

3D Vision and Machine Perception

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- Image (image pipeline)
- Focus, pinhole and Lens

What is an image?

- Image: projection of the 3D world onto an (2D) image plane
 - 2-dimensional patterns of brightness values
 - Formed by the projection of 3D objects



“Dürer - Man Drawing a Lute” in Geometrie (1535) by Albrecht Dürer



“Image created with a mobile phone” by Olaf Simons - Own work.

This is how we obtain images

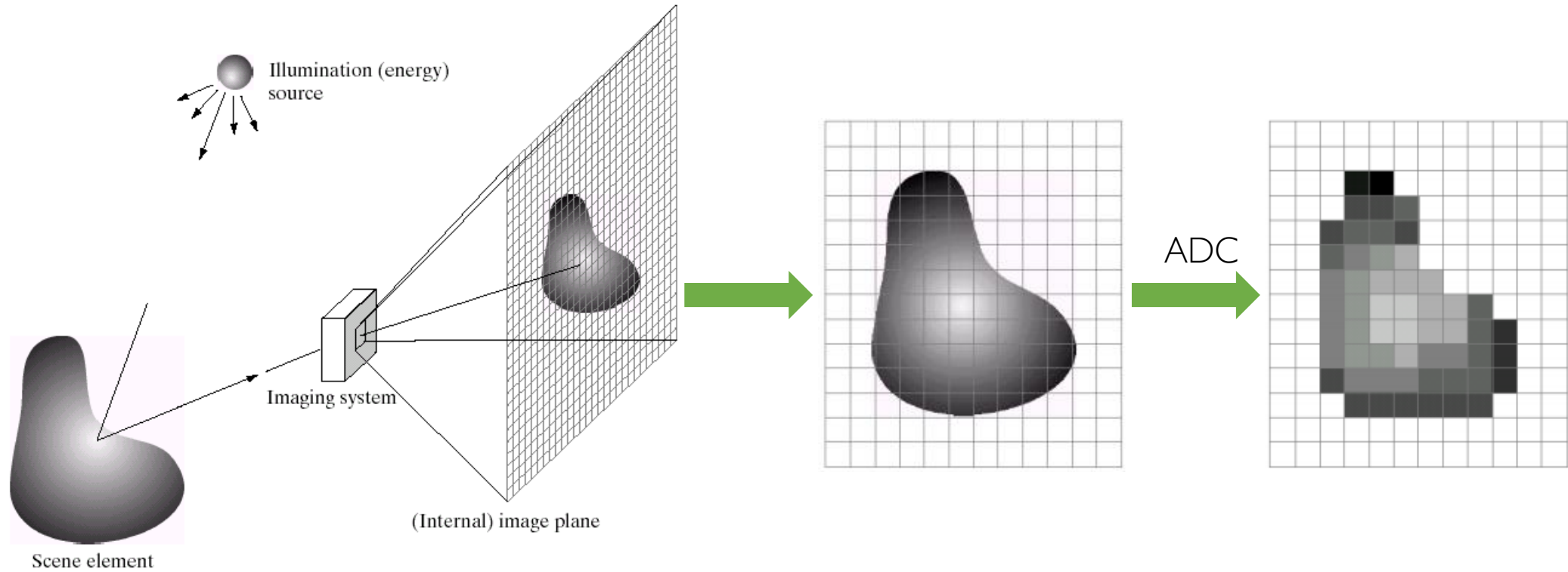


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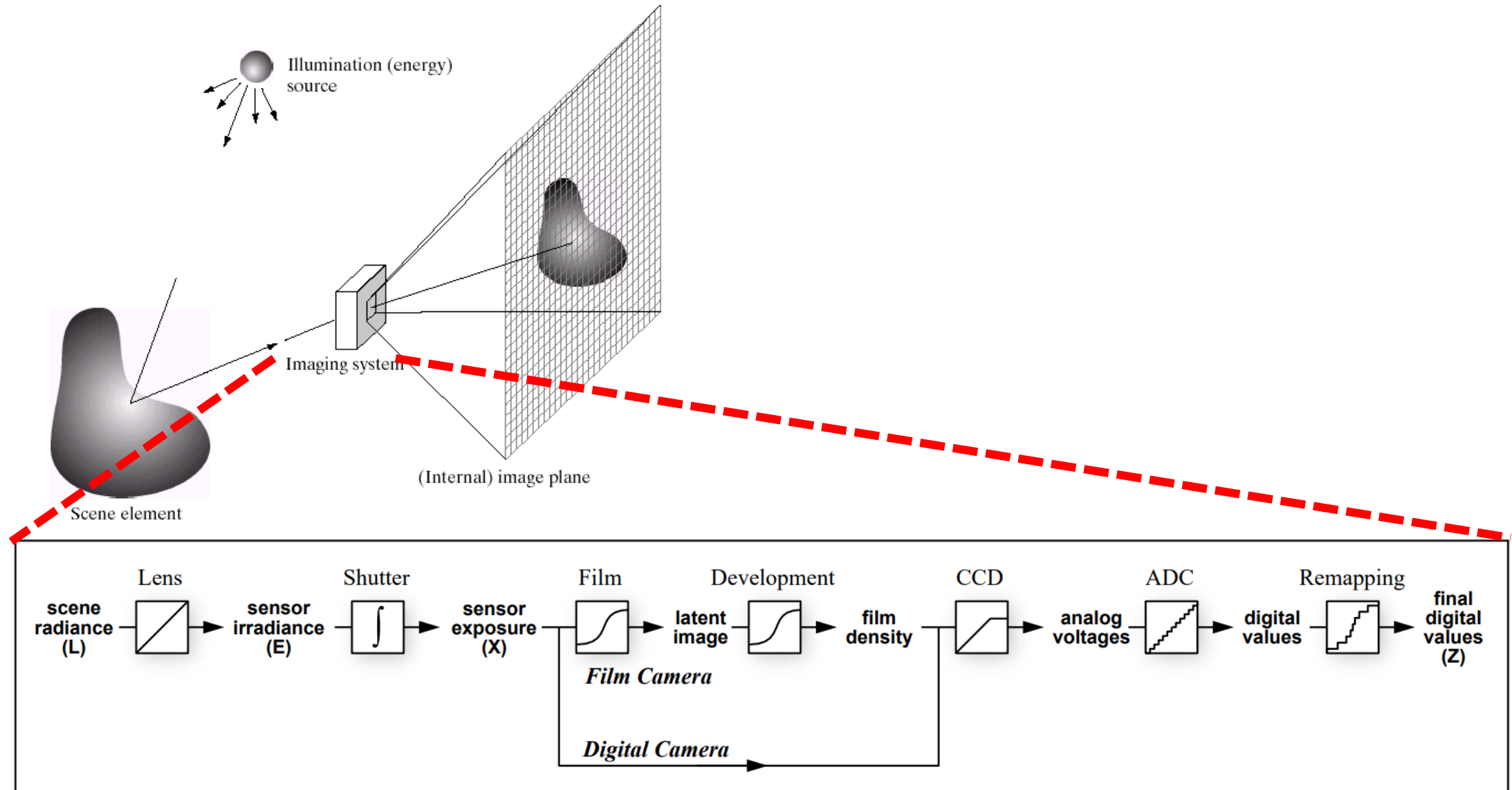


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Travel of a photon - Image formation



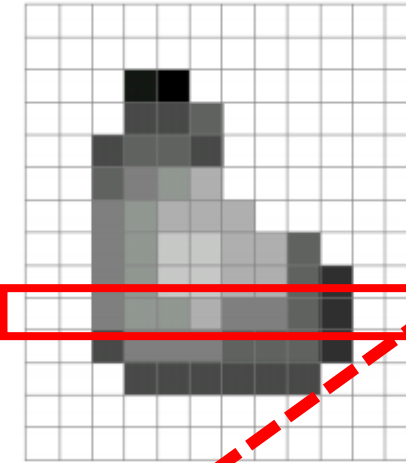
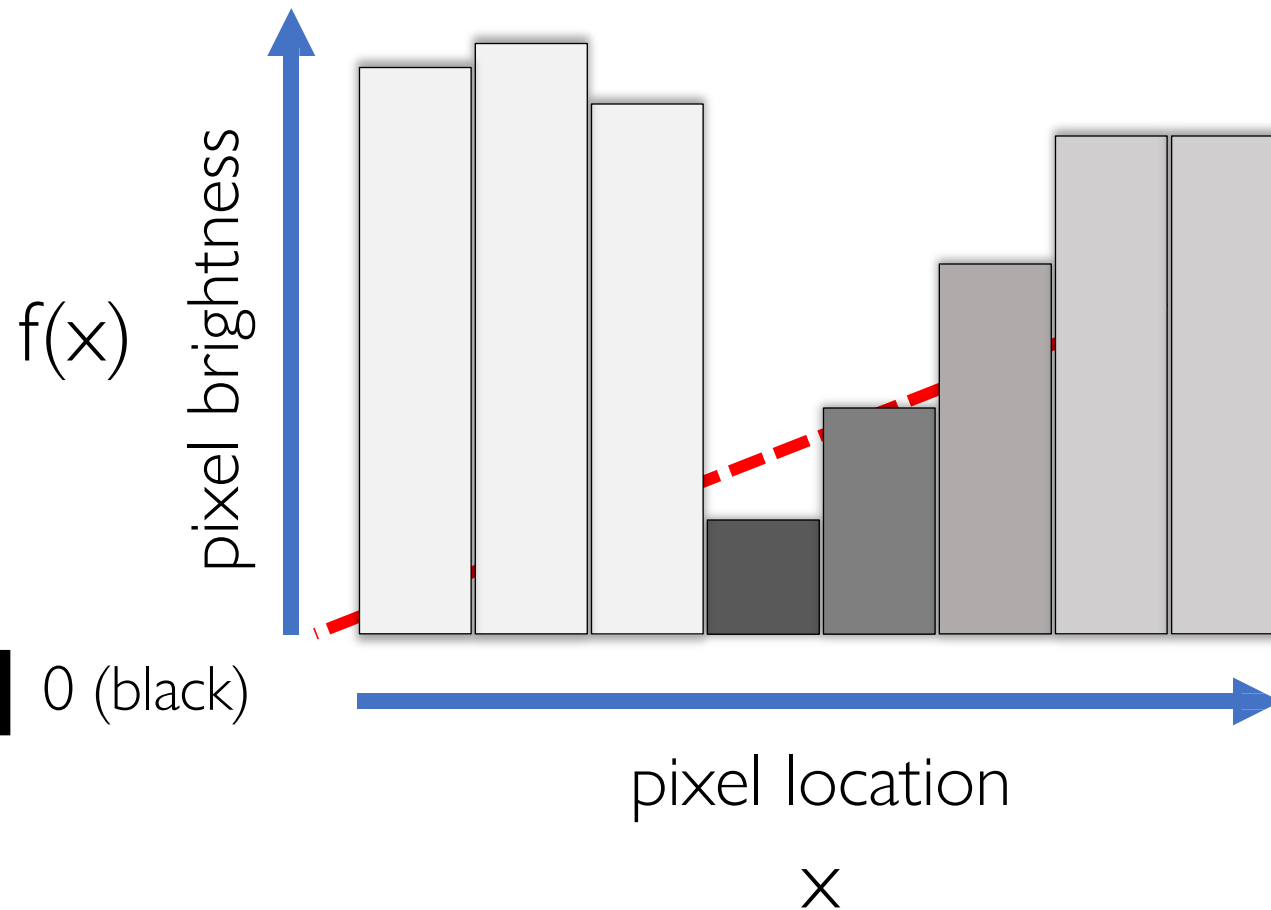
Travel of a photon - Image formation



Thinking about images as functions

□ 255 (white)

■ 0 (black)



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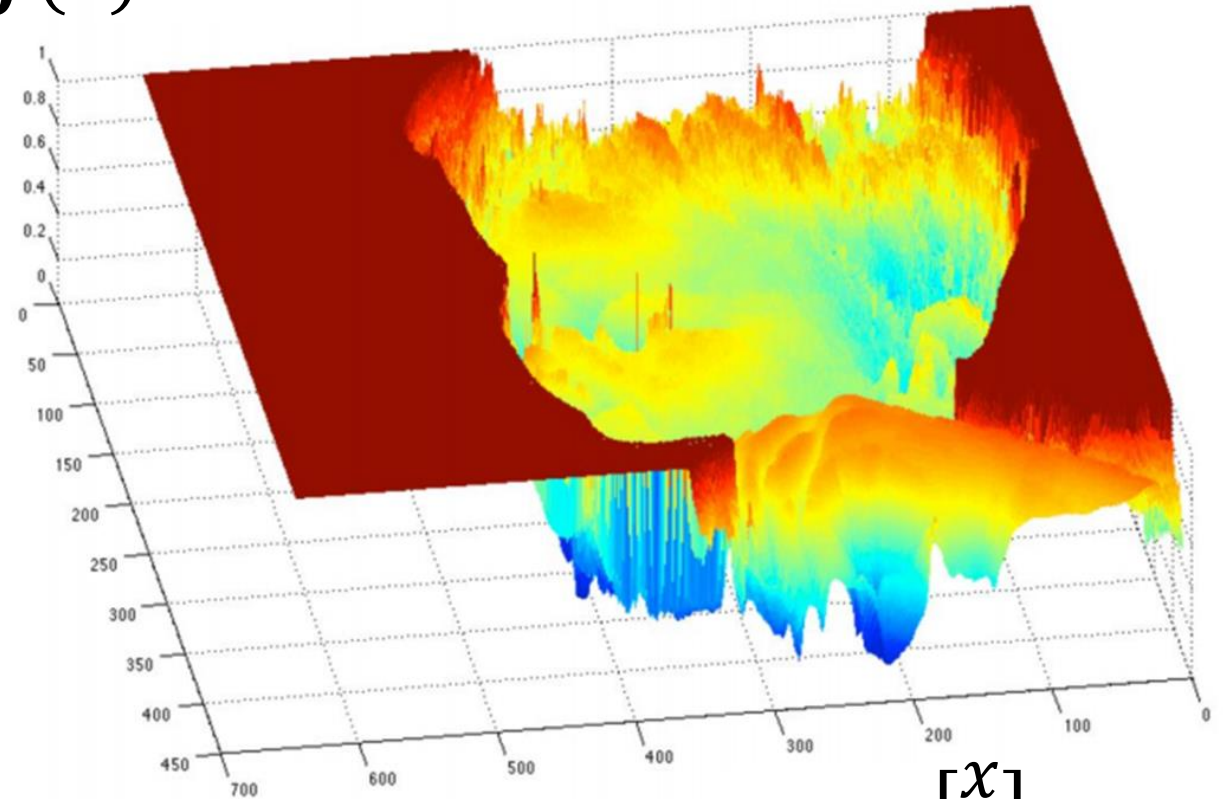
Thinking about images as functions

- A (grayscale) image is a 2D function



grayscale image

$f(x)$



domain $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

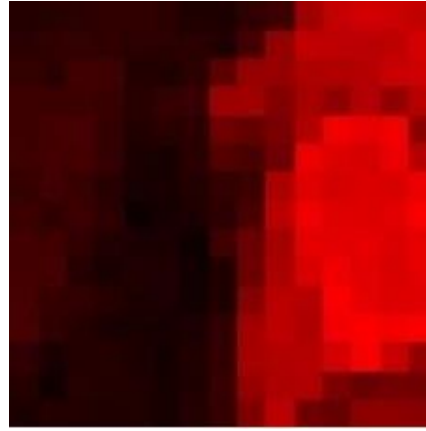
What is the range of the image function f ?

