

**EVOLUTION of FLUOROSCOPY 1895- 2019**  
**Technology, Vision, Cognition**

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**Requirements drive technology**  
**Factors influencing utilization of images**

- Nature of the object of interest and its surrounding
- Imaging technology
- Interactions between object and surroundings with beam (Image formation)
- Information transfer to observer's eye (image processing and display)
- Observer's cognition and action

Morgan 1966

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**[1896-1899] Early days**

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**c 1900 Fluoro QA Tools**

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**[c 1897] Fluoroscopic examination**

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**[1897] Customs inspection**

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[1905] Fluoroscopy radiation protection

Dr. Price's Opaque Gloves



Protective Spectacles



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[1905-1910] Fluoro set with a QA tool

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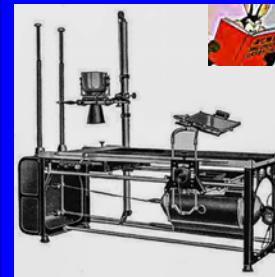
[1910] Clinical

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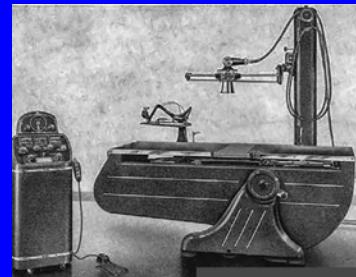
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[1926, 1940] Radiographic/Fluoroscopic table

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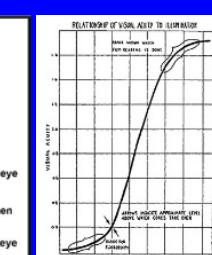
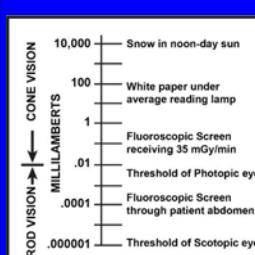
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[1947] Chest Fluoroscopy

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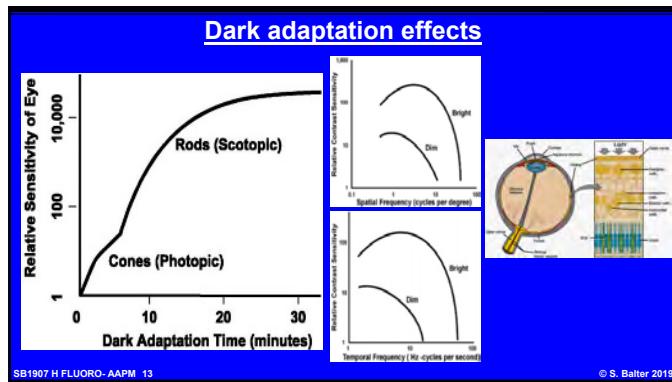
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[1942] Light sensitivity of the eyeDynamic range = 10<sup>10</sup>

