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Introduction to ImageJ session 1: Basics

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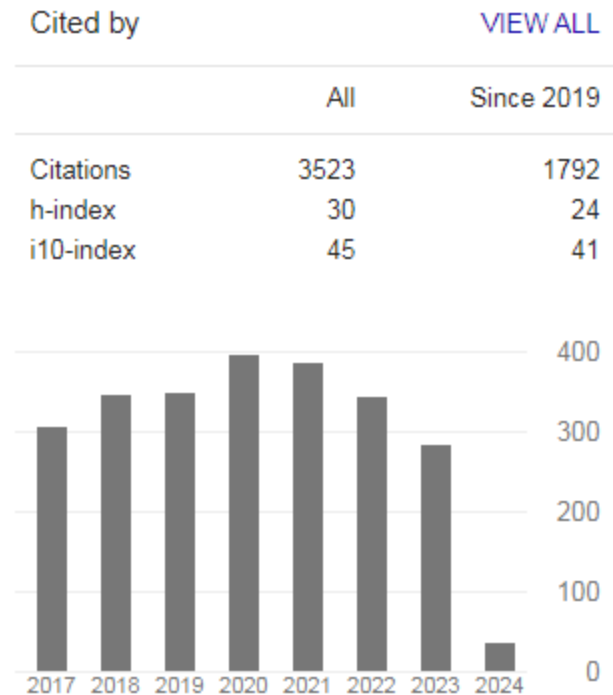
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Who am I?

- PhD in structural biology (University of Bern)
- PostDoc in 3D image quantification
- 2 years at Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry, Munich, Germany
- At AMI since 2012
- Author or co-author on 80+ scientific papers
 - >3500 citations
 - h-index: 30
 - i10-index: 45
- 20 years of experience with scientific images (2D, 3D and 4D: LSM, SEM, TEM, FIB, etc...)
- 20 years of experience with imageJ and Fiji



Administration

How far can
go with FIJI

use key
ImageJ
options
correctly

I want to
know
precisely
what I am
doing

Exploit the
capacity of
ImageJ/FIJI

To improve
own data /
pictures

Determine
the size of
objects and
size
distribution

Distribution
size of my
nano-
particles

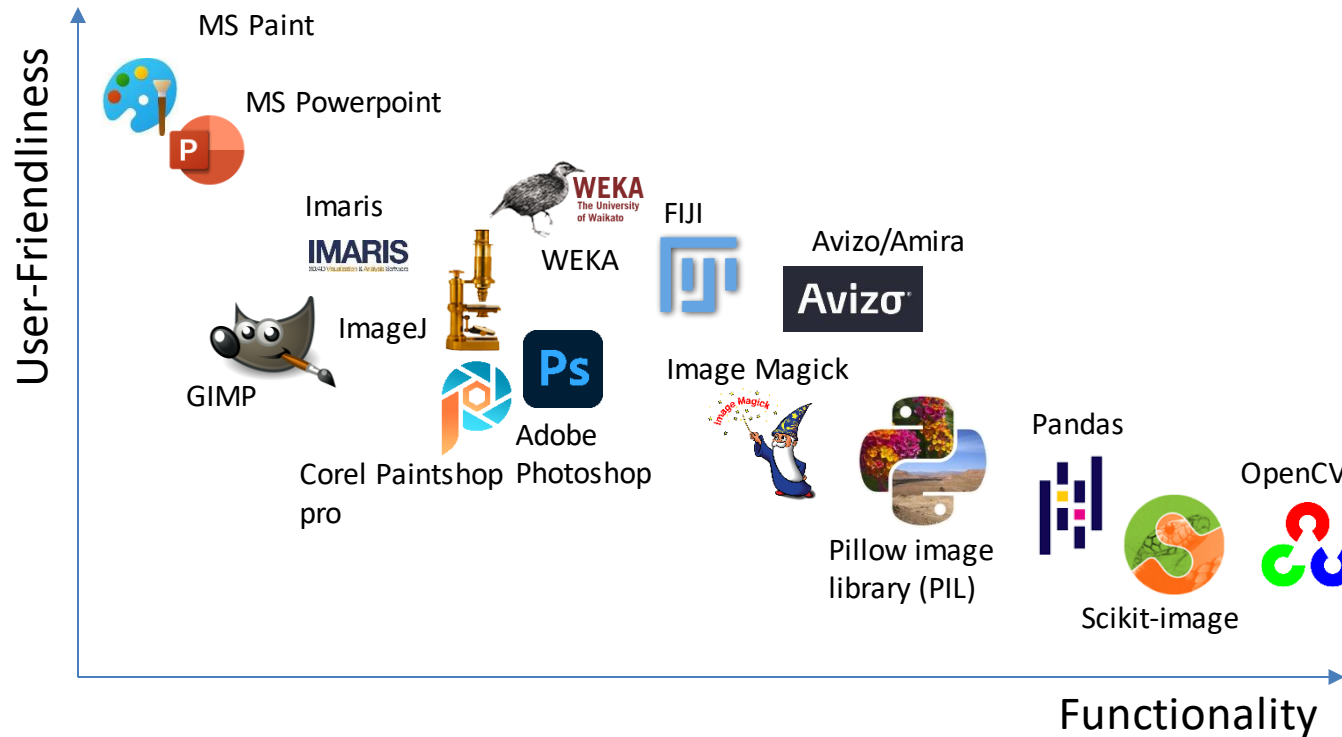
Learning
how
scripting
works

(Nano)-
particle size
distribution
and size
analysis

Count cell
number in
a more
objective
way

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Why ImageJ (in fact: FIJI)?



FIJI (FIJI is just imageJ)

- Graphical user interface
- Extendable with plugins
- Designed for scientific data
- Broad functionalities
- Scripting possibilities

- Creating digital images from analogue signals
- What is a pixel?
- Noise
- Image file formats
- Bitdepth

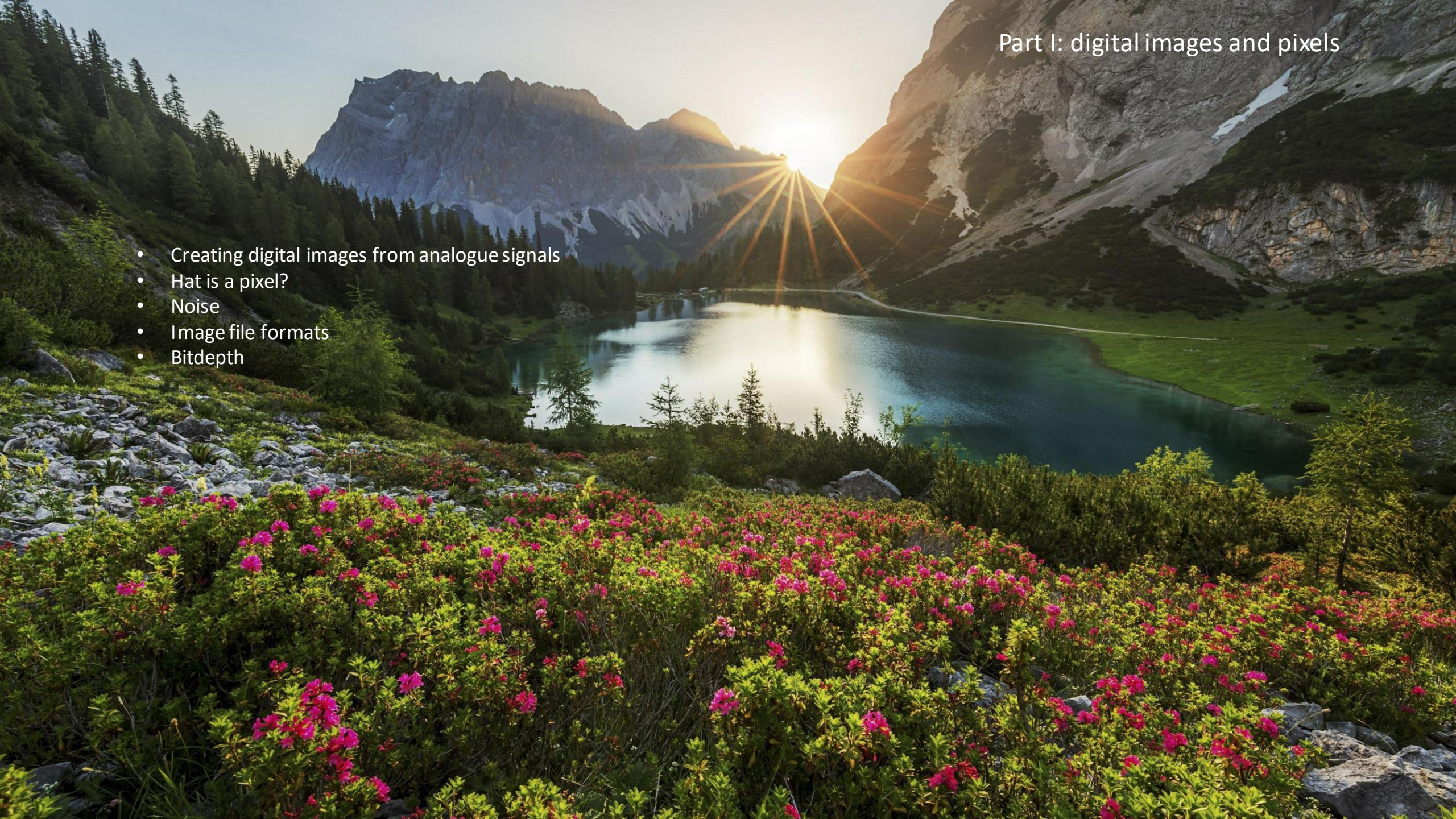
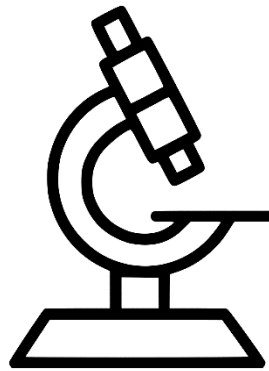


Image processing

Image processing starts with recording good images



Sample preparation



Imaging



Image processing

Central idea:

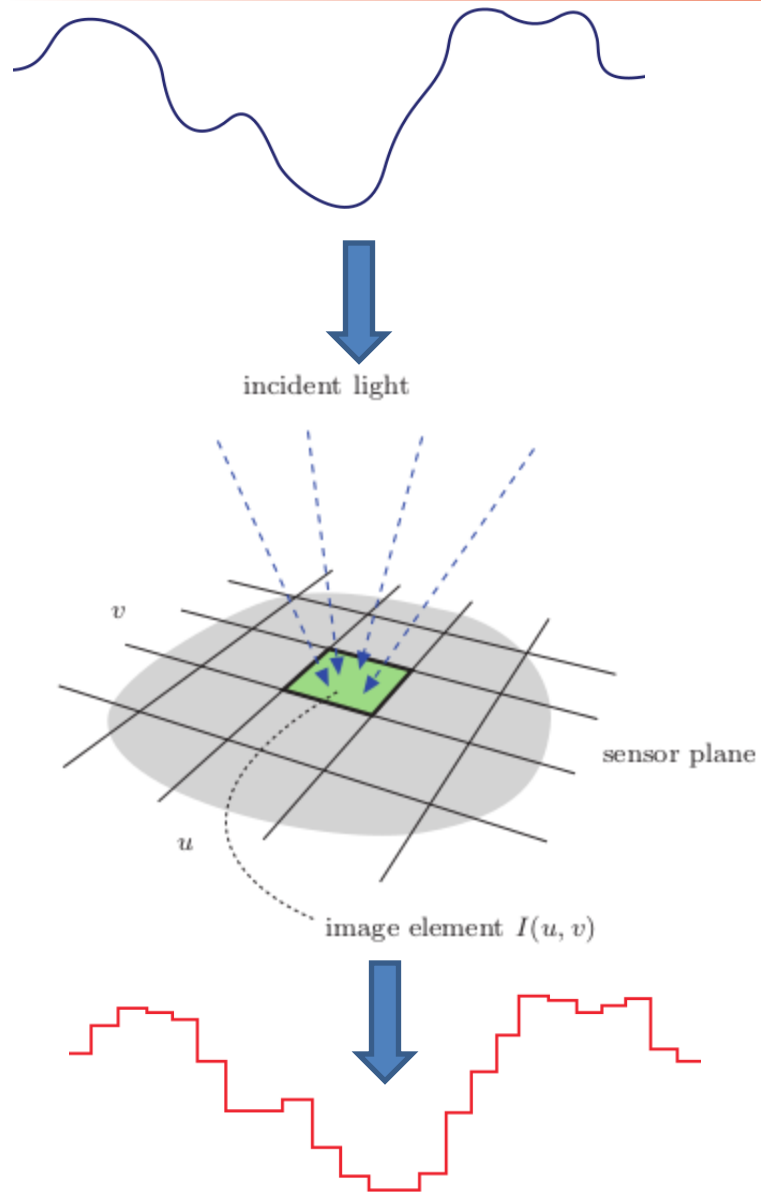
GIGO

Garbage in, garbage out

Good image in → maybe better image out

Bad image in → never a good image out

Going digital: Continuous to discrete function

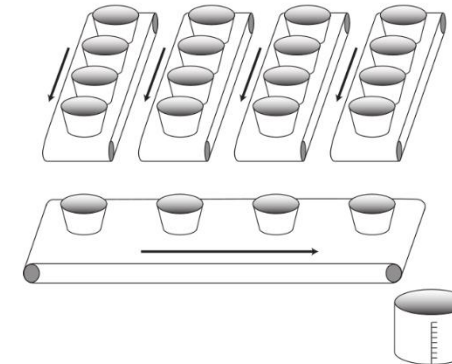
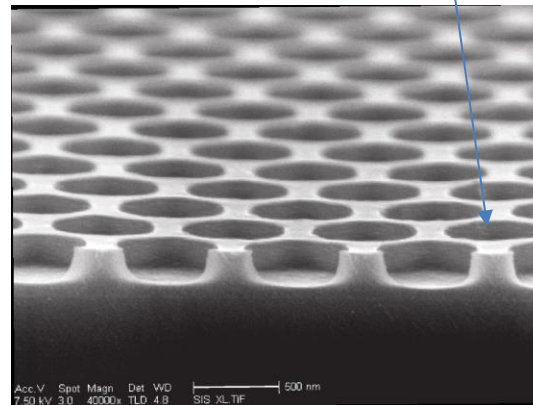
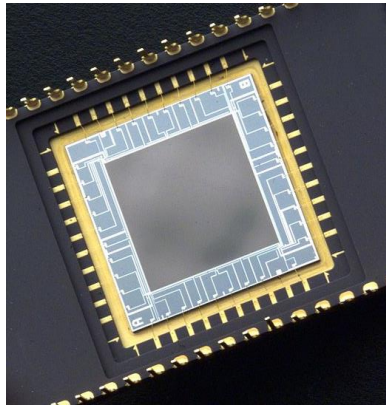


1. Spatial sampling
2. Time sampling
3. Analog to digital conversion

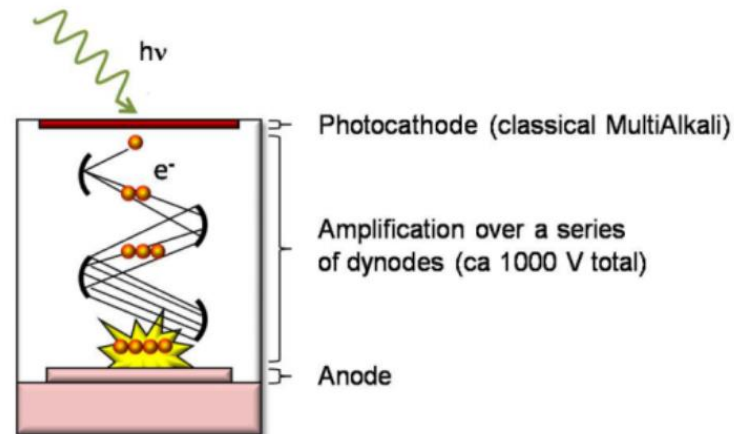
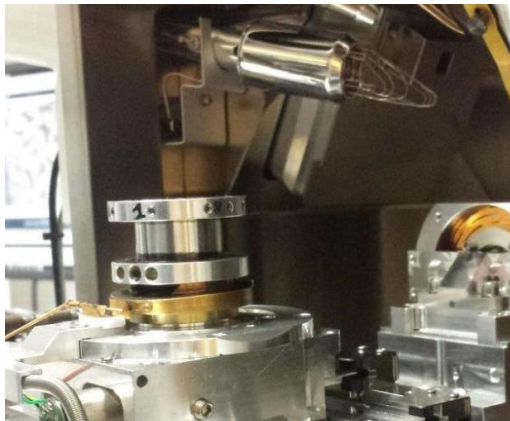
What is a pixel - Cameras and detectors

Photodiode (or well, or element)

Camera
(e.g LM, TEM)



Detector
(e.g LSM, SEM, STEM)

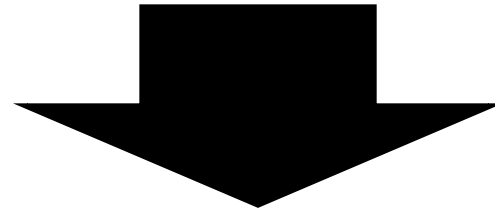


Step 1: spatial sampling

Continuous function



Nature



Discrete function



Small chip photodiodes



Medium chip photodiodes



Large chip photodiodes

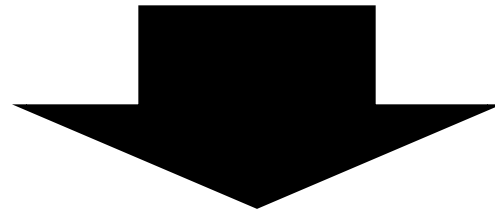


Binning

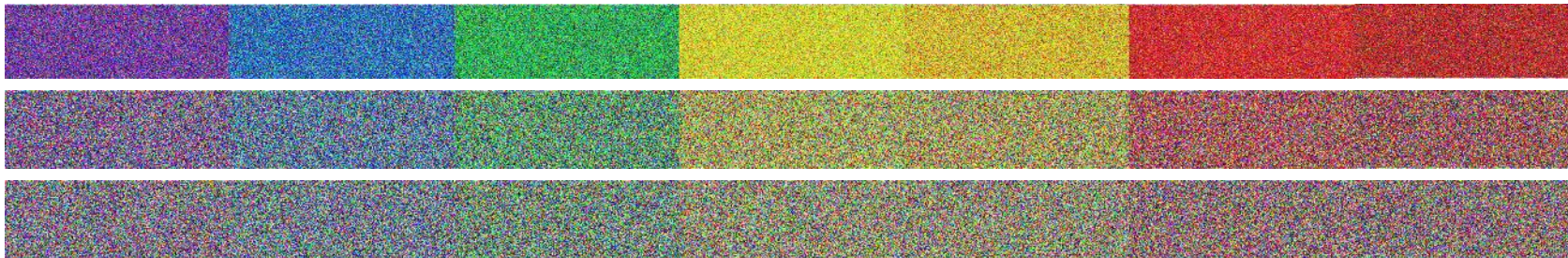
1. The **continuous** (=infinite) light distribution is *spatially sampled* to a **discrete** function
 - Conversion from continuous to a discrete function (artefacts: e.g. moiré)
 - Sensor geometry is relevant (e.g. binning)
 - According to Nyquist-Shannon theorem

Step 2: temporal sampling

Discrete function



Discrete function, time domain sampled



Long exposure time, high SNR

Medium exposure time

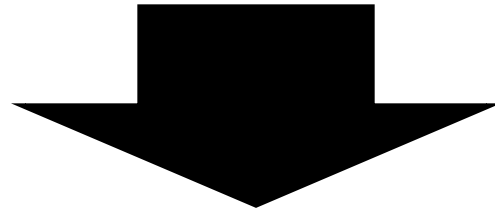
Short exposure time, low SNR

2. This resulting discrete function is *sampled in the time domain* (=1 still image)

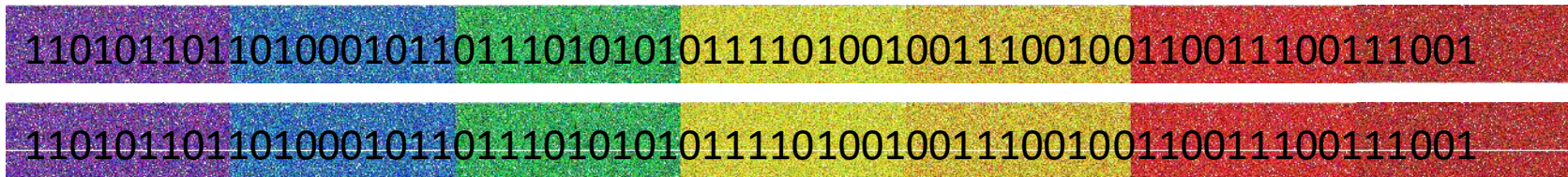
→ Exposure time (the regular time interval) is relevant, **signal to noise ratio** (SNR), shot noise

Step 3: analog to digital conversion

Discrete function, time domain sampled



Discrete function, time domain sampled



Salt-&-pepper noise, read noise

Scan faults, jitter, periodic noise

3. The resulting values are *quantitized* to a finite set of numeric values

- Conversion from photons (or electrons, X-rays,...) to electric charge (= analog to digital converter)
- charge is converted to a **range of integers**
- hot pixels, jitter, periodic noise

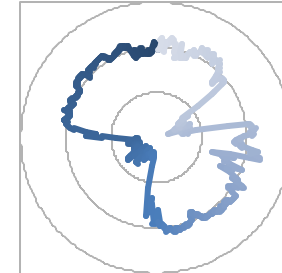
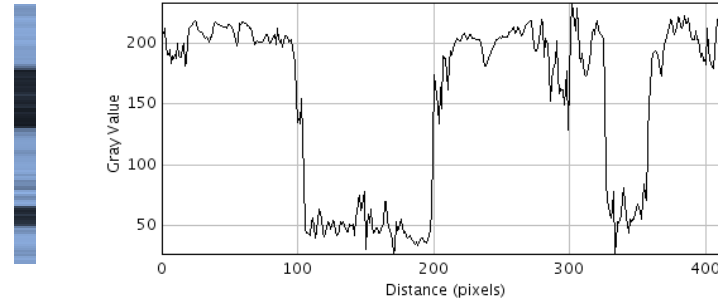
Going digital – what is a digital image?

A digital image is an ordered, rectilinear array (or grid) of **integers (numbers: 0,1,2,3...)**. Each element (=number) in the grid is also known as a picture element or 'Pixel'

Spectrum

1 dimensional array

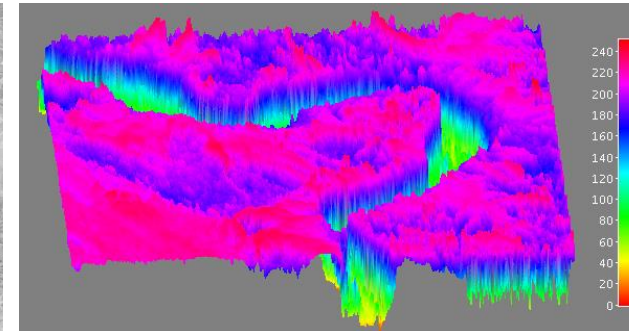
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Image

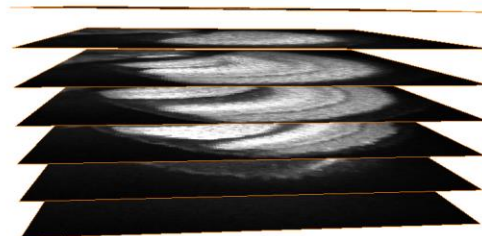
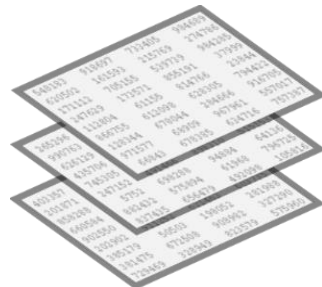
2 dimensional array

82	72	78	86	65	41
157	144	167	188	201	191
185	191	195	188	188	191
193	195	195	191	189	171
173	170	181	192	194	191
210	214	206	202	203	201
237	224	221	230	232	221
183	180	190	188	192	181
178	170	159	187	195	181
167	164	170	186	192	181
159	162	164	184	170	161
180	172	165	172	185	171
193	180	196	195	185	171
167	184	182	183	180	171
195	191	182	189	195	181
183	188	184	183	174	161
101	106	105	170	100	101



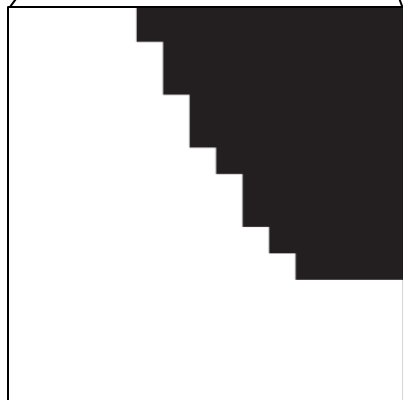
Stacks

3D array
(= volume stack or video)

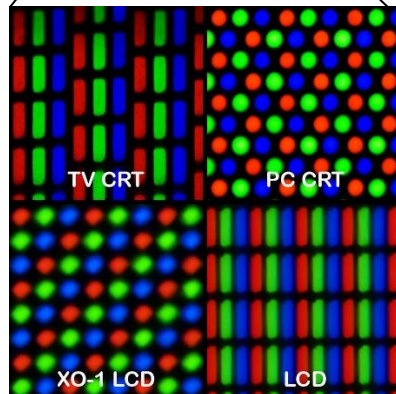
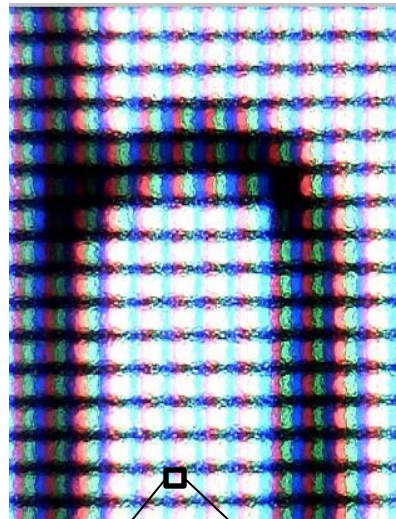


What is a pixel? – it depends on the context

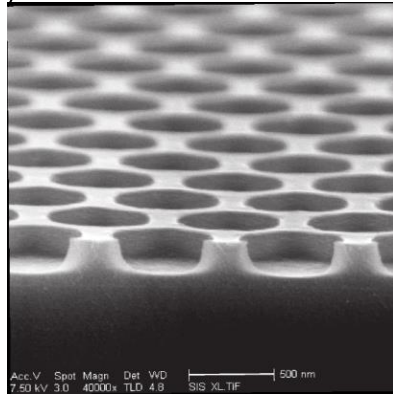
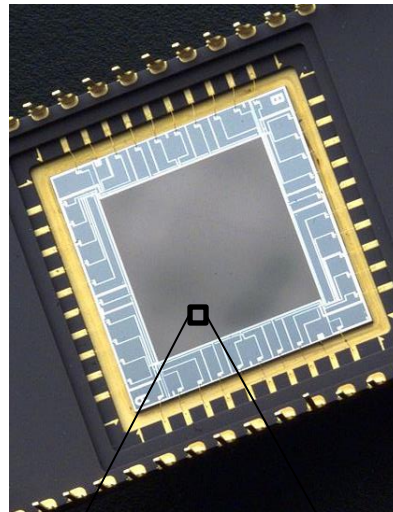
Digital image
Pixels



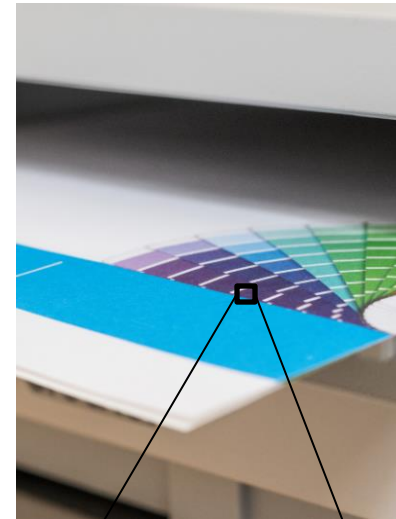
Display
Triades



Camera chip
Wells



Printed output
Dots



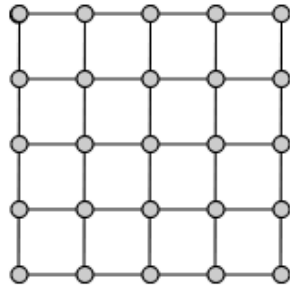
Pixel =
'Pic(ture) +
el(ement)'

What is a pixel – the little square model

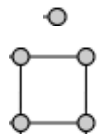
Problem: how to convert a continuous spectrum (nature) to a discrete set of intensities (digital)

Thought
experiment

Consider a grid:



What are the pixels?



