

# Image Formation

Computer Vision: AI3604

# Image Formation and Optics

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**Image:** Projection of 3D scene onto 2D plane.

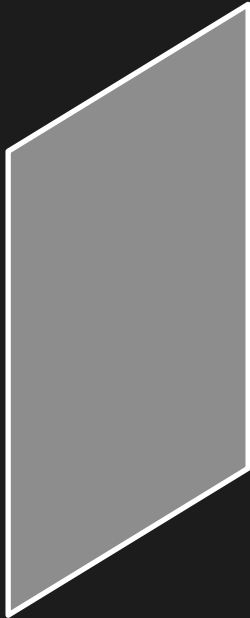
We need to understand **Geometric** and **Radiometric** relations between the scene and its image.

## Topics:

- (1) Pinhole and Perspective Projection
- (2) Vanishing Point
- (3) Image formation using Lenses
- (4) Lens Related Issues

# Image Formation

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Screen

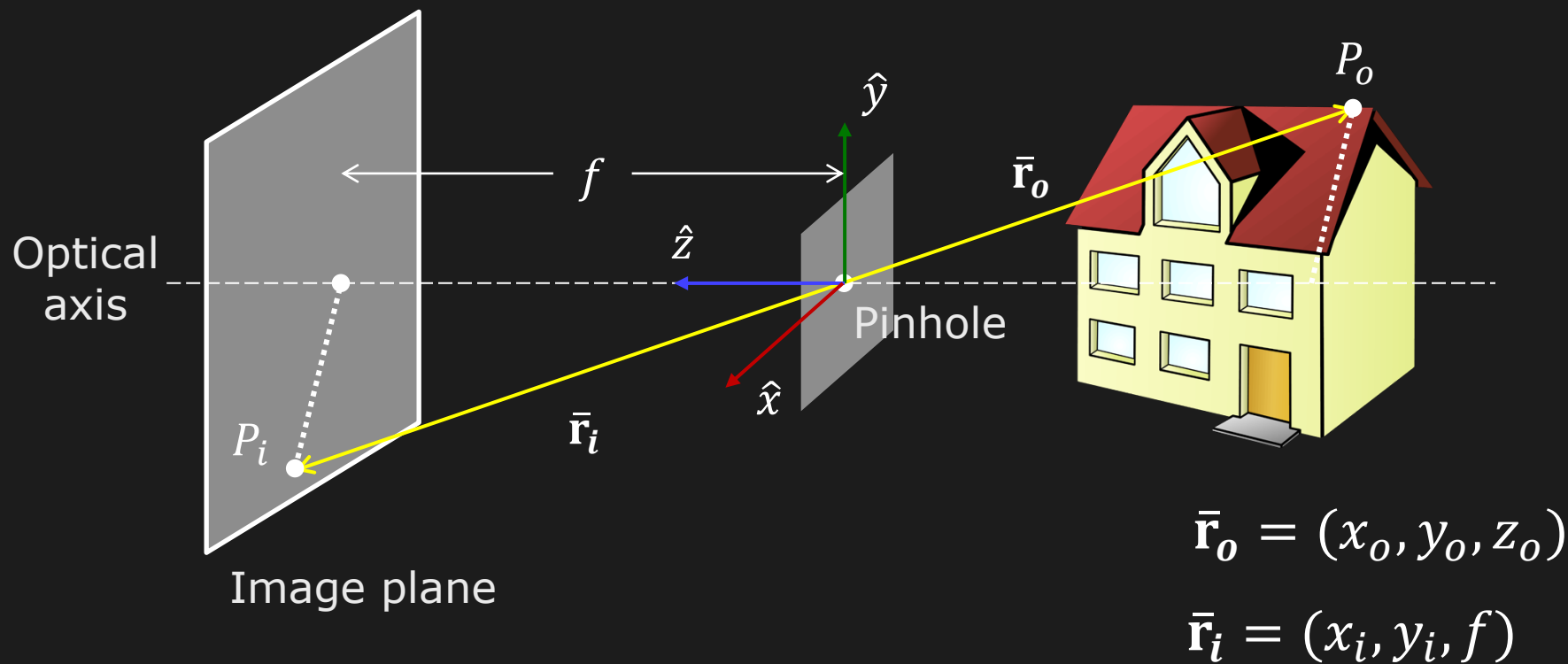


Scene

Is an image being formed on the screen?

Yes! But not a "clear" one.

# Perspective Imaging with Pinhole



Using similar triangles:

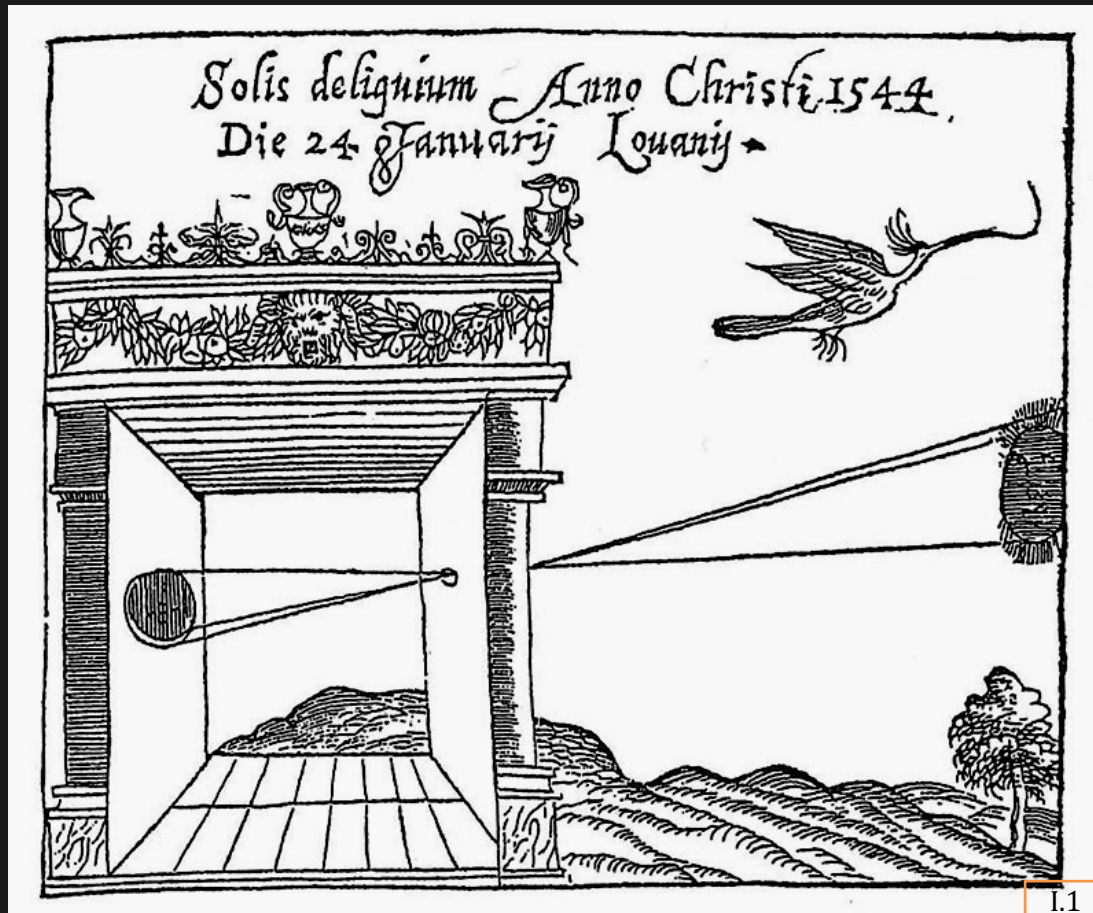
$$\frac{\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i}{f} = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{r}}_o}{z_o}$$

$\rightarrow$

$$\frac{x_i}{f} = \frac{x_o}{z_o}, \quad \frac{y_i}{f} = \frac{y_o}{z_o}$$

$f$ : Effective Focal Length

# Camera Obscura



“Dark Chamber”

[Frisius 1545]

# Pinhole Eye of *Nautilus pompilius*

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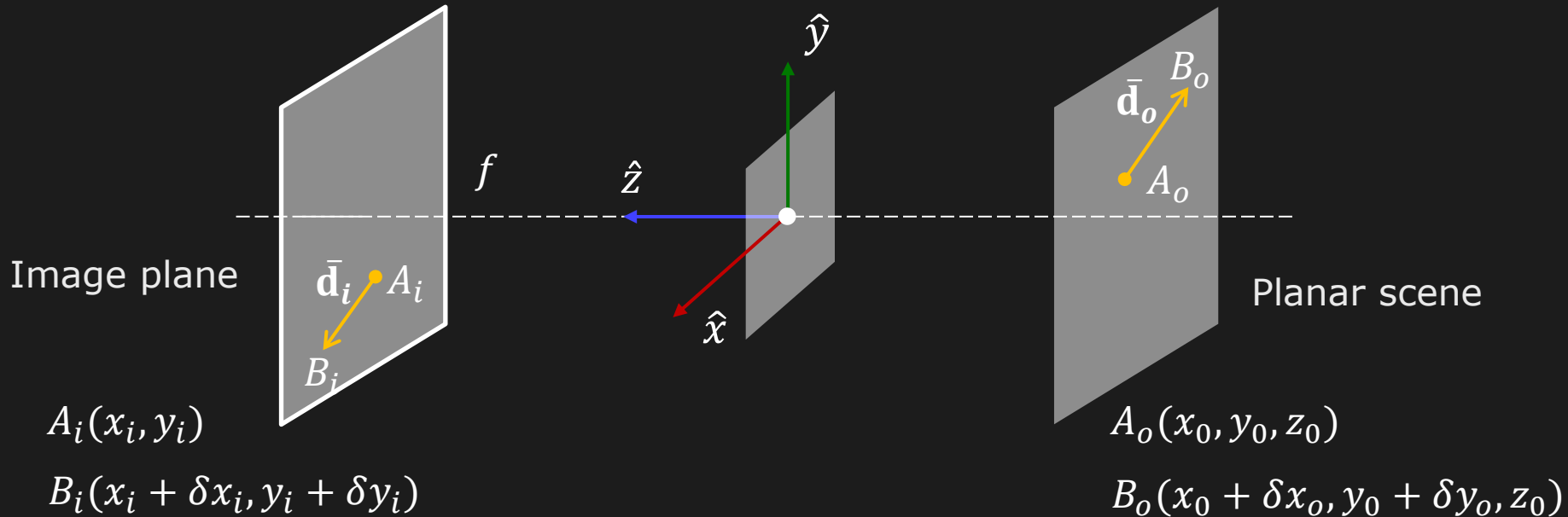


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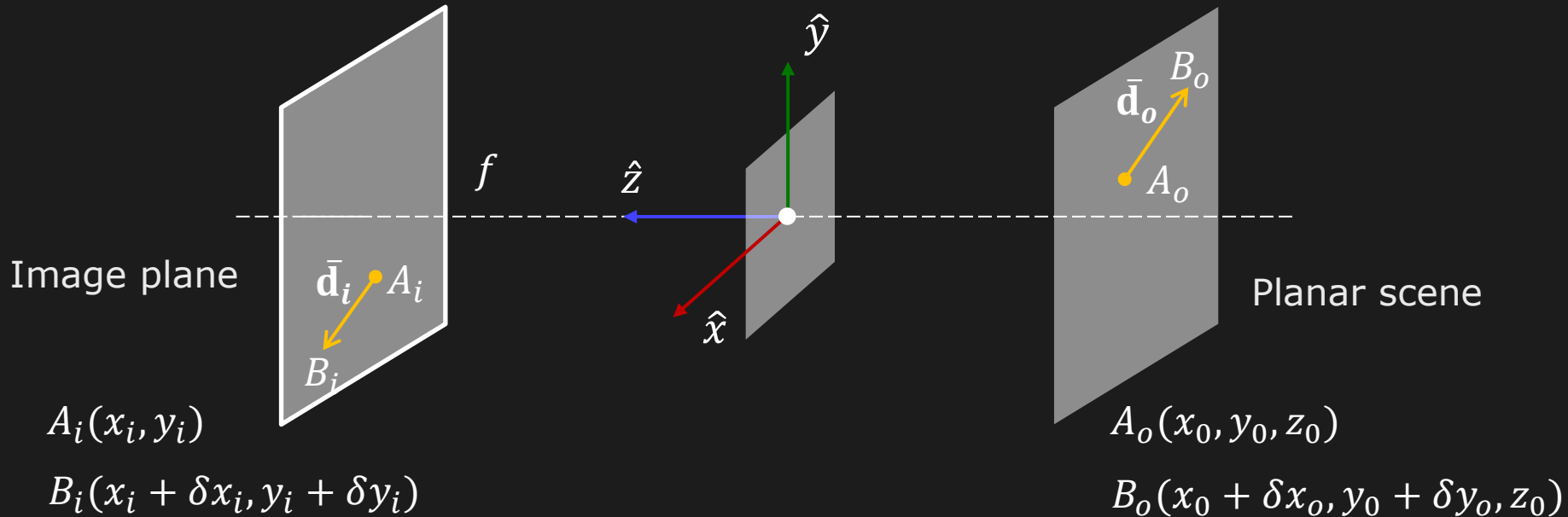
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# Image Magnification



Magnification:  $|m| = \frac{\|\bar{\mathbf{d}}_i\|}{\|\bar{\mathbf{d}}_o\|} = \frac{\sqrt{\delta x_i^2 + \delta y_i^2}}{\sqrt{\delta x_o^2 + \delta y_o^2}}$

# Image Magnification



From Perspective Projection:

$$\frac{x_i}{f} = \frac{x_o}{z_o} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{y_i}{f} = \frac{y_o}{z_o} \quad \text{----- (A)}$$

$$\frac{x_i + \delta x_i}{f} = \frac{x_o + \delta x_o}{z_o} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{y_i + \delta y_i}{f} = \frac{y_o + \delta y_o}{z_o} \quad \text{----- (B)}$$



# Image Magnification

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From (A) and (B) we get:

$$\frac{\delta x_i}{f} = \frac{\delta x_o}{z_o} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\delta y_i}{f} = \frac{\delta y_o}{z_o}$$

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$$m = \frac{f}{z_o}$$

# Image Magnification



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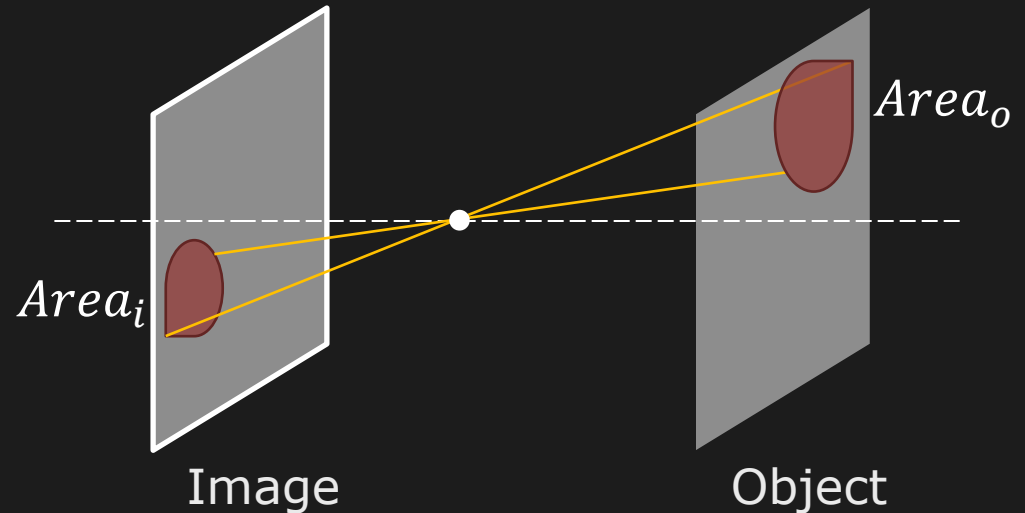
Image size **inversely proportional** to depth

# Image Magnification

## Notes:

- $m$  can be assumed to be **constant** if the range of scene depth  $\Delta z$  is much smaller than the average scene depth  $\tilde{z}$

- $$\frac{Area_i}{Area_o} = m^2$$



# Vanishing Point



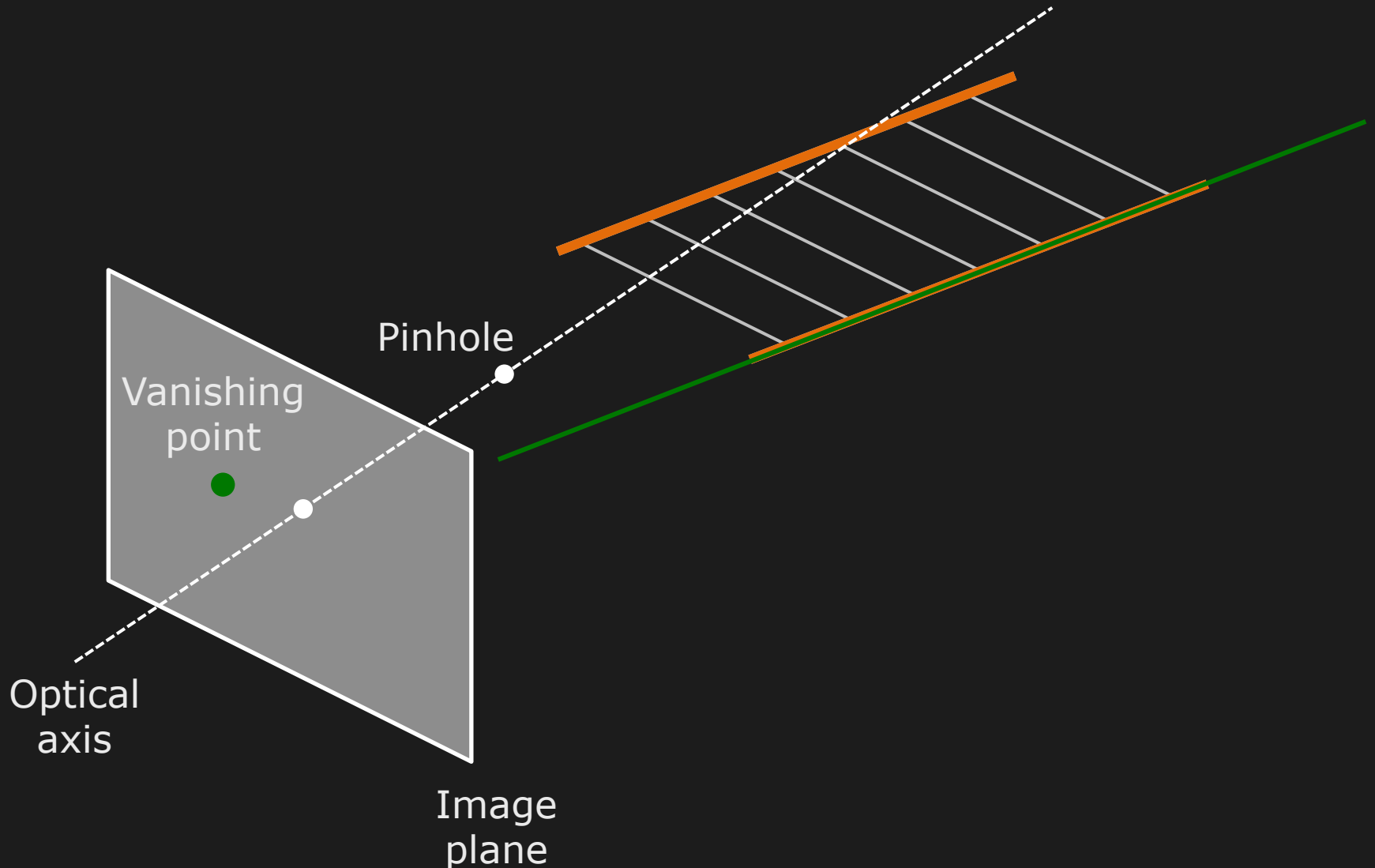
Parallel straight lines converge at a single image point

