

# Real-Time Open Source Video Processing and Communications



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## Open Source Video Processing Wiki

This is a wiki about processing video in real time using microcontrollers, ASICs and FPGAs.

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# Feedback on the Wiki



venkat\_tv 09/11/2025, 21:31

Thats a lot of work condensed into the wiki! Good work  
[@Christopher Lozinski](#) !



josuah 09/11/2025, 21:03

It looks nice! Organized a bit like a series of chests in a gold mine

btw [@Christopher Lozinski](#) I've been reading through your pythonlinks site  
it's fascinating

Hermine Exceptionelle 21/02/2026, 10:02

Oh nice project it's a goldmine of  
information 🤯

# Topics

- Applications
- Cameras
- Image Processes
- FPGAs
- Communications
- Recommendations



Verilog / VHDL

# Why FPGA

Timing

CDC

Verification

Debug

Constraints

Architecture

Integration

# is harder

# than it

# looks?

Not a class on FPGA  
development



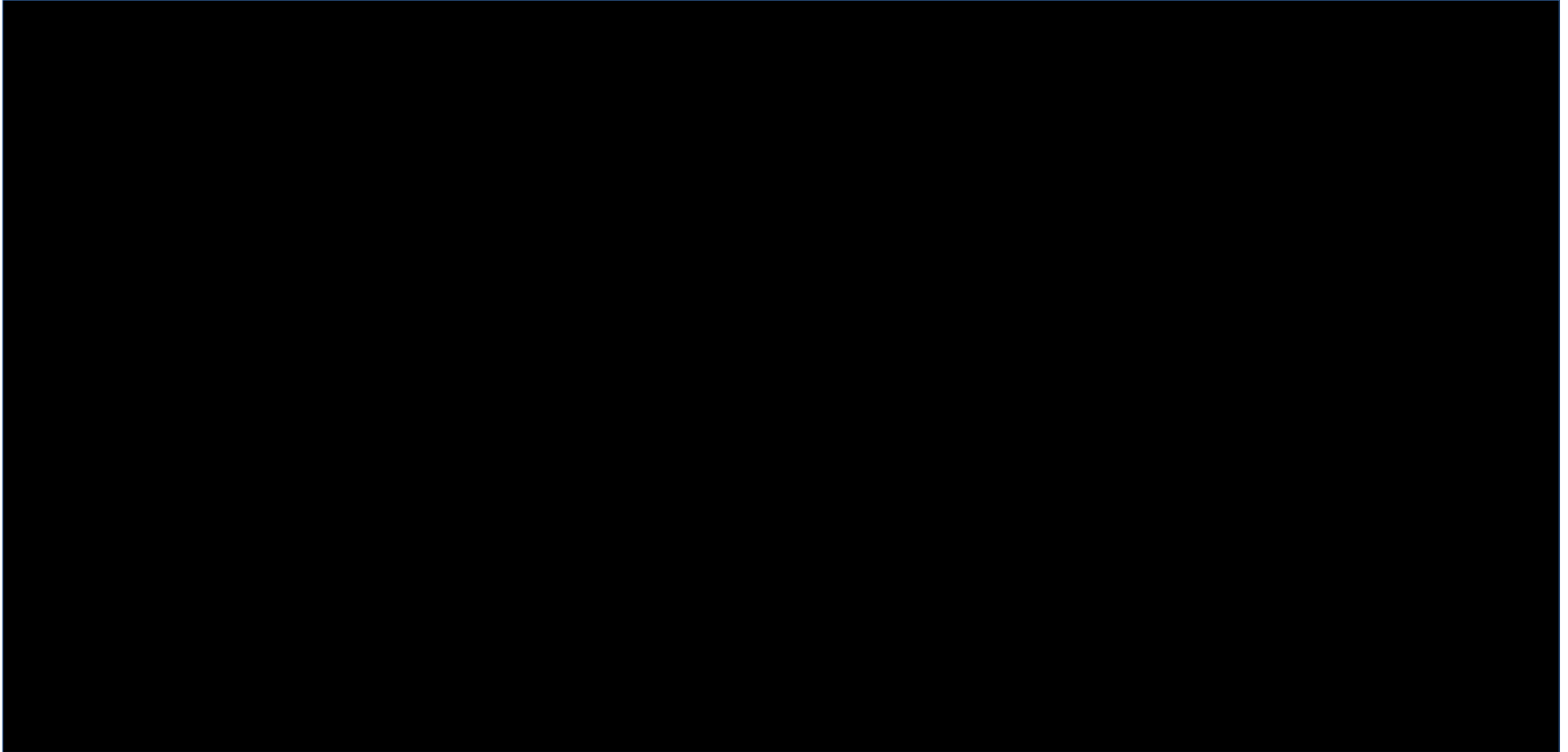
Politechnika  
Śląska



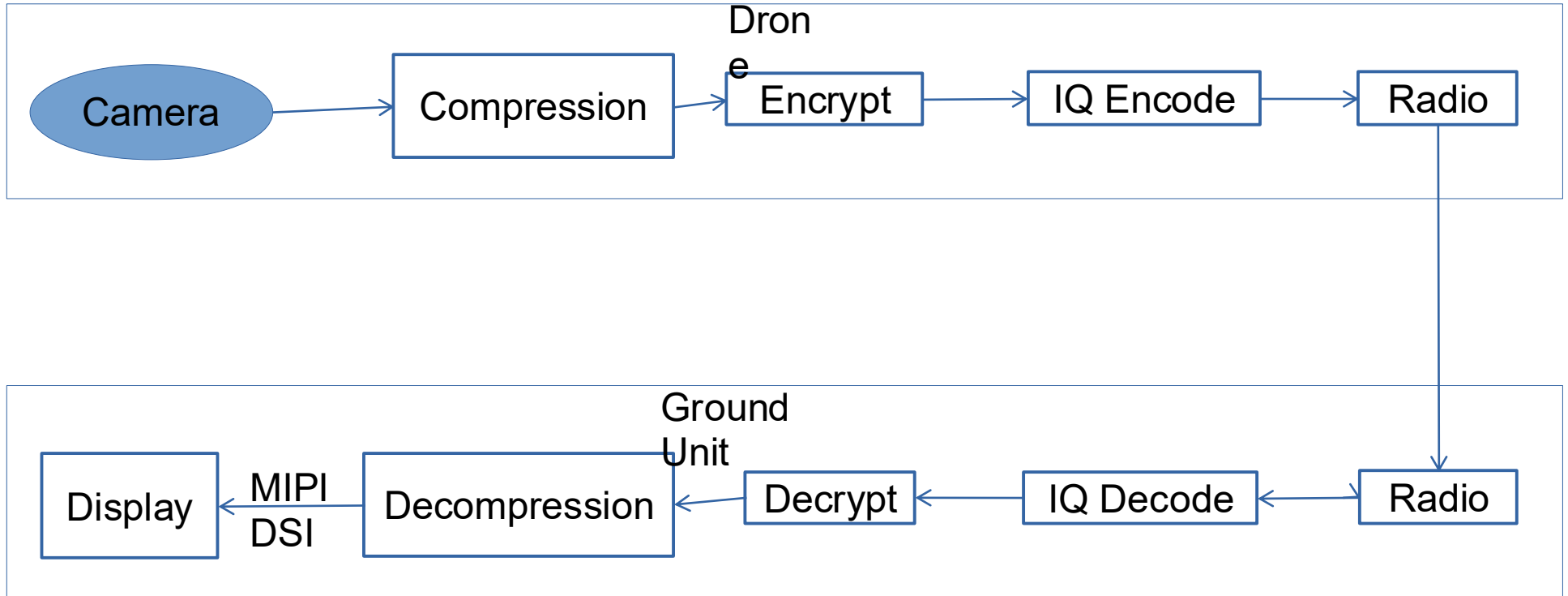
Wydział Automatyki, Elektroniki i Informatyki

## Mikroinformatyka systemów cyfrowych, studia magisterskie (stacjonarne)

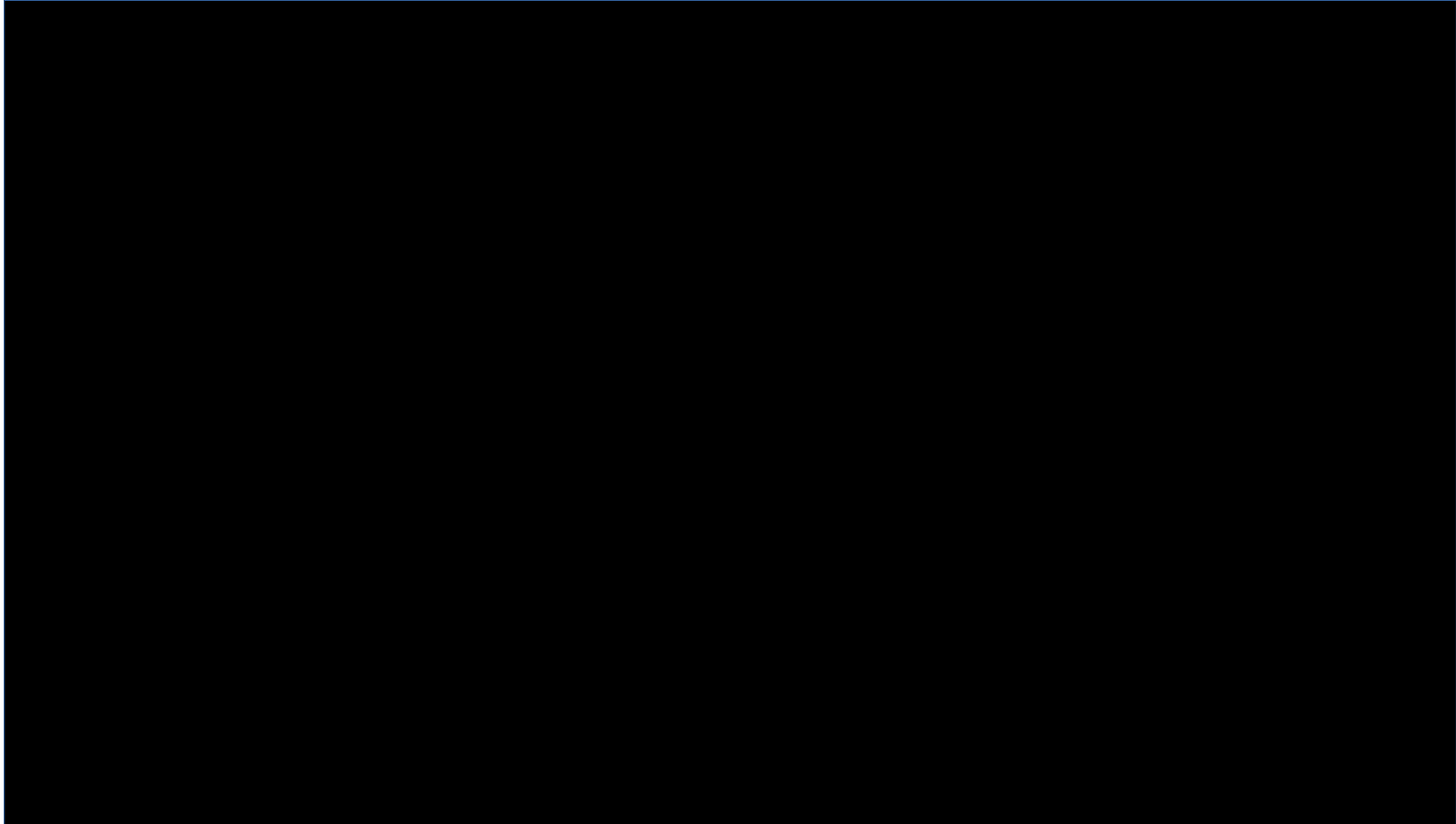
# FishEye Dewarping



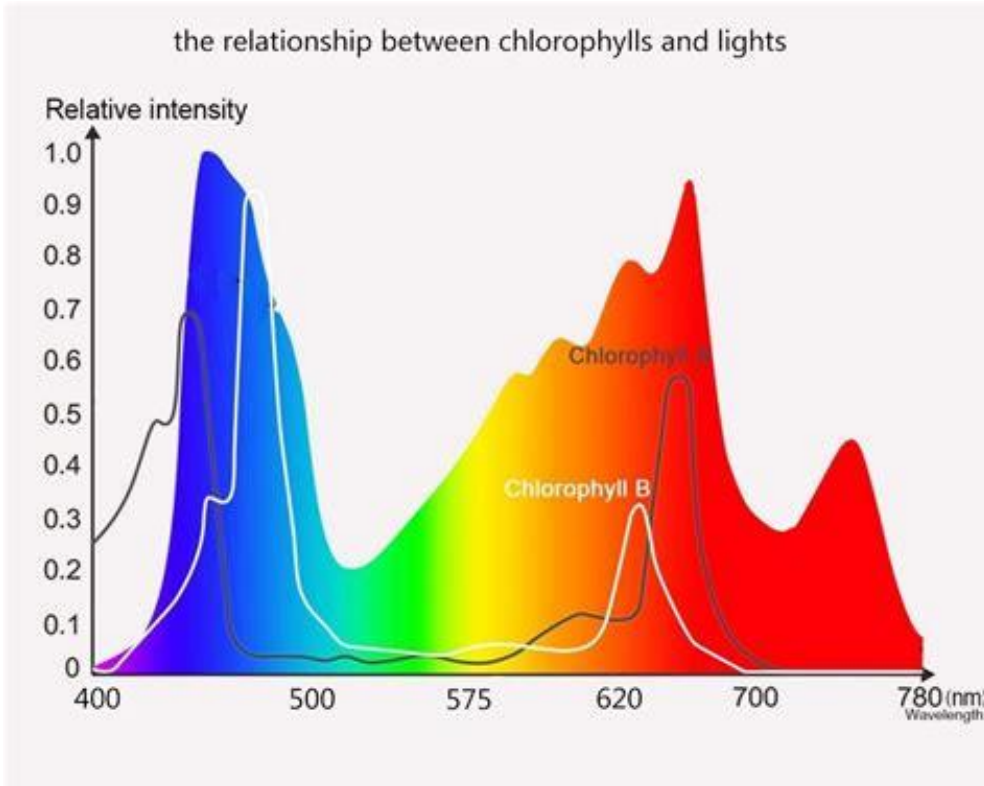
# Drone Video Pipeline



# Vehicle Detection



# PhotoSynthesis Spectrum



DJI Cameras  
operate at  
860nm  
730nm  
650nm  
560m,

560 nm 650nm 730nm 860nm

# DJI Multispectral Cameras

The diagram illustrates the DJI multispectral camera's sensor array and its RGB camera. The sensor array consists of four lenses, each with a specific spectral range:

- INFRARROJO CERCANO (NIR)**: 860 NM  $\pm$  26 NM
- BORDE ROJO (RE)**: 730 NM  $\pm$  16 NM
- ROJO (R)**: 650 NM  $\pm$  16 NM
- VERDE (G)**: 560 NM  $\pm$  16 NM

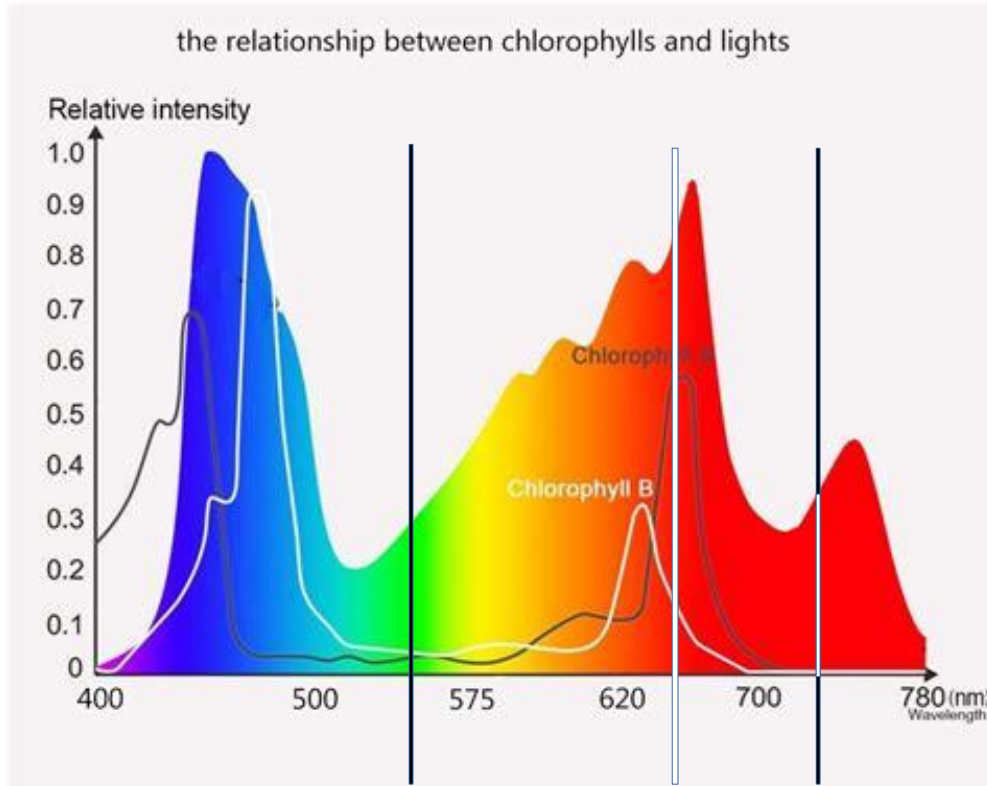
The camera is labeled as a **CÁMARA MULTIESPECTRAL DE 5 MP**. To the left, a 3D visualization shows the output of the multispectral sensors, with layers labeled **NDVI**, **GNDVI**, and **NDRE**.

The RGB camera is a **CMOS 4/3** with the following characteristics:

- Sensor de imagen de 20MP
- 1/2000** Velocidad de obturación mecánica más rápida
- 0.7s** Ráfaga de alta velocidad cuando se usa una cámara RGB

**CARACTERÍSTICAS CÁMARA RGB**

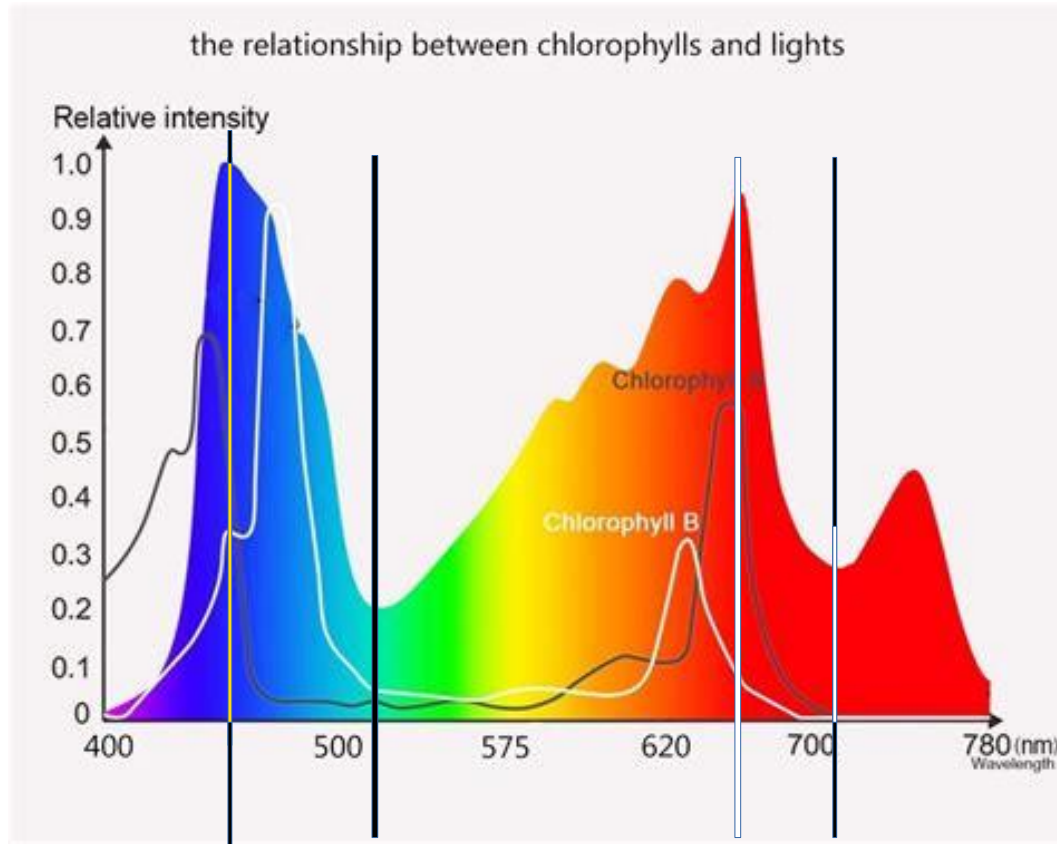
# DJI MultiSpectral Camera Frequencies



560 nm 650nm 730nm 860nm

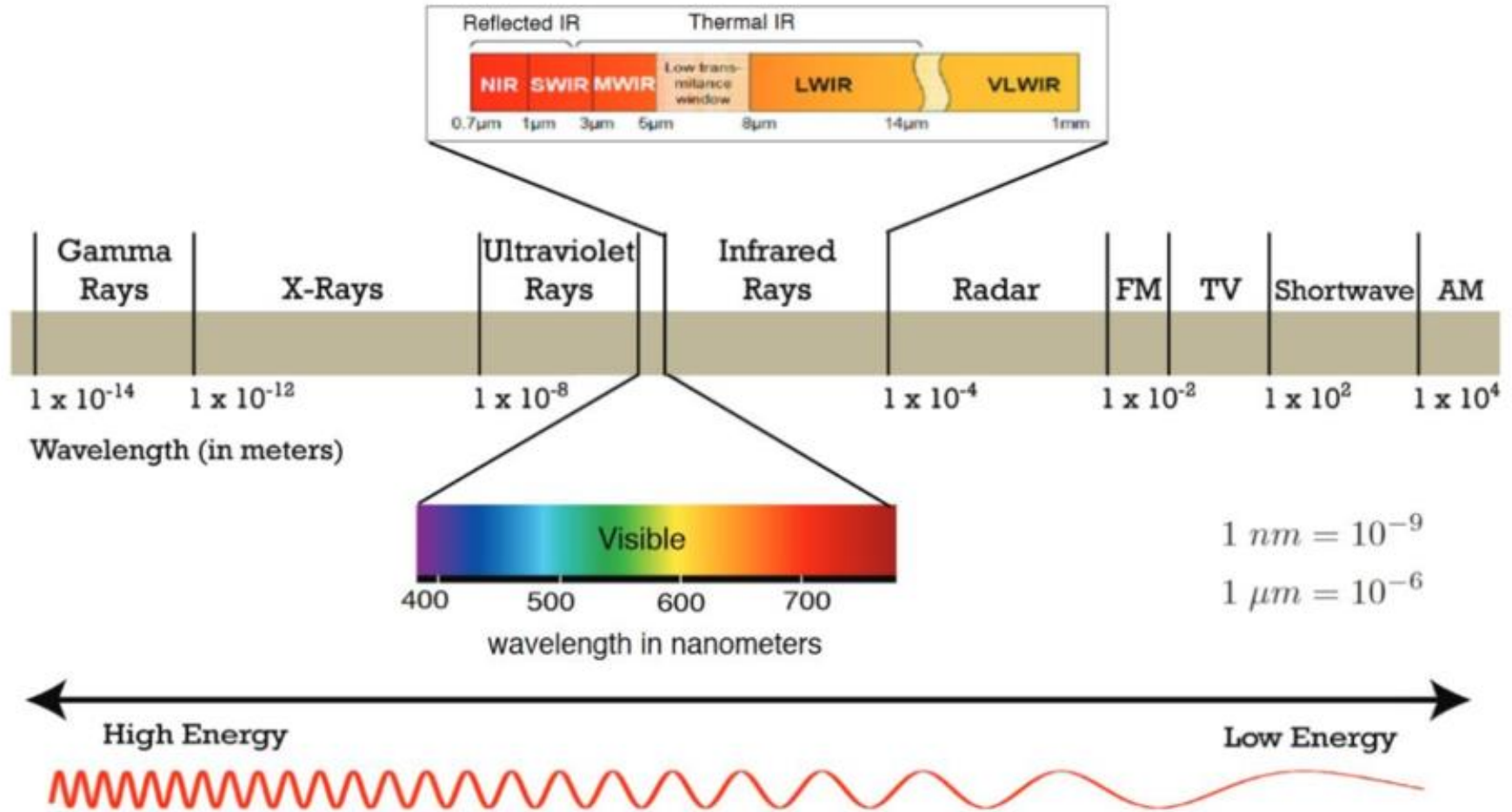
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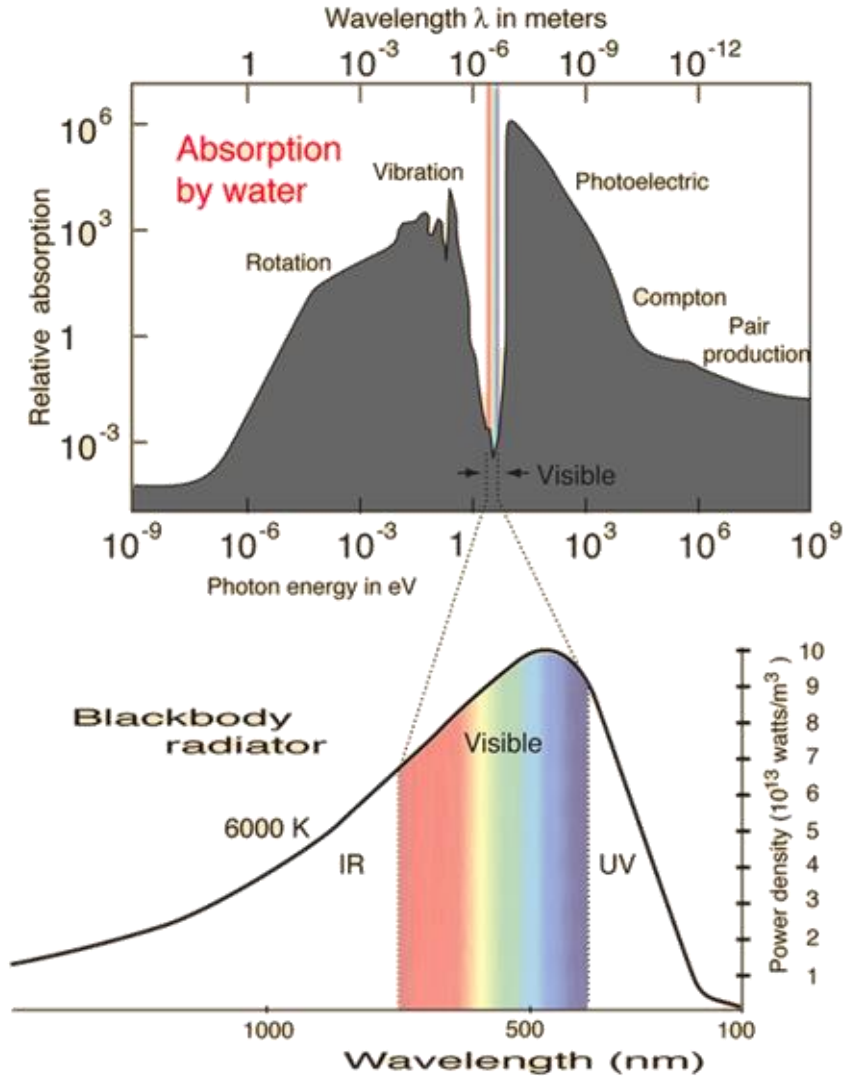


