

Raytrix Lightfield Camera

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One Camera – One Lens – One Shot

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The Company



Raytrix

- Founded 2009 in Kiel, Germany
- Development of lightfield cameras and lightfield image processing software
- Lightfield cameras for industrial applications and research



Products

- Lightfield cameras available since 2010 with 4, 5, 11 and 29 megapixels and framerates from 6 to 30fps
- Available interfaces: USB2, USB3, GigE and CameraLink
- CUDA based fast lightfield processing software



Innovations

- High effective resolution of up to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the sensor resolution
- Extended depth of field through patented microlens array design
- Fast 3D algorithms based on CUDA processing

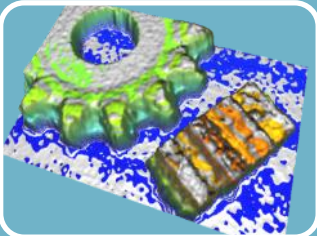


Lightfield Advantages



Robust

- One camera, one lens.
- No need to synchronize multiple cameras.
- No decalibration of camera setup.



Easy 3D calibration

- No calibration needed for non-metric 3D data
- Single image calibration for metric measurements



Advanced Post-Production

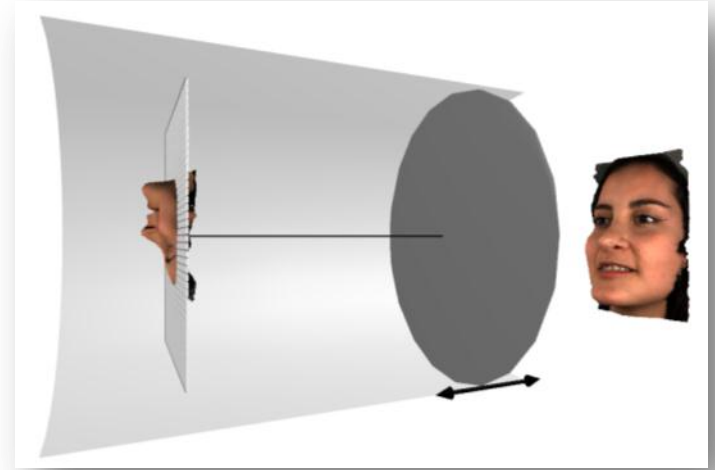
- For stereo output can vary baseline length and orientation
- Multi-View output for autostereoscopic displays
- Refocus over extended depth of field



Basic Image Generation

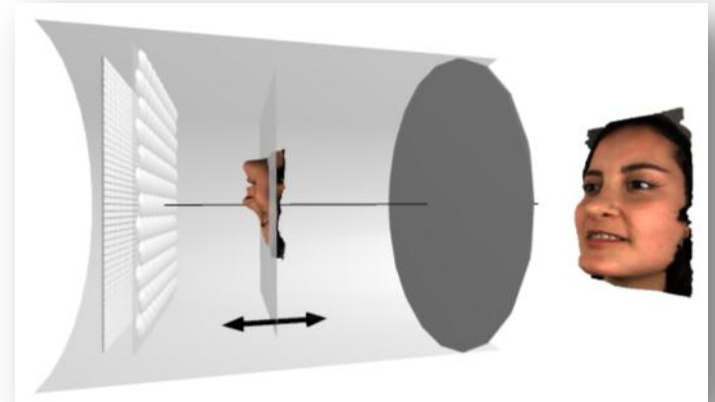
Standard Camera

Main lens focuses directly onto image plane.



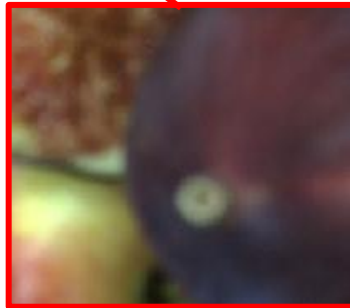
Lightfield Camera

Main lens generates intermediate image. Microlens array acts as camera array that focuses intermediate image onto image plane.

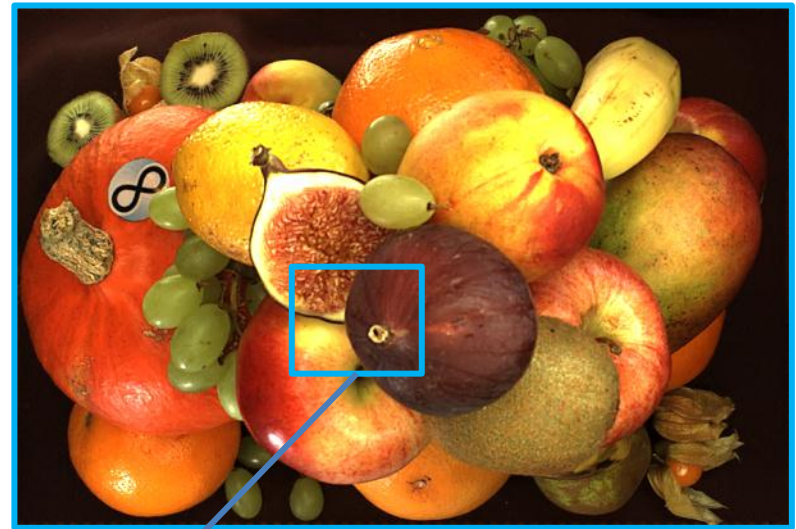


Extended Depth of Field Comparison

Standard Camera



Raytrix Lightfield Camera



Both images were taken with same 11 megapixel sensor, same lens and same aperture.



Some Plenoptics History

- 1903 Ives (barrier camera)
- 1908 Lippman (microlens camera)
- 1911 Sokolov
- 1935 Coffey
- 1948 Ivanov
- 1968 Chutjian (first digital lightfield device)
- 1970 Dudnikov
- 1991 Adelson (plenoptic camera)
- 1996 Levoy & Hanrahan (lightfield)
- 2000 Isaksen (refocusing)
- 2005 Ng (handheld plenoptic camera)
- 2006 Levoy (microscopy)
- 2006 Georgiev & Lumsdaine (plenoptics 2.0)
- 2008 Fife (plenoptic CCD sensor)
- 2010 Raytrix (first commercial lightfield camera)



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3D-Face Capture

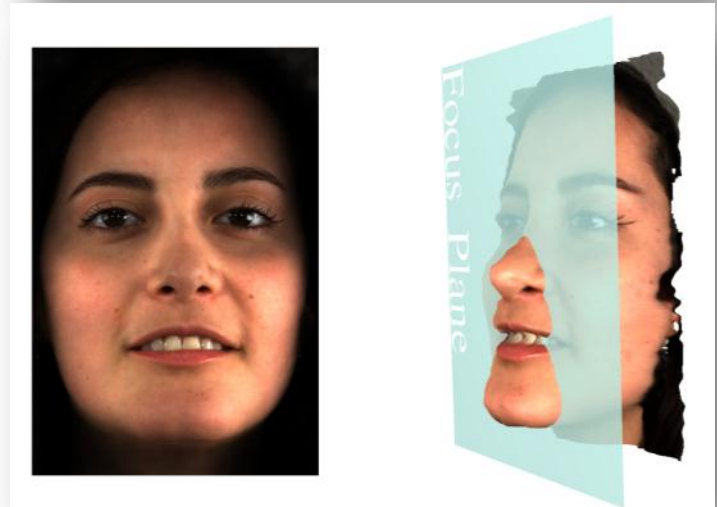
3D Reconstruction

3D reconstruction of face from single shot with Raytrix camera.



Re-Lighting of Image

3D information can be used to re-light image depending on depth.



Picture taken with Raytrix R11C camera



3D-Face Capture

Re-Focus on Eye

Use 3D image information to blur image parts outside the focus plane.



Re-Focus on Nose

Use 3D image information to blur image parts outside the focus plane.