Color intensity

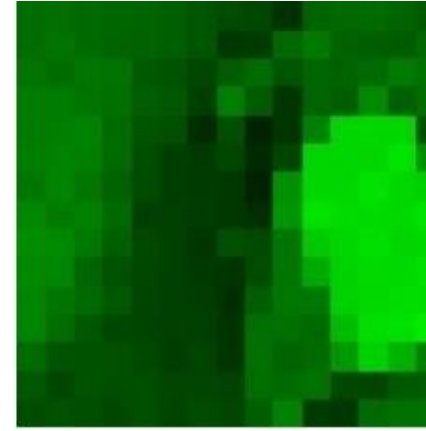


color image patch

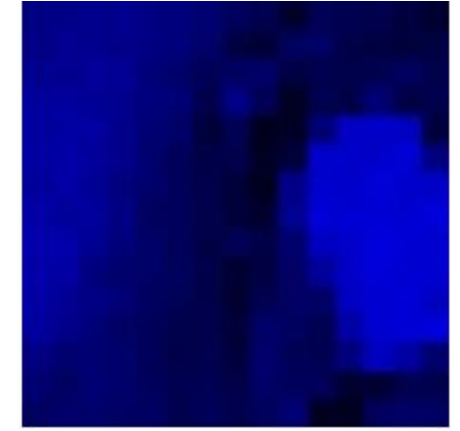
3D tensor: $H \times W \times C$



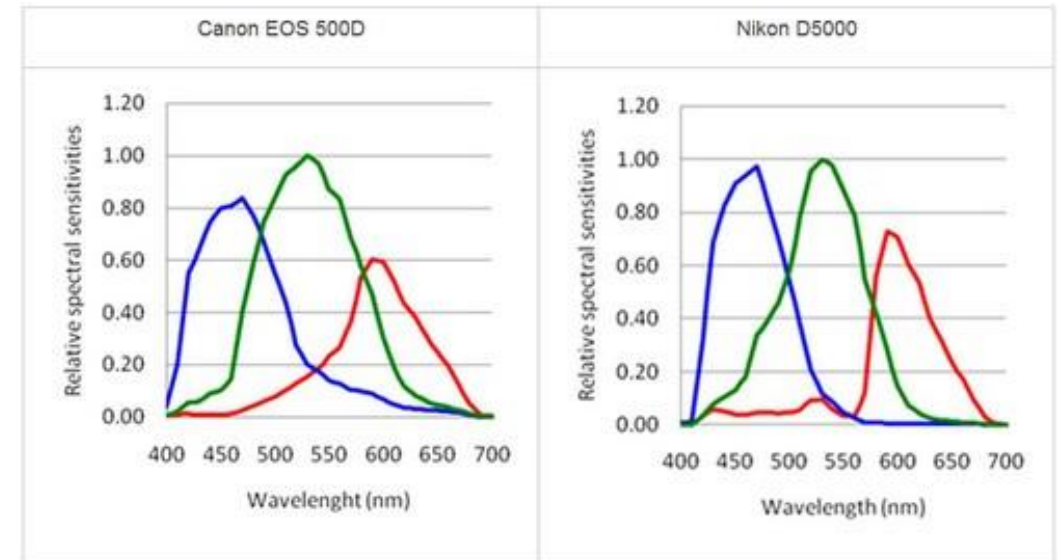
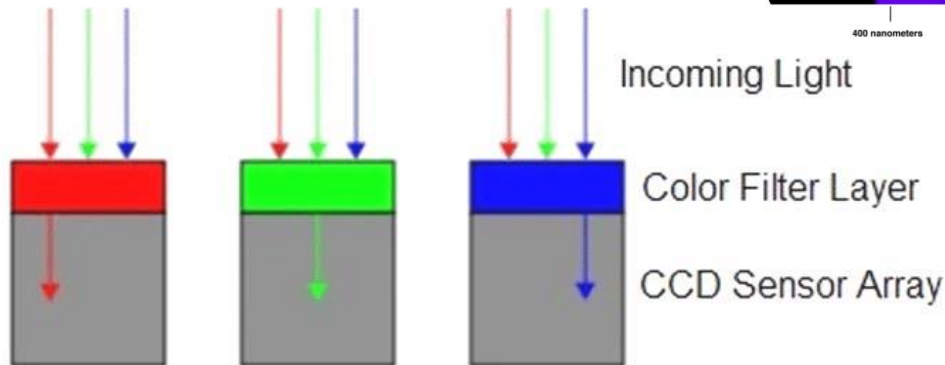
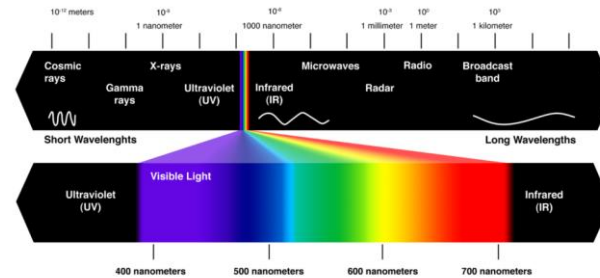
R (red)



G (green)

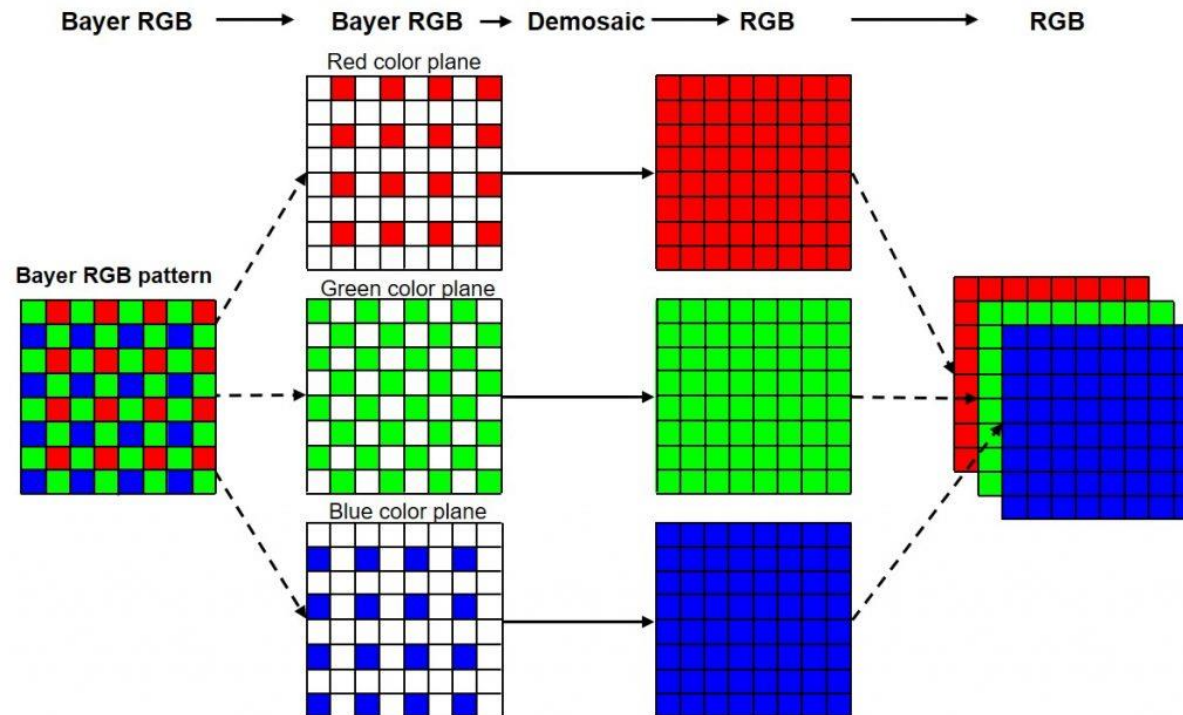


B (blue)



Bayer pattern

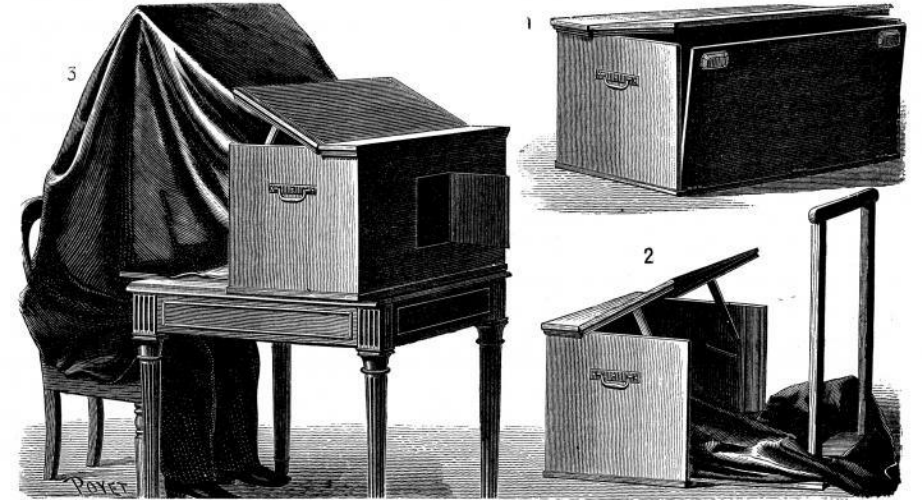
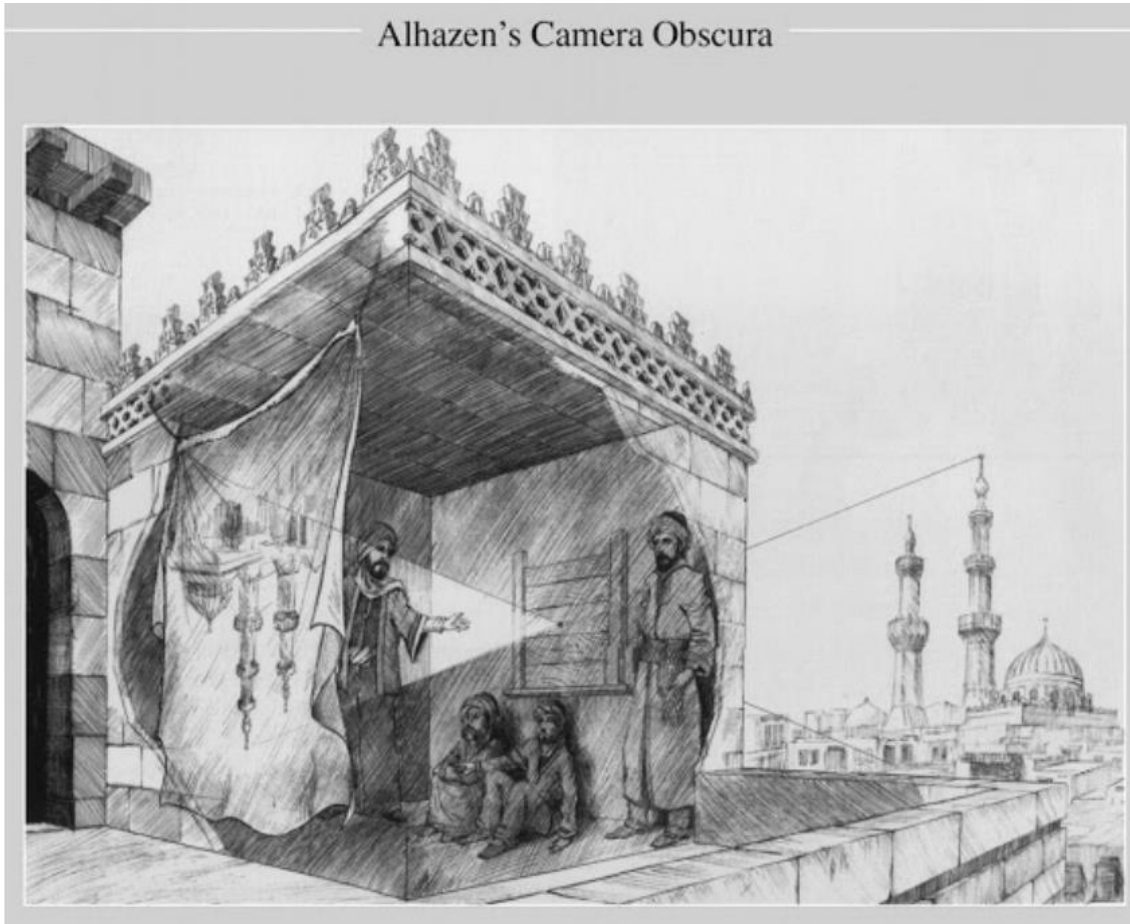
- Sensor placement: Bayer RGB mosaic
- Why more green?
 - We have 3 channels and square lattice don't like odd numbers
 - It's the spectrum "in the middle"
 - More important to human perception of brightness



Focus, Pinhole and Lens

Pinhole camera

- By Aristotle 2300 years ago (a Chinese record; 2400 years ago)

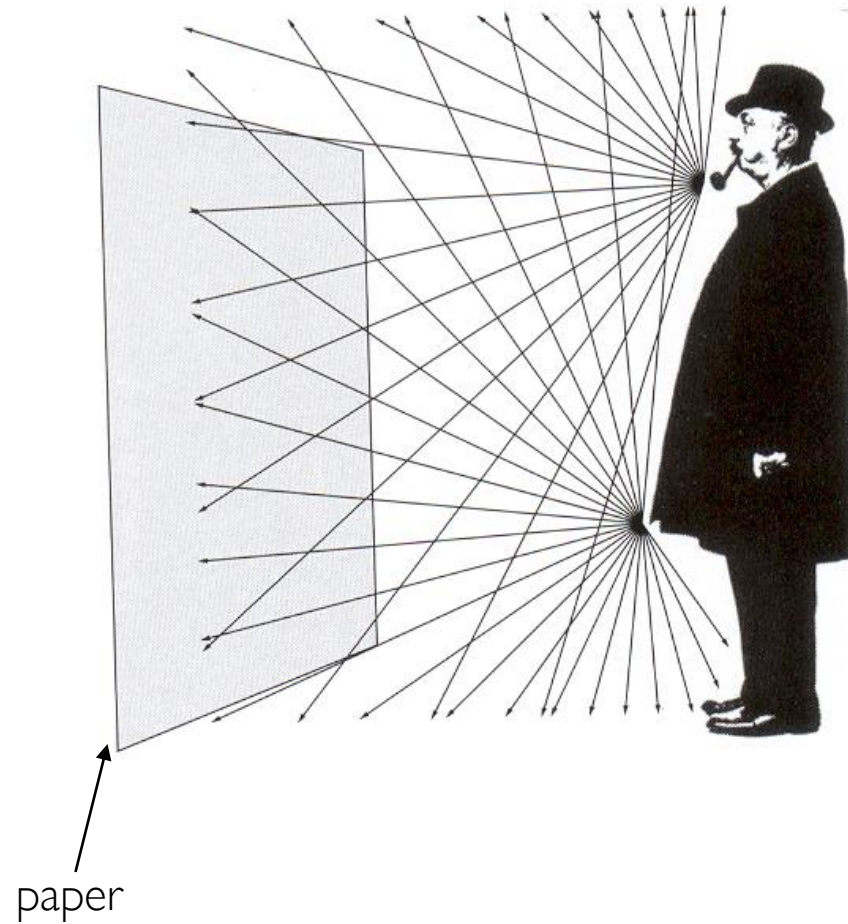


Less than 200 years ago

https://photography.lovetoknow.com/First_Camera_Invented

Why is there no image on a piece of white paper?

- Light is coming from all directions!



Let's say we have a sensor...



digital sensor
(CCD or
CMOS)

... and an object we like to photograph

- What would an image taken like this look like?

real-world
object



digital sensor
(CCD or
CMOS)



Bare-sensor imaging

real-world
object



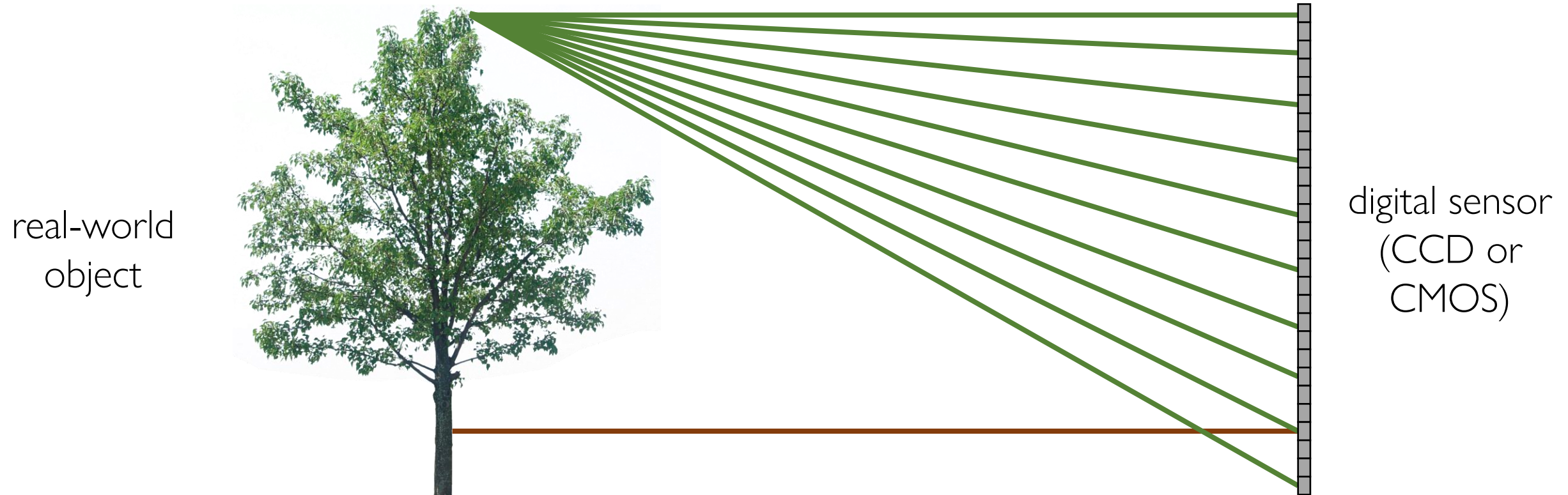
digital sensor
(CCD or
CMOS)



Bare-sensor imaging

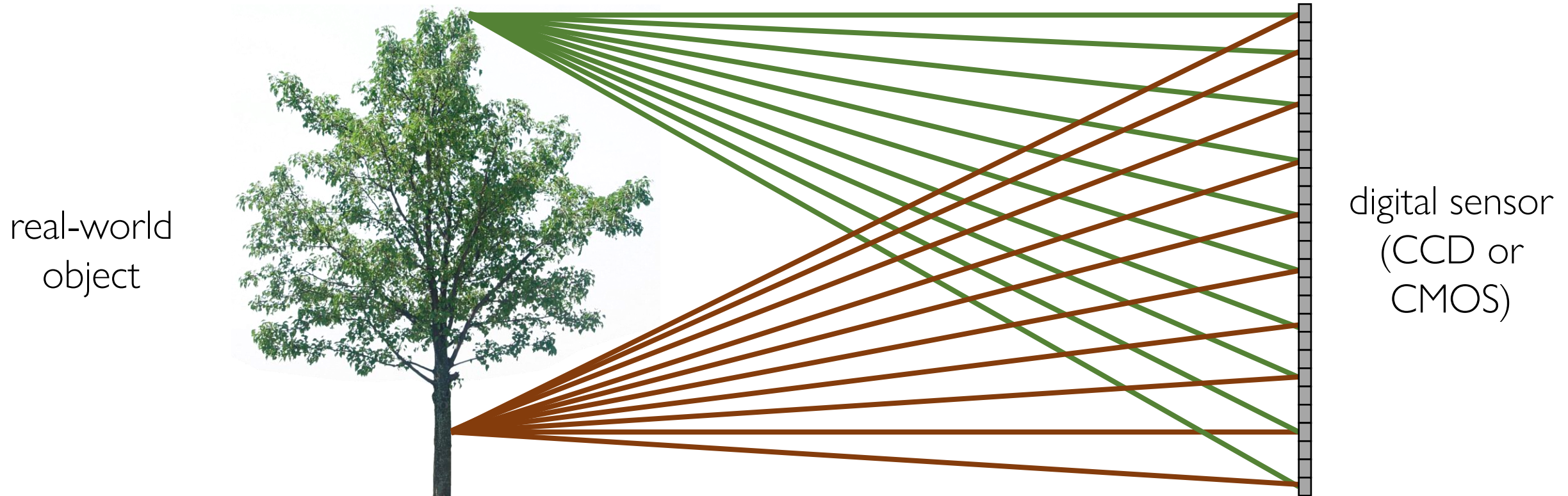


Bare-sensor imaging



Bare-sensor imaging

- All scene points contribute to all sensor pixels
- What does the image on the sensor look like?



