Dear Vvvvellows, a warm welcome to the workshop of



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Chris Engler teaches vvvv at the Muthesius Academy of Fine Arts & Design since 2004. He offers an introduction to v4 every semester and supports advanced users in disciplines such as generative animation, motion sensing and interaction



design. The students are coming from all kinds of departments: Fine Arts, Industrial Design and Interior Design.

As part of his job at the University, he developed not just the very first dome projection system with vvvv (ICH2) but also a neat Multitouch Table called Future Ocean Explorer.

And last but not least, he runs a design studio in Hamburg called wirmachenbunt.

http://www.wirmachenbunt.de/



Frank Langer worked for 3 years as broadcast cameraman and got interest in interactive video. At university he dived into video tracking, gestures and lighting, which he completed with his graduation on Digital Film Production Techniques.

Graduation work was done with V4 and kindly supported by Meso / Max Wolf. His particular interest covers the field from light->capture->algorithm->interaction with image.

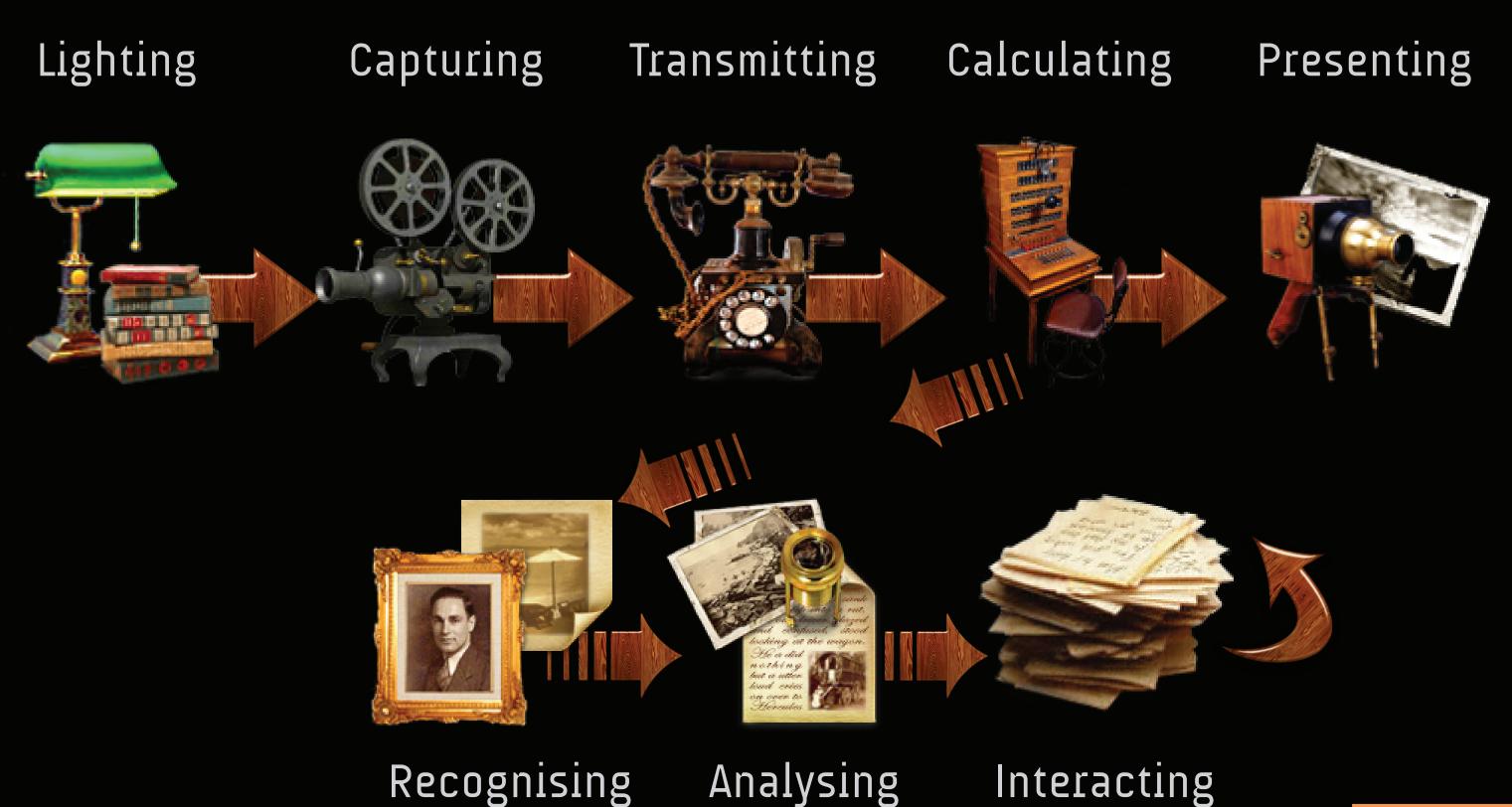
Frank lives and works in Cologne as Interaction Designer for ag4 mediafacade.



http://www.lightinsphere.de http:// lightinsphere.tumblr.com







overview

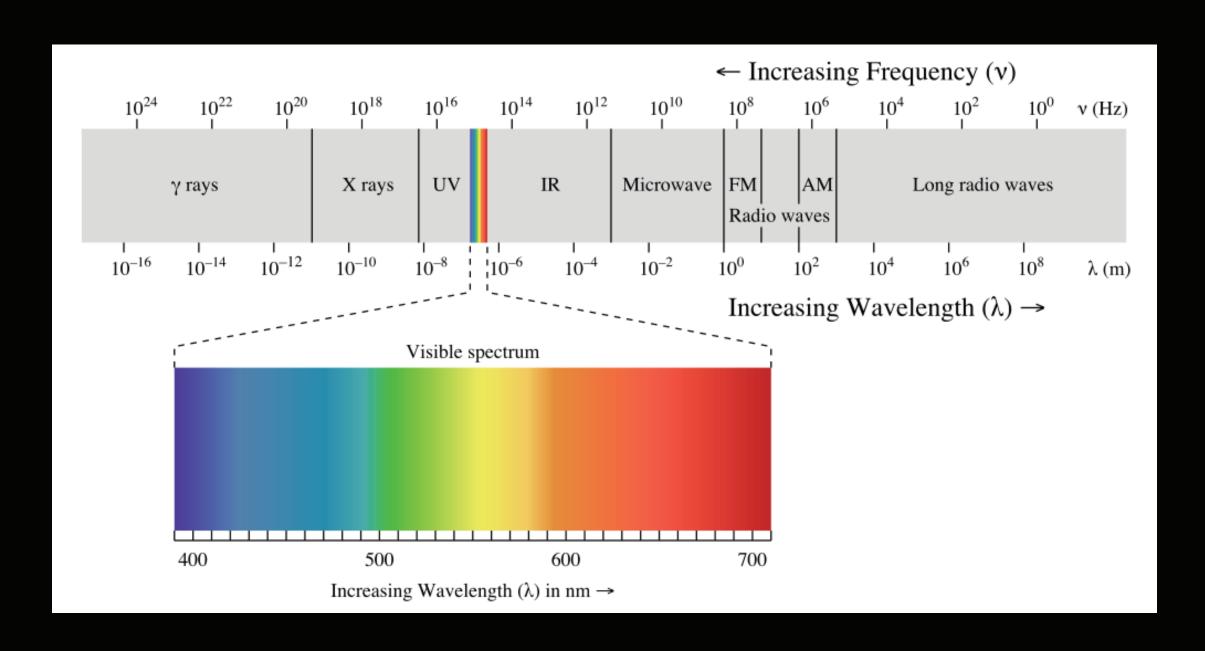




Lighting



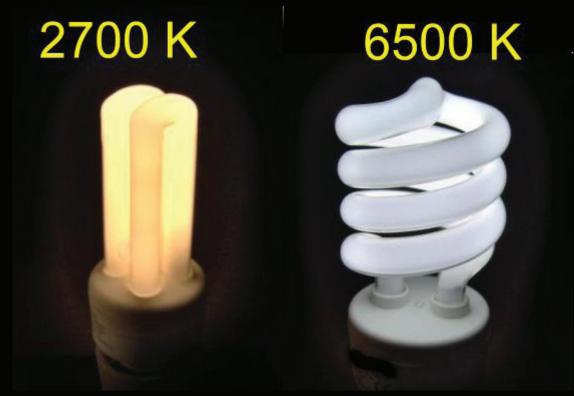
| Color          | Wavelength               |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| violet<br>blue | 380–450 nm<br>450–475 nm |
| cyan<br>green  | 476–495 nm<br>495–570 nm |
| yellow         | 570–590 nm               |
| orange         | 590-620 nm               |
| red            | 620-750 nm               |





