

# Computational Photography

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# What is Computational Photography? (Part 2 of 3)

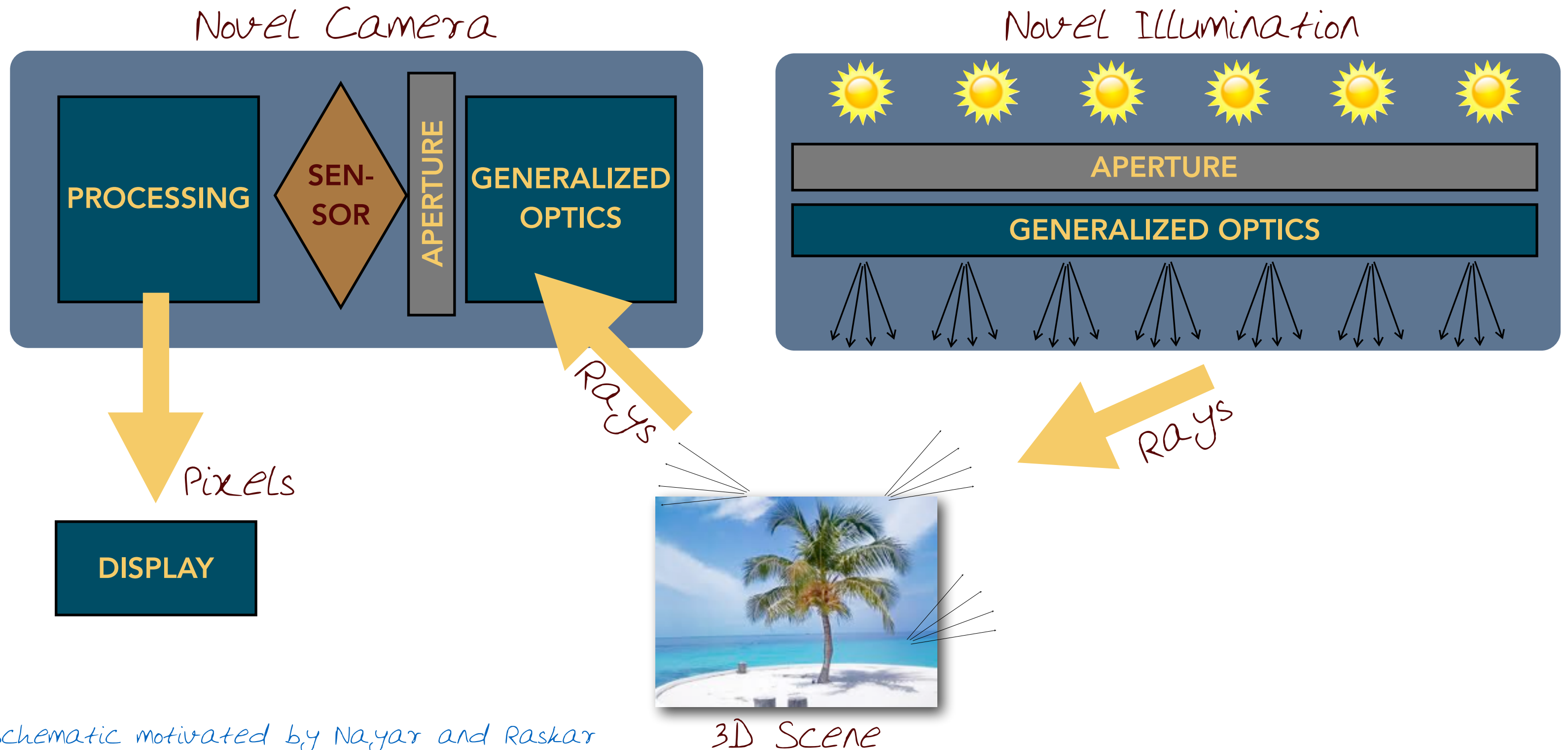
- \* Dual Photography, a specific example of Computational Photography