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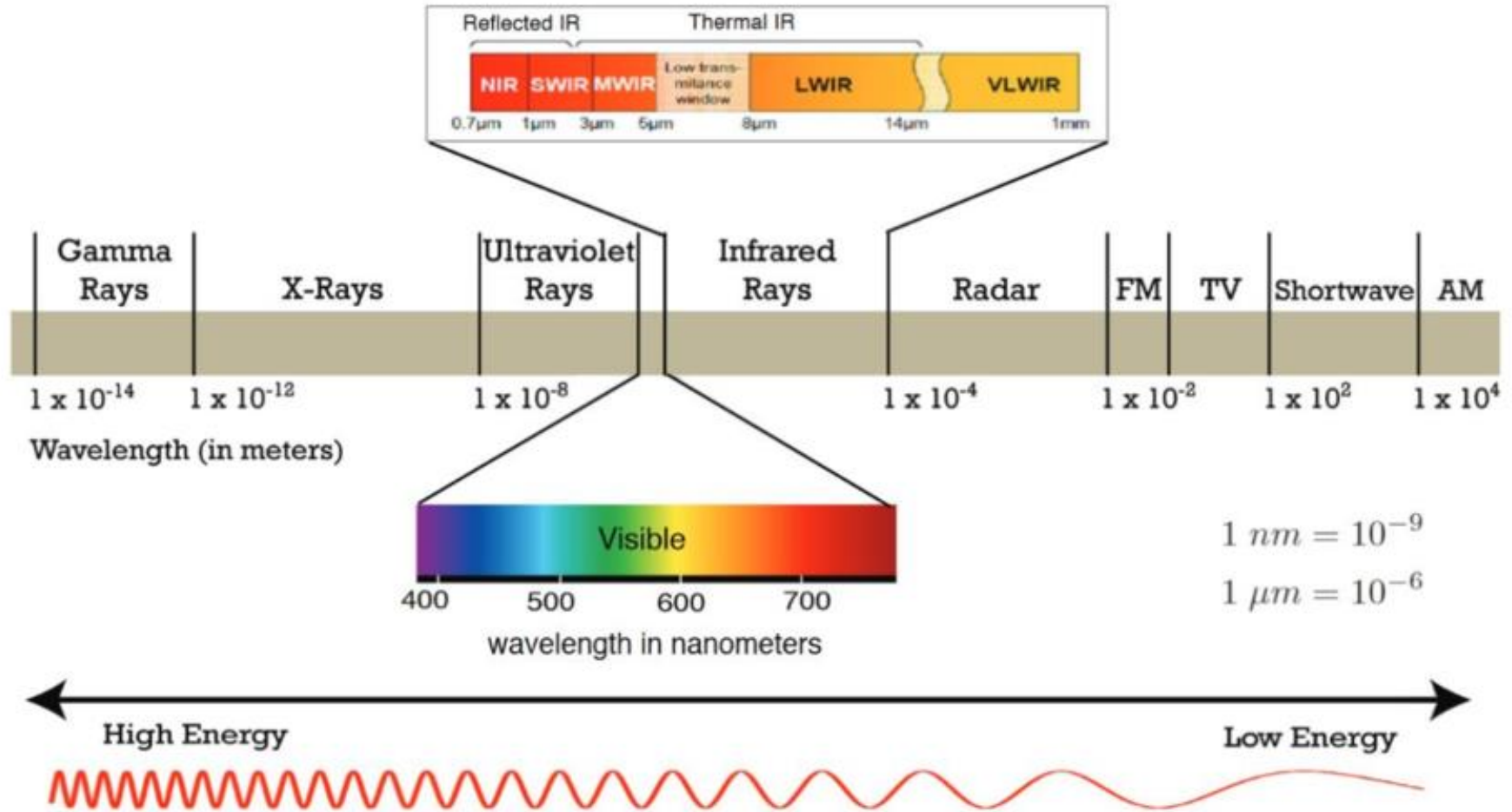
# Spectrum



# Water Absorption Spectrum

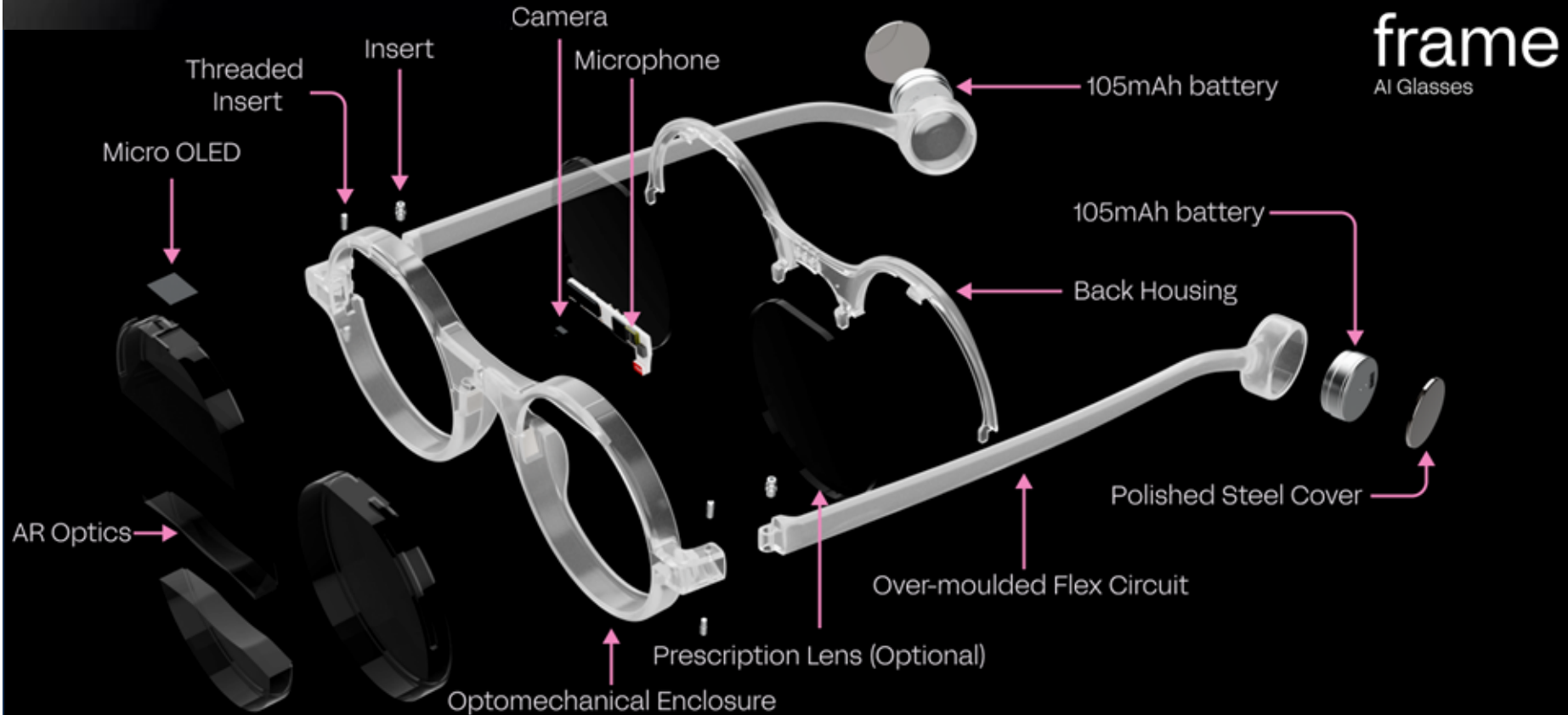


# Spectrum

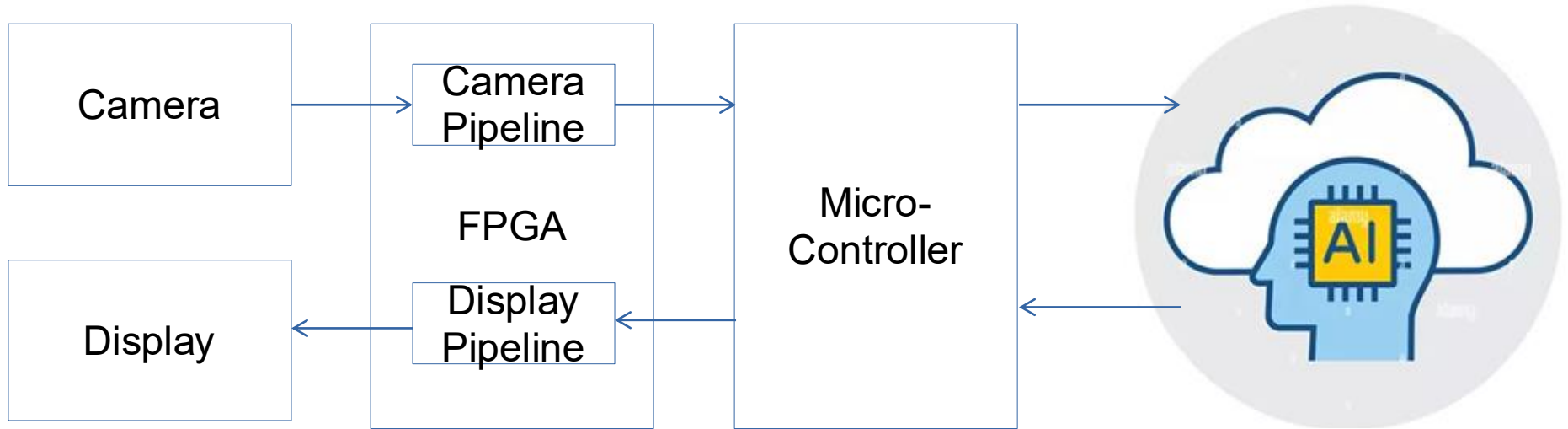




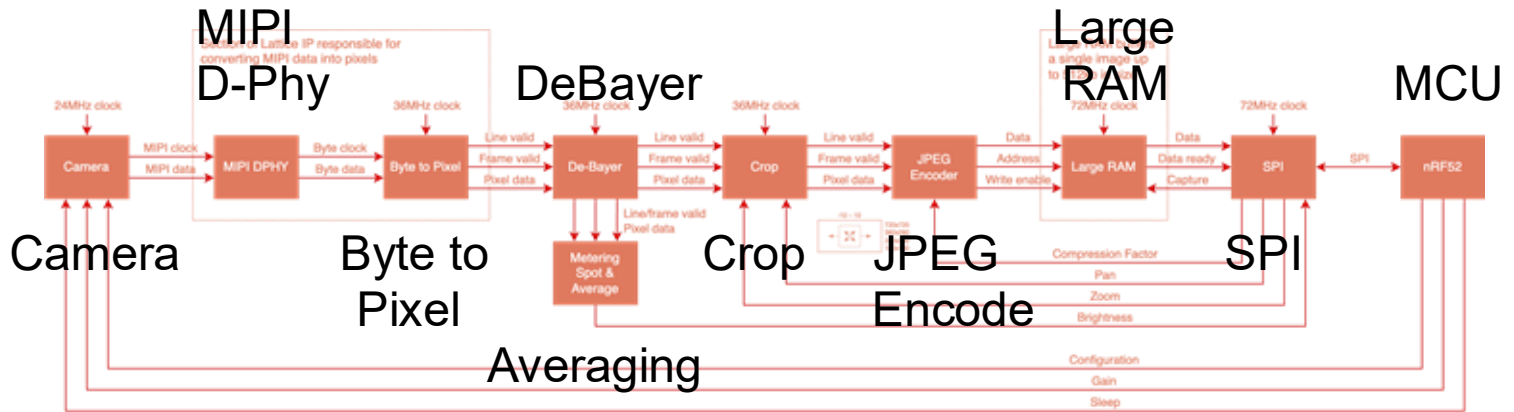
# Frame Glasses



# Frame Pipeline



# Frame Camera Pipeline



# Cameras



# Raspberry Pi Camera



An engineer thinks of a camera as a sensor with some wires.

