

Introduction to Wave Optics and Deep Optics

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Lecture 14



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Overview & Motivation

Wave optics in a nutshell: coherence, Huygens-Fresnel principle, wave propagation, wave field vs observable intensity, diffraction-limited resolution, ...

Goals:

- Intuitive introduction of fundamentals of wave optics without all the math (not enough time, take an optics class for that)
- Overview of modern approaches combining wave optics with artificial intelligence techniques for various applications

Coherence in a Nutshell

- Incoherent light: emission of light over “large” (i.e., compared to wavelength) area & broad range of wavelengths
- Partially coherent light (one of the following):
 - point or plane wave = spatially coherent
 - monochromatic = temporally coherent
- Coherent light: spatially & temporally coherent

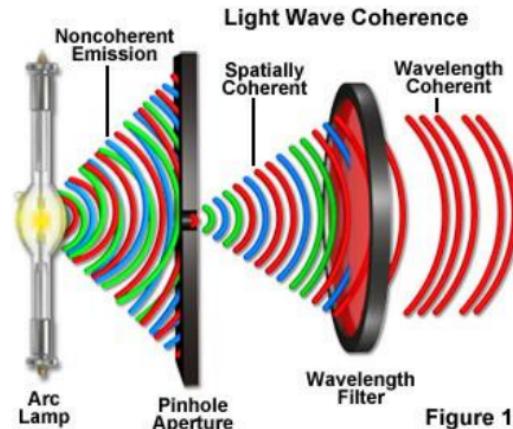
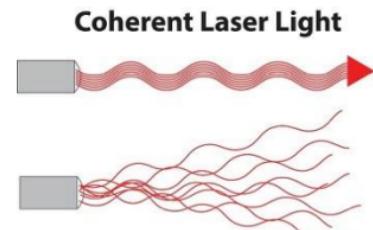


Figure 1

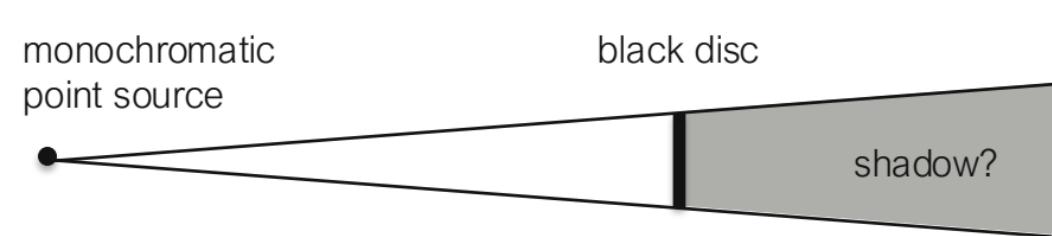
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Incoherent LED Light

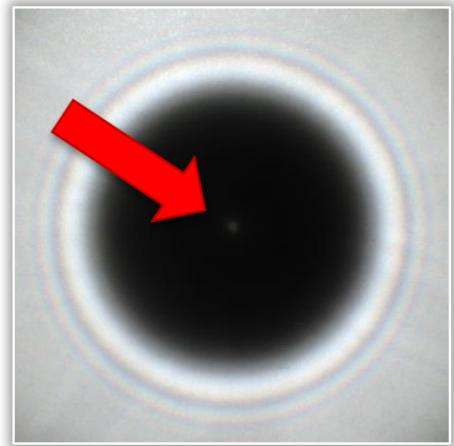
Poisson's Spot

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- Fresnel predicted, Poisson doubted, and Arago demonstrated it in 1818



monochromatic
point source



Point Sources and Plane Waves

- Point source at \mathbf{x}_0 and amplitude u_0
 - $r = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0\|_2, k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$
- Propagates with velocity c into direction $\mathbf{k} = (k_x, k_y, k_z)$
 - “what comes out of a laser” or collimated point source

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = u_0 \frac{e^{ikr}}{r}$$

A diagram showing a central point source represented by a small black dot. Concentric circles around the source represent wavefronts, and arrows pointing outward from these circles indicate the direction of wave propagation. A coordinate system with x and z axes is shown at the bottom left.

point source

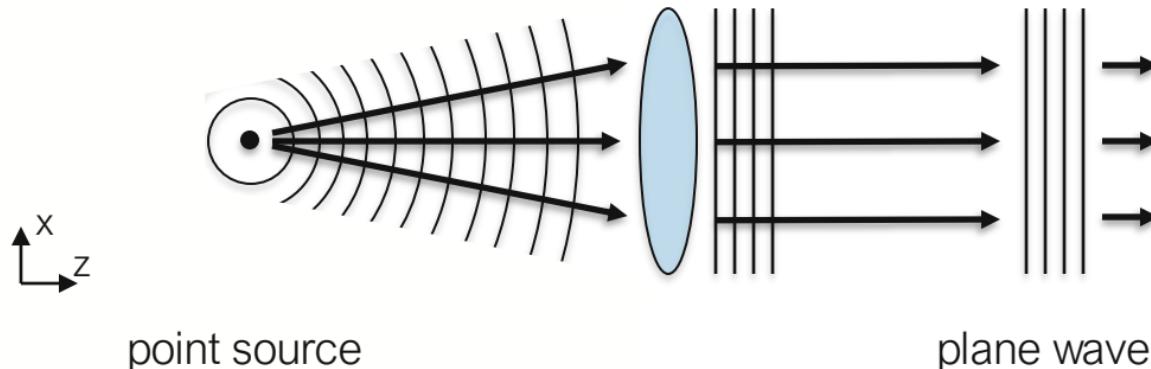
$$u(\mathbf{x}) = u_0 e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}$$

A diagram showing a vertical stack of four parallel lines representing a wavefront. Arrows pointing to the right from the top and middle lines indicate the direction of wave propagation. A coordinate system with x and z axes is shown at the bottom left.

plane wave

Point Sources and Plane Waves

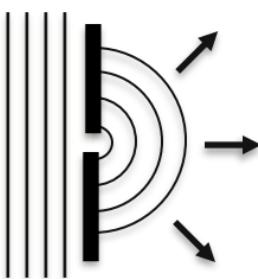
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Hyugens-Fresnel Principle

Every point on a wavefront is itself the source of spherical wavelets, and the secondary wavelets emanating from different points mutually interfere. The sum of these spherical wavelets forms the wavefront.

Examples:



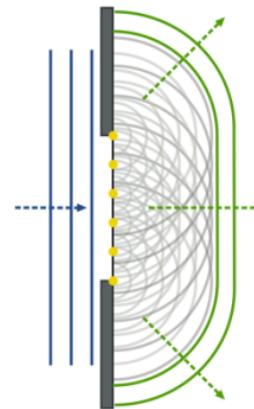
plane wave through slit
→ spherical wave



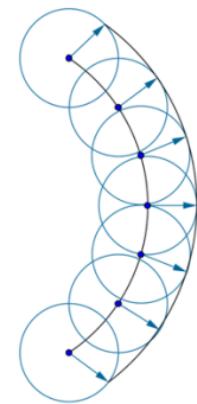
plane wave through
multiple slits →
interfering sph. waves



sph. waves
make plane
wave



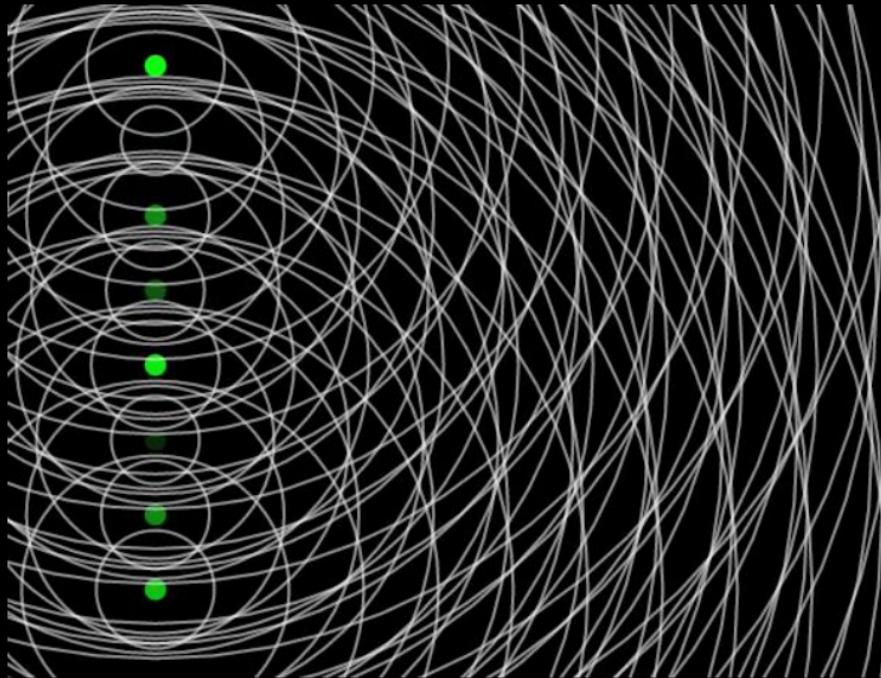
plane wave
through big slit



curved wave

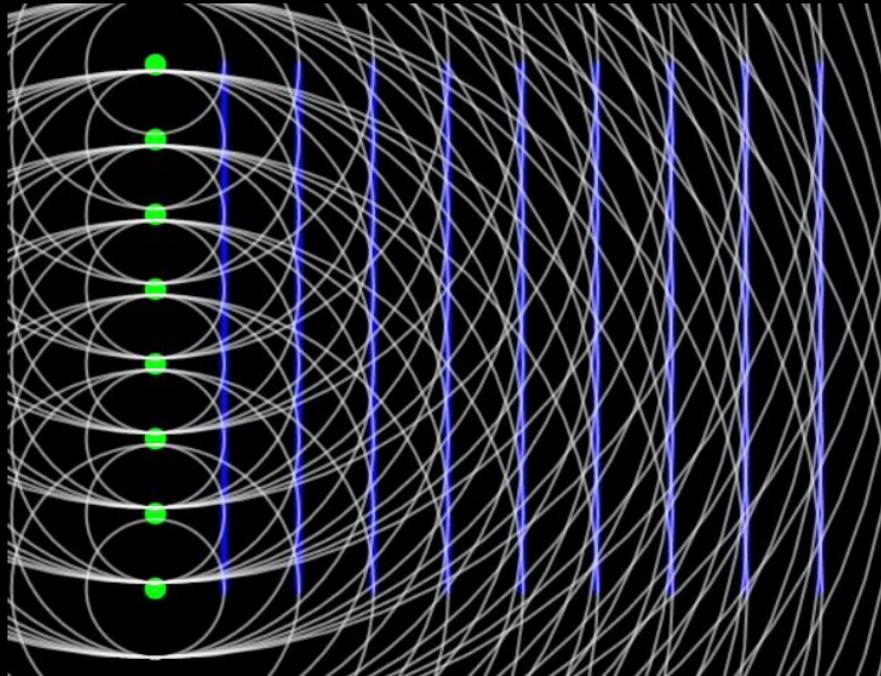
Hyugens-Fresnel Principle

Direction: random



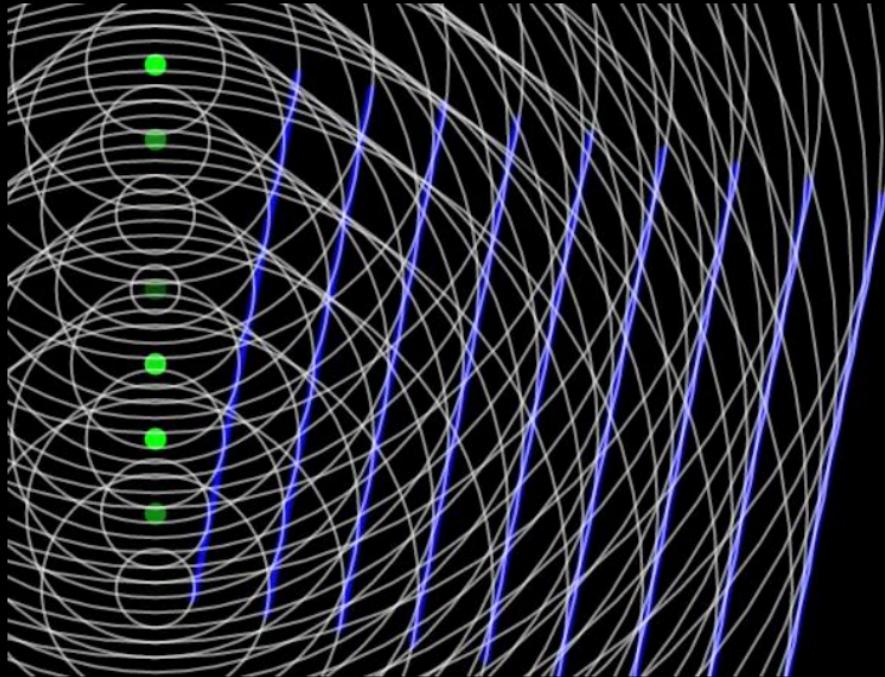
Hyugens-Fresnel Principle

Direction: axial



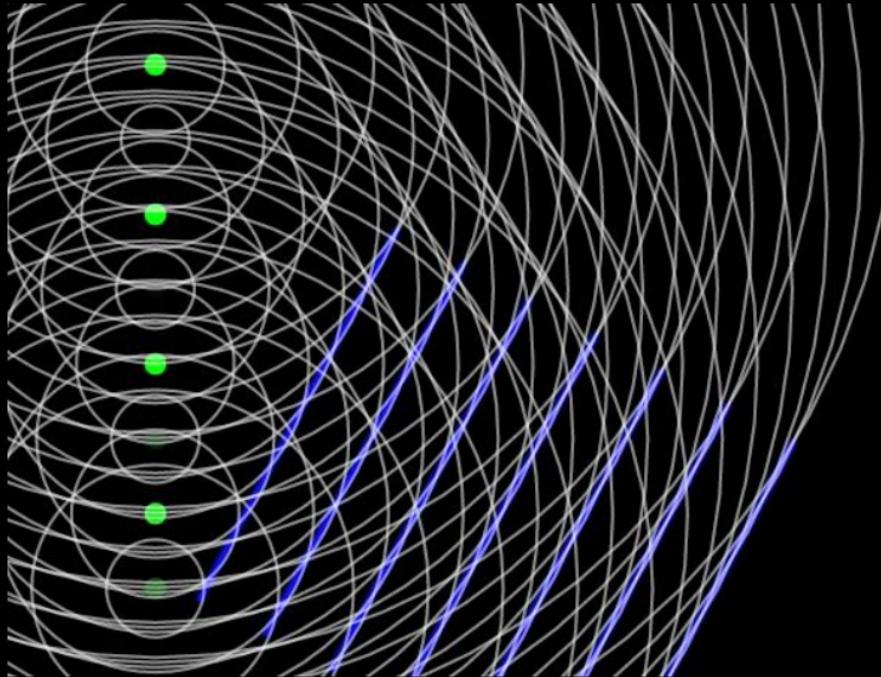
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Direction: oblique

