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# Multimedia Signal Processing

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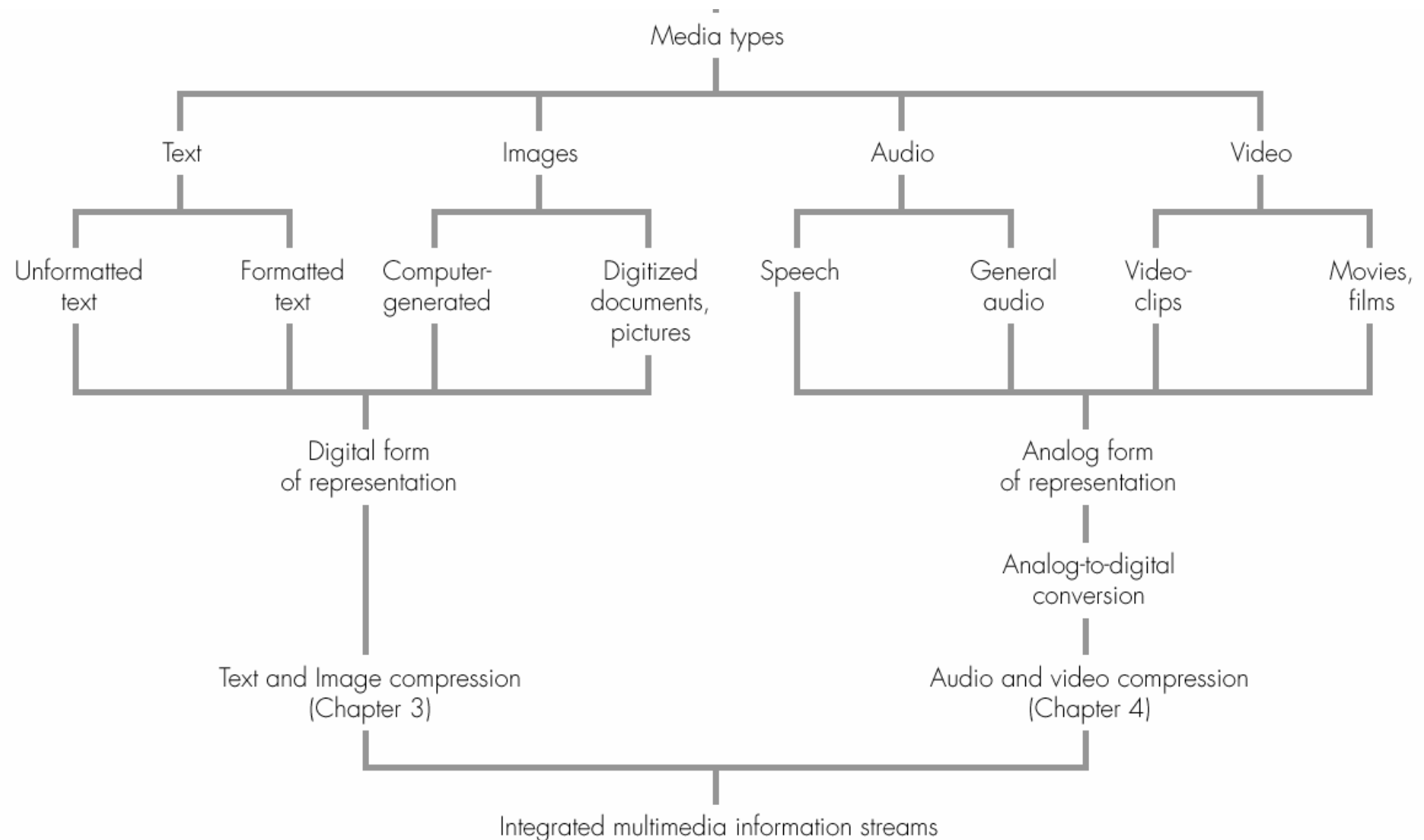
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# What is Multimedia?



# Multimedia Technologies

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- *Technologies for generating, processing, storing, and transmitting MM that revolutionized the way we live, work, learn, and communicate*
  - MM-based Consumer Electronic Products
  - Personal Communications
  - Entertainment (home, public, tv, games)
  - Science
  - Medical/Health Applications
  - Video Surveillance and Monitoring
  - Military Applications
  - Education/Training
  - Arts/Museums/Libraries
  - Shopping and Retailing
- Impact of MM Technology (social, economic, political, cultural, psychological)

# What is Multimedia Signal Processing?

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- The processing of multiple signal sources (i.e., text, speech, music, image, video, graphics, etc) and the exploitation of their interaction
- MMSP opens up opportunities for signal processing research that falls in-between the domains of traditional areas
- MMSP brings together the communities of SP, Comm., Computer, and Network engineers, Comp. Scientists, Psychologists,...

# Multimedia Signal Processing

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- Representation
- Filtering, Enhancement, Restoration
- Compression
- “Preparation” for Transmission
- Analysis (Content Extraction, Representation)
- Indexing, Retrieval
- Speech Recognition (audio/video only, audio-visual)
- Person Recognition (identification, authentication)
- Data Hiding, Watermarking
- Human-Computer Interfaces

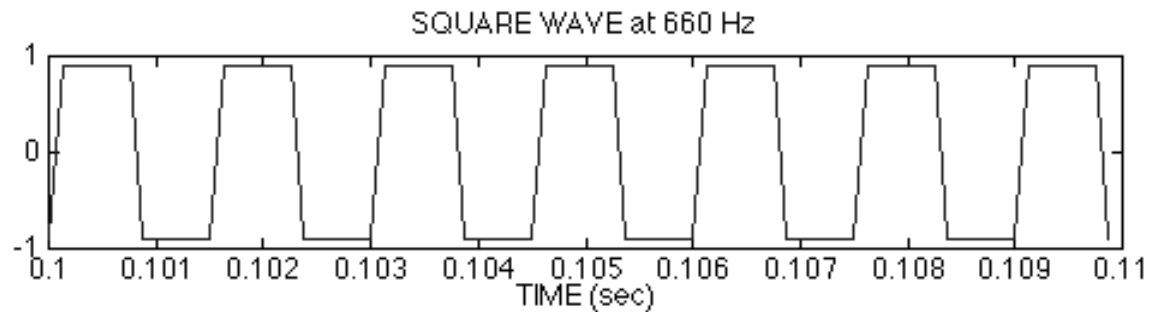
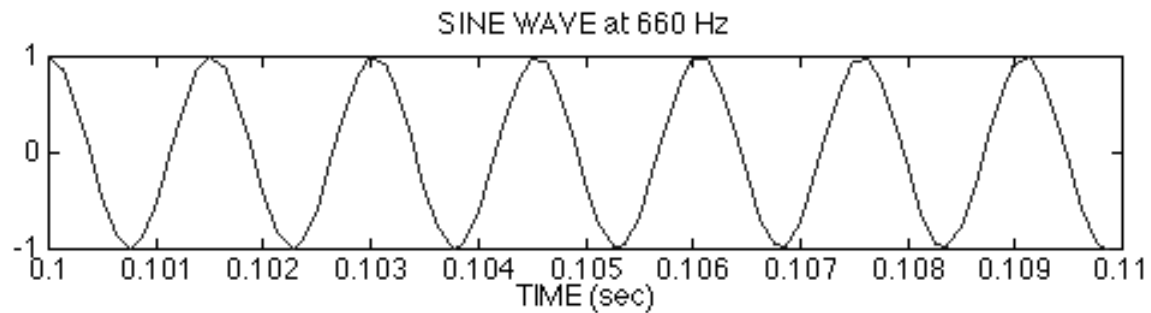
# 1-2-3 Dimensional Signals

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- 1 D: tones, speech, audio, biomedical, remote sensing, etc
- 2 D: text, images, remote sensing, etc
- 3 D: video, stereo, etc
- Two main representations
  - Time or spatial domain
  - Frequency domain