Picture taken with Raytrix R11C camera



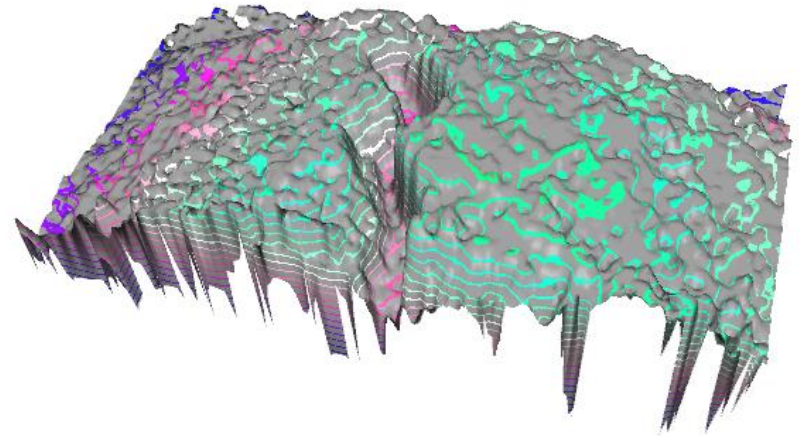
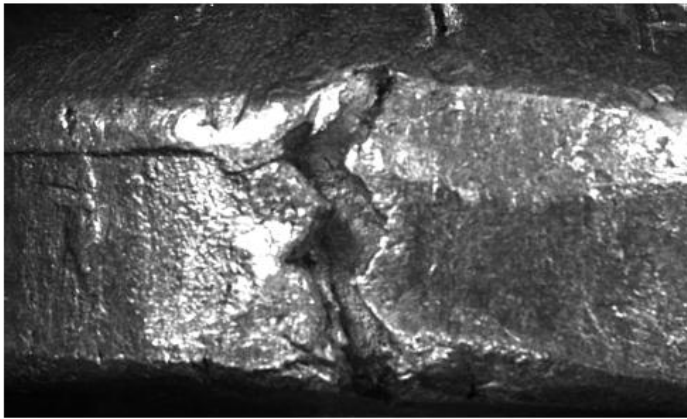
3D-Face Video



Video taken at 6fps with Raytrix R11C camera and processed at 6fps with NVIDIA GTX580 graphics card.



Quality Inspection – Bolt Head



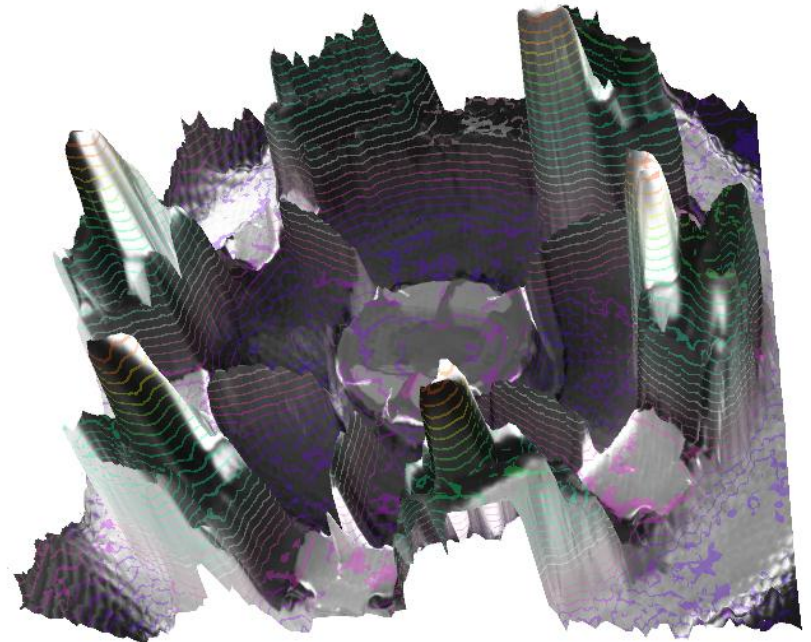
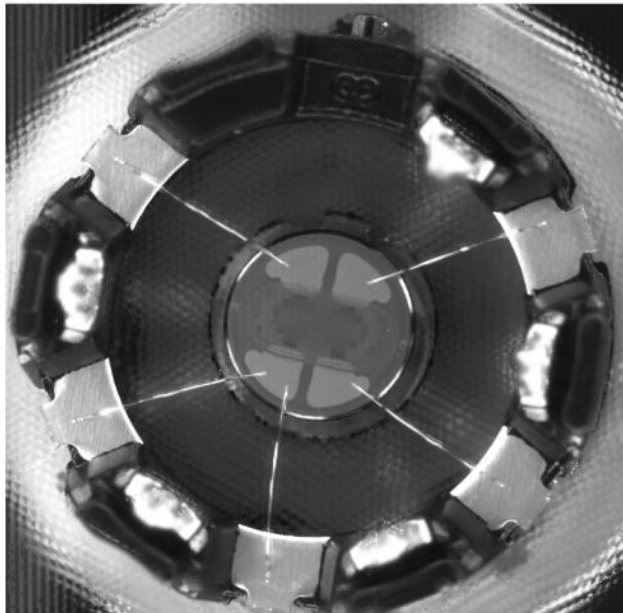
Picture taken with Raytrix R1M camera



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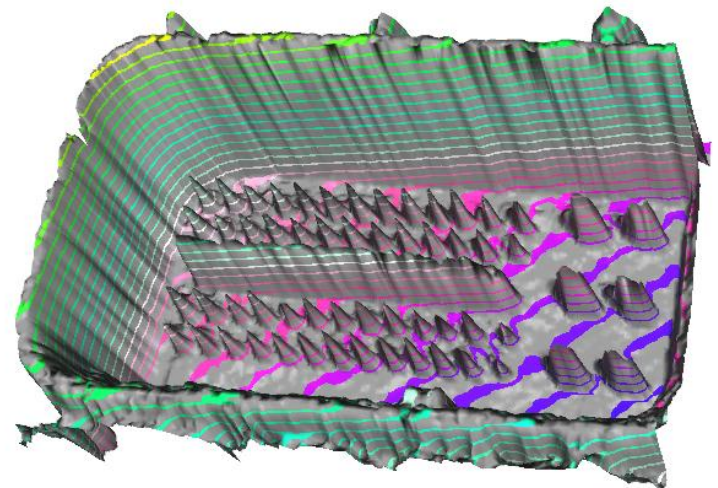
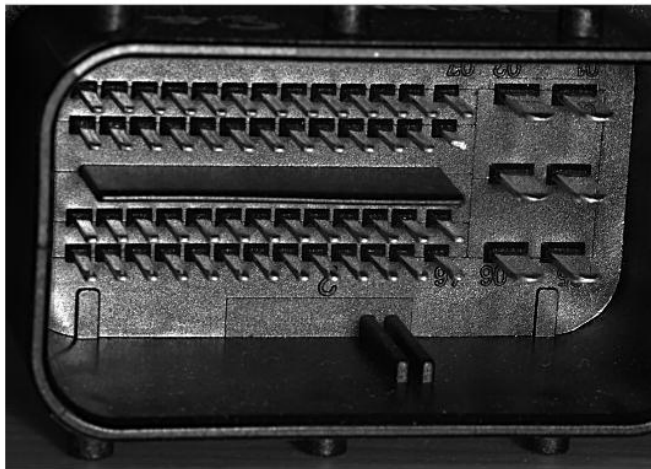
Quality Inspection - Bonding Wires