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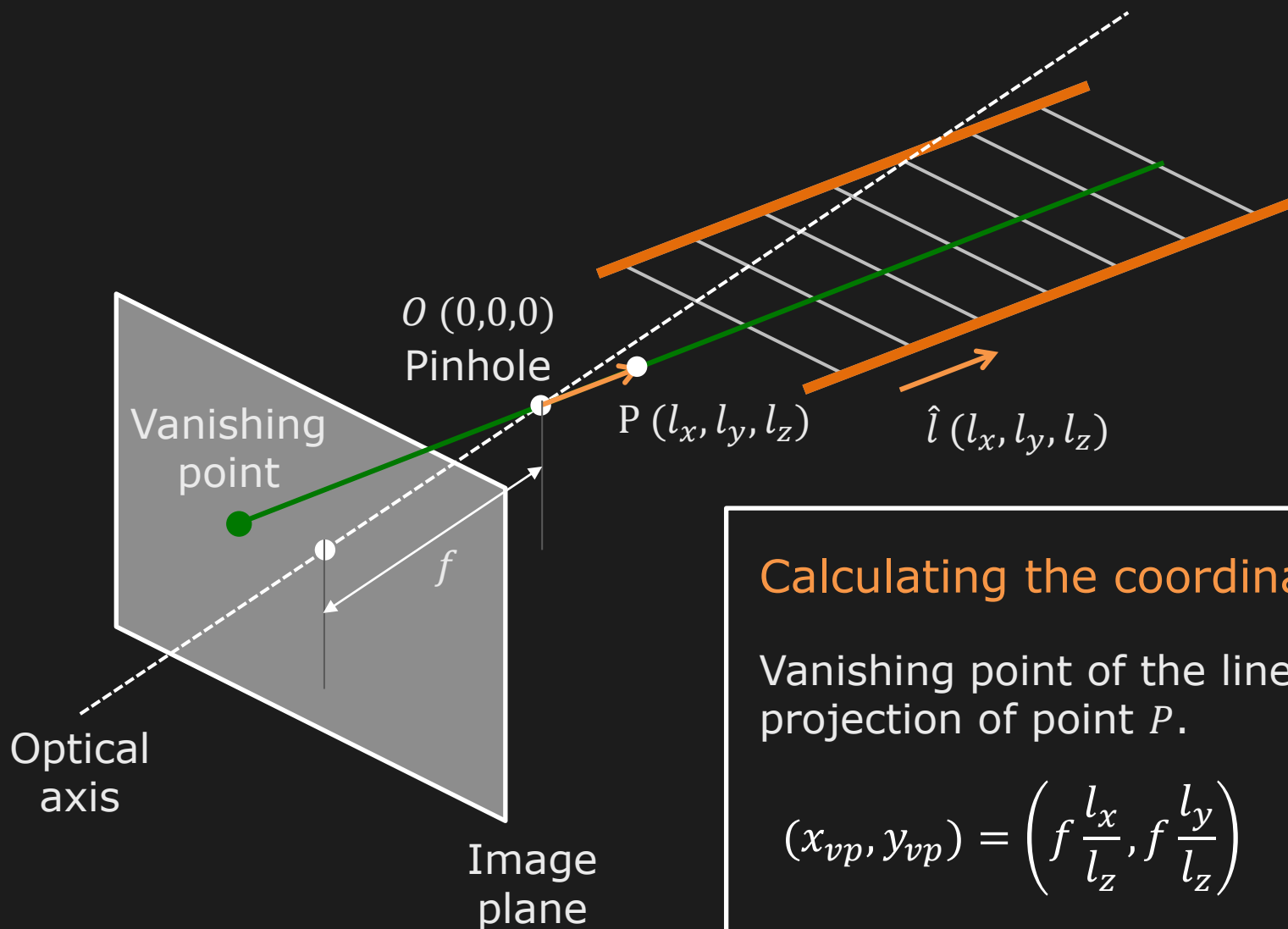


Location of Vanishing Point depends on the **orientation** of parallel straight lines.

# Finding the Vanishing Point



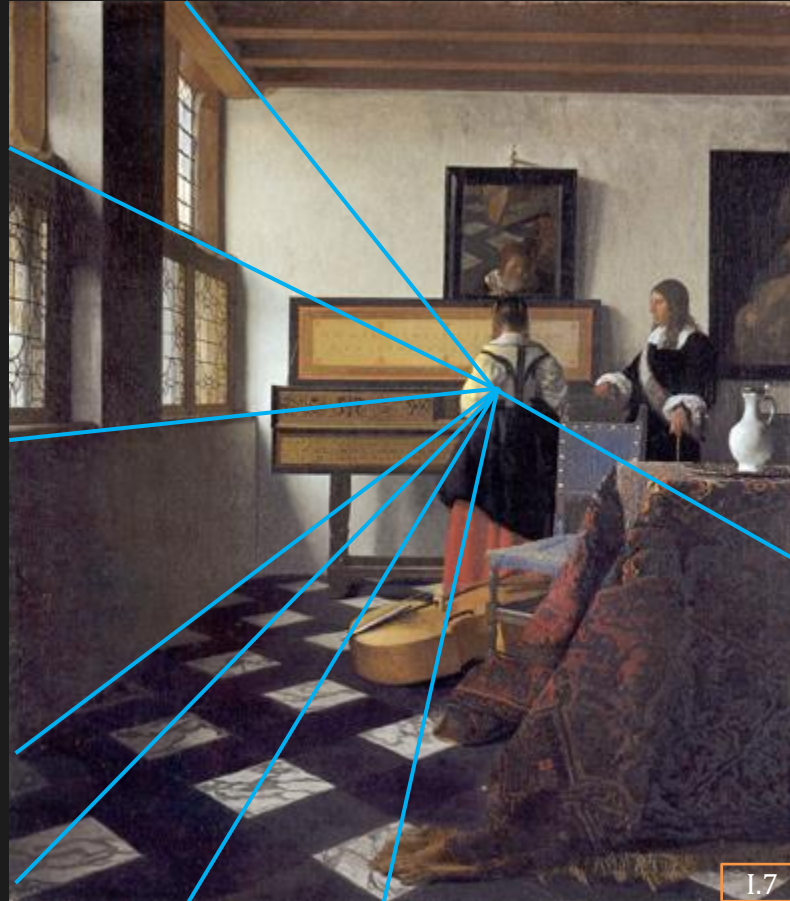
# Finding Vanishing Point





# Use of Vanishing Point in Art

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*The Music Lesson*, Johannes Vermeer, c. 1662-1664

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# Use of Vanishing Point in Sport



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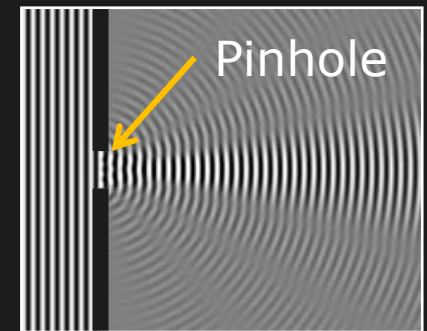
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# What is the Ideal Pinhole Size?



The pinhole must be **tiny**,  
but if it's too tiny it will cause **diffraction**.



Diffraction

Ideal pinhole diameter:

$$d \approx 2\sqrt{f\lambda}$$

$f$ : effective focal length  
 $\lambda$ : wavelength

# What about Exposure Time?

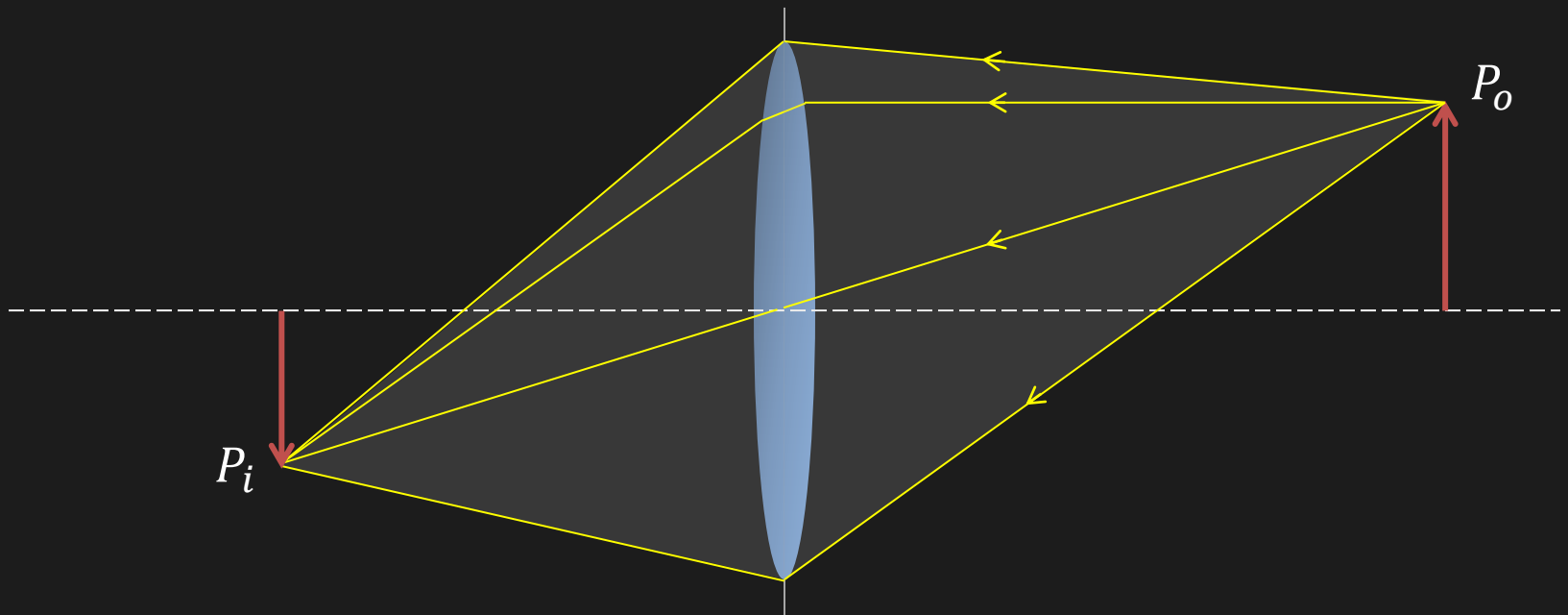
Pinholes pass less light and hence require **long exposures** to capture bright images.



$f = 73 \text{ mm}$ ,  $d = 0.2 \text{ mm}$ ,  
Exposure,  $T = 12 \text{ s}$

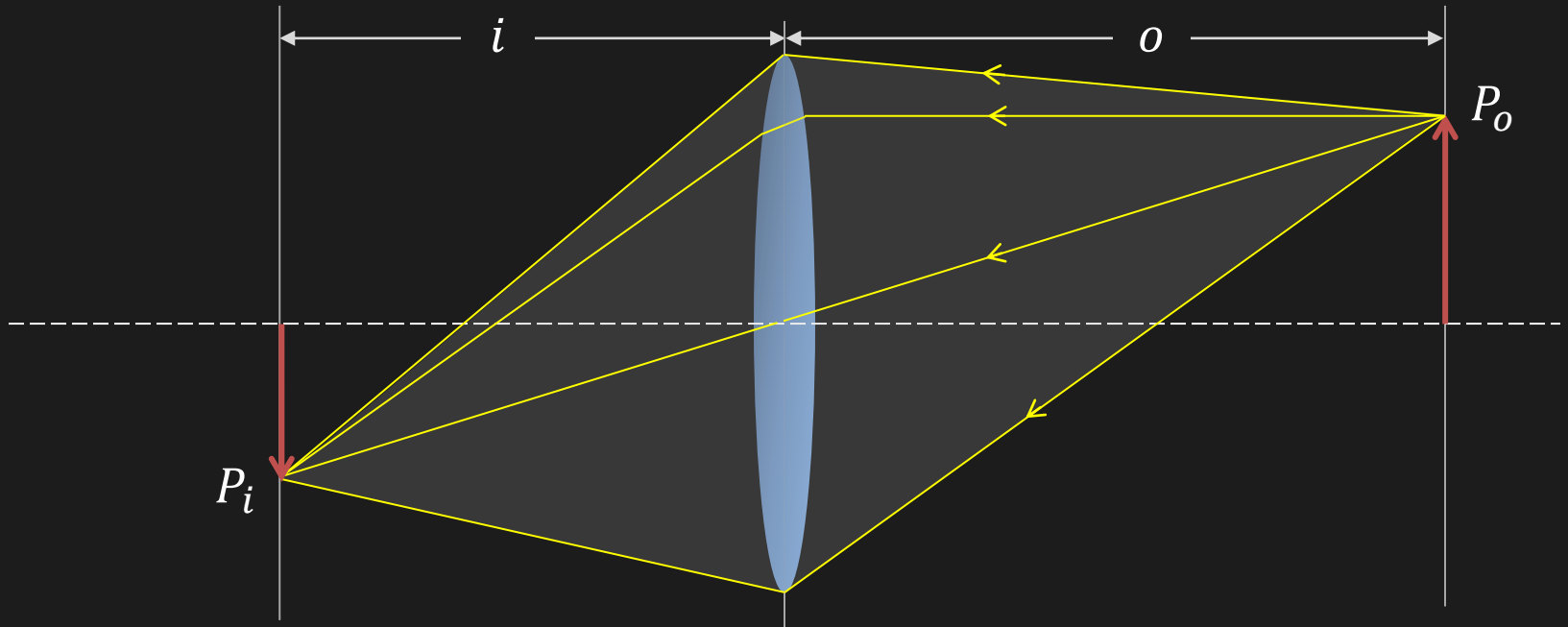
# Lenses

Same projection as pinhole, but gather more light!



**Focal length ( $f$ )** determines the lens' bending power

# Gaussian Lens (Thin Lens) Law



$f$ : focal length

$i$ : image distance

$o$ : object distance

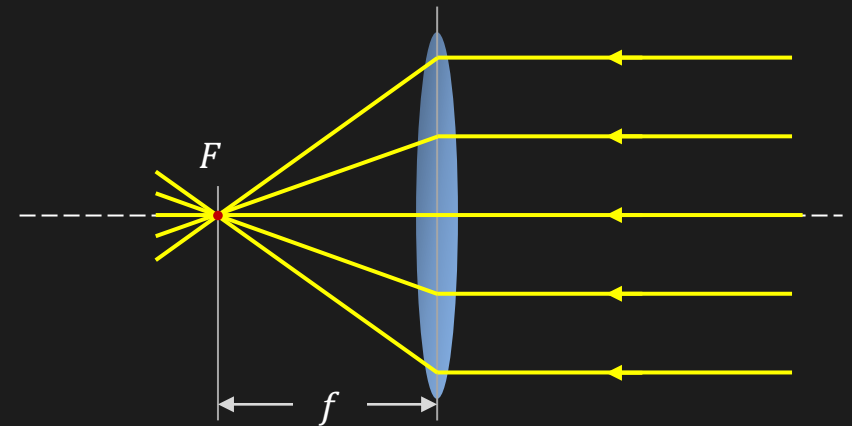
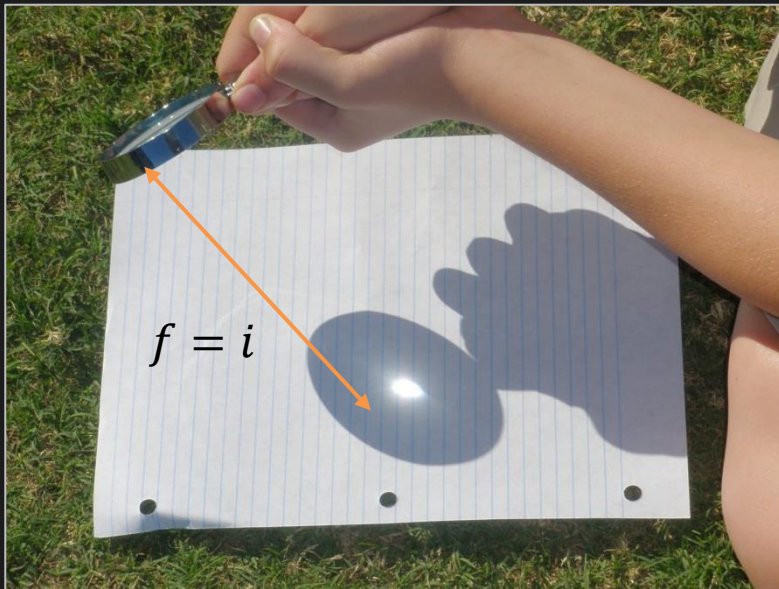
$$\frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{o} = \frac{1}{f}$$

Example: If  $f = 50mm$  &  $o = 300mm$ , then image distance  $i = 60mm$



# How to Find the Focal Length?

$$\frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{o} = \frac{1}{f} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{If } o = \infty, \text{ then } f = i$$



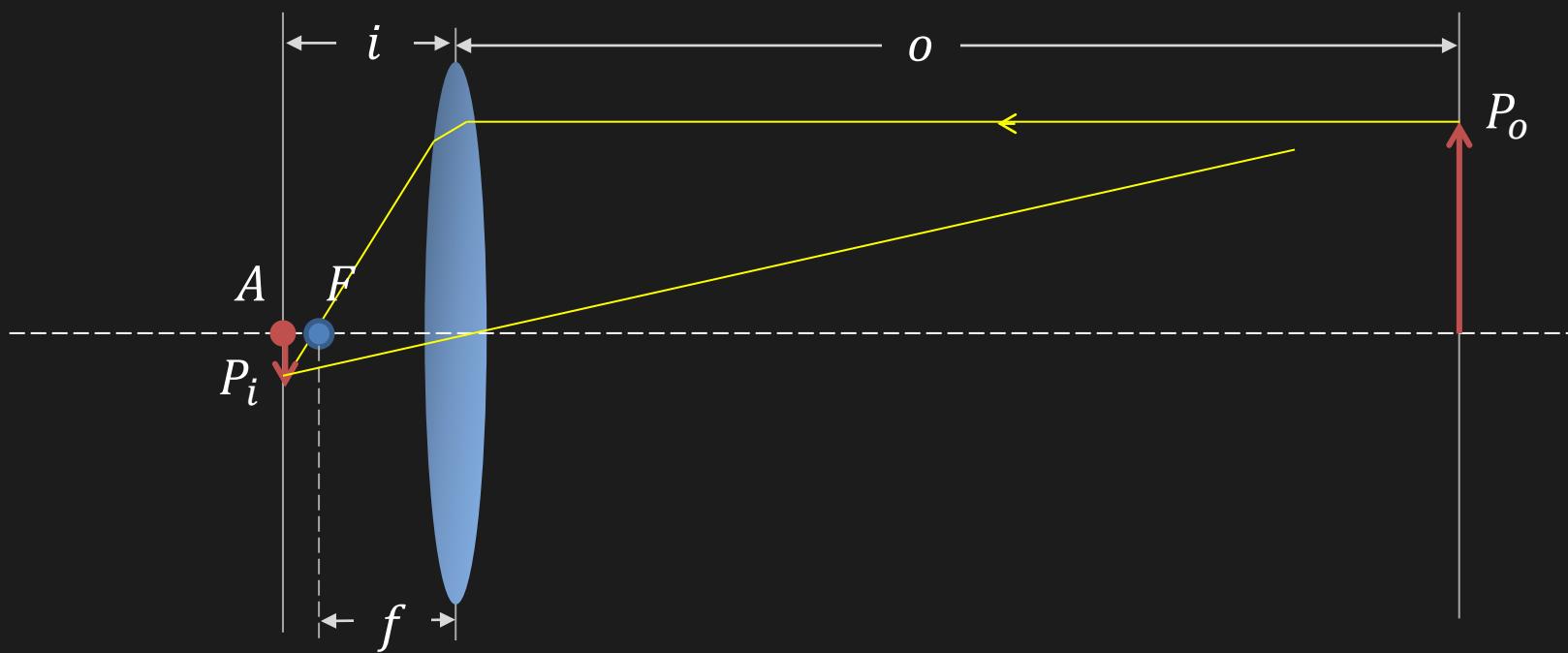
Focal length: Distance at which incoming rays that are parallel to the optical axis converge.