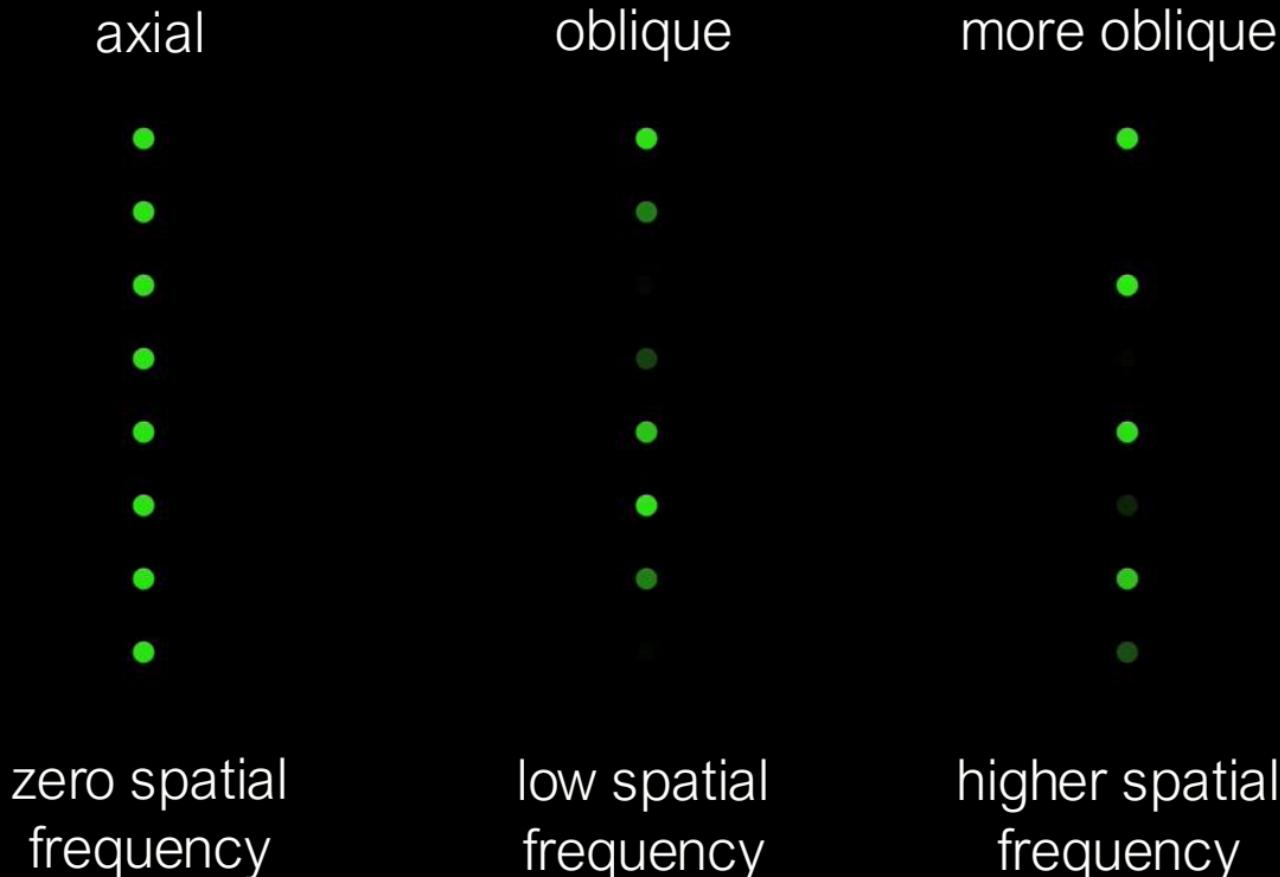


Hyugens-Fresnel Principle

Direction: more oblique



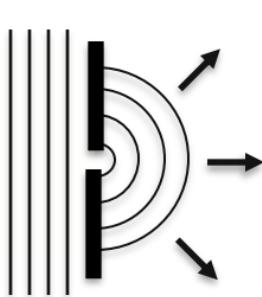
Spatial Frequency



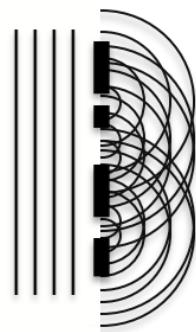
Interaction of Wave Field and Thin Object

- Field before/after object $u_{in/out}(x)$ are defined by amplitude $a(x)$ and phase $\phi(x)$ of mask (or object) as

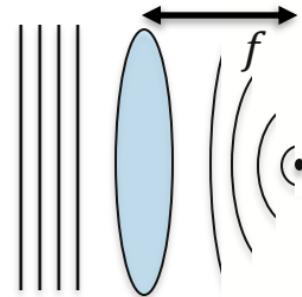
$$u_{out}(x) = u_{mask}(x) \quad u_{in}(x) = a(x)e^{i\phi(x)} \quad u_{in}(x)$$



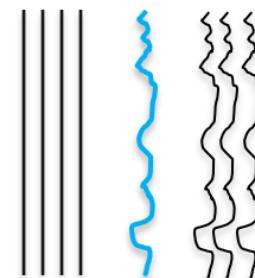
slit



amplitude mask



lens



phase mask

$$a(x) = \delta(x - x_0) \\ \phi(x) = 1$$

$$a(x) = rand \\ \phi(x) = 1$$

$$a(x) = 1 \\ \phi(x) = -k/2f x^2$$

$$a(x) = 1, \\ \phi(x) = rand$$

Plane Wave Decomposition = Fourier Transform

- Every wavefield can be represented as a weighted sum of plane waves

$$\text{Wavy Line} = \dots \hat{u}_{i-2} \cdot \text{Plane Wave } i-2 + \hat{u}_{i-1} \cdot \text{Plane Wave } i-1 + \hat{u}_i \cdot \text{Plane Wave } i + \hat{u}_{i+1} \cdot \text{Plane Wave } i+1 + \hat{u}_{i+2} \cdot \text{Plane Wave } i+2 \dots$$

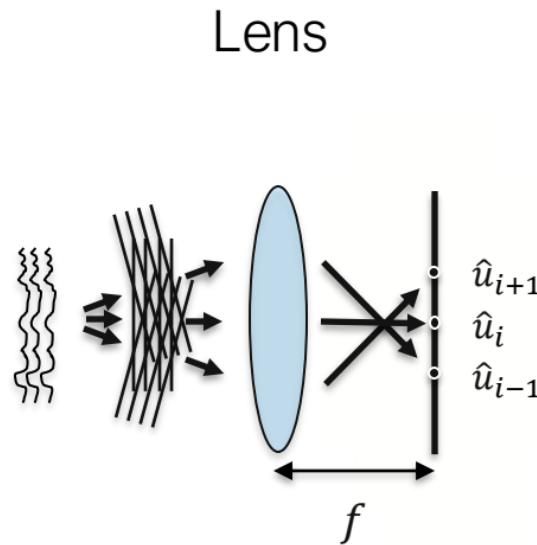
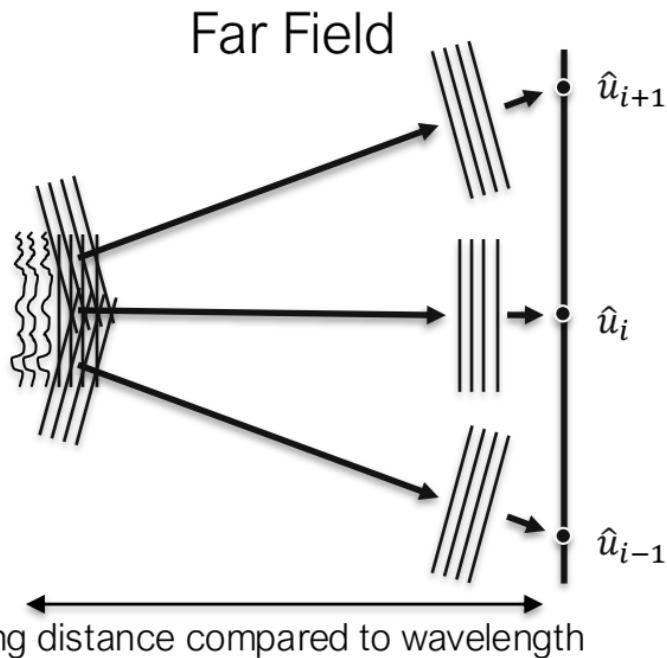
- Decomposition is the Fourier transform:

$$u(x) = \int \hat{u}(k_x) e^{2\pi i x k_x} dk_x$$

↑
1D plane wave with slope

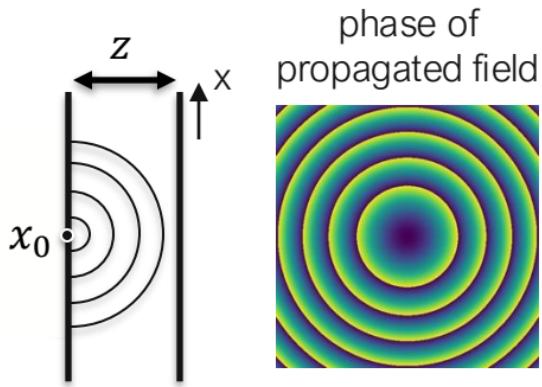
Optical Fourier Transform via Wave Propagation

Propagating plane waves in free space is intuitive → long distances in free space or lenses perform optical Fourier transform

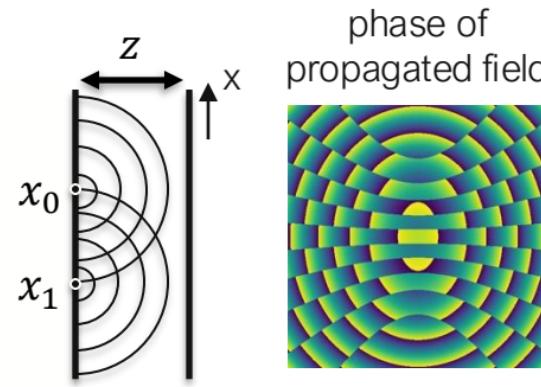


Wave Propagation in Free Space

single point source



two point sources



$$d = \sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + z^2}$$

$$u(x) = u_0 \frac{e^{i\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}d}}{d}$$

$$d_{0/1} = \sqrt{(x - x_{0/1})^2 + z^2}$$

$$u(x) = u_0 \frac{e^{i\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}d_0}}{d_0} + u_1 \frac{e^{i\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}d_1}}{d_1}$$

Wave Propagation in Free Space

In general, free-space propagation by distance z is modeled by convolution with a complex-valued propagation kernel or, similarly, a multiplication with a transfer function \mathcal{H} in the Fourier domain.

$$u_{prop}(x, y) = \mathfrak{I}^{-1}\{\mathfrak{I}\{u(x', y')\} \cdot \mathcal{H}(k_x, k_y, z)\}$$

$$\mathcal{H}(k_x, k_y, z) = \begin{cases} e^{-i\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}\sqrt{1-(\lambda k_x)^2-(\lambda k_y)^2}z} & \text{if } \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2} < \frac{1}{\lambda} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Different propagation operators have different transfer functions, this one is called Angular Spectrum Method (ASM).