Picture taken with Raytrix R11M camera



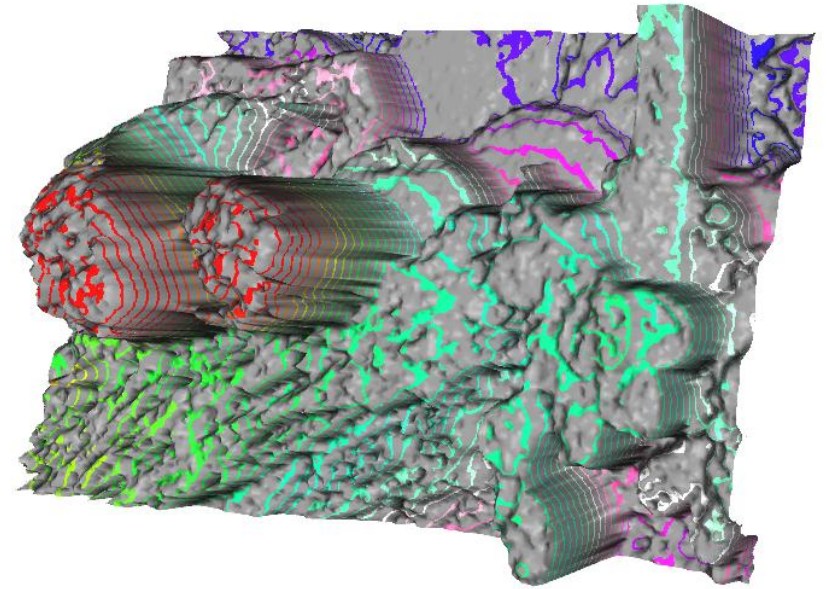
Quality Inspection - Pinout



Picture taken with Raytrix R11M camera



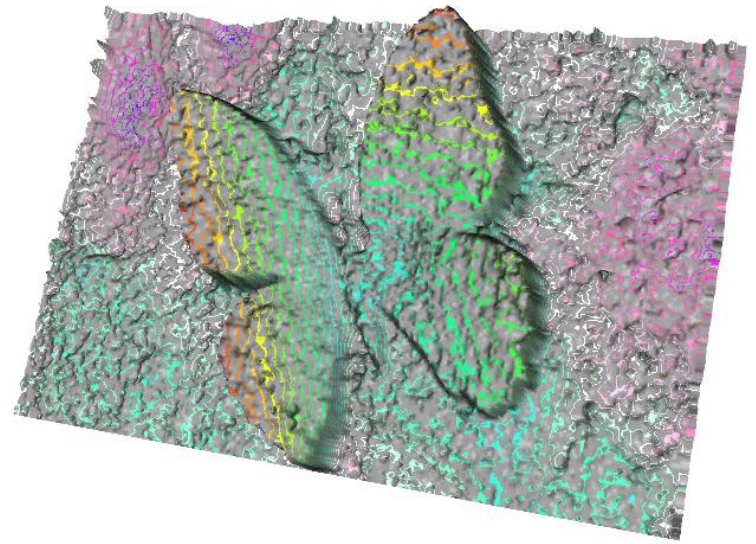
Natural Images



Picture taken with Raytrix R11C camera



Natural Images

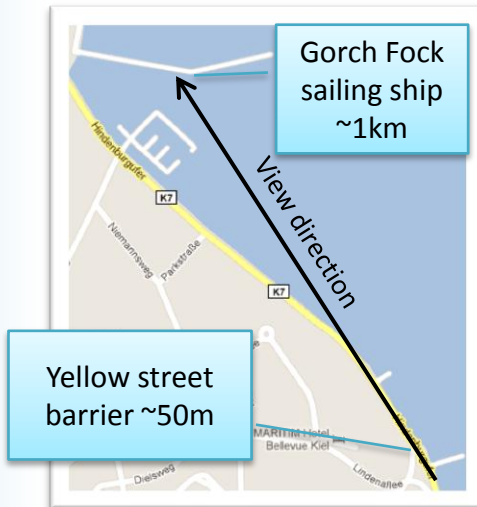


Picture taken with Raytrix R11C camera



Natural Images - 500mm Telephoto Lens

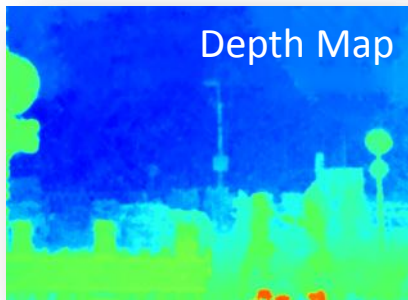
Photo shoot location



All-in-focus image



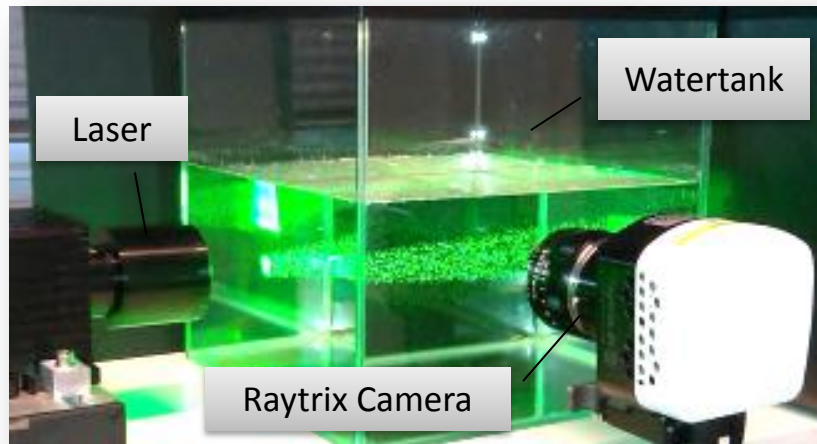
Depth Map



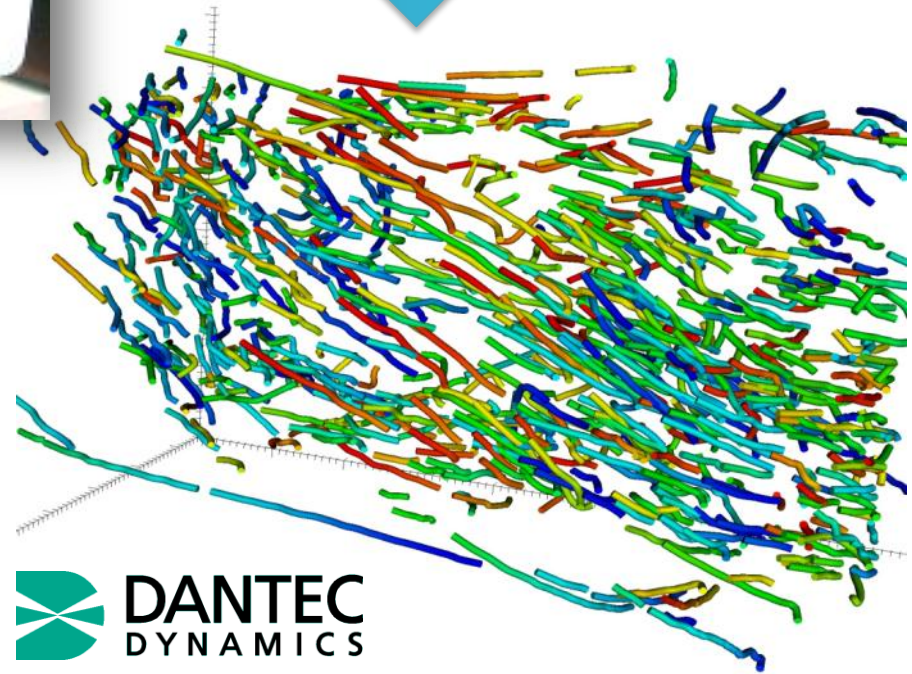
Full-HD
Resolution



Lightfield Volumetric Velocimetry



Calculate 3D flow vectors and particle time-histories from lightfield data



- Measure 3D flow of particles in water.
- Need only **one** lightfield camera.
- Simple calibration with single image.
- No need to synchronize cameras.
- Robust setup.



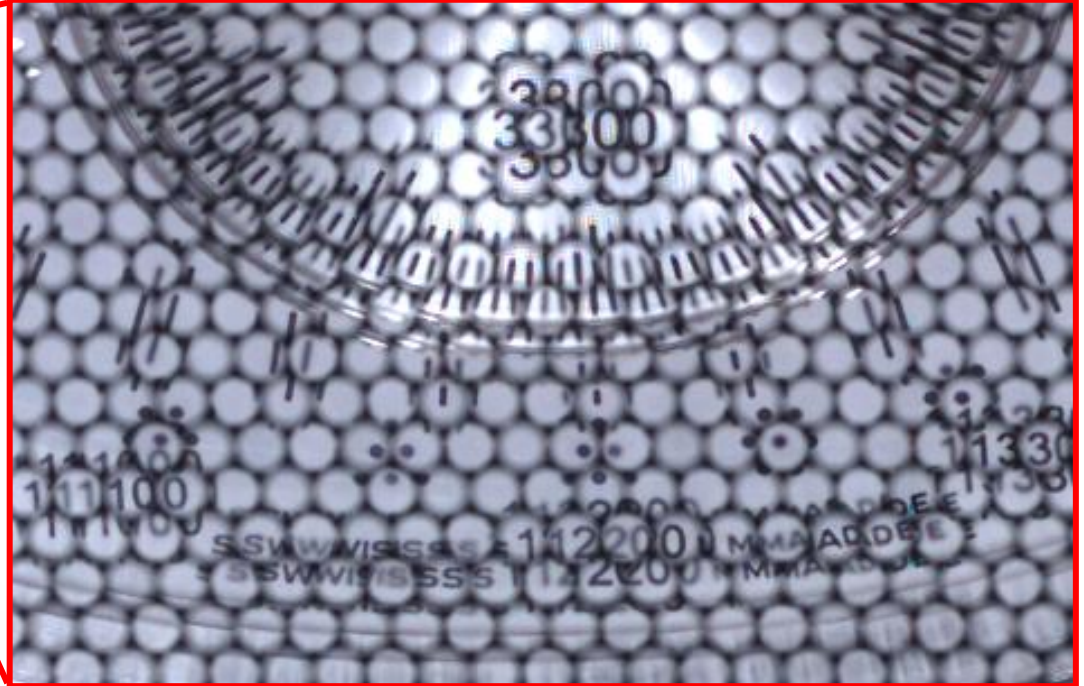
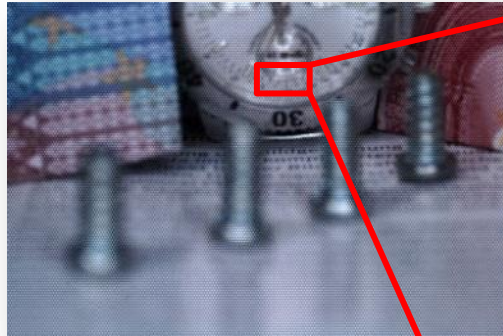
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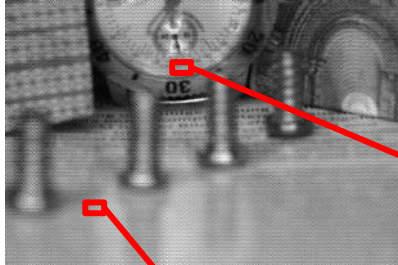
Example: Plenoptic Camera Raw Image