http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visible\_light





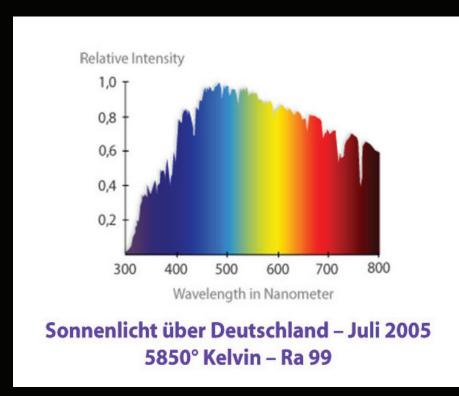
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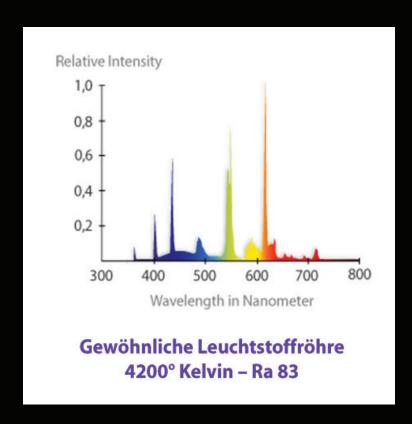


#### sunlight

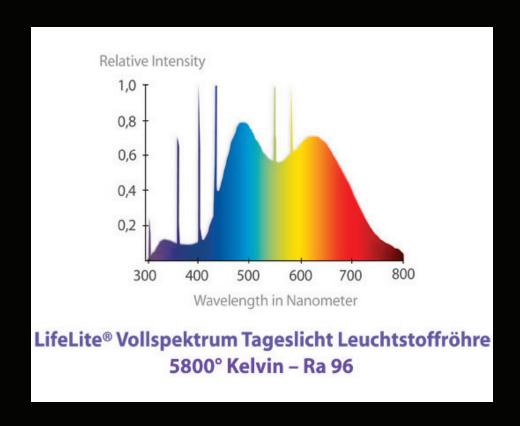


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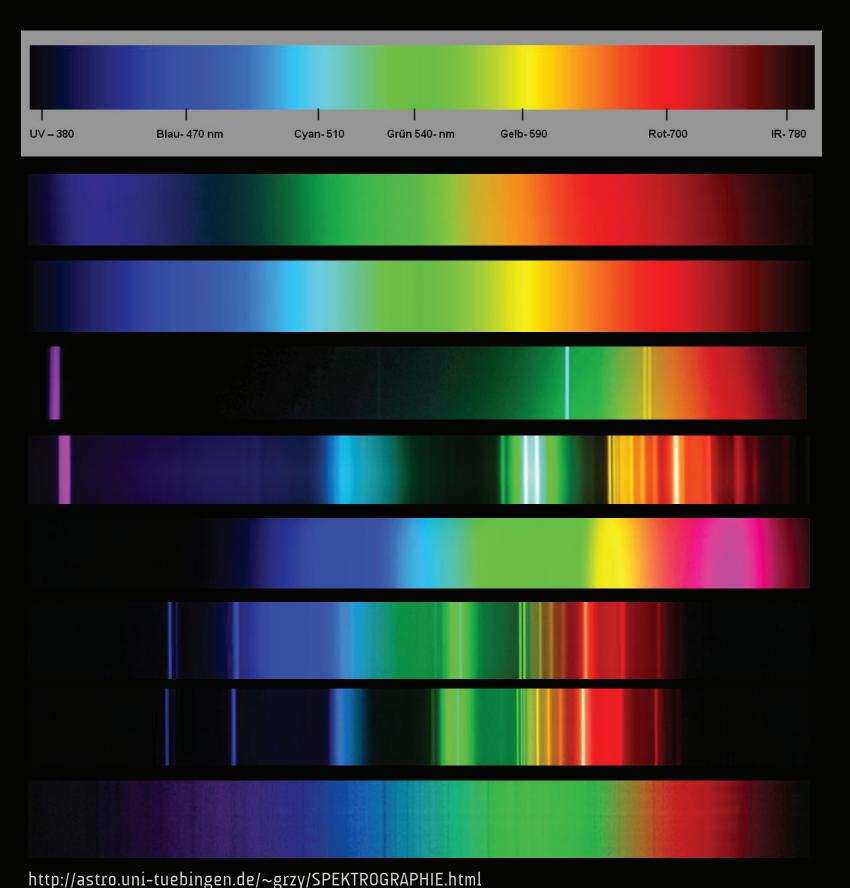
#### fluorescent



#### special fluorescent





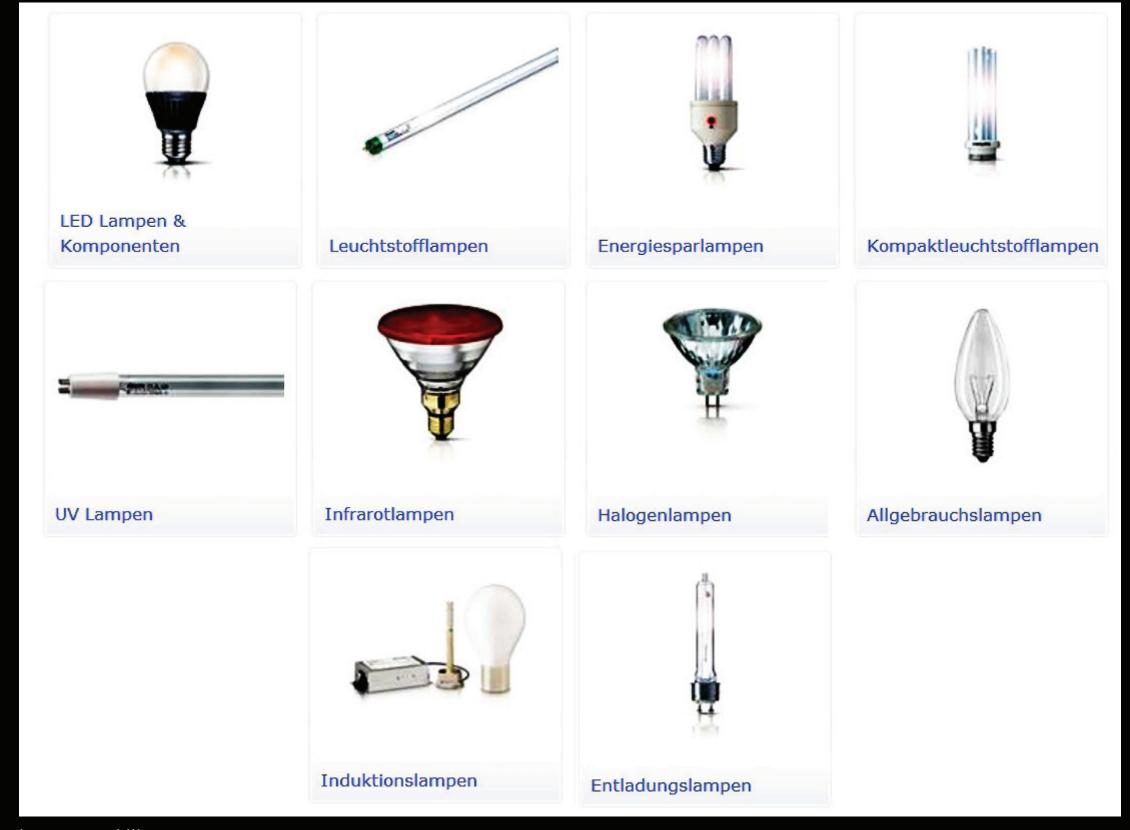


legend

led 3000k Warm White halogen fluorescent 1 fluorescent 2 common bulb 2700K compact fluorescent lamp 5800K compact fluorescent lamp 2700K sun light