Complex Field vs. Observable Intensity

We cannot directly observe the field, only its squared amplitude or intensity

observable intensity



$$I(x, y) = |u(x, y)|^2 = |a(x, y)e^{i\phi(x, y)}|^2 = a^2(x, y)$$

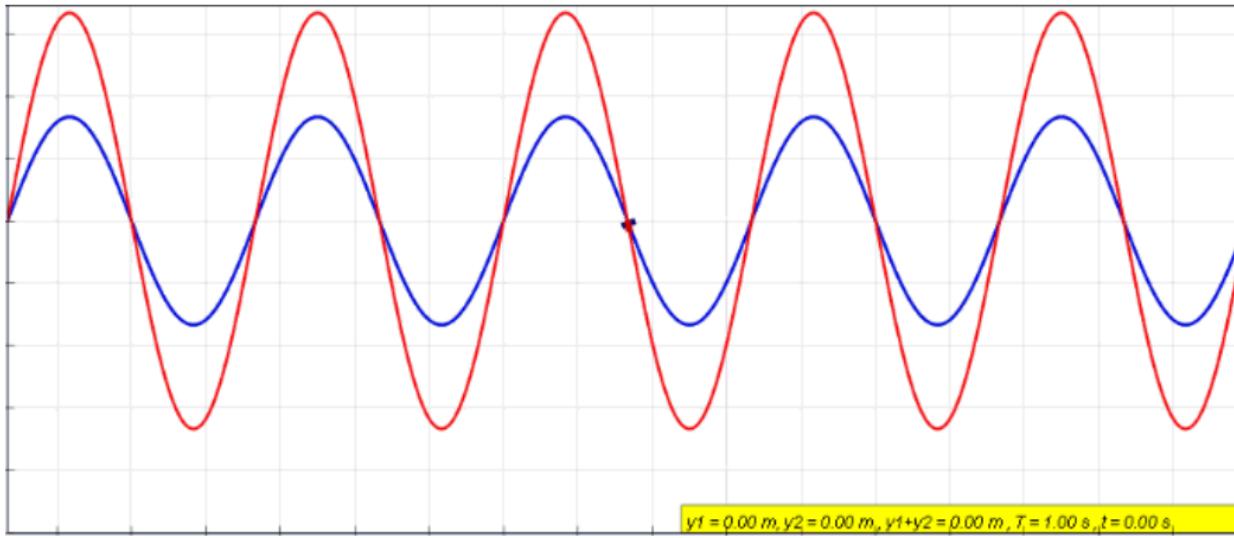


complex-valued field

amplitude squared,
no phase information!



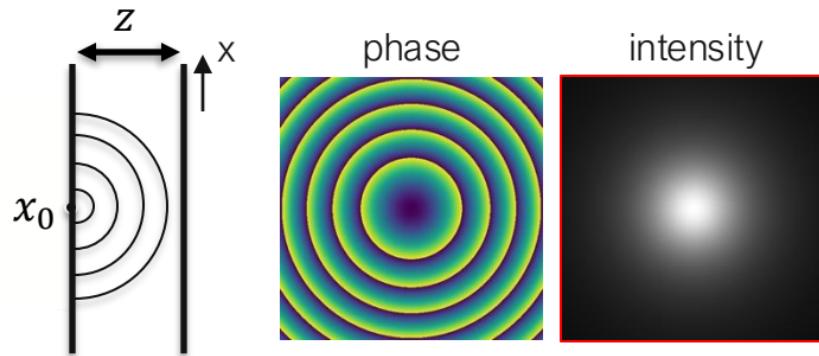
Constructive & Destructive Interference



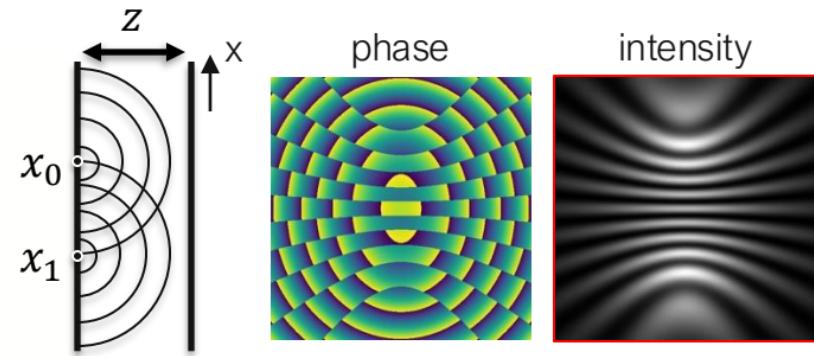
$$|a_1 e^{i\phi_1} + a_2 e^{i\phi_2}|^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + 2a_1 a_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)$$

Constructive & Destructive Interference

single point source



two point sources

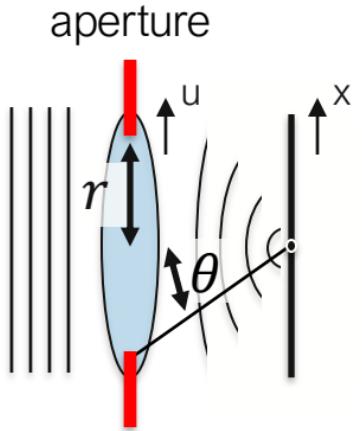


no interference

interference

$$i(\mathbf{x}) = |u(\mathbf{x})|^2$$

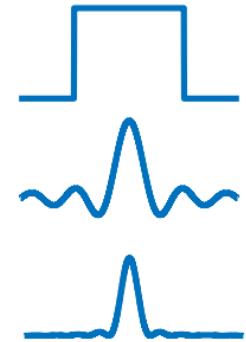
Diffraction-limited Resolution



1D: • Aperture is $\text{rect}(ru)$

• Wave at sensor is $\text{sinc}(krx)$

• Intensity is $|\text{sinc}(krx)|^2, k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$

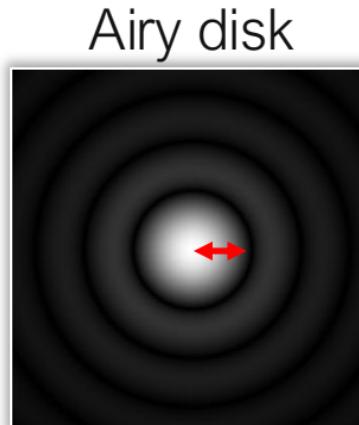


2D: • Aperture is $\text{circ}(r)$

• Wave at sensor is

$$jinc(kr \sin \theta) = \frac{J_1(kr \sin \theta)}{kr \sin \theta}$$

• Intensity is $|jinc(kr \sin \theta)|^2 \longrightarrow$



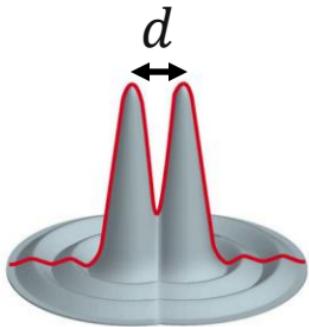
Airy disk

First minimum at
radius

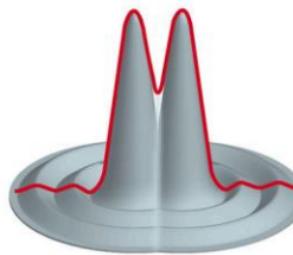
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$n \sin \theta$ related to
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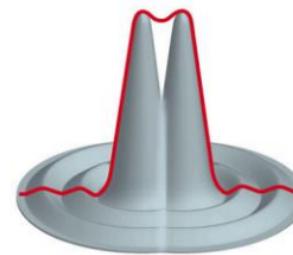
Diffraction-limited Resolution



Resolved



Rayleigh Limit

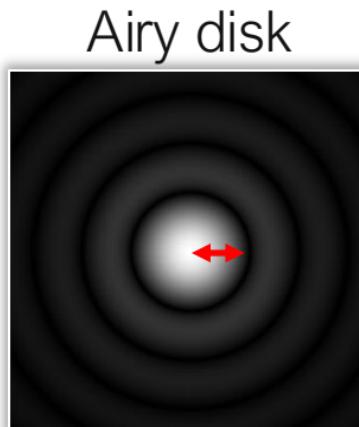


Not Resolved

Can resolve 2 points if distance d is at least:

- Rayleigh Limit $1.22 \frac{\lambda}{2n \sin \theta}$
- Abbe Limit $\frac{\lambda}{2n \sin \theta}$

n is refractive index of medium



Airy disk

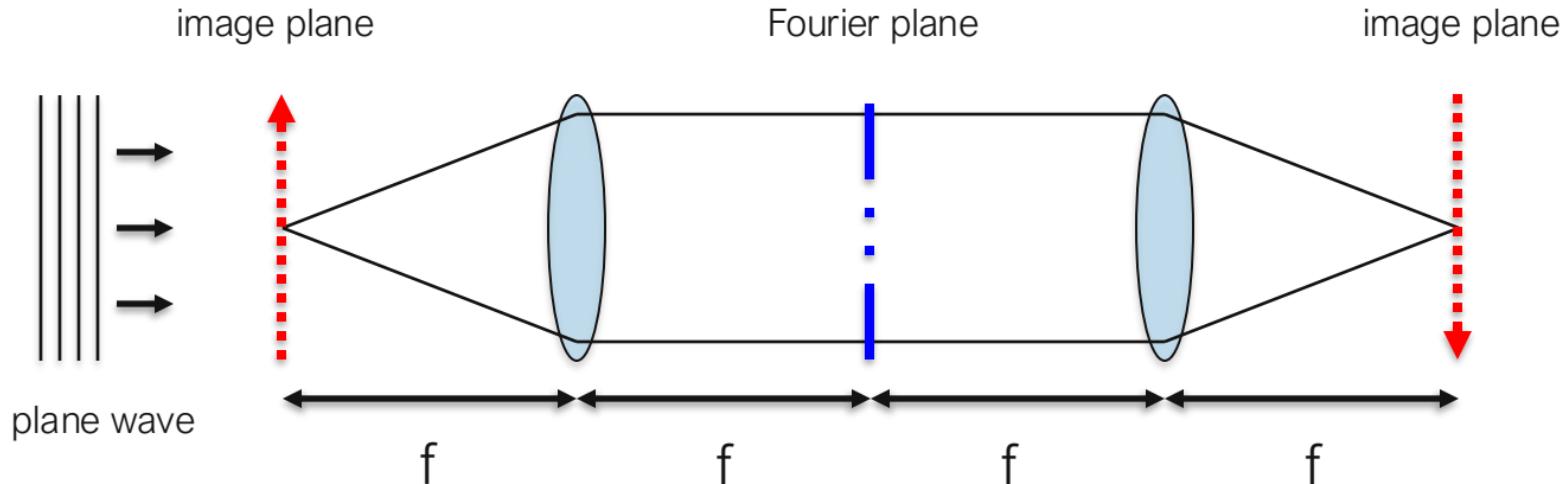
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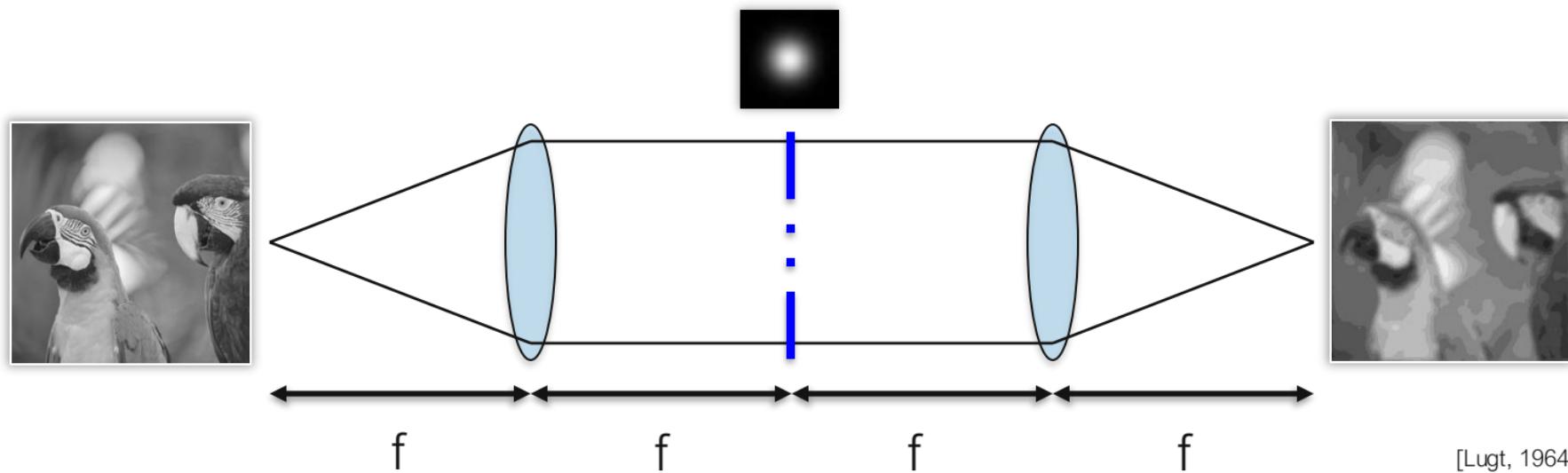
4f system

- 4f system consists of 2 lenses spaced at 2x their focal length f
- Image plane is copied at 4 f distance
- Fourier plane between lenses



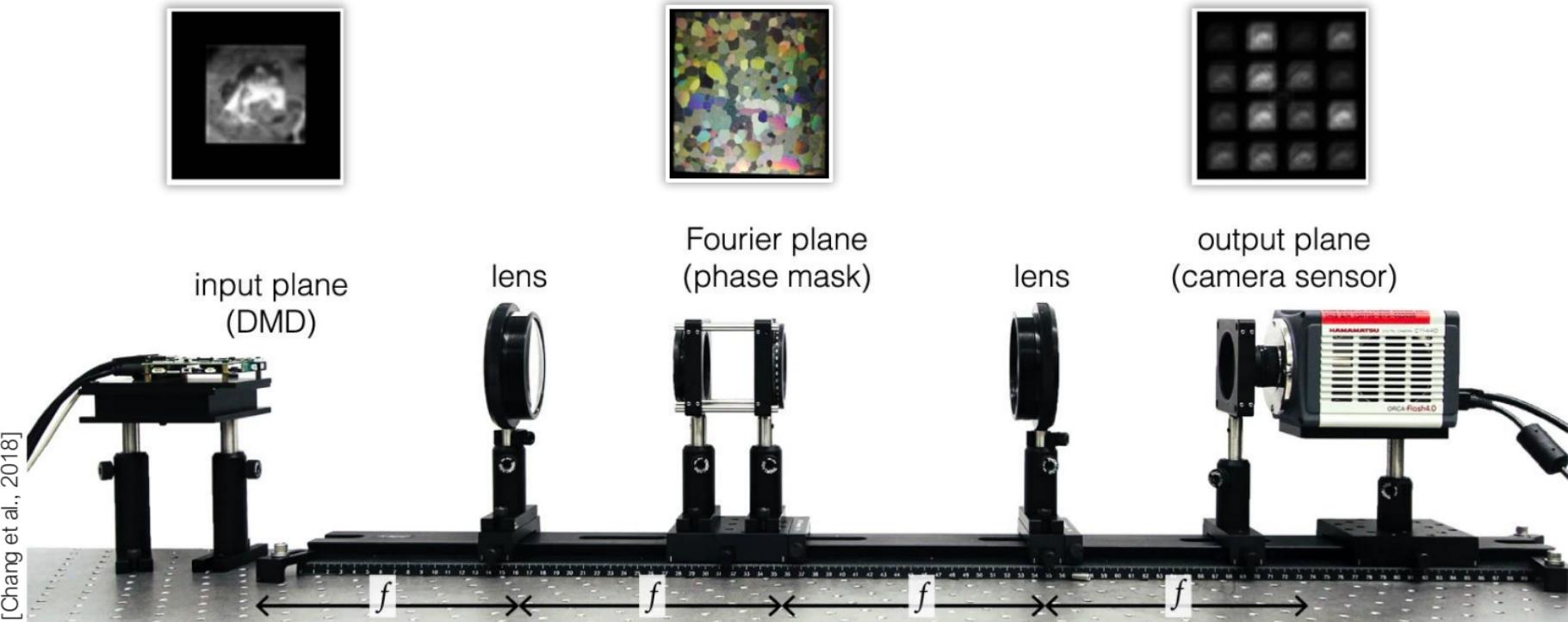
Optical Correlator

- Amplitude or phase mask placed at Fourier plane performs optical filtering / correlation
- Can implement low-, high-, or bandpass filter optically!



