

The CMOS Image Sensor Industry Technology Trends and Emerging Applications

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- Market, technology, and strategy consulting
- M&A, Due Diligence and evaluation of companies

Teardown Reverse engineering and costing

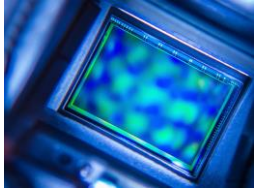
- Technology, process & cost analysis
- Teardown and reverse engineering
- Comparative analysis

Performance analysis

- Test of electric and electro-optical performance of devices
- Comparison of performances and related technical choice



Components



Status of the CMOS Image Sensor Industry 2024



Neuromorphic Computing, Memory and Sensing 2024



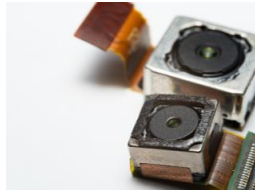
Optical Metasurfaces 2024



Digital X-ray Imaging 2022

VIS-NIR

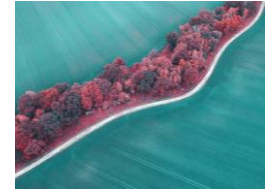
Modules



Status of the Camera Module Industry 2024



3D Imaging and Sensing 2023



SWIR Imaging 2023

Markets



Imaging for Security 2022



Imaging for Industrial – Machine Vision 2024



Imaging for Automotive 2024



Thermal Imaging and Sensing 2024

Wavelength

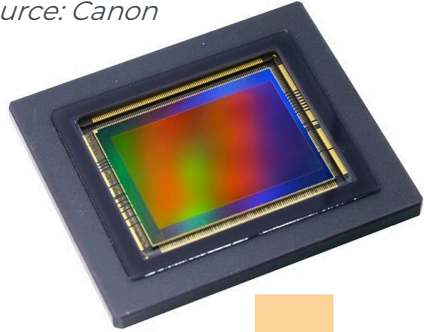
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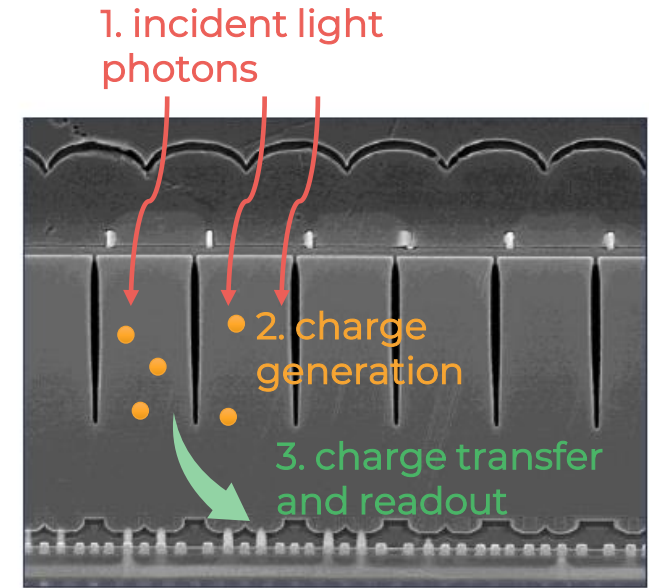
From photons to light and color information

Typical CMOS image sensor

Source: Canon



CMOS image sensor: a pixel array of Silicon-based photodiodes with operating transistors and dedicated signal processing



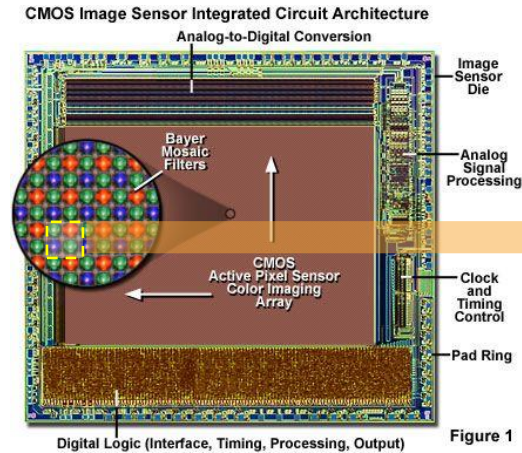
Cross Section of the Pixel Array of the Ultra-Wide CIS in the 14 Pro Max - SEM View

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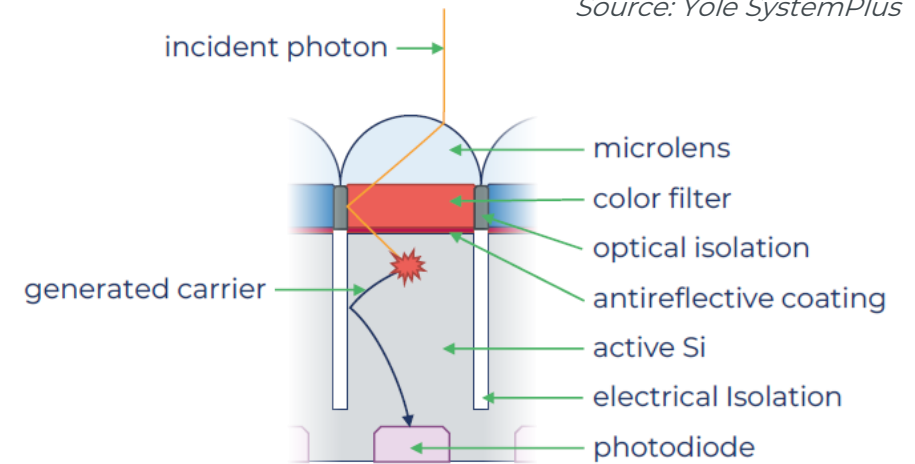
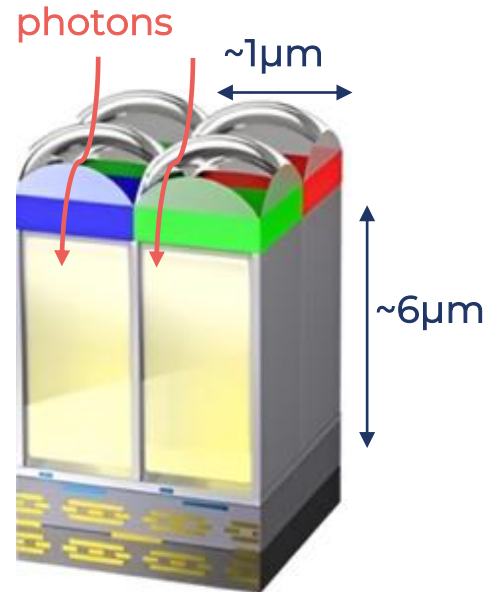
CMOS image sensor schematic top view

Source: Olympus



3D cross-section of four RGB pixels

Source: Sony

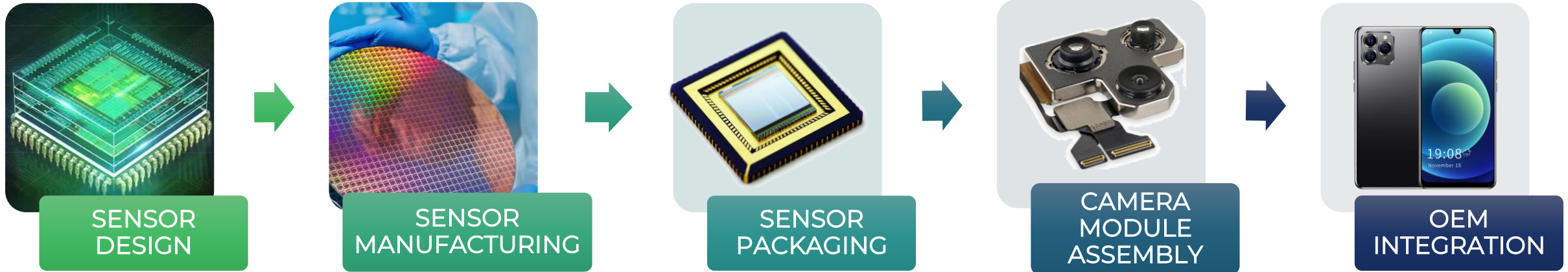


Schematic of the Cross Section of a typical pixel

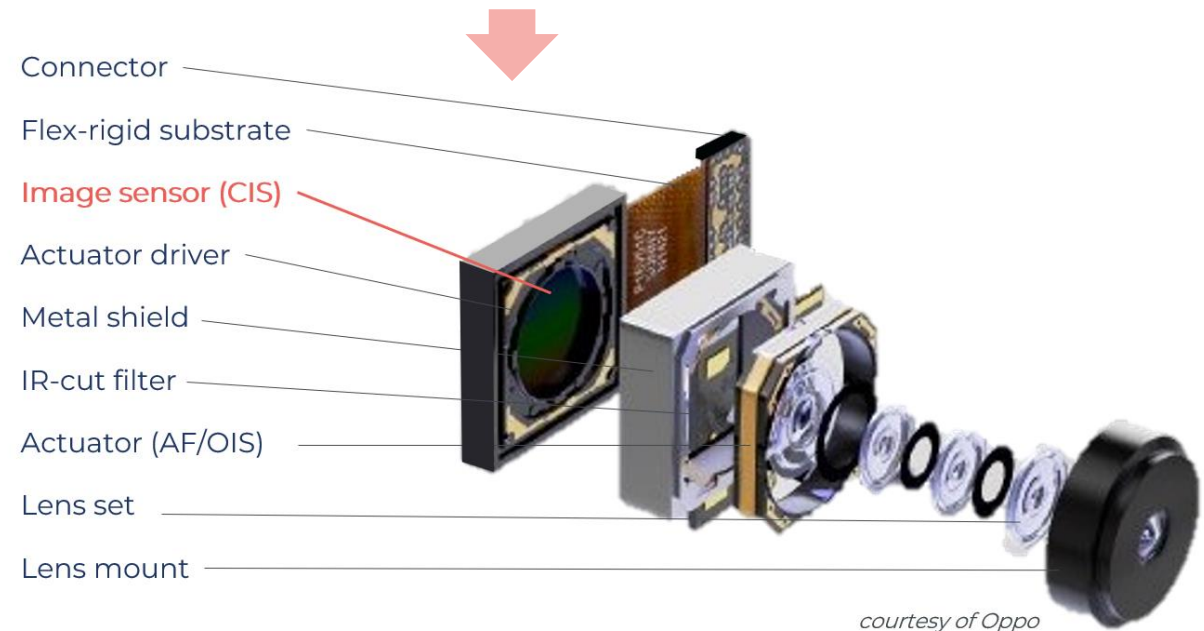
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INTRODUCTION

CMOS image sensor is a semiconductor product



- Fabricated in **semiconductor fabs**, mostly in 8-inch (~8%) and 12-inch (~92%).
- Technology nodes ranging **from 180nm to 22nm** for the most advanced sensor logic at mass production level.
- **Highly sensitive to cross-contamination** that can affect their performance and degrade their production yield, so dedicated production line or specific protocols have to be setup by the fabs.

