

# 8K? Whoa! How'd We Get Here So Quickly?

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## How DID We Get Here So Quickly?

- **CES 2019** was full of **8K TV** models and demonstrations
- First consumer model was Samsung's 85-inch **Q900R**
  - Released in fall of 2018
  - MSRP about \$15,000
  - Uses quantum dot technology for HDR, WCG
- More models will come to market in 2019
- Screen sizes starting at 65 inches and ranging to 98 inches
- **Wait!! We're just getting used to 4K & Ultra HD!**

## What's Driving The Push to 8K?

- There are a number of factors behind the push
- Some are obvious, others you may not know about
- Part of it is on-going technical innovation
- A lot of it is supply chain management and profitability
- Some of it is “cutting edge” marketing hype
- There has been a lot of “building the plane while flying”
- **But 8K WILL have a market impact within two years!**

To Know Where You're  
Headed, Look Back  
Where You Came From

*The clues have been there for years*



## Let's Go Back In Time A Bit...

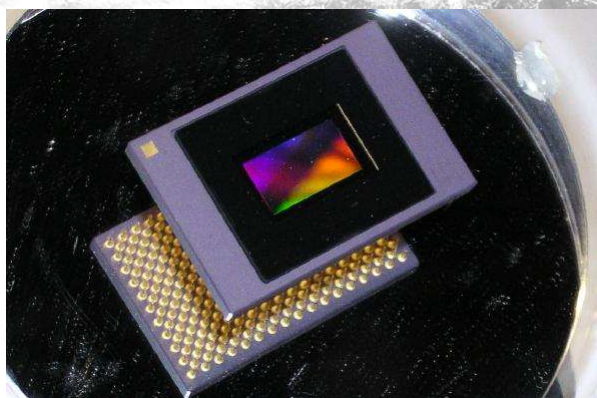
- The first 4K TVs (84-inch LG LCD monitor) were being shown at IFA in September of 2012
- Sold by **Sony** (\$25K), **LG** (\$20K), and **JVC** (\$18K)
- **MEANWHILE...Sharp** had already shown an 85-inch 8K LCD monitor at CES 9 months earlier
- Fabbed on Sharp's new Gen 10 LCD line in Sakai, Japan (opened in 2009)



8K? Who the heck needs that?

## Let's Go Back In Time A Bit...

- **NHK** has been experimenting with 8K TV since 1995
- Showed a 4K x 2K camera in 2004
- Exhibited 8K sensor at NAB 2006
- First tests at London Olympics 2012 with a couple of viewing stations
- 8K Super Hi-Vision coverage of all Olympics commenced in 2016
- 22.2 sound system standardized by SMPTE in 2008



NHK Micron 8K Camera Sensor (2006)

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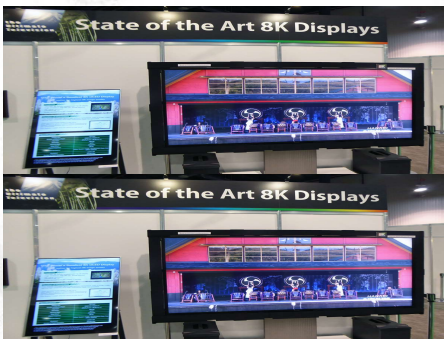
- **NHK** developed a compact (2.2 kg) 8K camera in 2013 to replace their earlier and bulkier models
- Over the next several years, NHK showed 8K/120 production, simultaneous 8K/4K/2K video output, and 8K slo-mo recording and playback tools
- They have engineered their entire 8K production system from scratch (“building the plane while flying”)



NHK compact 8K camera

## Let's Go Back In Time A Bit...

- On the display side, NHK has shown everything from the Sharp 85-inch monitor (7680x4320 pixels) to a 13-inch 8K OLED to be used as a camera monitor



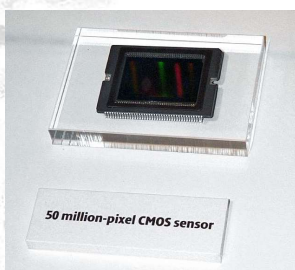
NHK (Sharp) 13-inch 8K OLED with IGZO, shown in 2013



