

Computational Imaging

Lecture 05: Cameras II—Image Signal Processing



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Today's Topic

- Bayer Domain Processing
 - Dead Pixel Correction
 - Black Level Compensation
 - Denoising
 - 3A
 - Lens Shading Correction
 - Anti-aliasing
 - Demosaicing
- Color Correction
- Edge Enhancement
- False Color Suppression
- Brightness/Contrast Control
- Gamma and Tone Mapping

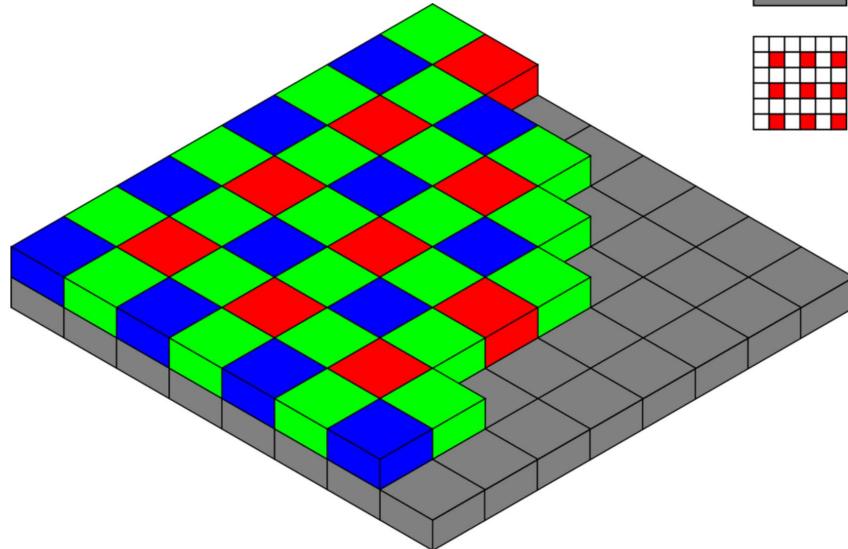


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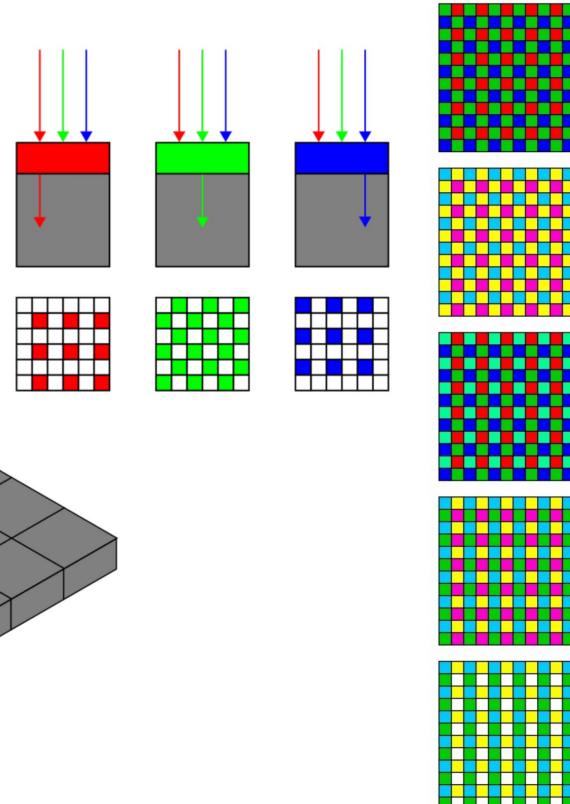
Bayer Domain Processing



Review Color Filter Arrays



Bayer pattern



wikipedia



High-dimensional integration over angle, wavelength, time

plenoptic function

$$i(x) \approx \iiint_{\Omega_{\theta,\lambda,t}} l(x, \theta, \lambda, t) d\theta d\lambda dt$$

plenoptic function:
[Adelson 1991]



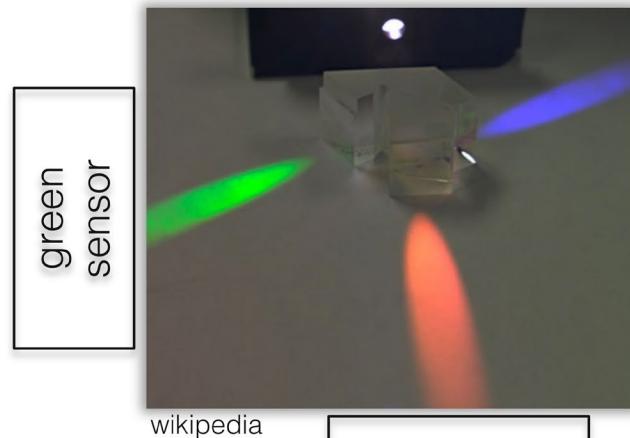
More Ways to Capture Color

field sequential



Prokudin-Gorsky

multiple sensors

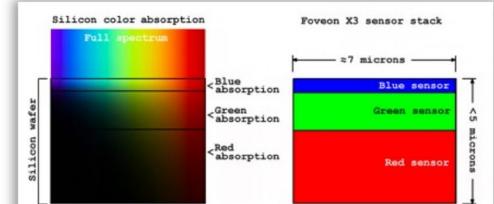
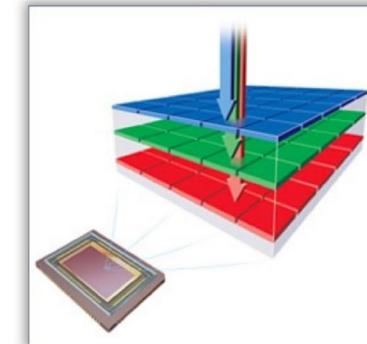


green
sensor

blue sensor

red sensor

vertically stacked



Foveon X3



More Ways to Capture Color

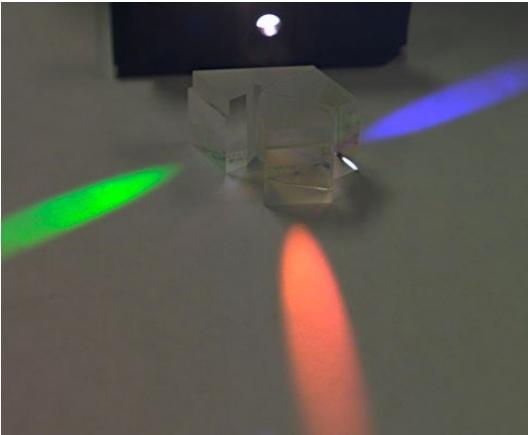
- Notable French inventor
- Nobel price for color photography in
 - 1908 = volume emulsion capturing interference
- Today, this process is most similar to volume holography!
- Also invented integral imaging (will hear more...)



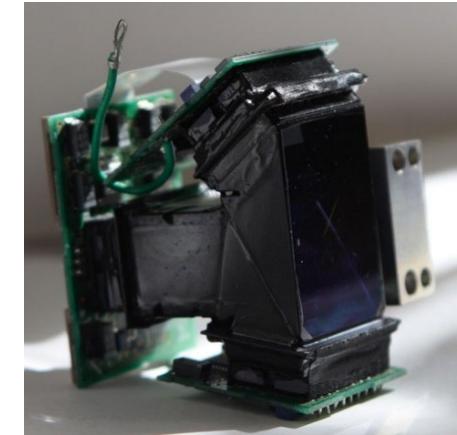
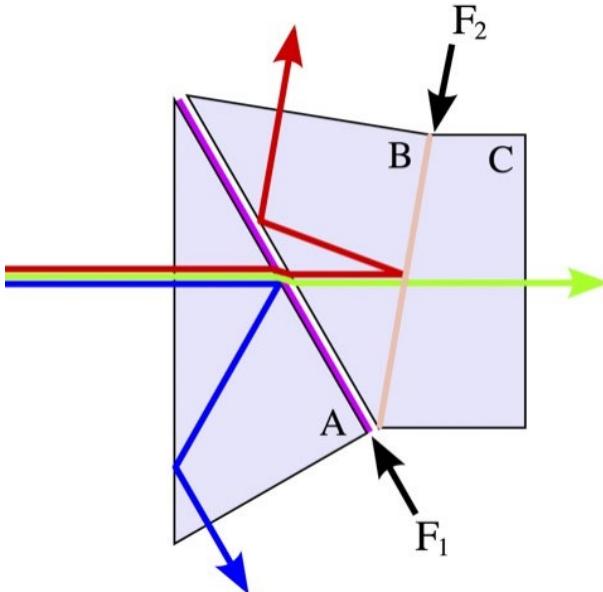
Gabriel Lippmann



Three-CCD Camera



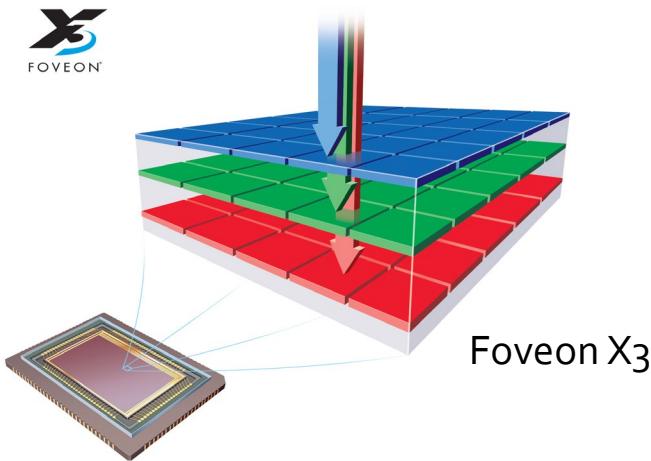
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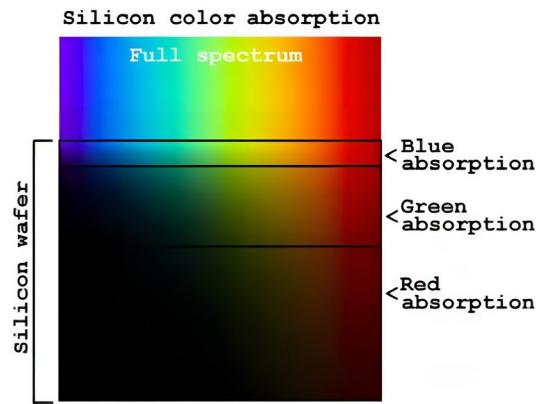
Philips / wikipedia



