

COMS30121/COMSM0020 - Image Processing and Computer Vision

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Lecture 02

Image Acquisition & Representation

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So what does the human visual system see?



Detection: are there cars?



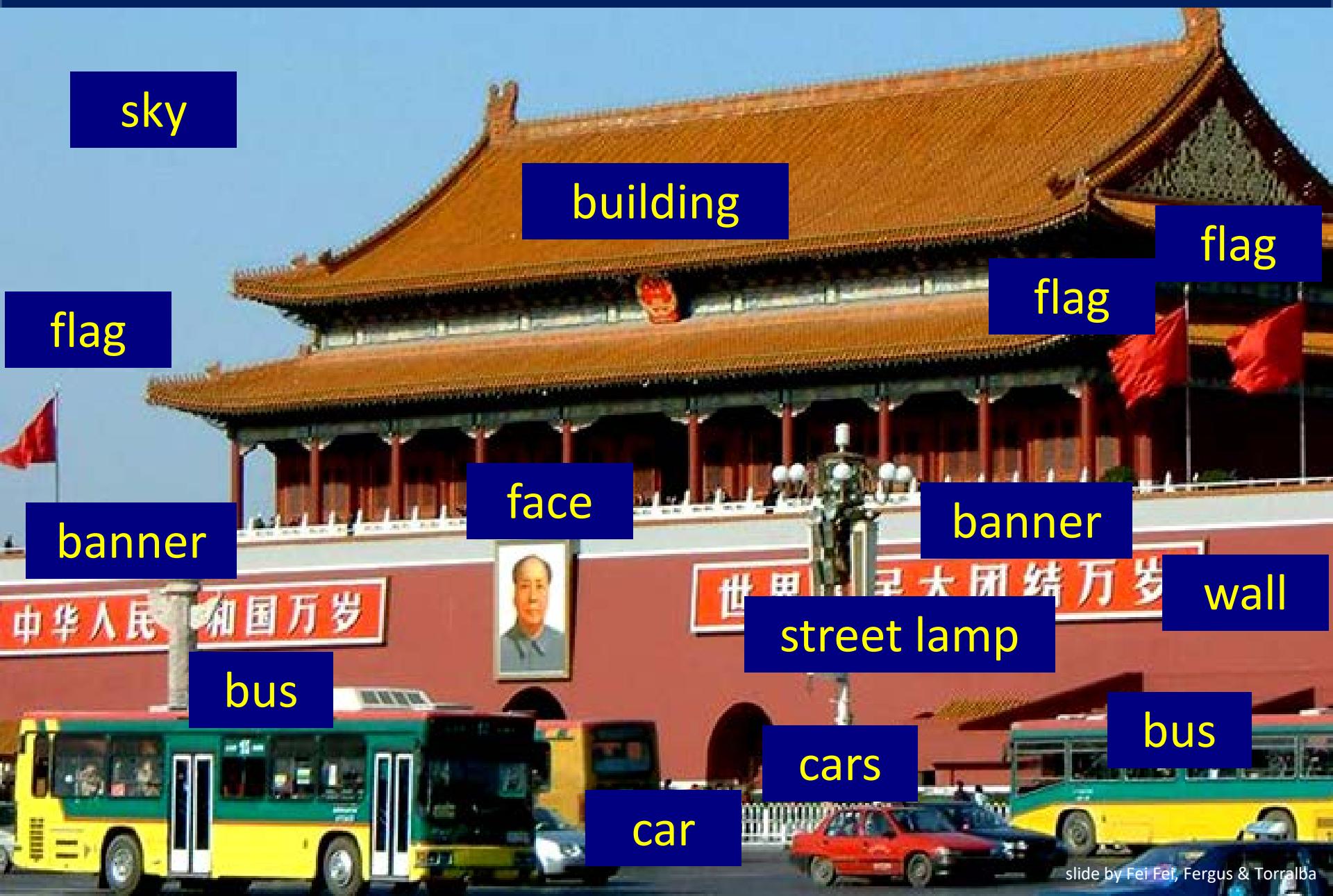
Identification: is that a picture of Mao?



Verification: is that a bus?

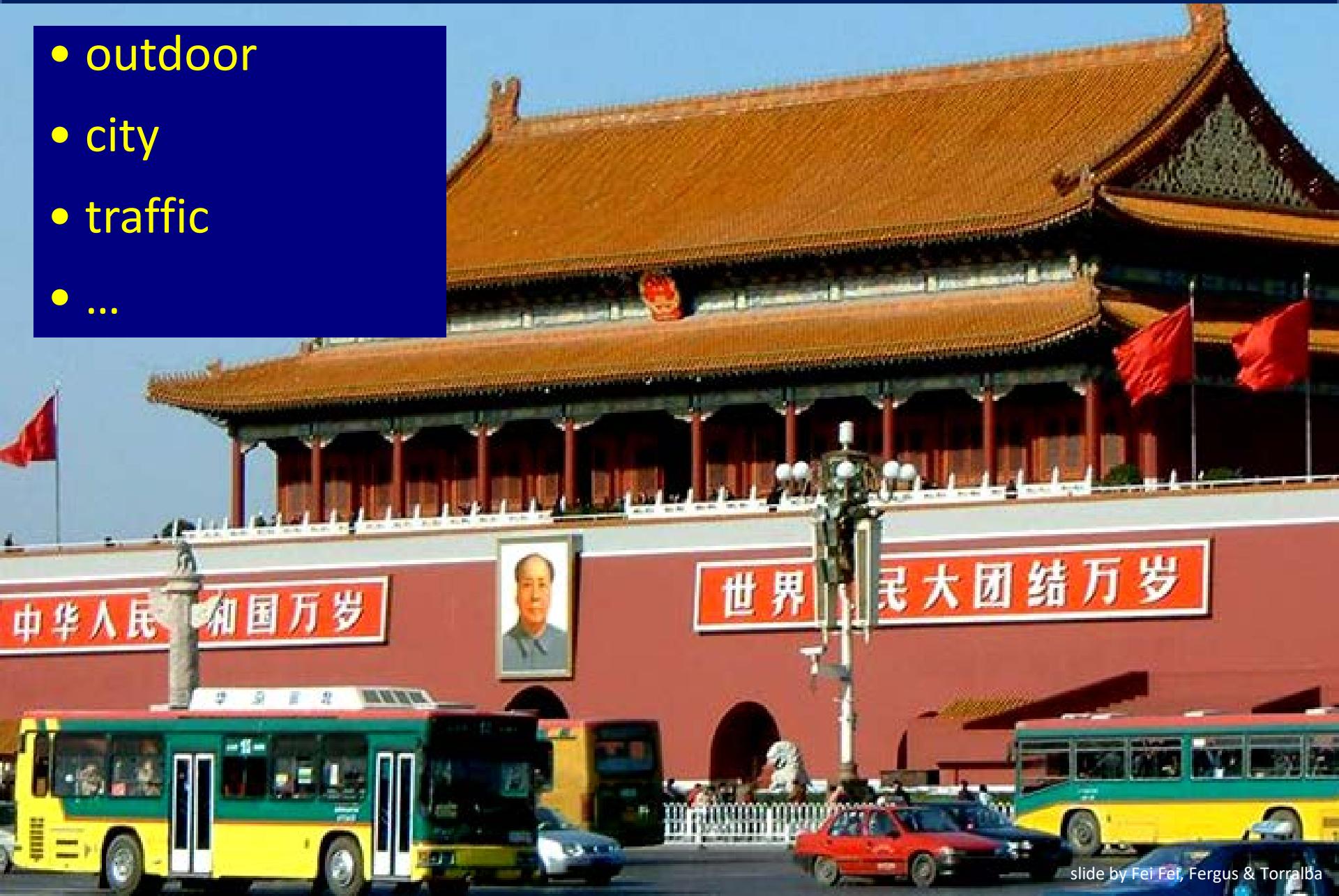


Object categorization



Scene and context categorization

- outdoor
- city
- traffic
- ...



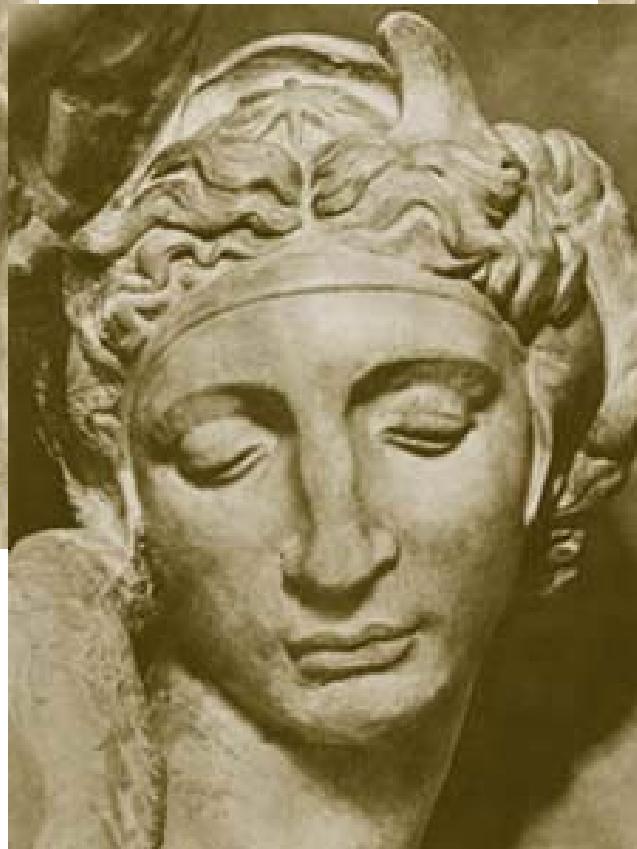
Rough 3D layout, depth ordering



Challenges

So what are the challenges faced by
a *computer vision system*?