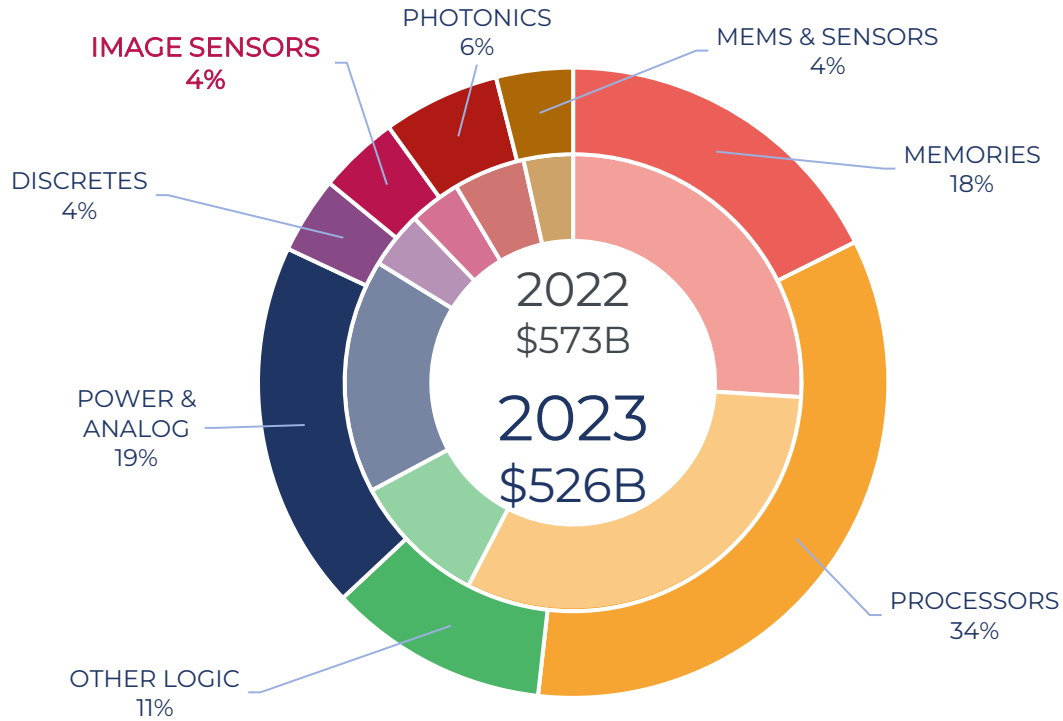


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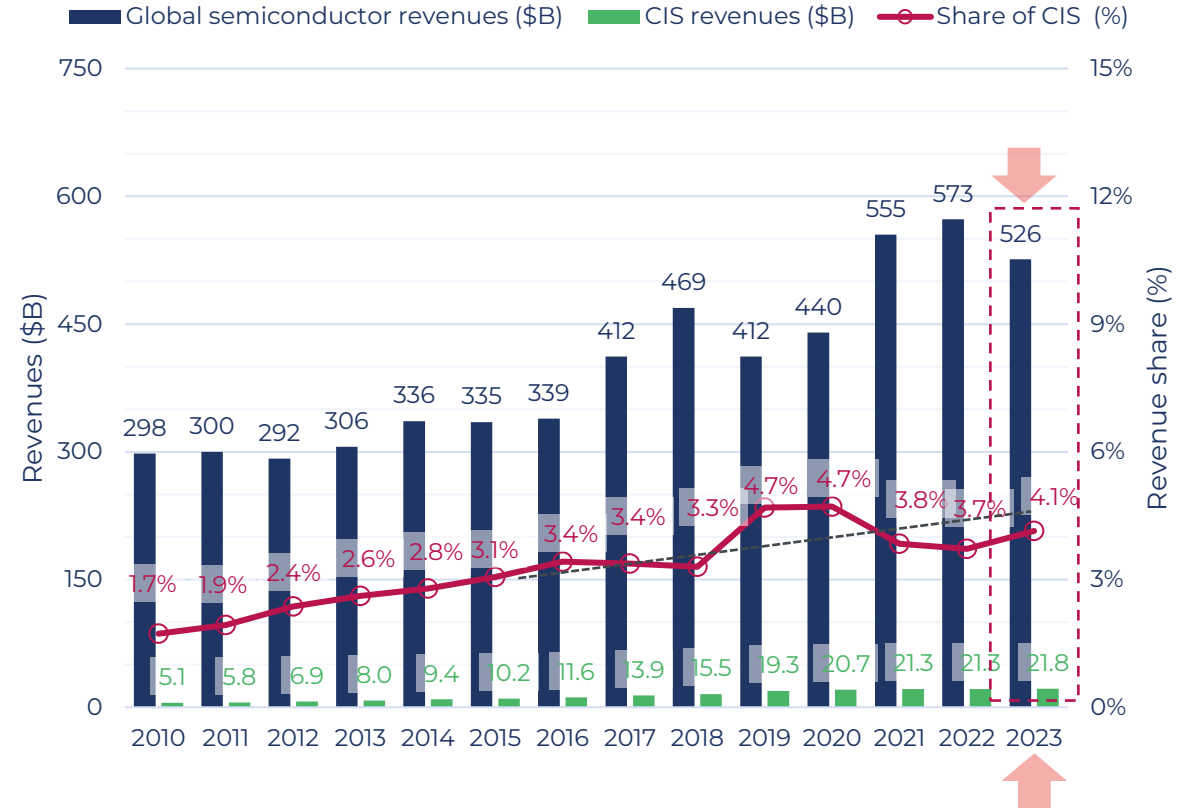
Semiconductor and CMOS image sensors industry revenue



2022-2023 Semiconductor industry Revenues (in \$B)



2010-2023 Global semiconductor vs. CIS industry Revenues (in \$B)



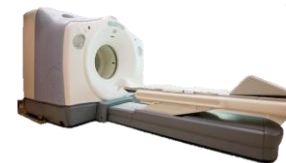
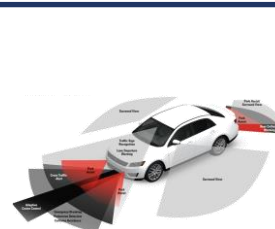
- On a continuous increase since 2019, the semiconductor revenue decreased by -8.2% in 2023. In this context, the CMOS image sensors industry revenue growth outperformed that of the global semiconductors, representing 4.1% of the total.

INTRODUCTION

CMOS imaging market segmentation and applications



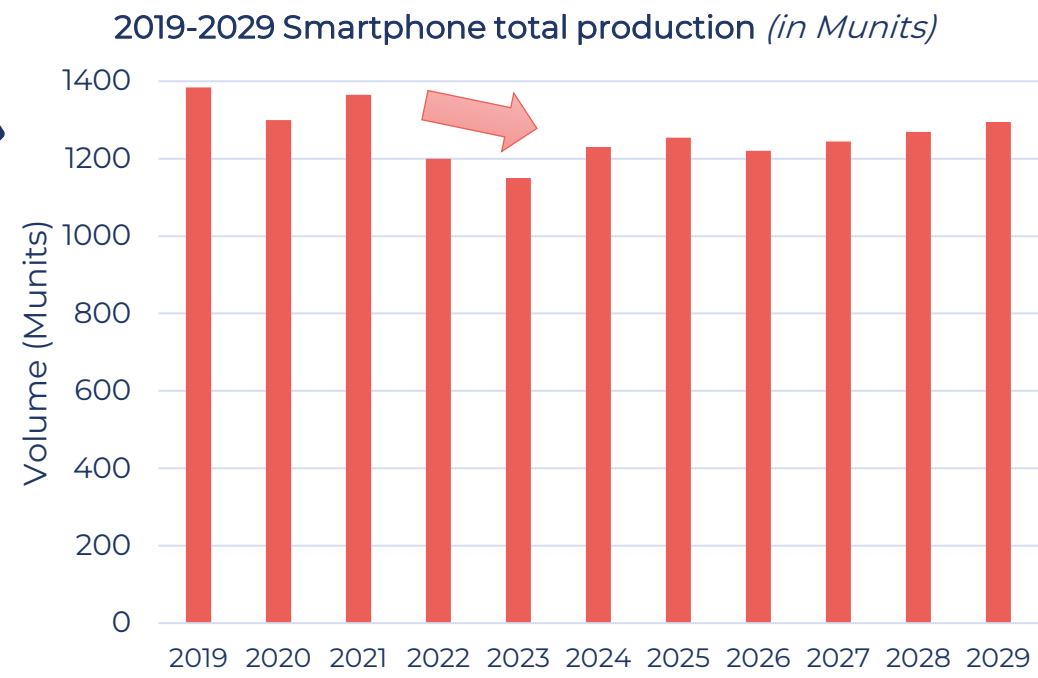
Market	MOBILE & CONSUMER			AUTOMOTIVE & MOBILITY	MEDICAL	INDUSTRIAL		DEFENSE & AEROSPACE
Segment	Mobile	Other consumer	Productivity	Automotive	Medical	Security	Industrial	Defense and Aerospace
End system Applications	Smartphone	DSLR/ILCs DSC	Mice	Light vehicle	Endoscopy	Security camera	Matrix code	Def. & Aerospace
	➤ Rear photography	Action camera	Tablet	➤ In-cabin	X-ray detector	➤ Home security	Machine vision	Science & Research
	➤ Front selfie	Consumer drone	➤ Rear photography	➤ Viewing	➤ Flat panel	➤ Commercial	Prof. broadcast	
	➤ Authentication	Personal robotics	➤ Front selfie	➤ ADAS	➤ Dental	➤ Infrastructure		
	➤ Rear 3D sensing	AR/VR headset	➤ Authentication	➤ Dash recorder	➤ CT scan	➤ Authentication		
	Feature phone	➤ Tracking cameras	➤ Rear 3D sensing		PET detector			
	➤ Rear photography	➤ RGB cameras	Laptop					
	➤ Front selfie	➤ 3D sensing	➤ Webcam					
		Game station/TV/projector	➤ Authentication					
		Smart speaker/assistant						
	Smartwatch							



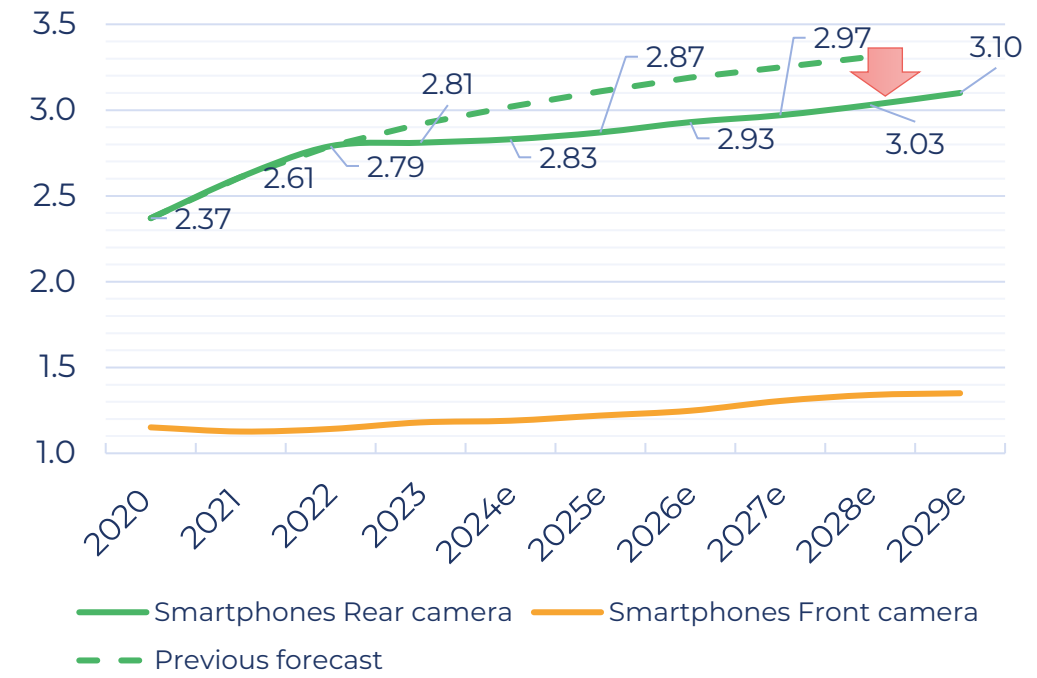
IMAGING MARKET TRENDS

MOBILE MARKET TRENDS

The recent mobile market dynamics



2019 - 2029 average number of cameras per smartphone handset



What is the future of mobile imaging and sensing?

Decrease in 2022 and longer-term expectations for smartphone shipments by about 10%.



Nokia 9 PureView

Deceleration in the increase of the average number of cameras per smartphone.