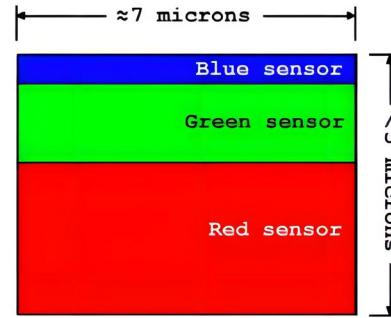
Stacked Sensor



Foveon X3



Foveon X3 sensor stack



Sigma SD9

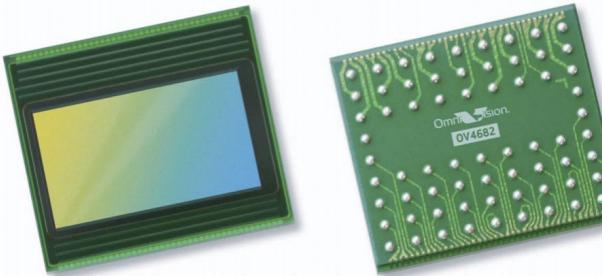




Other Wavelengths

Product Specifications

OmniVision:
RGB + near IR!



Part Number	OV4682-G04A
Resolution	4MP
Chroma	Color
Analog / Digital	Digital
Power Requirement	Active: 163 mA (261 mW) Standby: 1 mA XSHUTDOWN: <10 µA
Temperature Range	Operating: -30°C to +85°C junction temperature Stable image: 0°C to +60°C junction temperature
Output Format	10-bit RAW data
Optical Format	1/3"
Frame Rate	Full @ 90 fps 1080p @ 120 fps 672x380: 330 fps 720p @ 180 fps
Pixel Size	2.0 µm
Image Area	5440 x 3072 µm
Package	COB
Package Dimensions	6600 x 5800 µm
Product Brief	Product Brief

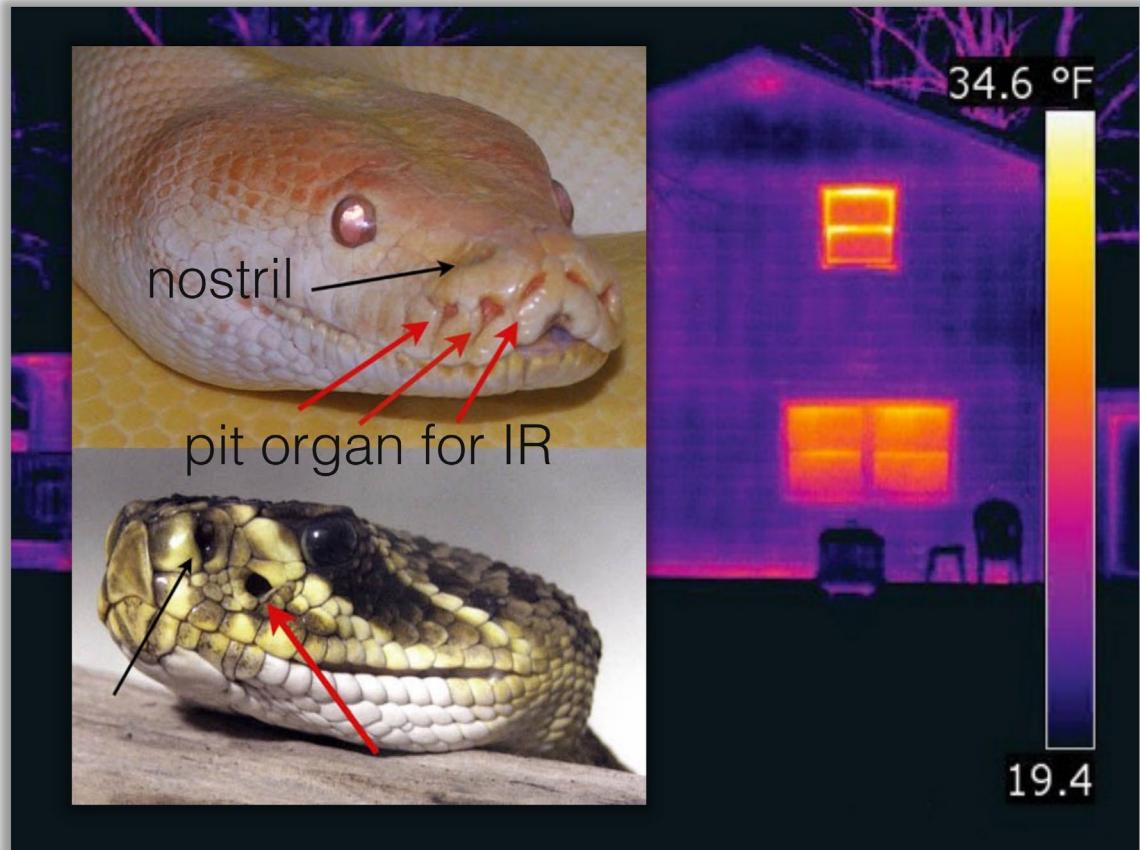


Other Wavelengths

- Thermal IR
- Often use Germanium optics (transparent IR)



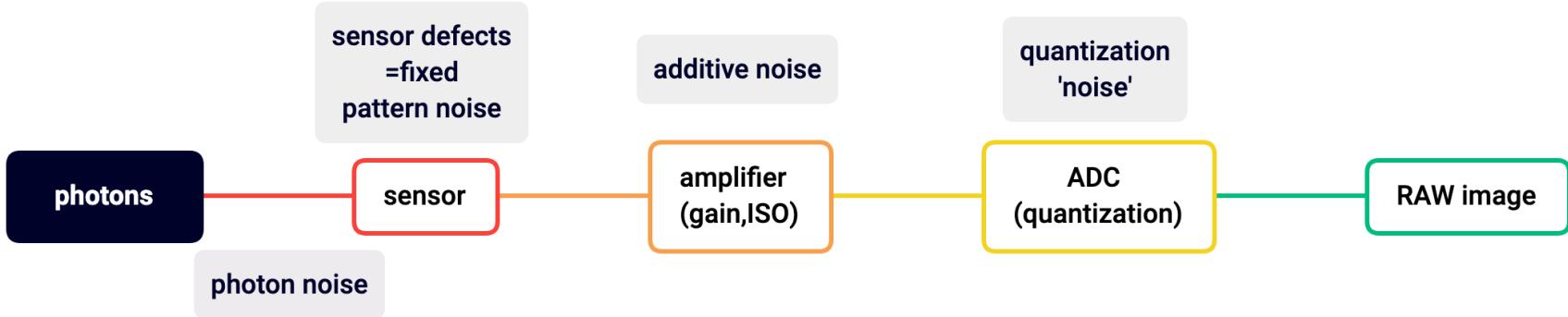
- Sensors don't use silicon: indium, mercury, lead, etc.



FLIR Systems



Recall: Photons to RAW Image



Presented with XMind



Image Processing Target

RAW image
(dcraw -D)



JPEG image

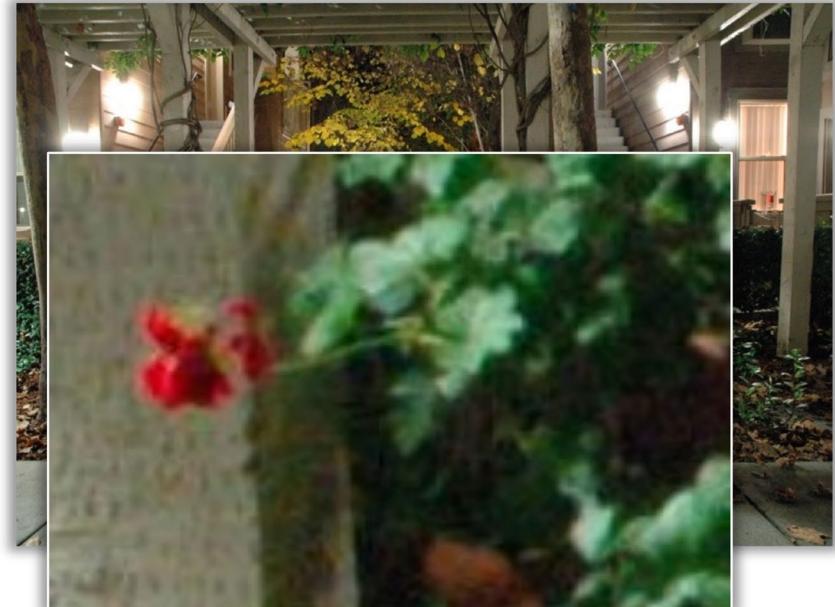




Image Processing Pipeline

- Darkcount Correction
- Hot/Dead Pixels Removal
- Vignetting Correction
- White Balance
- Auto Exposure
- Distortion Correction
- Anti-alising
- Demosaicking
- Edge Enhancement
- Color Correction
- Tone Mapping
- Compression