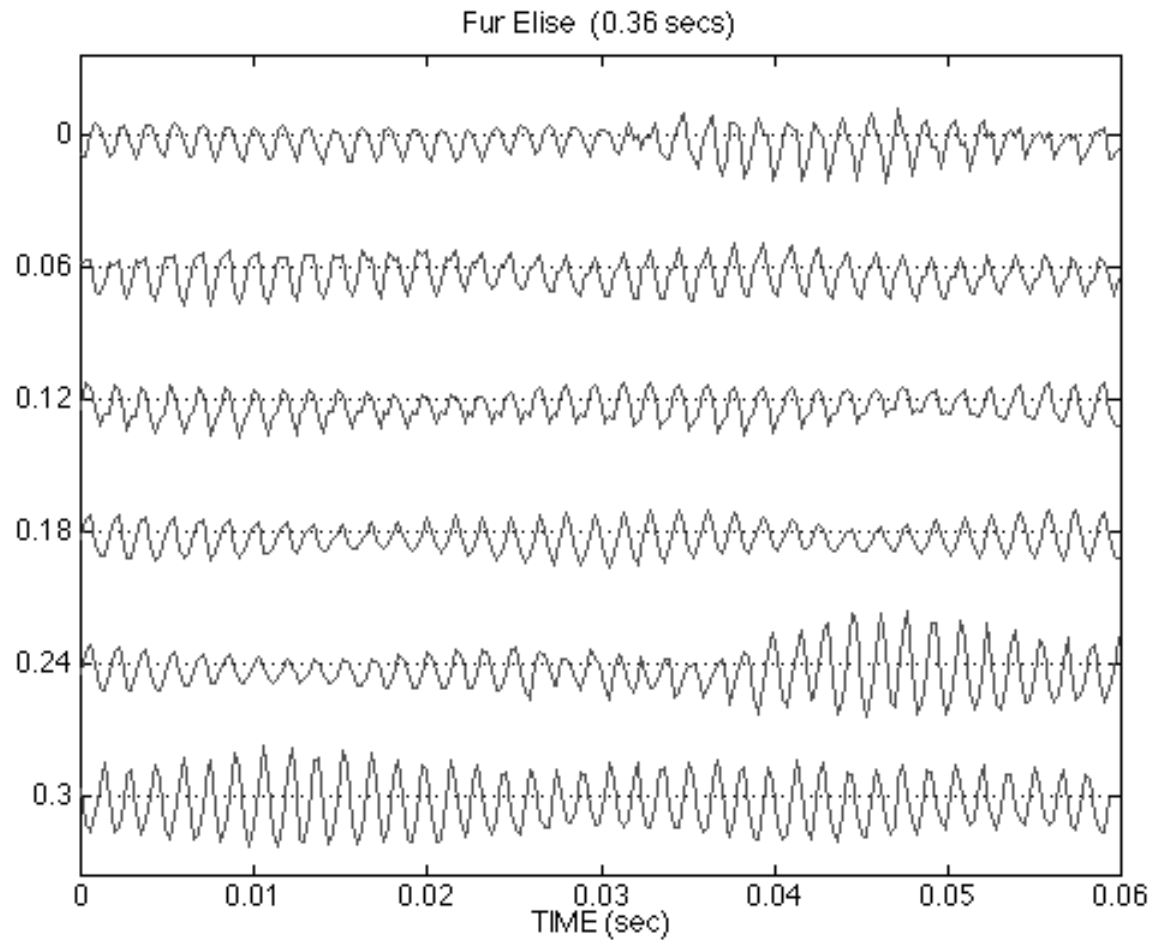
# Tones

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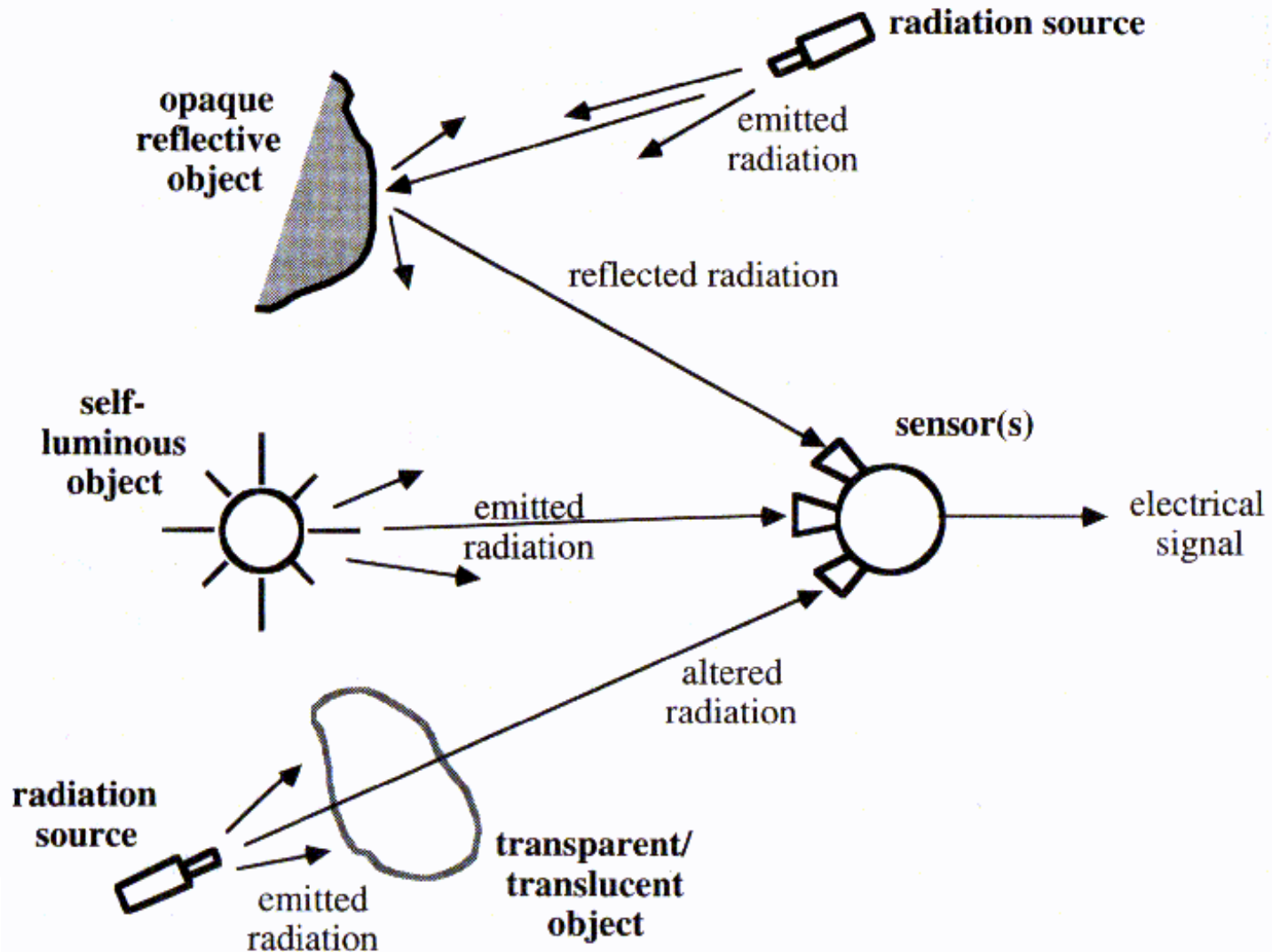
# Piano piece

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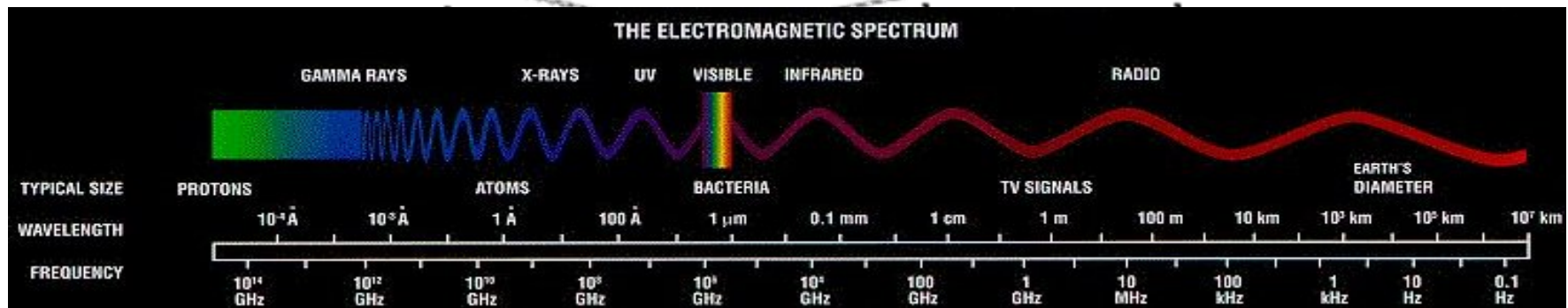
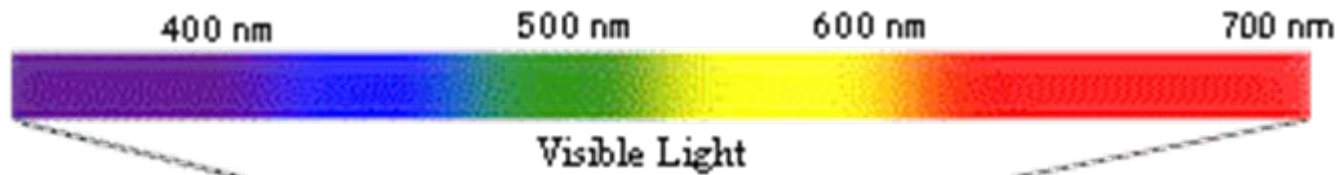




