

# Computational Photography

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Week 1, Spring 2016

Instructor: Lou Kratz

# Software Engineer at



- **computer vision**
- **machine learning**
- **big data**



# Who am I?

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- Me:
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# What will you learn?

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- Foundation of Computational Photography
  - Camera, image manipulation, warping,...
- Basic applications
  - Morphing, matting, 3D modeling, relighting,...
- **Implement fun applications**
  
- Textbook
  - **None** (many of the topics covered in Szeliski book)
  - General textbooks on Computer Vision, Graphics, Image Processing, and Photography may be useful along the way

# Schedule

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- Lectures
  - Foundation and applications of Computational Photography
- Projects (20% $\times$ 4=80%)
  - Details later
    - Project 1: HDR Imaging and Tone Mapping
    - Project 2: Seam Carving
    - Project 3: Image Morphing
    - Project 4: Fly Into the Image
- Final exam 20% (written test)

# Administrivia

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- Everything will be on Drexel Learn; Check it frequently
- Check your Drexel email frequently
- TA:
  - Leizer Teran
  - lt385@drexel.edu
  - Friday 4-6pm CLC (room 152?)
- Policy
  - Projects and assignments should be done independently
  - Zero tolerance for cheating.
  - Bring your own digital camera (cell phones)

# Today

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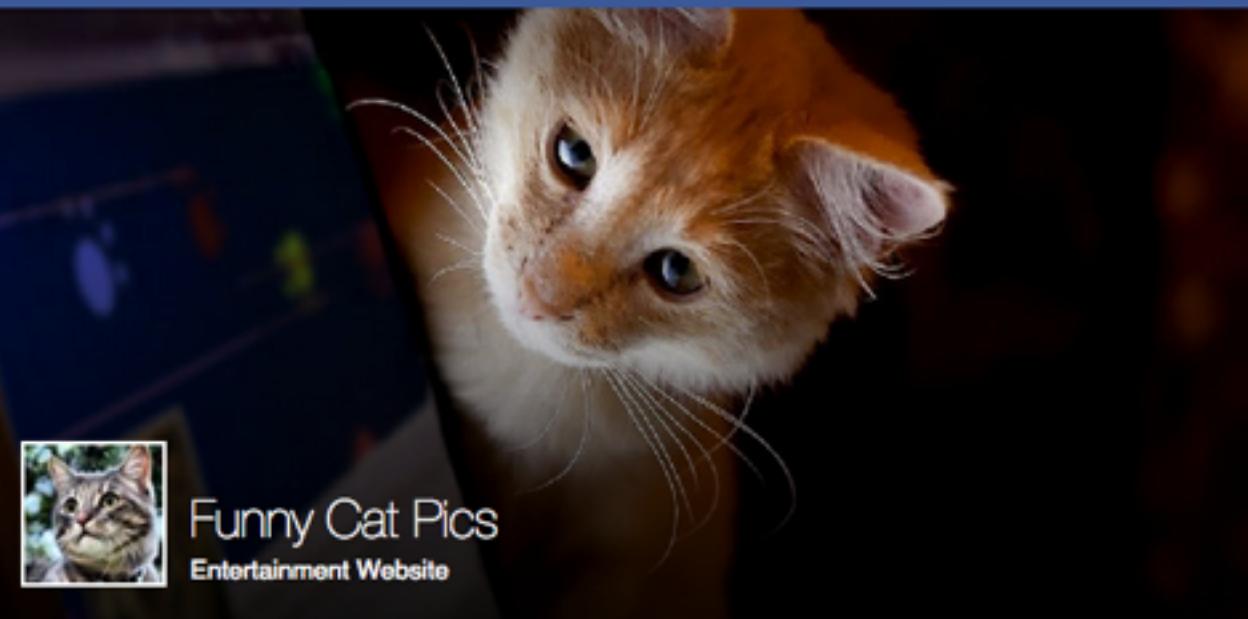
- What is Computational Photography?
  - Why you should learn it

# Computational Photography

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Funny Cat Pics  
Entertainment Website



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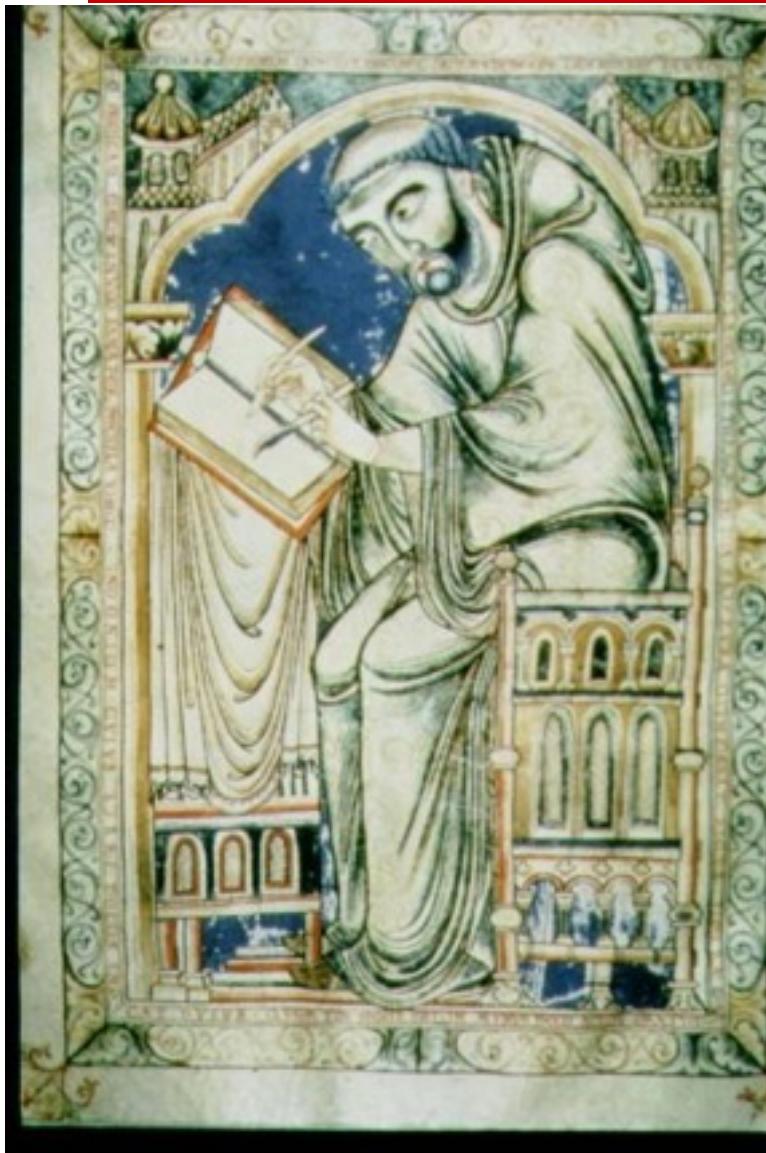
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here you go guys some more pics from me~doglover

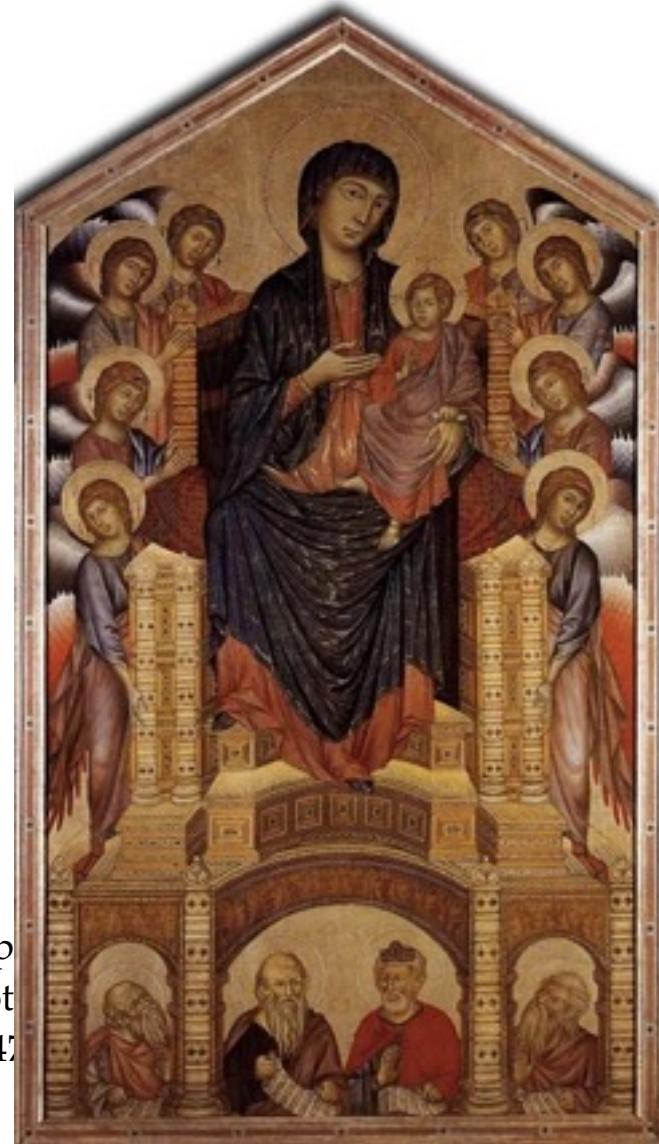


# Depicting Our World: The Middle Ages

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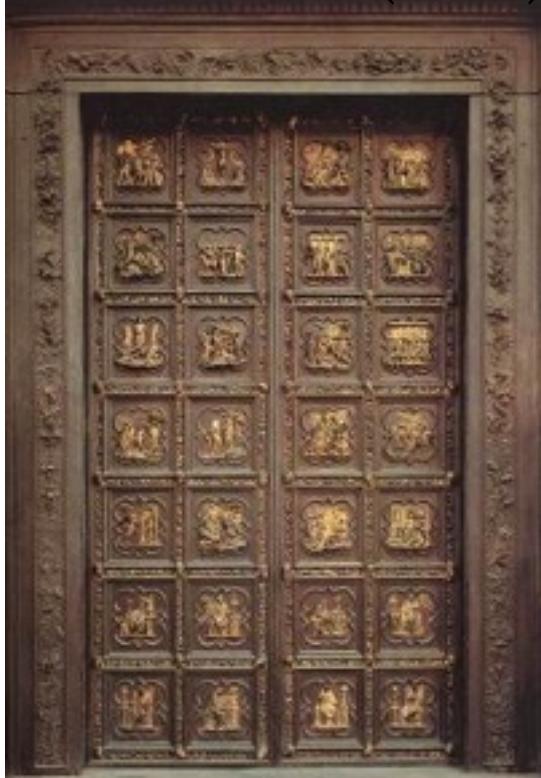
St. John  
from the Gosp  
Book of Abbot  
Wedricus (1147)



Cimabue  
Madonna  
Enthroned (c.  
1280-1290)

# Depicting Our World: Renaissance

North Doors (1424)



Lorenzo  
Ghiberti  
(1378-1455)

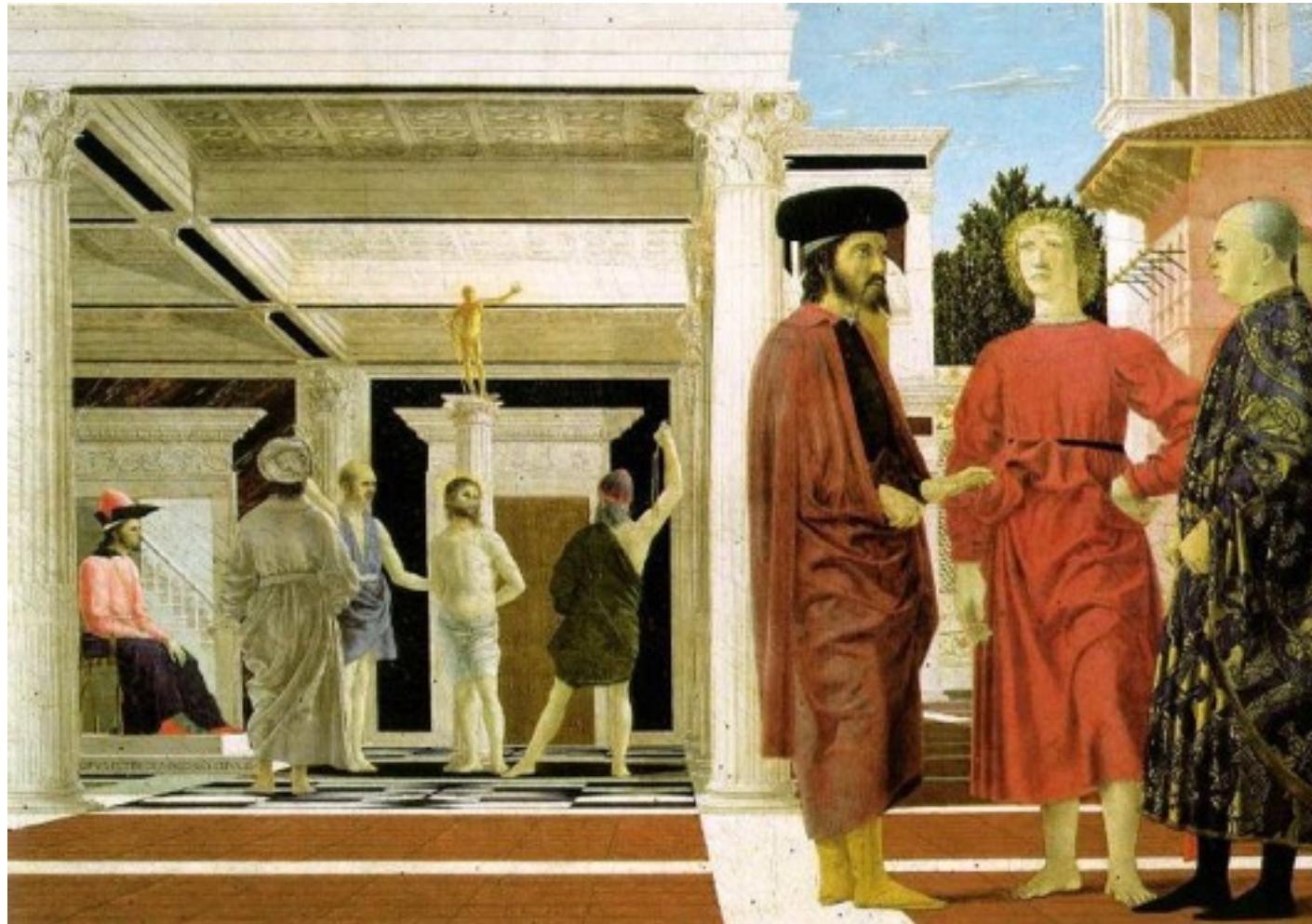


East Doors (1452)