Challenge 1: view-point variation



Michelangelo 1475-1564

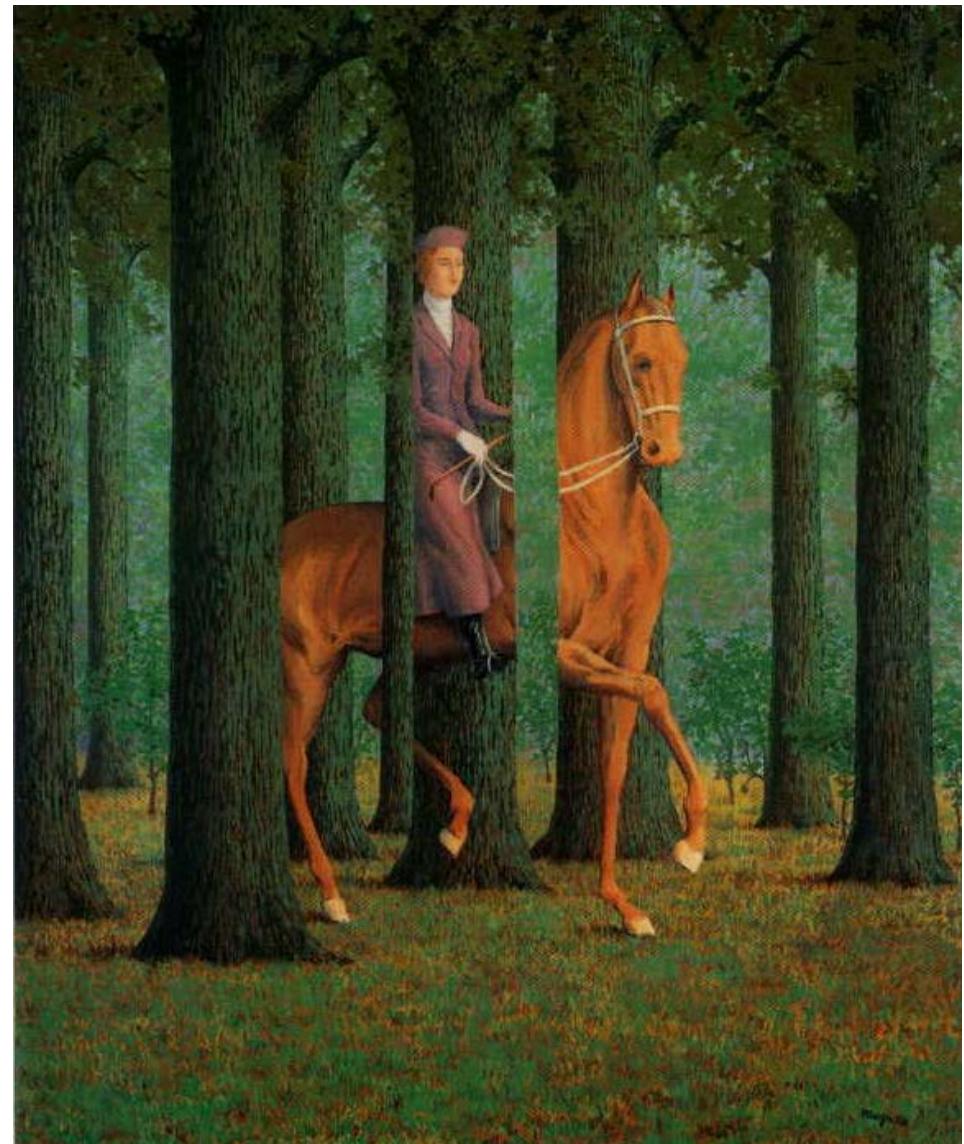
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Challenge 2: illumination



Challenge 3: occlusion

Magritte, 1957



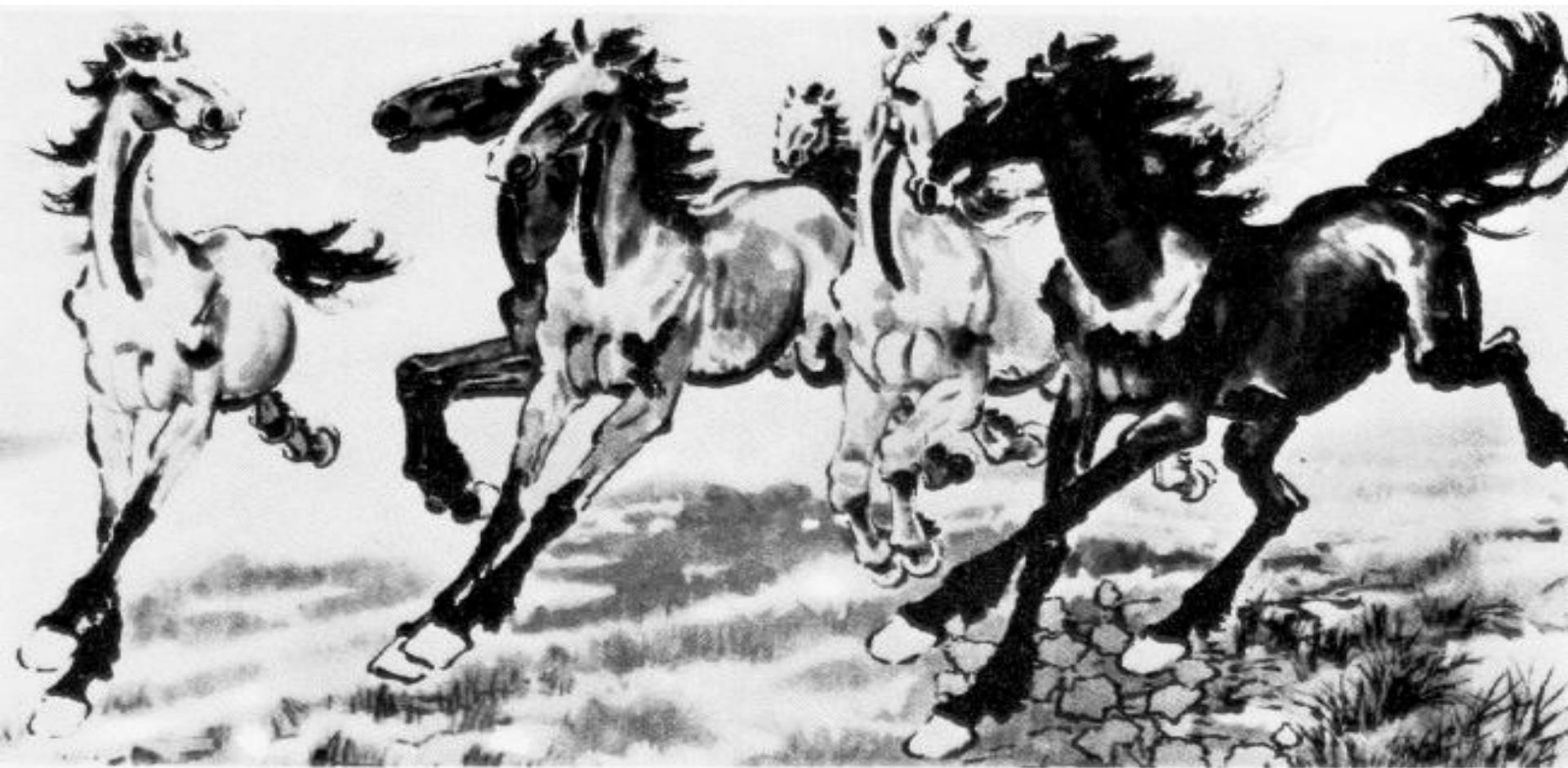
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Challenge 4: scale



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Challenge 5: deformation



Xu, Beihong 1943

Challenge 6: background clutter



Klimt, 1913

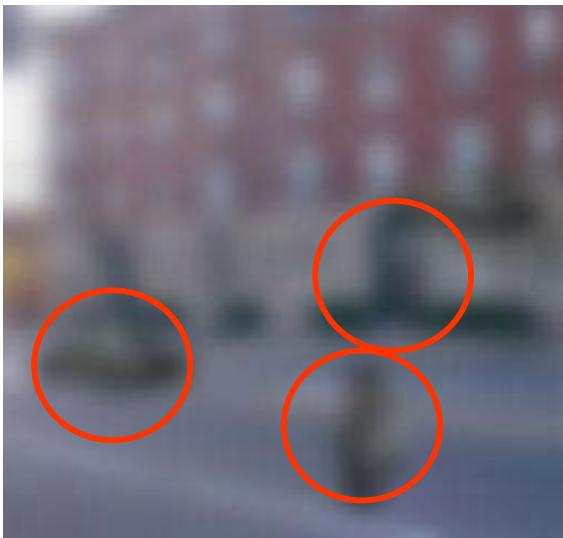
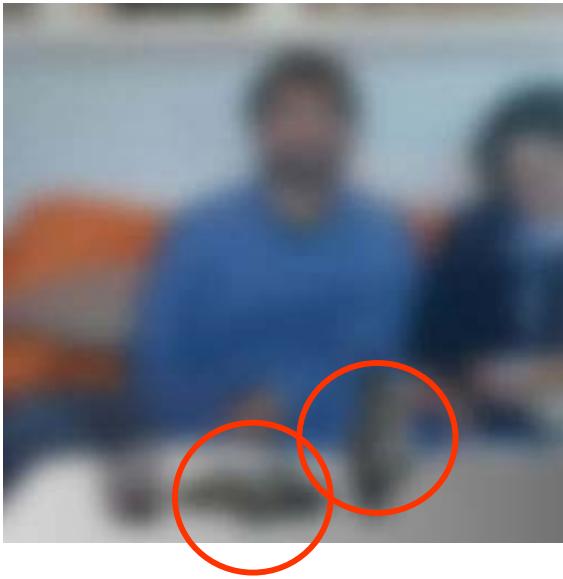
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Challenge 7: object intra-class variation



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Challenge 8: local ambiguity



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Challenge 9: the world behind the image