# Relation Between Lens and Pinhole

$$\frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{o} = \frac{1}{f}$$

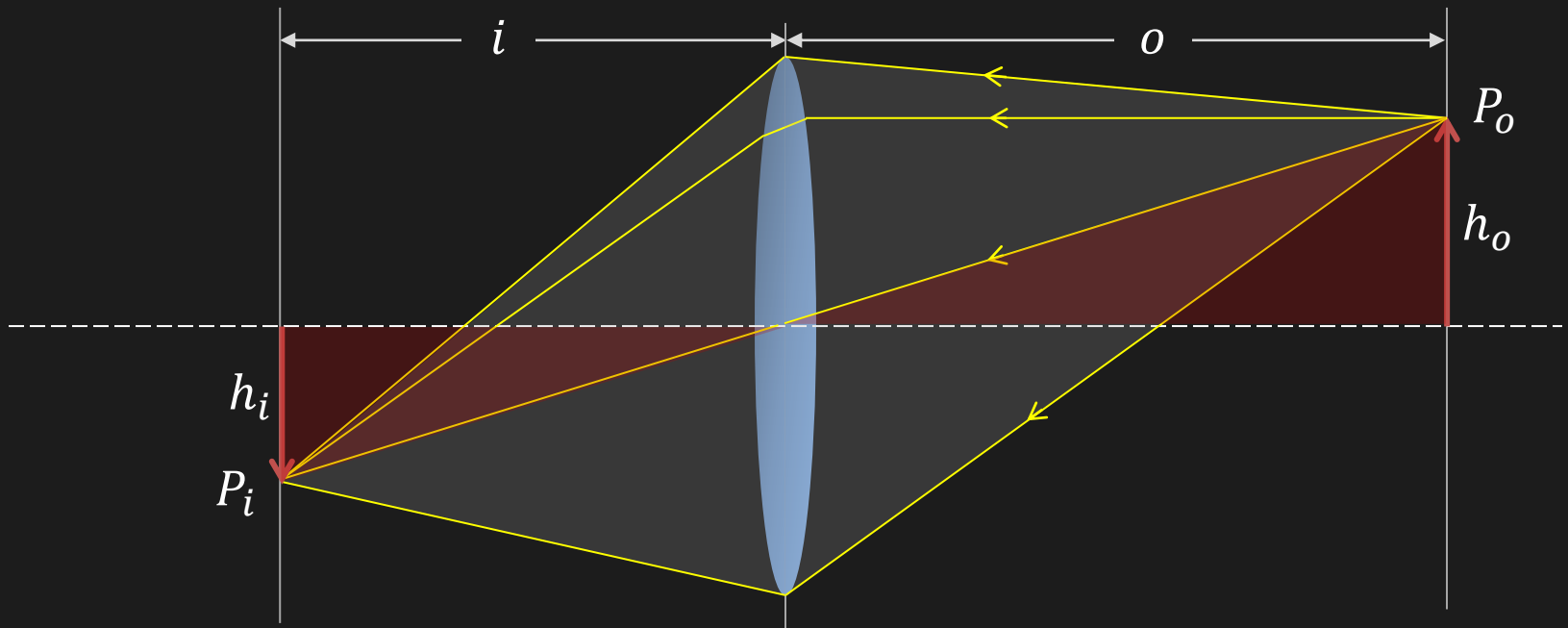
$\Rightarrow$

Usually  $o \gg i$ , then  $f \approx i$   
Point  $A$  is approaching  $F$ ,  
which is similar to a pinhole  
system





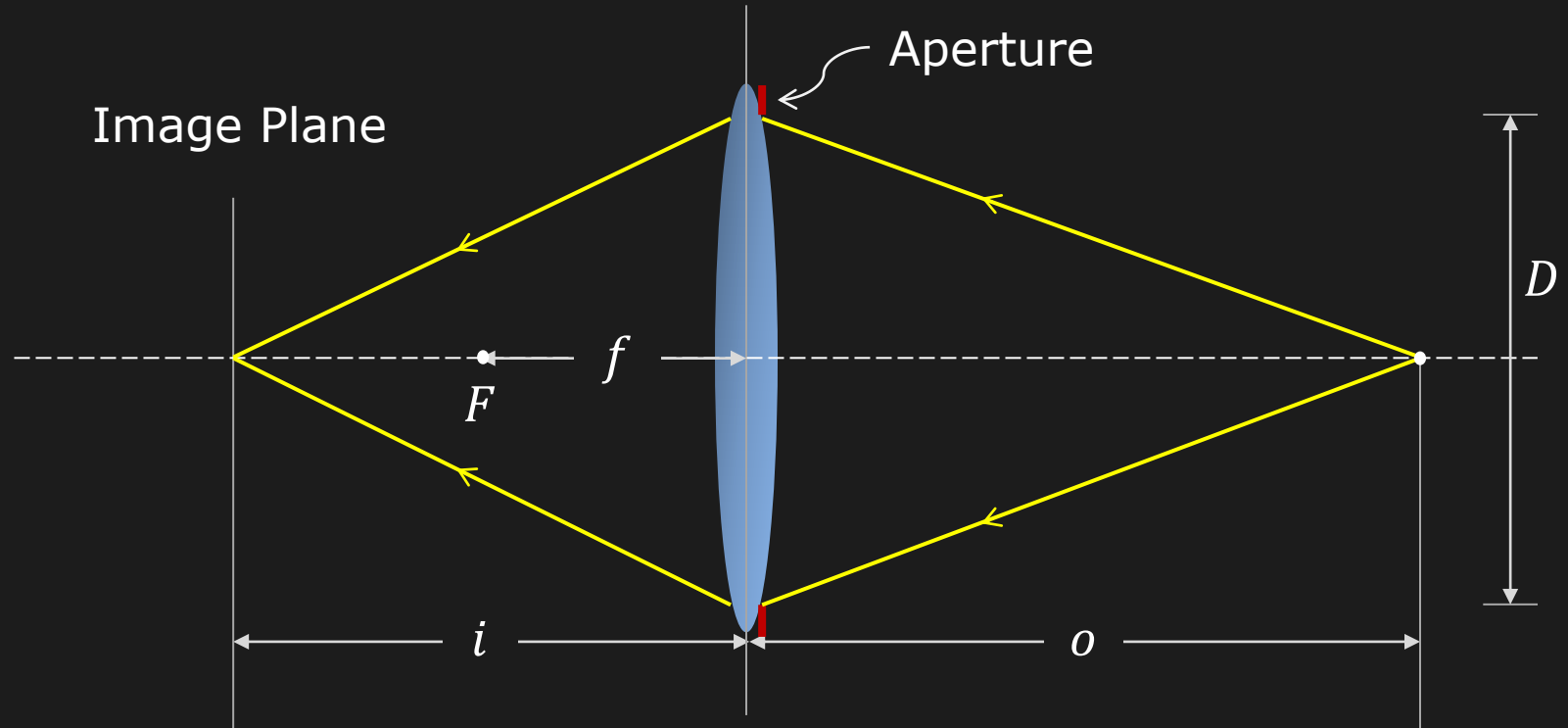
# Image Magnification



Magnification:

$$m = \frac{h_i}{h_o} = \frac{i}{o}$$

# Blur Circle (Defocus)





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Focused Point

$$\frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{o} = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$i = \frac{of}{o - f}$$

Defocused Point

$$\frac{1}{i'} + \frac{1}{o'} = \frac{1}{f}$$

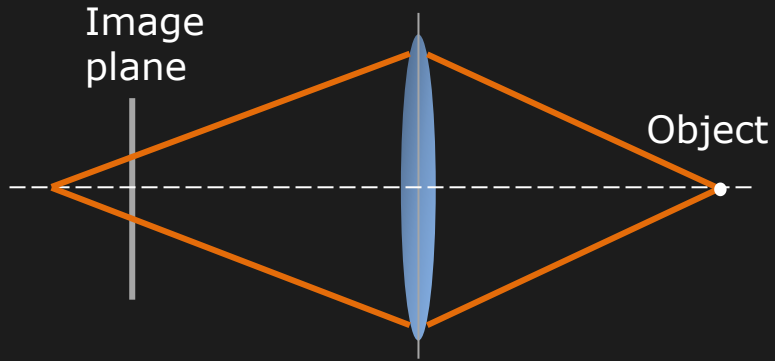
$$i' = \frac{o'f}{o' - f}$$

(Gaussian Lens Law)

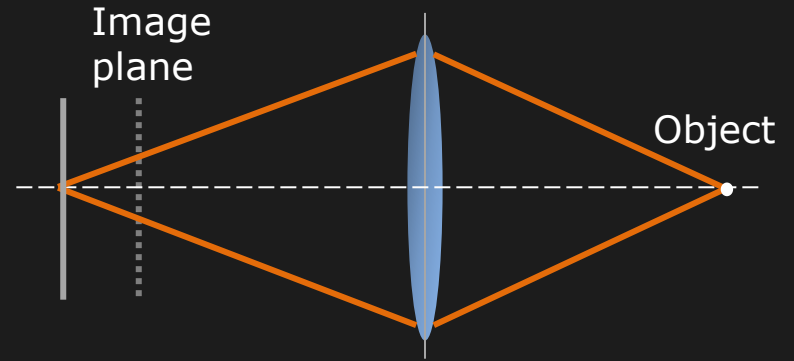
$$i' - i = \frac{f}{(o' - f)} \cdot \frac{f}{(o - f)} \cdot (o - o')$$

$$b = D \left| \frac{f(o - o')}{o'(o - f)} \right|$$

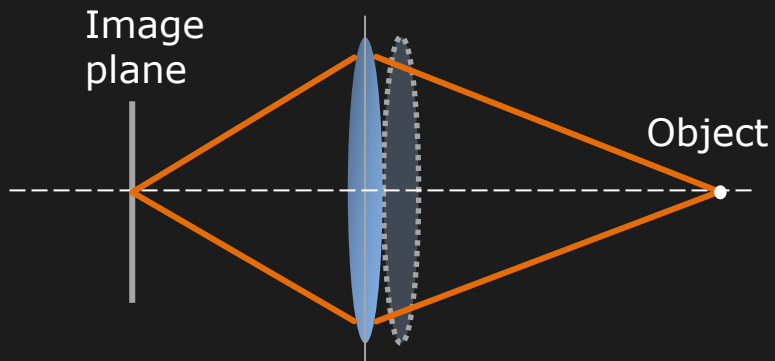
# Focusing



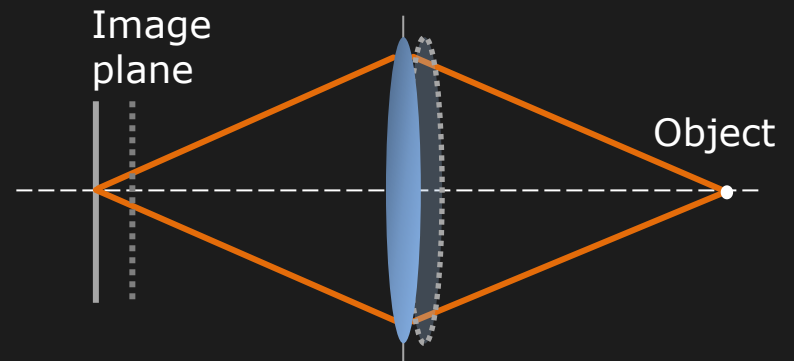
Defocused System



Move the image plane



Move the lens



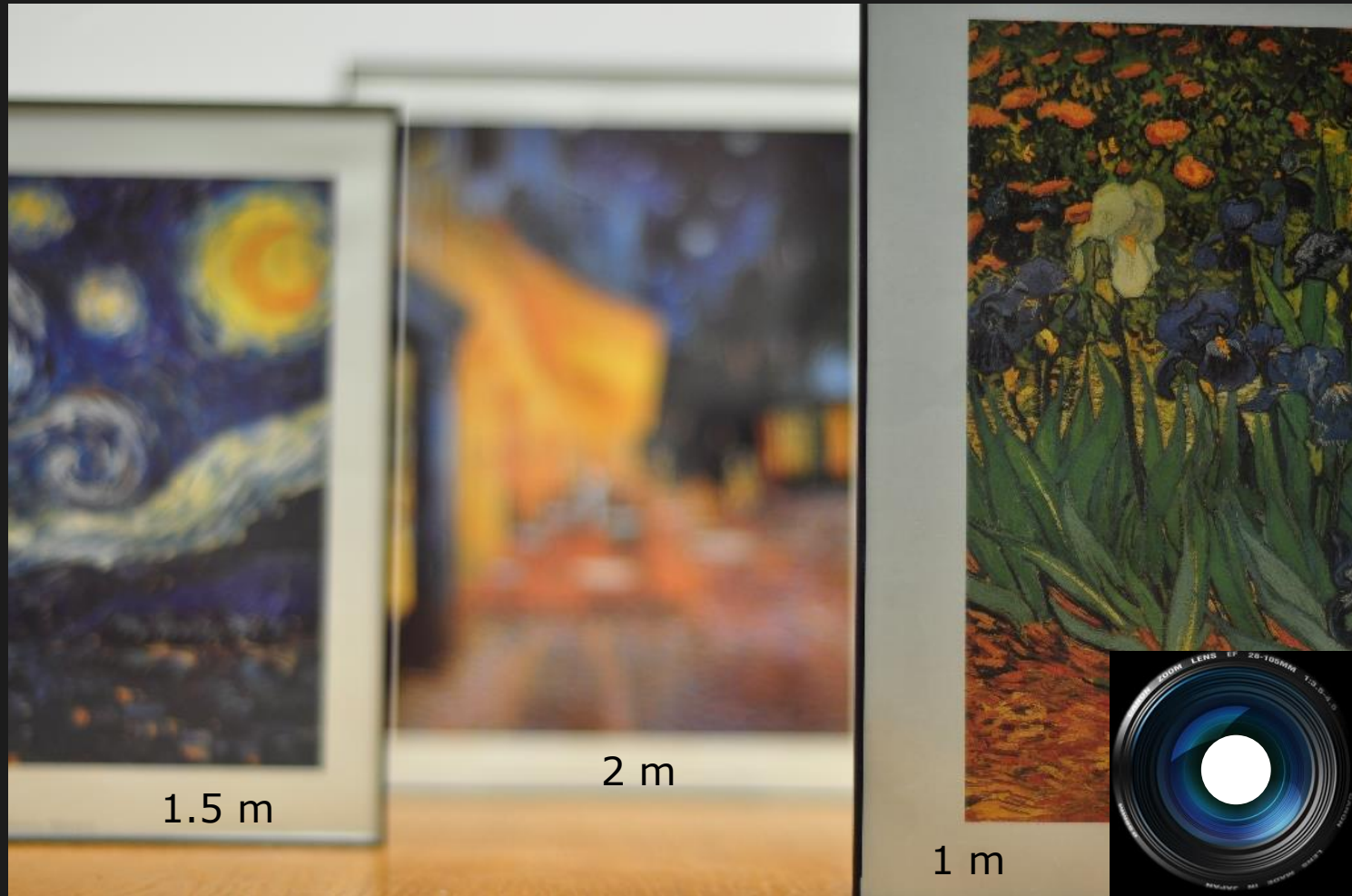
Move both lens and image plane

# Depth of Field (DoF)



Range of object distances ( $o - o'$ ) over which the image is “sufficiently well” focused. i.e., Range ( $o - o'$ ) for which blur  $b$  is less than pixel size.

