

IR Thermal Imaging device using Temperature Sensitive Paint

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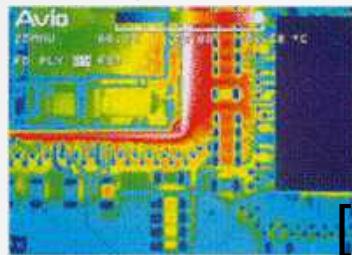
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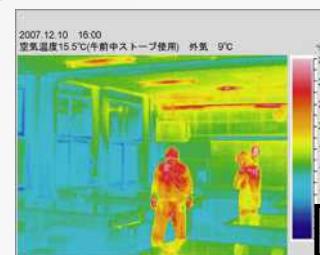
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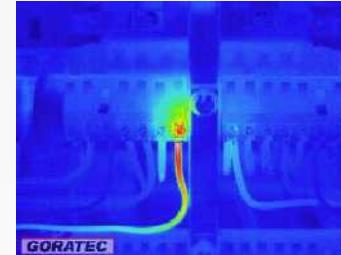
Detect infrared (IR) radiation emitted from the object
(IR intensity is strongly depend on the surface temperature)



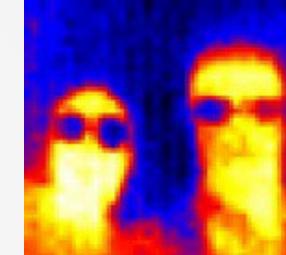
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Problem ... Expensive !!



We are developing a novel low-cost thermal imaging device based on IR-to-visible conversion

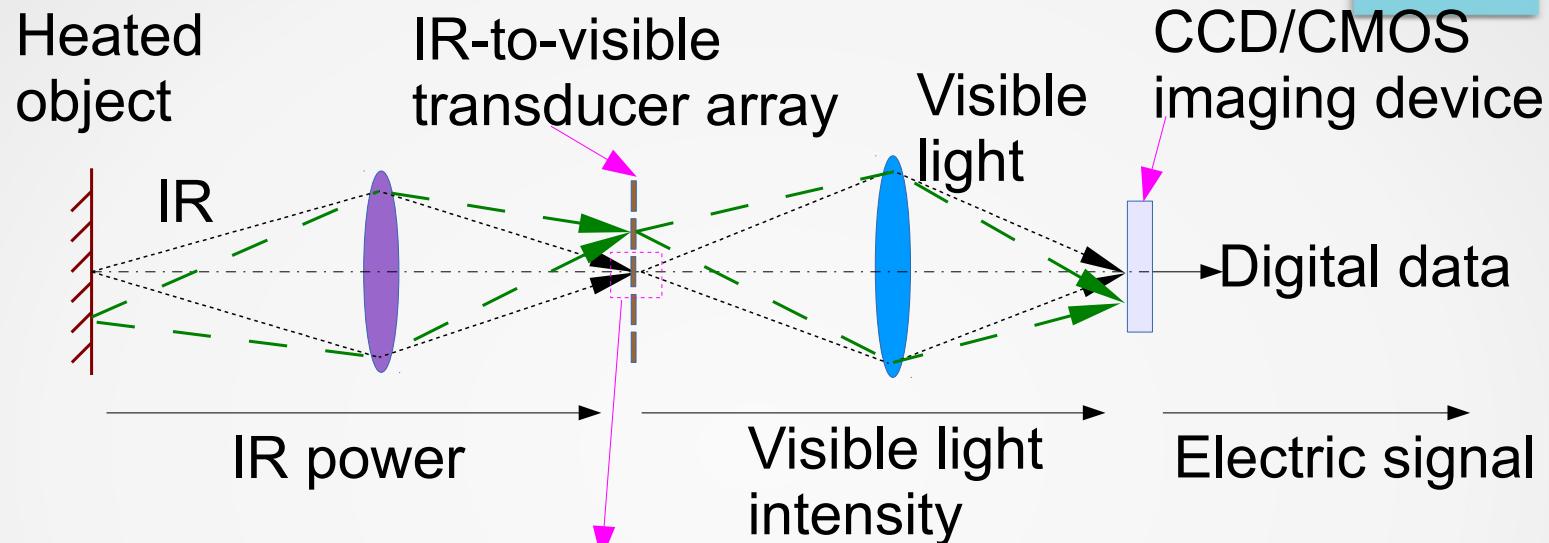
[1] <http://www.infrared.avio.co.jp/en/appli/heat-design.html>