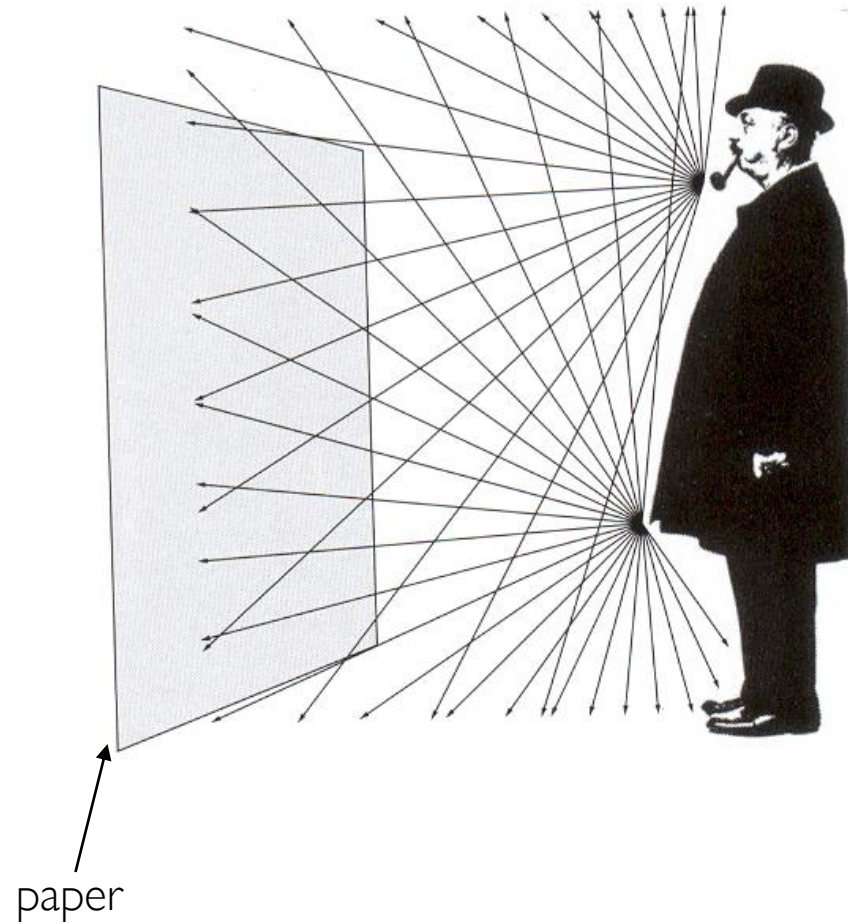
Bare-sensor imaging

- All scene points contribute to all sensor pixels



Why is there no image on a piece of white paper?

- Light is coming from all directions!



Let's add something to this scene

- What would an image taken like this look like?

real-world
object



barrier (diaphragm)



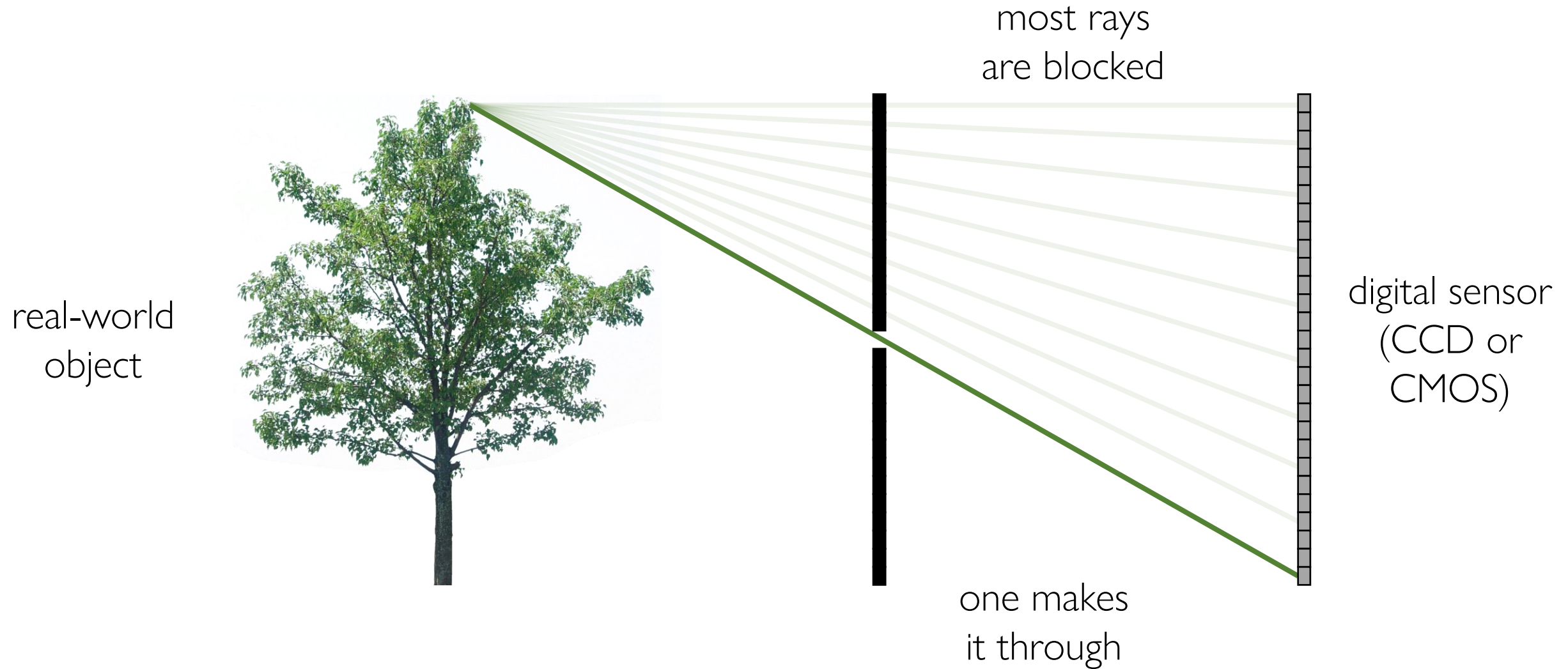
pinhole
(aperture)



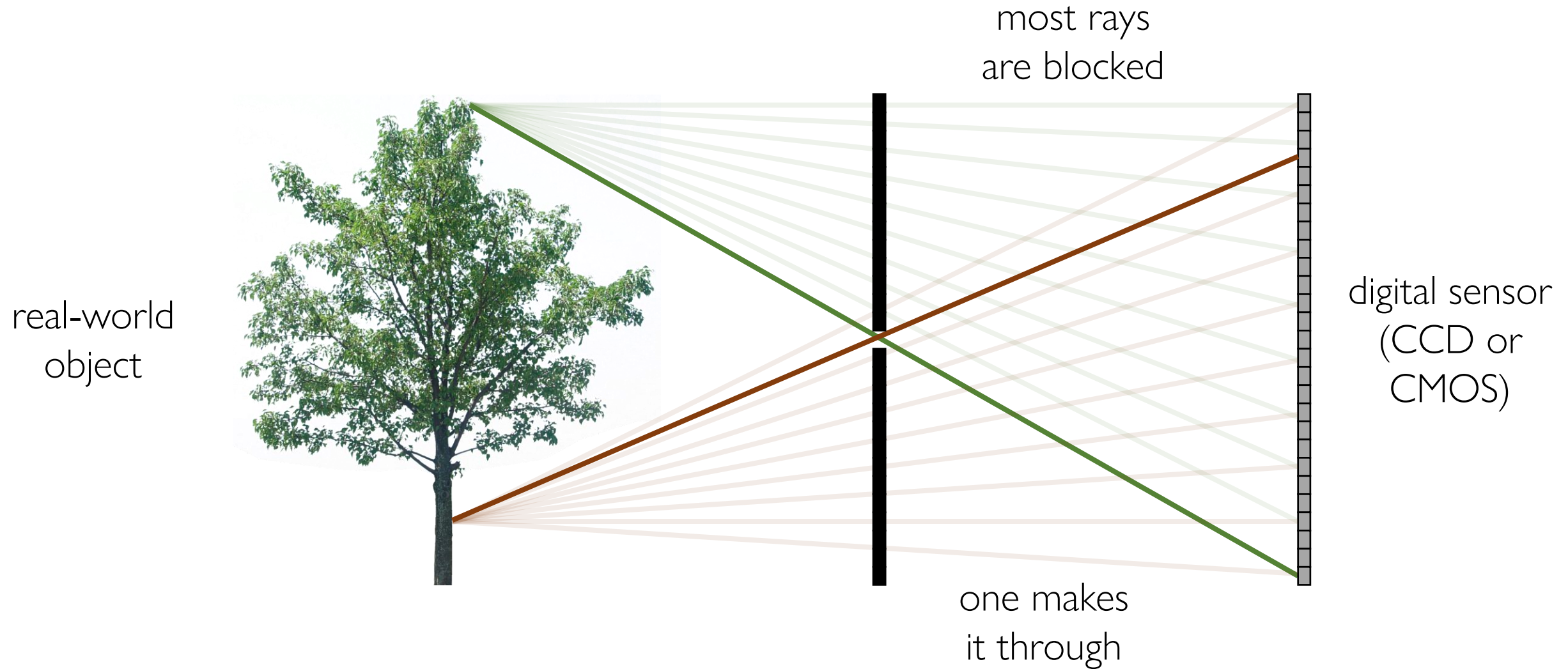
digital sensor
(CCD or
CMOS)



Pinhole imaging

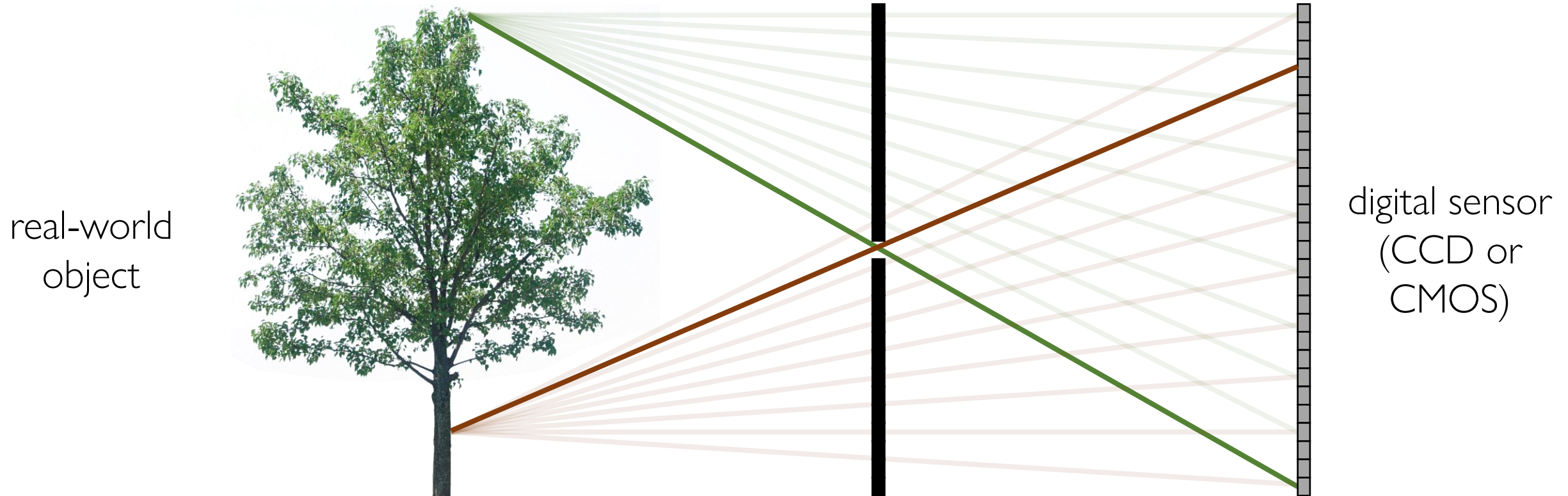


Pinhole imaging



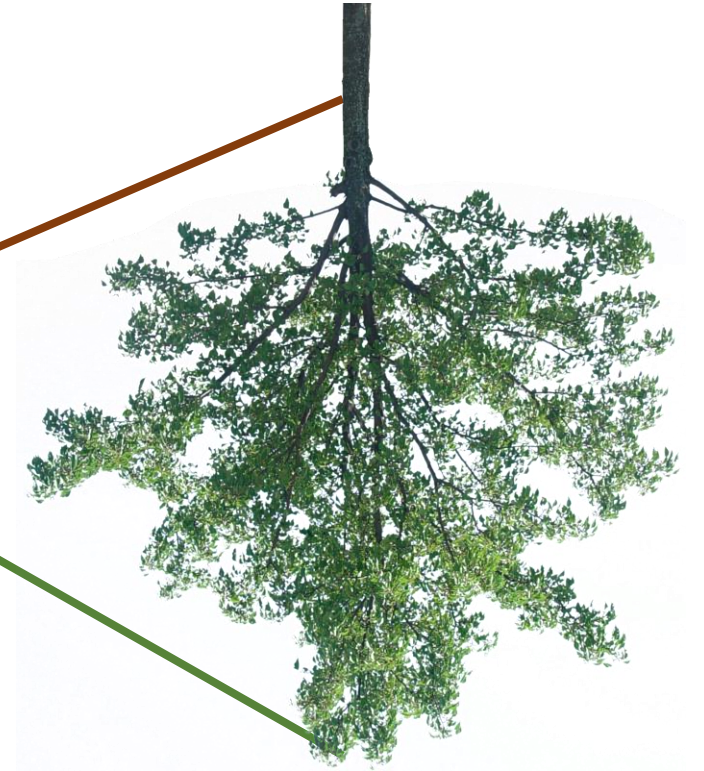
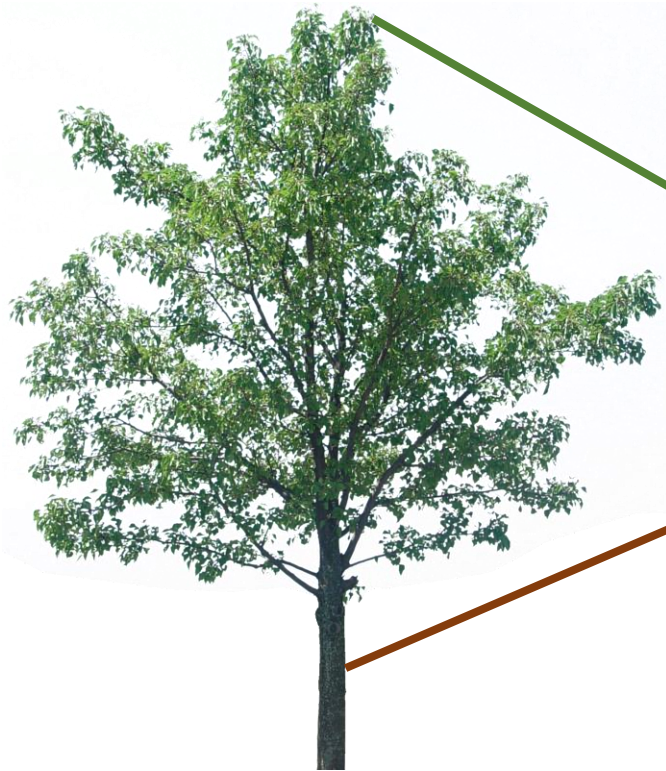
Pinhole imaging

- Each scene point contributes to only one sensor pixel
- What does the image on the sensor look like?



Pinhole imaging

real-world
object



copy of real-world object
(inverted and scaled)

Accidental pinhole camera

Accidental pinhole and pinspeck cameras: revealing the scene outside the picture

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MIT
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What does this image say about the world outside?