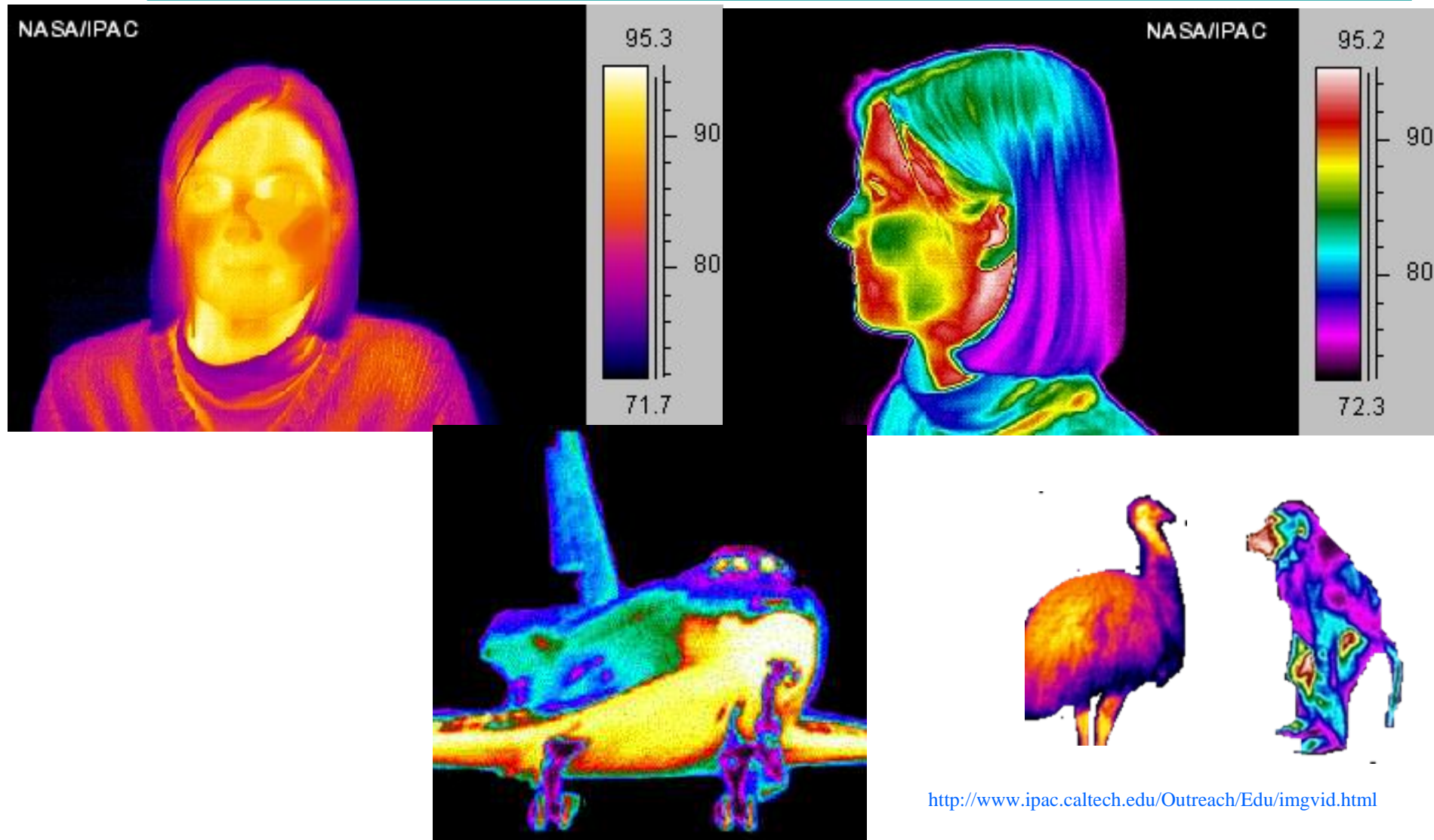
# Recording an Image



# The Electromagnetic Spectrum



# Infrared Images



# X-ray images



<http://www.eee.ntu.ac.uk/research/vision/asobania/>



<http://www.msos.edu/eecs/be/srdesign/biodata/images/xray/xray.html>

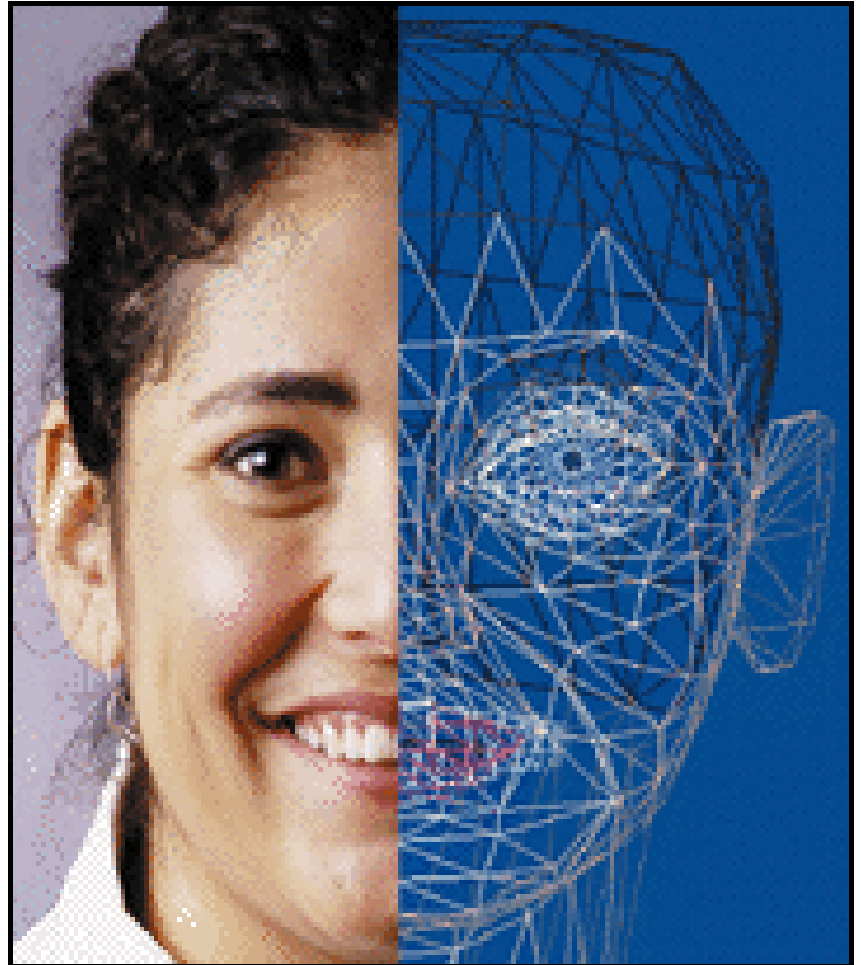


# Ultrasound image

<http://www.parenthood.com/us.html>

# Computer Graphics

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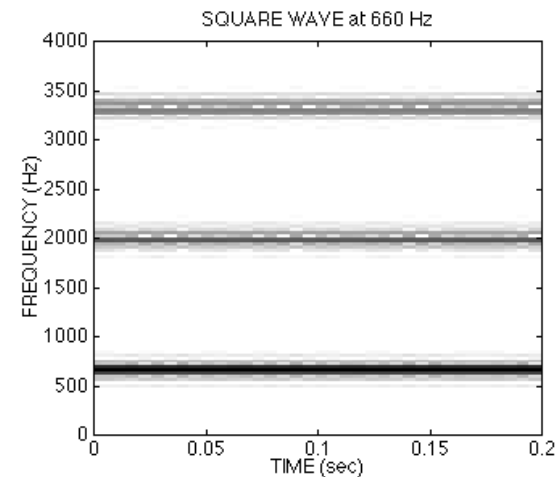
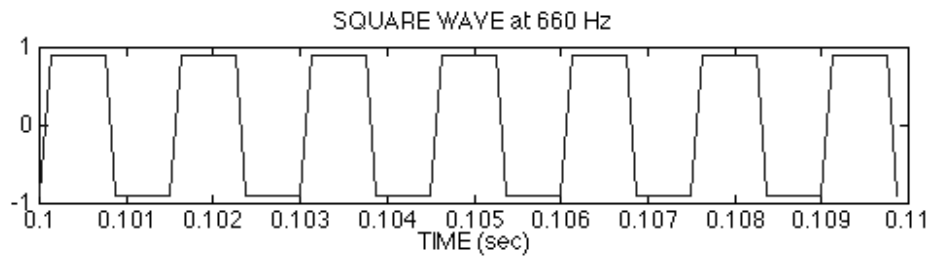
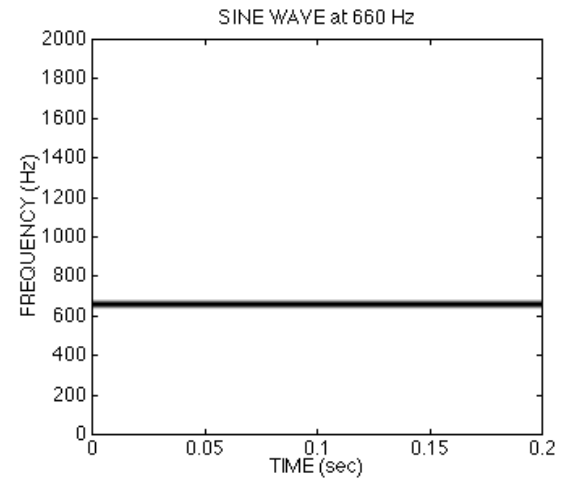
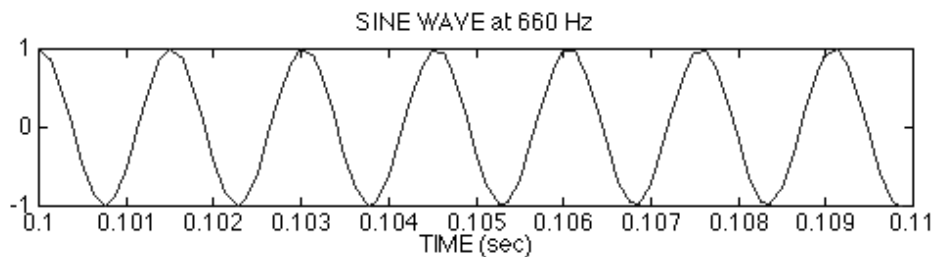