## Lesson Objectives

1. An example of computational photography
2. The concept of “dual photography”

# Recall: Computational Photography (Rays to Pixels)

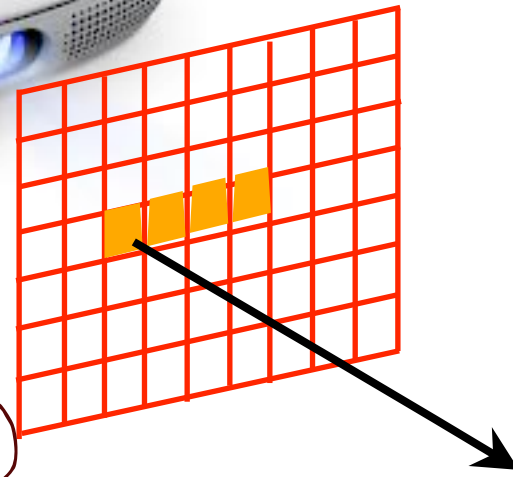


Schematic motivated by Nayar and Raskar

# Novel Illumination



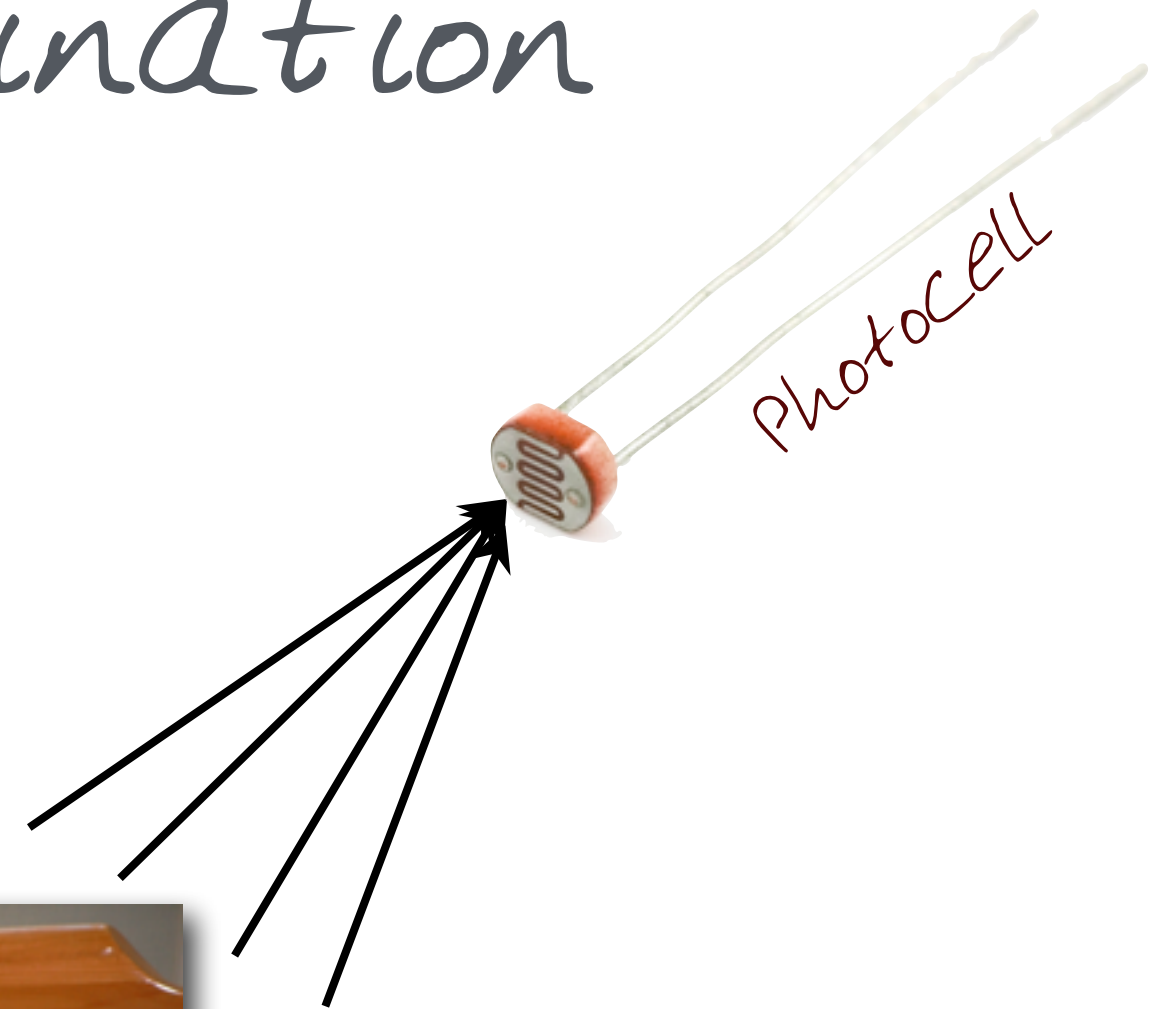
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Light Source)



