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Electron microscopy

Detectors



Recording Images In Electron Microscopy

A little bit of history

- Oldest recording medium: photographic film
- 1970: Charge coupled device (CCD) was invented
- 1976: CCD camera was used for astronomy
- 1982: 100 x 100 CCD was *directly* exposed to 100 kV electrons...radiation damage
- 1988: 576 x 382 CCD used with scintillator and optical coupler
- 1990: **Gatan** made the world's first commercial CCD camera
- 2002: 128 x 128 direct detection camera developed
- 2008 – 2009: commercial complementary metal-oxide semiconductor (CMOS) cameras and radiation hard CMOS cameras were introduced



Image & pixels

Thus, the so-called Nyquist limit is defined as the maximum frequency of a signal that can be reproduced at a certain sampling rate (->), i.e. what we can reproduce at best at that sampling rate. This theoretical maximum possible is one pair of lines for every 2 pixels.

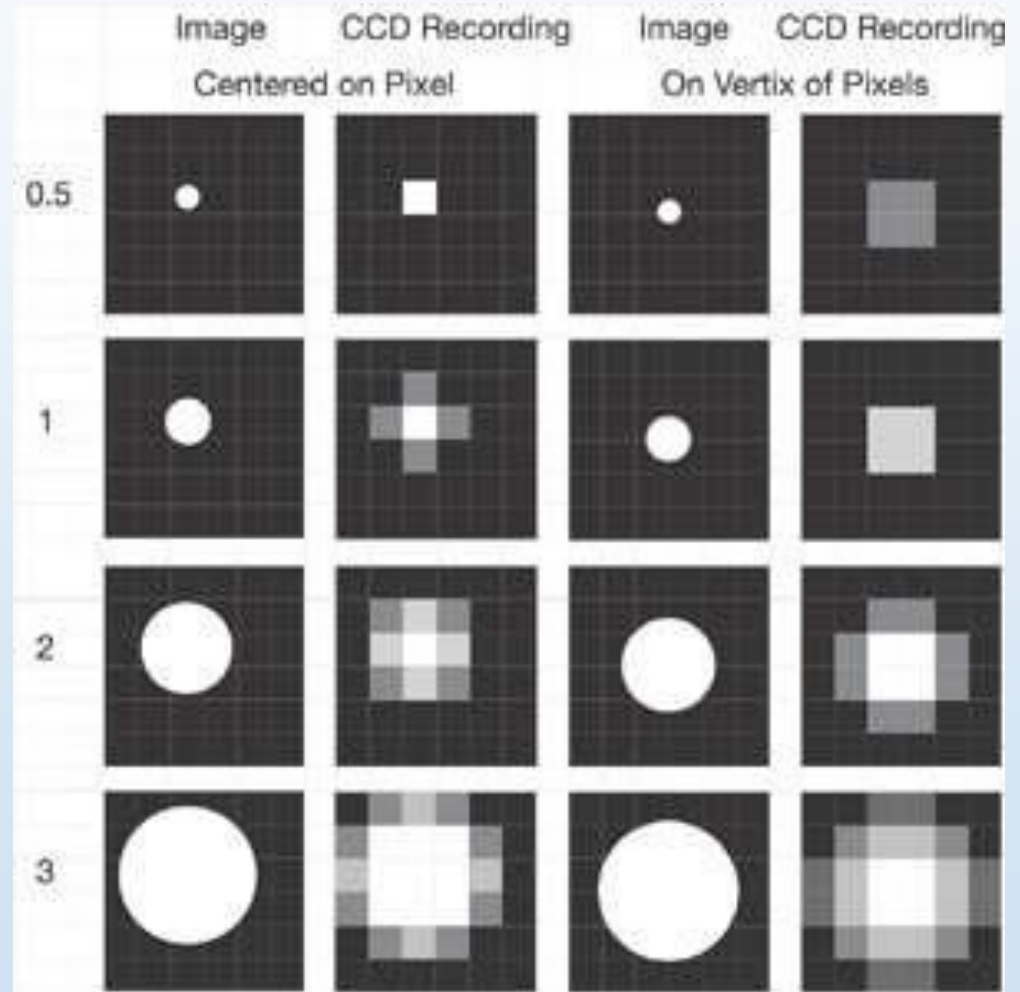
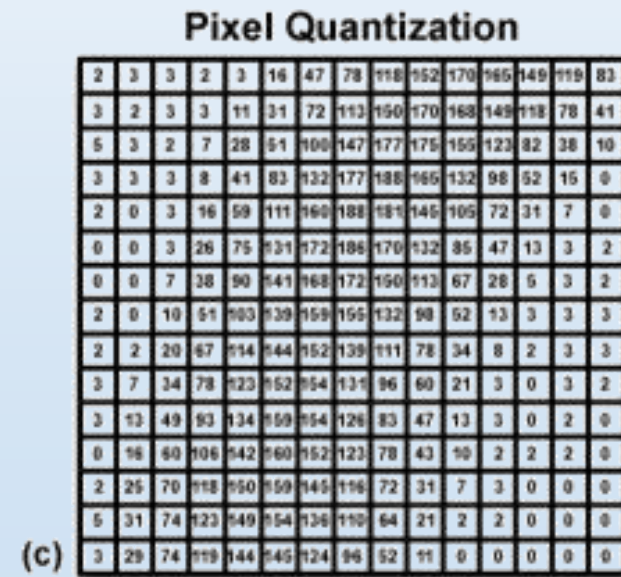
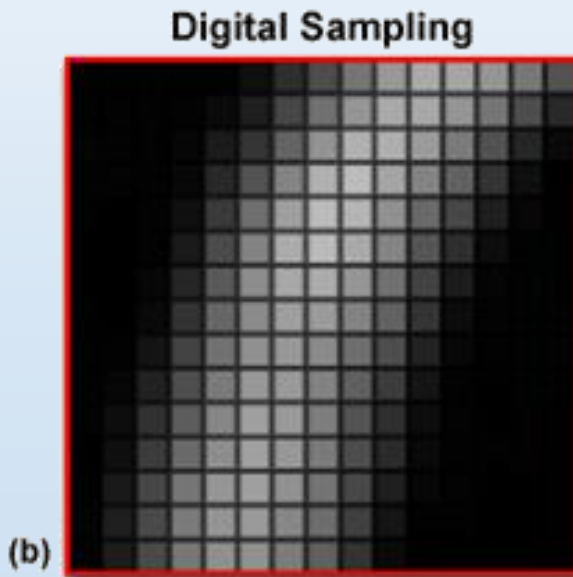
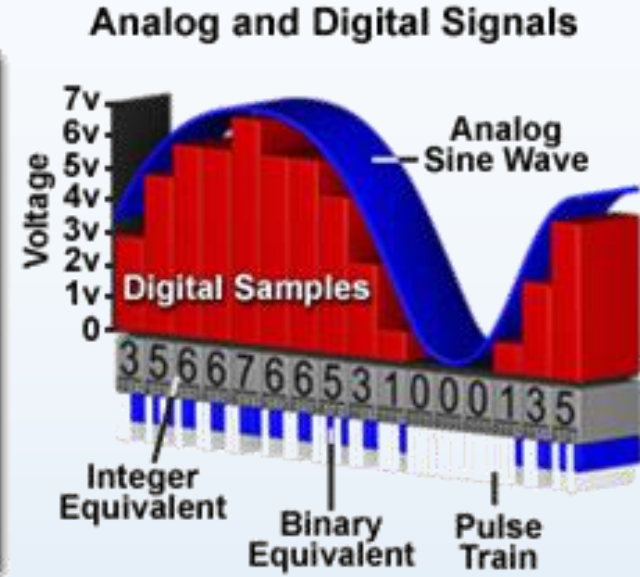
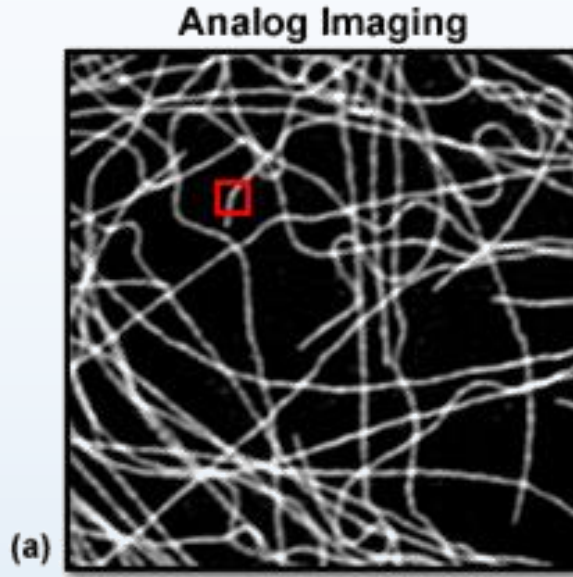