Image Processing Pipeline

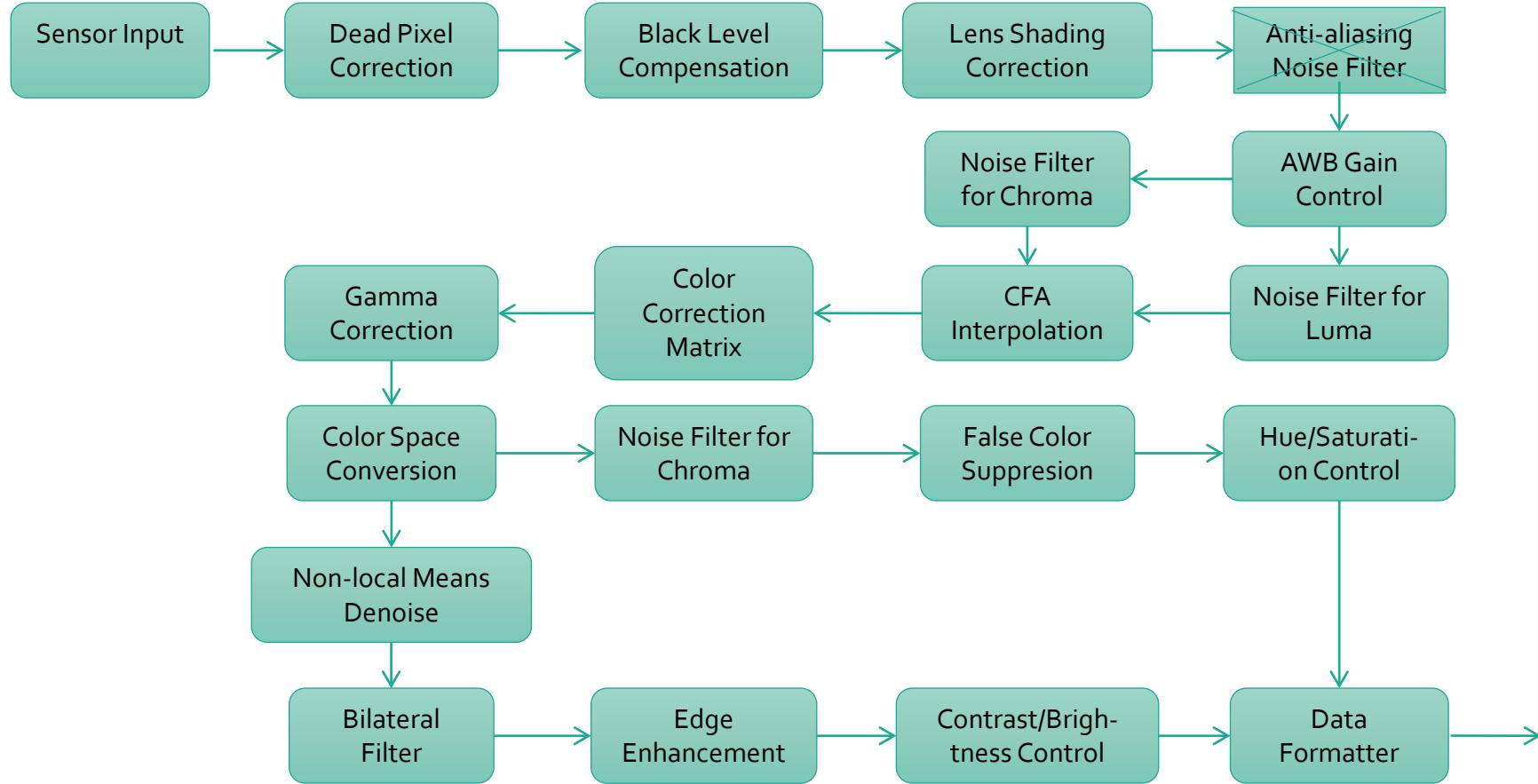
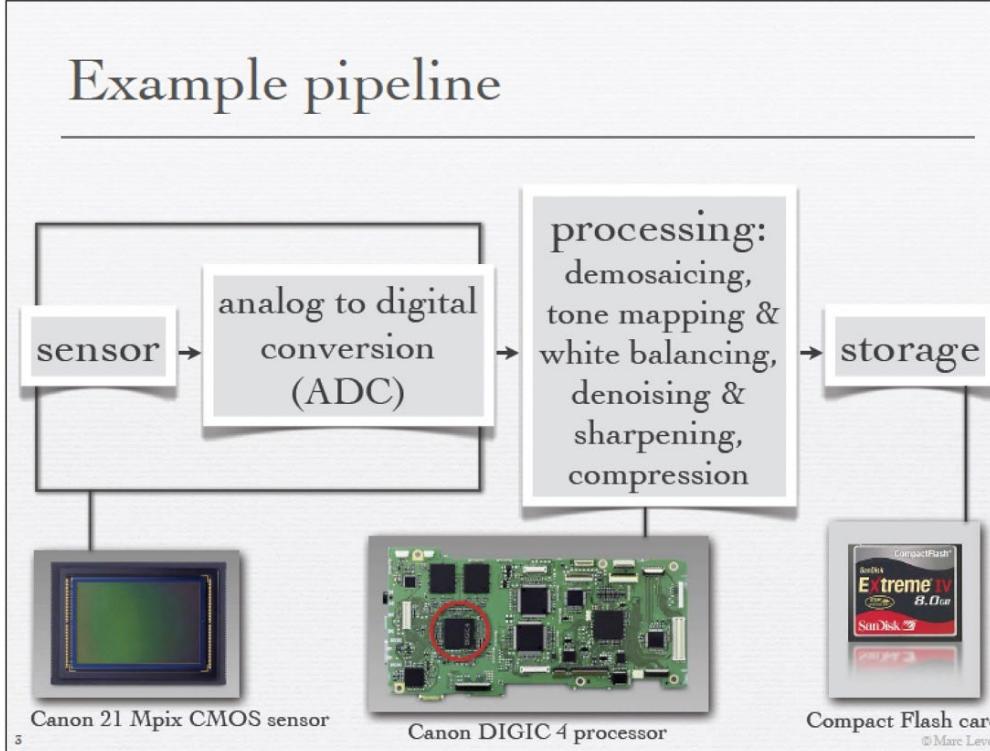




Image Processing Pipeline



Marc Levoy, CS 448



Exif Meta Data (exchangeable)

Filename - night_nikon.JPG
Make - NIKON CORPORATION
Model - NIKON D70s
Orientation - Top left
XResolution - 300
YResolution - 300
ResolutionUnit - Inch
Software - Ver.1.00
DateTime - 2005:09:01 12:16:43
YCbCrPositioning - Co-Sited
ExifOffset - 216
ExposureTime - 10 seconds
FNumber - 13.00
ExposureProgram - Manual control
ExifVersion - 0221
DateTimeOriginal - 2005:09:01 12:16:43
DateTimeDigitized - 2005:09:01 12:16:43
ComponentsConfiguration - YCbCr
CompressedBitsPerPixel - 1 (bits/pixel)
ExposureBiasValue - 0.50
MaxApertureValue - F 3.48
MeteringMode - Center weighted average
Flash - Not Fired
FocalLength - 18.00 mm
UserComment - (c) Gordon Wetzstein
SubsecTime - 00
SubsecTimeOriginal - 00
SubsecTimeDigitized - 00
FlashPixVersion - 0100
ColorSpace - sRGB

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FlashPixVersion - 0100
ColorSpace - sRGB

Maker Note (Vendor): -
Data version - 0210 (808595760)
ISO Setting - 1600
Image Quality - BASIC
White Balance - AUTO
Image Sharpening - MED.L
Focus Mode - MANUAL
Flash Setting - NORMAL
Flash Mode -
White Balance Adjustment - 0
Exposure Adjustment - 1.7
Thumbnail IFD offset - 1430
Flash Compensation - 67072
ISO 2 - 1600
Tone Compensation - AUTO
Lens type - AF-D G
Lens - 618
Exposure Compensation - 0.00
AF Focus Position - Center
Bracketing - 131072
Color Mode - MODE1a
Light Type - NORMAL
Hue Adjustment - 0
Noise Reduction - FPNR
Total pictures - 22346
Optimization - PORTRAIT

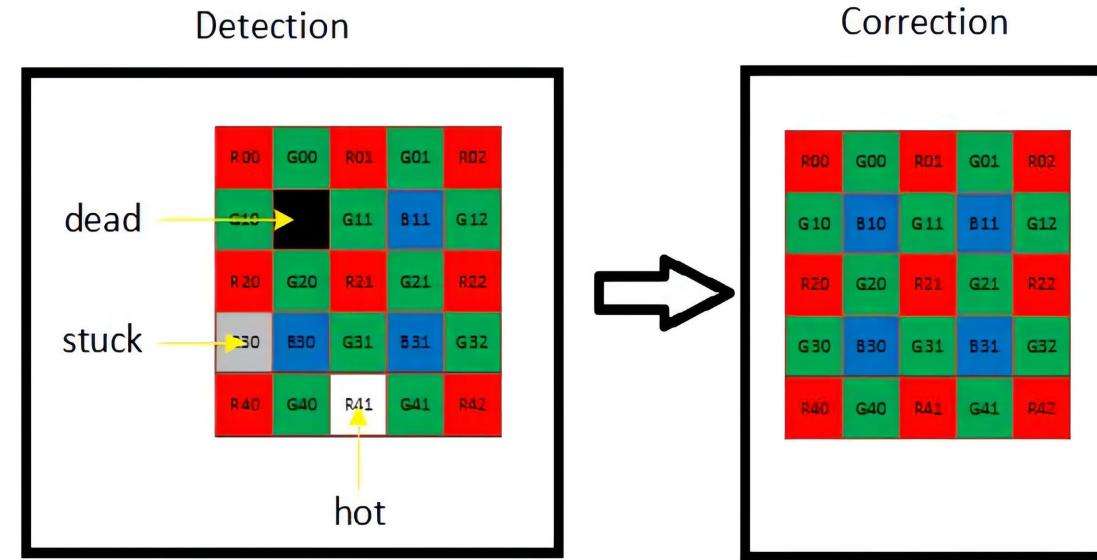
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Interlaced - 000
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ResolutionUnit - Inch
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YCbCrPositioning - Co-Sited