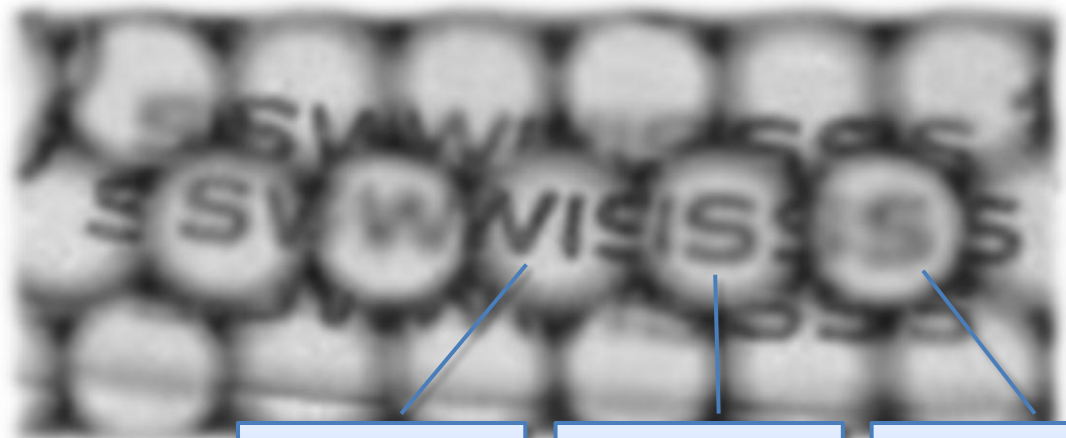
Compute "refocused" image



Extended Depth-of-Field



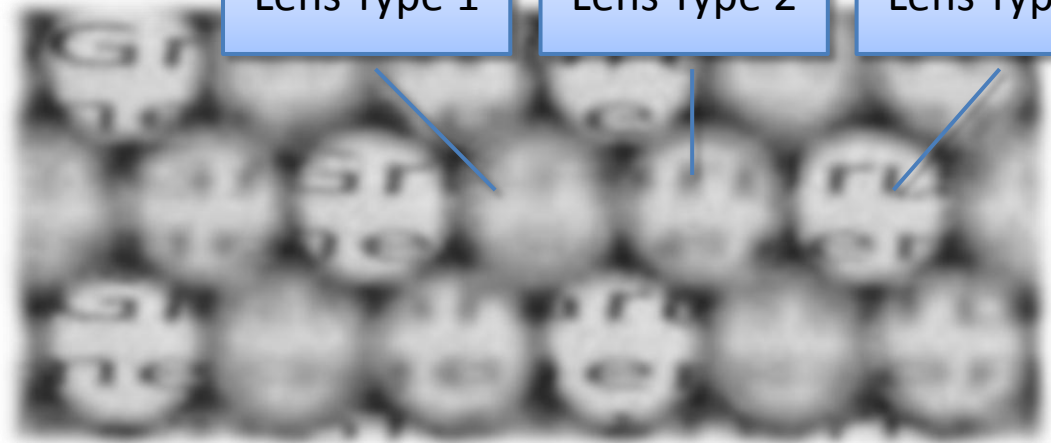
Raytrix cameras use micro lens arrays with different micro lens types which differ in their focal length. This extends the depth-of-field of the camera.



Lens Type 1

Lens Type 2

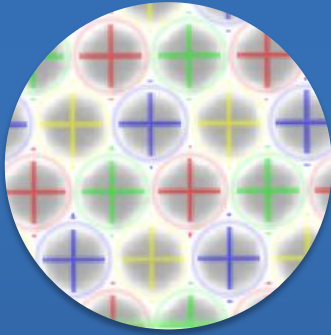
Lens Type 3



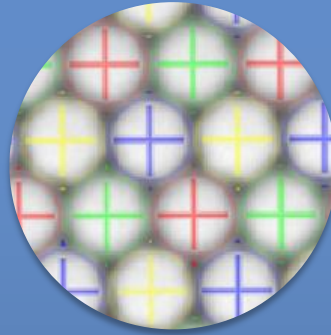
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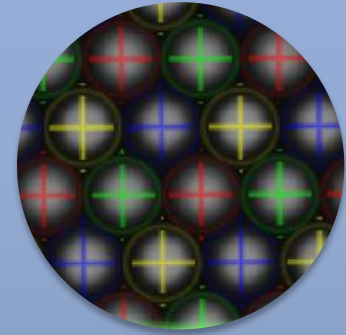
Lightfield Camera F-Matching



Main lens
aperture more
open than micro
lens aperture



Main lens
aperture matches
micro lens
aperture



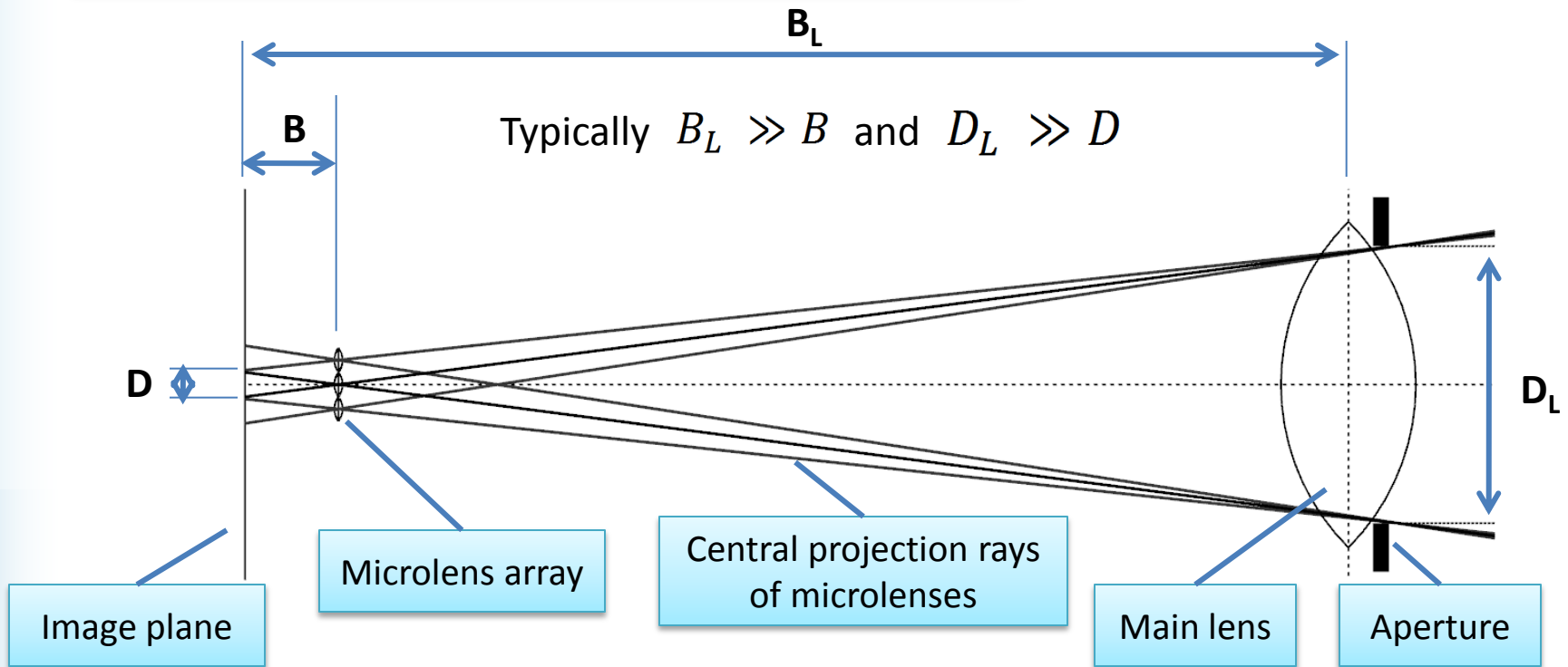
Main lens
aperture more
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micro lens
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Light Field Camera F-Matching

