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revised and expanded for this new edition smart cmos image sensors and applications second edition is the only book available devoted to smart cmos image sensors and applications the book describes the fundamentals of cmos image sensors and optoelectronic device physics and introduces typical cmos image sensor structures such as the active pixel sensor aps also included are the functions and materials of smart cmos image sensors and present examples of smart imaging various applications of smart cmos image sensors are also discussed several appendices supply a range of information on constants illuminance mosfet characteristics and optical resolution expansion of smart materials smart imaging and applications including biotechnology and optical wireless communication are included features covers the fundamentals and applications including smart materials smart imaging and various applications includes comprehensive references discusses a wide variety of applications of smart cmos image sensors including biotechnology and optical wireless communication revised and expanded to include the state of the art of smart image sensors

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the ever growing demand for applications of cameras necessitate research not only on improving the performance of image sensors but also on new image sensor architectures one of the most recent image sensor architectures based on coded exposure pixels cep allows for the programmability of exposure time at the pixel level and allows for imaging in new ways that were not possible so far in this thesis first a comparison of different photo detectors is presented to highlight their operation principle as well as their capabilities five photo detector architectures are simulated to compare the most important specifications in cep cameras namely sensitivity and tap contrast next a first prototype a cep image sensor based on photogate pg pixels is presented the sensor has a total resolution of 180x160 pixels and is fabricated in 0.35µm cmos technology dual tap pixels with per tap conversion gain are proposed where the photogenerated charges in the pixel are collected in one of the taps based on the code stored in the pixel at each interval of the exposure the second prototype is an image sensor based on pinned photodiode ppd pixels the sensor is fabricated in a 0.11µm cmos technology with the main array consisting of 244x162 pixels the dual tap pixel proposed in this work has the same conversion gain for the two taps but provides per tap adjustable gain in the readout the array operates at a maximum subframe rate of 180hz which is equivalent to 4 subframes per frame at 25fps considering the overhead time of frame readout the sensor is deployed in two different single shot 3d computational imaging techniques finally an architecture based on global shutter ppd pixels is presented allowing the implementation of smallest cep pixels 7µm pitch reported to date the sensor is fabricated in 0.11µm cmos technology with a resolution of 312x320 pixels in the proposed pixel a pinned storage diode operates as a charge memory to pipeline the charge generation and charge sorting operations at a subframe rate of 2.7khz a reasonable tap contrast of more than 90 is measured finally a few different computational imaging techniques that are demonstrated with this camera are presented

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high performance silicon imaging fundamentals and applications of cmos and ccd sensors second edition covers the fundamentals of silicon image sensors addressing existing performance issues and current and emerging solutions silicon imaging is a fast growing area of the semiconductor industry its use in cell phone cameras is already well established

with emerging applications including web security automotive and digital cinema cameras the book has been revised to reflect the latest state of the art developments in the field including 3d imaging advances in achieving lower signal noise and new applications for consumer markets the fundamentals section has also been expanded to include a chapter on the characterization and testing of cmos and ccd sensors that is crucial to the success of new applications this book is an excellent resource for both academics and engineers working in the optics photonics semiconductor and electronics industries covers the fundamentals of silicon based image sensors and technical advances focusing on performance issues looks at image sensors in applications such as mobile phones scientific imaging and tv broadcasting and in automotive consumer and biomedical applications addresses the theory behind 3d imaging and 3d sensor development including challenges and opportunities

this book presents how metasurfaces are exploited to develop new low cost single sensor based multispectral cameras multispectral cameras extend the concept of conventional colour cameras to capture images with multiple color bands and with narrow spectral passbands images from a multispectral camera can extract significant amount of additional information that the human eye or a normal camera fails to capture and thus have important applications in precision agriculture forestry medicine object identifications and classifications conventional multispectral cameras are made up of multiple image sensors each externally fitted with a narrow passband wavelength filters optics and multiple electronics the need for multiple sensors for each band results in a number of problems such as being bulky power hungry and suffering from image co registration problems which in turn limits their wide usage the above problems can be eliminated if a multispectral camera is developed using one single image sensor