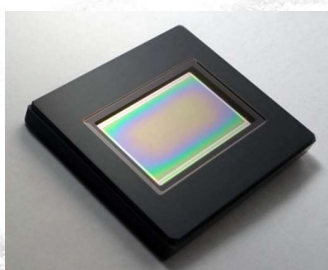
## In The Works For A While

- While Ultra HDTV was being introduced to consumers WW...
- And while adoption of 4K TV began ticking up in 2014 (majority of TVs sold by 2020 will be Ultra HD)...
- **NHK** continued to develop 8K acquisition, storage, editing, and transmission hardware and software
  - Rio Olympics in 2016 were covered and broadcast by NHK
  - Demonstrated a practical method for UHF broadcasts using horizontal and vertical polarization on the same channel
  - **Launched a dedicated satellite 8K Hi-Vision TV service 12/1/2018**

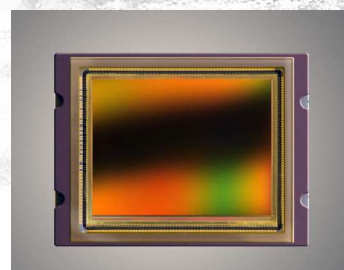
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Canon 50 MP CMOS sensor,  
shown at 2010 Expo



NHK 8K 120 Hz CMOS sensor,  
shown at NAB 2012

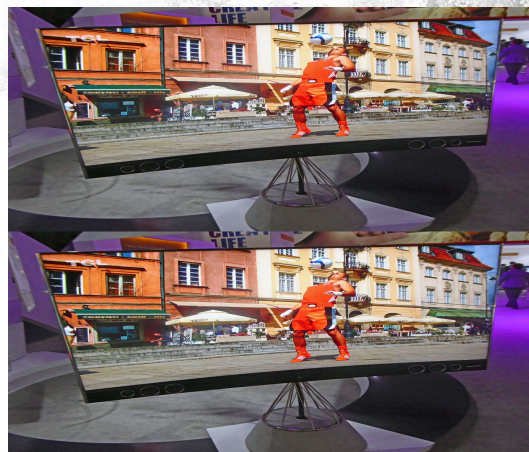


Cmosis 8K CMOS sensor,  
announced in 2016

**Multiple 8K camera sensors have been shown for >12 years**

## Meanwhile, On The Display Side...

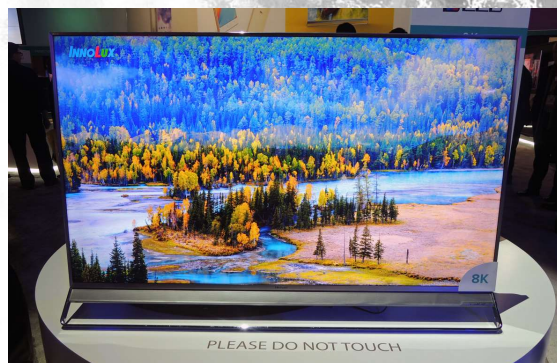
- While **LG** and **Samsung** were competing to bring OLED TVs to market in 2013, Chinese LCD manufacturers decided to “jump” to Ultra HD panel fabbing (profit was declining in Full HD LCD panels)
- They were SO successful at it that you can now buy an Ultra HDTV with HDR support for as low as \$6 / inch!
- There’s little profit in 4K LCD fabbing now. **So, what to do next?**



TCL 55-inch curved UHD TV (2016)

## Meanwhile, On The Display Side...

- **Chinese fabs switched focus to 8K**
- Companies looking to make 8K panels include **TCL (CSOT), Foxconn, BOE**
  - Several Gen 10.5 fabs and one Gen 11 fab are now under construction
  - Motherglass size is 2940mm x 3370mm (10.8' x 9.6' if you are playing at home)
- In Korea, **LG** and **Samsung** also starting 8K LCD and OLED production
- LG has 88-inch OLED, 75/98-inch LCD
- Samsung has 65/75/85-inch LCD



Innolux 85-inch 8K LCD TV



## Meanwhile, On The Display Side...

- **Samsung** announced 8K digital signage displays at ISE 2019
- Initial offering is the same 85-inch panel used in consumer TVs
- Quantum dot backlight, full array
- Supports HDR & WCG
- No word on display interfaces yet – likely **HDMI 2.0** as on the consumer version (max 4320p/30)



And they support HDR!