# Depicting Our World: Renaissance

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*Piero della Francesca,  
The Flagellation (c.1469)*

# Depicting Our World: Toward Perfection

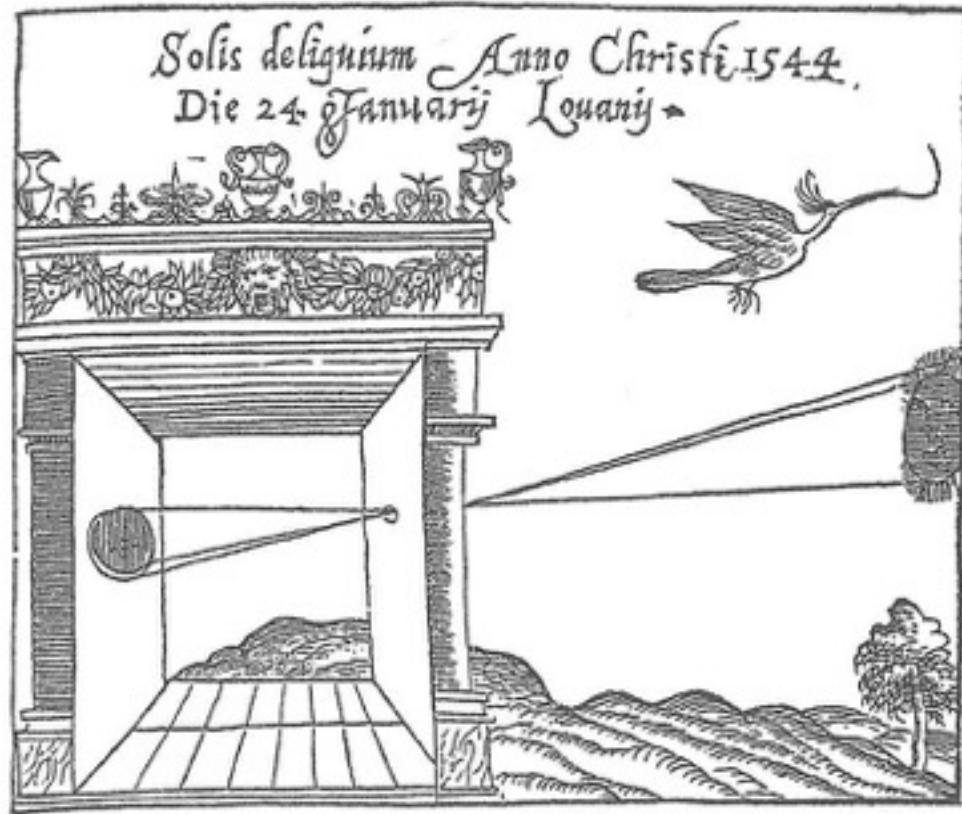
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Jan van Eyck, *The Arnolfini Marriage* (c.1434)

# Depicting Our World: Towards Perfection

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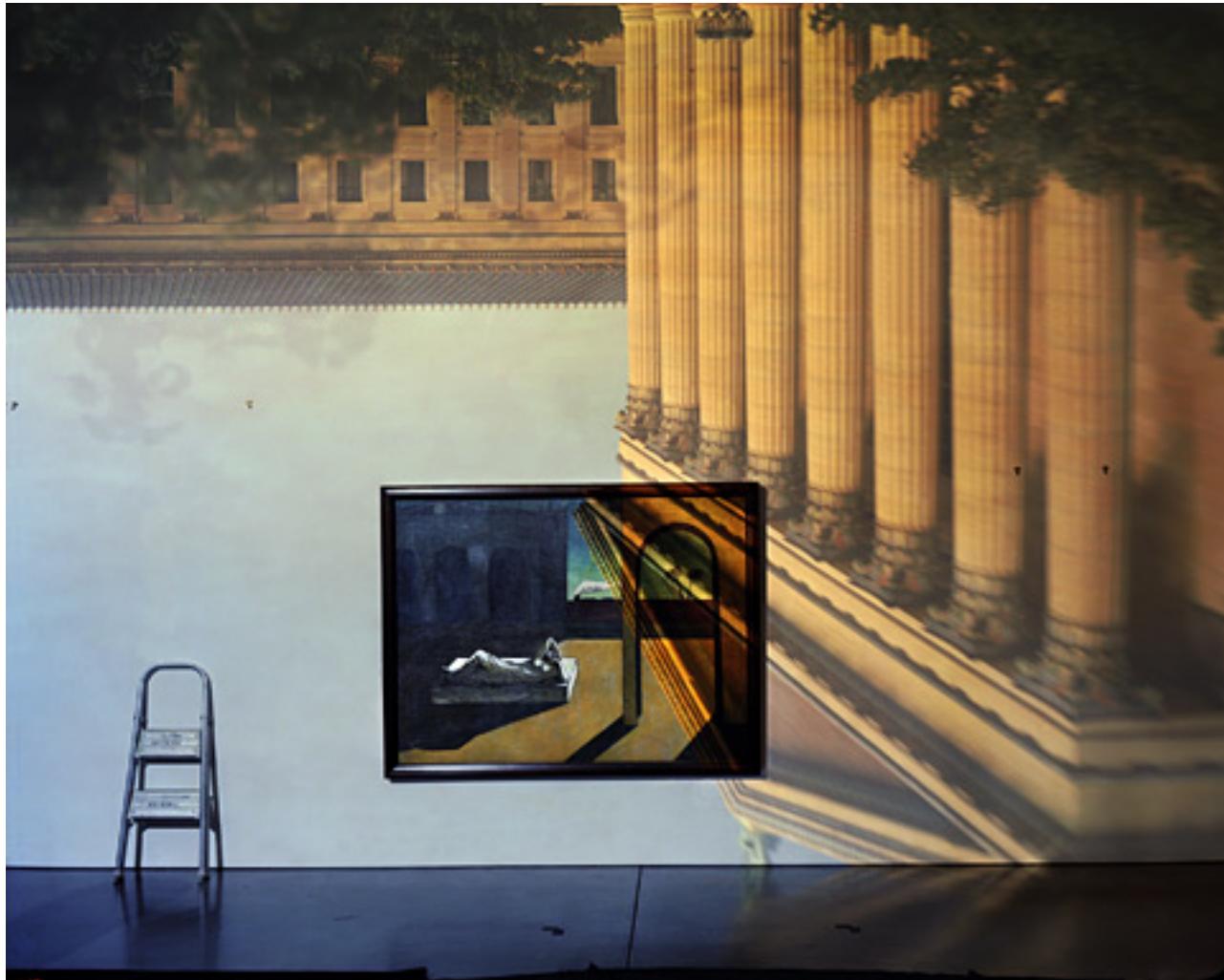
*Camera Obscura*, Gemma Frisius, 1544

Camera = Latin for “room”

Obscura = Latin for “dark”

# Abelardo Morell

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<http://www.abelardomorell.net/>

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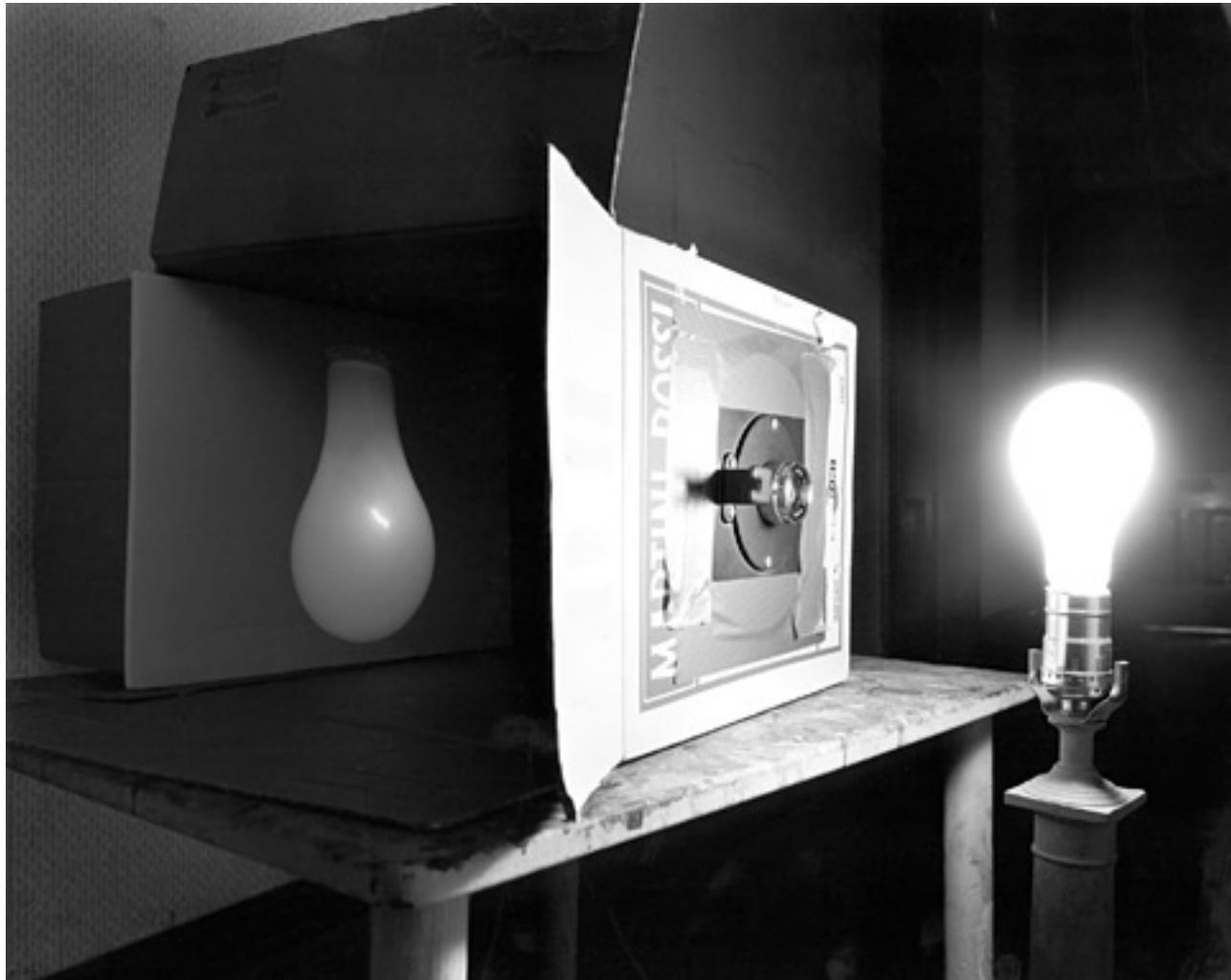
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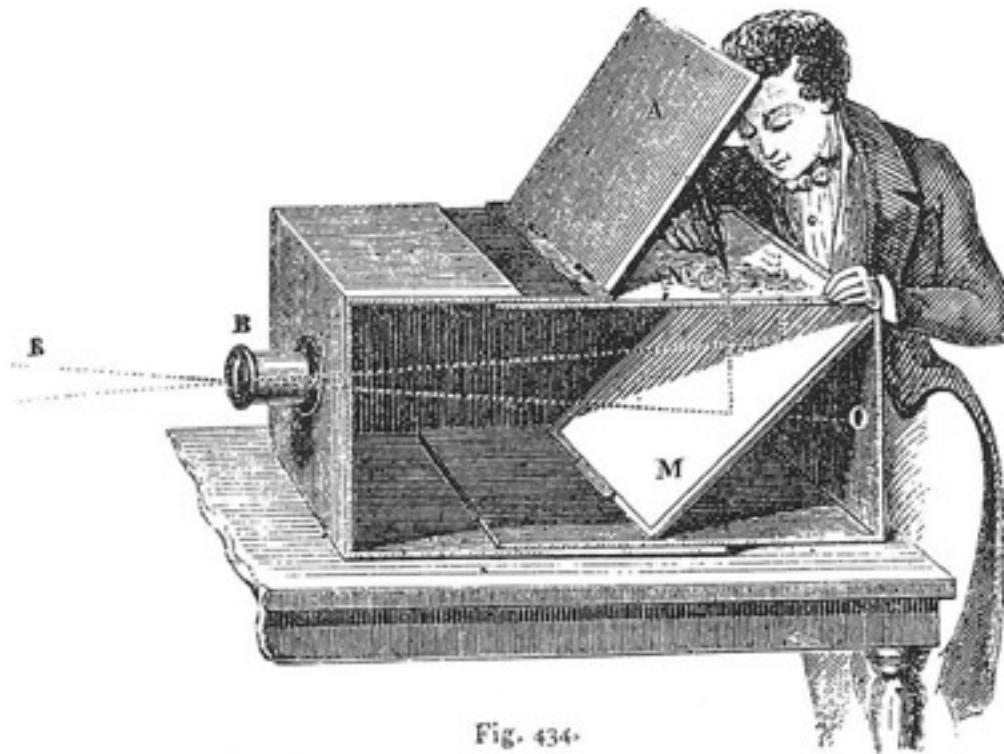


Fig. 434.