The F-numbers of the main aperture has to equal the F-numbers of the microlenses. Otherwise, either the micro images overlap or there are gaps between neighbouring micro images.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Microlens} & F = \frac{B}{D} \\ \text{Main lens} & F_L = \frac{B_L}{D_L} \end{array}$$



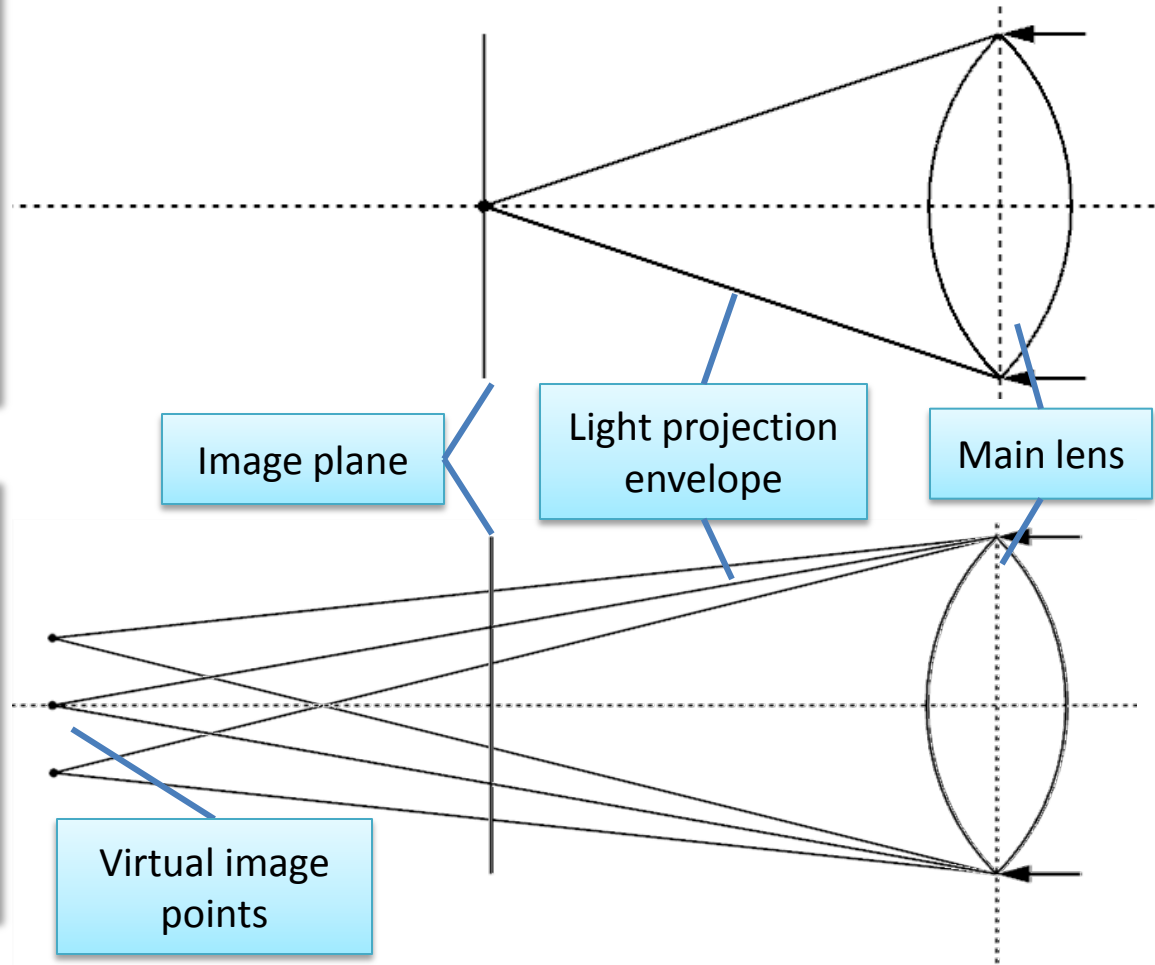
Standard Camera Image Formation

Light rays focused onto point on image plane by main lens.

All light rays inside the light projection envelope are integrated at the image point.

Sets of light rays focused to points behind the image plane.

Pixel on image plane sample light rays from different directions but also from different points.

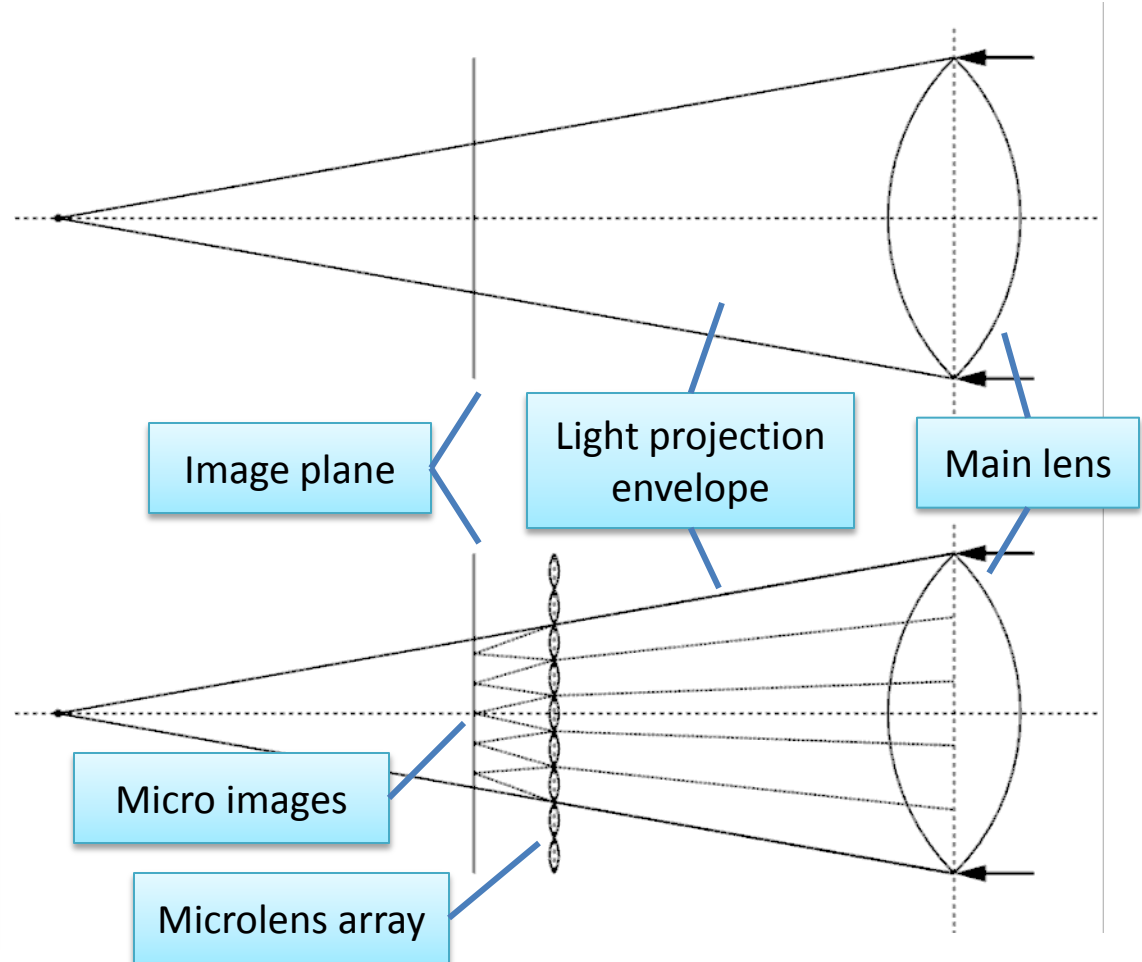


Light Field Camera Image Formation

Light rays focused to point behind image plane by main lens.

Light rays focused to a point behind the image plane by main lens.

