

Physics of Life

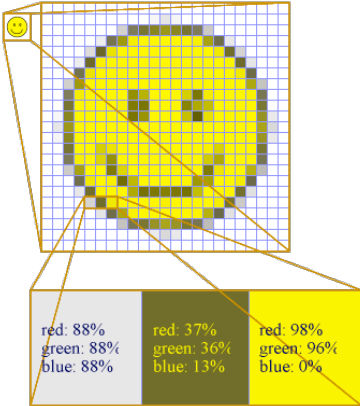
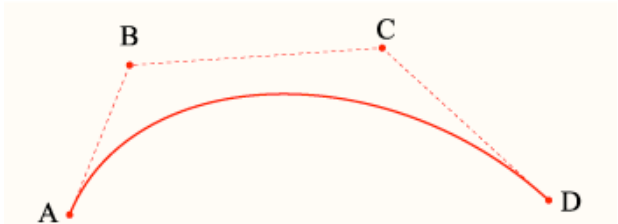
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Computer Representation of Images

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Graphical information

Raster graphics	Vector graphics
	 $\mathbf{B}(t) = (1 - t)^2 \mathbf{A} + 2t(1 - t)\mathbf{B} + t^2 \mathbf{C}, t \in [0, 1]$
Generally rectangular array of pixels (points)	Geometrical primitives (points, lines, polygons) to represent graphic
Photographs	Computer generated line art
tiff, jpg, png Photoshop, GIMP, ImageJ	“postscript”, pdf Illustrator, Xfig, Corel draw

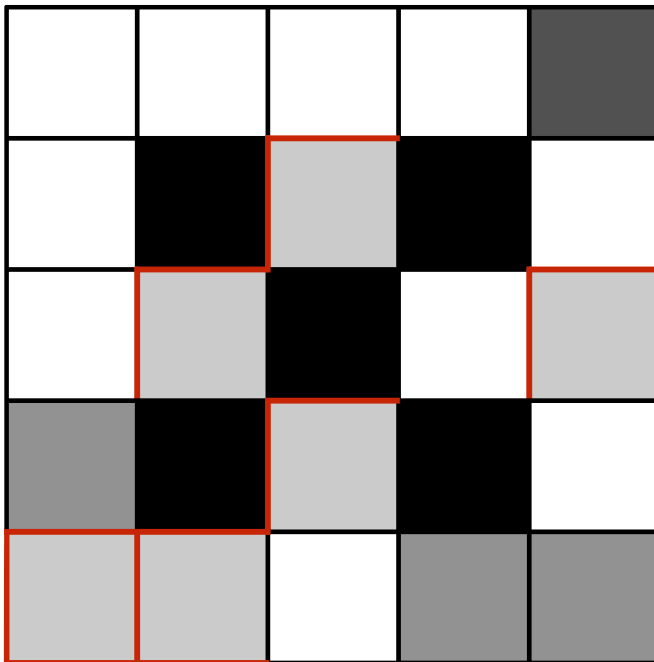
Illustrations: [wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)

Quality measurements for raster graphics

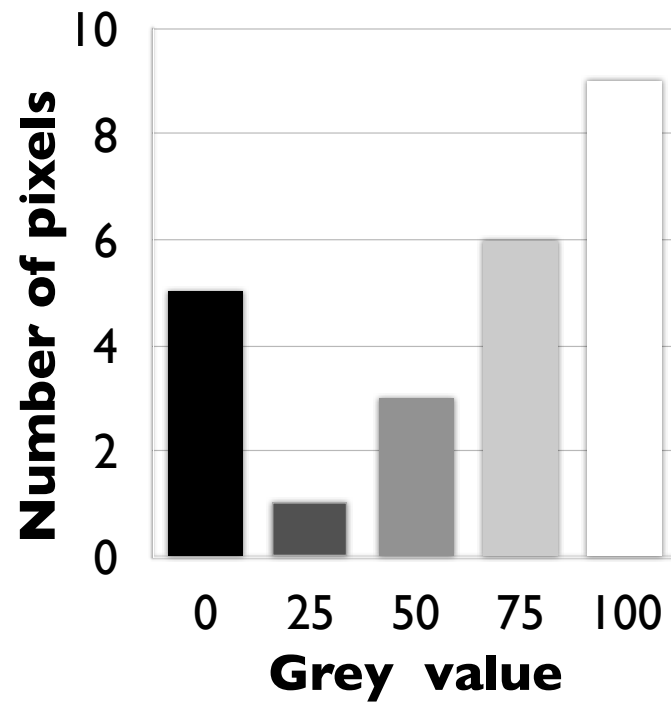
- Resolution: How many pixels encode a certain structure.
 - Warning: The resolution of the picture does not represent the resolution of the optical device.
- Dynamic range: How much information (computer memory) is reserved per pixel