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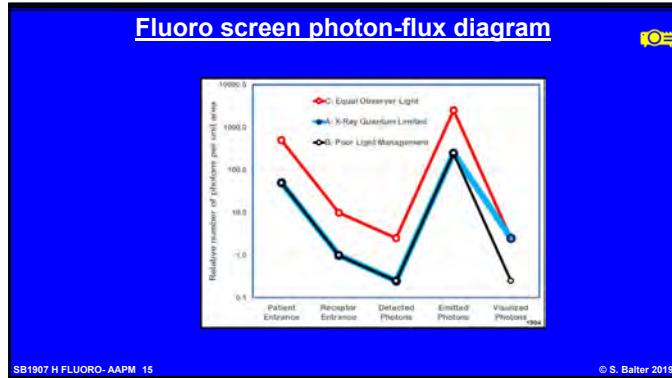
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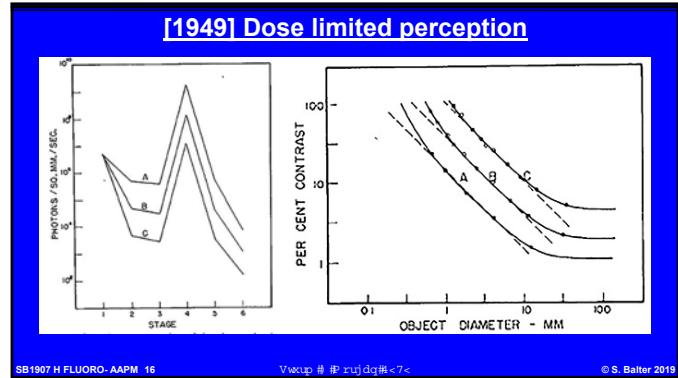
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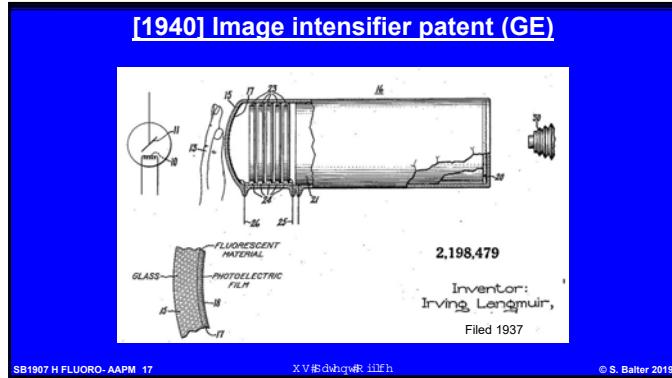
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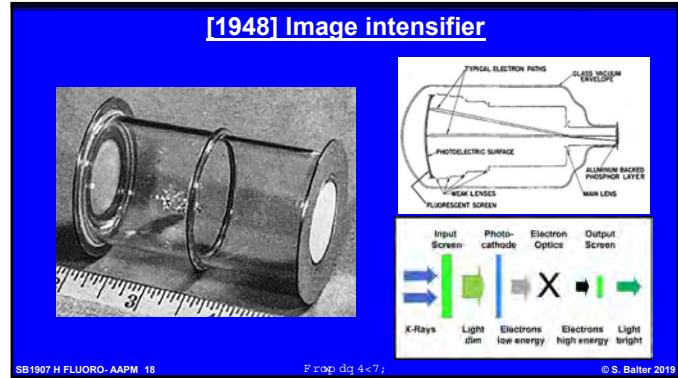
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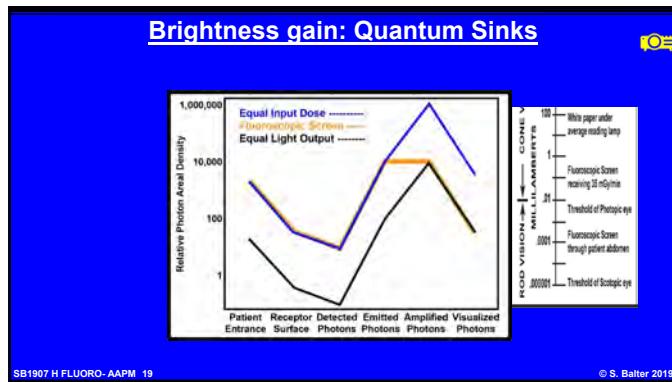
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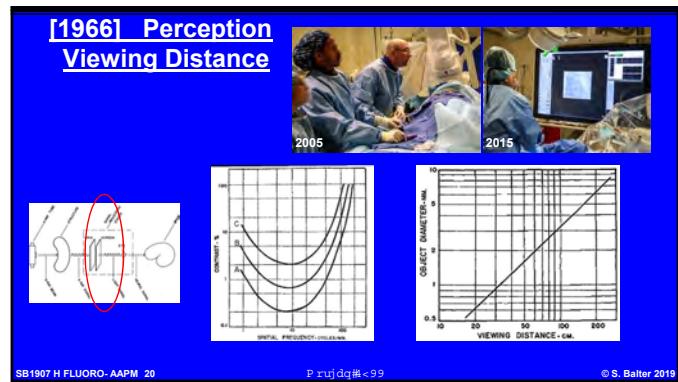
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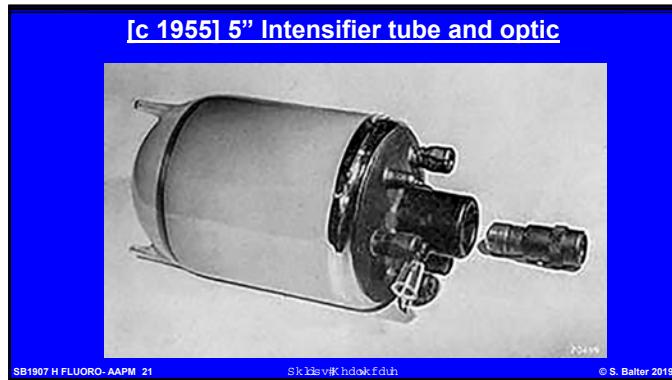
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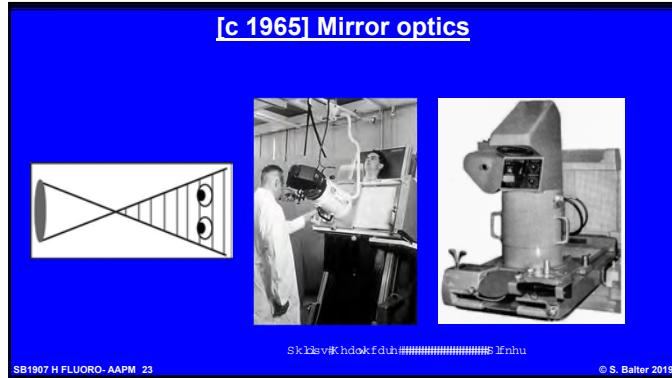
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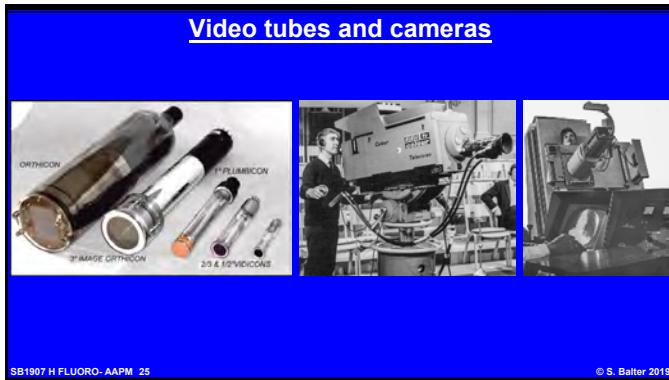
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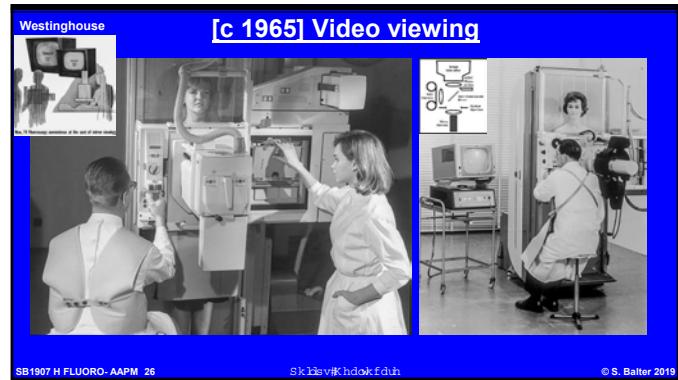