Lens Based Camera Obscura, 1568

# Depicting Our World: Perfection!

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*Still Life*, Louis Jacques Mande Daguerre, 1837

# Daguerrotype Camera

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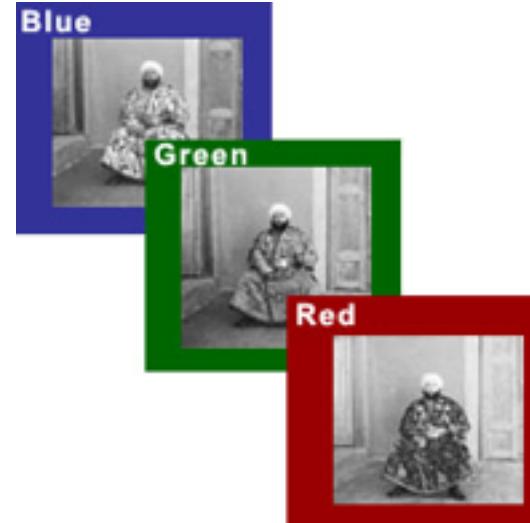
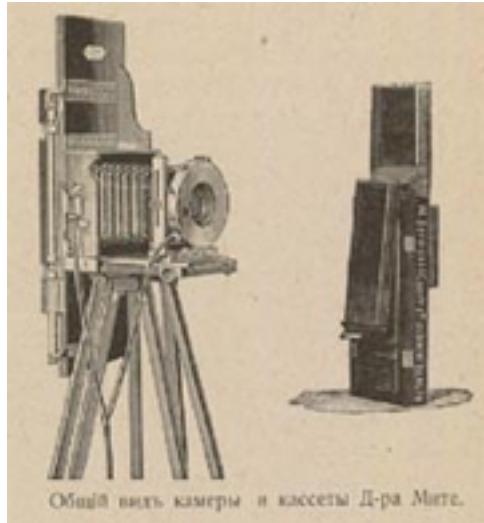
- 1839 first production camera



# Color Photography

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- 1861 by Maxwell
- Oldest color photos still preserved:  
Prokudin-Gorskii <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/empire/>



# Prokudin-Gorskii

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- Digital restoration



<http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/empire/>

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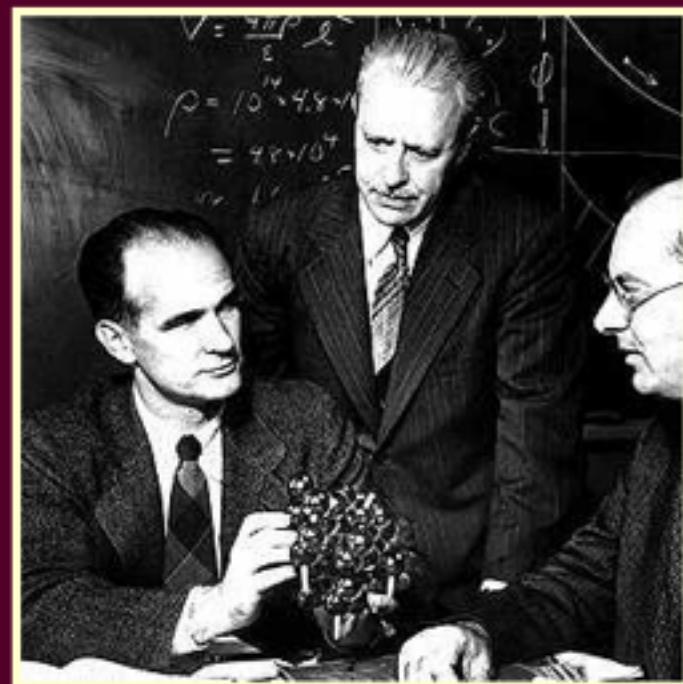


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxPmQe6Lz6U>

# Transistor

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- 1947, Bell Labs (Nobel in 1956)
- William Shockley, John Bardeen and Walter Brattain



Shockley, Bardeen, and Brattain



The First Transistor  
Click for Enlarged View

# Integrated Circuit

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- 1959 Bob Noyce of Fairchild Semiconductor (co-founded Intel Corporation in 1968)
  - One transistor, one capacitor
  
- Also Jack Kilby of Texas Instruments
  - Also inventor of portable calculator



Intel gang



Texas Instruments' first IC

# First Microprocessor in a Camera

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- Canon AE-1 1976



# CCD Technology

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- 1969, Willard S. Boyle and George E. Smith,  
Bell Laboratories



# First Digital Camera

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- 1975, Steve Sasson, Kodak
- Uses CCD from Fairchild semiconductor, A/D from Motorola, .01 megapixels, 23 second exposure, recorded on digital cassette



# Completely Digital Commercial Camera

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- 1991 first completely digital Logitech Dycam  
376x240



# Digital

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- 1994 Apple quicktake, first mass-market color digital camera, 640 x 480 (commercial failure)



# Digital SLR

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- 1992 Kodak DCS 200, 1.5 Mpixels, based on Nikon body



# Camera Phone

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- In November 2000 Sharp and J-Phone introduced the first camera-phone in Japan



# Today

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# Traditional Photography

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- Scene preparation
  - Make up, lighting, viewpoint
- Capture
  - Optics, film
- Post production
  - Dodge and burn, movie editing
- Viewing
  - Album, monitor, limited control (passive)

# Computational Photography

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- Scene preparation
  - Get rid of it!
- Capture
  - Active, feed-back
- Post production
  - Reconstruct image, automatic, creative scene manipulation
- Viewing
  - Additional dimensions (autostereoscopic, motion, HDR), interaction

# Project 1: HDR and Tone Mapping

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# Project 2: Seam Carving

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Scaled

Input

Seam Carving

# Project 2: Seam Carving

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# Project 3: Image Morphing

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# Example

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# Project 4: Fly Into Painting

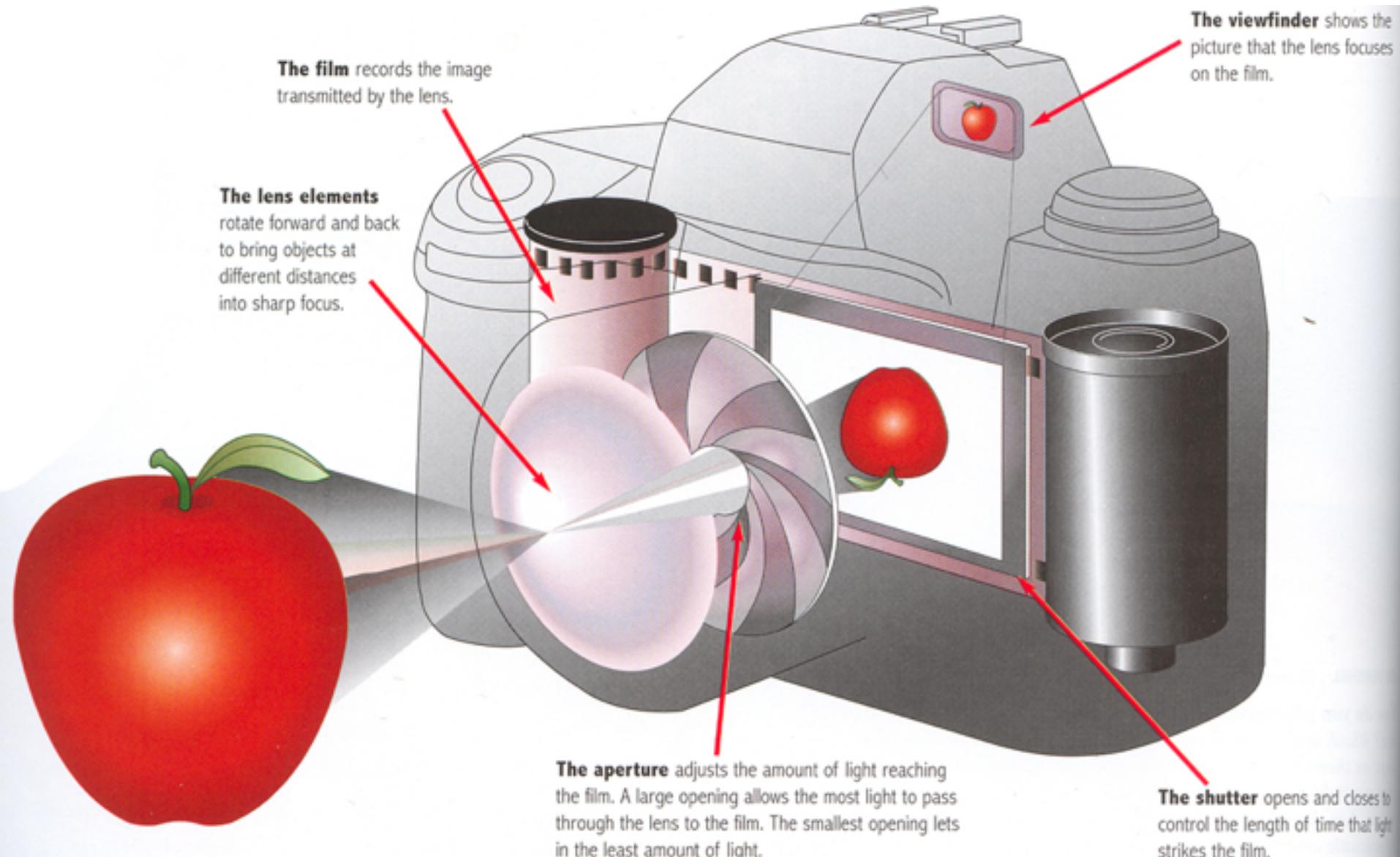
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Nelson Chu

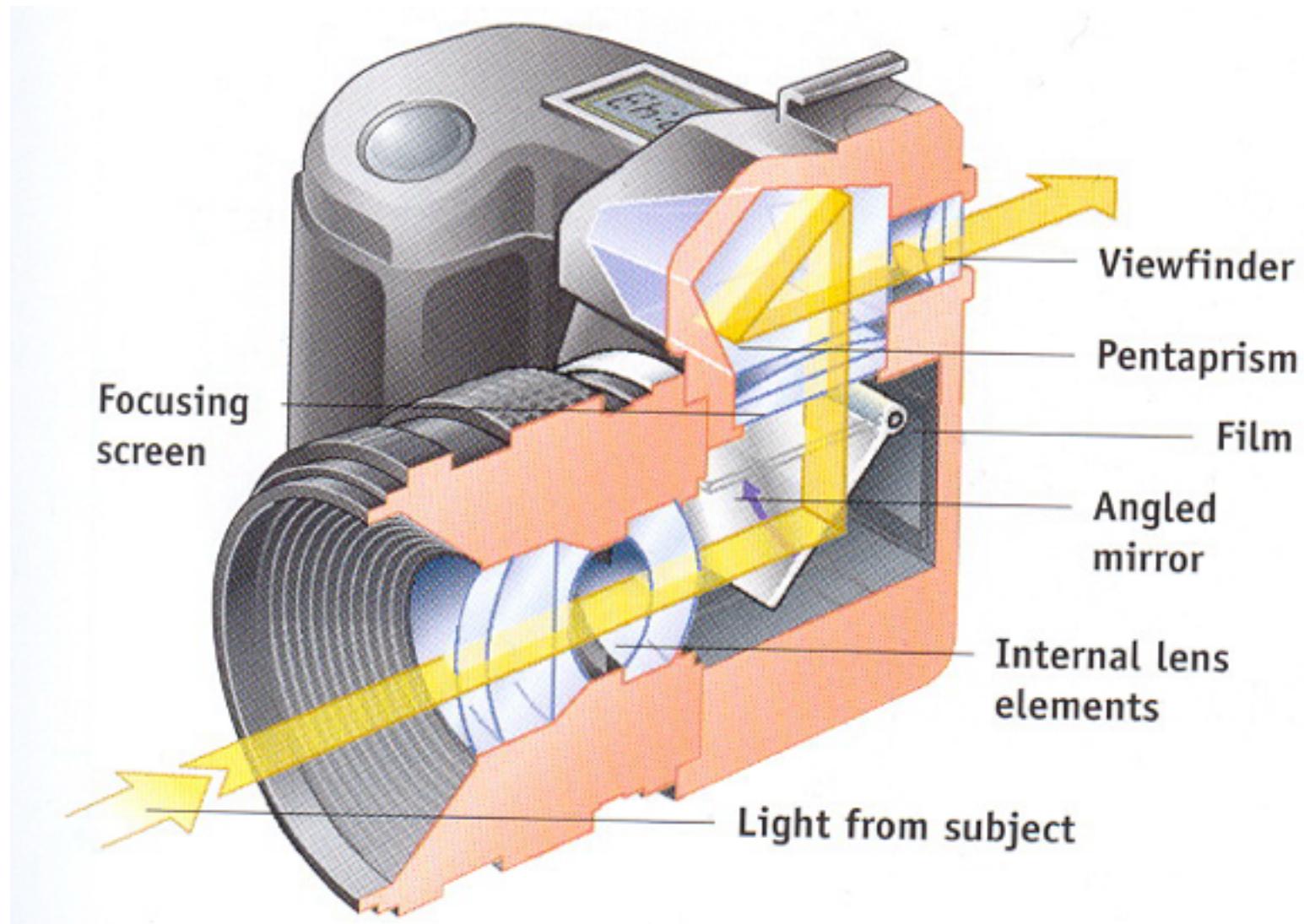
# Camera

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# Single Lens Reflex (SLR)

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# Question

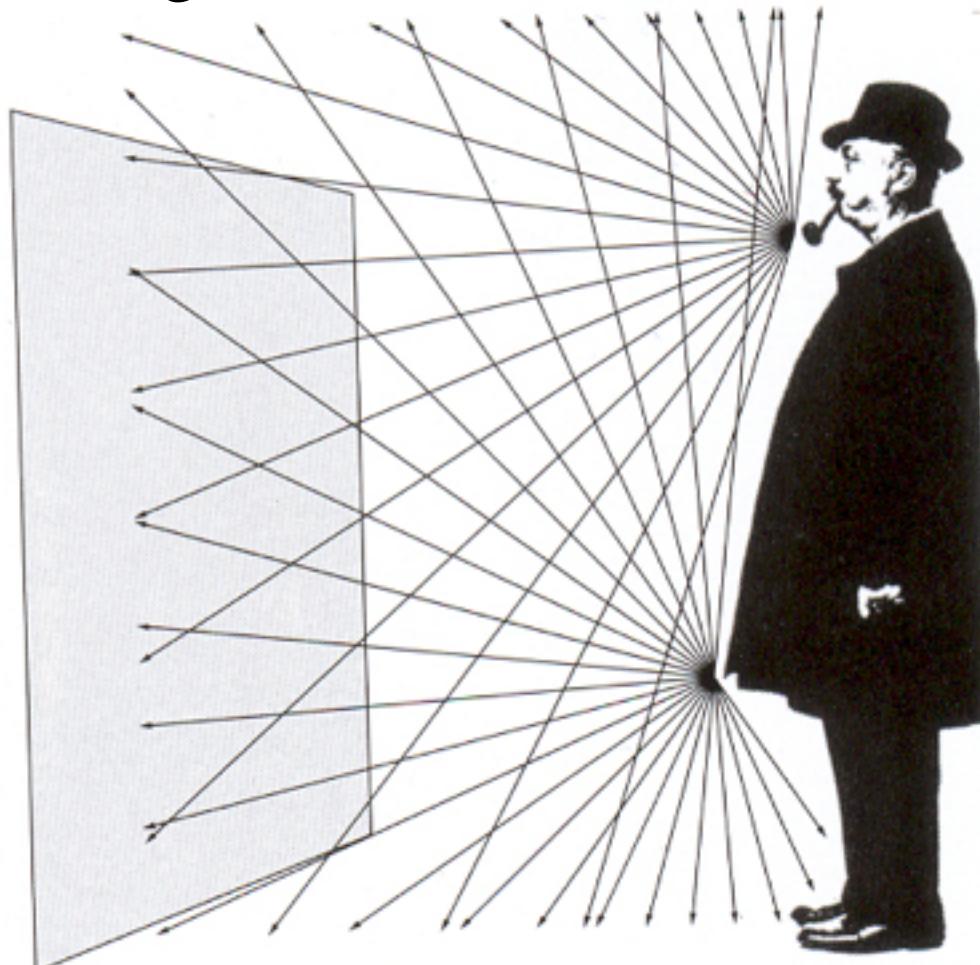
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- Why do we need to put the film in the camera?

