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LISHIELD: AUTOMATING VISUAL PRIVACY PROTECTION USING A SMART LED


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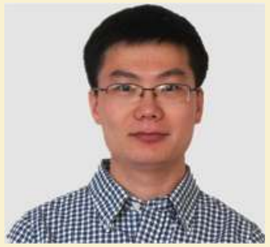
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VISUAL PRIVACY PROTECTION IS URGENT

We don't want to be photographed!

PASSIVE PHYSICAL OBJECTS

STYLE

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A MALE SECURITY GUARD USES STORE surveillance cameras to zoom in on the cleavage of an unsuspecting

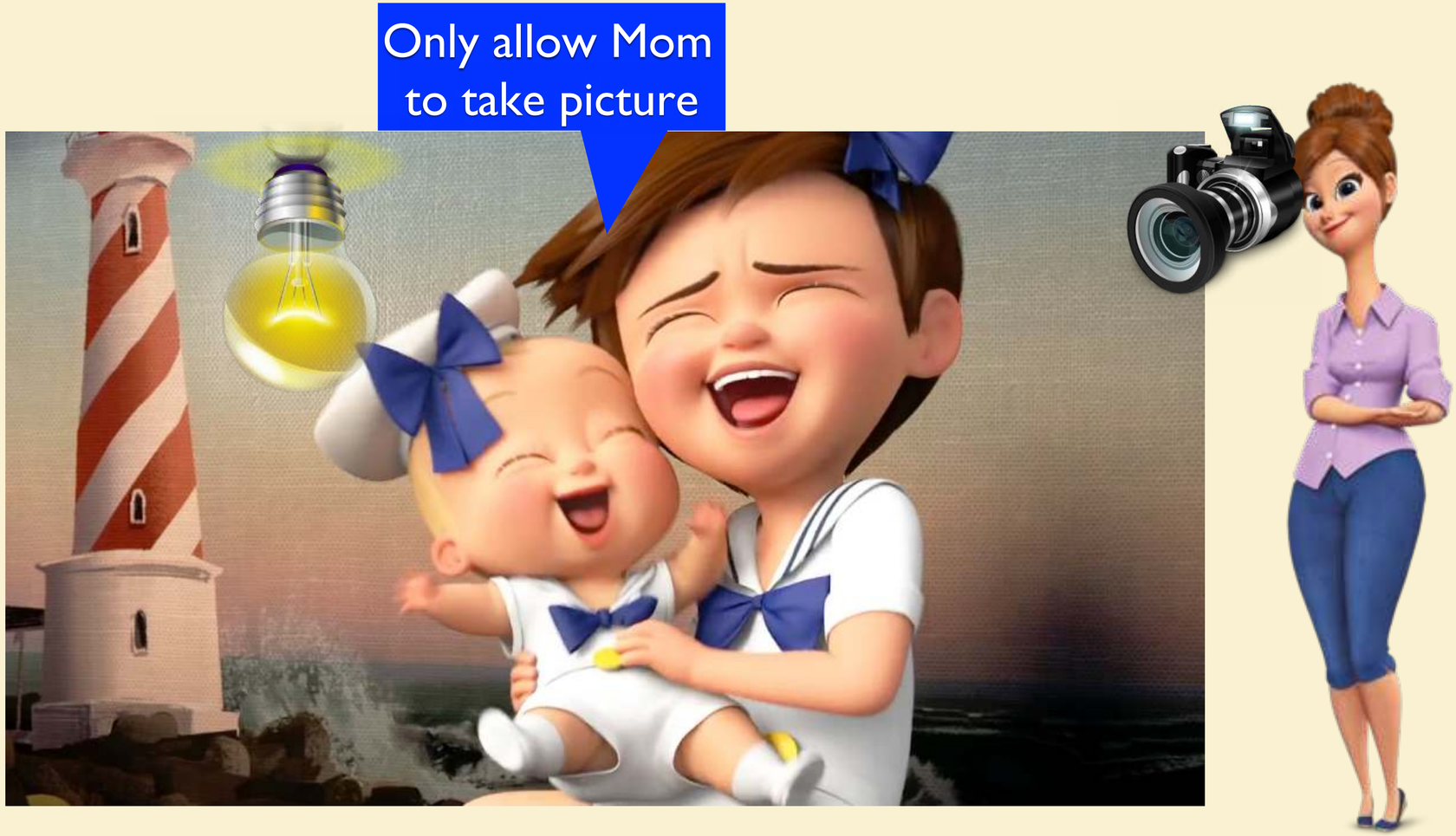
jockstrap, is one plaintiff in a pending lawsuit against the company for invasion of privacy. "I worked real hard for them and

EXISTING RUDIMENTARY APPROACHES

LISHIELD SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- Corruption: block illegal camera users
- Authorization: unblock legal camera users
- Watermarking: conveying ‘no distribution’ message