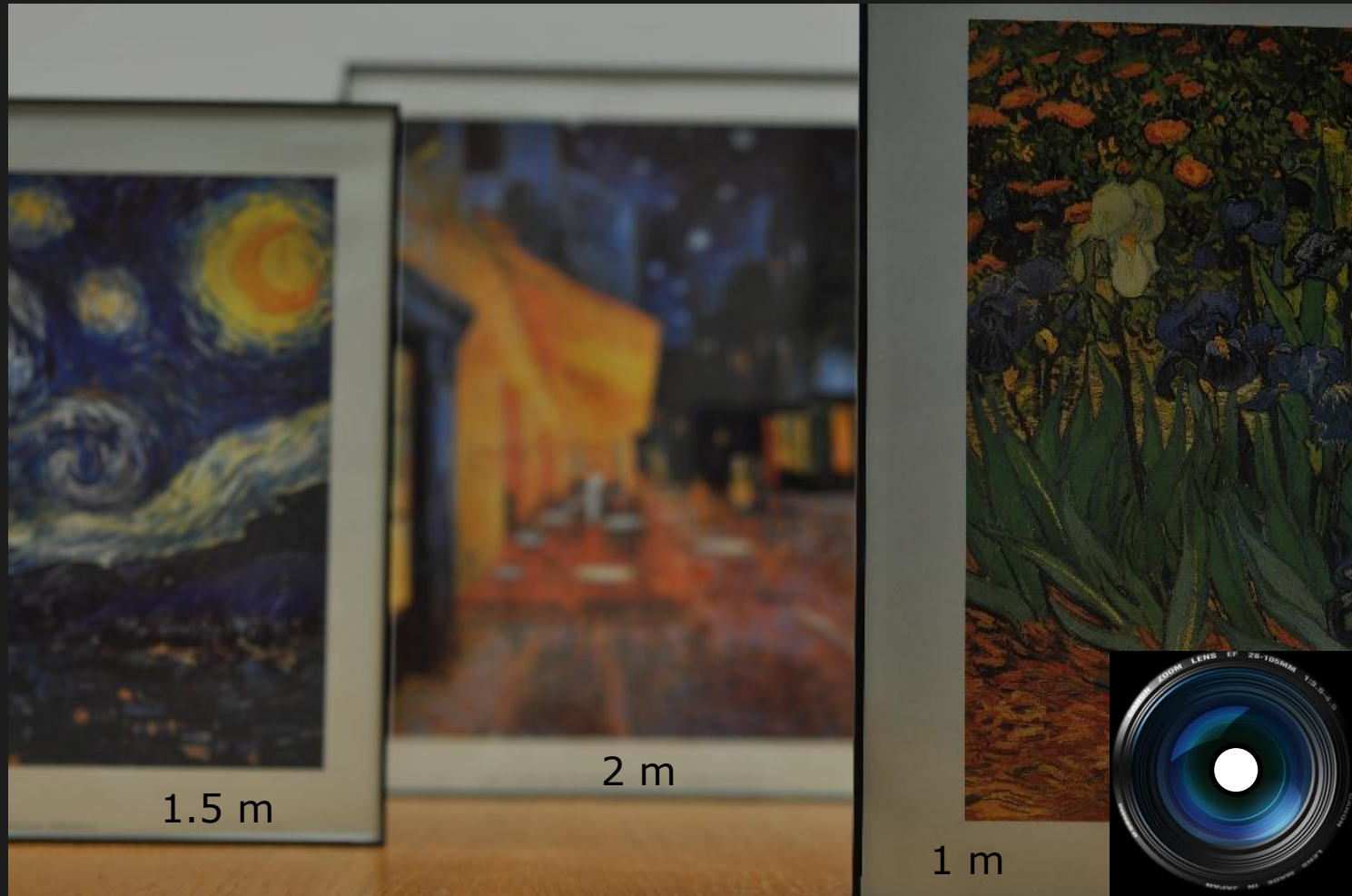
# Aperture Size: DOF vs. Brightness



Focal Length 50 mm, Focus = 1 m, Aperture D = 25 mm



# Aperture Size: DOF vs. Brightness



Focal Length 50 mm, Focus = 1 m, Aperture  $D = 12.5 \text{ mm}$

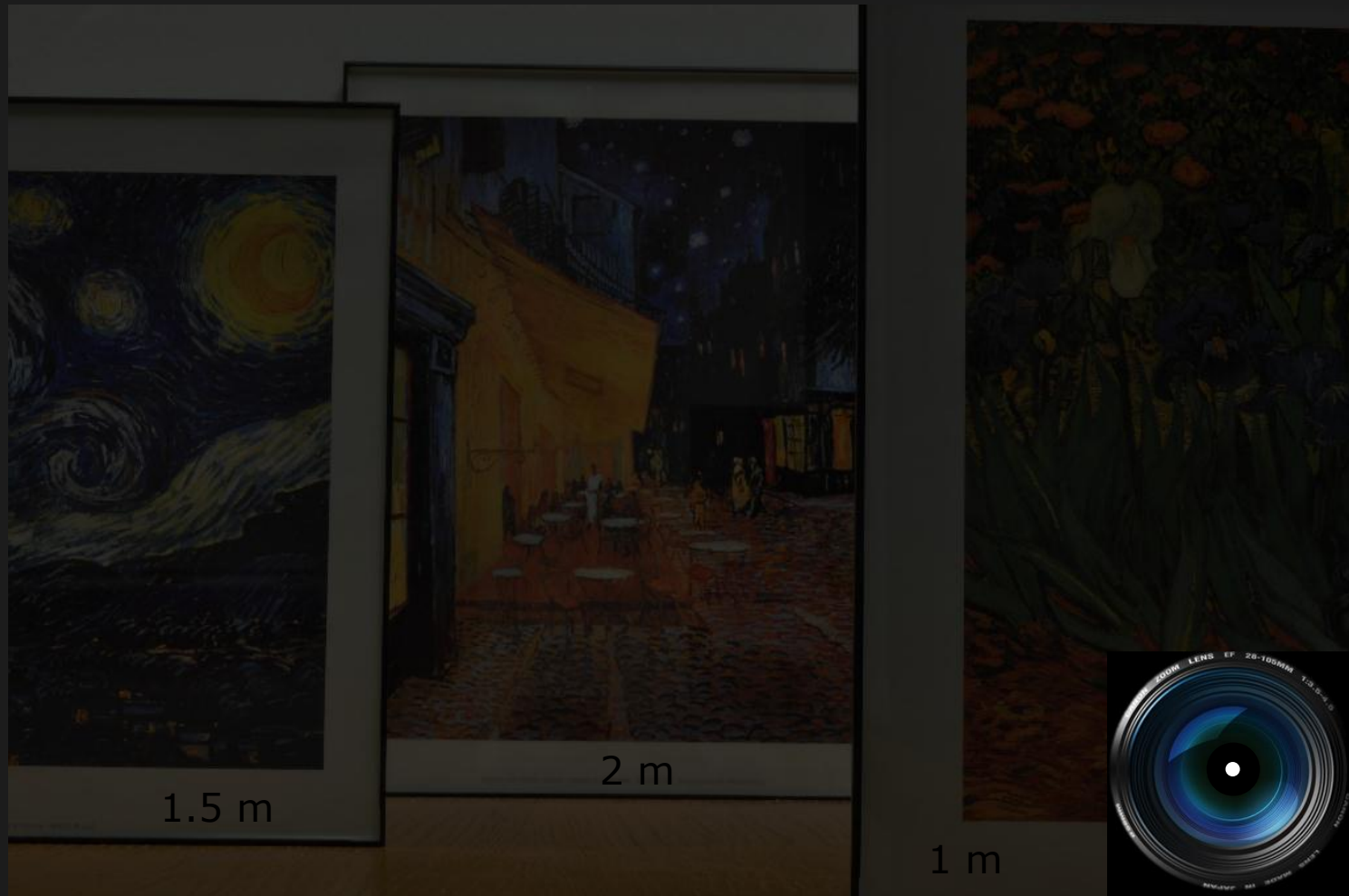


# Aperture Size: DOF vs. Brightness



Focal Length 50 mm, Focus = 1 m, Aperture D = 6.25 mm

# Aperture Size: DOF vs. Brightness



Focal Length 50 mm, Focus = 1 m, Aperture  $D = 3.125 \text{ mm}$

# Aperture Size: DOF vs. Brightness

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## Large Aperture

- **Bright** Image or **Small** Exposure Time
- **Shallow** Depth of Field

## Small Aperture

- **Dark** Image or **Long** Exposure Time
- **Large** Depth of Field

# f-number

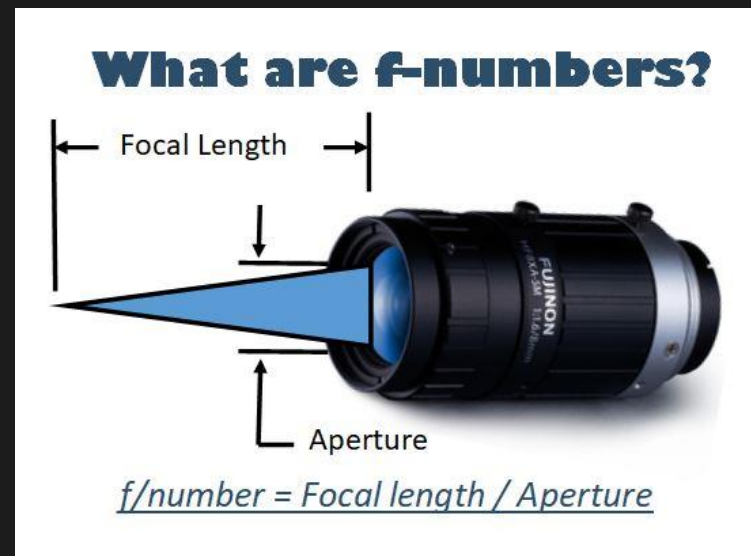
DOF is a function of both focus distance and aperture diameter  $d$

*f-number* is a common number associated with cameras, which is usually denoted  $f/\#$

$$f/\# = N = \frac{f}{d}$$

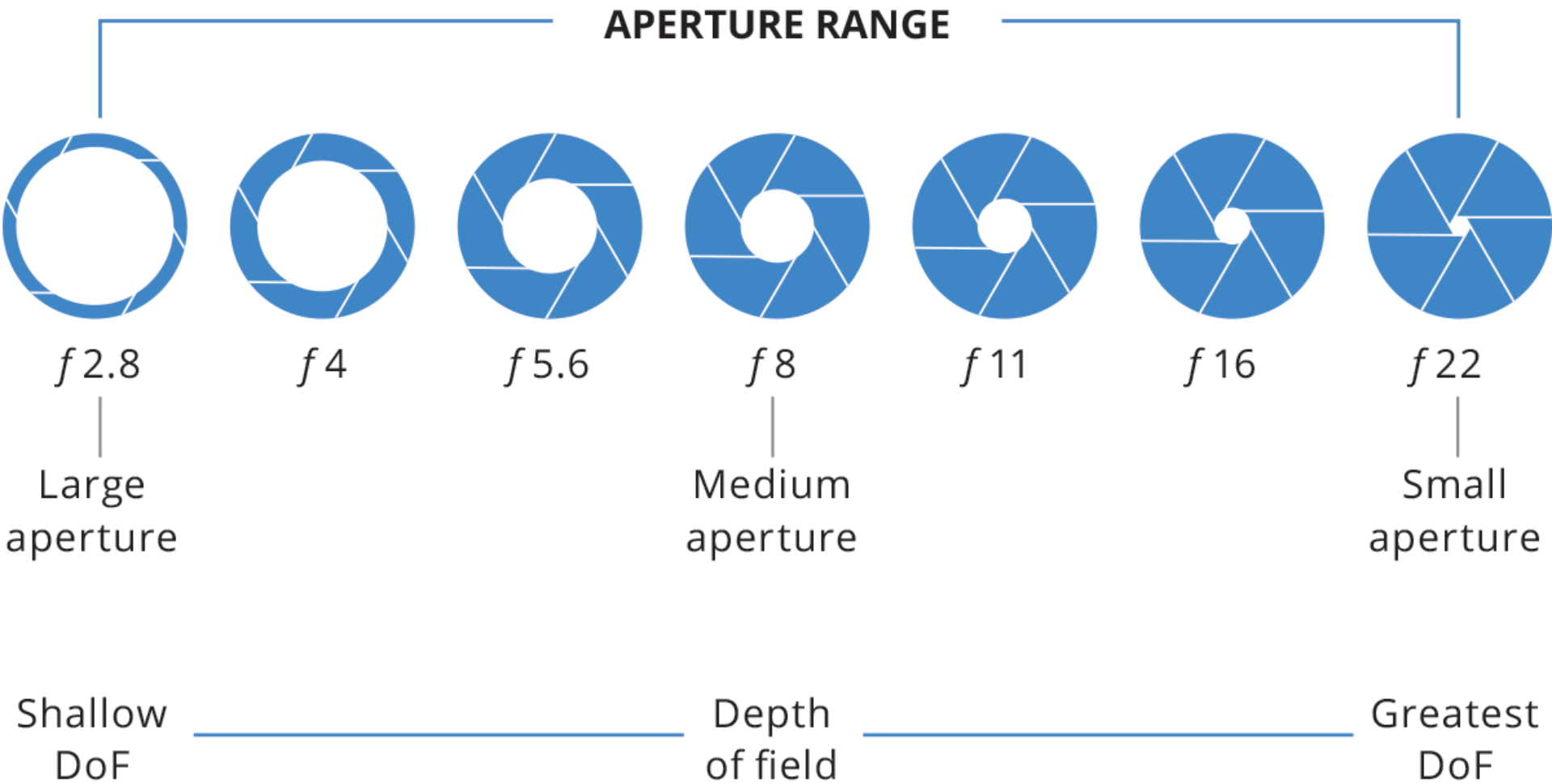
$f$ : focal length

$d$ : aperture diameter



This is usually written as  $f/\#$ , where  $\#$  is the actual number  $N$  (e.g.,  $f/1.4$ ,  $f/2$ ,  $f/2.8$ , ...,  $f/22$ ). We interpret these numbers by noticing that dividing the focal length by the f-number gives the aperture diameter  $d$ .

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# Vignetting

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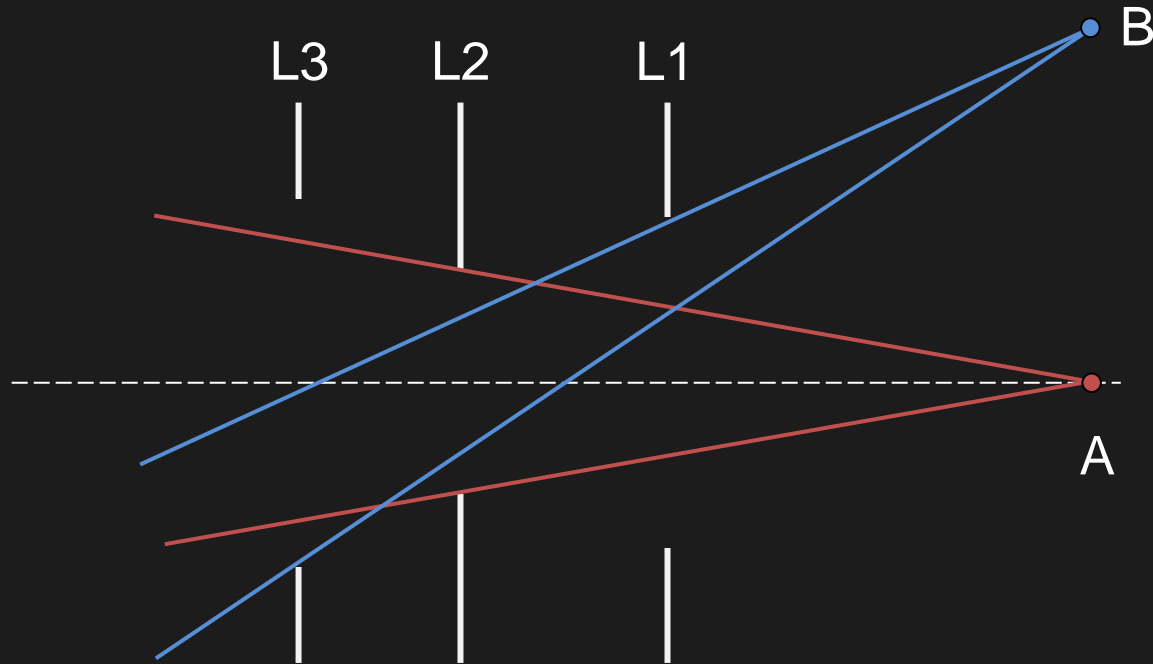


Brightness fall-off (Vignetting)  
in image of a White Wall



Brightness fall-off (Vignetting)  
in image of a Natural Scene

# Vignetting

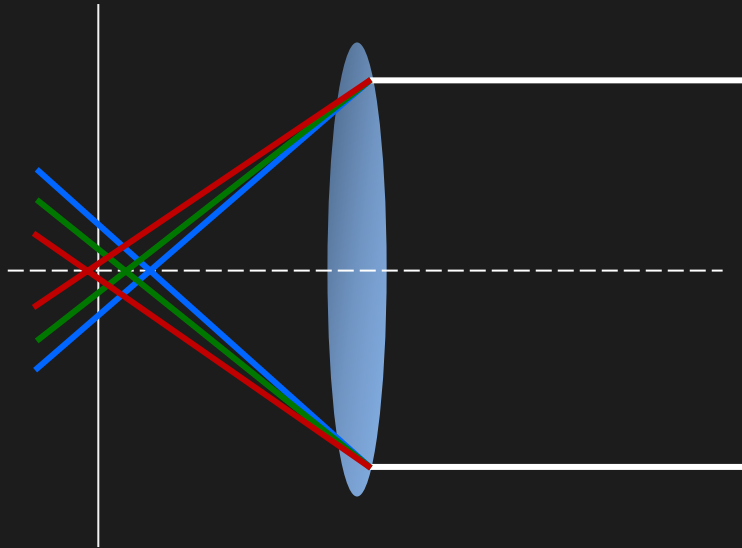


More light passes through L3 from point A than point B.  
Results in a smooth fall-off of brightness from A to B.



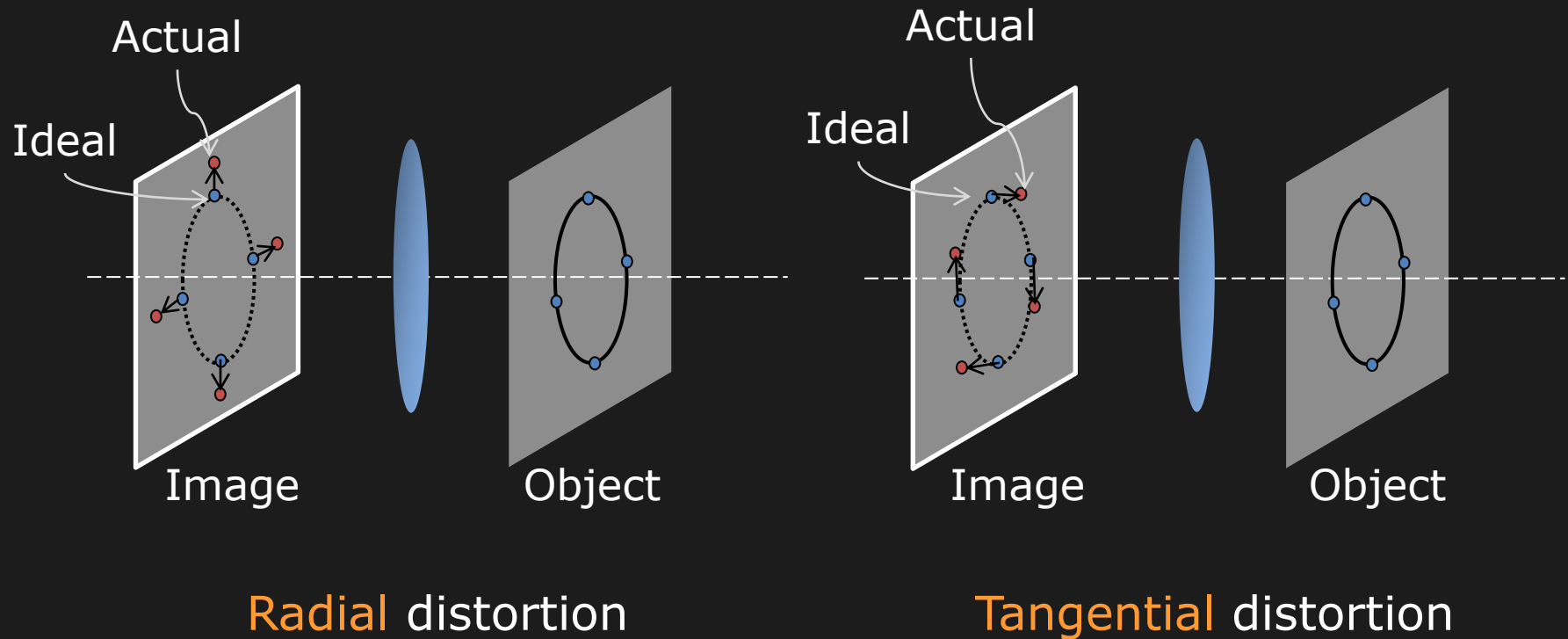
# Chromatic Aberration

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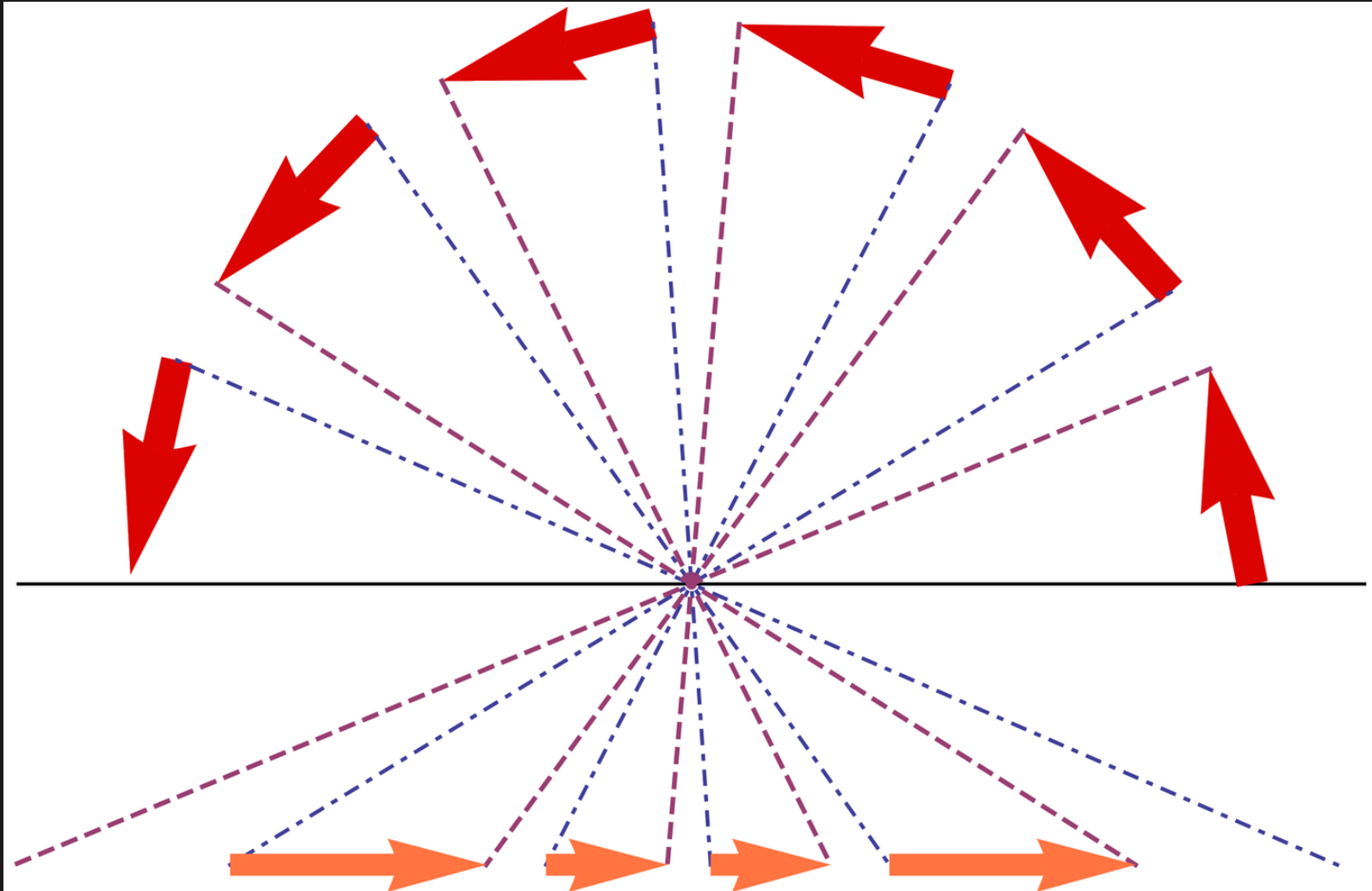
Refractive index (and hence focal length) of lens is different for different wavelengths.

