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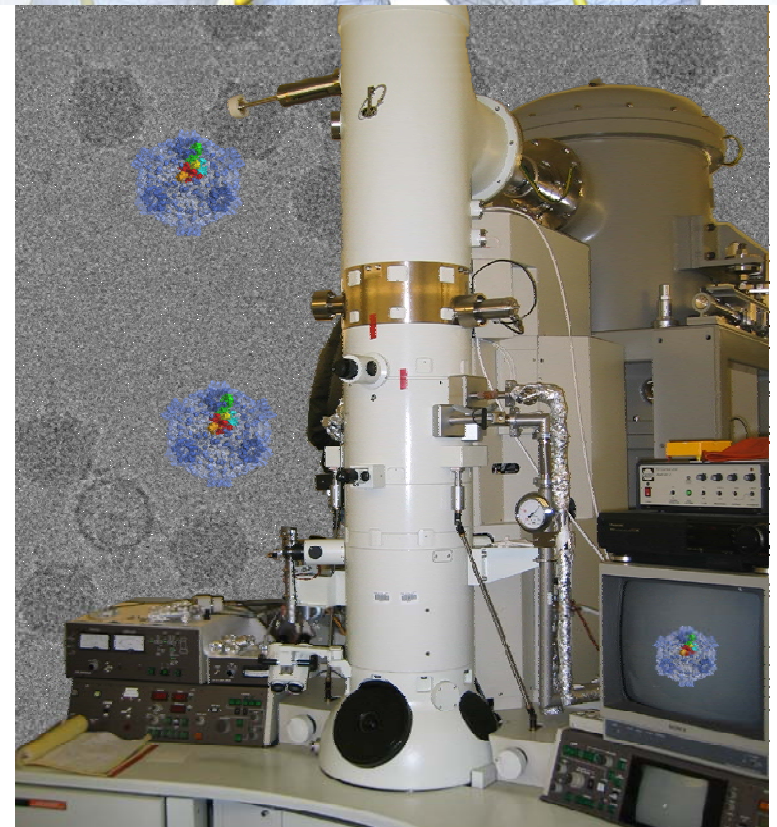
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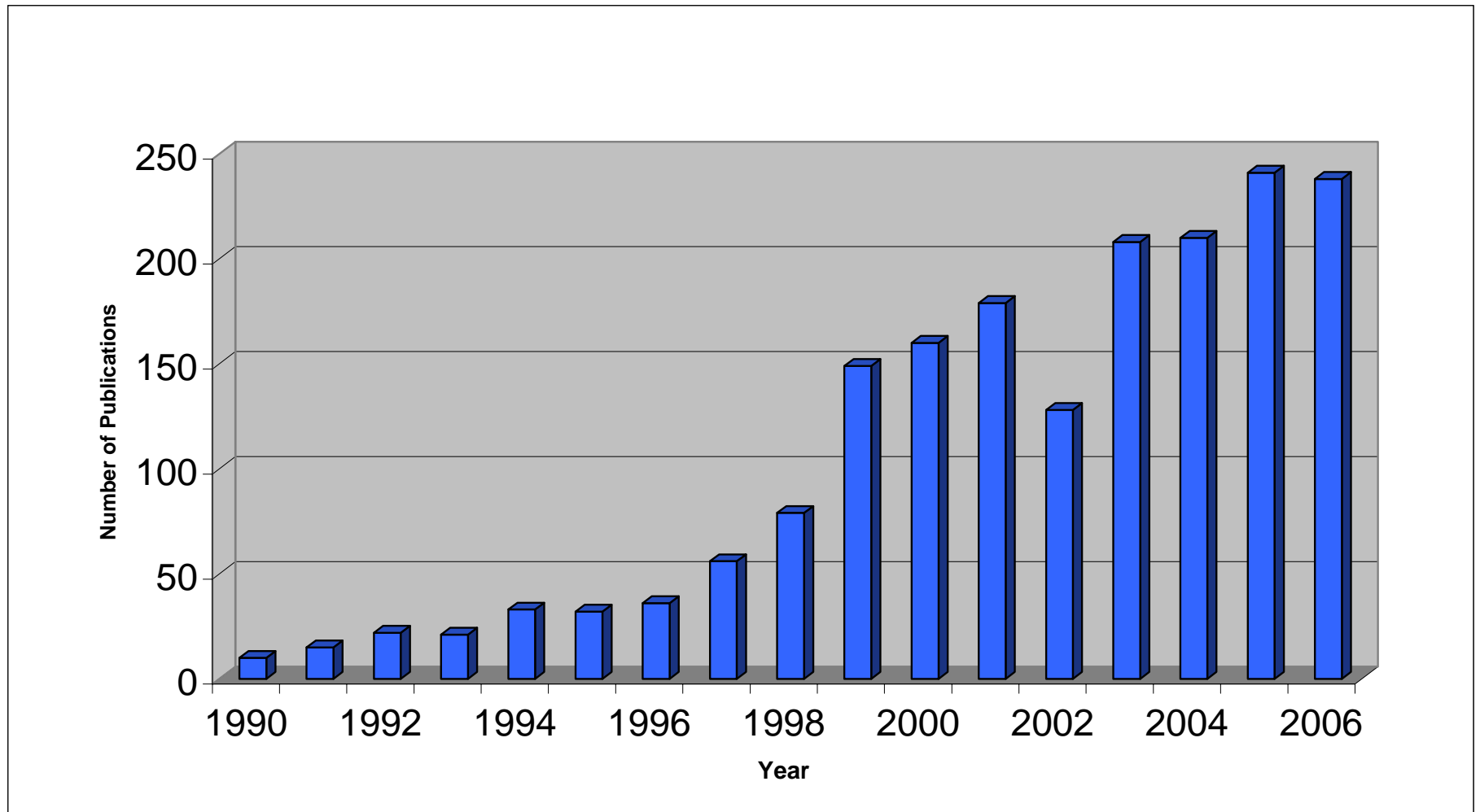
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# Trends in Macromolecular Cryo-EM



Matthew Baker (2007)

# From Sample to Structure

biochemical  
preparation



cryo-em sample  
preparation



imaging



data collection

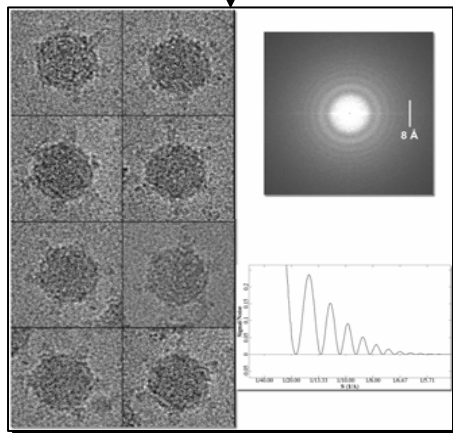
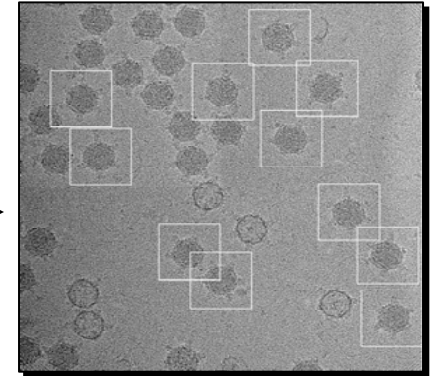
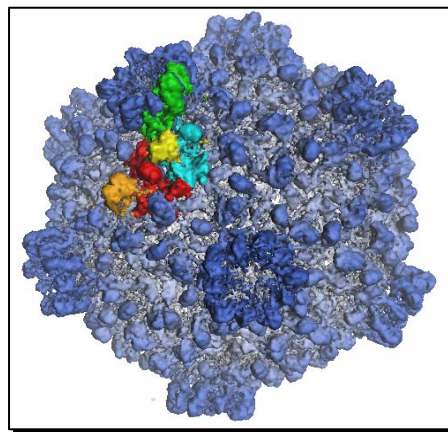
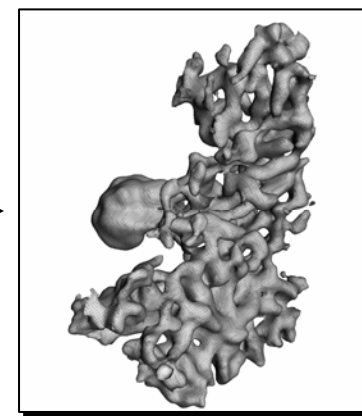


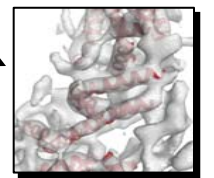
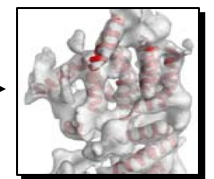
image processing