AUTHORIZATION



PICTURE TAKEN BY MOM

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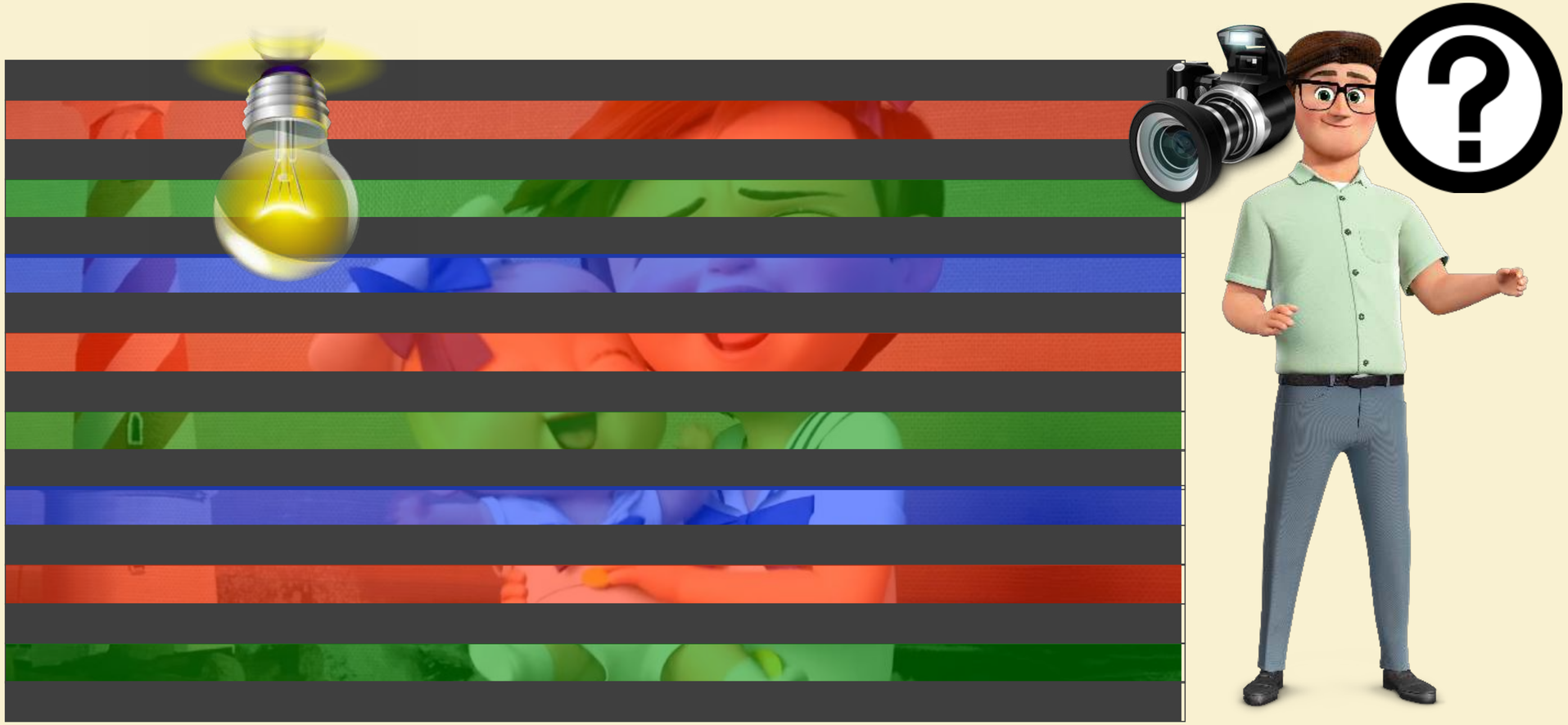

