

# **Imaging and digital image fundamentals**

# History related to digital imaging

Coded images transferred by submarine cables:

London to NY

5 to 15 gray levels

Advent of computers 40s:

1) memory    2) conditional branching

Transistors: 1948

Programming languages, COBOL, FORTRAN: 50s and 60s

IC: 1958

OS: 60s

Microprocessor: 70s

LSI: 70s

**Image processing: 60s (NASA JPL Ranger 7, Moon)**

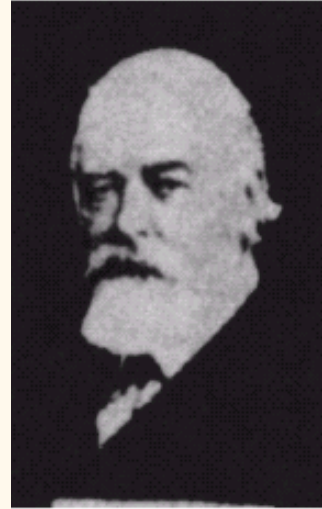
**Late 60s and 70s: Medical CT**

# Early digital images

Early Bartlane systems: 5 distinct gray levels



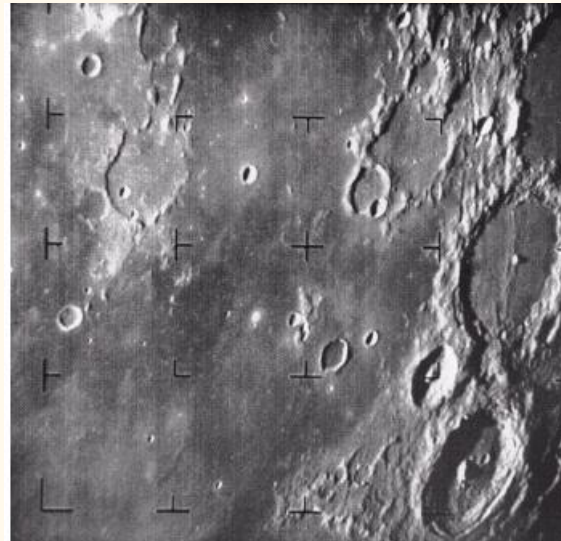
1921



1922



1929



Use of  
computers  
JPL, 1964

# Imaging

Imaging systems:

- Almost all of the EM spectrum

- Sound

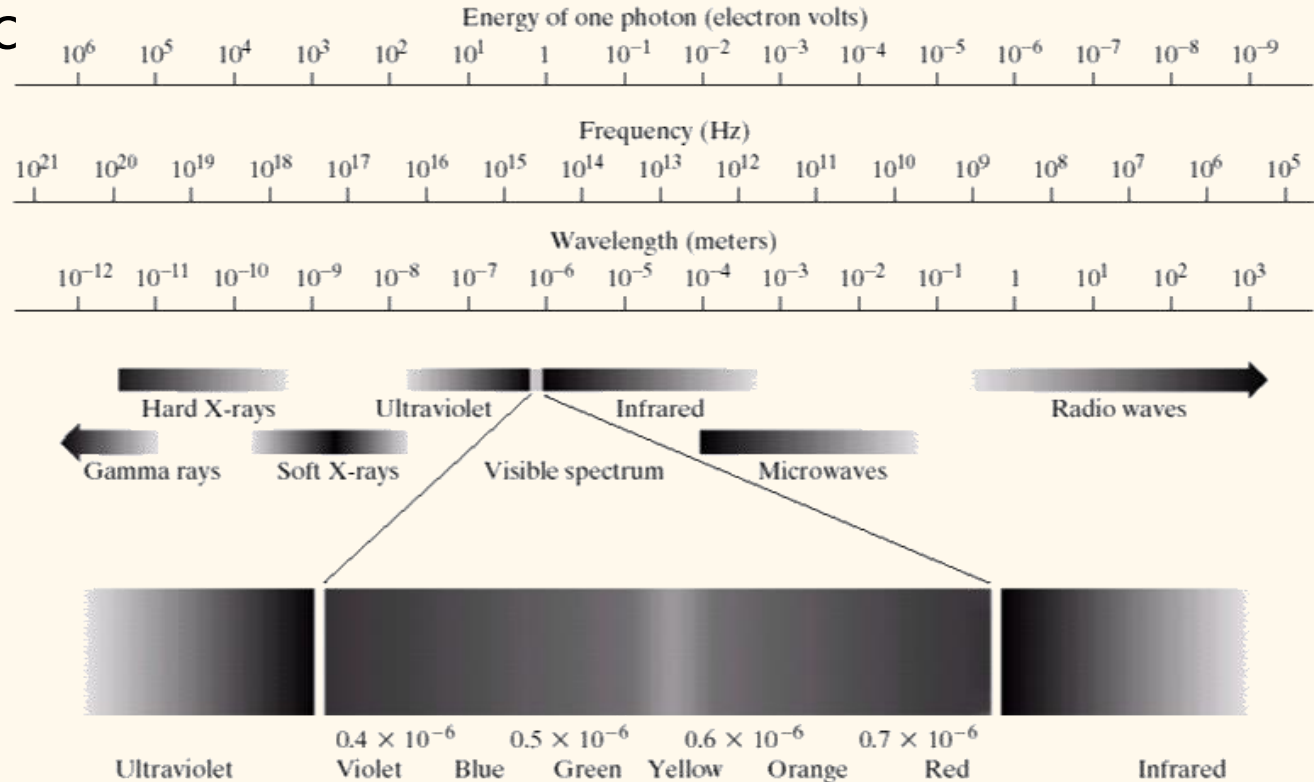
- Electron

- Computer-generated images

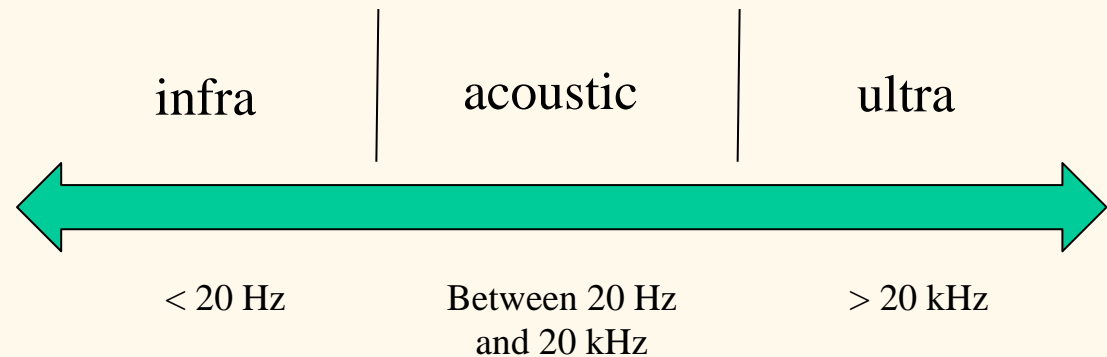
Human vision: visual band of the electromagnetic (EM) spectrum.

# Imaging

## 1. Electromagnetic



## 2. Sound



## 3. Electron

## 4. Computer-generated images

# Gamma ray

Nuclear medicine and astronomical:

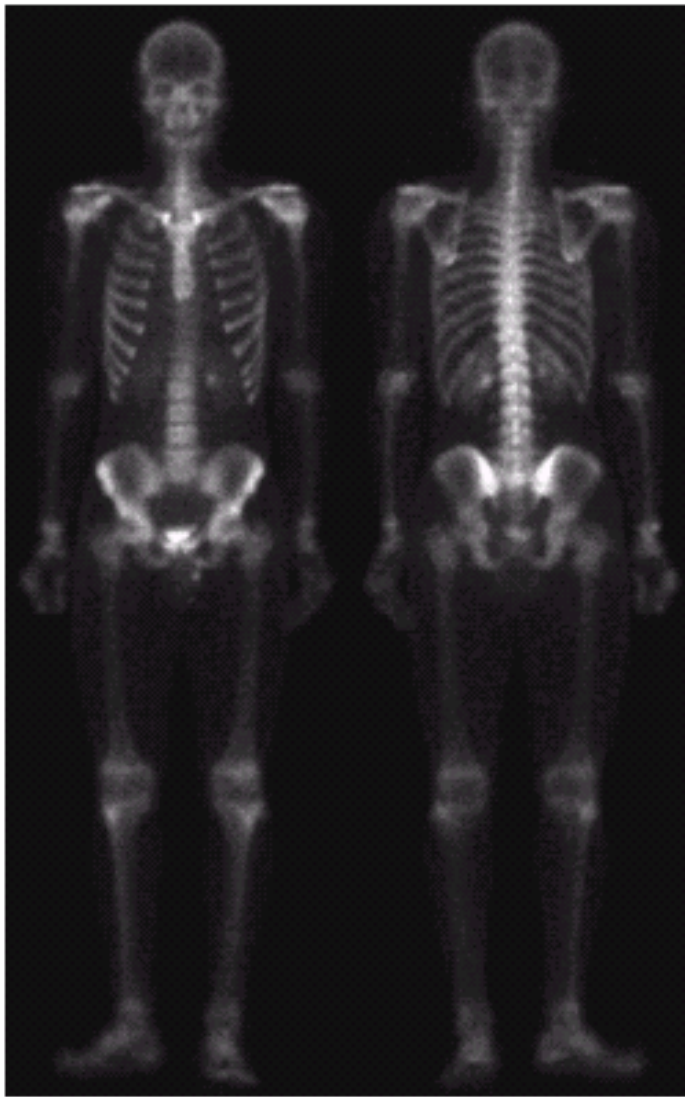
Nuclear: Inject radioactive isotope that emits gamma rays

Then the gamma rays are detected

PET: Inject radioactive isotope that emits positron (positive electron)



# Gamma ray

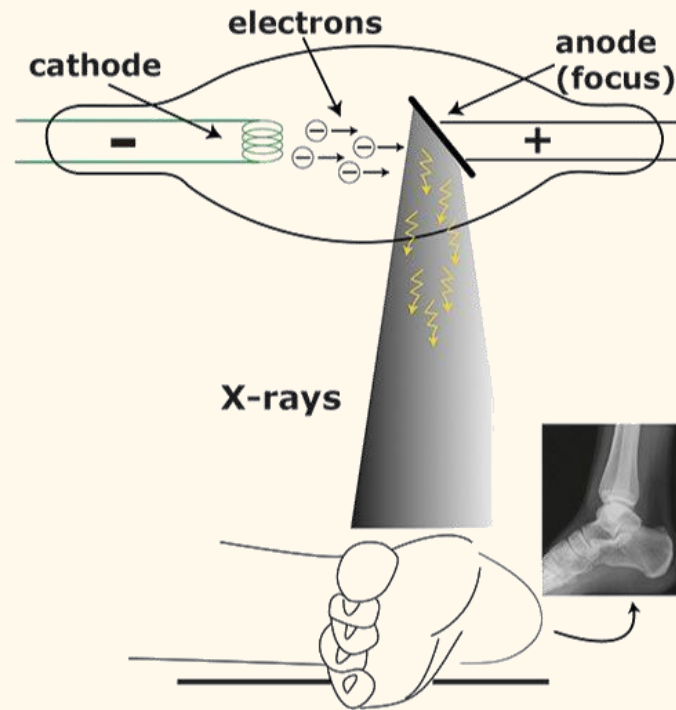


Bone scan



PET image

# X-ray



- Energy (penetrating power) is controlled by the voltage applied across the anode and by the current applied to the filament in the cathode.
- When electron strikes a nucleus, energy is released in X-ray form



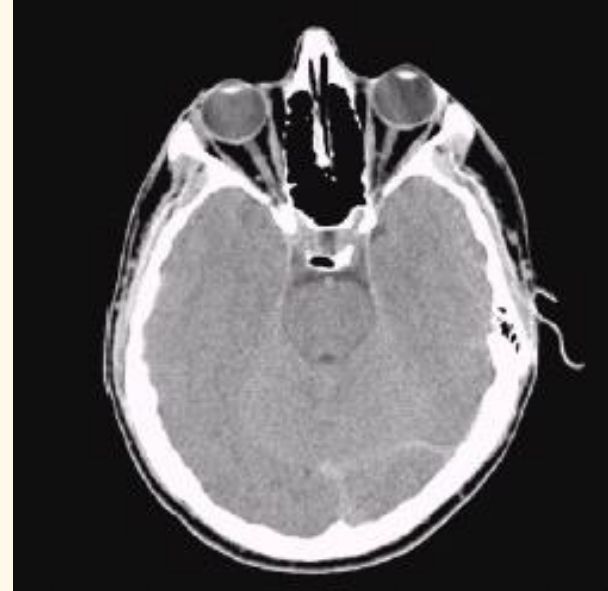
# X-ray



Chest x-ray



Aortic angiogram



Head CT

# UV

Applications:

Lithography, industrial, microscopy, biological, astronomy, microscopy: fluorescence microscopy

Fluorescence: Mineral fluor spar fluoresces when UV light is directed upon it.

Fluorescence microscopy:

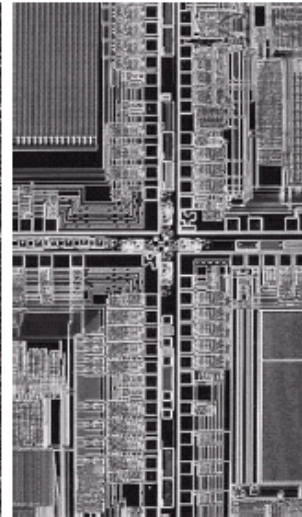
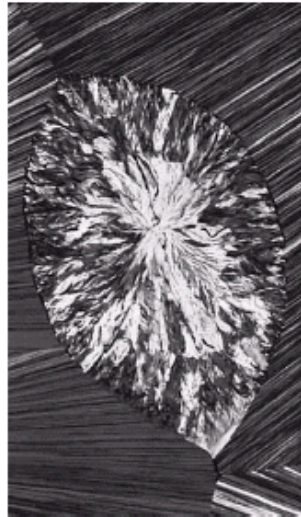
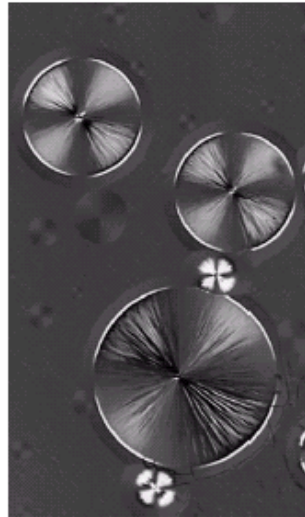
Primary: Natural form