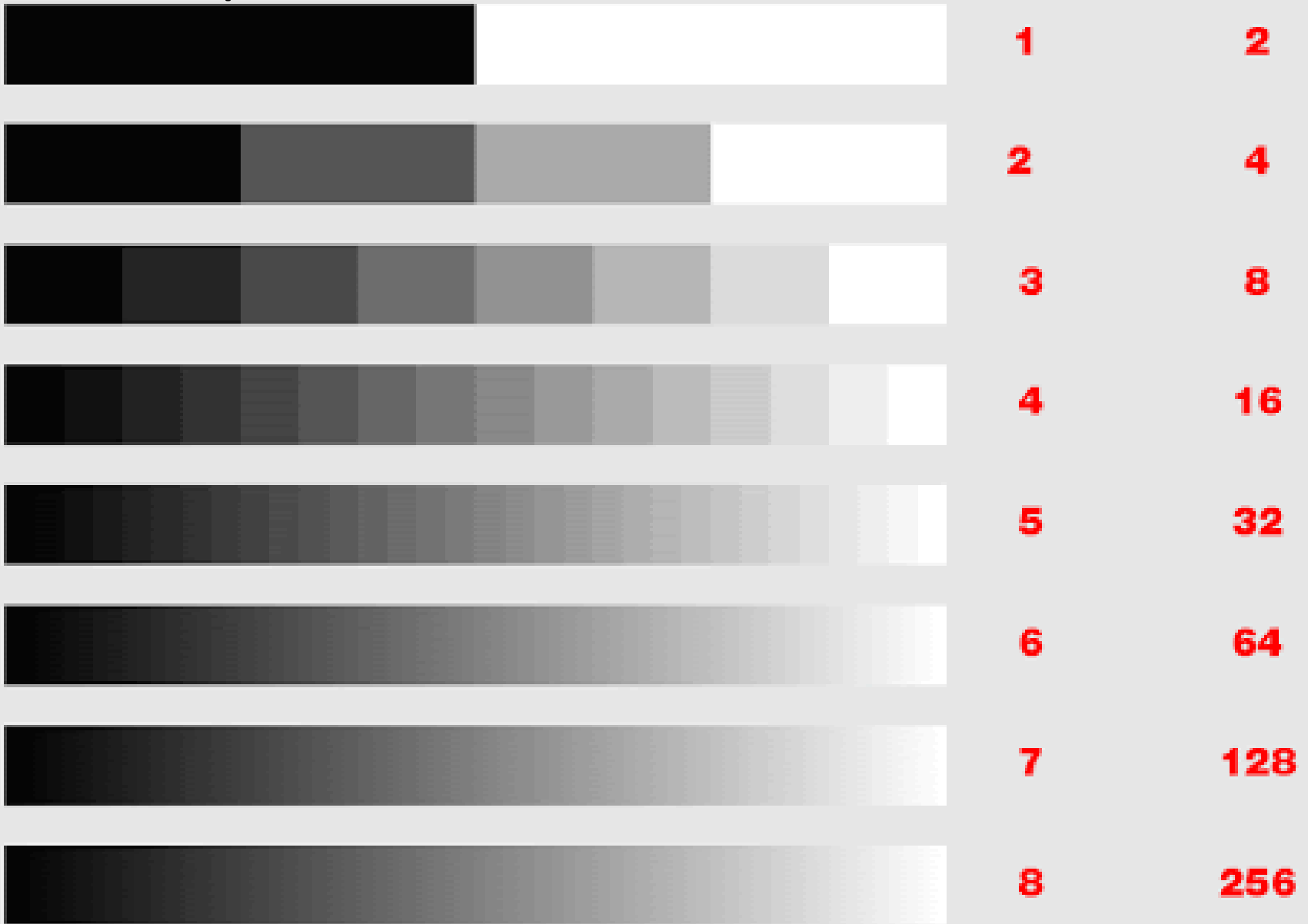
Image & pixels

- It is possible to produce an image from a discrete signal.
- A digital image is not more than a matrix.



Bit Depth

bit x píxel **colores**



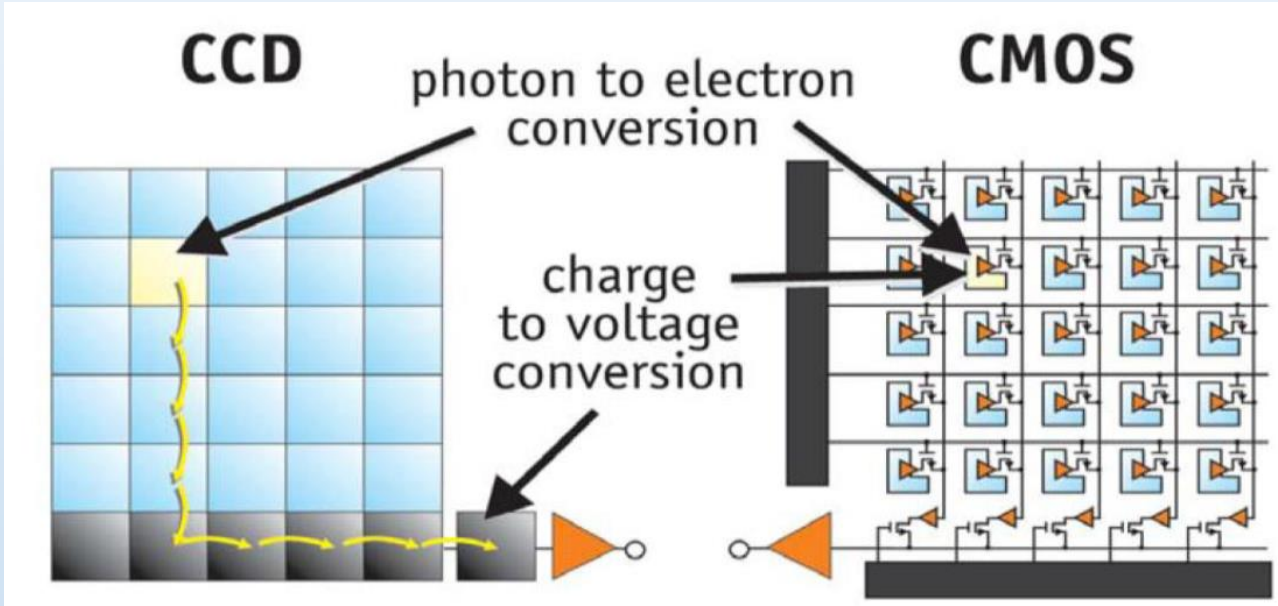
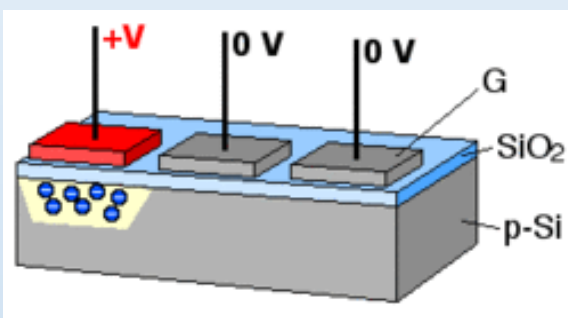
16 bits = 65.536