[2] http://www.ecoflow.go.jp/gallery/07/07_04.html

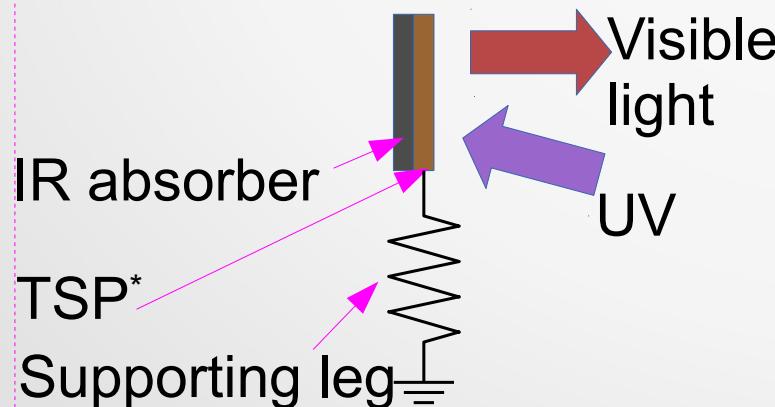
[3] <http://www5f.biglobe.ne.jp/~denken/camera.html>

[4] <http://www.ssc-inc.jp/heimannsensor/>

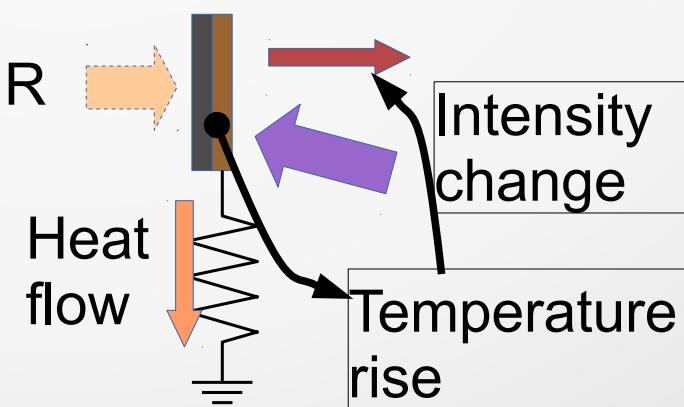
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Without IR irradiation