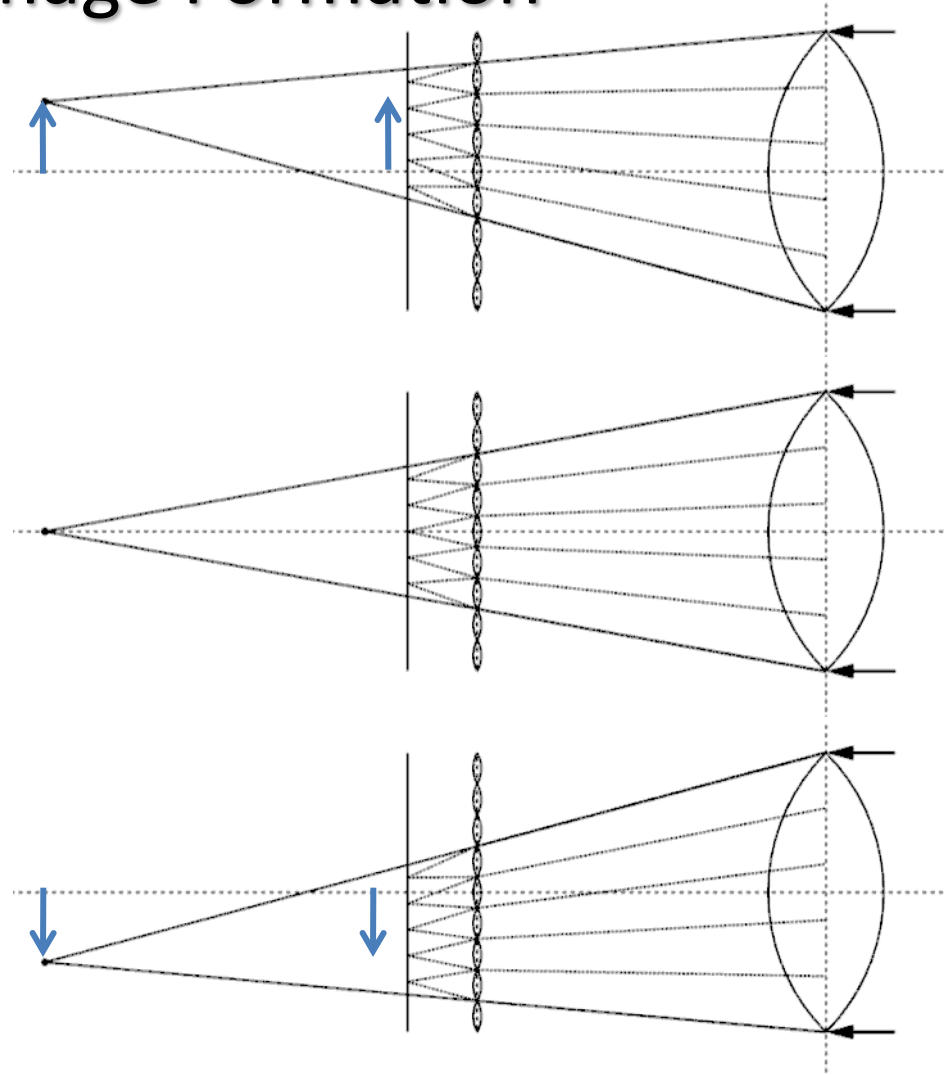
Microlenses sample subsets of light rays and focus them to a set of points.



Light Field Camera Image Formation

The light projection envelopes for virtual image points at **different positions** create non-overlapping sets of micro images.

The original light projection envelope can be reconstructed.



Effective Resolution

The closer an object is to the camera, the further away the virtual image is from the image plane and the more micro lenses see the same point.

The effective resolution is a combination of the number of micro images a point is projected to and the micro lenses' depth-of-field.