color temperature





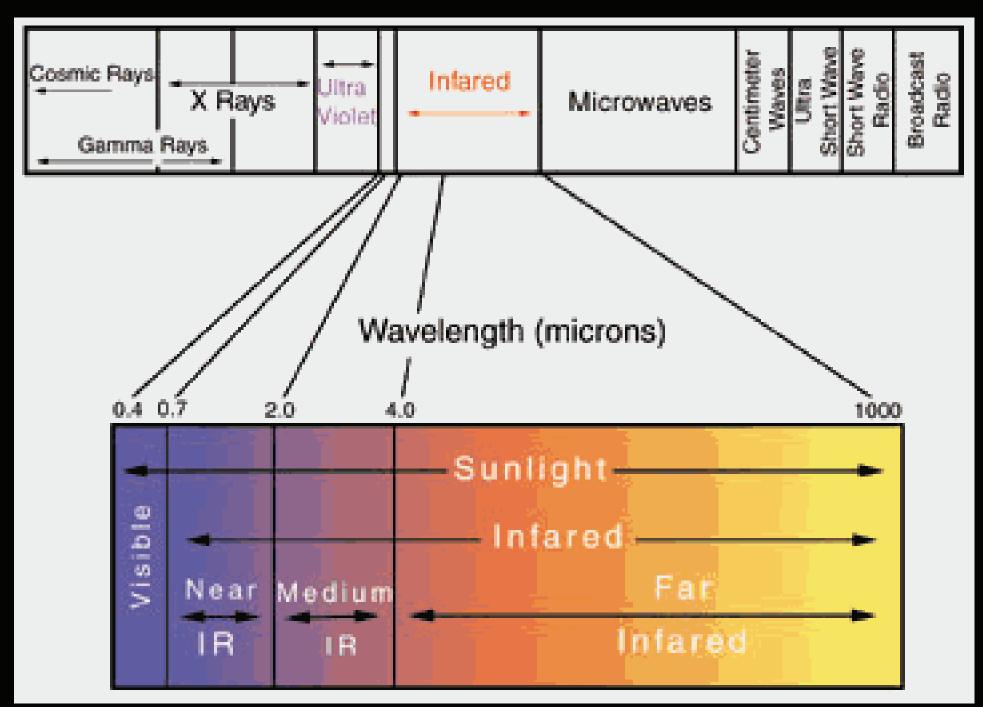


#### infrared





visible



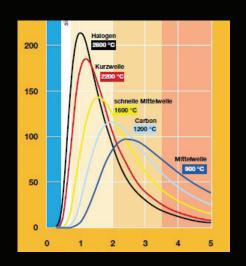
http://www.watershed.net/About-Saunas/



# IR lamp industry IR lamps



http://www.heraeus-noblelight.com



### IR lamp health lamp



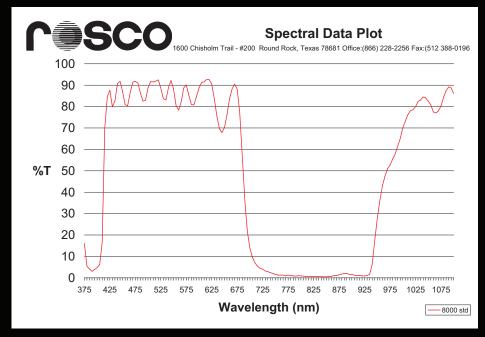
http://www.philips.com

## common bulb (!) radium

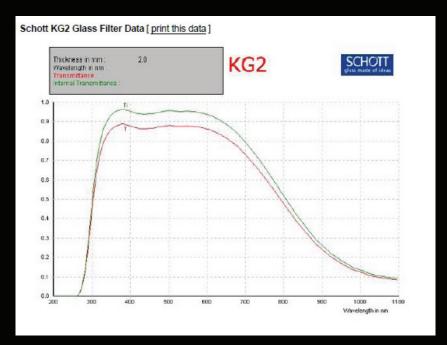


http://www.radium.de

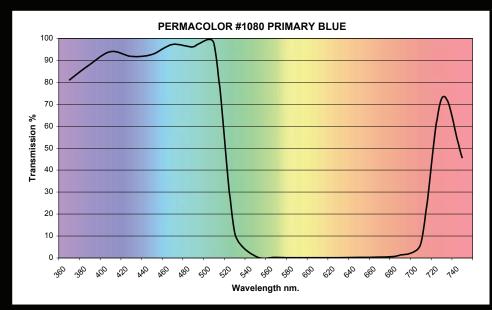




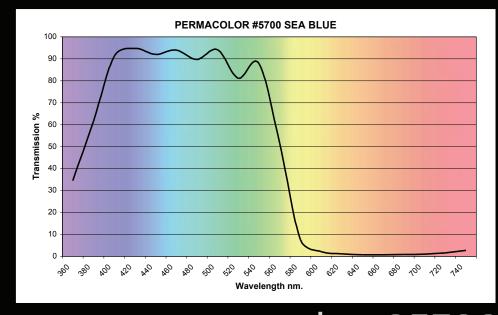
rosco hot mirror

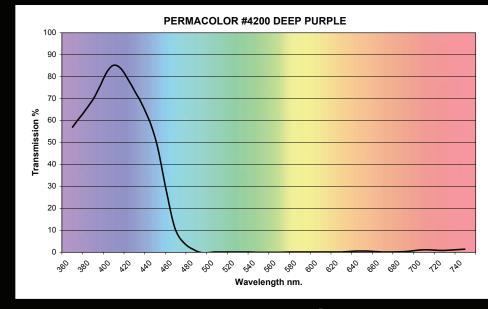


schott heat filter



rosco permacolor 31080 rosco permacolor 35700 rosco permacolor 34200





infrared filter

### background light



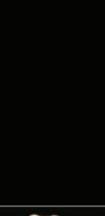








http://www.shortcourses.com/





Background

Light



**Rim Light** 



fill light











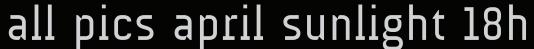
**Main Light** 

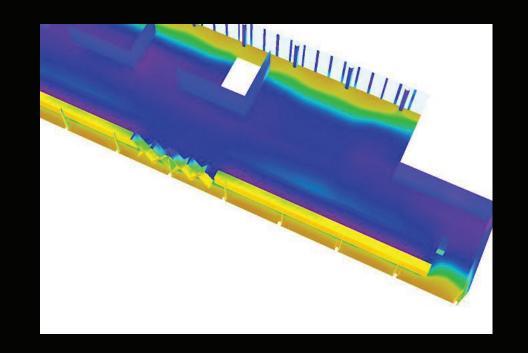


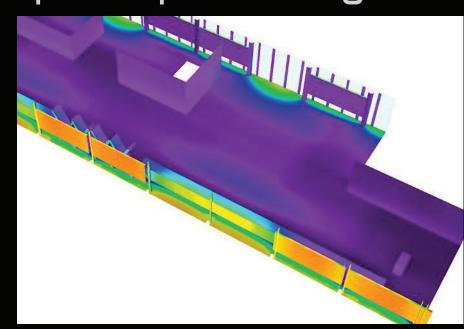
light position

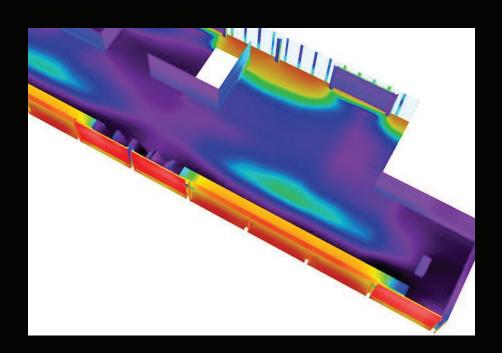
Fill Light











calculation of sun light direction, intensity, contrast, glares, at certain places on specific dates