The corners?

5x5 grid?

The squares?

4x4 grid?

Where is the center of a pixel?

'Integerists'

Pixel (i, j) corresponding to square $(x, y) \rightarrow i - 0.5 \leq x \leq i + 0.5, j - 0.5 \leq y \leq j + 0.5$

A pixel is a point sample
(it exists only at **one point***)

Pixel (i, j) corresponding to square $(x, y) \rightarrow i - 1 \leq x \leq i + 1, j - 1 \leq y \leq j + 1$

*For color pixels, there might be 3 or even 4 values at that point

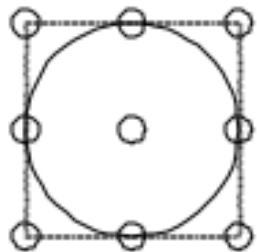
An image = an array on point samples (Shannon sampling theorem!)

What is a pixel – the reconstruction filter

Problem: how to convert a continuous spectrum (nature) to a discrete set of intensities (digital)



A 5x4 image



The footprint of a
"reconstruction filter"
(e.g. beam)

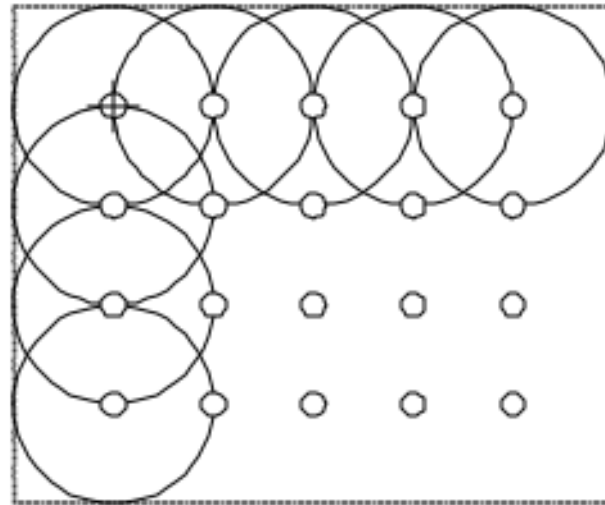
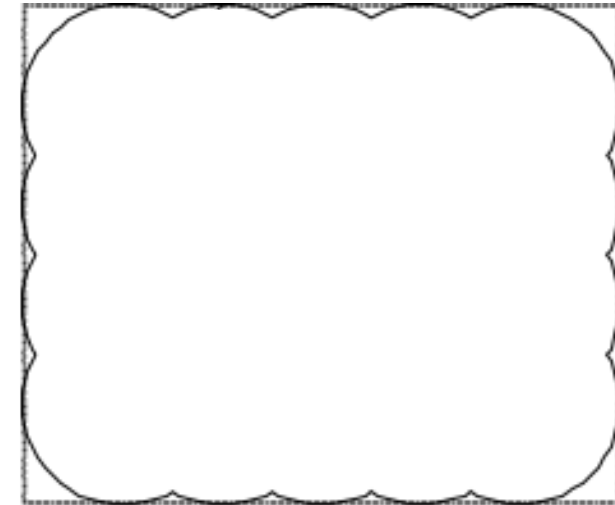


Image under construction

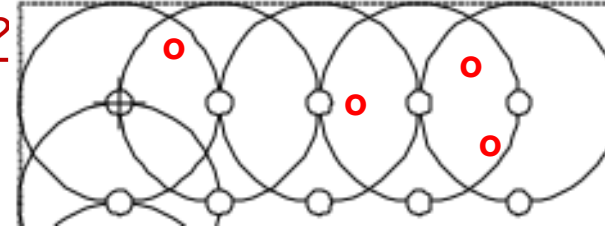


Recorded image

At no point, a
square is involved!

What is a pixel – the point sample model

Q: What about the information (O) below the Shannon limit?



A: we simply do not know!
But you could try to guess. This is called **Reconstruction**
or **interpolation**

Nature is continuous (has a value at every position), a digital image is a finite set of measurements: information will be lost.

Using the point sample model, we include the notion that information has been lost, and can talk about the best ways to measure that loss

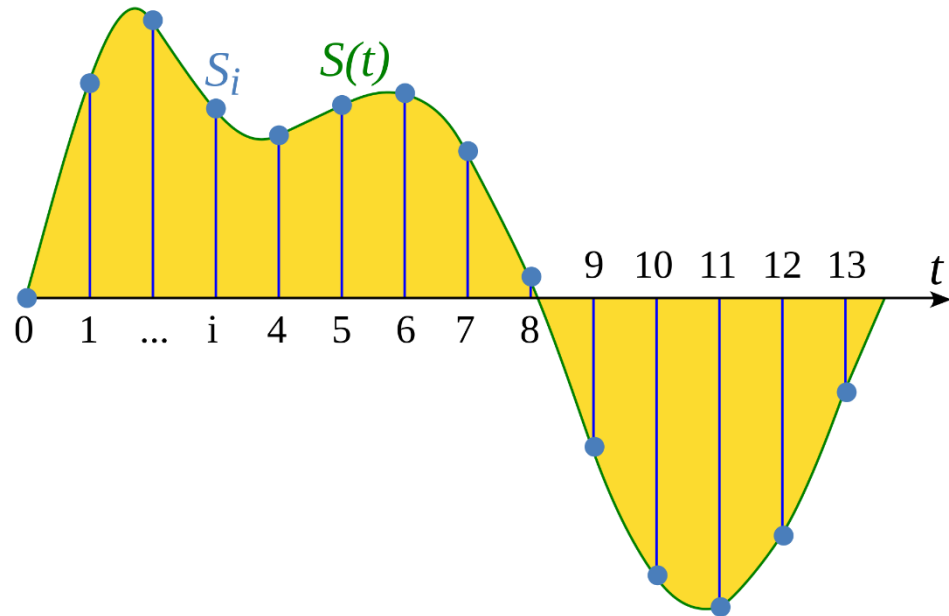
***A Pixel Is Not A Little Square,
A Pixel Is Not A Little Square,
A Pixel Is Not A Little Square!
(And a Voxel is Not a Little Cube)¹***

Technical Memo 6

*Alvy Ray Smith
July 17, 1995*

Going digital: the sampling theorem

Sampling =
process of converting continuous signal
(time and space) into a sequence of values
(a discrete function).



Shannon Sampling Theorem

If a function $S(t)$ contains no frequencies higher than B hertz, it is completely determined by giving its ordinates at a series of points spaced $1/(2B)$ seconds apart



Shannon Sampling Theorem - revisited

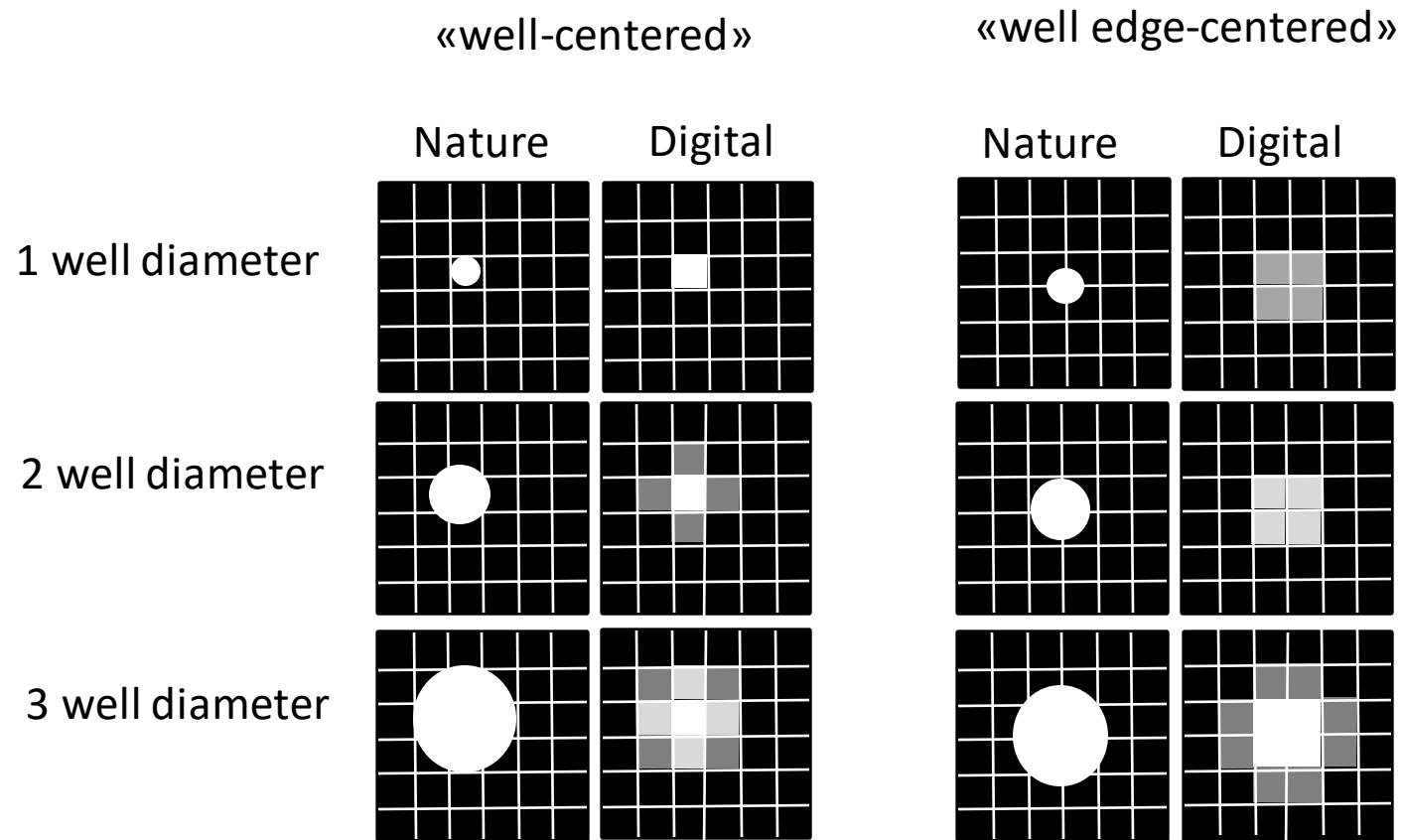
If a series of discrete values has been sampled $1/(2B)$ apart, it does not contain information smaller than B hertz.



Shannon Sampling Theorem - applied

If an image has been recorded at a resolution of e.g. 100 nm, it does not contain information smaller than 200 nm.

What is a pixel: Nyquist theorem



Nyquist's theorem ("howto convert analog to digital"):

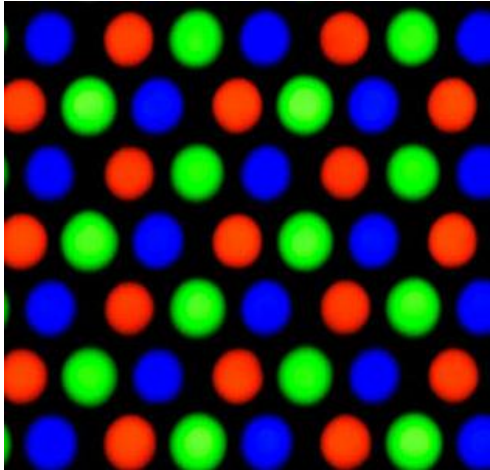
the frequency of the digital sample should be twice that of the analog frequency

For digital images:

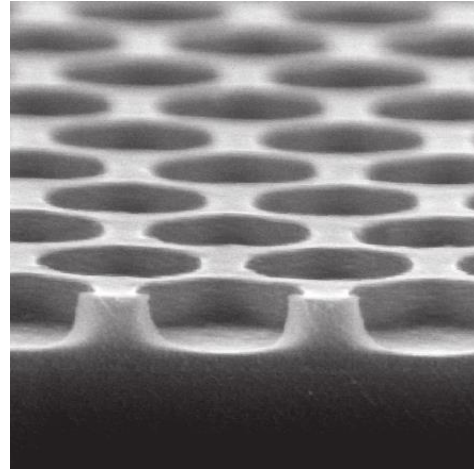
= a "sampling rate" of 2 wells relative to the object image size.

What is a pixel

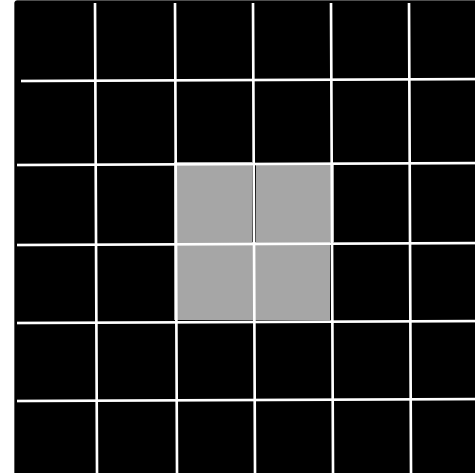
Something in a display
Triade dimensions



Something in a camera/detector
Photodiode dimensions



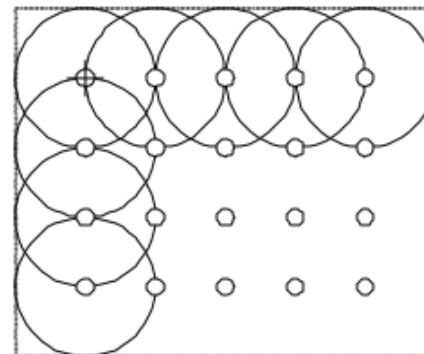
A picture element
Pixel size



A dot of printer ink
Dots per inch



Pixel concept
=Point sampling



What is a resolution? And what is magnification?

	Magnification	Resolution	Resolving power
Low			
High			
Assessment	Easy	Very difficult	

Noise

Additive noise

Gaussian noise

Sum of all natural sources forming a normal distribution (=Gaussian distribution).

- **Johnson–Nyquist noise** (thermal vibrations of atoms in conductors)
- **Black-body radiation** (radiation from the earth or other objects)
- **Sensor noise** (when not recording at 0 K)
- **Electronic circuit noise** (impedance in electronic cables)
- **kTC noise** (Effects of capacitors)



FFT filtering, Gaussian smoothing.

Poisson (shot) noise

Caused by quantum effects due to the movement of discrete, quantized, packets

- In the source (light)
- In the electronics (electric current).
- Dark shot noise: shot noise from the dark leakage current in the image sensor



high intensity, exposure times
Correct with bias images

Multiplicative noise

Salt and pepper noise

Caused by errors. Typically B/W distribution

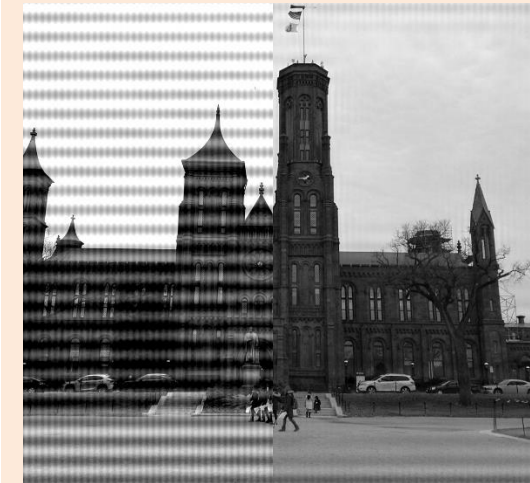
- During data transmission
- Failure in a memory cell
- Analog-to-digital converter errors
- Occasionally in TEM (X-rays)
- In camera-based systems: dead pixels



Median filtering

Repetitive noise

caused by electrical interference during the image capturing process.



Signal deconvolution in reciprocal space

Intermezzo - how does a computer work?

Examples of decimal (=10 digits) counting

- begins with 1 digit (rightmost digit or first digit)
- When all available symbols are exhausted:
 - the least significant digit is reset to 0,
 - the next digit (one position to the left) is incremented (=overflow)

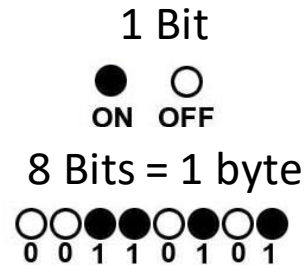
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Examples of binary (=2 digits) counting

- begins with 1 digit (rightmost digit or first digit)
- When all available symbols are exhausted:
 - the least significant digit is reset to 0,
 - the next digit (one position to the left) is incremented (=overflow)

0 1 10 11 100 101 110 111
 (0) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)

Computer = on/off
 = binary digits ('bit')



1024 bytes = 1 KB	KB = Kilobyte
1024 KB = 1 MB	MB = Megabyte
1024 MB = 1 GB	GB = Gigabyte
1024 GB = 1 TB	TB = Terabyte
1024 TB = 1 PB	PB = Petabyte

From numbers to text

- ASCII: American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- List of numbers with defined characters

Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char
32	SPACE	64	@	96	`
33	!	65	A	97	a
34	"	66	B	98	b
35	#	67	C	99	c
36	\$	68	D	100	d
37	%	69	E	101	e
38	&	70	F	102	f
39	'	71	G	103	g
40	(	72	H	104	h
41	)	73	I	105	i
42	*	74	J	106	j
43	+	75	K	107	k
44	,	76	L	108	l
45	-	77	M	109	m
46	.	78	N	110	n
47	/	79	O	111	o
48	0	80	P	112	p
49	1	81	Q	113	q
50	2	82	R	114	r
51	3				
52	4				
53	5				
54	6				
55	7				
56	8				
57	9				
58	:				
59	;				
60	<				
61	=				
62	>				
63	?				
91	[	125	{		
92	\	124	|		
93	]	125	}		
94	^	126	~		
95	_	127	DEL		

'AMI'

(dec): 65 77 73

(bin): 1000001 1001101 1001001

File formats

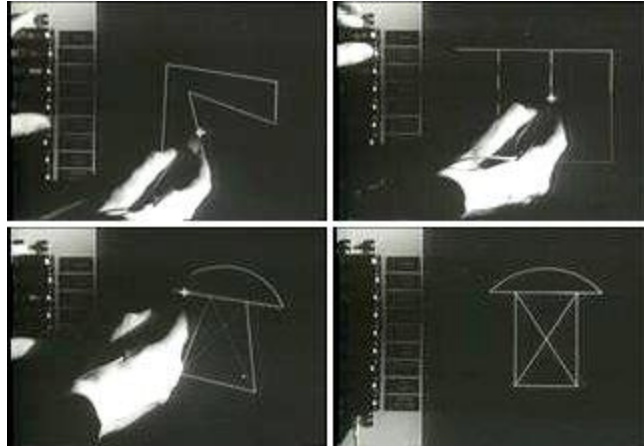
From concept: 3 different approaches:

1. Vector graphics formats
2. Raster graphics formats
3. Hierarchical file formats

File formats: Vector graphics

Formats
Origin

svg, wmf, eps, pdf, cdr, ai, ...
1963, with SketchPad, the PhD thesis of Ivan Sutherland

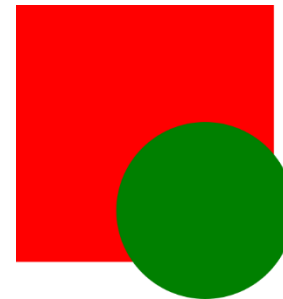


Concept
Example

text file (usually xml style) with information on *objects* to be drawn

```
<rect
  y="11.25"
  x="5.6696429"
  height="34.017857"
  width="34.017857"
  id="rect4518"
  style="fill:#ff0000;fill-opacity:1;stroke:none;stroke-
width:0.52999997;stroke-linejoin:round;stroke-
miterlimit:10;stroke-dasharray:none" />
```

```
<circle
  r="11.717261"
  cy="38.464279"
  cx="30.616072"
  id="path4522"
  style="fill:#008000;fill-opacity:1;stroke:none;stroke-
```



Important for Overlays!!

File formats: Raster graphics

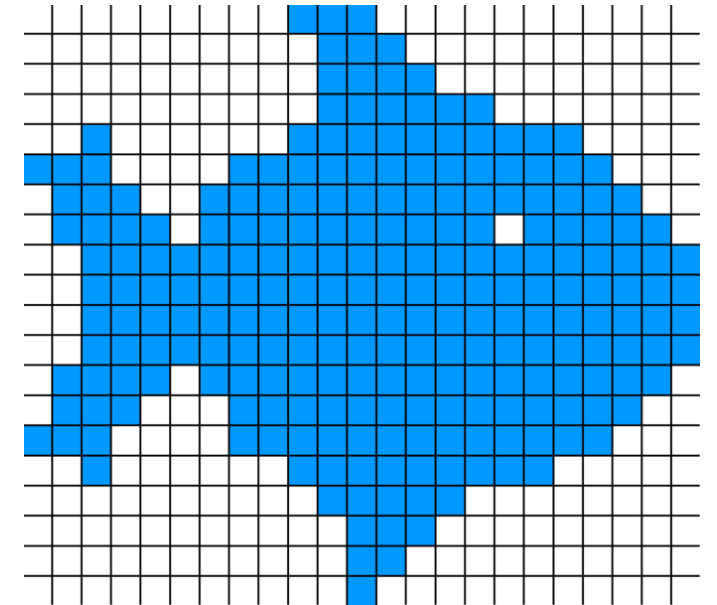
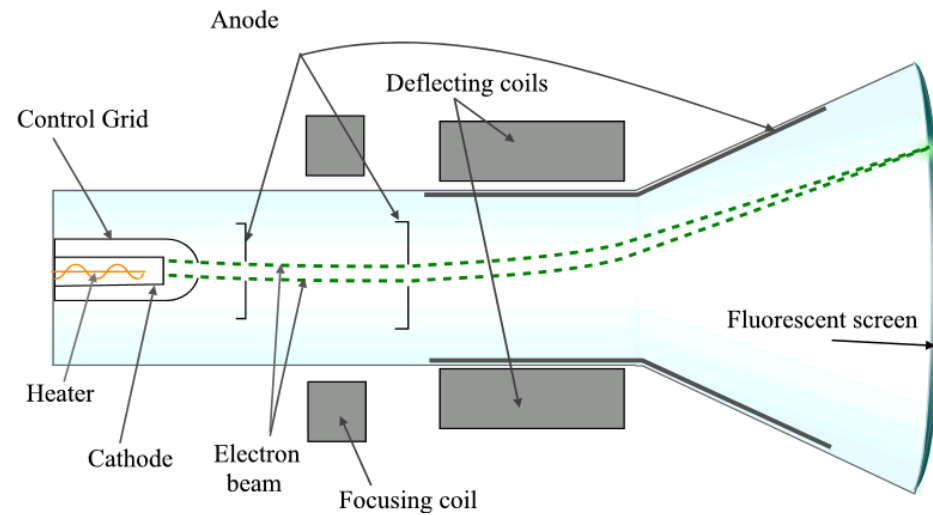
Formats

tif, jpg, png, bmp, webP, psb, ...