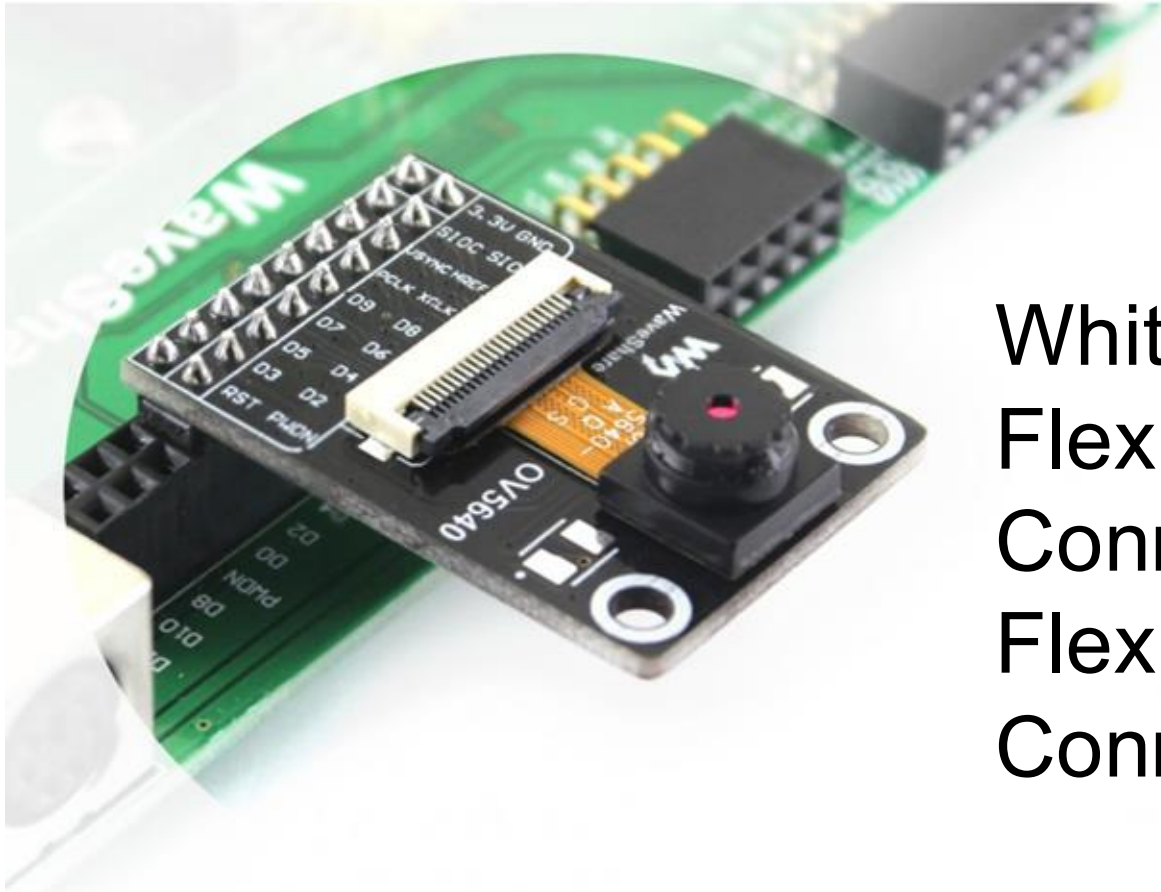
# \$17 WaveShare OV5640



Fisheye \$16.60

Rectilinear Lens +  
AutoFocus + Flash \$26.00

# Zoomed In View



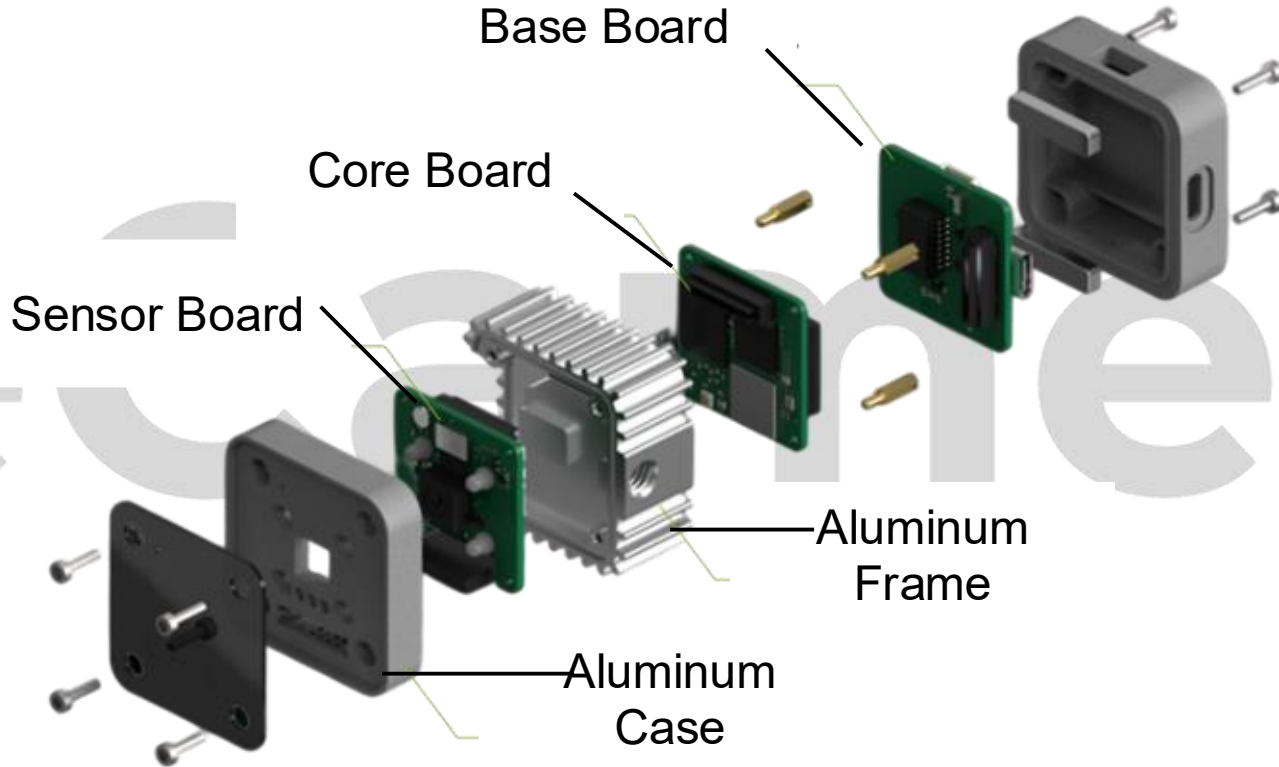
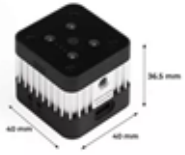
White strip is a 38 Pin Flexible Flat Connector (FFC) or Flexible Printed Connector (FPC)

# Arducam USB Shield



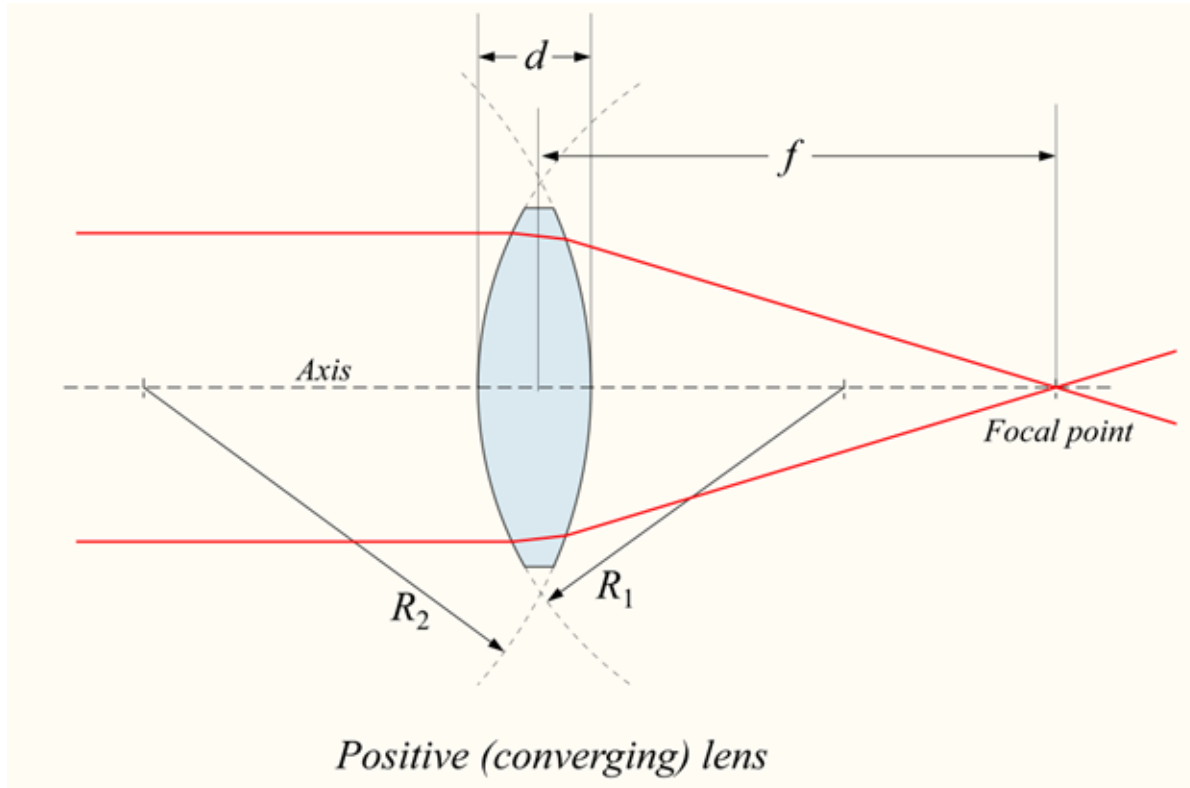
Arducam Parallel  
Camera Adapter Board

# ReCamera



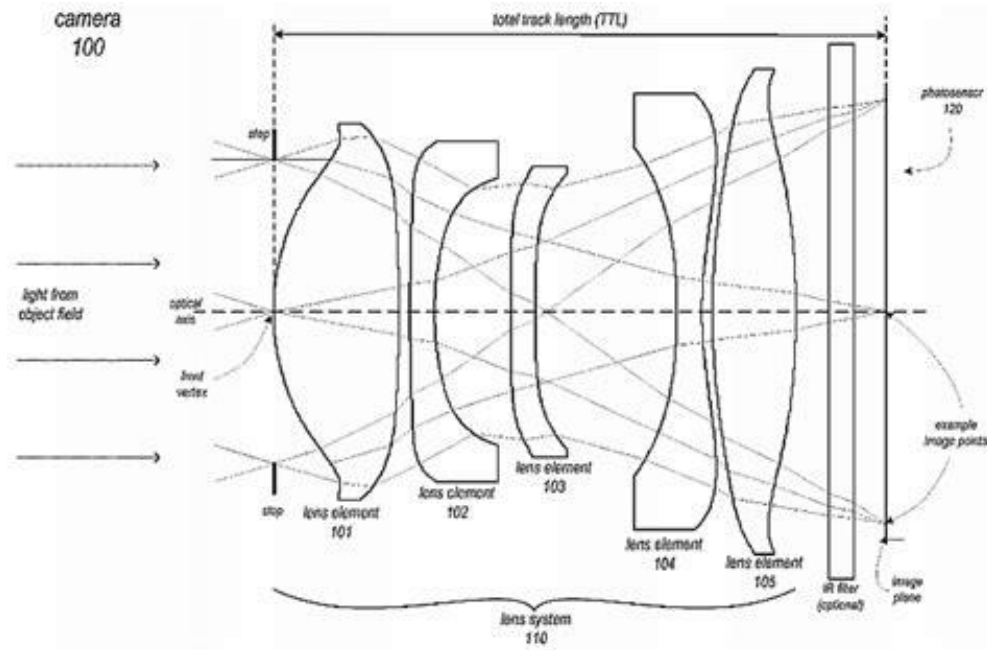
An open source camera stack from Seeed studios. Apache-2 license.

# Basic Lens



We think of lenses as being quite simple.

# 2016 iPhone Lens Patent



Like everything else, lenses are getting more and more complex.

# 874 Image Sensors

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OMNIVISION

SONY

GALAXYCORE

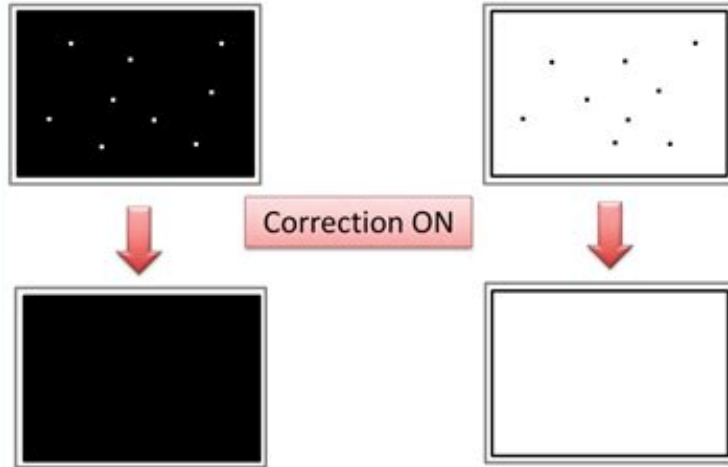
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SMARTSENS

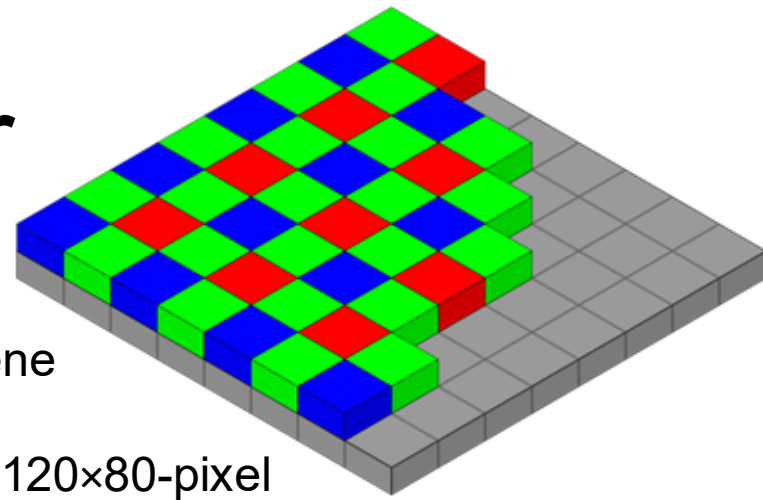
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Camemaker.com is a database of 874 image sensors from 12 vendors. Does not even include AMS OSRAM, Gpixel, Nuvoton, Renesas, Samsung, STMicroelectronics, Teledyne and Tepedyne Flir.