32 bits = 4.294.967.296

CCD vs. CMOS

Both CCD and CMOS use photo diodes to convert photons to electrons, the difference is how they store charge and transfer it.

- **CCD**: Charge is transferred between neighboring cells, and read-out
- **CMOS** : Charge immediately converted to voltage (read out with digital output)

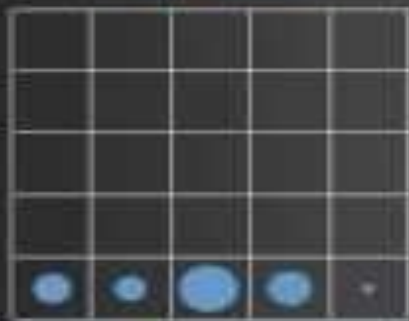


CCDs move photogenerated charge from pixel to pixel and convert it to voltage at an output node. CMOS imagers convert charge to voltage inside each pixel.

CCD vs. CMOS

CCD

Circuit Board

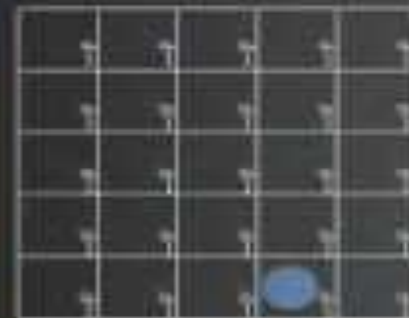


Electron-to-Voltage Conversion



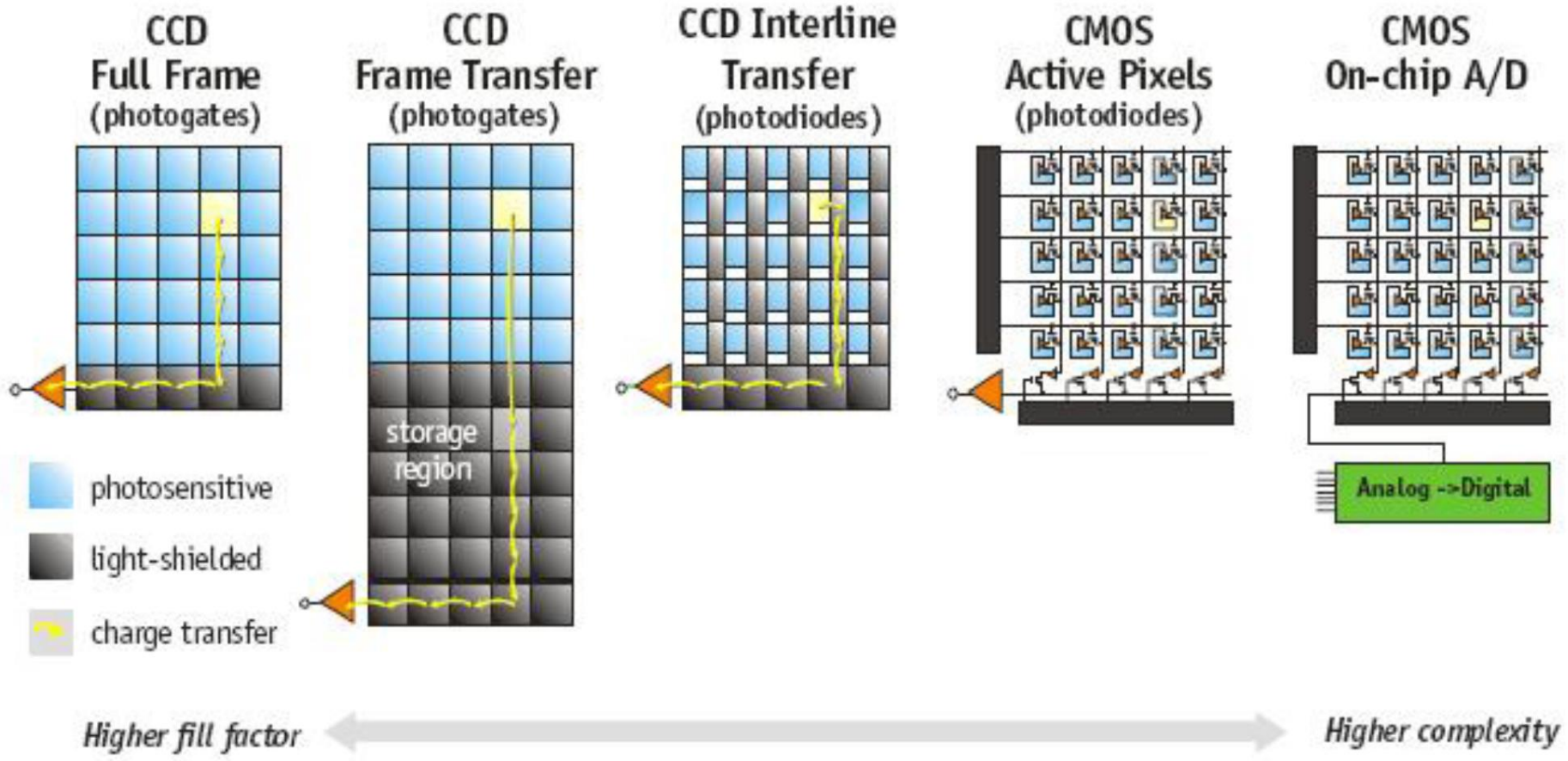
CMOS

Analogue-to-Digital Conversion



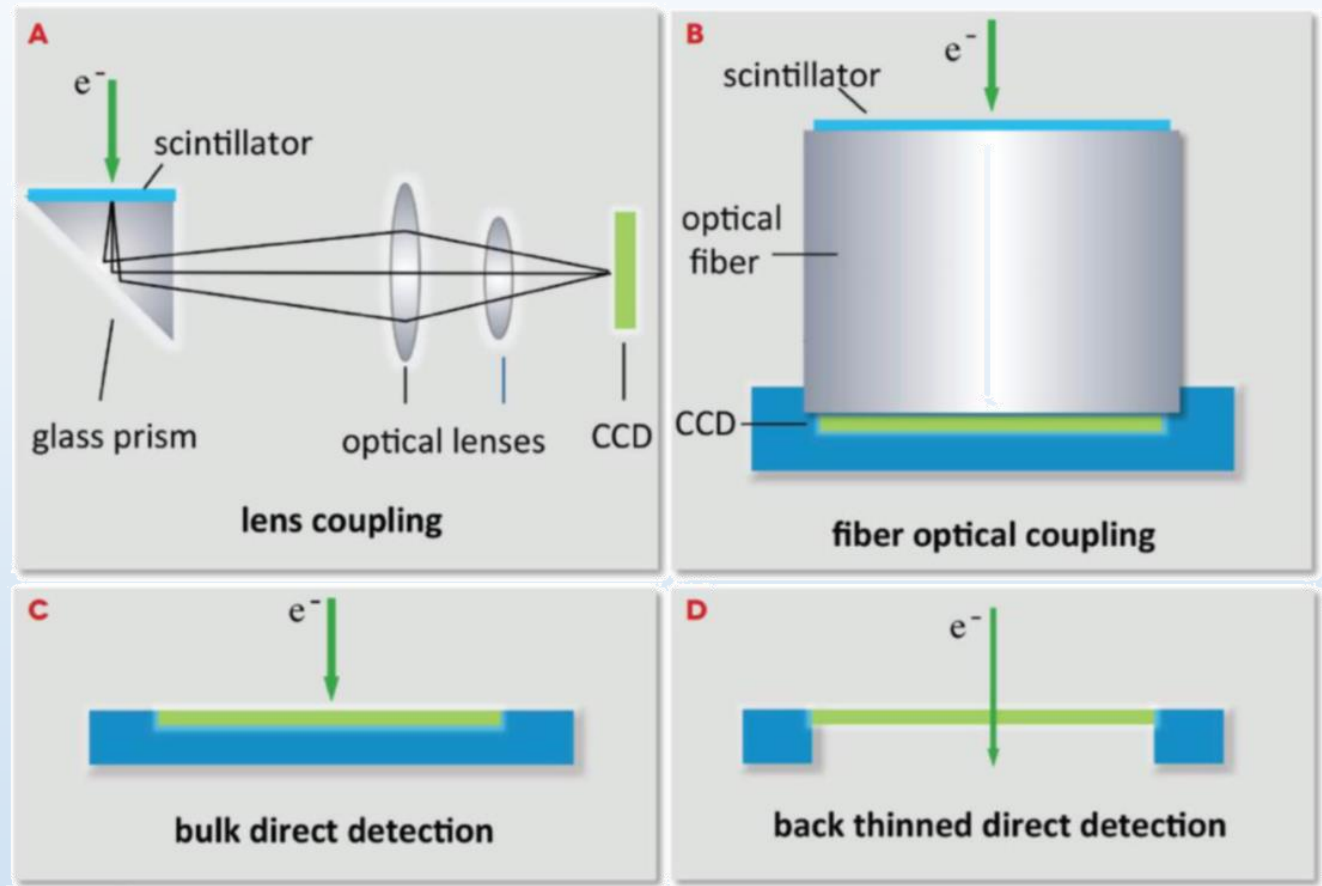
Electron-to-Voltage Conversion at each pixel

CCD and CMOS types



Detectors in Electron Microscopy

- A. Optically coupled
- B. Fiber-optic coupling
- C. Direct detection
- D. Transmission direct detection



Transmission Direct Detection

1. Convert electrons to light
2. Transfer light to detector
3. Detect electron and convert to signal

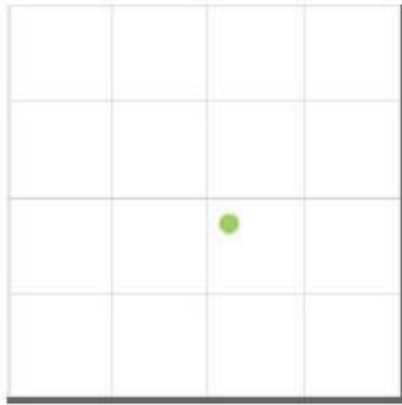


Radiation hard, thinned CMOS

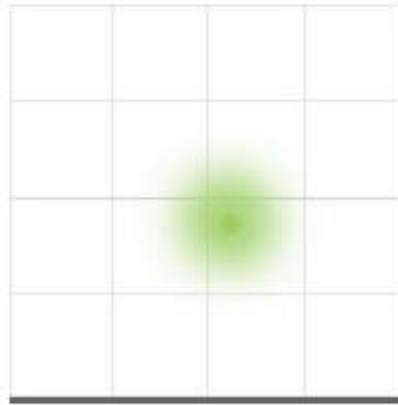


Minimize back scattered electrons that add noise

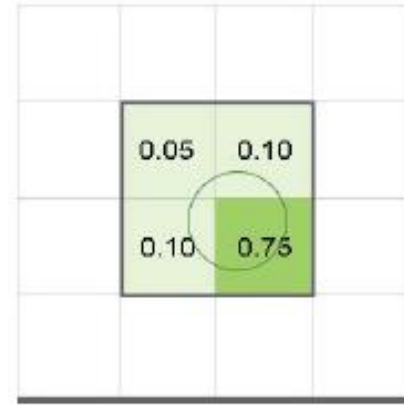
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Electron enters
Detector.



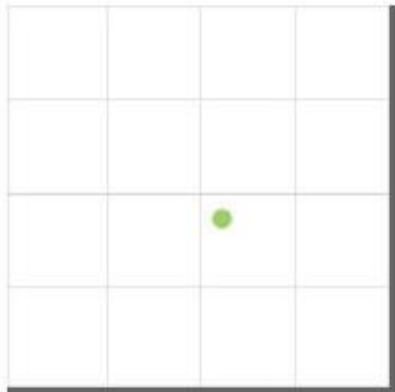
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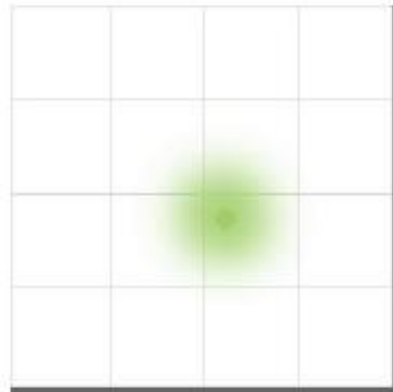
Charge collects in
each pixel.