Secondary: After treatment with chemicals

# Light microscopy

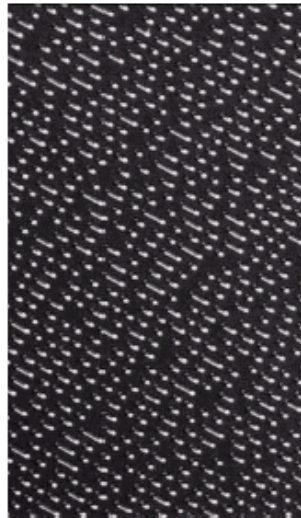
Cholesterol 40x

Anticancer  
agent  
250x



Microprocessor  
60x

Nickel oxide  
thin film  
600x

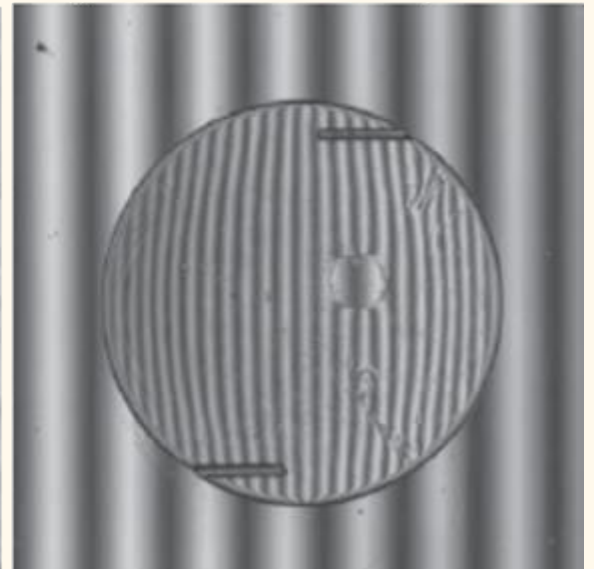
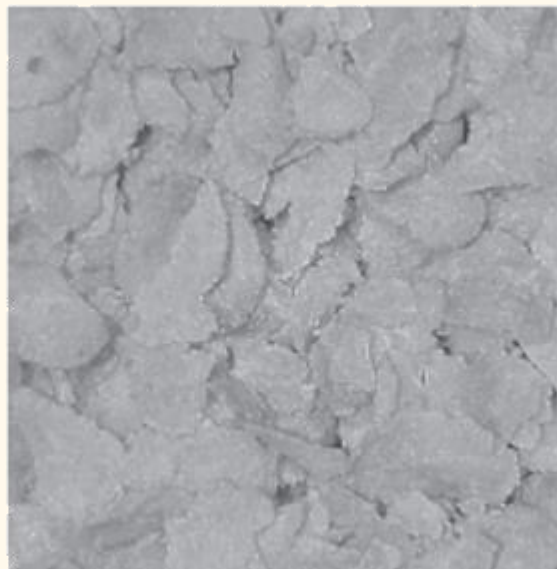
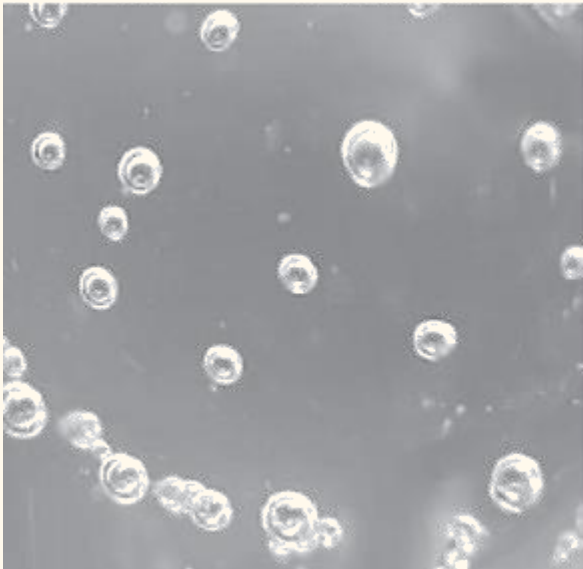
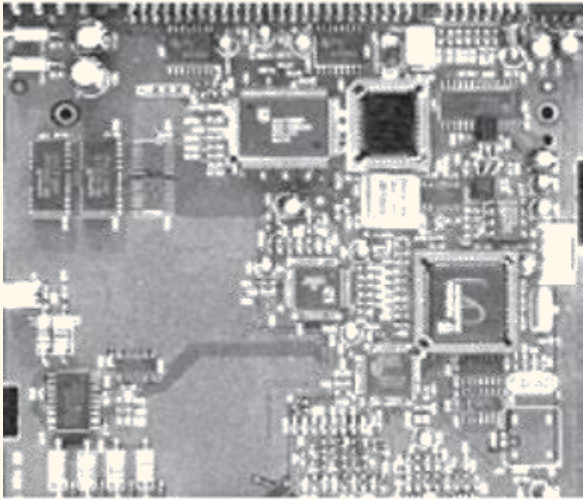


Surface of audio CD  
1750x



Organic  
Superconductor  
450x

# Visible band

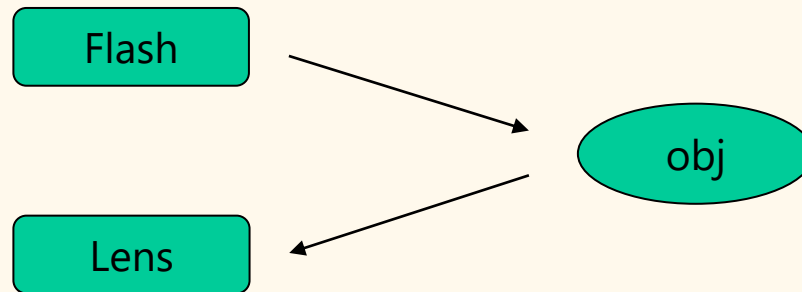


# Infrared (IR) imaging

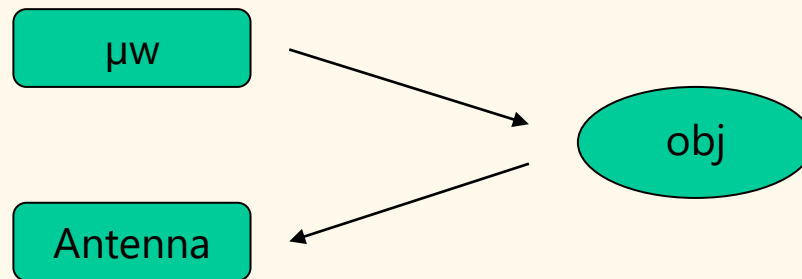


# Microwave

Flash camera:

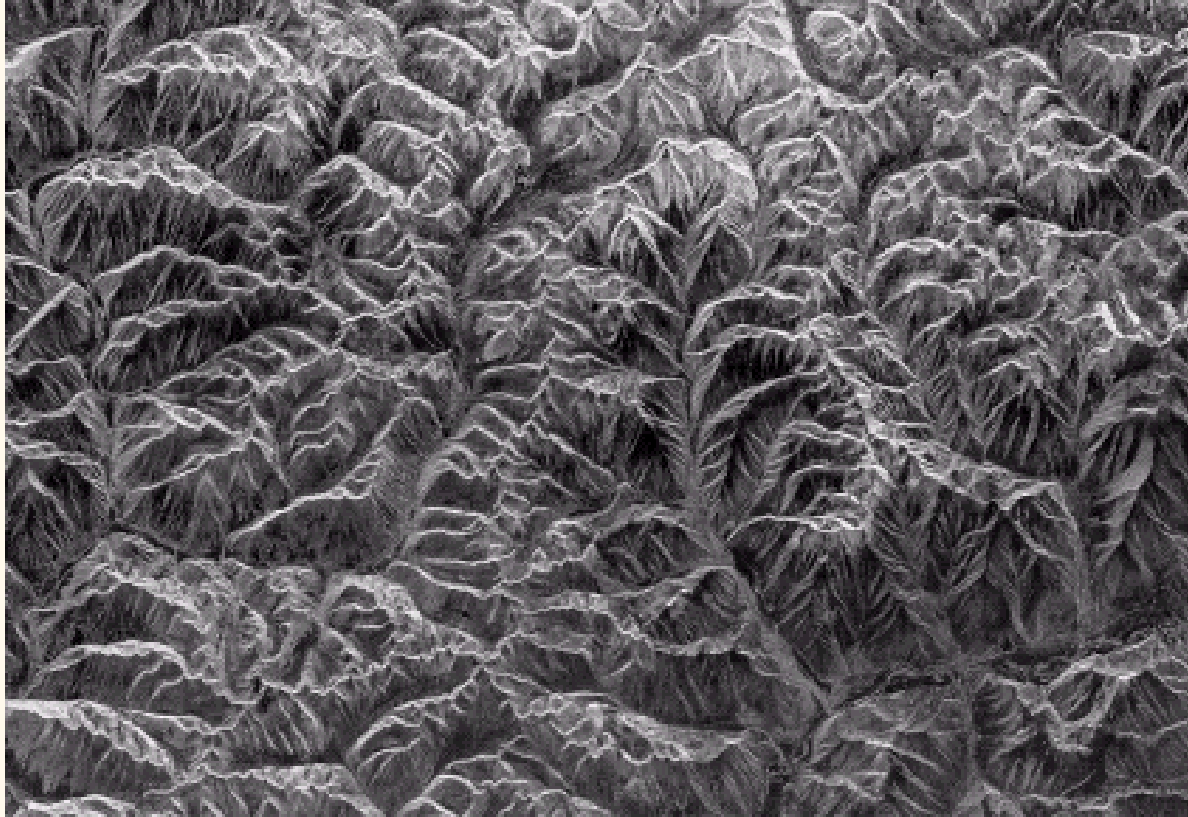


Radar:





# Microwave band



Radar image of Tibet mountains

# Radio band

Medical & astronomy:

MRI:

Patient in powerful magnetic field  
+ passing radio waves in short  
pulses



Pulse response from tissue



Location & strength of pulse → 2D image



# Radio band



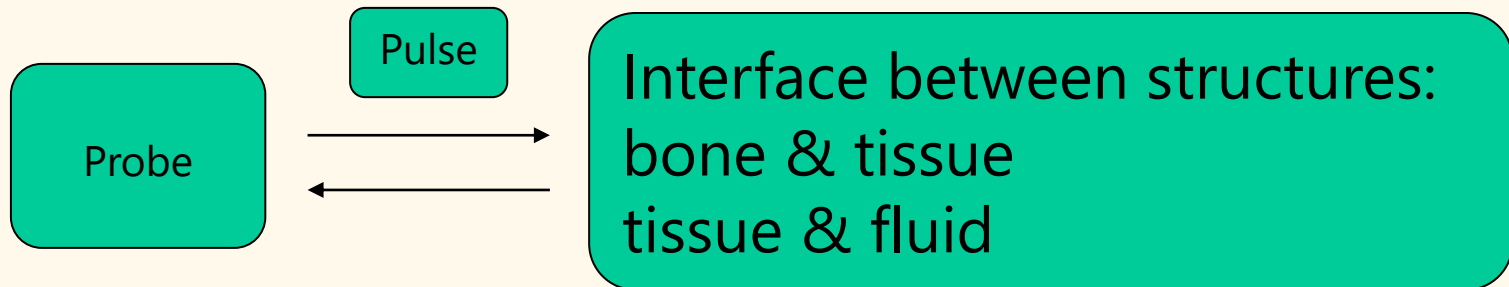
MRI image of knee



MRI image of spine

# Sound

Ultrasound: geology oil exploration  
Med: 1-5 MHz



# Ultrasound imaging

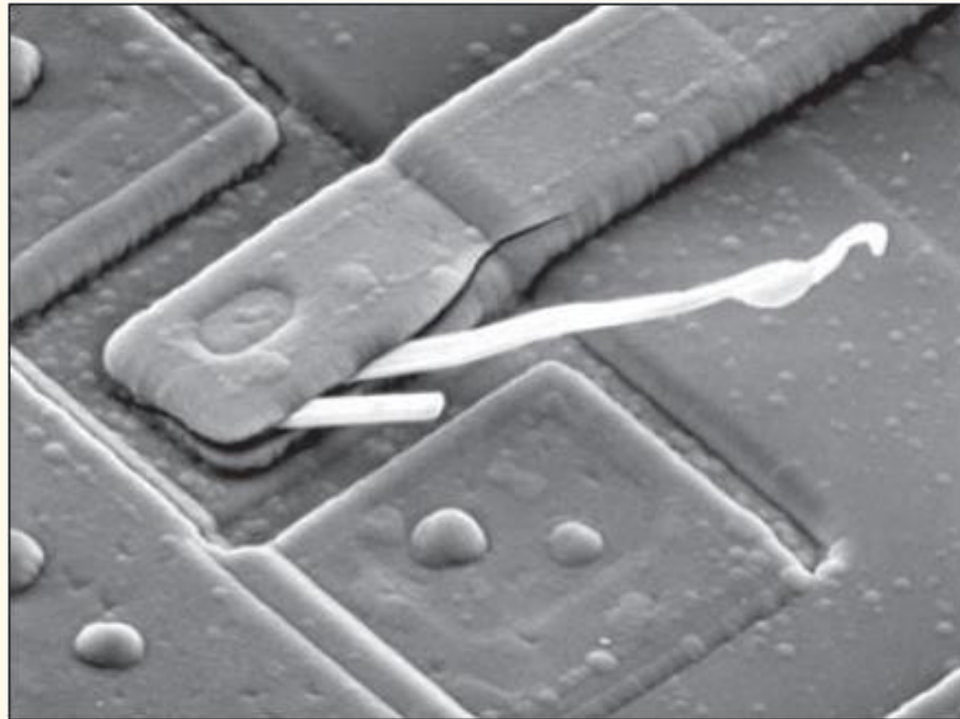


Fetus images

# Scanning electron microscope (SEM)

Similar to light microscopy

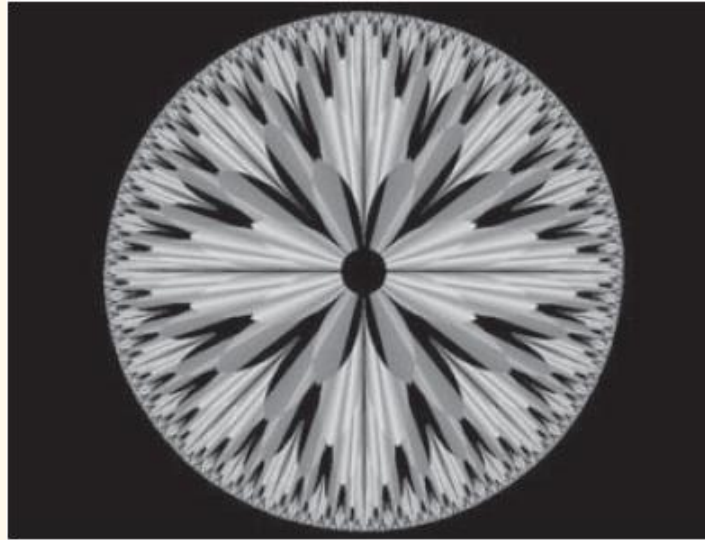
Focused beam & electron instead of light



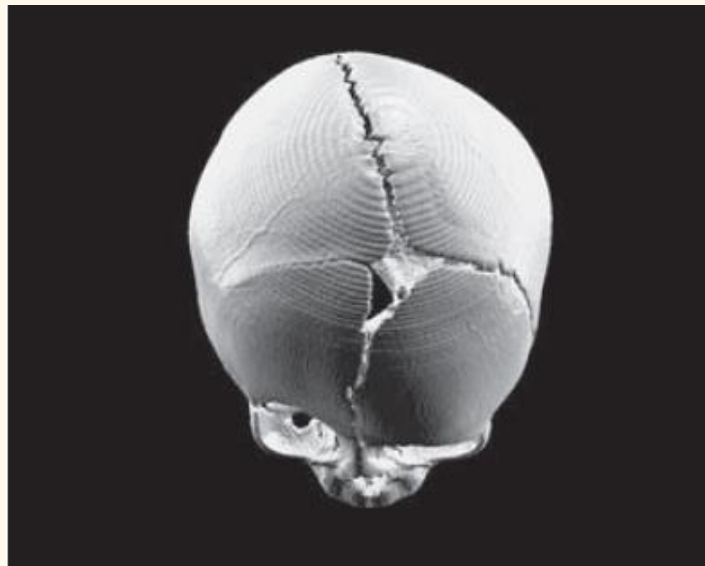
Damaged IC

# Synthetic images

Fractal



Computer  
model



# Image acquisition

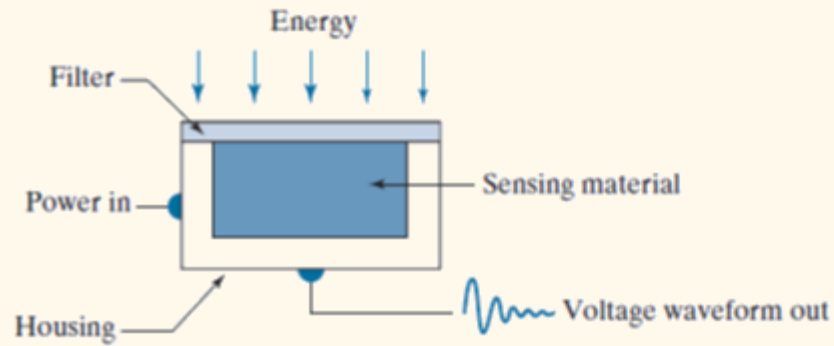
- 1) Illumination source
- 2) Reflection or transmission by the elements of a scene

Example:

- Light reflected from an object
- X-ray passing through a patient

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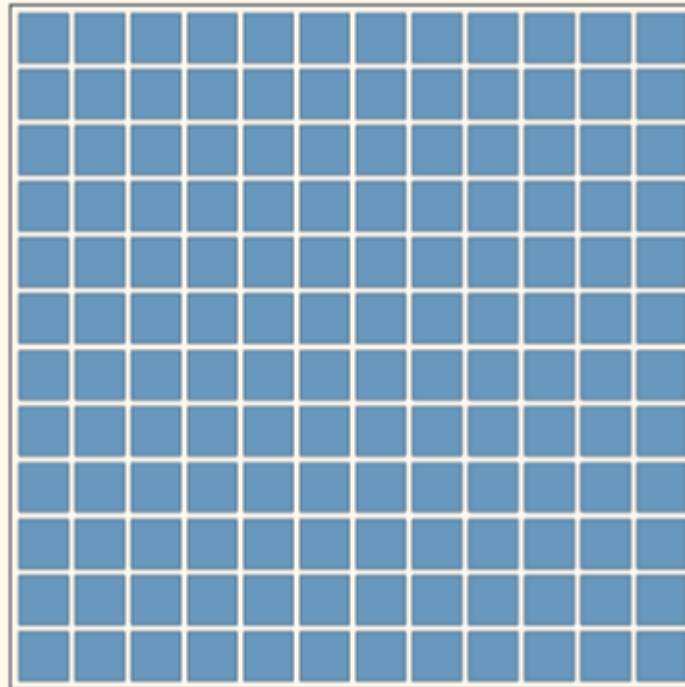
Single sensor



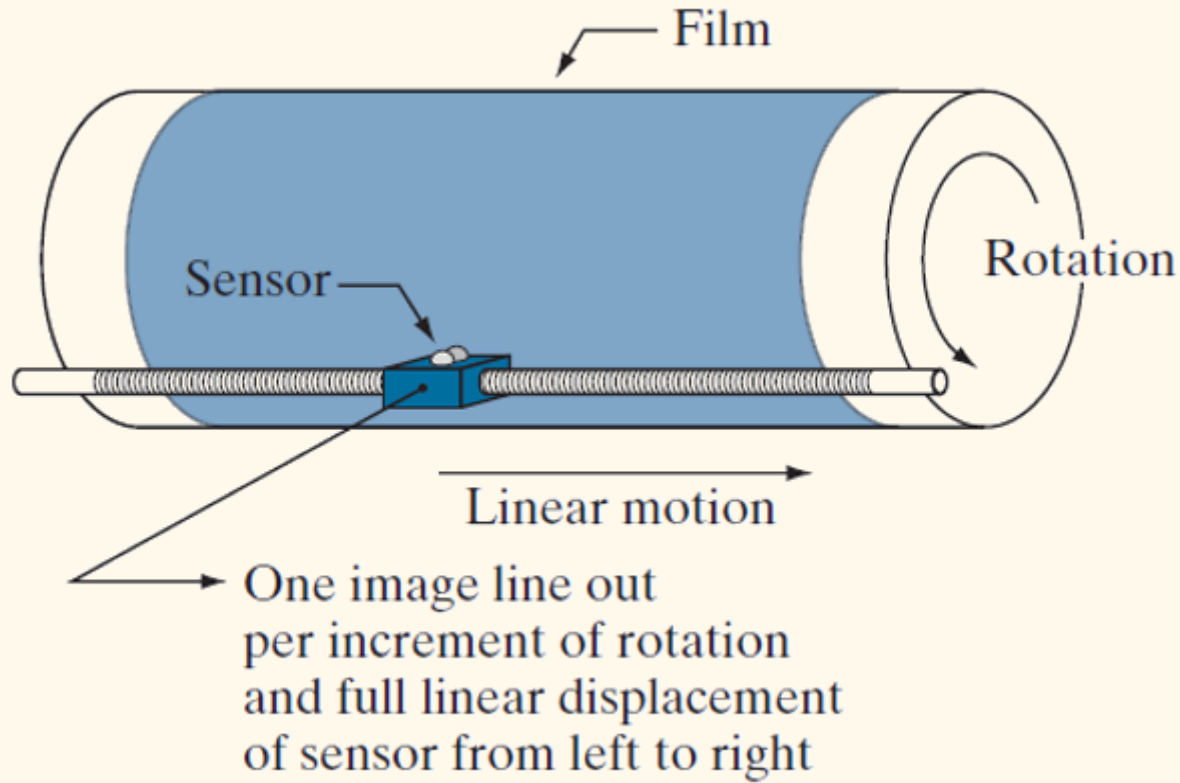
Line sensor



Array sensor



# Image acquisition



2D image by a single sensor



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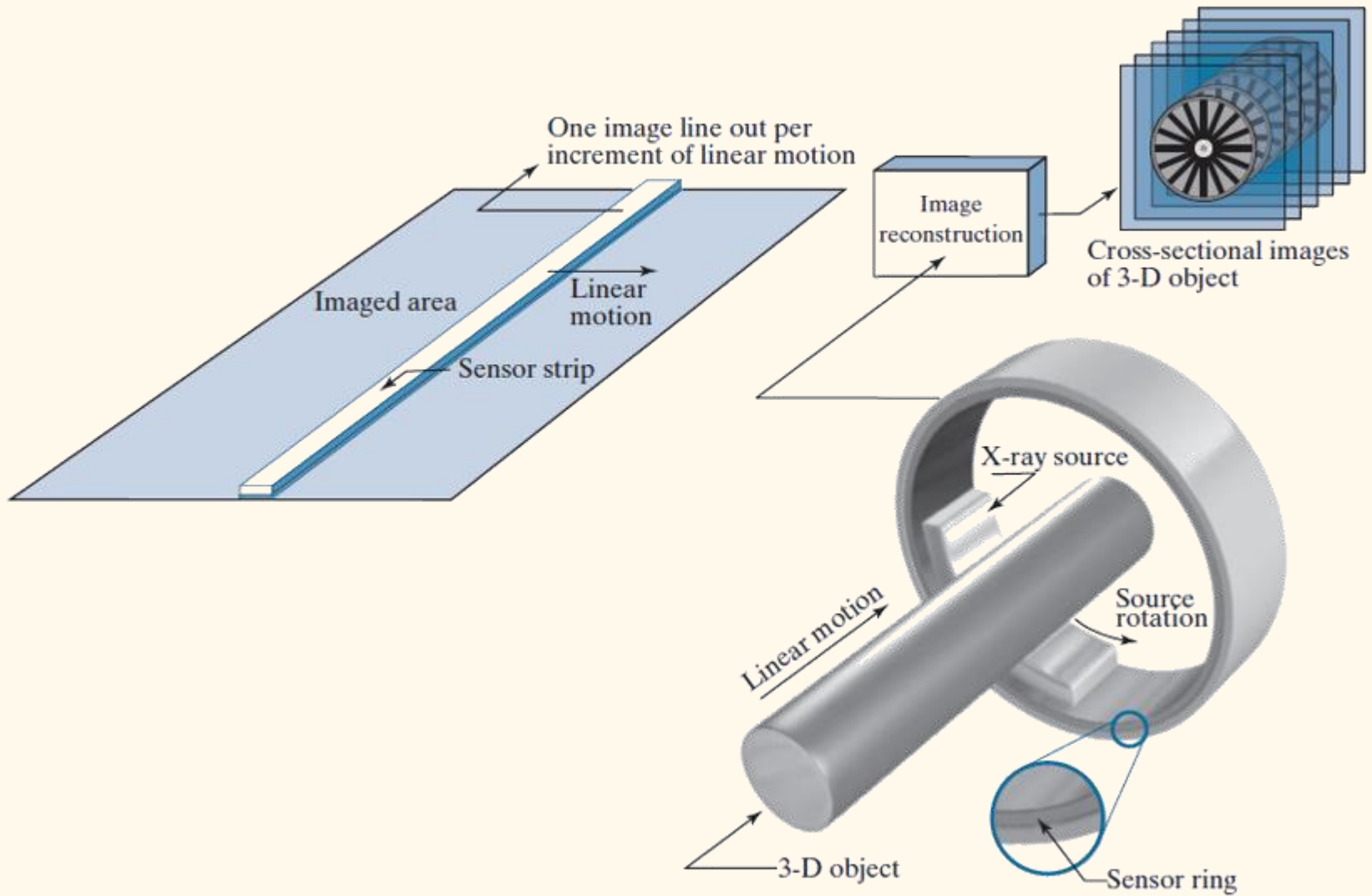
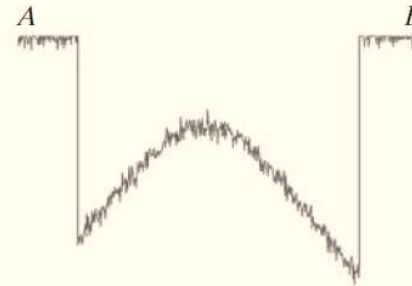
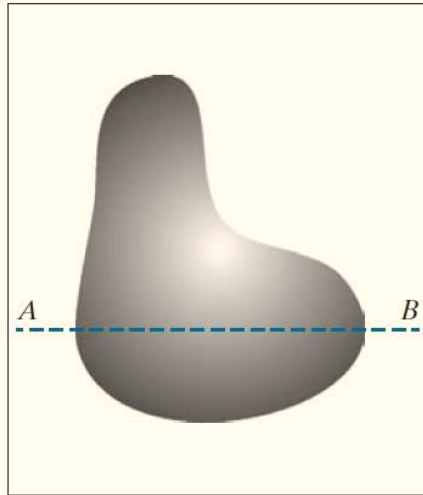