Modulator  
(Controllable  
Aperture)



3D Scene



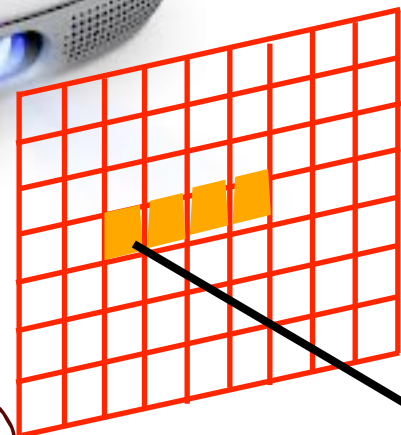
Schematic motivated by Shree Nayar, Ramesh  
Raskar, and Jack Tumblin



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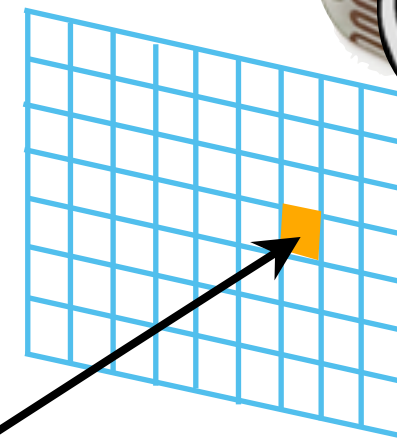
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3D Scene



Camera



Modulator  
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Aperture)

# Dual Photography



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Light Source)

Modulator  
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Aperture)