reconstruction



structural analysis



annotation

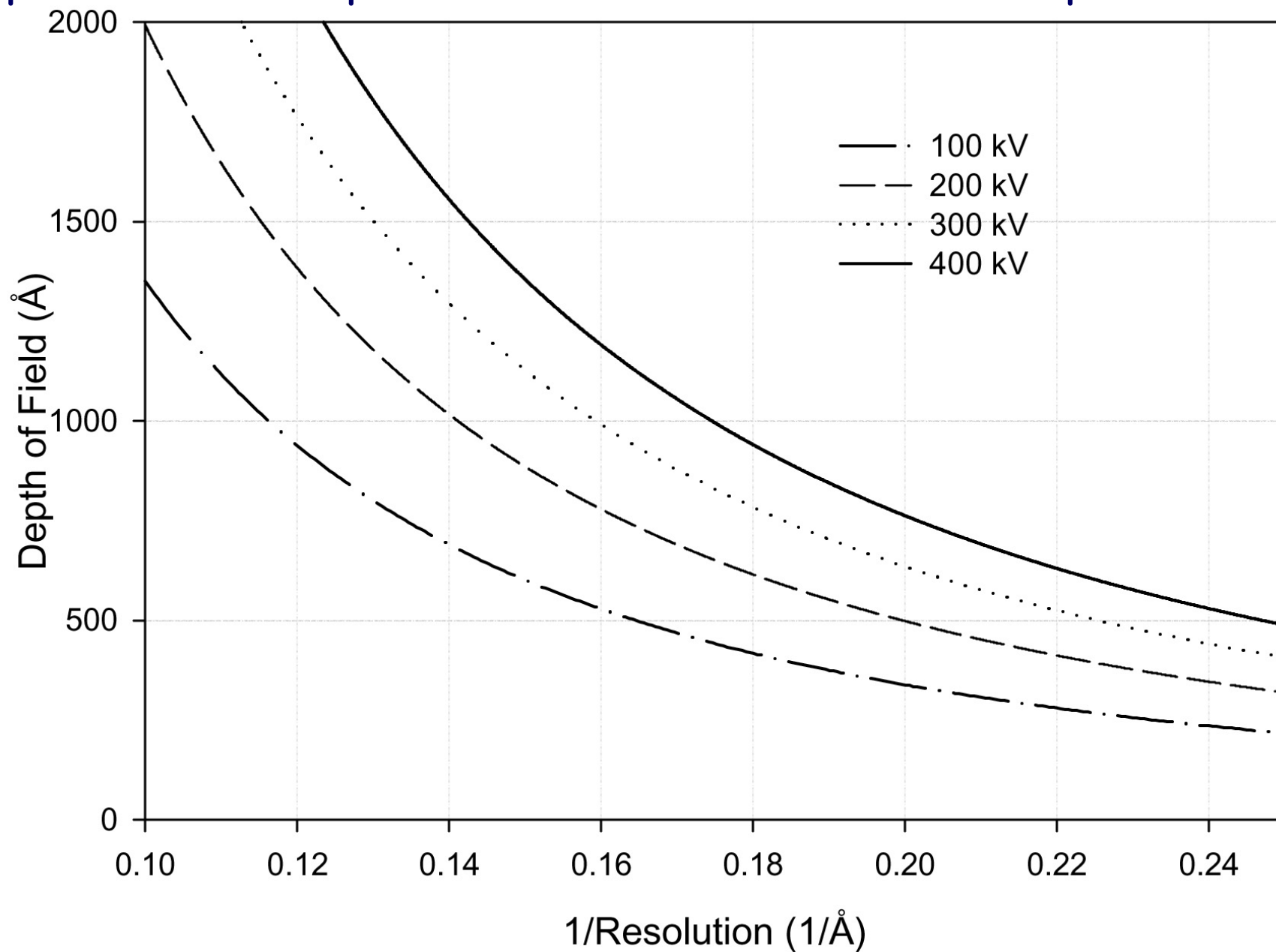
Chiu et al *JEOL News* (2006)

# Image Contrast Theory

- Image is a true 2-D projection of the 3-D object with the same focus throughout
- There is only elastically scattered electron in forming the image

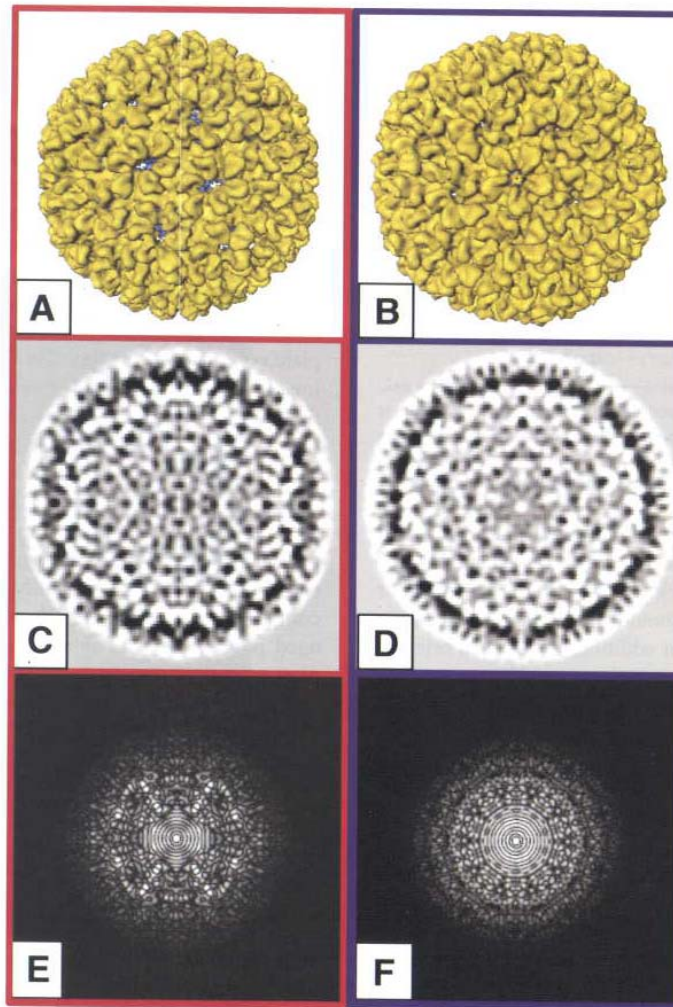


# Depth of Field Dependence on Resolution and Sample Thickness



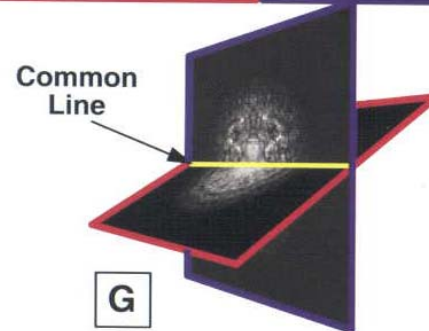
Zhou and Chiu, *Adv Prot Chem* **64**: 93-130 (2003)

3D Object



Projection Image

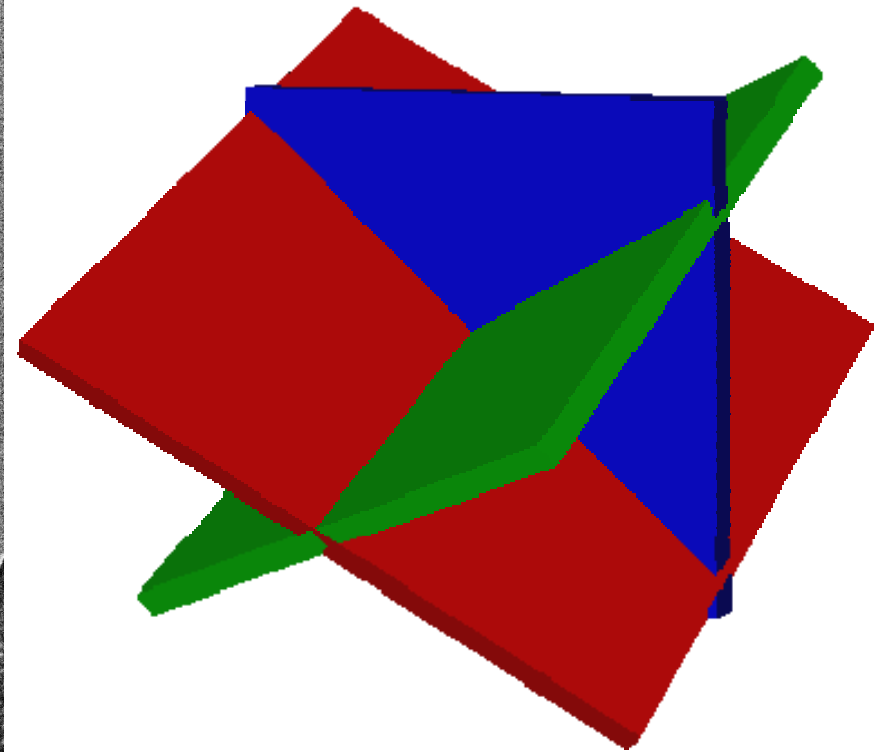
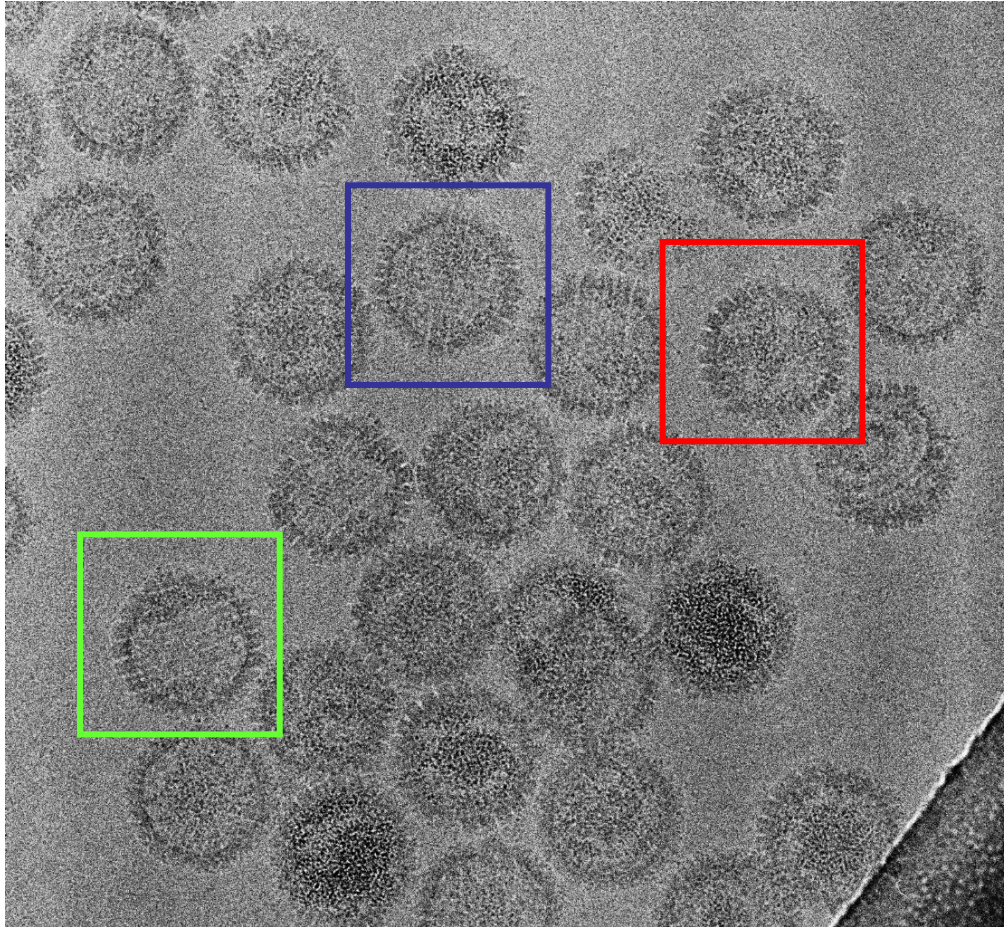
Fourier Transform