MOBILE MARKET TRENDS

Inside Xiaomi's 14 Ultra periscope camera module



14 Ultra



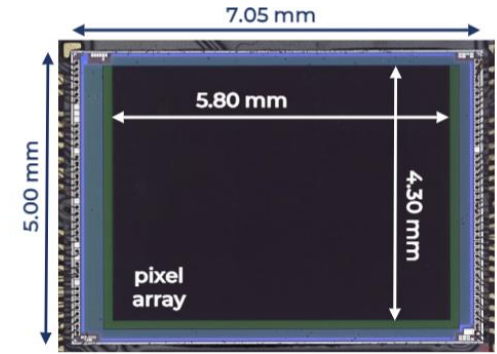
Front view of the camera module showing the position of the cross-sectional plane
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Periscope camera cross-section, showing lens stack



Camera Module Cross Section – Optical Overview
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Module Dim. excl. flex	3217 mm ³
OIS/AF	Yes/Yes
Lens Number	5P
Avg. Lens Diameter	5.3 mm
Filter Material	Glass
TTL	21 - 23 mm
Assembler	SEMCO



CIS Die Overview
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CMOS image sensor from Sony

2023

~40 Munits

CAGR₂₃₋₂₉
16.4%

2029

~100 Munits

At Yole, we perform extensive comparative analysis of the different smartphone flagship models from leaders such as Apple, Samsung, Xiaomi.

P30 Pro with periscope x5



2019

Reno 10x Zoom series



2020

Adoption by multiple OEMs



2021

2022

First periscope camera in the iPhone 15



2023

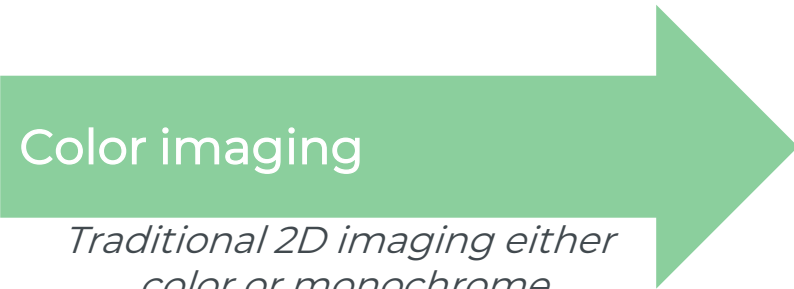
2024



CONSUMER MARKET TRENDS

Camera module technology, from imaging to sensing diversity

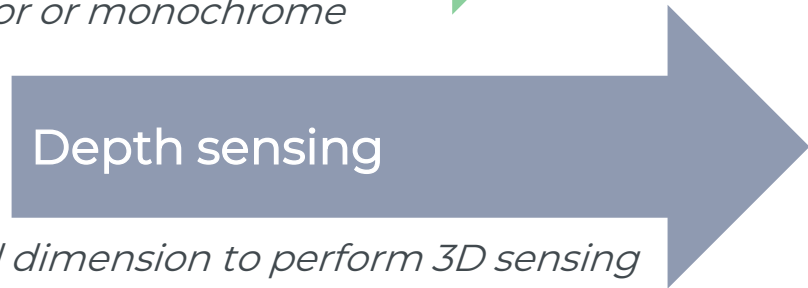
2D Color imaging



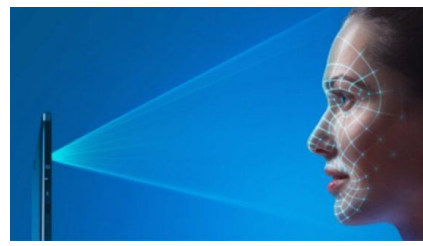
Traditional 2D imaging either color or monochrome



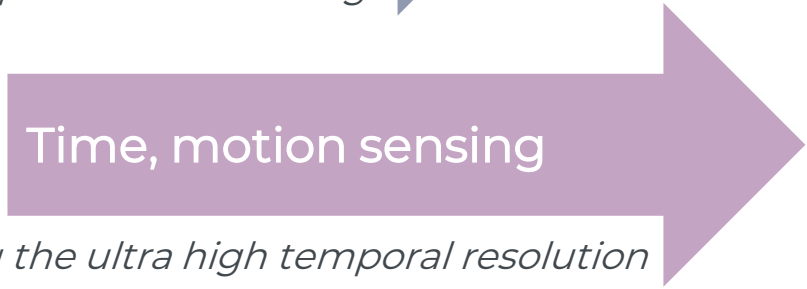
3D Depth sensing



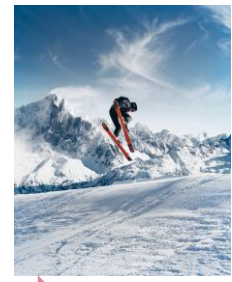
Bringing the 3rd dimension to perform 3D sensing



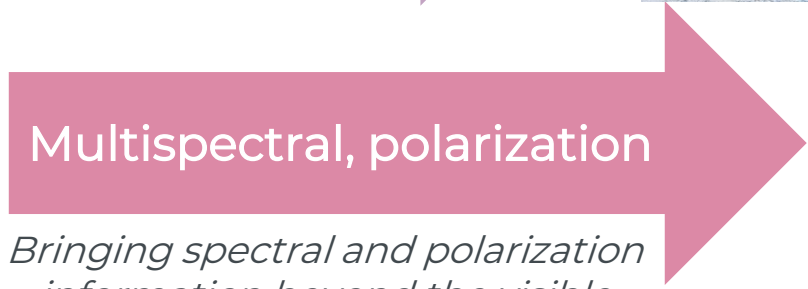
4D Time, motion sensing



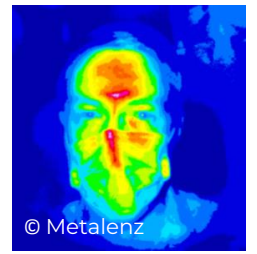
Bringing the ultra high temporal resolution



5D Multispectral, polarization



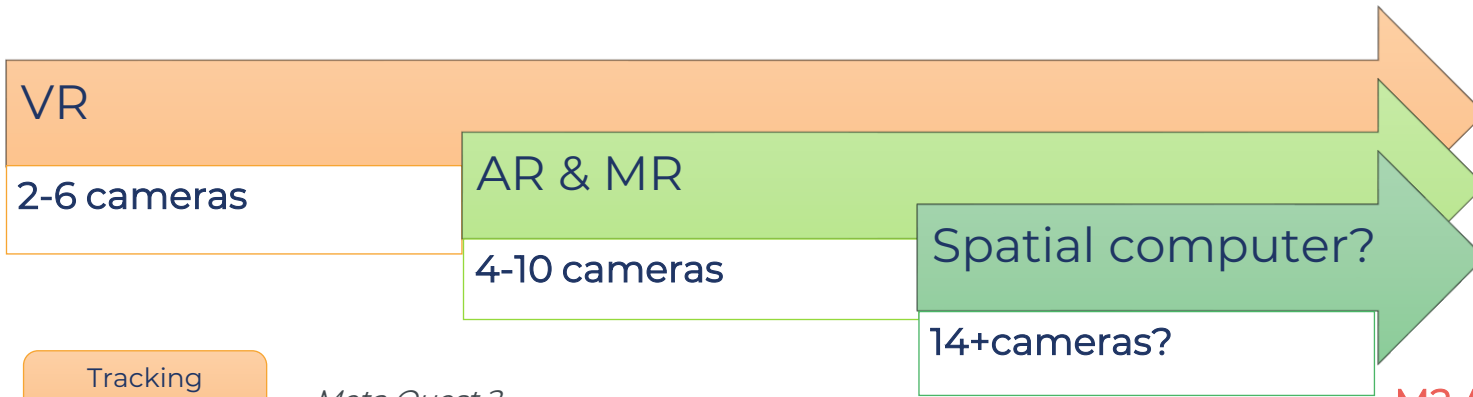
Bringing spectral and polarization information beyond the visible





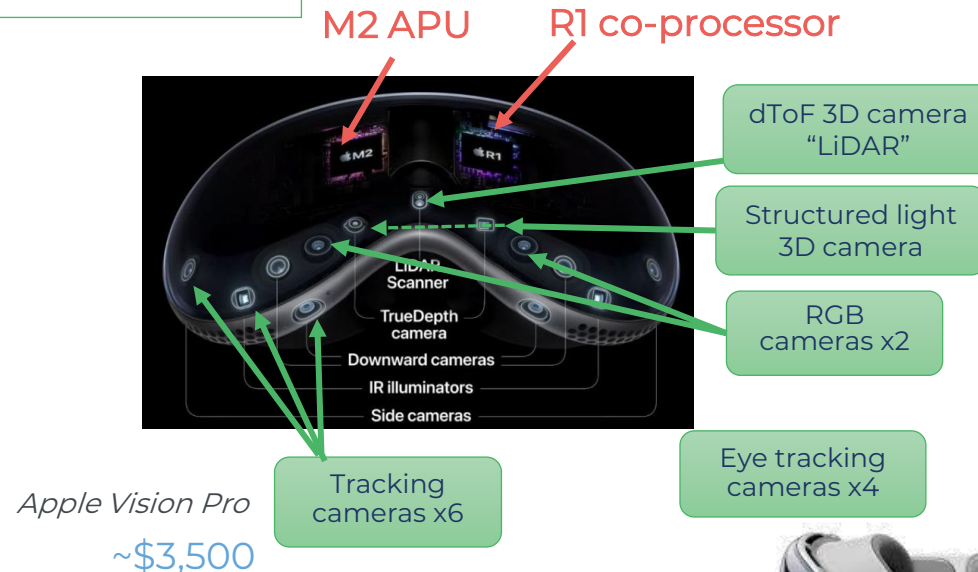
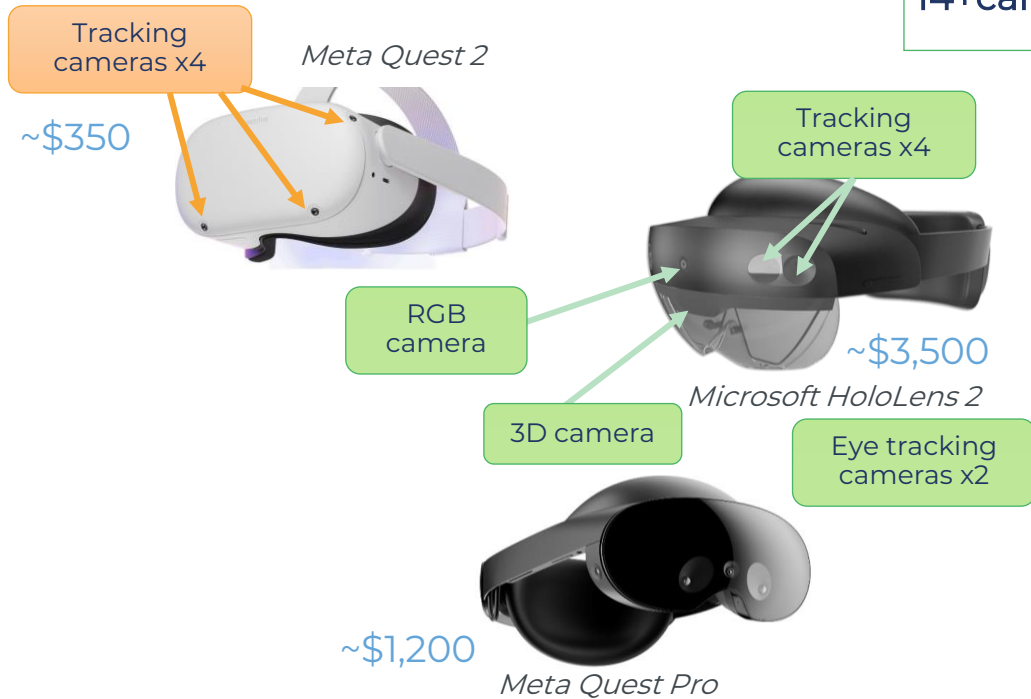
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Proliferation of sensors for XR, including 3D sensing modules

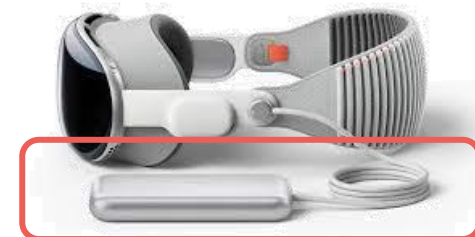


Users definitely do not desire the use of a bulky external battery.

