

## Today:

- Admin
- Framing
- Cameras
- Lenses
  - Lens laws
  - Typical lenses
  - Focal lengths
  - Aperture, depth of field
- Admin:
  - Office hours 2013 MWF 1-2 & TuR 1-2
  - Best of Web voting: Which anonymity?
  - Report guidelines updated
  - Ferrofluid ordered; 1 liter.

## PHOTOGRAPHY FUNDAMENTALS

- 1) Framing
- 2) Camera
- 3) Lenses
- 4) Exposure Control
- 5) Resolution

### 1) Framing

- a. #1 rule of photography: **Make The Subject Fill The Frame**  
Image dimensions of less than 700 pixels won't be accepted.
- b. Know your scale. Take an **extra** image with a ruler in it.  
You'll need to specify your FOV = Field of View  
i.e. "top to bottom was 10 cm"  
Sometimes the image will supply the scale, such as the diameter of a jet.
- c. **Work it.** Take many images, from varied POV = Points of View
  - Get close, pull back. Move around the sides.

- Try a mirror to see the back.
- Consider making a stereo image
- Try video, a few seconds or minutes

Video tutorials

<http://vimeo.com/videoschool/101>

Vimeo = upscale YouTube.  
FV videos will be posted there  
by FlowVis@CUBoulder

- Change the lighting.
- Consider the motion: Capture the whole track, and also zoom in on a particular moment/location
- Plan a second try. Look at results at full resolution first, not just on camera LCD. Takes time.

## 2)Cameras: Roughly 3 common types

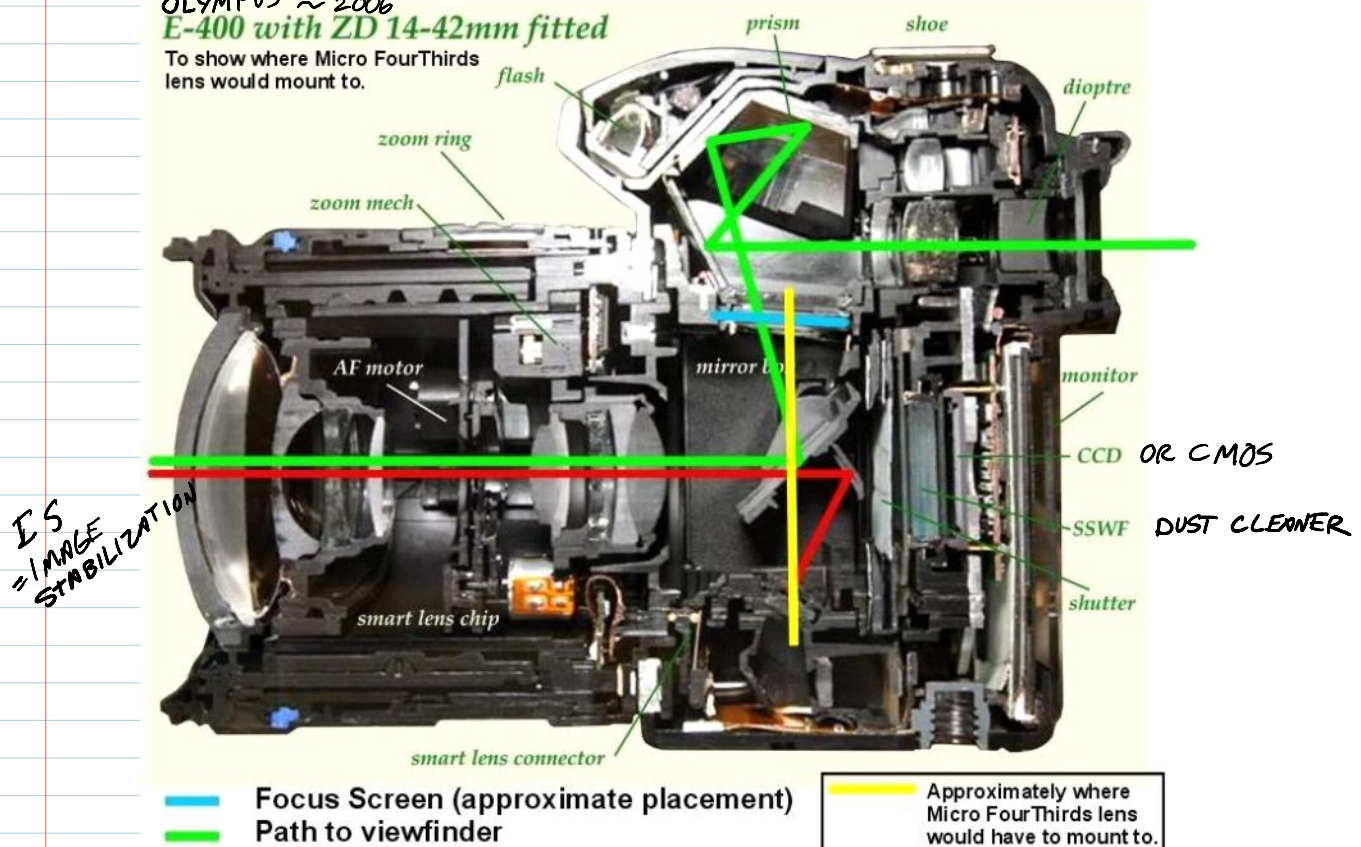
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Digital Single Lens Reflex	PHD	
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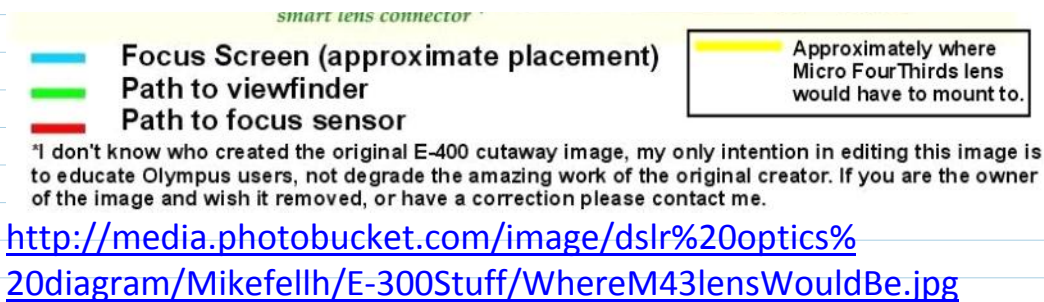
## DSLR