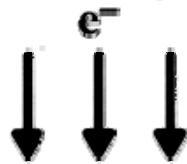
Thuman-Commike & Chiu,  
*Micron* 31: 687-711 (2000)

# Single Particle Images

# Equivalent data in Fourier space



Hong Zhou

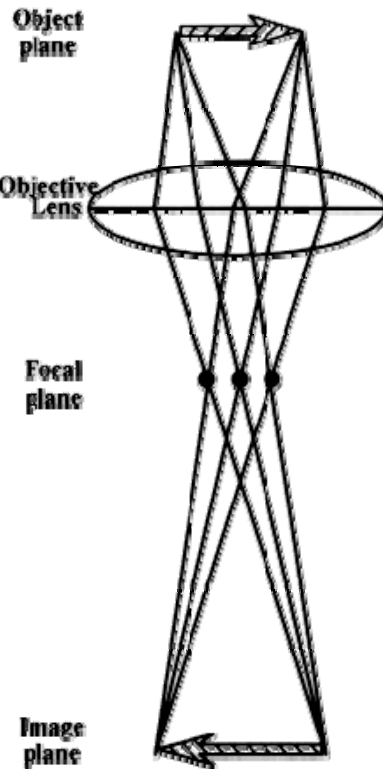


*Object Coulomb potential function*  $V(x_o, y_o, z_o)$

*Object transmitted wave function*  $\Psi_o(x_o, y_o)$

$$\Psi_o(x_o, y_o) \approx 1 + i\sigma v(x_o, y_o)$$

$$v(x_o, y_o) = \int V(x_o, y_o, z_o) dz_o$$



*Phase shift*  $\gamma(S)$  *introduced by objective lens*

$$\gamma(S) = 2\pi \left( \frac{1}{4} C_s \lambda^3 S^4 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta Z \lambda S^2 \right)$$

*Diffraction wave function*  $\Psi_d(S_x, S_y)$

$$\Psi_d(S_x, S_y) = F(S_x, S_y) \exp(i\gamma(S))$$

$$F(S_x, S_y) = \mathcal{F} [\Psi_o(x_o, y_o)]$$

$$\text{Diffraction intensity } I_d(S_x, S_y) = \Psi_d(S_x, S_y) \Psi_d^*(S_x, S_y)$$

*Image wave function*  $\Psi_i(x_i, y_i)$

$$\Psi_i(x_i, y_i) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} [\Psi_d(S_x, S_y)]$$

*Image intensity*  $I_i(x_i, y_i)$

$$I_i(x_i, y_i) = \delta(0, 0) - 2\sigma v(x_i, y_i) * \mathcal{F}^{-1} [\sin \gamma(S)]$$

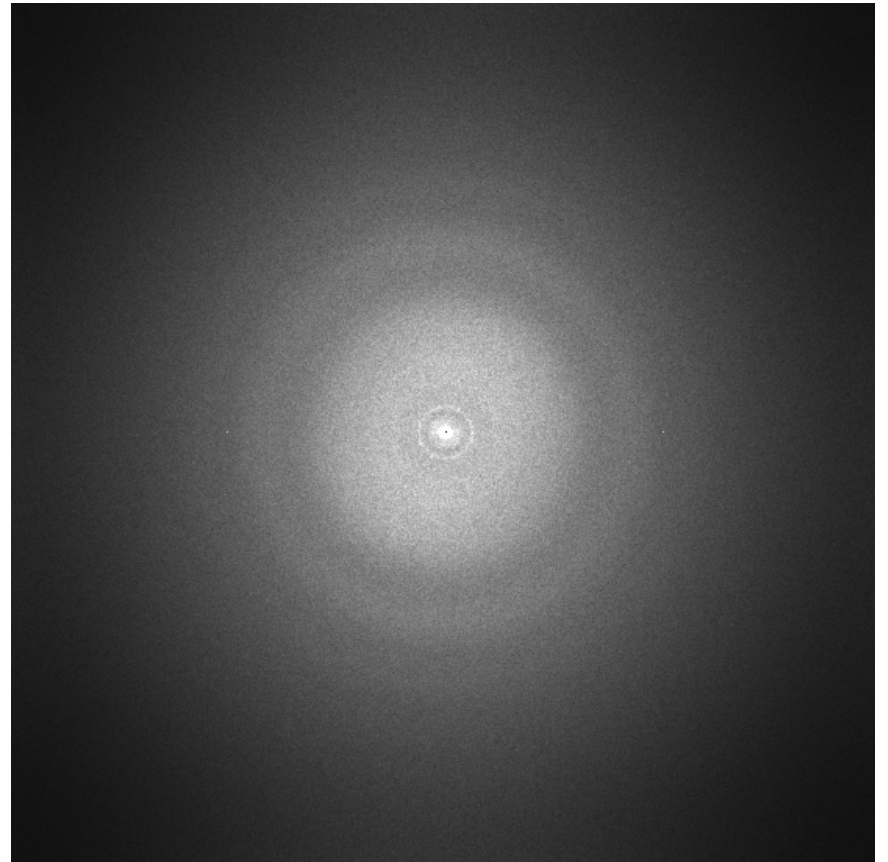
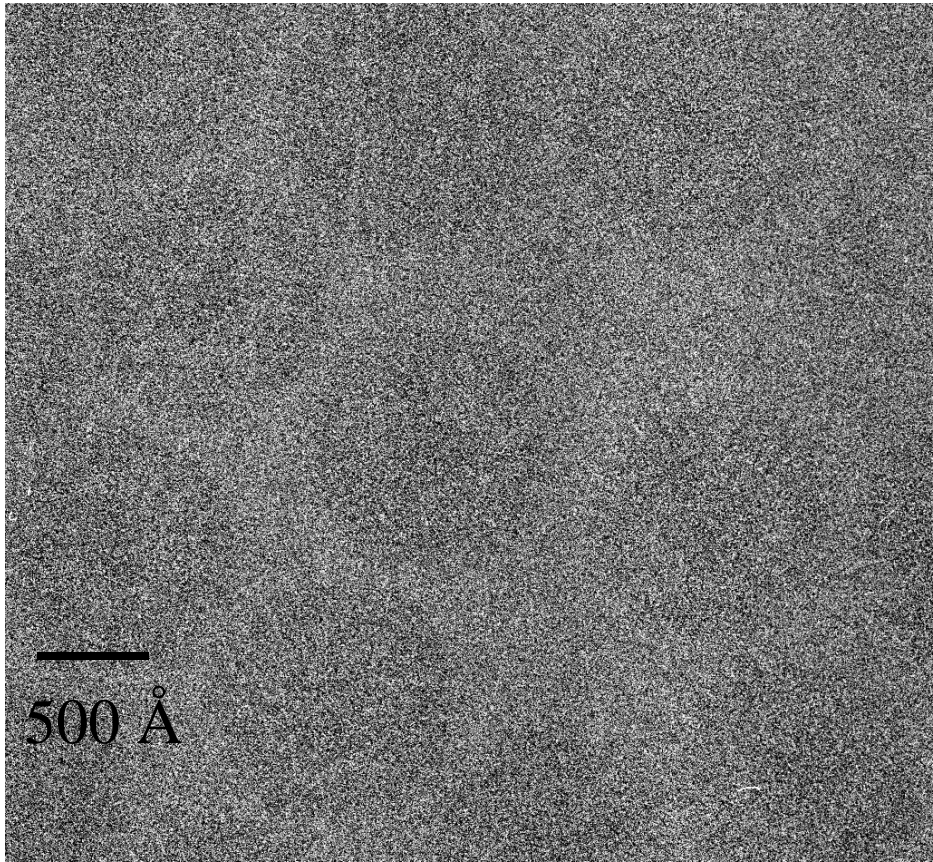
*Computed diffraction wave function*  $T(S_x, S_y)$