Histogram

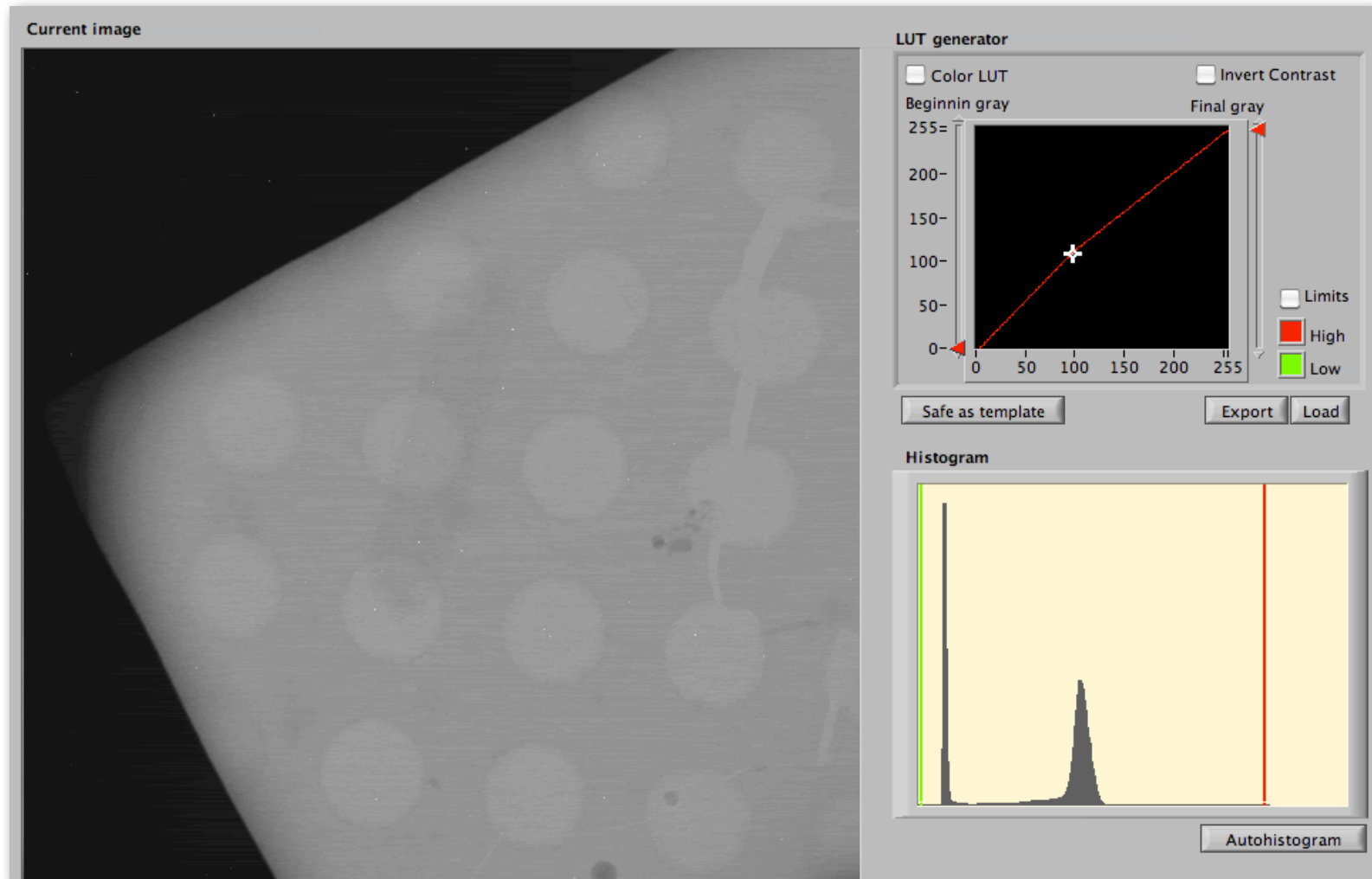
Image



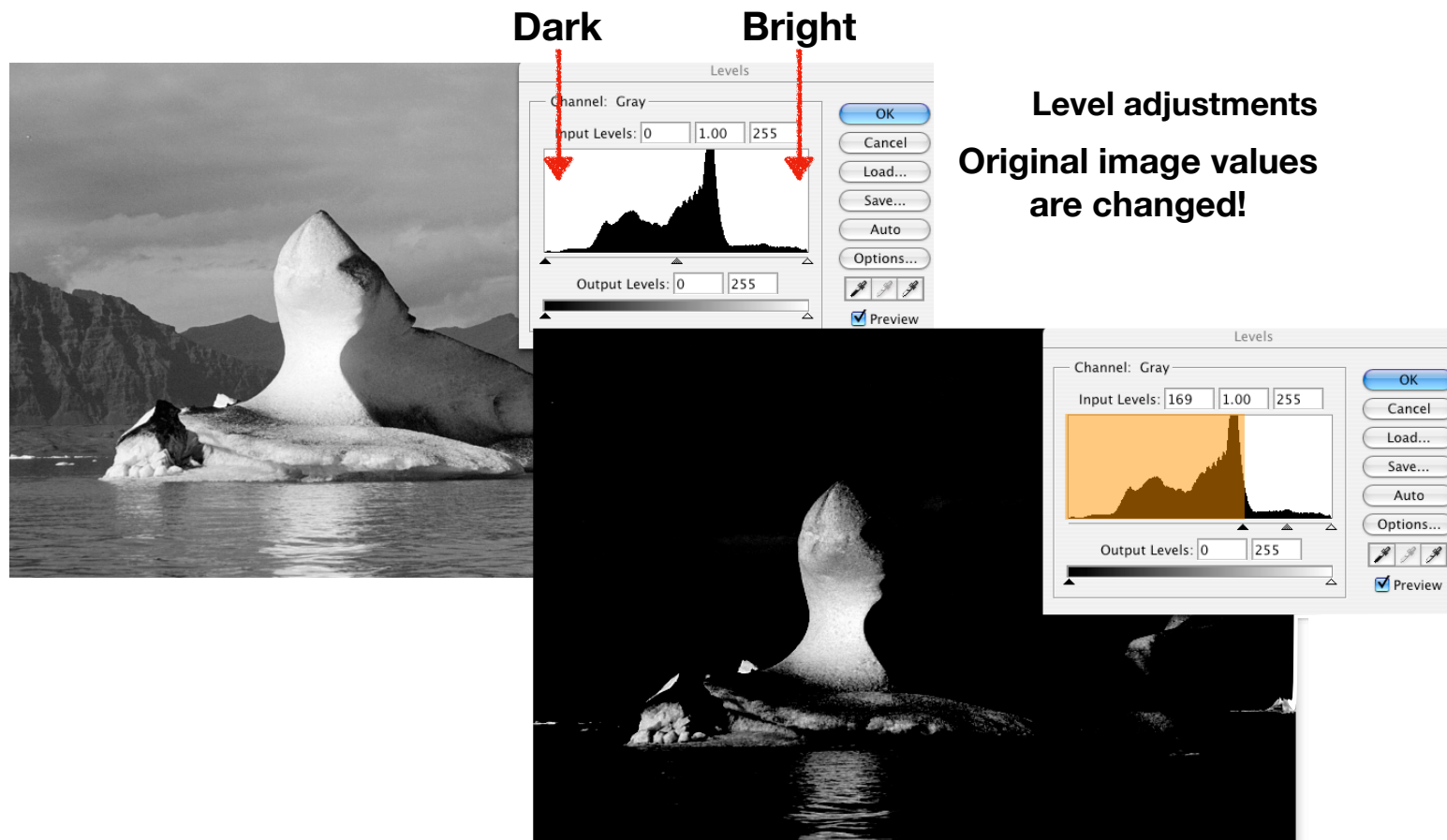
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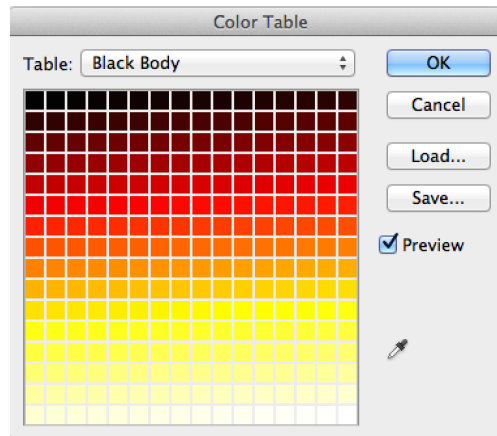
Histogram