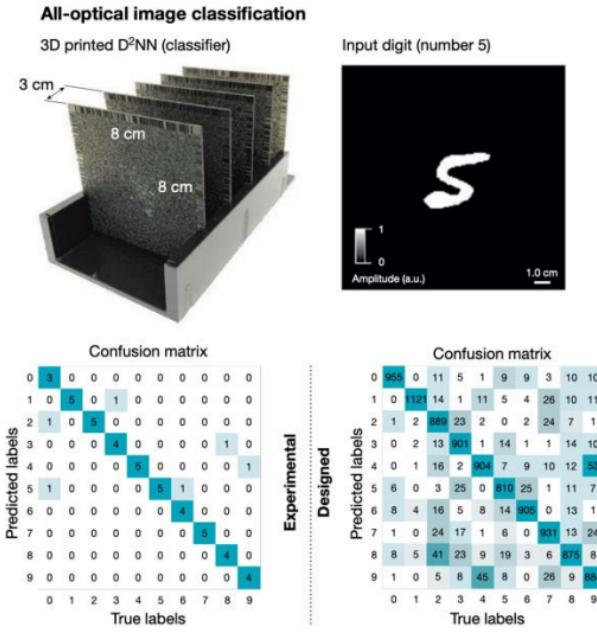
Optical CNN

- Copy input image & convolve with different kernels = CNN

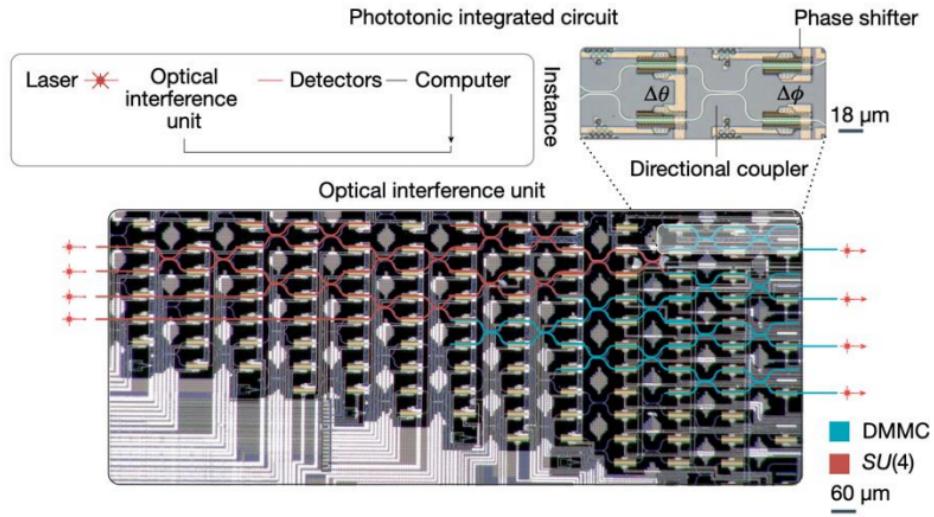


Optical Computing

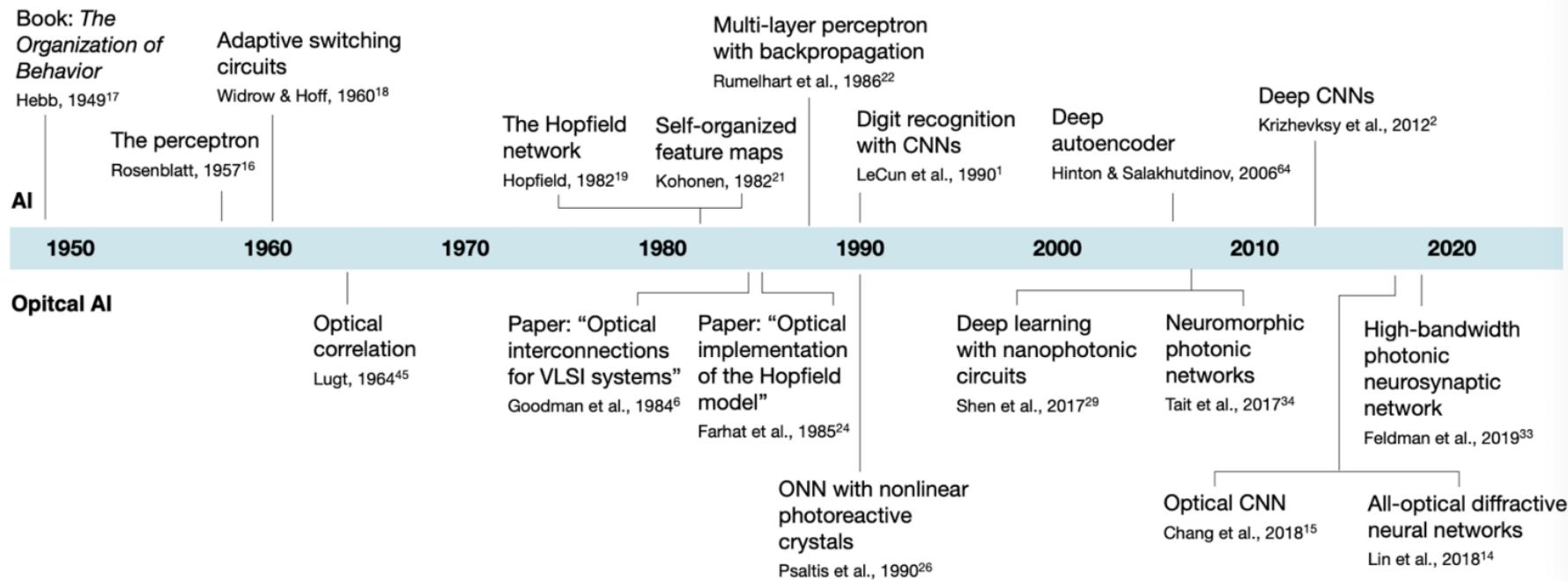
Deep Diffractive Neural Networks



Photonic Integrated Circuit



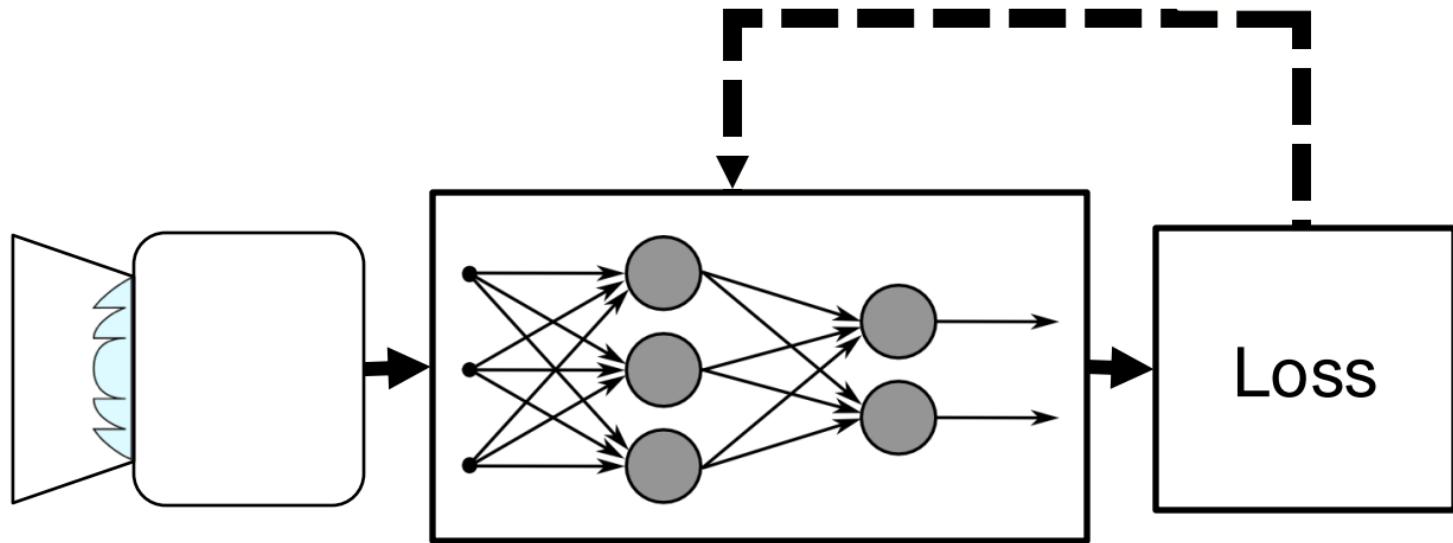
AI and Related Optical Implementations



Deep Optics

End-to-end Optimization of Optics and Image Processing

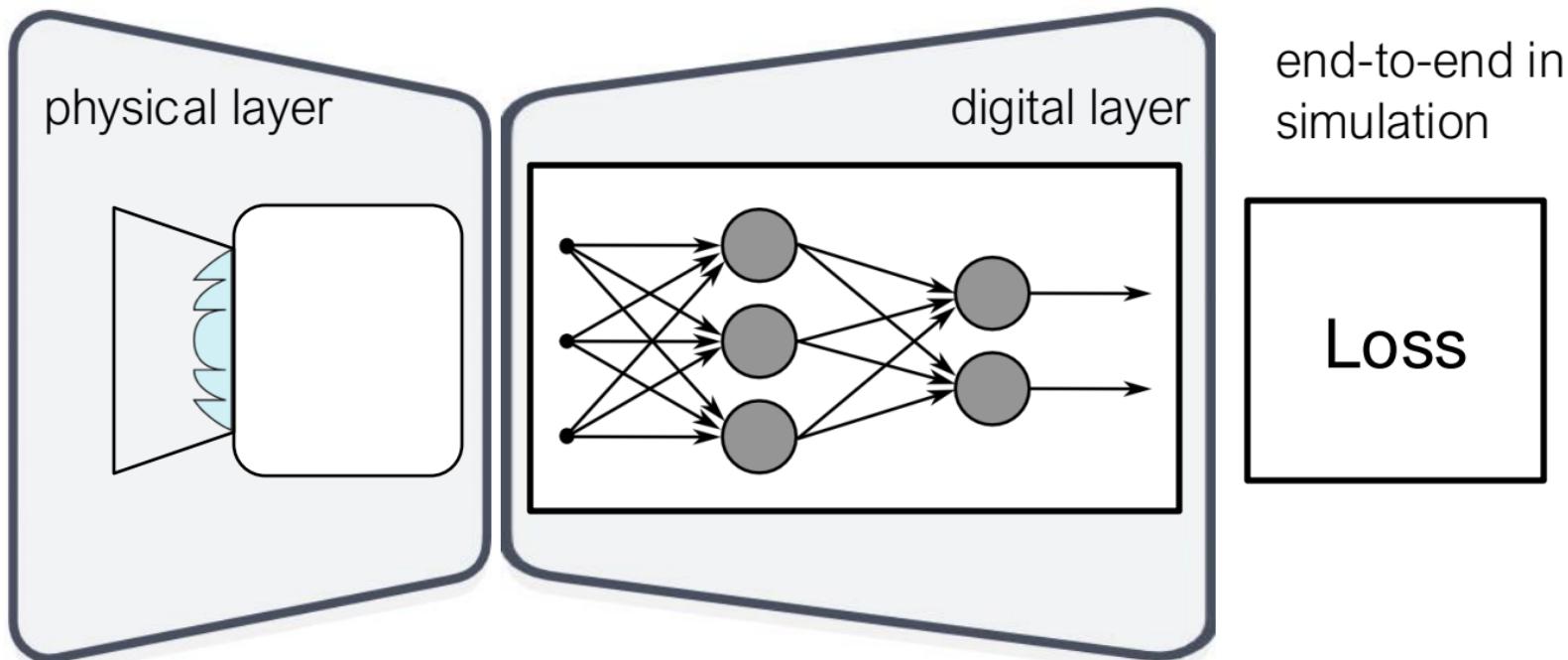
Deep Optics



Jointly optimize optics and image processing end-to-end!