# Geometric Distortion



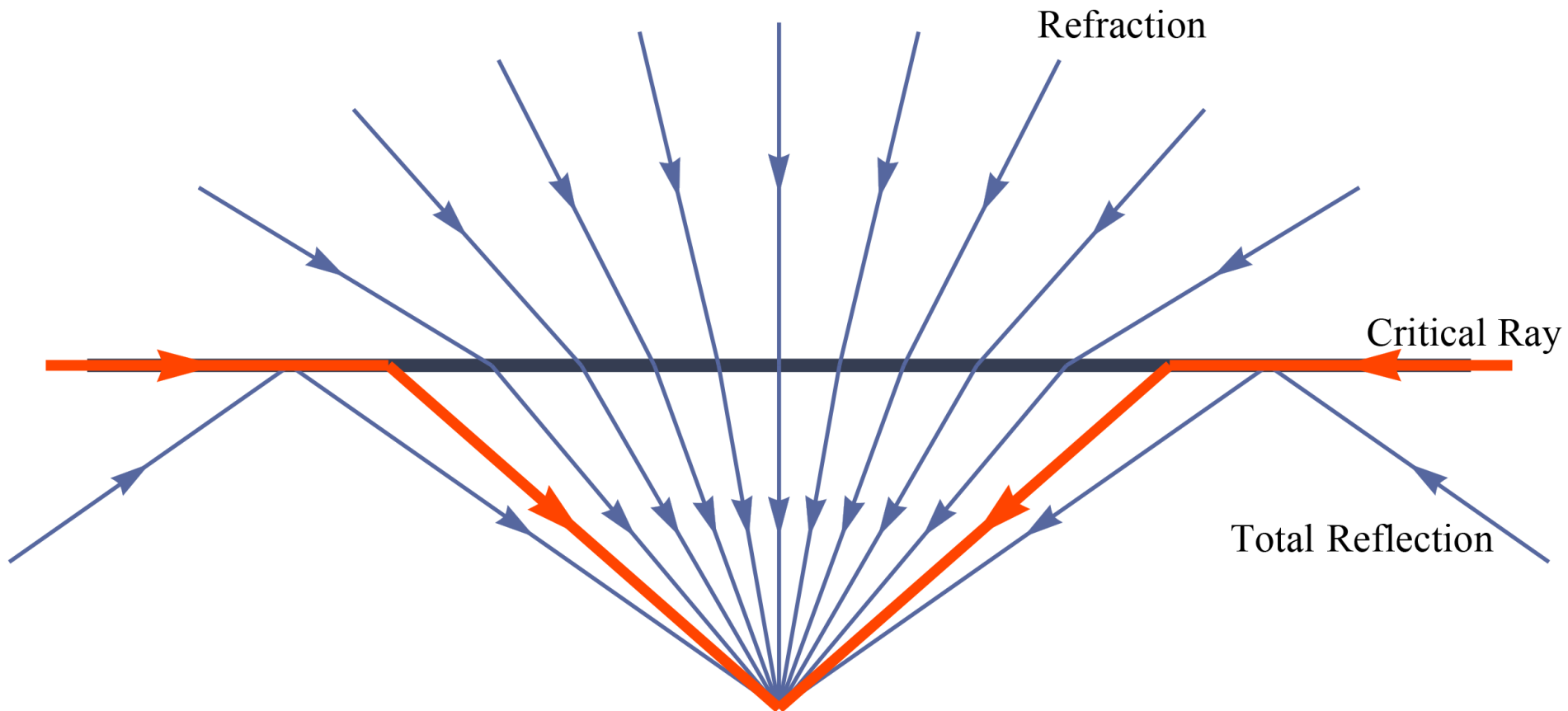
Due to lens imperfections

# When Geometric Distortion is Useful?



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Fisheye Lens



Radial Distortion in Fisheye Lens

# Geometric Distortion Correction



Radial (Barrel) distortion



Undistorted image

# The Digital Camera

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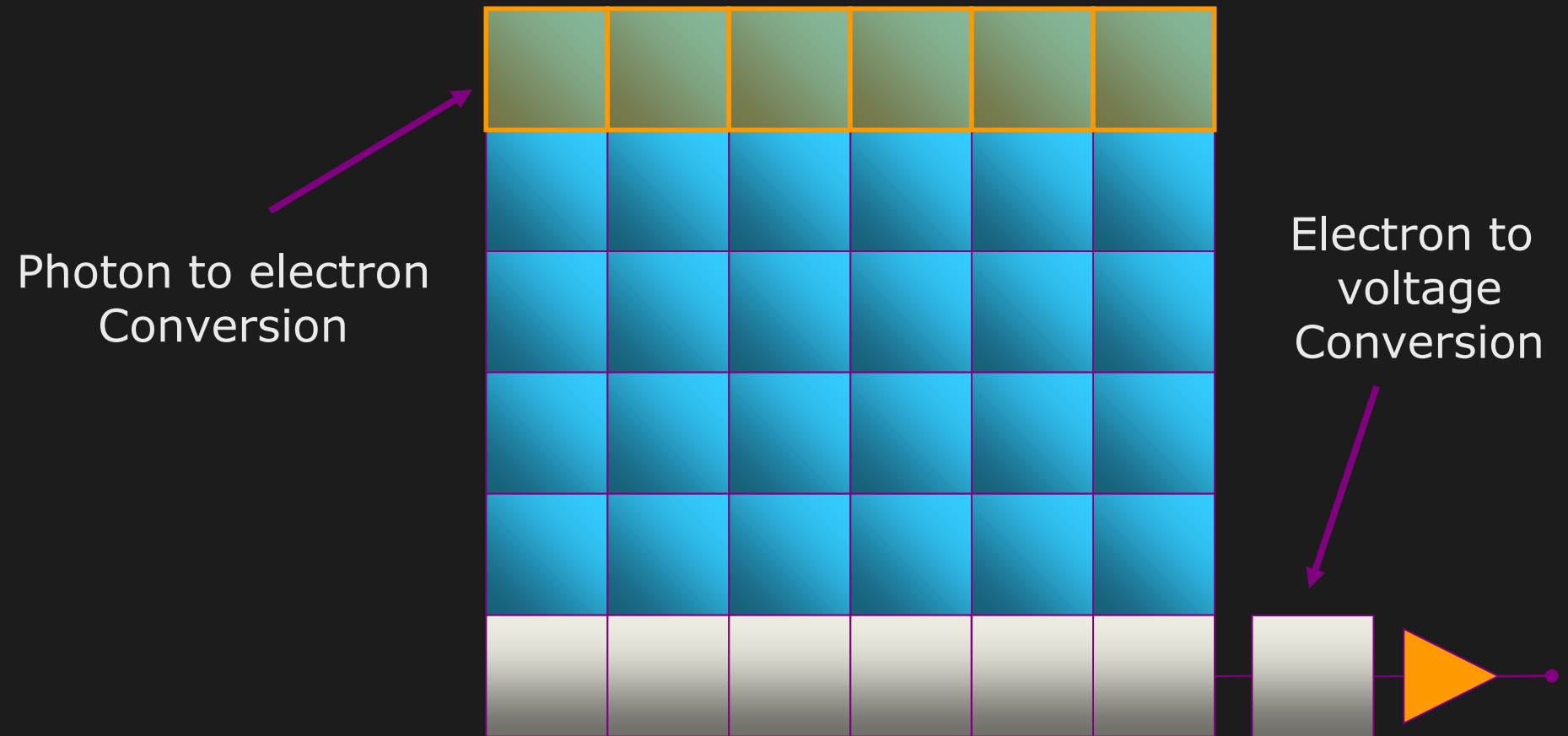
## Two main kinds of sensors

Charge-Coupled Device (CCD): photons are accumulated in each active *well* during exposure and all charges are transferred from well-to-well until they are deposited at the amplifiers, and this is then passed to the Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC).

Complimentary Metal Oxide on Silicon (CMOS)

