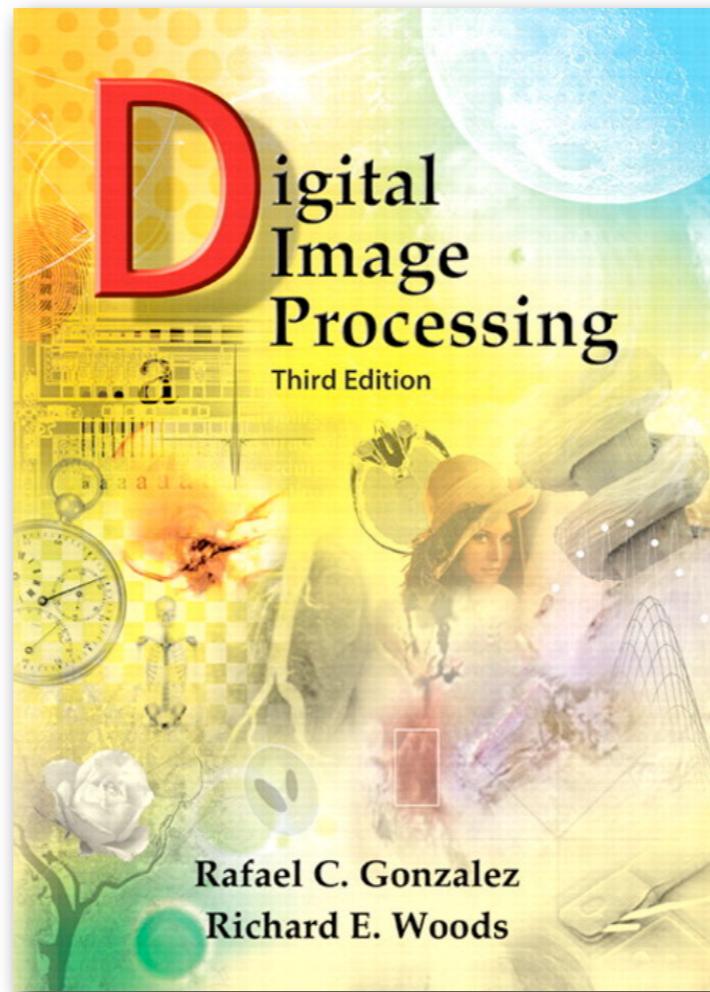
MWF 3-3:50pm, STAG 329

- Class website:

<http://web.engr.oregonstate.edu/~sinisa/courses/OSU/ECE468/ECE468.html>



# Recommended Textbook



- “Digital Image Processing” by R.C. Gonzalez and R.E. Woods,  
**3rd edition**, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2008
- Additional readings on the class website

# Course Objectives

- Cover **basic** theory and algorithms **widely** used in image processing
- Develop hands-on experience in processing images
- Familiarize with MATLAB Image Processing Toolbox
- Develop critical thinking about the state of the art

# Prerequisites

- Signals and systems: ECE 351 and ECE 352
- Undergraduate-level knowledge of:
  - Linear algebra
    - Matrices, Matrix Operations
    - Determinants, Systems of Linear Equations
    - Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors
  - Statistics and probability
    - Probability density function, Probability distribution
    - Priors, Posteriors, Likelihoods
    - Gaussian distribution
- Good programming skills

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- Final exam on December 7, 12:00pm, STAG 329

# **Grading Policy**

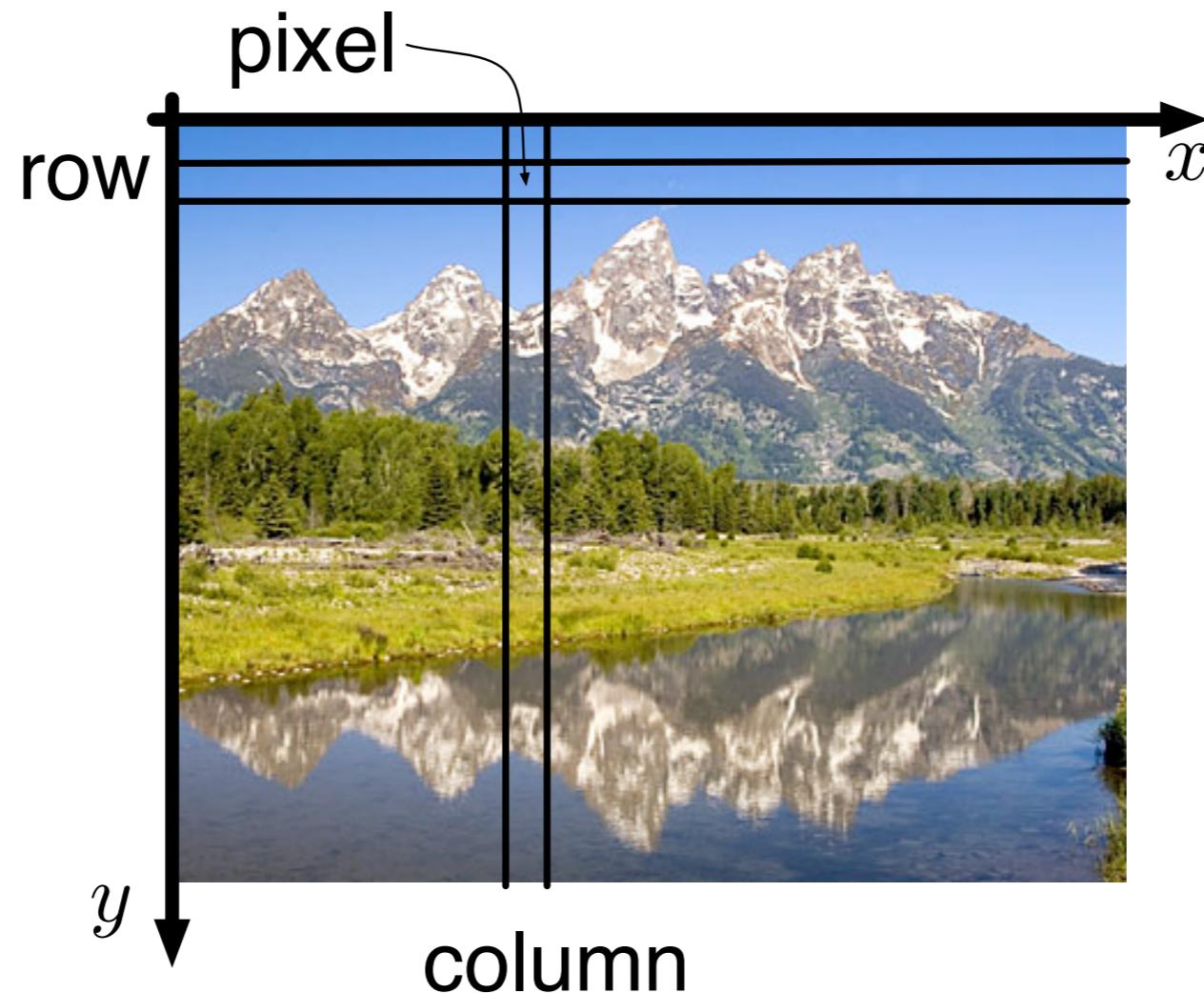
- Homework = 20%
- Exam 1 = 25%
- Exam 2 = 25%
- Final exam = 30%

# **Academic Honesty -- Examples of Cheating**

- Bringing forbidden material or devices to the examination
- Working on the exam before or after the official time allowed
- Requesting a re-grade of work altered after the initial grading
- Submitting a homework that is not your own work