Super-RESOLUCION

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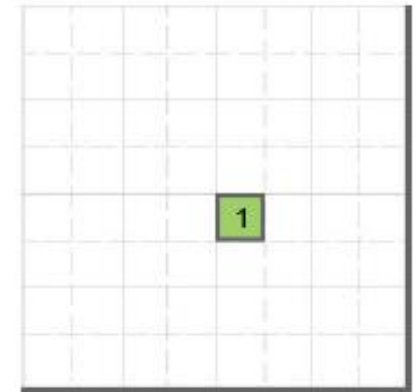
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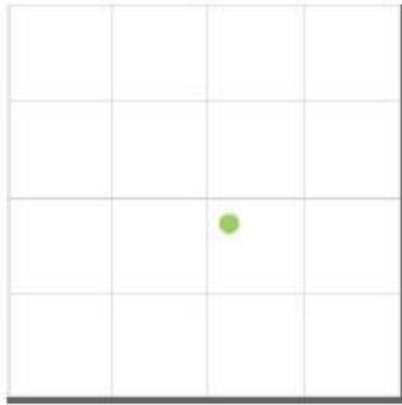


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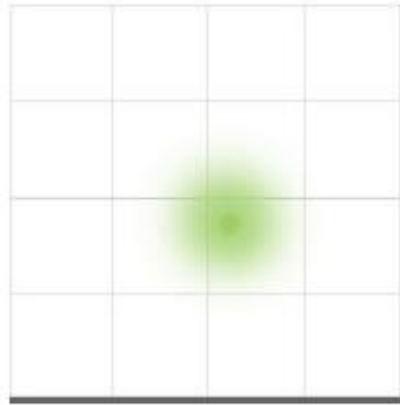


Event localized to
sub-pixel accuracy.

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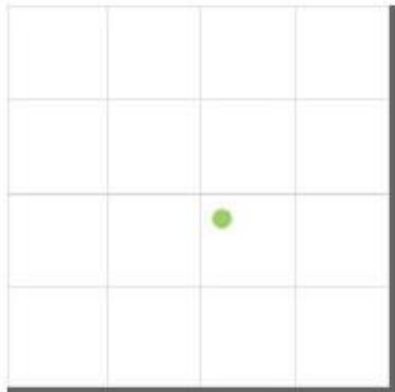
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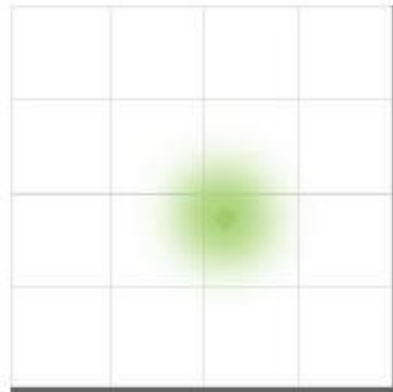
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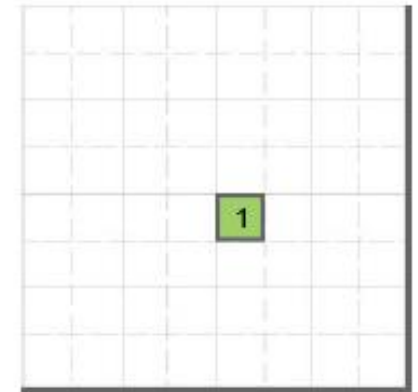
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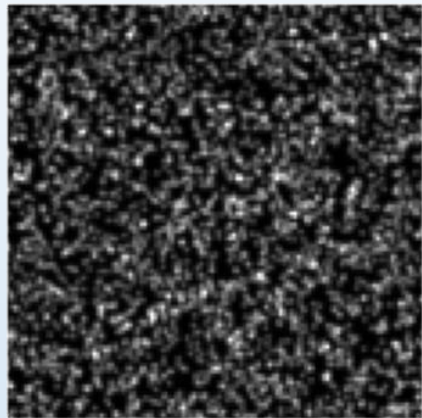
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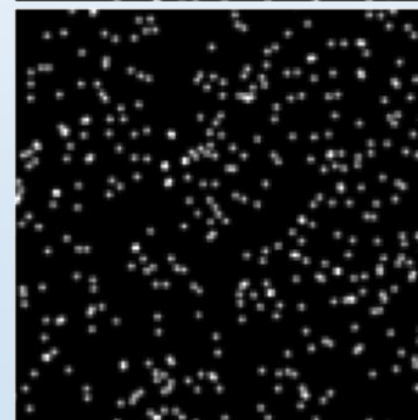
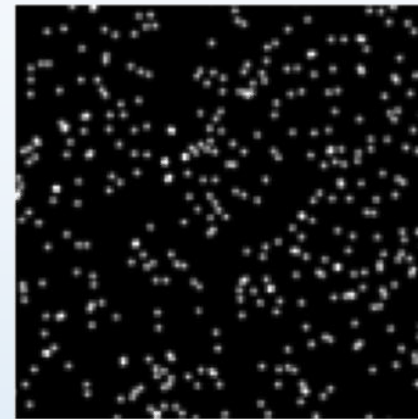
Electron Counting Requires that Electrons Don't Overlap on the Sensor



Lower beam intensity

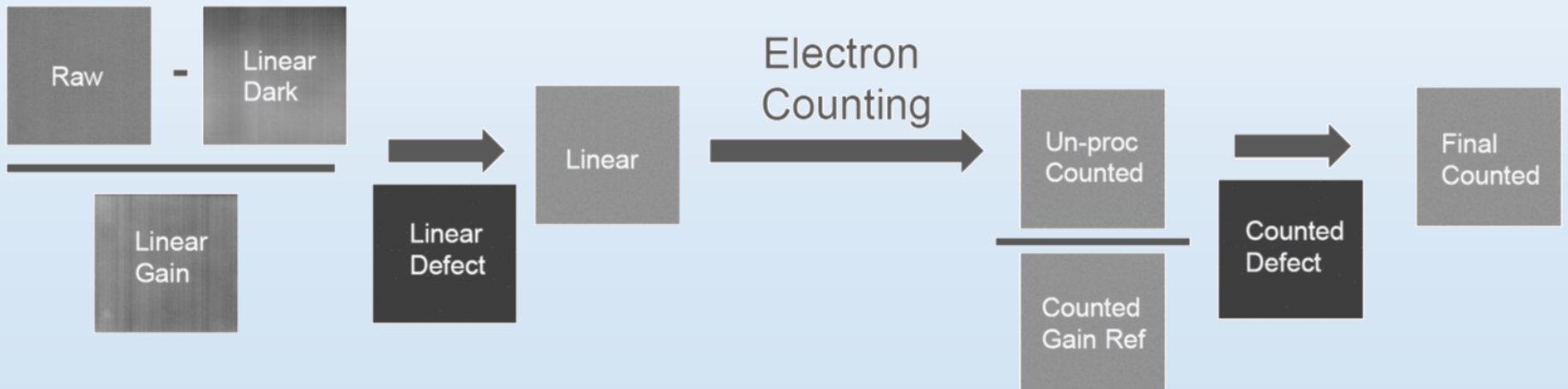
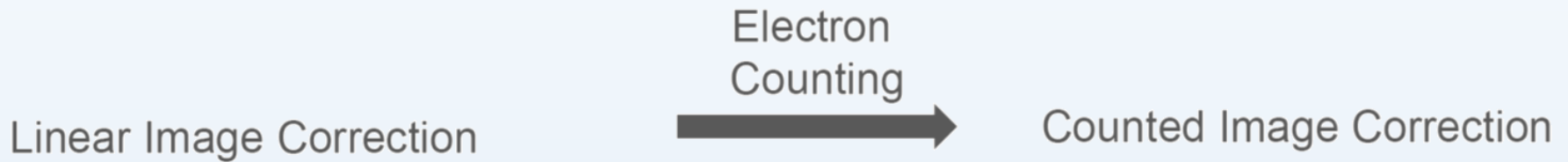