Look-up tables (LUT)



8bit image



LUT

Defines for all grayscale values a color

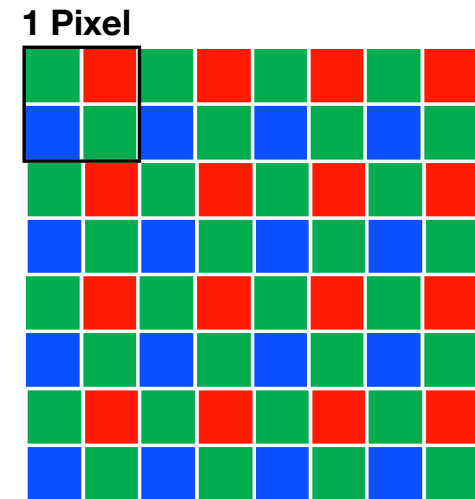
“False color” image



For every pixel value, the color is picked and image is displayed

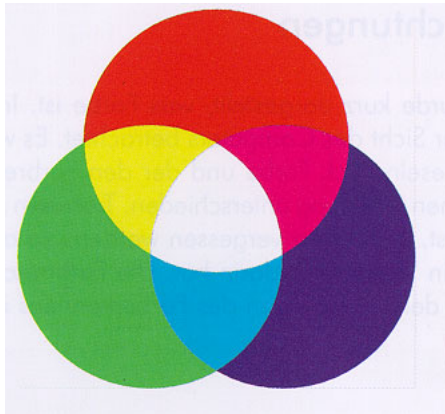
CCD and color: Bayer pattern

- The CCD is monochromatic: Mostly used like that in science
- To get color images, color-filters in front of the photo-cites
- Most used pattern: Bayer-pattern →
- Our eyes are most sensitive to green (more green-sensors)
- RAW format: Saved Bayer pattern