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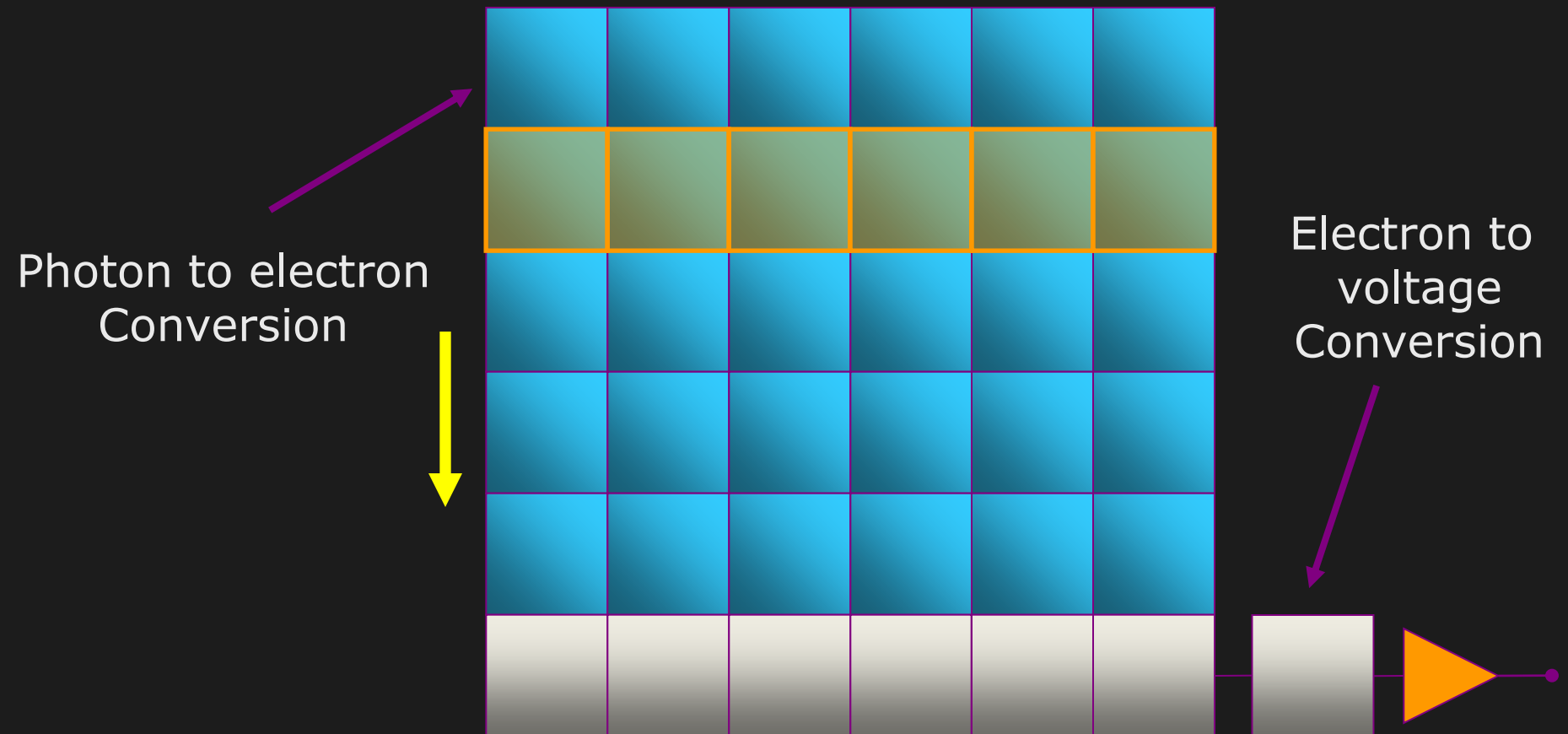
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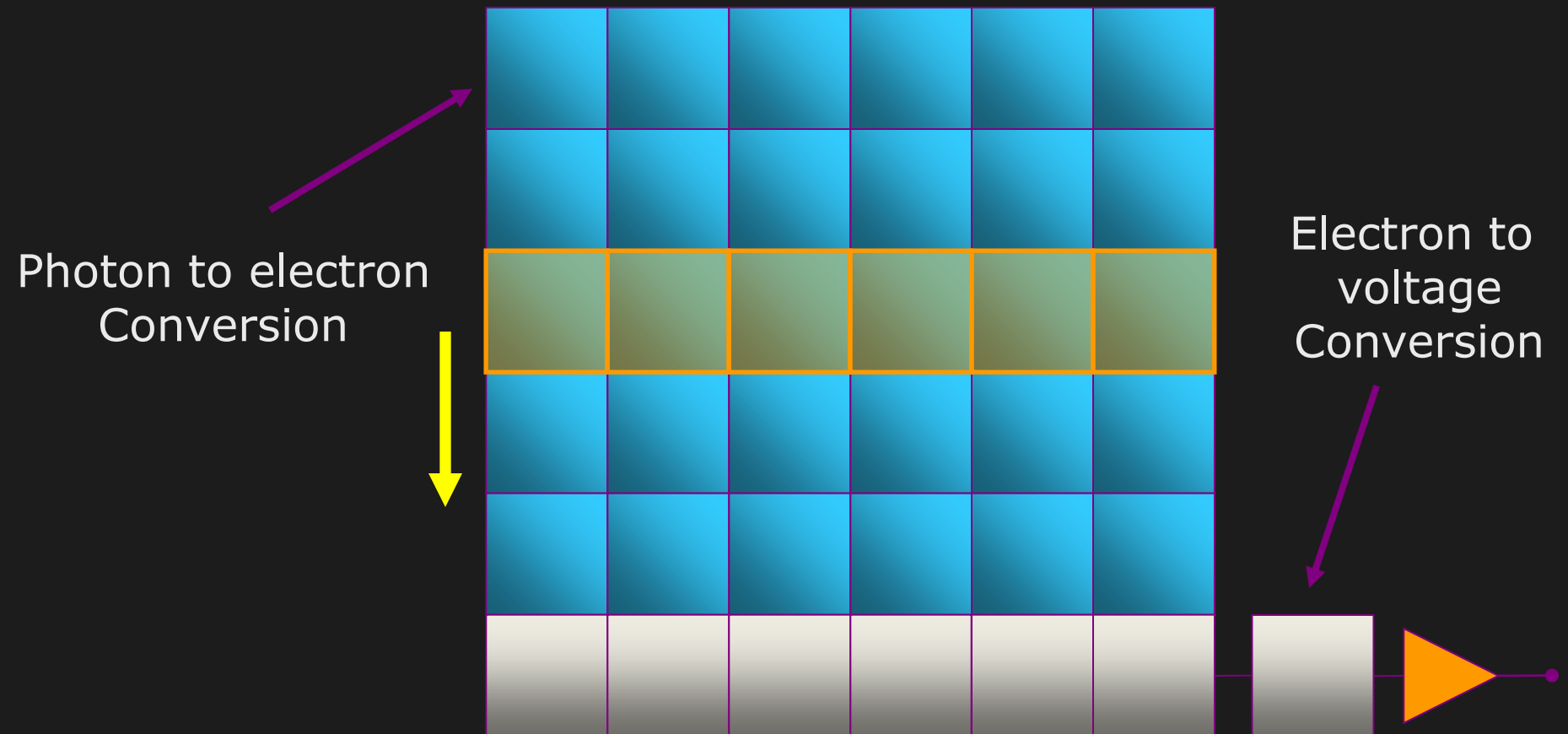
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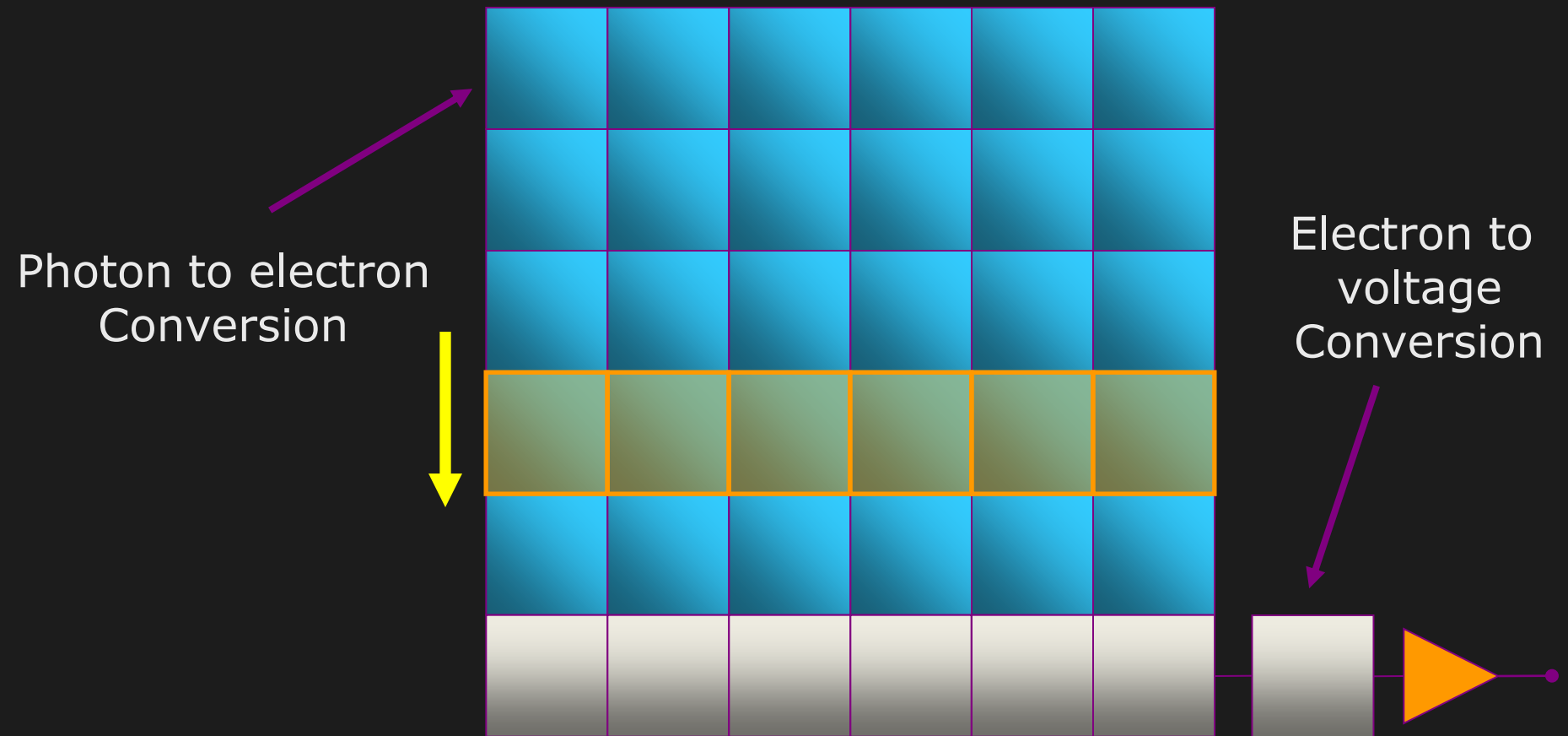
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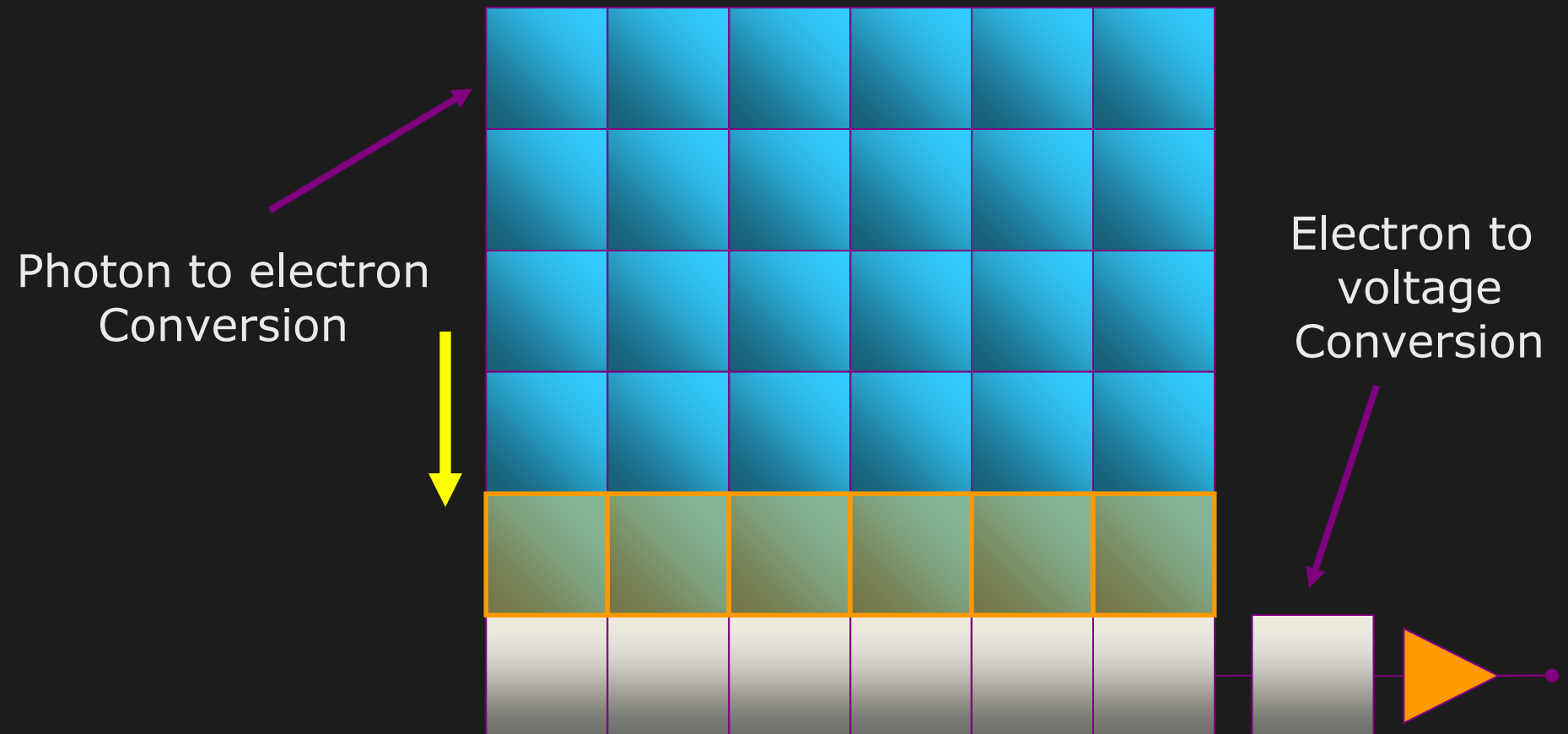
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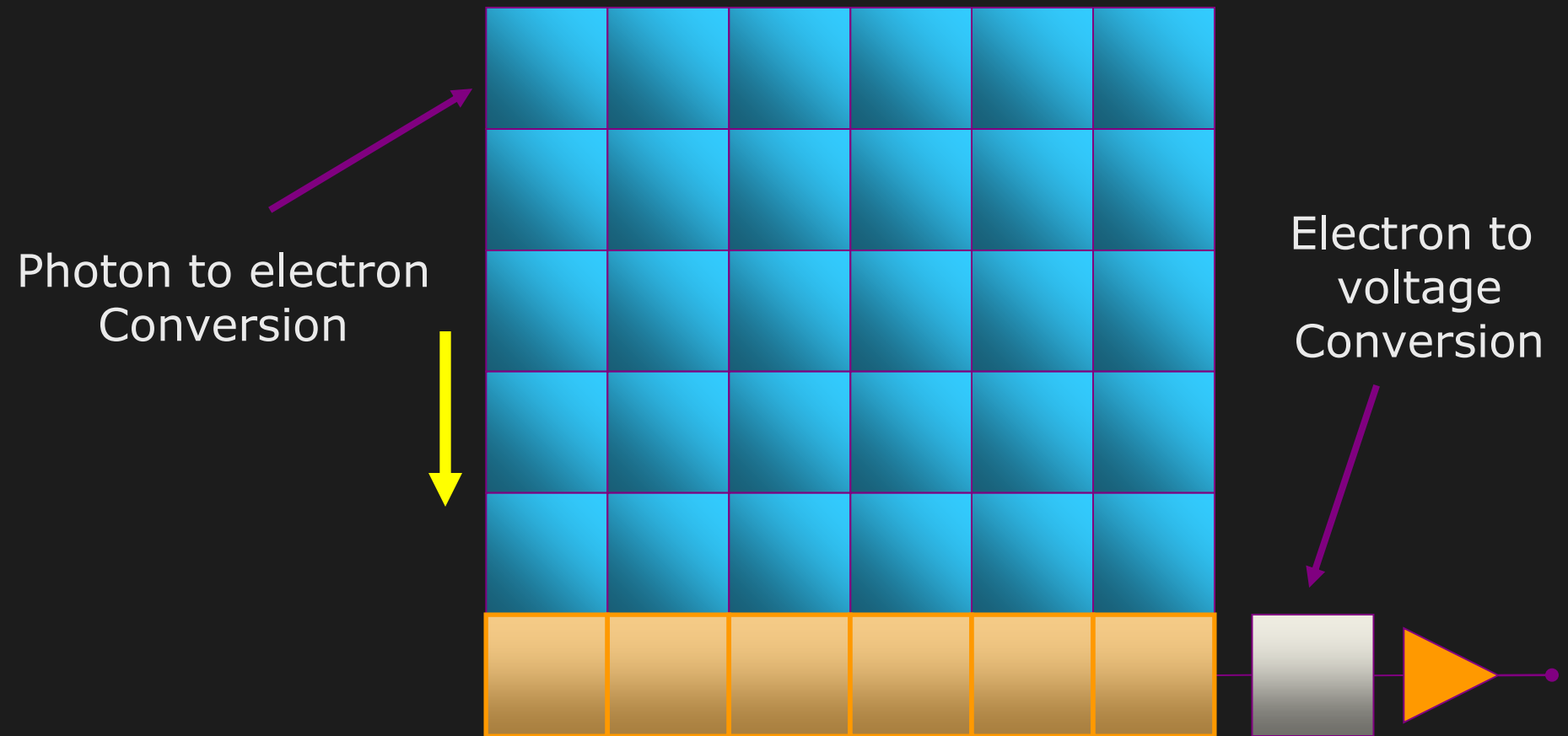
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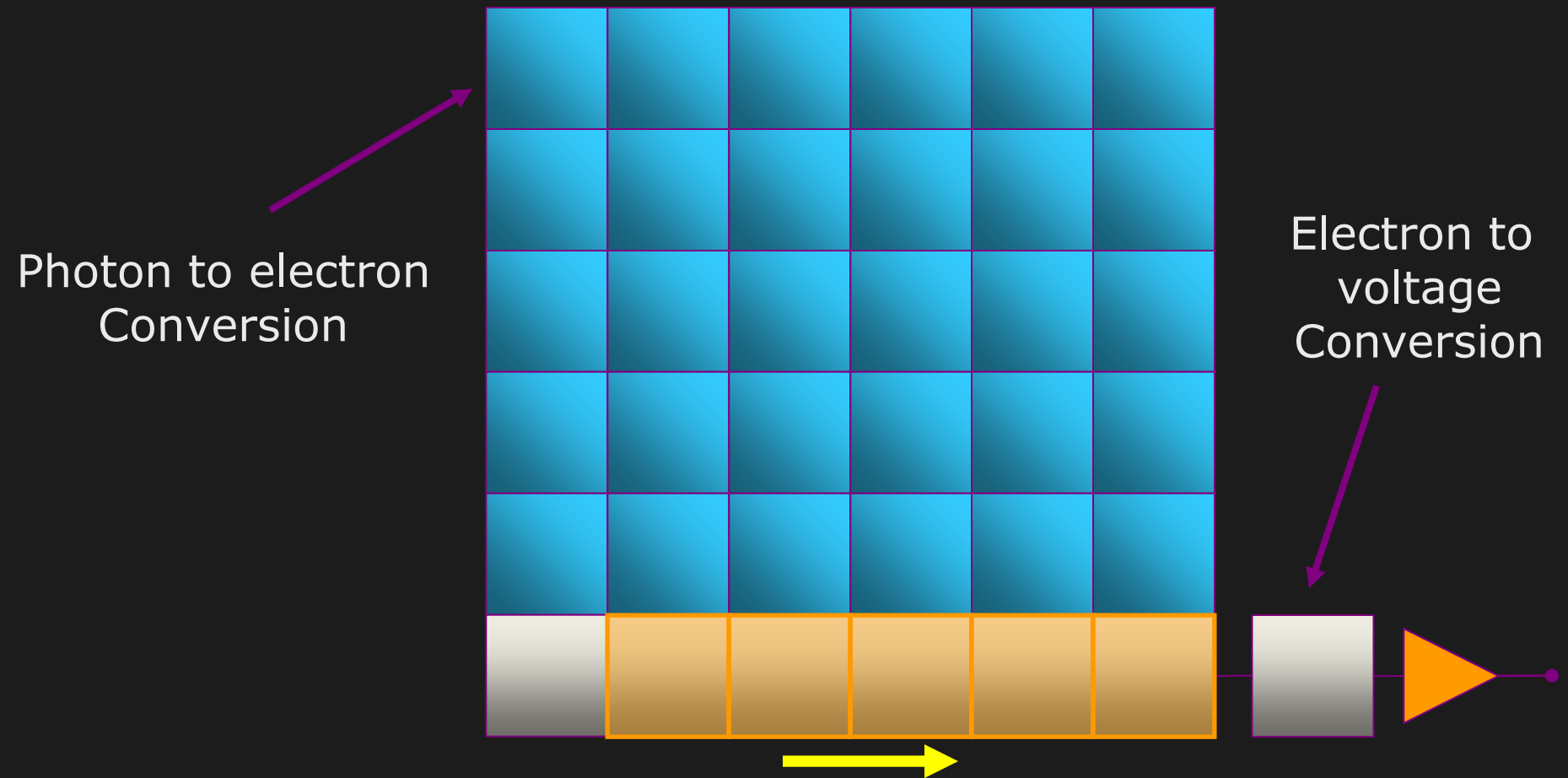
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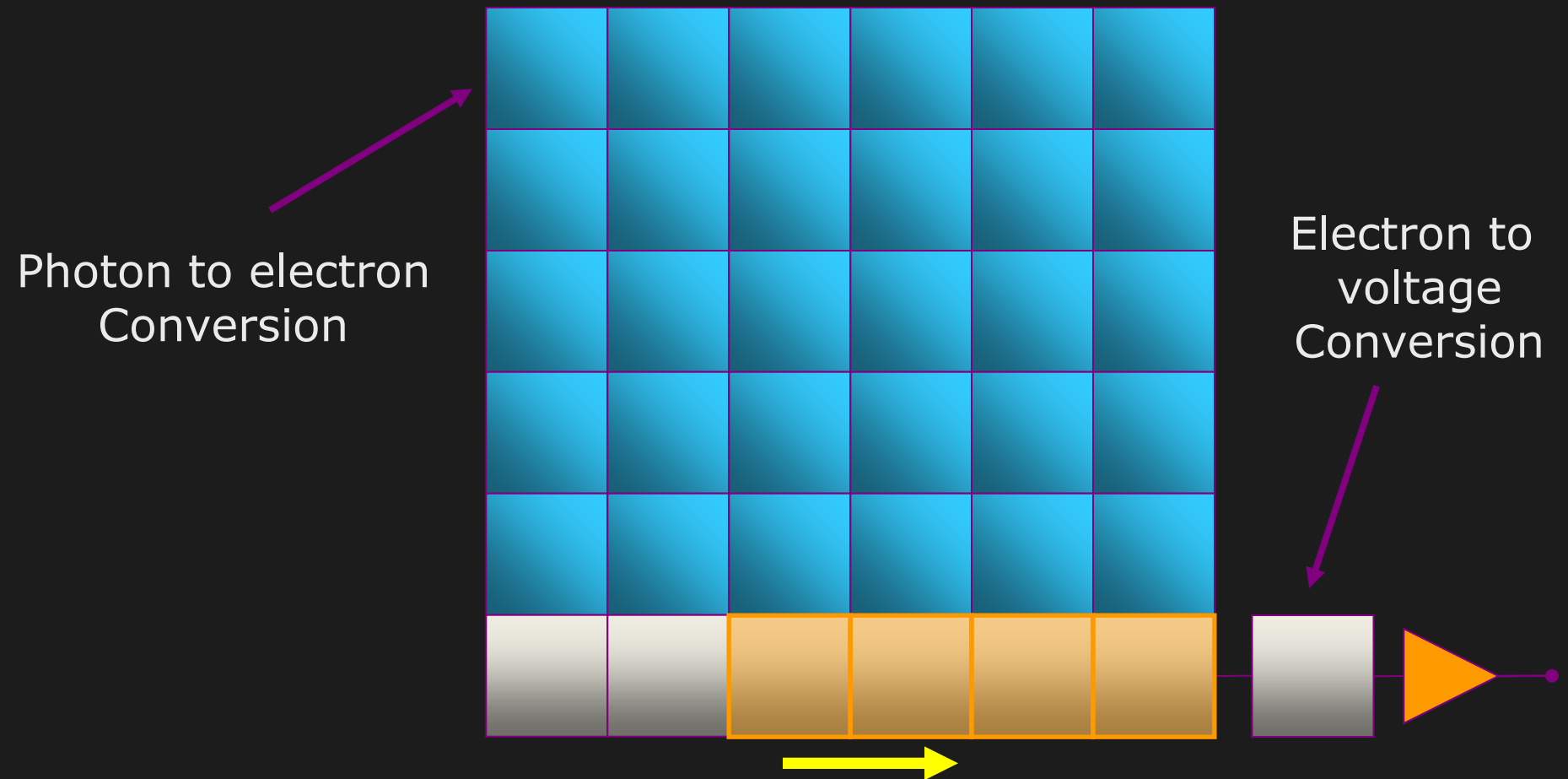
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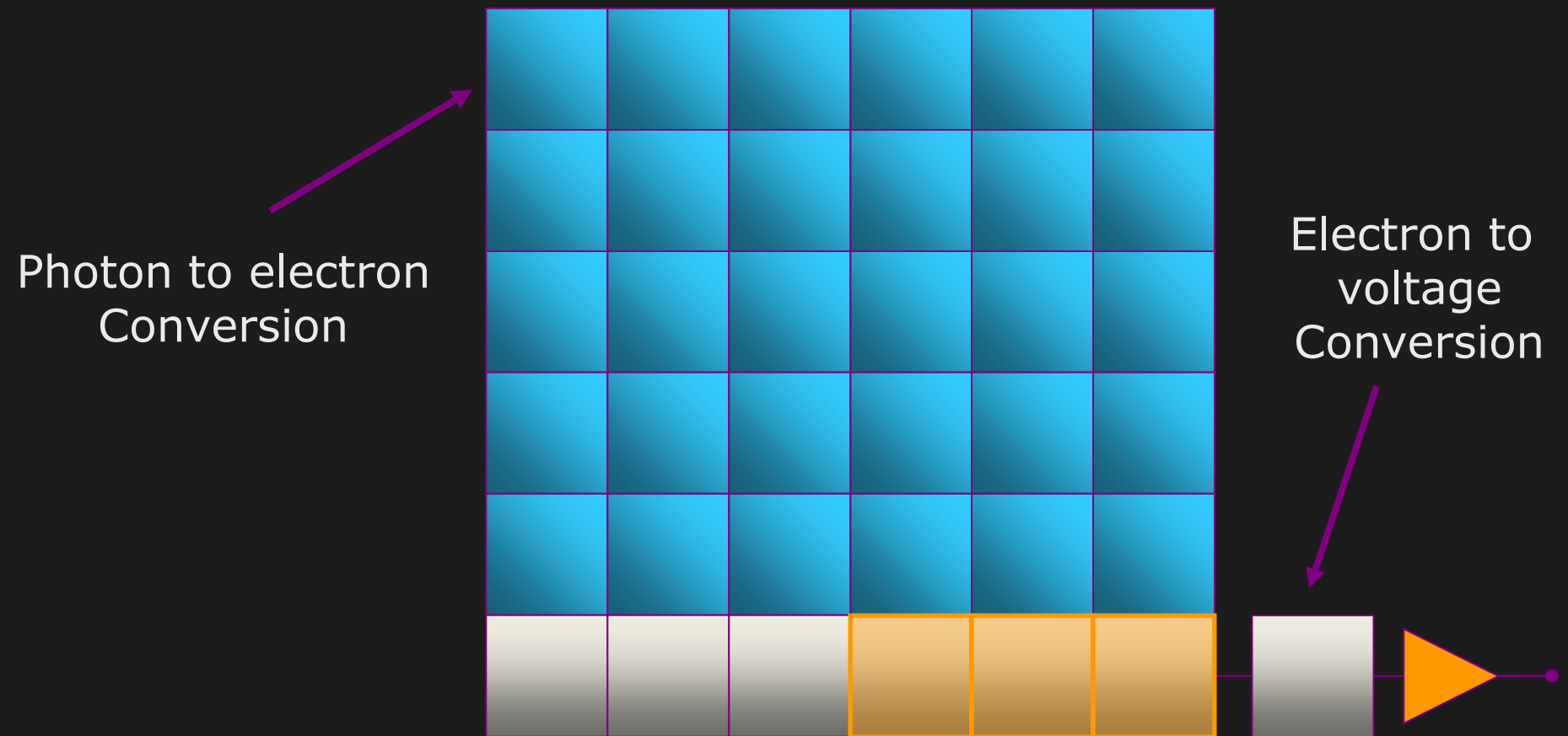
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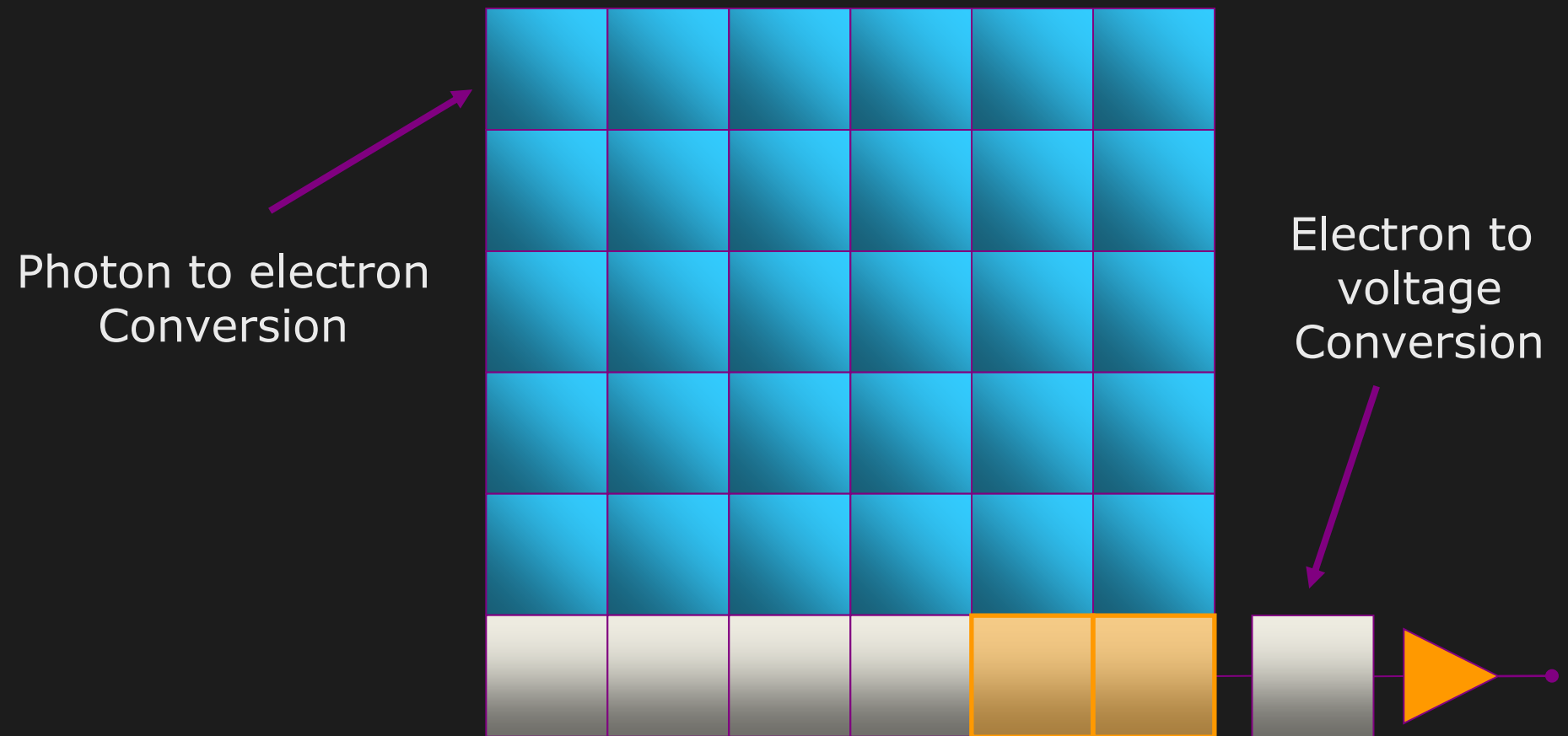
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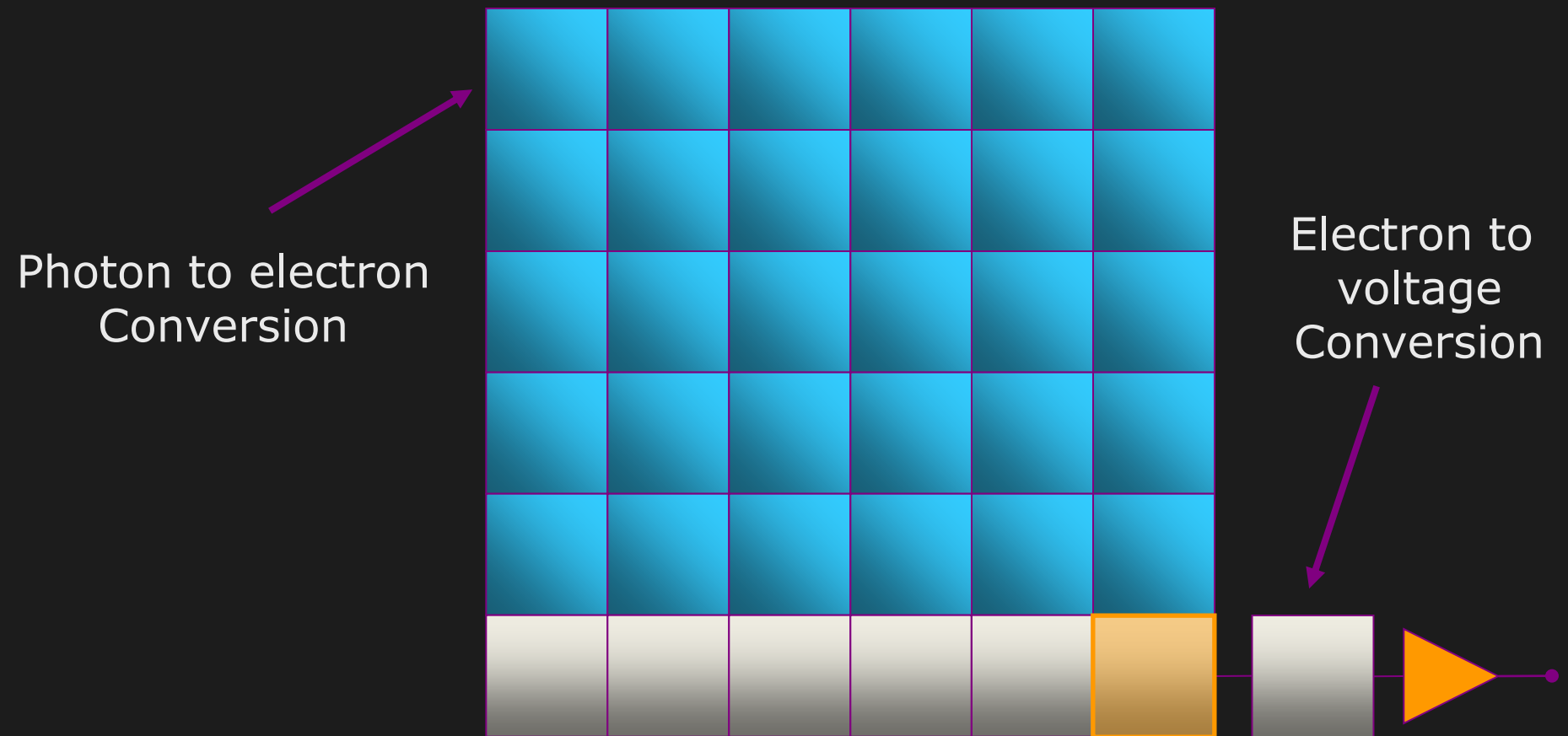
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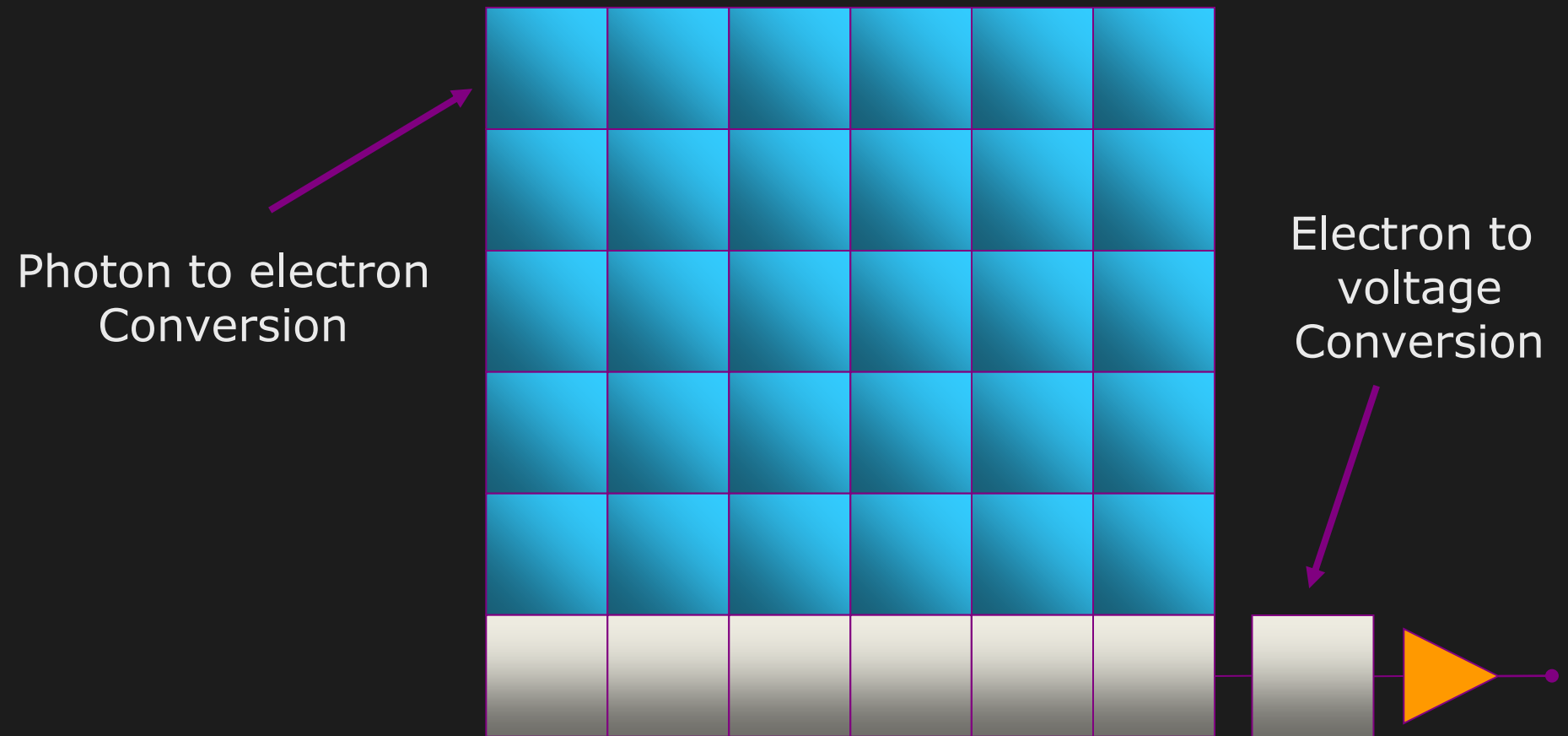
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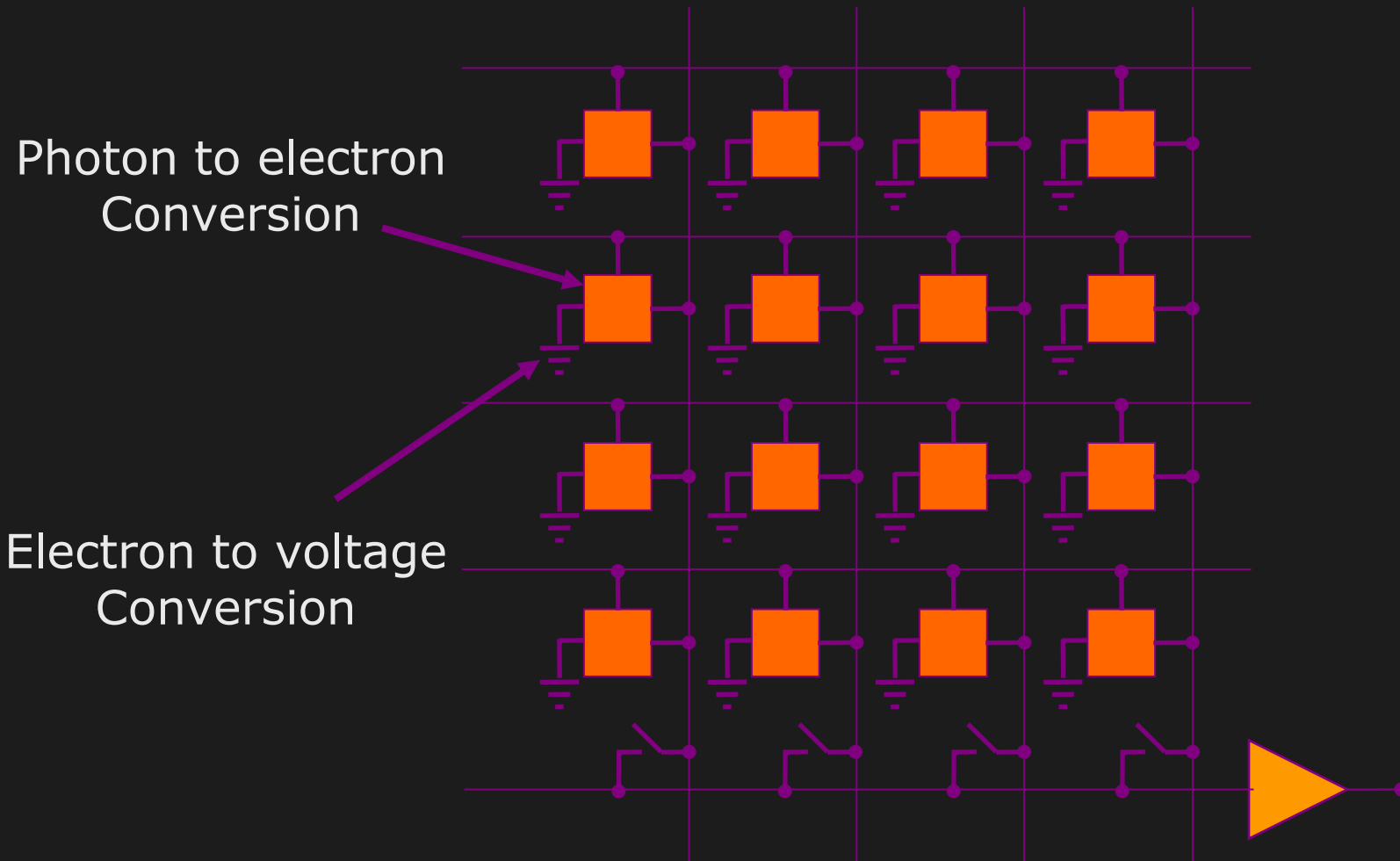
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Complimentary Metal Oxide on Silicon (CMOS): photons hit the sensor directly and affect the conductivity of the photodetector, which can be selectively gated to control exposure duration and locally amplified before being read out.