$$T(S_x, S_y) = \mathcal{F} [I_i(x_i, y_i)]$$

$$= \delta(0, 0) - 2 F(S_x, S_y) \sin \gamma(S)$$

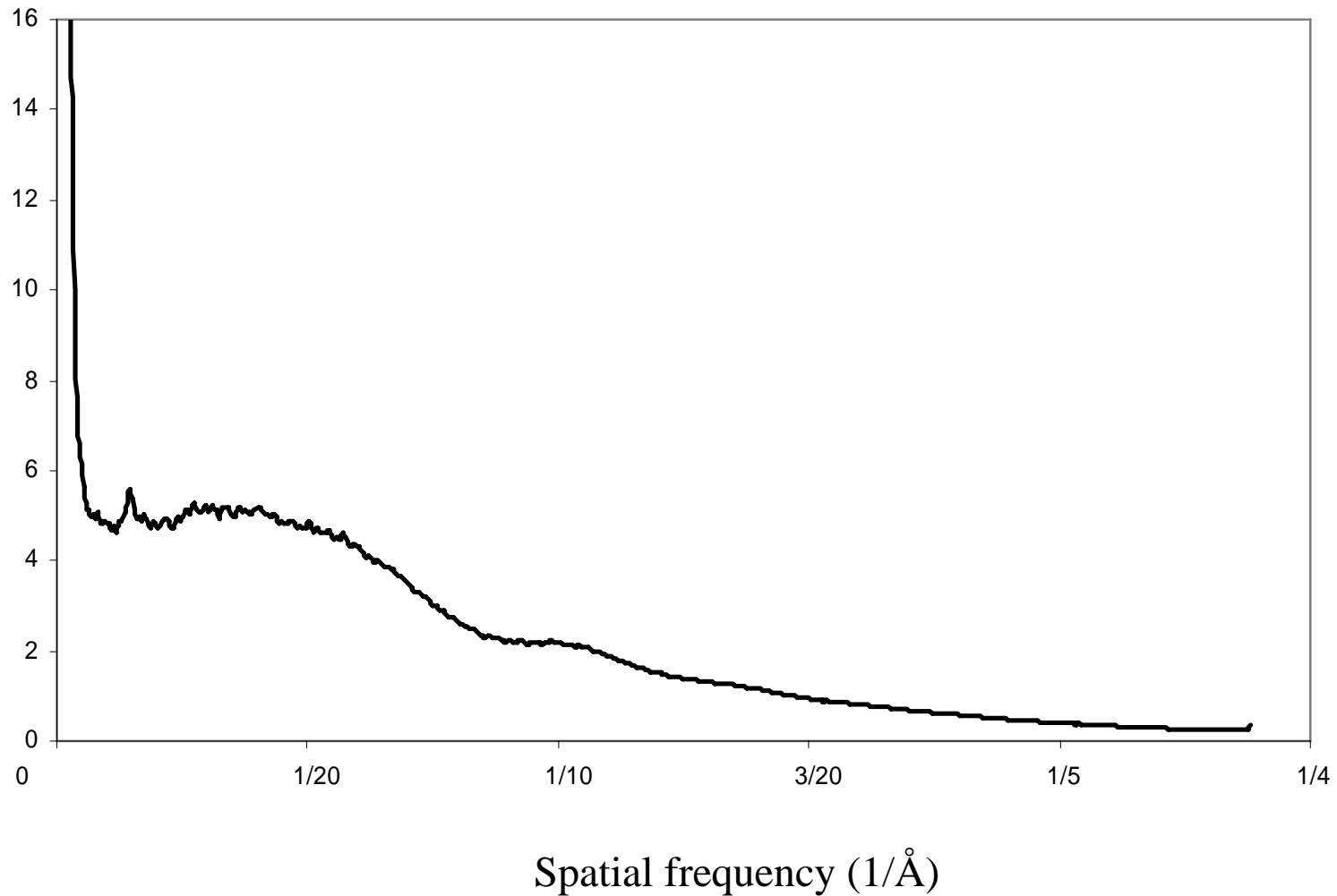


# 400 kV image data of HSV-1 capsids



Joanita Jakana

# Circularly Averaged Power Spectrum



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# Computed diffraction pattern

$$\mathbf{F^2(s)} \quad \mathbf{CTF^2(s)} \quad \mathbf{Env^2(s)} \quad + \quad \mathbf{N^2(s)}$$

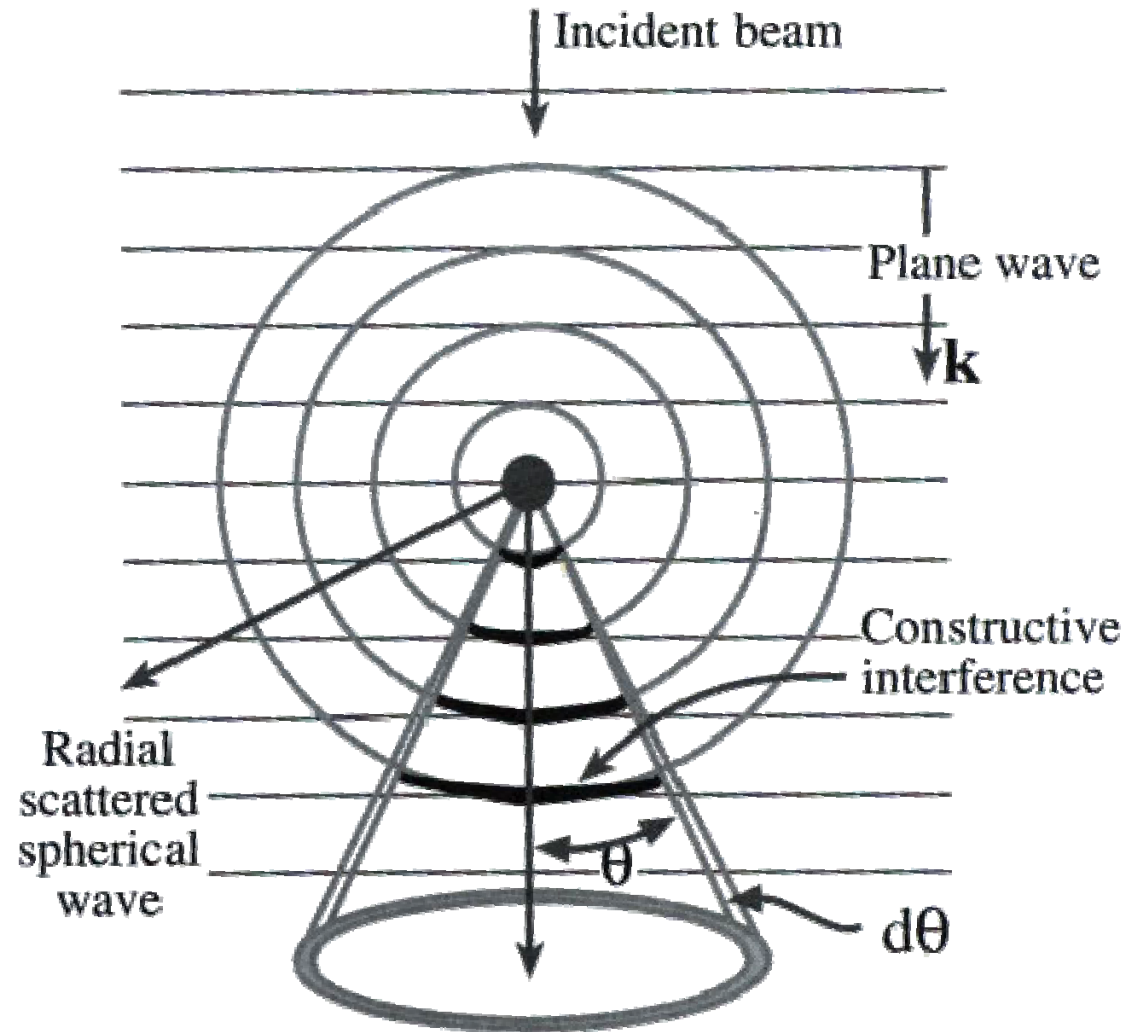
Structure factor

Contrast transfer function

Envelope function

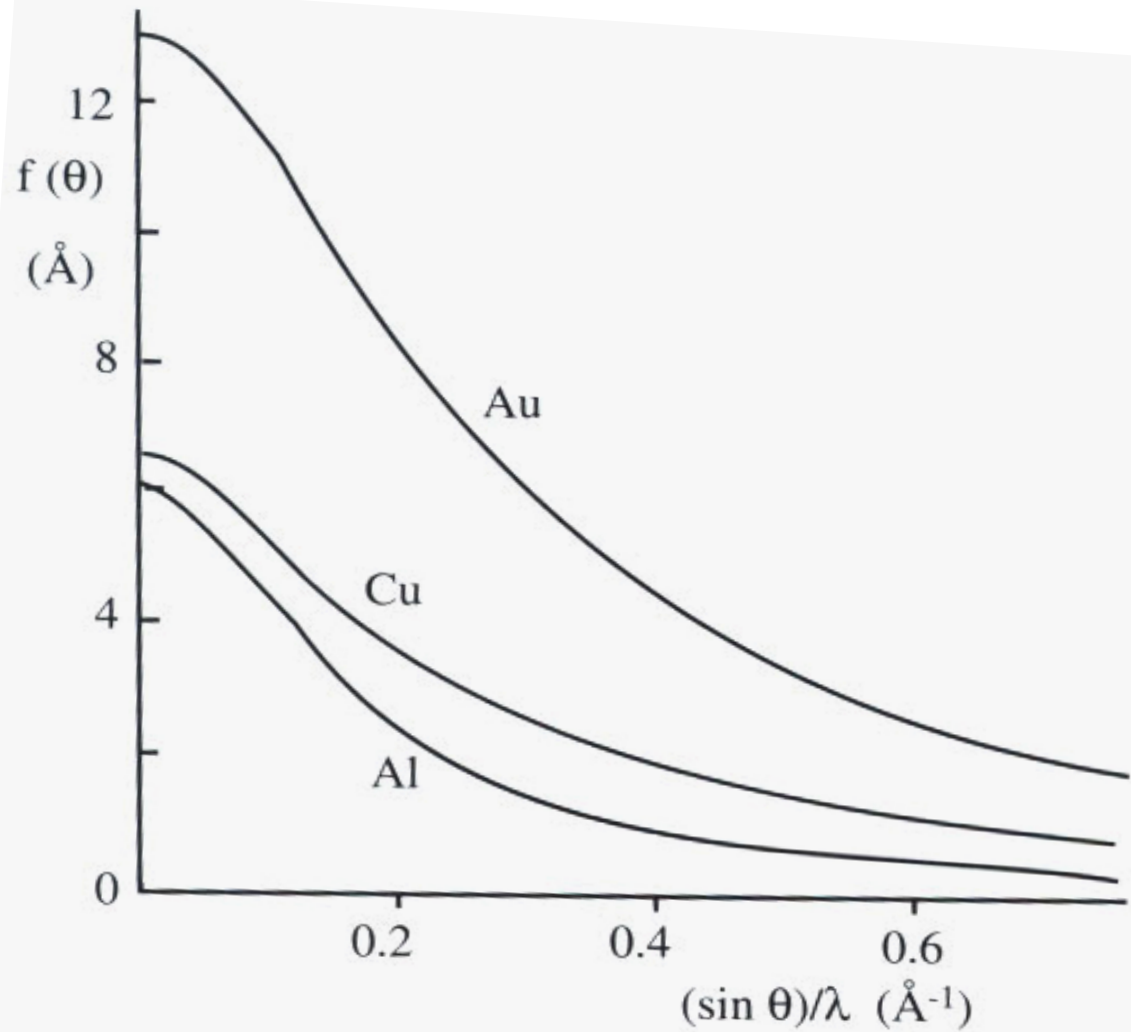
Background

The diagram illustrates the components of a computed diffraction pattern. The equation  $F^2(s) \cdot CTF^2(s) \cdot Env^2(s) + N^2(s)$  is shown. The term  $F^2(s)$  is circled in red. Below the equation, four labels are connected to their respective terms by upward-pointing arrows: 'Structure factor' points to  $F^2(s)$ , 'Contrast transfer function' points to  $CTF^2(s)$ , 'Envelope function' points to  $Env^2(s)$ , and 'Background' points to  $N^2(s)$ .