The Basics of Image Acquisition and Representation

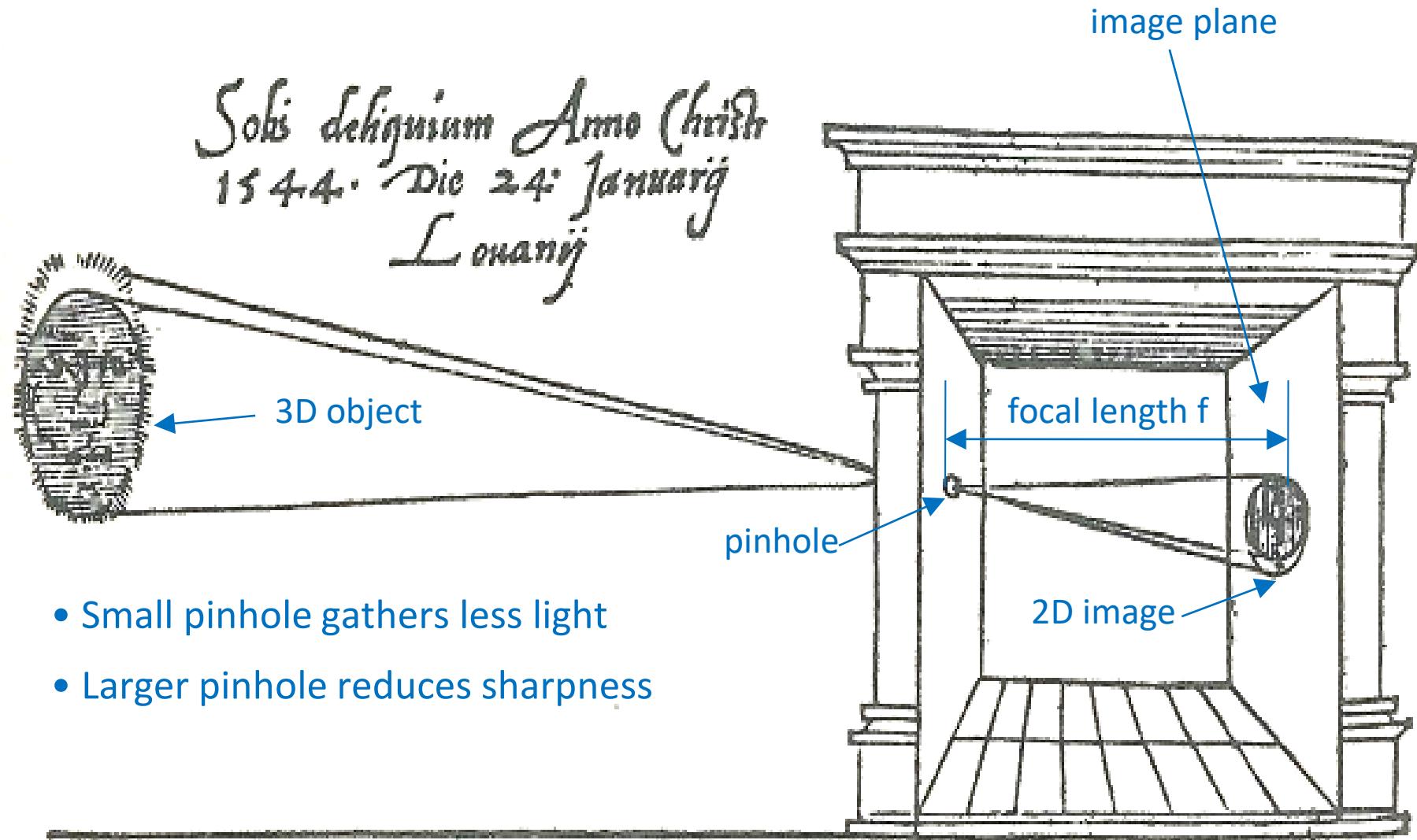
Images as Sensory Data

- How are images acquired?
- Which processes influence digital image formation?

Images as Structured Data

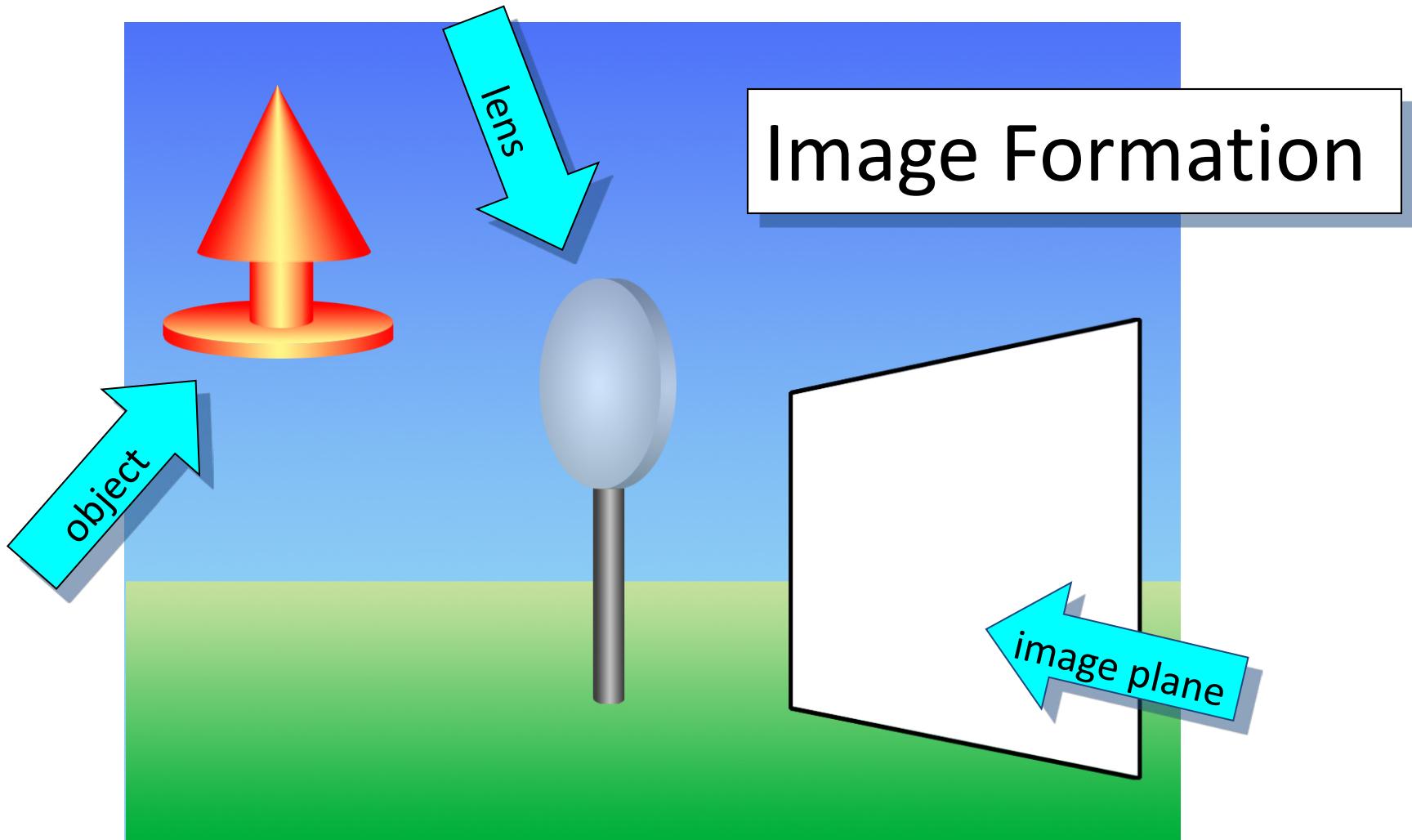
- How can digital images be represented?

The Camera Obscura (Pinhole Camera)



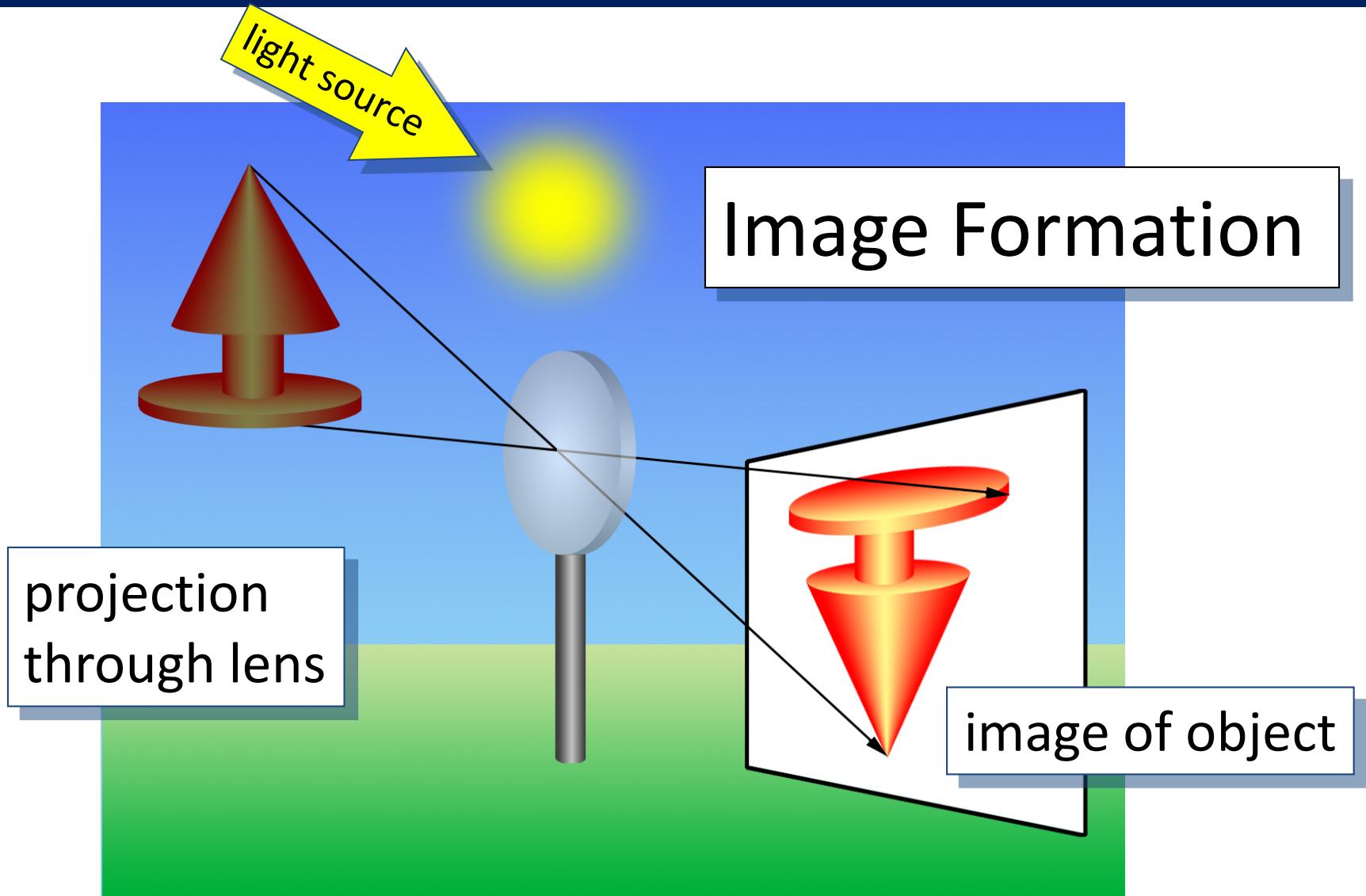
First published picture of camera obscura in Gemma Frisius' 1545 book *De Radio Astronomica et Geometrica*