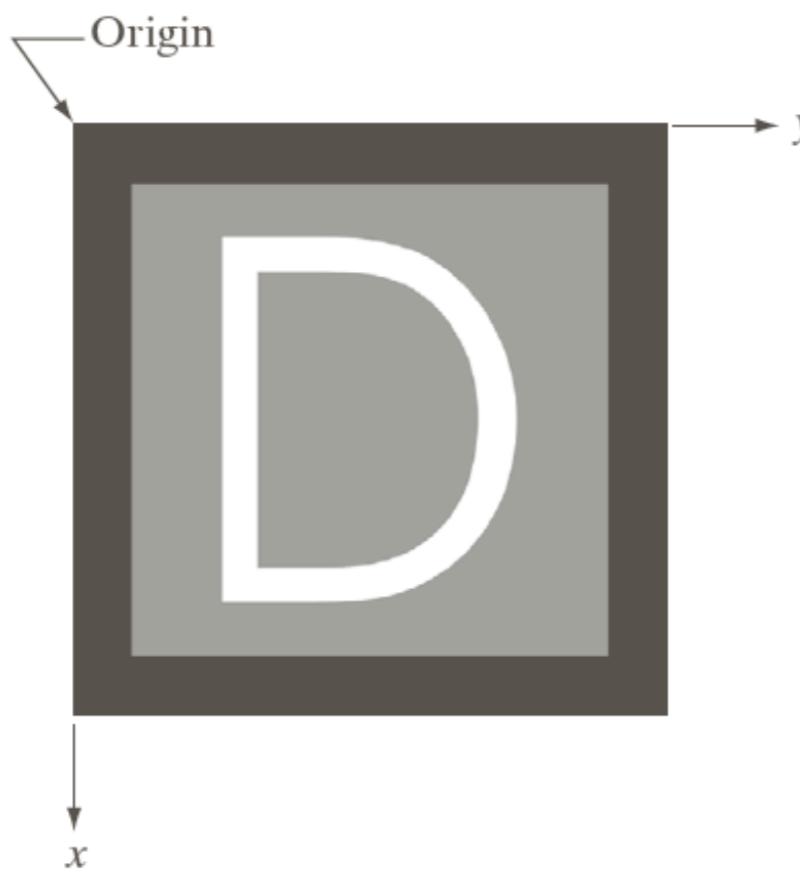
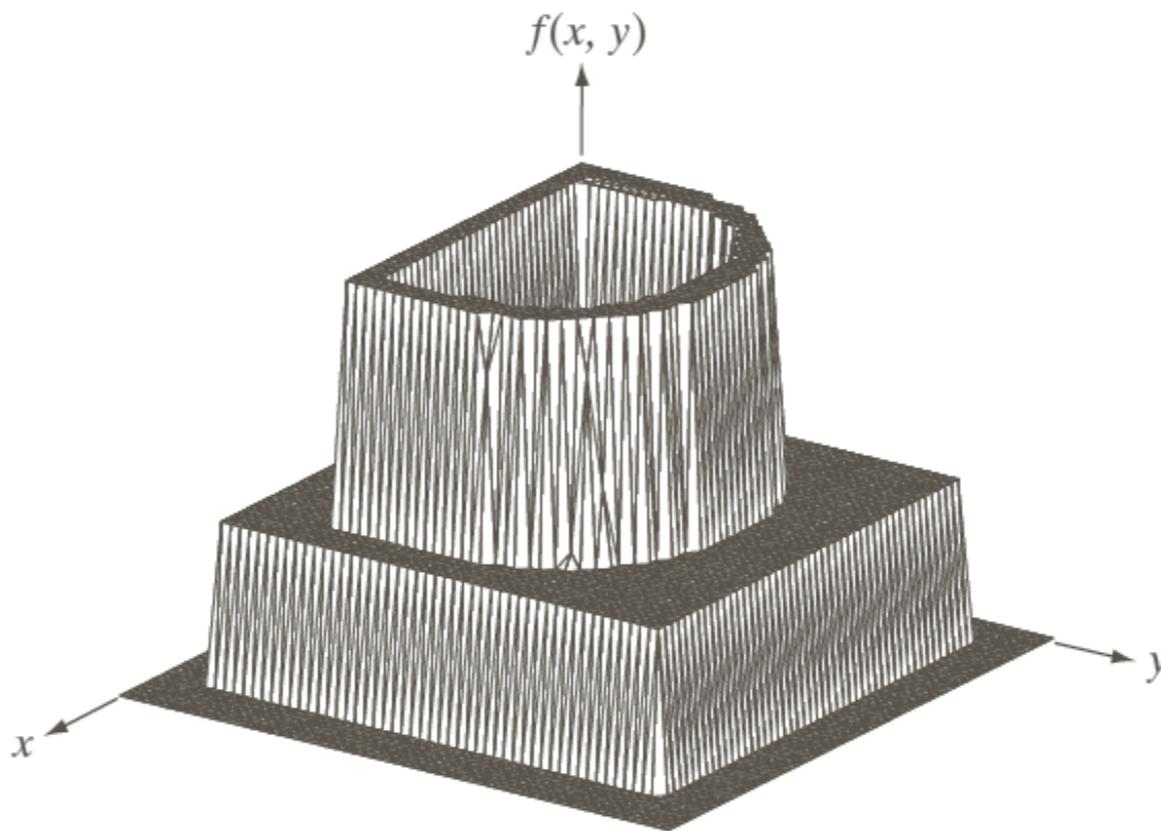
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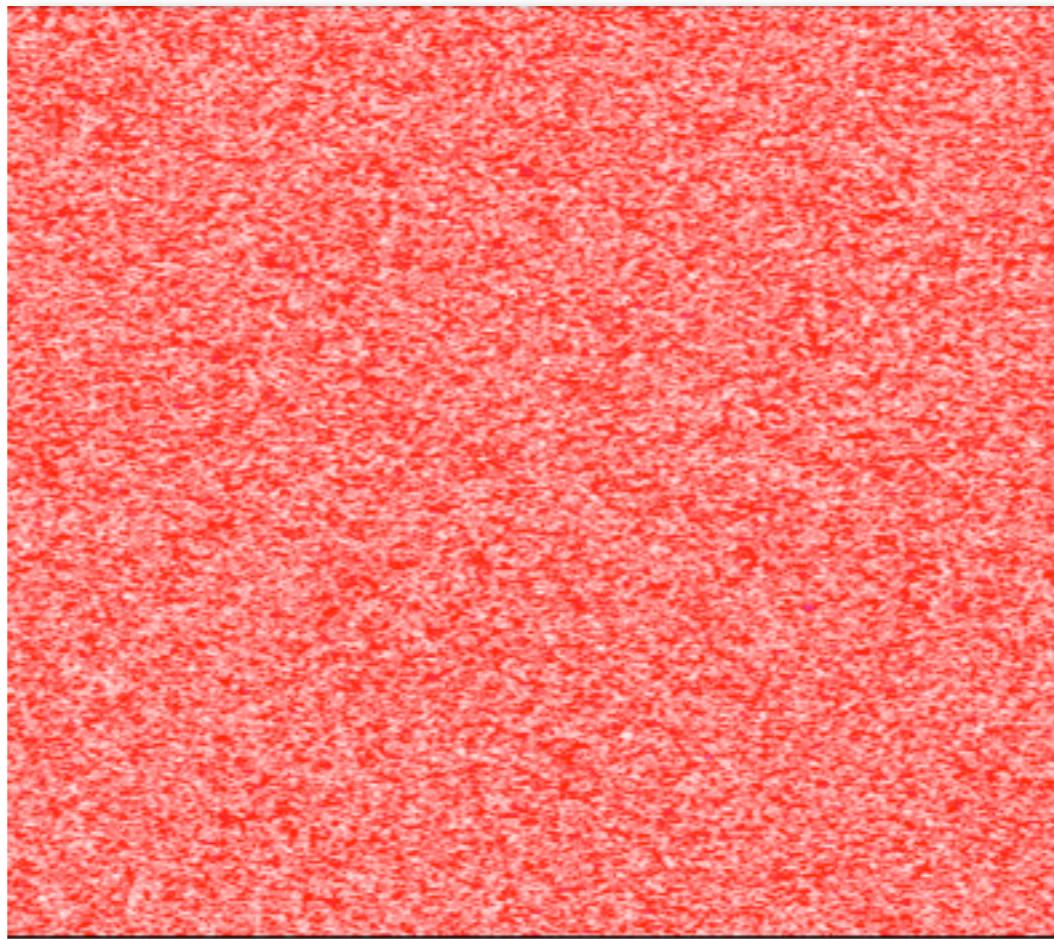
- Two-dimensional function  $f(x,y)$  or matrix
- $x, y, f(x,y)$  are discrete and finite
- Image size =  $\max_x \times \max_y$  -- e.g. 640x480
- Pixel intensity value  $f(x,y) \in [0, 255]$

# Pixel Values

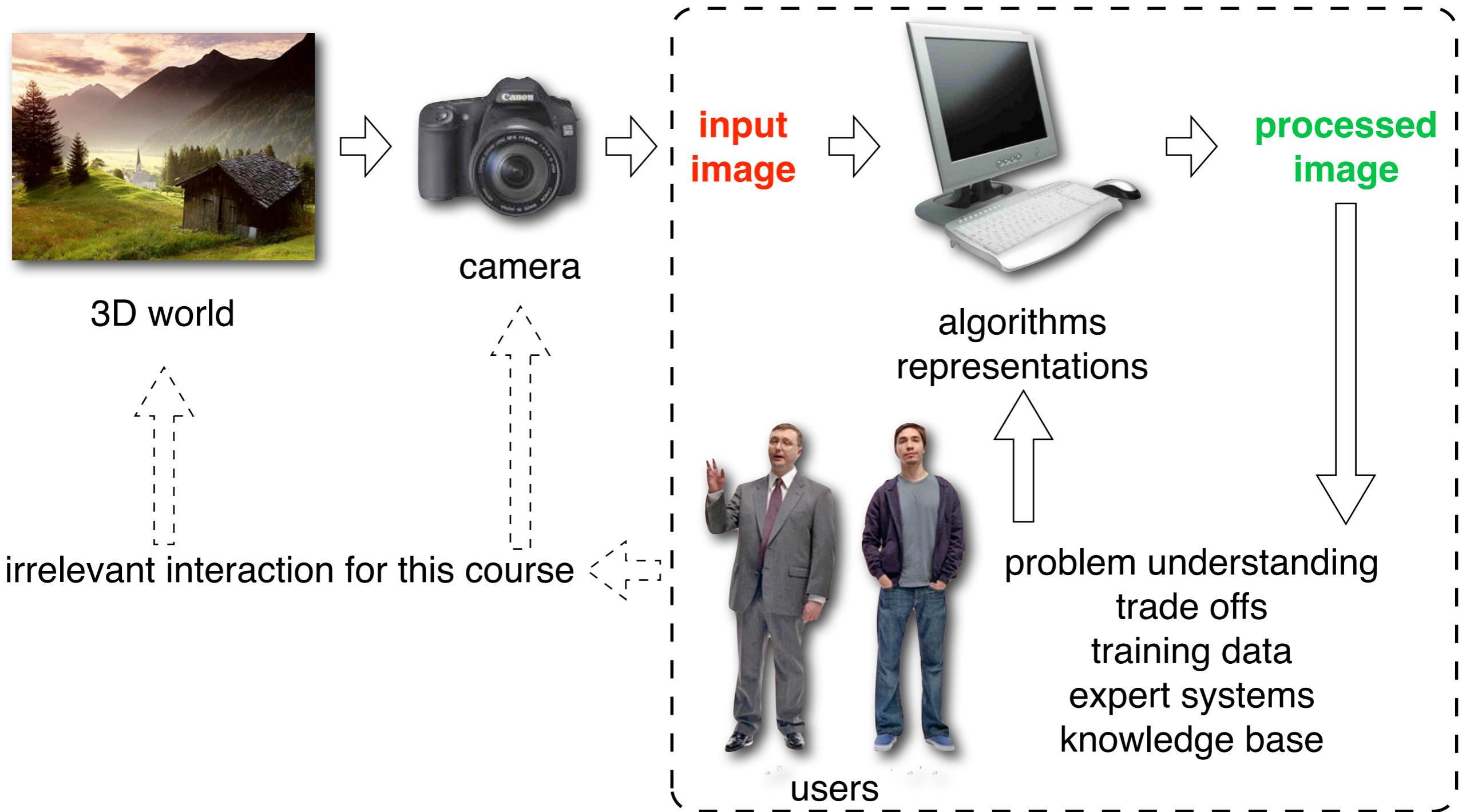


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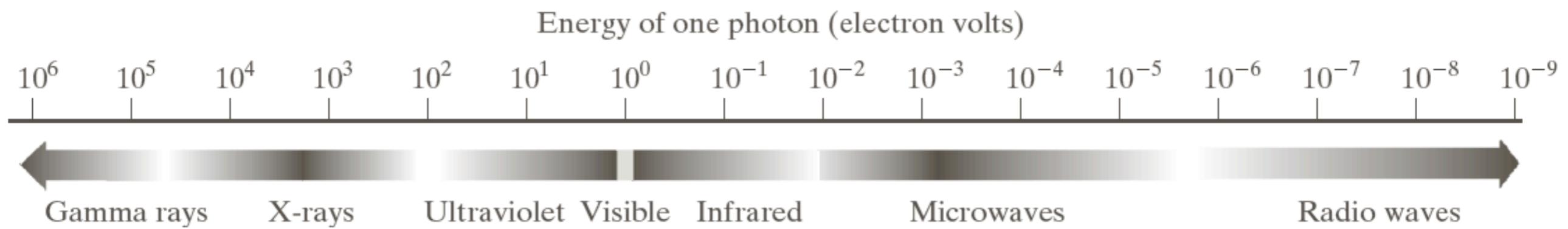
# Images are not Collections of Random Pixels