Dead Pixel Correction

Source: sensor manufacturing

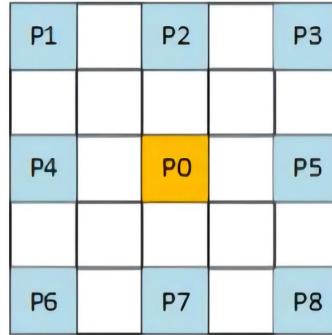
Types of defective pixels:

- dead (always low)
- hot (always high)
- stuck (always a value between low and high)





Dead Pixel Correction



- The differences between center pixel and neighbored 8 pixels are calculated.

$$diff(x) = abs(P_{ij} - P_{mn})$$

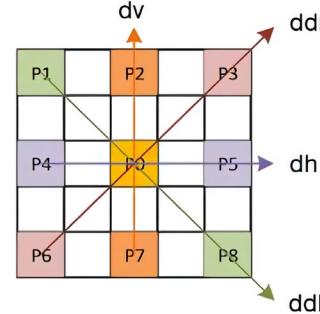
- The differences between center pixel and neighbored 8 pixels are calculated.

$$P_{ij} = \begin{cases} dead & \text{if } \&(diff(x) > thres) \text{ where } x \text{ is 0-8} \\ not\ dead & \text{others} \end{cases}$$



Dead Pixel Correction

- Interpolate with gradient-based filter



- Get directions gradient

$$dv = |2P_0 - P_2 - P_7|$$

$$dh = |2P_0 - P_4 - P_5|$$

$$ddr = |2P_0 - P_1 - P_8|$$

$$ddl = |2P_0 - P_3 - P_6|$$

- The output

$$P_{ij} = \begin{cases} (P_{i,j-2} + P_{i,j+2} + 1)/2 & \text{if } \min(dv,dh,ddr,ddl) == dv \\ (P_{i-2,j} + P_{i+2,j} + 1)/2 & \text{if } \min(dv,dh,ddr,ddl) == dh \\ (P_{i-2,j-2} + P_{i+2,j+2} + 1)/2 & \text{if } \min(dv,dh,ddr,ddl) == ddl \\ (P_{i+2,j-2} + P_{i-2,j+2} + 1)/2 & \text{others} \end{cases}$$



Black Level Compensation

Source: circuit design (not pure dark)

Correction:

$$R' = R + R_offset$$

$$Gr' = Gr + Gr_offset + \alpha R$$

$$Gb' = Gb + Gb_offset + \beta B$$

$$B' = B + B_offset$$

where R_offset , Gr_offset , Gb_offset , B_offset , α , β are configurable parameters.

Noise Reduction



Non-local means

- Most image details occur repeatedly
- Each color indicates a group of squares in the image which are almost indistinguishable
- Image self-similarity can be used to eliminate noise
- it suffices to average the squares which resemble each other

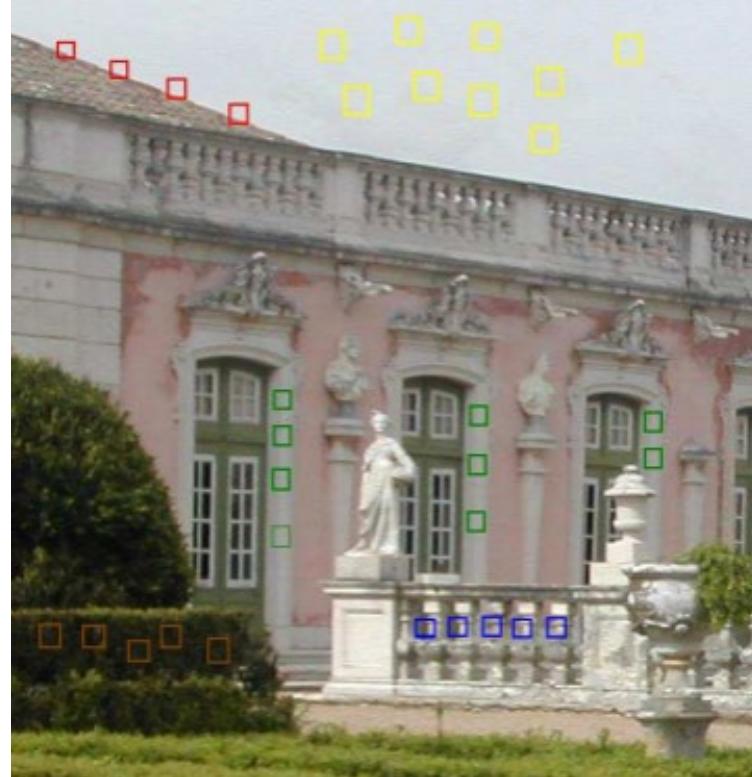
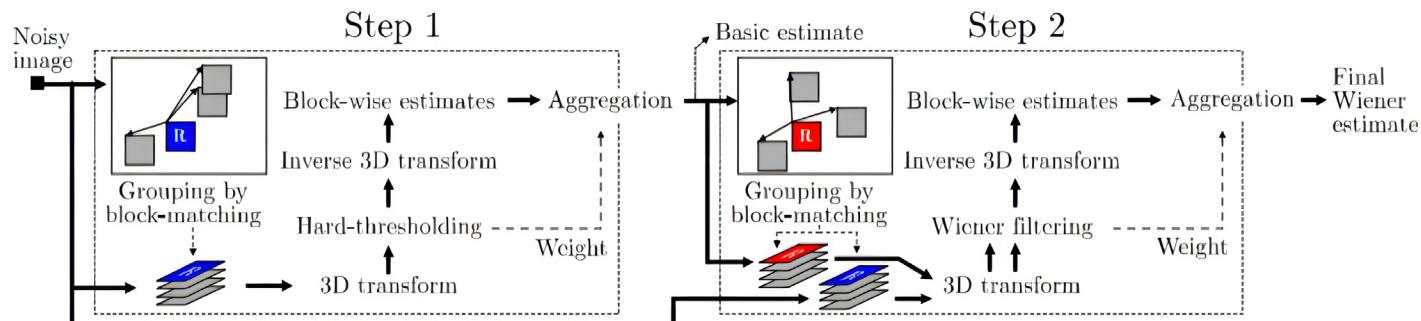
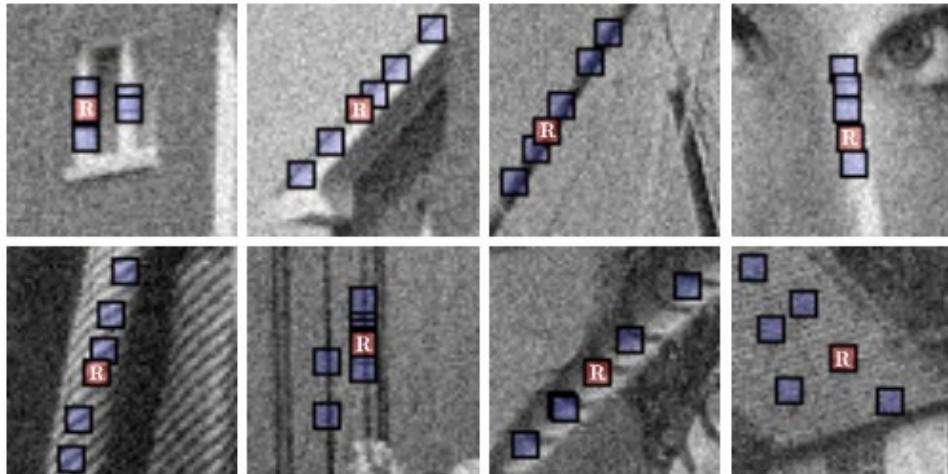


Image and movie denoising by nonlocal means
Buades, Coll, Morel, IJCV 2006

Noise Reduction

BM3D (Block Matching 3D)





Automated selection of key camera control values

- auto-focus
- auto-exposure
- auto-white-balance



White Balance Gain Control

Target: removing unrealistic color casts





Auto White Balance Gain Control

- Estimate the color temperature first

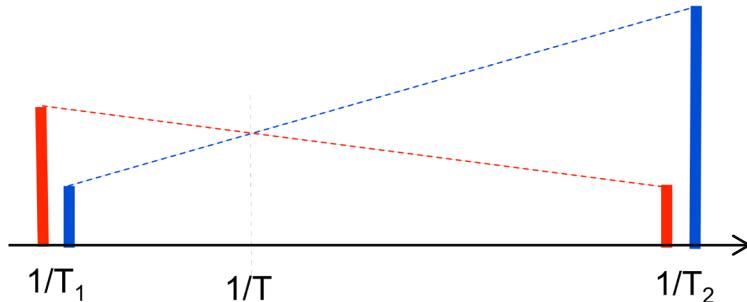
$$\begin{bmatrix} R' \\ Gr' \\ Gb' \\ B' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Gr & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Gb & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & B \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} \frac{R_{avg}}{G_{avg}} * Gain \\ Gain \\ Gain \\ \frac{B_{avg}}{G_{avg}} * Gain \end{bmatrix}$$

- Where R_{avg} , G_{avg} , B_{avg} is the average of different channels on bayer domain. Gain is the digital *Gain* applied to all channels to keep the image brightness constant.