# Fourier Domain Representation of Signals

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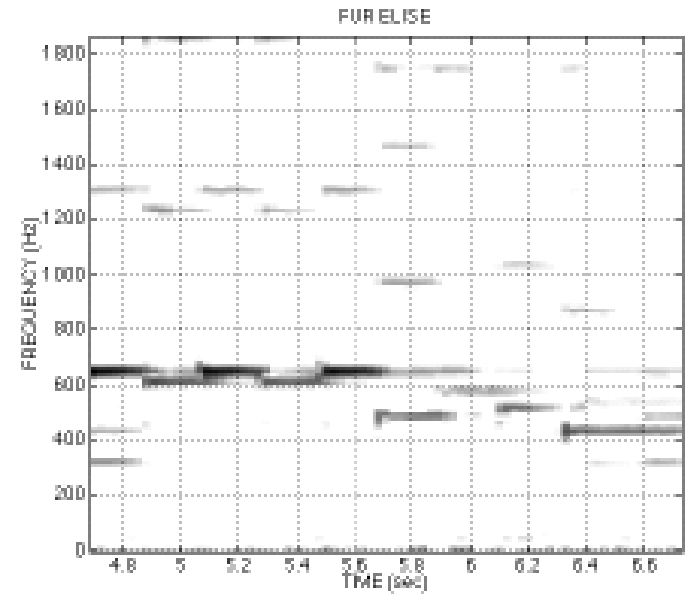
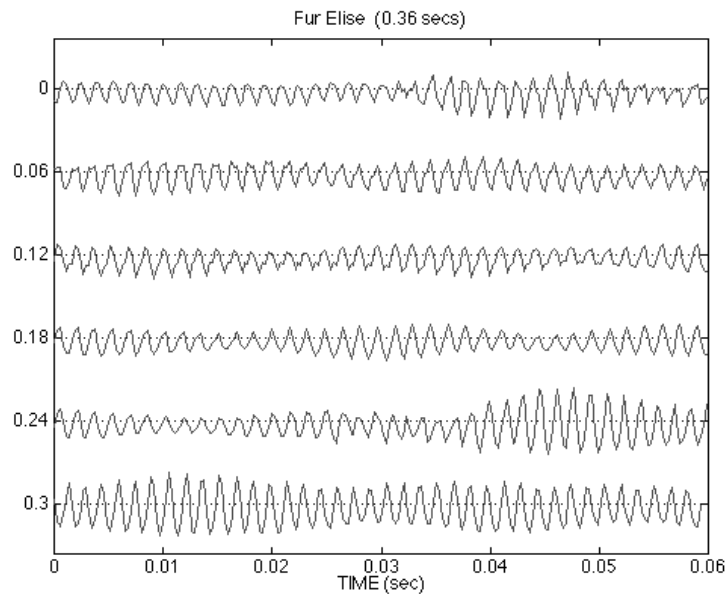
- Every signal can be decomposed into basic tones (complex exponentials)
- The Fourier Transform (FT) provides us with such a decomposition
- The Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) maps any discrete signal into its discrete frequency representation
- There exist fast algorithms for computing the DFT called Fast Fourier Transforms (FFTs)

# Time and Frequency Representation of Signals



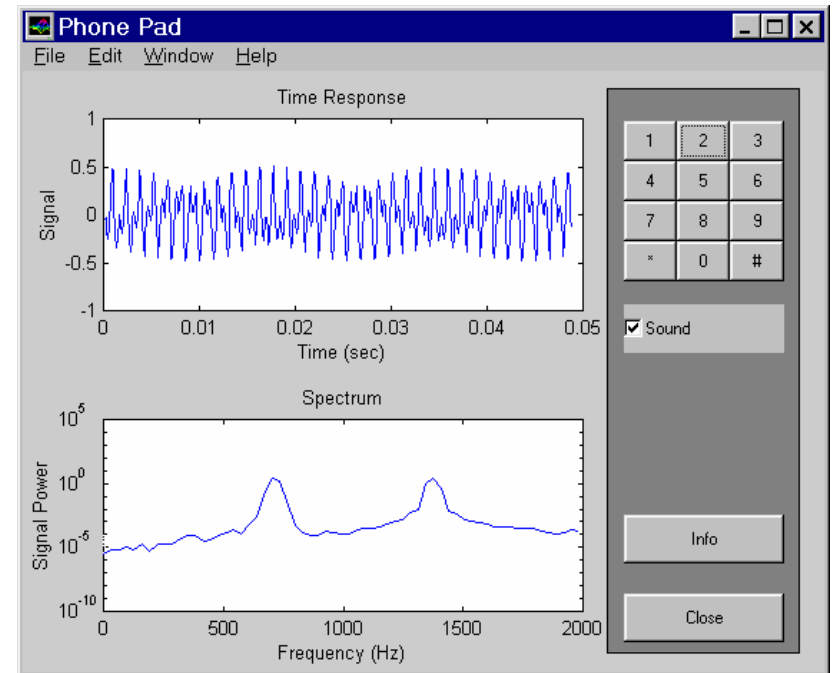
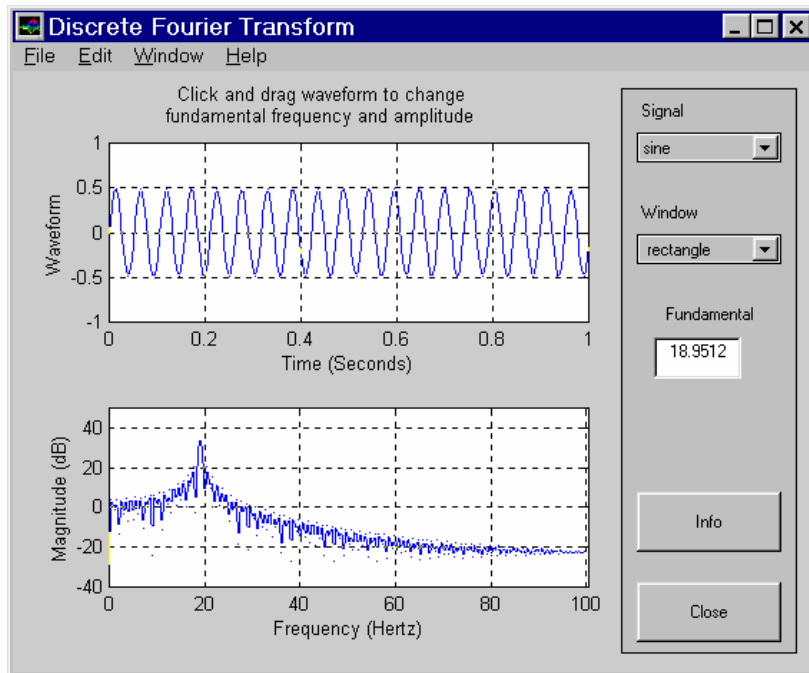