Digital Image Acquisition



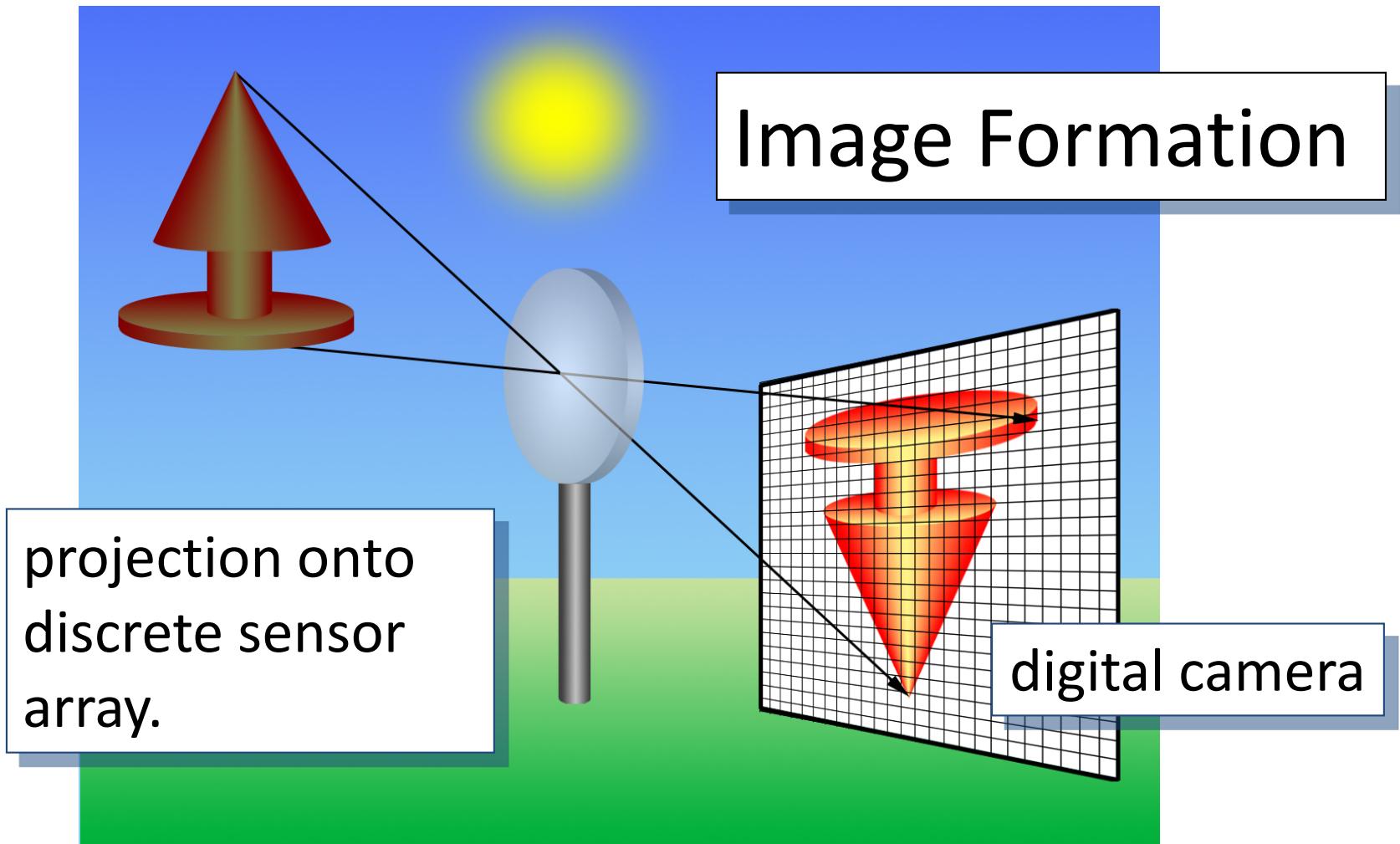
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Digital Image Acquisition