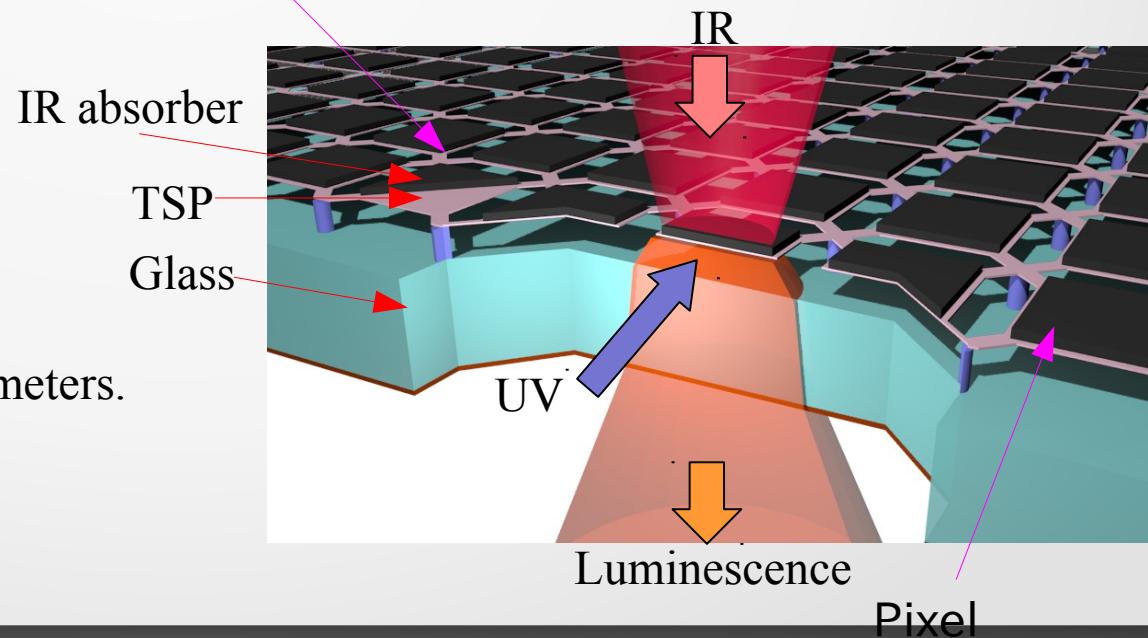
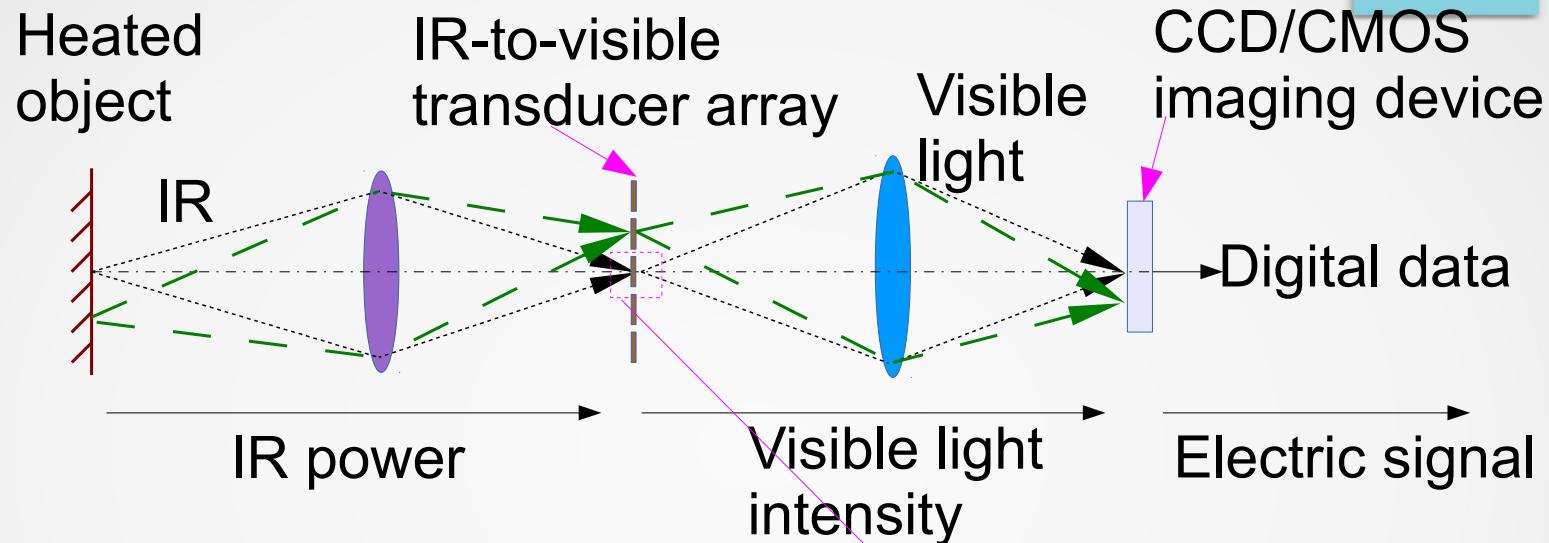


With IR irradiation



*TSP = Temperature sensitive paint

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Easy to fabricate.