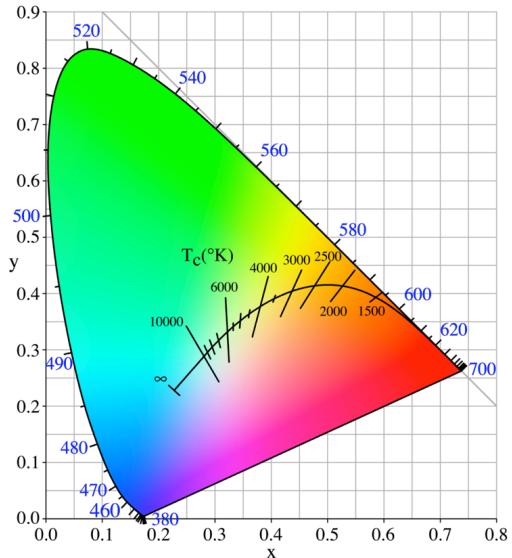


Estimating the Color Temperature

- Use scene mode
- Use gray world assumption ($R = G = B$) in sRGB space
 - really, just $R = B$, ignore G
- Estimate color temperature in a given image
 - apply pre-computed matrix to get sRGB for T_1 and T_2
 - calculate the average values R, B
 - solve α , use to interpolate matrices (or $1/T$)



$$R = (1 - \alpha)R_1 + \alpha R_2, B = (1 - \alpha)B_1 + \alpha B_2$$



$$\frac{1}{T} = (1 - \alpha) \frac{1}{T_1} + \alpha \frac{1}{T_2}$$



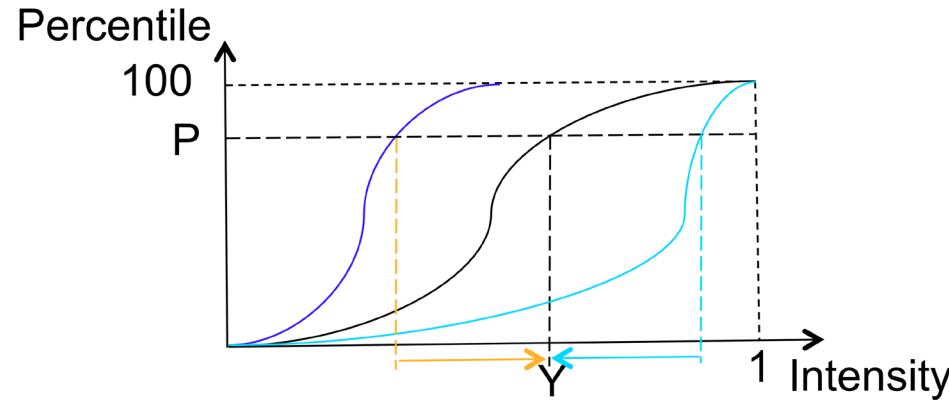
Auto-exposure

- Goal: well-exposed image (not a very well defined goal!)
- Possible parameters to adjust
 - Exposure time
 - Longer exposure time leads to brighter image, but also motion blur
 - Aperture (f-number)
 - Larger aperture (smaller f-number) lets more light in causing the image to be brighter, also makes depth of field shallower
 - Phone cameras often have fixed aperture
- Analog and digital gain
 - Higher gain makes image brighter but amplifies noise as well
- ND filters on some cameras



Exposure Metering

- Cumulative Density Function of image intensity values
 - P percent of image pixels have an intensity





Exposure Metering Examples

- Adjustment examples
 - $P = 0.995, Y = 0.9$
 - max 0.5% of pixels are saturated (highlights)
 - $P = 0.1, Y = 0.1$
 - max 10% of pixels are under-exposed (shadows)
 - Auto-exposure somewhere in between, e.g., $P = 0.9, Y = 0.4$



Highlights



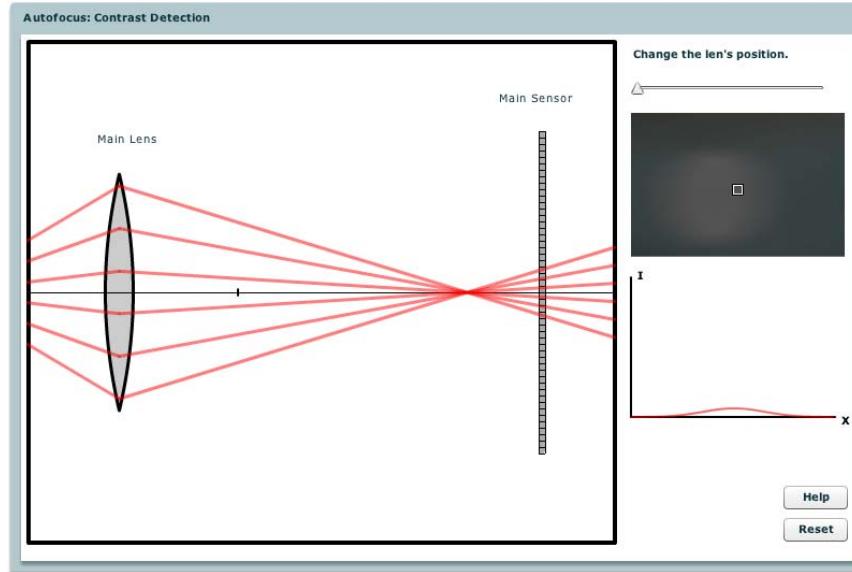
Auto-exposure



Shadows

Auto Focus

- Passive autofocus: contrast detection

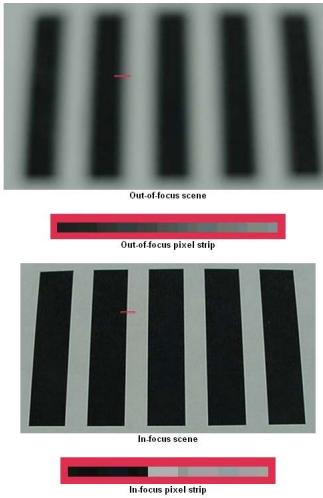


- an image sensor will see an object as contrasty if it's in focus, or of low contrast if it's not
- move the lens until the image falling on the sensor is contrasty
- compute contrasty-ness using local gradient of pixel values

Auto Focus



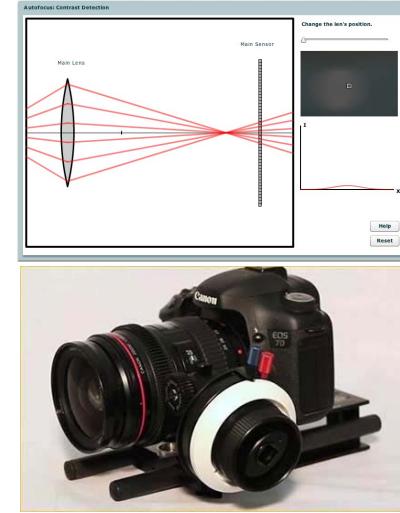
Passive autofocus: contrast detection



(howstuffworks.com)



cinema lenses
do not autofocus



- requires repeated measurements as lens moves, measurements are captured using the main sensor
 - equivalent to depth-from-focus in computer vision
 - slow, requires hunting, suffers from overshooting it's ok if still cameras overshoot, but video cameras shouldn't

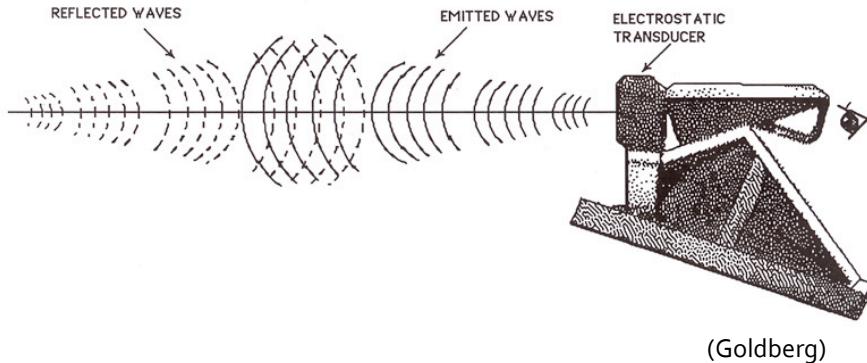


Auto Focus Modes

- AI servo (Canon) / Continuous servo (Nikon)
 - predictive tracking so focus doesn't lag axially moving objects
 - continues as long as shutter is pressed halfway
- focusing versus metering
 - autofocus first, then meter on those points "trap focus"
 - trigger a shot if an object comes into focus (Nikon)
- depth of field focusing
 - find closest and furthest object; set focus and N accordingly
- overriding autofocus
 - manually triggered autofocus (AF-ON in Canon)
- all autofocus methods fail if object is textureless!