# Time and Frequency Representation of Signals





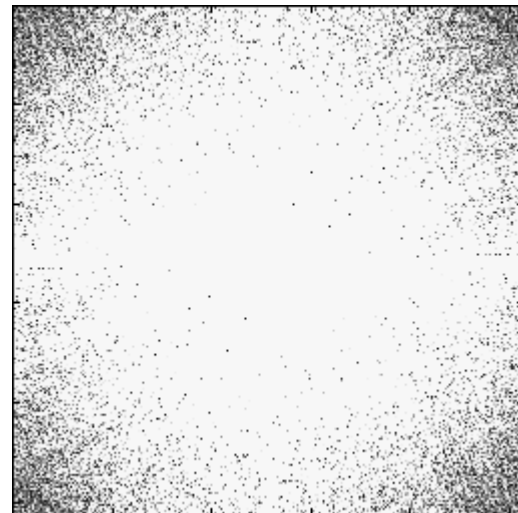
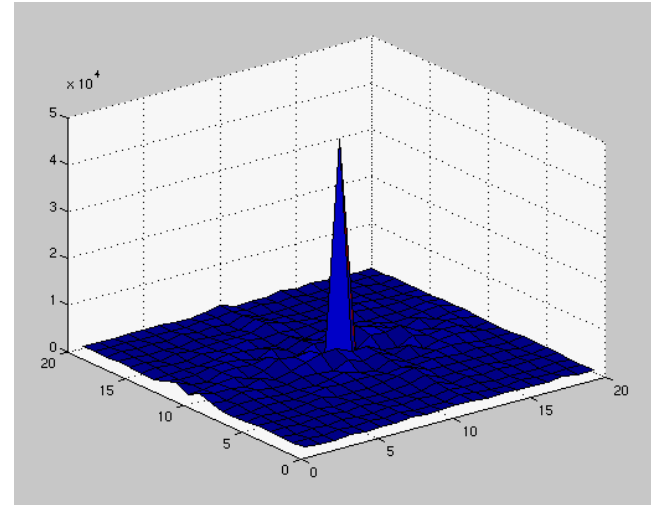
# Time and Frequency Representation of Signals



# Spatial and Frequency Representation of a Signal



DFT



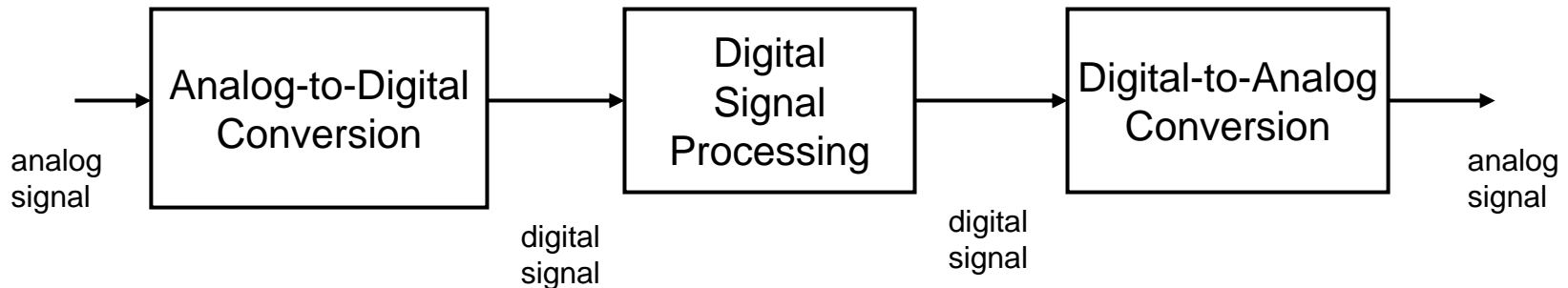
# Spatio-temporal and frequency representation