Object further away

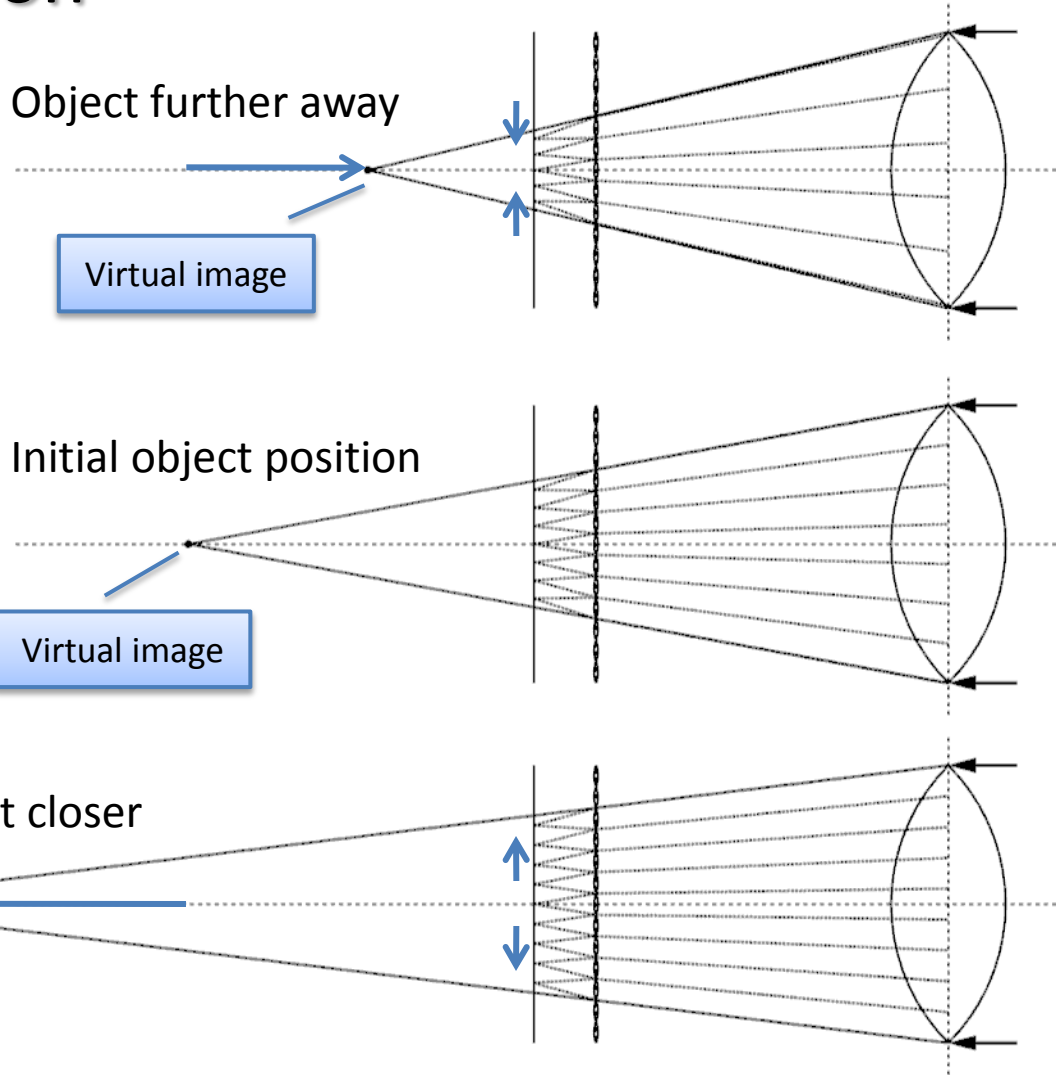
Virtual image

Initial object position

Virtual image

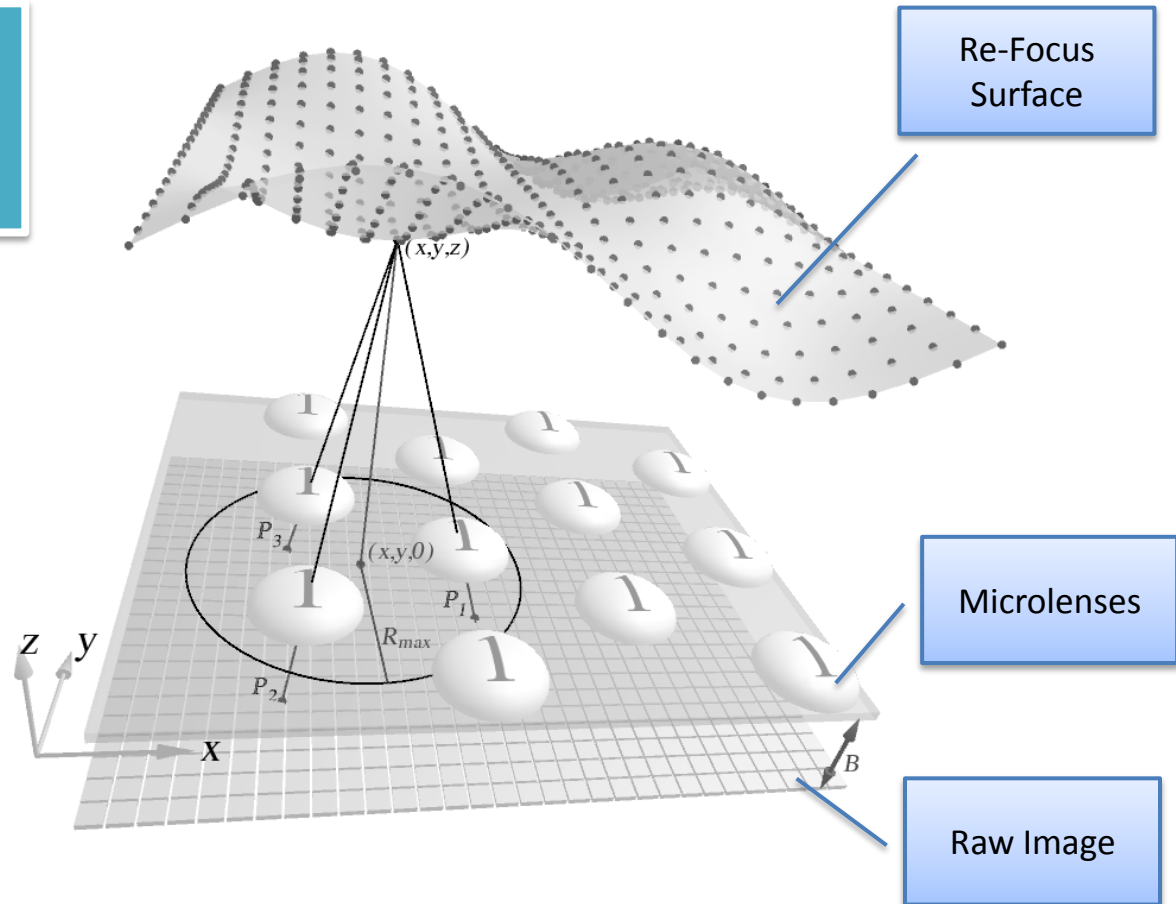
Object closer

Virtual image



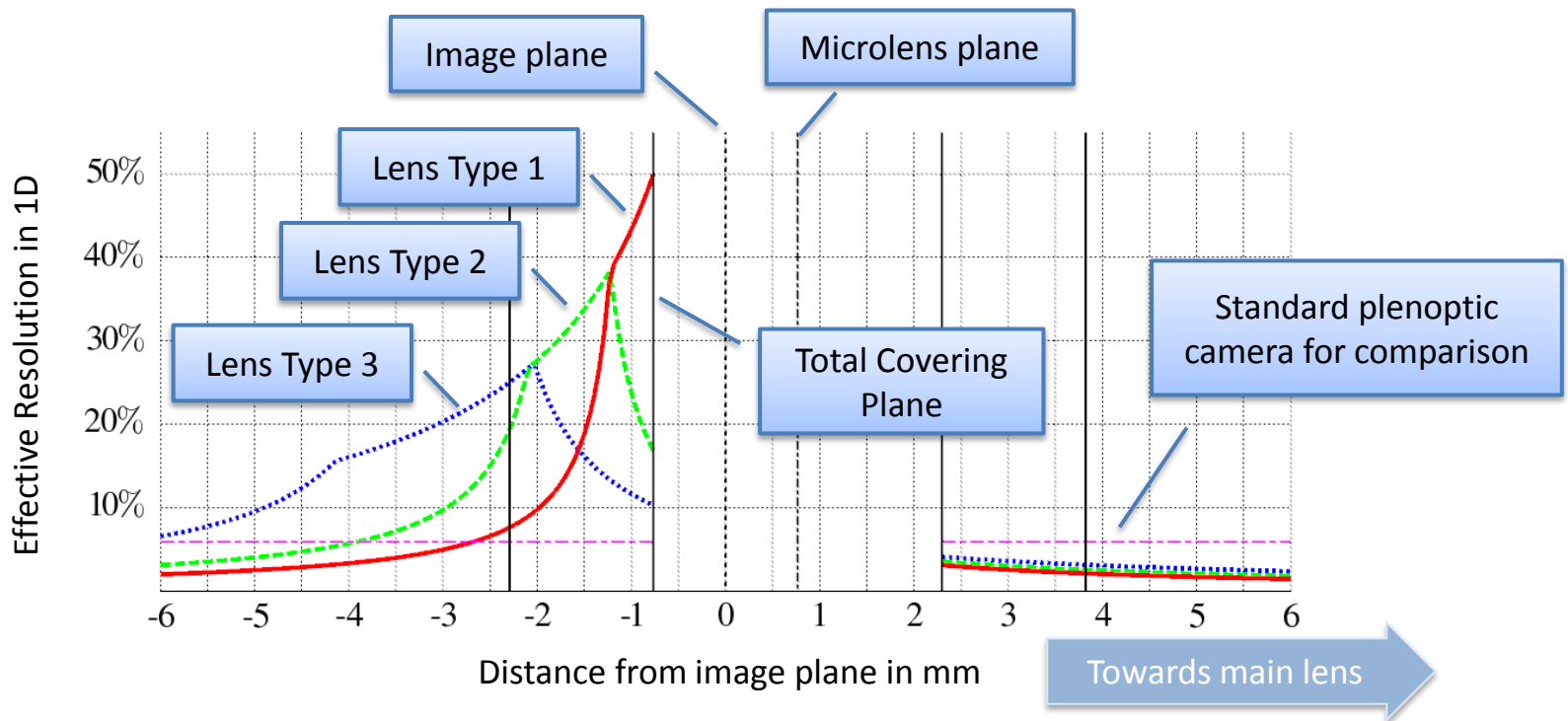
Refocusing

Construction of re-focused image from raw image by calculating projection rays from re-focus surface onto image image.



Effective Resolution – Multi Focus

Effective resolution ratio for one image dimension per lens type with respect to virtual image position. Objects projected onto total covering plane are those furthest away that can still be refocused. As objects get closer to camera, the effective resolution is reduced.

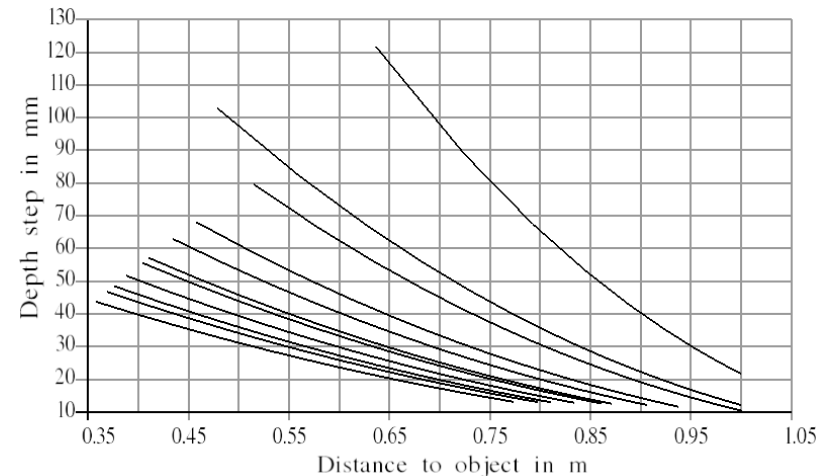
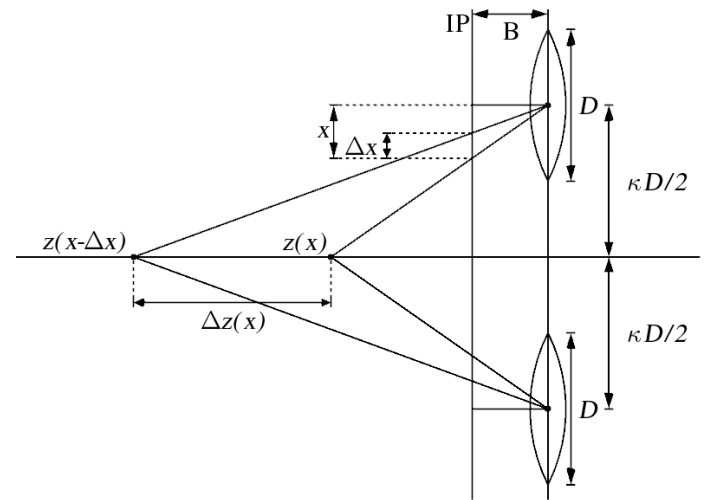


Depth Resolution

Depth is calculated by matching corresponding image patches in neighboring micro lenses. Depending on how close an object is to the camera, micro lenses with a larger distance can be used, which improves the depth resolution.