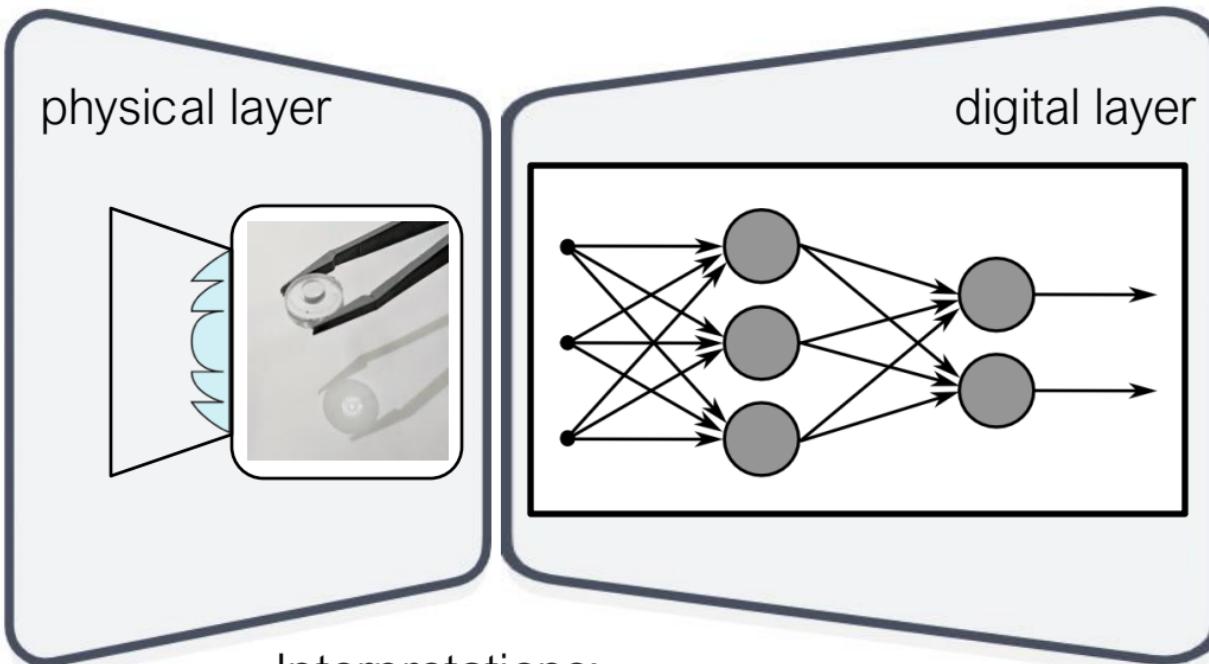
Deep Optics

Training:



Deep Optics

Inference:



Interpretations:

- Optical encoder, electronic decoder system
- Hybrid optical-electronic neural network

fabricate lens or other physical components, run network

Case Study:

Image Classification in Low Light

S. Diamond, V. Sitzmann, S. Boyd, G. Wetzstein, F. Heide “**Dirty Pixels: Optimizing Image Classification Architectures for Raw Sensor Data**”, arXiv preprint arXiv:1701.06487, 2017

S. Diamond, V. Sitzmann, F. Heide, G. Wetzstein “**Unrolled Optimization with Deep Priors**”, arXiv preprint: arXiv:1705:08041, 2018

A classification task

Low-Light
Mobile
Imaging
Scenario

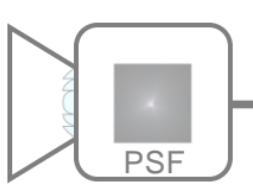


BM3D → Inception-v4 Classification

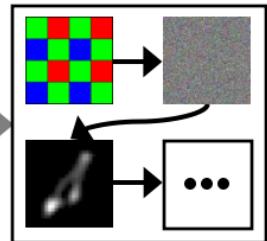




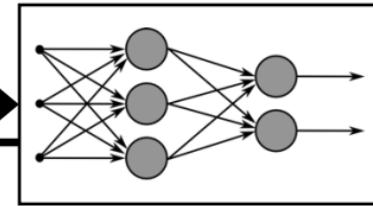
Optics Design
& Optimization



Low-level Image
Processing, i.e. ISP



High-level Image
Processing, i.e. CNN



Bunny



differentiable pipeline → optimize end-to-end

Learning Image Processing

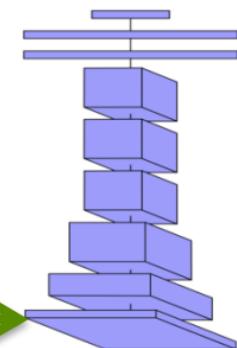
Unrolling Image Optimization



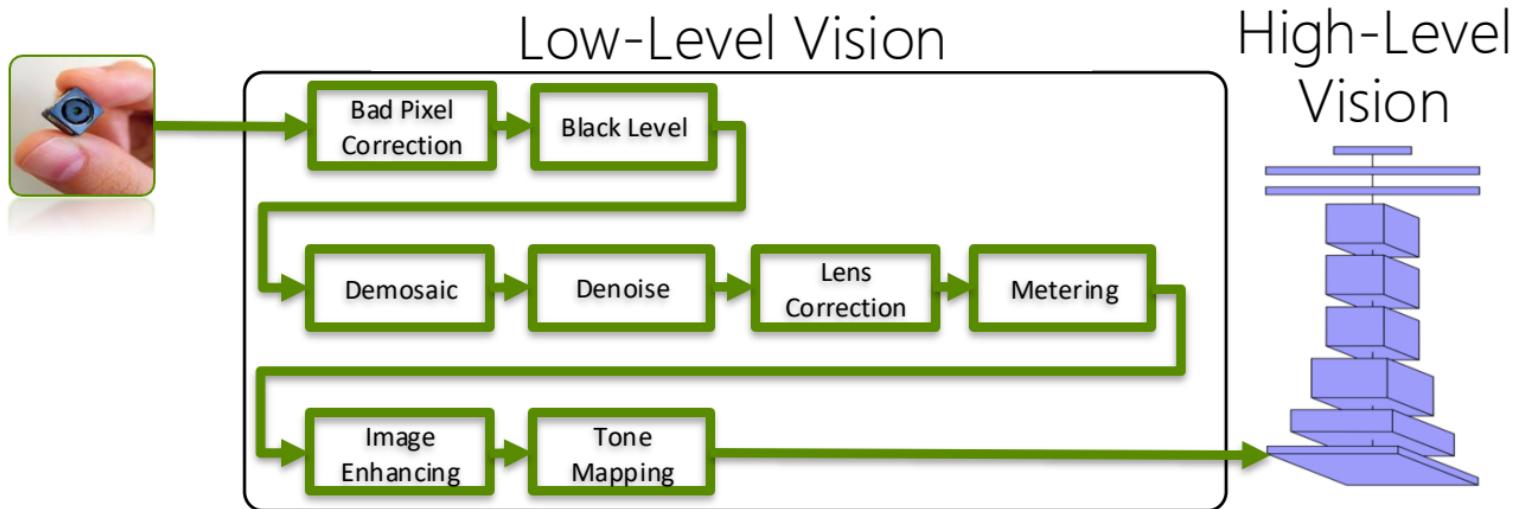
Low-Level Vision

- Physical image formation
- Prior and hyperparameters free
- Differentiable

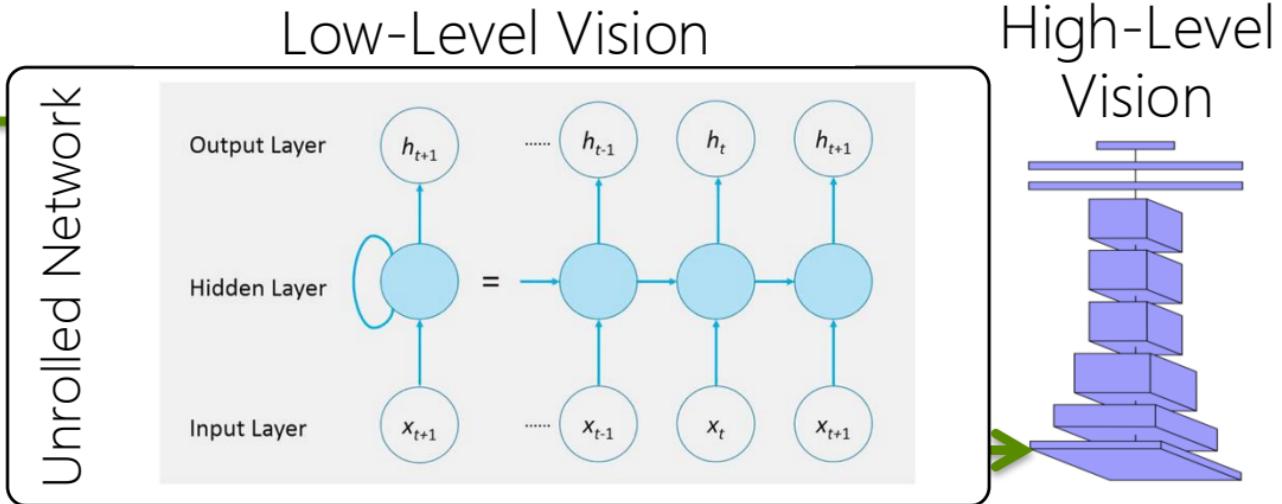
High-Level Vision



Unrolling Image Optimization



Unrolling Image Optimization



Low-Light Classification

Pretrained Inception-v4



BM3D → Pretrained Inception-v4



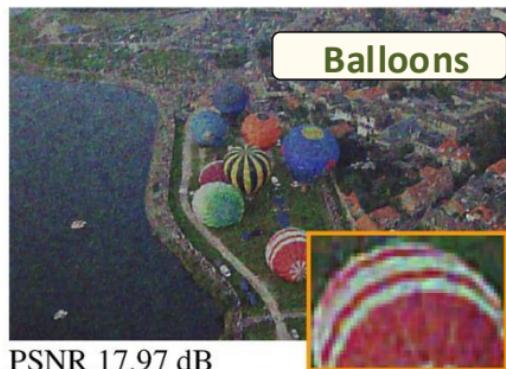
Proposed joint architecture



3 lux



6 lux



Case Study: Monocular Depth Estimation

J. Chang, G. Wetzstein “Deep Optics for Monocular Depth Estimation and 3D Object Detection”, ICCV 2019

H. Ikoma, C. Nguyen, Y. Peng, G. Wetzstein “Depth from Defocus with Learned Optics for Imaging and Occlusion-aware Depth Estimation”, ICCP 2021

point sources at
different depths

phase, amplitude mask | thin lens

free space propagation

$$\{A, \Delta\}(x)$$



free space propagation

$$U_{in}(x)$$

$$U_{out}(x)$$

$$U_{sensor}(x')$$



sensor cross-section



$$PSF(x')$$

intensity

PSFs
at depth:

0.50 m

0.57 m

0.65 m

0.77 m

0.94 m

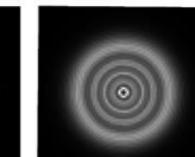
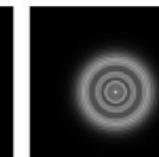
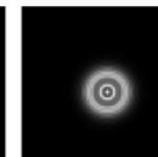
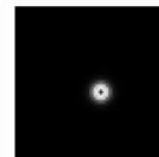
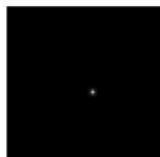
1.21 m

1.68 m

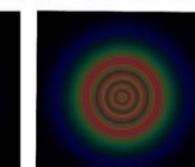
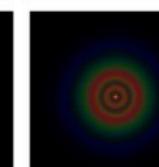
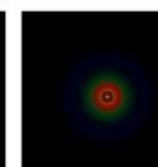
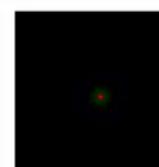
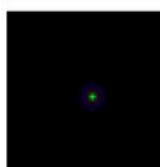
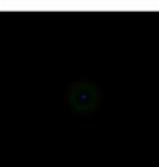
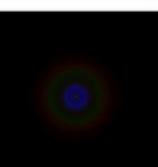
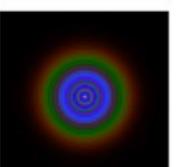
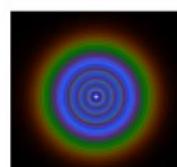
2.78 m