Accidental pinhole camera

projected pattern on the wall



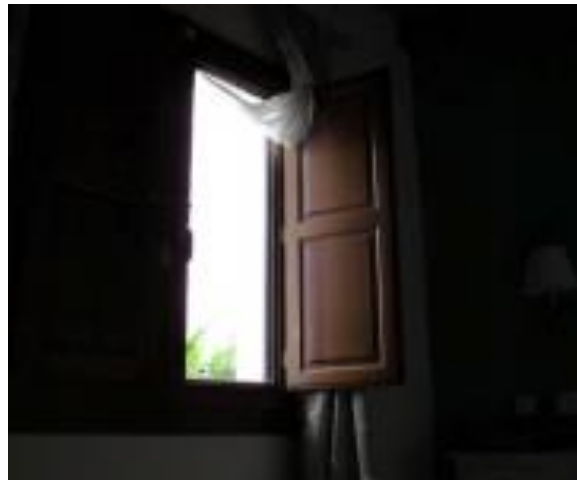
upside down



window with smaller gap



view outside window



window is an
aperture



Slide from Ioannis Gkioulekas [Lecture 16-385]



Pinhole camera terms

real-world
object



barrier (diaphragm)



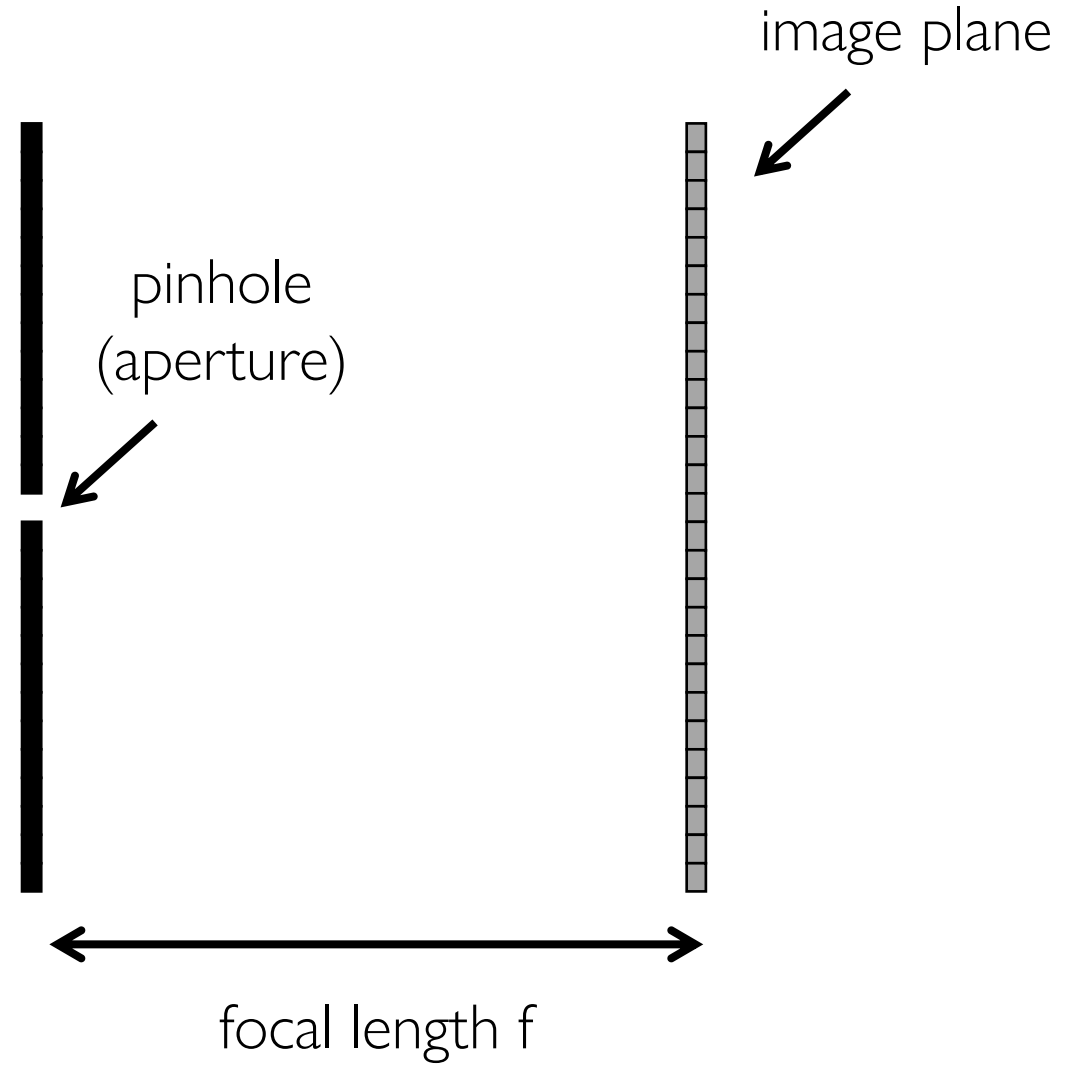
pinhole
(aperture)



digital sensor
(CCD or
CMOS)

Focal length

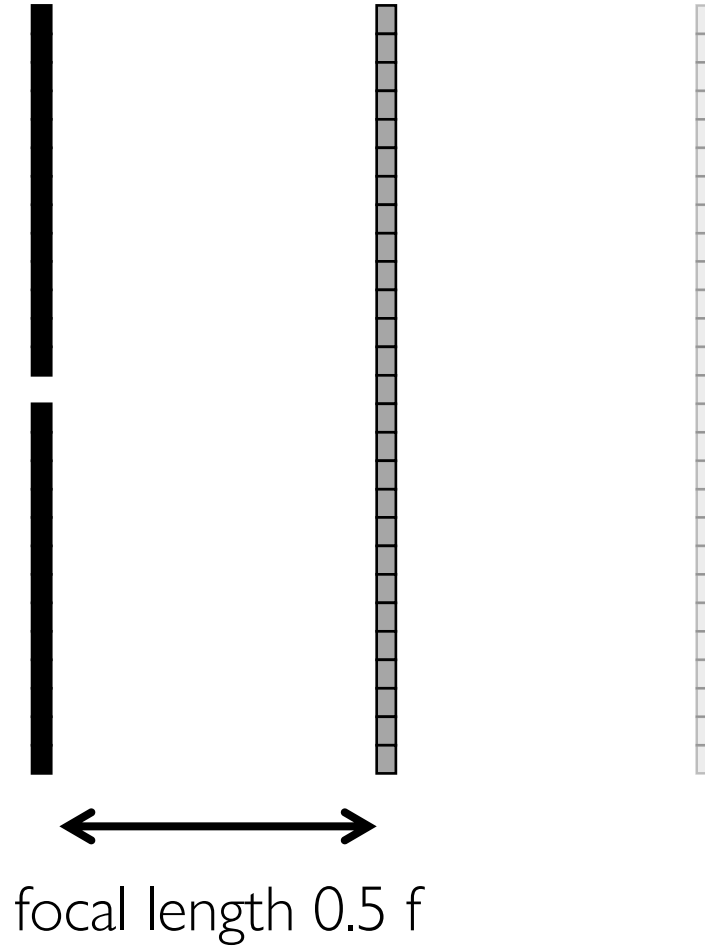
real-world
object



Focal length

- What happens as we change the focal length?

real-world
object



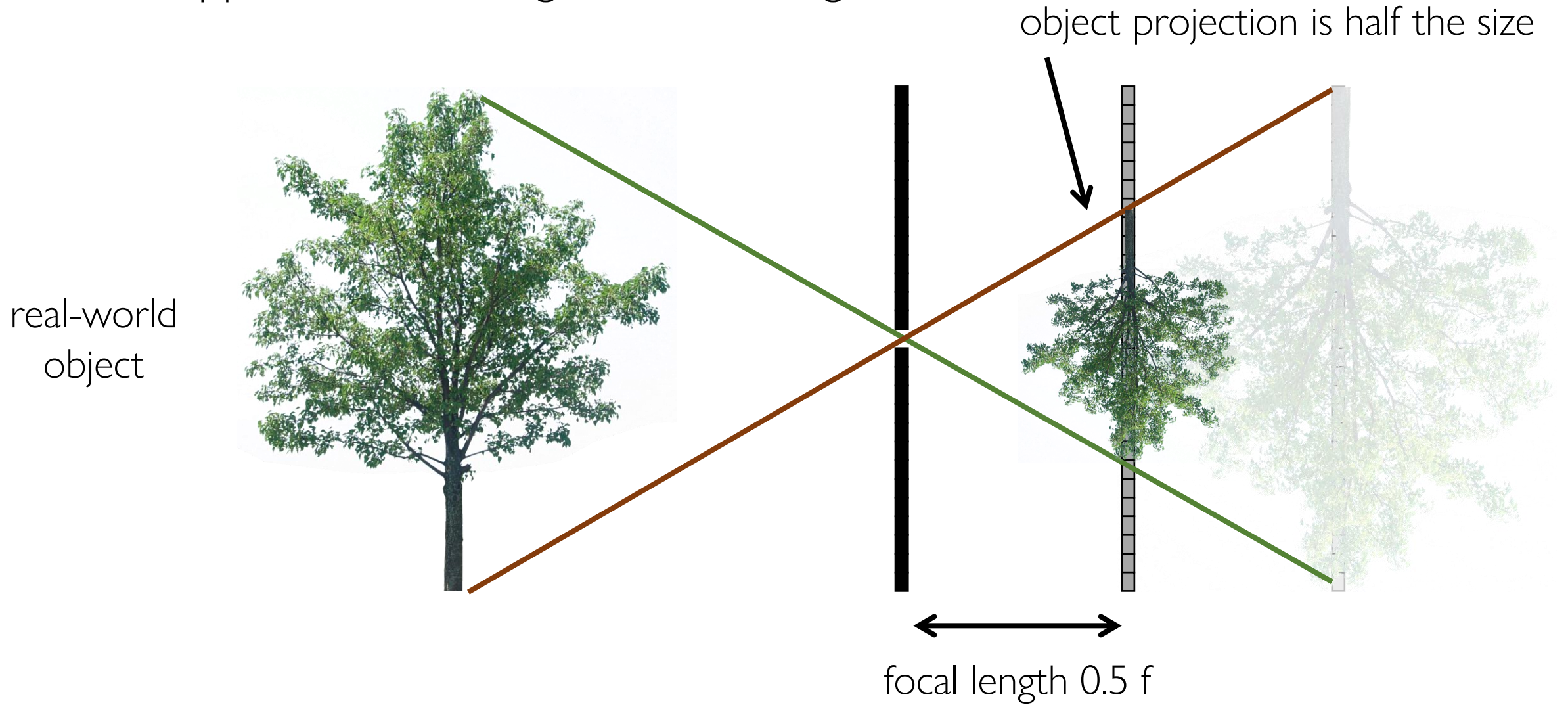
Focal length

- What happens as we change the focal length?



Focal length

- What happens as we change the focal length?



Pinhole size

- Ideal pinhole has infinitesimally small size
 - In practice that is impossible.

real-world
object



pinhole
diameter



Pinhole size

- What happens as we change the pinhole diameter?

real-world
object

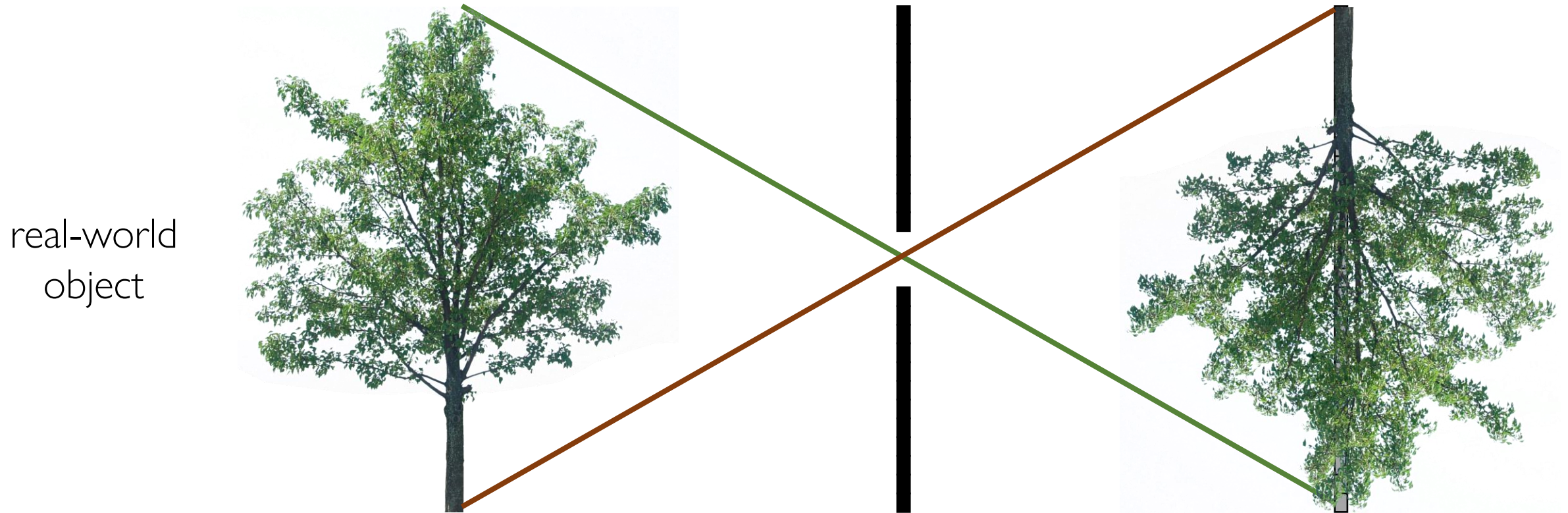


pinhole
diameter



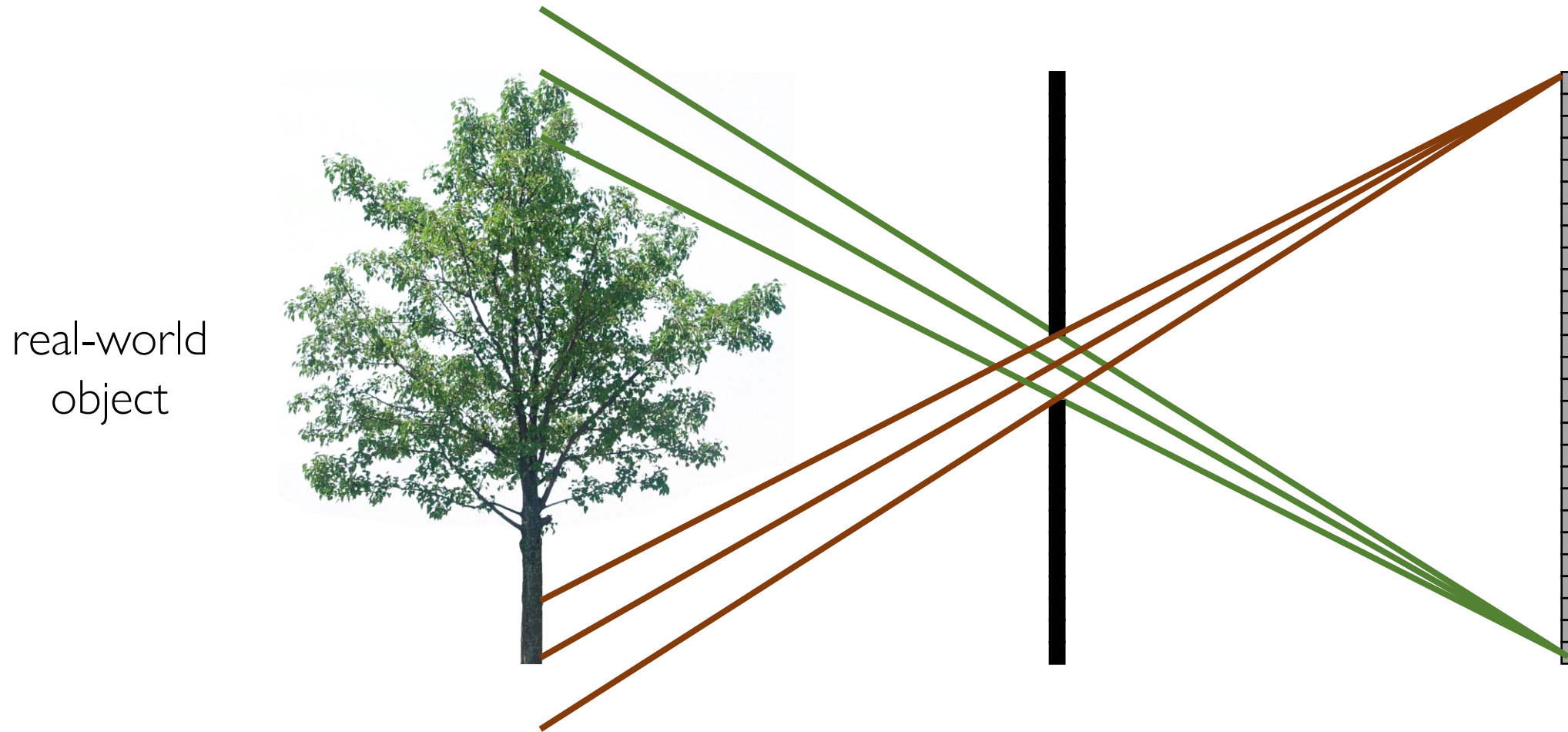
Pinhole size

- What happens as we change the pinhole diameter?