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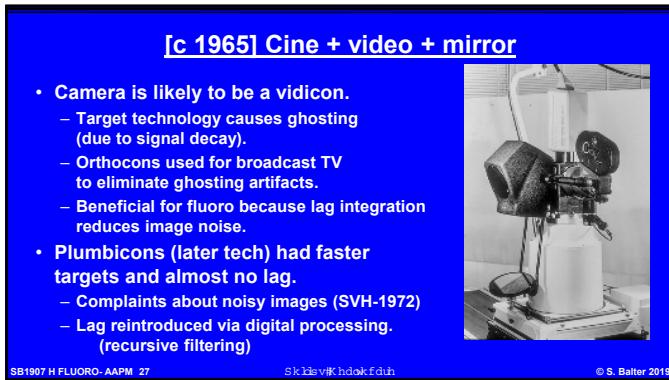
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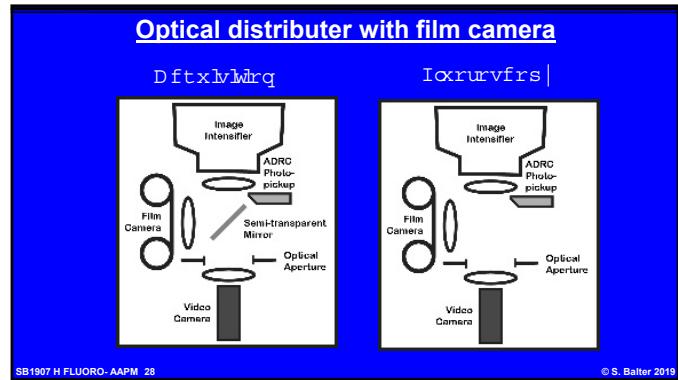
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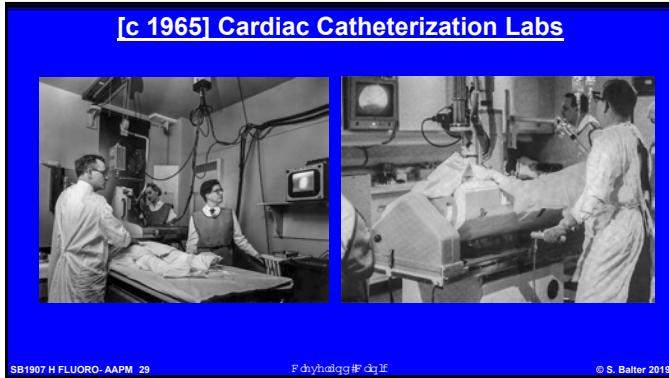
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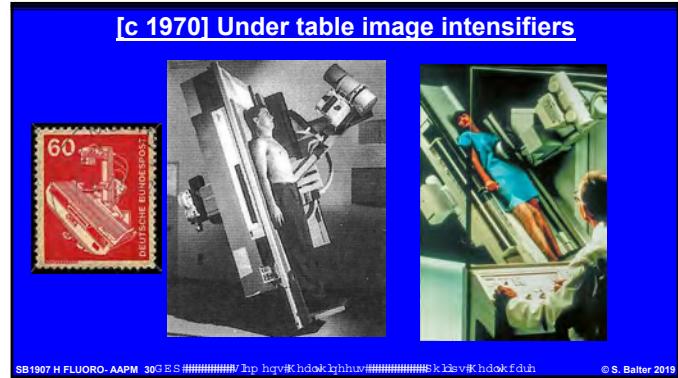
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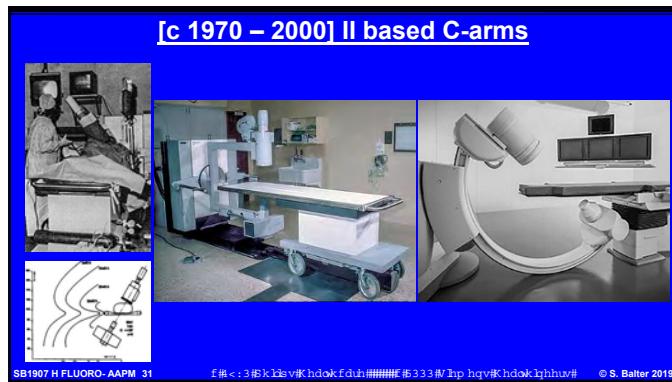
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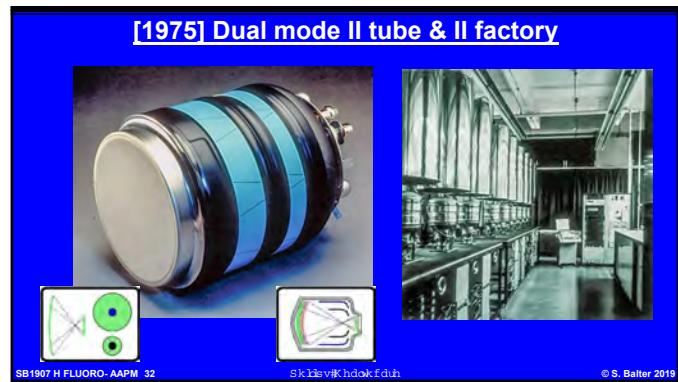
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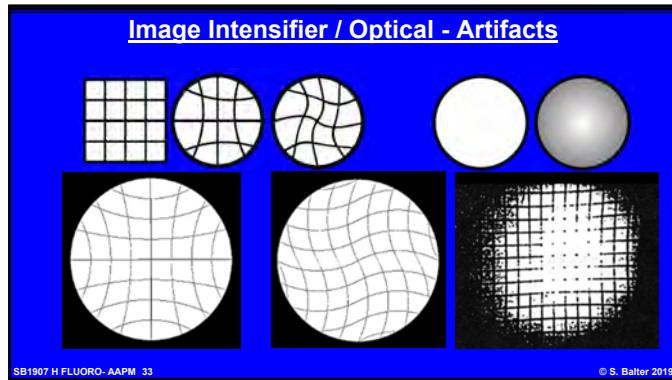
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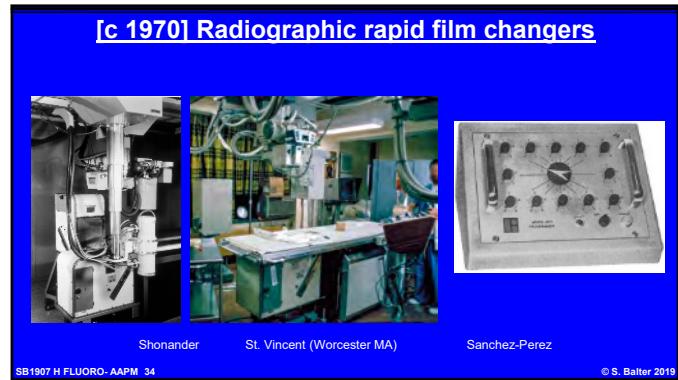
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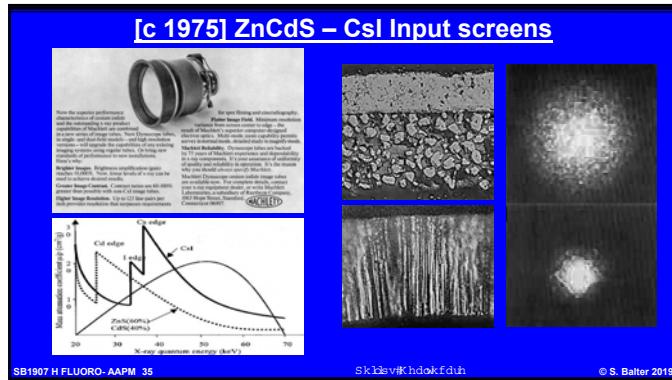