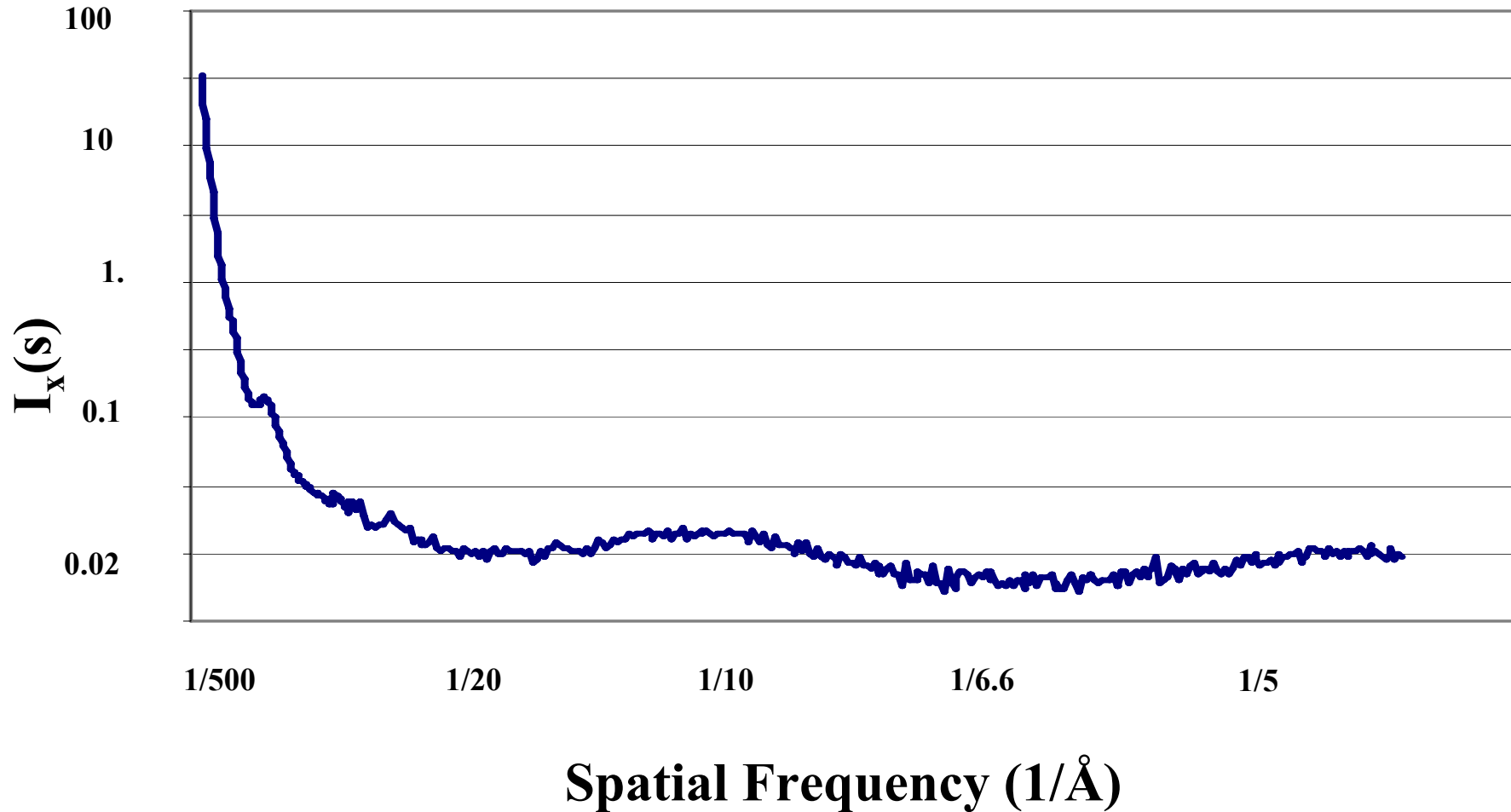
**Figure 3.6.** The generation of a scattered wave by the interaction of a plane wave (horizontal lines) with a point charge. The circles represent the scattered spherical wavefronts which are in phase (same  $\lambda$ ). The in-phase constructive interference between the plane and spherical waves is shown by the dark arcs. The angles  $\theta$  and  $d\theta$  are the same as in Figure 2.3





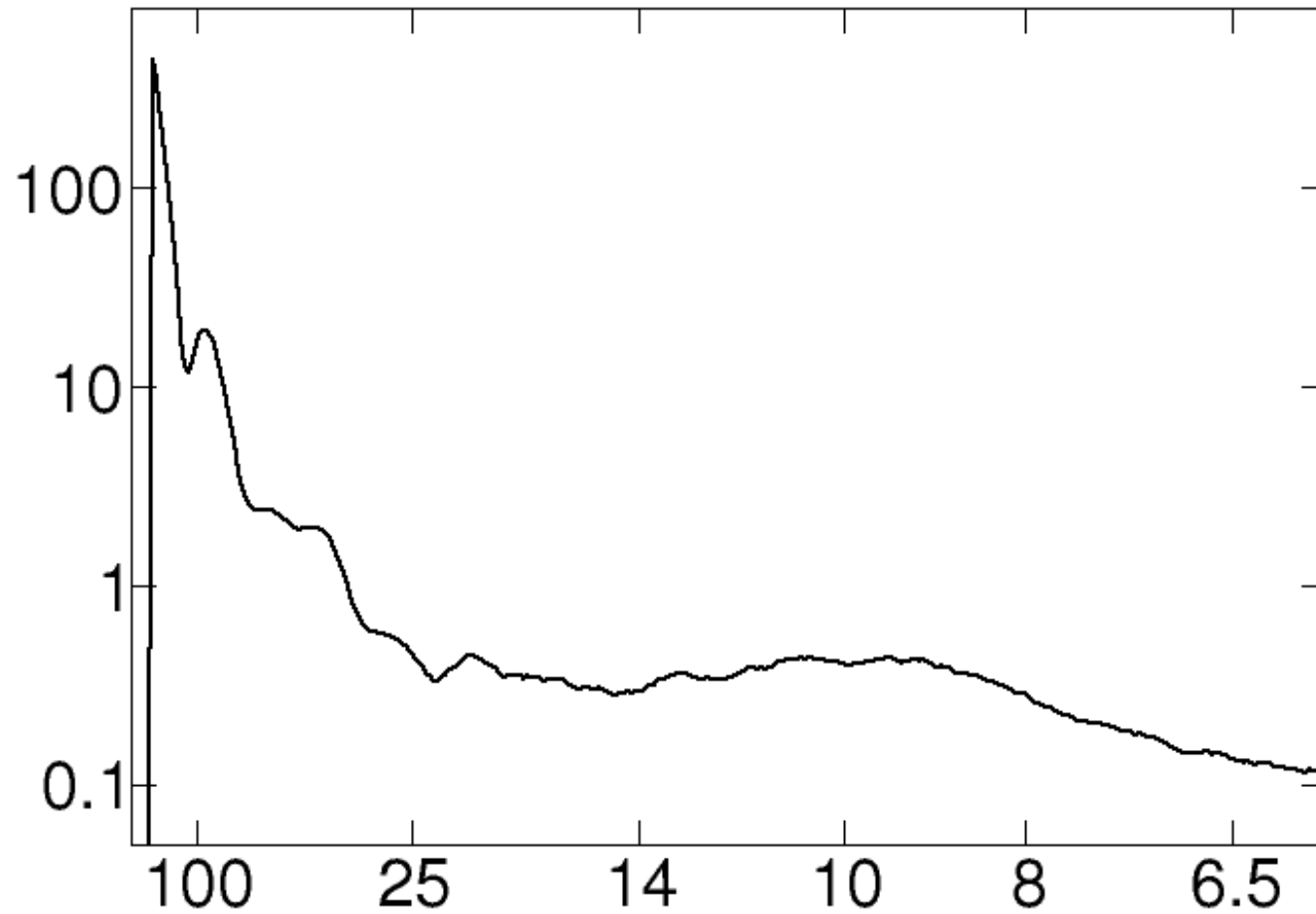
**Figure 3.5.** Change in the atomic scattering factor  $f(\theta)$  with scattering angle  $\theta$  (calculated from equation 3.10) showing that elastic scattering decreases with angle away from the incident beam direction ( $\theta = 0^\circ$ ) and increases with  $Z$ .

# X-ray Scattering Intensity of HSV-1 Capsids



Dr. Hiro Tsuruta at SLAC

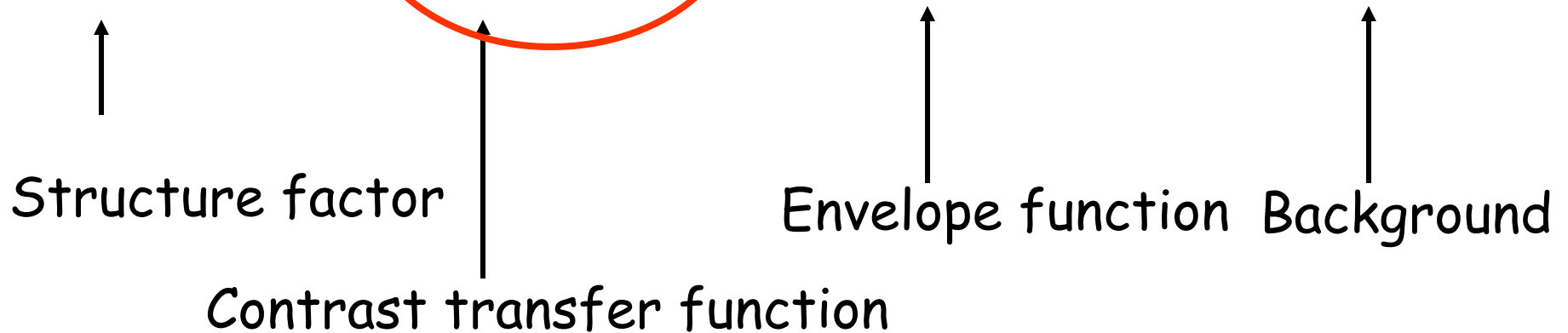
# X ray Scattering Intensity of GroEL



**Resolution (Å)**

# Computed diffraction pattern

$$F^2(s) \quad \text{CTF}^2(s) \quad \text{Env}^2(s) \quad + \quad N^2(s)$$





# Contrast Transfer Function

$$\text{CTF}(s) = -A [(1-Q^2)^{1/2} \sin(\gamma) + Q \cos(\gamma)]$$

$$\gamma(s) = -2\pi (C_s \lambda^3 s^4 / 4 - \Delta Z \lambda s^2 / 2)$$

$\Delta Z$  is vector dependent if there is an astigmatism

CTF Simulation - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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# CTF Simulation

**Publication:** [Web-based Simulation for Contrast Transfer Function and Envelope Functions](#). Microscopy and Microanalysis 7(4), 329-334, 2001

Contrast of an electron image is influenced by the contrast transfer function (CTF) and the envelope functions of the electron microscope. In order to plan an experimental condition for data collection or to interpret the contrast of an electron micrograph, one would often need to know the quantitative values of these functions for a given set of microscope parameters. This simulation program is written in [Java](#) applet and [JavaScript](#) programming language. The parameters of these functions can be adjusted interactively with slider bars and the plot for the simulated function would be updated instantaneously.