Image acquisition by a sensor strip

# Image acquisition

Continuous image

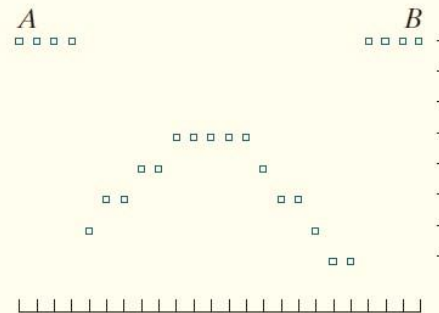
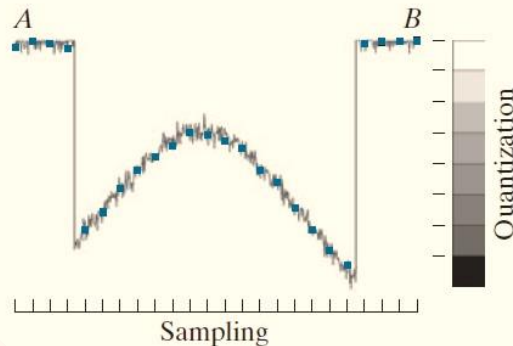


Scan line AB

Sampling



نقطه برداشت

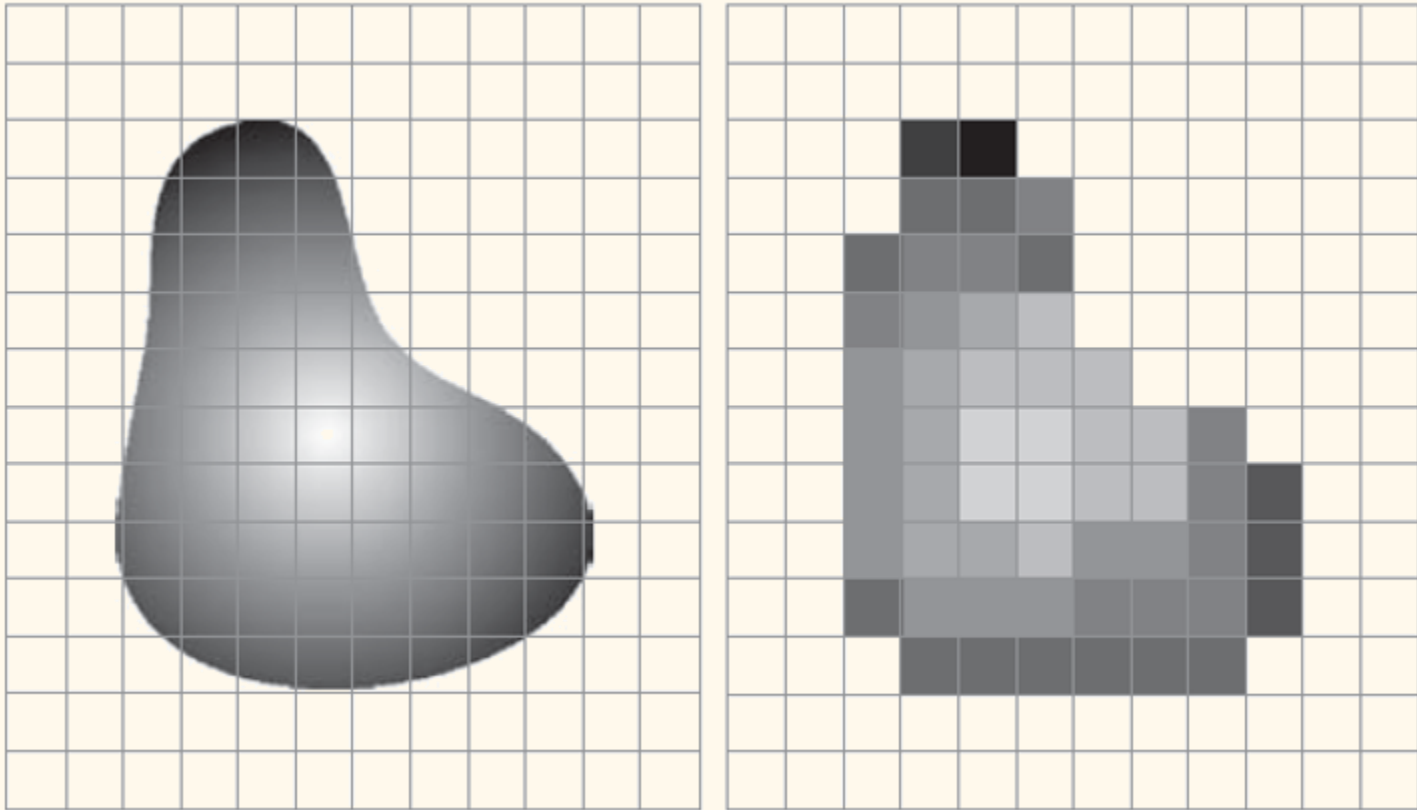


Quantization

نقطه

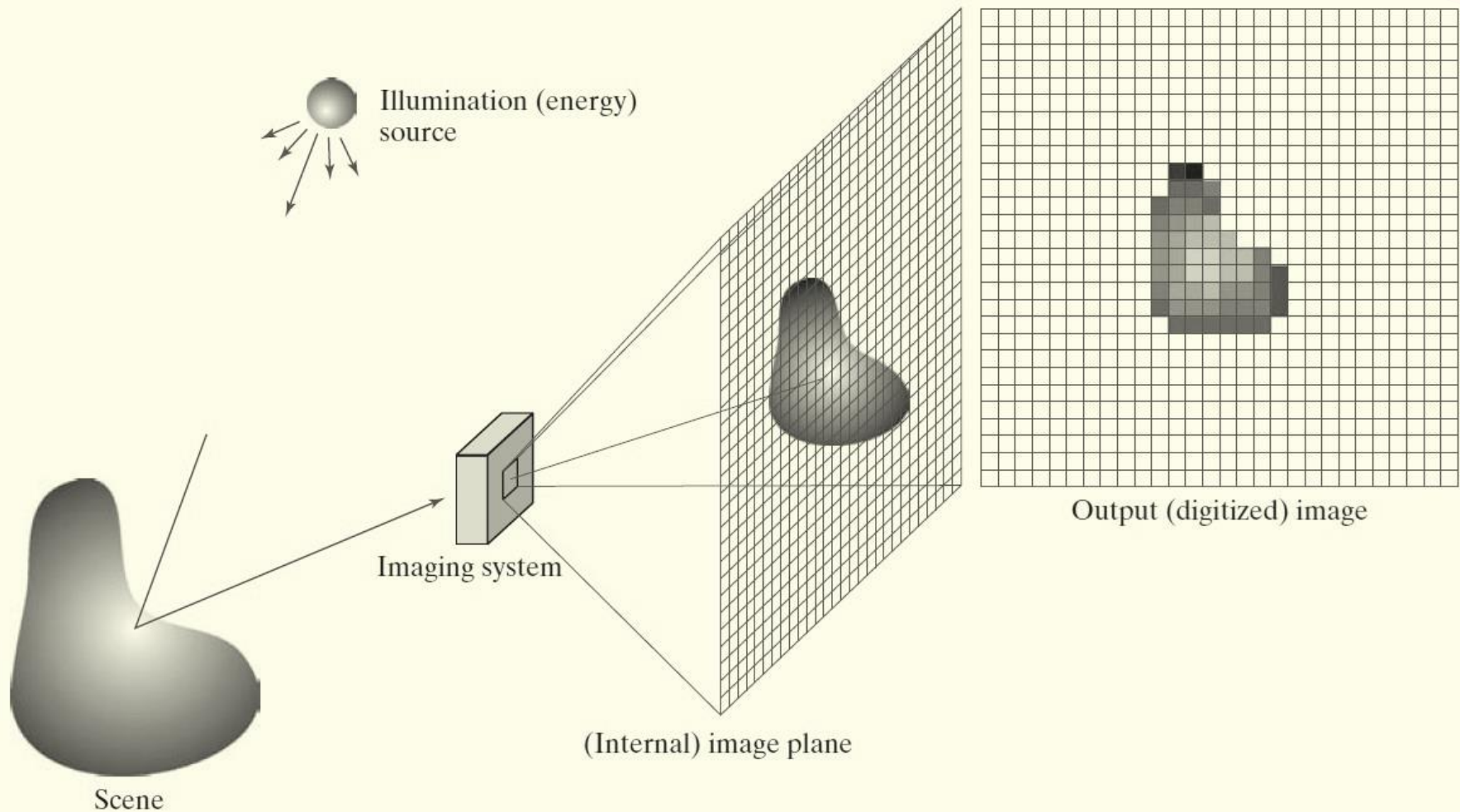
Generating a digital image

# Digital image



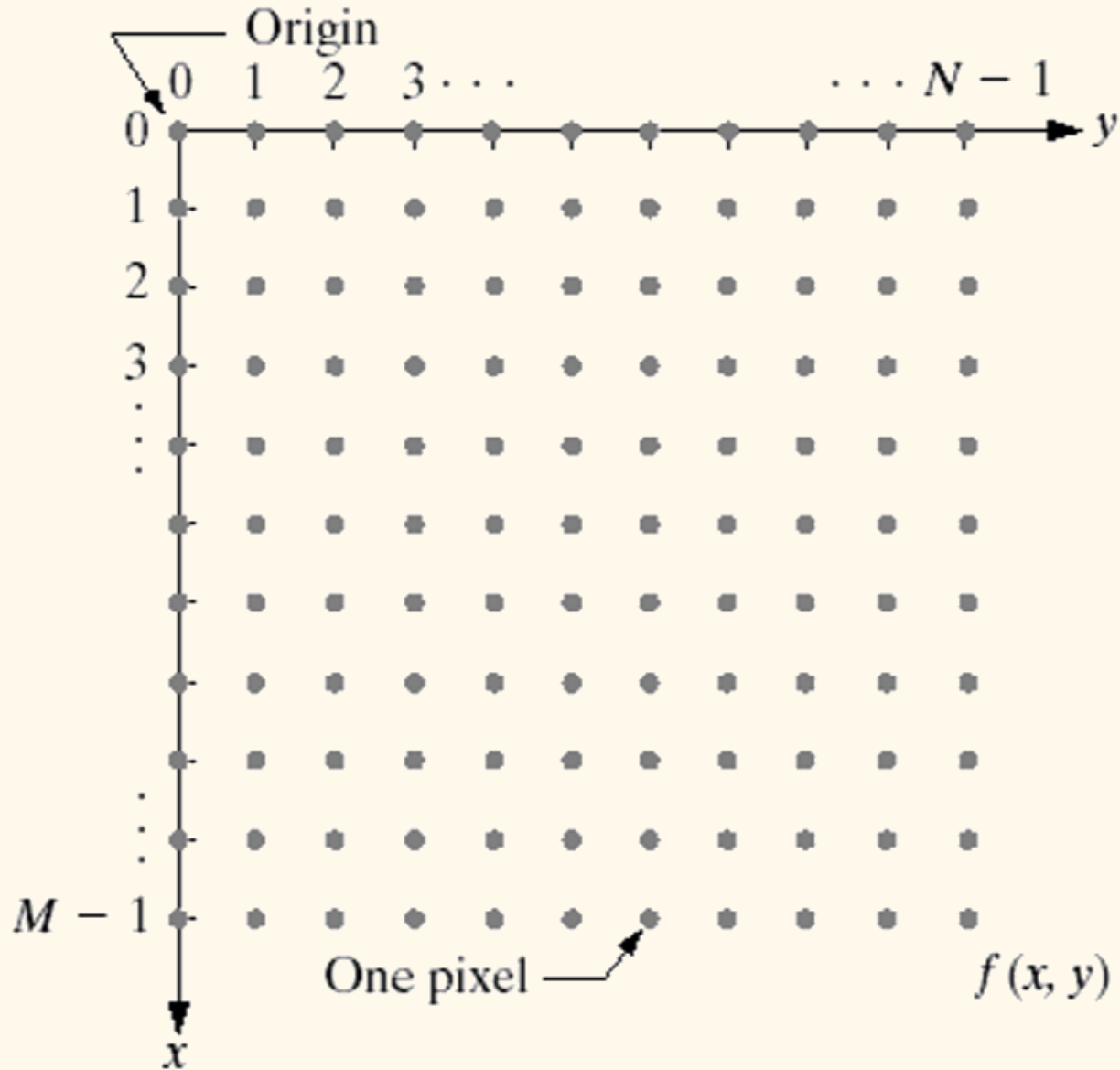
Sampling: Digitizing the coordinate values  
Quantization: Digitizing the amplitude value

# Image acquisition



## Digital image acquisition

# Representing a digital image



# Image storage

Number of gray levels:

$L=2^k$  where  $k$ : number of bits

Number of bits required to store a digitized image:

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$b=M.N.k$

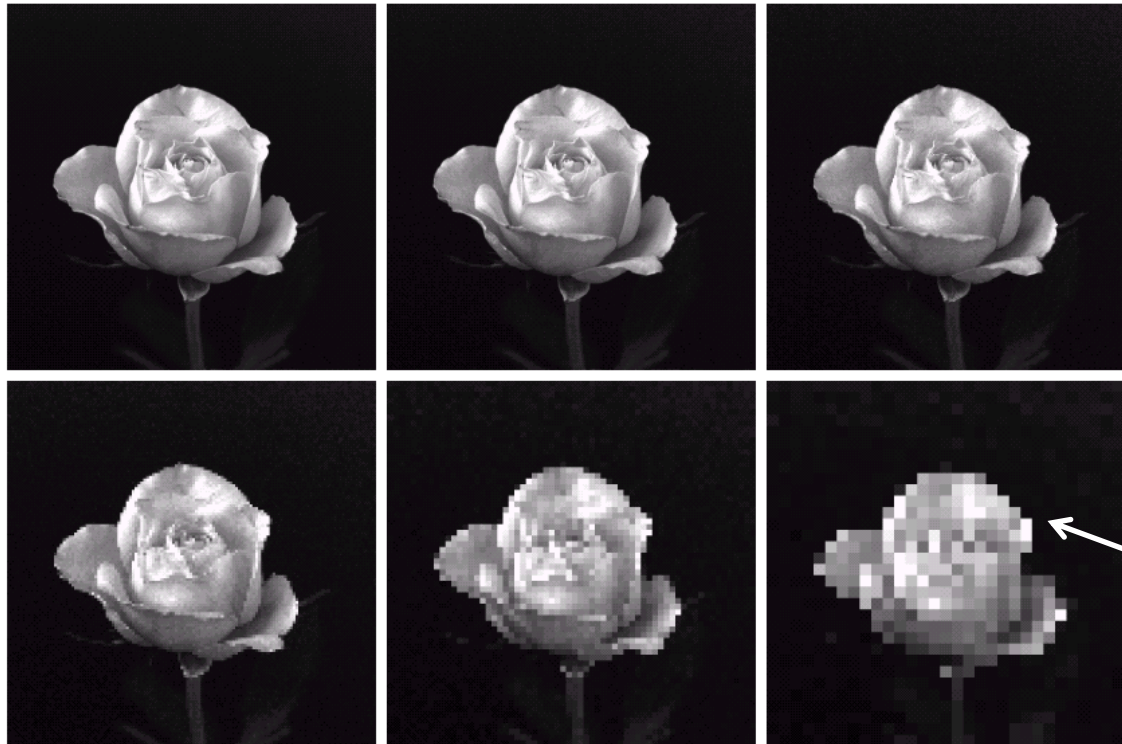
$N/k$	1 ( $L = 2$ )	2 ( $L = 4$ )	3 ( $L = 8$ )	4 ( $L = 16$ )	5 ( $L = 32$ )	6 ( $L = 64$ )	7 ( $L = 128$ )	8 ( $L = 256$ )
32	1,024	2,048	3,072	4,096	5,120	6,144	7,168	8,192
64	4,096	8,192	12,288	16,384	20,480	24,576	28,672	32,768
128	16,384	32,768	49,152	65,536	81,920	98,304	114,688	131,072
256	65,536	131,072	196,608	262,144	327,680	393,216	458,752	524,288
512	262,144	524,288	786,432	1,048,576	1,310,720	1,572,864	1,835,008	2,097,152
1024	1,048,576	2,097,152	3,145,728	4,194,304	5,242,880	6,291,456	7,340,032	8,388,608
2048	4,194,304	8,388,608	12,582,912	16,777,216	20,971,520	25,165,824	29,369,128	33,554,432
4096	16,777,216	33,554,432	50,331,648	67,108,864	83,886,080	100,663,296	117,440,512	134,217,728
8192	67,108,864	134,217,728	201,326,592	268,435,456	335,544,320	402,653,184	469,762,048	536,870,912