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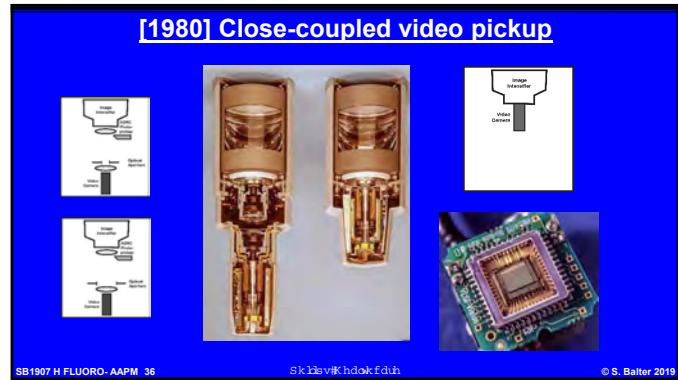
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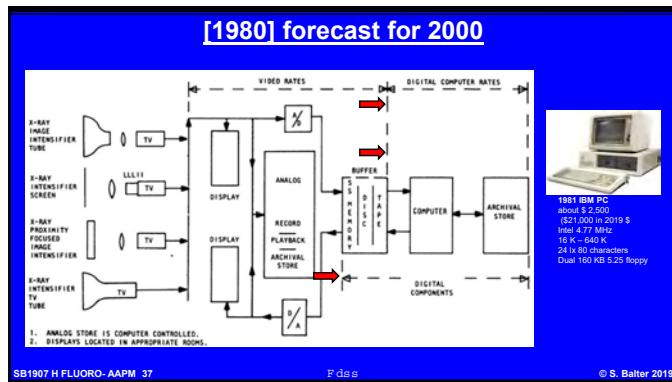
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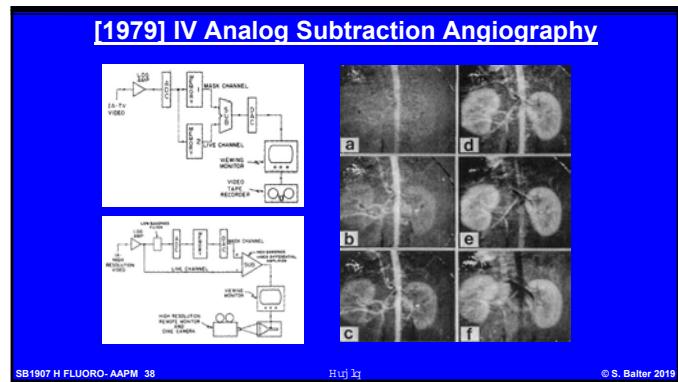
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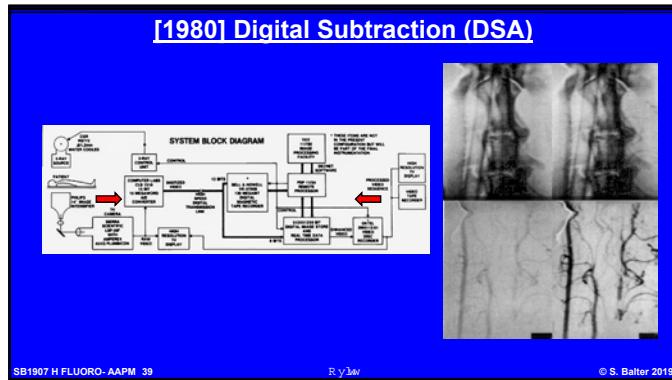
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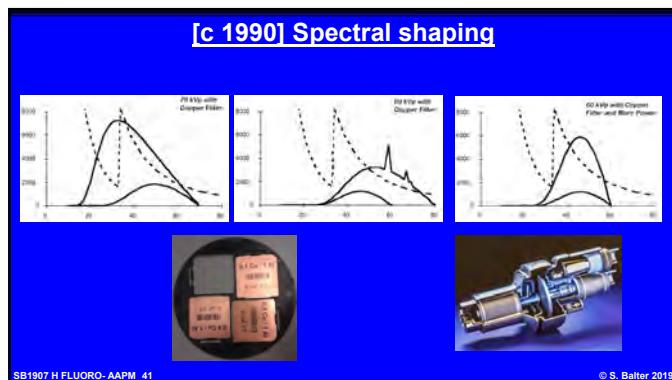
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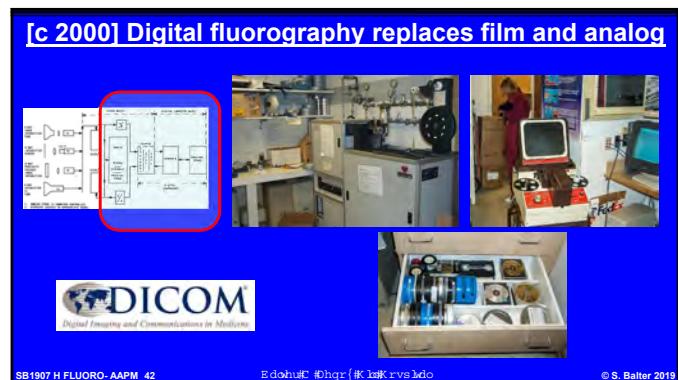
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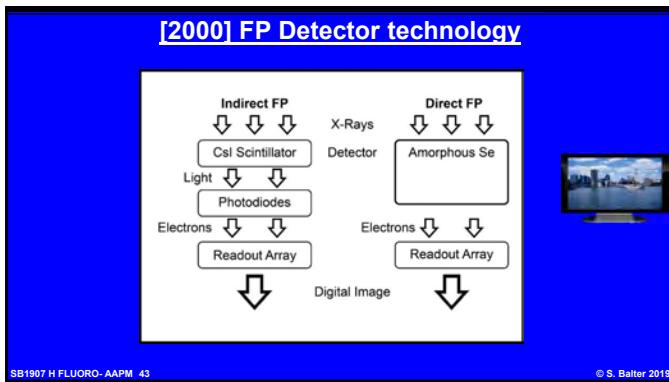
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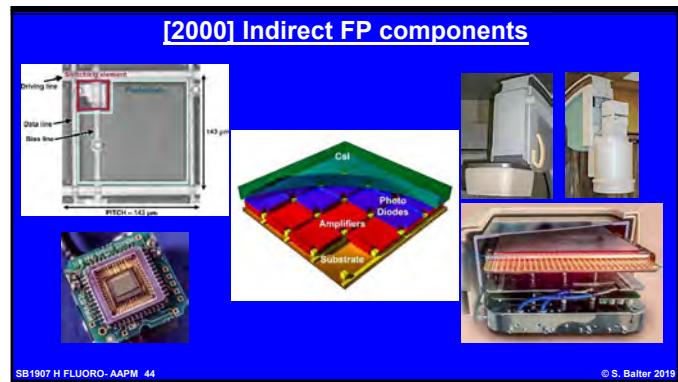
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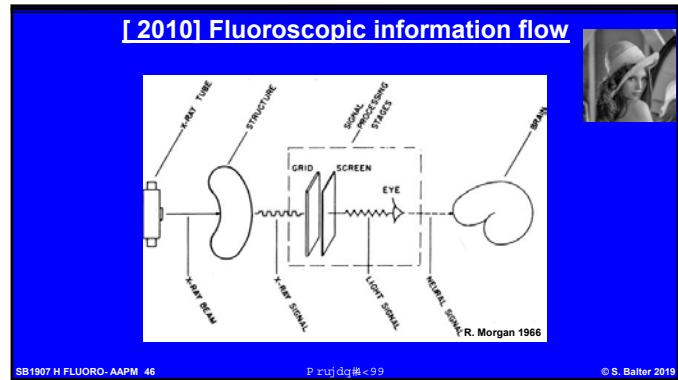
**Spatial Resolution =  $\sqrt{(\text{detector} \& \text{image handling})}$**