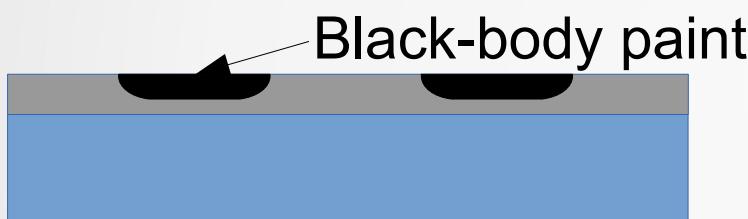
Thermal resistance of each pixel
is higher than that of conventional bolometers.
→ Sensitivity can be increased.

Fabrication (MEMS process)

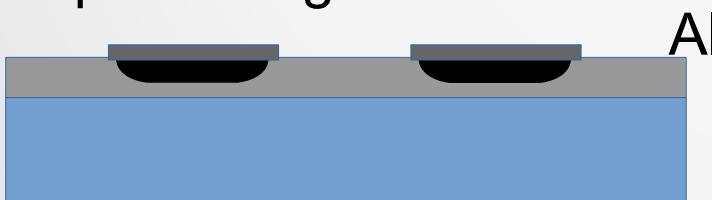
1. Ge patterning



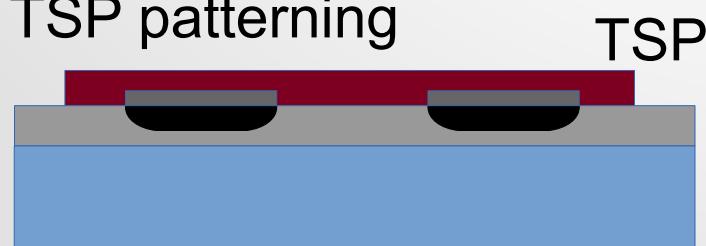
2. Black body paint filling