# Defective Pixel Correction



# Bayer Filter



1)Original scene

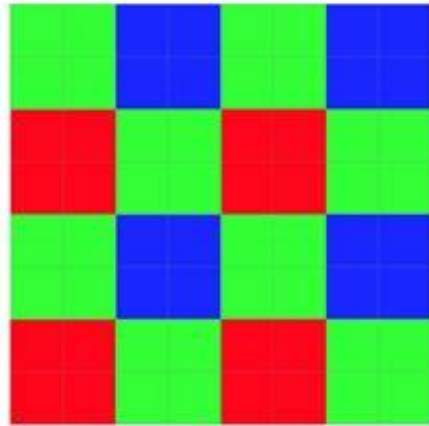
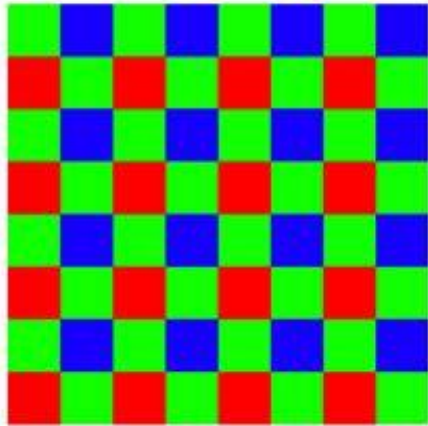
2)Output of a 120×80-pixel sensor with a Bayer filter

3)Output color-coded with Bayer filter colors

4)Reconstructed image after interpolating missing color information

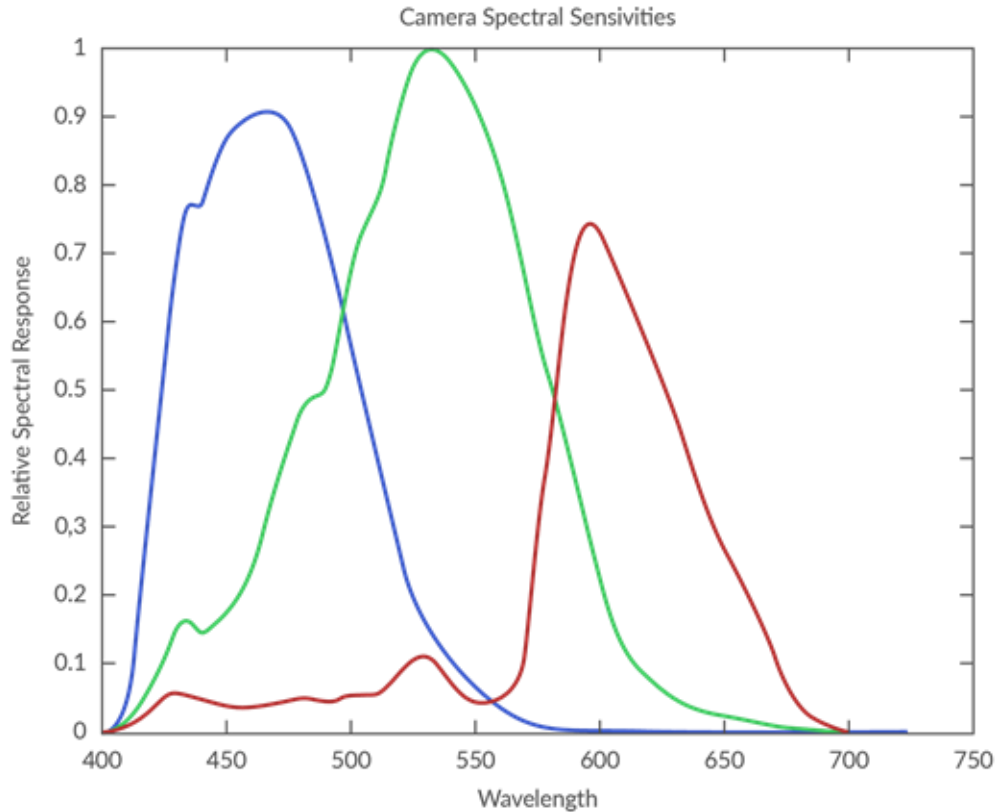
5)Full RGB version at 120×80-pixels for comparison (e.g. as a film scan, [Foveon](#) or [pixel](#)

# Pixel Binning



.Pixel Binning averages together multiple measurements.

# Camera Spectral Response



Sensors, displays and human eyes have different spectral responses.

# Color Balance

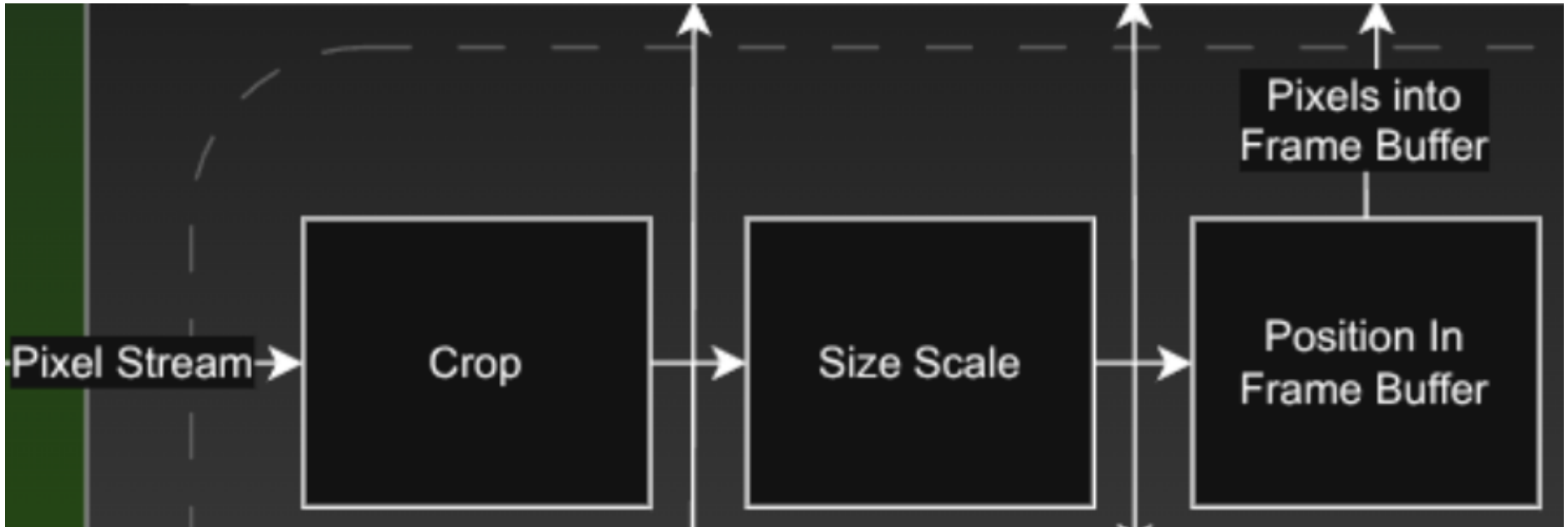


# Video Cropping or Digital Zoom

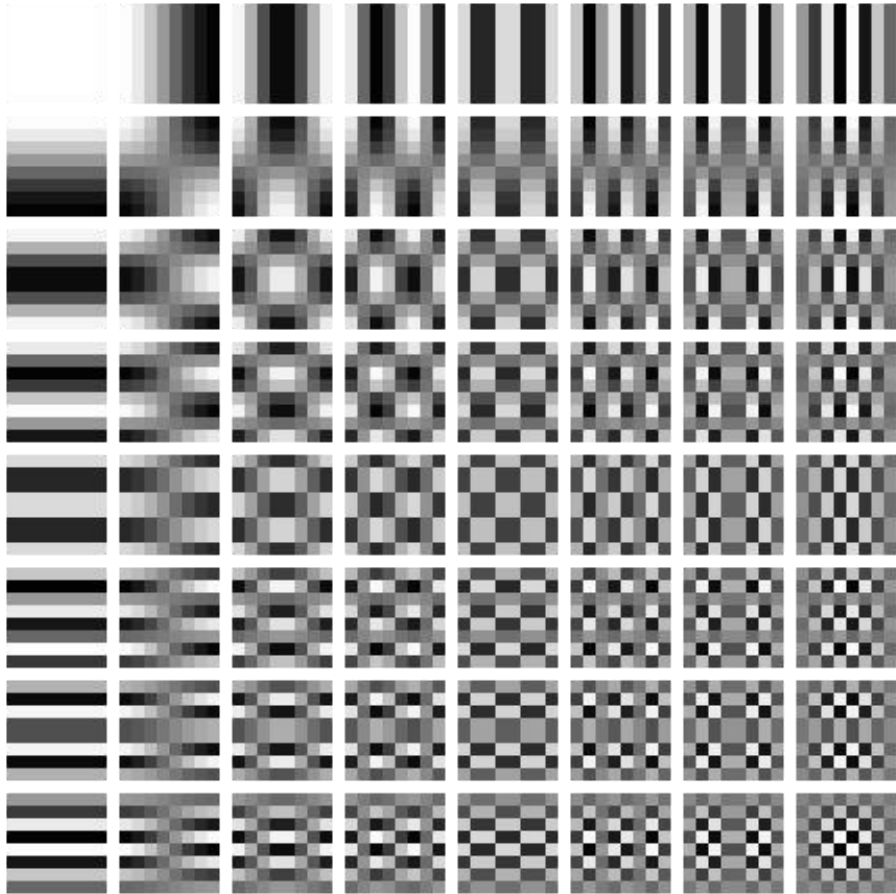


More complex than photo cropping because suddenly you have different size frames in the pipeline.

# Video Cropping in PipelineC



# JPEG Compression



JPEG Compression represents one color in an array of 8x8 pixels using just a few of the cosign transforms shown on the left.

# H264/H265 Compression



Compensates for motion.

# RGB to Gray Scale

$$Y_{\text{linear}} = 0.2126R_{\text{linear}} + 0.7152G_{\text{linear}} + 0.0722B_{\text{linear}}.$$

Note that green is more heavily weighted. For evolutionary reasons our eyes are more sensitive to green.

# Sobel Edge Detection

$$\mathbf{G}_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & +1 \\ -2 & 0 & +2 \\ -1 & 0 & +1 \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{A}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ +1 & +2 & +1 \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{A}$$

1968 Paper

Well Known

Too much math

Edges can be different widths

Edges are smaller in dark regions

# Canny Edge Detector

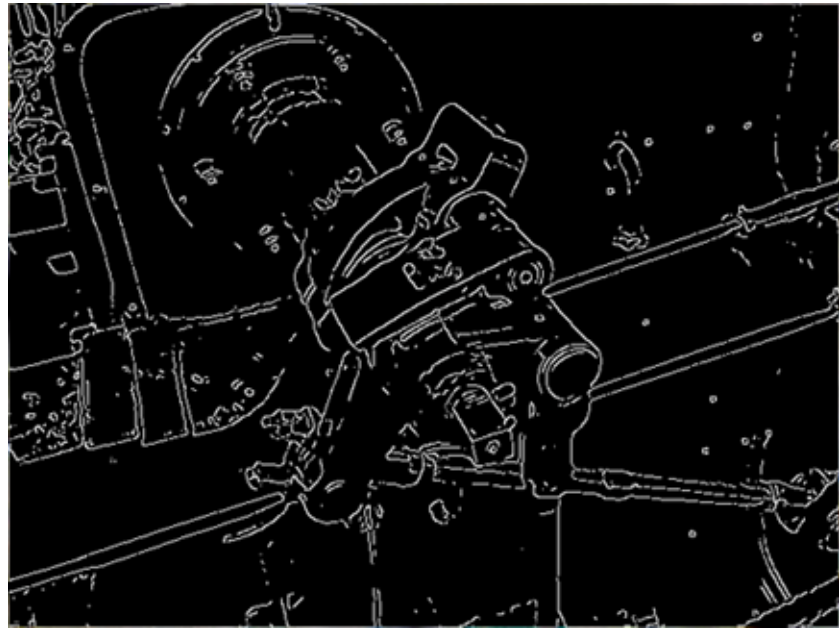
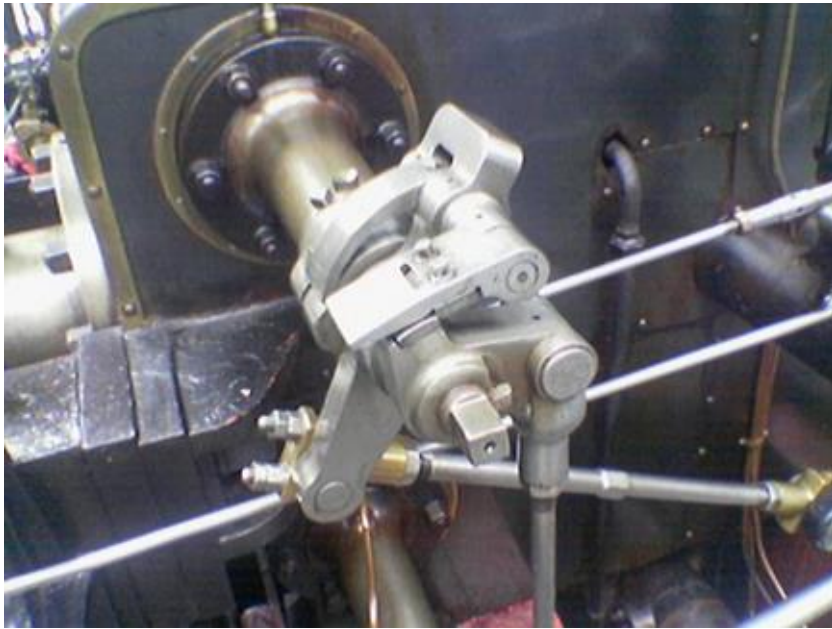
$$H_{ij} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{(i - (k + 1))^2 + (j - (k + 1))^2}{2\sigma^2}\right); 1 \leq i, j \leq (2k + 1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{159} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 5 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 9 & 12 & 9 & 4 \\ 5 & 12 & 15 & 12 & 5 \\ 4 & 9 & 12 & 9 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 & 5 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix} * \mathbf{A}.$$

A good academic concept  
But not that practical on  
FPGAs.