8.00 m

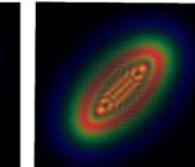
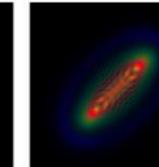
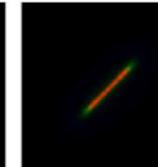
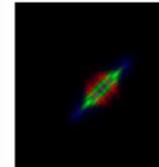
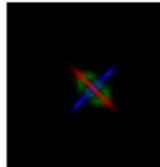
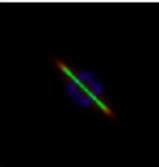
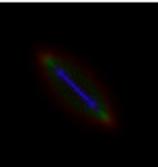
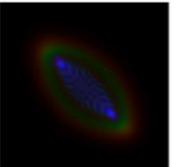
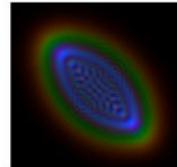
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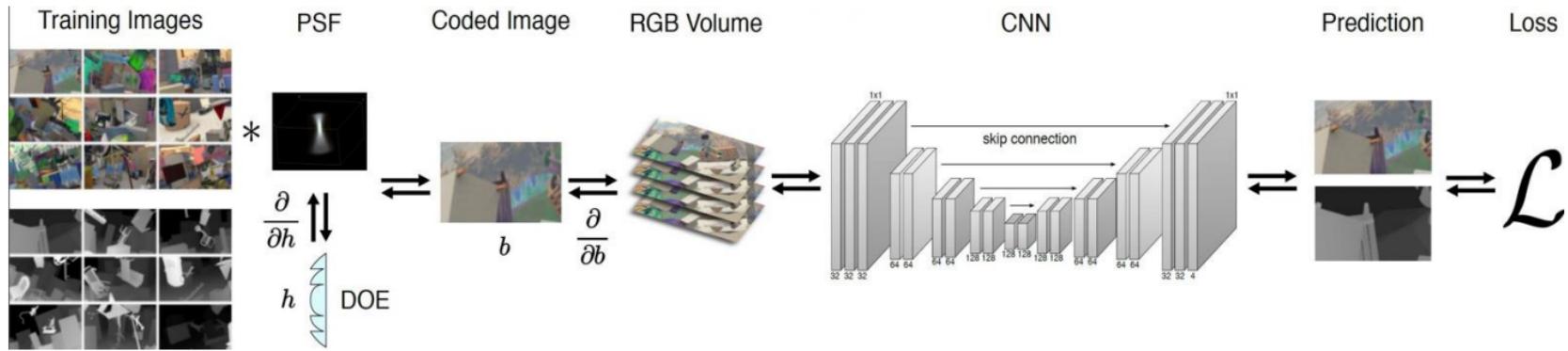
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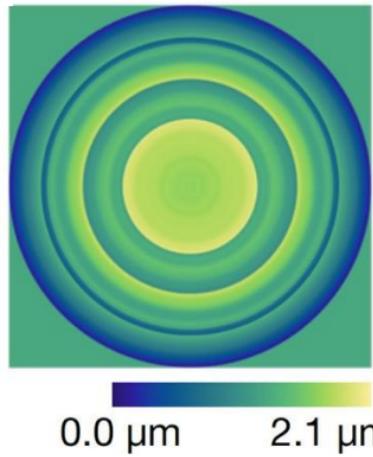
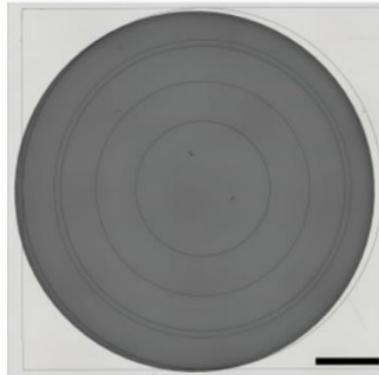
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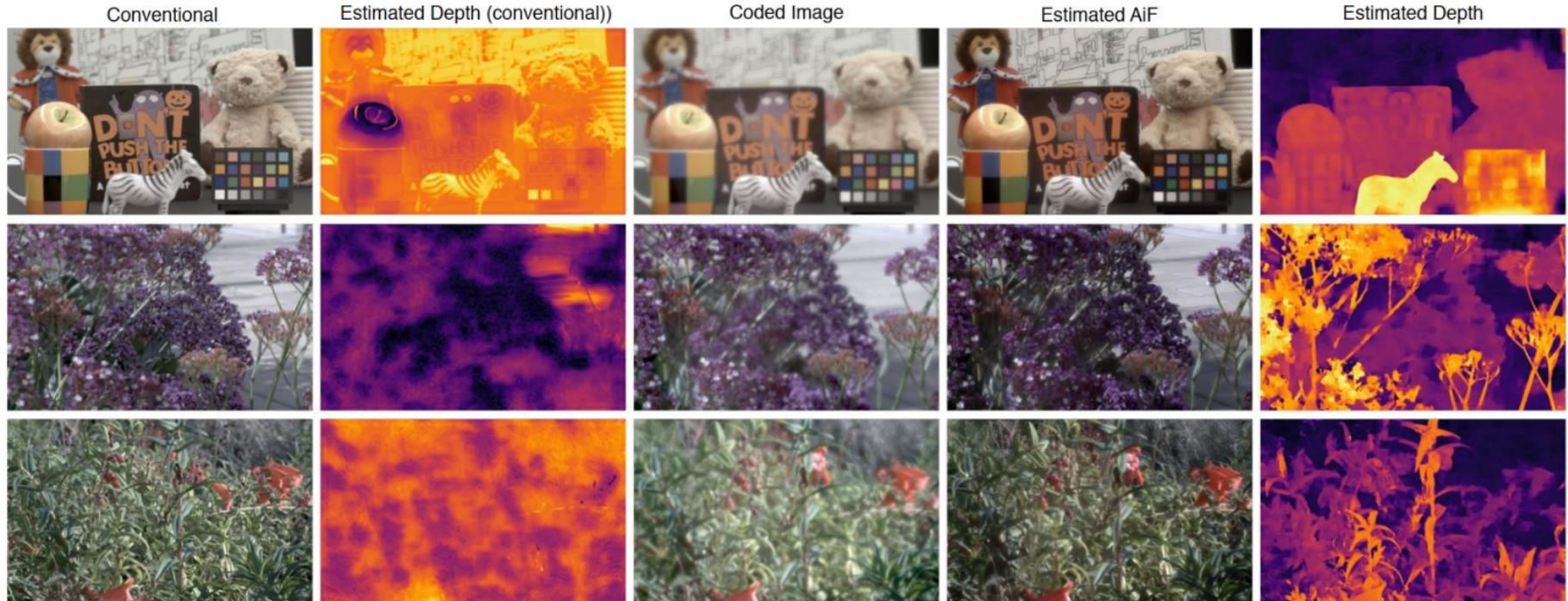


Prototype



Results

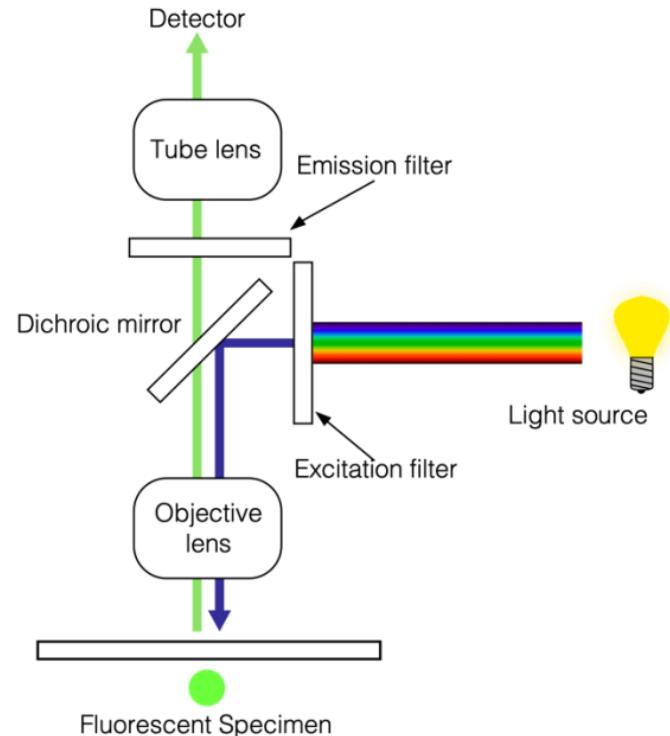
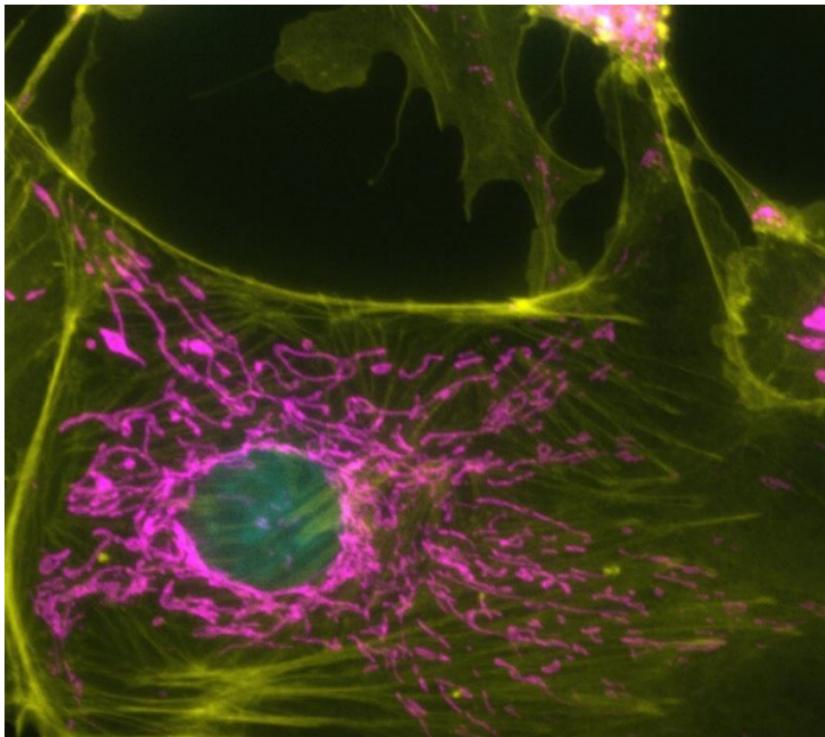
- Estimate RGB image and depth map from a single optically coded image



Case Study: 3D Localization Microscopy

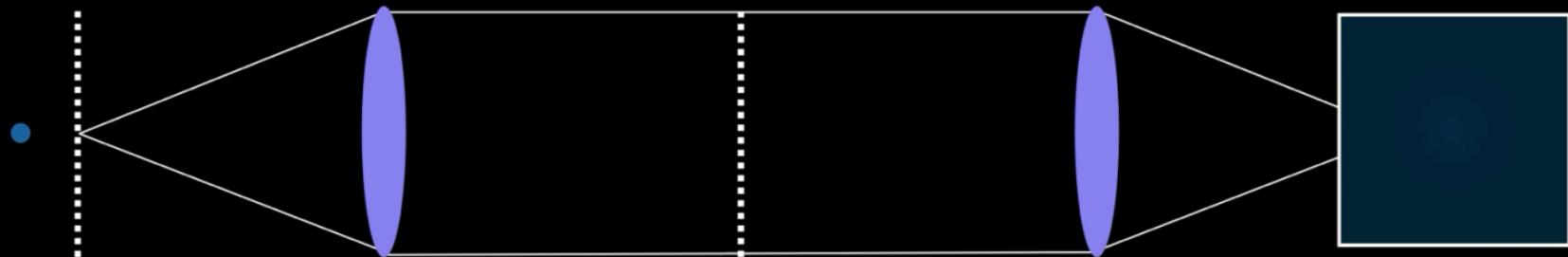
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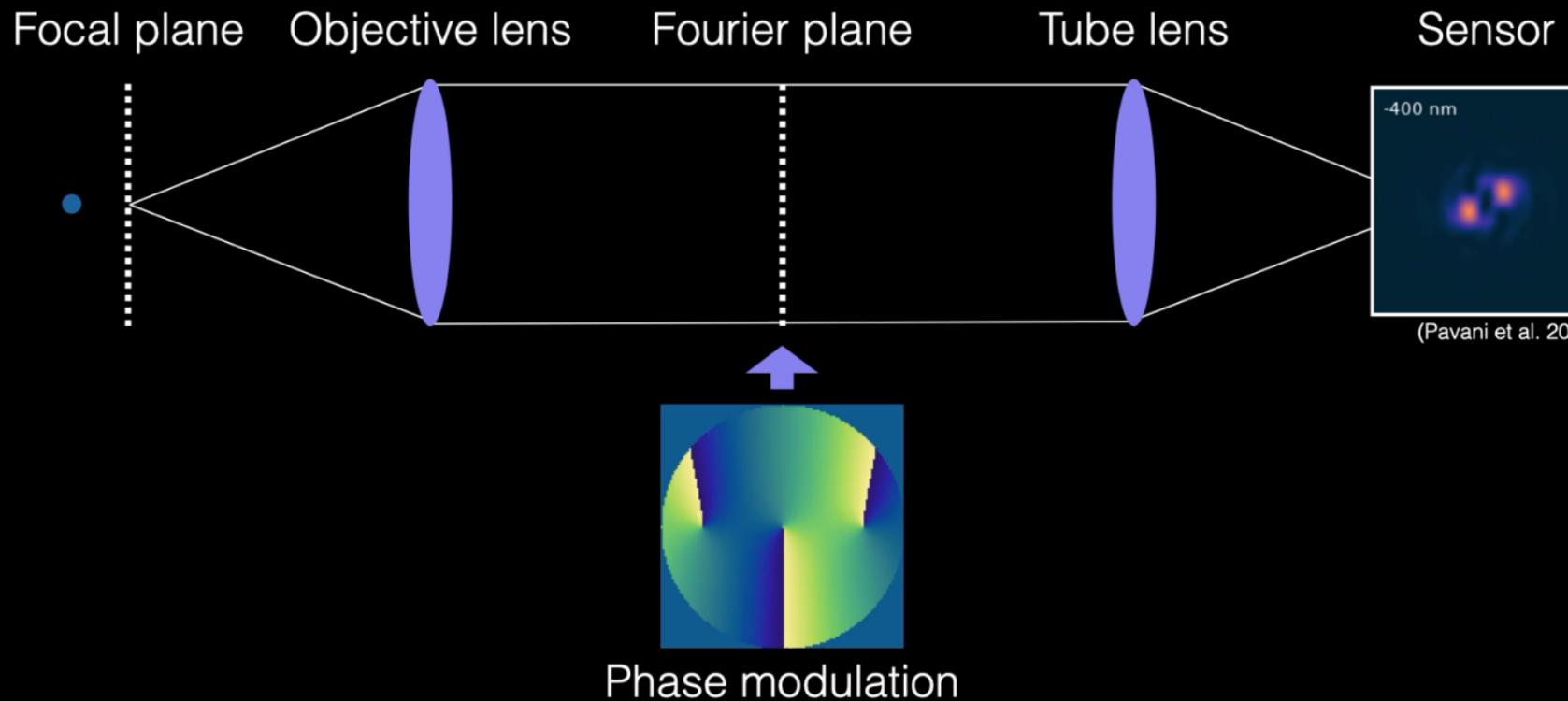