Active Auto Focus: Time-of-Flight



- SONAR = Sound Navigation and Ranging
- Polaroid system used ultrasound (50KHz)
 - well outside human hearing (20Hz - 20KHz)
- limited range, stopped by glass
- hardware salvaged and re-used in amateur robotics



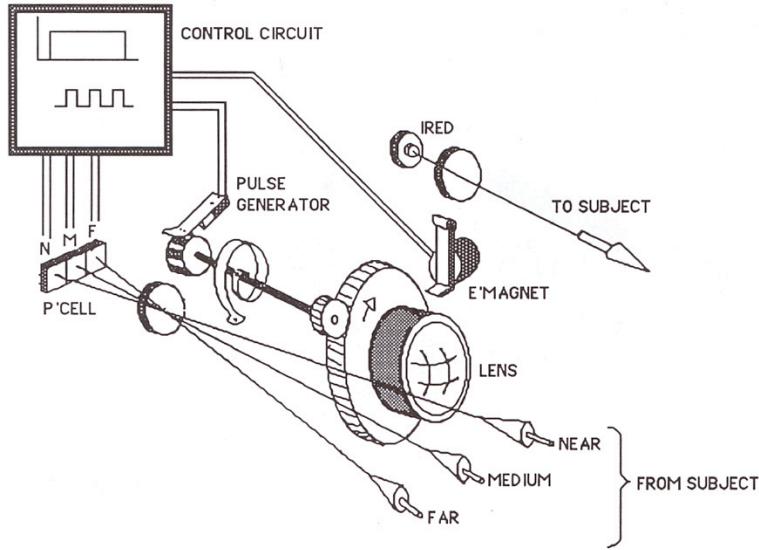
Active Auto Focus: Time-of-Flight



- LIDAR = Light Detection and Ranging
- PointSpread Tech OKulo uses 940nm infrared light
- light travels 1 foot per nanosecond, so accuracy requires fast circuitry
($\pm 5\text{mm}$ is typical)
- work in bright scenes



Active Auto Focus: Triangulation



The technology depicted here is not used on any current consumer camera. Don't confuse it with the LED that turns on to illuminate a dark scene and thereby assist many cameras with phase or contrast based passive autofocus. That LED is sometimes called the "autofocus assist light".

- infrared (IR) LED flash reflects from subject
- angle of returned reflection depends on distance
- fails on dark or shiny objects



Lens Shading Correction

Source: Irradiance is proportional to

- projected area of aperture as seen from pixel
- projected area of pixel as seen from aperture
- distance² from aperture to pixel

Combining all these: light drops as $\cos^4\theta$

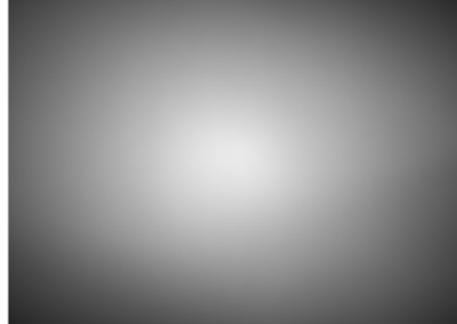
Types of Lens Shading:

- luma shading
- color shading.

Color shading



Luma shading



http://blog.csdn.net/xiaoyouck

EXIT PUPIL

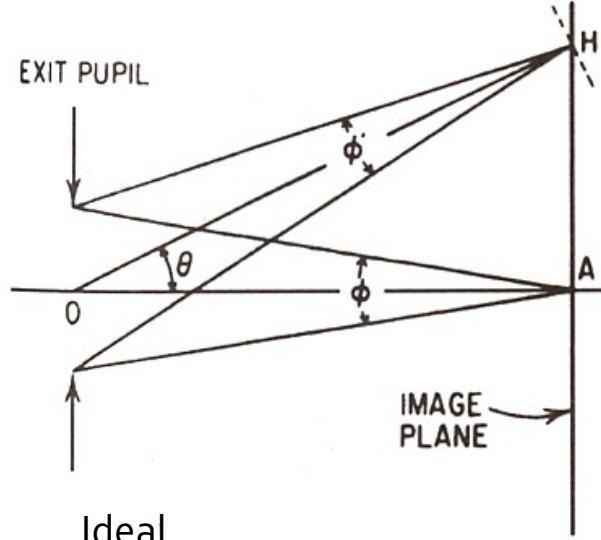
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A

IMAGE
PLANE

Ideal





Lens Shading Correction

Multiply a gain on each pixel at different locations

- Take a image with uniform light condition. And divide the image into $m \times n$ blocks. Four points of each block have a correction coefficient. Store the coefficients into look-up table.
- Based on the pixel location, calculating the pixel falls into which block. Then get four coefficient of the block from LUT. (Or use surface fitting)
- Calculating the correction gain of the pixel by interpolation.
- Multiplying the correction gain by the pixel.