Origin

raster scan of cathode ray tubes (i.e. early TV screens)

'Raster' comes from rastrum (Lat.) = to scrape



Concept

Tessellation (tiling) of a 2D plane with a value for every cell ('pixel')

File formats: Raster graphics – Headers

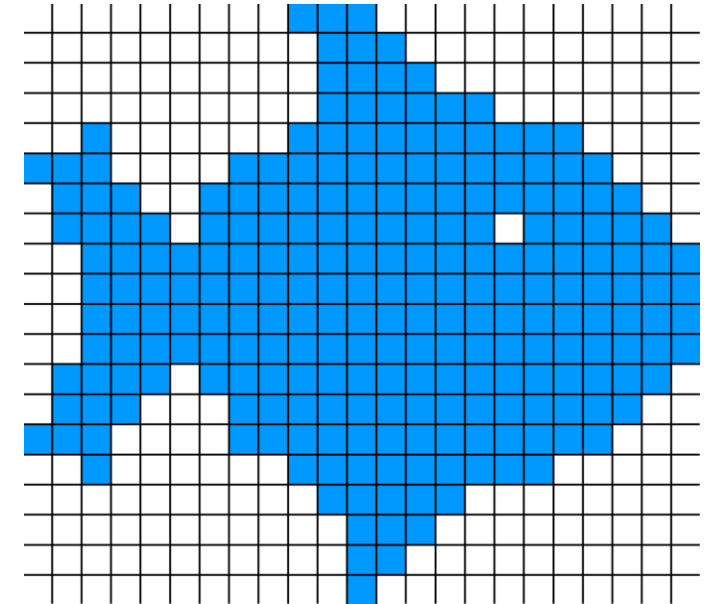
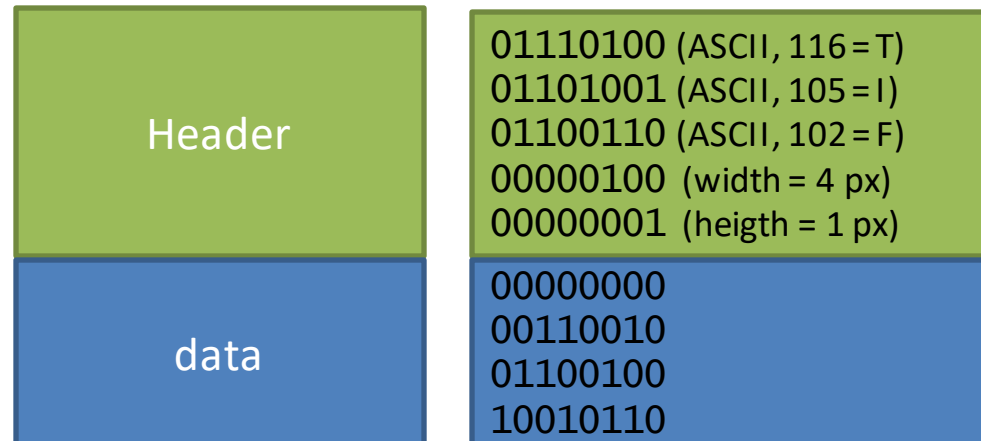
Concept Problem

Tessellation (tiling) of a 2D plane with a value for every cell ('pixel')
Metadata: How large is the image? When was it made? But also:
e.g. medical data (patient information)
e.g. scientific data (experiment information)
e.g. consumer data (GPS coordinates, time and date)

Solution

Header
contains height and width of the raster (=image) +lots of other data

Example



File formats: Raster graphics – Compression

Concept
Problem
Solution

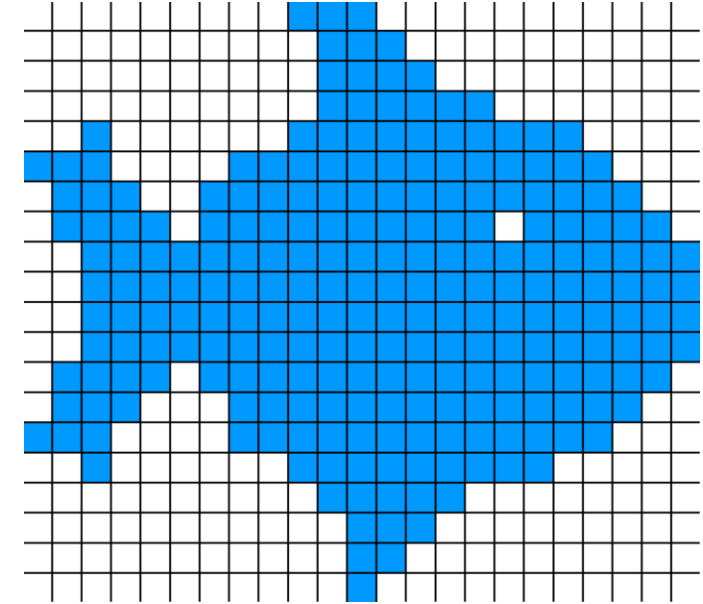
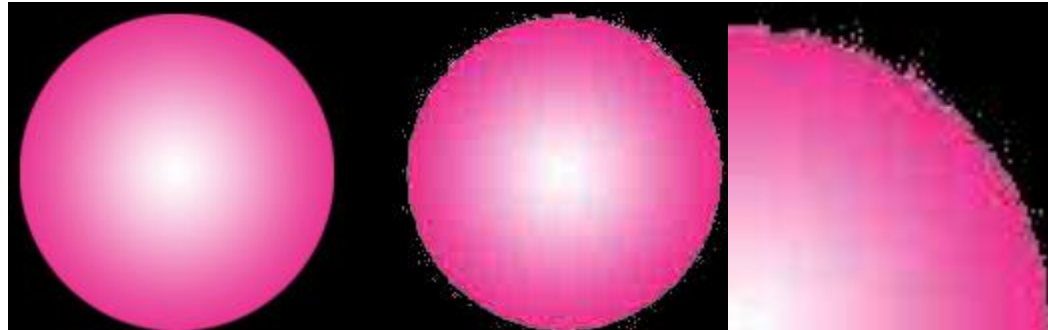
Tessellation (tiling) of a 2D plane with a value for every cell ('pixel')

Data gets really big

Compression. There are 2 compression concepts:

- lossy (ie. The original data is approximated, but not restored)

e.g. jpg -> compression artefacts



- lossless (the original data can be restored)

e.g. Run Length Encoding (RLE), Lempel Ziv (LZx, uses lookups)

Original data

```
00000000
00110010
01100100
10010110
```

32 bits

RLE compressed

```
8x0
2x0 2x1 2x0 10
0 2x1 2x0 1 2x0
1 2x0 10 2x1 0
```

29 bits

LZ compressed

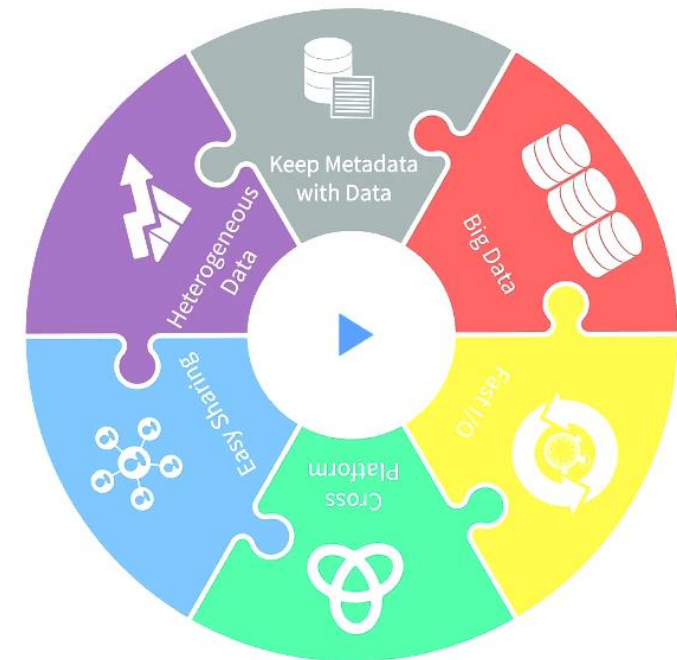
```
A = 00
B = 11
C = 10
4XA
A B A C
0 B A 1 A
1 A C B 0
```

38 bits

```
Repeated to get 1024x1024:
Original 8 Mb
RLE      7.25 Mb (-10%)
LZ       7 bytes (!) (-99.99999%)
```

File formats: Hierarchical data formats (HDF)

Formats	h5
Origin	1987 by the Graphics Foundations Task Force. Around 1992, NASA investigated 15 different file formats for use in the Earth Observing System (EOS) project and settled for HDF.
Concept	Container of multiple, heterogenous data (including really big datasets), with metadata
Some advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- really really big datasets possible (e.g. tomography data)- hierarchical data (e.g. google maps)- heterogenous data (e.g. EDX spectra with images)- slices: only part of an image can be read (e.g. google maps)- embedded coding (allows advanced compression techniques)




File formats: raster graphics: bit depth


The range of the values a pixel can take is called the bit depth

$$2^n = \text{number of shades}$$
$$n = \text{bitdepth}$$

1 bit (=black and white, =binary image) 2 shades



8 bit (=common consumer cameras) 256 shades




~9 bit (=human eye) ~500 shades



12 bit (=middle range scientific cameras) 4096 shades



16 bit (=high range scientific cameras) 65536 shades



32 bit (=only computational) 4 294 967 296 shades



Signed (e.g. Signed 16bit). -32768 → +32768

Binary (e.g. Thresholding!)

Grayscale

Special

File formats: raster graphics - bit depth & colour

The range of the values a Pixel can take is called the bit depth

$$2^n = \text{number of shades}$$

$$n = \text{bitdepth}$$

RGB (=3 channels of each 8 bit = 24 bit) 256 x 256 x 256 colours



RGBA (=4 channels of each 8 bit = 32 bit) 256 x 256 x 256 colours x 256 Alpha



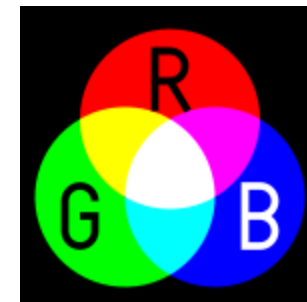
48 bit RGB (= 3 channels of each 16 bit = 48 bit)



CMYK (=4 channels of each 8 bit = 32 bit) 256 x 256x 256x 256 colours

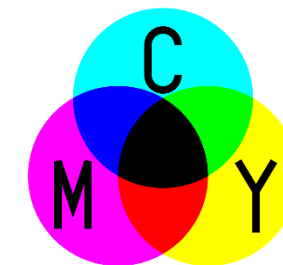


Additive color mixing (Displays)



Computational

Subtractive color mixing (pigments, Printers)



Note: light sources and dyes/pigments

Additive color mixing

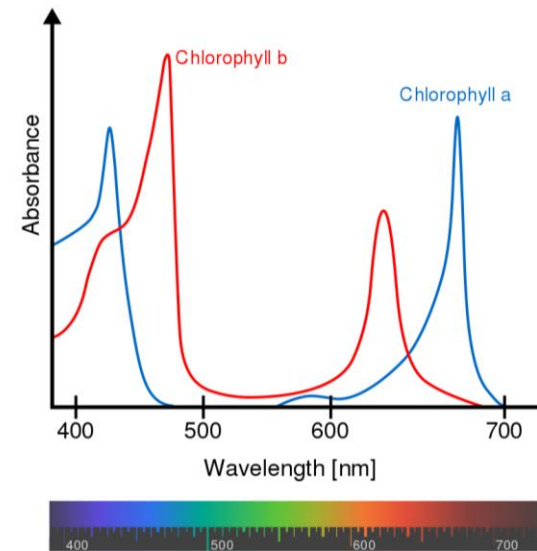
Light sources



A green laser is green because it emits green photons

Subtractive color mixing

Dyes and pigments

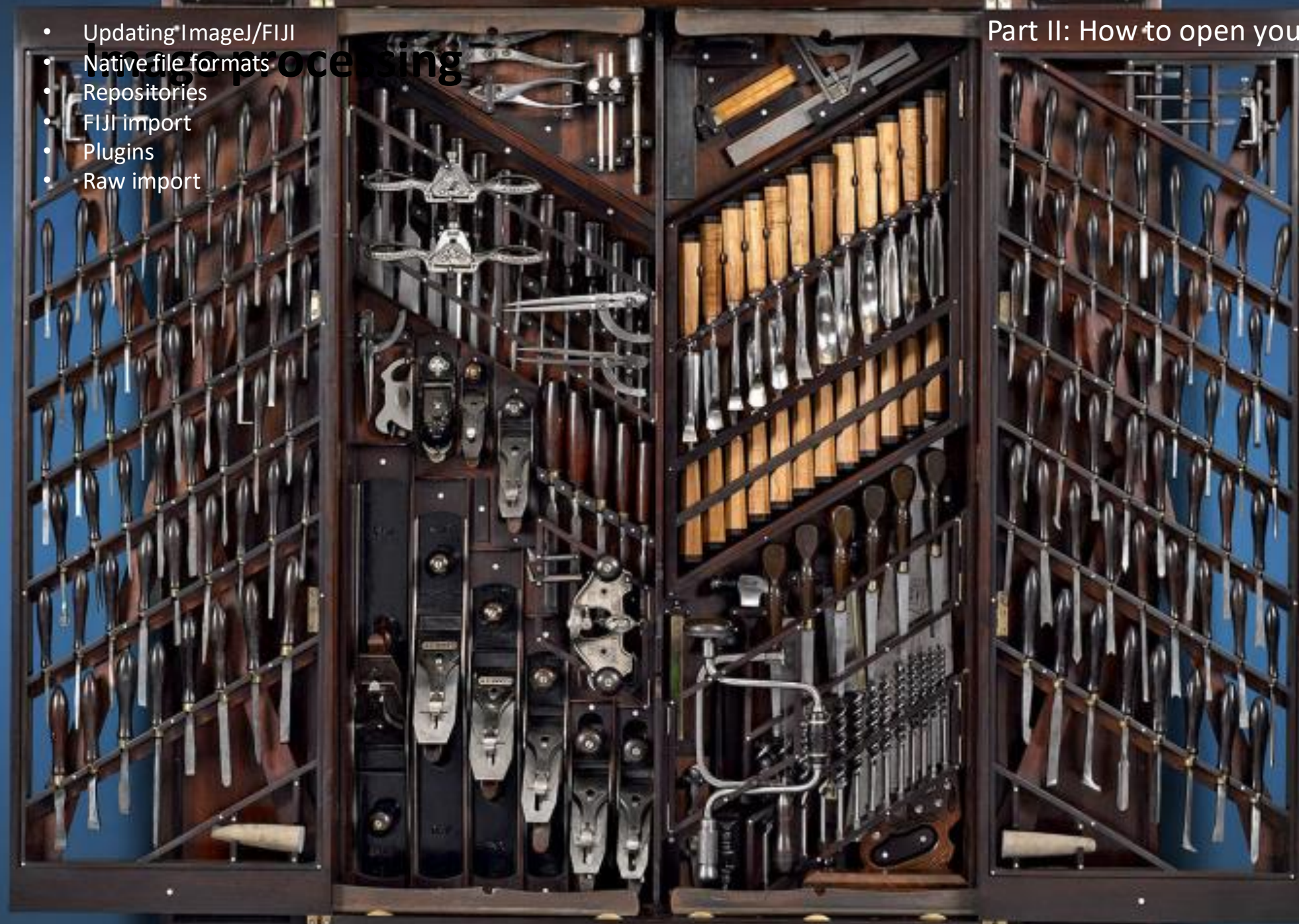


A leaf is green because it absorbs all white light except the green photons (which it reflects)

- Updating ImageJ/FIJI
- Native file formats
- Repositories
- FIJI import
- Plugins
- Raw import

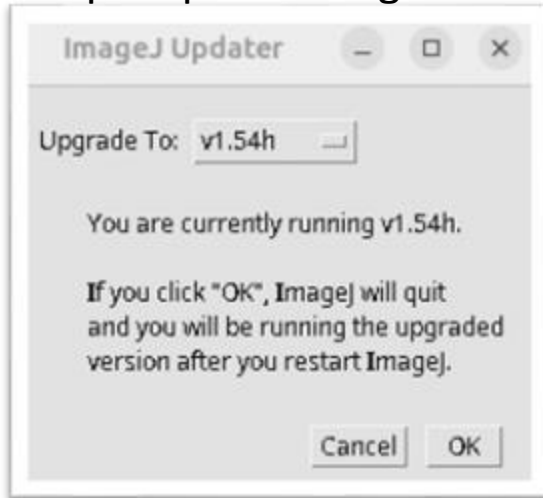
Image processing

Part II: How to open your data?

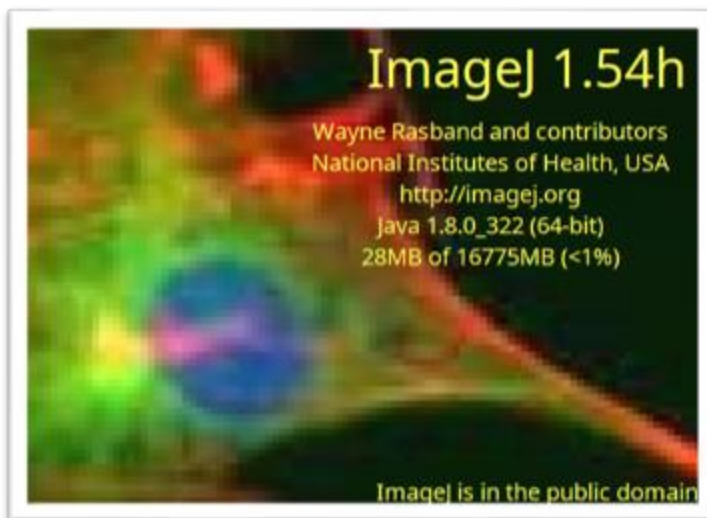


0. Update FIJI

Help > update ImageJ...



Start ImageJ, then Help > About ImageJ...



1. How to open your data in FIJI?

5 Possibilities:

- Native file formats
- Use a repository
- Use Import (Fiji only!)
- Use a plugin
- Through RAW import (raster graphics only)

1. Native file formats

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Format	1 bit	8 bit	16 bit	32 bit	RGB	stacks	Hyper-stacks	Compression
TIFF	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Lossless
GIF	✓	✓			✓	✓		Lossless
JPEG		✓			✓			lossy
PNG	✓	✓	✓					Lossless
DICOM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Lossless
BMP	✓	✓			✓			Lossless
PGM	✓	✓	✓		✓			Lossless
FITS	✓	✓	✓		✓			Lossless
AVI	✓	✓			✓	✓		Lossless

TIFF is the 'default' format of ImageJ (OME-TIFF)

DICOM is a standard popular in the medical imaging community

FITS Flexible Image Transport System: adopted by the astronomical community

PGM: Portable GrayMap

AVI container format, only uncompressed AVIs supported

Red: no header information

Native and non-native file formats

EXERCISE 1

Try to open example 1 A, B, D (HDR) and D (.SER)

File > open...

Or drag and drop the icon from the folder onto ImageJ/FIJI

Does it work?

Native and non-native file formats

EXERCISE 1

Try to open example 1 A, B, D (HDR) and D (.SER)

File > open...

Or drag and drop the icon from

```
Console
Edit
Console Log
[INFO] Reading available sites from https://imagej.net/
Plate :/sample/0/plate/
Well :/sample/0/plate/PLATE_00/experiment/
Site :/sample/0/plate/PLATE_00/experiment/WELL_00/position/
[Fatal Error] Example%201C%20-%20non-native%20file%20formats%20-%20Si04.ser:1:1
```

```
Log
File Edit Font
at ij.io.Opener.openImage(Opener.java:241)
at ij.io.Opener.open(Opener.java:104)
at ij.io.Opener.openAndAddToRecent(Opener.java:
at ij.plugin.DragAndDrop.openFile(DragAndDrop.java:
at ij.plugin.DragAndDrop.run(DragAndDrop.java:1
at java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:750)
```

Does it work?
No... Only Example 1A and 1B open
(or maybe not even 1B)

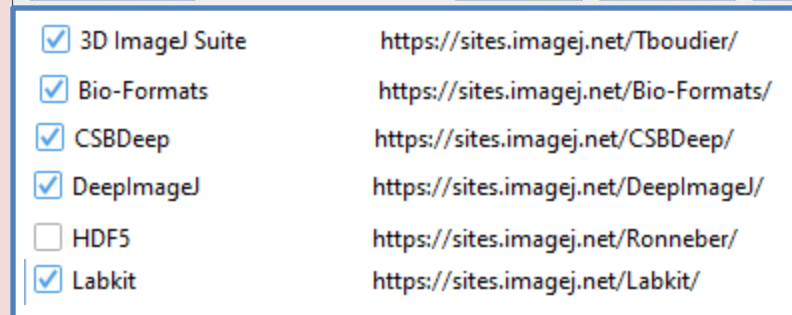
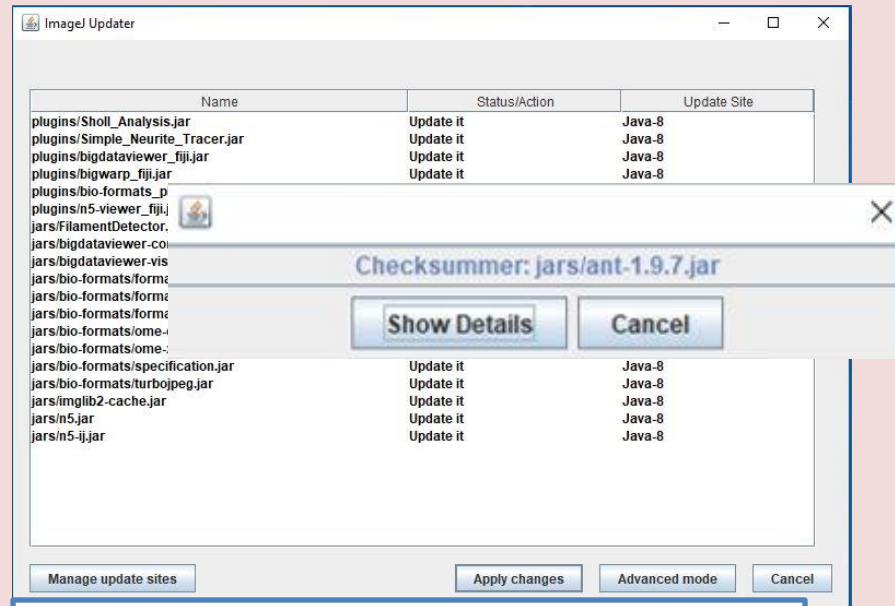


2. Using a plugin from the repository

5 Possibilities:

- Native file formats
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- Use Import (Fiji only!)
- Use a plugin
- Through RAW import (raster graphics only)

Help > update...

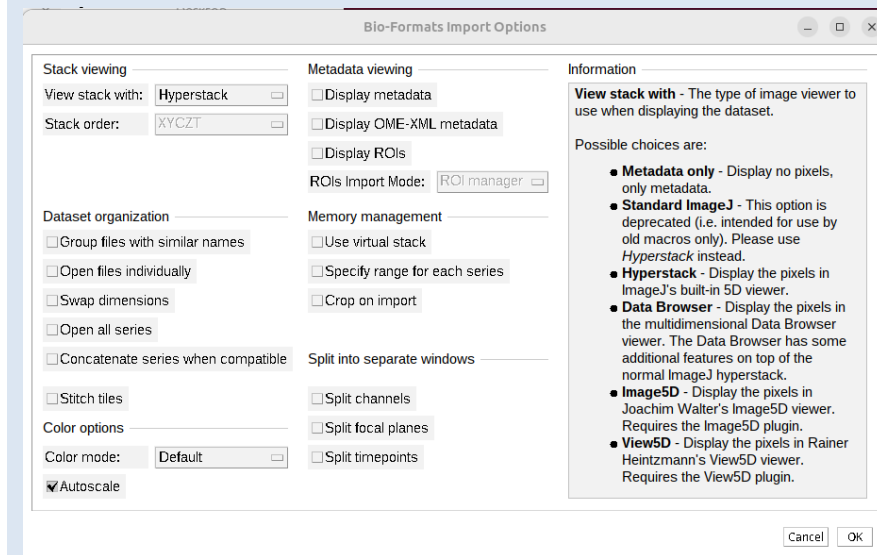


Plugins > Import > Bio-Formats > Bio-Formats Importer

EXERCISE 1

Try to open example 1B with the Bio-Formats plugin

In the dialog: point to the file (Example



Click OK

2. Using a plugin from the repository

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Update lists / repositories

ImageJ
Fiji
3D ImageJ Suite
3Dscript
ActogramJ
AICJanelia
Angiogenesis
AngioTool
Archipelago
AxoNet
BACMMAN
BAR
BaSiC
BigDataProcessor
BIG-EPFL
BigStitcher
BigVolumeViewer Demo
Bio-Formats
Biomat
Biomedgroup
BioVoxel
Blind Analysis Tools
BoneJ
CALM
CAMDU
CATS
CellTrackingChallenge
CIP
CircleSkinner
clij
clij2
clijx-assistant
clijx-assistant-extensions
ClearVolume
CMCI-EMBL
CMP-BIA tools
CMTK Registration
Colocalization by Cross Correlation
Colour Deconvolution2
Cookhook

Bio-formats repository

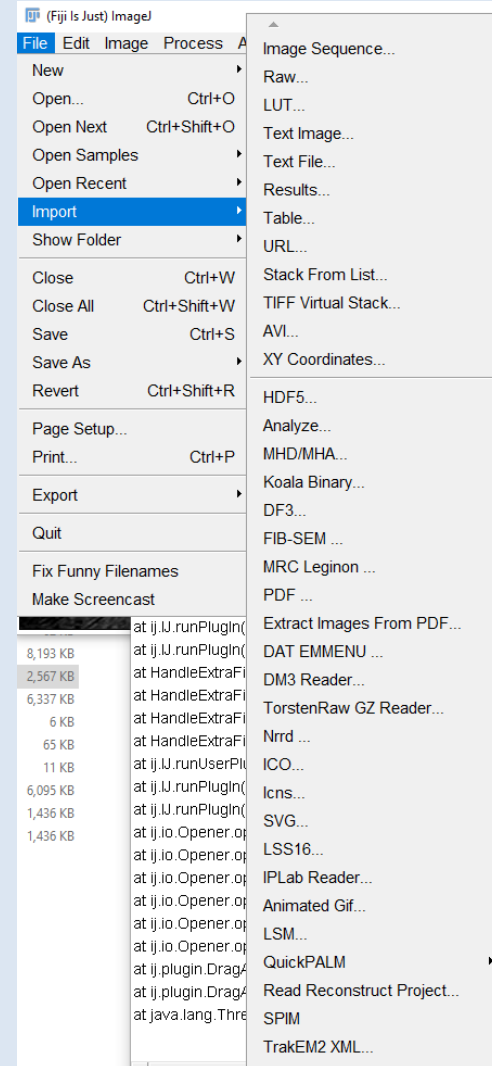
3i SlideBook
AIM
AVI (Audio Video Interleave)
Adobe Photoshop PSD
Alisona 3D
Amersham Biosciences Gel
Amira Mesh
Amnis FlowSight
Analyze 7.5
Andor Bio-Imaging Division (ABD) TIFF
Animated PNG
Aperio AFI
Aperio SVS TIFF
Applied Precision CellWorX
Axon Raw Format
BD Pathway
Becker & Hickl SPCImage
Bio-Rad Gel
Bio-Rad PIC
Bio-Rad SCN
Bitplane Imaris
Bruker MRI
Burleigh
Canon DNG
CellH5
CellVoyager
Cellomics
DICOM
DeltaVision
ECAT7
EPS (Encapsulated PostScript)
Evotec/PerkinElmer Opera Flex
FEI
FEI TIFF
Gatan Digital Micrograph
Gatan Digital Micrograph 2
Hamamatsu Aquacosmos NAF
Hamamatsu HIS
Hamamatsu VMS
Hamamatsu ndoi