Step 1 is a gaussian filter.  
How do you divide by 159  
on an FPGA?

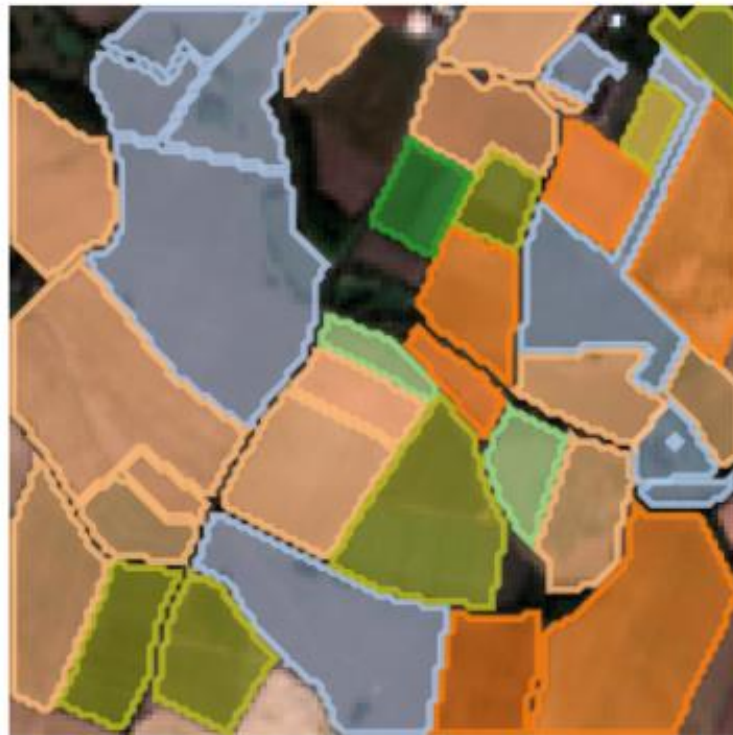
# Canny Edge Detector



# Image Segmentation



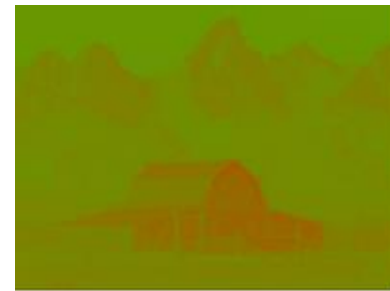
# Agricultural Segmentation Data Set



# RGB to YUV

YUV 4:4:4, YUV 4:2:2, YUV 4:2:0, and YUV 4:1:1

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y' \\ U \\ V \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ -0.14713 & -0.28886 & 0.436 \\ 0.615 & -0.51499 & -0.10001 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R' \\ G' \\ B' \end{bmatrix},$$



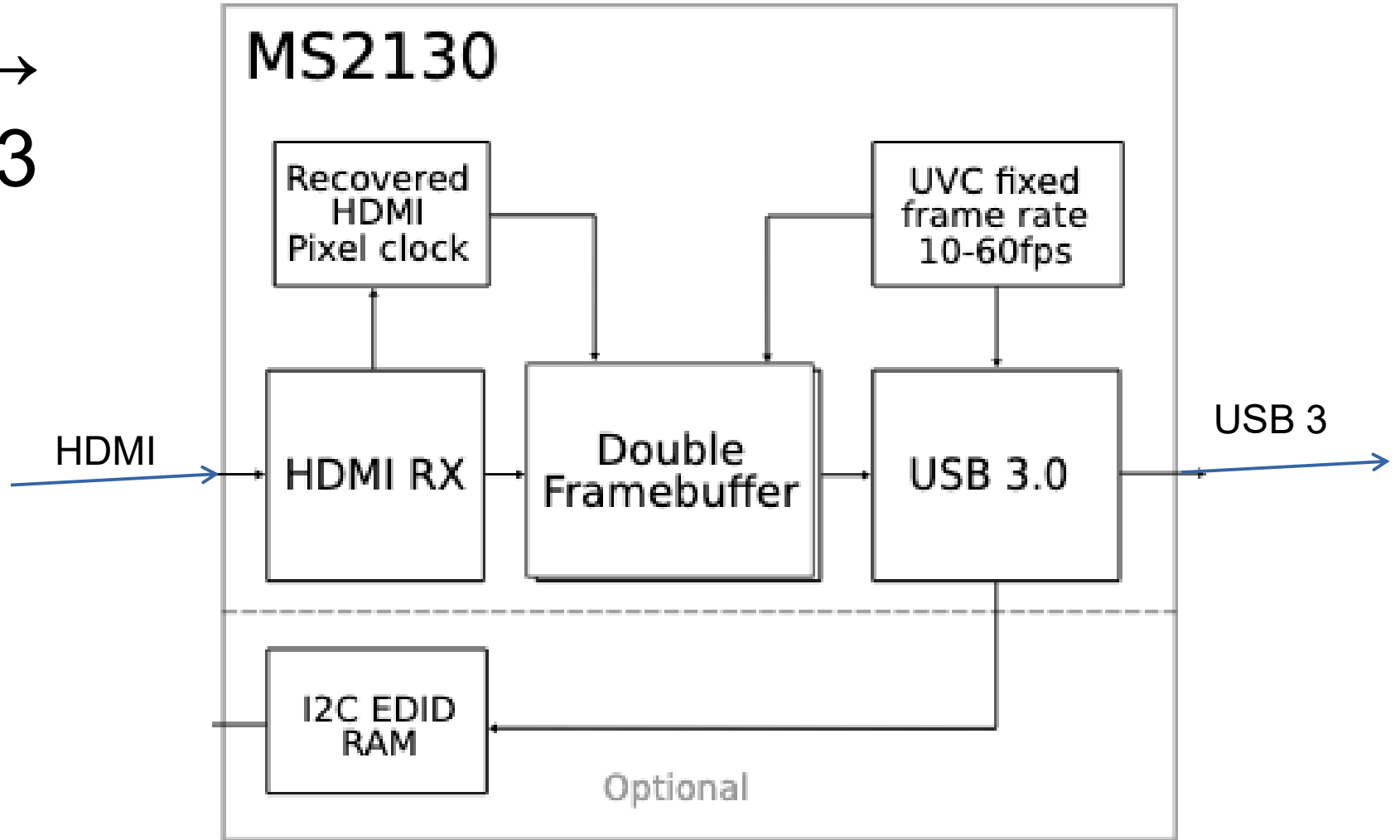
# DVI TO USB-3 Dongles



USB-3 Runs at 5 Gbits/s

< \$10 Devices

DVI →  
USB 3



# Libmpix on Zephyr OS



Libmpix supports auto exposure, black level correction, white balance, debayer, color calibration, gamma correction, gaussian blur, median denoise, sharpen, sobel edge detection, resizing, image statistics, sampling, and JPEG compression. SIMD coming soon.

**ALTERA**®

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**TOP 10**

**FPGA Manufacturers in China**

Efinix = Pango



# Yosys Open SYnthesis Suite (Yosys)

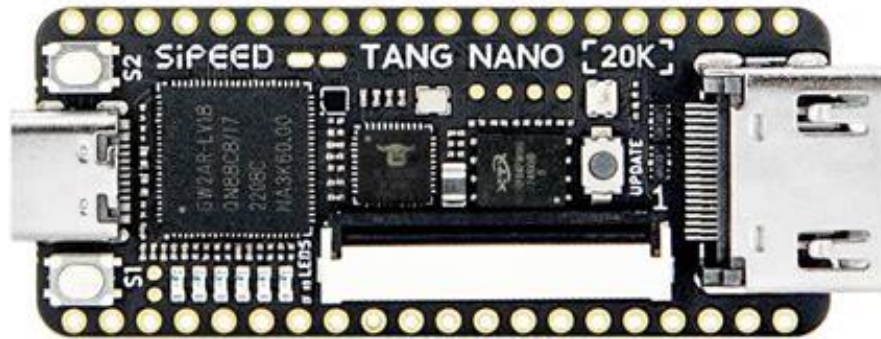
A framework for RTL synthesis



Currently Yosys and Nextpnr support:

- Lattice iCE40 devices supported by [Project IceStorm](#)
- Lattice ECP5 devices supported by [Project Trellis](#)
- Lattice Nexus devices supported by [Project Oxide](#)
- Gowin LittleBee devices supported by [Project Apicula](#)
- NanoXplore NG-Ultra devices supported by [Project Beyond](#)
- Cologne Chip GateMate devices supported by [Project Peppercorn](#)

# Gowin + Tang Nano 20K



PLN 66.00 = EUR 15.43

.20K Luts

.DVI/HDMI

.64Mbits SDRAM

.MIPI DPI



- Ice40, Underpowered compared to RP2350
- ECP5, great ecosystem, supports 1920p DVI/HDMI
- CrossLink NX 17/33/40 MIPI enabled.

# Open Source FPGA Vendors with MIPI



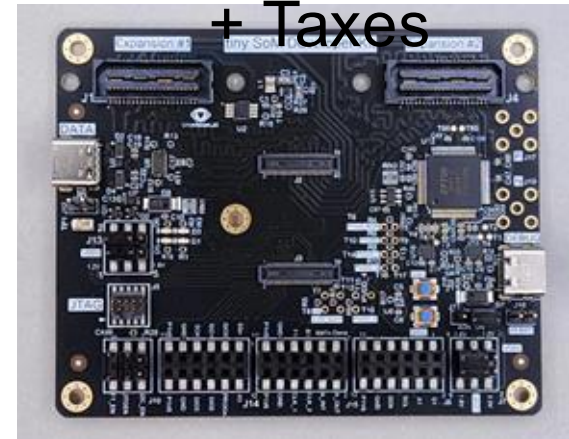
Lattice NX 17/33/40 MIPI Blocs

- .Two MIPI Hard Cores.
- .2.5 Gbits/s
- .Can be configured to support either Camera Serial Interface (CSI-2) or Display Serial Interface (DSI) applications as either transmitter or receiver.

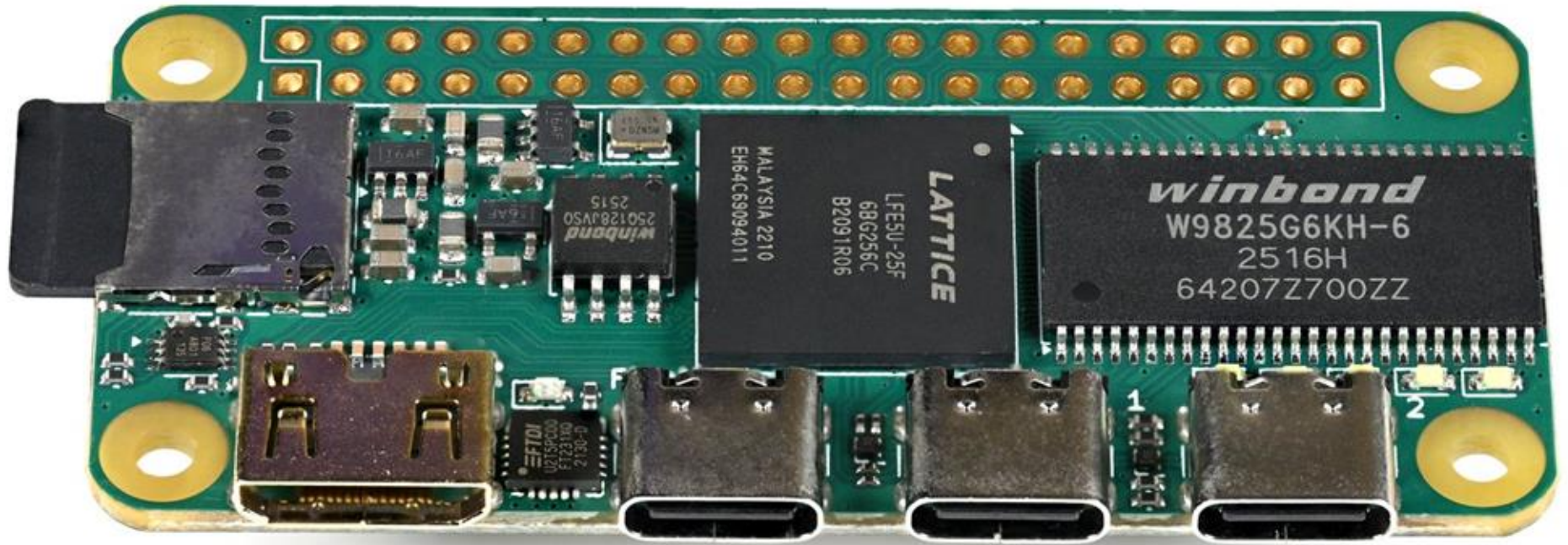
**TinyVision.ai CLUNX33  
Developer Kit**