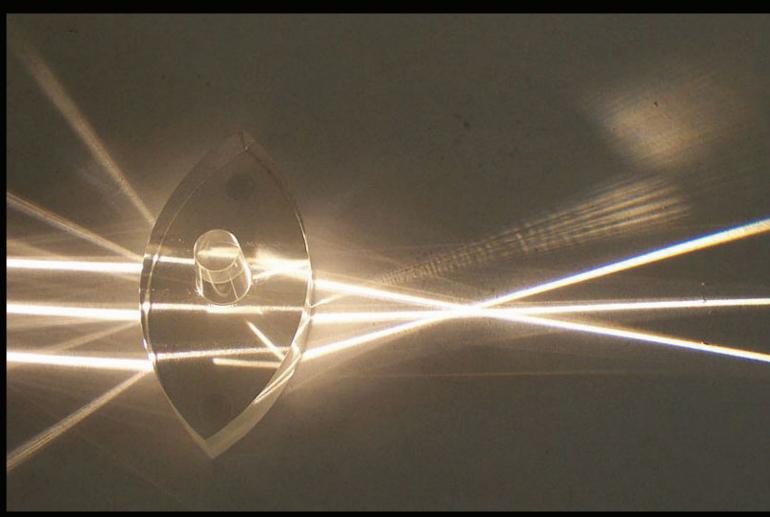




Capturing







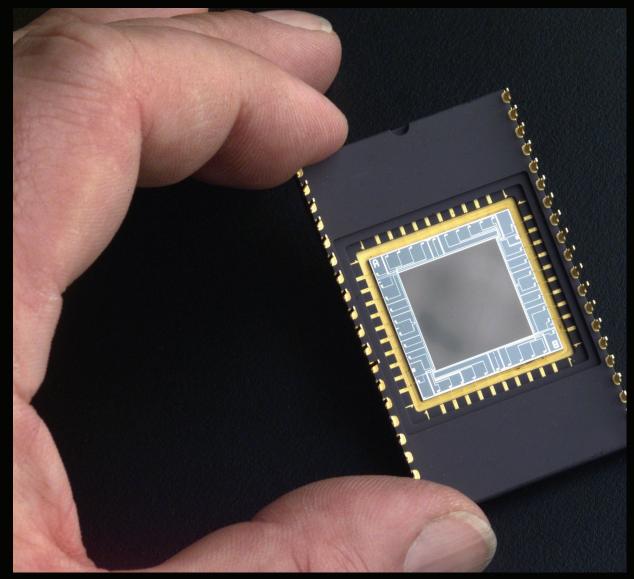
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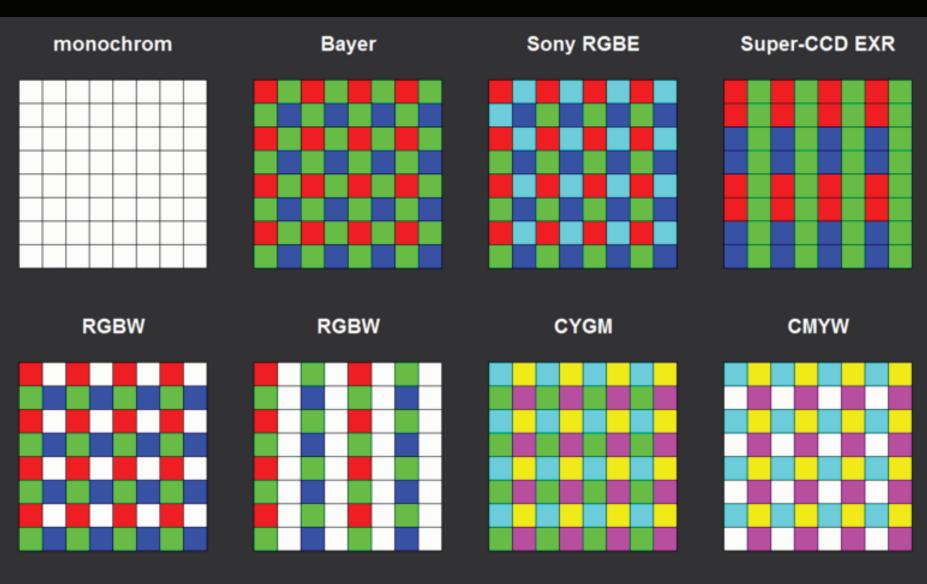


http://www.flickr.com/photos/tambako/









http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datei:CCD.jpg

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Datei:CFA\_Pattern\_fuer\_quadratische\_und\_rechteckige\_Pixel.png

One chip is dedicated for each color (RGB), whereas a single chip cam uses a color pattern to capture all 3 colors with one chip only - at cost of quality.







USB



FireWire



GigE-Cam



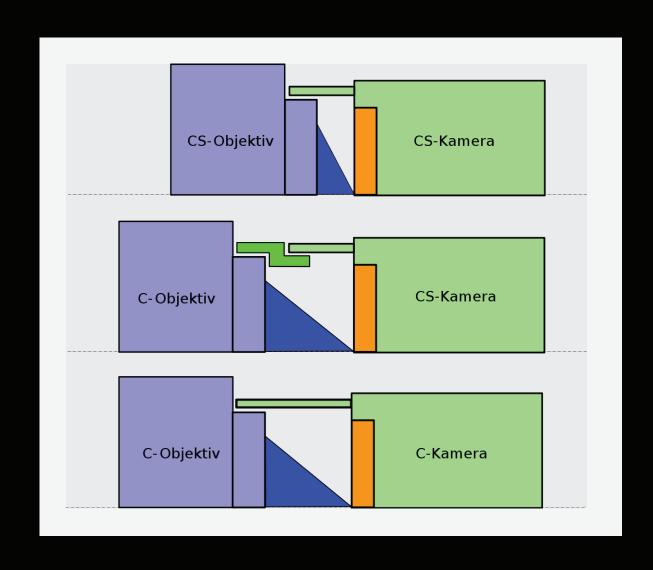


W-Lan Cam



CCTV Fixedcase







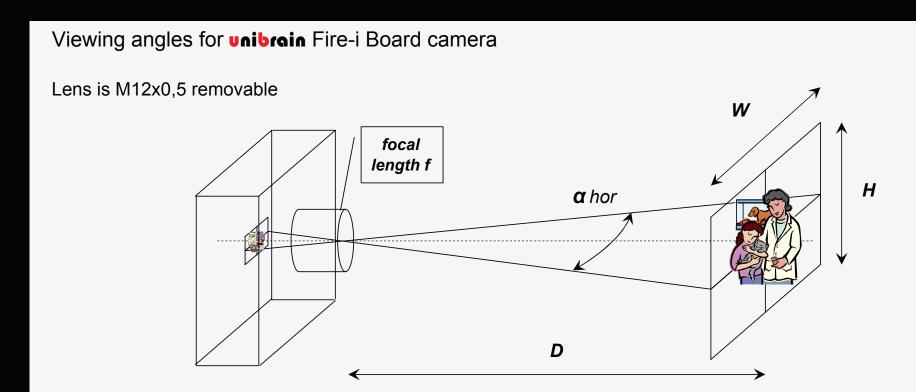
de.wikipedia.org/wiki/C-Mount



# Having two values of the triangle

- -dof / focal length
- -image width / angle
- -chip size / diameter

can give you the missing one.



| Lens focal<br>length   | Horizontal viewing angle | Vertical viewing angle | Diagonal viewing angle | Size of the reality<br>for D = 0,5 m (see note) |       | Size of the reality<br>for D = 5 m |      |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|-------|------------------------------------|------|
| f  | <b>a</b> hor             | <b>a</b> vert          | <b>a</b> diag          | W   | Н     | W                                  | Н    |
| (mm)   | (°)                      | (°)                    | (°)                    | (m)   | (m)   | (m)                                | (m)  |
| 2,10   | 80,95                    | 65,24                  | 93,70                  | 0,853   | 0,640 | 8,53                               | 6,40 |
| 2,50   | 71,27                    | 56,52                  | 83,72                  | 0,717   | 0,538 | 7,17                               | 5,38 |
| 3,00   | 61,70                    | 48,26                  | 73,49                  | 0,597   | 0,448 | 5,97                               | 4,48 |
| 3,60   | 52,93                    | 40,94                  | 63,78                  | 0,498   | 0,373 | 4,98                               | 3,73 |
| 4,00   | 48,26                    | 37,14                  | 58,50                  | 0,448   | 0,336 | 4,48                               | 3,36 |
| 4,30   | 45,25                    | 34,71                  | 55,03                  | 0,417   | 0,313 | 4,17                               | 3,13 |
| 6,00   | 33,26                    | 25,25                  | 40,94                  | 0,299   | 0,224 | 2,99                               | 2,24 |
| 8,00   | 25,25                    | 19,07                  | 31,28                  | 0,224   | 0,168 | 2,24                               | 1,68 |
| 12,00  | 16,99                    | 12,78                  | 21,15                  | 0,149   | 0,112 | 1,49                               | 1,12 |
| 16,00  | 12,78                    | 9,60                   | 15,94                  | 0,112   | 0,084 | 1,12                               | 0,84 |
| Note: each lens has a minimum object distance, that may be longer than 0,5 m |                          |                        |                        |   |       |                                    |      |