Camera

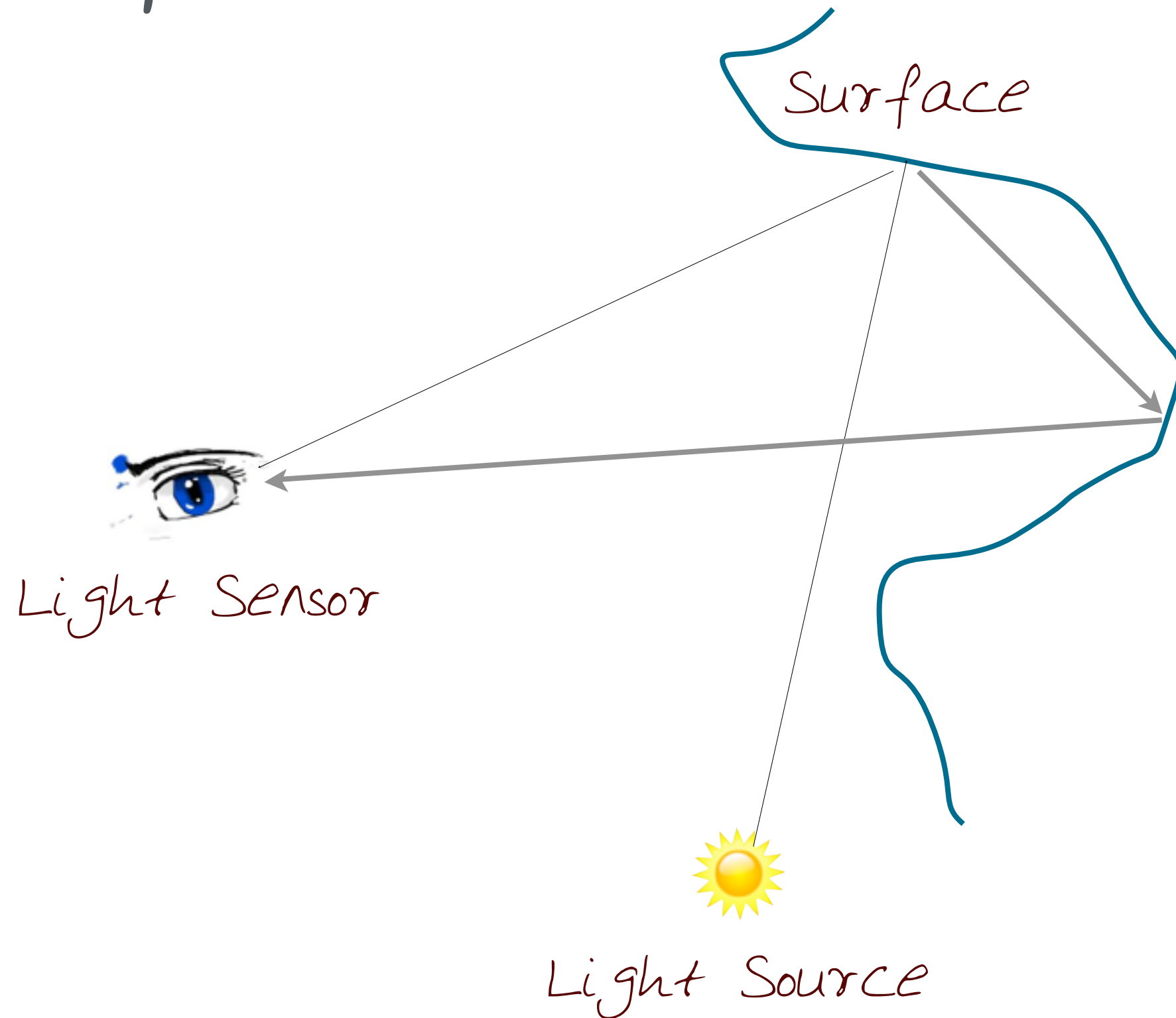
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3D Scene

Dual Photography, Sen et al. SIGGRAPH 2005

# Reflective properties of ray of light



Reflection of light depends on the kind of surface:

Specular (mirror)

Diffuse (matte)