Faster frame rate

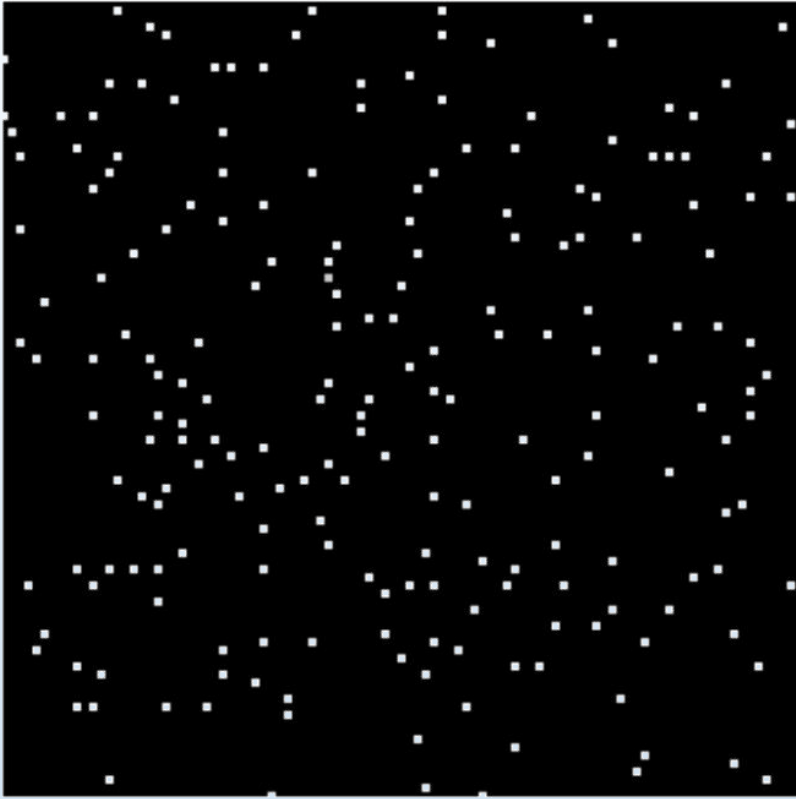


Both methods allow counting, but the effect is not equivalent!