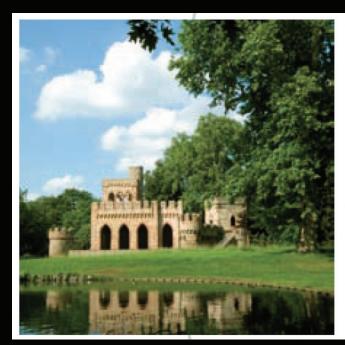
http://www.unibrain.com

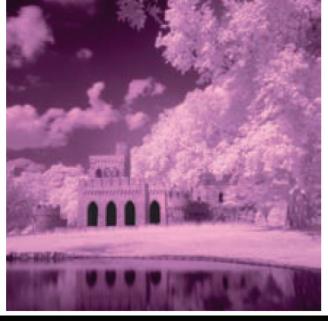
### Close up-filter

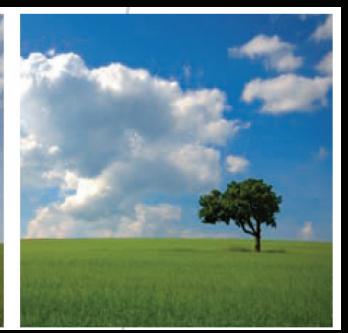


ND-filter









IR-filter

Pol-filter

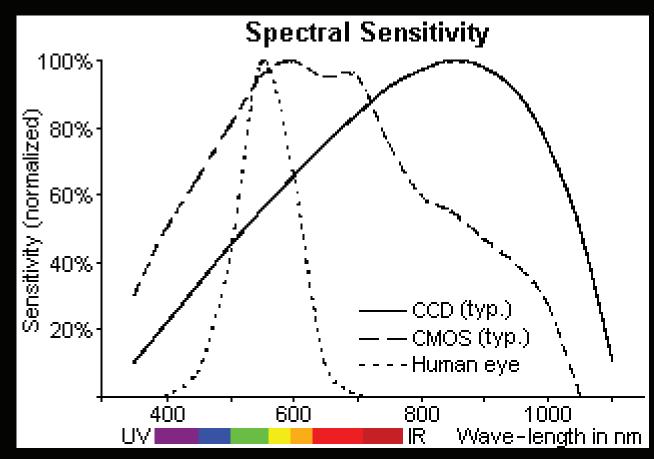


#### CCD

high sensitivity in NIR (max > 650 nm) better colours, better contrasts, especially at low or bright lights

#### **CMOS**

closer to human vision (max > 550 nm green) small housings specific ROI/areas can be addresses on chip thus capable of ultra high fps for small areas



http://www.fen-net.de/walter.preiss/d/slomoinf.html



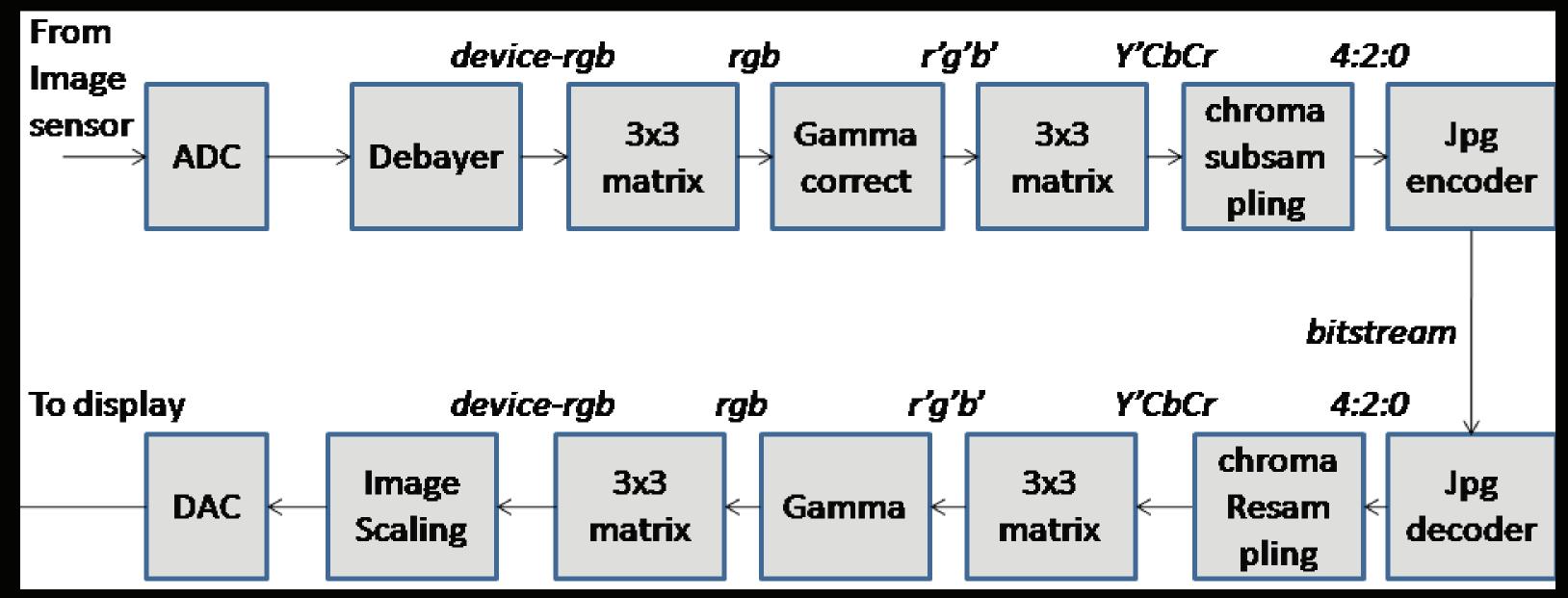






Transmit ting





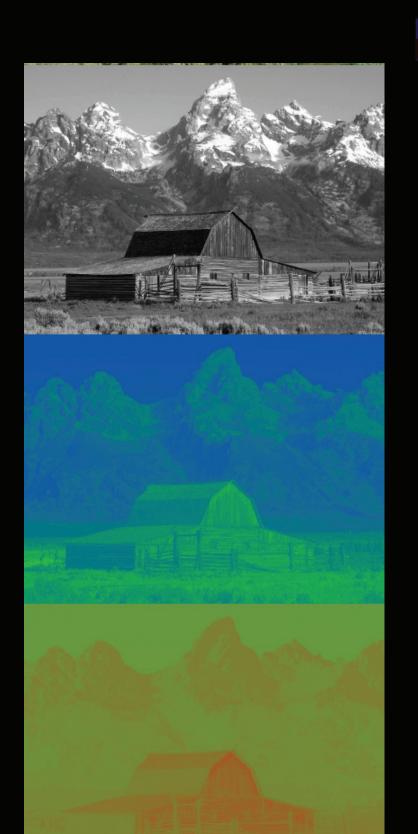
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Image\_pipeline2.png

Historically, YUV was used for a specific analog encoding of color information in television systems, as there still were BW telies. While YCbCr was used for digital encoding, nowadays both is just called YUV.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/YUV



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Barn-yuv.png



yuv/y'cbcr colormodels



#### RGB to YUV Conversion

$$Y = (0.257 * R) + (0.504 * G) + (0.098 * B) + 16$$
  
 $Cr = V = (0.439 * R) - (0.368 * G) - (0.071 * B) + 128$   
 $Cb = U = -(0.148 * R) - (0.291 * G) + (0.439 * B) + 128$ 

#### YUV to RGB Conversion

B = 
$$1.164(Y - 16) + 2.018(U - 128)$$
  
G =  $1.164(Y - 16) - 0.813(V - 128) - 0.391(U - 128)$   
R =  $1.164(Y - 16) + 1.596(V - 128)$ 



quelle:http://www.fourcc.org/fccyvrgb.php

#### 4:4:4 (R'G'B' (no subsampling))

-HDCAM SR can record 4:4:4 R'G'B' over dual-link HD-SDI.

