

ARE CMOS IMAGE SENSORS RELIABLE FOR BIOLOGIC APPLICATIONS?

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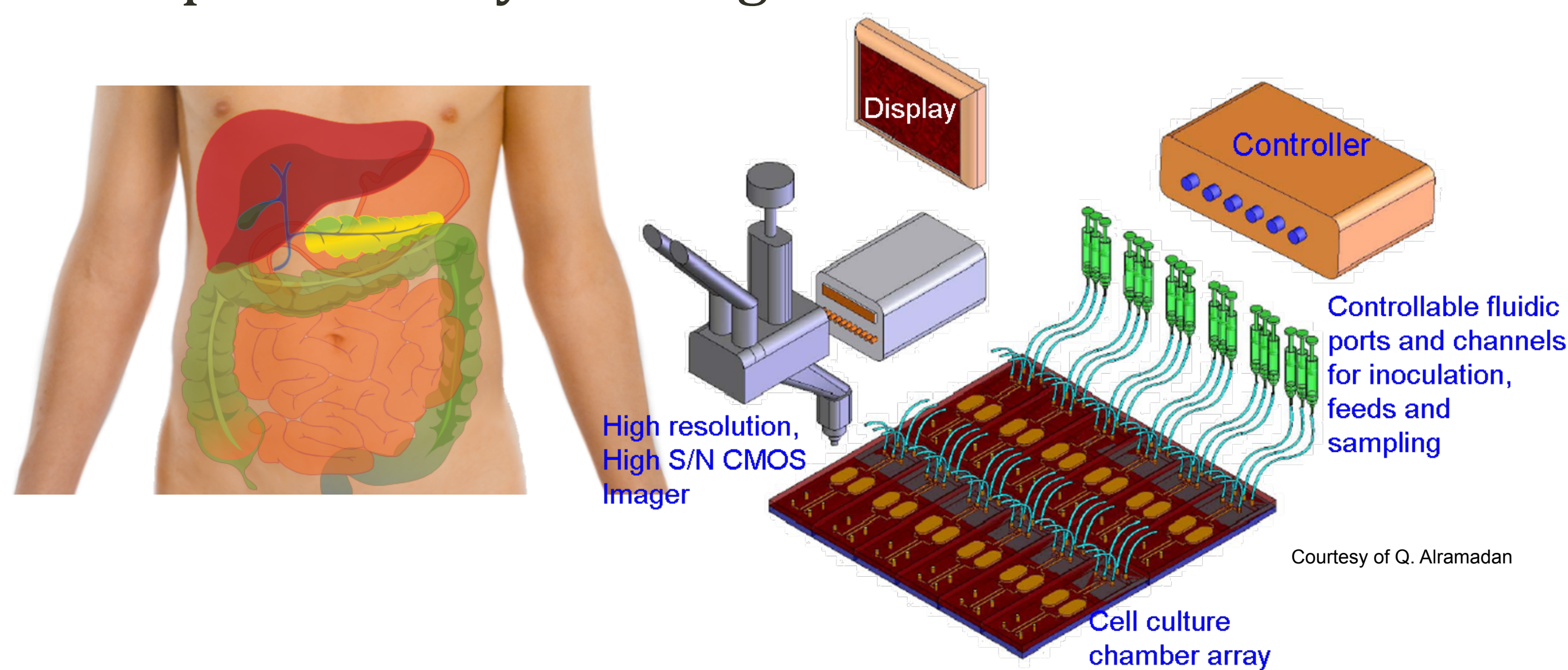
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The NutriChip project will develop a platform for testing the impact of dairy food digestion on the human health.