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when applied to multi image computational photography such as flash no flash imaging multiple exposure high dynamic range imaging multi flash imaging for depth edge detection color imaging using active illumination and flash matting an image sensor that can capture multiple time interleaved images would provide a dramatic advantage over capturing and combining a burst of images having different camera settings in particular this interleaving eliminates the need to align the frames after capture moreover all frames have the same handshake or object motion blur and moving objects are in the same position in all frames a sensor with multi bucket analog memories in each pixel can accomplish this task whereas frames are acquired sequentially in a conventional sensor in a multi bucket sensor photo generated charges in a photodiode can be transferred and accumulated in the in pixel memories in any chosen time sequence during an exposure so multiple frames can be acquired virtually simultaneously designing a multi bucket pixel which is compact and scalable is challenging because space is required to accommodate the additional in pixel memories and their associated control signal lines this research explored and developed a new multi bucket pixel technology by adapting the concept of virtual phase charge coupled device into a standard 4 transistor cmos pixel such that area overhead is small and true correlated double

sampling is preserved to cancel ktc noise based on the developed pixel technology two prototype cmos image sensors with dual and quad bucket pixels were designed and fabricated pixel sizes are the smallest among similar pixels reported in the literature some computational photography applications were implemented using the two multi bucket sensors to demonstrate their values in avoiding artifacts that would otherwise occur when a conventional sensor is used

in this valuable reference work ichiro fujieda focuses on the component technologies device configurations and operation principles of image acquisition and display technologies and provides detailed use cases to give practical guidance on the various current and potential future applications of these technologies the technology and the physics behind these devices can be grouped into three categories optical technology material science and semiconductor device technology this book enables readers to gain an understanding of these three areas in relation to the flow of image information and several example applications of the technology fujieda first describes the building blocks of image sensors and displays detectors light sources transistors and wavefront control devices and their configurations operation principles and characteristics he then describes in more detail image sensor technology including mos image sensors ccd technologies and x ray and infrared imagers and displays including thin film transistor arrays lcds oleds mems devices and more finally he provides real world examples of how these technologies are used together to give the reader an understanding of their practical applications and their potential use in future devices some important laws in optics and definitions in color science are included for easy reference through this approach the reader will gain a detailed understanding of each of the component parts of existing imaging devices and will be able to apply this to future developments within the field this book will benefit any advanced undergraduate and graduate student and industry professional who wishes to expand his or her understanding of the hardware handling digital images some basic knowledge is required on semiconductor device physics and the interaction of radiation with matter though these are described in the appropriate sections

this book explores the operating principles of complementary metal oxide semiconductor cmos image sensors their architecture readout circuits and characterisation techniques

this book is a printed edition of the special issue photon counting image sensors that was published in sensors

biological systems are a source of inspiration in the development of small autonomous sensor nodes the two major types of optical vision systems found in nature are the single aperture human eye and the compound eye of insects the latter are among the most compact and smallest vision sensors the eye is a compound of individual lenses with their own photoreceptor arrays the visual system of insects allows them to fly with a limited intelligence and brain processing power a cmos image sensor replicating the perception of vision in insects is discussed and designed in this book for industrial machine vision and medical applications the cmos metal layer is used to create an embedded micro polarizer able to sense polarization information this polarization information is shown to be useful in applications like real time material classification and autonomous agent navigation further the sensor is equipped with in pixel analog and digital memories which allow variation of the dynamic range and in pixel binarization in real time the binary output of the pixel

tries to replicate the flickering effect of the insect's eye to detect smallest possible motion based on the change in state an inbuilt counter counts the changes in states for each row to estimate the direction of the motion the chip consists of an array of 128x128 pixels it occupies an area of 5 x 4 mm<sup>2</sup> and it has been designed and fabricated in an 180nm cmos cis process from umc