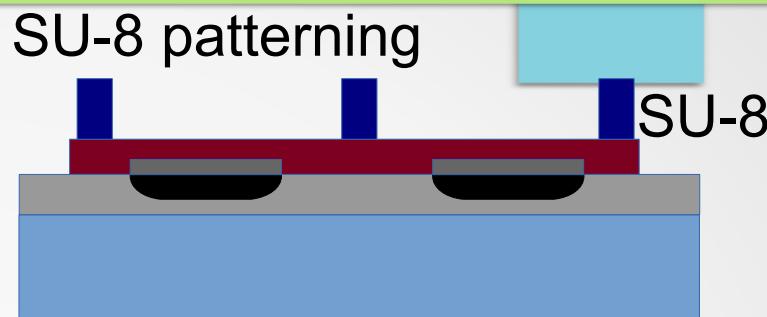
3. Al patterning



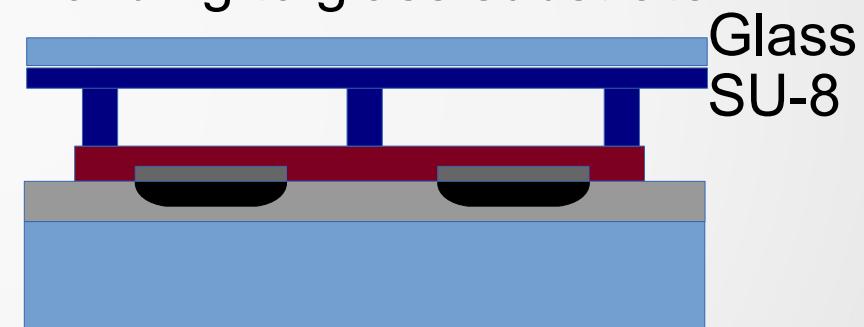
4. TSP patterning



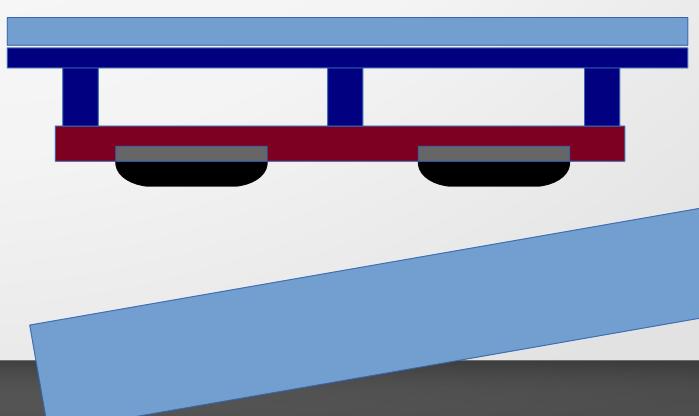
5. SU-8 patterning



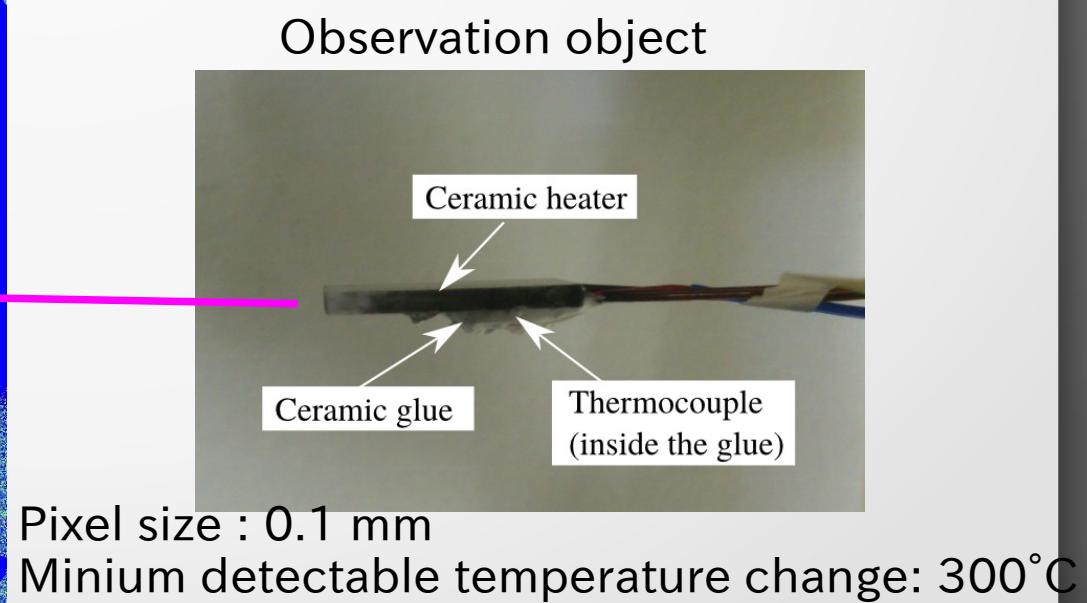
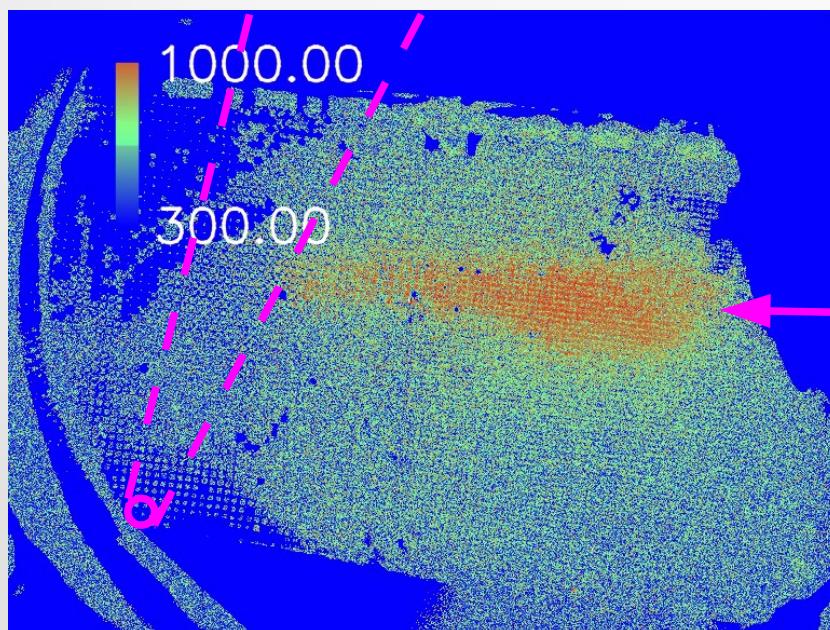
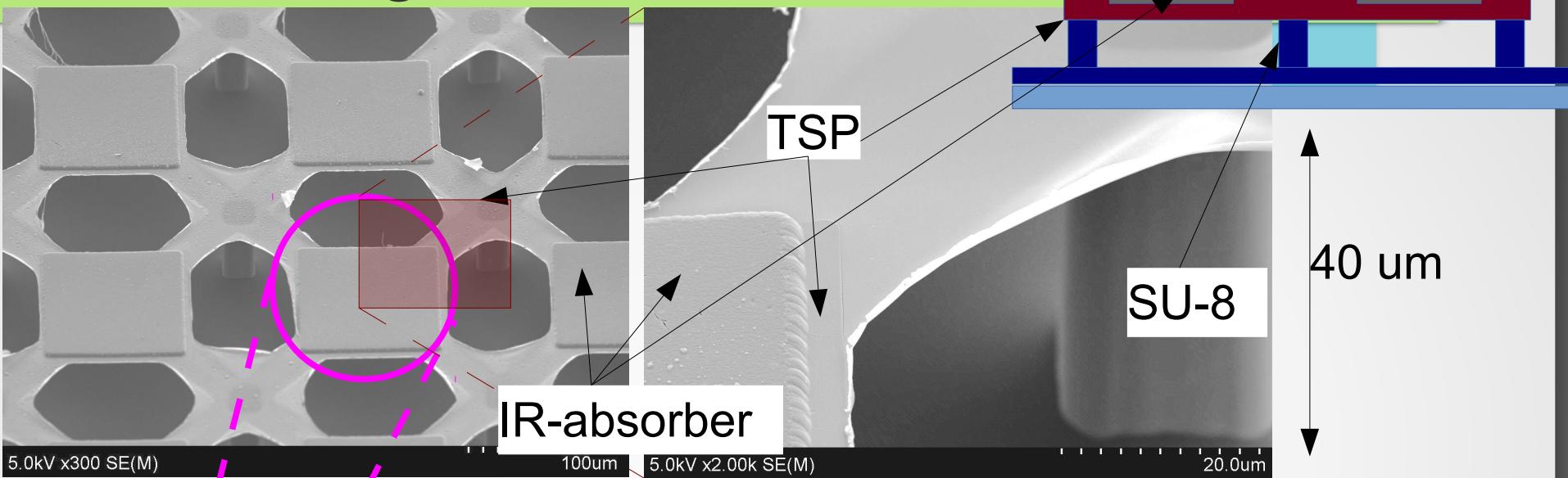
6. Bonding to glass substrate



7. Release from the temporary wafer



Thermal images



Summery

- A novel IR thermal imaging device using IR-to-visible conversion was developed
 - A pixel size was about 100 μm
 - Temperature as small as 300°C could be observed
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- Now, develop a new device for high performance