New imaging paradigm to unlock lower power and latency sensing approaches?

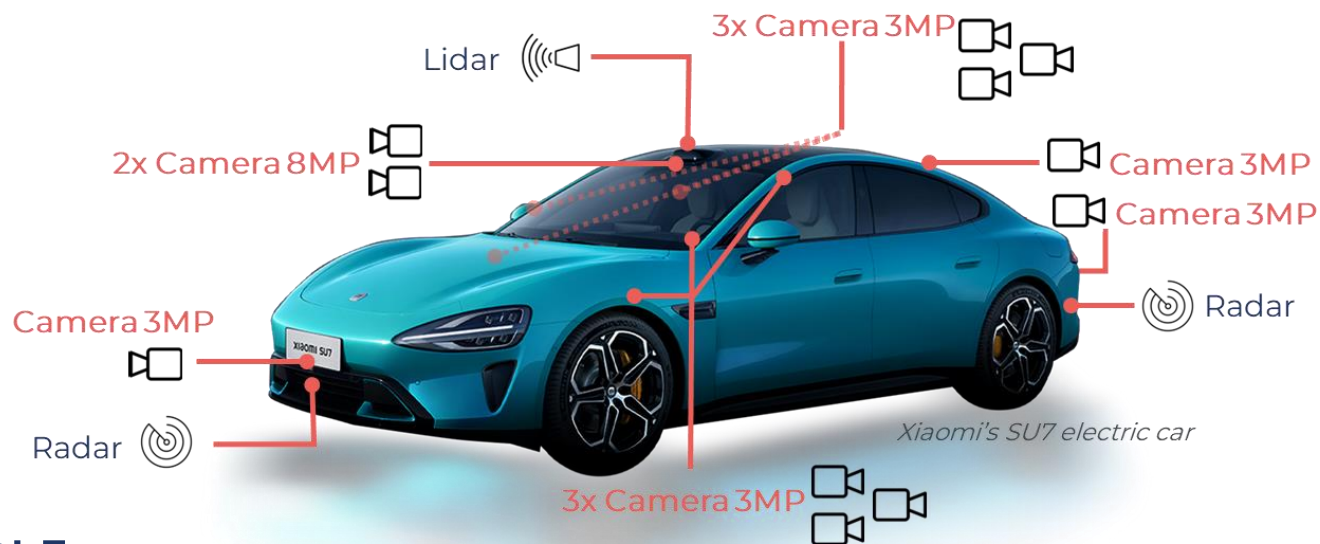
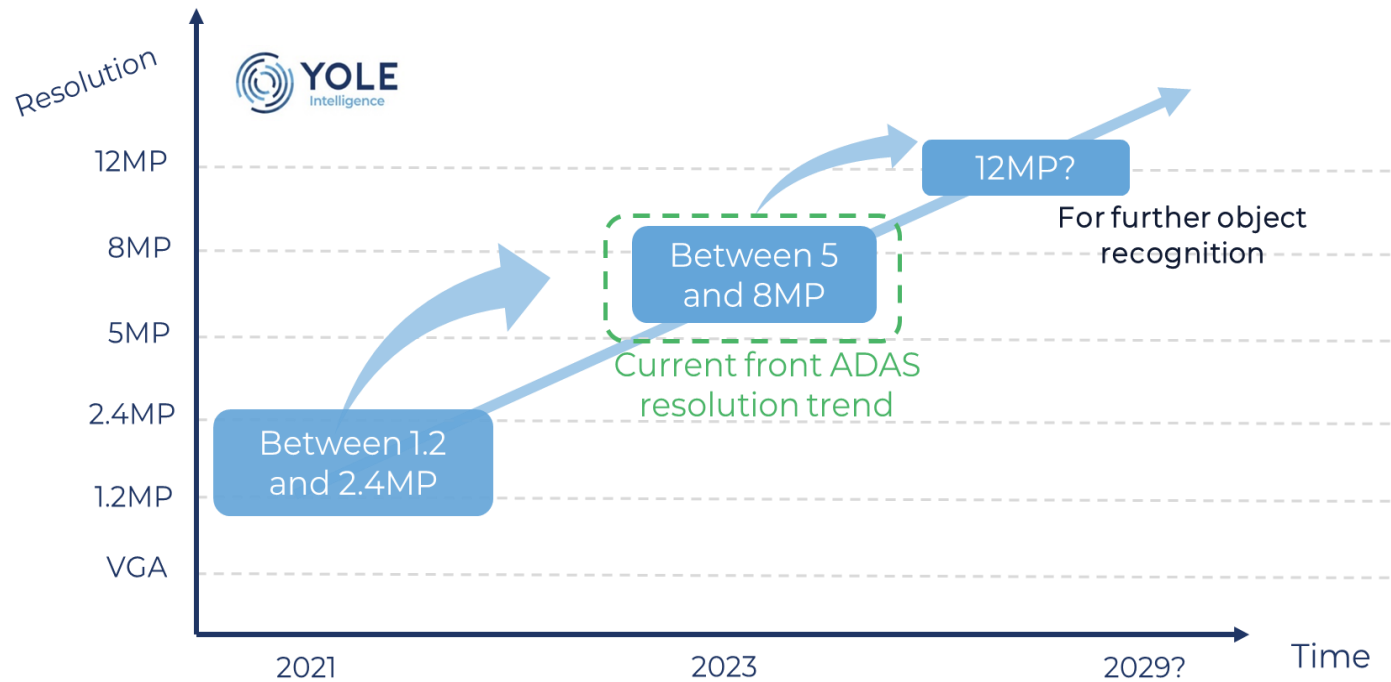
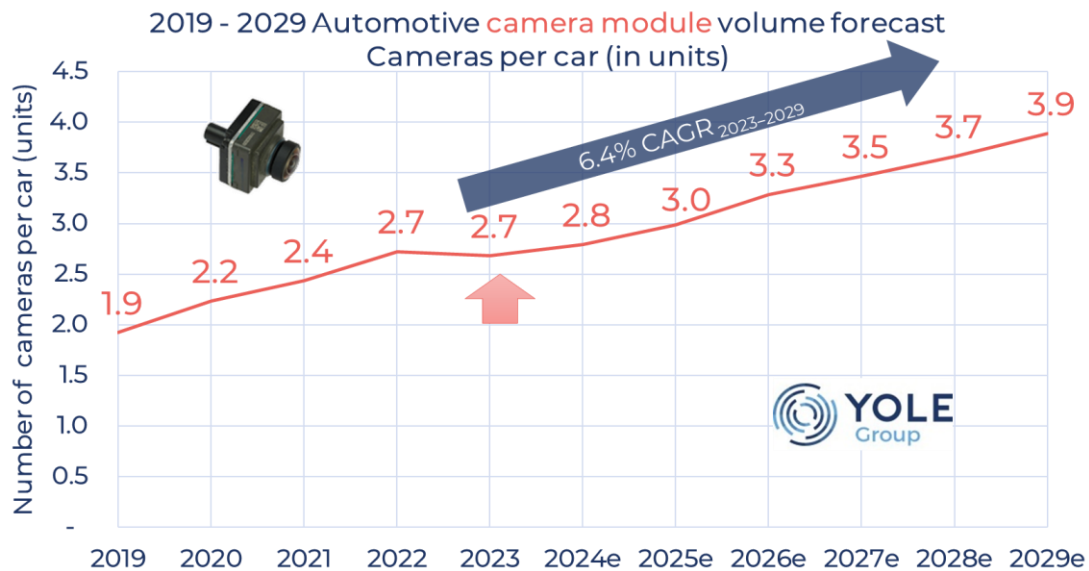


Battery



AUTOMOTIVE MARKET TRENDS

More cameras and more resolution



Pedestrian detection / avoidance



Automatic Emergency Breaking

Higher autonomy level applications



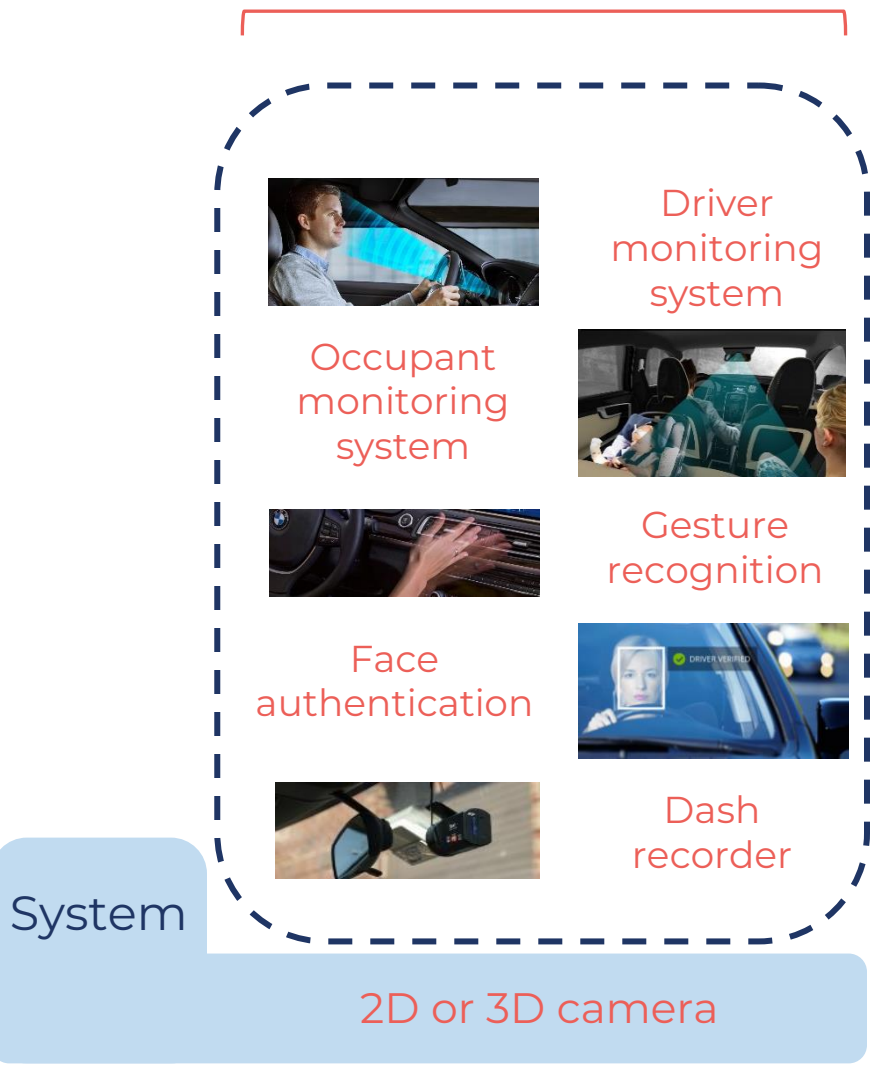
Park Assist / Highway Assist

AUTOMOTIVE MARKET TRENDS

Imaging applications by sub-segment



In-cabin



Source: Valeo



Human entertainment



C-NCAP will include DMS for the first time in the rating from 2024



DMS mandatory in Europe from 2026



AUTOMOTIVE MARKET TRENDS

Inside a forward ADAS camera: Continental front ADAS camera

Type	Tier1	OEM	Image sensor supplier	Image sensor name	Description CIS	Computing supplier	Lens module*	Estimated Cost
Monocular	Continental	Changan	Omnivision	OX08B40	8.3 MP / 2.1 μ m	Horizon Robotics	7G	~\$72

