

Scientists have become

The most important discoveries will provide

the bearers of the torch

questions that we do not

IGNITING QUESTIONS

DETECTING ANSWERS

know how to ask and will continue

quest for knowledge.

yet imagined.

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PHOTON IS OUR BUSINESS

# qCMOS – the dawn of a new era

GEN II sCMOS

1.4e- rms

ORCA-Flash 4.0 V2



ORCA-Flash 4.0 V3



GEN III sCMOS

0.7e- rms

ORCA-Fusion



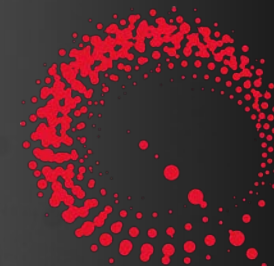
ORCA-Fusion BT



qCMOS

0.27e- rms

qCMOS



BACK ILLUMINATED CMOS TECHNOLOGIES

LOW NOISE TECHNOLOGIES

2011

2016

2018

2020

2021...



“Scientists have become the  
bearers of the torch of discovery  
in our quest for knowledge.”

STEPHEN HAWKING



Introducing the new qCMOS

# ORCA-Quest

“Light is possibility itself.”

TERUO HIRUMA  
PHOTONICS VISIONARY AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF HAMAMATSU PHOTONICS

Introducing the new qCMOS

# ORCA-Quest



- Photon number resolving mode
- Unprecedented performance
- Ultimate low light detector