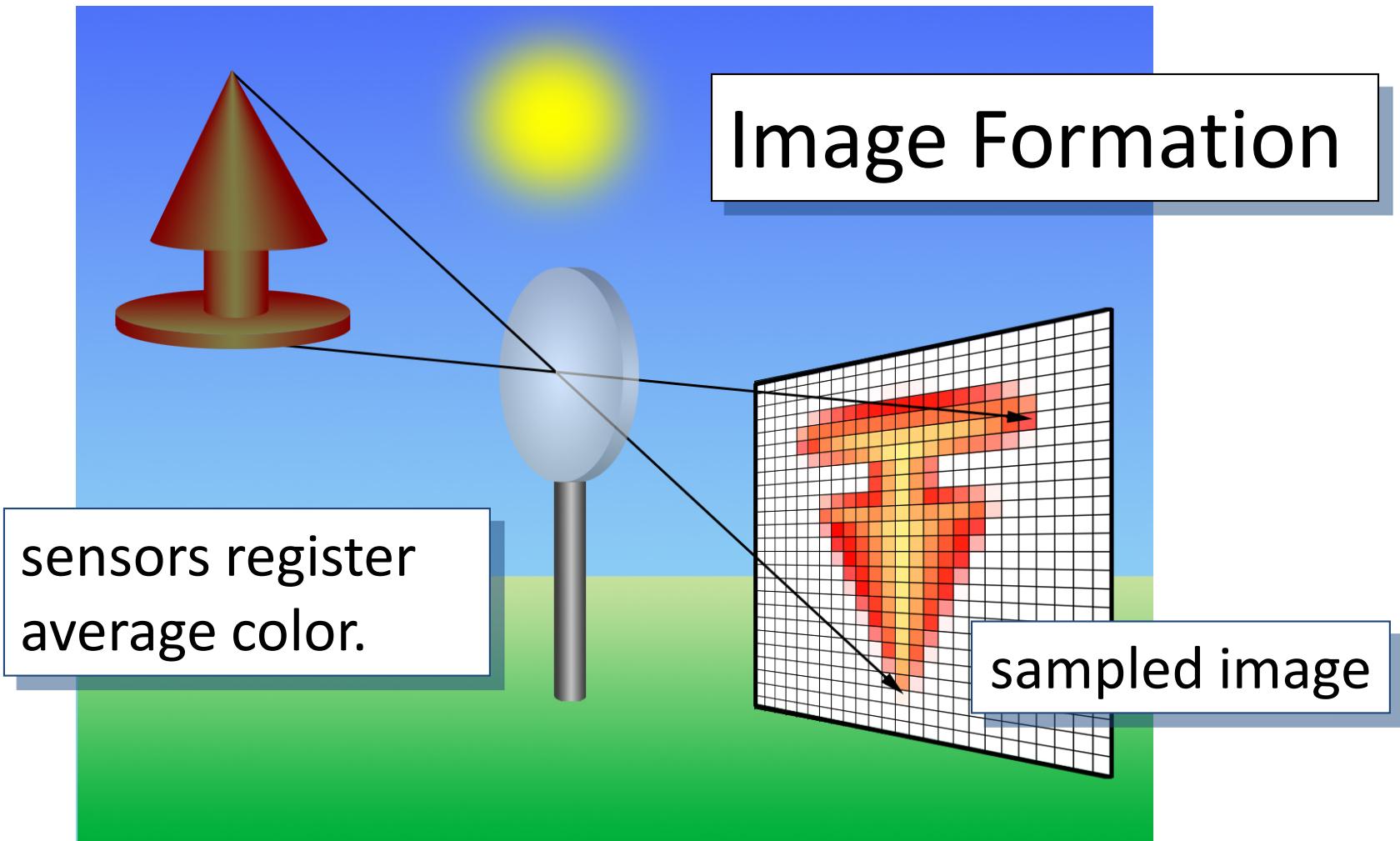
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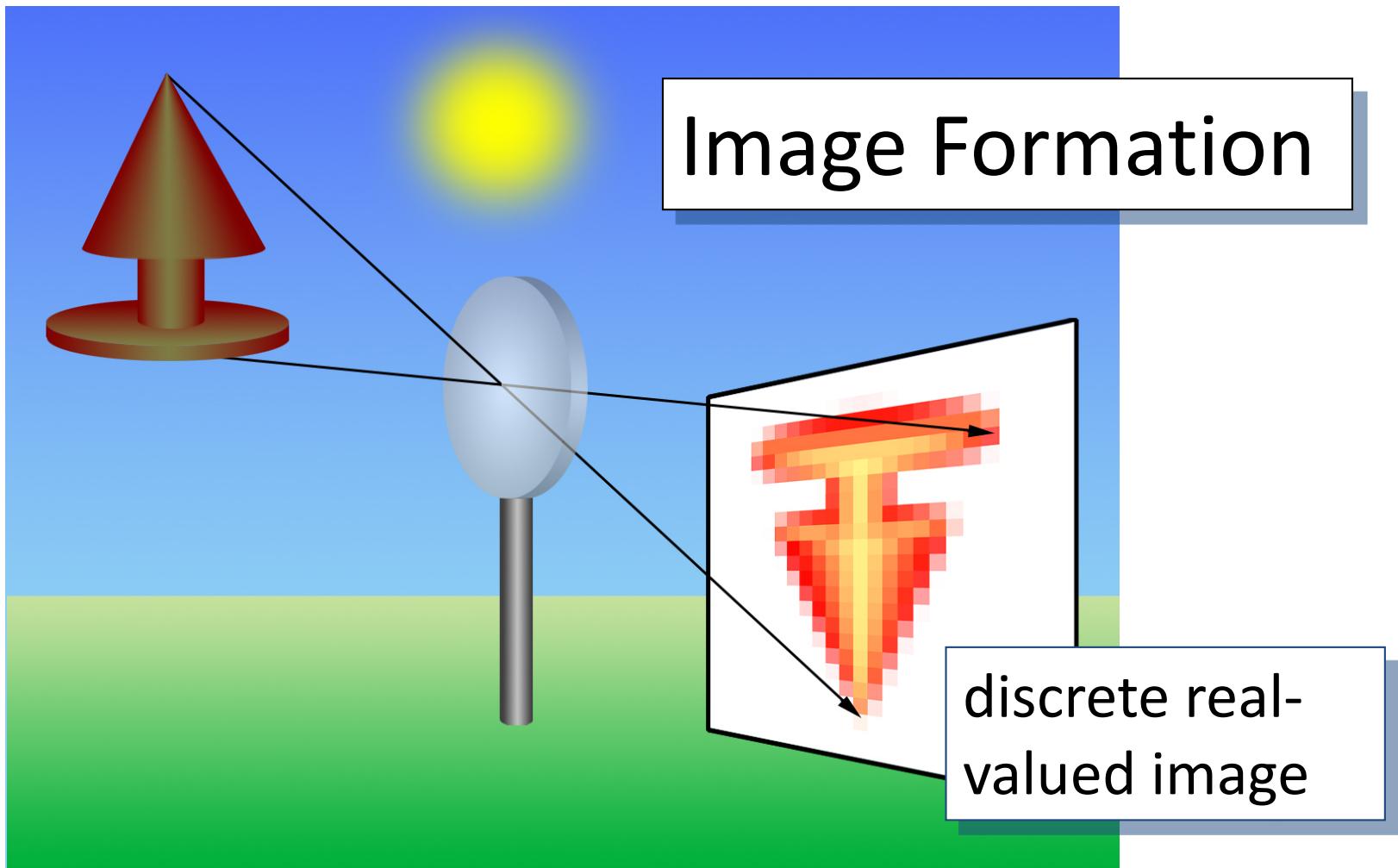
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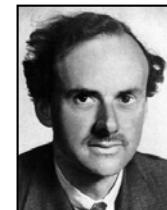
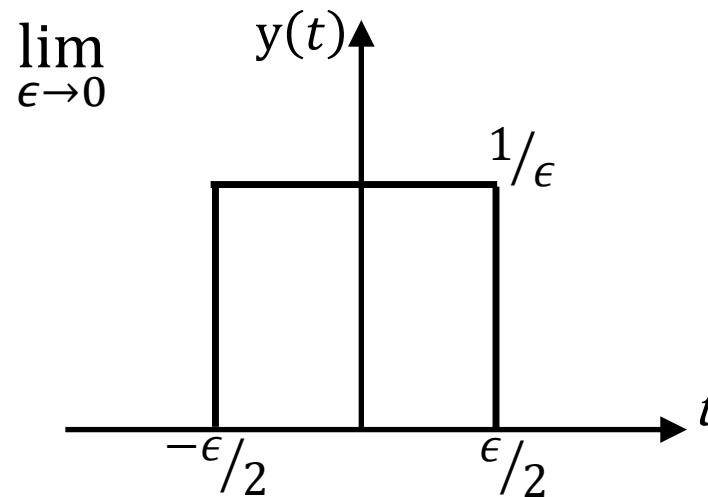
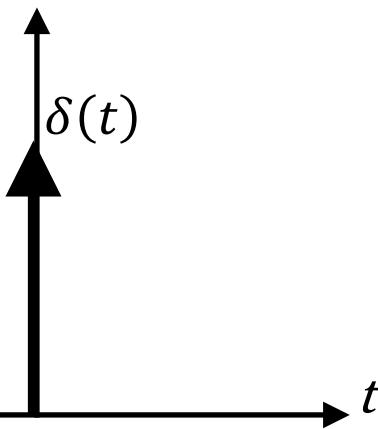
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Digital Image Acquisition



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Modelling a Spatial Brightness Pulse - Dirac Delta-Function



Paul Dirac

Definition:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

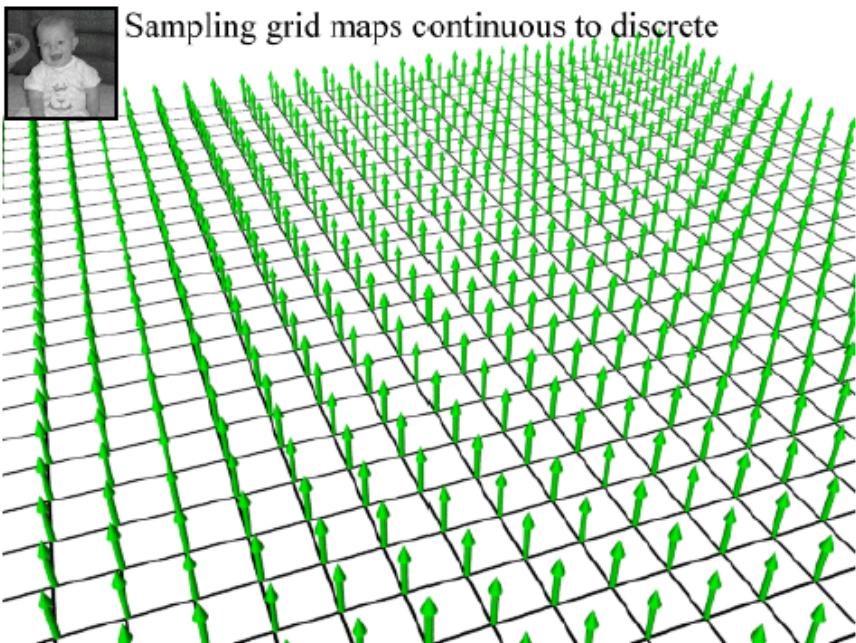
Intuitively:

$$\delta(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} [y_\epsilon(t)]$$

Sifting Property:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)\delta(t)dt = f(0) \longrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t)\delta(t - \alpha)dt = f(\alpha)$$