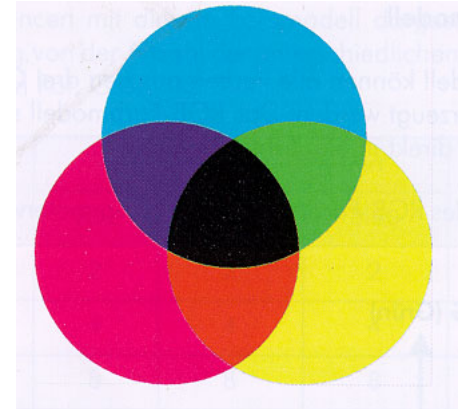
Color models

**Bayern RAW color data must be recalculated
("development")**



RGB = Red, Green, Blue

Color synchronization: Major
problem, has to be calibrated by
special software

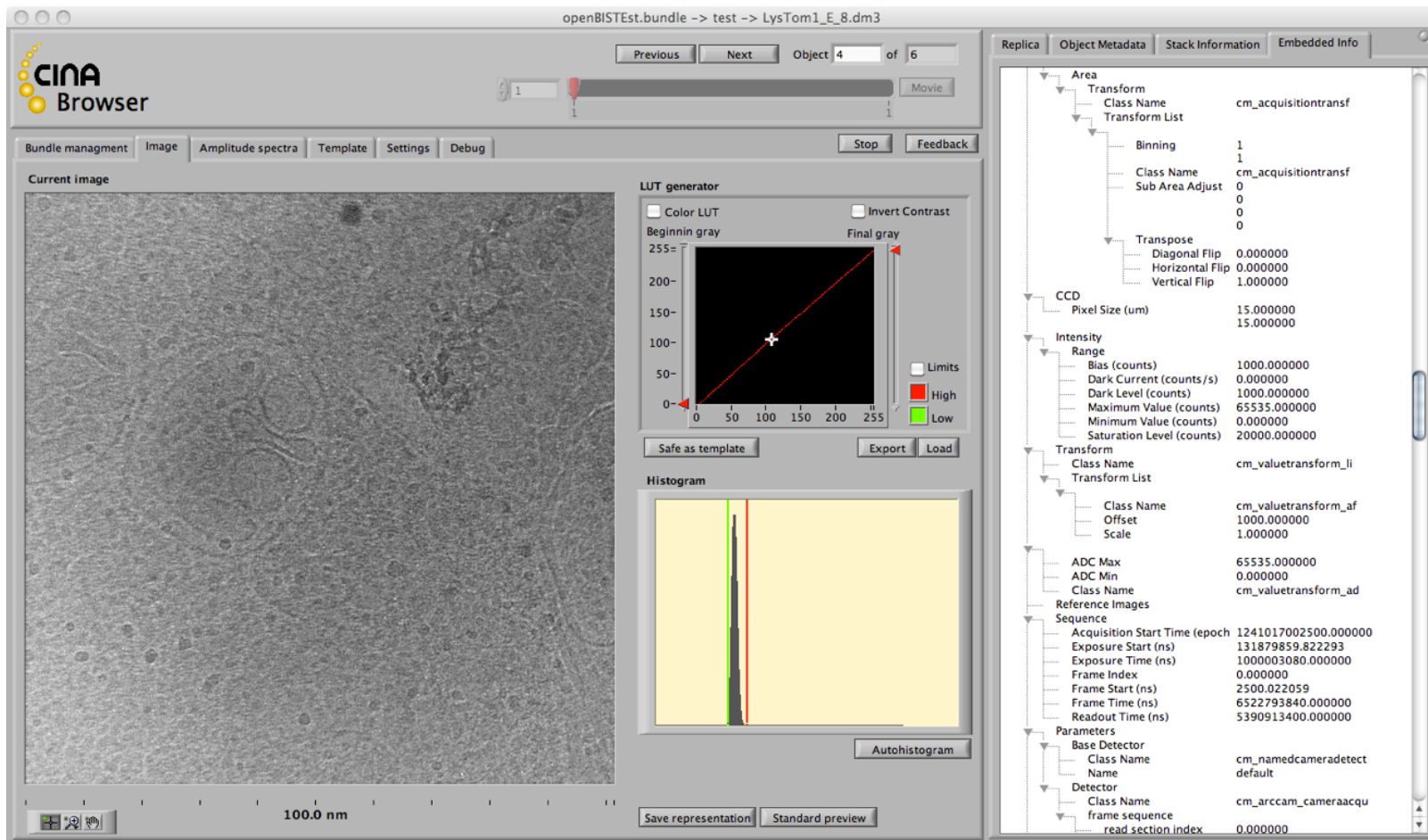


CMYK = Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, black

File formats

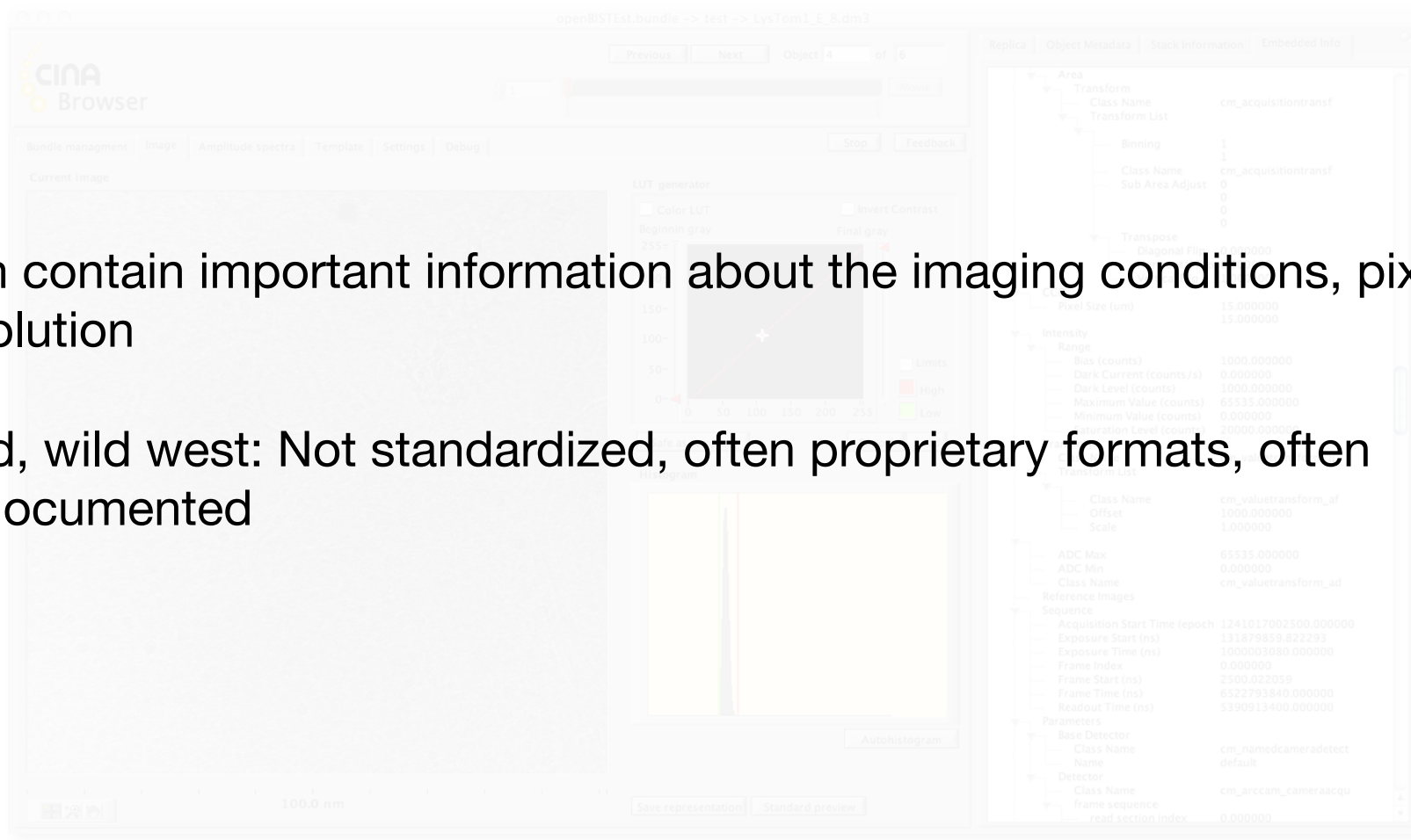
	RAW	Lossless	Compressed
Format	NEF (Nikon), CRW (Canon), GATAN format...	TIFF, PNG, PSD, DM3	JPG, GIF...
Use	Full information from CCD (Bayer pattern).	Full resolution, 8 bit or 16bit (TIFF) per pixel. Lossless compression (PNG).	Compressed image. Different compression factors. "Endformat".
	Workflow		
+	"Negative", contains maximum of information	Full resolution, "computer friendly" (RGB or CMYK), Portable. Good for image Modifications.	Portable, Small. Ideal as a final format.
-	Large files. Needs a lot of precessing power to handle. Manufacture (Camera) specific.	Large files.	Information is lost. Danger of compression artifacts and moiré patterns.