# A Typical Digital Image Processing System

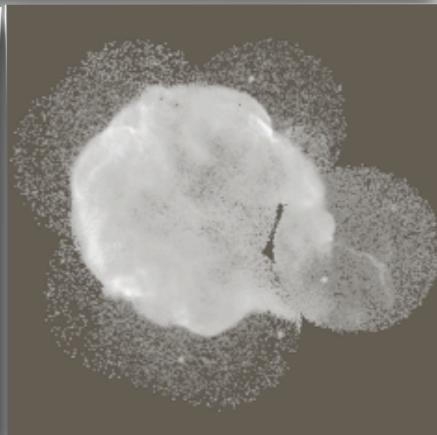
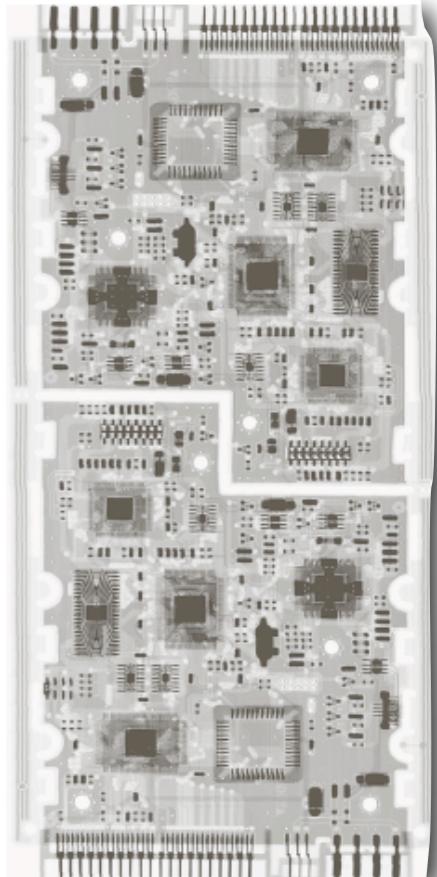
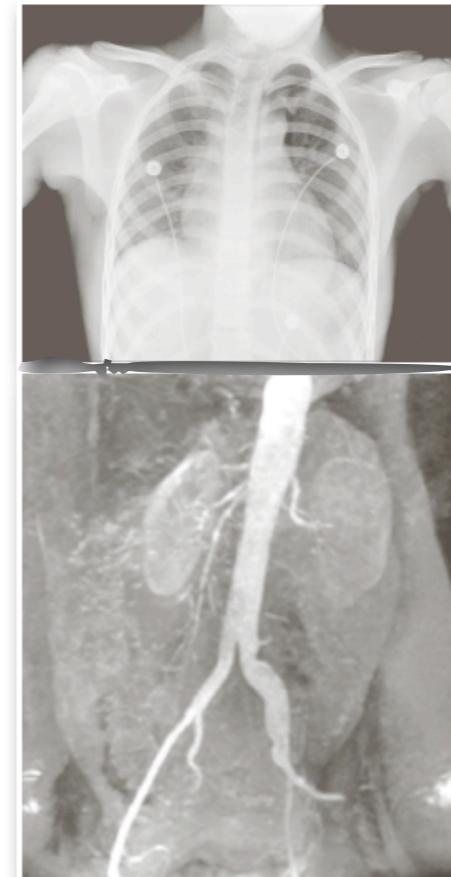
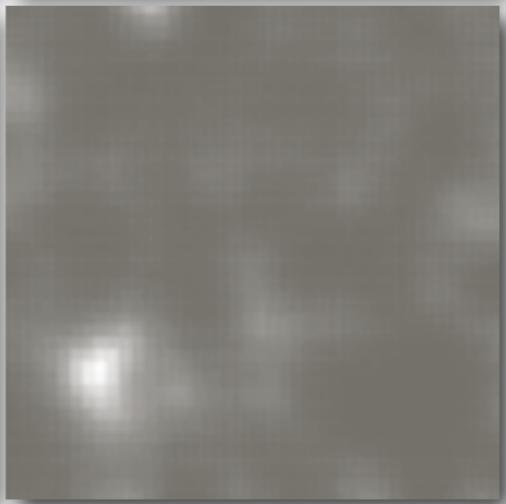
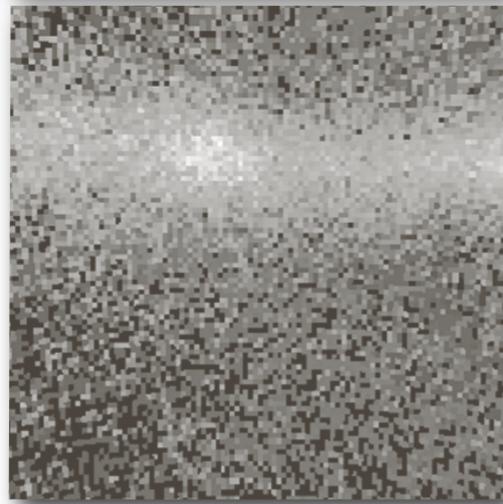
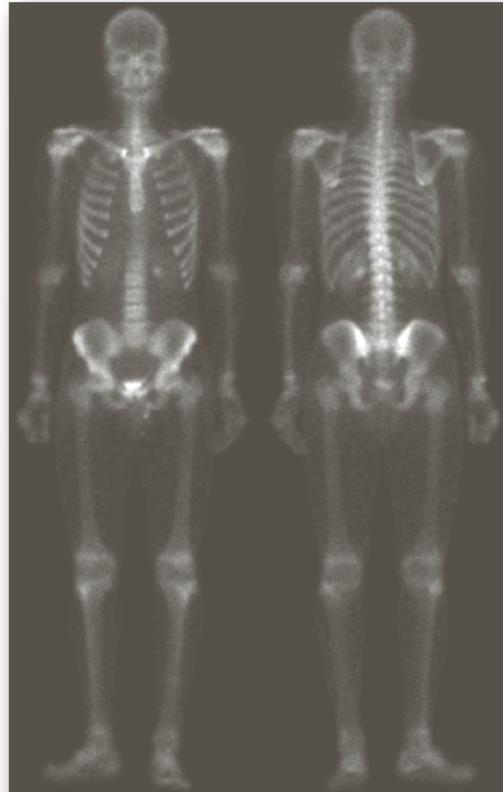


# Sources of Energy for Image Formation



**FIGURE 1.5** The electromagnetic spectrum arranged according to energy per photon.

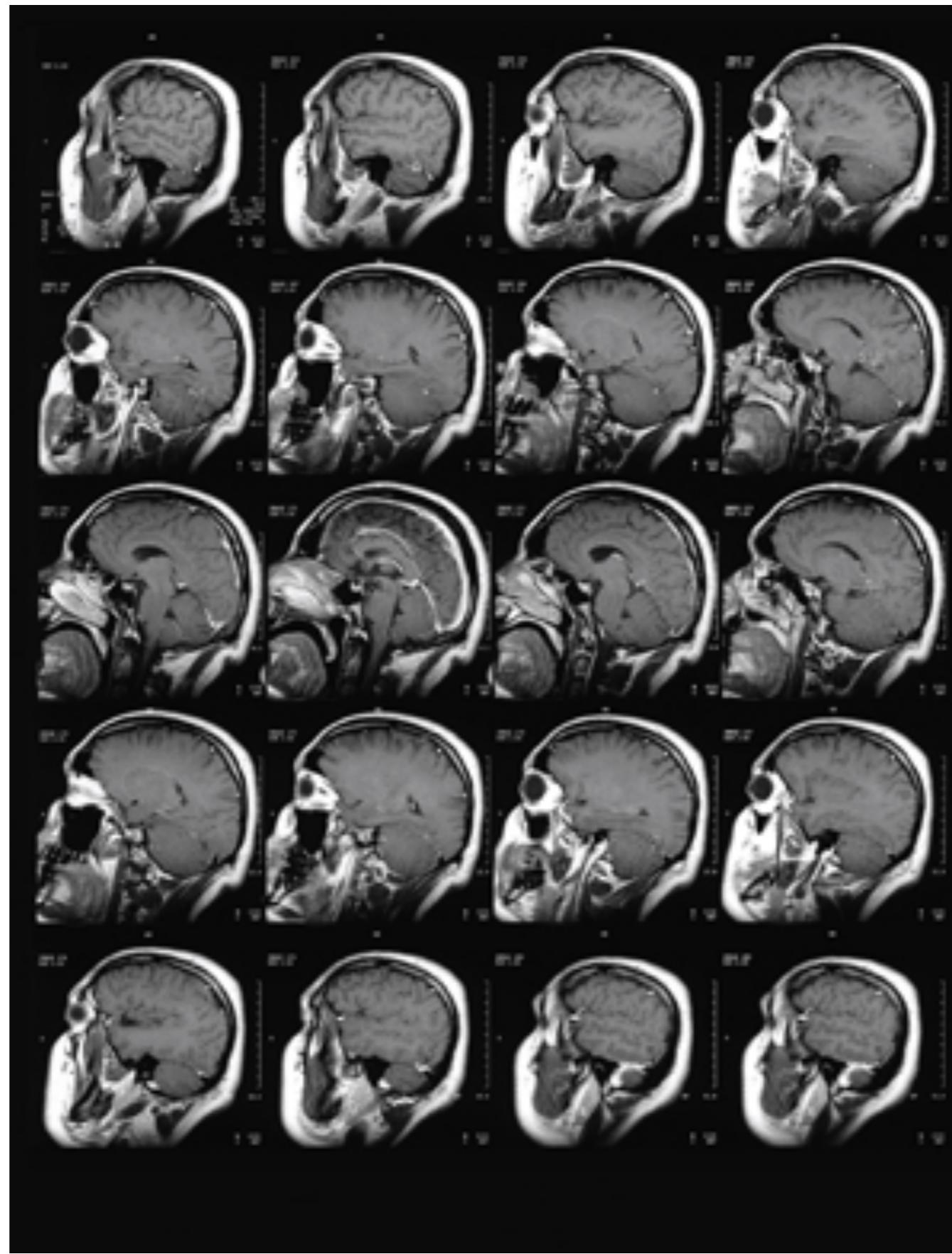
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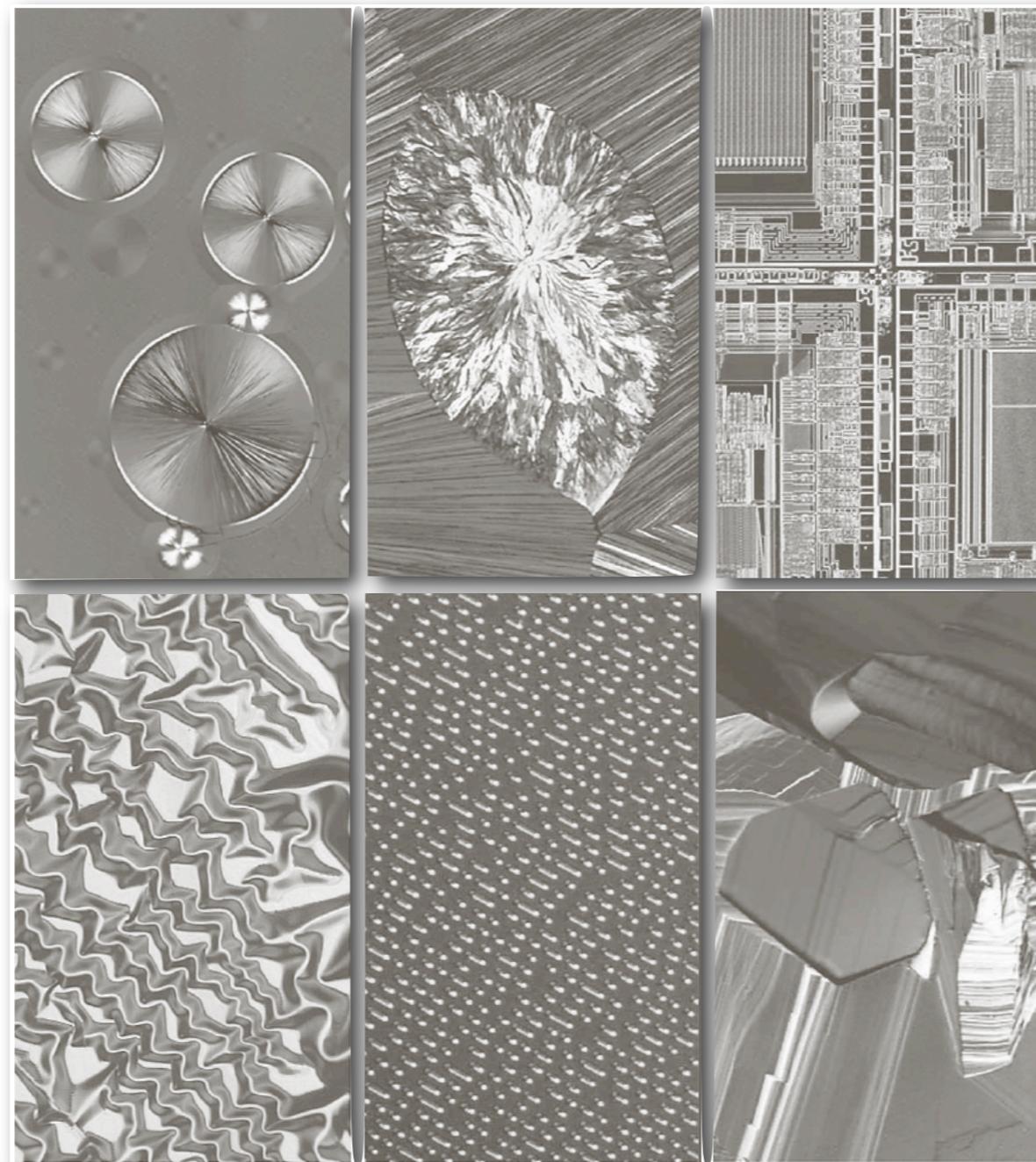
Gamma-ray imaging