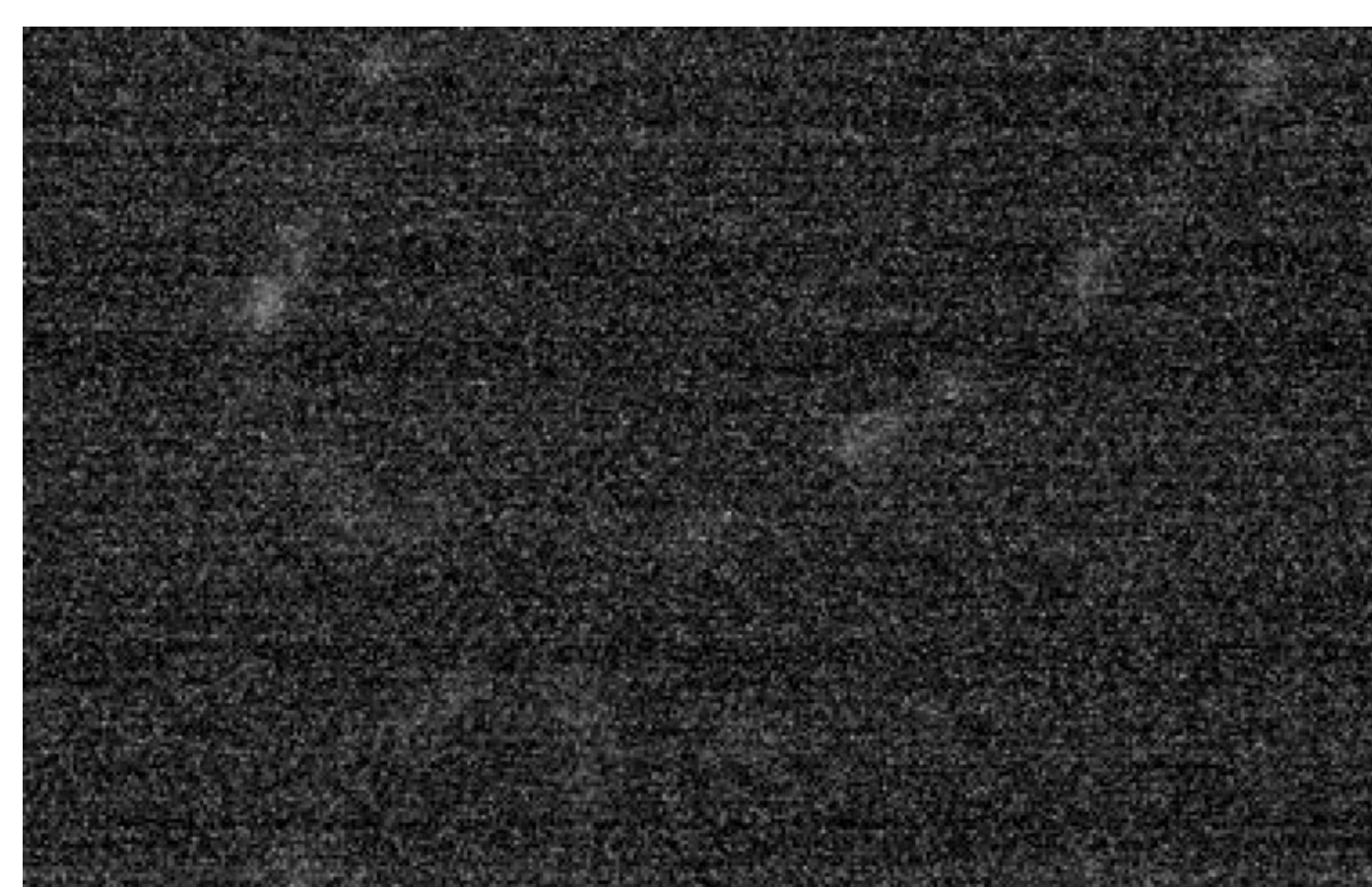
CUSTOM DESIGNED CMOS CAMERA



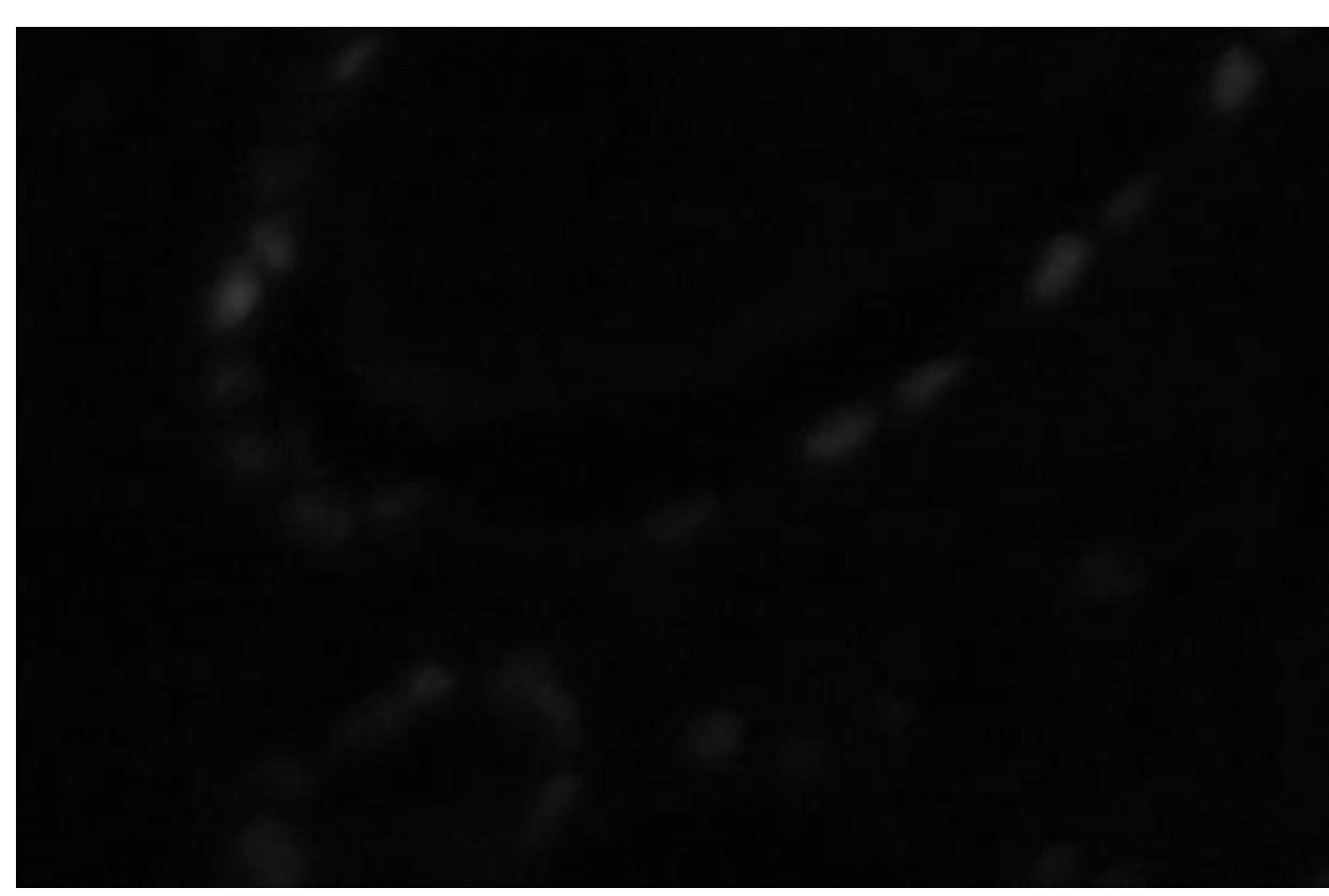
- **FPGA Based Hardware and Software Platform**
- Mid-Performance B/W Image Sensor (APTINA MT9V032)
- Camera Case with C-Mount Interface
- Computer with USB Interface

TISSUE SAMPLE (LOW LIGHT) IMAGING

CUSTOM DESIGNED CMOS CAMERA



DEFAULT CAMERA OF NIKON TI-S MICROSCOPE (CCD CAMERA)



Nuclear Estrogen Receptor (ER) Expression on tissue samples obtained from cancer patients are imaged by Custom-Designed CMOS Camera.

IMAGE PROCESSING ALGORITHMS

CUSTOM DESIGNED CMOS CAMERA



- **Fixed Pattern Noise Removal**
- **Temporal Noise Removal**
- Auto-Thresholding and Morphological Pattern Localization

DEFAULT CAMERA OF NIKON TI-S MICROSCOPE (CCD CAMERA)



- **Temporal Noise Removal**
- Auto-Thresholding and Morphological Pattern Localization
- **Image Resizing and Registration**