3. Using a Fiji resident plugin (Import)

5 Possibilities:

- Native file formats
- Use a repository
- Use Import (Fiji only!)
- Use a plugin
- Through RAW import (raster graphics only)

File > Import >



3. Using a Fiji resident plugin (Import)

EXERCISE 1

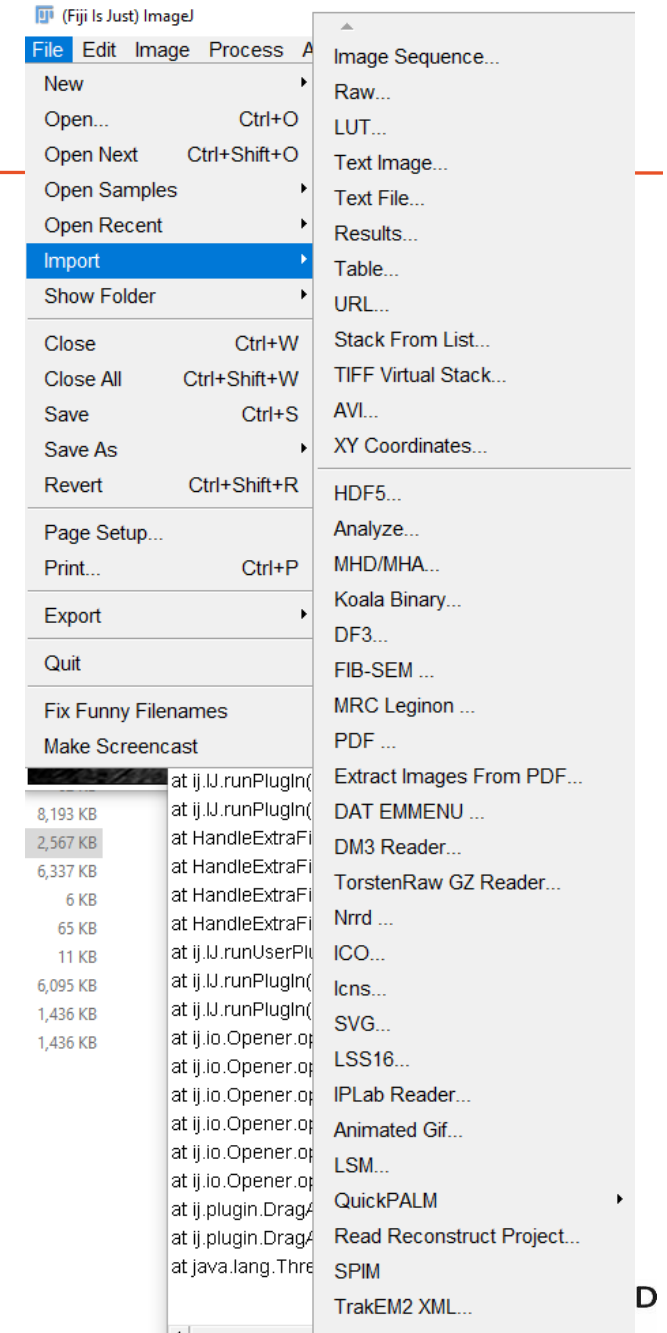
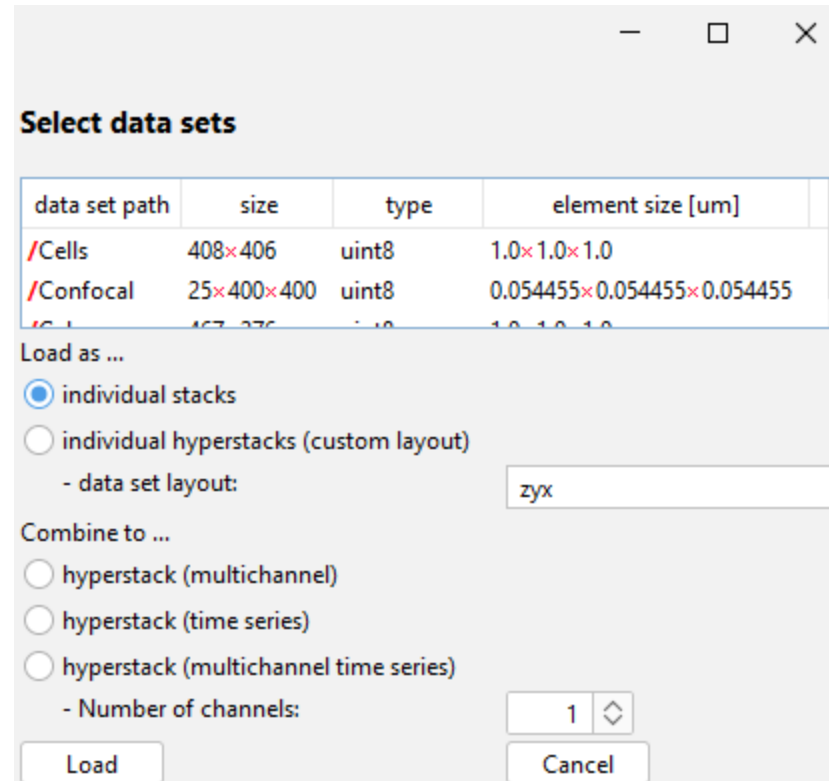
Try to open example 1D (HDR)

File > Import > HDF5

Point to the file example 1C

The file contains 3 datasets (!)

- Select `/Cells` in data set path
- load as 'Individual stacks'
- Click 'Load'



4. Using a plugin from the internet

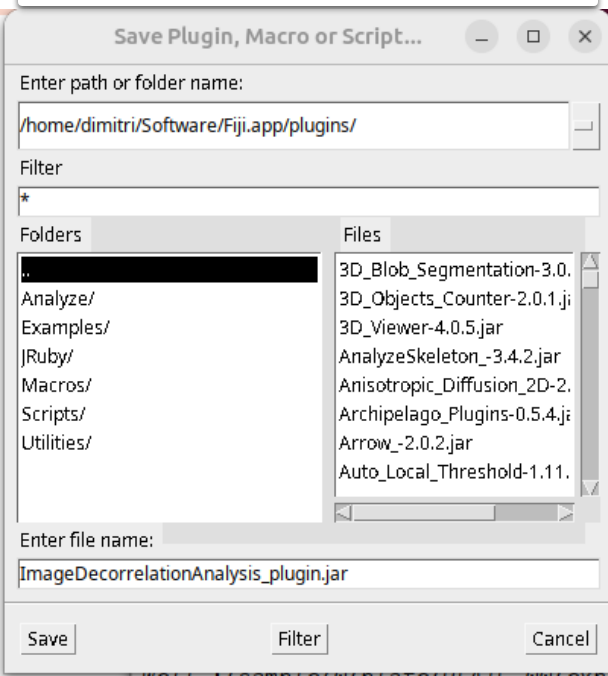
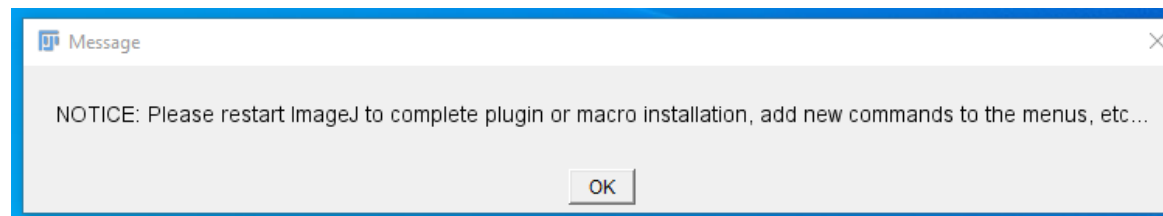
5 Possibilities:

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Installing a plugin from a downloaded .jar file (<https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/plugins/tia-reader.html>)

3 ways of installing the jar file (it is also provided):

1. Drag and drop the file onto Imagej (and save in the plugin folder)
2. Plugins > install plugin... and point to the .jar file
3. Copy the .jar file into the plugins folder of your FIJI folder



In any case: **Restart FIJI** (close it and start it again)

Find the new functionality under Plugins > Input / output > Tia Reader

ASCII header format
 SPE Images
 PICT, Targa using Jimi
 Biorad Z-Series
 Leica SP multi-channel stacks
 QuickTime
 Jimi Stack Writer
 AVI Writer
 JMF Reader
 Animated Gif
 PDS Images
 AVI Reader
 LSM Reader (Zeiss LSM confocal microscopes)
 Qness RAW
 IPLab Reader
 Excel Writer
 Multi FDF
 VFF Opener
 OpenSIF (opens Andor SIF files)
 EXIF Reader
 Bruker NMR
 Zeiss ZVI Reader
 ISAC images (e.g., Fuji BAS scanners)
 Gatan DM3 Reader
 Delatvision Opener
 Nanoscope AFM files
 NIFTI Input/Output
 UNC format images
 PDF Writer
 Leica SP2 TIFF Sequence
 EPS (Encapsulated PostScript) Writer
 PerkinElmer Reader
 Nikon ND2 Reader (Windows only)
 TIA Reader (FEI/Emispec .ser files)
 Heyex Raw Files (imports Heidelberg Spectral
 CINE File Reader (opens Phantom High Speed
 MRI File Manager reads Bruker MRI spectrom

4. Using a plugin from the internet

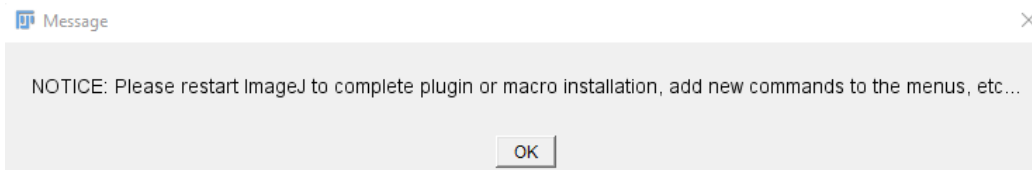
EXERCISE 1

Install the TIA reader plugin (TIA_Reader.jar) if you have not done so

Then try to open Example 1D, the .ser file, using plugins > input/output > TIA reader

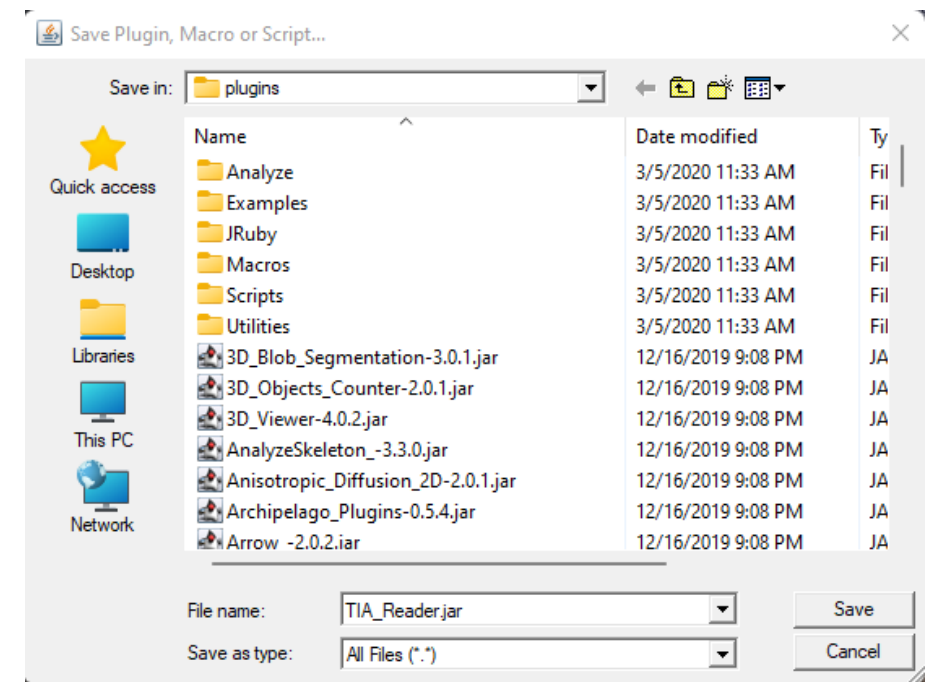
Installing a plugin from a downloaded .jar file

- drag and drop the .jar file onto Imagej or click Plugins > install plugin...
- Save it in the plugins folder of your FIJI folder



- Restart FIJI
- Then find the new functionality under Plugins > **Input / output** > Tia Reader
- Plugins > Input / output > Tia Reader
- Point to the .ser file
- Click 'Open'

Does it work?

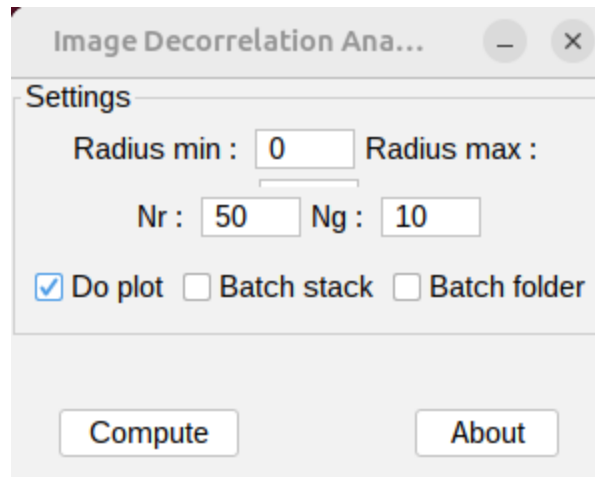


4. Using a plugin from the internet (short resolution intermezzo)

EXERCISE 1

Install the image decorrelation plugin as well (ImageDecorrelationAnalysis_plugin.jar).

- Open Example 1B – Header – Cells.lsm with the Bio-Formats plugin (Plugins > Bio-Formats > Bio-Formats Importer)
- Run the Image Decorrelation plugin on the blue channel (Plugins > Image Decorrelation Analysis)

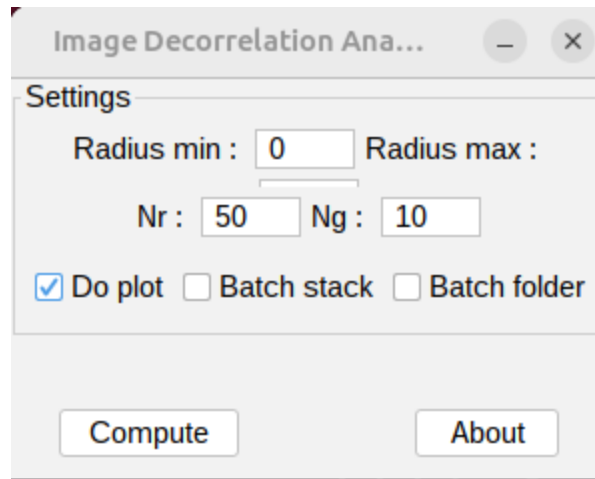


4. Using a plugin from the internet (short resolution intermezzo)

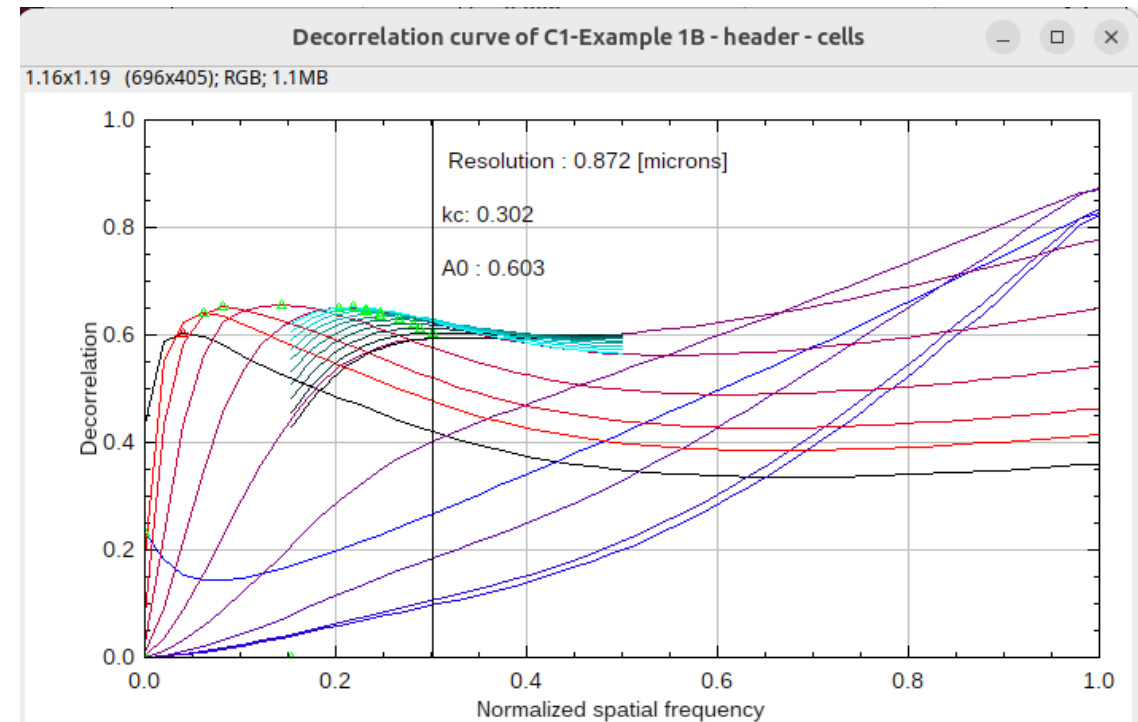
EXERCISE 1

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- Open Example 1B – Header – Cells.lsm with the Bio-Formats plugin (Plugins > Bio-Formats > Bio-Formats Importer)
- Run the Image Decorrelation plugin on the blue channel (Plugins > Image Decorrelation Analysis)



Label	Res.	units
C1-Example 1B - header - cells	0.872	[microns]



5. RAW import

5 Possibilities:

- Native file formats
- Use a repository
- Use Import (Fiji only!)
- Use a plugin
- Through RAW import (raster graphics only)



```
0000 49 49 2a 00 10 00 00 00 43 52 02 00 14 b7 00 00 II*.....CR..... TIFF header [CR2 header]
0010 11 00 .. IFD0 entries
0012 00 01 03 00 01 00 00 00 40 14 00 00 .....@... IFD0-00 ImageWidth
001e 01 01 03 00 01 00 00 00 80 0d 00 00 ..... IFD0-01 ImageHeight
002a 02 01 03 00 03 00 00 00 e2 00 00 00 ..... IFD0-02 BitsPerSample
0036 03 01 03 00 01 00 00 00 06 00 00 00 ..... IFD0-03 Compression
0042 0f 01 02 00 06 00 00 00 e8 00 00 00 ..... IFD0-04 Make
004e 10 01 02 00 0e 00 00 00 ee 00 00 00 ..... IFD0-05 Model
005a 11 01 04 00 01 00 00 00 64 1b 01 00 .....d... IFD0-06 PreviewImageStart
0066 12 01 03 00 01 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 ..... IFD0-07 Orientation
0072 17 01 04 00 01 00 00 00 b2 83 21 00 .....!... IFD0-08 PreviewImageLength
007e 1a 01 05 00 01 00 00 00 0e 01 00 00 ..... IFD0-09 XResolution
008a 1b 01 05 00 01 00 00 00 16 01 00 00 ..... IFD0-10 YResolution
0096 28 01 03 00 01 00 00 00 02 00 00 00 (..... IFD0-11 ResolutionUnit
00a2 32 01 02 00 14 00 00 00 1e 01 00 00 2..... IFD0-12 ModifyDate
00ae 3b 01 02 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ;..... IFD0-13 Artist
00ba bc 02 01 00 00 20 00 00 74 b7 00 00 .....t... IFD0-14 ApplicationNotes
00c6 98 82 02 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ..... IFD0-15 Copyright
00d2 69 87 04 00 01 00 00 00 b2 01 00 00 i..... IFD0-16 ExifOffset
00de 3e b6 >. Next IFD
```

Total file size (in bytes) = Header size + Image data size

5. RAW import

3 Possibilities:

- Native file formats
- Use a plugin
- **Through RAW import (raster graphics only)**



```
01110100 (ASCII, 116 = T)
01101001 (ASCII, 105 = I)
01100110 (ASCII, 102 = F)
00000100 (width = 4 px)
00000001 (height = 1 px)
```

```
00000000
00110010
01100100
10010110
```

Header: 5 bytes (TIF, 4x1 pixel image)

Data: 4 bytes



Total file size: 9 bytes

Total file size (in bytes) = Header size + Image data size

5. RAW import

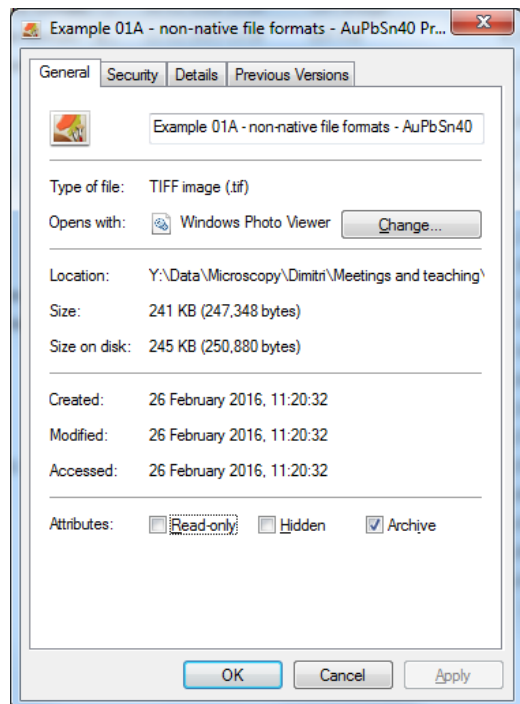
EXERCISE 1

Import through RAW (file > import > Raw...) of Example 1A, the .tif file and Example 1D, the .SER file

Idea: we will only read the DATA – and jump over the HEADER

Example 1A

1. A priori information: Camera size = 600x412 px x 8 bit depth
2. Use your operating system to find the file size (in bytes) of Example 1A



Size: 241 KB (247,348 bytes)

Size on disk: 245 KB (250,880 bytes)

Example 1D

Camera size: Veleta at AMI (2048 x 2048, 16 bit)

Use your operating system to find the file size

5. RAW import

EXERCISE 1

Import through RAW (file > import > Raw...)

Example 1A, the .tif file

Example 1D, the .ser file

Idea: we will only read the DATA – and jump over the HEADER

Example 1A

1. Camera size: 600x412 px x 8 bit
2. 247 348 bytes

Example 1D

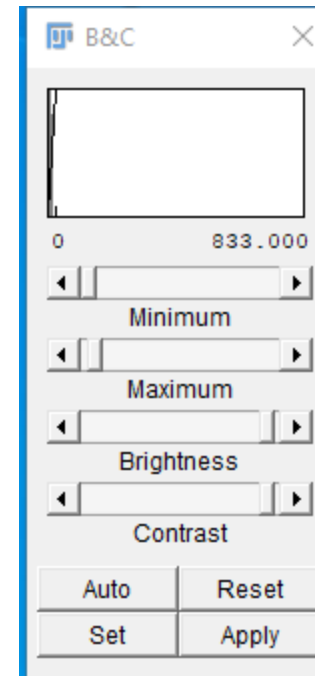
1. Camera size: Veleta at AMI (2048 x 2048, 16 bit)
2. 8 388 754 bytes

File > import > RAW...

If your image is black, update brightness contrast:

Image > adjust > Brightness / contrast...

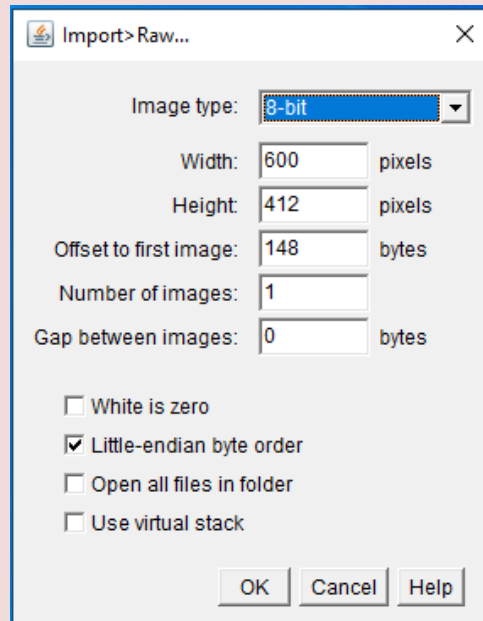
And click auto, or set (between 100 and 450)



5. RAW import

1. Data size: $600 \times 412 = 247\,200$ bytes
2. File size : 247 348 bytes

Therefore: header is $247\,348 - 247\,200 = 148$ bytes

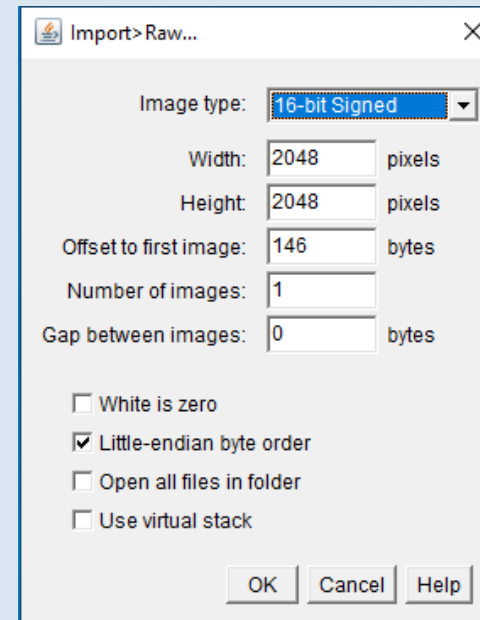


Endian: big-endian is often an “Apple thing”

1. Data size: $2048 \times 2048 \times 2 = 8\,388\,608$ bytes
(why x 2??)

2. File size : 8 388 754 bytes

Therefore: header is $8\,388\,754 - 8\,388\,608 = 146$ bytes



Header

Files may (must) contain meta data (additional, useful information about the image)

F.A.I.R. Principles (<https://www.go-fair.org/>), open source data

Open Example 1D using File > **import** > **RAW...**
Select Image > Show info...