Modelling a Spatial Brightness Pulse - Dirac Delta-Function



Sampling grid maps continuous to discrete

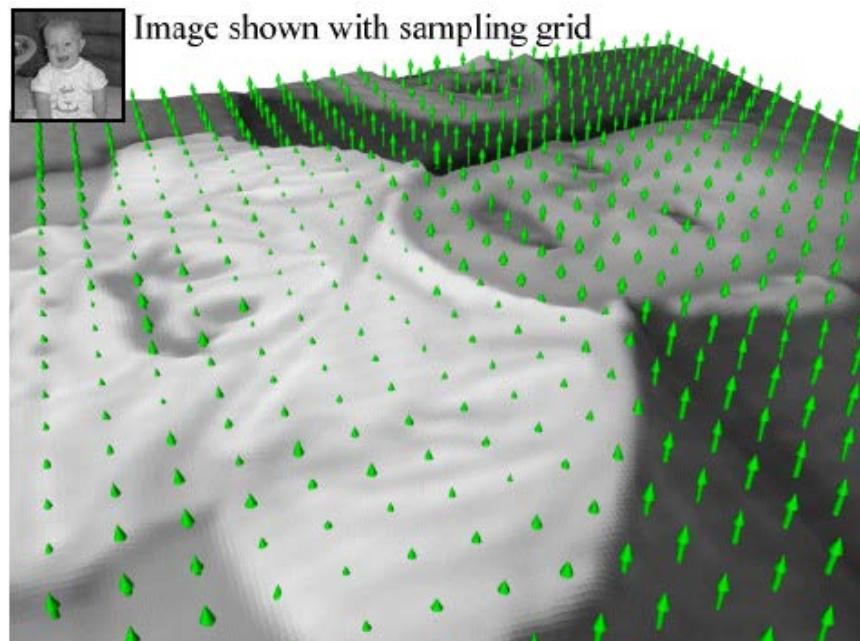


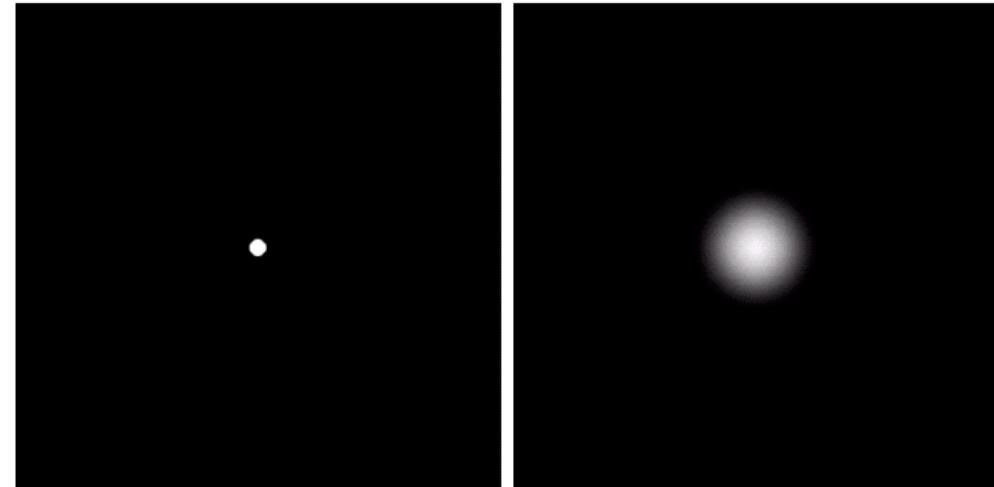
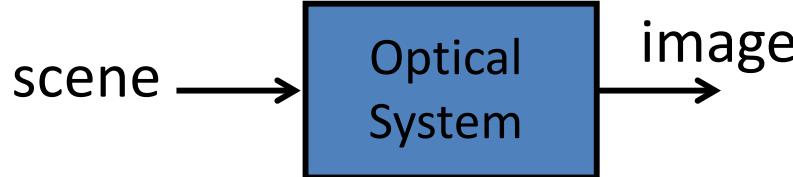
Image shown with sampling grid

Images from Durand, Cutler and Hanrahan

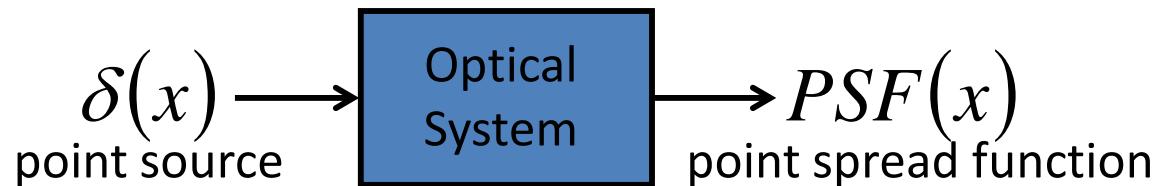
The sifting property can be used to express a 2D ‘image function’ as a linear combination of 2D Dirac pulses located at points (a, b) that cover the whole image plane:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(a, b) \delta(a - x, b - y) da db = f(x, y)$$

The Point Spread Function

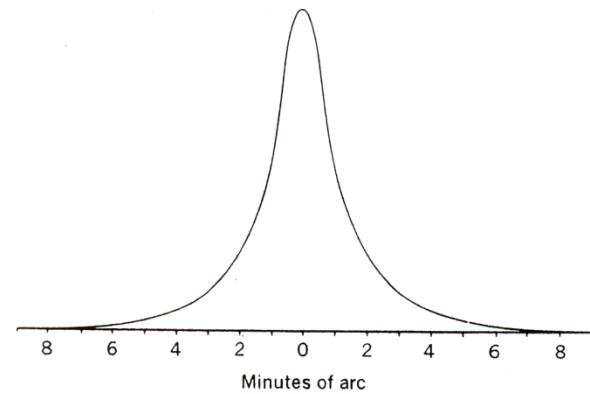


- Ideally, the optical system should be mapping point information to points again.
- However, optical systems are never ideal.



- Superposition Principle:
An image is the sum of the PSF of all its points.

- Point spread function of Human Eyes



PSF Example

$$g(x, y) = f(x, y) * h(x, y)$$

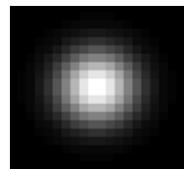
$f(x, y)$ Original



Blurry outcome $g(x, y)$



$h(x, y)$

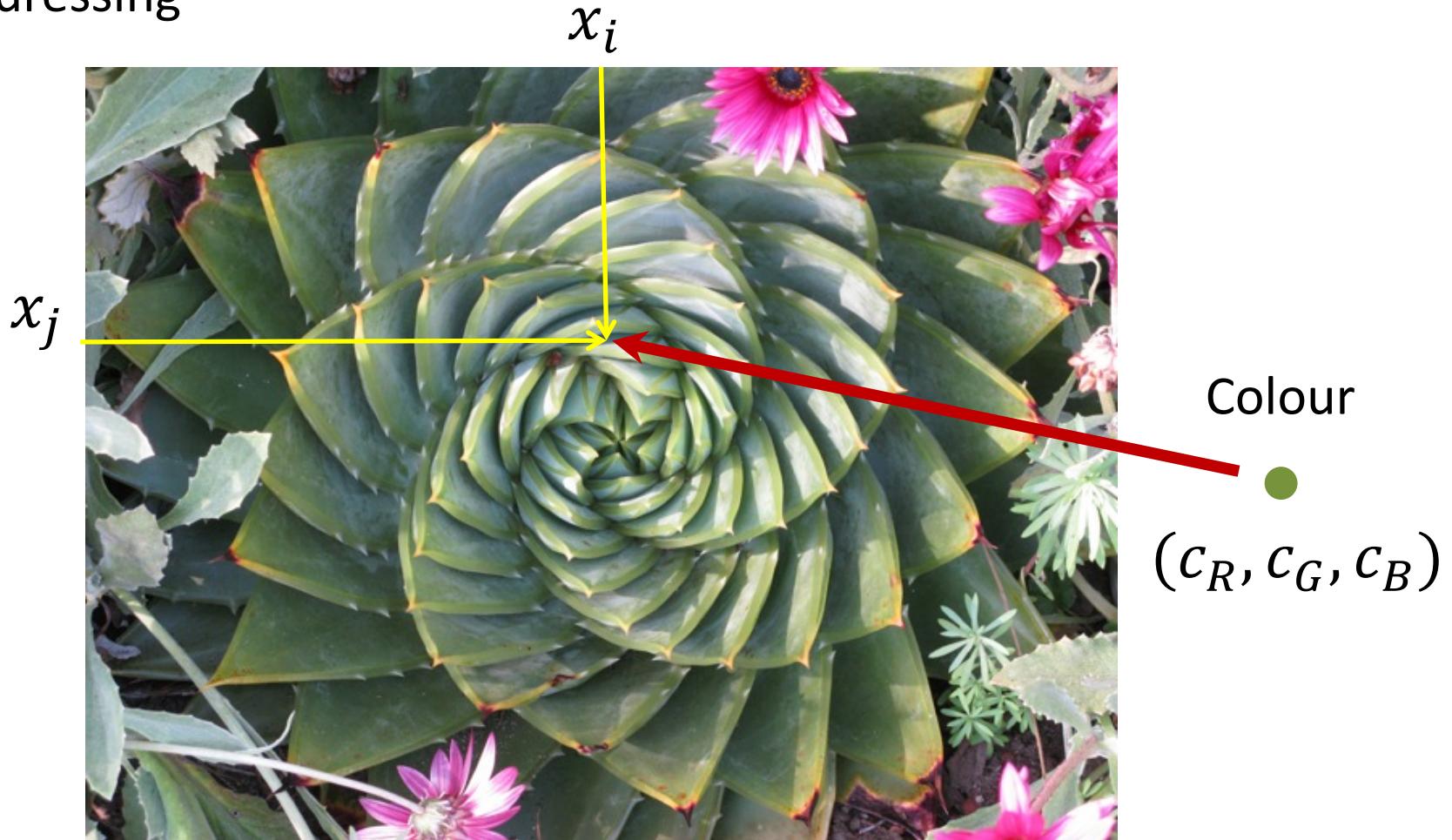


$h(x, y)$ is the PSF of the imaging device.

Adapted from a slide by A. Zisserman

How to model an image?

Addressing



How to represent a digital image?

$$f[x, y] = \begin{bmatrix} f[0, 0] & f[0, 1] & \dots & f[0, N - 1] \\ f[1, 0] & f[1, 1] & \dots & f[1, N - 1] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ f[M - 1, 0] & f[M - 1, 1] & \dots & f[M - 1, N - 1] \end{bmatrix}$$