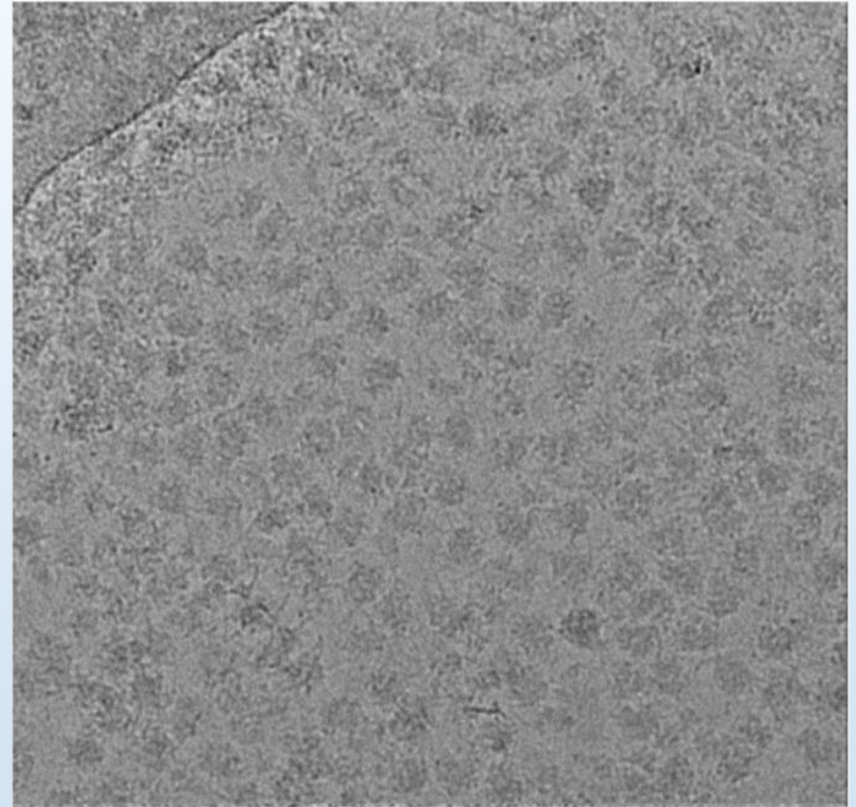
Counted Gain Correction Scheme



How Frame Alignment Works

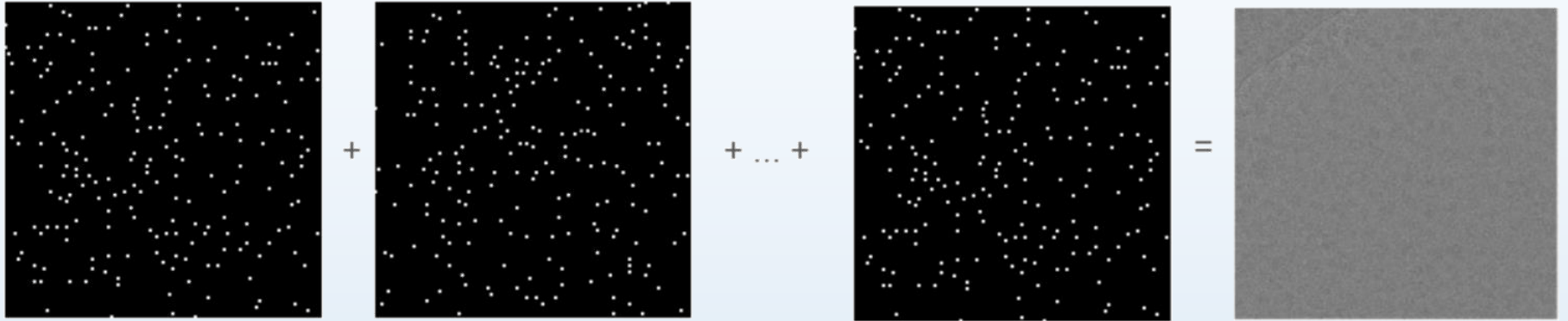


Raw counted frame

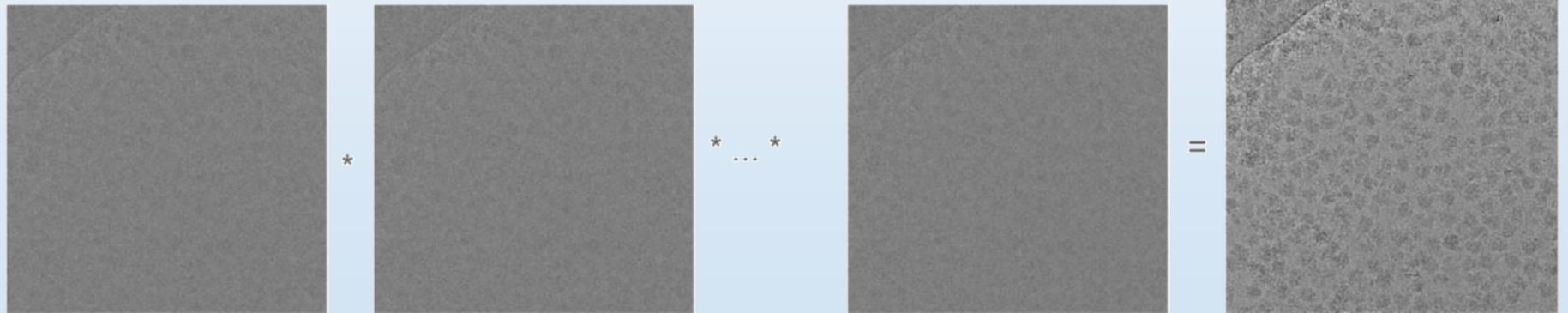


Final aligned image

Raw counted frames are summed

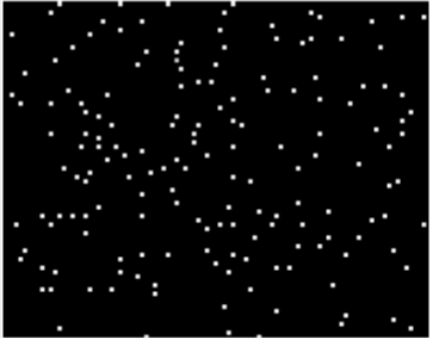