PICTURE TAKEN BY OTHER PEOPLE

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Image is
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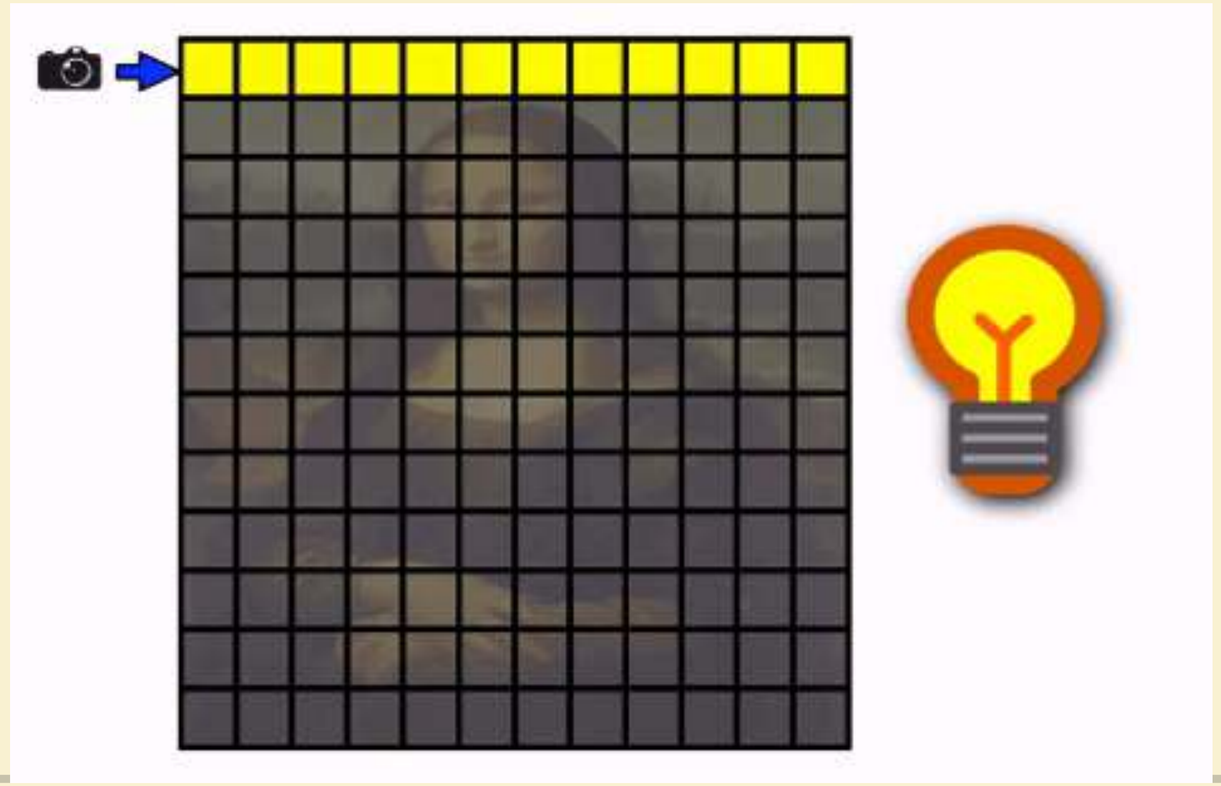
CAMERA: ROLLING SHUTTER