# Reducing spatial resolution

$(x, y)$



Subsampling

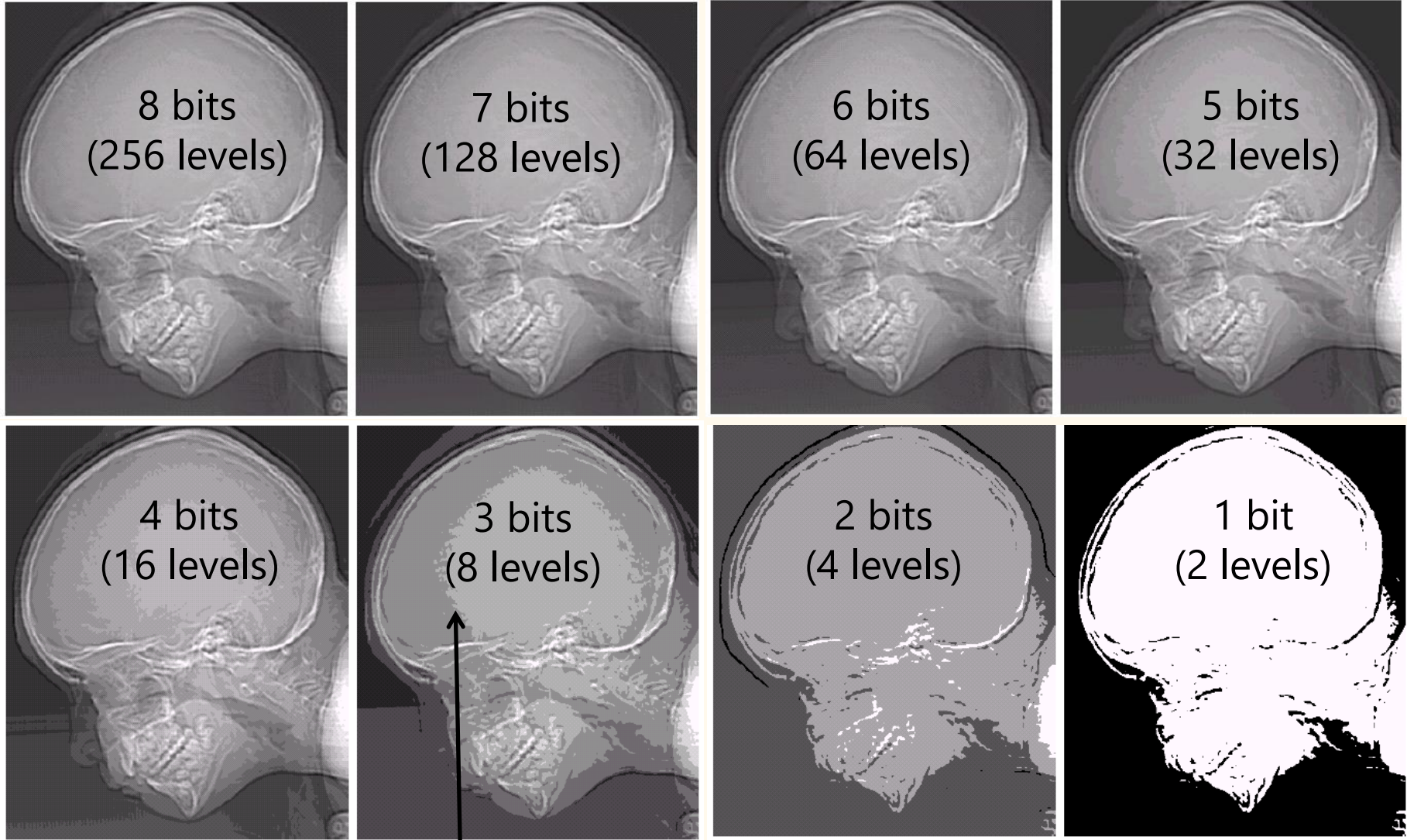


Resampling

Checkerboard pattern



# Reducing gray level resolution



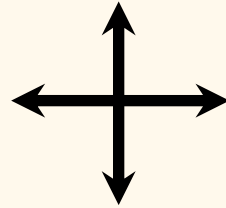
False contour

Binary image

# Pixel neighbors

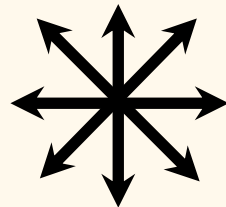
**4-neighborhood** of pixel  $p$  at coordinates  $(x,y)$ :  
set of 4 horizontal and vertical pixel neighbors:

$$(x + 1, y), (x - 1, y), (x, y + 1), (x, y - 1)$$



**8-neighborhood** of pixel  $p$ :  
4-neighbor hood of pixel  $p$  +  
set of 4 diagonal pixel neighbors:

$$(x + 1, y + 1), (x + 1, y - 1), (x - 1, y + 1), (x - 1, y - 1)$$



# Distance measures

Distance function (D) or metric

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Distance function ( $D$ ) or *metric* for pixels  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $z$  with coordinates  $(x,y)$ ,  $(s,t)$ , and  $(v,w)$ :

- (a)  $D(p, q) \geq 0$  ( $D(p, q) = 0$  if  $p = q$ ),
- (b)  $D(p, q) = D(q, p)$ , and
- (c)  $D(p, z) \leq D(p, q) + D(q, z)$ .

# Distance measures

Euclidean distance between  $p$  and  $q$ :

City block distance

Chessboard distance

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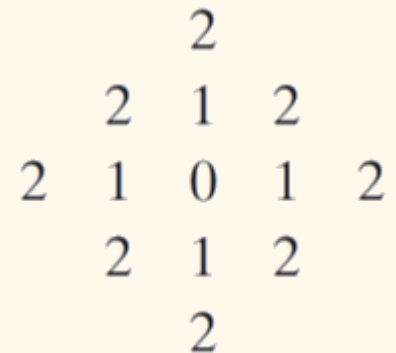
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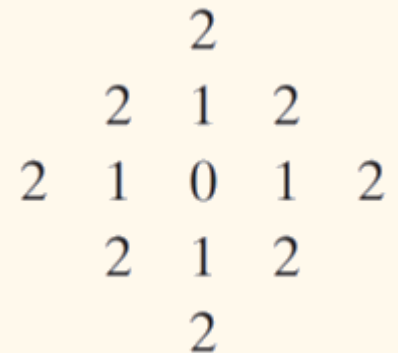
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		2		
	2	1	2	
2	1	0	1	2
	2	1	2	
		2		

Chessboard distance between  $p$  and  $q$ :

$$D_8(p, q) = \max(|x - s|, |y - t|)$$

2	2	2	2	2
2	1	1	1	2
2	1	0	1	2
2	1	1	1	2
2	2	2	2	2