X-ray imaging

# Some Applications -- Magnetic Resonance Imaging

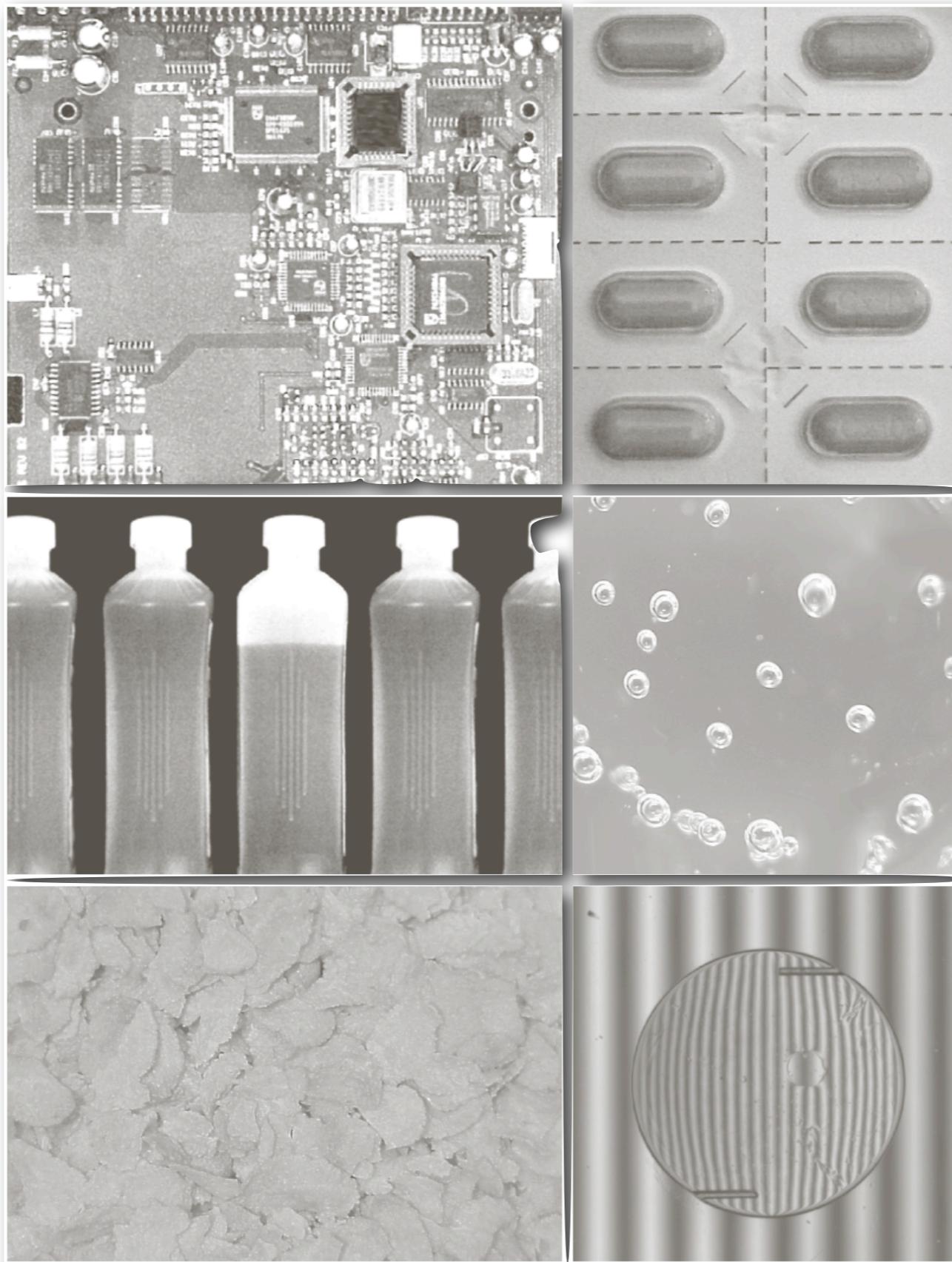


# Some Applications -- Microscopy



Visible-light microscopy imaging

# Some Applications -- Industrial Inspection



# Some Applications -- Remote Sensing

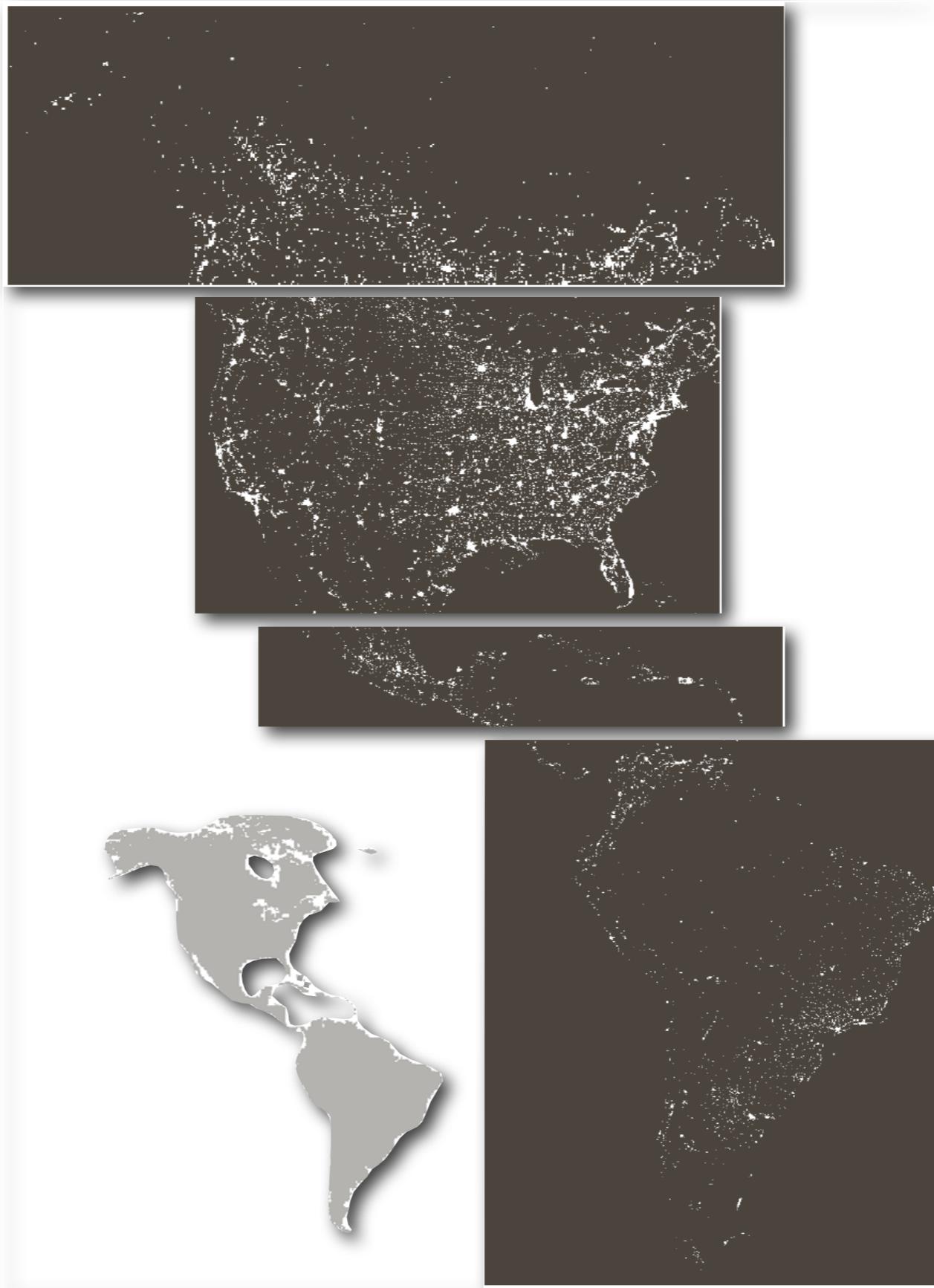


Aerial images



Satellite images

# Some Applications -- Infrared Satellite Images



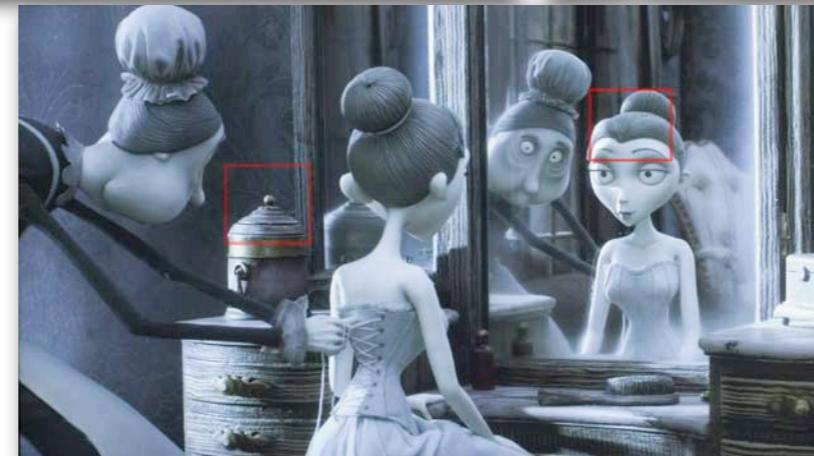
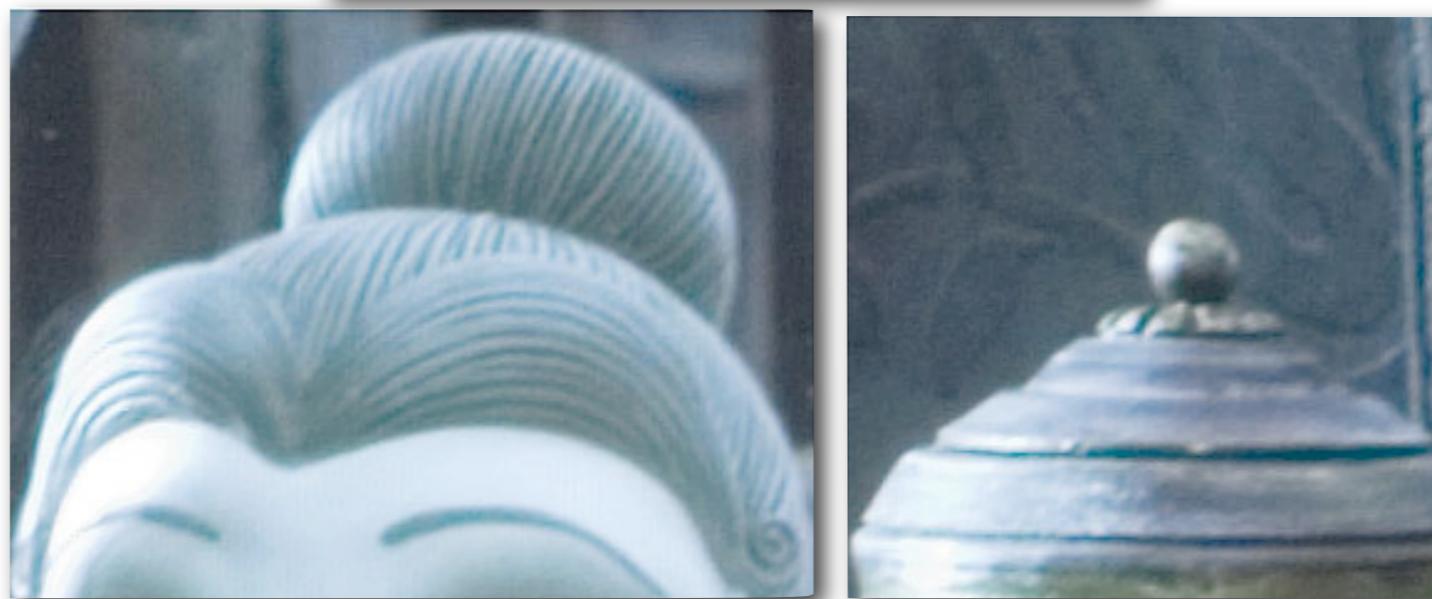
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# Some Applications -- Storing Images