**LOW READOUT NOISE**

**0.27** ELECTRONS RMS  
ULTRA-QUIET SCAN

**HIGH QE**

**90%** @475 nm  
BACK-ILLUMINATED qCMOS

**HIGH RESOLUTION**

**4096 × 2304**  
9.4 MEGAPIXELS

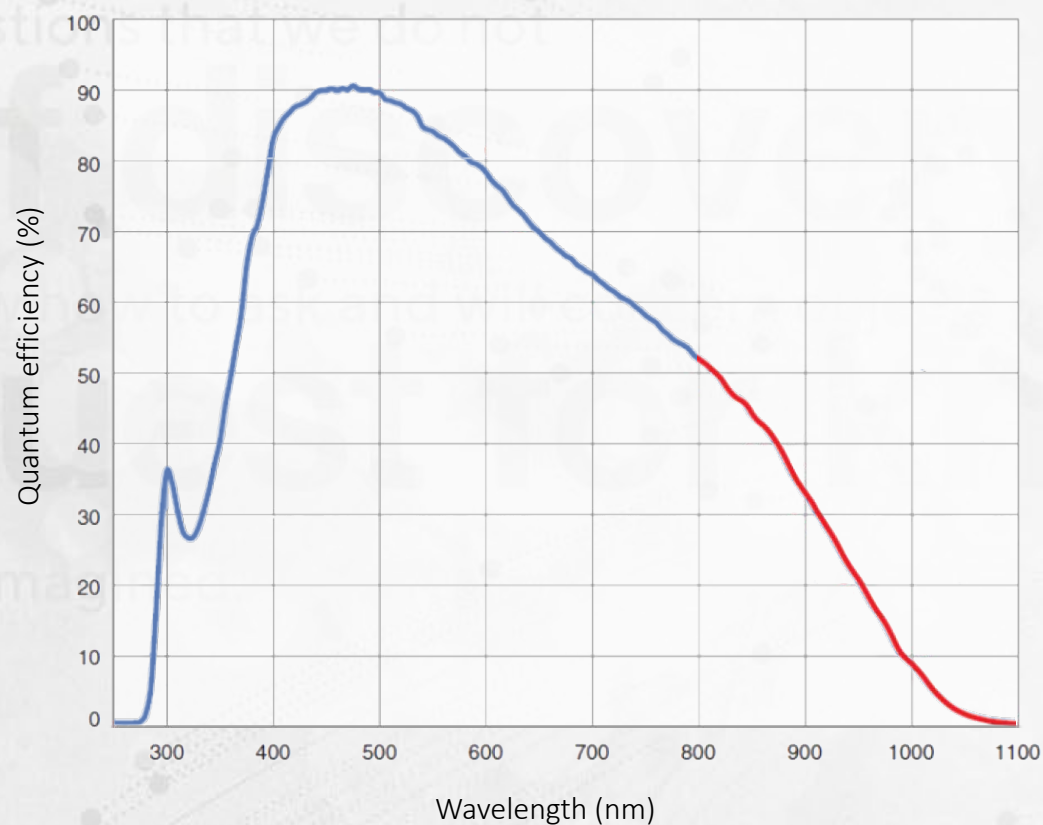
**HIGH SPEED**

**120** FRAMES/S  
@4096 x 2304 PIXELS (16 BIT)  
standard scan



# Introducing the **ORCA-Quest**.

High QE up to 90% @475nm and **33% @900nm**



Minimal Etaloning effect

EM-CCD



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800 nm

900 nm

1000 nm

# Introducing the **ORCA-Quest**.

High speed imaging @ 120 fps full frame

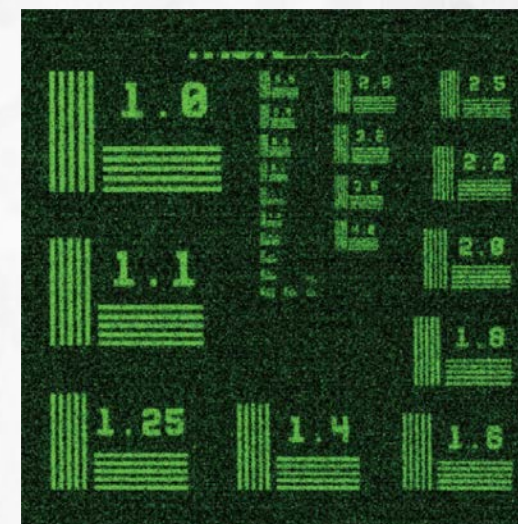
532 fps (with 512x512 sub array)

Low dark current of 0.006 e-/p/s

Long exposure time up to 30 mins

READOUT MODE		AREA READOUT MODE		
Scan mode		Standard scan		Ultra-quiet mode
X (pixels)	Y (pixels)	CoaXPress	USB 3.1 Gen I (16 bit)	CoaXPress and USB 3.1 Gen I (16 bit)
4096	2304	120	17.6	5.00
4096	2048	134	19.9	5.62
4096	1024	268	39.6	11.1
4096	512	532	78.9	22.1
4096	256	1044	156	43.5
4096	128	2012	304	83.8
4096	8	15 432	2893	643
4096	4	19 841	4084	826