This applet is known to run on Windows (Netscape and Internet Explorer), Linux (i386) (Netscape), SGI IRIX (Netscape), OS/2 Warp and MacOS X. Please inform me if you found that this applet runs or has problems to run on other platforms.

The following is the detailed descriptions for some aspects of the applet page.

## List of the special symbols/functions used in the applet

Term	Unit	Description
s	1/Å	resolution
v	keV	accelerating voltage
Cs	mm	spherical aberration

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Voltage(keV)

300

Cs(mm)

1.6

Cc(mm)

2.2

Energy spread(eV)

0.9

Lens current spread(ppm)

1

Vertical motion(Angstrom)

50

Drift(Angstrom)

0

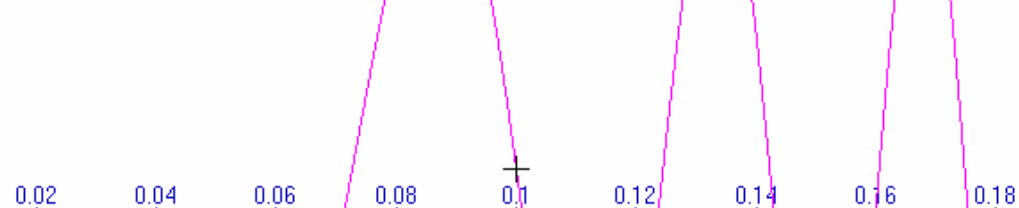
1/s = 10 A  
f(s) = 0.1172

+0.8

+0.4

-0.4

-0.8



xmin

0

xmax

0.2

ymin

-1

ymax

1

Set Limits

Restore Limits

dZ(angstrom)

10000

B(angstrom^2)

0

Amp Contrast

0

Angle(mrad)

0.1

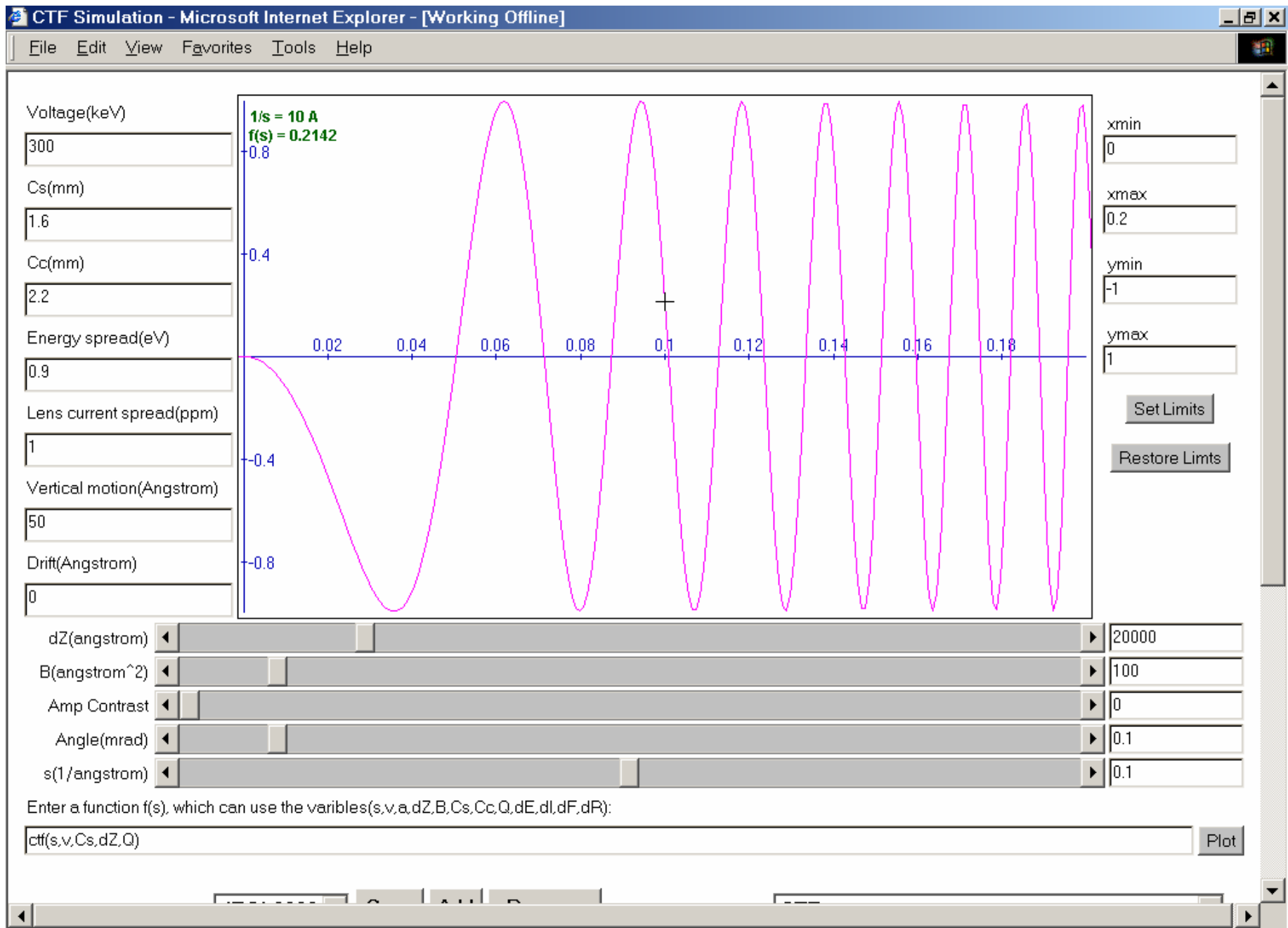
s(1/angstrom)

0.1

Enter a function f(s), which can use the variables(s,v,a,dZ,B,Cs,Cc,Q,dE,dl,dF,dR):

ctf(s,v,Cs,dZ,Q)

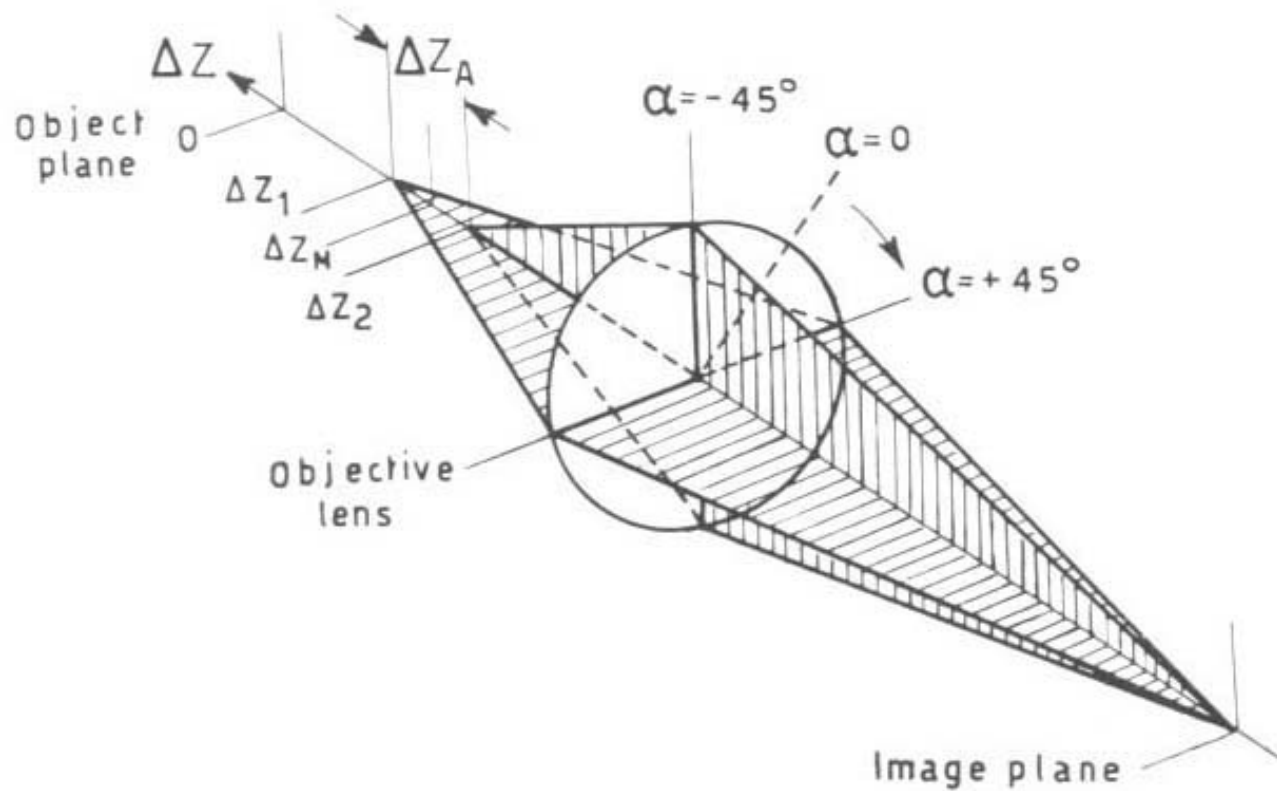
Plot



Jiang & Chiu *Microsc. and Microanal.* 7:329-334 (2001)