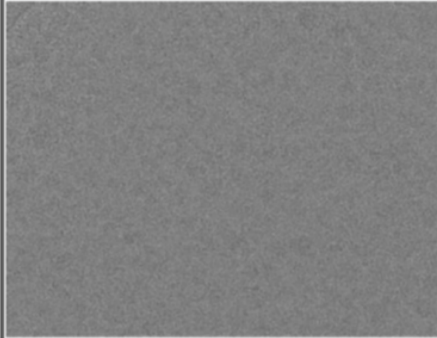
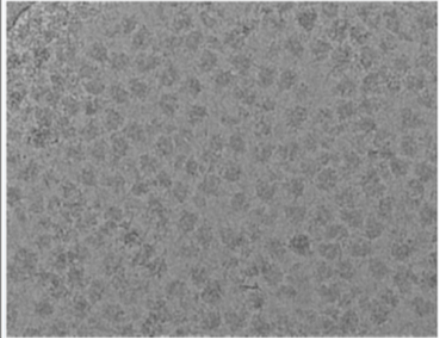


1 sub-frame



Sub-frames are aligned and summed

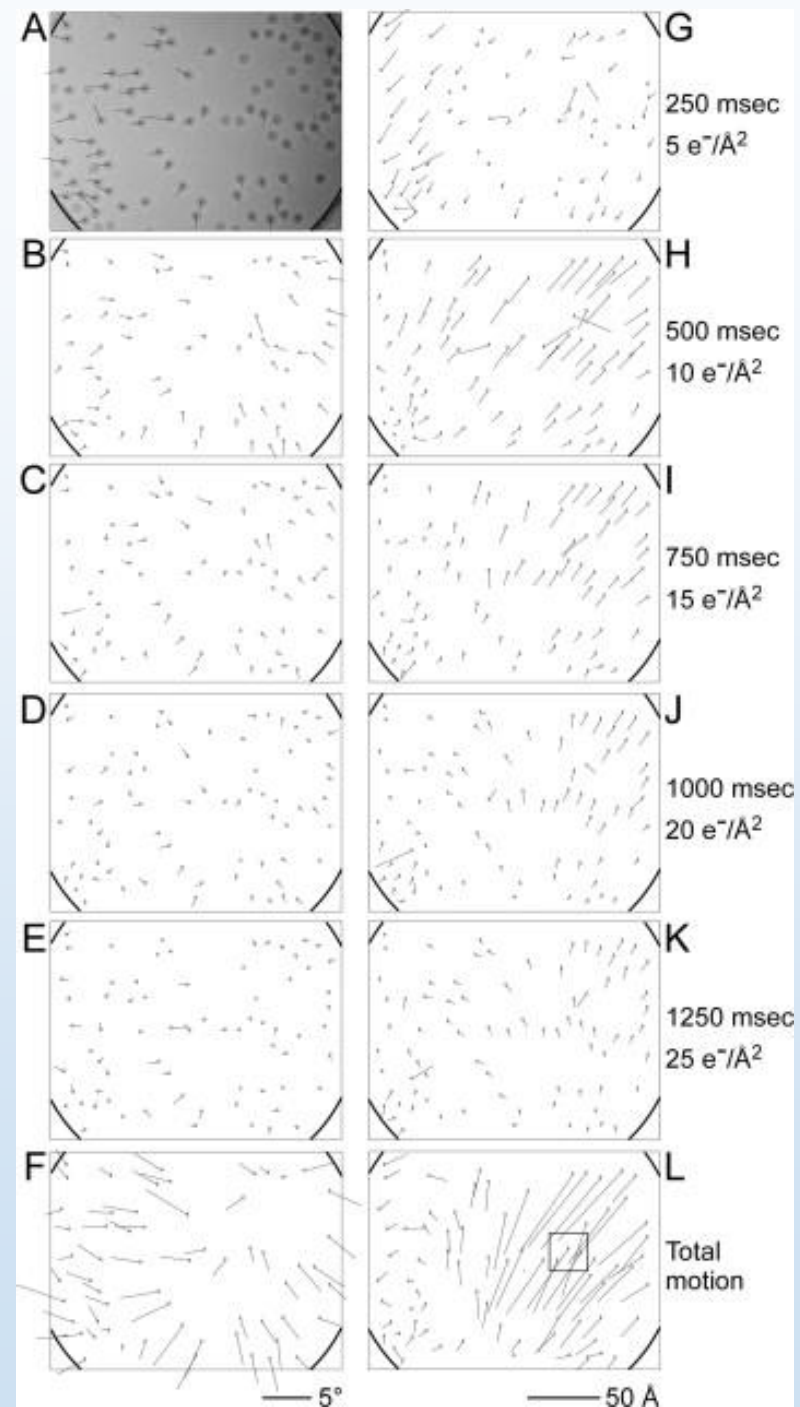
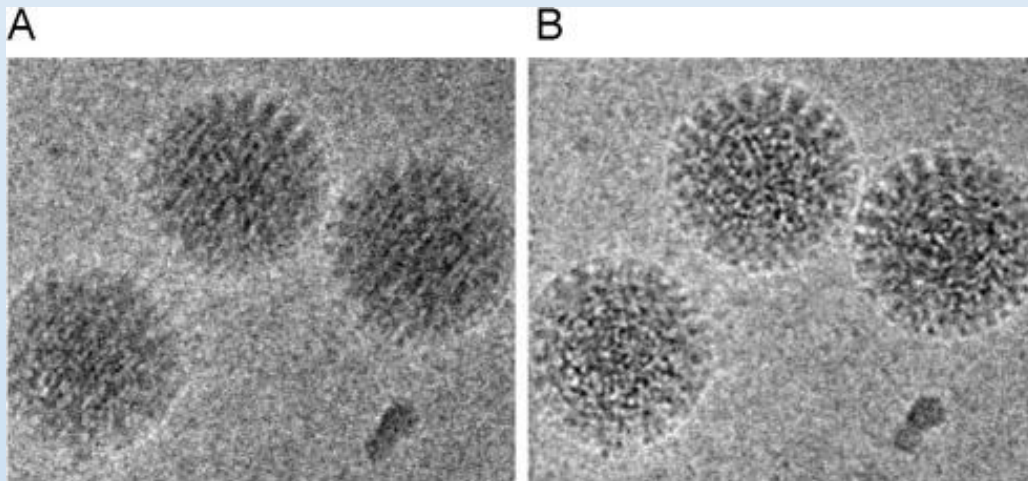
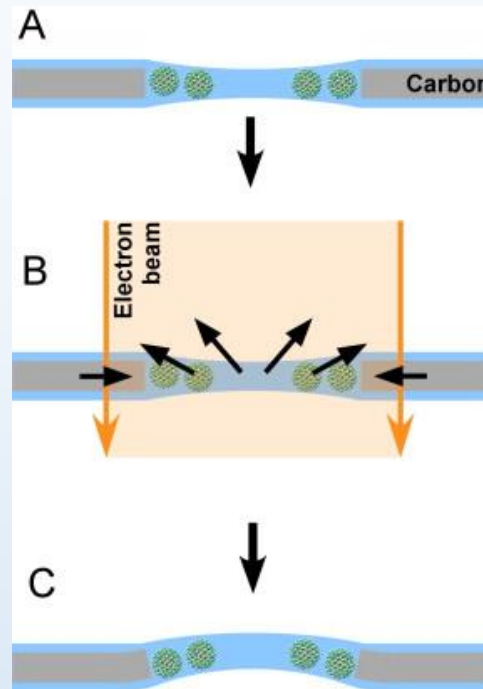
1 final image