TABLE 1: Illustrative specifications of two current (2019) Flat Panel Fluoroscopic Image Receptors.  
(adapted from published specifications of commercially available devices)

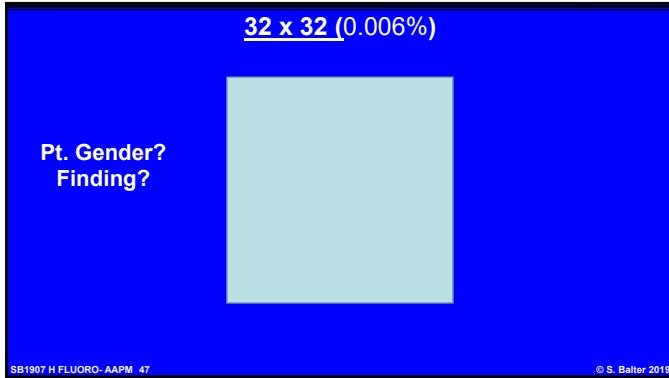
DEVICE CLASS	Large (nominal 43 cm diagonal)	Small (nominal 25 cm diagonal)
Nominal pixel size	0.19 x 0.15 mm	0.18 x 0.18 mm
Field of View	FOV Matrix	FOV Matrix
Usually labeled as diagonal	43 cm (30 cm)	—
(corresponding edge of field)	30 cm (21 cm)	25 cm (18 cm)
	21 cm (15 cm)	1,000 x 1,000
	15 cm (10 cm)	660 x 660
Digital Output Specification	Matrix	Matrix
Radiographic Output (< 6 ps)	2,048 x 2,048	Binning
Fluoro Output (@ 30 fps)	1,024 x 1,024	1,024 x 1,024
Fluoro Output (@ 60 fps)	512 x 512	no