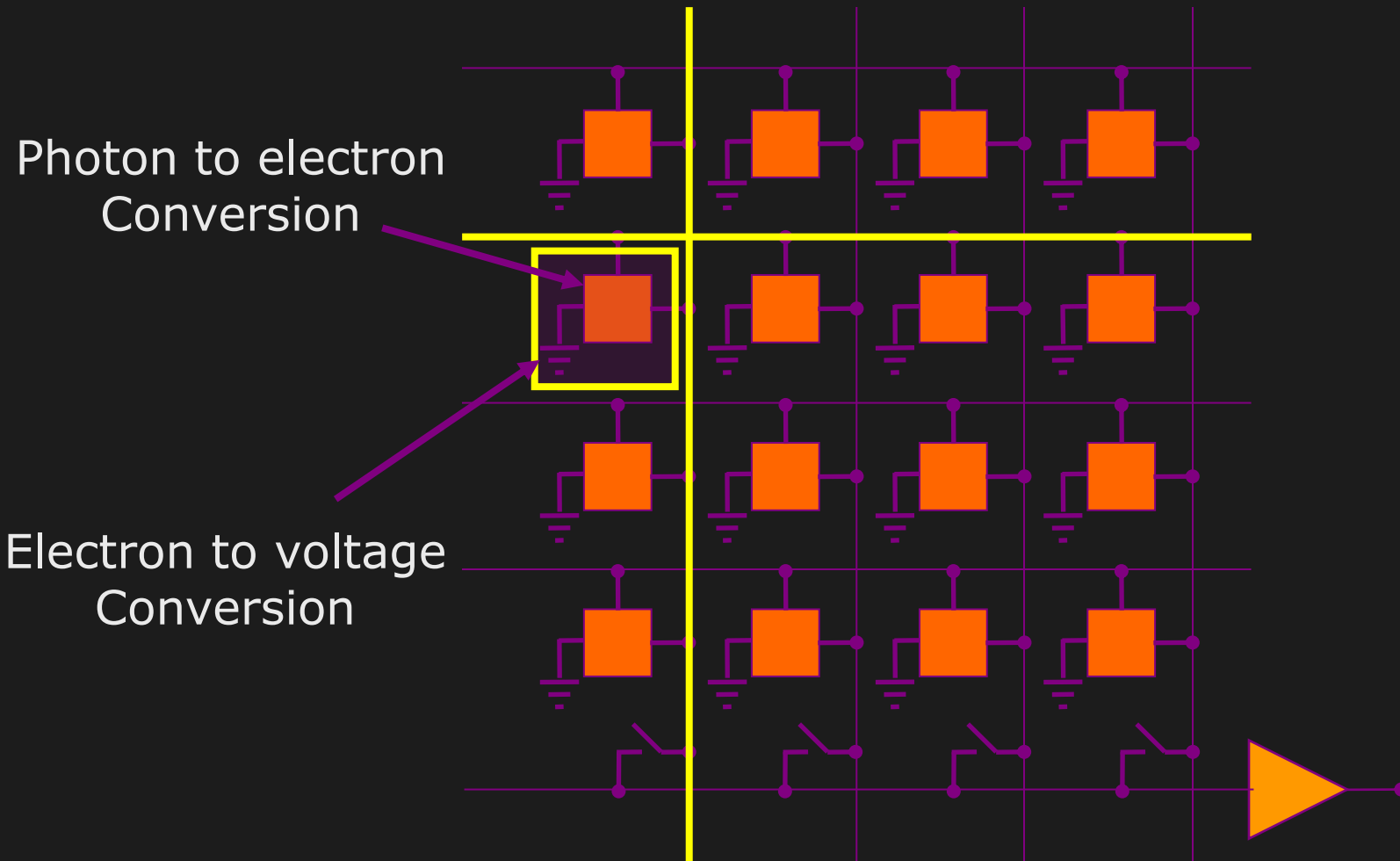
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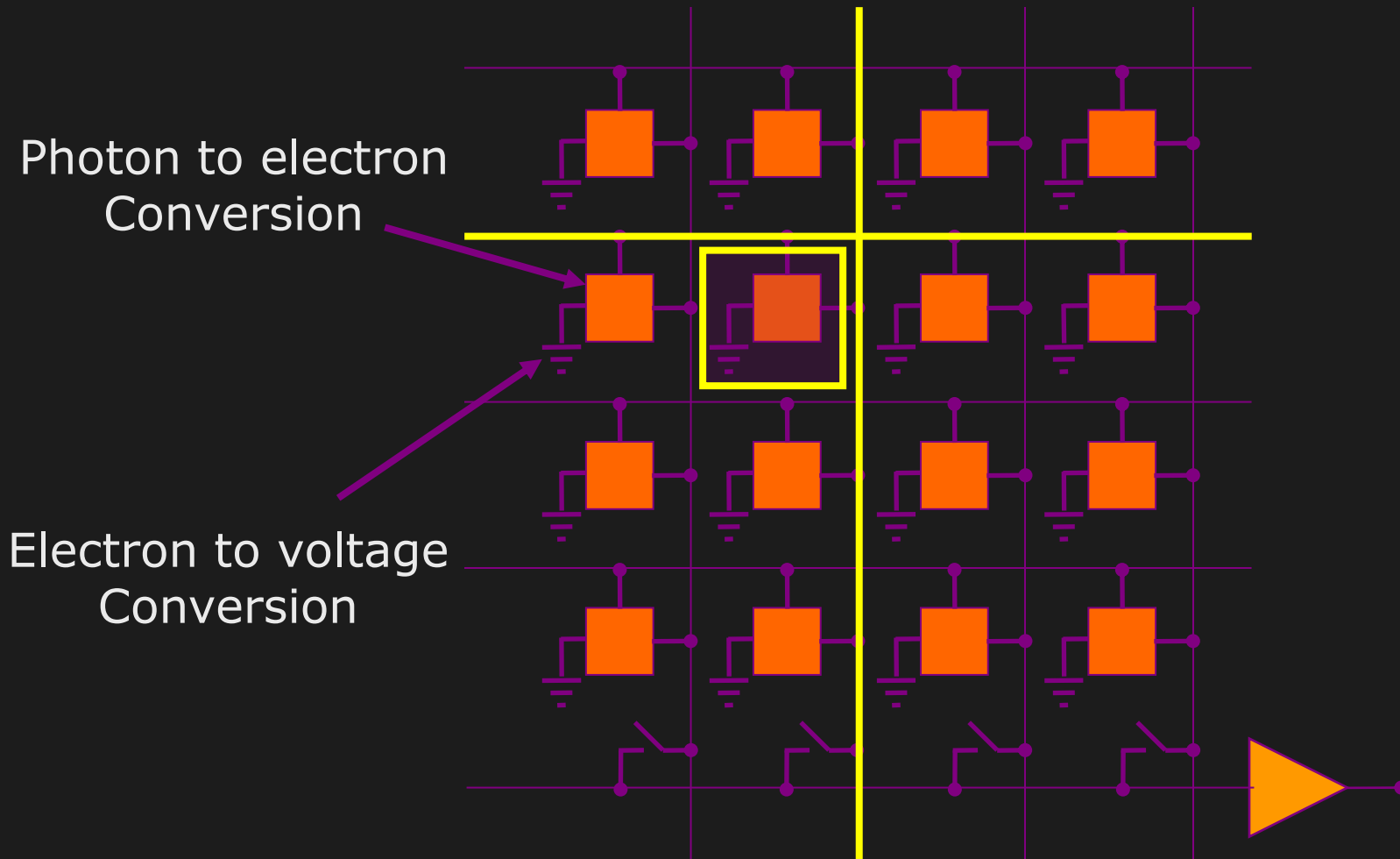
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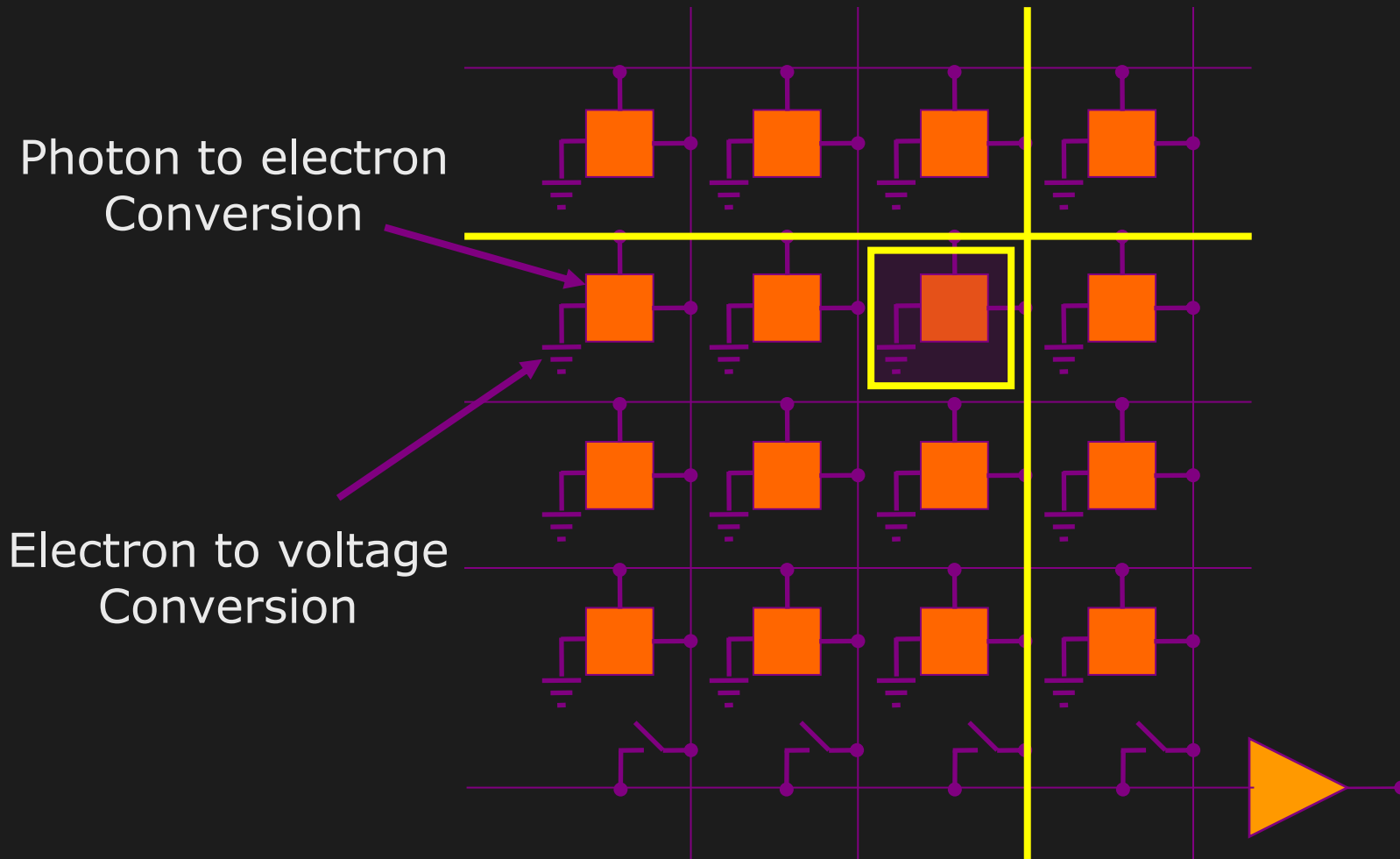
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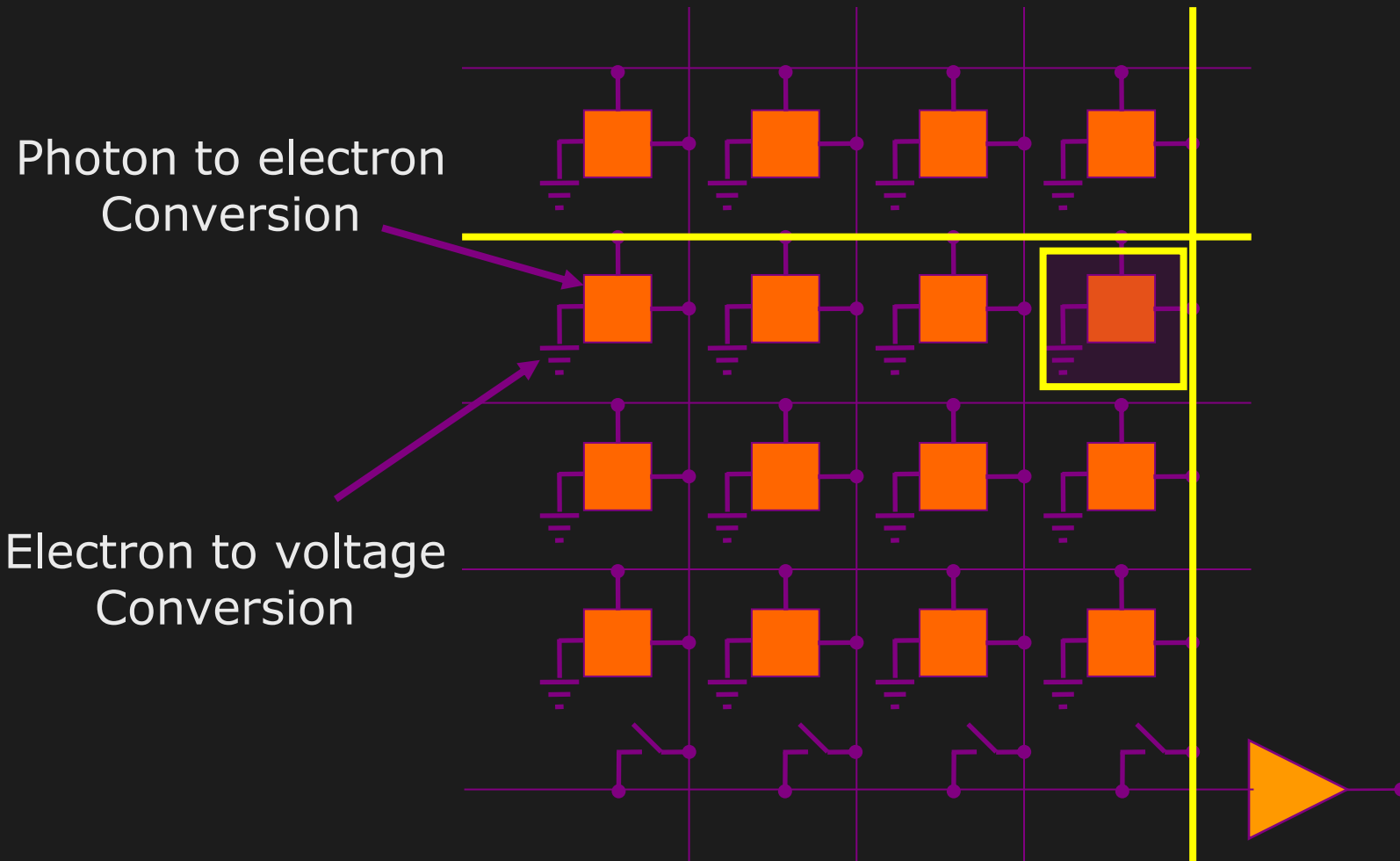
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# Comparison: CCD vs. CMOS