Intensity

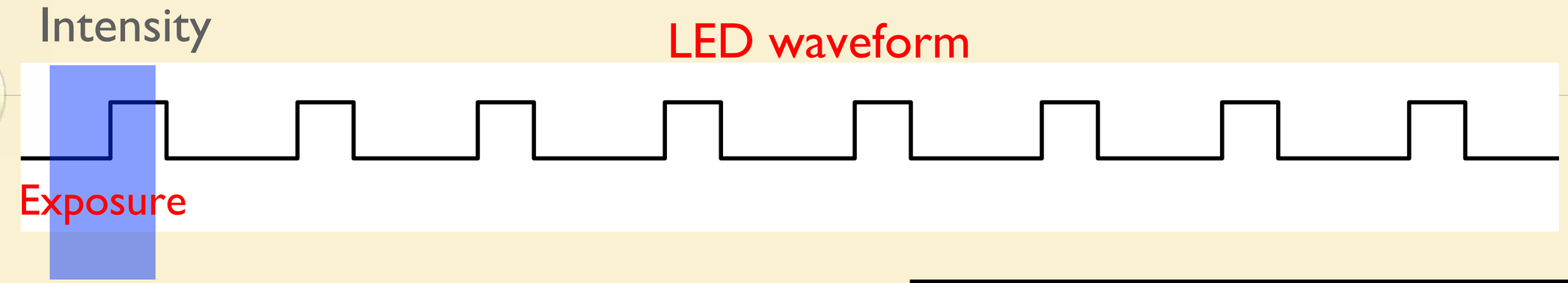
Normal indoor lights

Exposure

Time

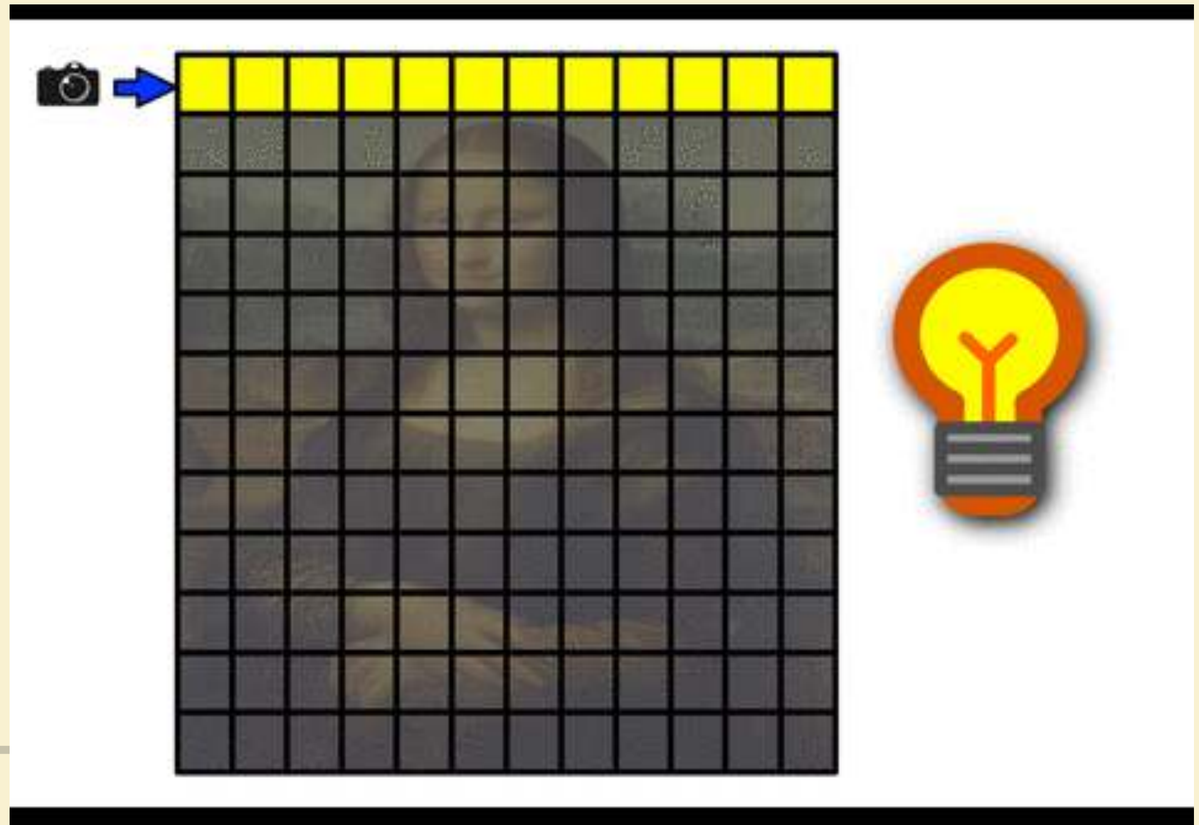


ROLLING SHUTTER + LIGHT WAVEFORM



Black-white waveform

RGB waveform



CHALLENGE #1: WAVEFORM IS TRANSPARENT TO HUMAN EYES

Intensity

Time

LED WAVEFORM

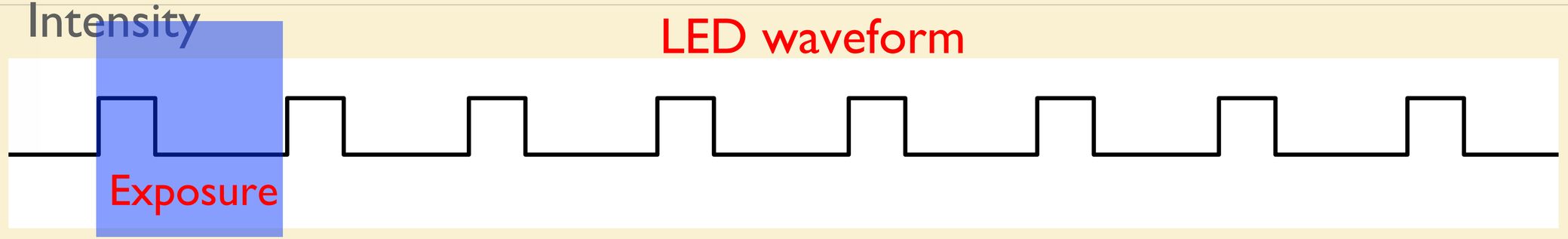
Intensity

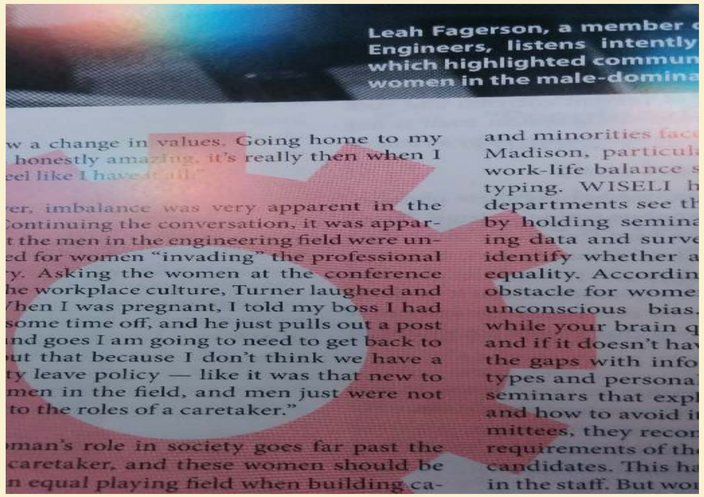
Time

f > 100Hz

PERCEIVED BY HUMAN EYES

CHALLENGE #2: ROBUSTNESS AGAINST CAMERA MANIPULATION





$$T(wave) = T(exp)$$

CHALLENGE #2: ROBUSTNESS AGAINST CAMERA MANIPULATION

Intensity

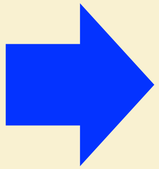
LED waveform