#### 4:2:2

- -AVC-Intra 100
- -Digital Betacam
- -DVCPR050 and DVCPR0 HD
- -Digital-S
- -CCIR 601 / Serial Digital Interface / D1
- -ProRes (HQ, 422, LT, and Proxy)
- -XDCAM HD422

#### 4:2:1

-very few software or hardware codecs use this sampling model

#### 4:1:1

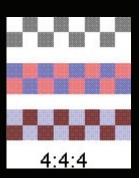
Initially, 4:1:1 chroma subsampling of the DV format was not considered to be broadcast quality and was only acceptable for low-end and consumer applications -DVCPRO (NTSC and PAL)

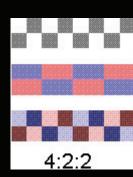
- -NTSC DV and DVCAM
- -D-7

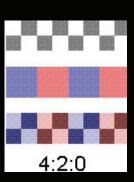
#### 4:2:0

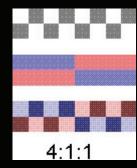
- -MPEG
- -PAL DV and DVCAM
- -HDV
- -AVCHD and AVC-Intra 50
- -Apple Intermediate Codec
- -most common JPEG/JFIF, H.261, and MJPEG implementations
- -VC-1







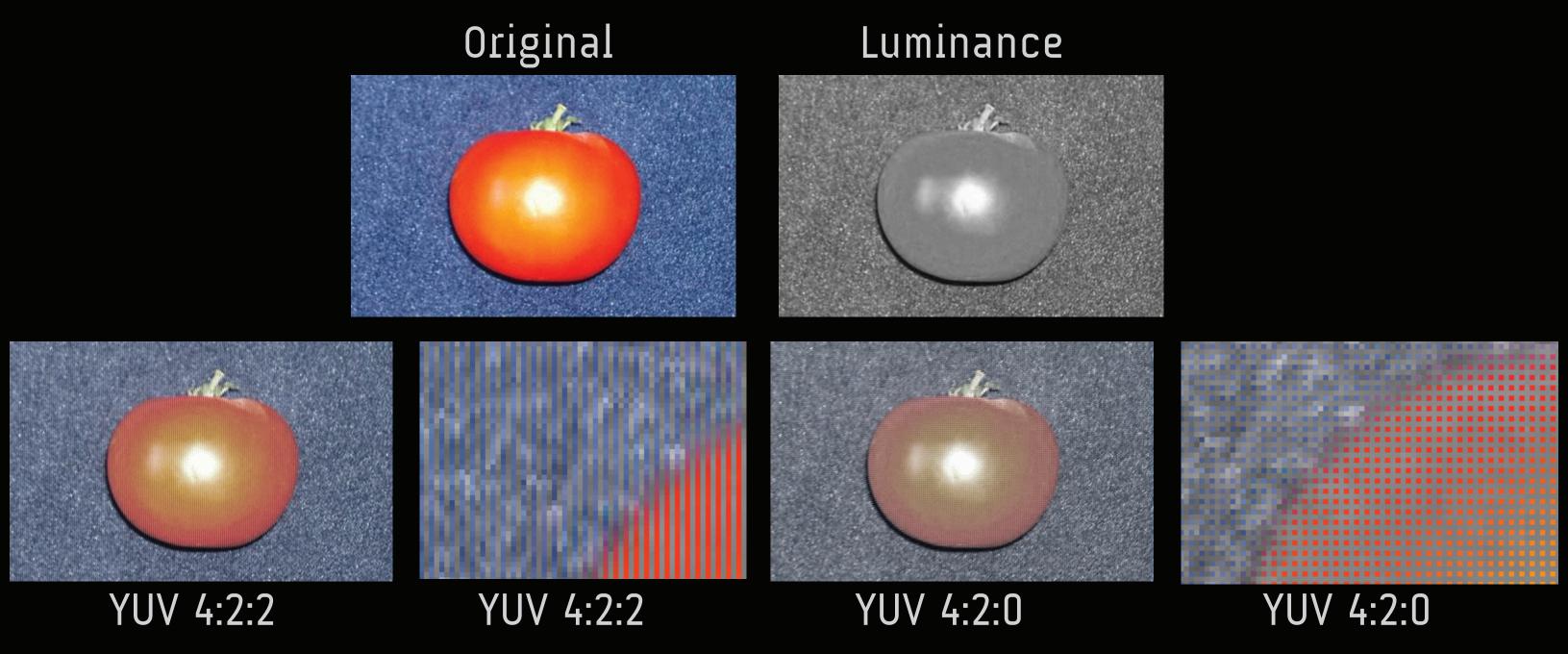




http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ File:Chroma\_subsampling\_ratios.svg

yuv - conversion rates





http://www.cine4home.de/knowhow/ChromaUpsampling/ChromaUpsampling.htm



-FireWire 400 (1394a) 100, 200 or 400 Mbit/s bandwith (ca. 12, 25 or 50 MByte/s)



- -integrated Power for devices (8 bis 33 V DC, 1,5 A), only 6-pol
- -parallel data transmitting in both directions (fullduplex)
- -4,5 m max. distance between two device (at 400 Mbit/s)
- -max distance with in-line-connection max. 72m
- -paketorientiated datatransfer
- -fast isochrone mode
- -writes data directly in PC memory without interaction of CPU
- -IDs can assigned to Firewire ports

FireWire was designed for high performance, particularly in time-sensitive applications such as audio and video.





- -A high-speed (USB 2.0) rate of 480 Mbit/s (~57 MB/s)
- -USB 2.0 maximum cable length is 5 metres (16 ft) 25m
- -Maximum permitted hubs connected in series is five 15m
- 4.4 V to 5.25 V bei (500 mA)
- -half-duplex
- -Big performance gains can be achieved when attaching USB devices in different controllers
- -paketorientiated datatransfer
- -verfifies incoming data and ask for anew if broken (like TCP)
- -complex protocol with handshake, eof, needs CPU power
- -IDs cant assigned to Usb devices, so cams can shift each time

USB was designed for simplicity and low cost





- -Gigabit 1,000 Mbit/s or 125MB/s,
- -FastEthernet 100 Mbit/s or 11.6 MB/s,
- -Ethernet 10 Mbit/s or 1.16 MB/s
- -allows long distances depending on quality of cable
- -protocol is important as well as hardware like switches, cables
- -UPD is fast and pushy, but has no error control
- -TCP has error control, but has latency
- -needs CPU power

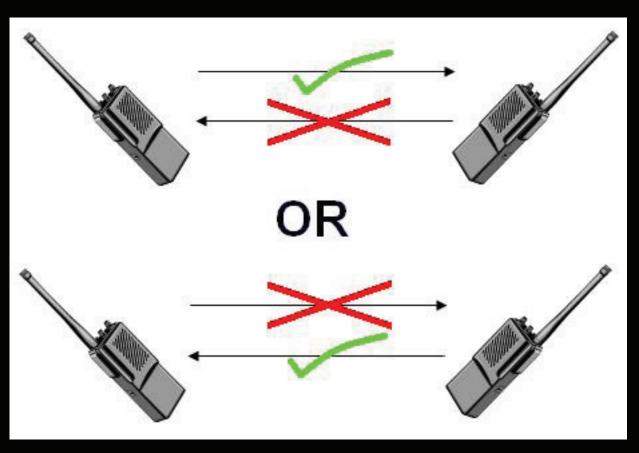






full duplex allows communication in both direction simultaneously

FireWire & Ethernet (depends on settings, hardware and protocol)



half duplex allows one direction at one time only

USB & WLAN





|         | rati  | о рх       | sum pixel | 8bit, RGB,<br>25 fps, 4:2:0 | 8bit, Y<br>25fps, raw |
|---------|-------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| VGA     | 4:3   | 640×480    | 307200px  | 90MB/s                      | 60MB/s                |
| miniDV  | 4:5   | 720×576    | 414720px  | 122MB/s                     | 81MB/s                |
| SVGA    | 4:3   | 800×600    | 480000px  | 141MB/s                     | 94MB/s                |
| XGA     | 4:3   | 1024×768   | 786432px  | 230MB/s                     | 153MB/s               |
| cam 720 | 016:9 | 1280x720   | 921600px  | 270MB/s                     | 180MB/s               |
| WXGA    | 16:10 | 01280x800  | 1024000px | 300MB/s                     | 200MB/s               |
| SXGA    | 4:3   | 1280×1024  | 1310720px | 384MB/s                     | 256MB/s               |
| UXGA    | 4:3   | 1600×1200  | 1920000px | 563MB/s                     | 375MB/s               |
| 1080i/p | 16:9  | 1920x1080  | 2073600px | 608MB/s                     | 405MB/s               |
| WUXGA   | 16:10 | 01920×1200 | 2304000px | 675MB/s                     | 450MB/s               |



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pixel



| LAN             |            | USB          |          |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| Ethernet        | 1.16 MB/s  | USB 1.1      | 1.5 MB/s |
| FastEthernet    | 11.6 MB/s, | USB 2.0      | 60 MB/s  |
| Gigabit         | 125MB/s,   |              |          |
|                 |            | Firewire     |          |
| WLAN            |            | FireWire 100 | 12 MB/s  |
| 802.11          | 0.25 MB/s  | FireWire 200 | 25 MB/s  |
| 802.11a         | 6.75 MB/s  | FireWire 400 | 50 MB/s  |
|                 |            | FireWire 800 | 98 MB/s  |
| PC              |            |              |          |
| PCI Express 1.0 | 250 MB/s   |              |          |
| PCI Express 2.0 | 500 MB/s   |              |          |
| AGP 4x          | 1,067 MB/s |              |          |





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307200px (640*480px)
*8 (256colors)
* 3 (RGB)
= 7 372 800bits/s *25fps
= 184 320 000 bits/s
= 180000kB/s = 180MB/s
/ 2 (4:2:0 YUV) = 90MB/s
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Creative Live Ultra:
CCD-Sensor
640 x 480px a 30fps
USB-2.0



#### In short:

24 \* 25 / 2 / 1024000 = 90MB/s (8bitRGB\*fps/YUV rate/kb/s to MB/s) 8 \* 25 / 1024000 = 57 MB/s (8bitBW\*fps (raw) /kb/s to MB/s)

90MB/s vs 57 MB/s? USB 2.0 only got 60MB/s? **Solution**: Its a single chip webcam, its using a bayer colour filter in front of chip. Thus its a third of 90MB/s / 3 = 30MB/s for 25fps.