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|                   | CCD  | CMOS   |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Signal Output     | Separate circuit to convert photons to voltage | Convert photons to voltage within each pixel |
| Noise             | Low  | Moderate                                     |
| Dynamic Range     | High   | Moderate                                     |
| Uniformity        | High   | Low to Moderate                              |
| Windowing         | Limited  | Extensive                                    |
| Power Consumption | Moderate                                       | Low  |

# What is “Color”?

Human Response to different wavelengths

Visible light:



Do **We** recover Spectral Distribution  $p(\lambda)$ ?

Sensors in the human eye: **Rods & Cones**  
Neurochemical Sensors (3 types)

# The Mixing of Colors



Human Sensation of nearly all colors can be produced using 3 wavelengths!

$$(\lambda_r, \lambda_g, \lambda_b) = (650, 530, 410)nm$$

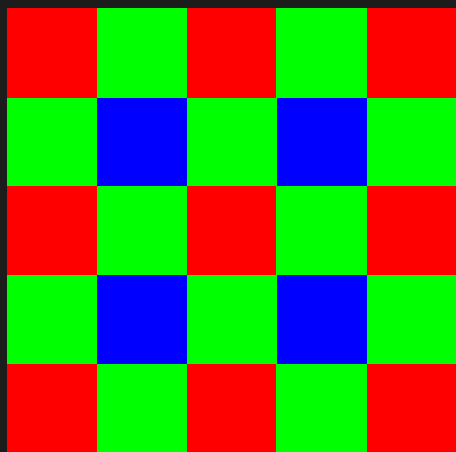
Hence, cameras and displays often use 3 filters:

(red, green, blue)

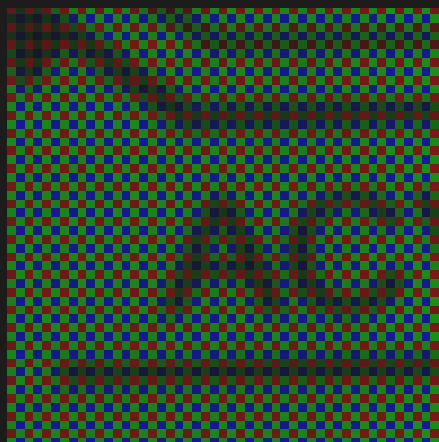
Young's Experiment on Color Mixture

# Sensing Color Using Color Mosaic

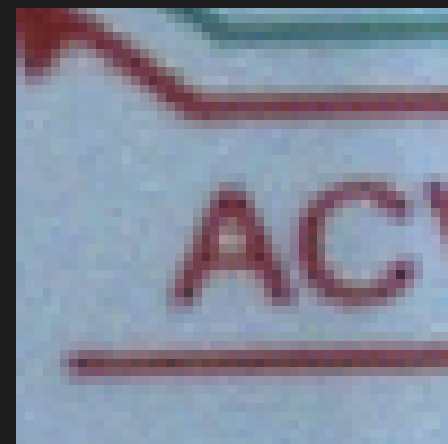
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Bayer Pattern  
(Color Filter Mosaic)



Raw Image

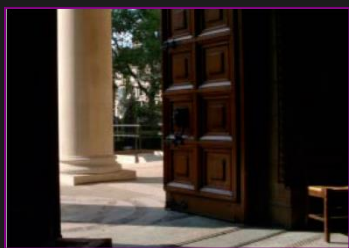


Interpolated Image

Color Filled in by Interpolation (**Demosaicing**)

# High Dynamic Range: Multiple Exposures

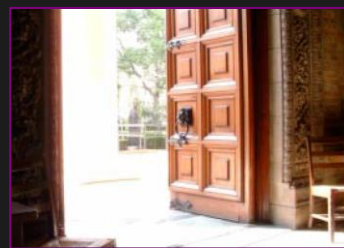
Assume Camera Response  $f(\cdot)$  is Linear



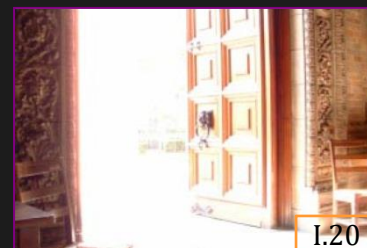
with  $e_0$



$e_1$



$e_2$



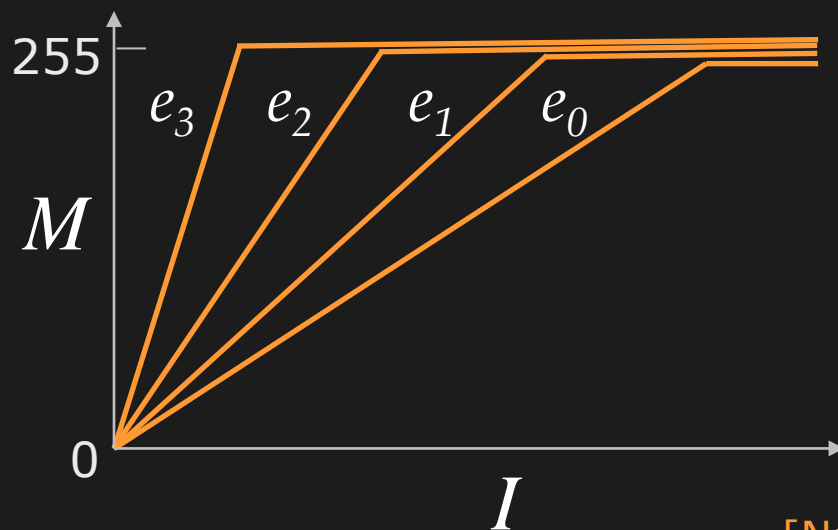
$e_3$

$$M_0 = \min(e_0 \cdot I, 255)$$

$$M_1 = \min(e_1 \cdot I, 255)$$

$$M_2 = \min(e_2 \cdot I, 255)$$

$$M_3 = \min(e_3 \cdot I, 255)$$

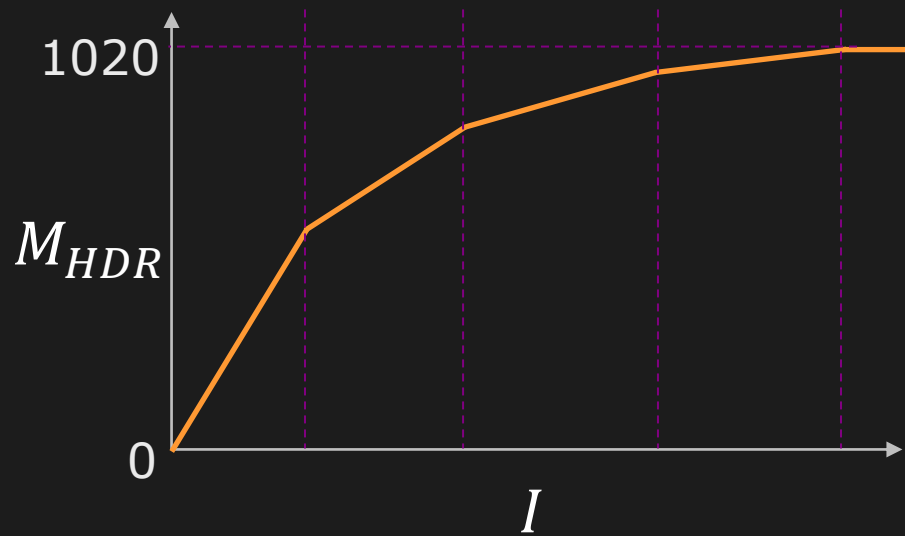


[Nayar 2000]

# High Dynamic Range: Multiple Exposures

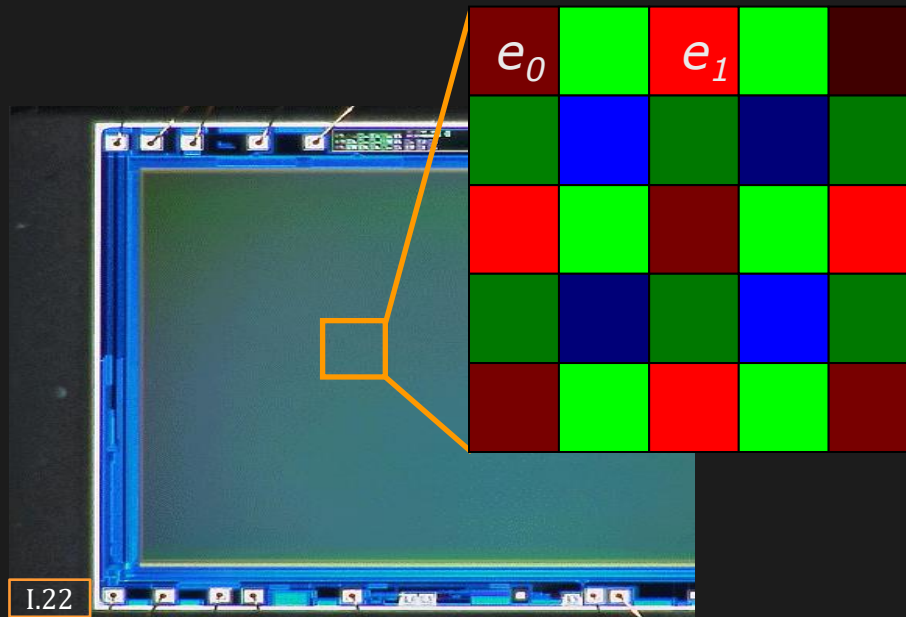
Aggregate Image:  $M_{HDR} = M_0 + M_1 + M_2 + M_3$

Camera Response  $f(\cdot)$  for Aggregate Image:

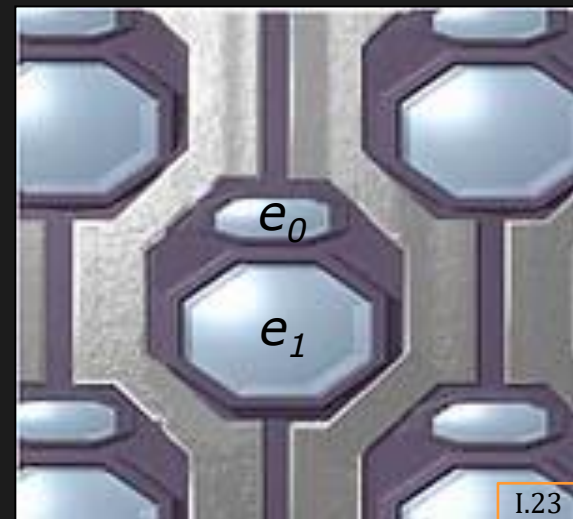


[Nayar 2000]

# High Dynamic Range: Single Shot



Assorted Pixels:  
Spatially Varying Color & Exposure



SuperCCD SR, FujiFilm:  
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