ORCA-Quest



Gen II sCMOS camera

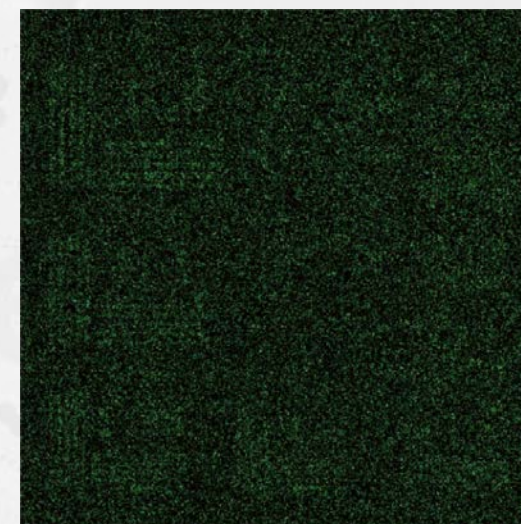


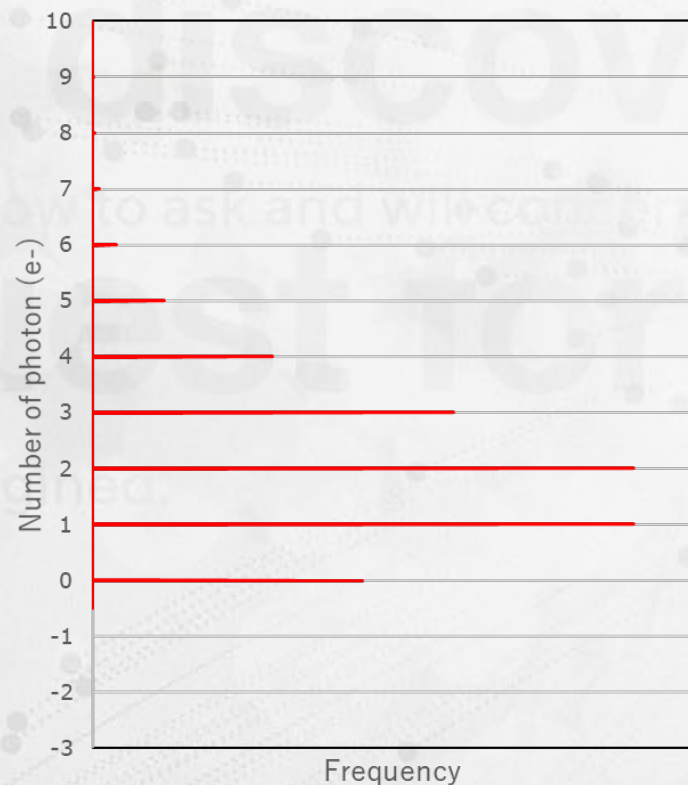
Image quality comparison at long exposure time (pseudo-color)  
Incident light intensity: 0.05 photons/pixel/s. Exposure time: 15 min (10 s x 90 times integration)



# Introducing the **ORCA-Quest**.

The optical shot noise follows a Poisson distribution

Average 2 e- actual photon number  
(including shot noise)

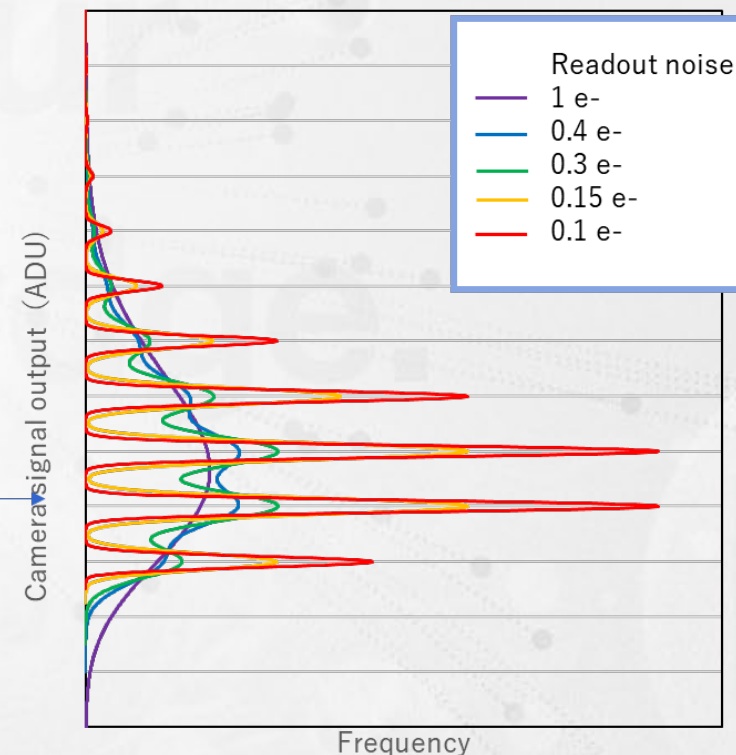


It follows a Poisson distribution like this

As the readout noise decreases, the output signal gradually becomes more discrete.

Reducing the readout noise to absolute minimum allow photon number detection, following the Poisson distribution.