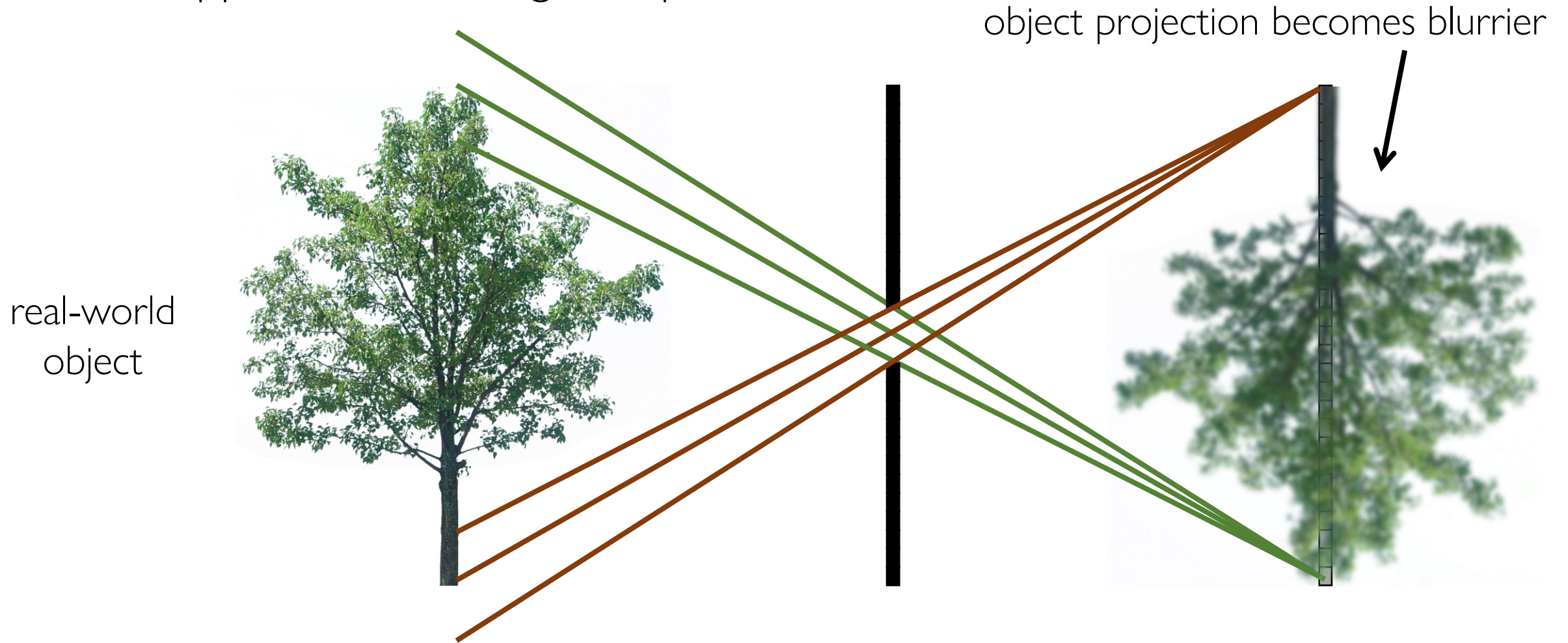
Pinhole size

- What happens as we change the pinhole diameter?



Pinhole size

- What happens as we change the pinhole diameter?



Light efficiency of pinhole camera



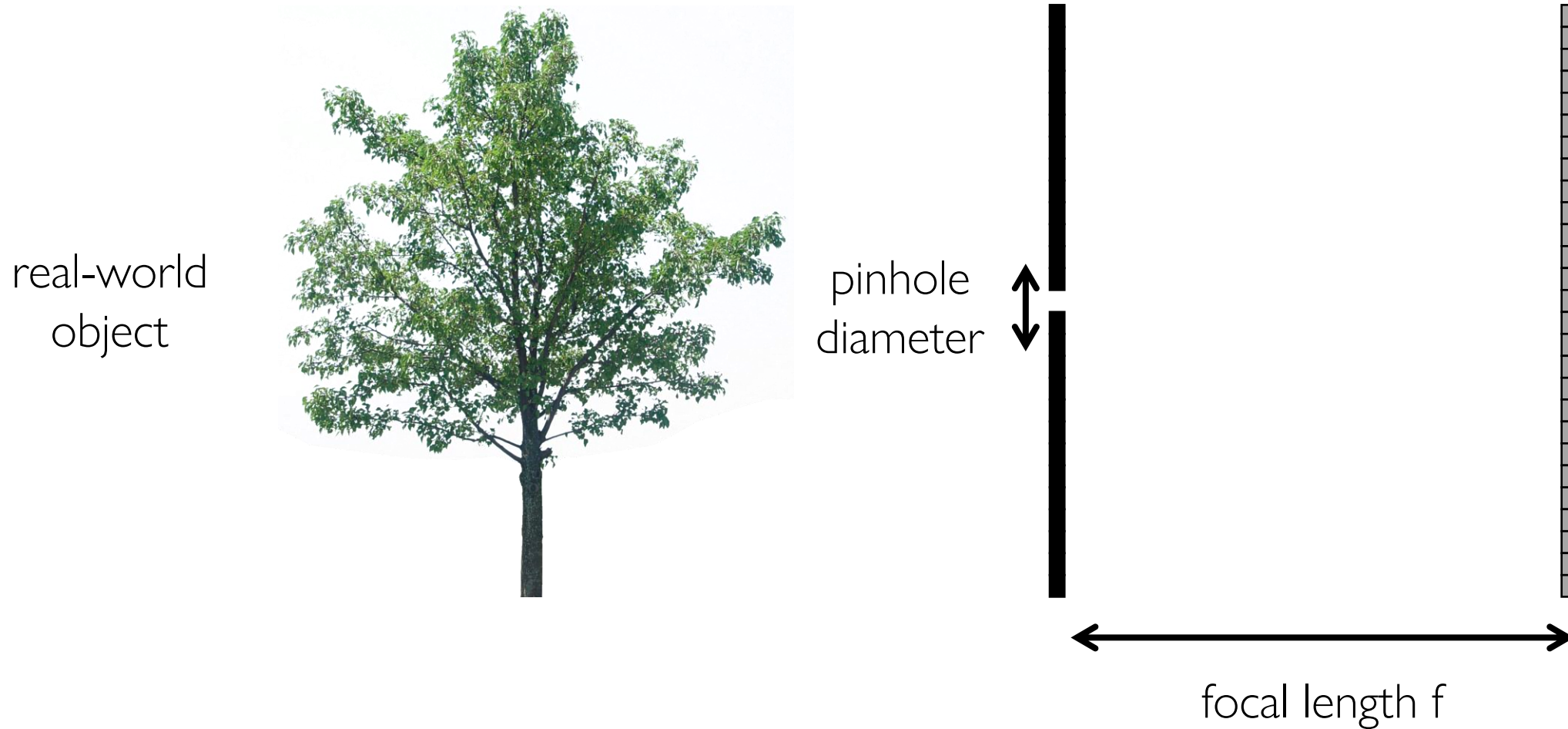
Exposure 4 seconds



Exposure 96 minutes

What about light efficiency?

- What is the effect of doubling the pinhole diameter?
- What is the effect of doubling the focal length?



What about light efficiency?

- 2x pinhole diameter \rightarrow 4x light
- 2x focal length \rightarrow $\frac{1}{4}$ x light

real-world
object



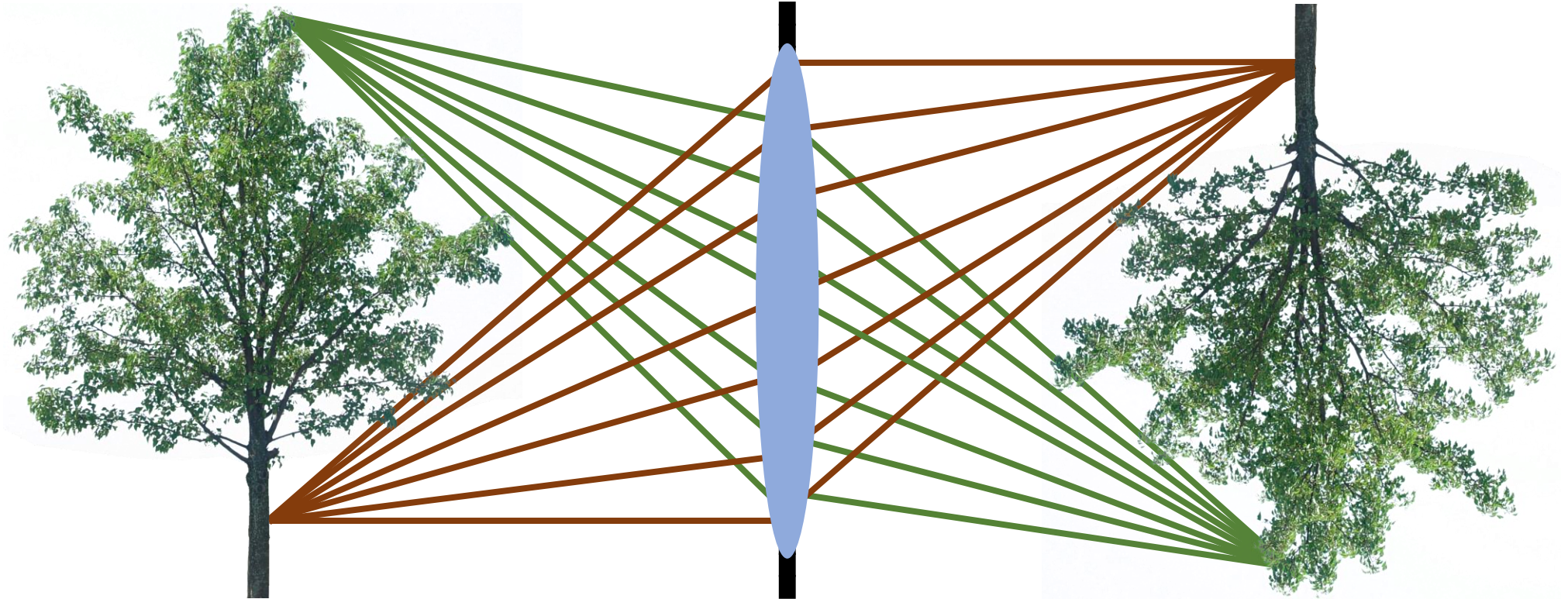
pinhole
diameter



focal length f

The lens camera

- Lenses map “bundles” of rays from points on the scene to the sensor.
- How does this mapping work exactly?



Why not pinhole? - Lens

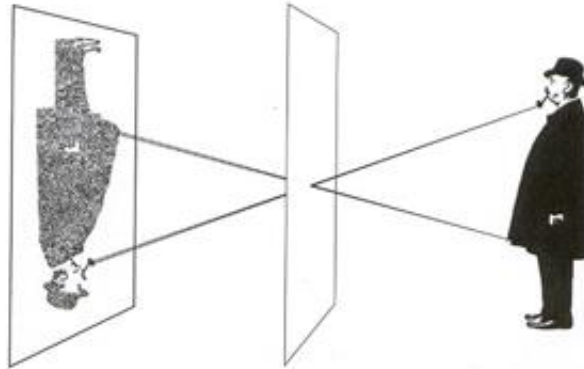
- Two important things to observe.
 - Lens allows to capture a sharper image.
 - Lens allows a much faster exposure.

Pinhole camera (6 sec.)

Photograph made with small pinhole



To make this picture, the lens of a camera was replaced with a thin metal disk pierced by a tiny pinhole, equivalent in size to an aperture of $f/182$. Only a few rays of light from each point on the



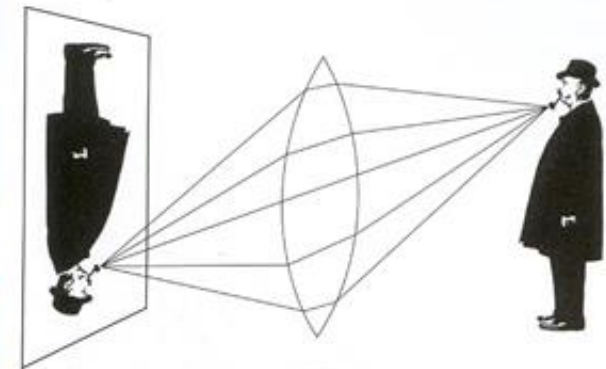
subject got through the tiny opening, producing a soft but acceptably clear photograph. Because of the small size of the pinhole, the exposure had to be 6 sec long.

Lens camera (1/100 sec.)

Photograph made with lens



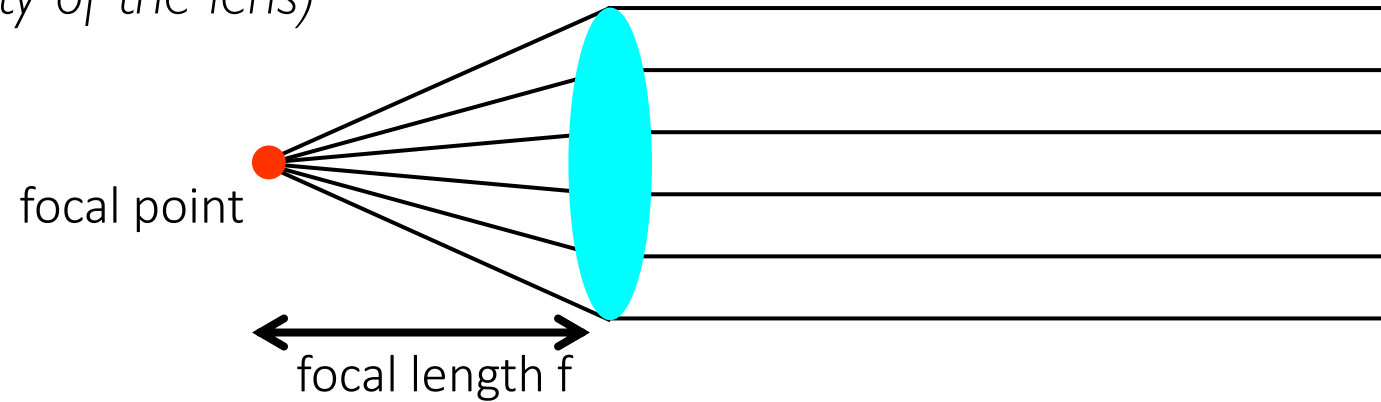
This time, using a simple convex lens with an $f/16$ aperture, the scene appeared sharper than the one taken with the smaller pinhole, and the exposure time was much shorter, only 1/100 sec.



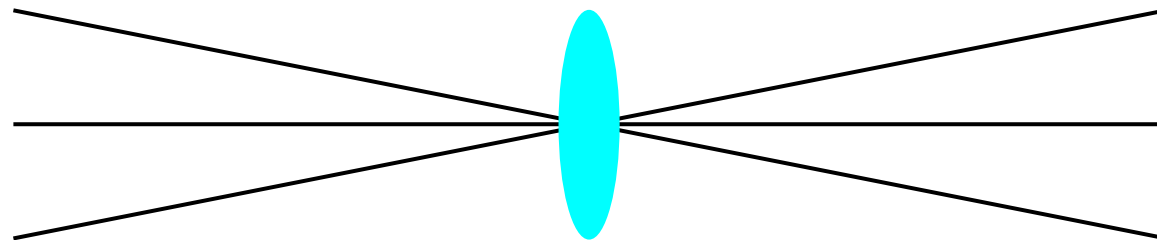
The lens opening was much bigger than the pinhole, letting in far more light, but it focused the rays from each point on the subject precisely so that they were sharp on the film.

Thin lens optics

- Simplification of geometrical optics for well-behaved lenses
- All parallel rays converge to one point on a plane located at the focal length f
(f is a property of the lens)

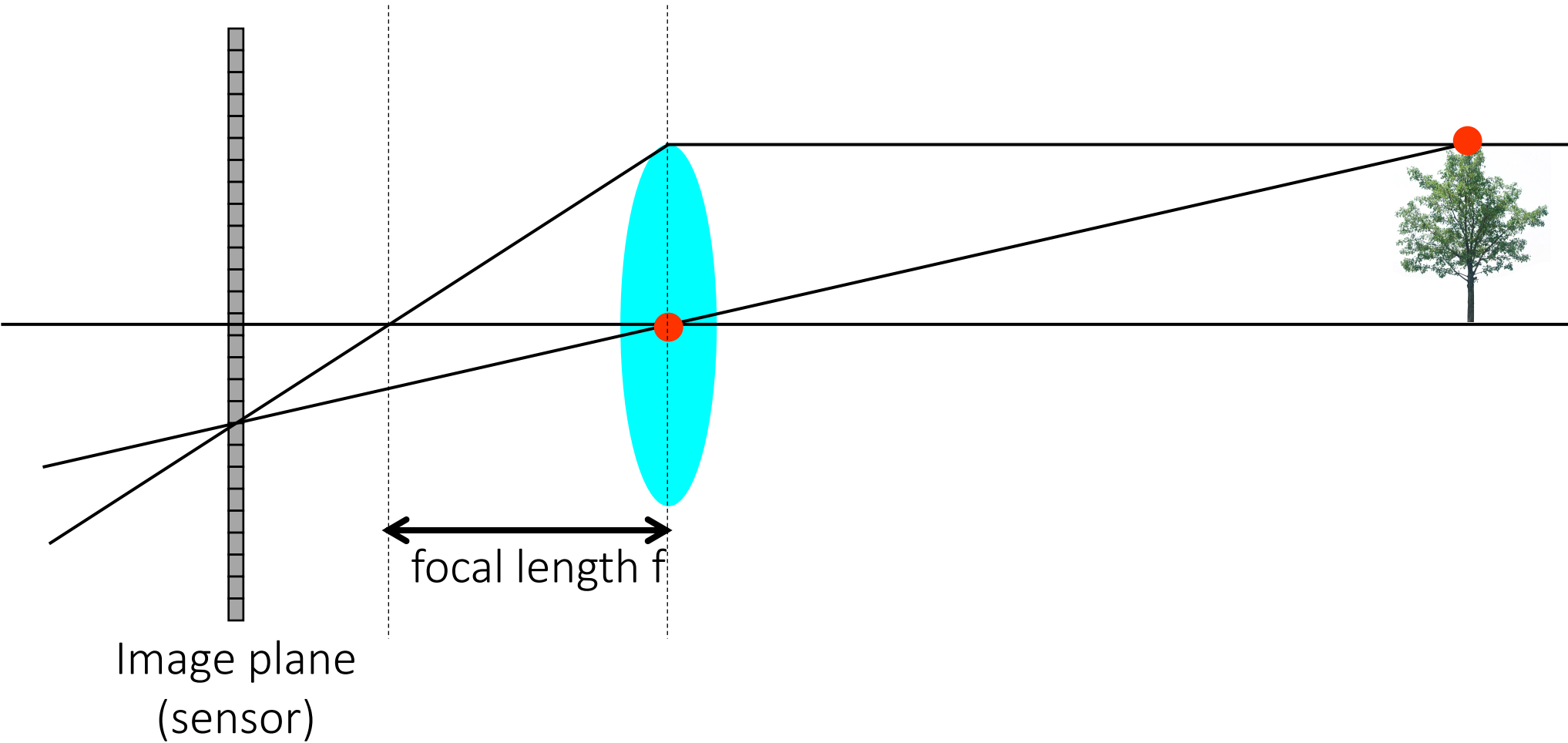


- All rays going through the center are not deviated
 - Hence same perspective as pinhole