Anti-aliasing

Source: Sampling high freq image with low freq

Two layers of birefrigent material

- splits one ray into 4 rays



No anti-aliasing filtered

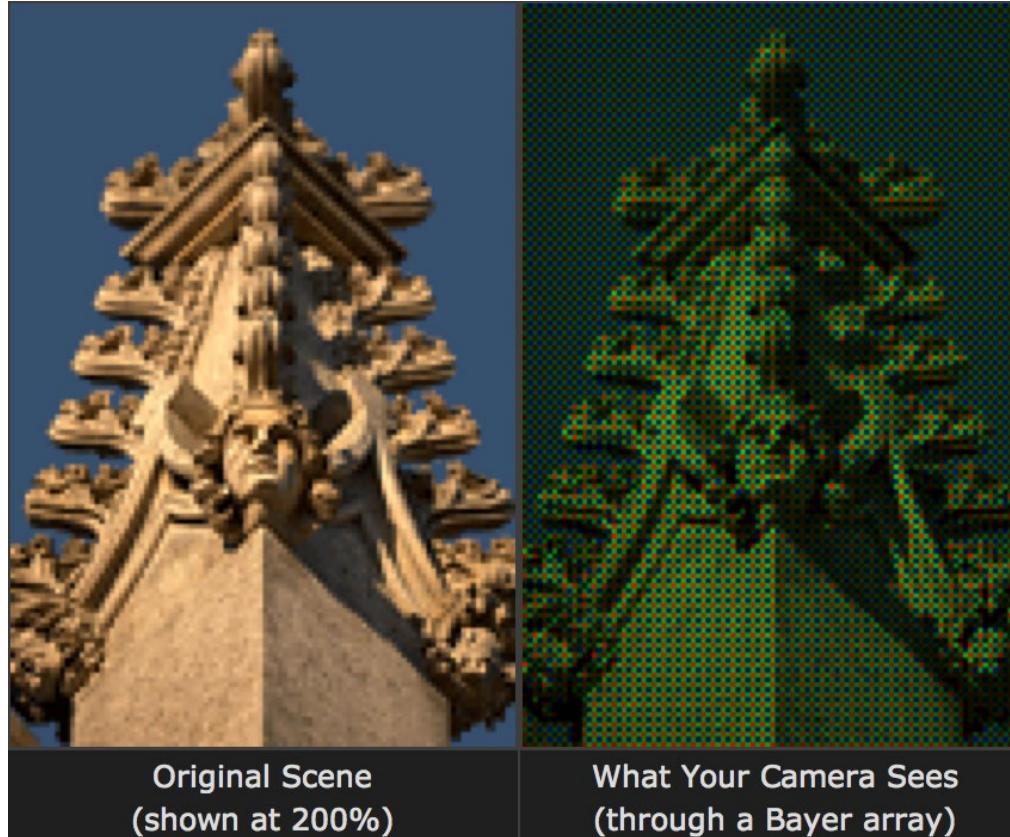


Anti-aliasing filtered



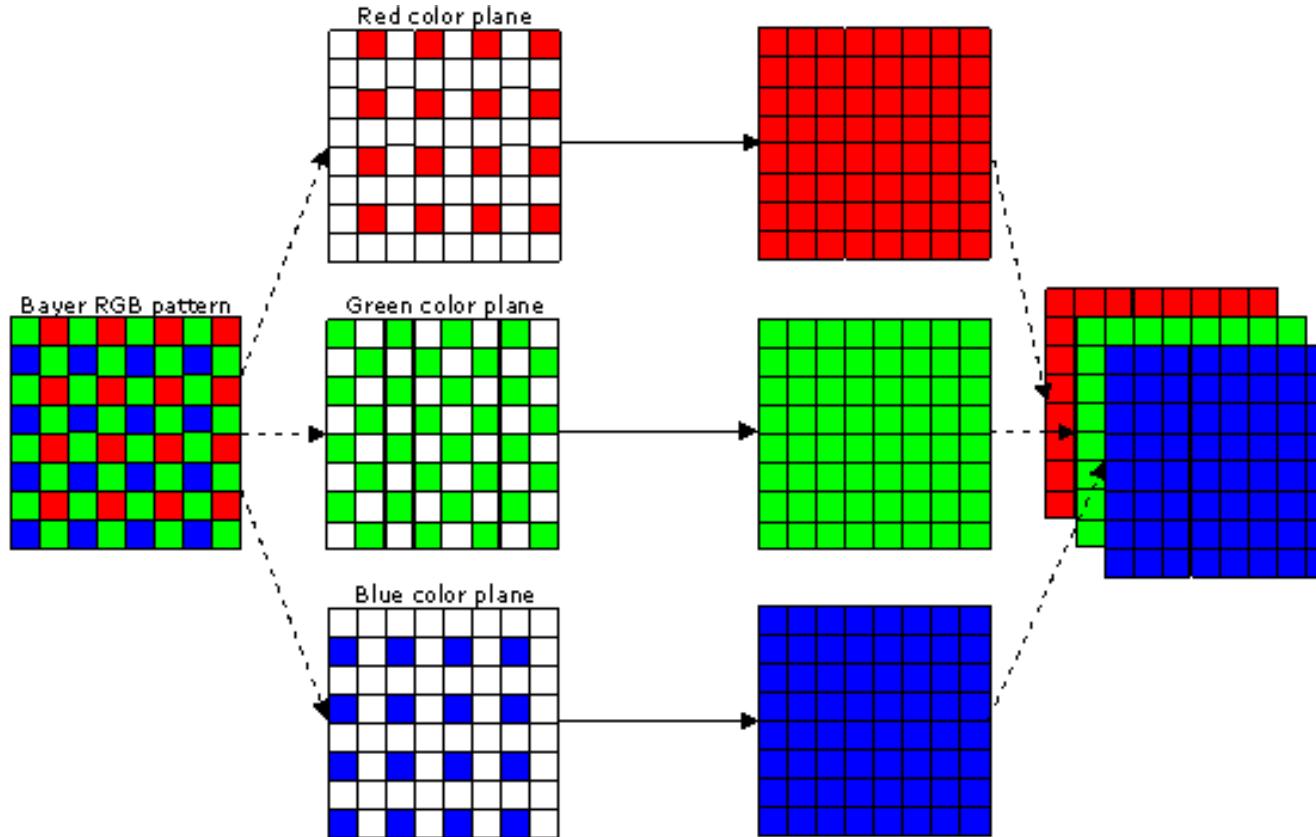
Demosacing: CFA Interpolation

Source: sensor color filter array





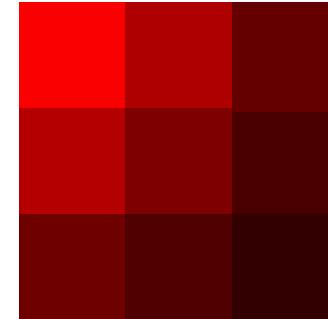
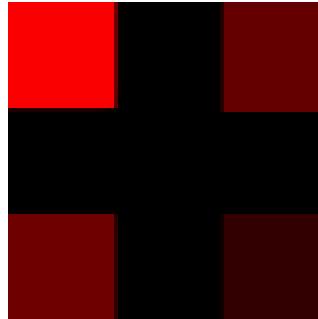
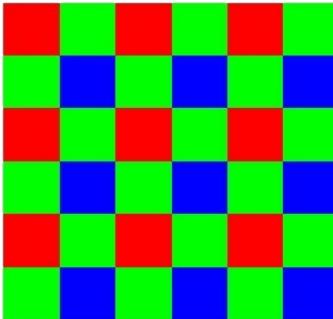
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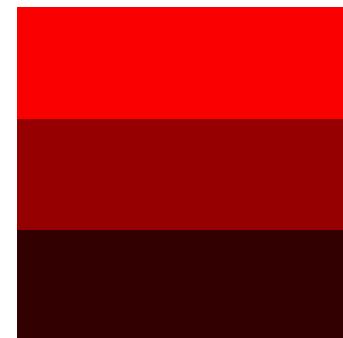
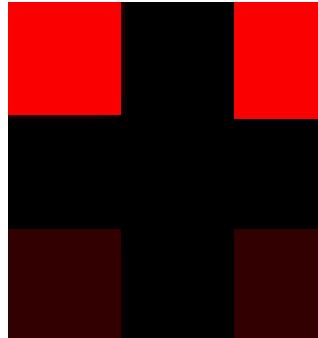


Demosacing: Bilinear Interpolation

- Advantage: Easy to implement



- Disadvantage: Fails at sharp edges





Demosacing: Take Edges into Account

- Use bilateral filtering
 - avoid interpolating across edges

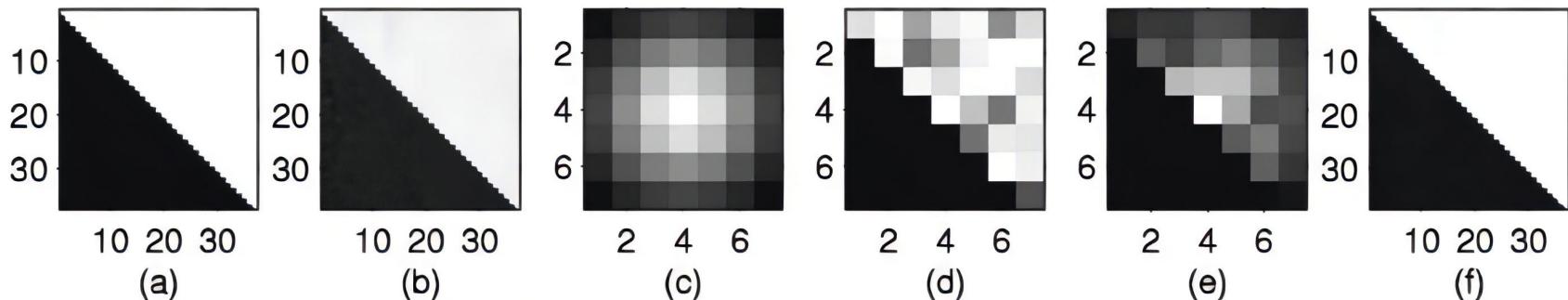


Fig. 3 Bilateral filtering: (a) original image, (b) image corrupted by Gaussian noise, (c) 7×7 blur kernel, (d) 7×7 similarity kernel at row=18, col=18, (e) 7×7 bilateral filter kernel, and (f) resulting image (denoised and sharpened).

ADAPTIVE DEMOSACKING Ramanath, Snyder, JEI 2003



Demosacing: Take Edges into Account

- Predict edges and adjust
 - assumptions
 - luminance correlates with RGB
 - edges = luminance change
- When estimating G at R
 - if the R differs from bilinearly estimated R
 - →luminance changes
- Correct the bilinear estimate
 - by the difference between the estimate and real value

$$\hat{G}(i, j) = \hat{G}(i, j) + \alpha \Delta_{\hat{R}}(i, j)$$

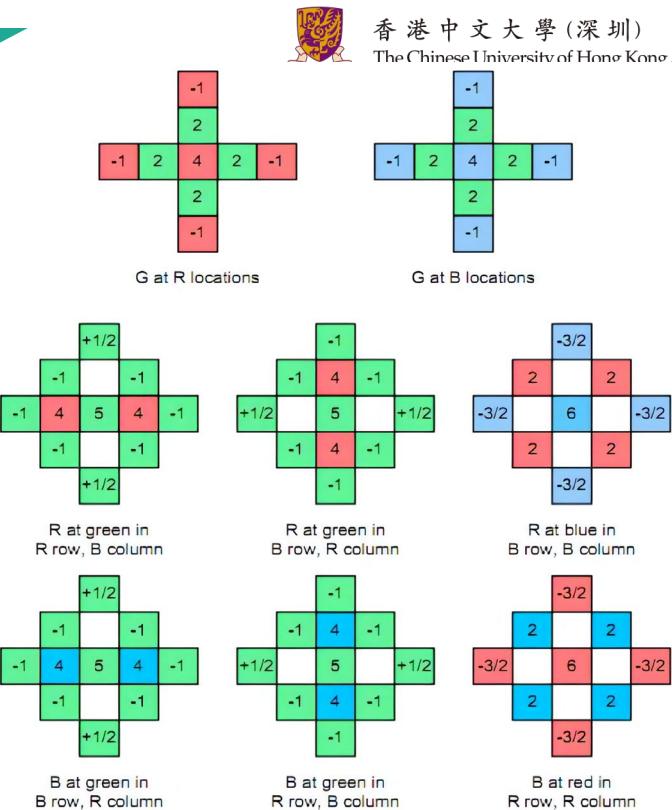


Figure 2. Filter coefficients for our proposed linear

HIGH-QUALITY LINEAR INTERPOLATION FOR
DEMOASICING OF BAYER-PATTERNED COLOR IMAGES
Malvar, He, Cutler, ICASSP 2004



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Color Correction



Color Correction

Source:

- Spectral characteristics of the optics (lens, filters)
- Lighting source variations like daylight, fluorescent, or tungsten
- Characteristics of the color filters of the sensor

Color Correction Matrix (CCM) is dedicated to transfer the sensor RGB color space to sRGB/other color space.

$$\begin{bmatrix} R' \\ G' \\ B' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} RR & RG & RB \\ GR & GG & GB \\ BR & BG & BB \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} R_{offset} \\ G_{offset} \\ B_{offset} \end{bmatrix}$$





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Edge Enhancement



Edge Enhancement

- Unsharp masking algorithm:
 - **Gain.** This controls the extent to which contrast in the edge detected area is enhanced.
 - **Radius or aperture.** This affects the size of the edges to be detected or enhanced, and the size of the area surrounding the edge that will be altered by the enhancement. A smaller radius will result in enhancement being applied only to sharper, finer edges, and the enhancement being confined to a smaller area around the edge.
 - **Threshold.** Where available, this adjusts the sensitivity of the edge detection mechanism. A lower threshold results in more subtle boundaries of color being identified as edges. A threshold that is too low may result in some small parts of surface textures, film grain or noise being incorrectly identified as being an edge.