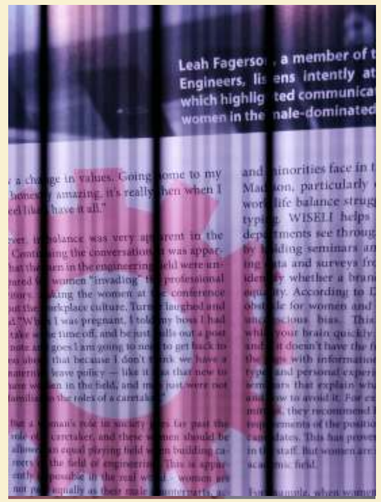
Exposure

Time

$$T(wave) \neq T(exp)$$

CHALLENGE #3: ROBUSTNESS AGAINST MULTI-FRAME RECOVERY

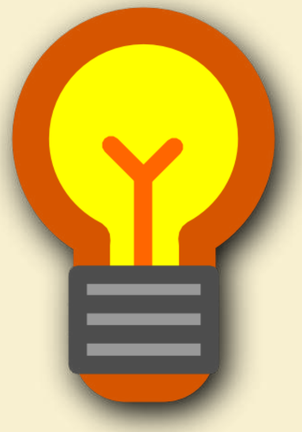




LED WAVEFORM

CAMERA AUTHORIZATION

CAMERA CAN RECOVER IMAGES GIVEN THE LED WAVEFORM



LiShield

I'm authorized

Verified

I'm generating this waveform

Gotcha

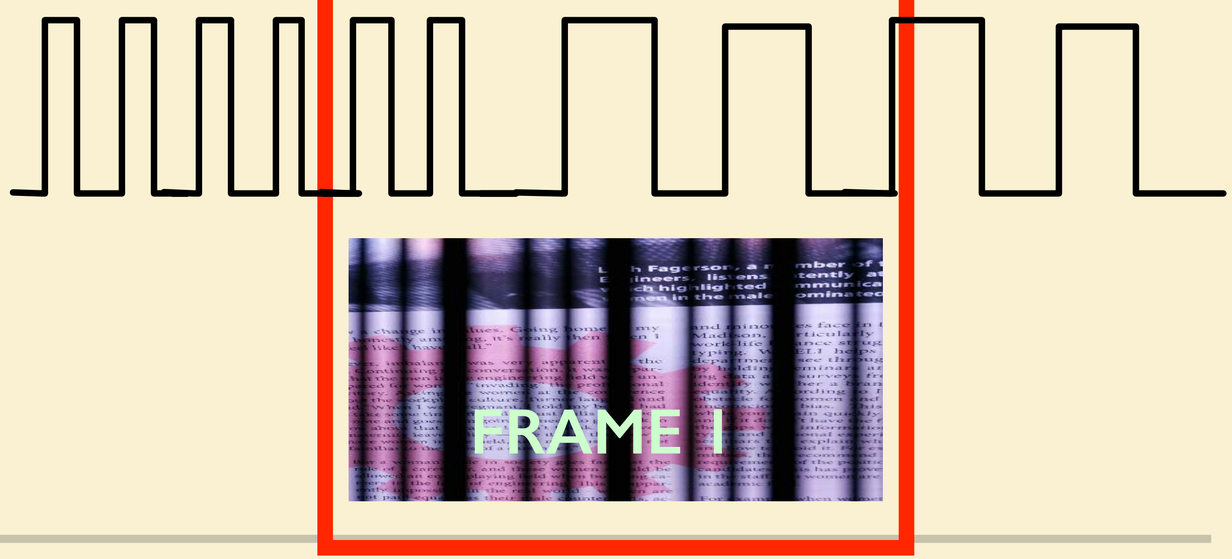
Authorized CAM

Challenge: How to unblock one person while keep blocking the others?

Authorized User

Attacker

LED WAVEFORM



Sometimes sunlight coming inside from windows,
LED can have little influence on image quality.

What should we do?