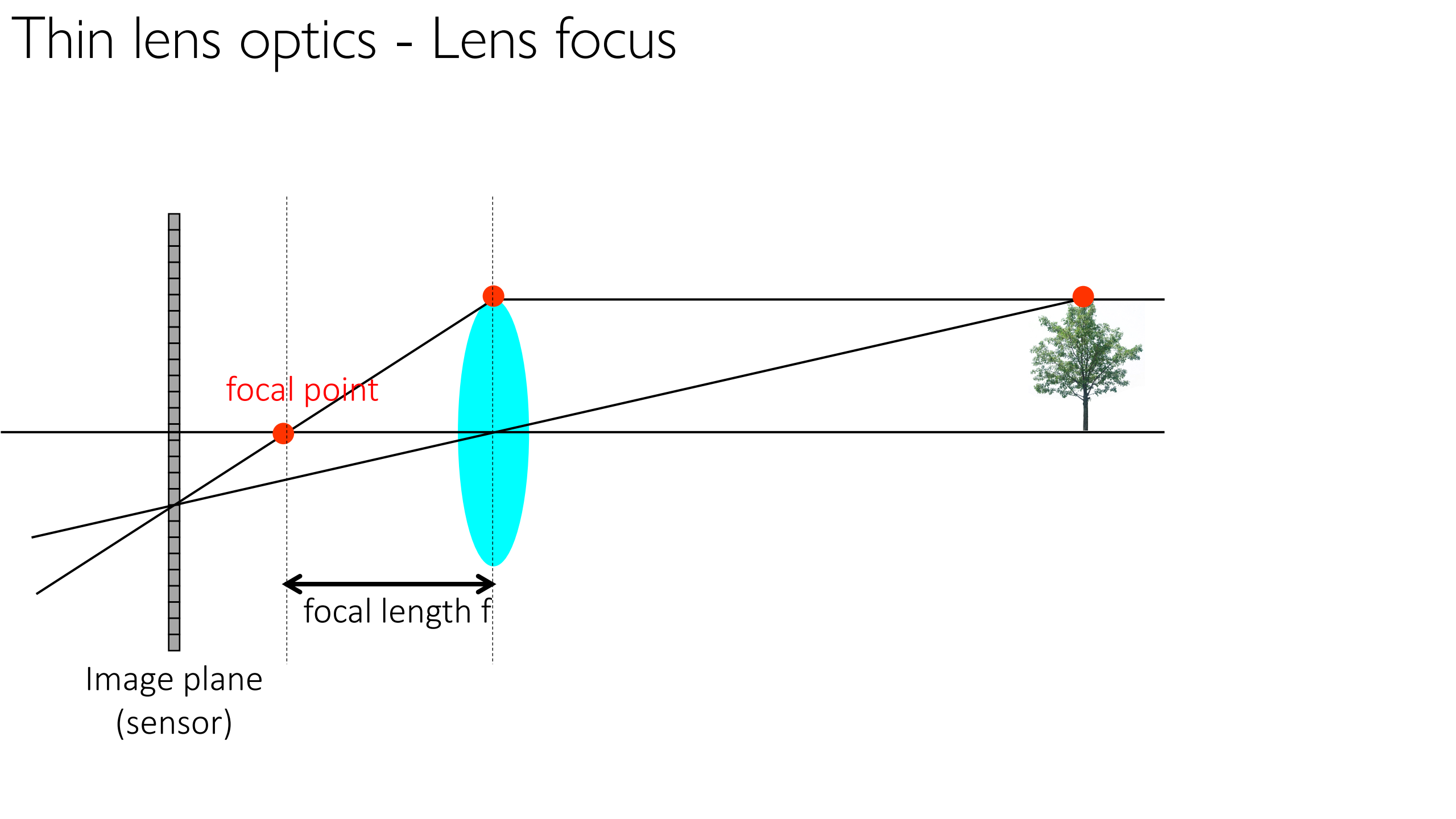
- Also, rays' behaviors are symmetric

Thin lens optics - Lens focus

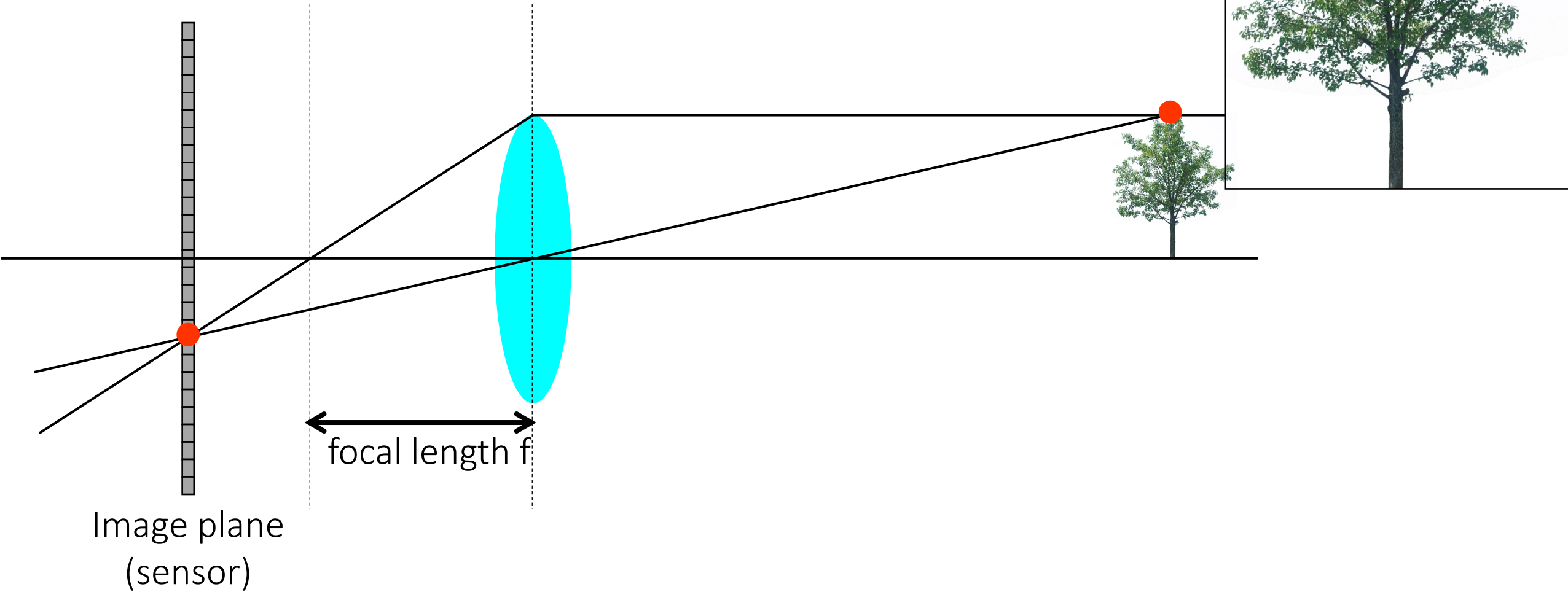


Thin lens optics - Lens focus

The diagram illustrates the principle of thin lens optics for focusing light from a distant object. A horizontal line represents the optical axis. A vertical grey bar on the left is labeled "Image plane (sensor)". A red dot on the optical axis is labeled "focal point". A cyan oval representing a lens is positioned at a distance from the focal point indicated by a double-headed arrow labeled "focal length f". A tree icon on the right represents a distant object. Two black lines represent light rays originating from the top of the tree, passing through the lens, and converging at the focal point on the image plane.

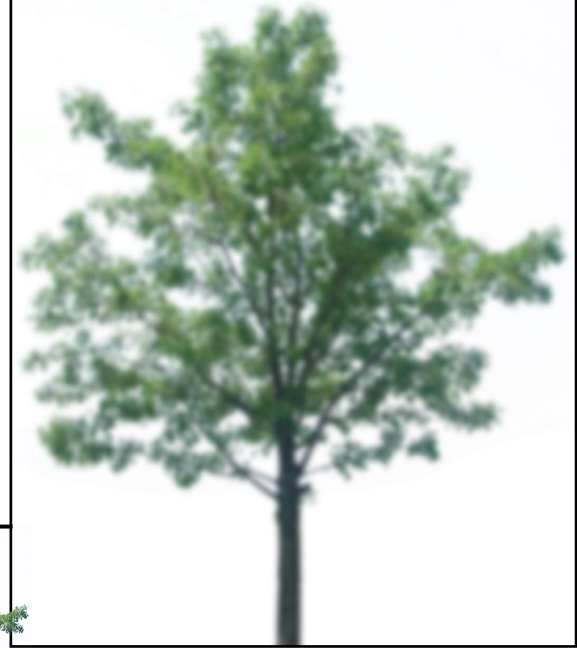
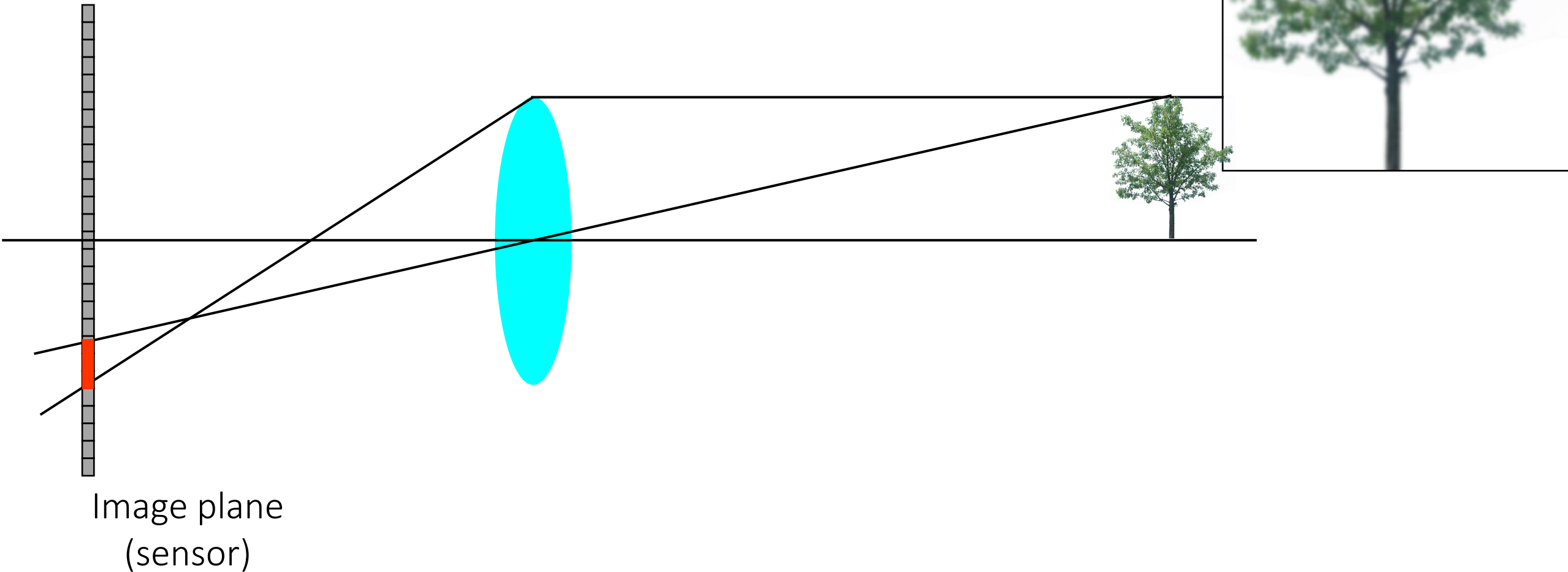


Thin lens optics - Lens focus



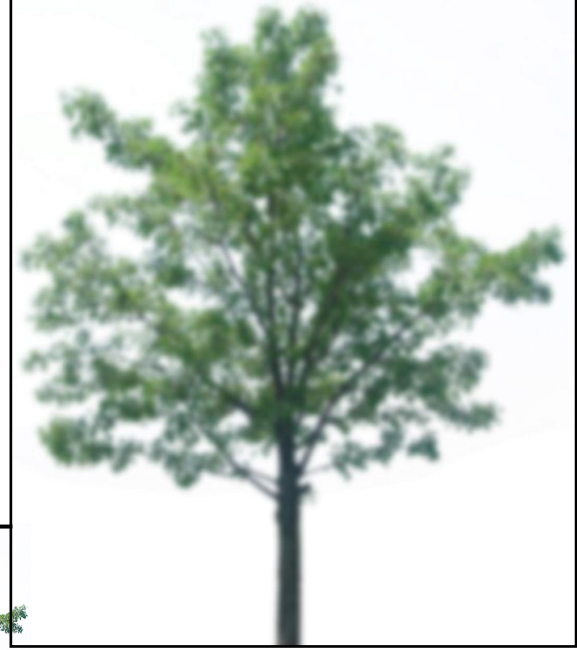
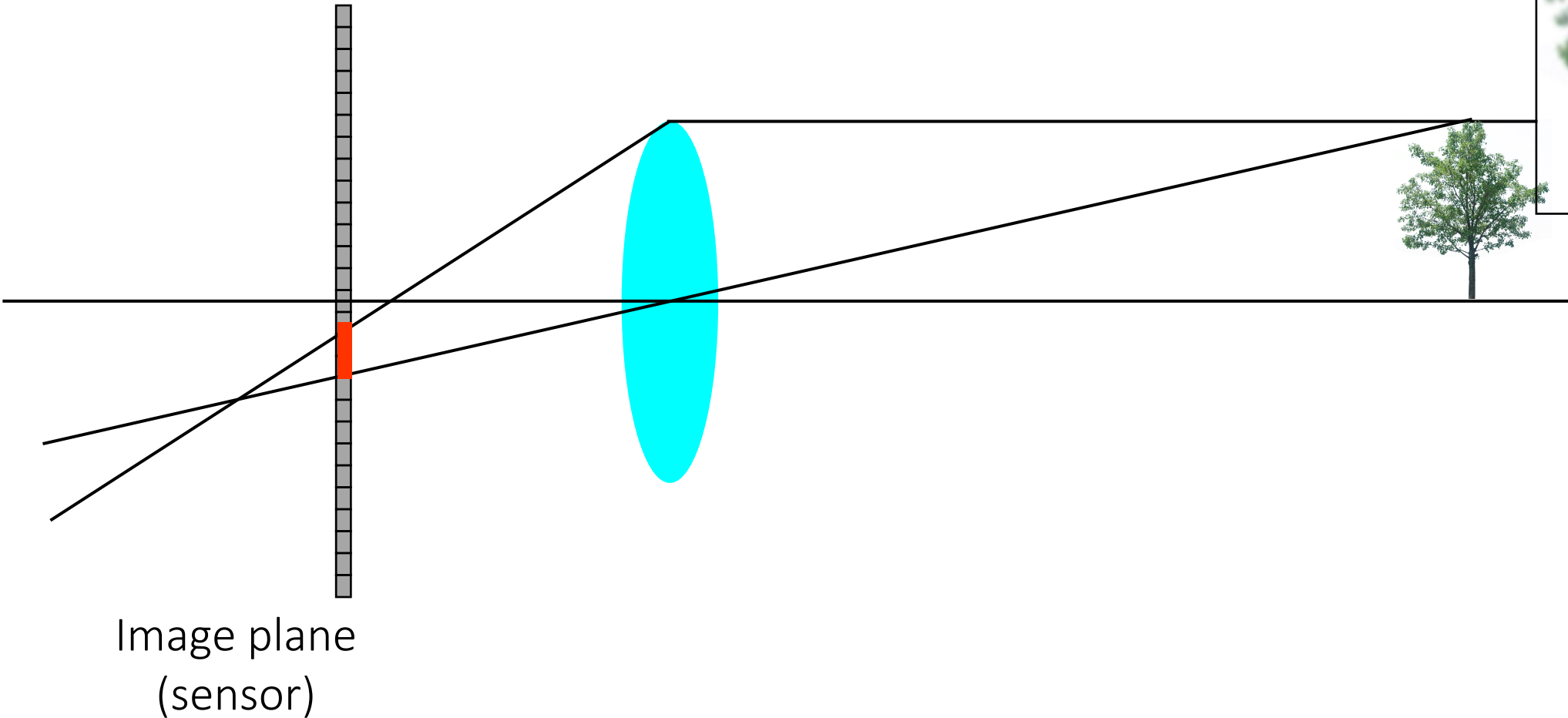
Thin lens optics - Lens focus