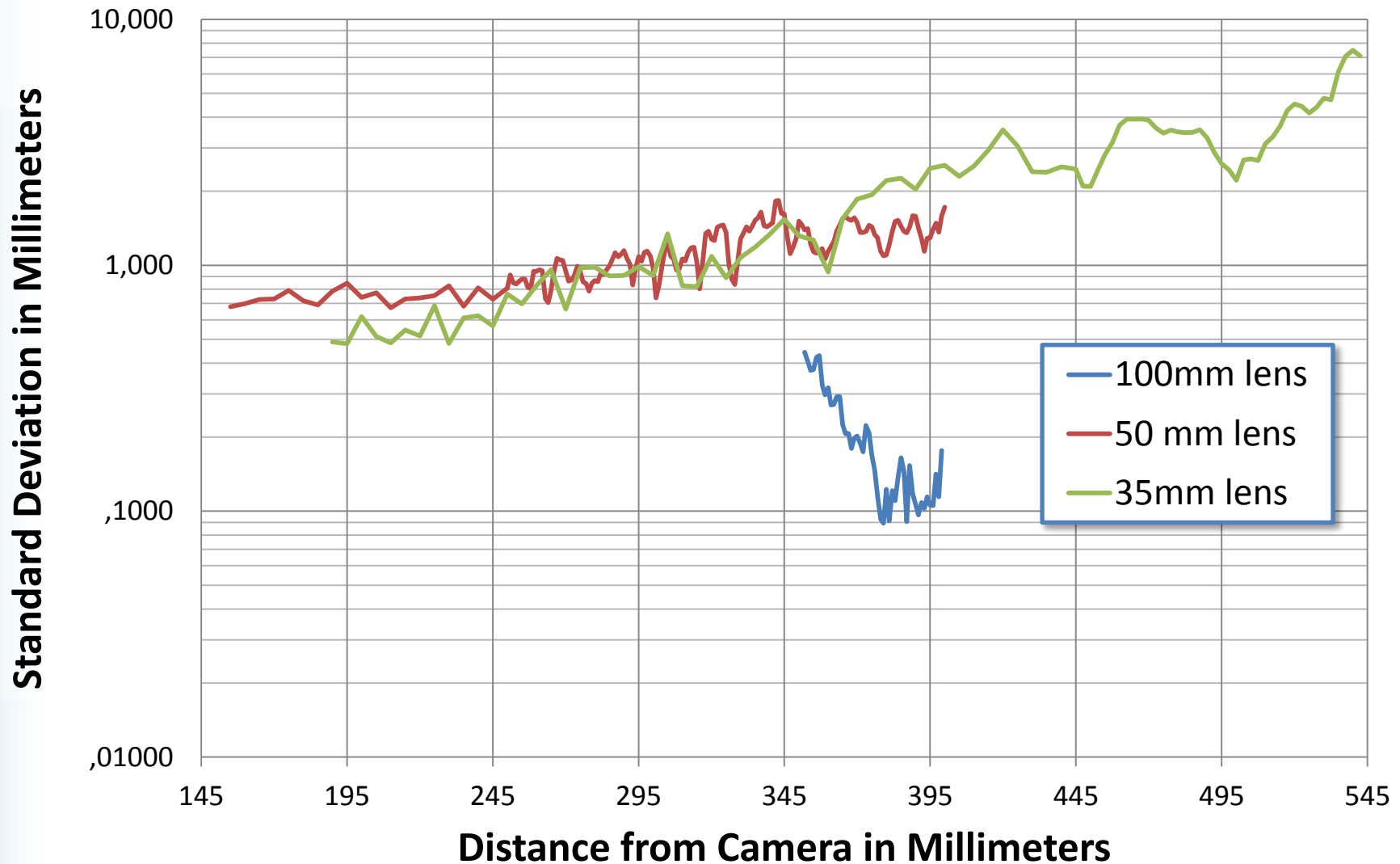
First 10 neighbors with increasing distance



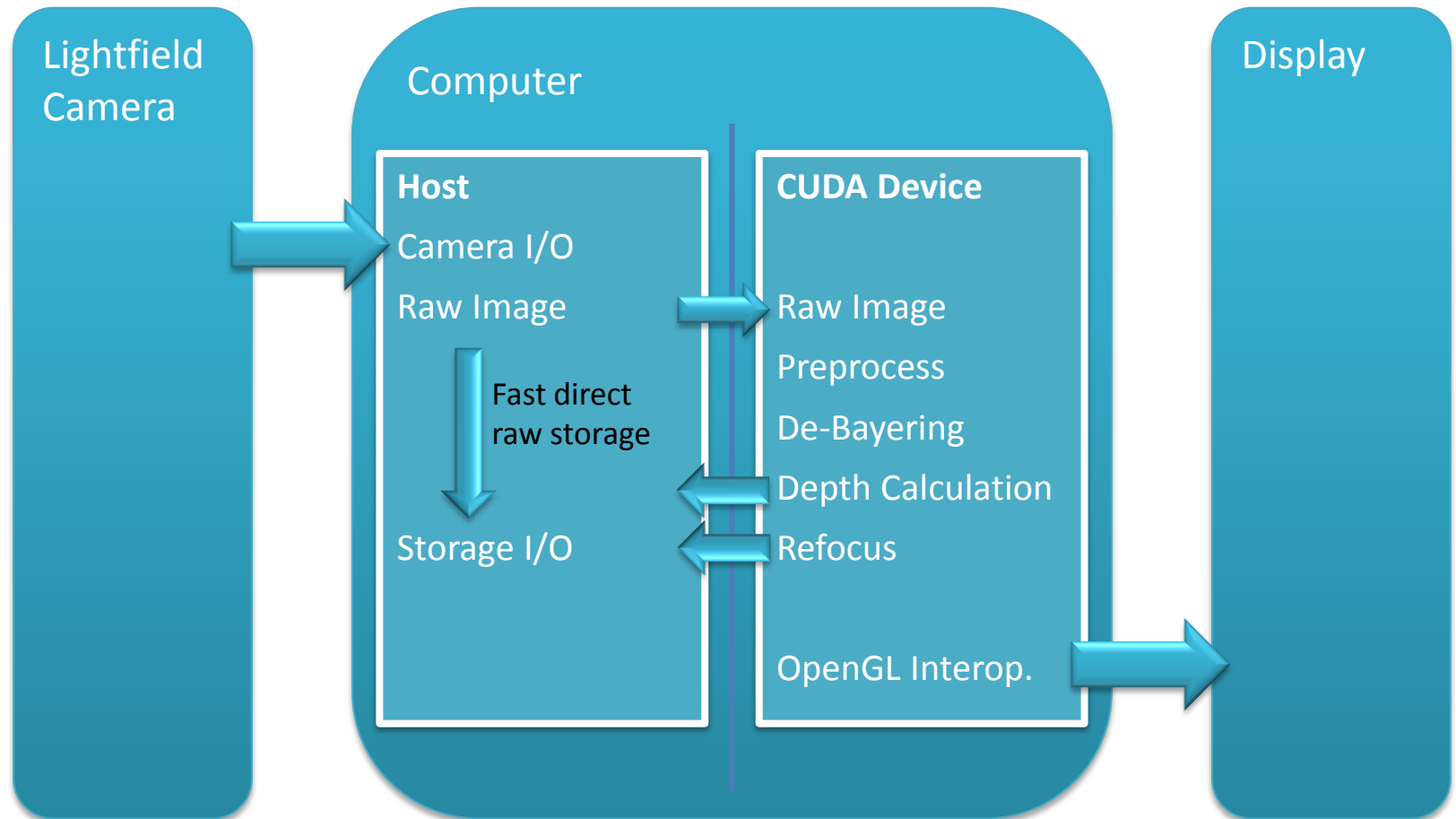
Depth resolution graphs for first 11 neighbors



Depth Resolution - Real Data Results



Software Architecture



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One Shot – Many Outputs

Single shot

- One raw image
- Video possible
- Makro and Tele lenses
- Arbitrary object sizes and distances
- High effective resolution



Depth Map

- No 3D-calibration needed
- Depth can only be calculated at structured areas



3D-Data



3D-View

- Variable base line
- Variable image orientation
- Multi-View for auto-stereoscopic displays



All-In-Focus

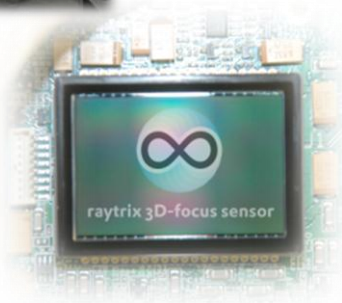


Image Processing

- selective per-pixel focus
- Variable view point horizontally and vertically
- Variable 3D-zoom effect



Thank you for your attention!



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