Title: Example 1D - non-native file formats - SiO4.ser

Width: 2048 pixels

Height: 2048 pixels

Size: 8MB

Pixel size: 1x1 pixel²

ID: -77

Bits per pixel: 16 (signed)

Display range: 100 - 450

No threshold

Open Example 1D **using the TIA Plugin** >
Select Image > Show info...

Title: /home/.../Example 1D - non-native file formats.ser

Width: **8.3029 microns** (2048)

Height: **8.3029 microns** (2048)

Size: 8MB

Resolution: 246.6609 pixels per microns

Pixel size: **0.0041x0.0041 microns²**

ID: -63

Bits per pixel: 16 (unsigned, grayscale LUT)

Display range: 0-922

Pixel value range: 0-922

Image: 1/1 (1) No threshold

...

Summary: Howto open your data in FIJI

Native file formats

Use TIF whenever possible
Forget JPEG (has no header)
Metadata properly imported

Repositories

500+ scientific file formats available through Repositories.
Metadata is (very very often) imported
E.g. Zeiss, Leica, Olympus, Nikon, FEI, ...

FIJI Import

Not under plugins, but a bit hidden under file > import

Install a plugin

Using the repositories or from the internet

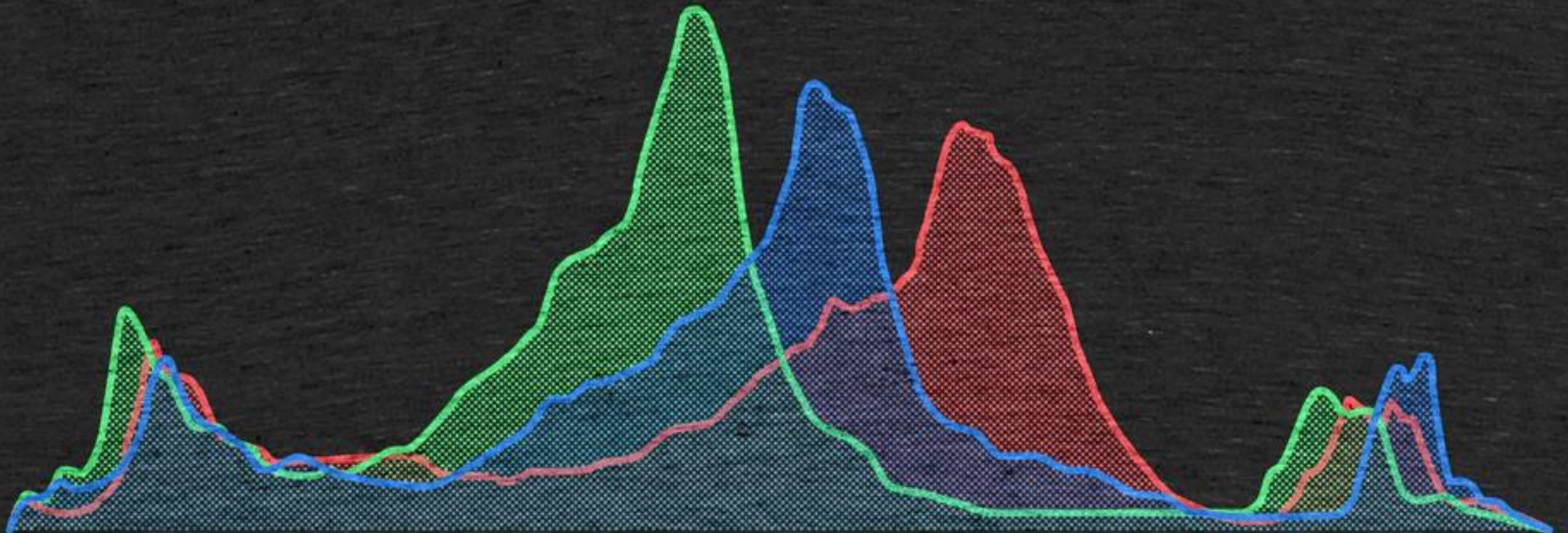
Raw import

Last resort, if everything else fails
Typically: *a priori* information about the file needed (dimension, bit depth)
Opens only the image data. No metadata.

Metadata is a love note to the future

Part III: Histograms

- Histograms of grayscale image
- Color images
- Histogram normalization and histogram equalization



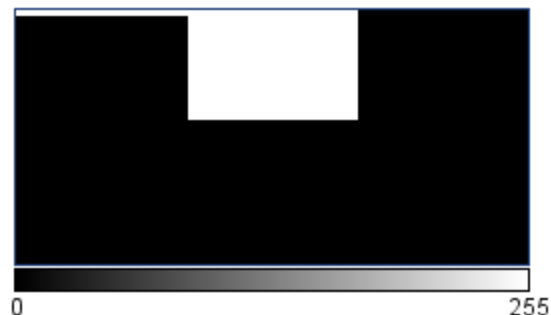
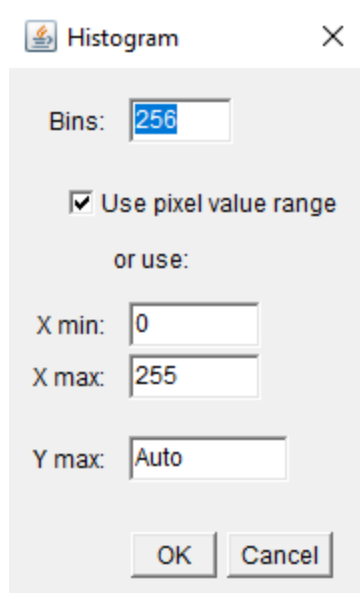
Histograms

EXERCISE 2

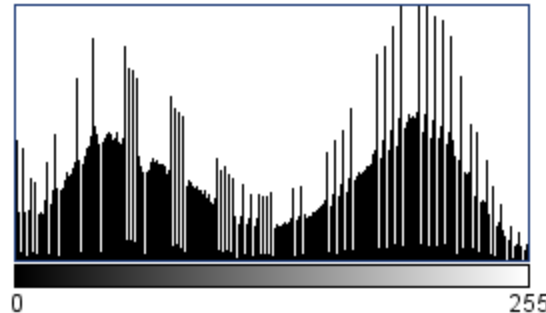
Open Example 1A and produce a histogram

Analyze > histogram (or CTRL+H)

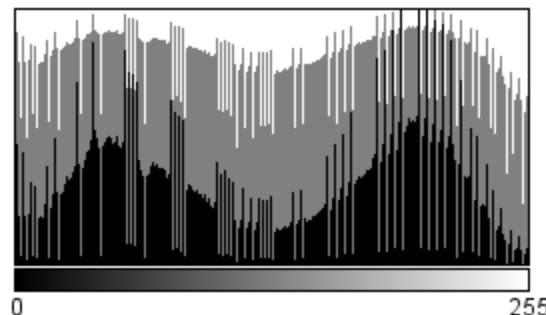
- What can you deduce from the histogram?
- Try: List, Copy, Log, Live
- Save the histogram itself to a TIFF?
- Also try CTRL+ALT+H



N: 247200
Mean: 125.901
StdDev: 73.247
Bins: 3
Value: 85
Min: 0
Max: 255
Mode: 170 (97279)
Bin Width: 85.333
Count: 55188



N: 247200
Mean: 125.901
StdDev: 73.247
Value: 101
Min: 0
Max: 255
Mode: 201 (3164)
Count: 129



N: 247200
Mean: 125.901
StdDev: 73.247
Value: 80
Min: 0
Max: 255
Mode: 201 (3164)
Count: 211

Histogram

a representation of the distribution of numerical data.

Pearson, K. (1895)

The intensity distribution of the image (= it plots the number of pixel for each intensity or tonal value)

Histograms

EXERCISE 2

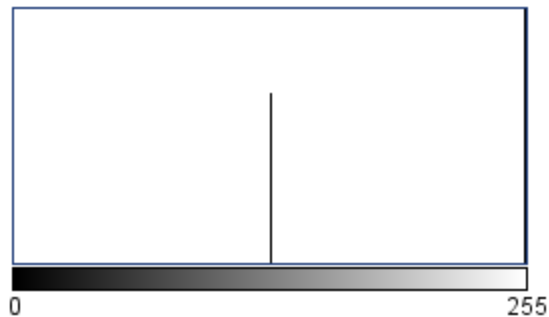
Open Example 2A and 2B and look at the image

- Do you see a difference between the images?
- Check the histograms
- Do you see a difference between the histograms?

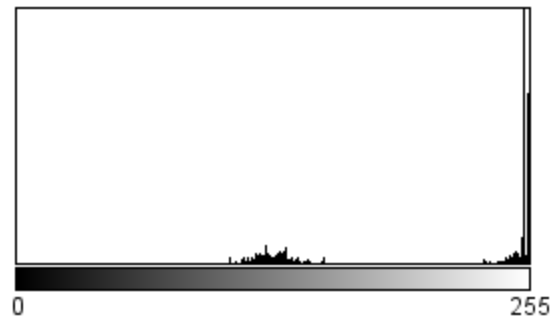
Histograms

EXERCISE 2

Open Example 2A and 2B and look at the image



N: 65536
Mean: 247.269
StdDev: 30.036
Value: 23
Min: 128
Max: 255
Mode: 255 (61272)
Count: 0



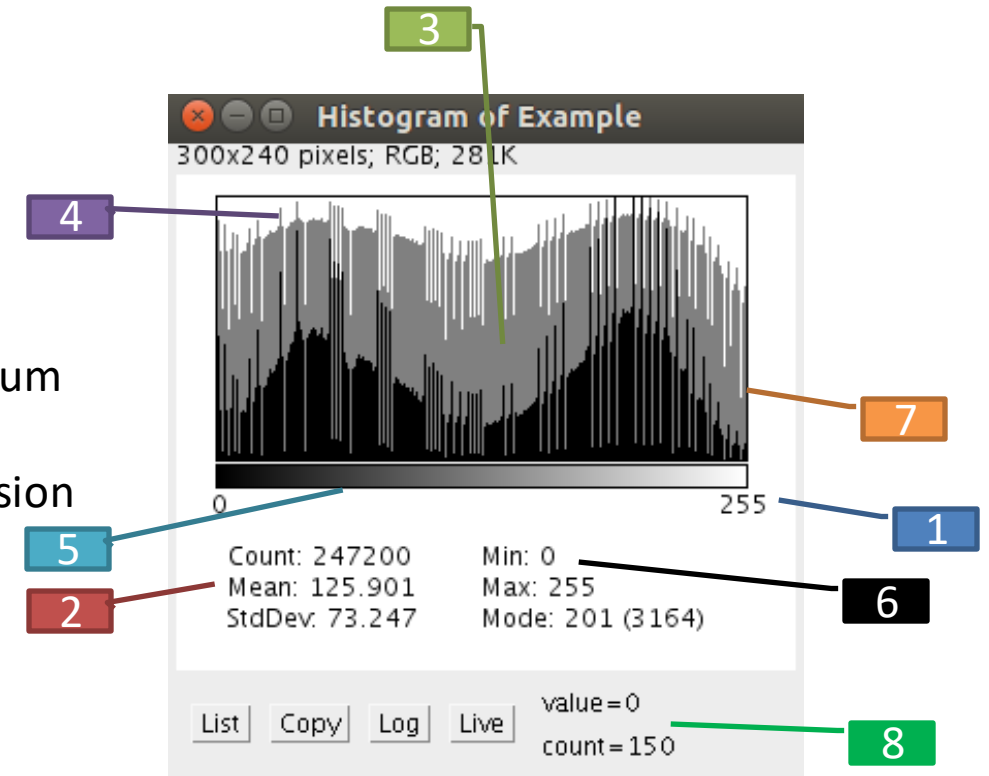
N: 65536
Mean: 245.270
StdDev: 29.543
Value: 134
Min: 88
Max: 255
Mode: 253 (57340)
Count: 219



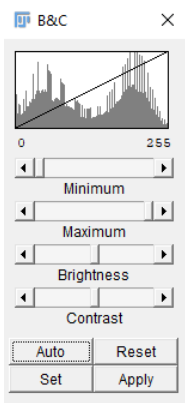
Histograms

What can you deduce from the histogram?

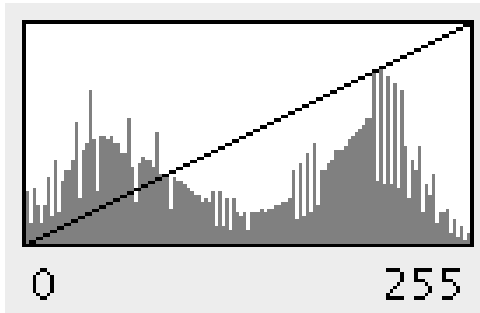
- 1. Bitdepth: 8 bit image (ranging from 0 to 255)
- 2. Pixel value distribution:
Mean pixel value, variance of the intensity,
Min, Max & modal
- 3. Type of distribution: e.g. bimodal, exponential, ...
- 4. Spikes: image normalization or equalization occurred (see later)
- 5. Contrast and Lookup table (see later): the range between maximum and minimum (in this case: 255)
- 6. Dynamic range: the number of distinct pixel values. Eg. Compression will affect the dynamic range
- 7. Overillumination effects
- 8. The intensity at each grayscale value



Histograms → Linear transfer function



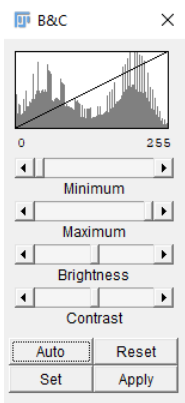
Find the contrast brightness window (Image > adjust > brightness/contrast)



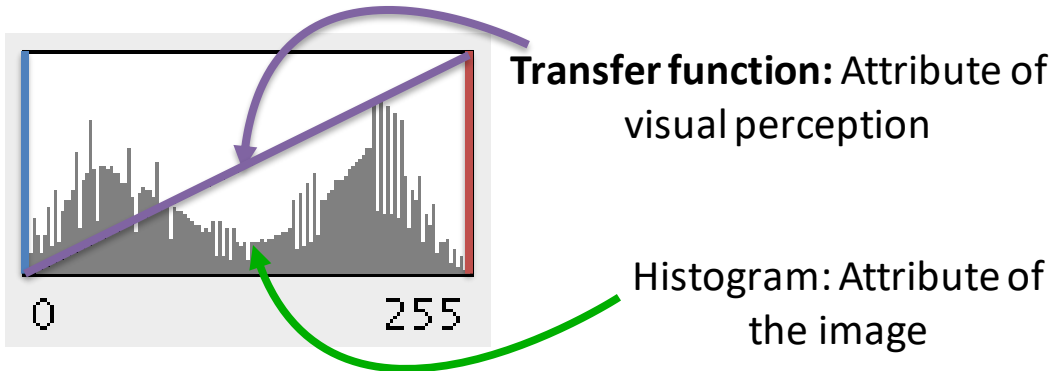
Each image intensity value is mapped to its corresponding screen value:
The linear transfer function is running from bottom left to top right

The linear transfer function assigns every original pixel value a new value on a linear scale. The endpoints of the function determine what value is white, and what black

Histograms → Linear transfer function



Find the contrast brightness window (Image > adjust > brightness/contrast)

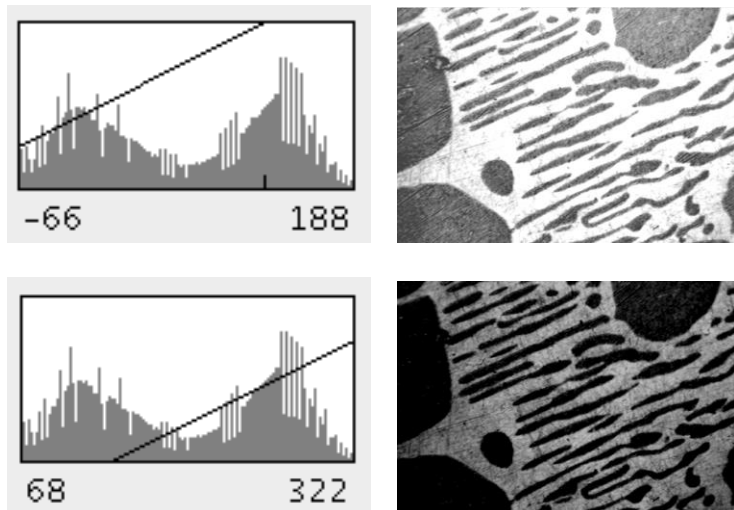


Pixels to the left of TF_{min} = black
Pixels to the right of TF_{max} = white
Pixels $> TF_{min}$ and $< TF_{max}$ = gray (linearly)

KEY: Changing the transfer function does not alter your data, only the way it is depicted

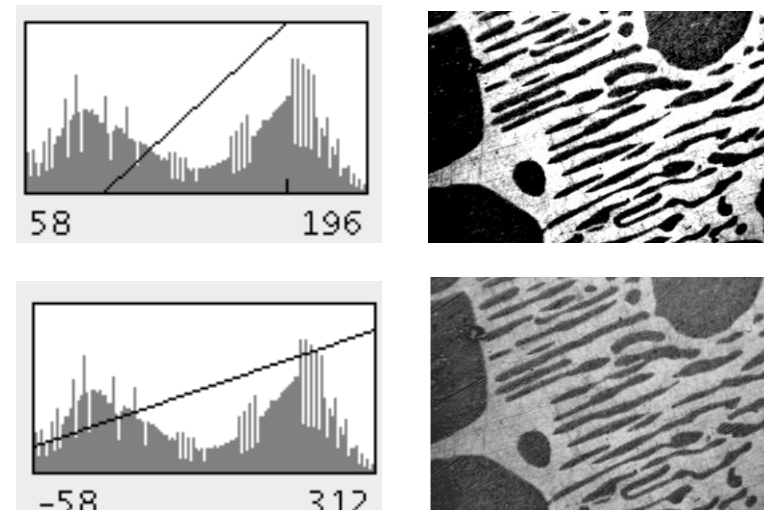
Brightness

The transfer function is shifted



Contrast

The transfer function is tilted



Histograms

EXERCISE 3

Load Example 3 – GrayscaleLUT, and read out the grayscale values in the ImageJ statusbar.

- Use (+ to zoom in, - to zoom out)
- Hoover with the mouse over the image and check the status bar in ImageJ
- Image > adjust > Brightness/Contrast (CTRL+Shift+C)
- Make a histogram of this image. How do you interpret the histogram?
- Play around with the Minimum and Maximum in the transfer function (Image > Adjust> Brightness/Contrast). Check the effect on the values.
- Do you delete information?



Histograms: other lookup tables (LUTs)

82	72	78	86	65	41
157	144	167	188	201	191
185	191	195	188	188	191
193	195	195	191	189	171
173	170	181	192	194	191
210	214	206	202	203	201
237	224	221	230	232	221
183	180	190	188	192	181
178	170	159	187	195	181
167	164	170	186	192	181
159	162				
180	172				
193	180				
167	184				
195	191				
183	188				
101	106				

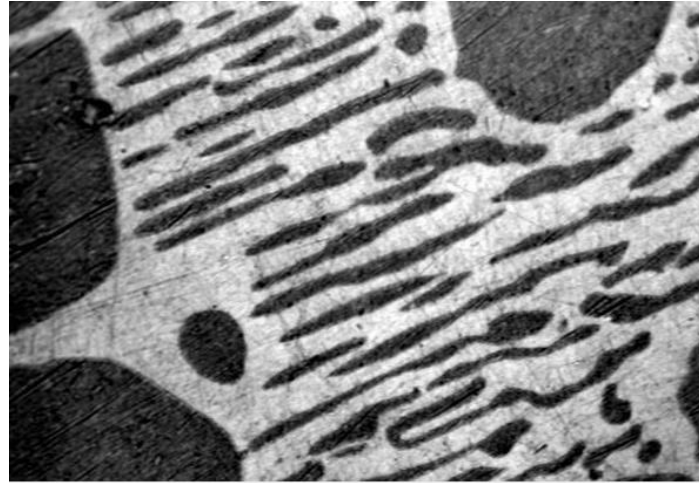
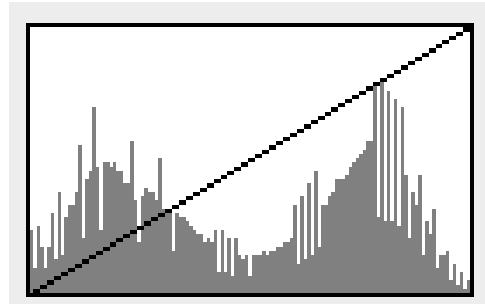
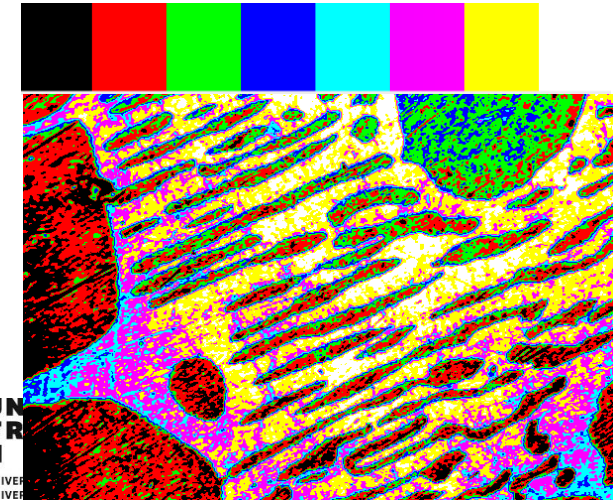
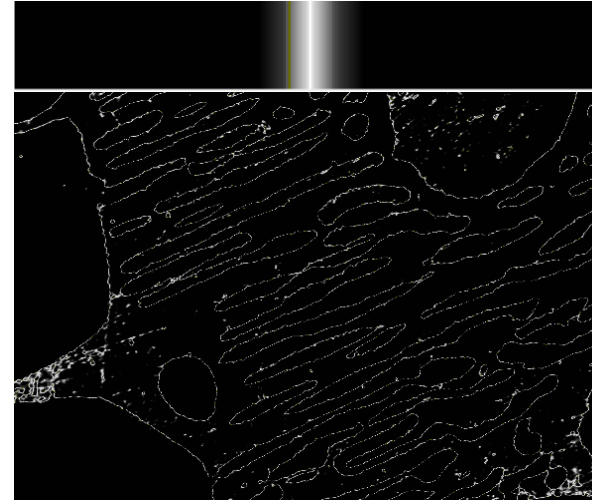
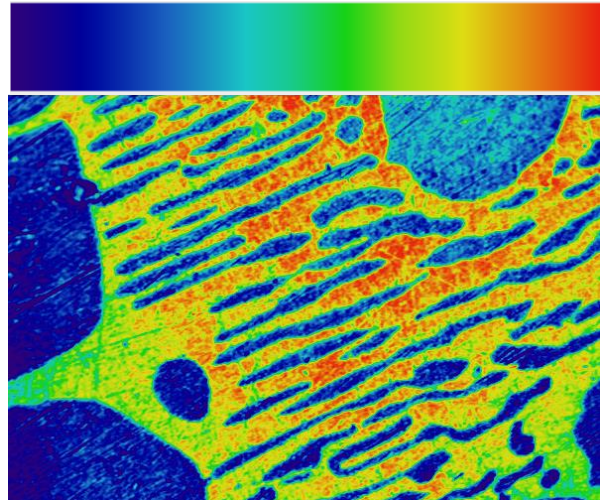
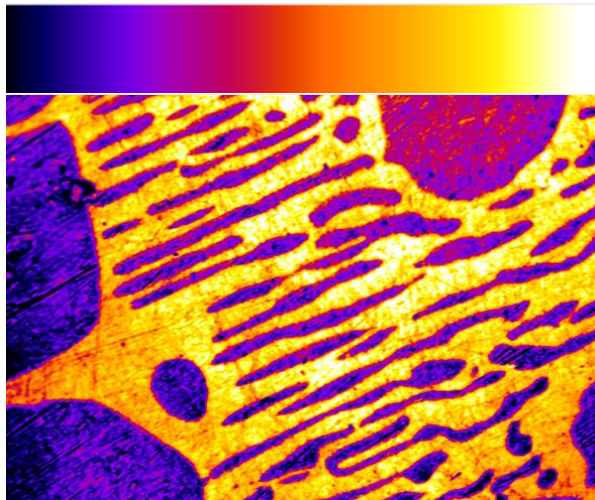


Image = 2D array of numbers

Grayscale = giving a graphical meaning to these Look-Up Tables.

But Grayscale is just one of these Look-Up tables!



Histograms: other lookup tables (LUTs)

EXERCISE 3

Load Example 3 or Example 1A and try different LUTs

- Image > Lookup Tables > ...
- Image > Color > Show LUT
- Change brightness and contrast with some exotic LUTs

- You can make your own LUT using Image > color > Edit LUT

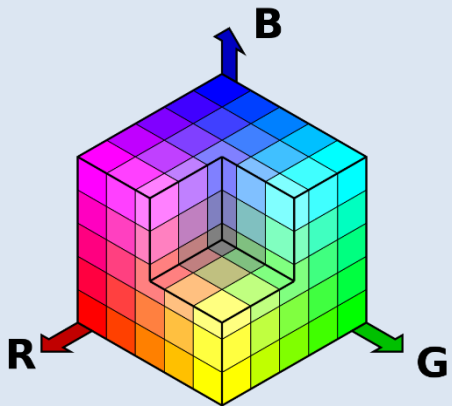
Histograms: color model

A color model

is a method of describing a color. Color models can be represented as tuples of numbers, typically as three or four values or color components.