- When the image plane is placed at a different location

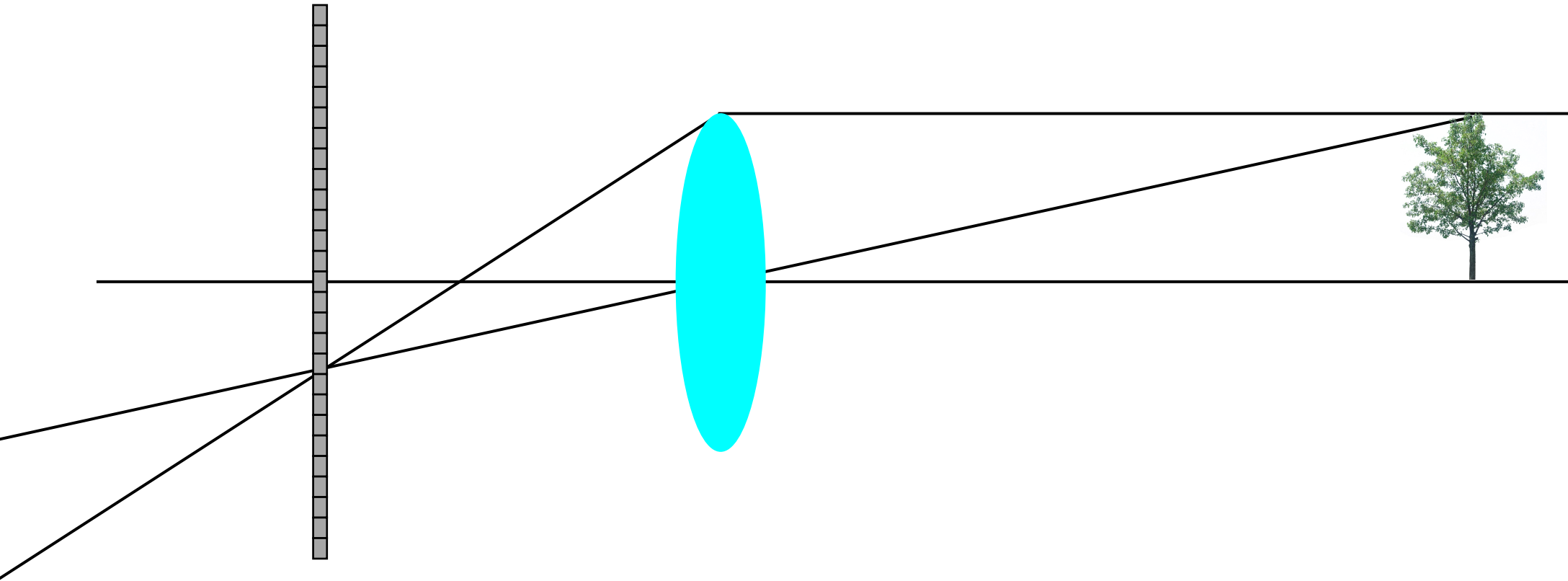


Thin lens optics - Lens focus

- When the image plane is placed at a different location

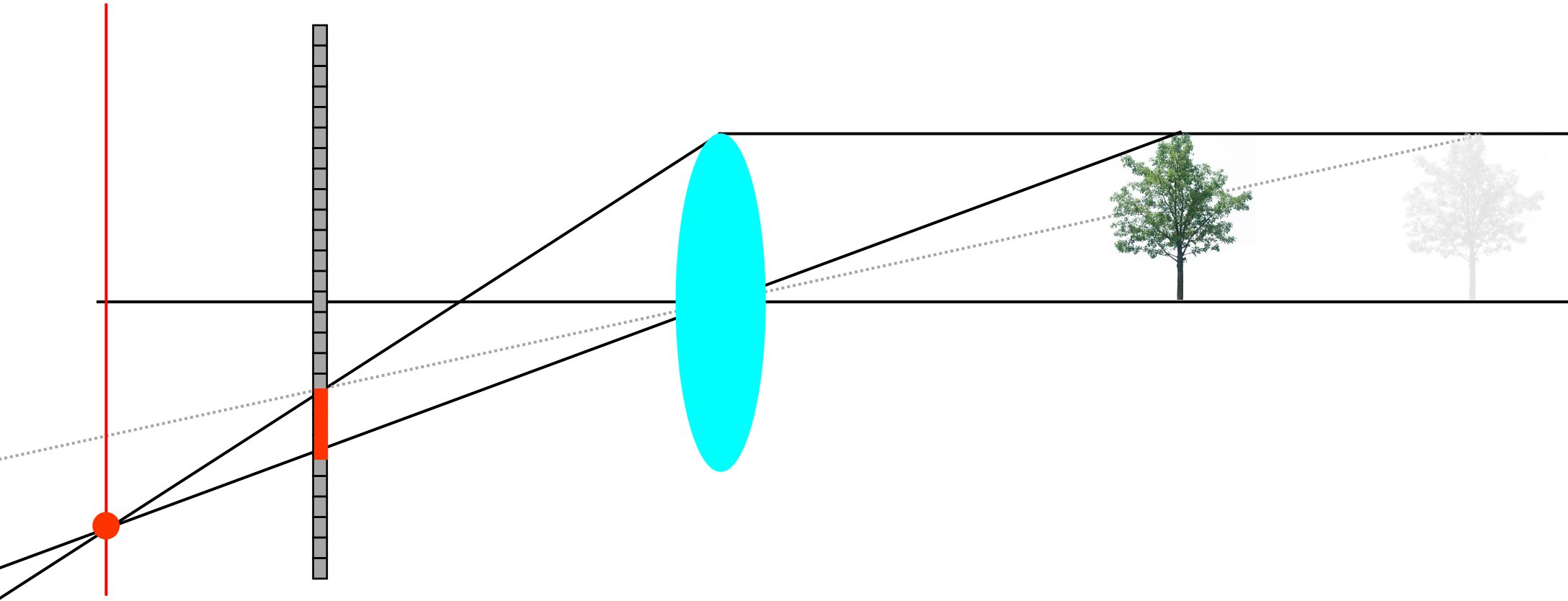


Thin lens optics - Lens focus



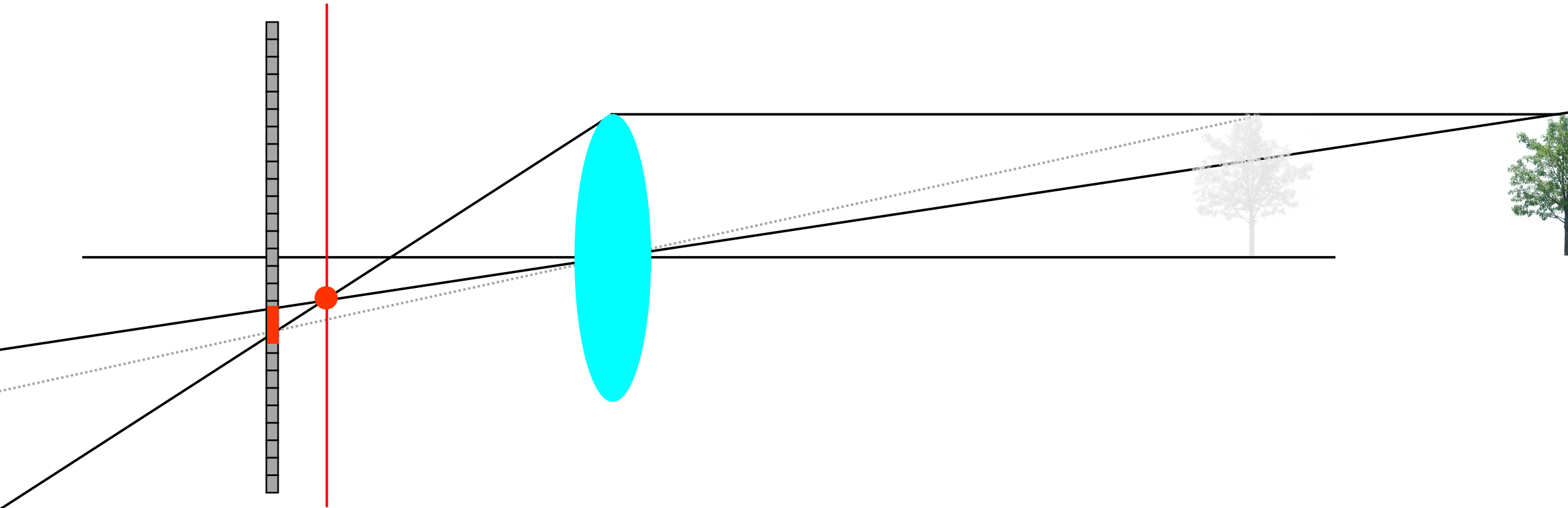
Thin lens optics - Lens focus

- When the object is placed at a different location

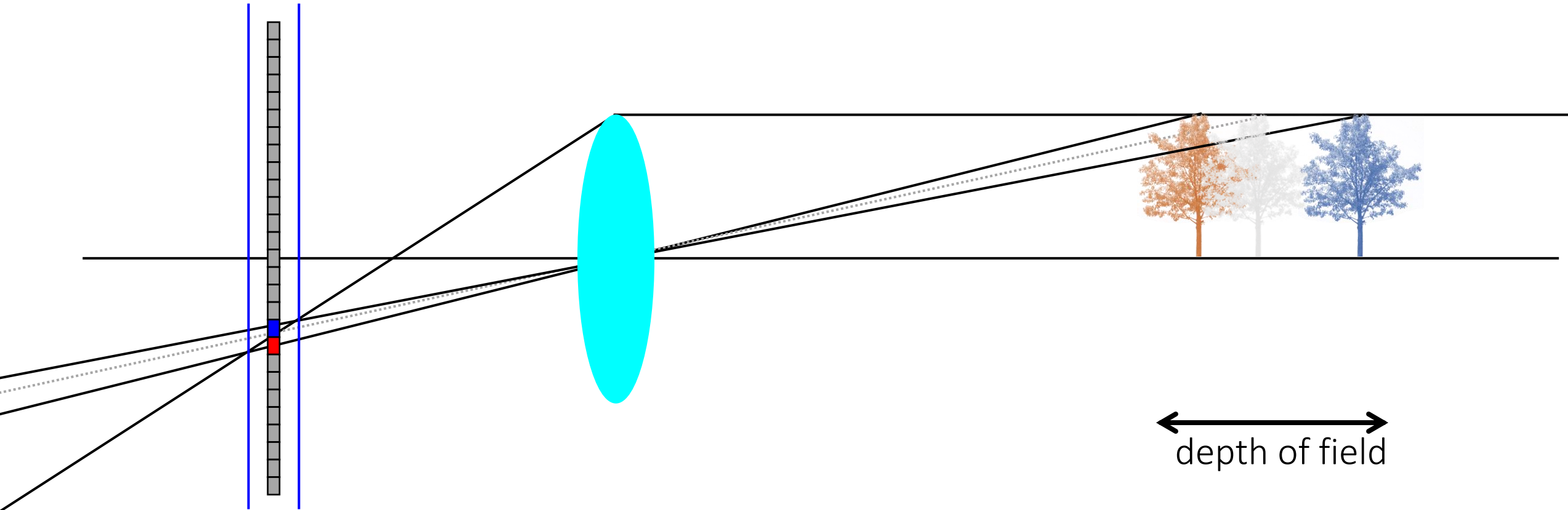


Thin lens optics - Lens focus

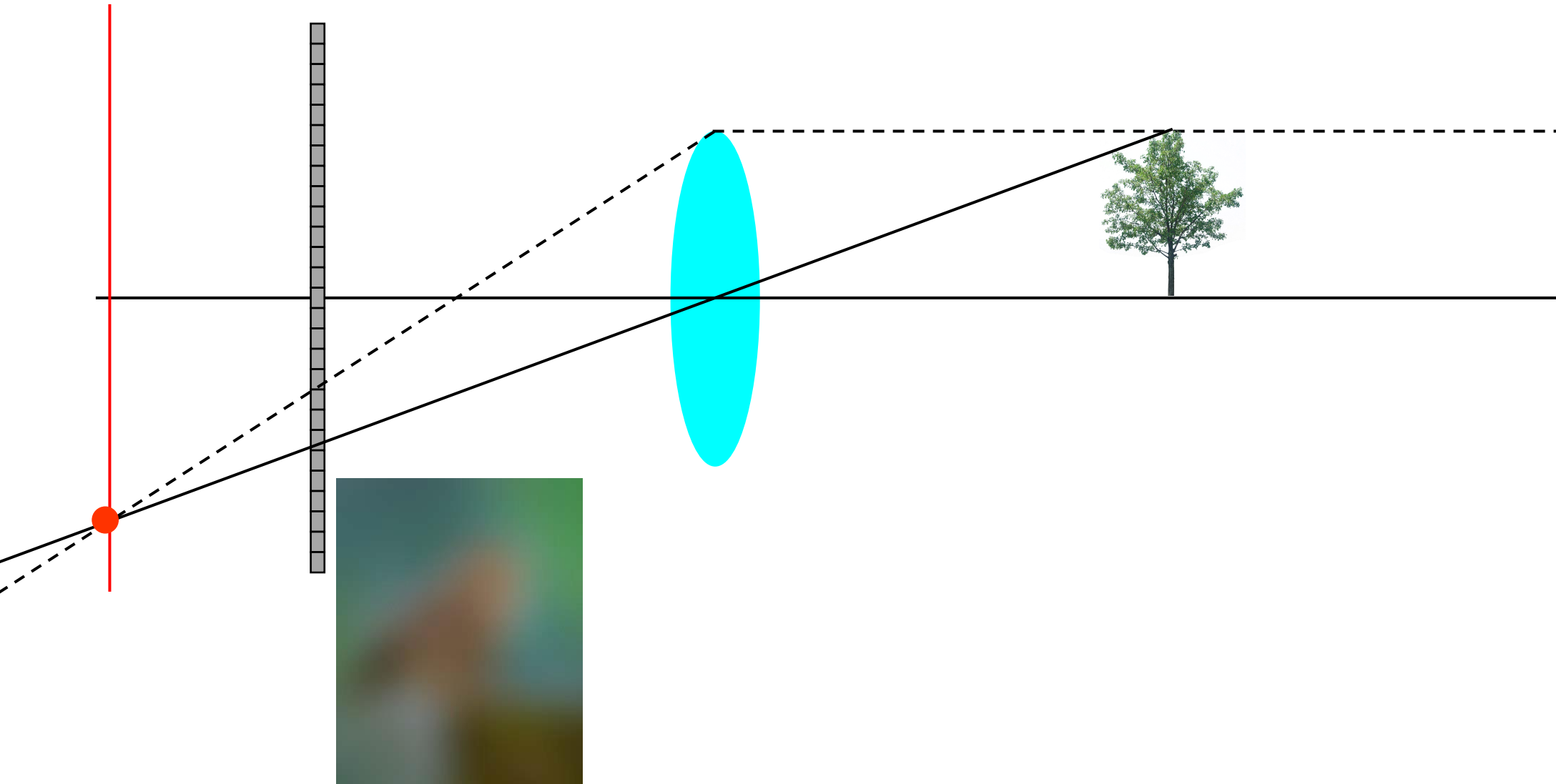
- When the object is placed at a different location