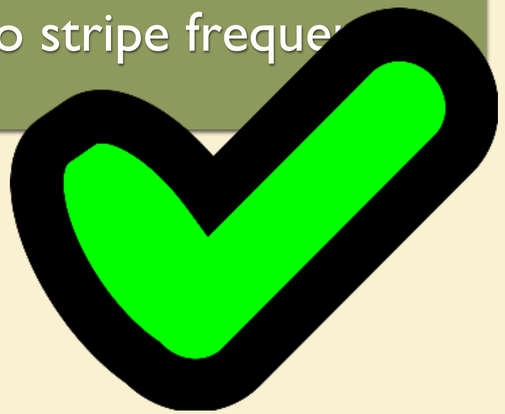
WATERMARKING

WATERMARK ENCODER

Affected by scene and ambient light noise

Vary with camera exposure

Ratio of two stripe freque



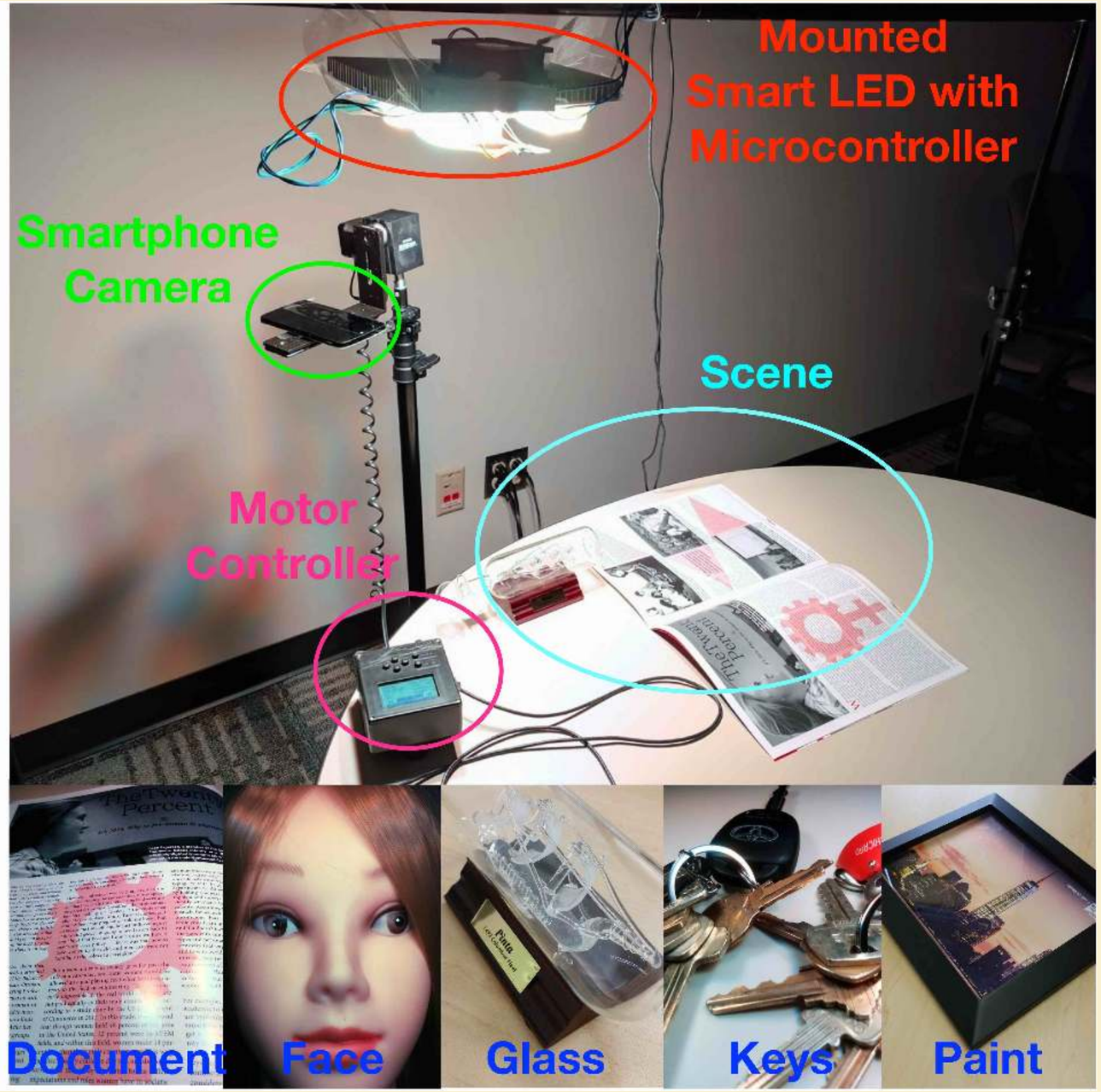
Vary with camera sampling rate

IMPLEMENTATION

- LED can generate OOK waveform specified by LiShield's image corruption and watermarking modules
- Authorization is implemented on Android

EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

- Various privacy-sensitive objects
- Metrics: PSNR, CW-SSIM, CIEDE2000

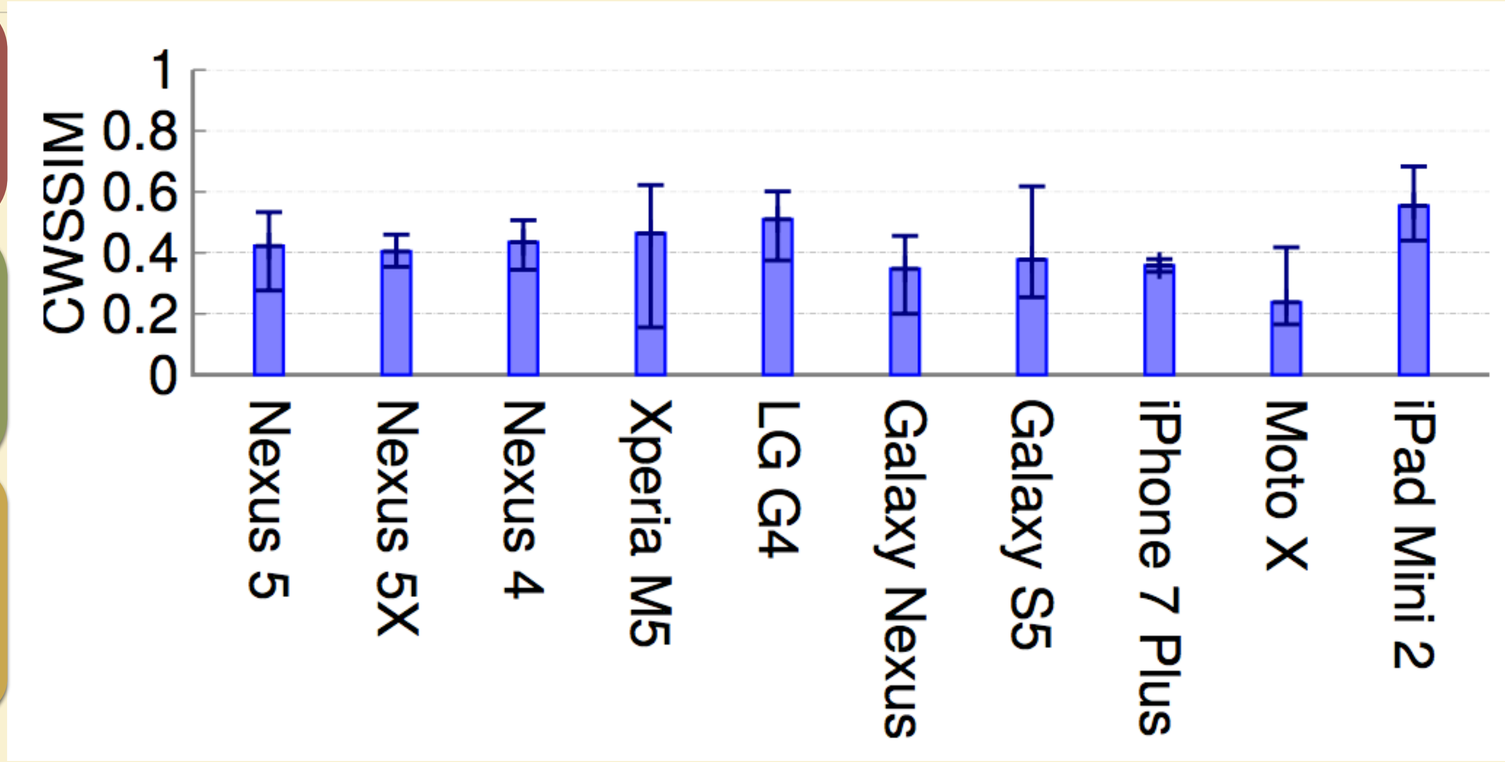


RESULT #1: QUALITY DEGRADATION

PSNR = 6 dB (>25 dB required)

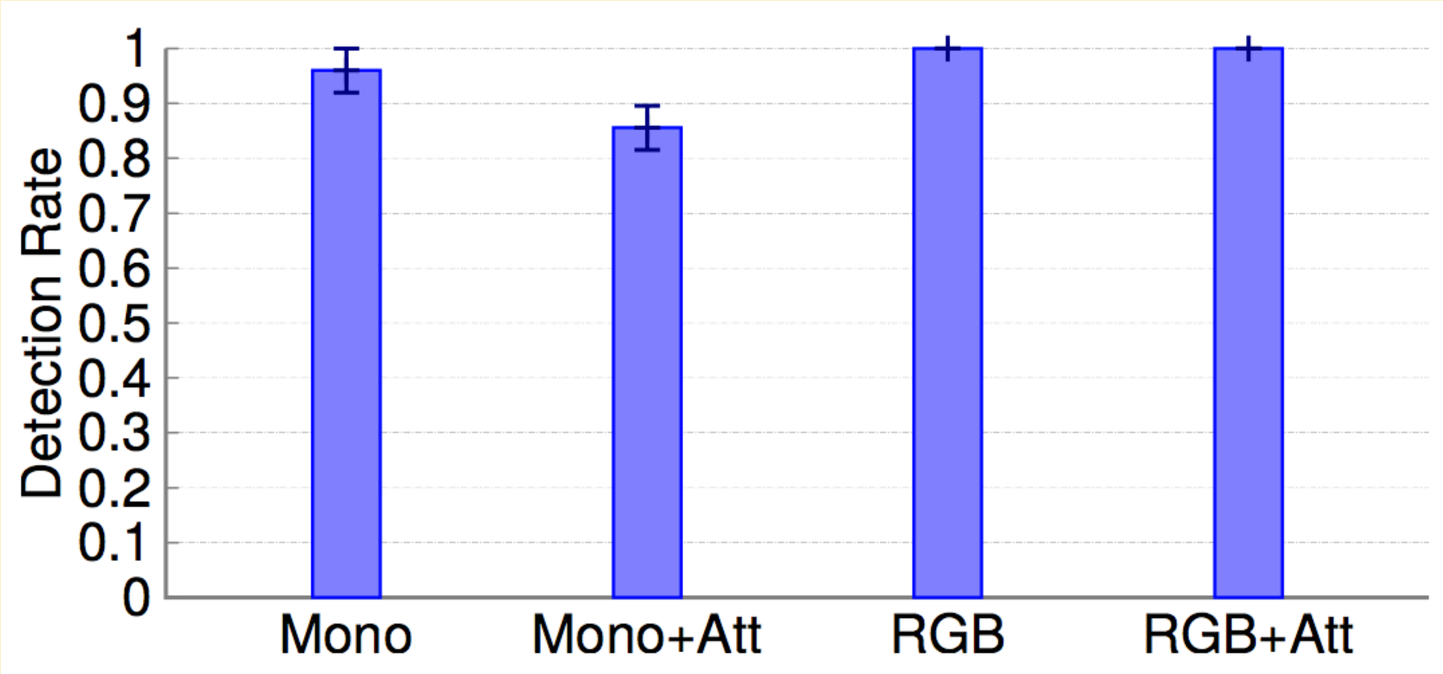
CW-SSIM = 0.3 (>0.9 required)