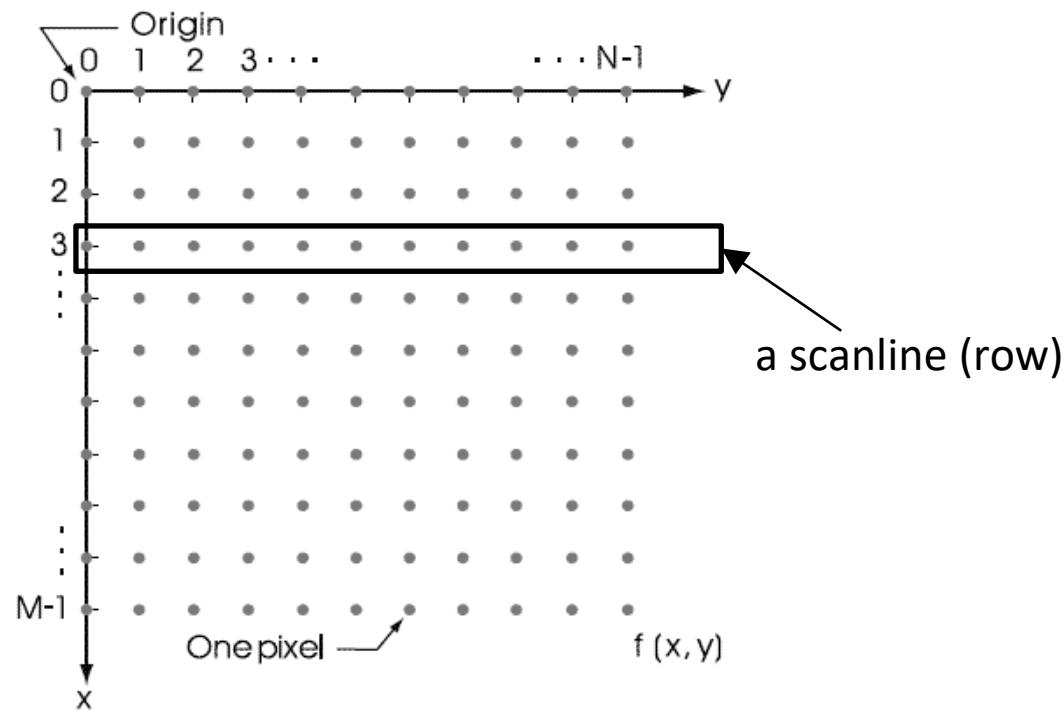
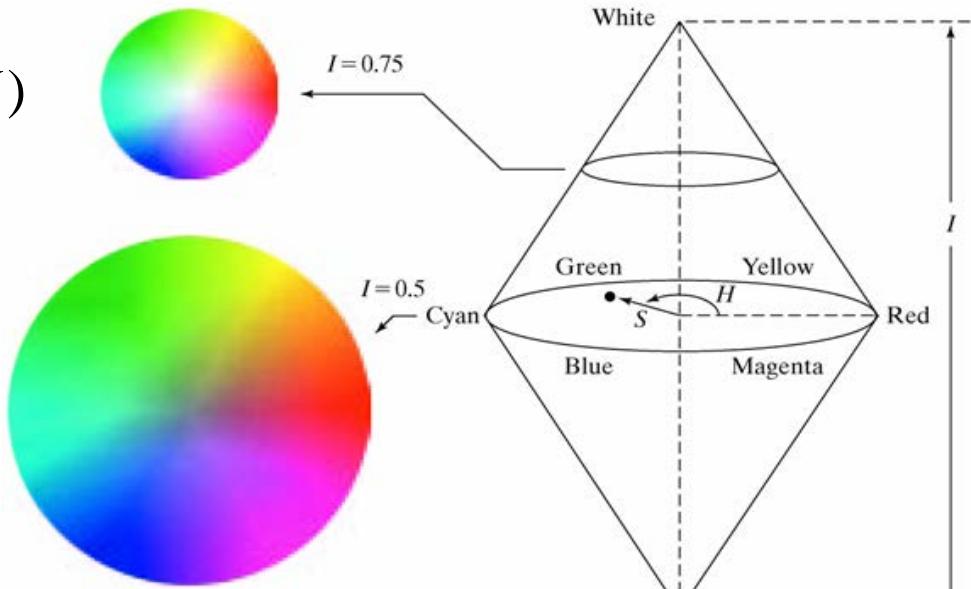
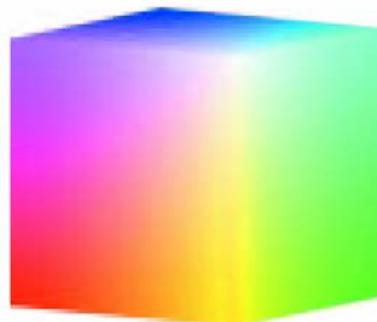
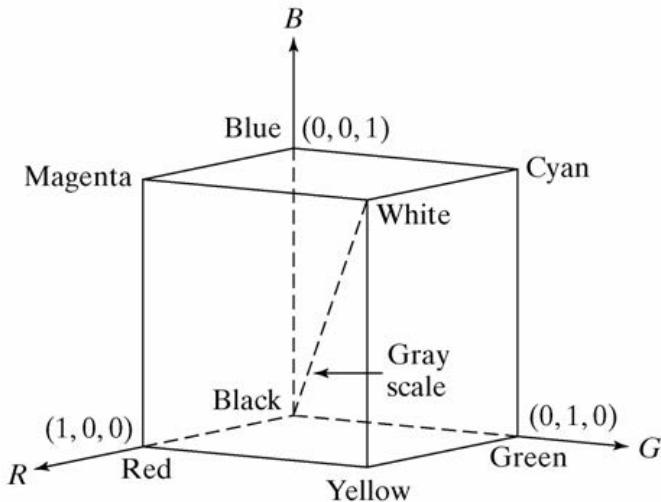


Image Representation: Colour Spaces

$$f(x, y) = (H, S, I)$$



$$f(x, y) = (R, G, B)$$



Other examples are:

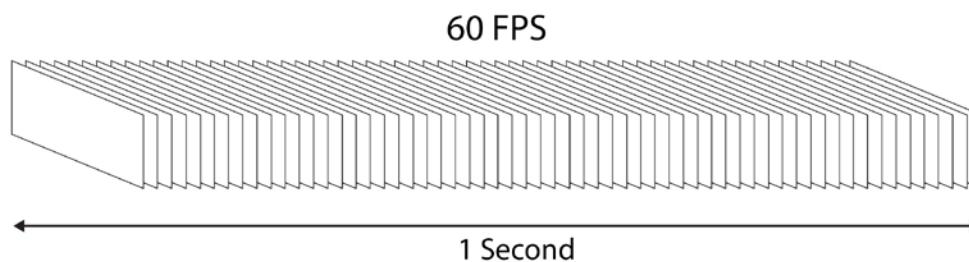
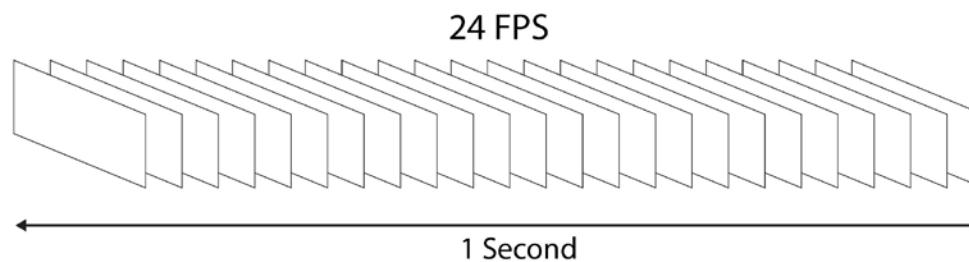
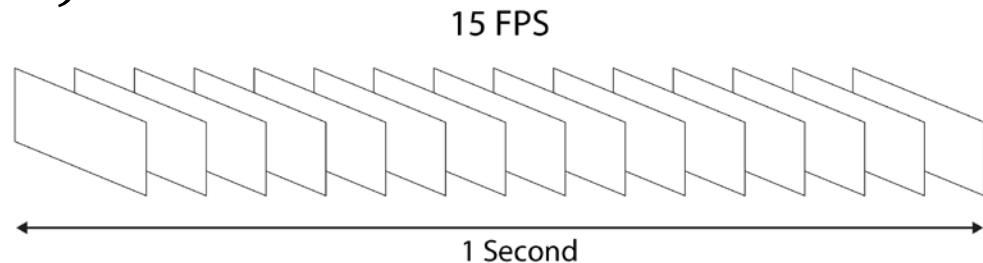
$$f(x, y) = (L, a, b)$$

$$f(x, y) = (Y, U, V)$$

...

How to represent a video?

$$f[x, y, t] = (R, G, B)$$



From quora.com

Example: OpenCV(C++) Image Creation

```
#include [...]
using namespace cv;

int main() {
    //create a red 256x256, 8bit, 3channel BGR image in a matrix container
    Mat image(256, 256, CV_8UC3, Scalar(0, 0, 255));
    //put white text HelloOpenCV
    putText(image, "HelloOpenCV", Point(70, 70),
        FONT_HERSHEY_COMPLEX_SMALL, 0.8, cvScalar(255, 255, 255), 1, CV_AA);
    //draw blue line under text
    line(image, Point(74, 90), Point(190, 90), cvScalar(255, 0, 0), 2);
    //draw a green smile
    ellipse(image, Point(130, 180), Size(25,25), 180, 180, 360,
        cvScalar(0, 255, 0), 2);
    circle(image, Point(130, 180), 50, cvScalar(0, 255, 0), 2);
    circle(image, Point(110, 160), 5, cvScalar(0, 255, 0), 2);
    circle(image, Point(150, 160), 5, cvScalar(0, 255, 0), 2);
    //save image to file
    imwrite("myimage.jpg", image);
    //free memory occupied by image
    image.release();
    return 0;
}
```

draw.cpp

width & height

8 bits per channel

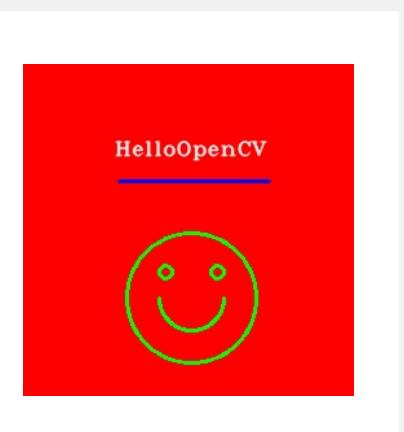
unsigned

3 channels

blue

green

red



Quantization of the Image Function

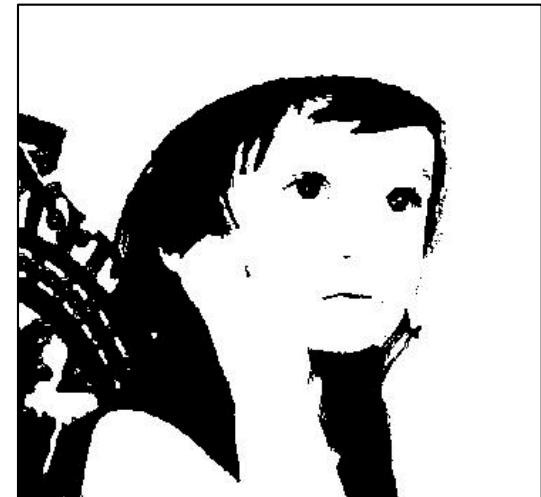
Representing a continuously varying single channel image function $f(x, y)$ with a discrete one using quantization levels:



16 levels



6 levels



2 levels

Spatial Sampling in Practice

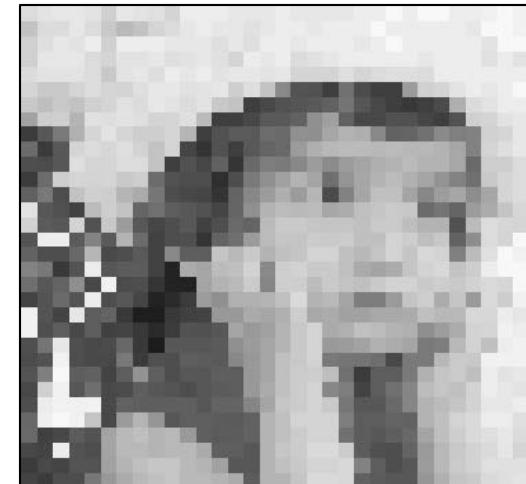
The effect of very sparse sampling ... is often ALIASING



256 x256



64x64



32x32

Anti-aliasing can be achieved by removing all spatial frequencies above a critical limit (so-called Shannon-Nyquist Limit).