*G: Glass



Lens module



CIS sensor



MCU



Flash memory



Horizon Robotics processor



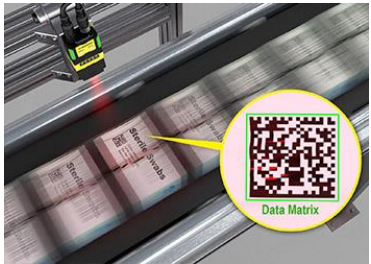
Memory PMIC

INDUSTRIAL MARKET TRENDS

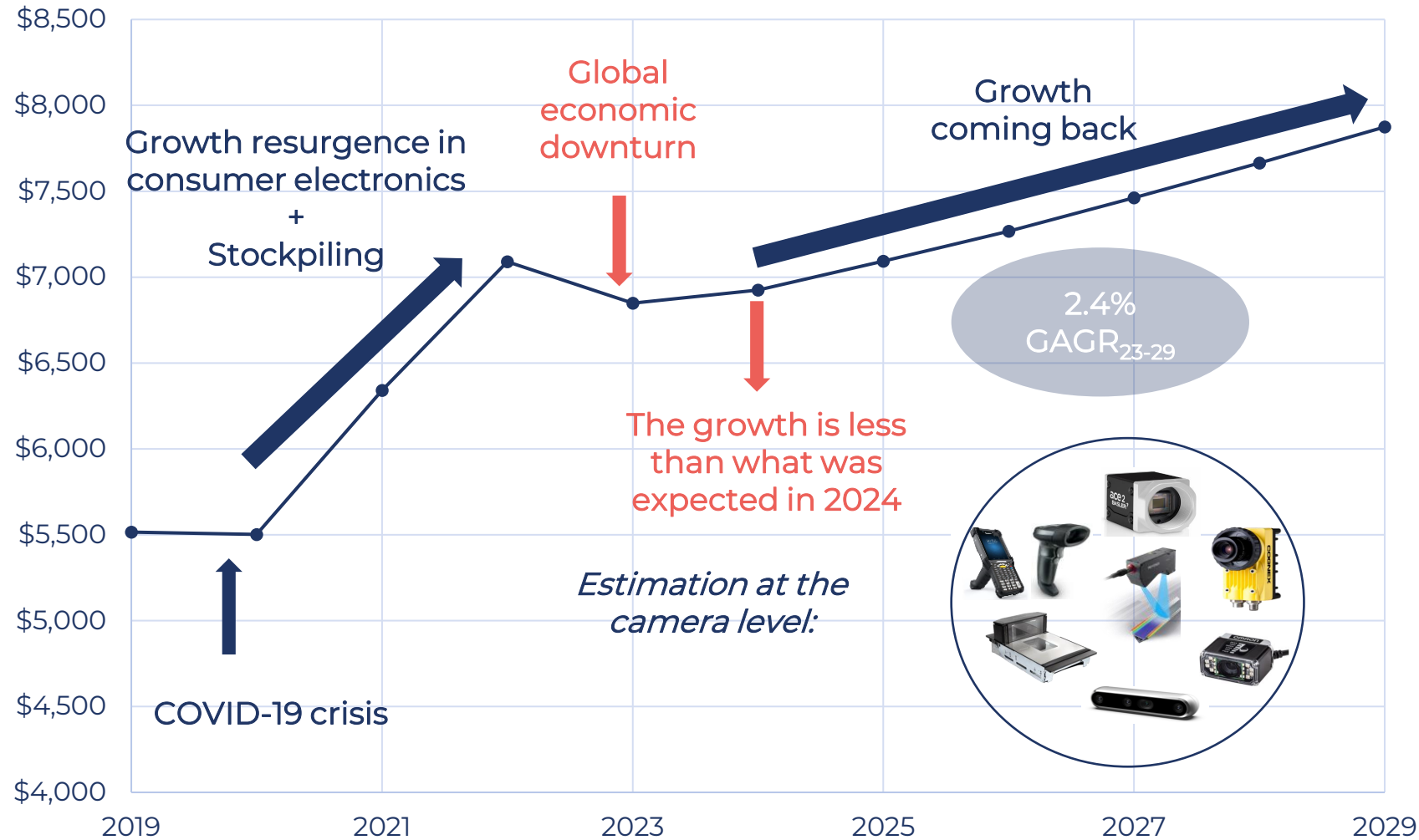
2019-2029 market forecast



Factory and warehouse automation



Retail



2023 & 2024 has been a challenging years for the machine vision industry, after two years of intensive growth.



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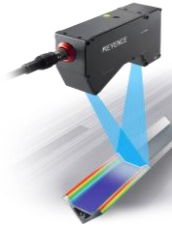
A wide range of cameras and systems

High-end CMOS image sensors

Low-end CMOS image sensors



PC-based cameras



3D laser profilers



Smart cameras



Fixed-mount industrial barcode scanner



3D camera module for robots



Fixed barcode scanner for retail



Handheld barcode scanner

Camera market evaluation for 2023:

Camera market evaluation for 2023:

● Market Value

● Volumes

~\$5 billion

~7 million units

~\$1.8 billion

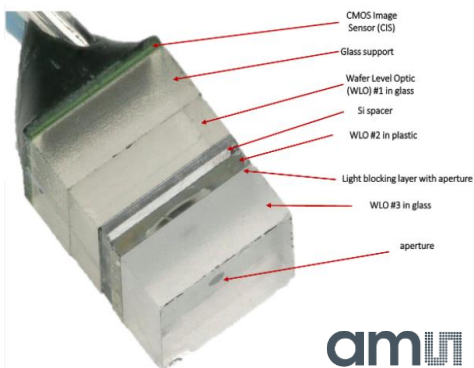
~21 million units

MEDICAL MARKET TRENDS

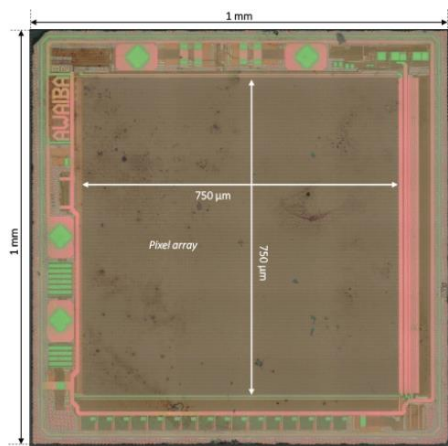
An insight into endoscope camera modules and image sensors



ams OSRAM NanEye camera

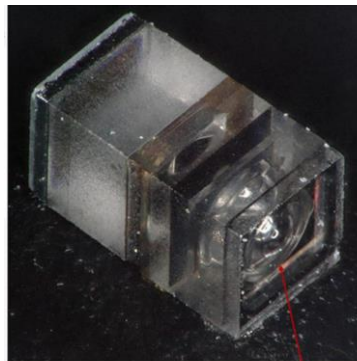


CIS top view



CIS Die – Overview ©2011 by System Plus Consulting

Omnivision OVM6948 camera

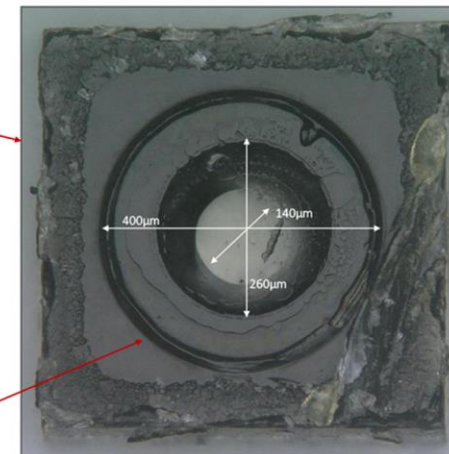


Camera without black coating – Optical View ©2020 by System Plus Consulting



Camera – Cross-Section – SEM View ©2020 by System Plus Consulting

Wafer optics stacked lens



WLO #6 and the rest of the WLO #7 after the acid attack

WLO #6 – Optical View ©2020 by System Plus Consulting

Model	Resolution	Package dimensions
ams OSRAM NanEye	200 x 200	1 x 1 x 1.43mm ³
ams OSRAM NanEyeC	320 x 320	1 x 1 x 2.3mm ³
Omnivision OVM6848	250 x 250	0.66 x 0.66 x 1.16mm ³
Omnivision OCH2B	1,500 x 1,500	2.5 x 2.5 x 3.6mm ³

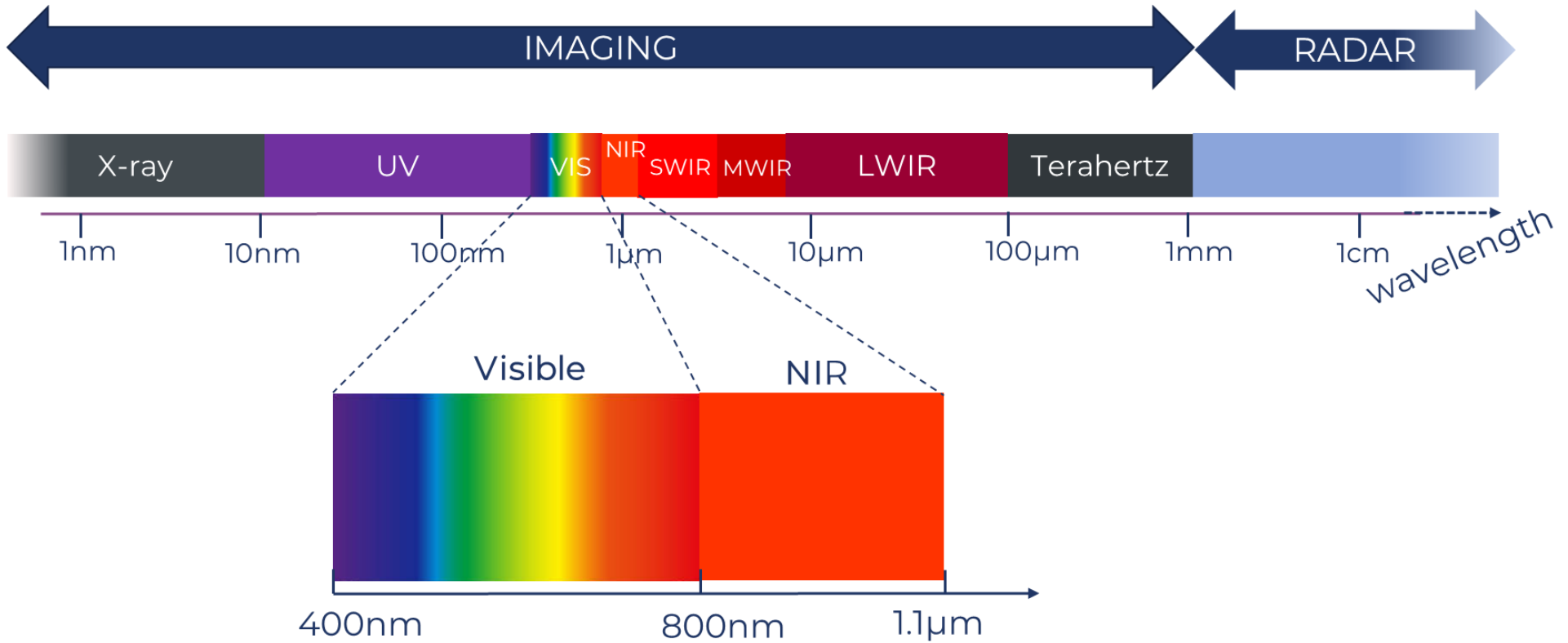


IMAGING TECHNOLOGY TRENDS



TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

Silicon is sensitive to visible and near-infrared light



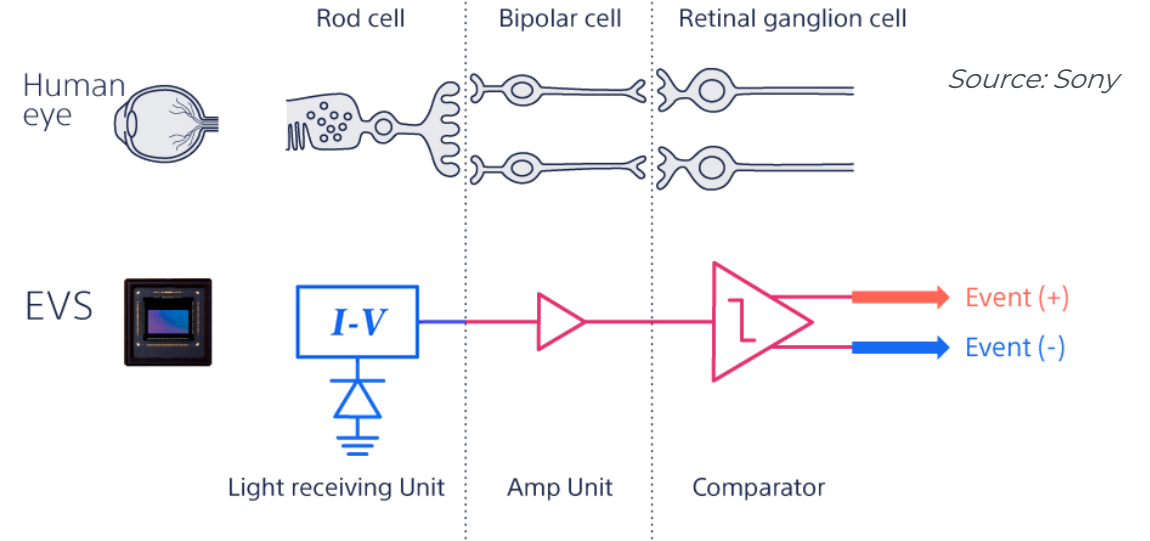
- Silicon, the semiconductor most popular material, is sensitive in visible and near-infrared domain.
- Beyond in the infrared, specific materials: quantum dots, Germanium, InGaAs, InSb, MCT, etc. or other devices: microbolometers... have to be used.



TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

Event-based neuromorphic sensors can target < 1mW applications

Mimicking the human retina:



From: Boxin Shi, Peking University, CVPR 2023

- Minimal data loading
- Lower power
- Lower latency
- Higher sensitivity and intra-scene dynamics

Neuromorphic sensing ecosystem:

The CIS « big 3 »	Dedicated companies			
	Broad range of apps.	Focus on industrial and defense apps.	Focus on 3D sensing for XR & robotics	Differentiated in processing
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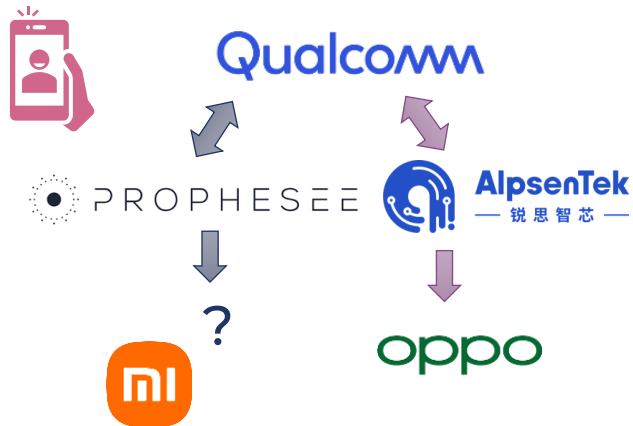


TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

Going beyond smartphone photography

- The next opportunity coming for neuromorphic sensing is motion deblur for smartphone photography applications.

Neuromorphic image sensor will allow unprecedented HDR photography and video, motion deblur and image refocus capabilities.



>2028



Tablets

>2027



Action cams

>2026



Drones

>2024



Smartphones

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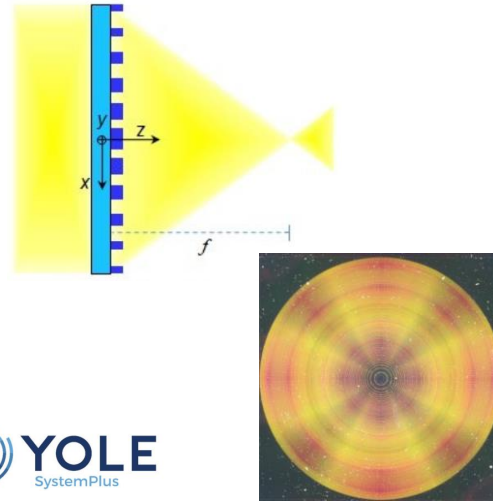




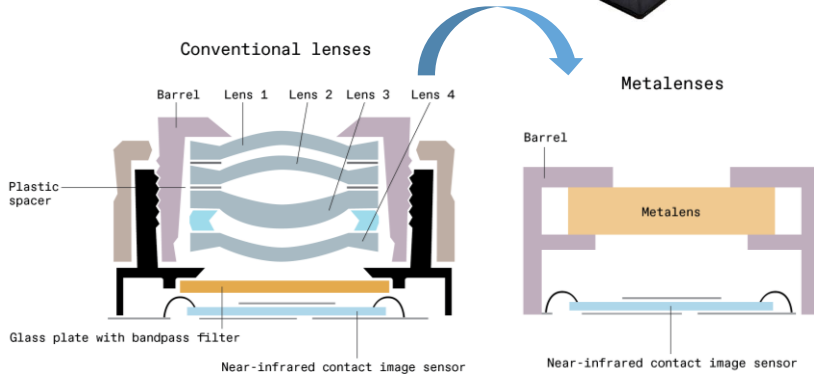
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Optical metasurfaces coming to real products

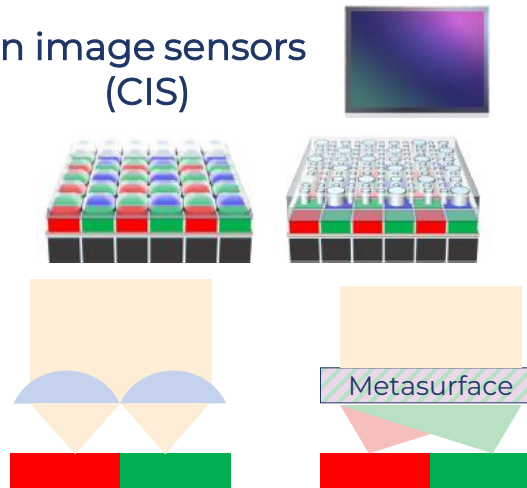
Metalenses are diffractive components made of nanoplots and the final devices are perfectly flat. They are supposed to offer a higher degree of freedom in the design, allowing replication or combination of the qualities of several refractive lenses.



In camera module (CCM)

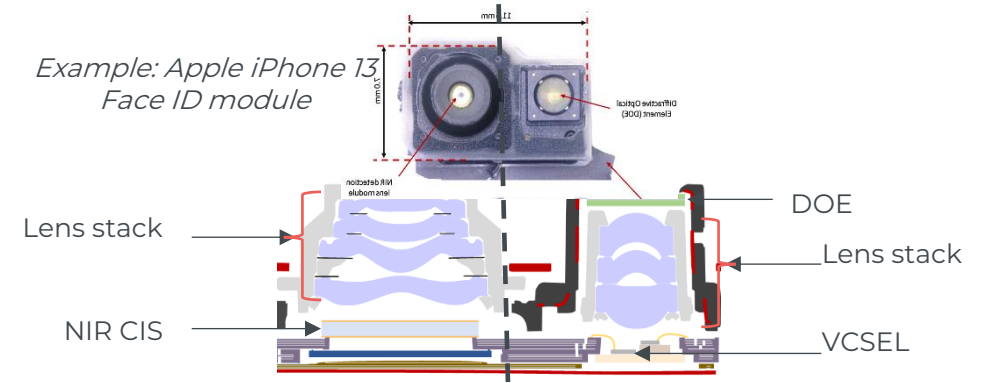


In image sensors (CIS)



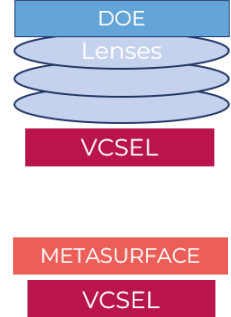
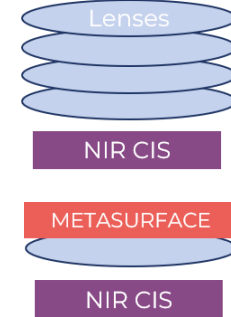
THINNER, CHEAPER MODULE

Example: Apple iPhone 13 Face ID module

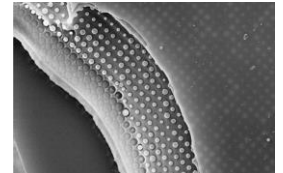


Camera module

Dot projector



Apple iPad Pro 11



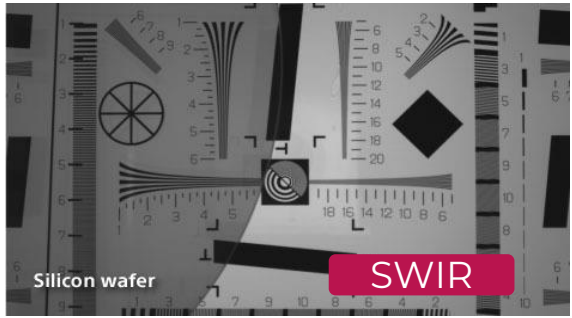
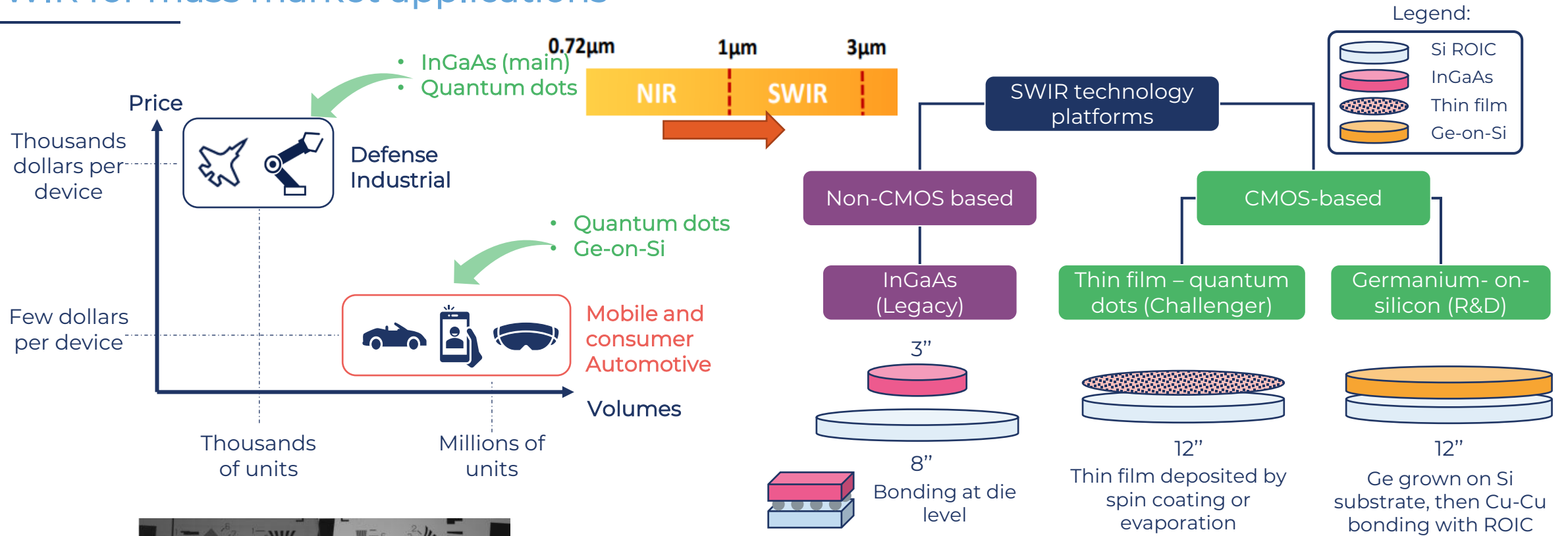
Top view
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TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