RGB

- 3 values: Red, green & blue
- Additive



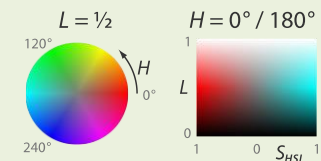
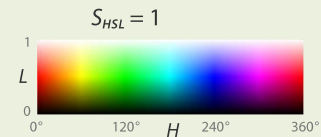
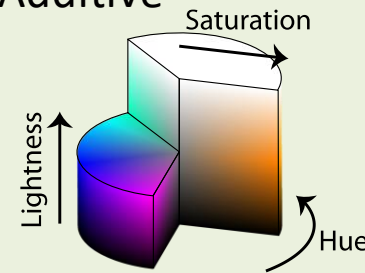
CMYK

- 4 values: Cyan, Magenta, Yellow and black
- Subtractive



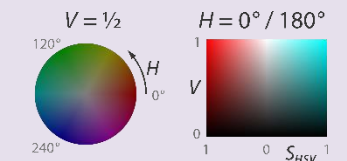
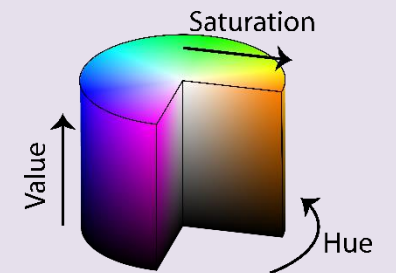
HSL

- 3 values: Hue, Saturation and Lightness
- Additive



HSV

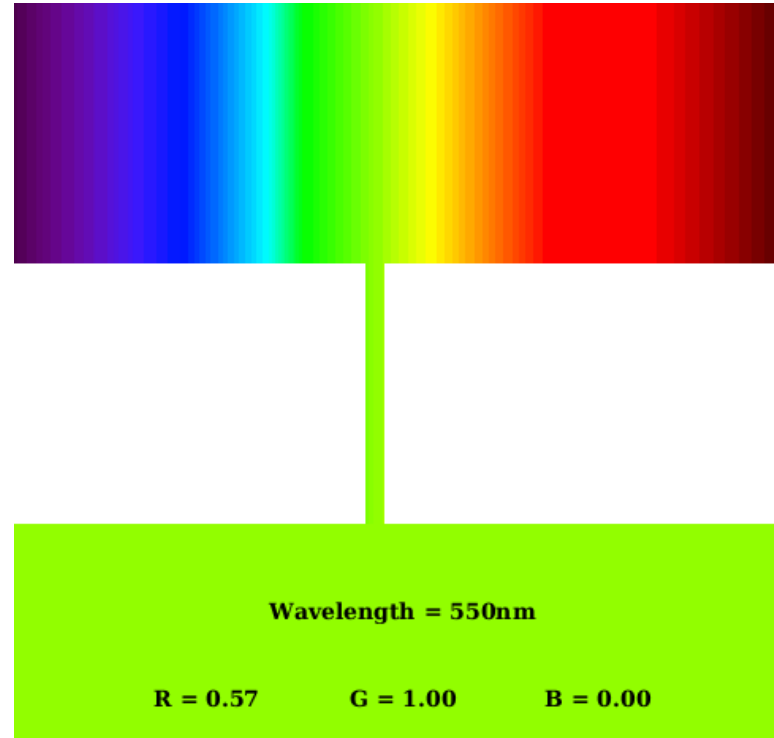
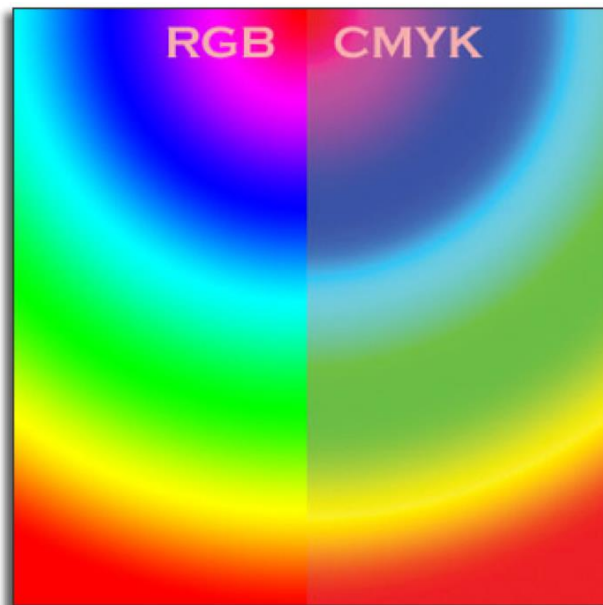
- 3 values: Hue, Saturation and Value
- Additive



Histograms: color space

A color space

is a way of mapping real colors to the color model's particular values. the goal having reproducible, unambiguous representations of color – whether such representation entails an analog or a digital representation.



Based on human perception

CIE 1931 XY

CIEUVW

Uniform color spaces CIELUV

CIELAB

HSLuv

RGB primaries (for CRT & LED displays)

sRGB (created by HP & Microsoft for on line use)

Adobe RGB (designed for CMYK color)

Adobe Wide Gamut RGB (wider range than sRGB: 77.6% vs 50.6%)

Rec. 2020 (used for HDR-TV)

Histograms: the color gamut

The color gamut

The entire range of colors and tones achievable by an imaging system (eyes, printer, display)

Inside the diagram:

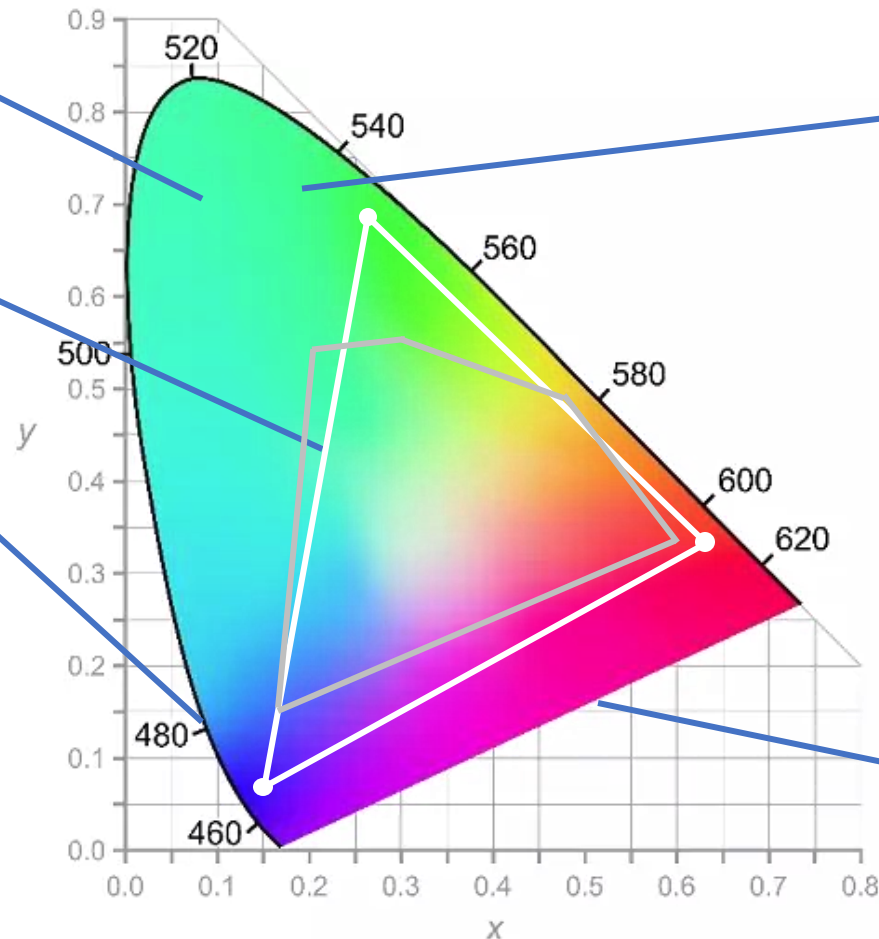
All colors visible to the average human eye (= CIELAB color space)

Color mixing:

The colors along any line between two points can be made by mixing the colors at the end points

Spectral locus:

The edge of the diagram represents pure monochromatic light (single wavelength, in nm)



Color gamut:

Subset of colors that can be represented by mixing the colors at it's corners

White: sRGB color space

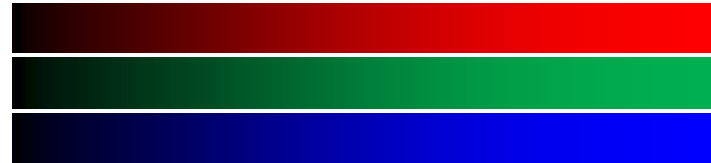
Gray: color space defined by CMYK

Line of purples:

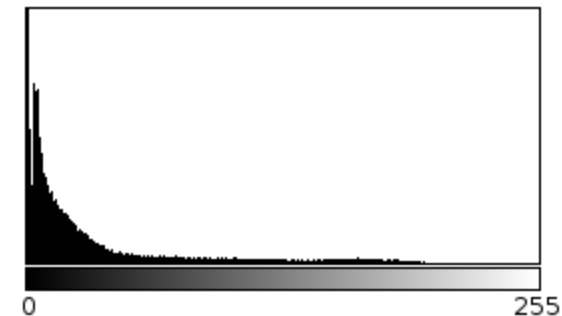
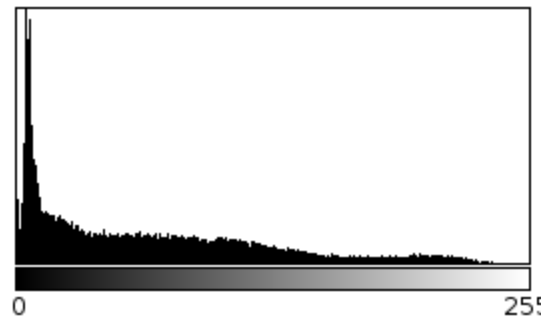
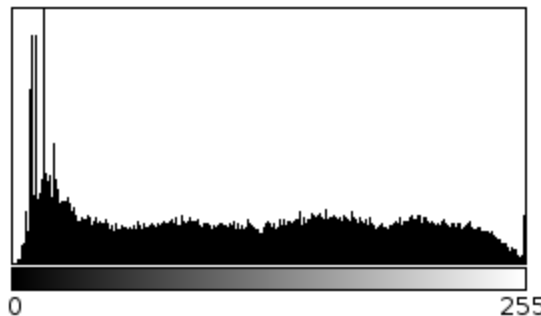
Non-monochromatic saturated colors (cannot be represented by a single wavelength)

Histograms: color images




- Color image = 3 grayscale images combined (=composite).
- with a red LUT
- With a green LUT
- With a blue LUT



They are also called RGB images, or 24 bit images (=3x8 bit)



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Header

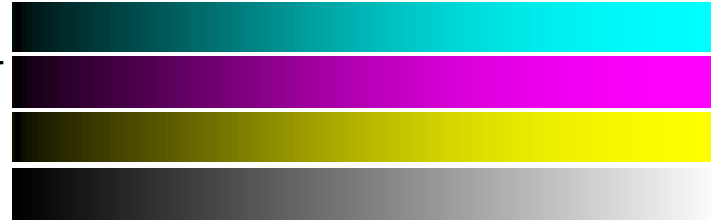
Image –
red data

Image –
green data

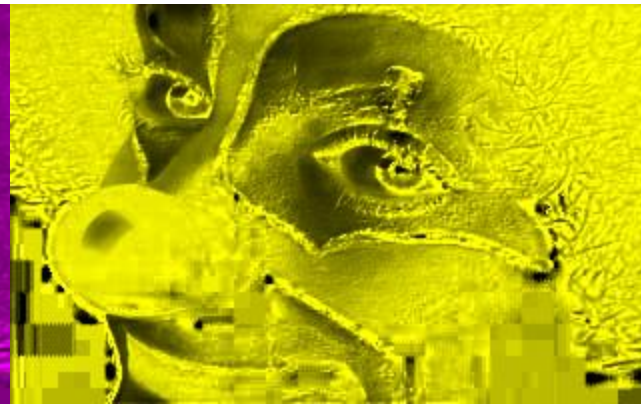
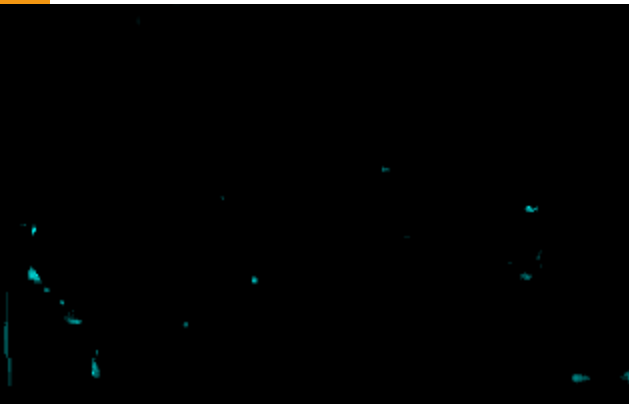
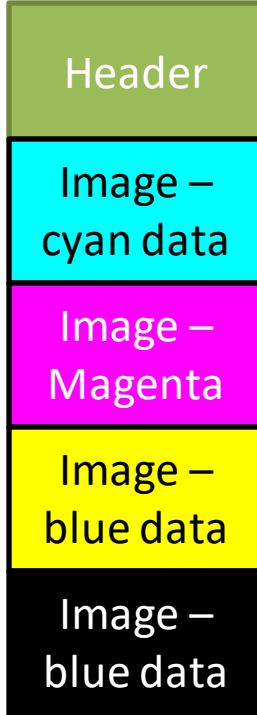
Image –
blue data

Histograms: color images

- Color image = 4 grayscale images combined (composite).
- with a cyan LUT
- With a magenta LUT
- With a yellow LUT
- With a black LUT



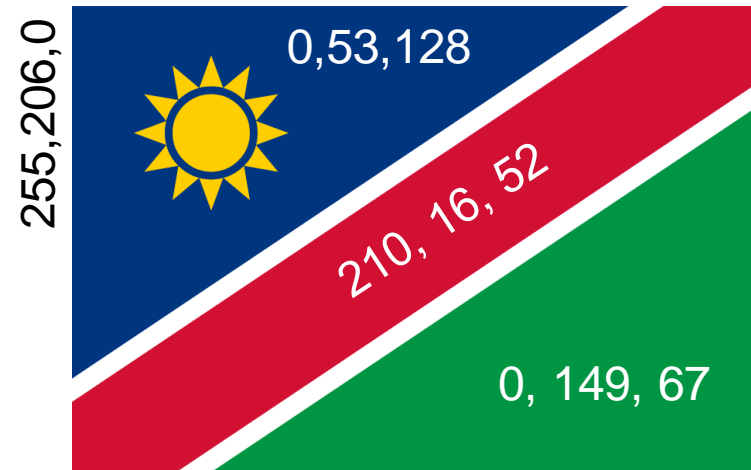
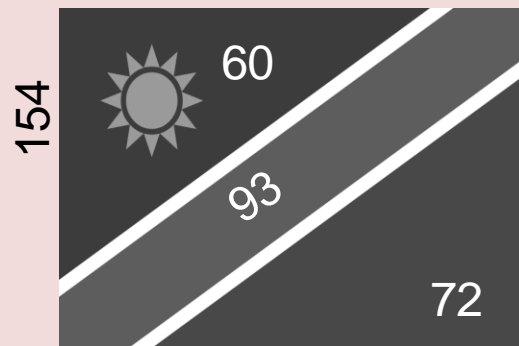
They are also called CMYK images, or 32 bit color images (=4x8 bit)



Converting color to grayscale

Direct conversion

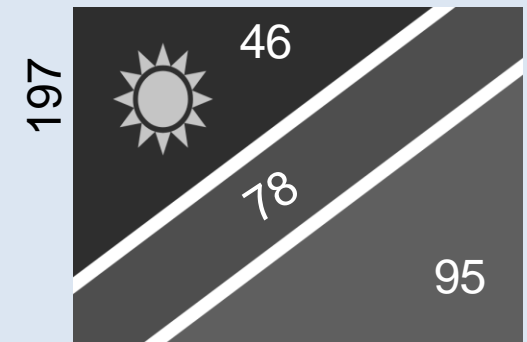
$$8bit = \frac{Red + Green + Blue}{3}$$



Edit > Options > Conversions...

Weighted conversion

$$8bit = 29.9\%Red + 58.7\%Green + 11.4\%Blue$$



Converting formats, saving data

EXERCISE 4

Load the clown test image and convert it to another format



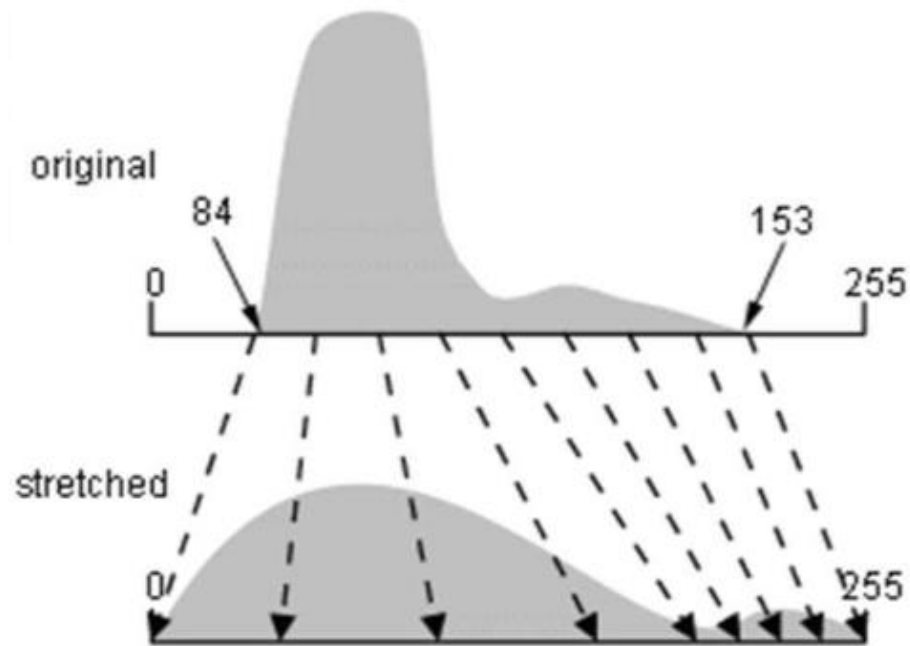
- File > Open Samples > Clown
- Image > Type
- Change the type to e.g. 8-bit and check what happened to the size
- Can you change back to RGB (without Edit > undo, off course)?
- Save as 8-bit, 16-bit and RGB TIFF. Compare file sizes

Bit depth	Channels	Filesize (bytes)	Data	Header
8 bit	1	64 236 bytes	64 000 bytes (=320x200x1)	236
16 bit	2	128 254 bytes	128 000 bytes (=320x200x2)	254
RGB	3	192 166 bytes	192 000 bytes (=320x200x3)	166
32 bit	4	256 266 bytes	256 000 bytes (=320x200x4)	266
L*a*b (3x32 bit)	3x4	768 672 bytes	768 000 bytes (320x200x4x3)	672

- Convert to CMYK: <https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/plugins/cmyk/index.html>

Histogram normalization, histogram equalization

Goal: to use the entire range of intensities in the histogram



WARNING:

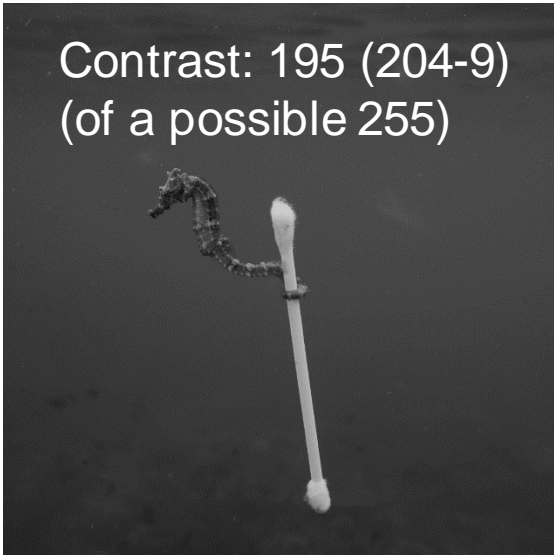
1. GIGO
2. We will now **change the actual data**, not longer only the transfer function.

Solutions:

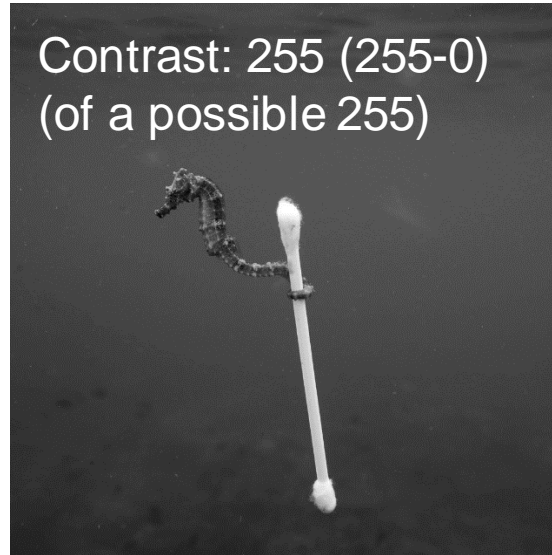
- Histogram normalization (histogram stretching)
- Histogram equalization

Histogram normalization

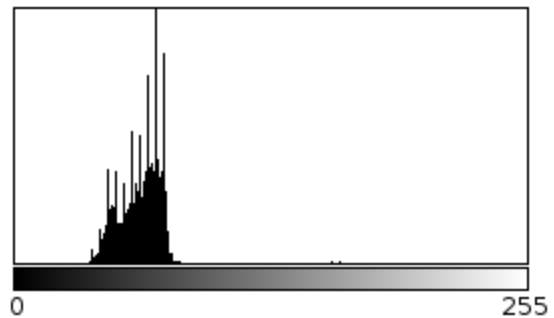
Contrast: 195 (204-9)
(of a possible 255)



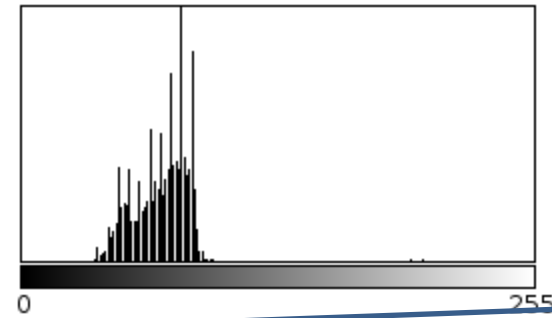
Contrast: 255 (255-0)
(of a possible 255)



Contrast: the range between the maximum and minimum intensity in the image



Count: 1210000 Min: 9
Mean: 63.619 Max: 204
StdDev: 15.943 Mode: 70 (101022)



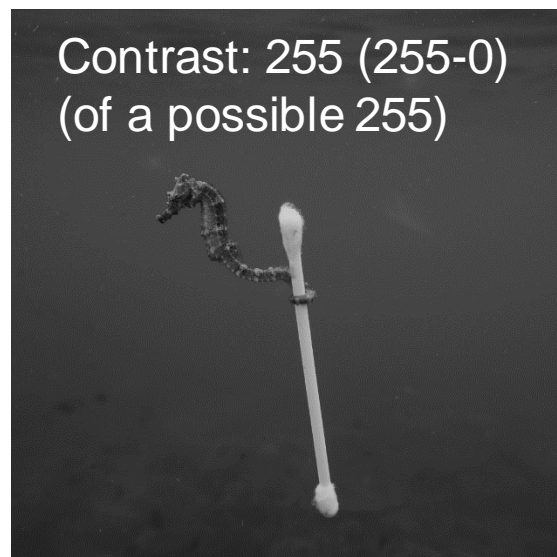
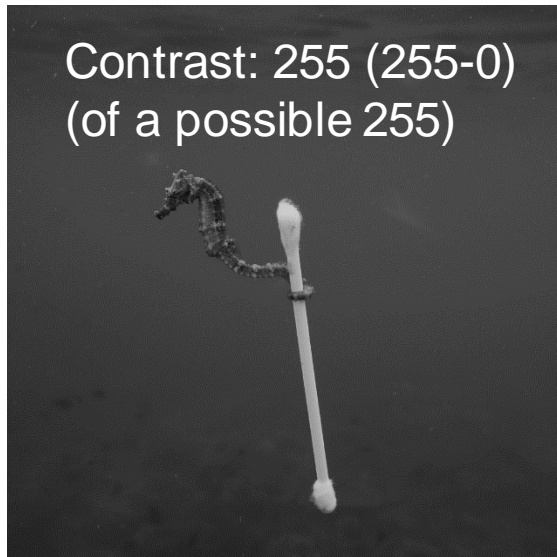
Count: 1210000 Min: 0
Mean: 70.985 Max: 255
StdDev: 20.861 Mode: 79 (101022)

$$g(x, y) = \frac{f(x, y) - I_{min}}{I_{max} - I_{min}} \cdot 2^n$$

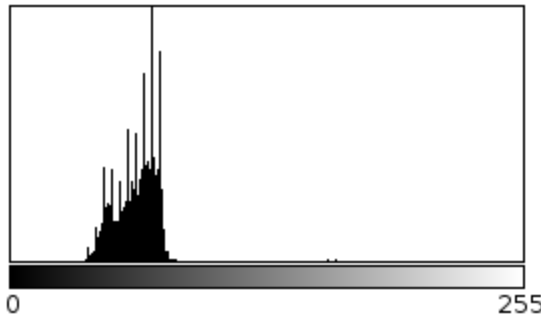
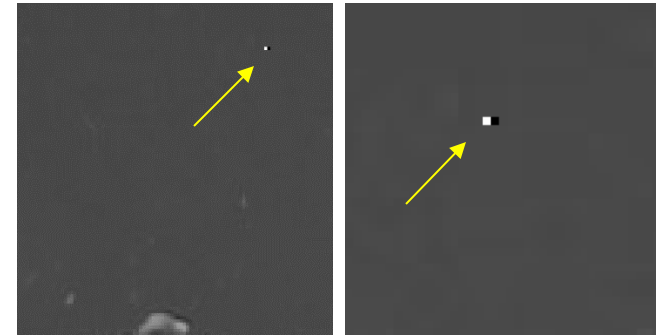
$$g(x, y) = \frac{f(x, y) - 9}{204 - 9} \cdot 256$$

Histogram normalization: attention!