Average 2 e- photons  
(Simulation after camera output)

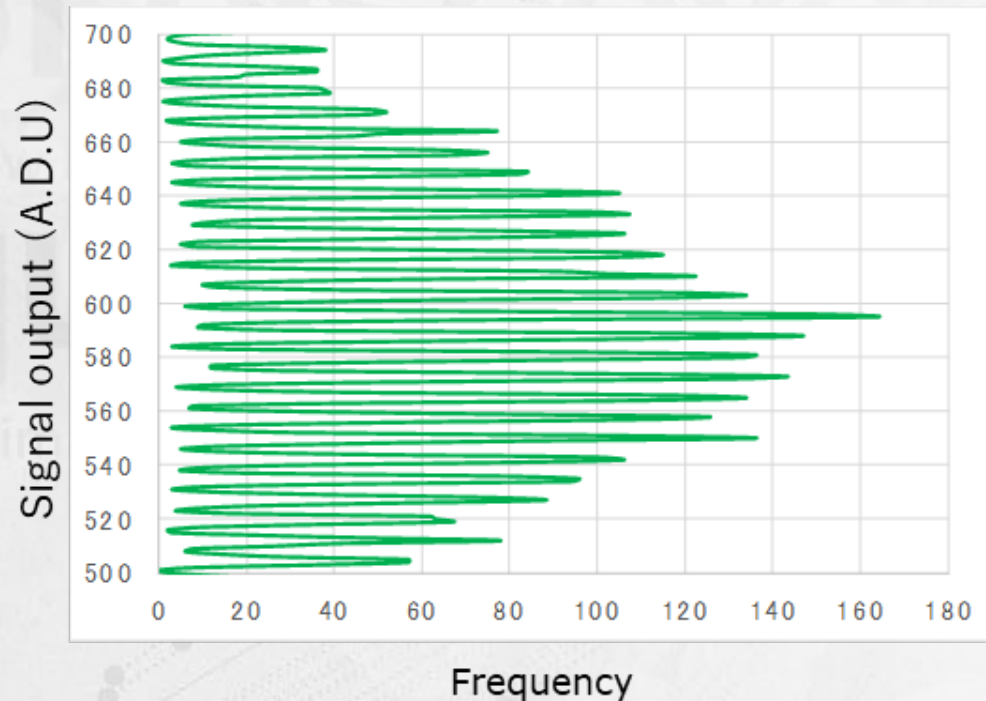




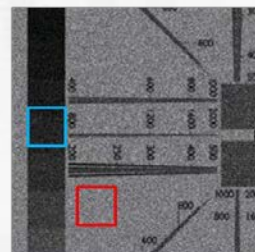
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Photon Number Resolving Mode

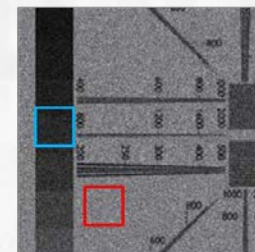
Average input photon: 55 photons,  
Readout noise 0.16 e<sup>-</sup> pixel



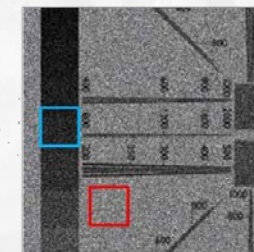
**ORCA<sup>®</sup>-Quest**  
Photon Number Resolving Mode



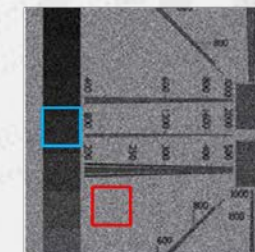
**ORCA<sup>®</sup>-Quest**  
Ultra-Quiet Scan