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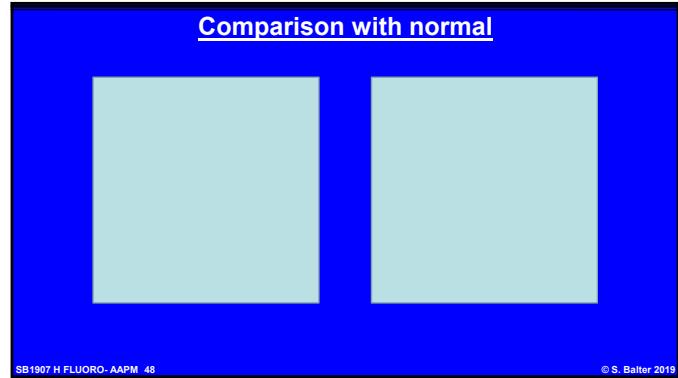
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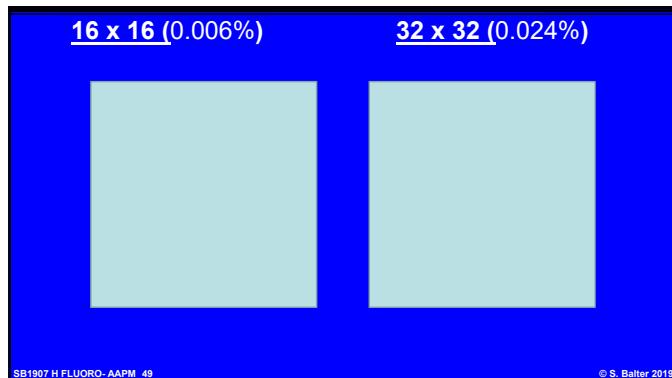
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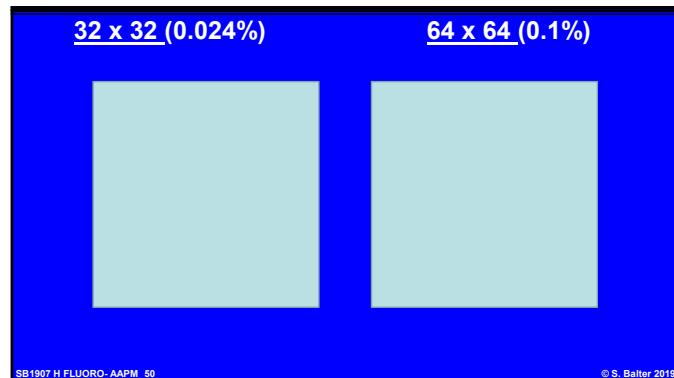
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### Clinical protocol development