Problem: hot/cold pixels

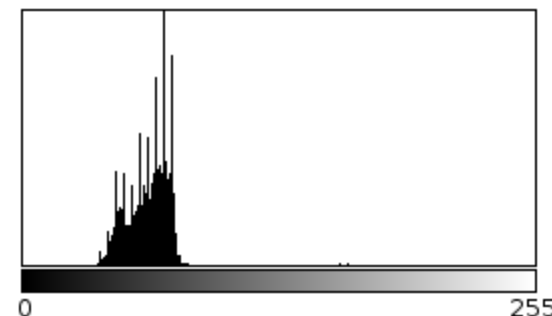


$$g(x, y) = \frac{f(x, y) - I_{min}}{I_{max} - I_{min}} \cdot 2^n$$



Count: 1210000
Mean: 63.619
StdDev: 15.944

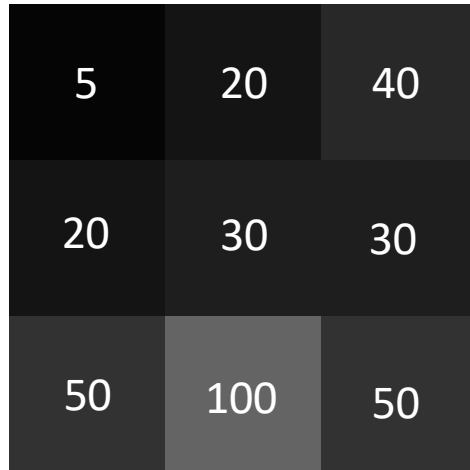
Min: 0
Max: 255
Mode: 70 (101022)



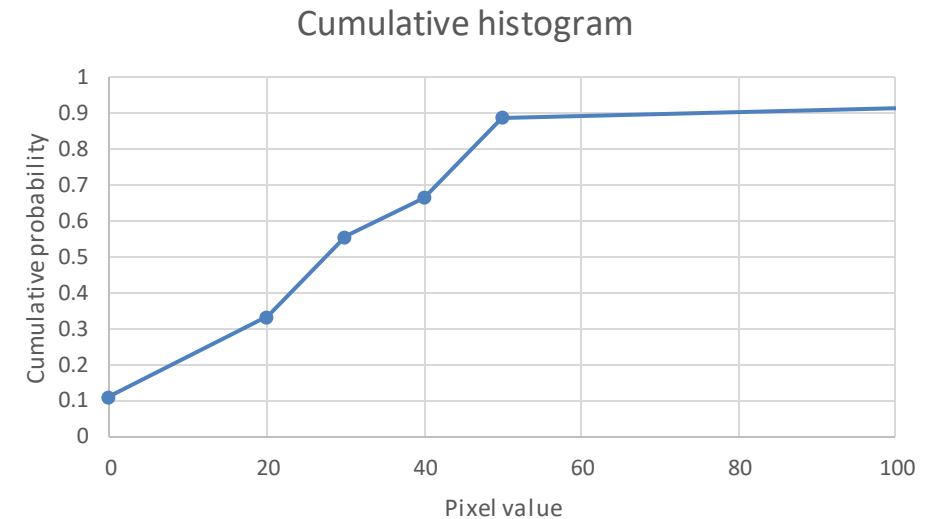
Count: 1210000
Mean: 63.619
StdDev: 15.944

Min: 0
Max: 255
Mode: 70 (101022)

Histogram equalization



Values	Occurrence	PMF*	CDF*
5	1	0.111	0.111
20	2	0.222	0.333
30	2	0.222	0.555
40	1	0.111	0.666
50	2	0.222	0.888
100	1	0.111	1
	Total = 9	Total = 1	



= the normalization of the cumulative histogram of the image

*PMF = Probability mass function

*CDF = Cumulative distribution function = cumulative histogram

Histogram equalization

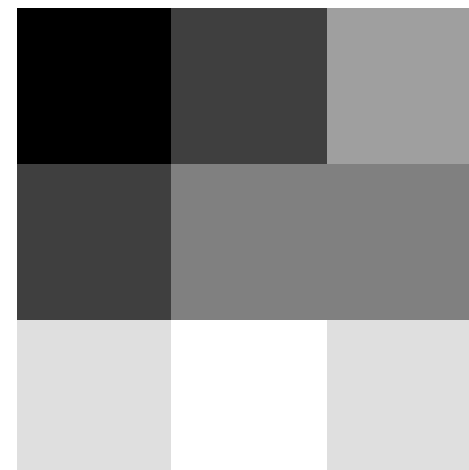
Note to the not-so-mathematically-inclined:
This is exactly the same formula as 3 slides back, but now we use the newly created cumulative histogram instead of the histogram

5	20	40
20	30	30
50	100	50

Values	CDF*	CDF norm	8 bit
5	0.111	0	0
20	0.333	0.25	63
30	0.555	0.5	128
40	0.666	0.625	159
50	0.888	0.875	223
100	1	1	255

0	63	159
63	128	128
223	255	223

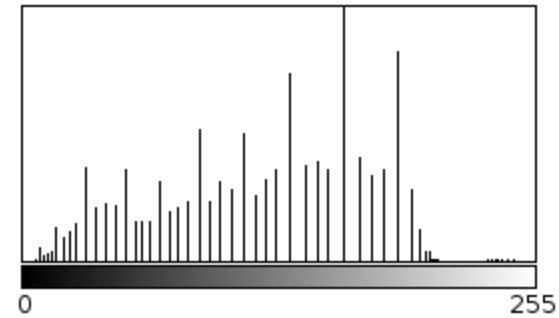
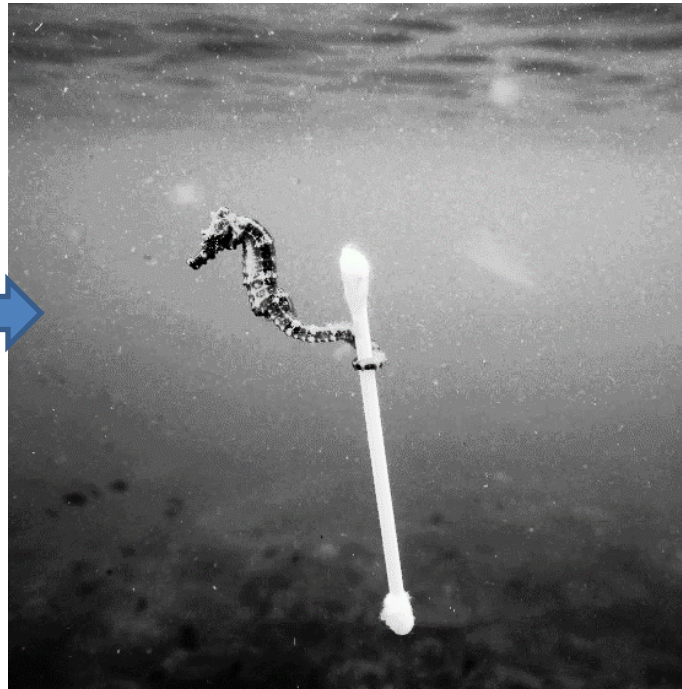
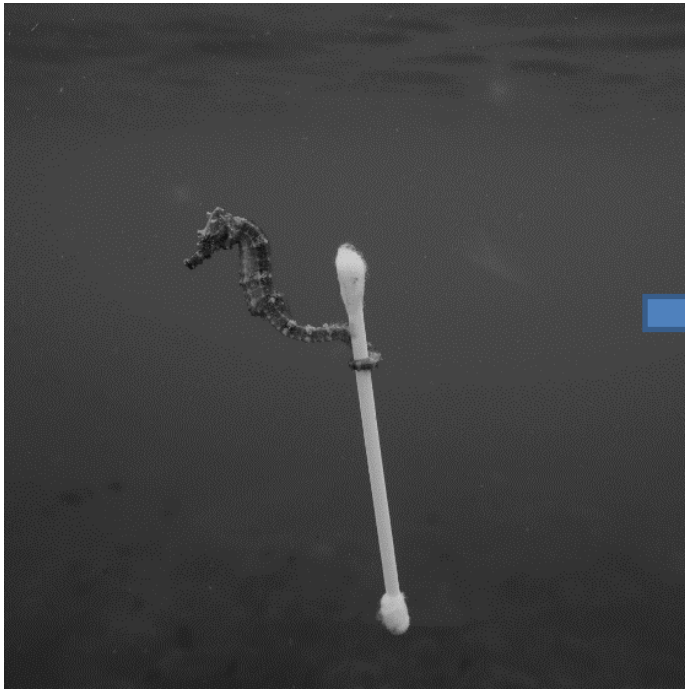
= the normalization of the cumulative histogram of the image



*PMF = Probability mass function

*CDF = Cumulative distribution function = cumulative histogram

Histogram equalization: attention!



Count: 1210000 Min: 0
Mean: 117.298 Max: 255
StdDev: 55.295 Mode: 160 (101022)

Watch out with Histogram equalization!

- Unrealistic artefacts in 8 bit (grayscale images)
- Image gradients in images with low depth (it will further reduce dynamic range)
- Undesired effects when histogram is not continuous

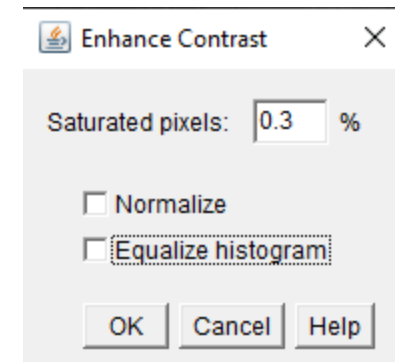
Histogram equalization: attention!

EXERCISE 5

Open Example 5B.tif and try the histogram normalization and histogram equalization

Process > Enhance contrast...

Amount of Saturated pixels: default = 0.3% (but play with it)
(usually, you want this very low)

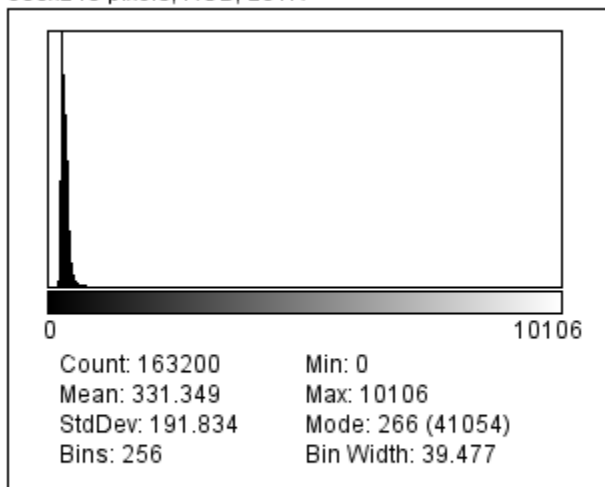


Histogram equalization: attention!

Example (Galaxy M51)



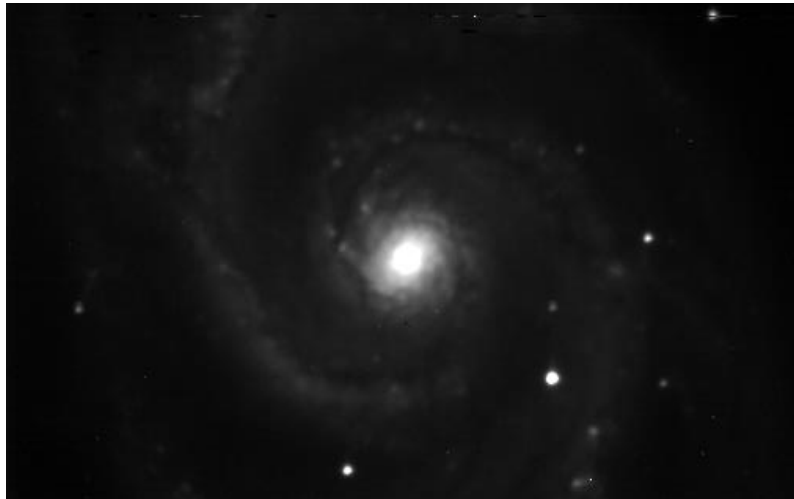
300x240 pixels; RGB; 281K



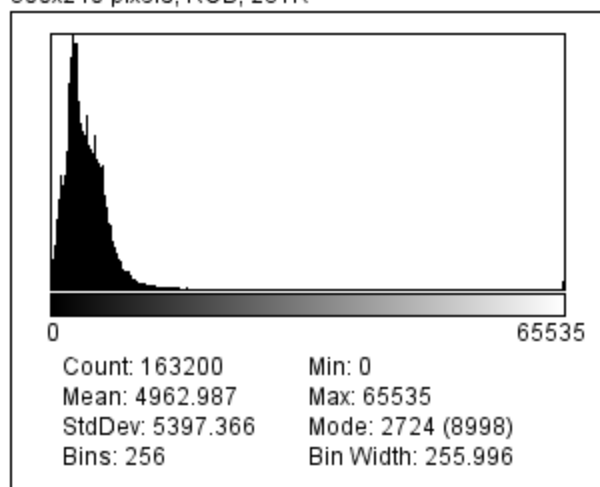
List Copy Log Live

value=4342.422
count=0

Histogram normalization

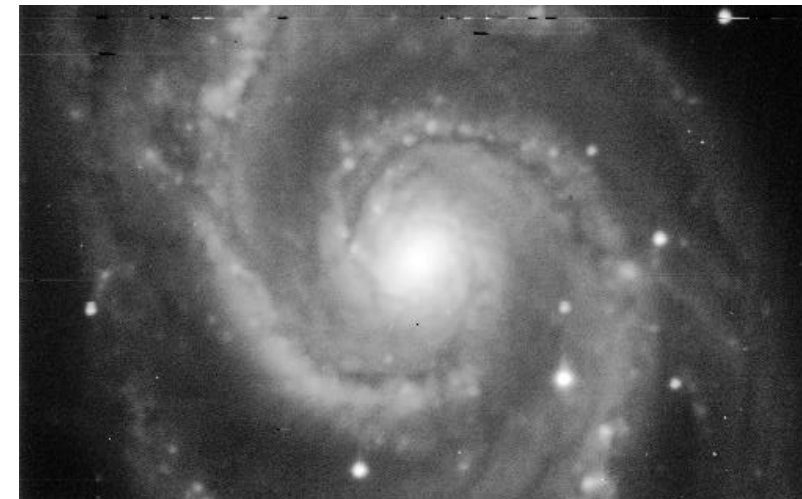


300x240 pixels; RGB; 281K

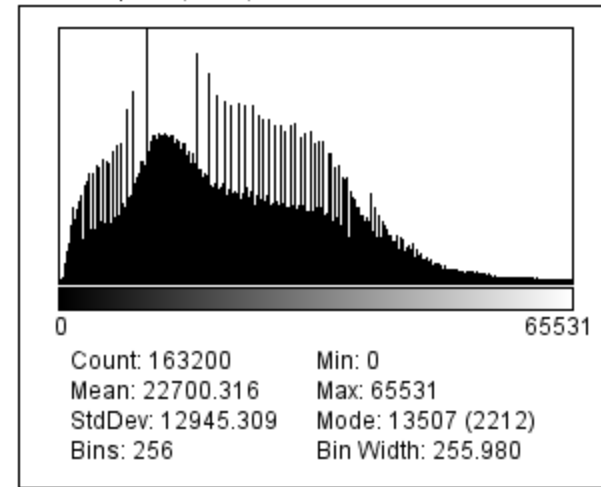


List Copy Log Live

Histogram equalization



300x240 pixels; RGB; 281K



List Copy Log Live

value=6655.492
count=1147

Part IV: Overlays and preparation for publication

- Overlays
- Annotations and scale bars
- Preparing figures for publications
- Inkscape
- FigureJ

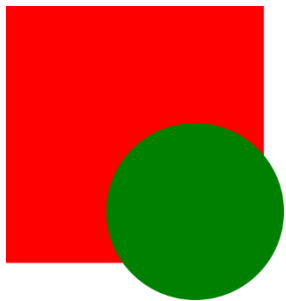


Overlays

Overlays are **vector graphics**: non-active, non-destructive selections displayed 'over' the rastered graphics data.

Overlay selections are

- Mathematically-defined **paths** (=not rastered), not affected by scaling, i.e., do not become pixelated.
- Overlays are **saved in the header** (e.g. of tif images), and do not need to be saved externally.
- Examples: Scalebars, annotations, ...



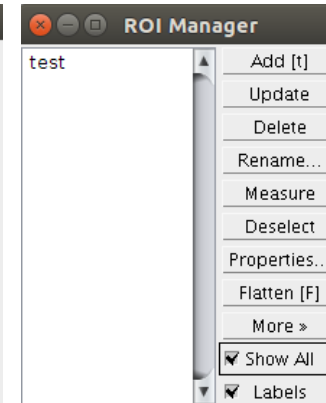
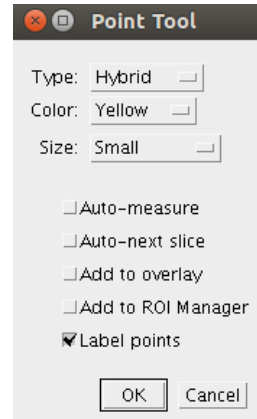
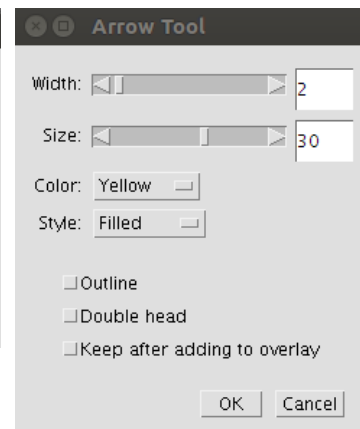
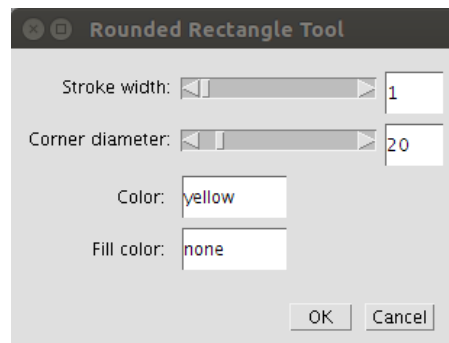
Selections

EXERCISE 6

Open Example 4 – Manual scale



- Select the line selection and draw lines on the image. Check the status bar. Length? Unit of length?
- Try out the other selection options
- Right-click the icons with a red triangle at the bottom right.
- Use Analyze > Tools > ROI manager to
 - Add selections, rename them and remove them
 - Save selections to a file and open them again

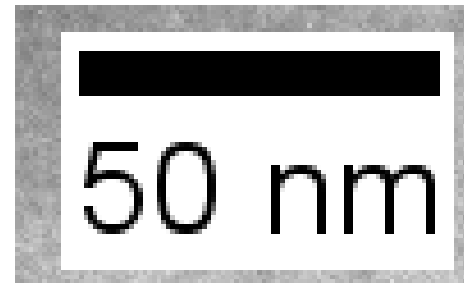
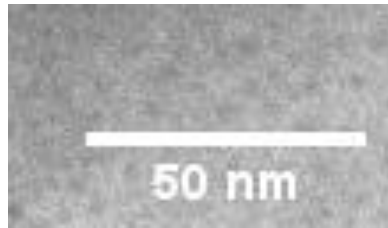
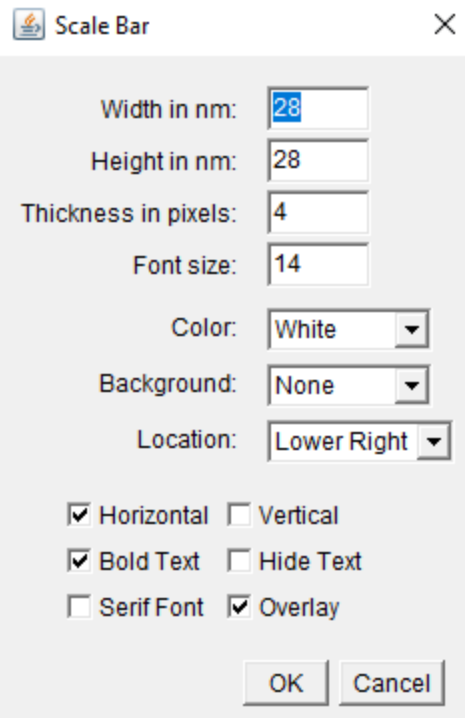


Scale bars

EXERCISE 6

Add a scale bar to Example 1D (the .ser file)

- Open Example 1D (Plugins > Input-Output > TIA reader)
- Check the info in the header: CTRL + i (or Image > Show info ...)
- Analyze > Tools > Scale bar...



Width: 8.3029 microns (2048)
Height: 8.3029 microns (2048)
Size: 8MB
Resolution: 246.6609 pixels per microns
Pixel size: 0.0041x0.0041 microns²

Scale bars

EXERCISE 6

Try to repeat for Example 4 – Manual scale. Retrieve the scale and add a scale bar to a cropped version of Example 4

- Open Example 4
- Image > show info...

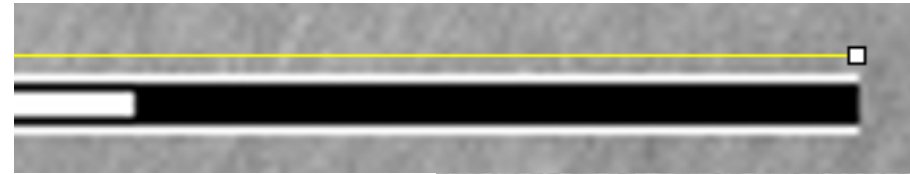
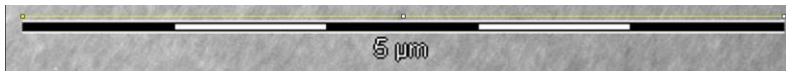
Scale bars

EXERCISE 6

Try to repeat for Example 4 – Manual scale. Retrieve the scale and add a scale bar to a cropped version of Example 4

- Open Example 4
- Image > show info... The pixel size is NOT calibrated →
- But! There is a scale bar burnt into the rastered image.
- Draw a line exactly the length of the burnt-in scalebar

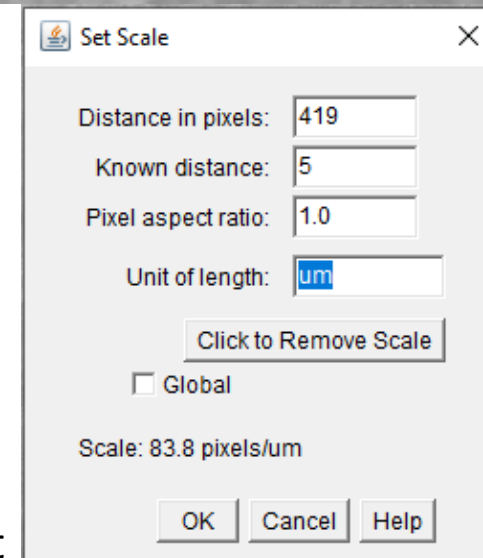
Width: 2970 pixels
Height: 2100 pixels
Size: 5.9MB
Pixel size: 1x1 pixel²



- Use Analyze > Set Scale
- The length of the line (in pixels) will be automatically filled in
- Enter the known distance (1) and the unit (um, there is no μ)
- (Global will set this scale to all open images)
- Click OK. Your image is now calibrated (Check the info!)

Now add the overlay scalebar

- Analyze > Tools > Scale bar...
- Note: the burnt-in scale cannot be removed, only cropped out



Annotations

EXERCISE 7

Open Example 4 – Manual scale and annotate the image

Arrows, lines, text

- Image > annotate > Arrow..

Accepting the annotation

- Press CTRL+B to make the annotation in overlay (recommended)
- Press CTRL+D to draw the annotation in the image (burn in: convert vector to pixels)

Note: ImageJ/FIJI is not great for annotations

Illustrator, Affinity designer, Inkscape, CorelDraw, ... are superior tools for vector graphics design.