# Astigmatism



From F. Thon

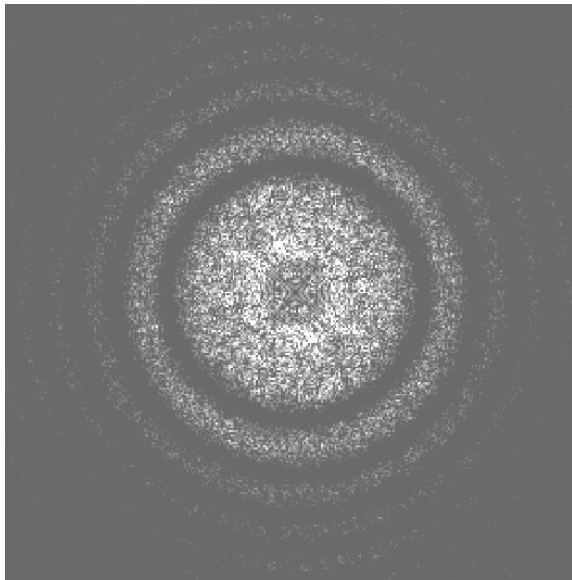
# Astigmatism

$$\Delta Z_{\text{eff}}(\alpha) = \Delta Z_m + (\Delta Z_a \sin 2\alpha)/2$$

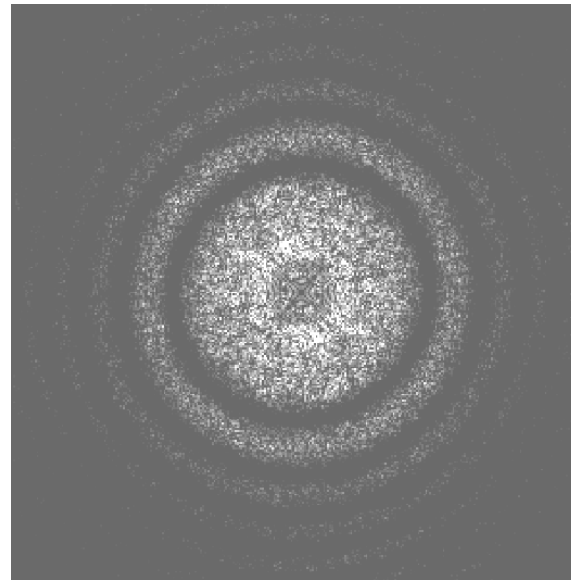
$$\Delta Z_m = (\Delta Z_1 + \Delta Z_2)/2$$

$$\Delta Z_a = \Delta Z_1 - \Delta Z_2$$

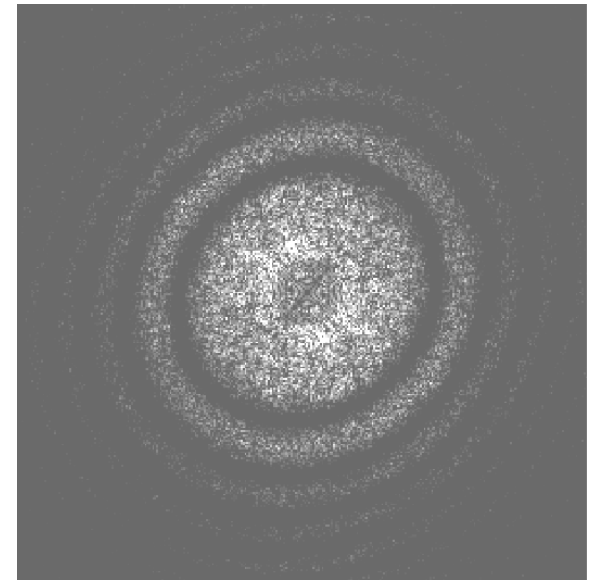
# Synthetic Power Spectrum $\Delta Z = 0.8\mu\text{m}$



Astigmatism  
amplitude =  
 $0.0\mu\text{m}$

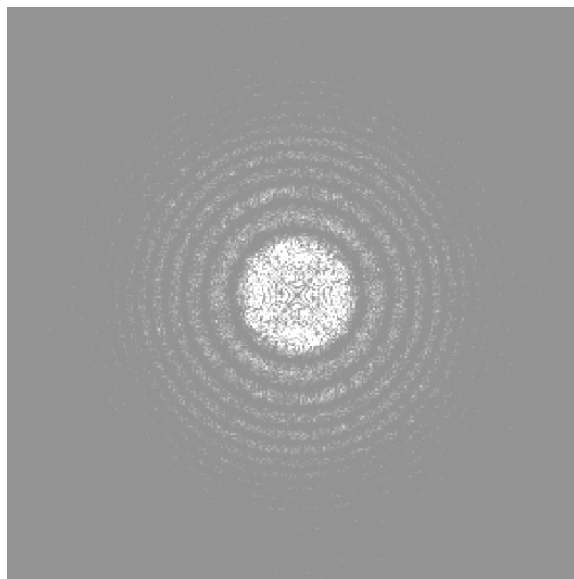


Astigmatism  
amplitude =  
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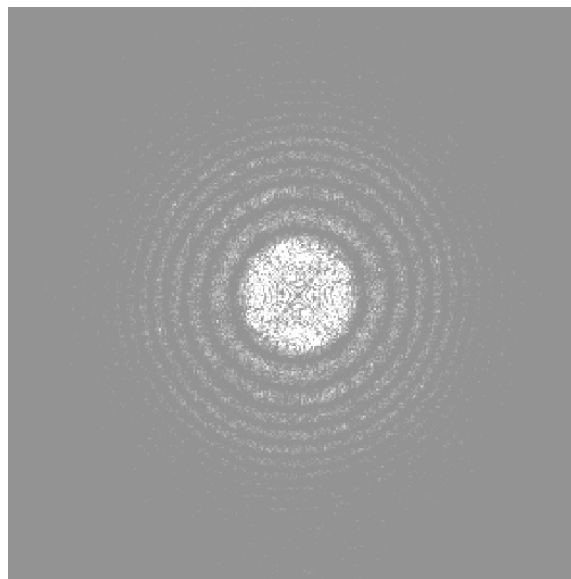


Astigmatism  
amplitude =  
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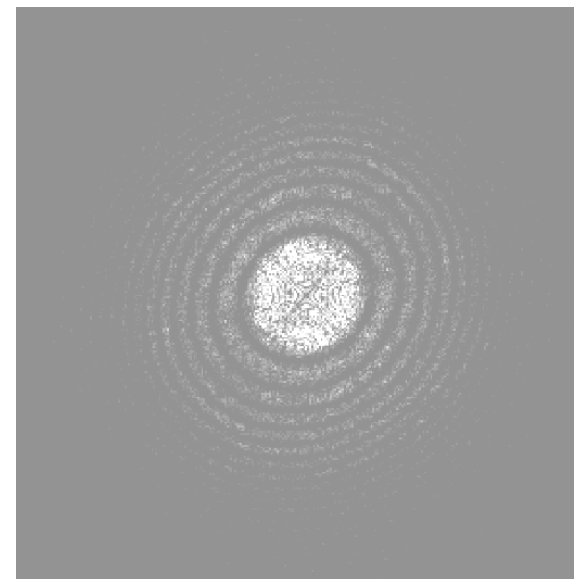
# Synthetic Power Spectrum $\Delta Z = 3 \mu\text{m}$



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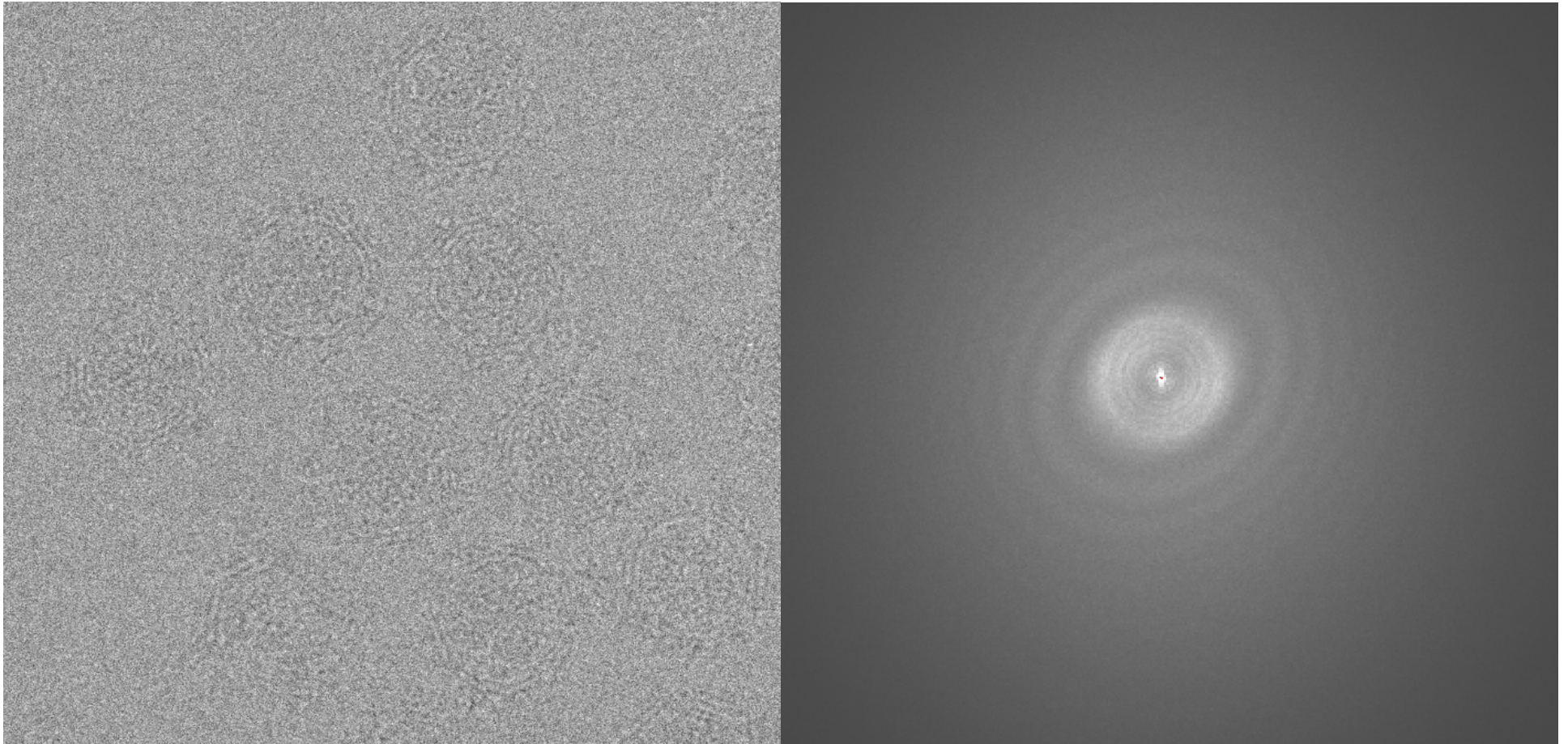