**MIPI to USB**

**PLN 923.00 = EUR 217  
+ Taxes**



# \$79 IcePi Zero



# Raspberry Pi Zero Mipi Bridge



RPI Zero \$10

RPI Zero 2W \$15

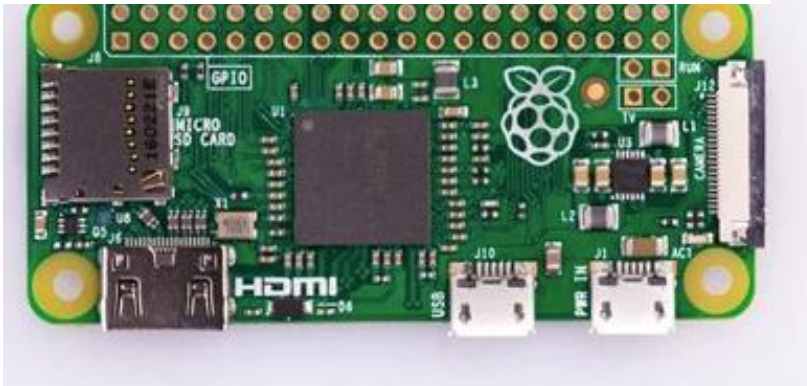
MIPI-CSI

USB-2

DVI

DPI

# \$79 Ice Pi Zero + \$15 Raspberry Pi Zero



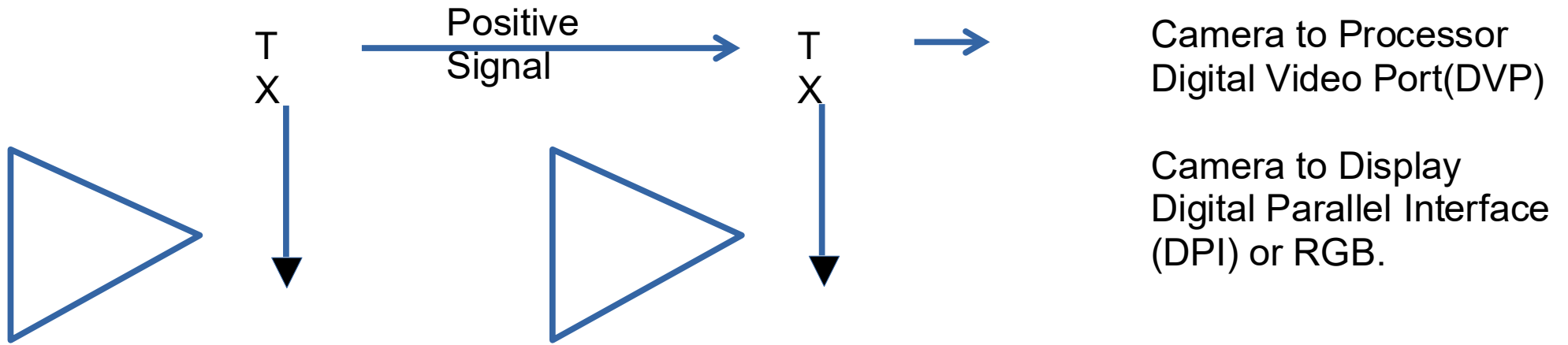
In January the \$79 IcePi Zero will ship. Pin compatible With the Raspbery Pi Zero. Just click them together. MIPI Camera port, And DVI out!

2.7Gbits/s

# European Cologne Chips GateMate Evaluation Board 209 € = 885 ZI



# Single Ended Signal

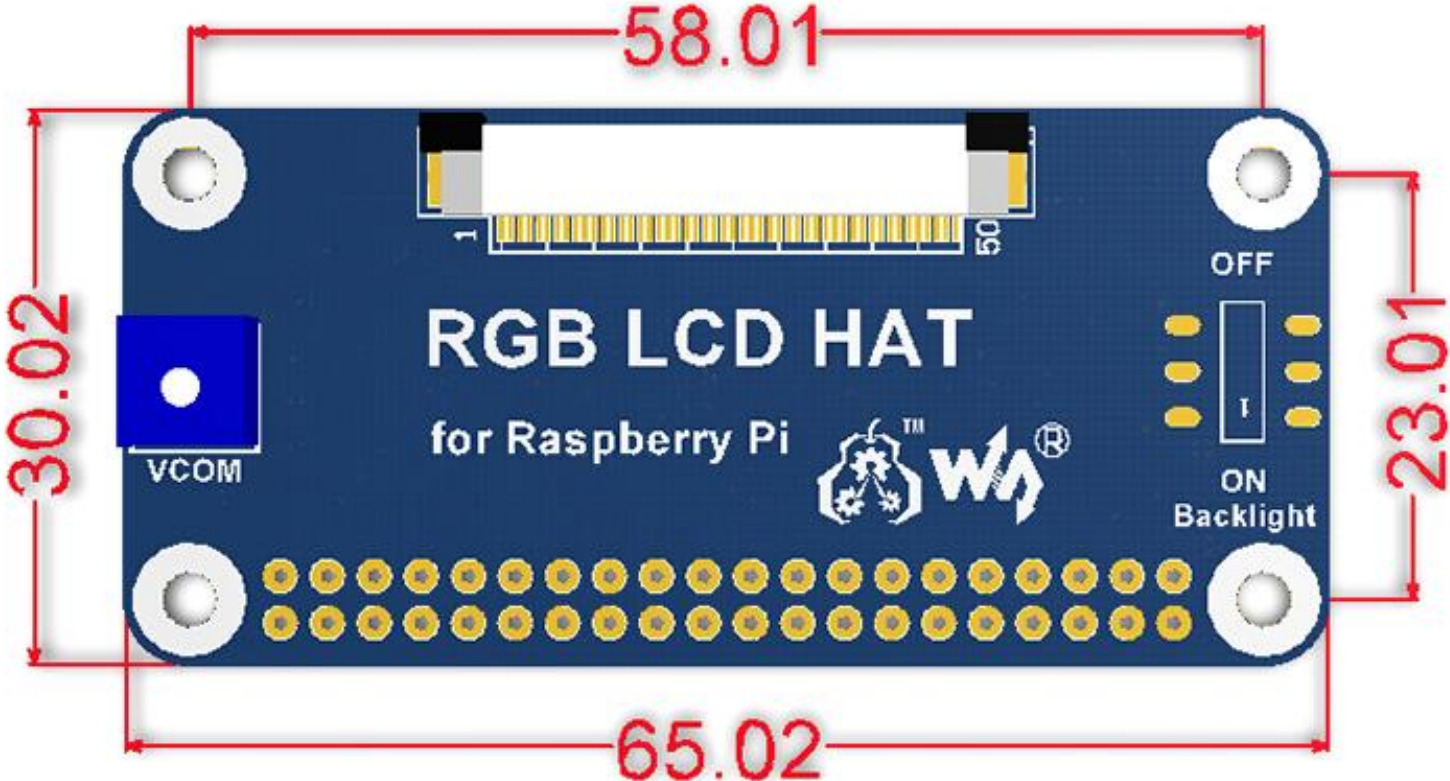


Camera to Processor  
Digital Video Port(DVP)

Camera to Display  
Digital Parallel Interface  
(DPI) or RGB.

30  
Minutes

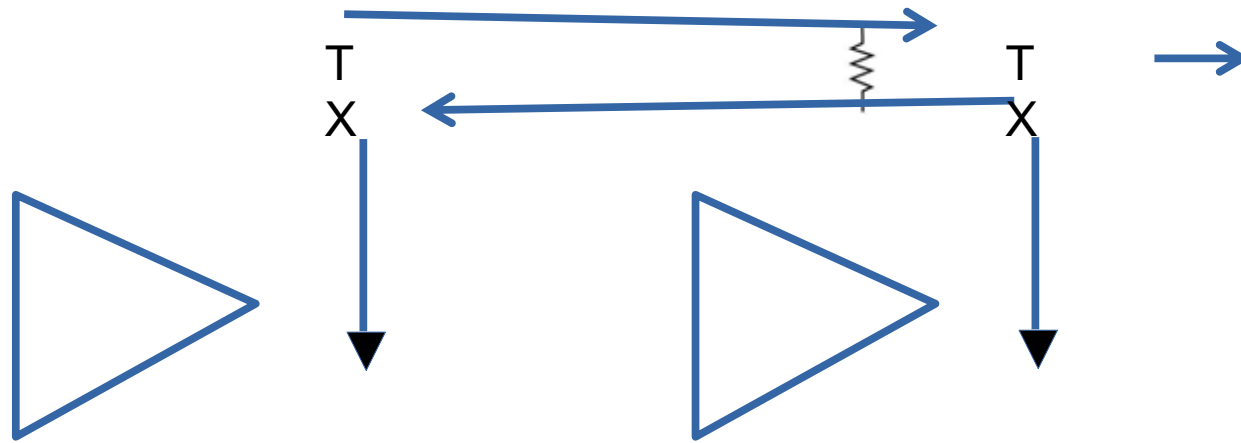
# Parallel RGB or DPI



Unit:mm

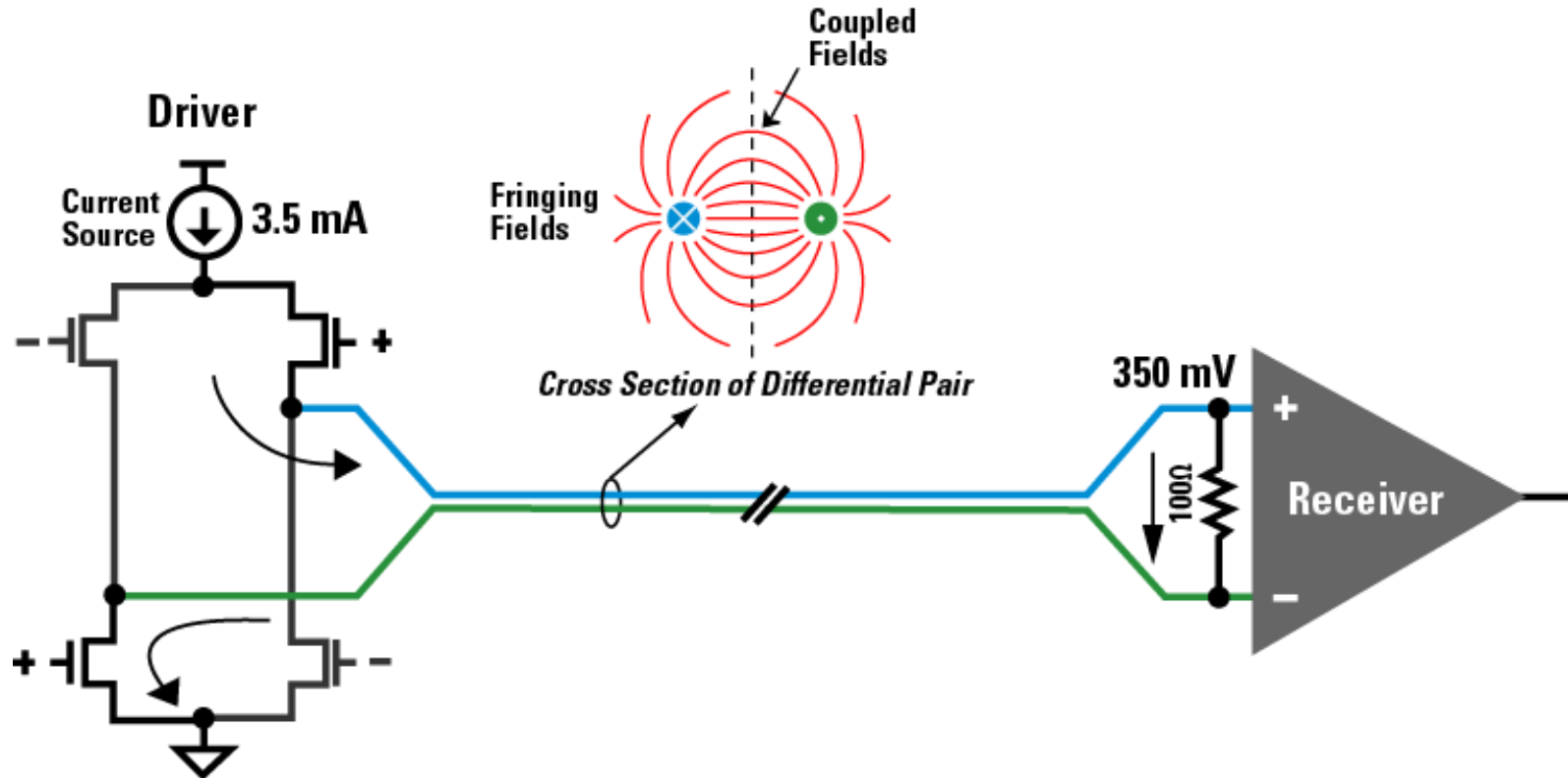
# Differential Signaling

DVI, HDMI, USB, MIPI, DisplayPort, PCIe, DDR SDRAM, Ethernet, LVDS, SubLVDS, SLVS-EC, CameraLink,