# Answer

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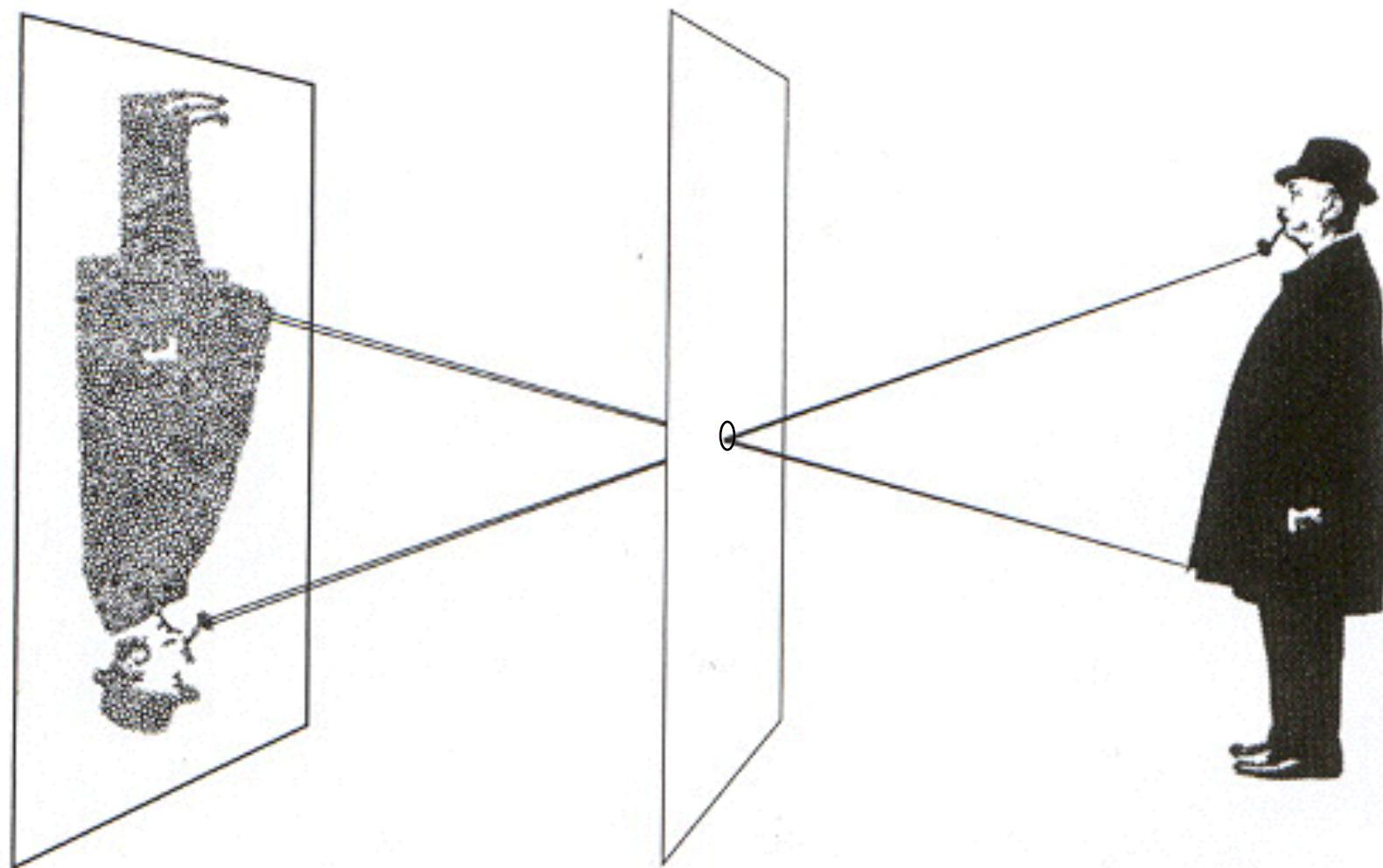
- It receives light from all directions



From Photography, London et al.

# Pinhole

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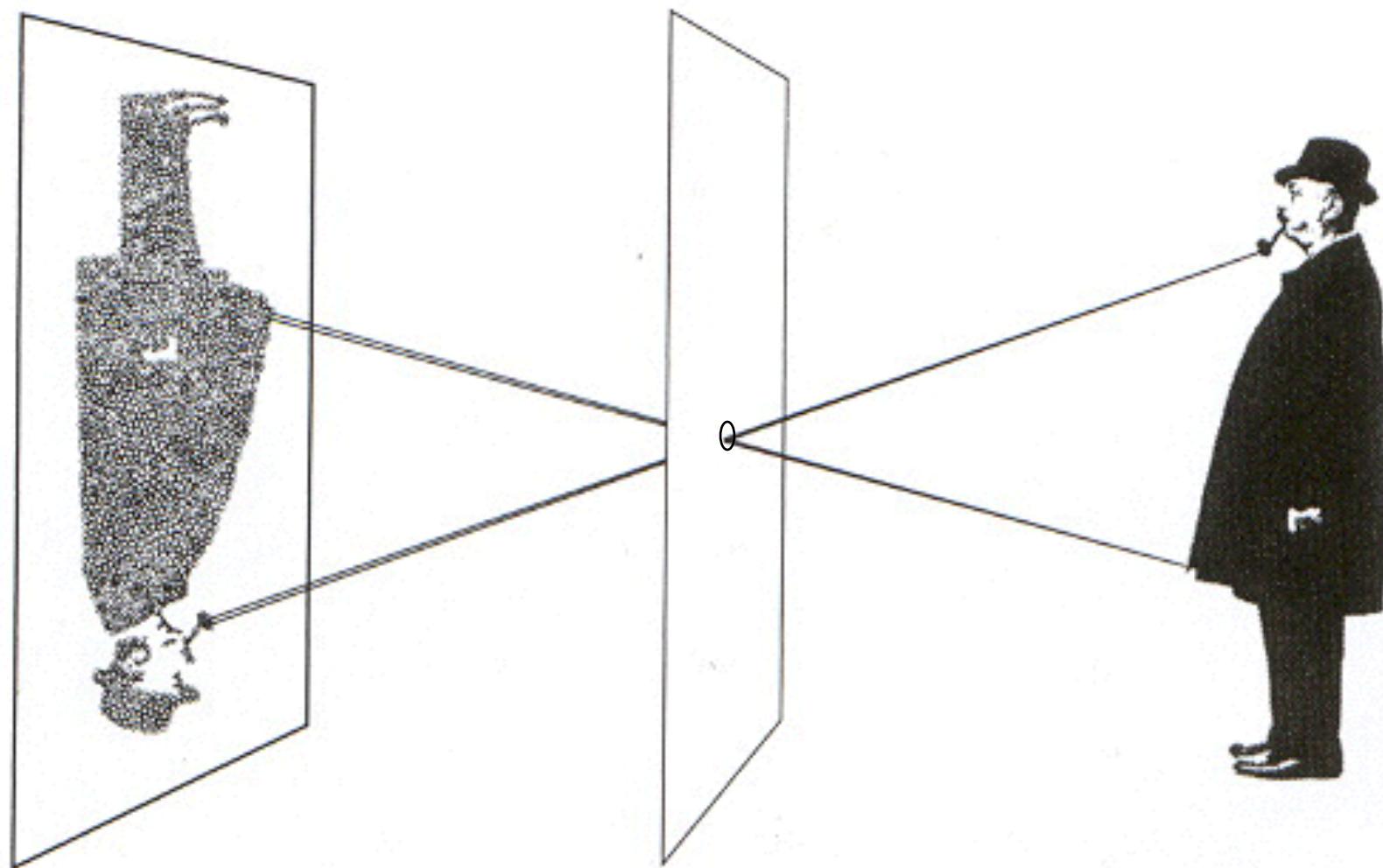
# BW Pinhole Image

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# Pinhole

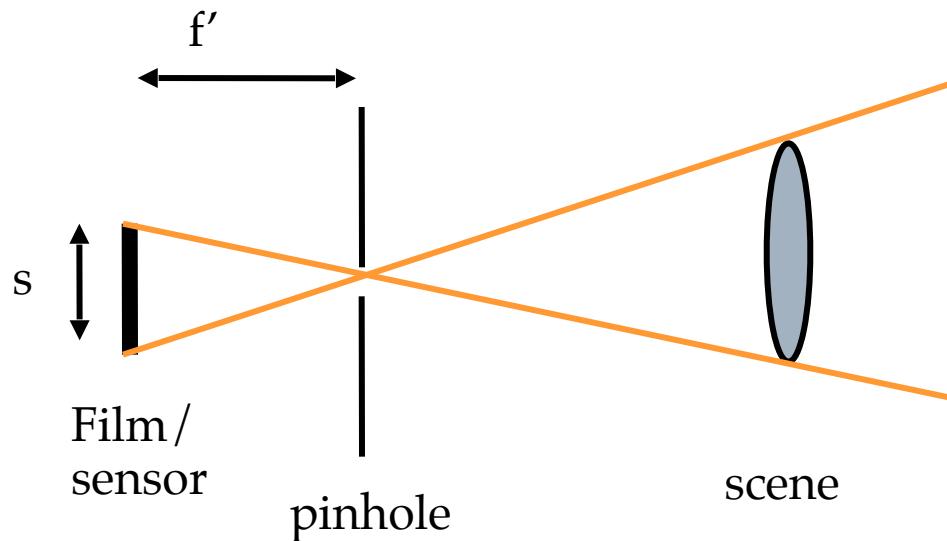
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# Effective Focal Length

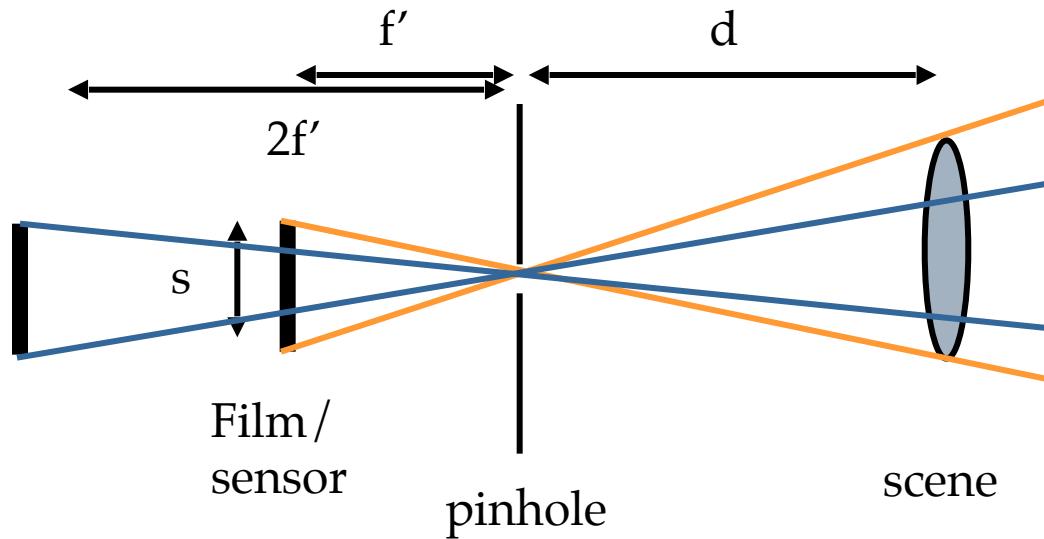
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# Effective Focal Length: Pinhole Optics

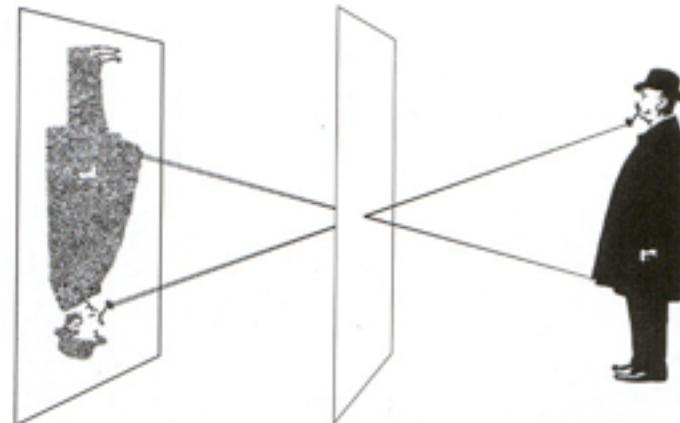
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- What happens when the effective focal length is doubled?
  - Projected object size is doubled
  - Amount of light gathered is divided by 4