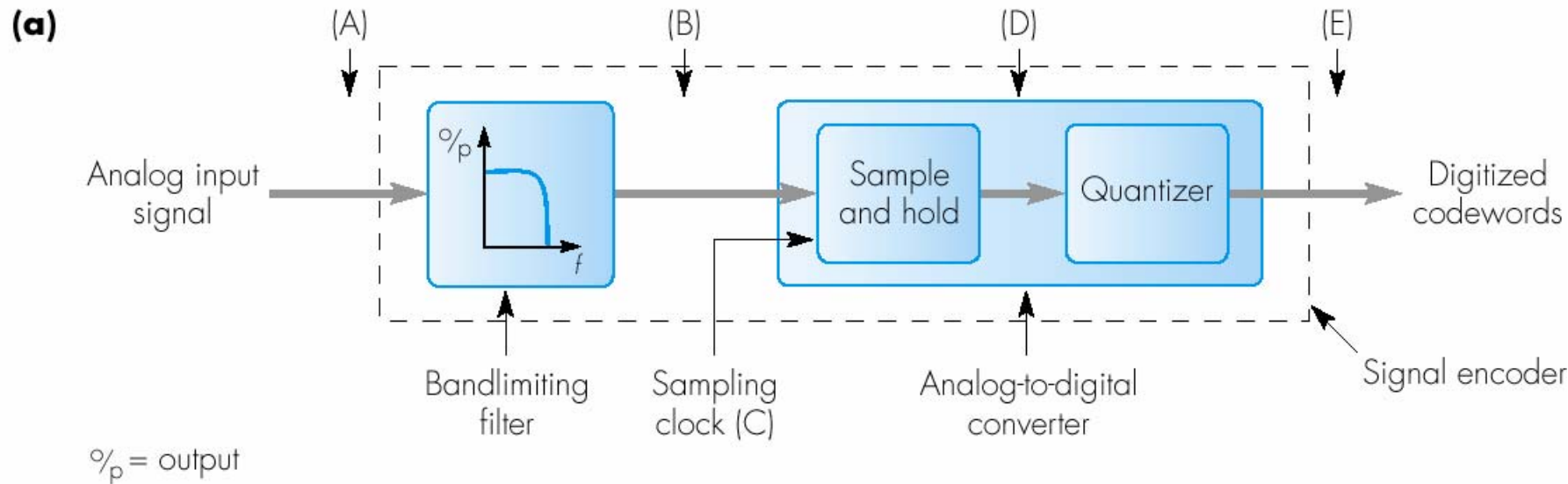
# Continuous and discrete signals

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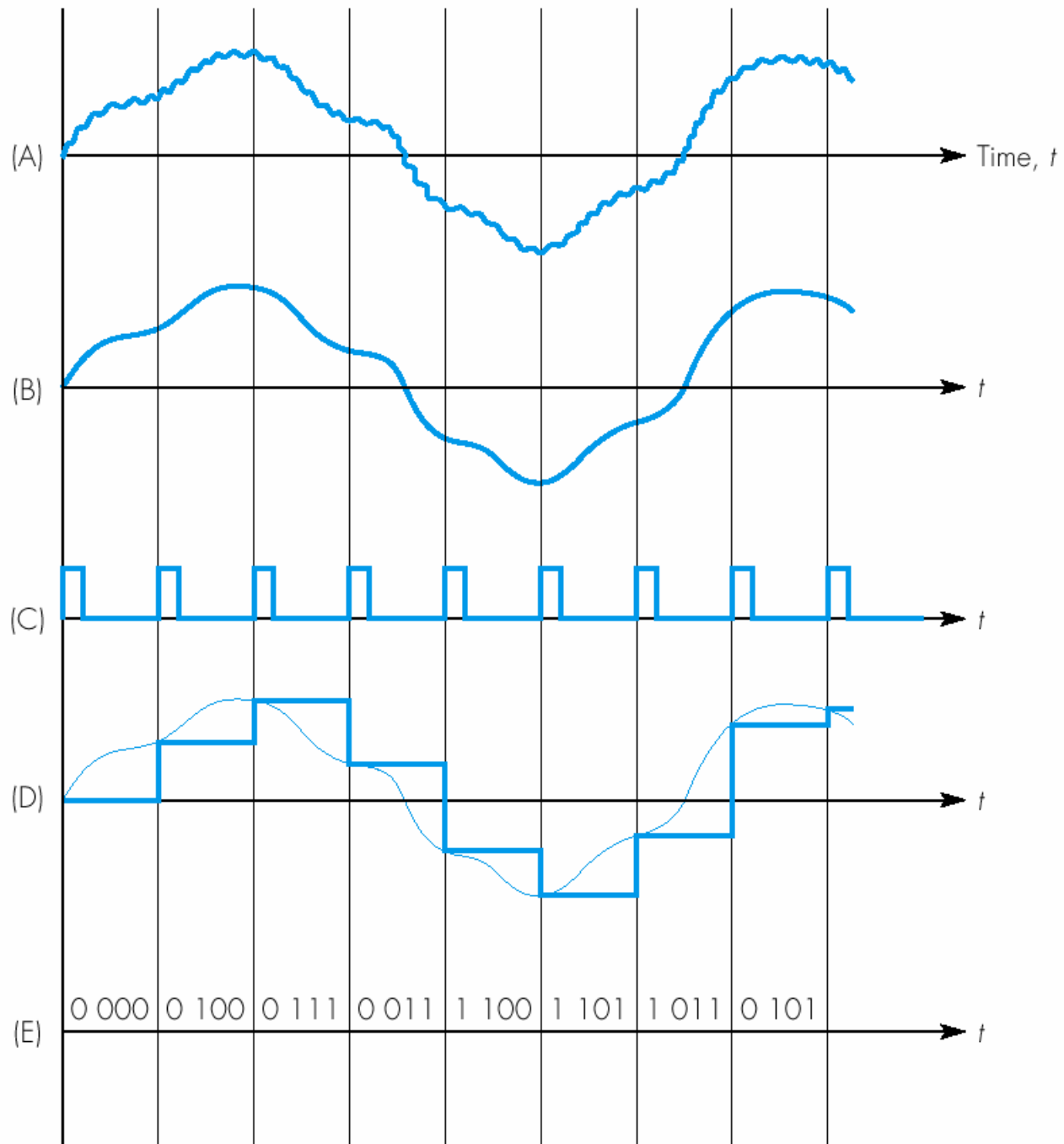
- Most signals of interest are continuous
- In most cases we are interested in processing analog signals digitally, i.e., using computers

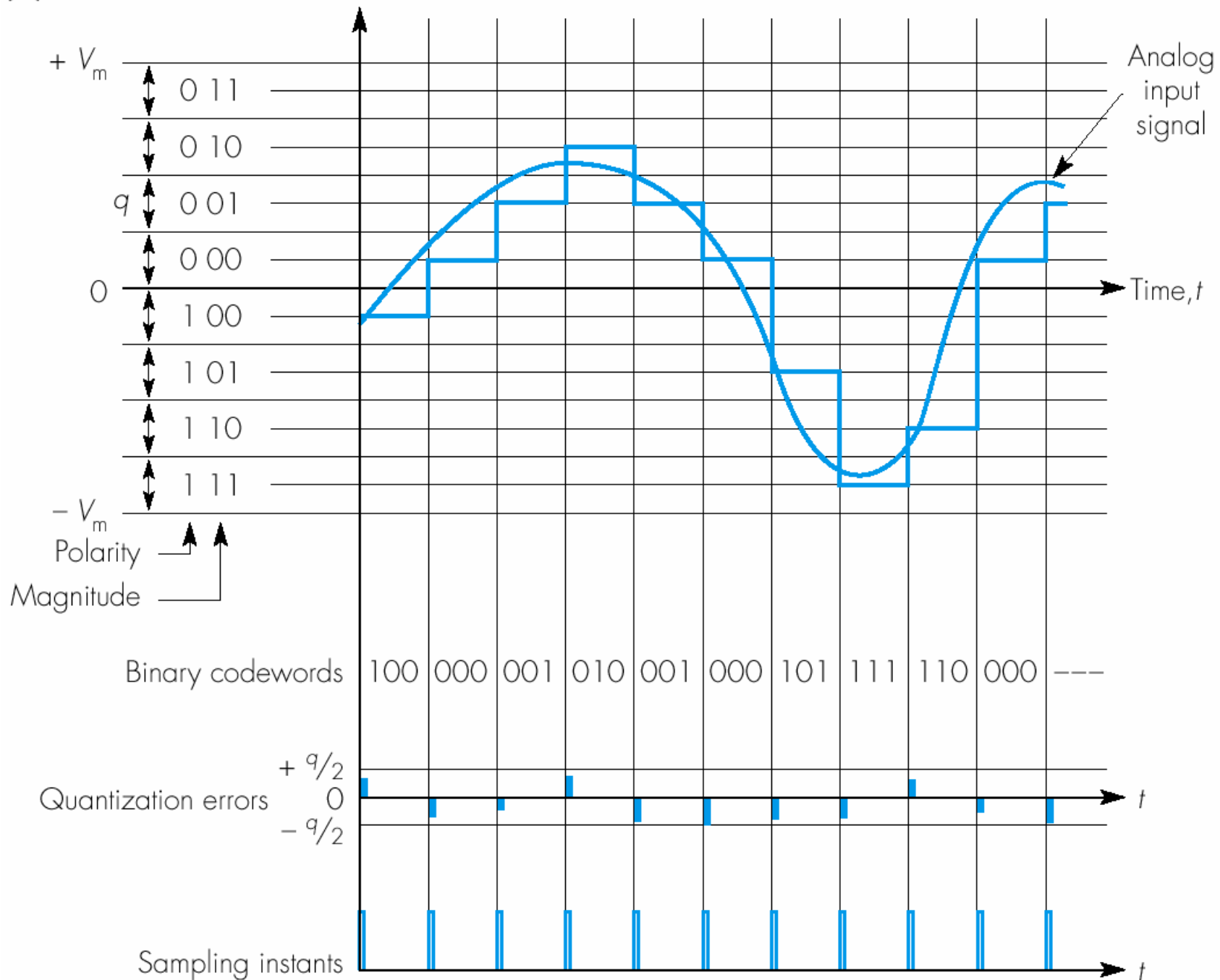


**Figure 2.2 Signal encoder design: (a) circuit components; (b) associated waveform set.**



(b)