PSF of a widefield microscope

Focal plane Objective lens Fourier plane Tube lens Sensor



PSF engineering - Double Helix PSF

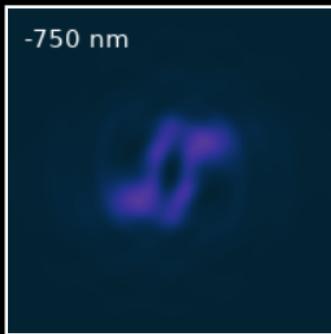


Other PSFs for Single Molecule Localization

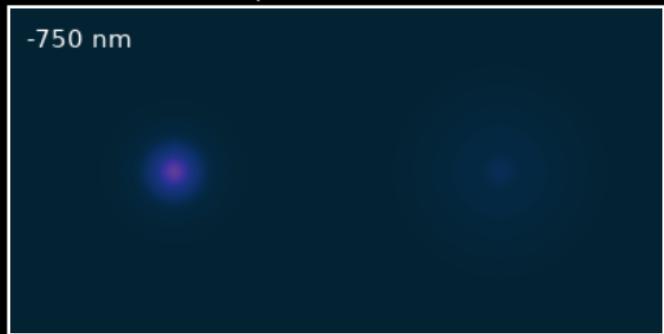
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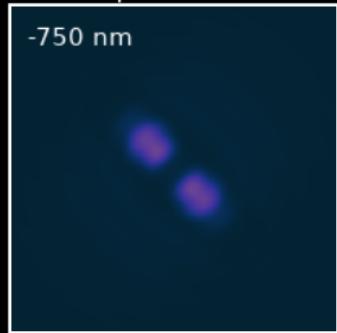
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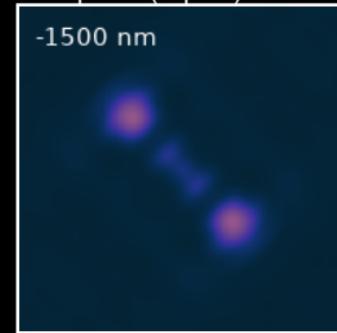
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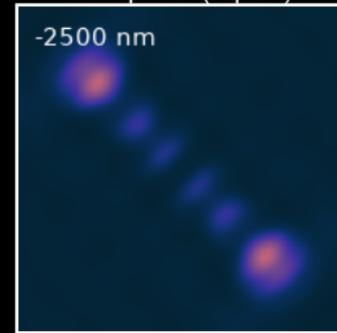
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Tetrapod (3μm)



Tetrapod (5μm)



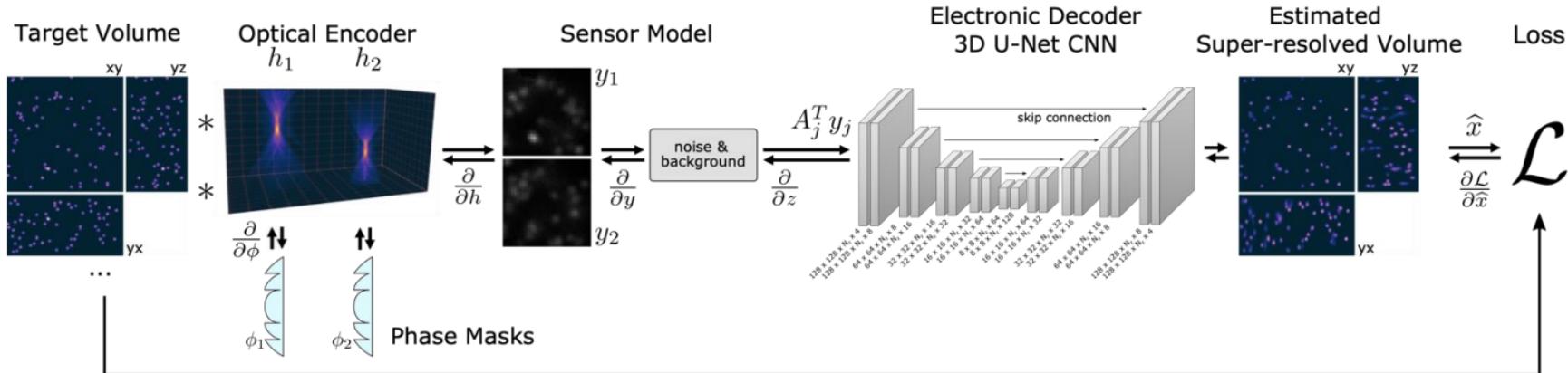
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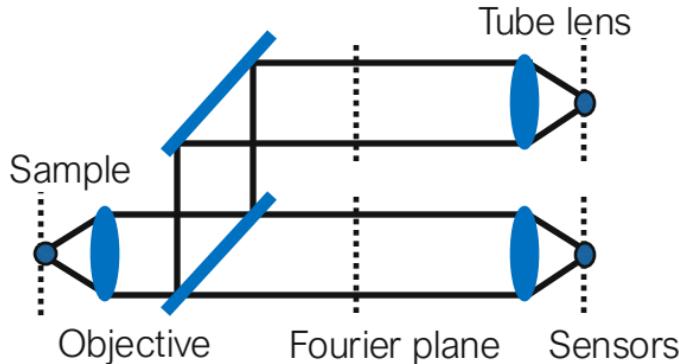
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Deep Learning-based PSF Engineering

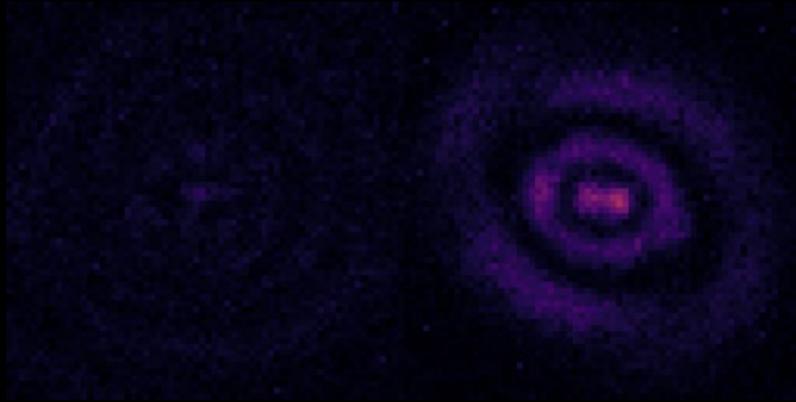


Multi-path imaging system

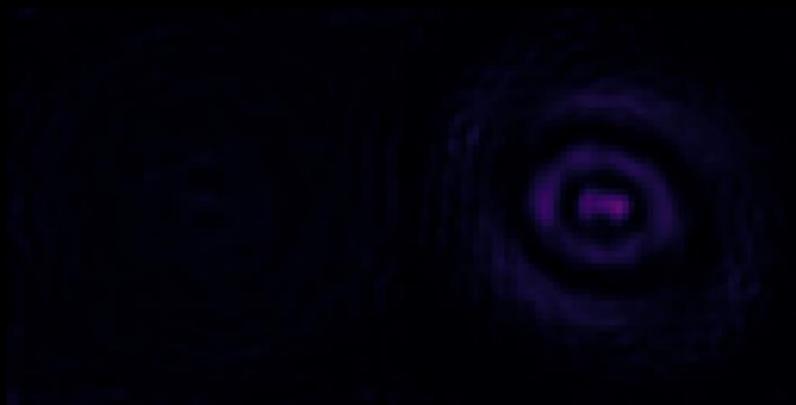


Optimized Two-shot 3D PSFs

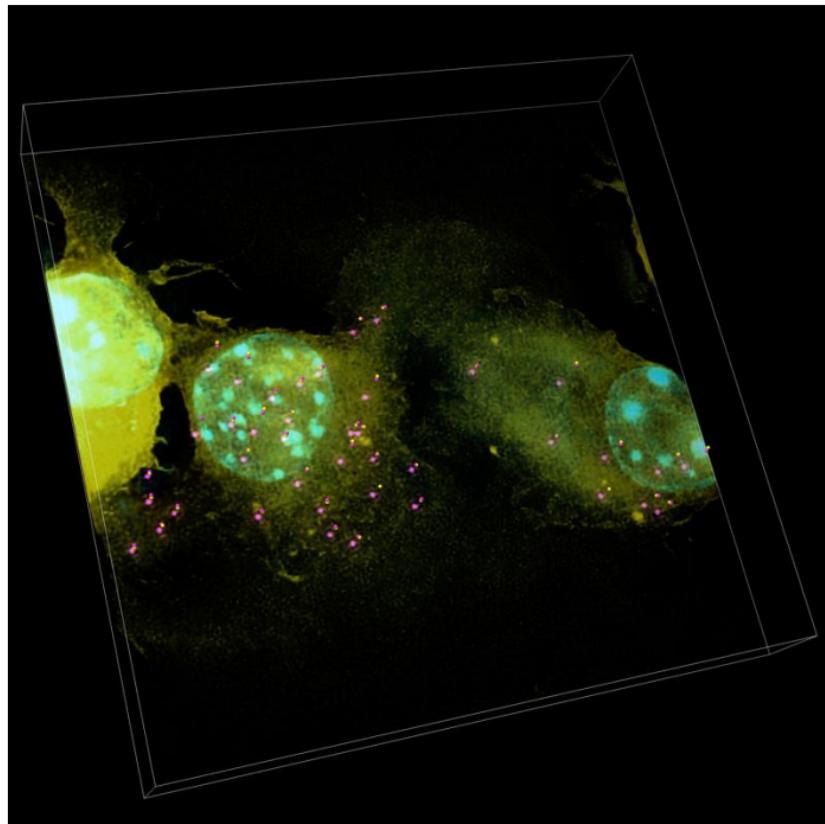
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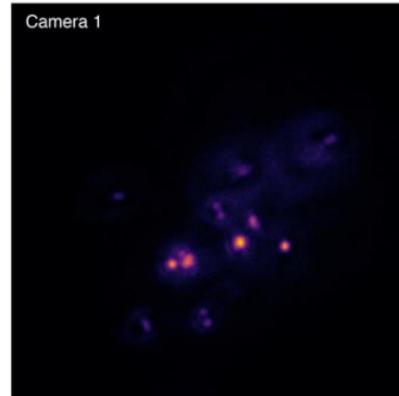
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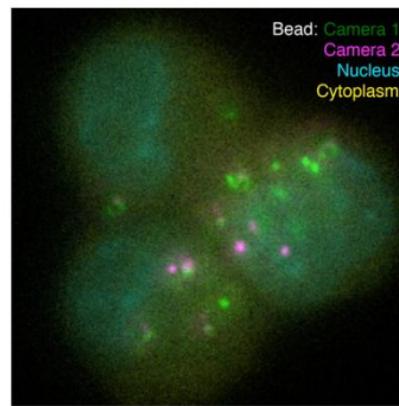
Preliminary Results



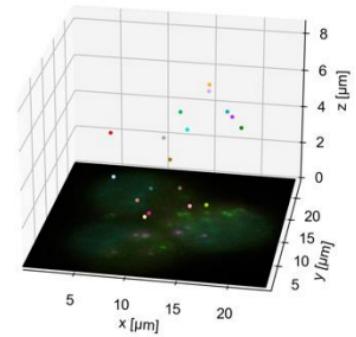
Fixed cells with beads



Time lapse of live cells



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Case Study:

Hybrid Optical-Electronic Computing

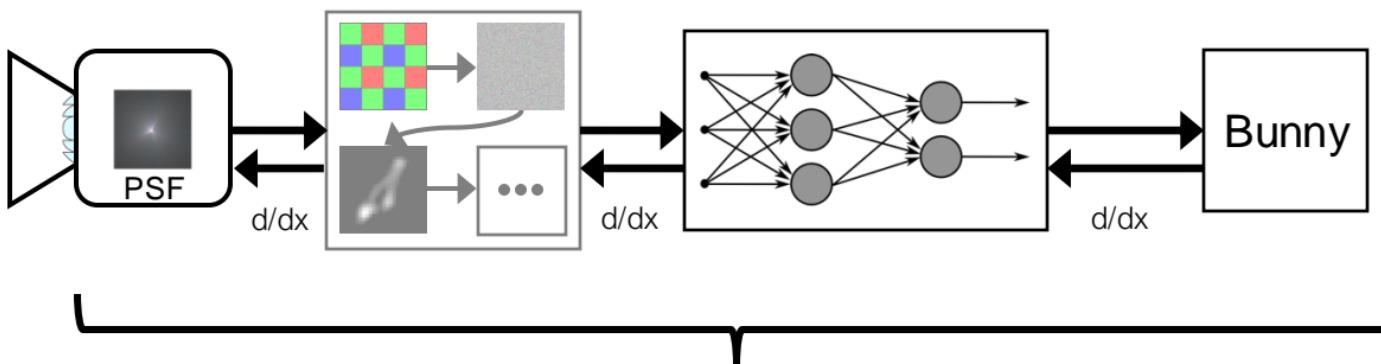
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Optics Design
& Optimization