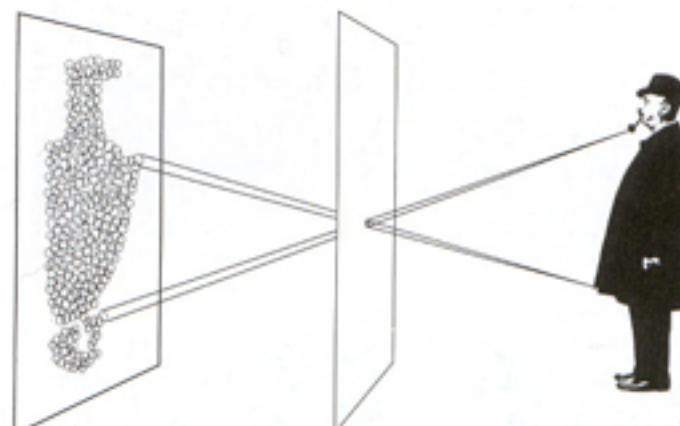


# Pinhole Size?

Photograph made with small pinhole



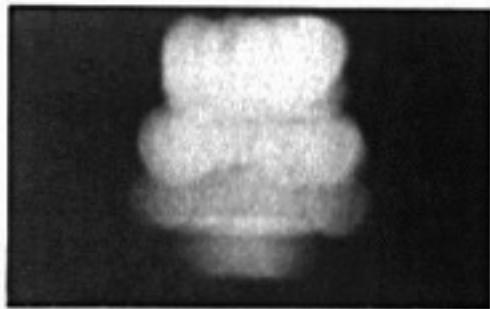
Photograph made with larger pinhole



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# Diffraction Limit

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2 mm



1 mm



0.6mm

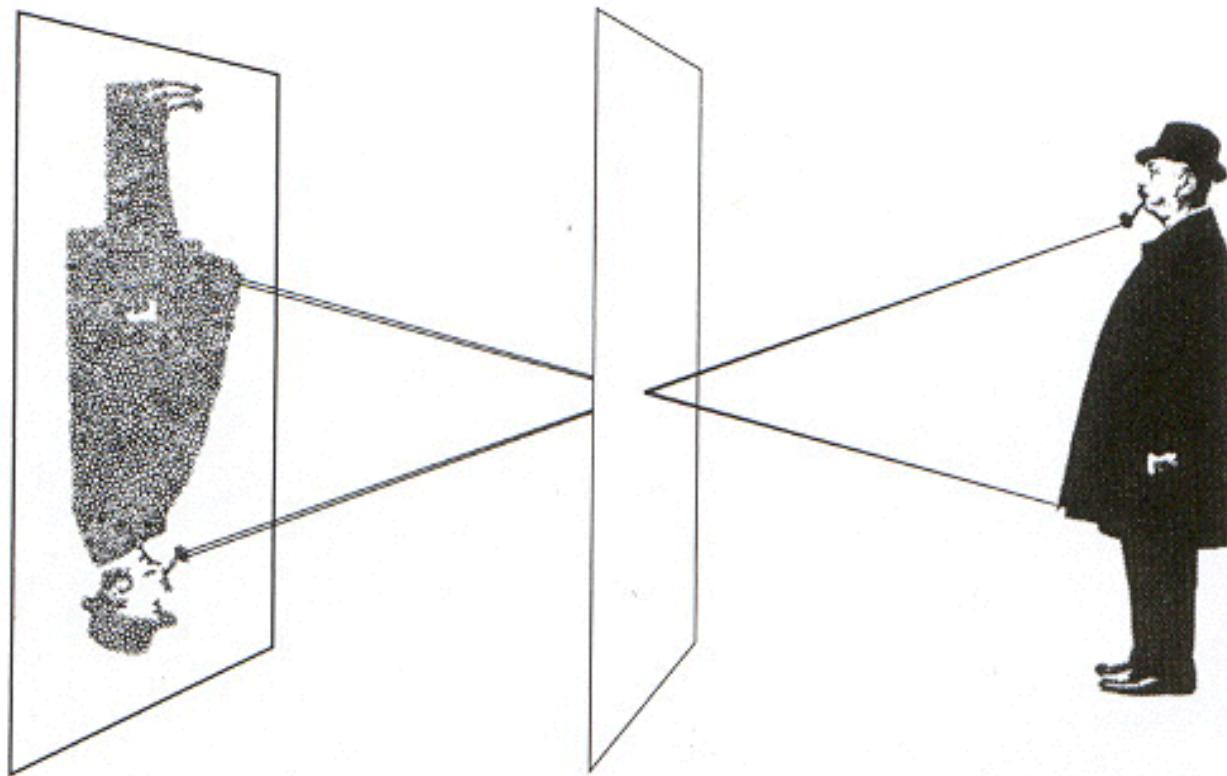


0.35 mm

# Problem with pinhole?

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- Not enough light!
- Diffraction limits sharpness



# Solution: Refraction!

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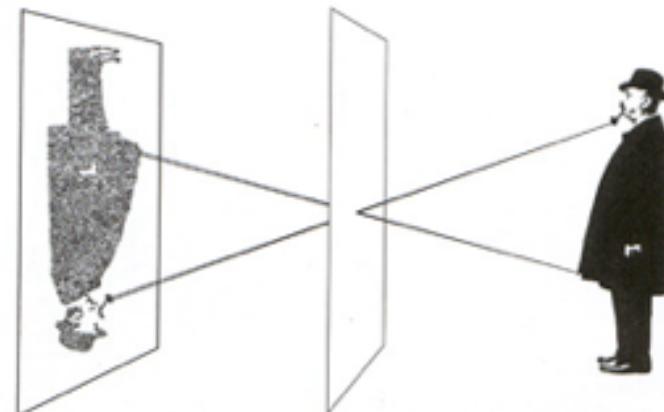
# Before Diving into Those...

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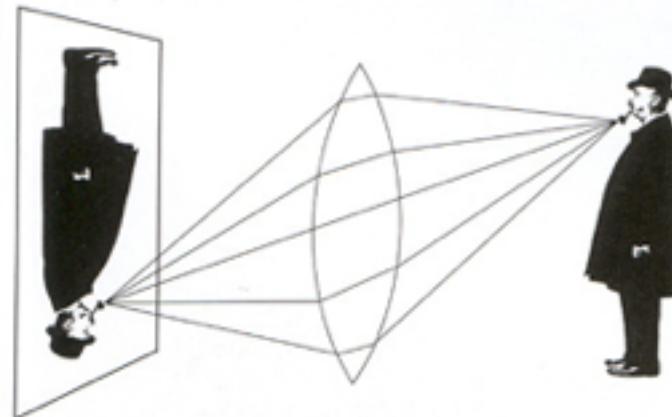
- Accidental Pinhole Cameras:
- <http://techtalks.tv/beta/talks/accidental-pinhole-and-pinspeck-cameras-revealing-the-scene-outside-the-picture/56216/>

# Lenses

Photograph made with small pinhole



Photograph made with lens



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# Lenses

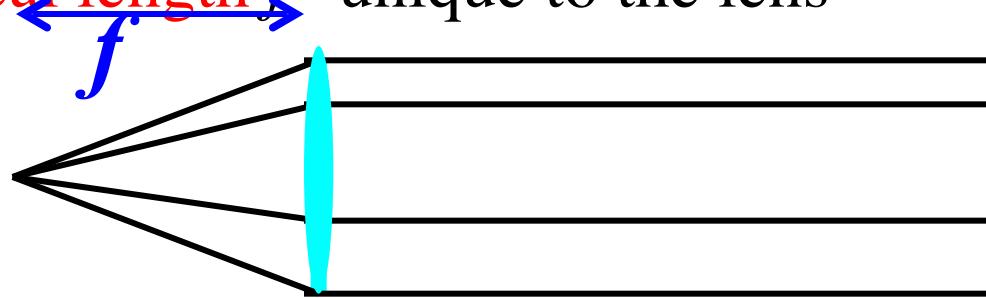
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- Gathers more light
- But needs to be “focused”

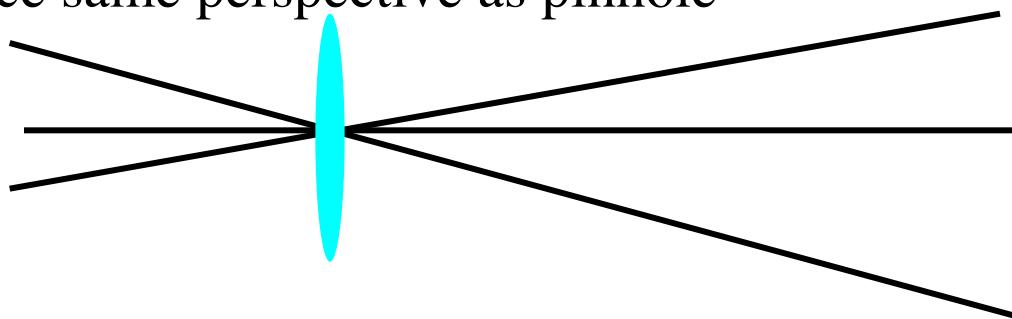
# Thin Lens Optics

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- Simplification of geometrical optics for well-behaved lenses
- All parallel rays converge to one point on a plane located at the **focal length  $f$**  unique to the lens



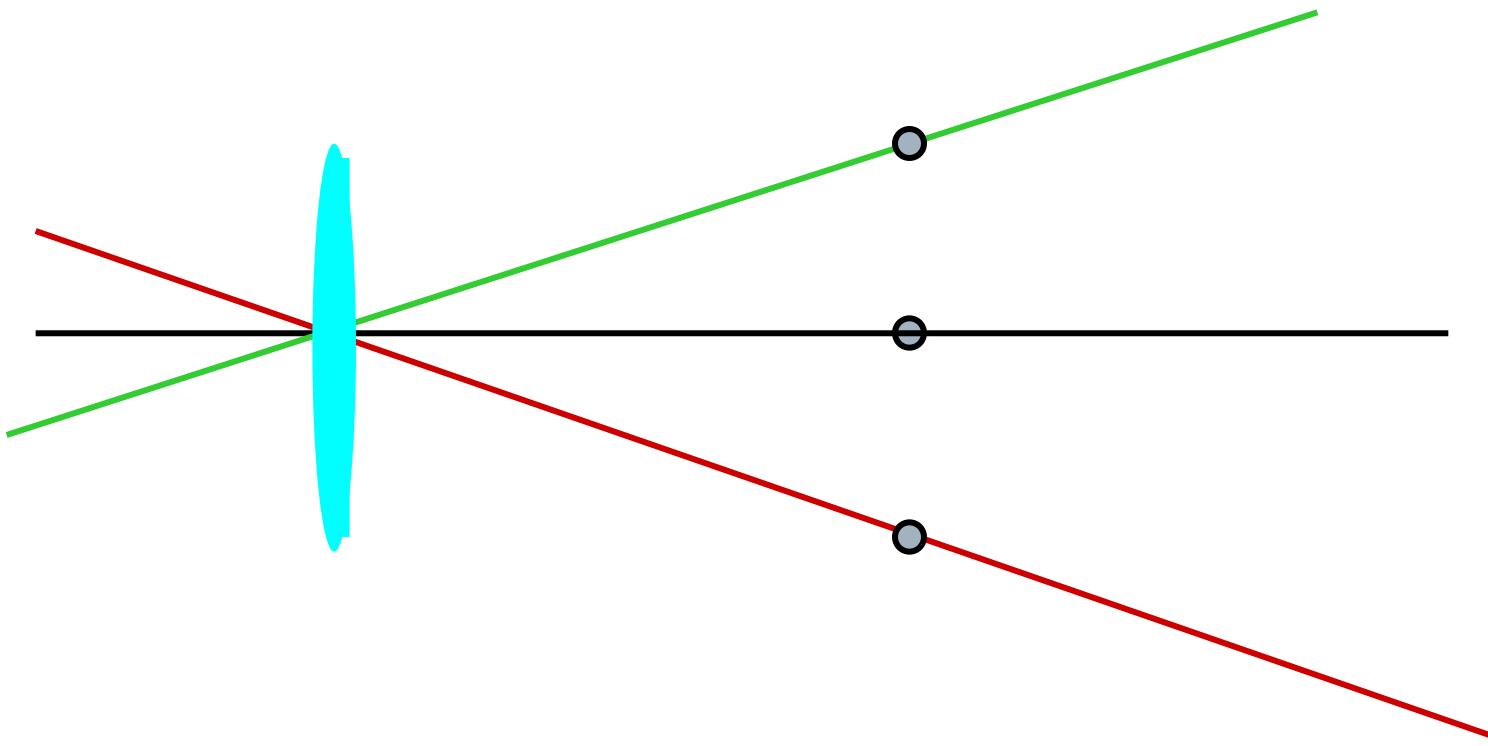
- All rays going through the center are not deviated
  - Hence same perspective as pinhole