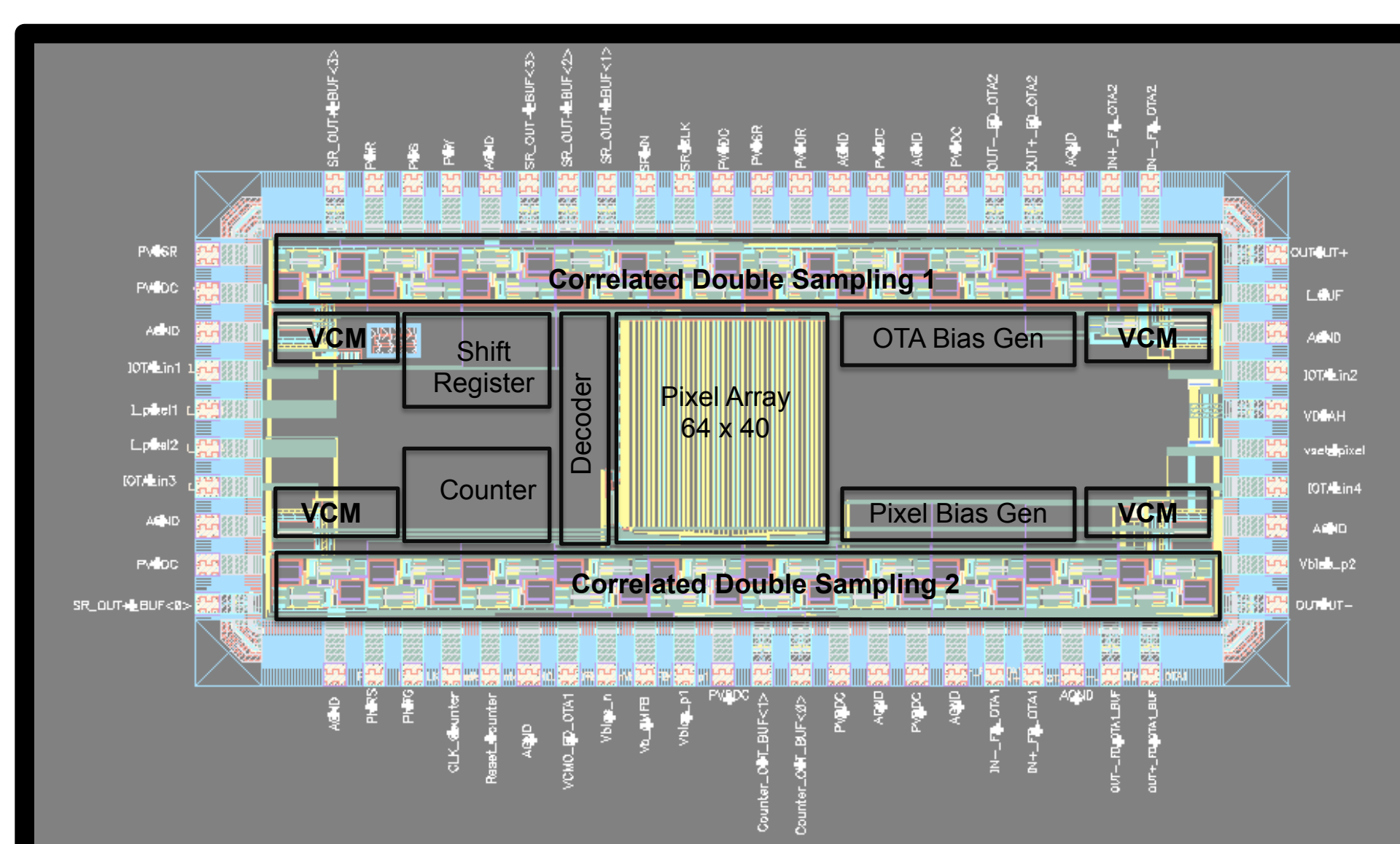
CCD VS CUSTOM DESIGNED CMOS

	CMOS Sensor (MT9V032)	CCD Sensor (ICX274AL)
Pixel Pitch (PP)	6 μm	4.40 μm
Sensor Array	752(H) x 480(V) (Wide VGA 360k pixels)	1628 (H) x 1238(V) (2.01 M pixels)
A to D Resolution	10 bits	12 bits
Sensitivity	Min. 400mV Typ. 572mV Max. 745mV	335mV 420mV 545mV
Quantum Efficiency @665nm	%49	%55
	FPGA Based Custom-Designed CMOS Camera	Nikon DS Vi-1 Camera with Control Unit
Cost	≈1k CHF	≈14k CHF
	CMOS Images	CCD Images
Image Cropping	No Cropping	971 x 631 (# of Pixels)
Image Resizing after Registration	No Resizing	752 x 480 (# of Pixels)
Normalized White Pixel Counts	0.0338	0.0448
Correlation Coefficient	0.8222 (gray images) (strong correlation)	



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IMAGE SENSOR V2



- **Technology:** UMC 0.18 μm
- **Area:** 3240 μm x 1525 μm
- **Resolution:** 64 x 40 Pixel Array
- **Noise Reduction:** CDS per Column
- **Column Scanning:** Shift Registers for
- **Row Scanning:** 6 bit Counter

* CDS – Correlated Double Sampling – Method Presented in ISMICT, Montreux, 2011

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