**(a)**

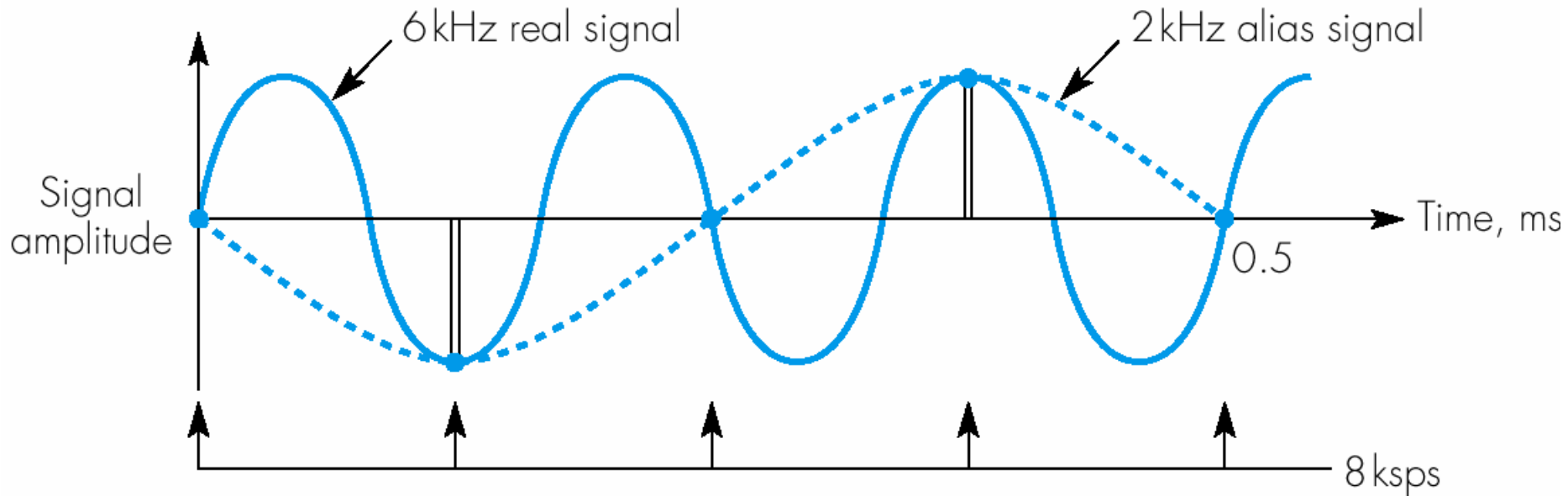
# Sampling Theorem

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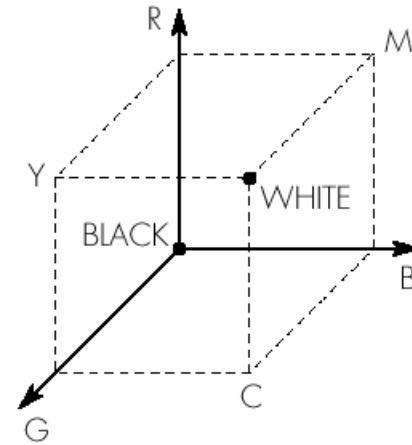
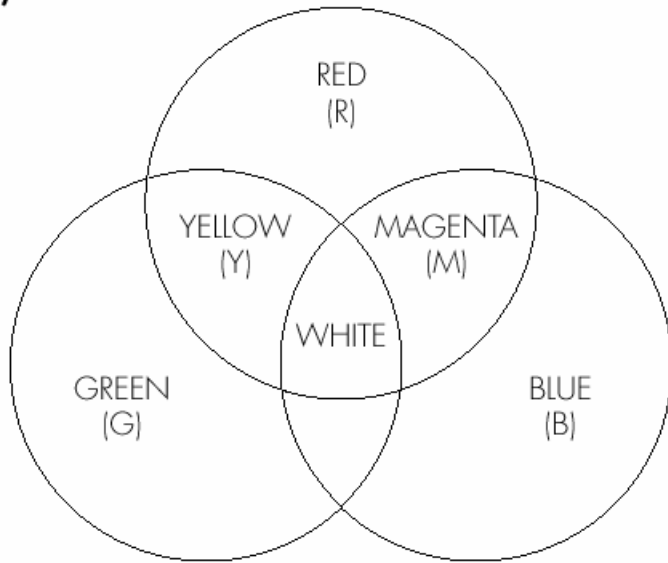
For a bandlimited signal in order to be able to reconstruct it from its samples, they have to be taken at a **frequency** at least twice the highest **frequency** in the signal (Nyquist rate)



# Aliasing due to undersampling

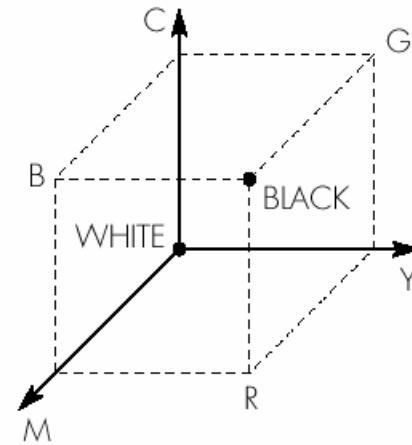
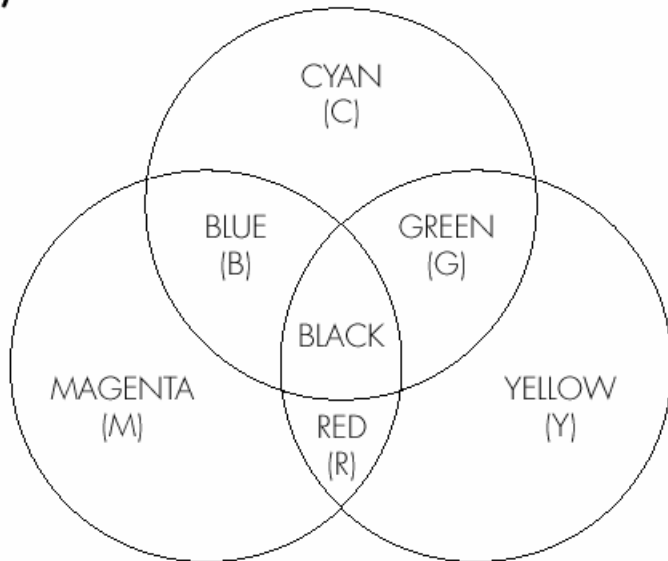


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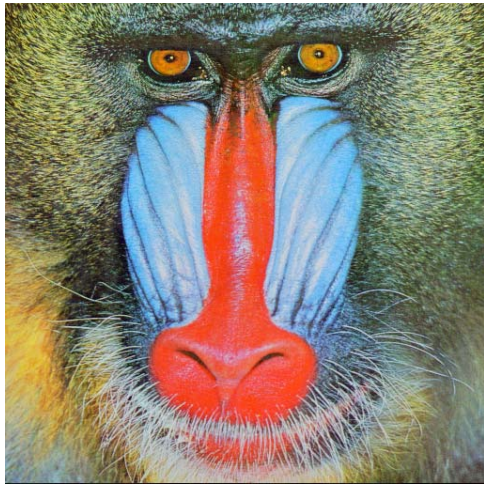
Additive color  
mixing

(b)