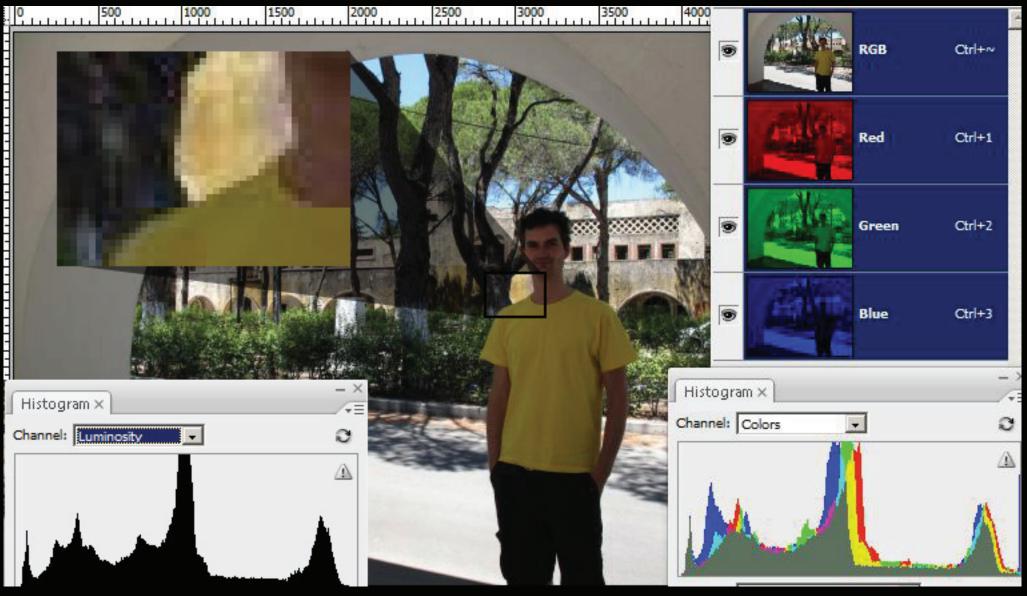
But colours are strongly compressed and sort of unreliable, not good for color tracking

example calculation









RGB Red Green Blue 8bit per Channel = 256 Colors 10bit, 16bit, 32bit is possible but lacks of output devices 24 bit per Pixel
16.8 million colors ("Truecolor")
Pixel spatial distribution
Histogram channel distribution

image in computer



RGB is standard RGBA extended standard different color modells possible, but only for calculation internally Output (Monitor, Beamer, LCD) work in RGB model

#### common is

HSV - Hue, Saturation, Value

HSL - Hue, Saturation, Luminance

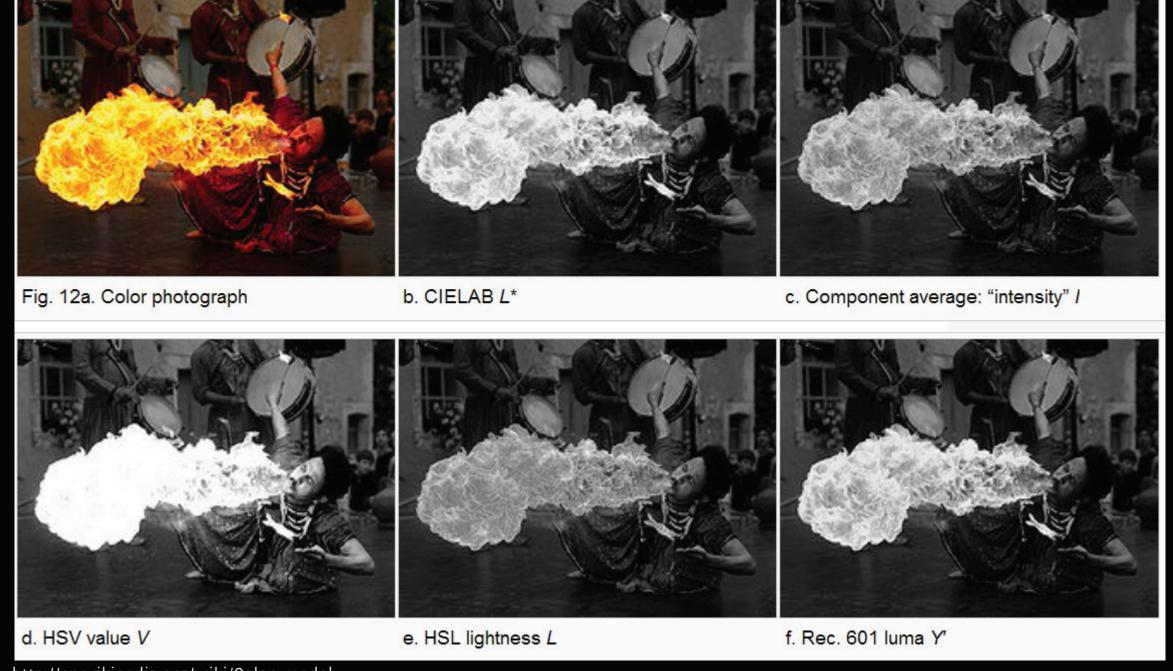
CMYK - Cyan, Mangenta, Yellow, Kontrast (used for print)

Lab - Ligthness, a = Green-Mangenta, b = Blue - Yellow

Greyscale - Greycolors







http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Color\_model

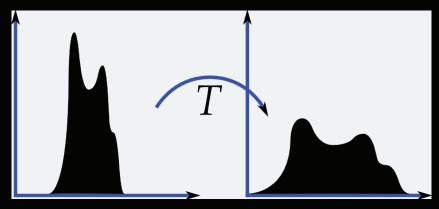
Every colormodel has its purpose, so might be useful to convert into different color space



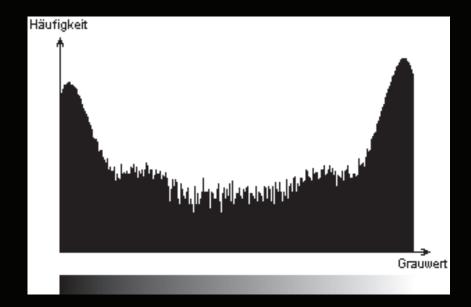


## histogram (graph presentation)

can be made for different "channels" like RGB, HSV, Luminance, RG chromaticity counting the number of image pixels in each bin (color value) provides a compact summarization of the distribution of data/colors in an image ignores shape of image - can be identical for two images with different objects color histograms have high sensitivity to noisy interference such as lighting useful tool for threshold useful tool for seeing brightness noise useful tool for brightness distribution/camera aperture



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Color\_histogram



http://de.wikipedia.org/w/index. php?title=Datei:Rauschbild-Histogramm.png







Recognizing



## Kernel based filters use surround pixel values noise reduction:

median, gauss, dilate, erode

### edge finding:

high pass. low pass, sobel, canny,

Roberts-Cross, Kirsch-Filter, sharpen

#### edge enhancement:

erode, dilate, open, close, unsharp

#### directions:

sobel, feature orientation, difference, optical flow

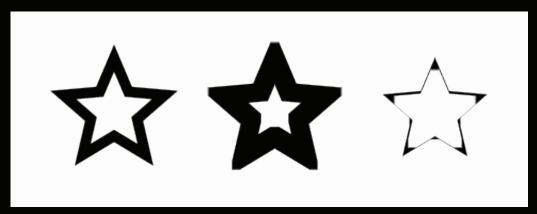
contrast: prewitt, laplace

#### pattern:

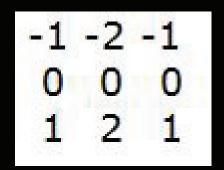
thinning, thickening, skeletonization, hit-and-miss



http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/rbf/HIPR2/wksheets.htm http://www.anigators.com/cvision/Filter-o-Rama.html



http://tavmjong.free.fr/INKSCAPE/MANUAL/html/Filters-Pixel.html







Pixel based filters can be used to prepare image before recognising foreground.