# How to Trace Rays

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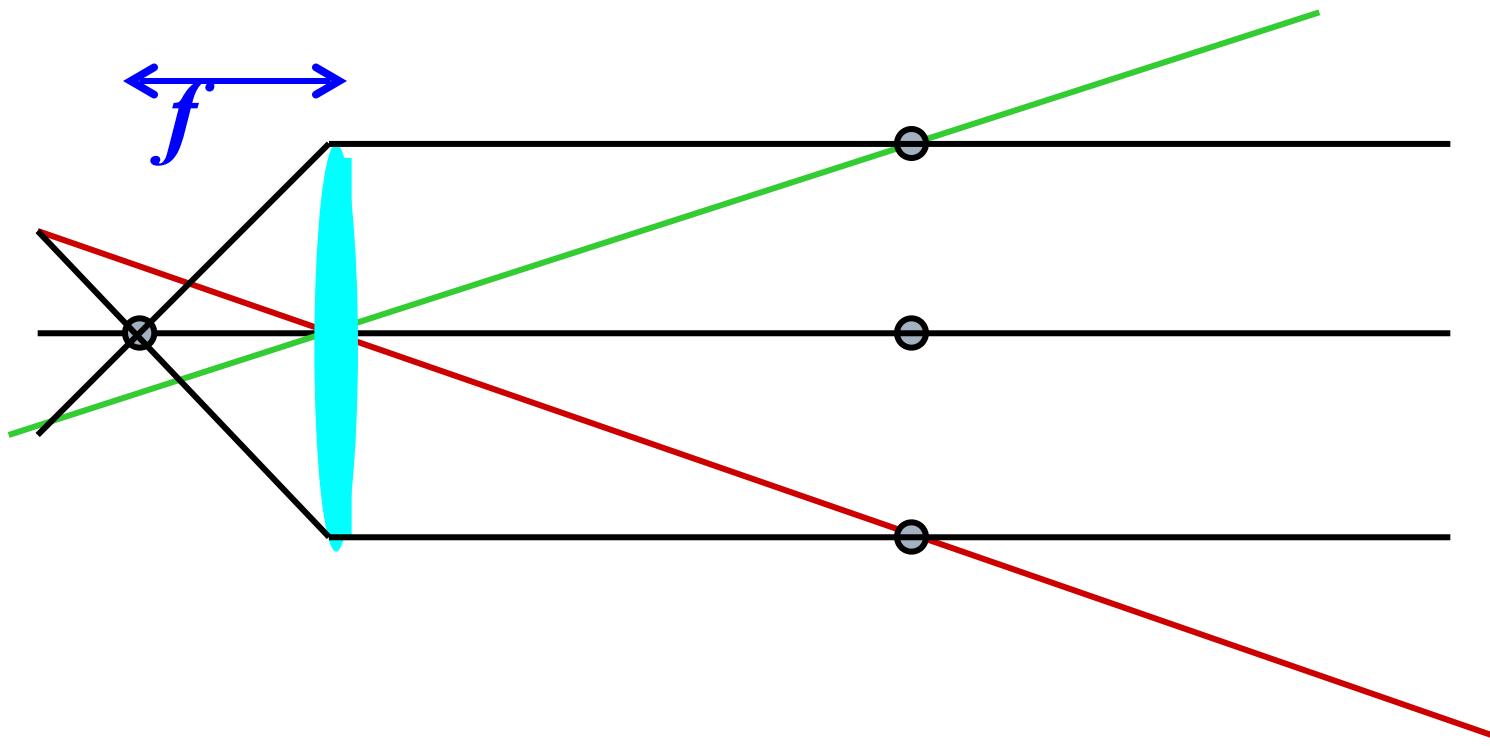
- Start by rays through the center



# How to Trace Rays

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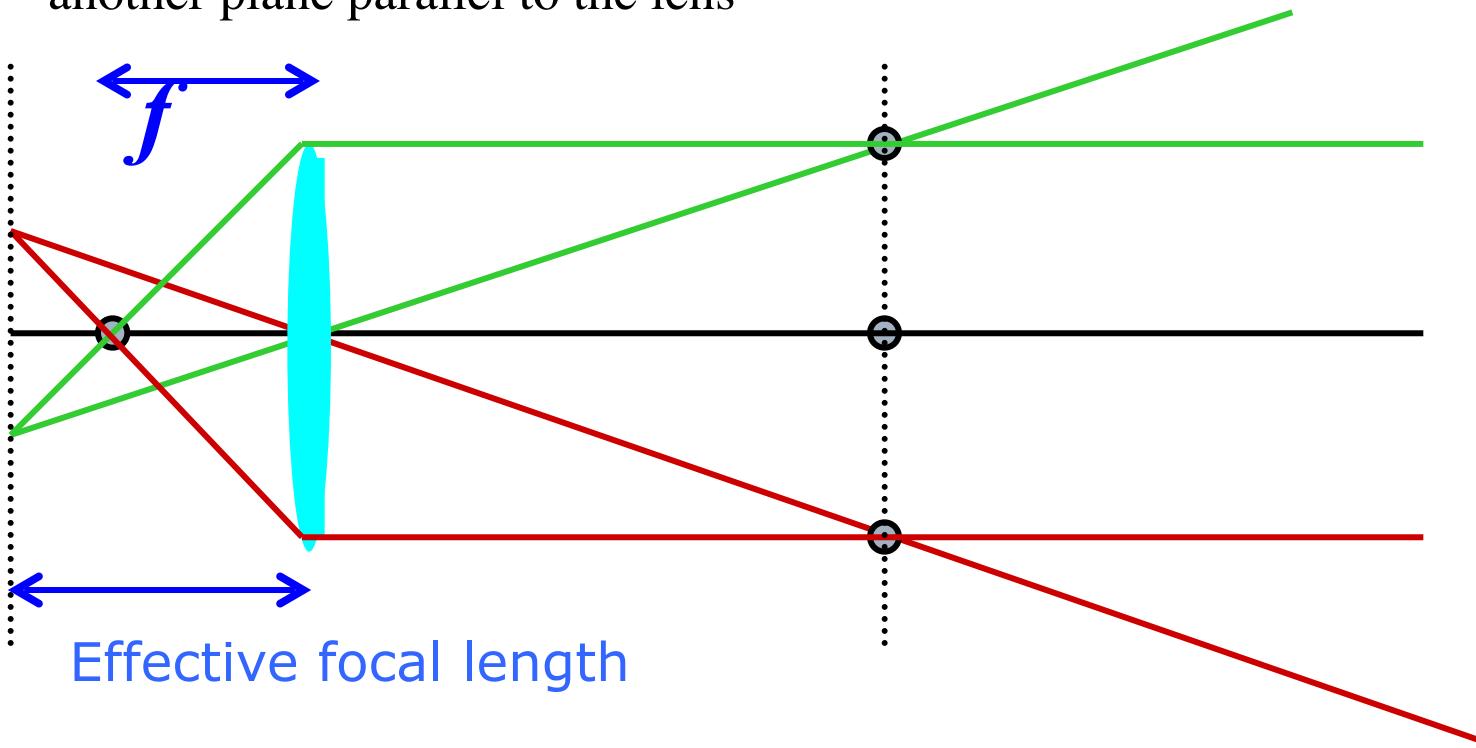
- Start by rays through the center
- Choose focal length, trace parallels



# How to Trace Rays

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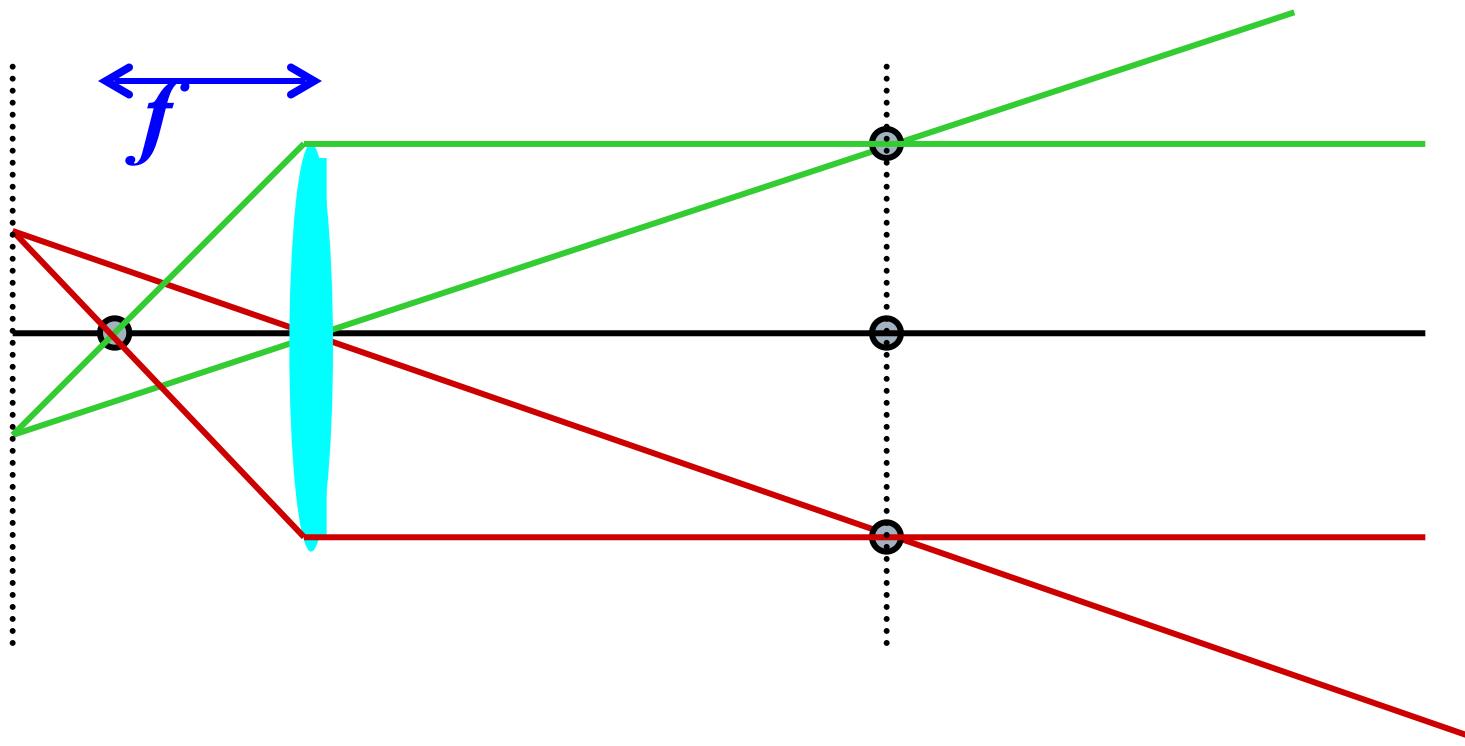
- Start by rays through the center
- Choose focal length, trace parallels
- You get the focus plane for a given scene plane
  - All rays coming from points on a plane parallel to the lens are focused on another plane parallel to the lens



# Focusing

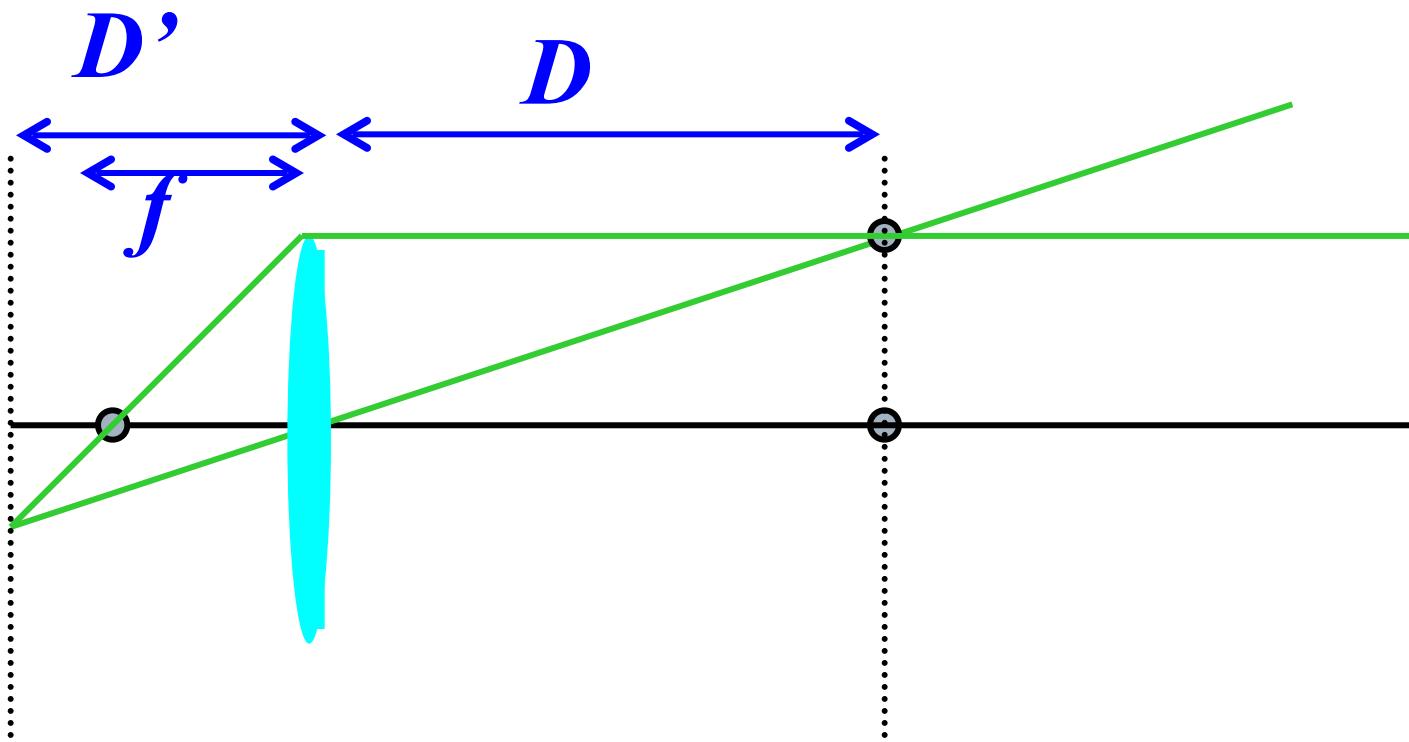
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- To focus closer than infinity
  - Move the sensor/film *further* than the focal length



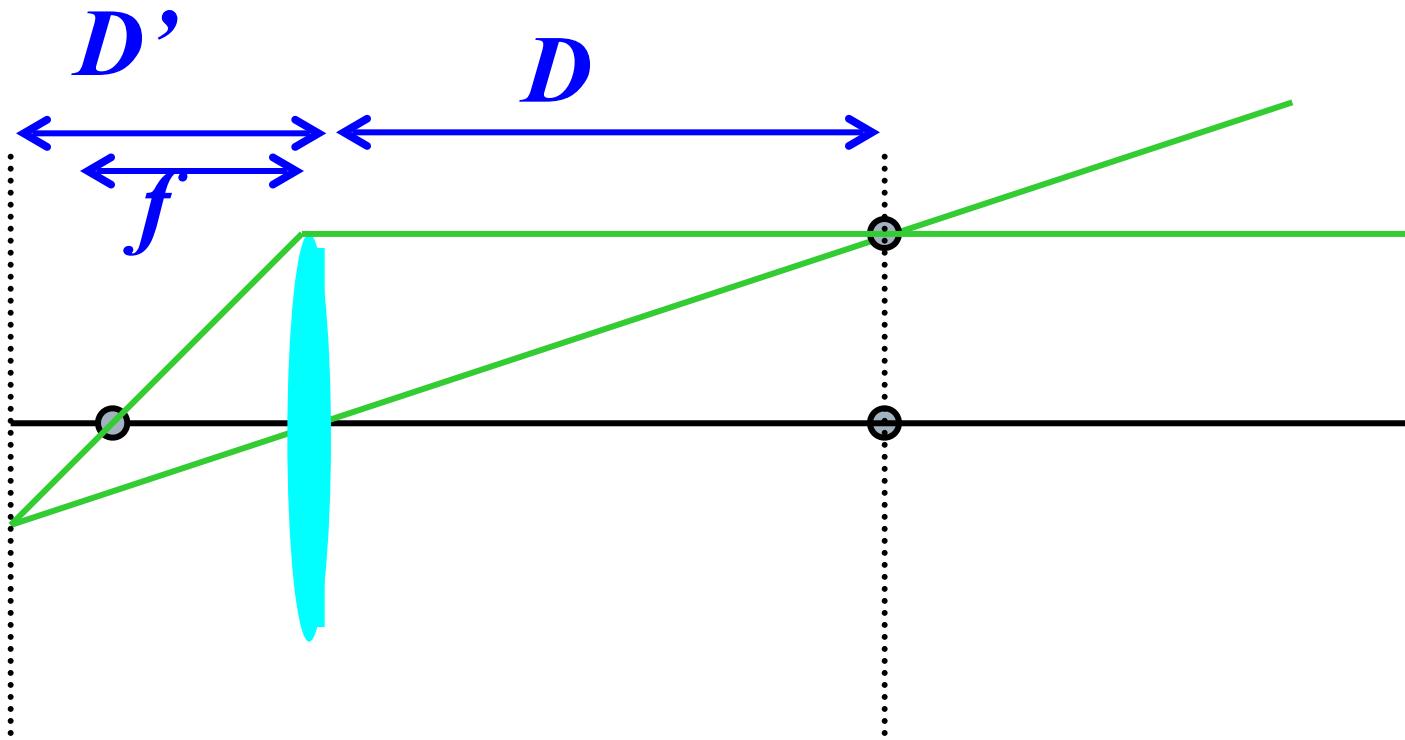
# Thin Lens Formula

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# Thin Lens Formula

Similar triangles everywhere!