Welcome to multi-parameter space.....  
What are the relevant parameters?

APPLICATION	TECHNIQUE
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluoroscopy</li> <li>• (cine) exposure</li> <li>• Digital subtraction angiography</li> <li>• Roadmap</li> </ul>

Requirements differ

"Tools"

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### Image processing

- Typical image processing pipeline
  - Look-up tables, windowing
  - Spatial filters
  - Temporal filters

Basic goal:

- Transfer maximal information from detector into the eye / brain
- Consider the channel to the eye

Challenges:

- Grey level dynamics and resolution
- Spatial resolution
- Temporal resolution
- "Relevant information"

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### Advanced image processing: building blocks

Spatial noise reduction Reduce noise by averaging with neighboring pixels 	Temporal noise reduction Reduce noise by averaging with previous frames 
Automatic live motion compensation Reduce effect of motion in subtraction imaging 	Image Enhancement Optimize clinical visibility/ utilize all clinical information 

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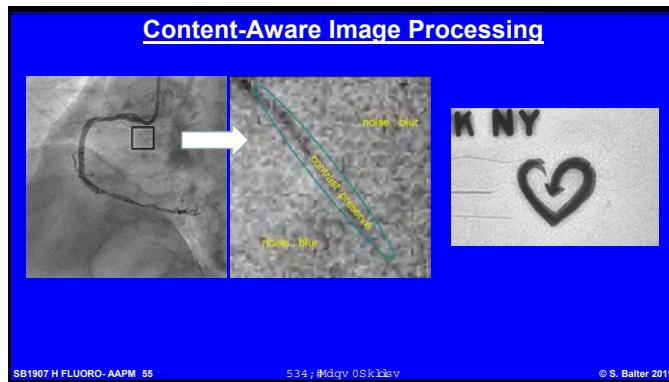
### Global Recursive Filtering