Low-level Image
Processing, i.e. ISP

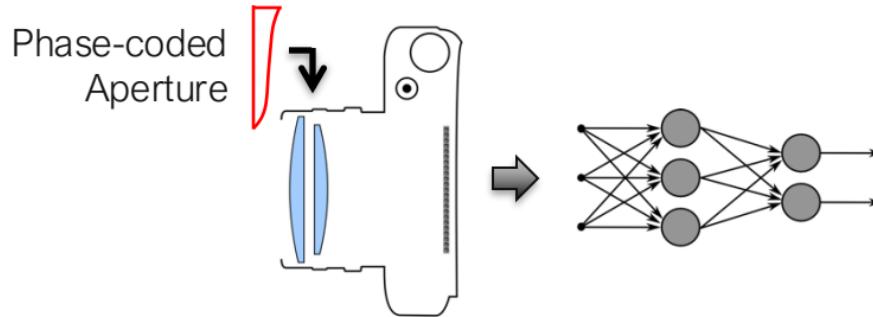
High-level Image
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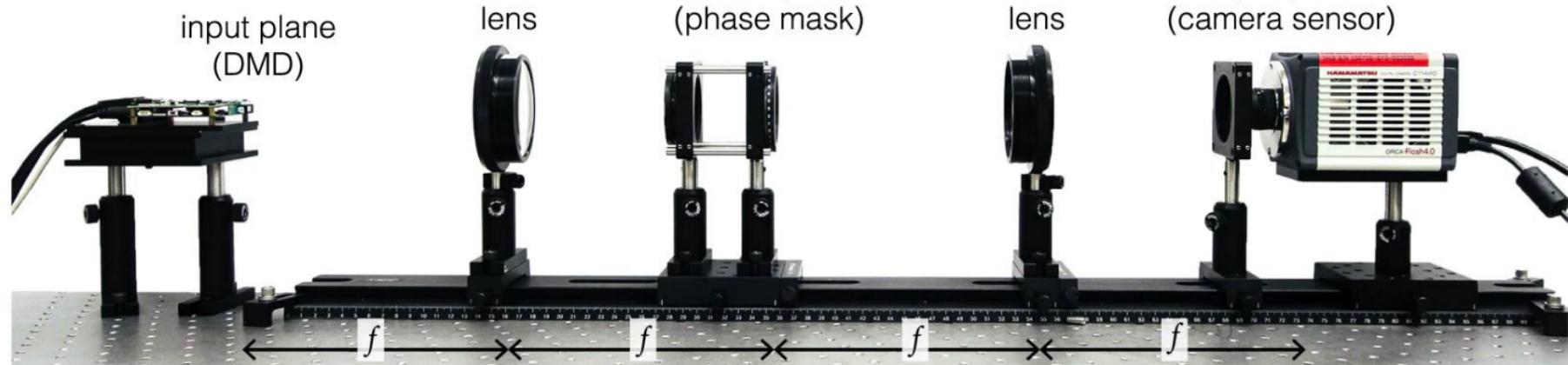
differentiable pipeline → optimize end-to-end

Learning Optics & CNN

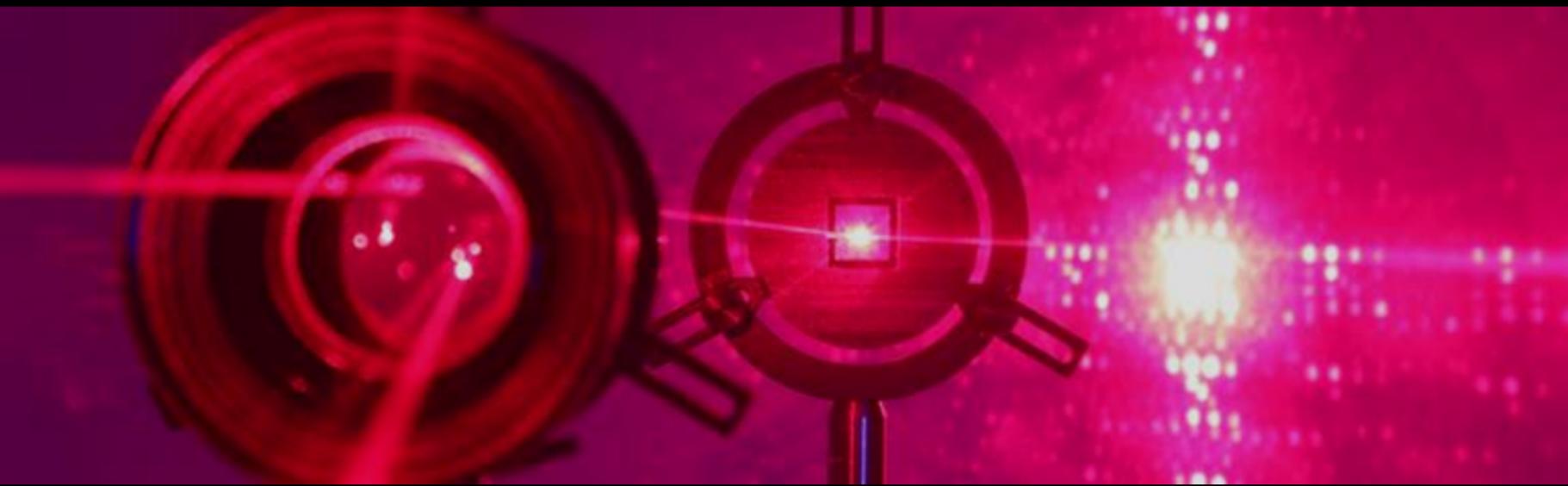
Hybrid Optical-Electronic CNNs



4f system



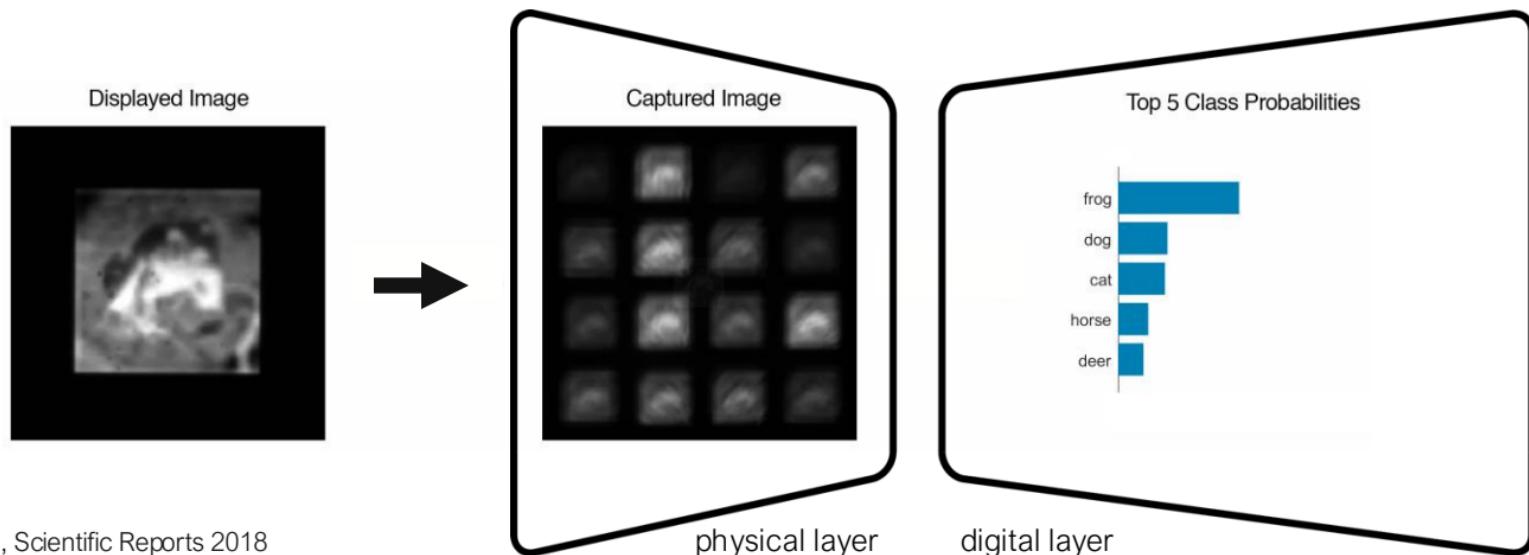




Hybrid Optical-Electronic CNNs

current results:

- 2x classification accuracy for same power
- half power for same classification accuracy



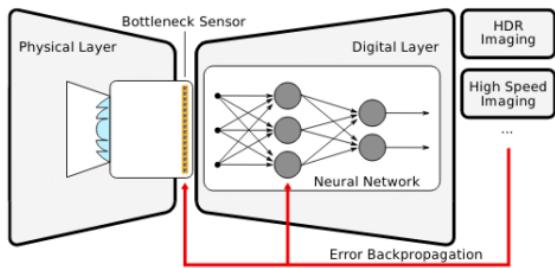
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Neural Sensors

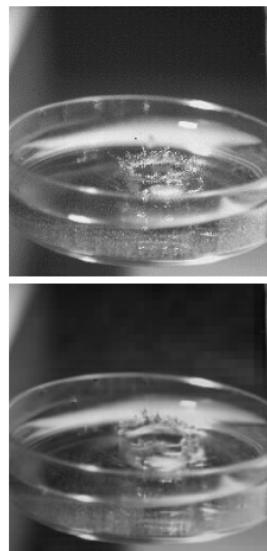
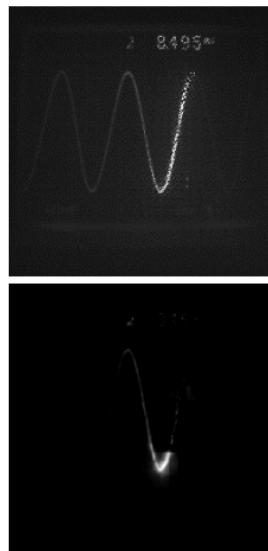
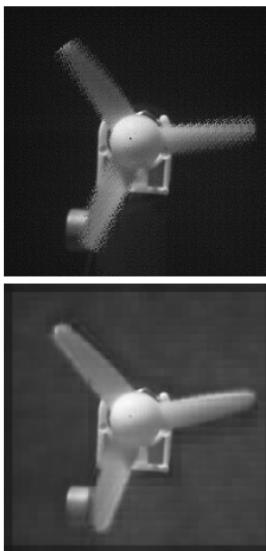
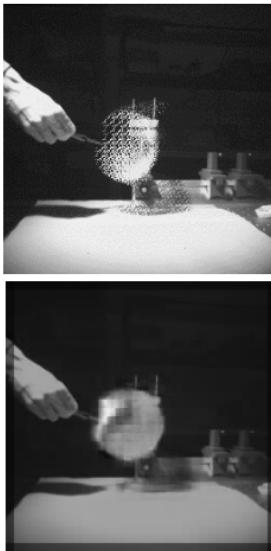
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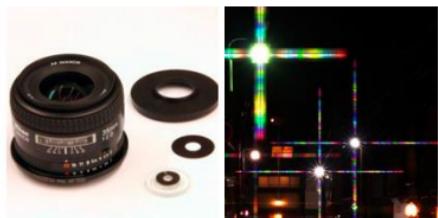
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Coded Measurements Reconstructions



Other Examples

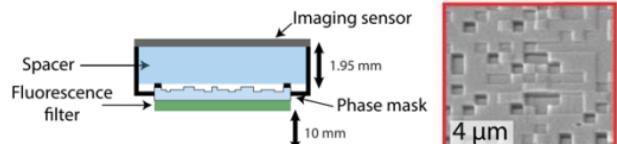


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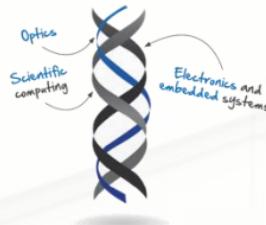


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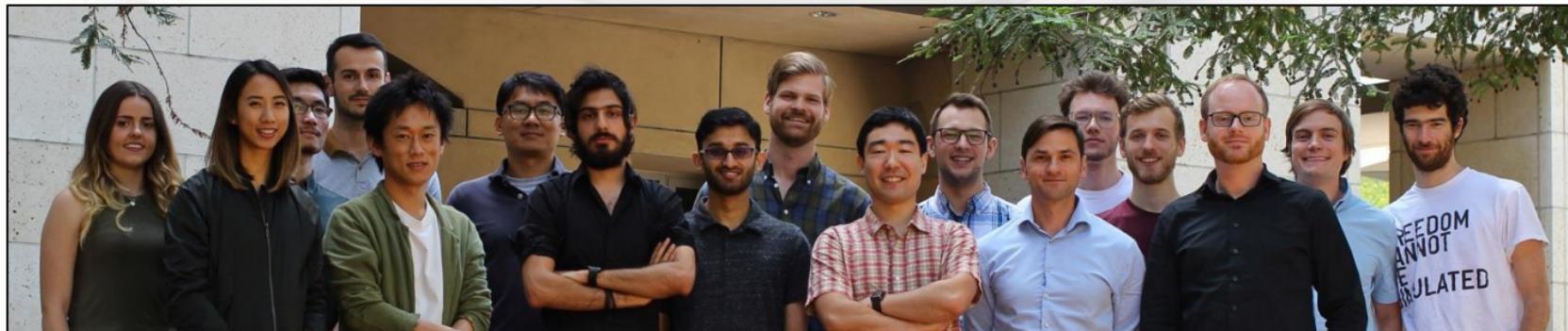
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