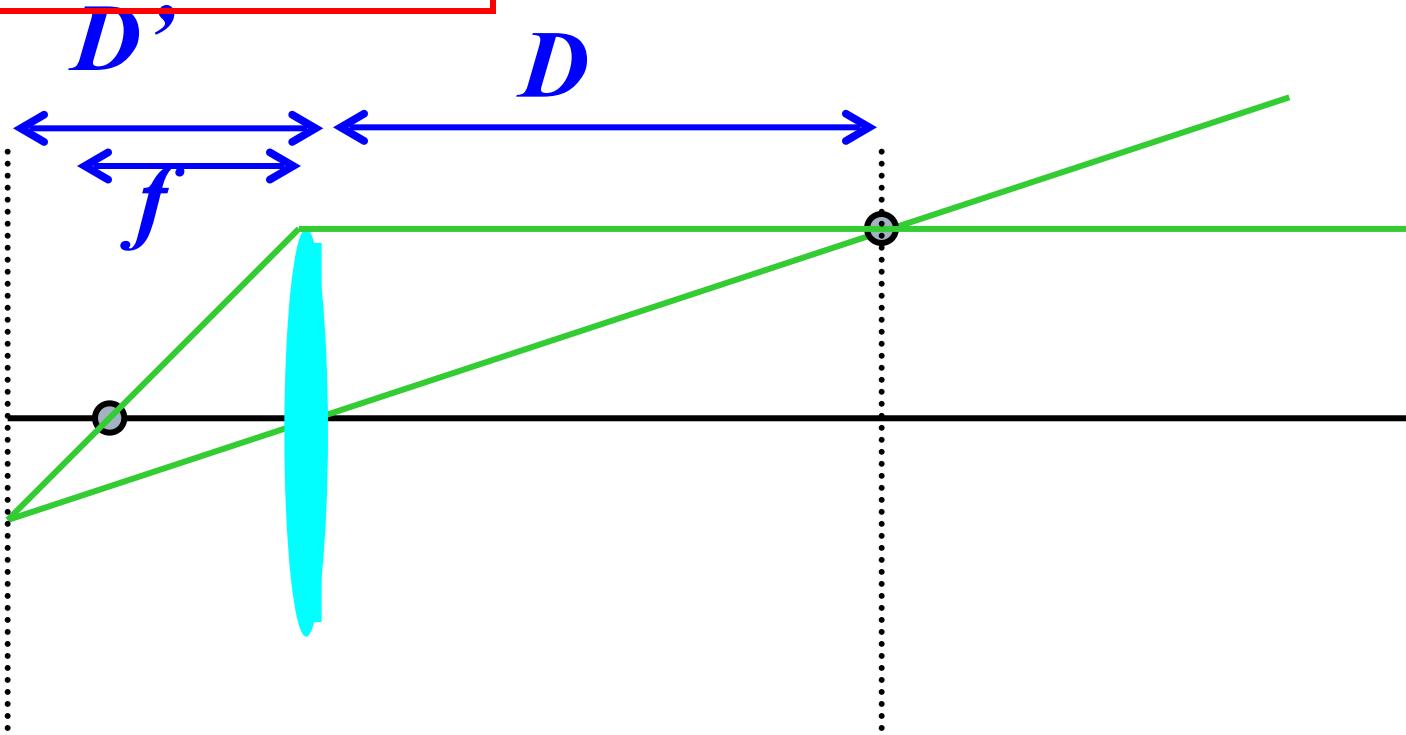


# Thin Lens Formula Similar triangles everywhere! $$y'/y = D'/D$$ The diagram illustrates the thin lens formula using similar triangles. A blue double-headed arrow at the top indicates the total distance between the object and the image, labeled $D$ . Below it, another blue double-headed arrow indicates the distance from the lens to the image, labeled $D'$ . The distance from the lens to the object is labeled $f$ . A vertical dotted line represents the optical axis. A green ray enters the lens from the left parallel to the axis and refracts as if it originated from a point on the axis at distance $D'$ . A yellow triangle is formed by the object at height $y$ , the image at height $y'$ , and the virtual focal point at distance $f$ to the left of the lens. Another yellow triangle is formed by the image $y'$ , the virtual focal point $f$ , and the virtual object $y$ . These two triangles are similar, which leads to the thin lens formula: $y'/y = D'/D$ .

# Thin Lens Formula Similar triangles everywhere! $$y'/y = D'/D$$ $$y'/y = (D' - f)/f$$ A ray diagram illustrating the thin lens formula. A thin lens is represented by a vertical cyan line. A real object, shown as a yellow triangle, is located at distance $D'$ to the left of the lens. A real image, also a yellow triangle, is formed on the right at distance $y'$ . The lens has a focal length $f$ . Three green lines represent parallel light rays from the top of the object. One ray passes straight through the lens, forming the base of the image triangle. Another ray is diverged by the lens, extending back to the image. A third ray is refracted by the lens, parallel to the axis. The image height $y$ is indicated by a vertical dotted line. Two sets of similar triangles are highlighted: one set between the object and the lens, and another set between the lens and the image.

# Thin Lens Formula

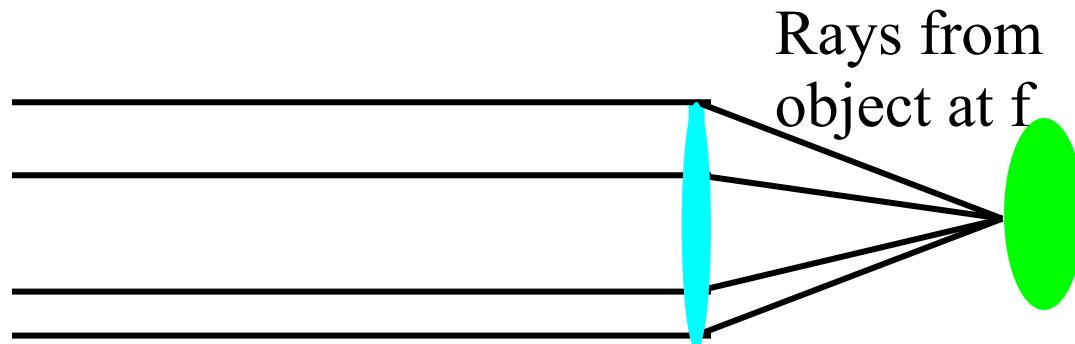
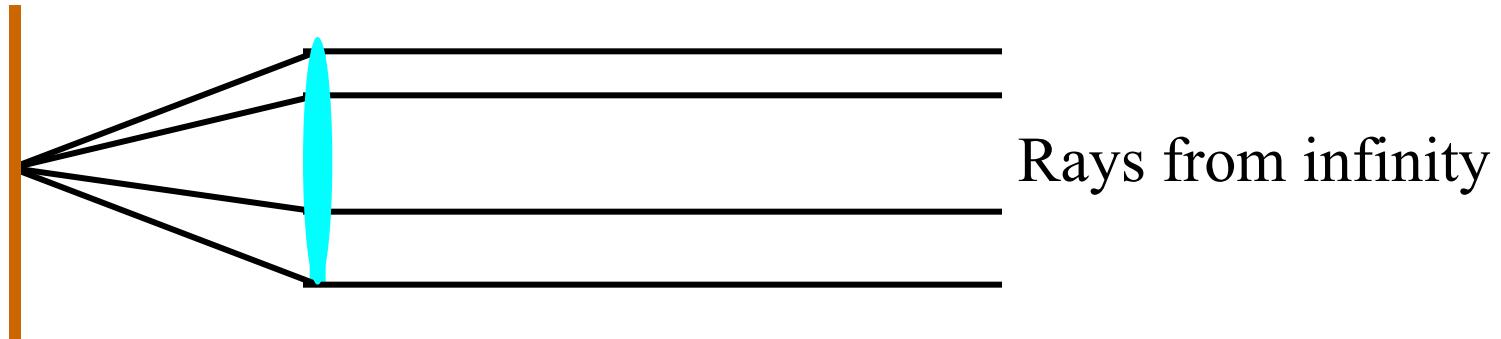
$$\frac{1}{D'} + \frac{1}{D} = \frac{1}{f}$$



# Minimum Focusing Distance

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- By symmetry, an object at the focal length requires the film to be at infinity.



# Ray Drawings for Convex Lenses

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=C6MLAQLDVG](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6MLAQLDVG)

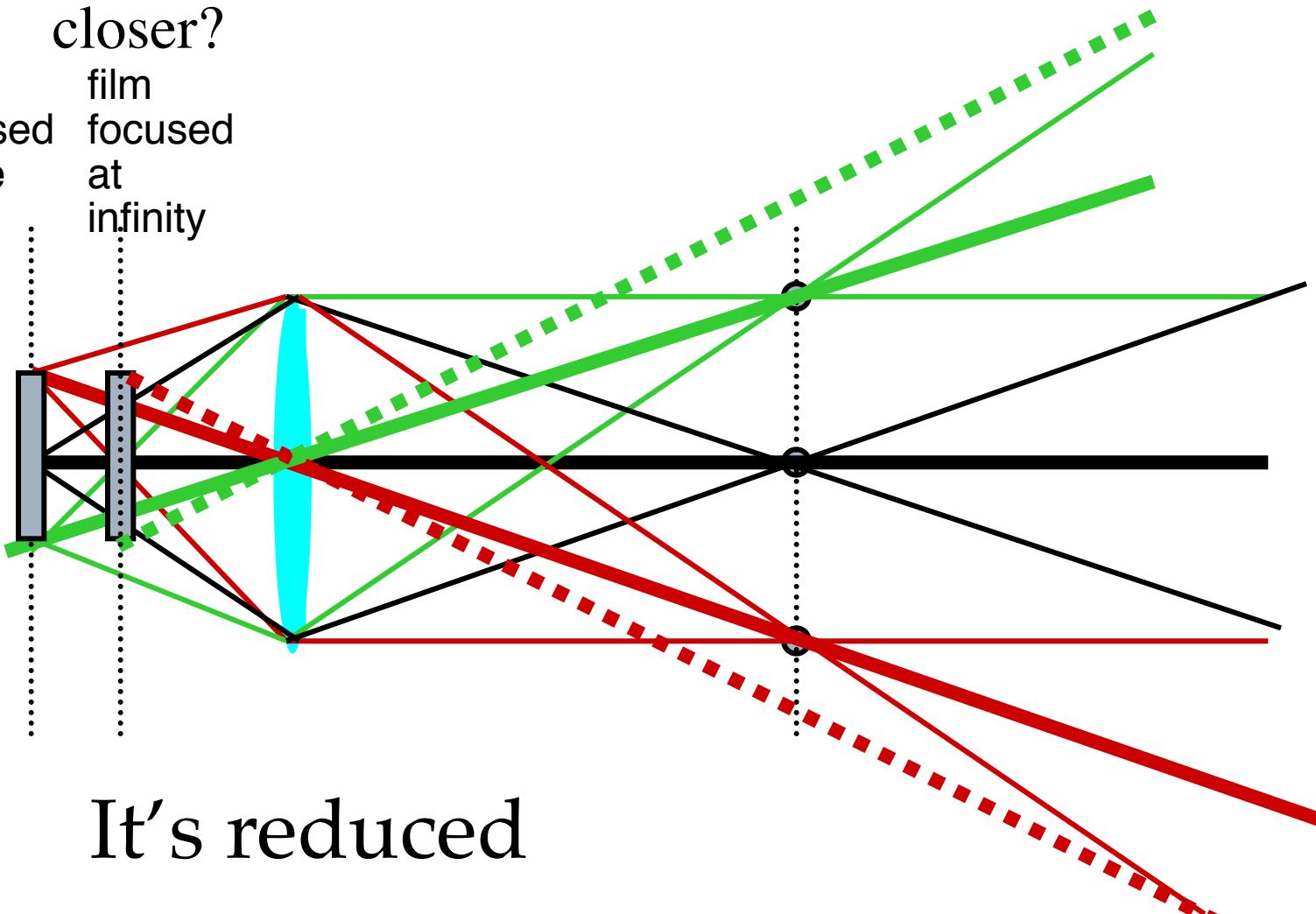
# Field of View & Focusing

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- What happens to the field of view when one focuses closer?