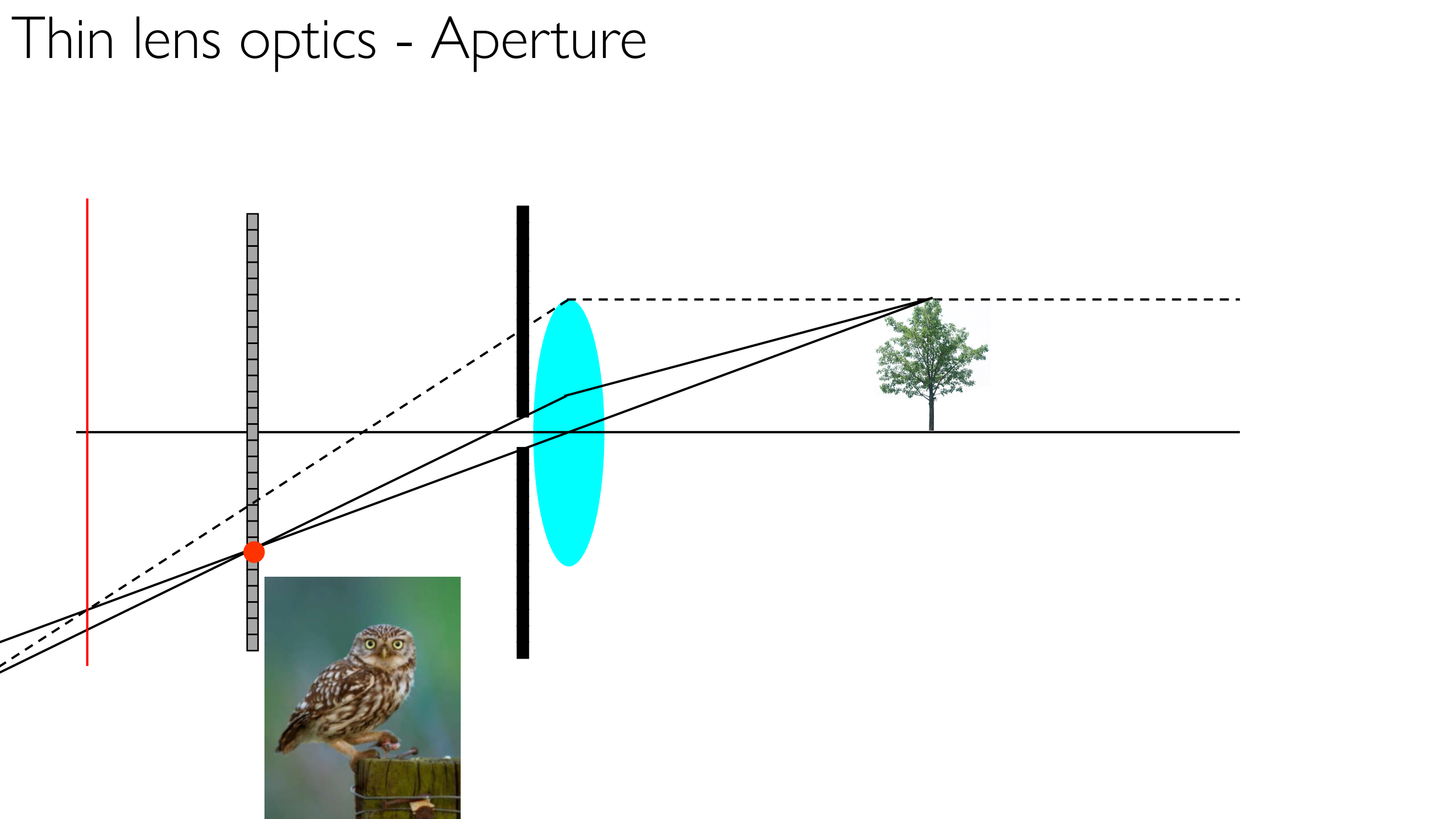


Thin lens optics - Focus tolerance



Thin lens optics - Aperture



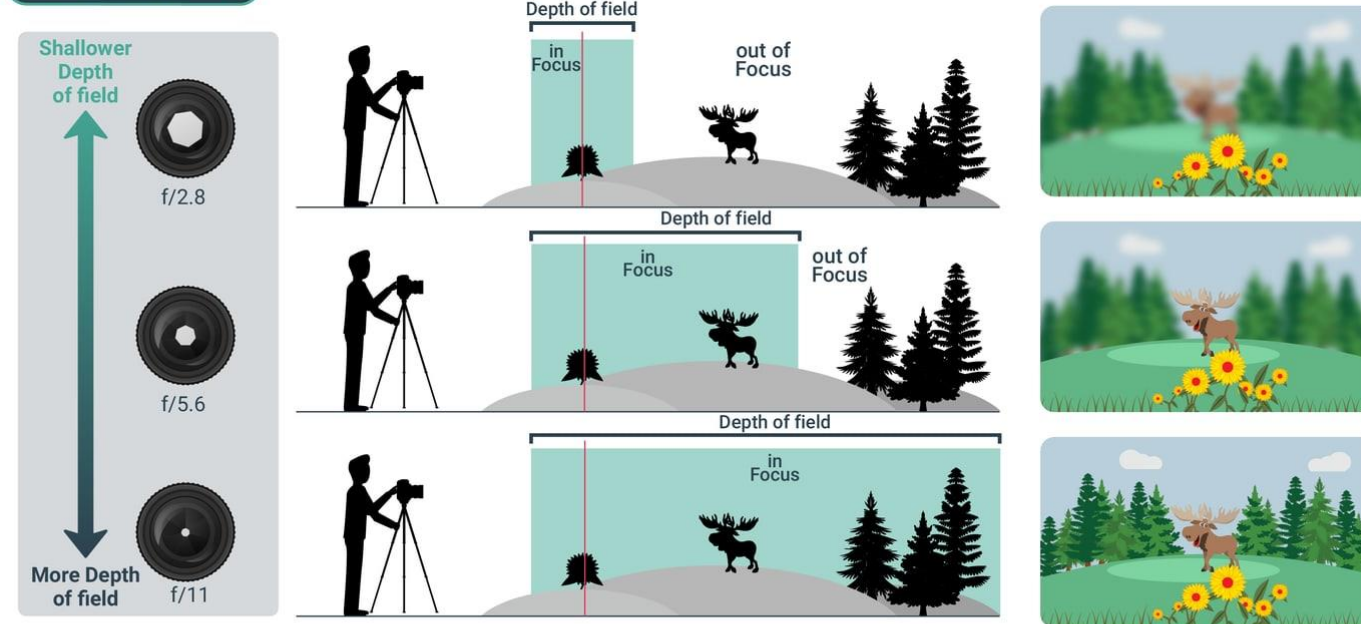
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Thin lens optics – Aperture vs. depth of field

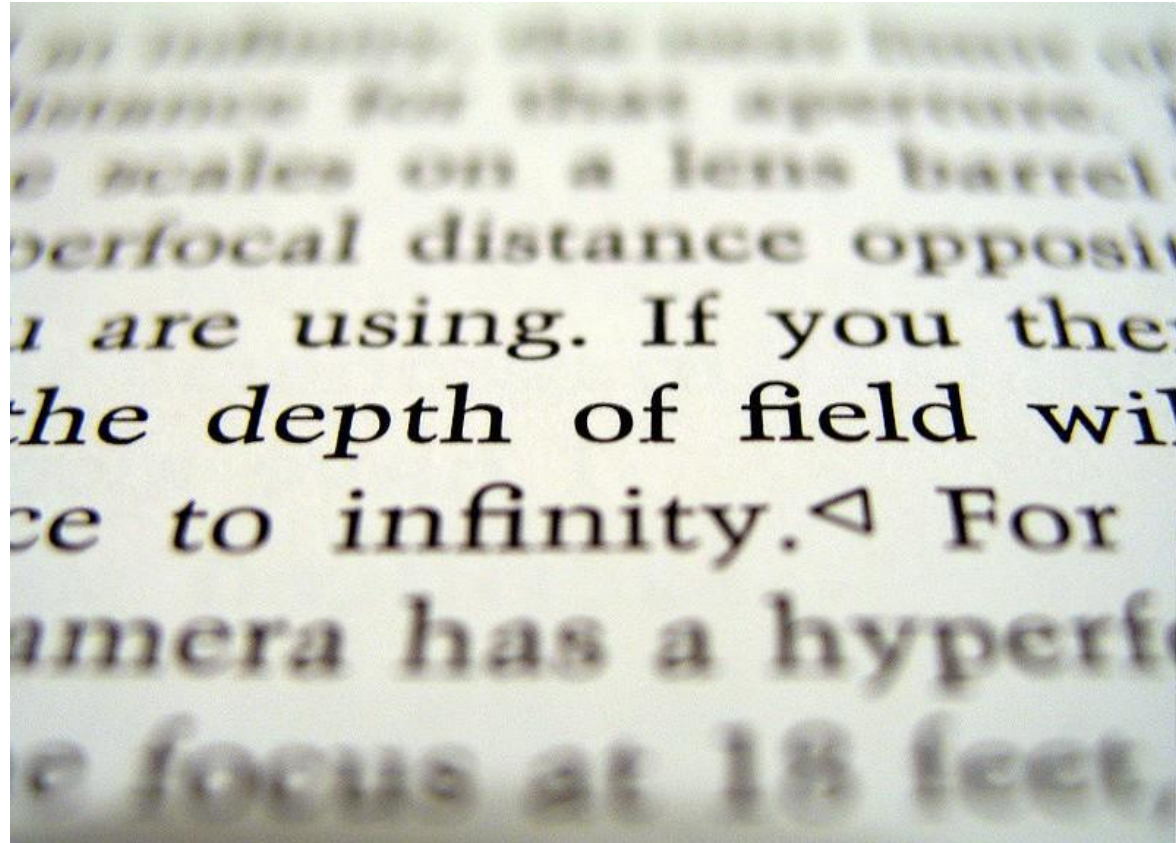
APERTURE



DEPTH OF FIELD

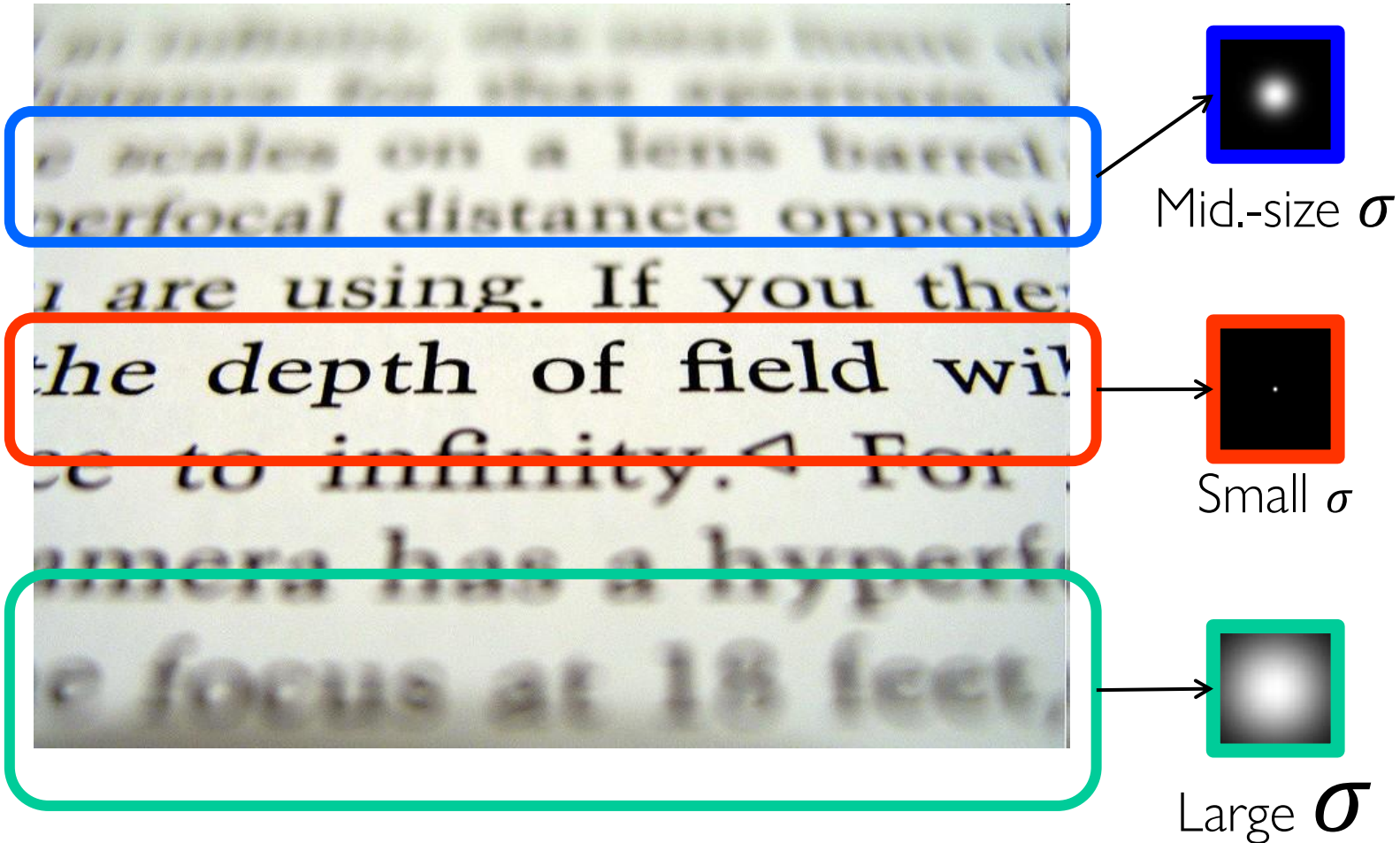


Depth of field

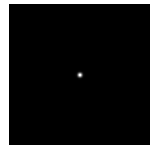
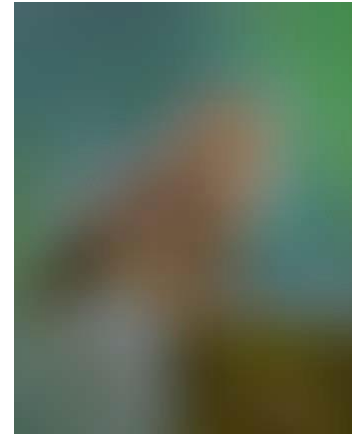
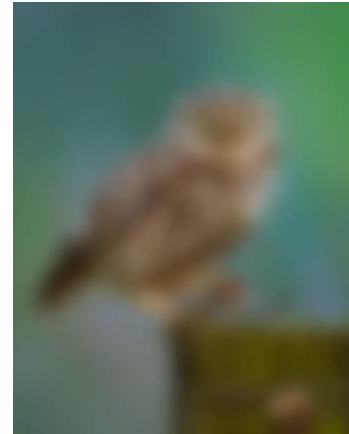


Depth of field

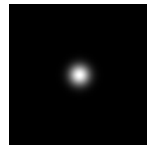
- Approximate optics blur by linear Gaussian filters



Gaussian filters



$\sigma = 1$ pixel



$\sigma = 5$ pixels

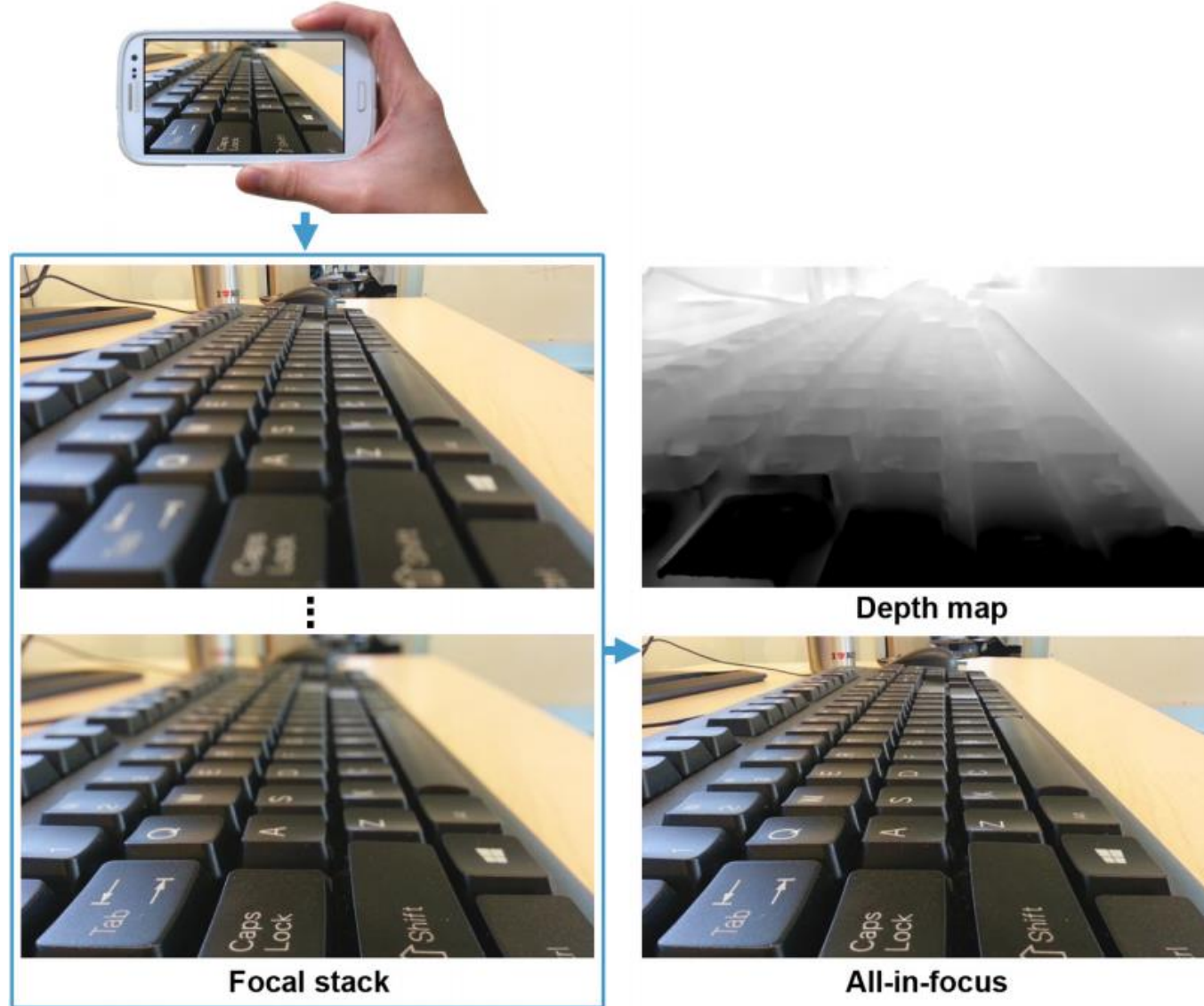


$\sigma = 10$ pixels



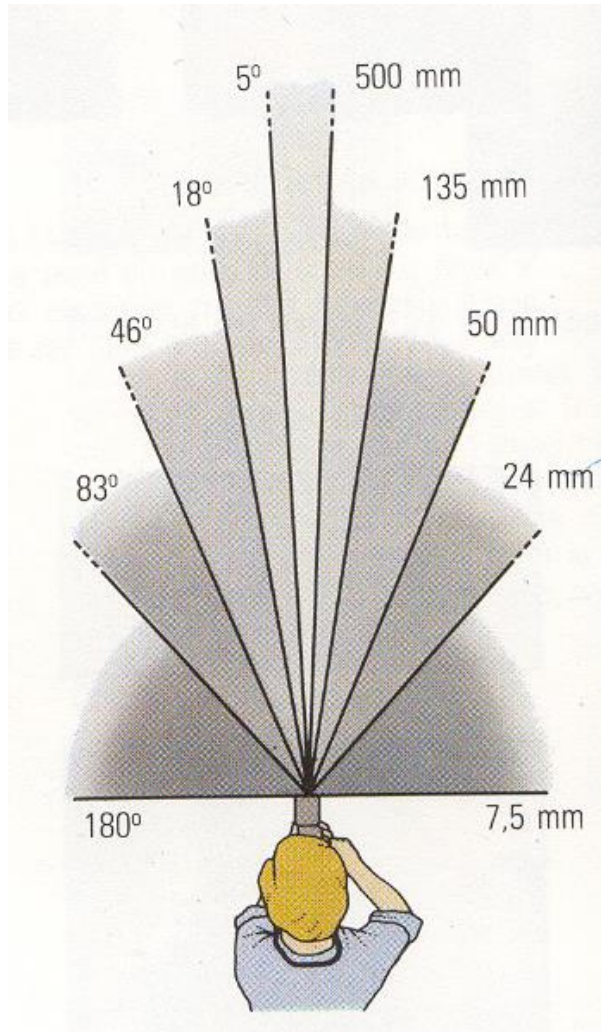
$\sigma = 30$ pixels

Depth from focus



Field of view

FoV vs. focal length



Four images using 28, 35, 50 and 72mm equivalent zoom lengths, portrait format, to illustrate angles of view.