OLYMPUS ~ 2006

E-400 with ZD 14-42mm fitted

To show where Micro FourThirds lens would mount to.





Mirror flips up when shutter triggered = REFLEX.

For long exposures, lock mirror up to prevent vibration.

Use circular polarizers on lens front to get past partial mirrors into AF and AE sensors

PHD: Small sensors; lower resolution even if mpx the same; diffraction limits approached?

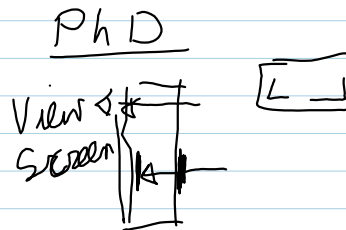
No lens choices. Can still add close-up lens.

Composition is harder. LCD screens

tough to use in sun, don't show fine focus. Can't preview depth of field. Optical view finders are inaccurate when close up.

Much lighter, more portable.

Comparable performance at prosumer level.



CAMCORDERS: primarily for video.

Records to Digital Video tape, disk or solid state memory. Usually longer record time than still cameras. Built-in effects, maybe editing. *Quieter mechanisms, set white balance*

Camera technology is changing rapidly. Lines between designs are shifting.

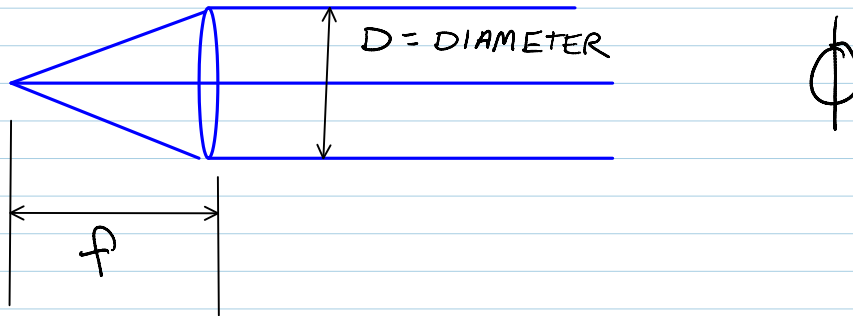
### 3) LENSES

Minute paper. What are the numbers on your lens? What do they mean?

*focal lengths found, identified. Few found aperture spec.*

**Lenses are defined by FOCAL LENGTH and APERTURE**

$f$  = focal length = distance from center of lens system to sensor when focused at infinity



Variable focal length = ZOOM lens.

Now is default. Non-zoom are called 'prime' lenses.

10 years ago, 35 mm film cameras were standard, and the standard lens was 50 mm.  $f > 50$  mm = telephoto

$f < 50$  mm = wide angle

Aperture defined as  $f/D = f/ = f \text{ number} = f\#$

INVERSELY related to diameter.

Nondimensional. More about aperture later.