film  
focused  
close

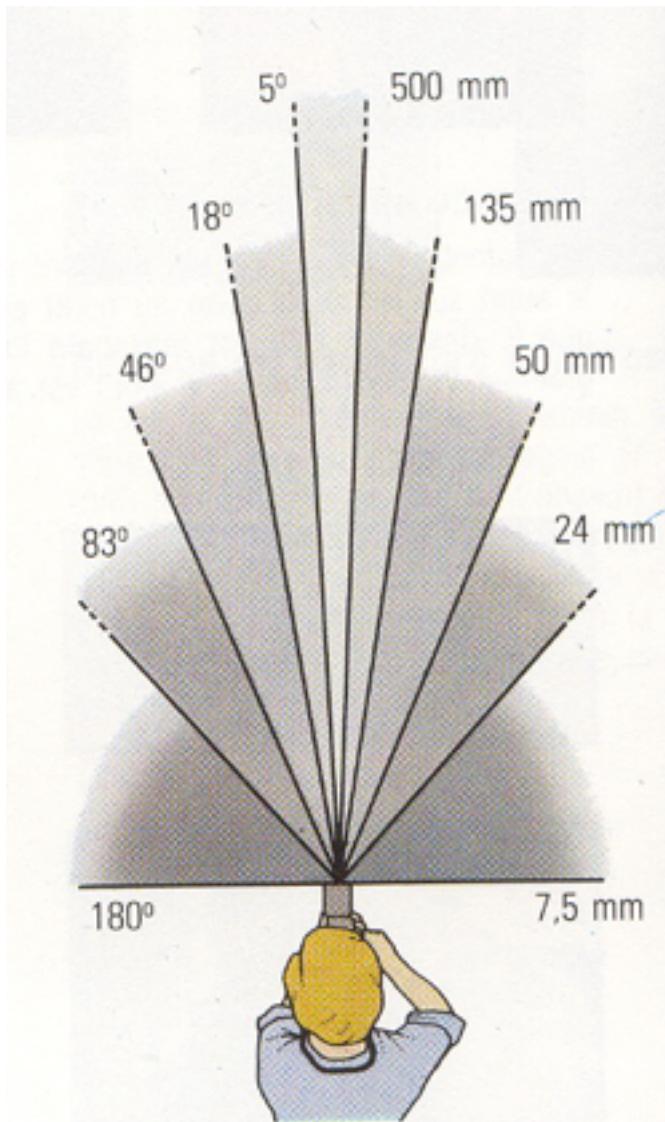
film  
focused  
at  
infinity



It's reduced

# Focal Length in Practice

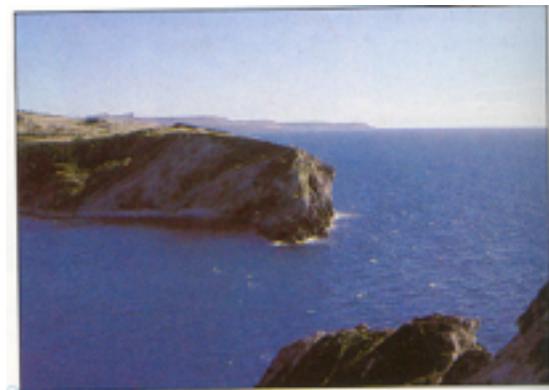
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50mm

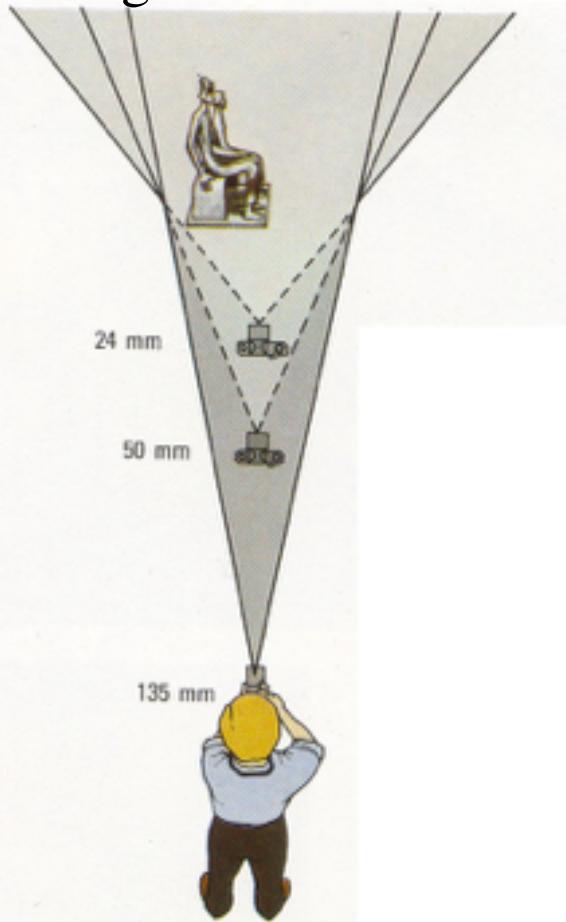


135mm



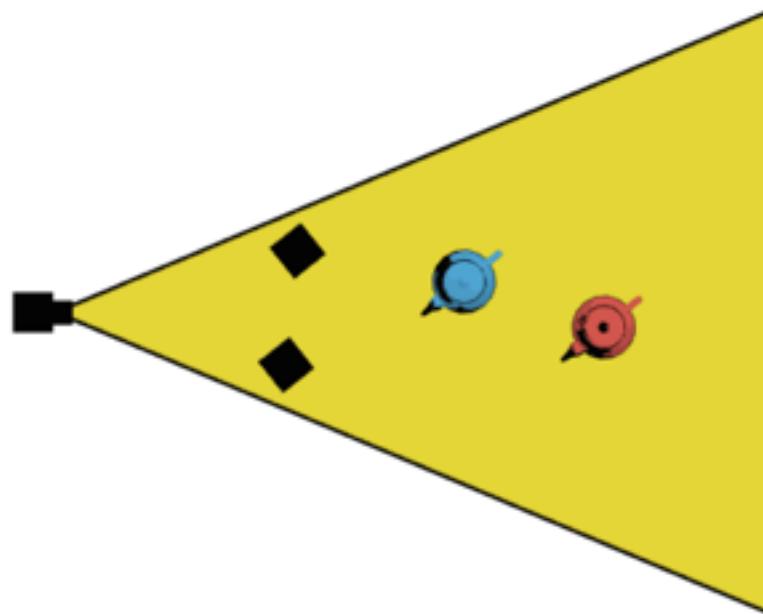
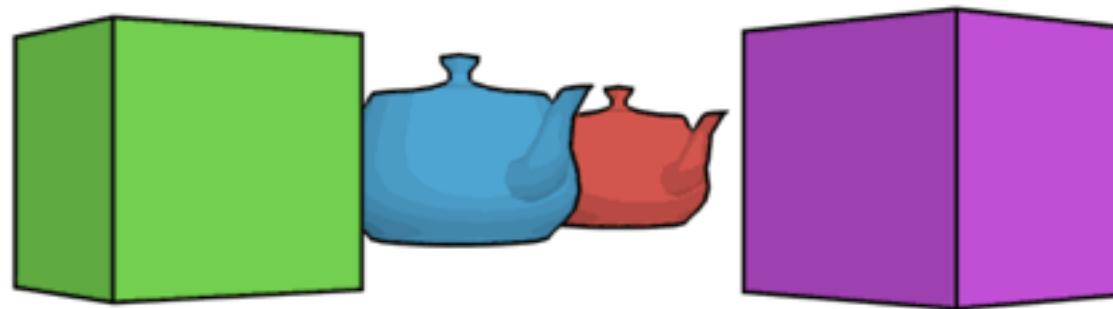
# Perspective vs. Viewpoint

- Telephoto makes it easier to select background (a small change in viewpoint is a big change in background).



# Dolly Zoom

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# Dolly Zoom

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# Lisa Zoom

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# Perspective vs. Viewpoint

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- Portrait: distortion with wide angle
- Why?



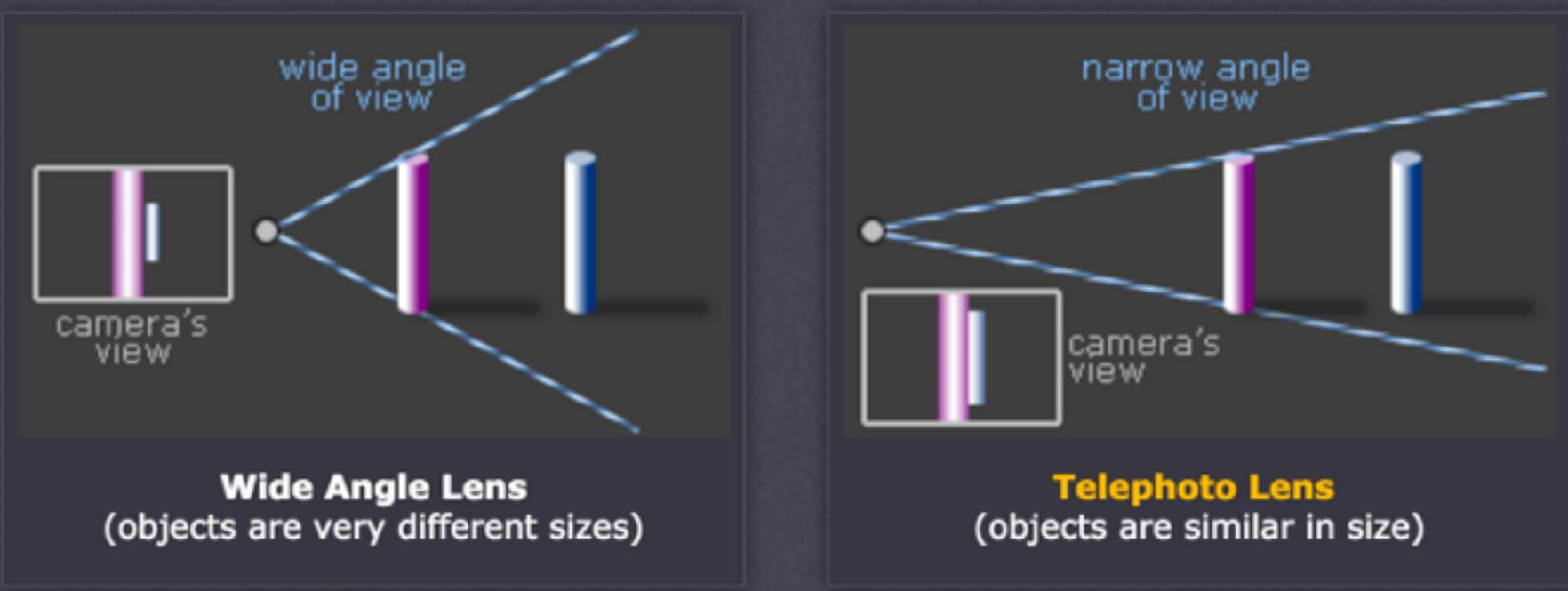
Wide angle



Standard



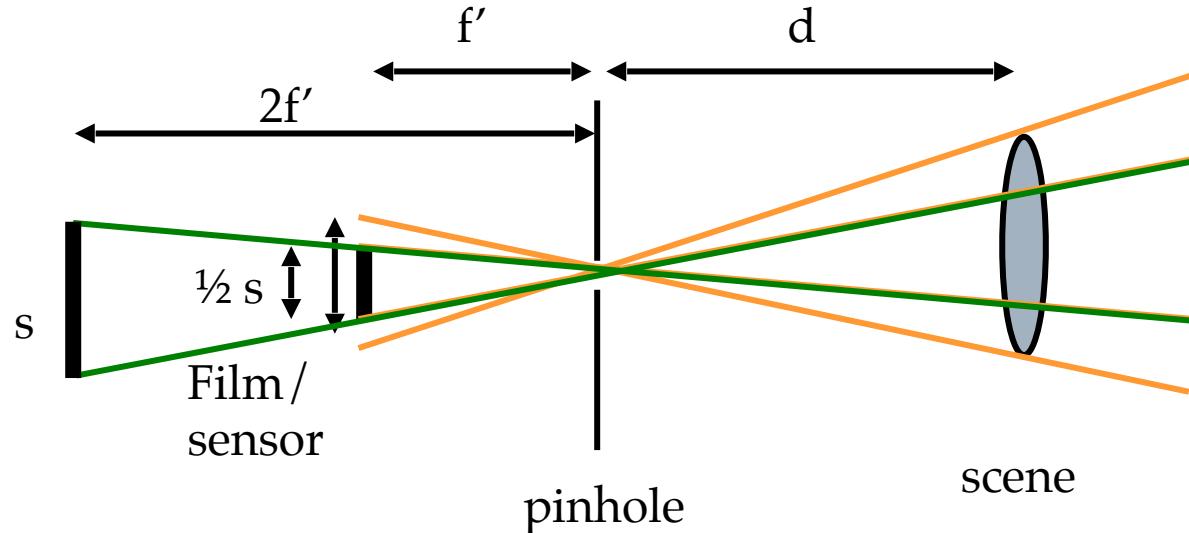
Telephoto



# Focal Length & Sensor

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- What happens when the film is half the size?



Need to convert focal length  
between cameras of different film size!

# Sensor Size

- Similar to cropping

35mm full size and digital shooting range image size (picture dimensions) and lens selection



source: canon red book



EOS-1Ds : 35.8 x 23.8mm



EOS-1D : 28.7 x 19.1mm



EOS 10D : 22.7 x 15.1mm



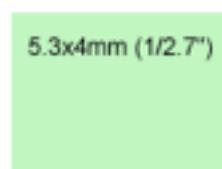
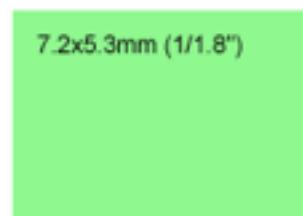
EOS-1D



EOS 10D

(The EOS Kiss Digital/EOS DIGITAL Rebel/EOS 300D DIGITAL SLR camera has the same image size as the EOS 10D.)

# [http://www.photozone.de/3Technology/digital\\_1.htm](http://www.photozone.de/3Technology/digital_1.htm)



# Recap

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- Pinhole is the simplest model of image formation
- Lenses gather more light
  - But get only one plane focused
  - Focus by moving sensor/film
  - Cannot focus infinitely close
- Focal length determines field of view
  - From wide angle to telephoto
  - Depends on sensor size