Metadata



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- Can contain important information about the imaging conditions, pixel resolution
- Wild, wild west: Not standardized, often proprietary formats, often undocumented



Resolution



256 x 256
pixels



128 x 128
pixels

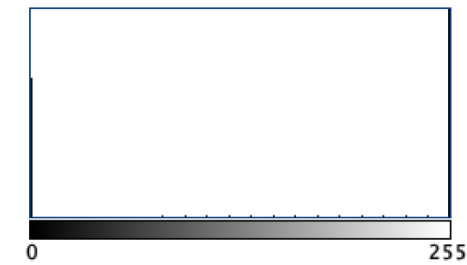
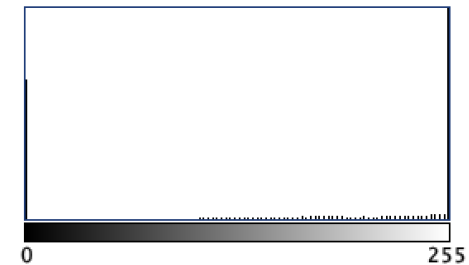
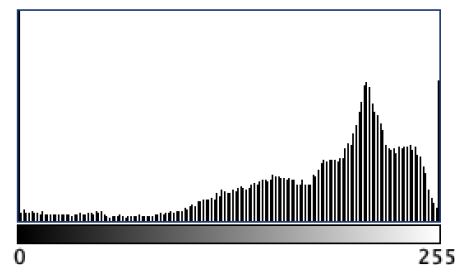
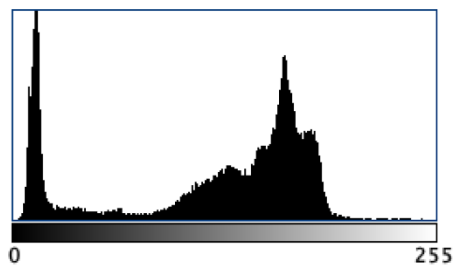


64 x 64
pixels



32 x 32
pixels

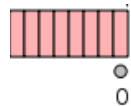
Dynamic range



Numbers in bits

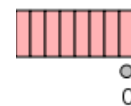
Examples

8bit unsigned integer



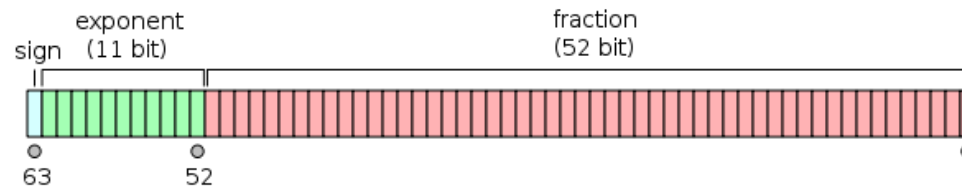
2^8 possible integers
Interpretation: 0..255

8bit signed integer



2^8 possible integers
Interpretation: -127..128

64bit floating point



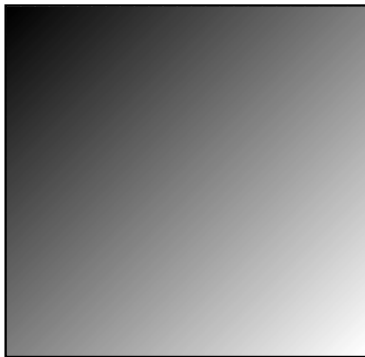
Fraction: approx. 15 to 17 decimal digits precision
Exponent: 10^{-308} to 10^{308}

“Memory effects”

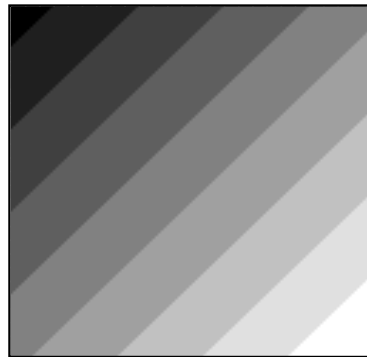
Image I has 128x128 pixel

8bit unsigned integer

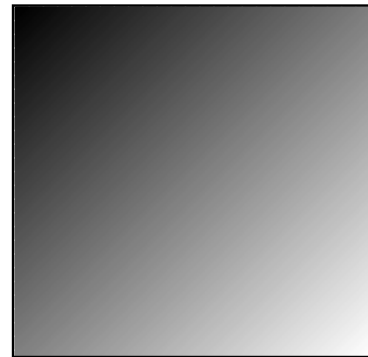
32bit floating point



$\text{image} = x - y$



$I = (\text{image} / 30) * 30$



$\text{image} = x - y$



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