## The 8K Ball Is Rolling

- Of the 226 million TVs expected to ship in 2019, more than half will be ultra-high-definition (UHD) models. However, **8K TVs** from major global TV brands **will launch toward the end of 2018**, kicking off the next wave of resolution transition. *“Growth in the TV market typically is the result of more attractive retail prices for large-screen sizes and **the continued commoditization of 4K resolution**, driving TV replacements and upgrades,”* said [Paul Gagnon of IHS Markit](#). *“However, **this has a negative effect on profits**, so TV brands are actively looking for **more growth from advanced TV models to improve earnings.**”*

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## Meanwhile, On The Camera Side...

- **Sharp** announced their 8C-B60A 8K camera in the fall of 2017
  - Uses a Super 35mm sensor with 33 MP
  - Frame rates from 23.98 to 60 Hz
  - HLG gamma curve standard
  - Uses Grass Valley HQX Codec (7680×4320 4:2:2 10-bit)
  - Video compression rate 6 Gbps (8K 60p: approx. 1/7 compression)
  - Recording capacity 40 minutes with 2 TB SDHC storage





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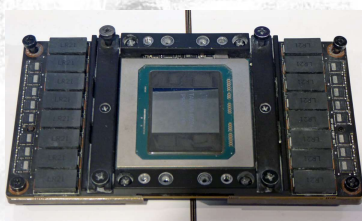
- **Sharp** also surprised everyone with an 8K DSLR prototype at CES
- Micro Four Thirds 8K sensor
- Records 4320p/30 with H.265 coding
- UHS-II SD card slot
- 5" flip-out display for viewing
- HDMI port (likely 2.0)
- **More specs to come at NAB 2019**



## It's Not Just About 8K Cameras



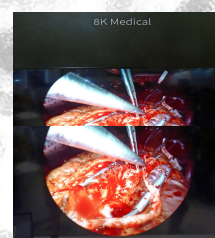
Sharp 8K Videowall (Eight 104-inch 5K panels)



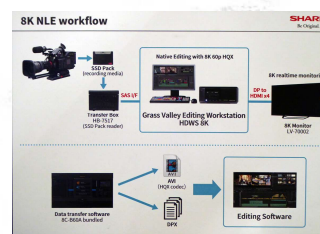
Sharp 8K CMOS Sensor



8K Over IP Demo



8K Medical Imaging



8K NLE Workflow

## Hey! They're Using My Lenses!



The world of 8K video is full of surprises...

## More Players In The 8K Game



Hitachi SK-UHH8060 8K Camera

- **Hitachi SK-UHH8060**
- Single CMOS Super 35mm sensor (7680 X 4320)
- Simultaneously outputs 8K, 4K/UHD, 1080p, 1080i and 720p
- High Dynamic Range and Wide Color Gamut conform to ARIB standards
- 10-inch 4K OLED viewfinder
- 60W power consumption in studio operation mode
- Camera weight 6 kg (13.2 lbs)



## More Players In The 8K Game



Sony UHC-8300 8K Camera

- **Sony UHC-8300**
- 3x 1.25" 8K CMOS imagers for 7680x4320 resolution
- 8K/4K/HD simultaneous output to support current 4K/HD workflow
- 8K 119.88p image scanning output over octal 12G-SDI
- S-Log3 and BT.2100 HLG with BT.2020 wide color space and HDR/SDR simultaneous SR Live operation
- Weight 7 kg (15 lbs 7oz)

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Canon has shown this 8K camera prototype at Photokina

Image: Cinema 5D

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RED 8K Cameras

- **RED Monstro 8K**

- 35.4 Megapixel CMOS Sensor
- 40.96 mm x 21.60 mm (Diag: 46.31 mm)
- 60 fps at 8K Full Format (8192 × 4320)
- 75 fps at 8K 2.4:1 (8192 × 3456)

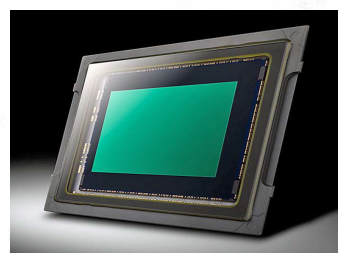
- **Red Helium 8K**

- 35.4 Megapixel CMOS Sensor
- 29.90 mm x 15.77 mm (Diag: 33.80 mm)
- 60 fps at 8K Full Format (8192 × 4320)
- 75 fps at 8K 2.4:1 (8192 × 3456)

## More Players In The 8K Game

- **Panasonic** introduced its 8K Global Shutter sensor in 2018

- 8K high-resolution (36M pixels), 60fps frame rate
- CMOS image sensor with organic photoconductive film (OPF)
- In-pixel gain switching technology
- High-speed noise cancellation and high saturation
- 'Global' shutter enabled for sharper detail in motion images