Edge Enhancement

- Extract the edge map from Y channel (YCrCb)

$$edge_filter = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 8 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} * \frac{1}{8}$$

- The filter is applied on 3x5 region.

n-2	n-1	n	n+1	n+2	
m-1					
m					
m+1					

- The extracted edge map is given by

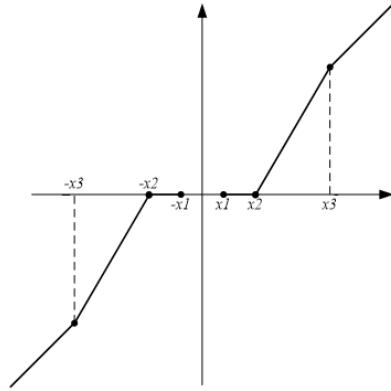
$$EM = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i,j=-2}^{i,j=2} Y_{m+i,n+j} * edge_filter_{i,j}$$

- Where i, j ranges from -2 to 2 with interval of 1.



Edge Enhancement

- The edge map (EM) is further modified through a lookup table (EMLUT) as



$$EMLUT(x) = \begin{cases} m_1 x & x \leq -x_3 \\ m_1 x_3 \times \left(\frac{x+x_2}{x_3-x_2}\right) & -x_3 < x \leq -x_2 \\ 0 & -x_2 < x \leq -x_1 \\ -m_2 x \text{ or } Avg - Y & -x_1 < x \leq x_1 \\ 0 & x_1 < x \leq x_2 \\ m_1 x_3 \times \left(\frac{x-x_2}{x_3-x_2}\right) & x_2 < x \leq x_3 \\ m_1 x & x_3 \leq x \end{cases}$$

Where m_1, m_2 is the gain for different thresholds. When $-x_1 < x \leq x_2$ the pixel is noise not the edge.

- There are two methods to calculate the Y value:

$$Y = Y - m_2 x$$

$$Y = Avg$$



Edge Enhancement

- The **Avg** is calculated by the gradient of neighbor pixels

$$DDH = \text{abs}(2Y_{m,n} - Y_{m,n-1} - Y_{m,n+1})$$

$$DDV = \text{abs}(2Y_{m,n} - Y_{m-1,n} - Y_{m+1,n})$$

$$DDL = \text{abs}(2Y_{m,n} - Y_{m-1,n-1} - Y_{m+1,n+1})$$

$$DDR = \text{abs}(2Y_{m,n} - Y_{m-1,n+1} - Y_{m+1,n-1})$$

- Find the minimum of , then **Avg** takes the value of that direction.

$$\text{Avg}H = \frac{Y_{m,n} + Y_{m,n-1} + Y_{m,n+1}}{3}$$

$$\text{Avg}V = \frac{Y_{m,n} + Y_{m-1,n} + Y_{m+1,n}}{3}$$

$$\text{Avg}L = \frac{Y_{m,n} + Y_{m-1,n-1} + Y_{m+1,n+1}}{3}$$

$$\text{Avg}R = \frac{Y_{m,n} + Y_{m-1,n+1} + Y_{m+1,n-1}}{3}$$

- The EMULUT(x) is further clipped before adding to the original Y channel

$$Y' = Y + \text{clip}(EMLUT(x))$$

- To avoid over-shoot on edges, the Y' is further clipped for output.

$$Y' = \text{clip}(Y', Y_{max}, Y_{min})$$



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False Color Suppression



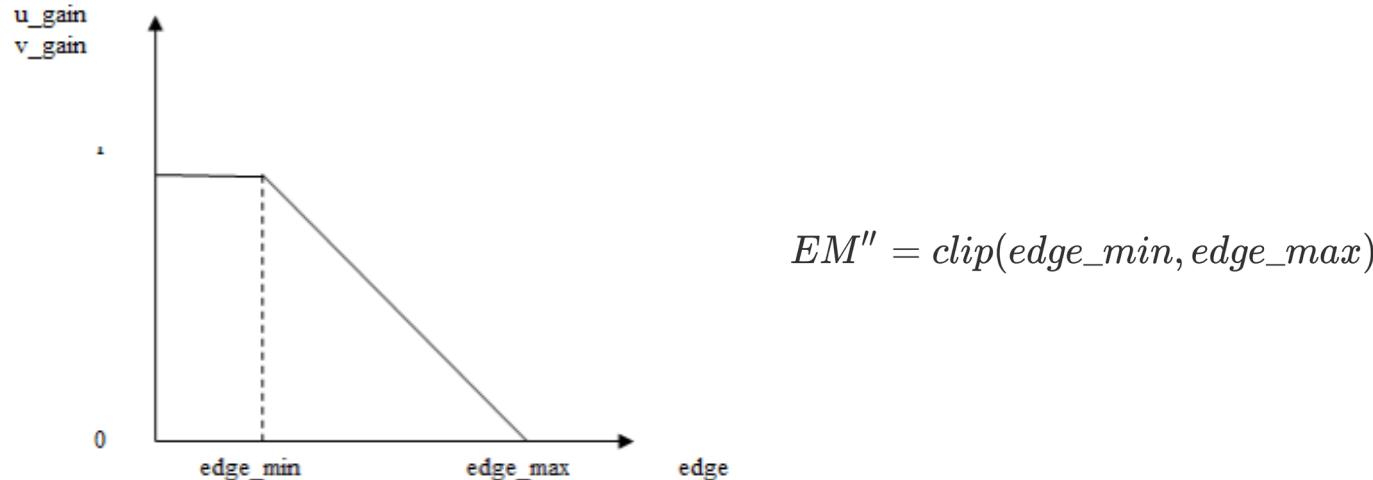
False Color Suppression (speckles)

Source:

- demosaicing phase where very fine details resolved
- lens, optical filter, dynamic compression etc

Conducted on chroma (Cb, Cr) channel. Luma (Y) is not influenced

- The edge map acquired from Edge Enhancement is taken by absolute value:
 $EM' = \text{abs}(EM)$. Then clipping the absolute edge map into {edge_min, edge_max}.





False Color Suppression (speckles)

- The chroma gain is calculated by

$$\text{chroma_gain} = K_{\text{edge}} * (\text{edge_max} - EM'')$$

Where

$$K_{\text{edge}} = \frac{65536}{(\text{edge_max} - \text{edge_min})}.$$

- Do false color suppression on chroma channel when edge is larger than edge_min .

$$(Cb', Cr') = \begin{cases} (Cb, Cr) & \text{edge} \leq \text{edge_min} \\ \frac{\text{chroma_gain} * (EM'' - 128)}{65536} + 128 & \text{edge_min} < \text{edge} \leq \text{edge_max} \\ (0, 0) & \text{edge_max} < \text{edge} \end{cases}$$



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Brightness/Contrast Control



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- Brightness and contrast are both applied on luma channel.

$$Y' = Y + \text{brightness}$$

Where *brightness* ranges from [-128, 127]

$$Y' = Y + (Y - 127) * \text{contrast}$$

Where *contrast* is the adjustment ratio, ranges from [0, 1.992x].



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Gamma and Tone Mapping



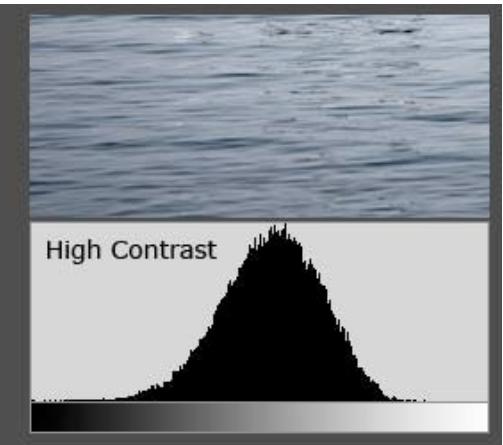
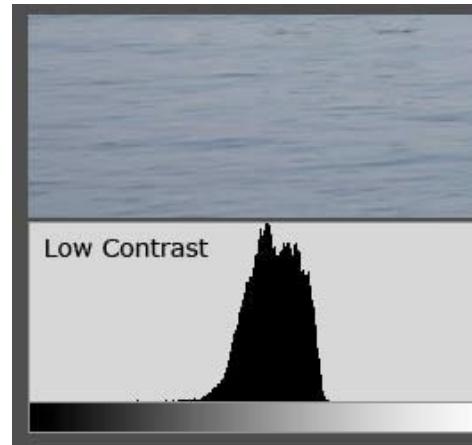
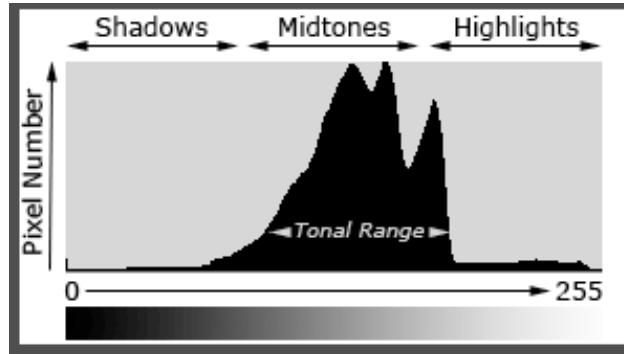
Gamma Correction

- Goal: accurately reproduce relative scene luminances on a display screen
 - absolute luminance is impossible to reproduce
 - humans are sensitive to relative luminance anyway
- in some workflows, pixel value is made proportional to scene luminance, in other systems to perceived brightness
- in CRTs luminance was proportional to voltage γ with $\gamma \approx 2.5$, so TV cameras were designed to output voltage \propto scene luminance $1/\gamma$
- pixel value \propto luminance $1/2.5$ is roughly perceptually uniform, so it's a good space for quantization, for example in JPEG files



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original



$\gamma = 0.5$



$\gamma = 2.0$



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Thank You!



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