SWIR for mass market applications



Wafer inspection

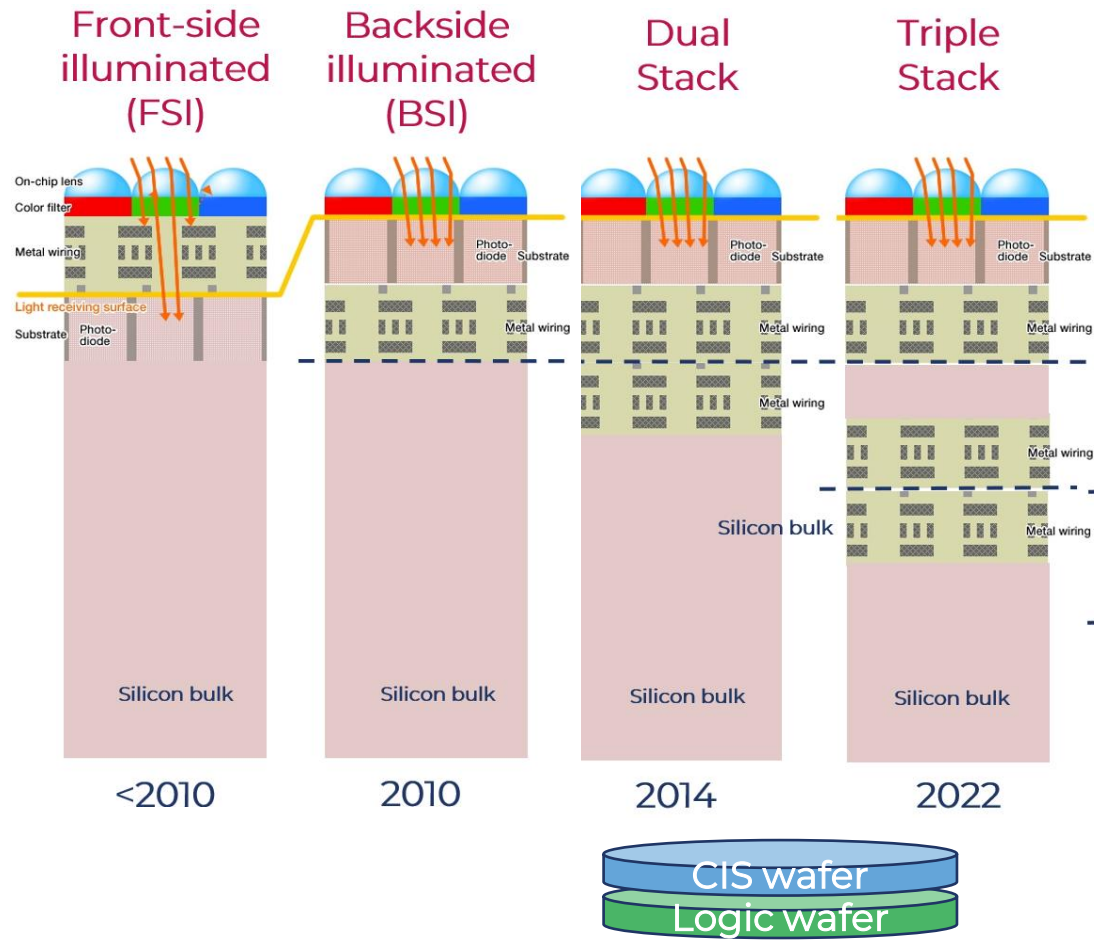
SWIR imaging has gained interest for consumer and automotive applications, but not yet commercialized.

TECHNOLOGY TRENDS

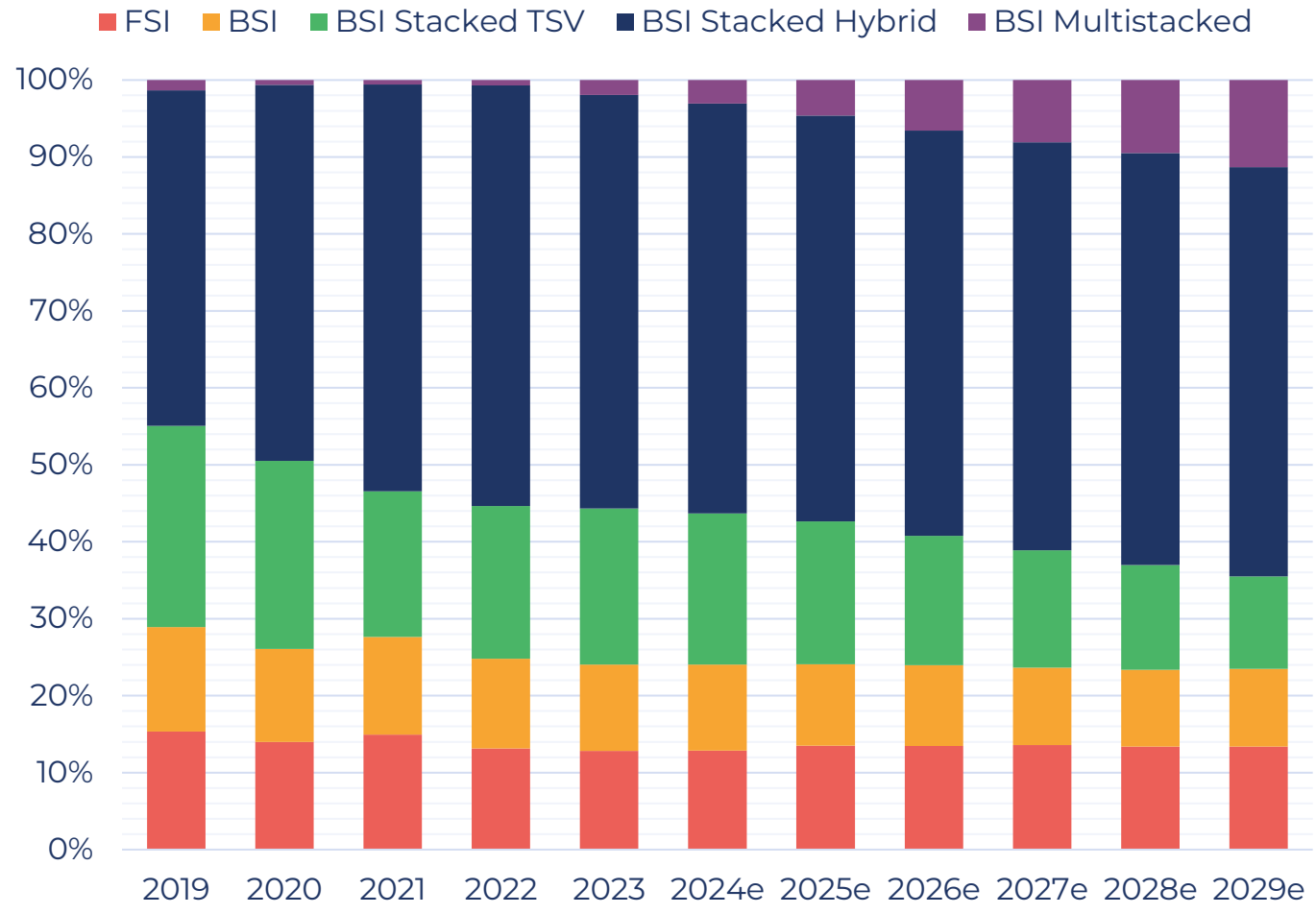
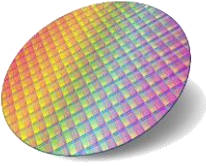
Evolution towards 3D stacking



- 76% of 2023 production is stacked, with a stable FSI and BSI production share.



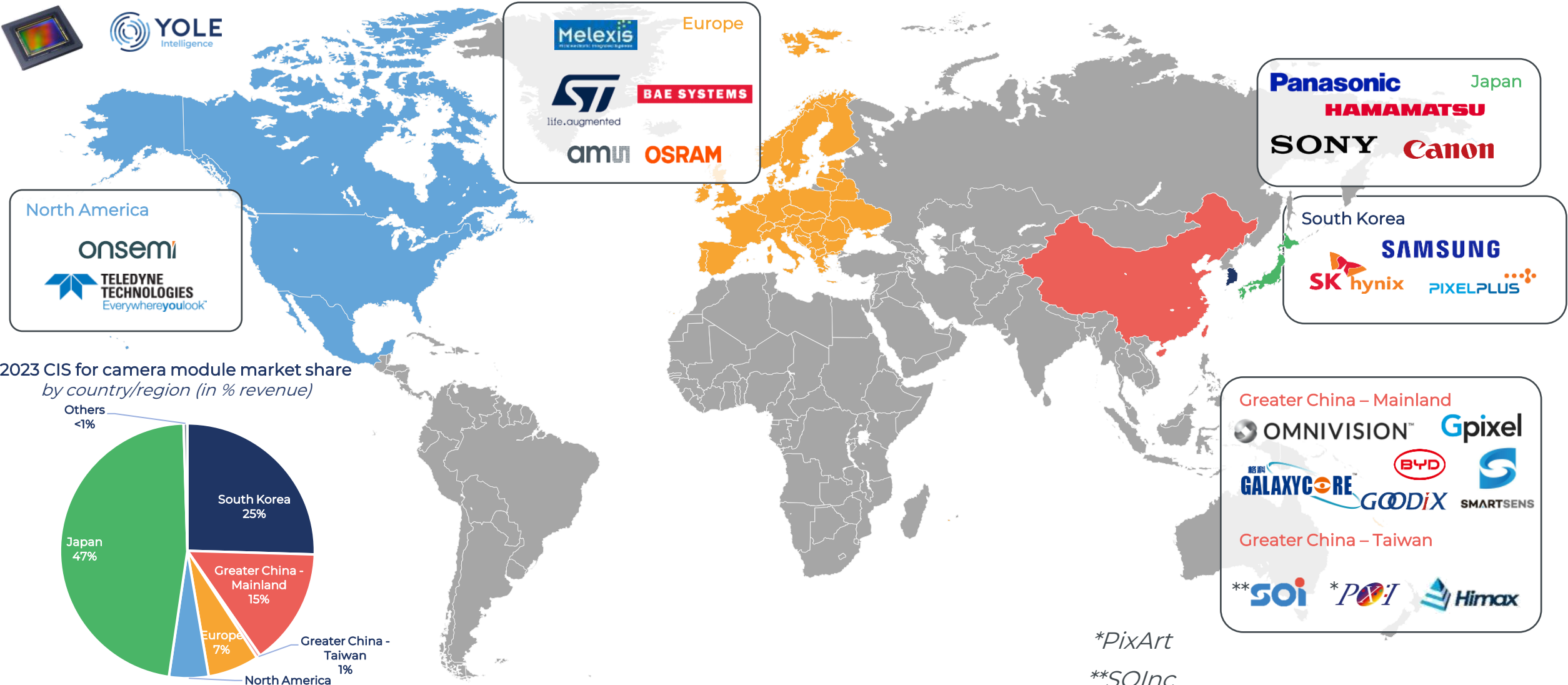
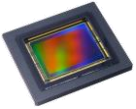
2019 - 2029 CIS wafer production forecast by technology (in % 12" eq.)