	Sensor Frame Rate	Dose Rate	 Counted Frame	 Sub-frame	 Summed/Aligned Frame
Other	40	0.8 e/pix/s	0.025 s	1 s (1 fps)	100 s
K2	400	8 e/pix/s	0.0025 s	0.1 s (10 fps)	10 s
K3	1500	30 e/pix/s	0.00066 s	0.027 s (37 fps)	2.7 s

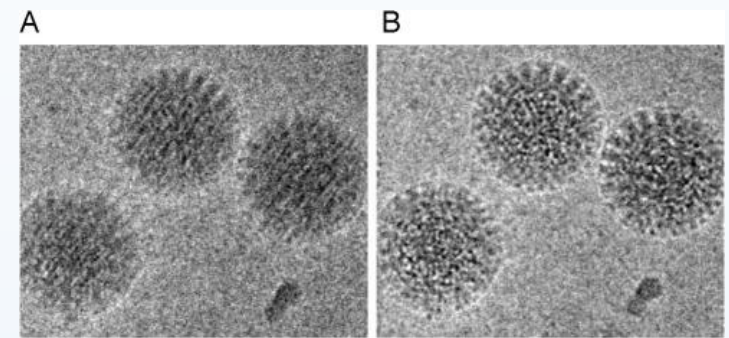
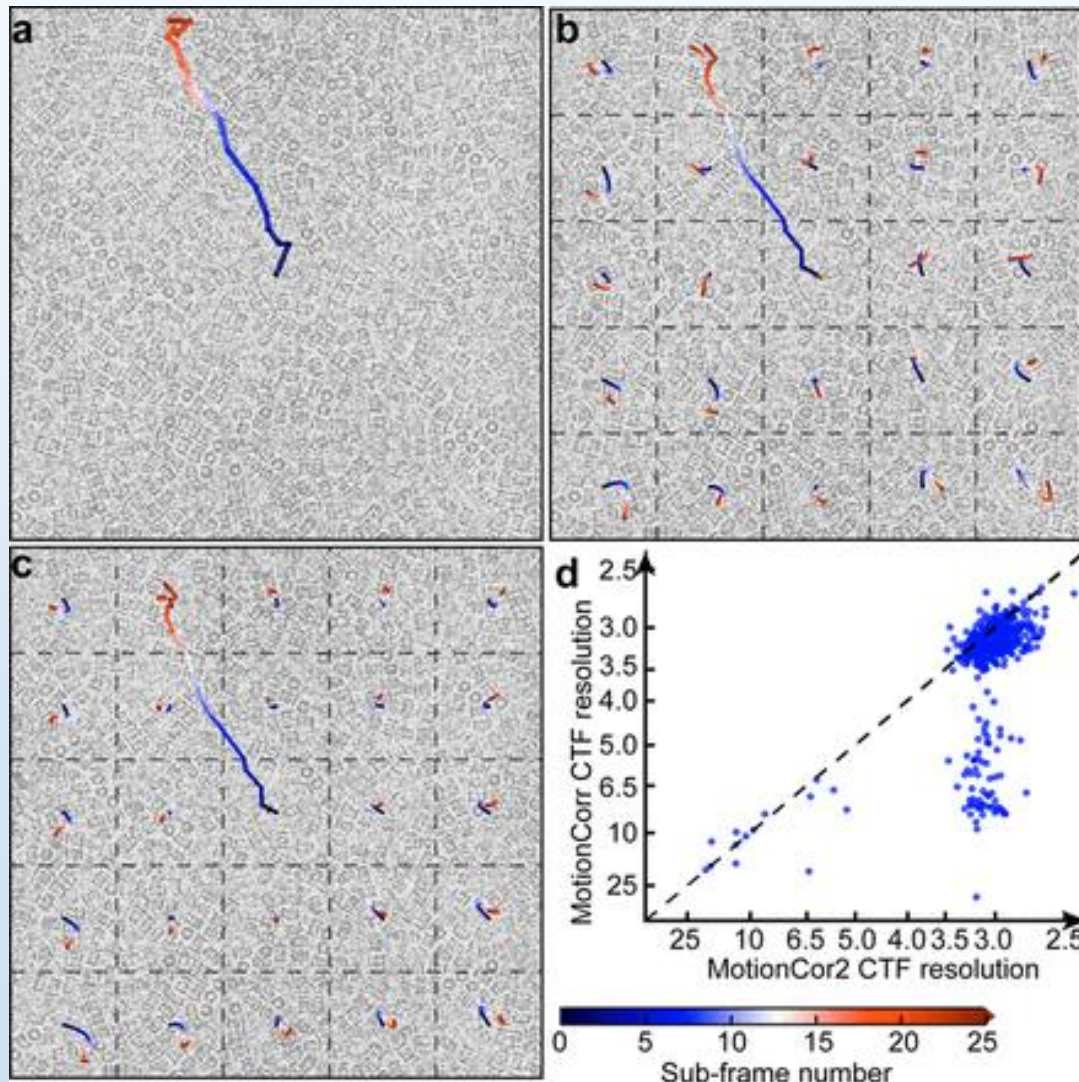


Frame alignment.

The way to correct
Beam Induced
Movement.
This type of process
are always present
and almost random.



Frame Alignment



Motion correction of cryo-EM images by MotionCor2.(a) Image of frozen hydrated archaeal 20S proteasome overlaid with the traces of motions determined. The long trace originated from the center of image is the global motion based upon full-frame alignment. The whole frame is divided into 5×5 patches, and traces of each patch are predicted from the polynomial function. (b) The same image overlaid with the motion traces of each patch as determined from MotionCor2. (c) The trace of globe motion determined from the same image using the original MotionCorr. (d) Resolutions of micrographs estimated using CTFFIND4 [22](#) from the correction by both MotionCorr (vertical axis) and MotionCor2 (horizontal axis). Circles on the lower right side of the dashed line represent micrographs which MotionCor2 produced better correction.