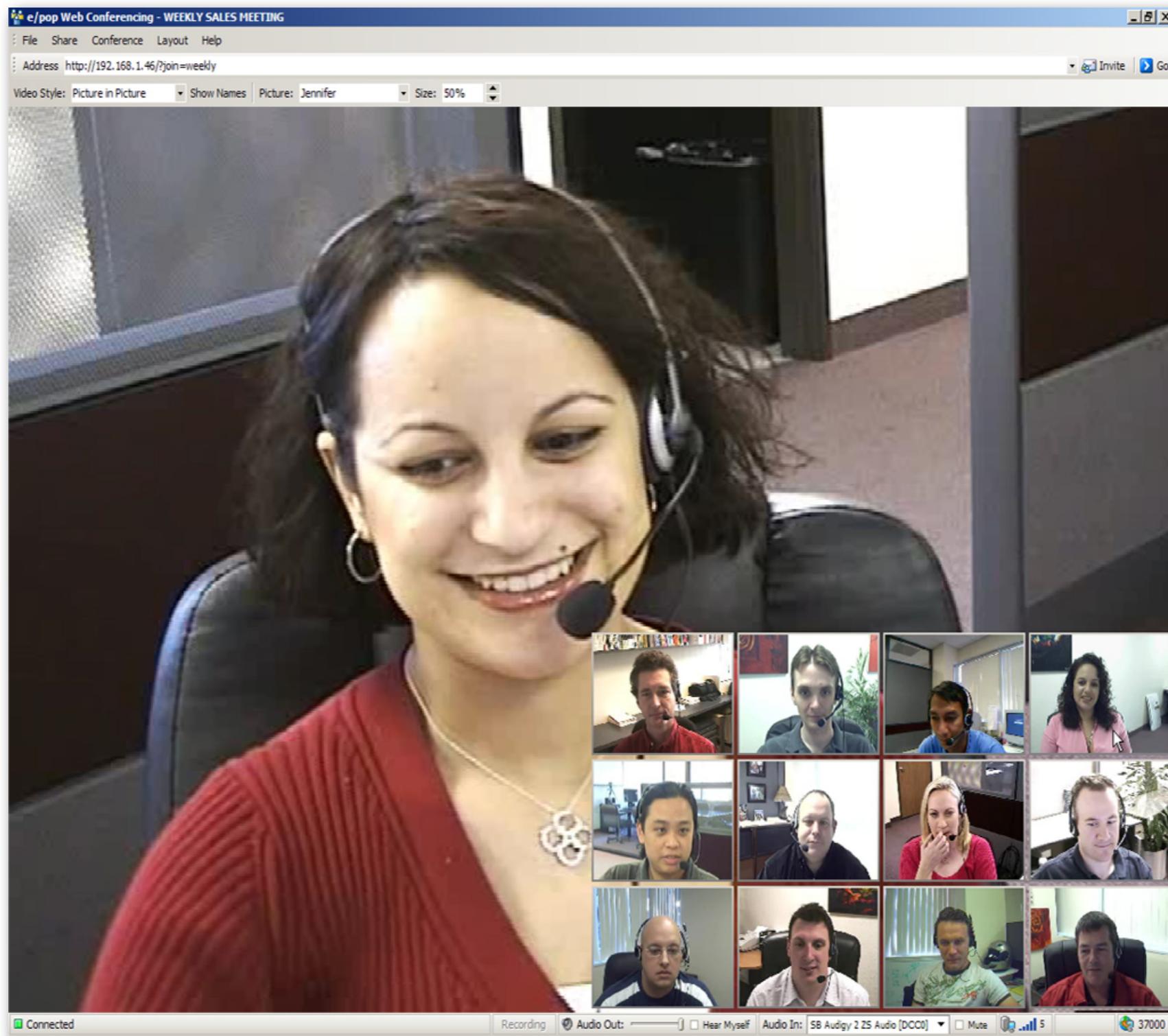
Standard  
DVD



Blue-ray  
DVD



# Some Applications -- Transmitting Images



Video conferencing

# Some Applications -- Image Forensics



# **Fundamental Steps in Digital Image Processing**

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- Acquisition
- Spatial and frequency transforms
- Enhancement (subjective)
- Restoration (objective)
- Color processing
- Multi-resolution processing
- Compression
- Morphological processing
- Segmentation

# Image Acquisition

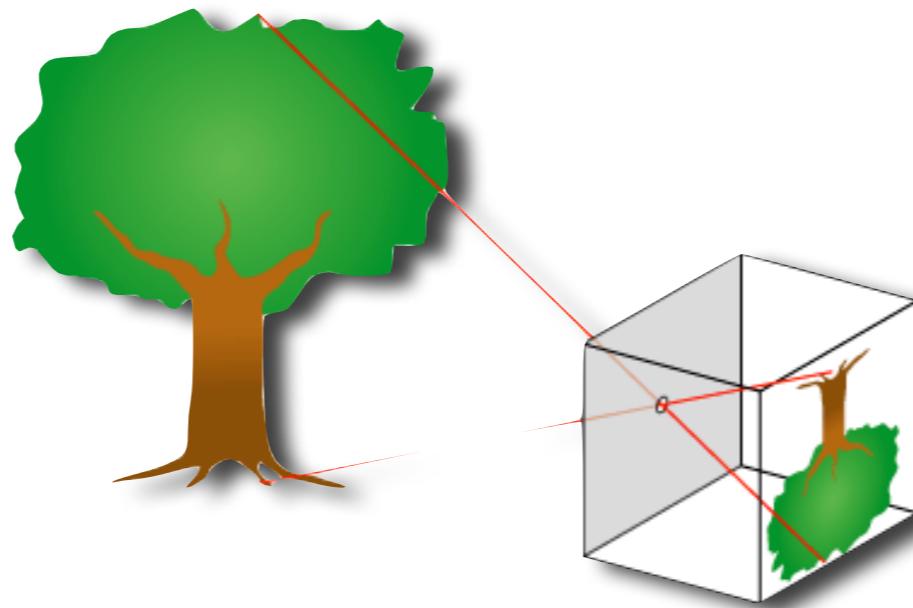
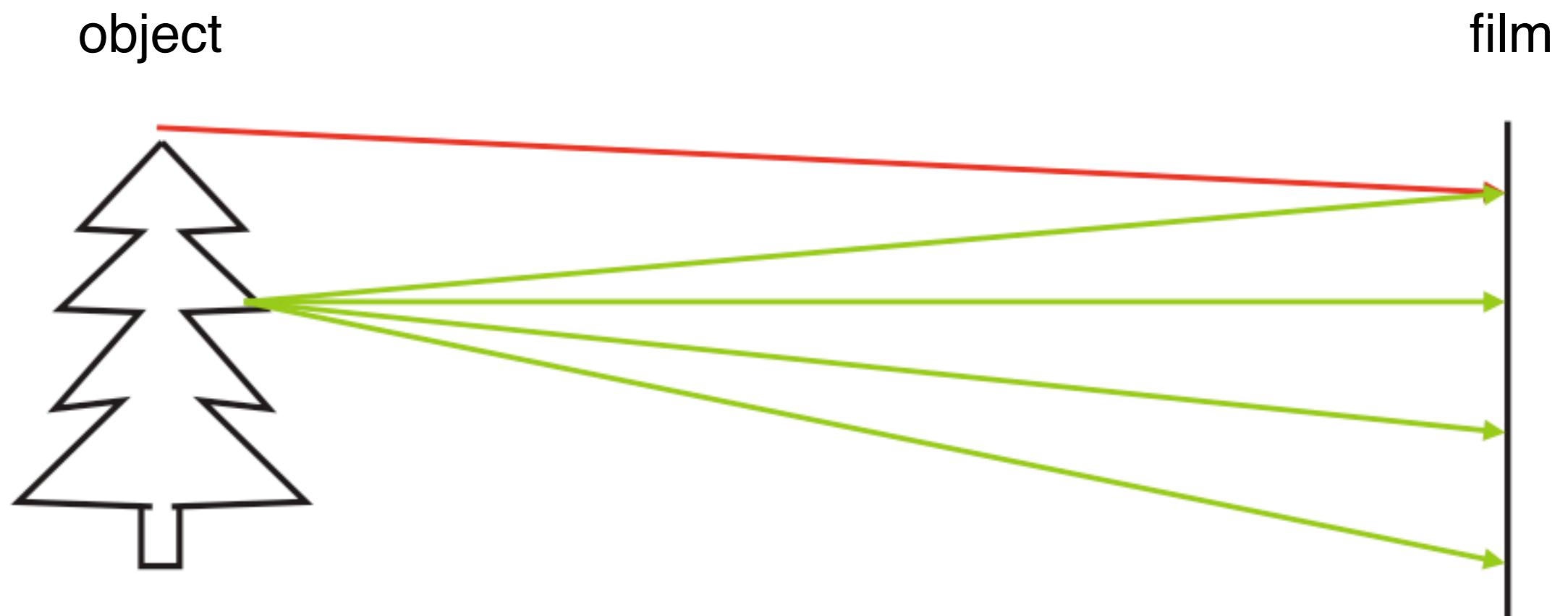


Image properties depend on:

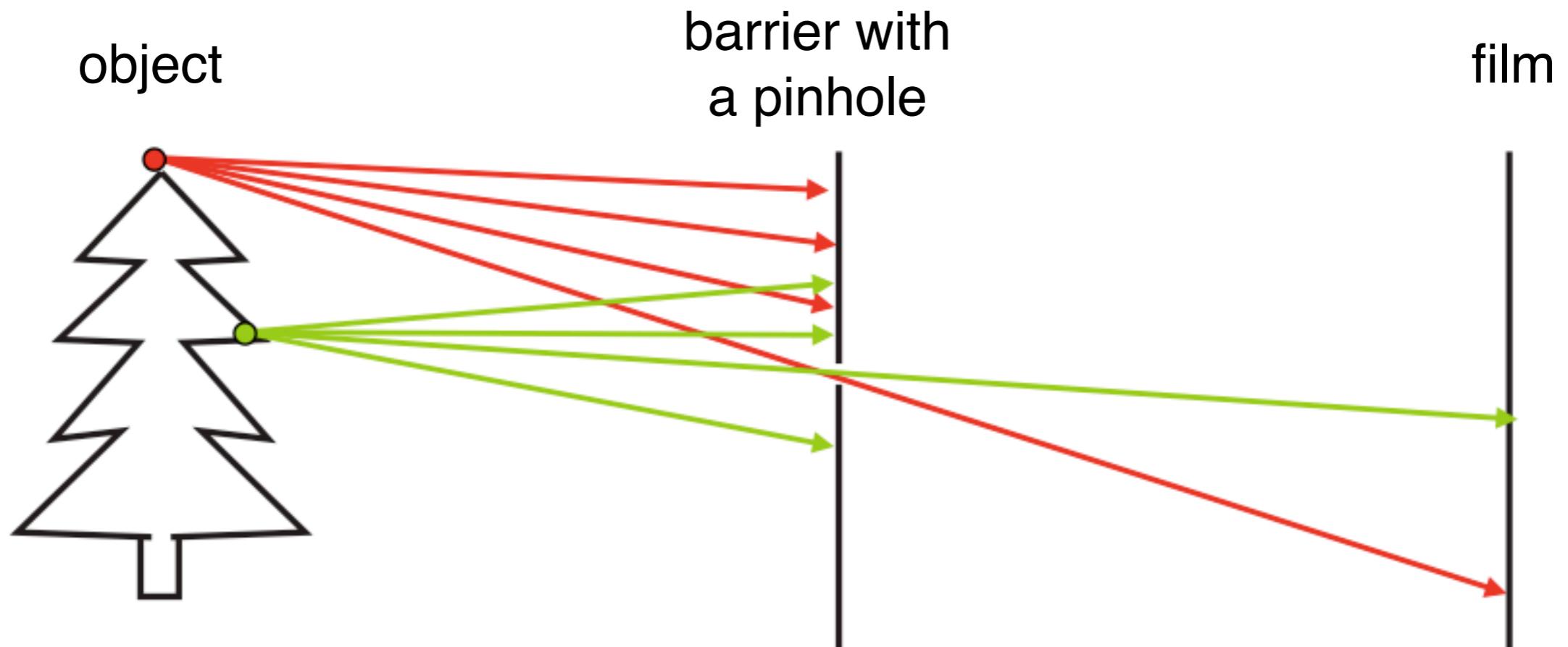
- Image acquisition parameters
  - Camera distance, viewpoint, motion
  - Camera intrinsic parameters (e.g., lens aberration)
  - Number of cameras
  - Illumination
- Visual properties of the 3D world captured

# How to Design a Camera?



Do we get a reasonable image if we put a film in front of an object?

# Pinhole Camera

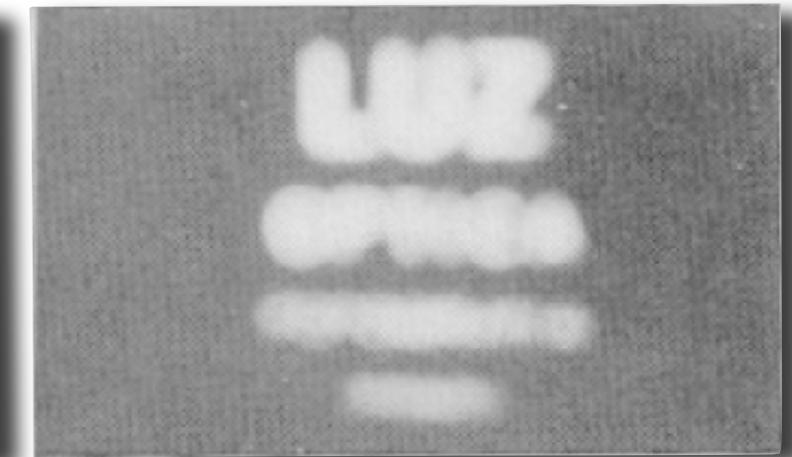
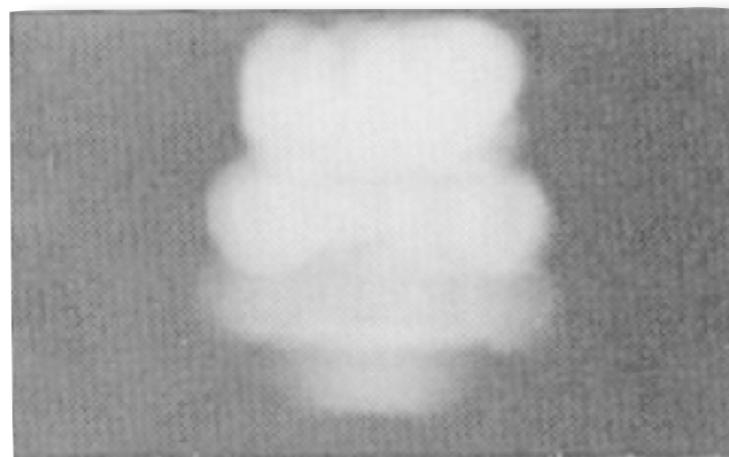


- The barrier block off most of the rays
- This reduces blurring
- Aperture = Opening of the pinhole