Annotations

EXERCISE 7

Open Example 4- Manual scale and annotate the image

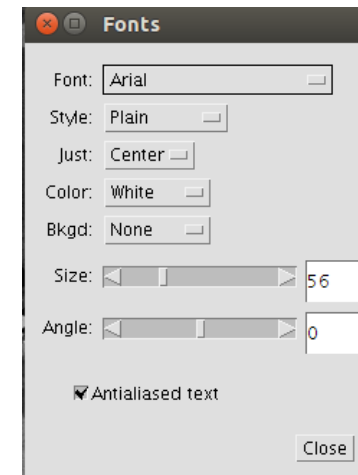
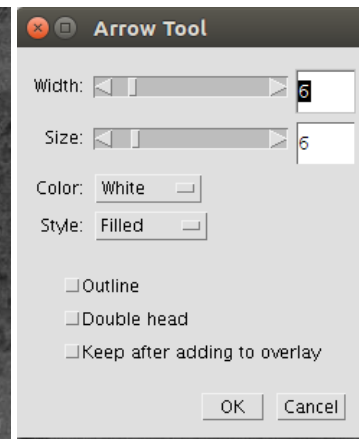
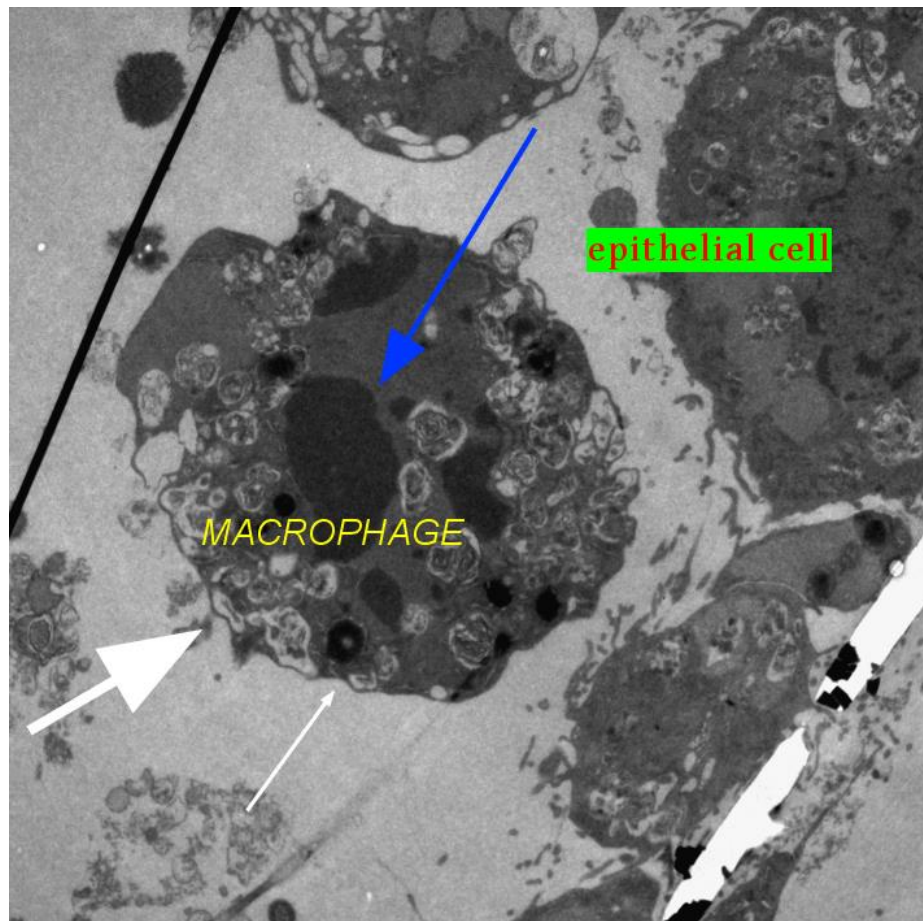
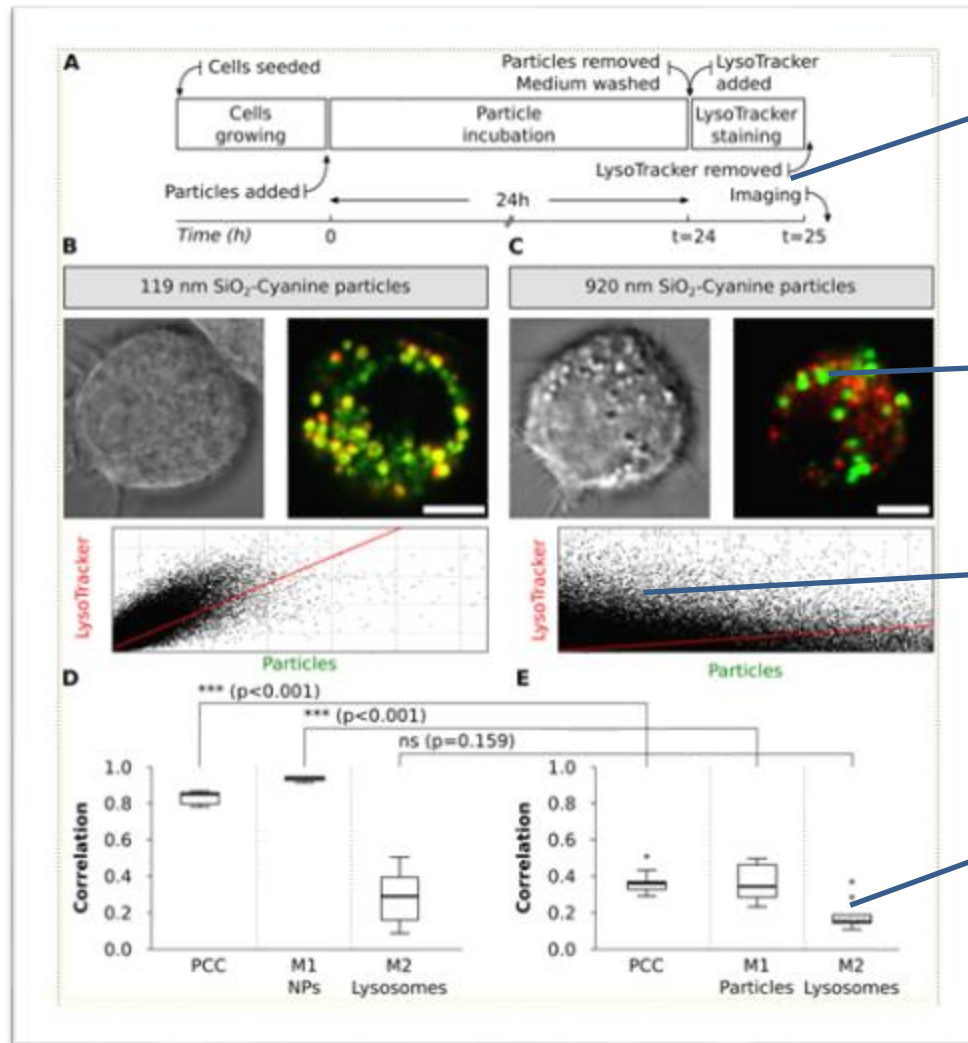


Image > Overlay > List elements

Type	X	Y	Width	Height	Color	Fill	LWidth
Straight Line	396	1070	139	189	white	none	6
Straight Line	58	977	273	164	white	none	16
Straight Line	602	204	245	400	#0036ff	none	8
Text	320	795	422	71	yellow	none	0
Text	923	360	378	68	red	green	0

Preparing for publication - semantics

Some semantics:



Line art

Image

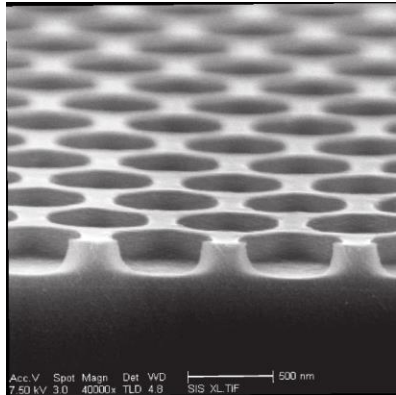
Graph or plot

Line art

Figure

Preparing for publication - DPI

Images: from camera to printer: PPI and DPI



Dots per inch (DPI)

is a measure of spatial dot density in printing, in particular the number of individual dots that can be placed in a line within the span of 1 inch (2.54 cm).

Points per inch (PPI)

is the same but with concerning electronic displays. Not relevant here.

Rule of thumb: what is the resolution I need to publish my data?

Images: at least 300 DPI, but 600 DPI has been requested

Line art: higher: 1200 DPI, but I have seen 2400 DPI requests

Graphs: 600 DPI and up

Low resolution

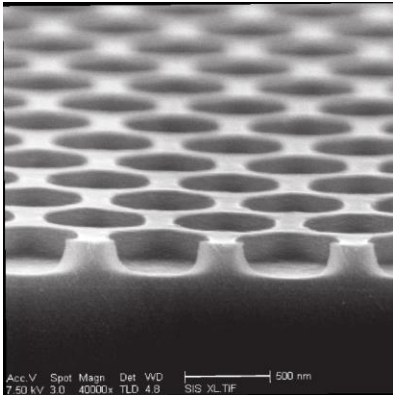


High resolution



Preparing for publication - example

Images: from camera to printer: PPI and DPI



Info:

1 inch = 2.54 cm

Expected Image width in print: 10 cm

Expected printed resolution: 300 DPI

Question: how many pixels wide does my digital picture have to be?

Calculation:

$$\text{Width (printer)} = \frac{10 \text{ cm}}{2.54 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{inch}}} = 3.937 \text{ inch}$$

$$\text{at 300 dots per inch} = 3.9737 \text{ inch} \times 300 \frac{\text{dots}}{\text{inch}} = 1181 \text{ dots}$$

Result:

The image must be 1181 pixels wide to get a 10 cm wide figure at 300 DPI

Dots per inch (DPI)

is a measure of spatial dot density in printing, in particular the number of individual dots that can be placed in a line within the span of 1 inch (2.54 cm).

Resizing and cropping

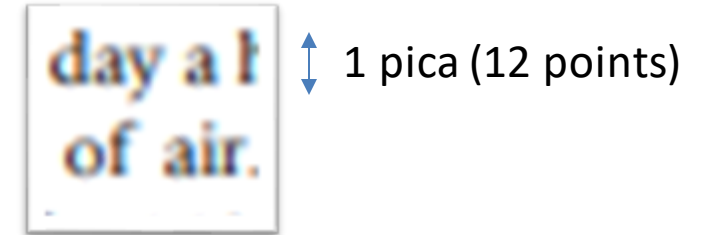
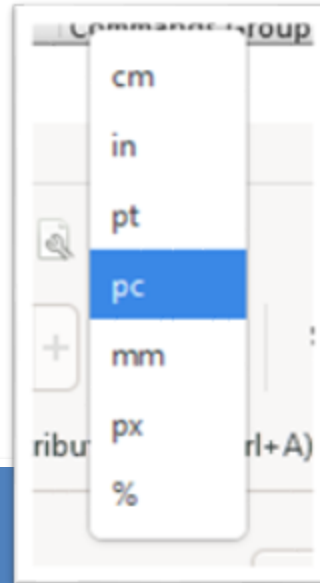
What happens with my image during resizing? Am I allowed to crop an image?

==> See lecture 2 Advanced Image processing

Preparing for publication - pica

Publishers and printers work often with PICA (pc) and POINTS (pt).

- 12 points (pt) 1 pica (pc)
- 1 pc 1/6 of an inch
- 1 pc 4.23333 mm
- 1 pt 0.35277 mm
- Text height 1 pica (12 points)
- Text width (page) 41 pica
- Column width (2 / page) 20 pica
- Central space 1 pica



Info

Expected Image width in print: 20 pc

Expected printed resolution: 300 DPI

Question: how many pixels wide does my digital picture have to be?

Calculation:

20 pc = 20/6 inch = 3.333 inch (= 8.333 cm)

Width (printer) = 3.333 inch

at 300 dots per inch = 3.333 inch x 300 $\frac{\text{dots}}{\text{inch}}$ = 1000 dots

Result:

The image must be 1000 pixels wide to get a columnwide figure at 300 DPI

20 pica

1 pica

41 pica

Preparing for publication – Example using Inkscape



EXCERCISE 8

Create a 300 dpi, 20 pica PNG figure containing Example 4 in Inkscape

1. Start the software (inkscape.org)

2. Adjust the window size

File > Document properties

Set Display units to pica (pc) and custom size to 20 pc width

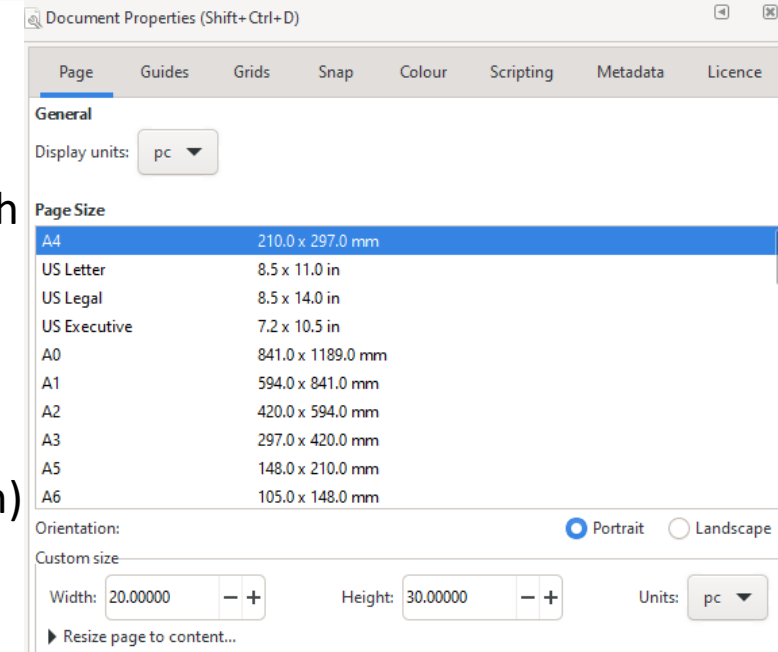
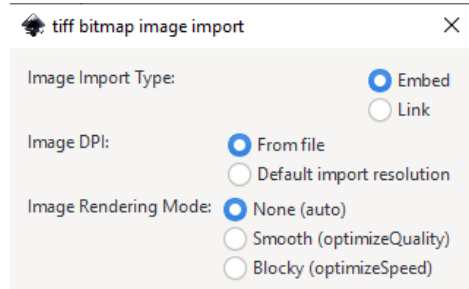
Close the Document properties window

3. Import the image


File > Import... and point to Example 4

In the import dialog box: do not change anything
(the default is 96 dpi = 96 PPI = screen resolution)

Edit > Preferences > Imported Images



4. Set the image dimensions

Left tool bar: make sure you selected the black pointer 

Select the image, you can find the dimensions in the horizontal toolbar



Try out different units (px, mm, in, pc, ...)

Preparing for publication – Example using Inkscape

EXERCISE 8

Create a 300 dpi, 20 pica PNG figure containing Example 4 in Inkscape

5. Scale the image

With the lock ticked (keeps W/H ratio constant), change W to 20 pc



6. Align and distribute

Object > Align and distribute... you get new possibilities on the right side of the screen

Align relative to: Page and click  and then  (order is irrelevant)

The image is now aligned to your 20 pc wide page

7. Add annotations

8. Export to PNG

File > Export (you get a new window on the right)

Set the Image size ... pixels at to 300 DPI. Click Export.

Check its dimensions in your Operating system

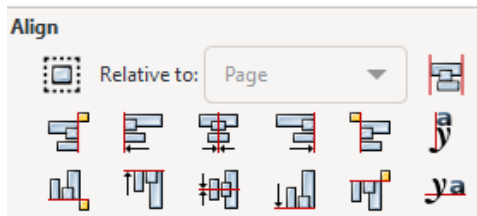
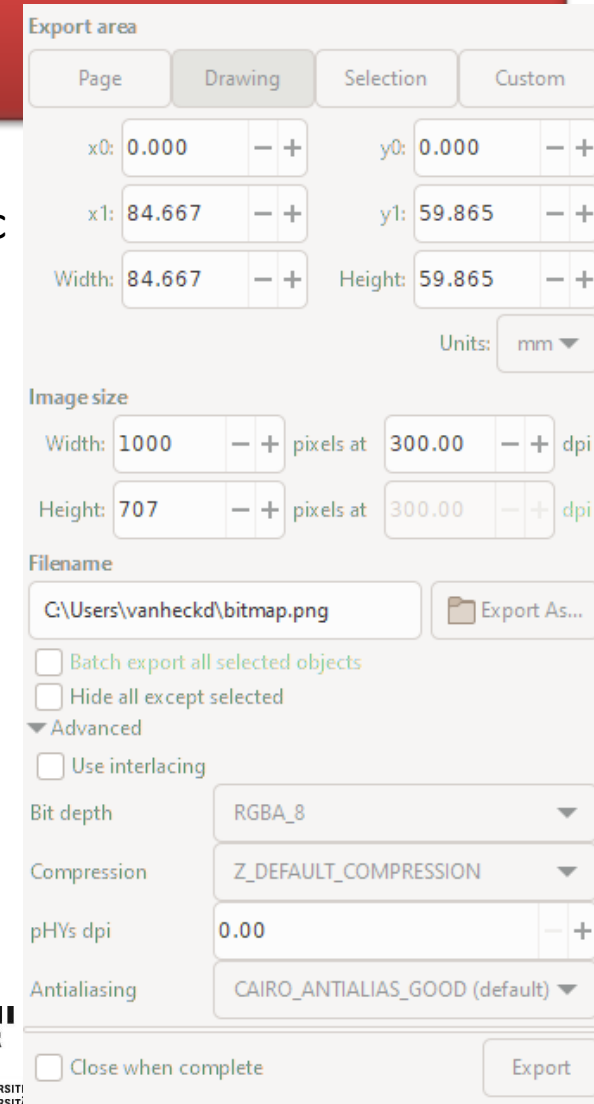


Image	
Dimensions	1000 x 707
Width	1000 pixels
Height	707 pixels
Bit depth	32

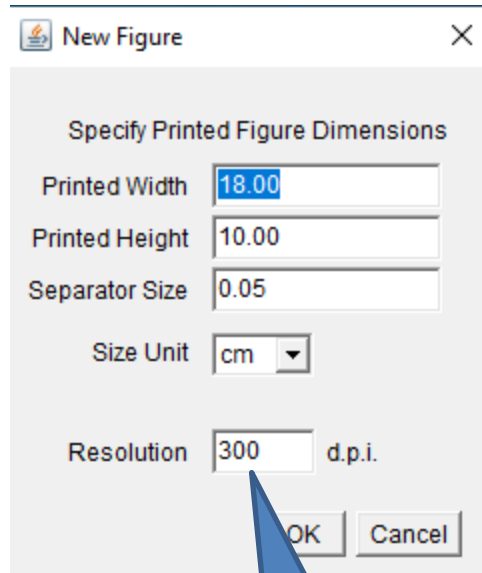
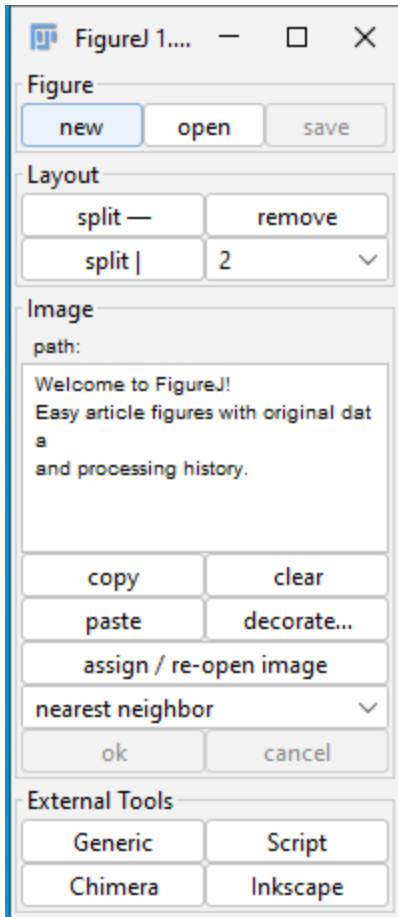


Preparing for publication

FigureJ: attempt to create Figure panels for scientific publications in ImageJ

Plugin download: add the IBMP-CNRS, ImageScience and BioFormats repository, then restart.

Plugin start: Plugins> FigureJ > new



Advantage

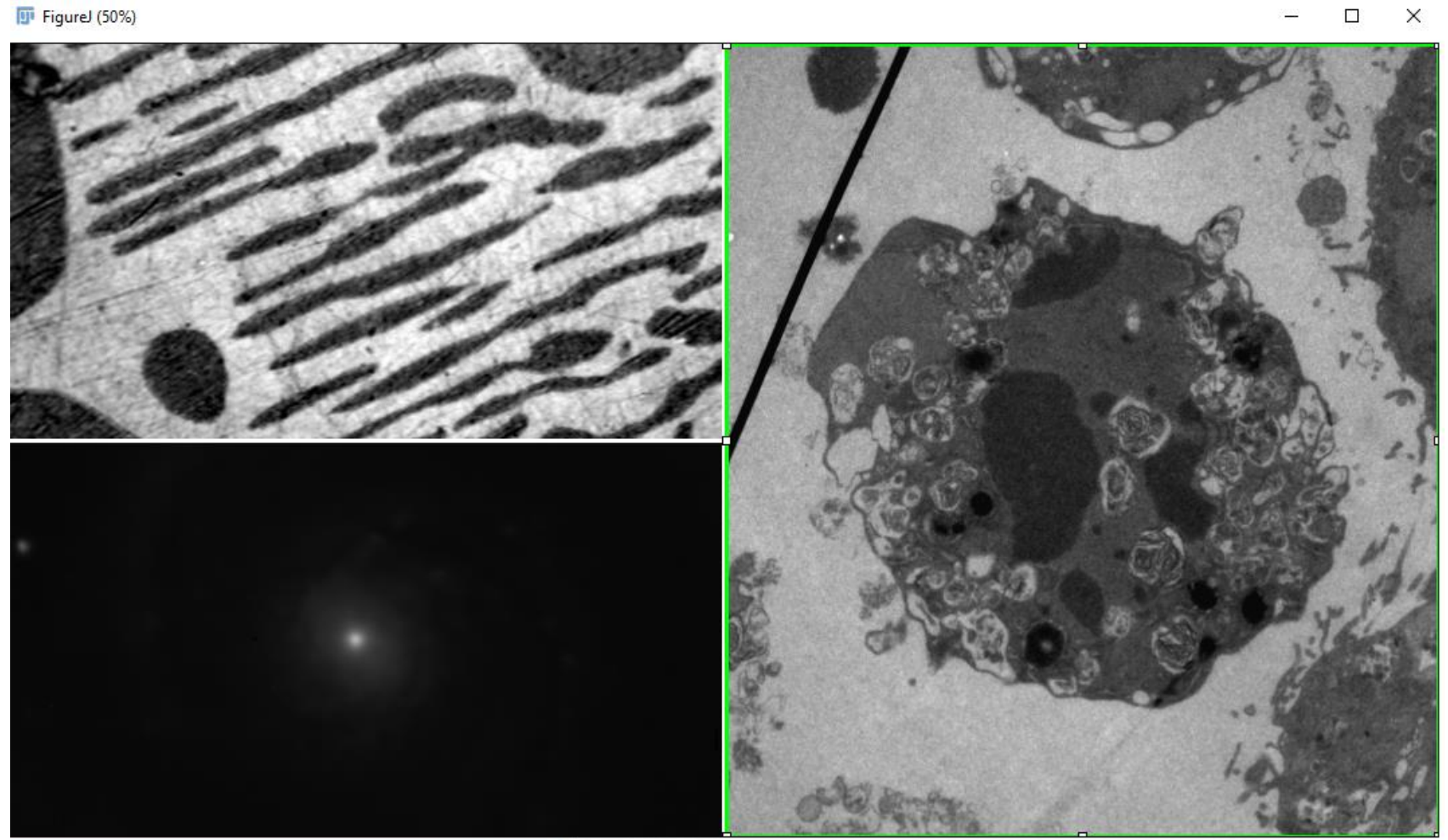
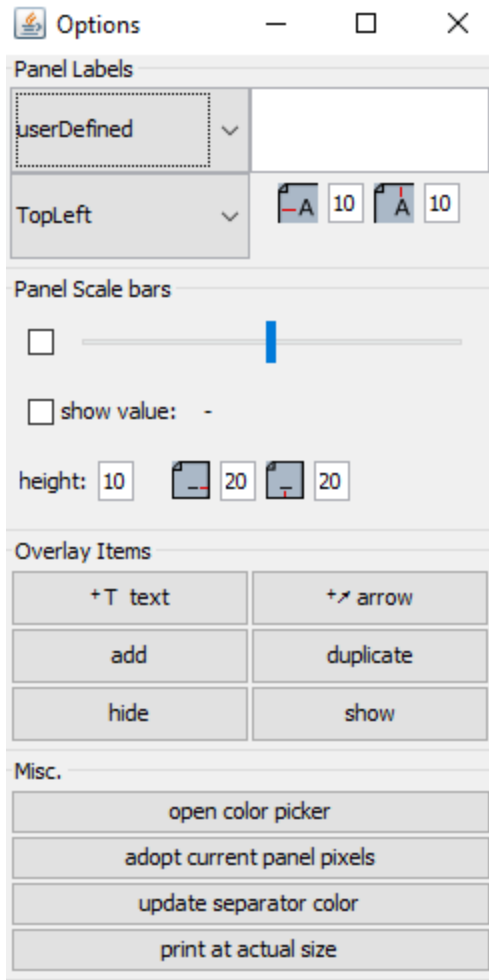
FigureJ takes care of the DPI conversion of your images

Set the resolution
in DPI at the start

<https://imagejdocu.tudor.lu/plugin/utilities/figurej/start>

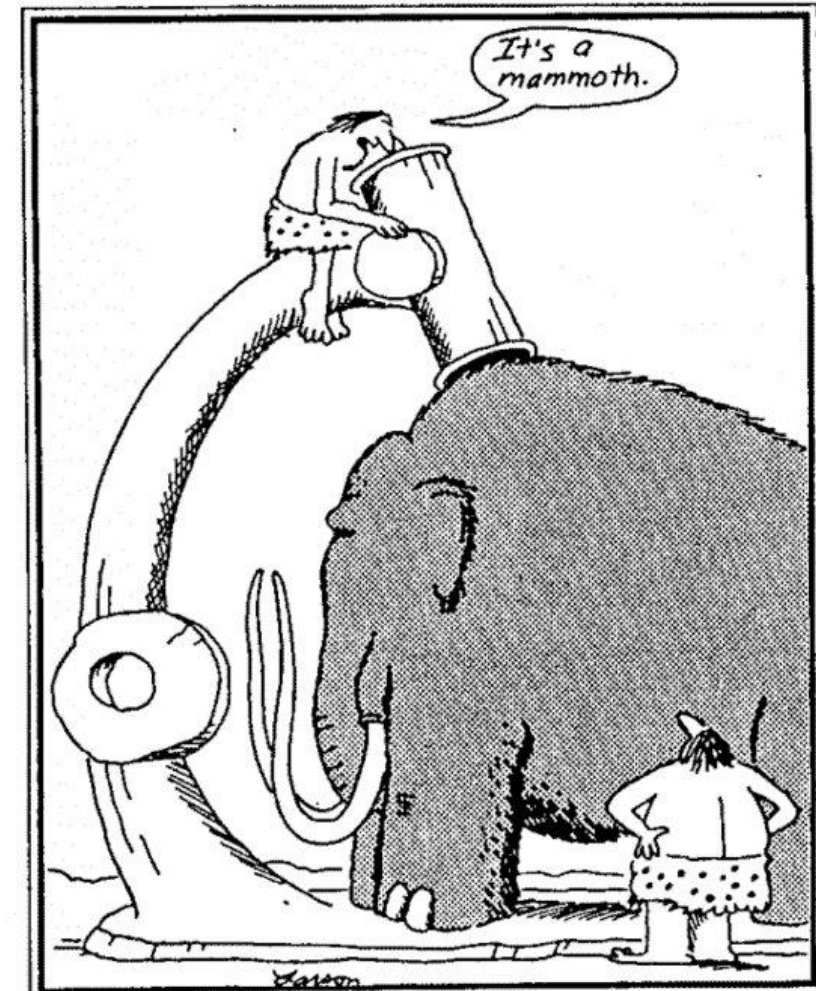
MUTTERER, J., & ZINCK, E. (2013). Quick-and-clean article figures with FigureJ. *Journal of Microscopy*, 252(1), 89–91.

Annotations: FigureJ



Finished!

✓ Congratulations,
You finished Part I, Basics!



Early microscope