CIEDE2000 = 35 (<4 required)



RESULT #2: CAMERA AUTHORIZATION

RESULT #3: WATERMARKING



False alarm rate < 5%
Average detection rate > 90%

RESULT #4: ROBUSTNESS AGAINST ATTACKS AND ENVIRONMENTS

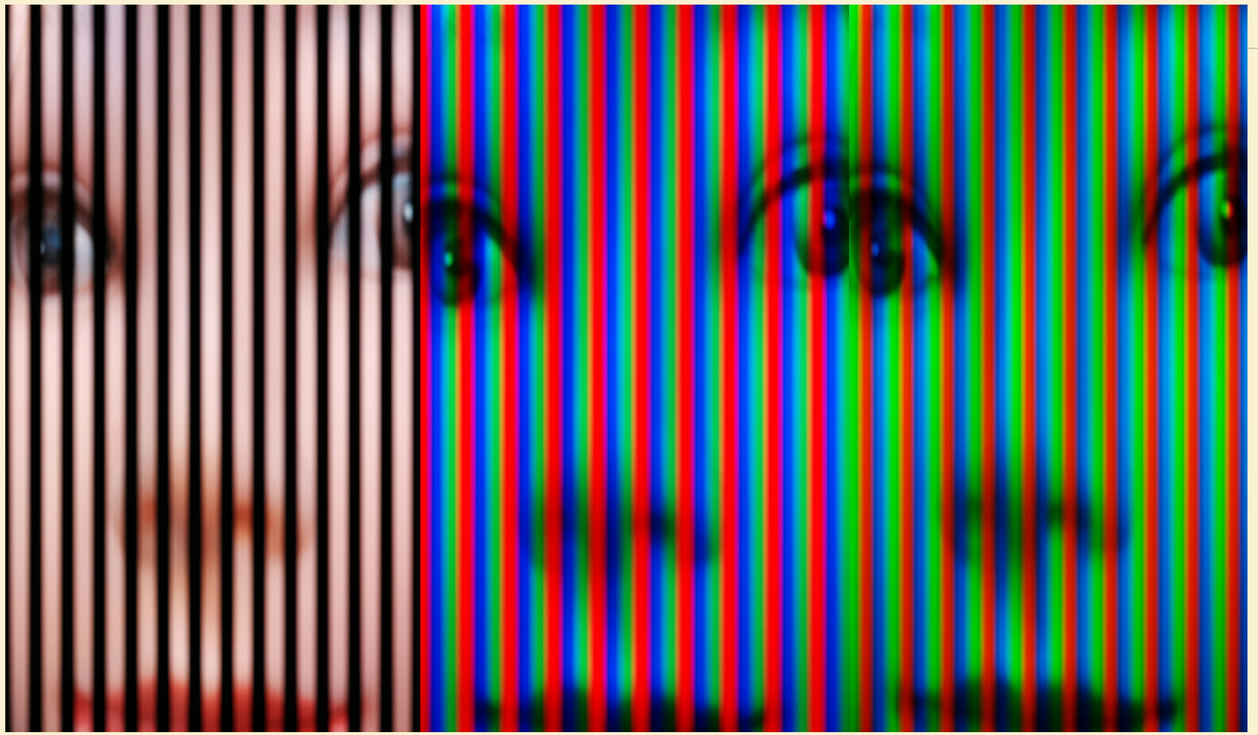
LiShield is robust against camera manipulation and multi-frame recovery

LiShield is robust against post-capture repairing algorithms

LiShield is robust against normal ambient lights

LiShield is robust against long distance using multiple LEDs

RESULT #5: SIDE BENEFITS



Color stripes destroy automatic white balance

Dynamic scene reduces space of exposure manipulation

CONCLUSION

- LiShield is a cost-effective, automatic, and easy-to-setup system enabling privacy protection against illegal cameras
- We design an authorization scheme to unblock specific user
- Watermarking adds ‘no distribution’ message recognizable by online servers

Fast setup

Low cost

Effective protection