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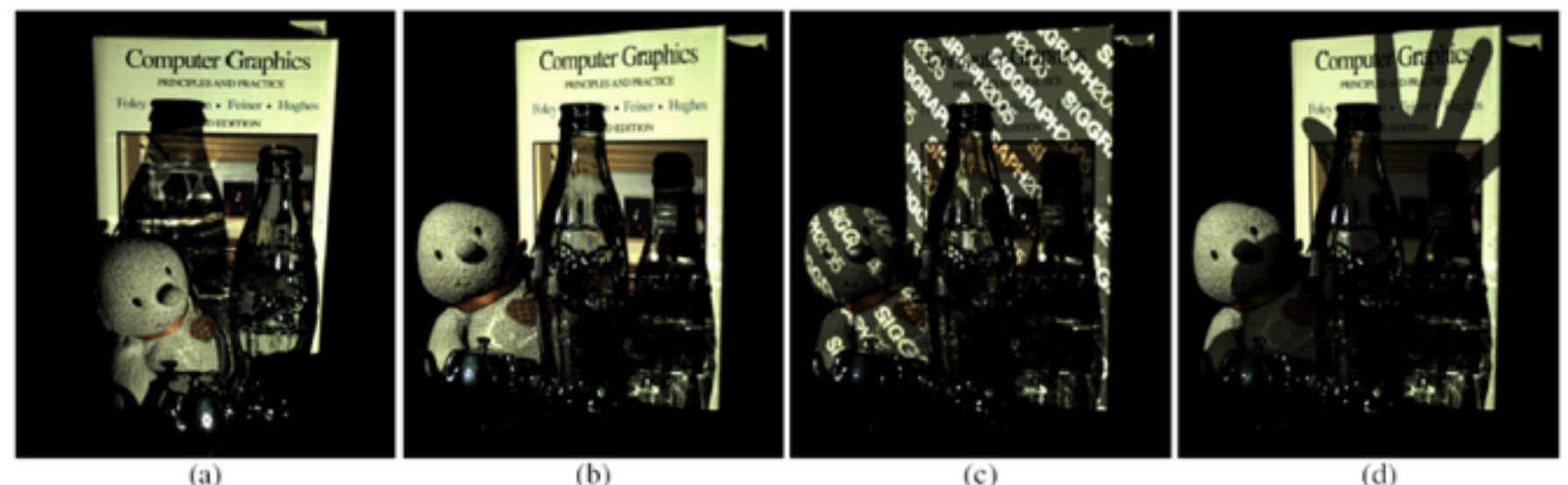
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### Abstract

We present a novel photographic technique called dual photography, which exploits Helmholtz reciprocity to interchange the lights and cameras in a scene. With a video projector providing structured illumination, reciprocity permits us to generate pictures from the viewpoint of the projector, even though no camera was present at that location. The technique is completely image-based, requiring no knowledge of scene geometry or surface properties, and by its nature automatically includes all transport paths, including shadows, interreflections and caustics. In its simplest form, the technique can be used to take photographs without a camera; we demonstrate this by capturing a photograph using a projector and a photo-resistor. If the photo-resistor is replaced by a camera, we can produce a 4D dataset that allows for relighting with 2D incident illumination. Using an array of cameras we can produce a 6D slice of the 8D reflectance field that allows for relighting with arbitrary light fields. Since an array of cameras can operate in parallel without interference, whereas an array of light sources cannot, dual photography is fundamentally a more efficient way to capture such a 6D dataset than a system based on multiple projectors and one camera. As an example, we show how dual photography can be used to capture and relight scenes.



# Dual Photography

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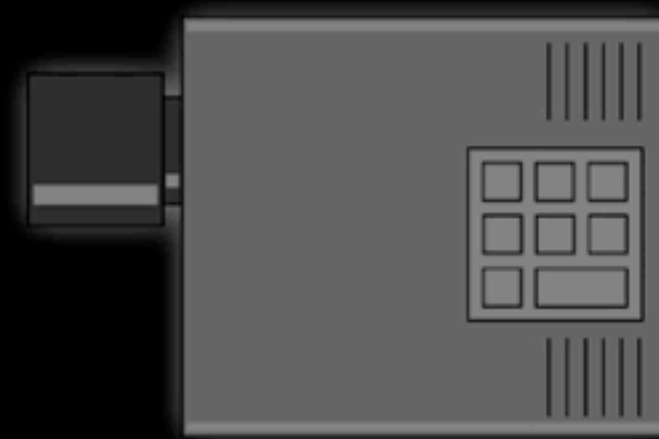
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card



projector

# Summary



- \* Introduced computational photography terms: novel illumination, novel cameras, generalized optics, aperture, sensors, rays, and pixels
- \* Studied a core computational photography example (Dual Photography)

# Next Class

- \* Another example of Computational Photography
- \* Panorama
- \* How to stitch multiple images to generate a “larger” image?





# Credits



- \* References

- \* Sen et al. (2005), "Dual Photography"  
SIGGRAPH 2005
- \* Some schematics adapted from Shree Nayar and Ramesh Raskar

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