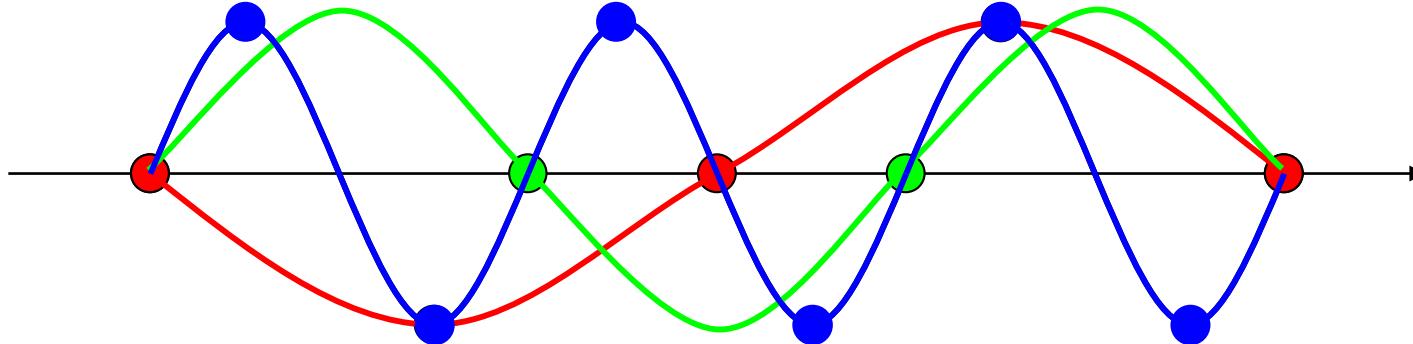
Shannon's Sampling Theorem

“An analogue signal containing components up to some maximum frequency u may be completely reconstructed by regularly spread samples, provided the sampling rate is above $2u$ samples per second.”



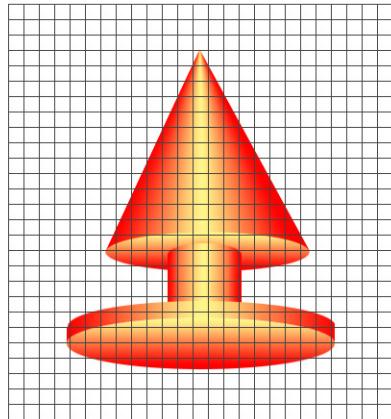
Claude Shannon

Also referred to as the Shannon-Nyquist criterion:
Sampling must be performed above twice the highest (spatial) frequency of the signal to be lossless.

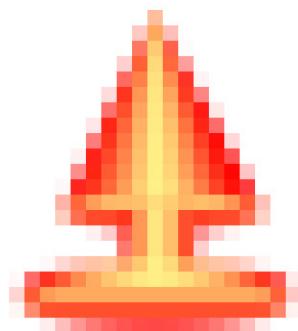


Sampling and Quantization Summary

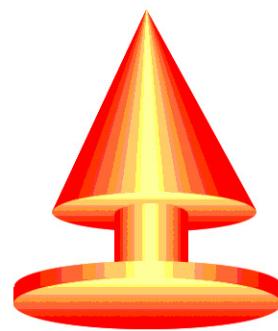
pixel grid



real image



sampled



quantized



**sampled &
quantized**

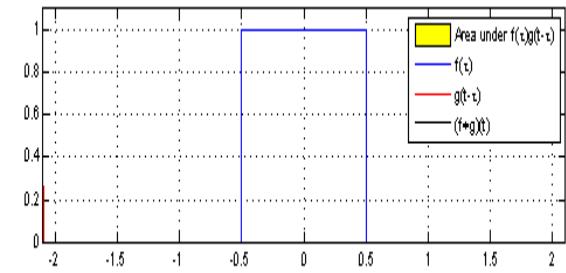
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Convolution

- ...quantifies the structural similarity of a kernel image $h(x)$ as it is shifted over a target image $f(x)$:

$$f * h = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x-t)h(x) dt$$

Convolution symbol



Animation Source: Brian Amberg

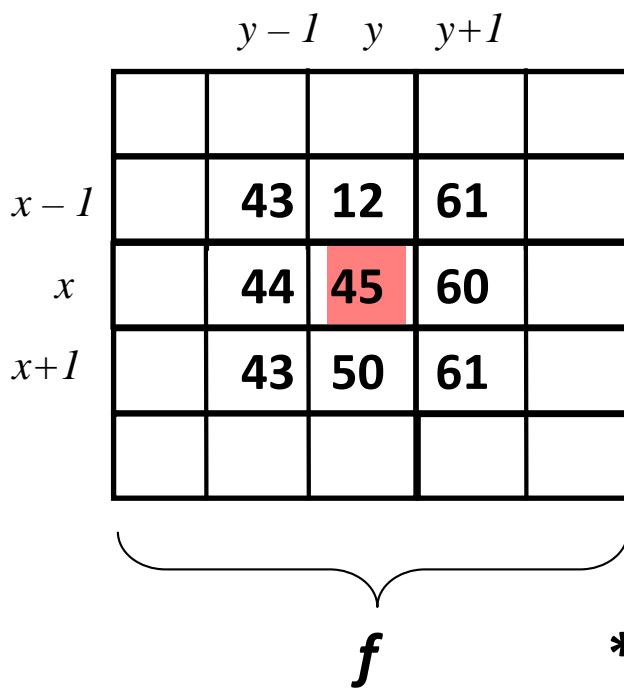
- ... determines the effect of a system, i.e. the kernel $h(x)$, on an input signal, i.e. $f(x)$
- the result image is known as the 'response' of f to the kernel h



2D Discrete Convolution

- The discrete version of 2D convolution is defined as:

$$g(x, y) = \sum_m \sum_n f(x - m, y - n)h(m, n)$$



$$\begin{matrix} & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

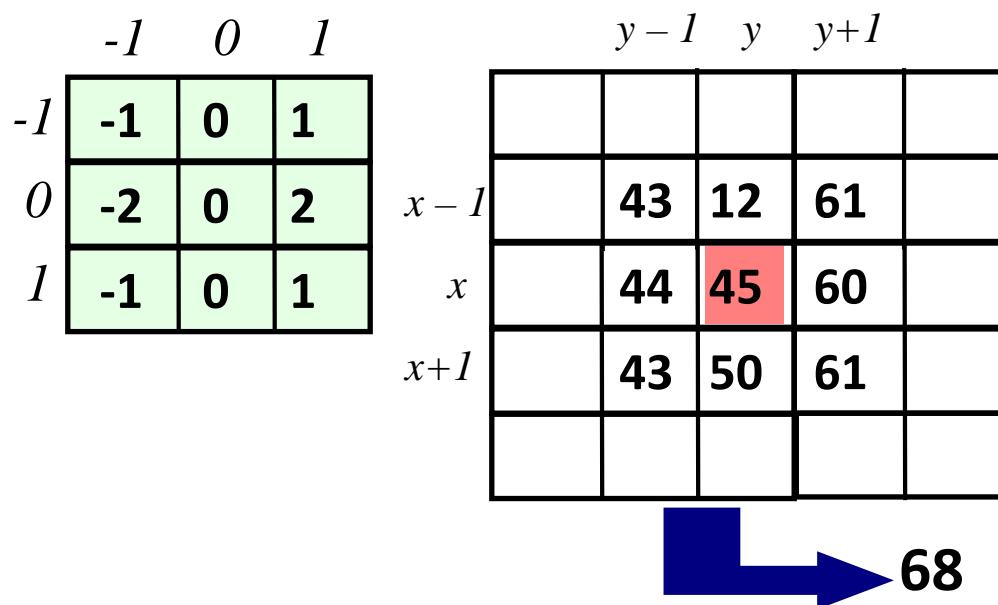
h = -68

$$\begin{aligned} & f(x + 1, y + 1)h(-1, -1) \\ & + f(x + 1, y)h(-1, 0) \\ & + f(x + 1, y - 1)h(-1, 1) \\ & + f(x, y + 1)h(0, -1) \\ & + f(x, y)h(0, 0) \\ & + f(x, y - 1)h(0, 1) \\ & + f(x - 1, y + 1)h(1, -1) \\ & + f(x - 1, y)h(1, 0) \\ & + f(x - 1, y - 1)h(1, 1) \end{aligned}$$

2D Discrete Correlation

- The discrete version of 2D correlation is defined as:

$$g(x, y) = \sum_m \sum_n f(x + m, y + n)h(m, n)$$



Correlation \equiv Convolution
when kernel is symmetric
under 180° rotation, e.g.



Spatial Low/High Pass Filtering

Low Pass

$$h = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$f * h$$

High Pass

$$h = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