source: S. Savarese

# Shrinking the Aperture...

pinhole too big:  
bright and blurred



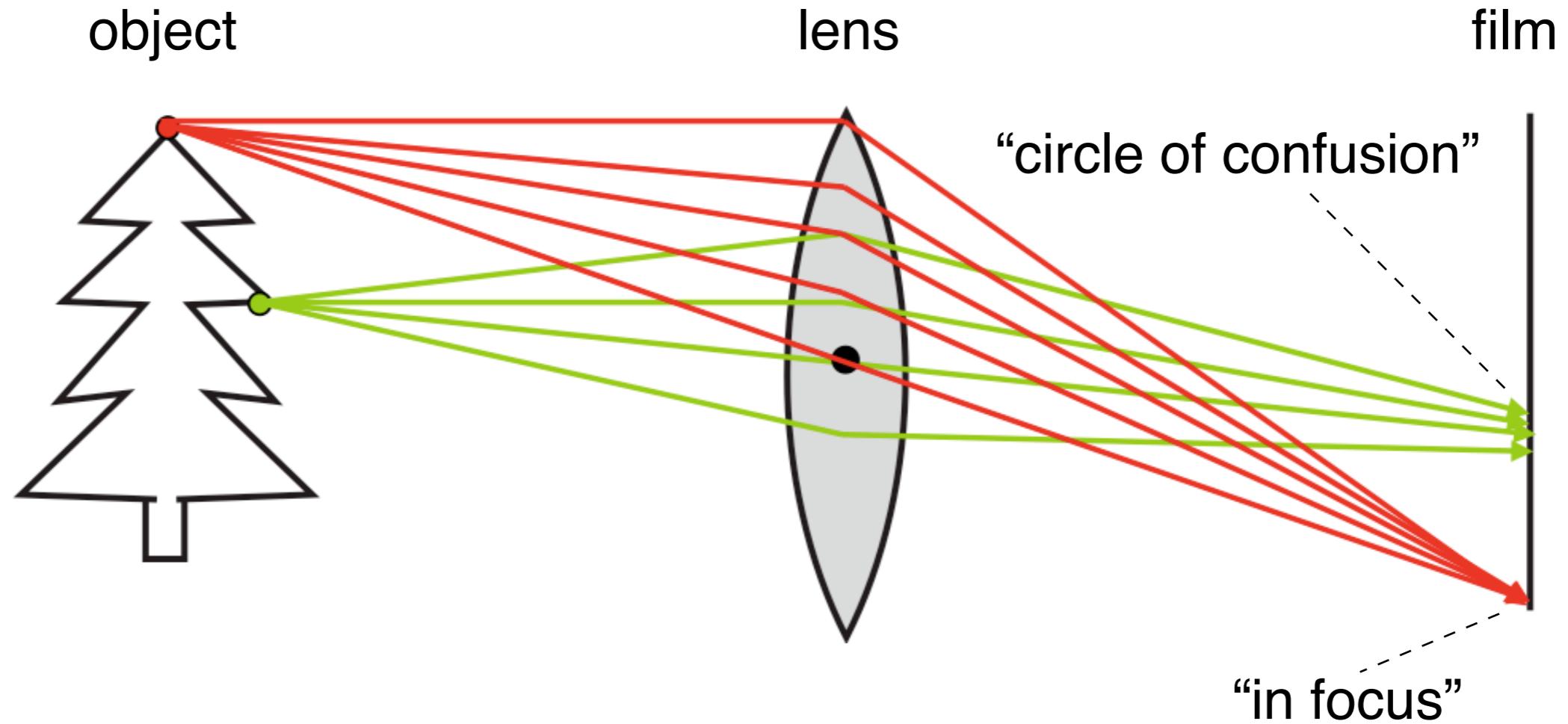
pinhole right size:  
dark and crisp



pinhole too small:  
dark and diffraction blur



# Adding Lens...



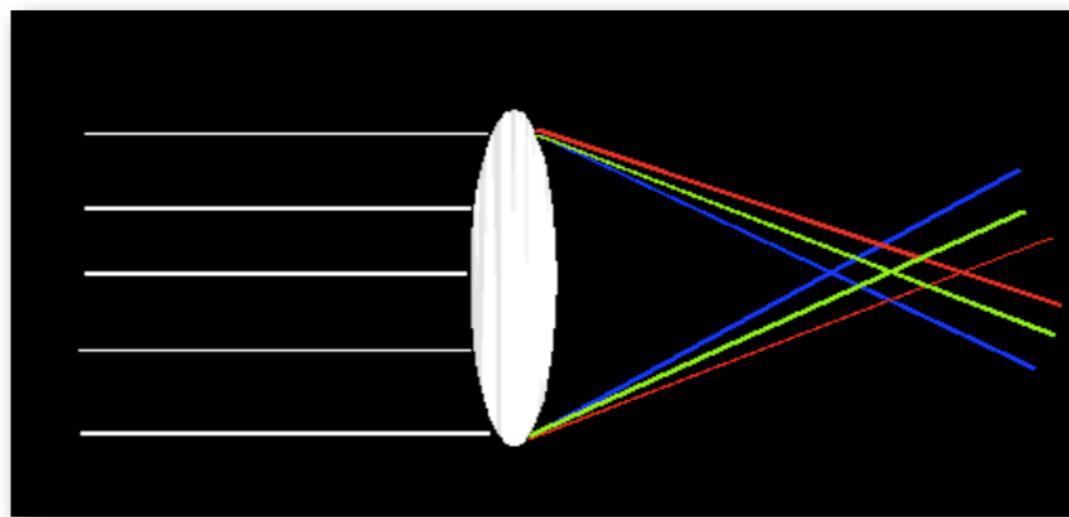
The lens focuses light onto the film

# Combining Lenses...



source: S. Savarese

# Issues with Lenses: Chromatic Aberration



different refractive indices for different light wavelengths



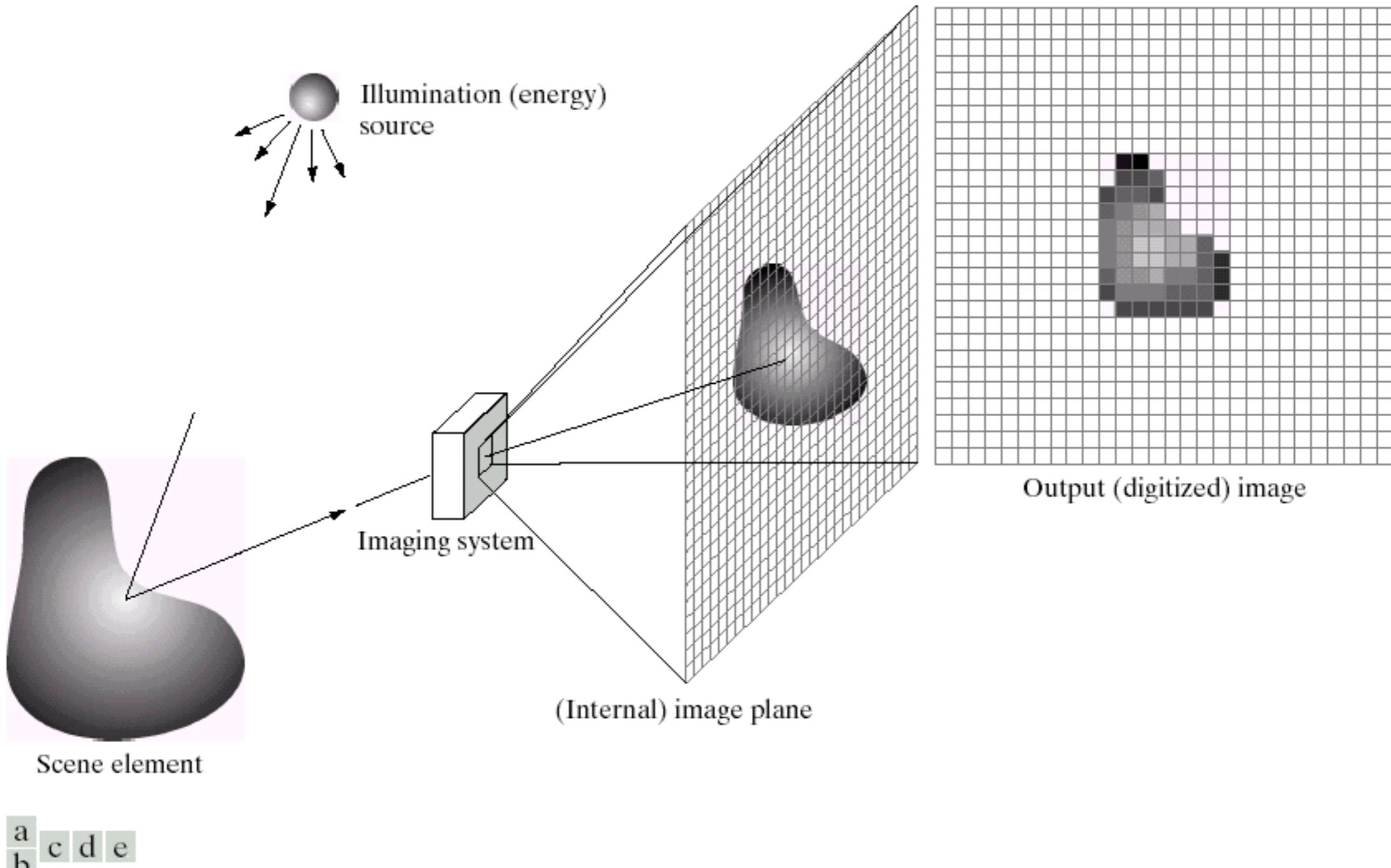
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# Issues with Lenses: Radial Distortion



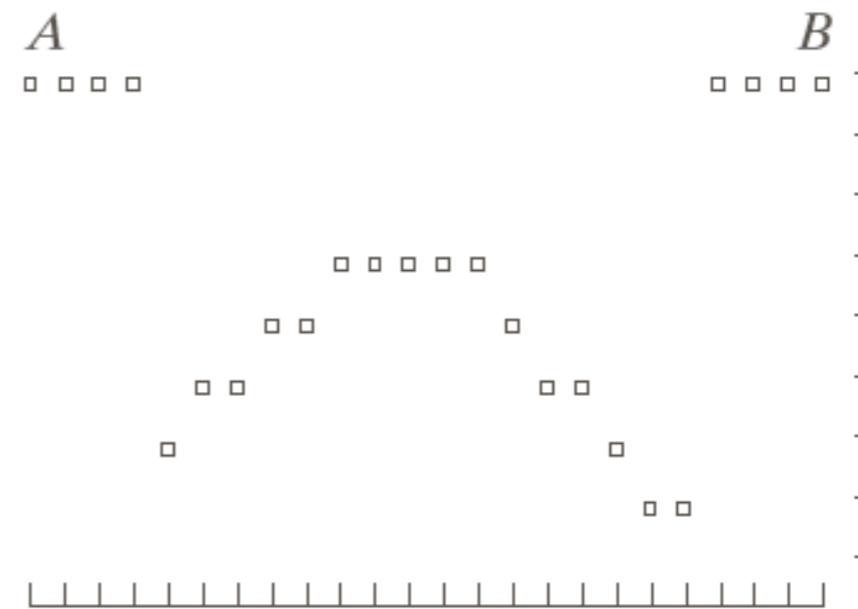
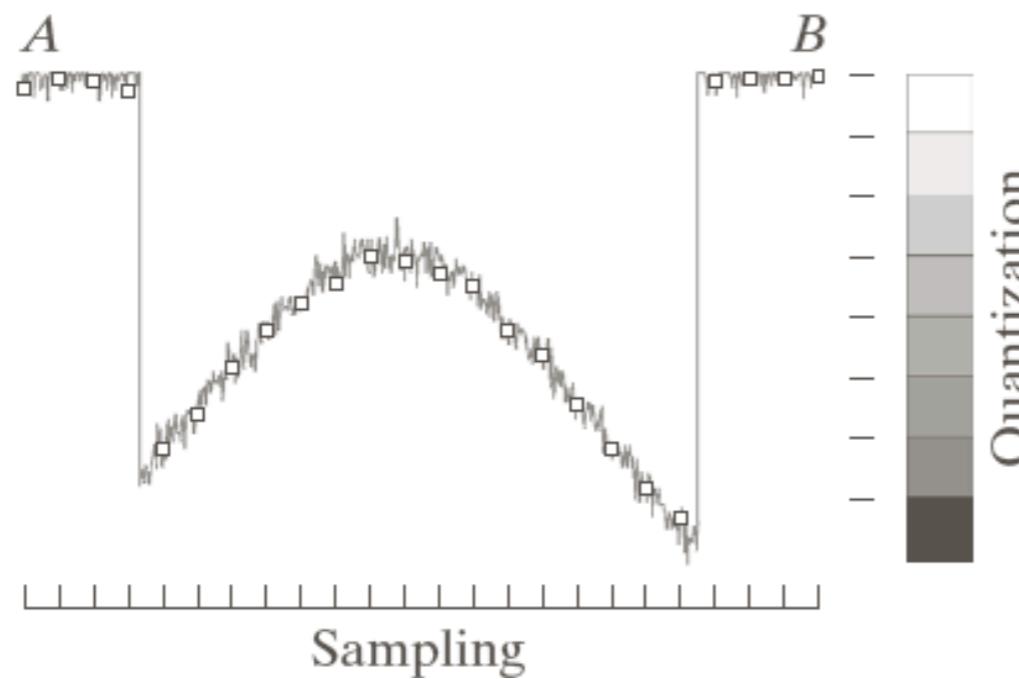
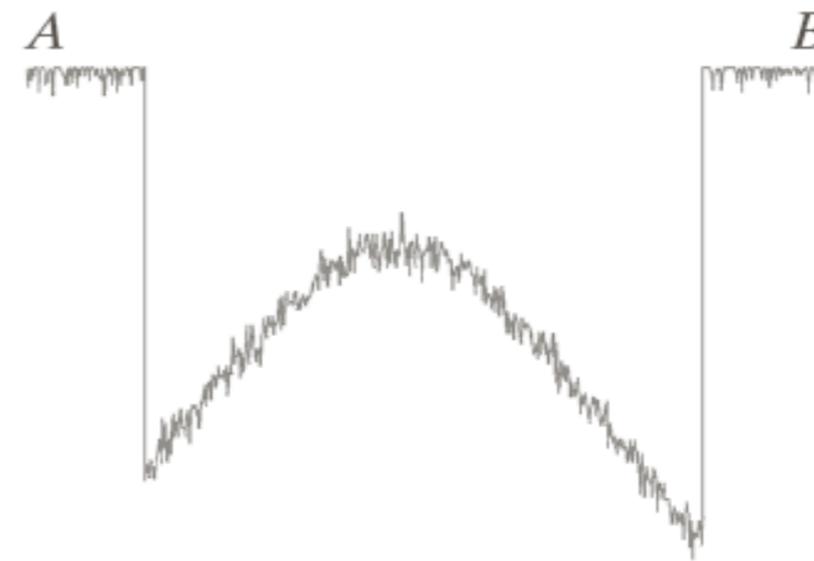
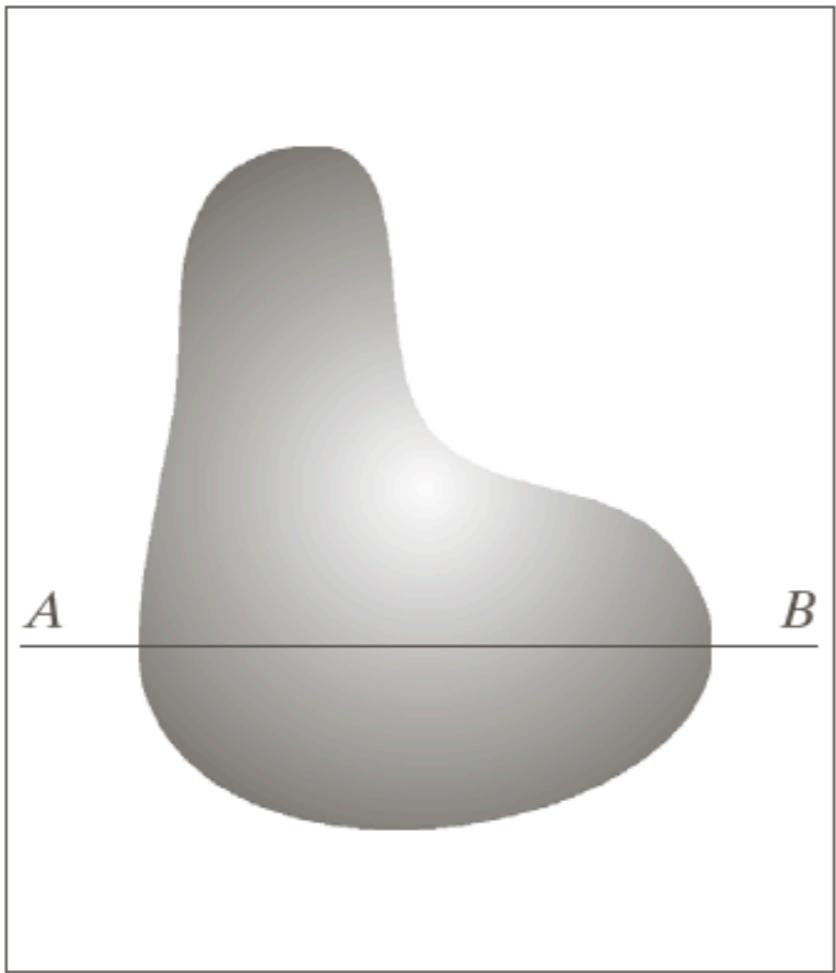
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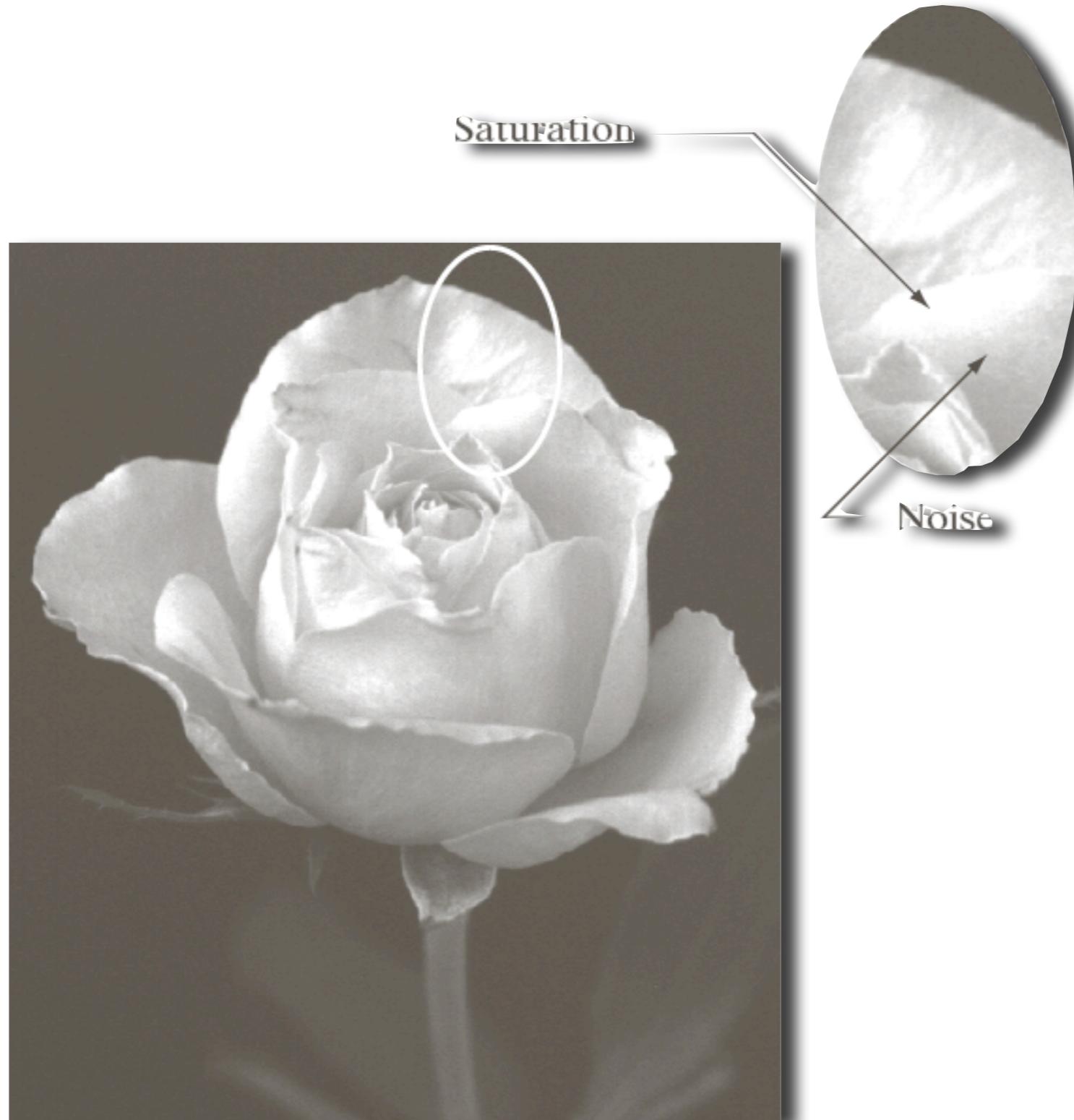