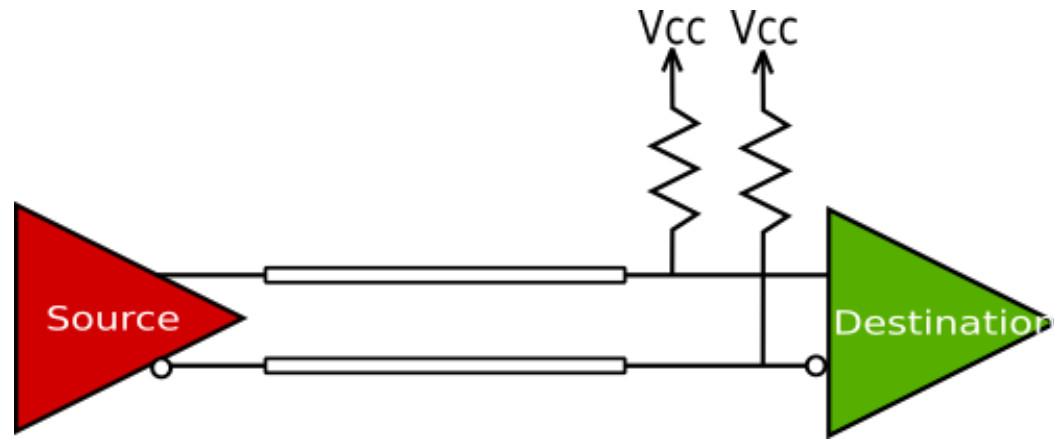


# LVDS

MIPI, USB, DisplayPort, PCIe, DDR SDRAM, Ethernet, LVDS, SubLVDS, SLVS-EC, CameraLink



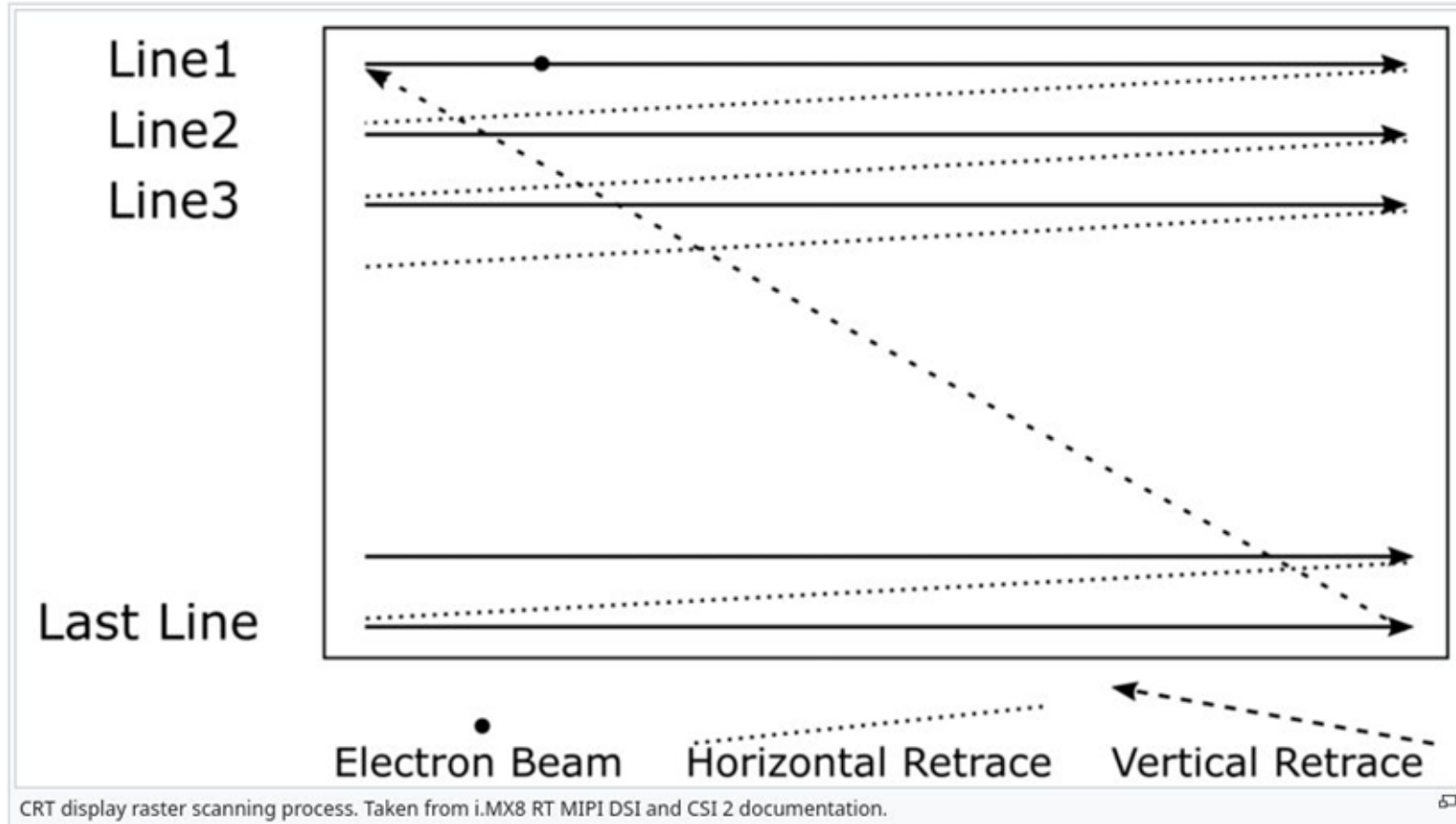
# DVI/HDMI over Current Mode Logic (CML)



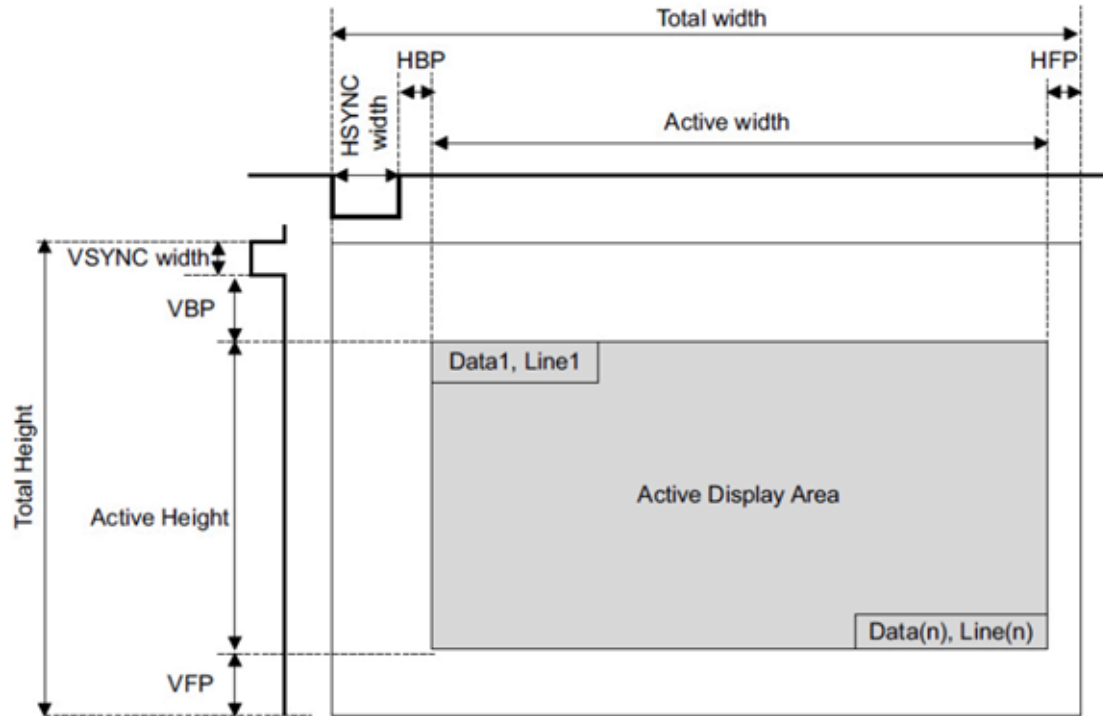
# Display Interfaces



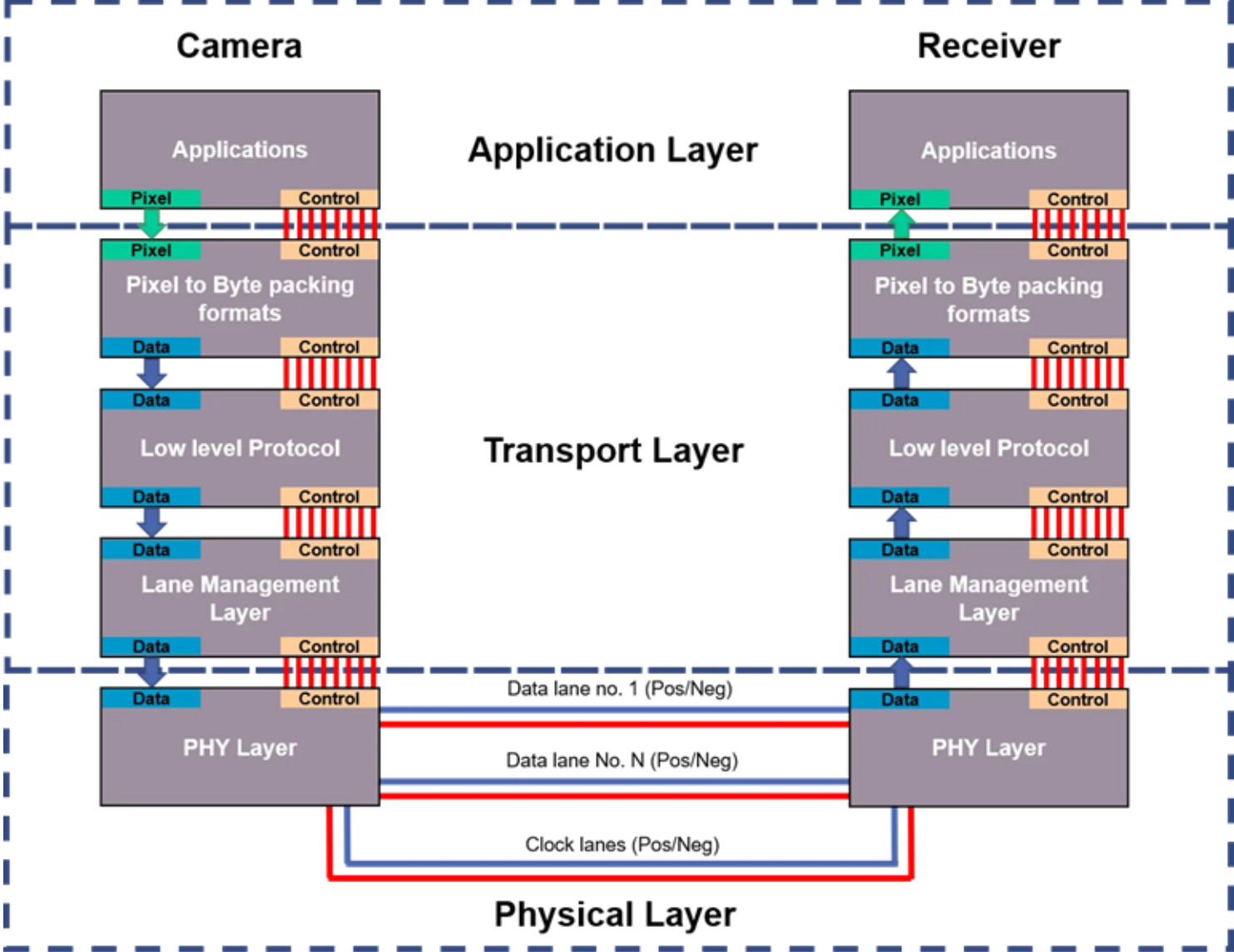
# VGA Display Technologies



# Front and Back Porch



# MIPI CSI-2



# SLVS-EC IP Vendors



# USB and Ethernet

- .USB 2. 5 Meters, 480 Mbits/sec 320Mbs Useable
- .USB 3. 3 Meters 5Gbs
- .USB 4. Up to 40 Gbs
- .Gigabit Ethernet Up to 1 Gbps
- .10G Ethernet

# For Cables up to 15 Meters Long



- . MIPI C-phy
- .ASA Motion Link
- .MIPI A-Phy
- .Gigabit Multimedia
- .Serial Link (GMSL)

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# RunCam WifiLink V2



RunCam receives DVI video input and transmits it wireless.  
Completely open source hardware and software.

# Maia SDR



- .Adam Pluto Device
- .Zynq FPGA + ARM SoC
- .Amaranth HDL
- .Python Language

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## Blade RF

BladeRF is a Software Defined Radio (SDR) platform designed to enable a community of hobbyists, and professionals to explore and experiment with the multidisciplinary facets of RF communication.



# Blade RF

# Recommendations

Camera Chip or ASIC with the needed functionality.

Cheapest Libmpix on Zephyr OS on a Microcontroller

Raspberry Pi MIPI-CSI to DVP to any FPGA.  
(1.5 Gbps DVP)

Lattice NX 17/33/40 with MIPI-CSI and DSI.

# Questions?



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