Basically you can do:

color corrections, color transformation, color replacement

gamma, contrast,

lensdistortion, morph



http://homepages.inf.ed.ac.uk/rbf/HIPR2/pntops.htm http://idlastro.gsfc.nasa.gov/idl\_html\_help/Contrasting\_and\_Filtering.html





how to seperate objects from background out of a sequence of frame?

simple way: take difference of static background frame, thus we get foreground objects



but how to obtain a static background?

http://www-staff.it.uts.edu.au/~massimo/BackgroundSubtractionReview-Piccardi.pdf



#### background

change of illumination (fast and long-run) background motion (such as trees, leaves, waves) when becomes foreground to background (chair, parked car)



## background substraction

abs(currentFrame-storedFrame) > Threshold

When to store background?

Not adaptive to light changes and shadows

Gets everything different even chairs, cars



#### frame difference

abs(currentFrame-previousFrame) > Threshold

Background is just the previous frame Its more a motion detection than object detection Needs high contrasts of frames, best is 5 frames before Sensitive to threshold



### average / median background

medianFrame =  $F_i + F_{i+n-1}/n$ abs(currentFrame-medianFrame) > Threshold

Adaptive to light changes Will slowly pushes unmoved objects to background (cars, charis) Memory consuming



### weighted background

weightedFrame = w\*p(x,y) + frame(row,colmn)
abs(currentFrame-weightedFrame) > Threshold

Adaptive to light changes
Adaptive to background motion (trees. leaves)
Will slowly pushes unmoved objects to background (cars, charis)



#### Threshold

simple Threshold value > Threshold

Bottom-Top Thresold TopThreshold > value > BottomThreshold

Gaussian Threshold value <> GaussianDeviation

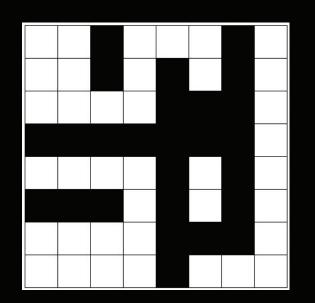
Threshold simply puts everything in its range to white = 1. Usally its applied to a greyscale image and gives you back a binary BW image, where white is object and black is removed parts (BW matte)

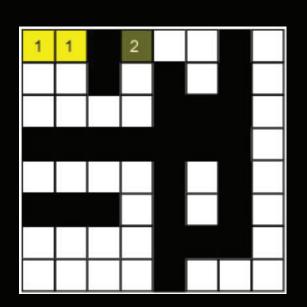
Threshold is your gatekeeper, which changes values into 0 and 1. Sooner or later you always use it.

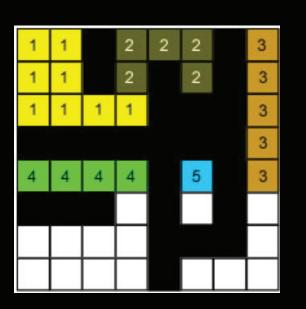


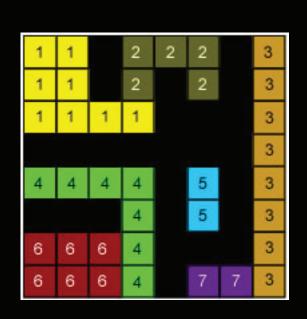


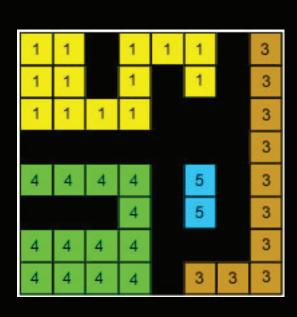
#### Blob tracking











Is a iterative algorithm and checks if there are neighbour pixels, that are interconnected.

For blob tracking you need a BW, zero-one image only. For keeping its IDs in following frame it needs to overlap its blob area.



http://www.aishack.in/2010/03/labelling-connected-components-example/





#### Color tracking

Looks for a certain colour value in an image.
Usually you define a range rather, than a fixed color.
Color tracking is very sensitiv to lighting change and its wise to have camera bound to fix aperature and white balance.

Best is to convert images to HSL color scheme to get Hue-Colour separated of Luminance and Saturation and go for Hue only. Thus making it less sensitiv to lighting changes. Take a three chip cam instead of single chip.



Anatysing



## How to change tracked data into interaction?

By analysing data: for the unusual like peaks and extrema, for specific points like areas, for a set points and its likelyness

And how to obtain this?

By statistics!



Commonly we get data like: points (X,Y), points (X,Y,Z), spreads of this points, and sometimes IDs

We can get out of this:
distance of points, velocity,
heading, area of points,
bounds of spread, center, masses,
mean, median, deviation,
shape of spread



Sometime its useful to normalise data before analyse it, because its more stable to different scales. By normalising you get a relation of all points rather, than its places in an area. So, you normalise all points, a bin.

```
range (X,Y) = min(X,Y) - max(X,Y)
normalisedPoints (X,Y) = (Points (X,Y) - min(X,Y)) * (1/range (X,Y))
```

spread = 0.32,0.73,0.28,0.47,0.49,0.45,0.37,0.28,0.65,0.39normalised spread = 0.09,1.00,0.00,0.41,0.46,0.37,0.20,0.00,0.82,0.25



Also important is mean, which gives you the average of all values according to its amount (!)

mean = 
$$point_n(X,Y) + point_{n+1}(X,Y) + ... + point_{n-1}(X,Y) / n$$

$$spread = 0.32, 0.73, 0.28, 0.47, 0.49, 0.45, 0.37, 0.28, 0.65, 0.39$$

= 0.45mean

There are also geometric mean, harmonic mean, etc







Another is median, which is often confused with mean. Median takes the middle value(!) out of a ordered spread. It doesn't care about the amount, but its spatial distribution.

```
sort ( spread(X,Y) )
median = point(X,Y)<sub>n/2</sub>
```

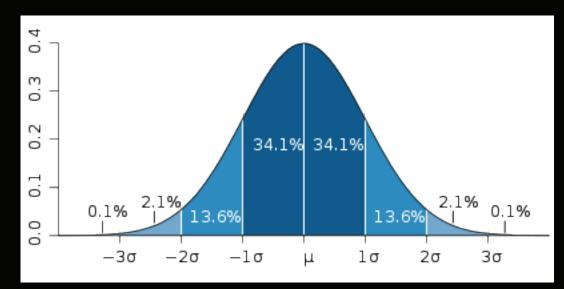
```
spread = 0.32,0.73,0.28,0.47,0.49,0.45,0.37,0.28,0.65,0.39
ordered spread = 0.28,0.28,0.32,0.37,0.39,0.45,0.47,0.49,0.65,0.73
median = 0.45
```

There are also quartiles - a quarter of spread





Mister Gauss found a common pattern the Gauss bell, which describes a common distribution of values. But there are some value, which are a little not the same: standard deviation.



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Standard\_deviation\_diagram.svg

Thats interesting for us as its the unusual, for what we often look.

There is also variance, root of mean, etc



# For digging deeper into statistics check this sites:

http://www.stats4students.com/guides.php

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Statistics

http://www.algebra.com/algebra/homework/Probability-and-statistics/Mean.wikipedia





Interacting



After doing our statistics looking for the unusual or wanted, we can change that into interaction.

Sadly, there isnt a typical way of interaction, which can be described here easily. Its always very special, like tracking is.

But there are keypoints which help you!





First of all think of what you want to tell.

Make a concept, talk with friends about it. If they understand it easily its good, if not you have to adjust it.

Make skribbles, storyboards and flowcharts of interaction.

Think in terms of stories and fun.

Simple and understandable interaction is most fun for audience.

The visuals and atmosphere of your installation influence how the visitor will feel about it. So, make the surface apealing and your audience is using it in a friendly, curious mood.

keypoints to interaction



How is the setting? Can you improve tracking by some changes you need - requirements. Ask for it.

Tracking is about brightness and luminance. You turn that into computer numbers later.

Most algorythm work with greyscale / luminance image only and look for hard contrast. Having that in mind, you should optimize your lighting, camera and aperature, thus it makes computation easier.



How do you handle errors?

Often people look for the borders of systems.

Give it an openess, that encourage people interact.

Let them play, watch it and enjoy.

If it isn't you desired behaviour, then refine it.



Thank your for your patience

# We hope you enjoyed it and got inspiration out ouf it

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