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{k} x(t) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) y(t-1)$$

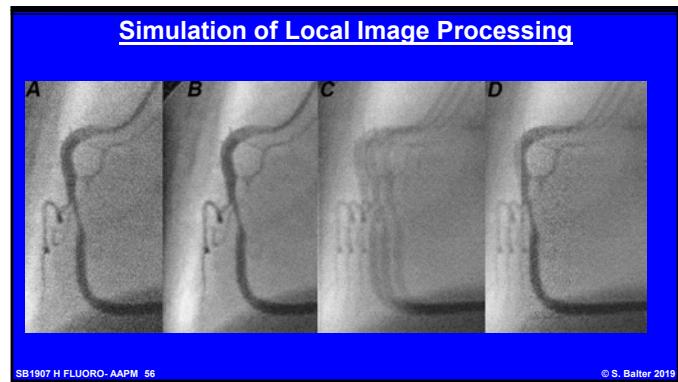
$$\sigma_{avg}^2 = \frac{1}{2k-1} \sigma^2, \text{ e.g.: } \frac{1}{2*2.0-1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

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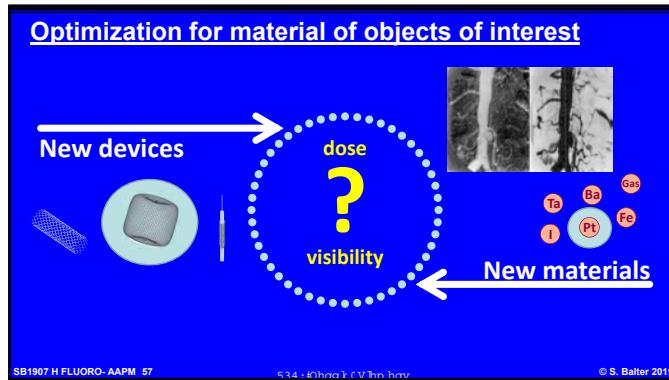
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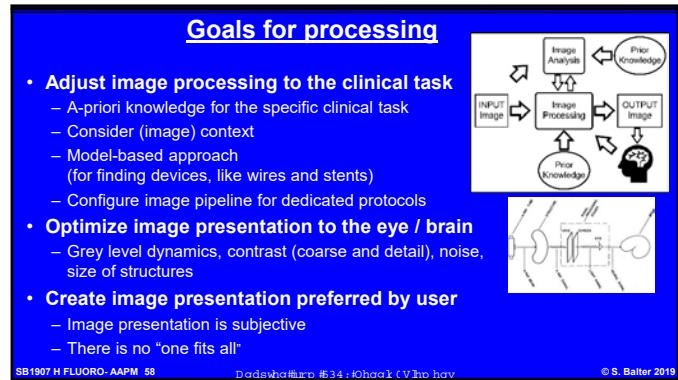
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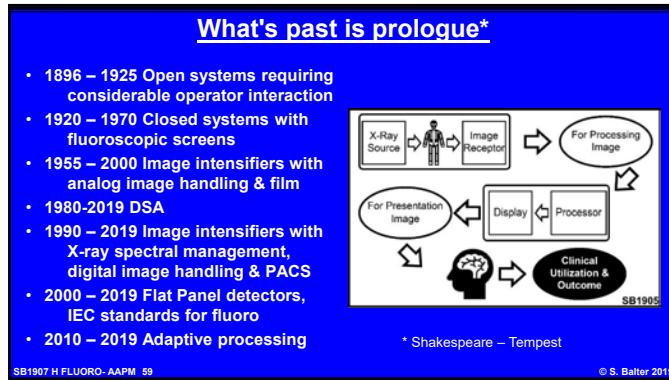
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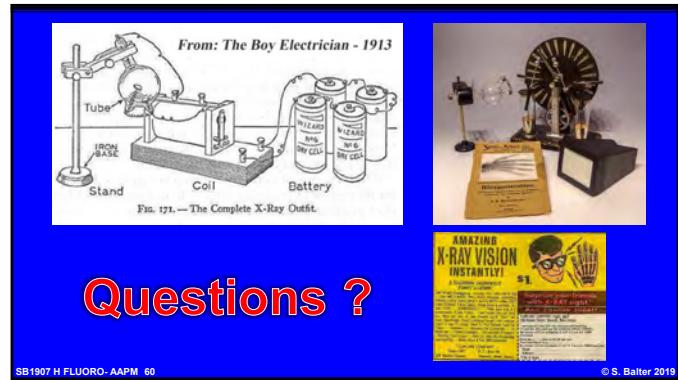
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