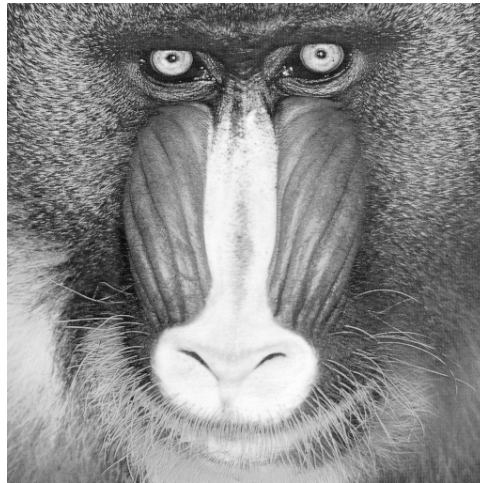


Subtractive color  
mixing

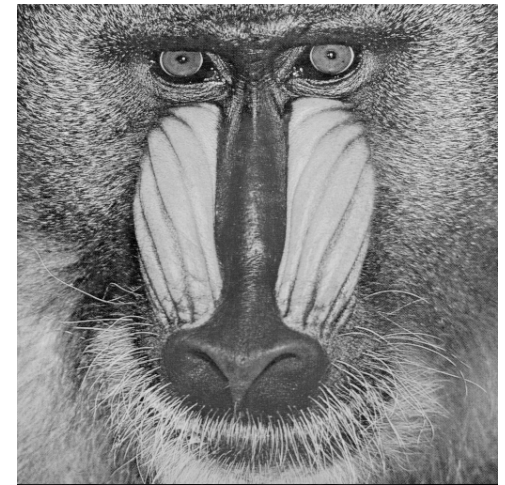
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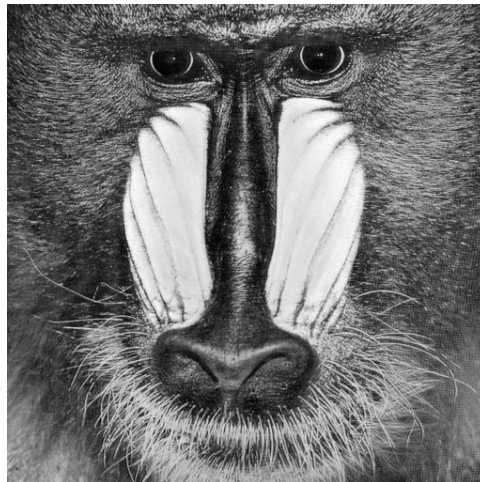
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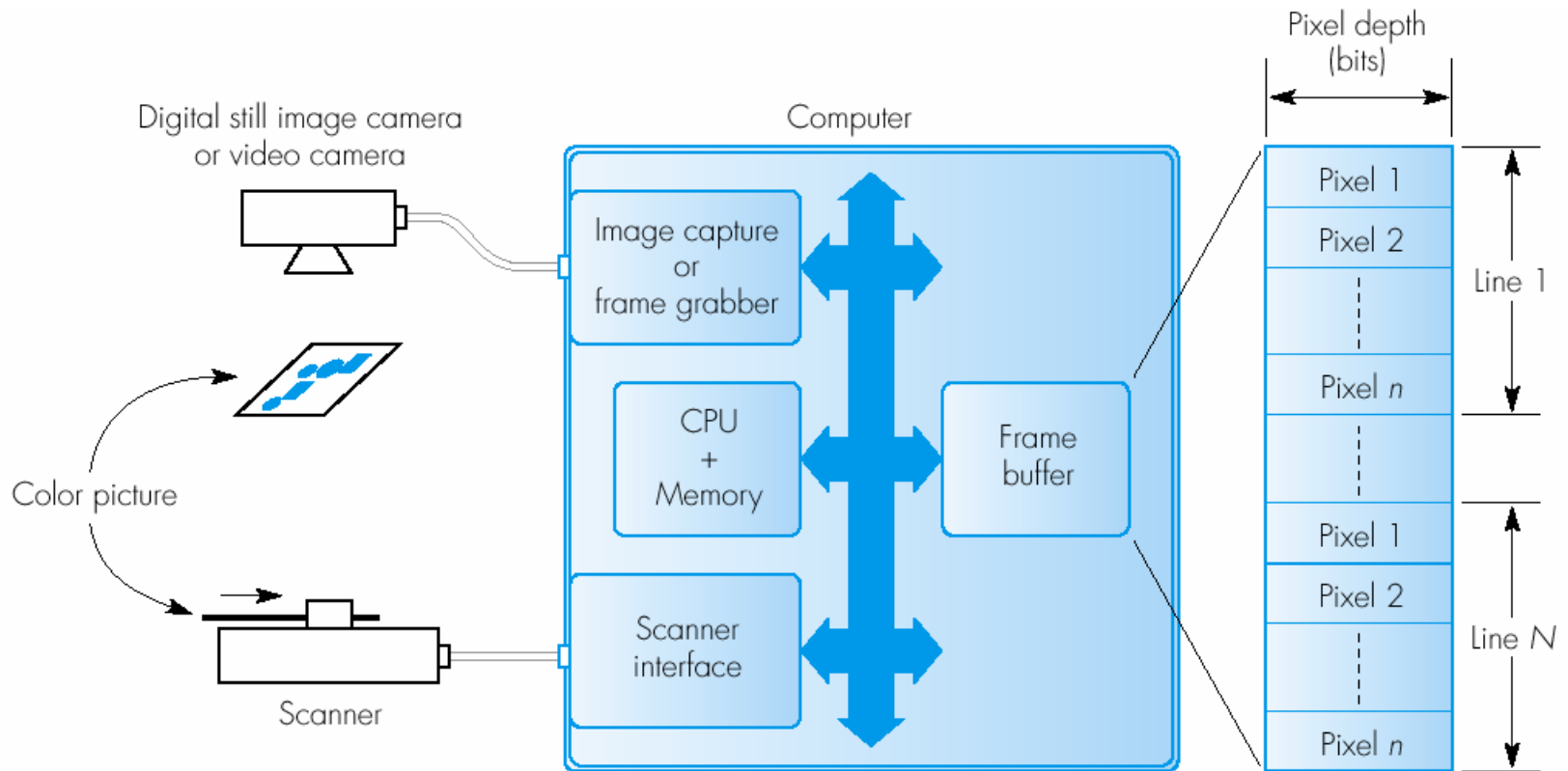
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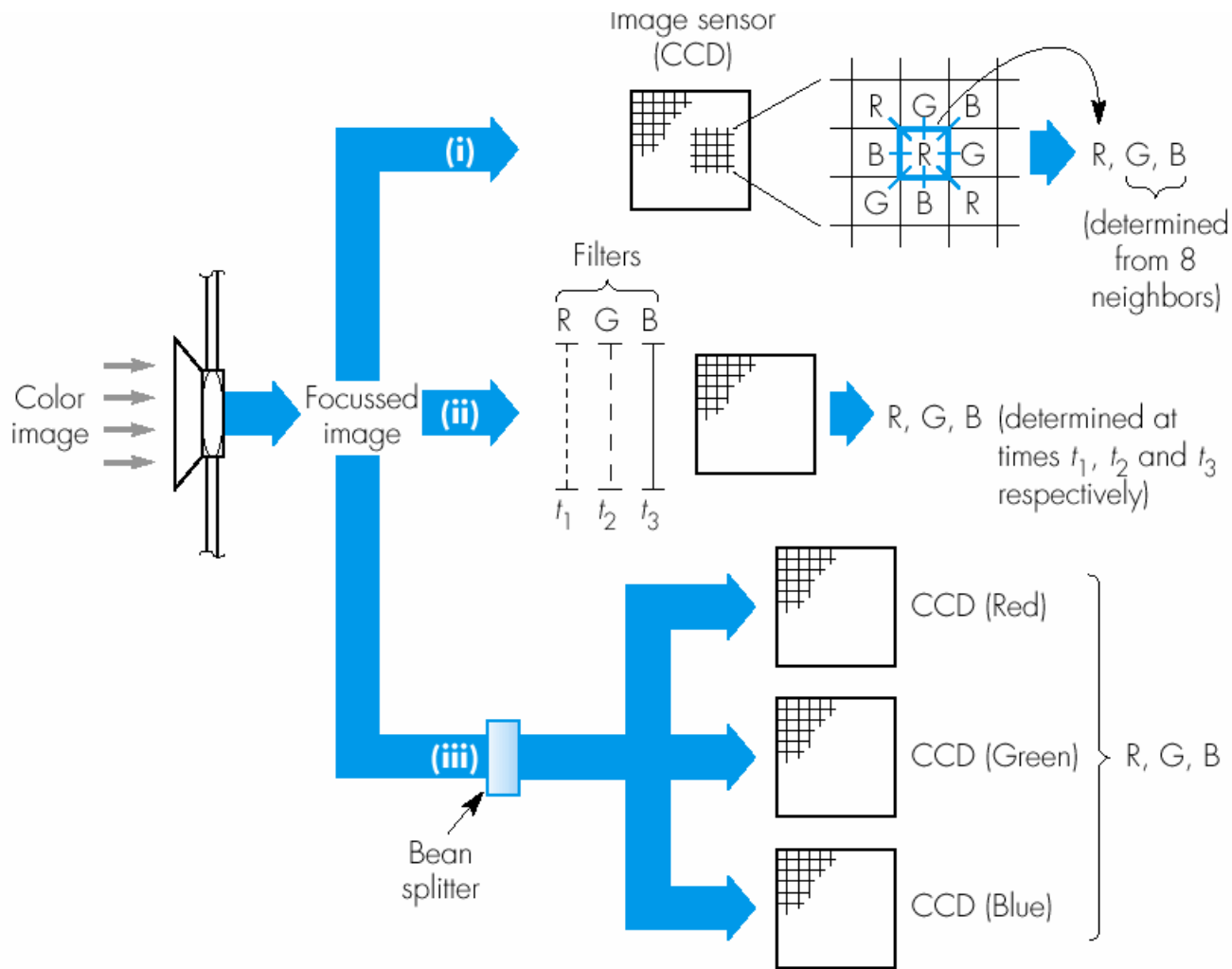
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# Color Image Capture

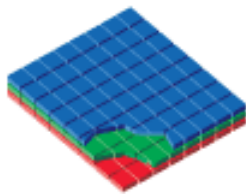


# RGB Signal Generation Alternatives



# New Sensor Technology

## Foveon X3 Capture



A Foveon X3 image sensor features three separate layers of photo-detectors embedded in silicon

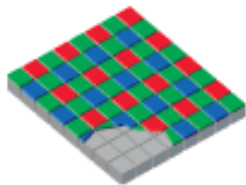


Since silicon absorbs different wavelengths of light at different depths, each layer captures a different color.

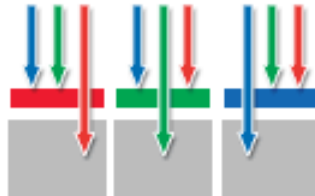


As a result, only Foveon X3 image sensors capture red, green and blue light at every pixel location.

## Mosaic Capture



In conventional systems, color filters are applied to a single layer of photo-detectors in a tiled mosaic pattern.



The filters let only one wavelength of light—red, green or blue—pass through to any given pixel, allowing it to record only one color.



As a result, typical mosaic sensors capture 50% of the green and only 25% of the red and blue light.

# Comparison

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# McGurk Effect

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# Objectives

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- Describe some of the activities in MMSP
- Just touch the “tip of the iceberg”
- Drive the point of the breadth and the interdisciplinary nature of the topic

# What Follows

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- Image and Video Recovery
  - Restoration
  - Super-resolution
- AV Signal Processing
- Segmentation
- Indexing and Summarization
- Tracking
- Wireless Video Transmission