PHDs have small sensors, so focal lengths and diameters are smaller:

Common values for PHD cameras:

$f = 5 - 60$  mm,  $f/ = 4 - 8$

28-336 mm equivalent to 35 mm, i.e. same FOV

w = wide T = tight, or telephoto

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For DSLR, bigger sensors, up to 'full frame' 35 mm

$f = 18 - 60$  mm,  $f/ 1.8 - 22$

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Impact of focal length on framing:

As  $f$  increases (longer lens), field of view narrows

'Telephoto compression' happens too



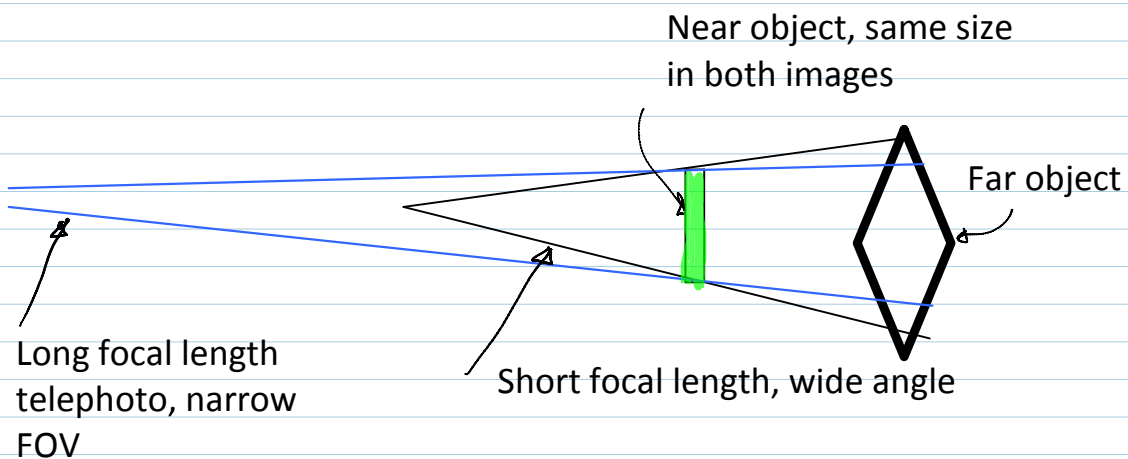
70 mm F13

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200 mm F13

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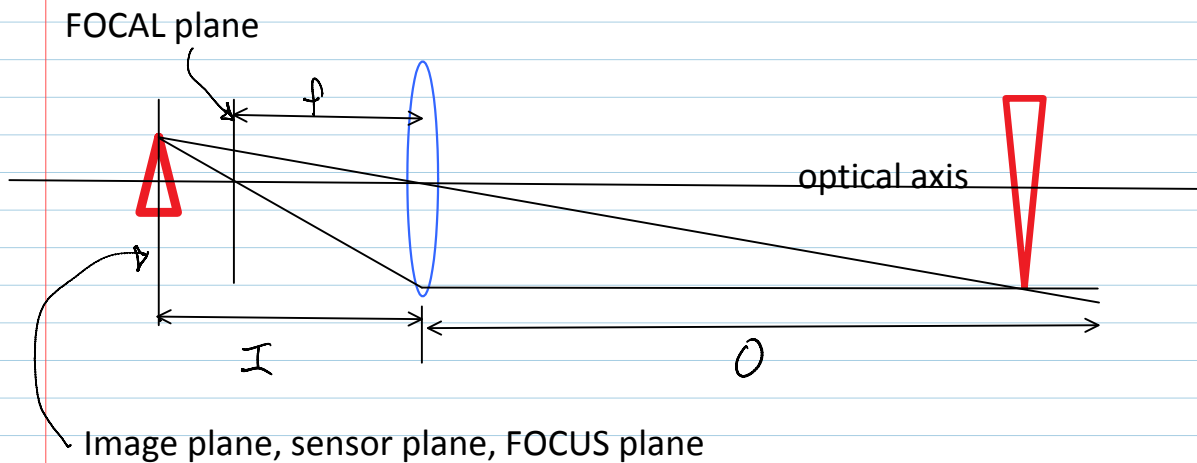
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## FOCUS

'In focus' when all collected light from a point on the object shows up at a single point in the image.



Lens laws:

- 1) light through center of lens is undeflected
- 2) light parallel to axis goes through focal point
- 3) all light entering lens at a given direction ends up at the same point in the focal plane

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As object moves closer, lens moves away from sensor plane. Mechanical limit defines near focus distance. Extension tubes allow lens to move further out and focus closer. \$75 set of 3

'Close up' lenses allow close focus by changing system  $f$ .

Long  $f$  lens, threads on to the outer end of main lens (threads standard, but need to match diameters).

Lower quality, though. Each additional lens element can lose 10% of light, introduce aberrations.

PHD cameras often lack threads. Just hold it out in front, or mount to cardboard tube.

Inexpensive, \$6 for set of 4

PHD cameras often have 'macro mode' = Flower Button. Does yours?

For DSLRs, prime and zoom 'macro' lenses are available. Expect high price, hope for quality.

## OUT OF FOCUS