**FIGURE 2.15** An example of the digital image acquisition process. (a) Energy (“illumination”) source. (b) An element of a scene. (c) Imaging system. (d) Projection of the scene onto the image plane. (e) Digitized image.

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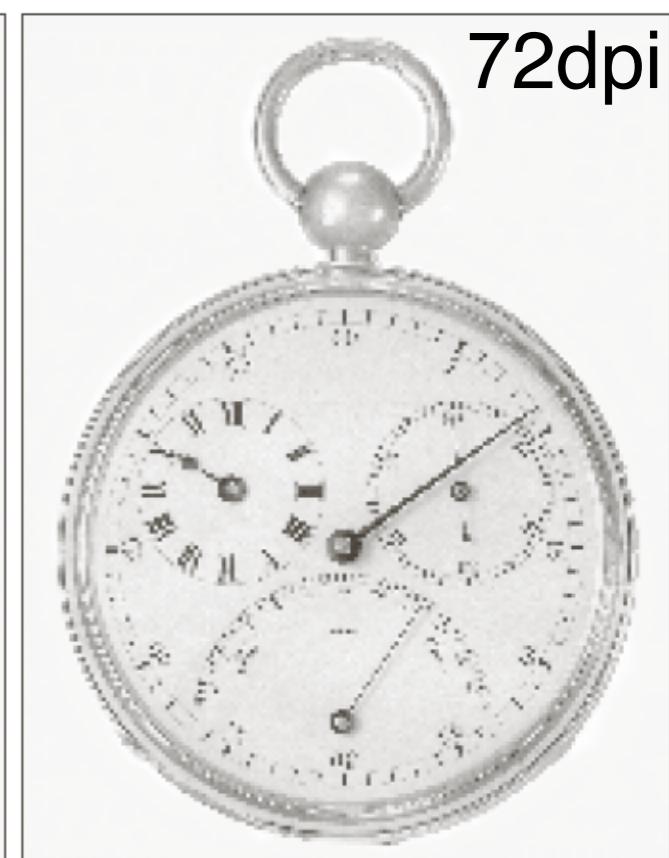
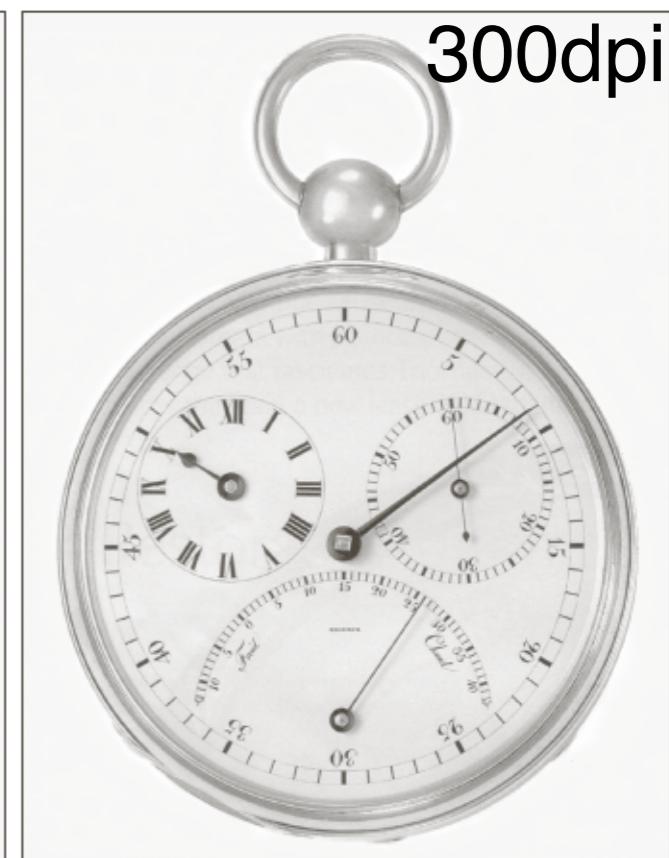


# Saturation



# Spatial Resolution

- Dots (pixels) per inch -- DPI
- Examples:
  - Newspapers 75dpi
  - Magazines 133dpi
  - Glossy brochures 175dpi



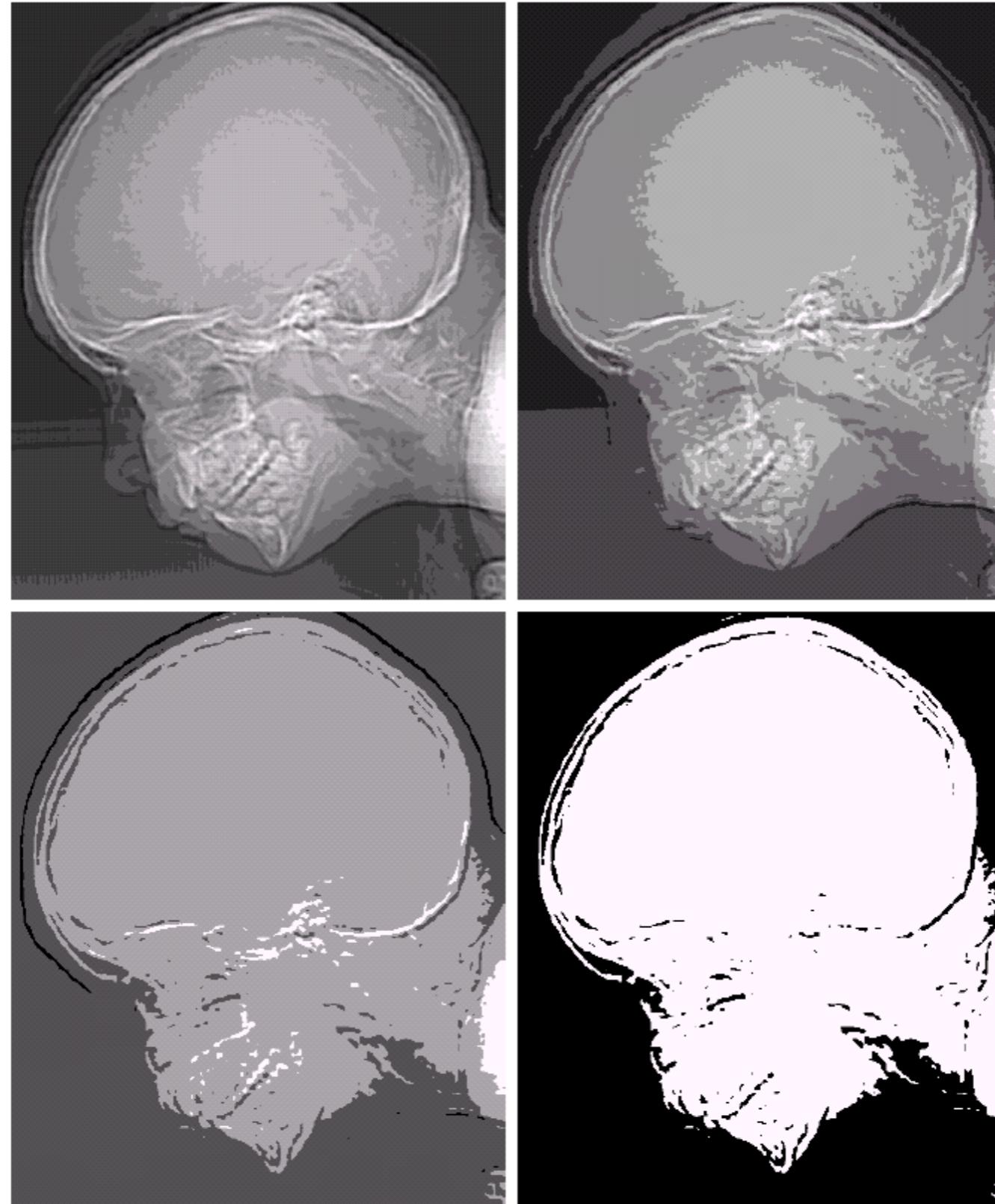
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# Intensity Resolution

Number of intensity levels -- usually 8 or 16 bits

e f  
g h

**FIGURE 2.21**  
*(Continued)*  
(e)–(h) Image displayed in 16, 8, 4, and 2 gray levels. (Original courtesy of Dr. David R. Pickens, Department of Radiology & Radiological Sciences, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.)



# Next Class

- MATLAB tutorial
- Image interpolation
- Basic spatial relationships between pixels
- Spatial operations on images