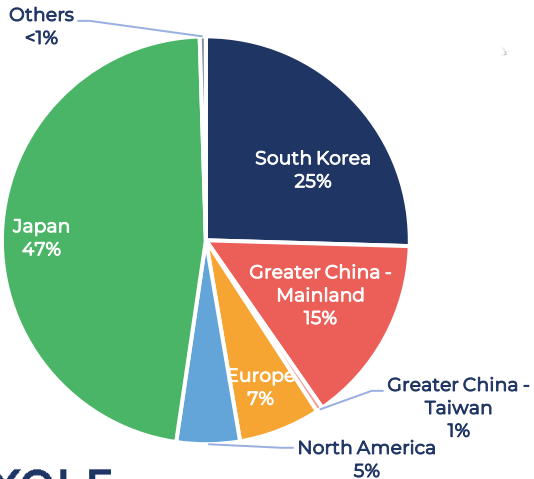
ECOSYSTEM AND MARKET FORECAST

CMOS IMAGE SENSOR MARKET SHARES

2023 competitive map of the top 22 CIS players



2023 CIS for camera module market share by country/region (in % revenue)



*PixArt
**SOInc



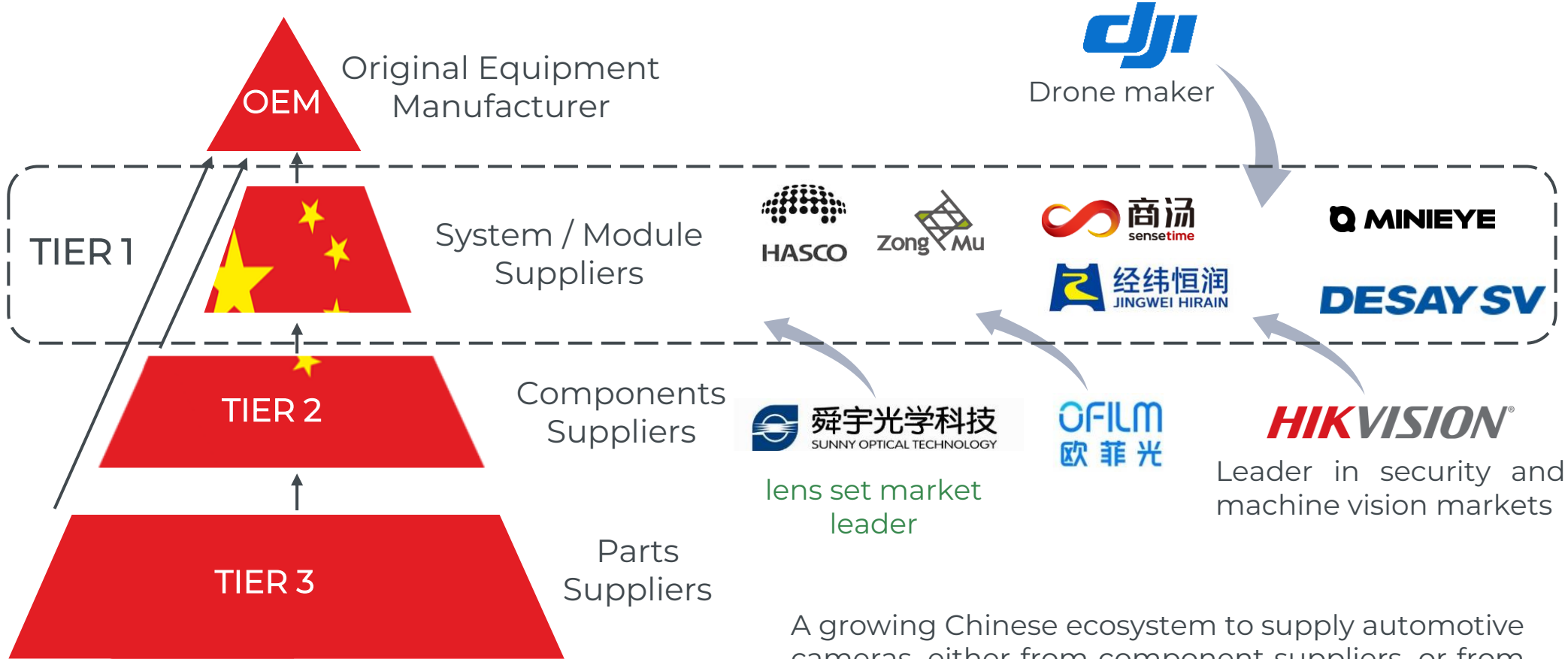
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AUTOMOTIVE ECOSYSTEM & SUPPLY CHAIN

A strong Chinese supply chain is in the making

The Chinese automotive camera ecosystem is becoming more vertical, with component suppliers providing the entire camera module.



A growing Chinese ecosystem to supply automotive cameras, either from component suppliers, or from camera manufacturers from another market.

INDUSTRIAL ECOSYSTEM & SUPPLY CHAIN

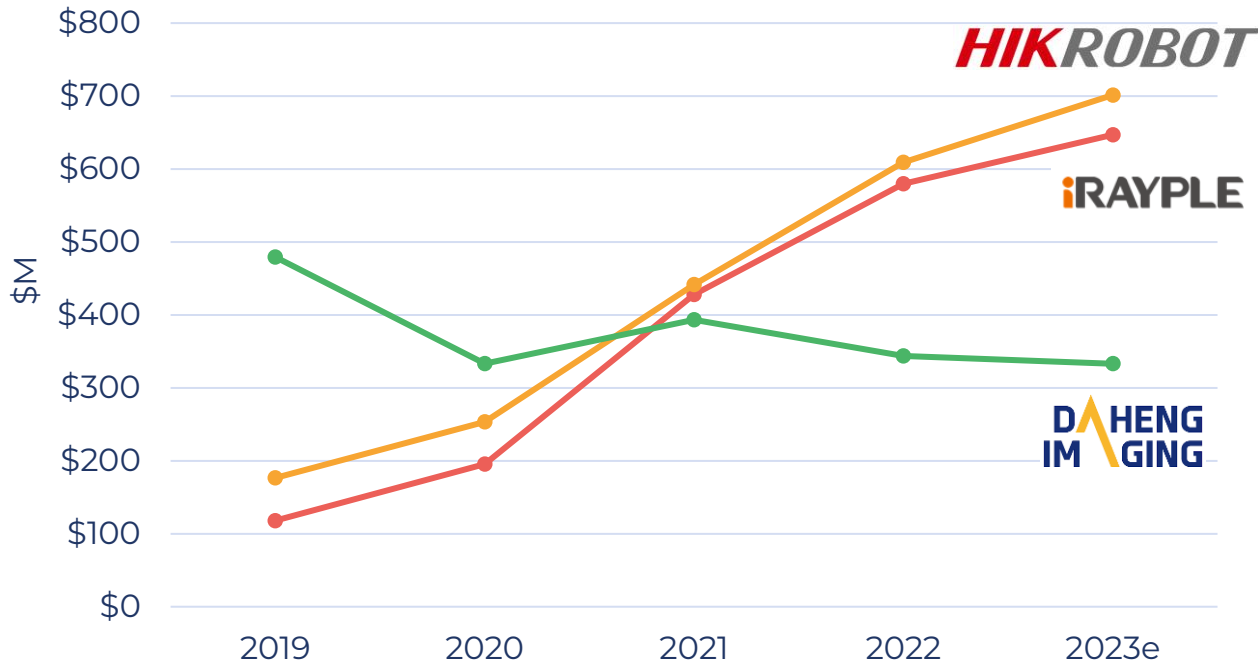
The rise of the Chinese ecosystem



The three Chinese leaders are now among the **Top 6 companies** in PC-based cameras

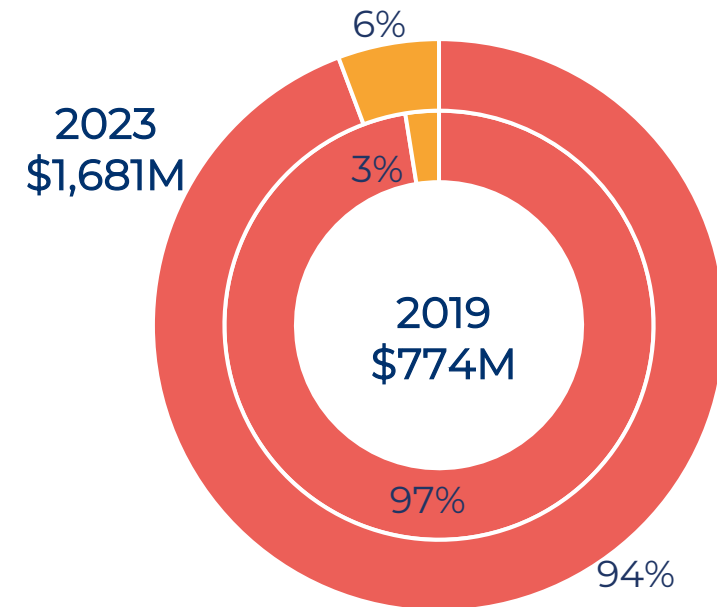


2019-2023: Chinese top player revenues
(in \$M)



They are driven by a strong local demand and become more and more present overseas.

Top 3 Chinese players revenues:
geographical breakdown

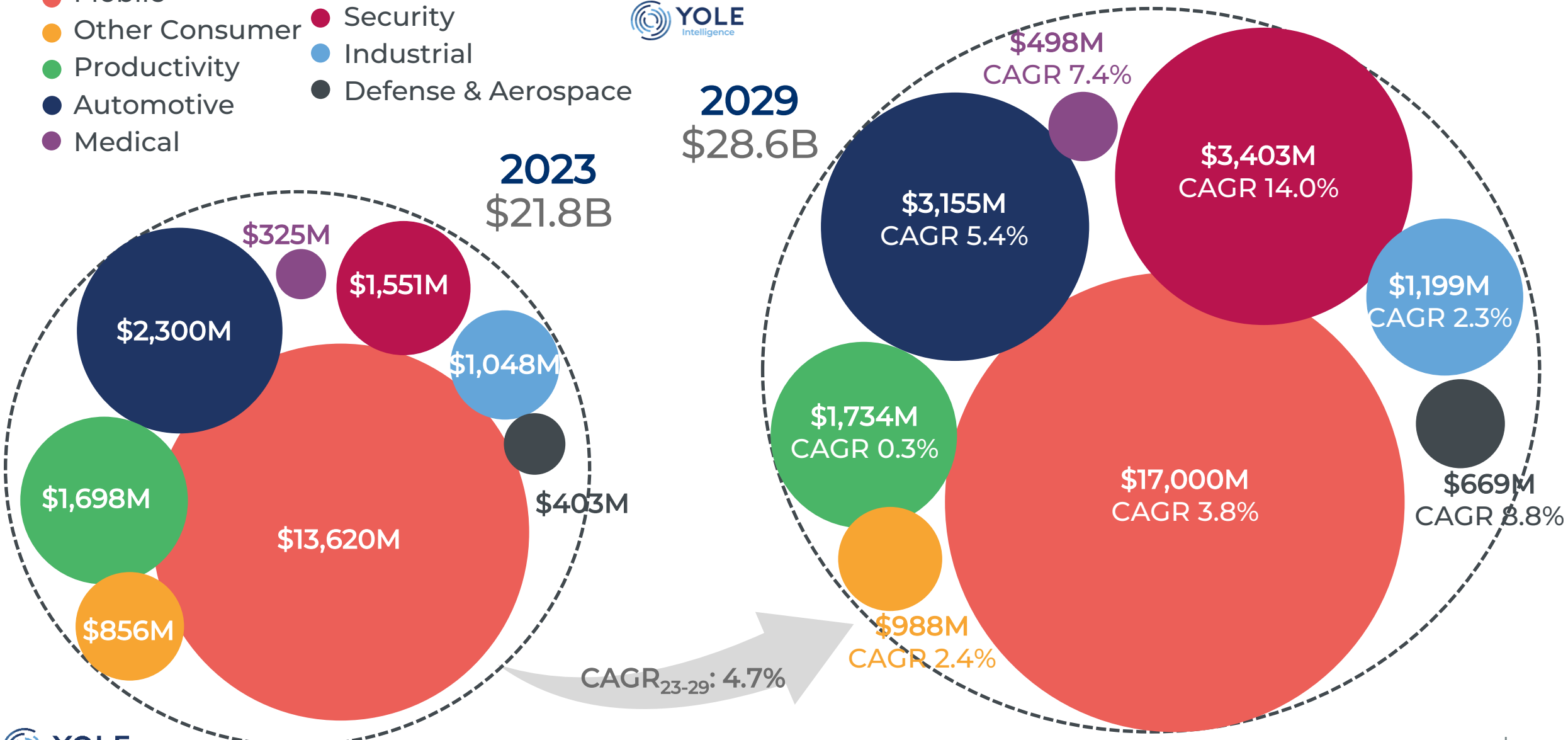


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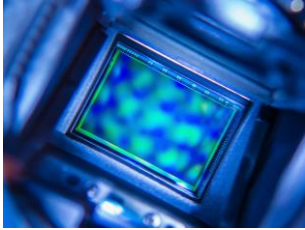
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