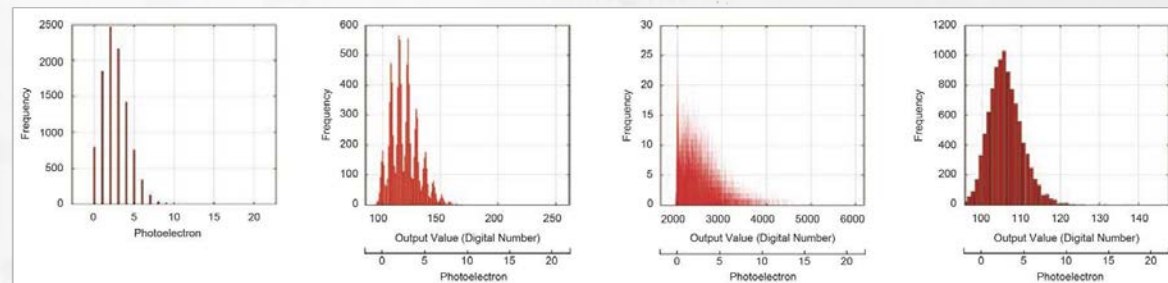
**EM-CCD camera**



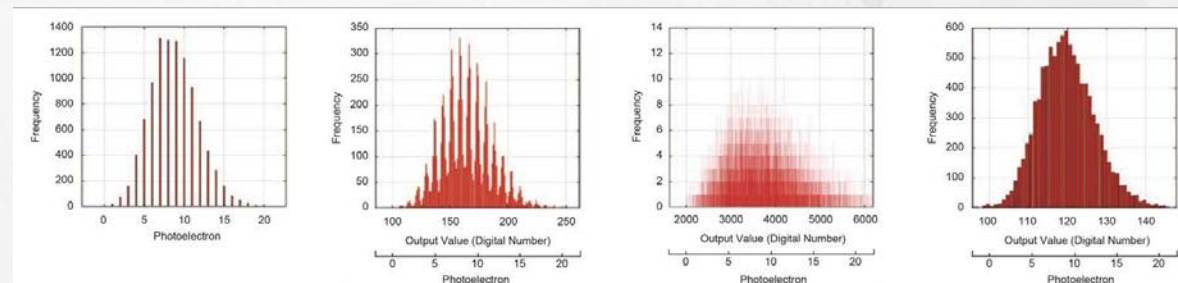
**Gen II sCMOS camera**



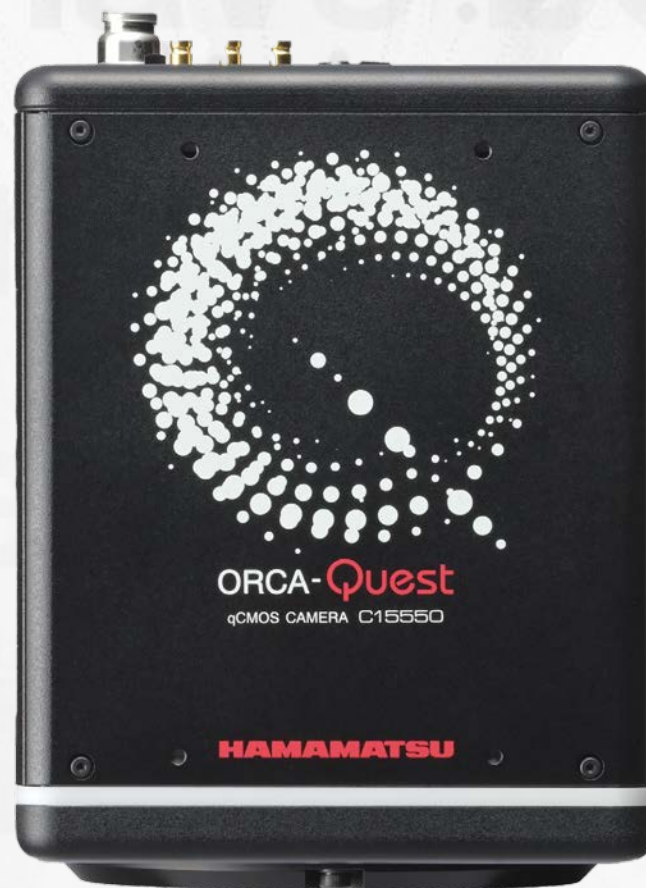
☐ Average input photoelectrons number: 3 photoelectrons



☐ Average input photoelectrons number: 10 photoelectrons



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in concept and  
unprecedented  
in performance



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