this thesis provides a thorough noise analysis for conventional cis readout chains while also presenting and discussing a variety of noise reduction techniques that allow the read noise in standard processes to be optimized two physical implementations featuring sub 0.5 electron rms are subsequently presented to verify the proposed noise reduction techniques and provide a full characterization of a vga imager based on the verified noise calculation the impact of the technology downscaling on the input referred noise is also studied further the thesis covers thz cmos image sensors and presents an original design that achieves ultra low noise performance last but not least it provides a comprehensive review of cmos image sensors

high performance silicon imaging covers the fundamentals of silicon image sensors with a focus on existing performance issues and potential solutions the book considers several applications for the technology as well silicon imaging is a fast growing area of the semiconductor industry its use in cell phone cameras is already well established and emerging applications include web security automotive and digital cinema cameras part one begins with a review of the fundamental principles of photosensing and the operational principles of silicon image sensors it then focuses in on charged coupled device ccd image sensors and complementary metal oxide semiconductor cmos image sensors the performance issues considered include image quality sensitivity data transfer rate system level integration rate of power consumption and the potential for 3d imaging part two then discusses how cmos technology can be used in a range of areas including in mobile devices image sensors for automotive applications sensors for several forms of scientific imaging and sensors for medical applications high performance silicon imaging is an excellent resource for both academics and engineers working in the optics photonics semiconductor and electronics industries covers the fundamentals of silicon based image sensors and technical advances focusing on performance issues looks at image sensors in applications such as mobile phones scientific imaging tv broadcasting automotive and biomedical applications

digital imaging is growing rapidly making complimentary metal oxide semi conductor cmos image sensor based cameras indispensable in many modern life devices like cell phones surveillance devices personal computers and tablets for various purposes wireless portable image systems are widely deployed in many indoor and outdoor places such as hospitals urban areas streets highways forests mountains and towers however the increased demand on high resolution image sensors and improved processing features is expected to increase the power consumption of the cmos sensorbased camera systems increased power consumption translates into a reduced battery life time the increased power consumption might not be a problem if there is access to a nearby charging station on the other hand the problem arises if the image sensor is located in widely spread areas unfavorable to human intervention and difficult to reach given the limitation of energy sources available for wireless cmos image sensor an energy harvesting technique presents a viable solution to extend the

sensor life time energy can be harvested from the sun light or the artificial light surrounding the sensor itself in this thesis we propose a current mode cmos hybrid image sensor capable of energy harvesting and image capture the proposed sensor is based on a hybrid pixel that can be programmed to perform the task of an image sensor and the task of a solar cell to harvest energy the basic idea is to design a pixel that can be configured to exploit its internal photodiode to perform two functions image sensing and energy harvesting as a proof of concept a 40 x 40 array of hybrid pixels has been designed and fabricated in a standard 0.5 micrometre cmos process measurement results show that up to 39 micro w of power can be harvested from the array under 130 klux condition with an energy efficiency of 220 nj pixel frame the proposed image sensor is a current mode image sensor which has several advantages over the voltage mode the most important advantages of using current mode technique are reduced power consumption of the chip ease of arithmetic operations implementation simplification of the circuit design and hence reduced layout complexity

the idea of writing a book on cmos imaging has been brewing for several years it was placed on a fast track after we agreed to organize a tutorial on cmos sensors for the 2004 ieee international symposium on circuits and systems iscas 2004 this tutorial defined the structure of the book but as first time authors editors we had a lot to learn about the logistics of putting together information from multiple sources needless to say it was a long road between the tutorial and the book and it took more than a few months to complete we hope that you will find our journey worthwhile and the collated information useful the laboratories of the authors are located at many universities distributed around the world their unifying theme however is the advancement of knowledge for the development of systems for cmos imaging and image processing we hope that this book will highlight the ideas that have been pioneered by the authors while providing a roadmap for new practitioners in this field to exploit exciting opportunities to integrate imaging and smartness on a single vlsi chip the potential of these smart imaging systems is still unfulfilled hence there is still plenty of research and development to be done

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