## Classic Misdirection?

- We were all entranced by the ‘bright, shiny’ object – 4K
- Meanwhile, **8K R&D** was going on for **almost 20 years**
- No coincidence that we’ve reached this inflection point!
- You will see multiple 8K TV models by **Q4 2019**, including some from Chinese brands (**TCL & Hisense**)
- **Samsung** is bringing out a 65-inch 8K LCD with QDs and target price is < \$5,000 MSRP (about \$77 per diagonal inch)
- **Then, there are the usual caveats...**

## Got Speed? You’ll Need It

Display Signal	Refresh (Hz)	Color Mode	Bit Depth	Data Rate
7680x4320p	24	4:2:2	10-bit	19.1 Gb/s
7680x4320p	<b>30</b>	<b>4:2:0</b>	<b>8-bit</b>	<b>17.8 Gb/s</b>
7680x4320p	30	4:2:0	10-bit	21.4 Gb/s
7680x4320p	30	4:2:2	10-bit	28.5 Gb/s
7680x4320p	30	4:4:4	10-bit	42.8 Gb/s
7680x4320p	60	4:2:0	8-bit	35.6 Gb/s
7680x4320p	60	4:2:0	10-bit	42.8 Gb/s
7680x4320p	60	4:2:2	10-bit	57 Gb/s
7680x4320p	60	4:4:4	10-bit	85.5 Gb/s
7680x4320p	120	4:2:2	10-bit	114 Gb/s
7680x4320p	120	4:4:4	10-bit	171 Gb/s

## Got Speed? You'll Need It

- **NONE** of the uncompressed 8K data rates will pass through a 10G switch
- **NHK** has shown 5:1 compression using TiCO to pass 8K/60 4:2:0 10-bit color through a 10 Gig switch
- **HDMI 2.1** is fast enough, but won't be here until late Q4 2019
- **DisplayPort 2.0** announced at CES, but specs not written yet
- **CAVEAT EMPTOR!**



Fastest HDMI input is v2.0 (18 Gb/s)

## And There's Now An 8K Trade Group...

- **8K Association** announced at CES



- Goals:

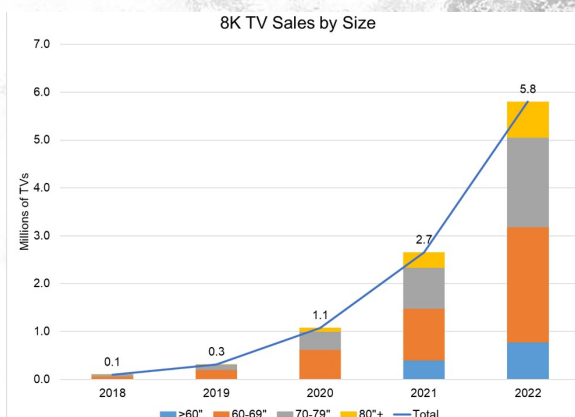
- Promoting 8K TVs and content to consumers & professionals
- Educate consumers & professionals about the 8K ecosystem
- Help secure native 8K content for members
- Encourage service providers (especially OTT) to develop 8K programs
- Facilitate communication within 8K ecosystem to help commercialization
- Develop initial technical requirements for 8K input signals
- Develop initial 8K TV categories and minimum specs for image quality



## The Seven-Year Itch

- **Are we really ready to move to 8K??**


- We transitioned from SDTV to 720p TVs ≈ 7 years (1998-2005)
- We transitioned from 720p to 1080p TVs ≈ 7 years (2005-2012)
- It's been 6.5 years since the first Ultra HDTVs appeared – 4K TVs are cheap now
- LCD panel makers are ramping up 8K glass production (next wave?)
- Forecasts say **5.4 million 8K TVs will ship WW in 2022** with 60% of sales in China



Source: DSCC/Insight Media

## Summary

- 8K TV is coming, whether you think it makes sense or not
- A lot of the development work has already been done with cameras and sensors (lenses for 8K cameras will come)
- Codecs can handle the load (JPEG XS, H.265, VVC)
- Display panel fabs gearing up for 8K production by 2020
- Display interfaces not fast enough – double up? Use DSC?
- 8K TVs have very good upscaling engines (Full HD, 4K)
- **Didn't buy a 4K TV yet? Might as well wait a bit longer!**



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