Astigmatism  
amplitude =  
 $0.1 \mu\text{m}$



Astigmatism  
amplitude =  
 $0.375 \mu\text{m}$

# Astigmatism in Single Particle Image



From Dr. Angel Paredes



# Computed diffraction pattern

$$F^2(s) \quad CTF^2(s) \quad \text{Env}^2(s) \quad + \quad N^2(s)$$

↑  
Structure factor

↑  
Contrast transfer function

↑  
Envelope function

↑  
Background

# EM Envelope Functions : Env(s)

**Gaussian type source:**

$$G_{sc}(s) = \exp[-\pi^2 \alpha^2 (C_s \lambda^2 s^3 - \Delta Z s)^2]$$

**Gaussian type fluctuation:**

$$G_{tc}(s) = \exp\left[-\frac{\pi^2}{16 \ln 2} C_C^2 \lambda^2 \left(\frac{\Delta E}{E}\right)^2 s^4\right]$$

**Gaussian type fluctuation:**

$$G_{ol}(s) = \exp\left[-\frac{\pi^2}{4 \ln 2} C_C^2 \lambda^2 \left(\frac{\Delta I}{I}\right)^2 s^4\right]$$

**Sinusoidal type fluctuation:**

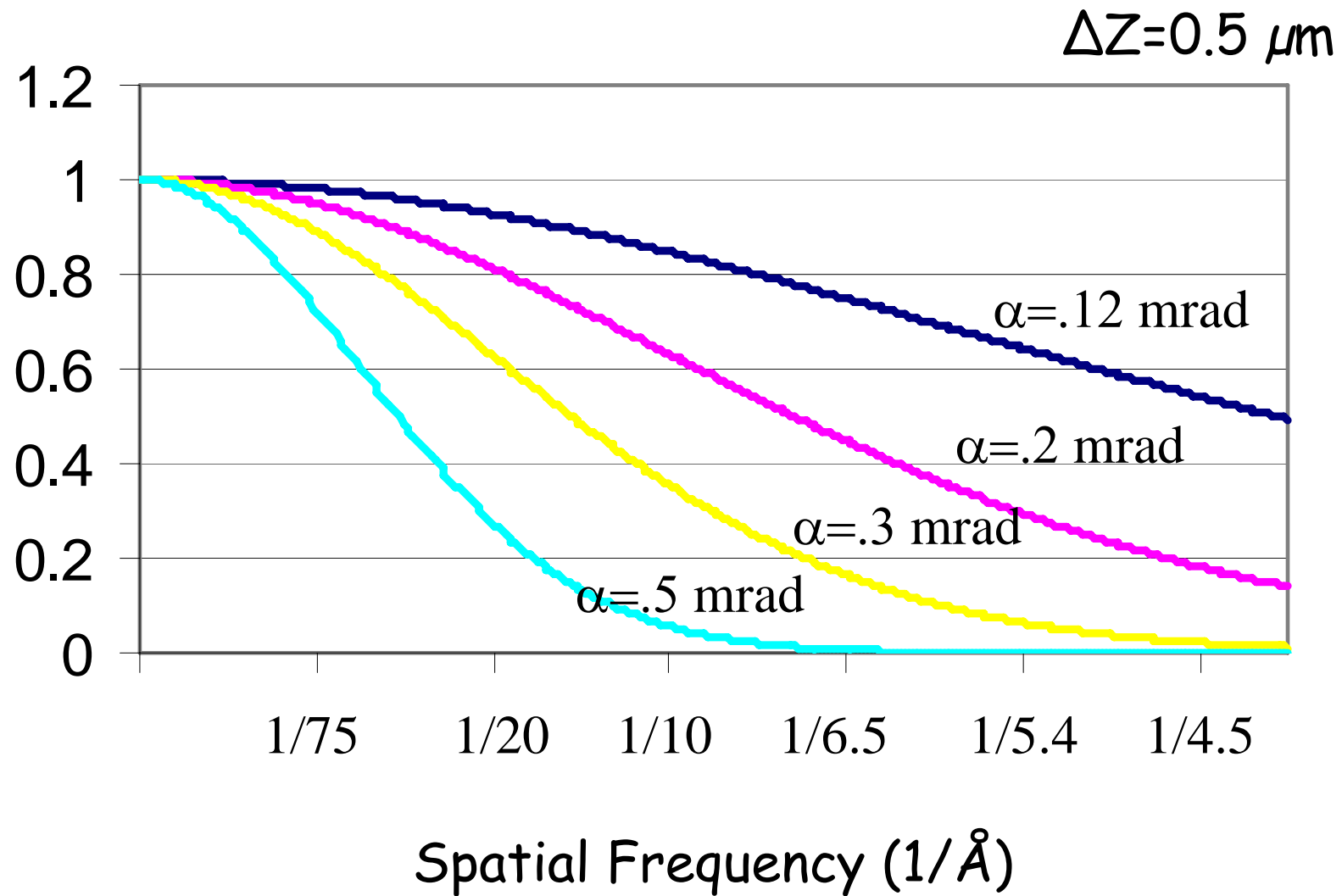
$$G_{lm}(s) = J_0(\pi \Delta f \lambda s^2)$$

**Drift:**

$$G_{tm}(s) = \frac{\sin(\pi s \Delta r)}{\pi s \Delta r}$$

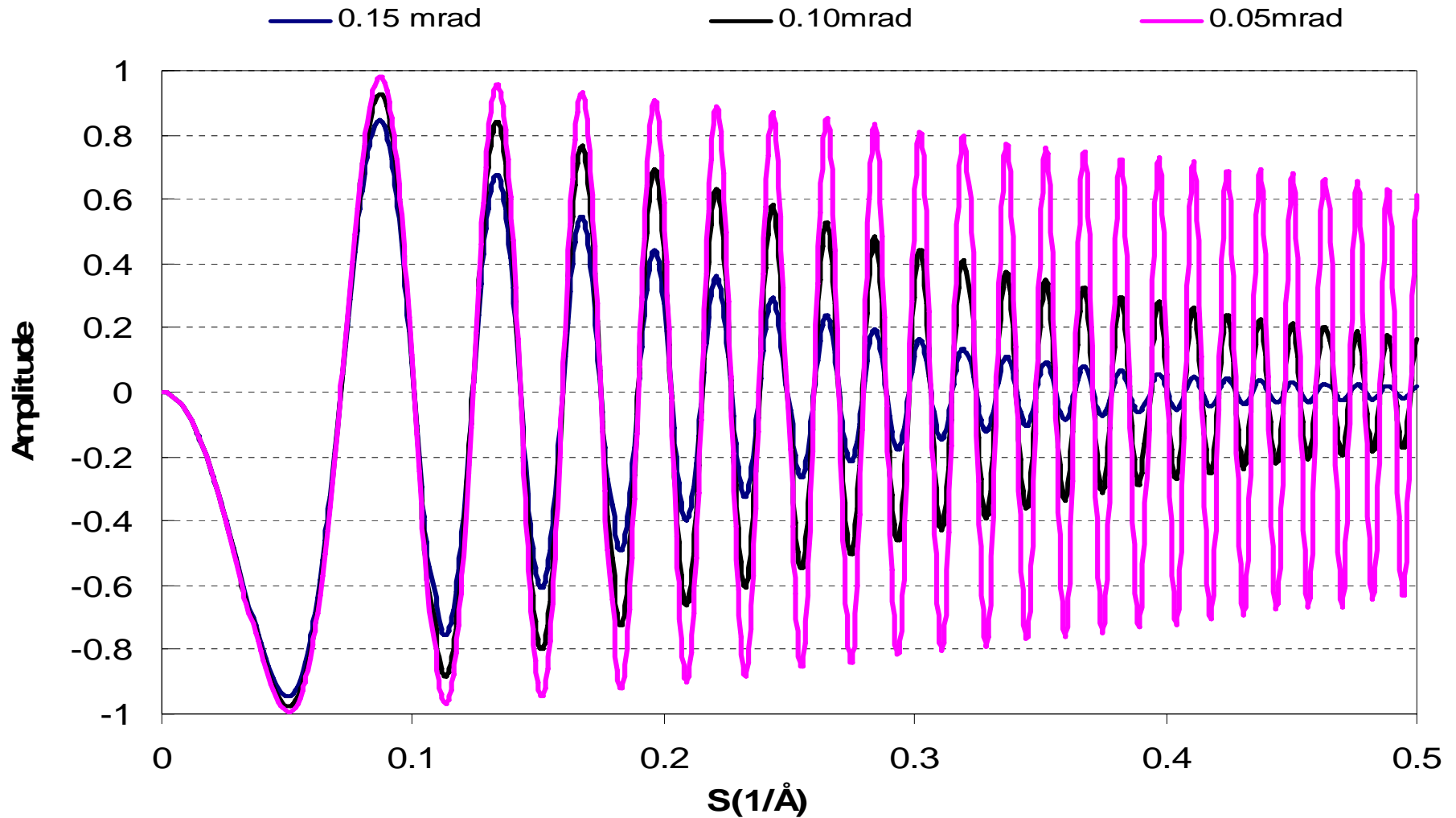
Chiu *Scanning Electron Microsc.* 1:569-580 (1978)

# Spatial coherence envelope function



300 keV,  $C_s = 1.6 \text{ mm}$ , defocus =  $1 \mu\text{M}$

CTF curve at different illumination angle



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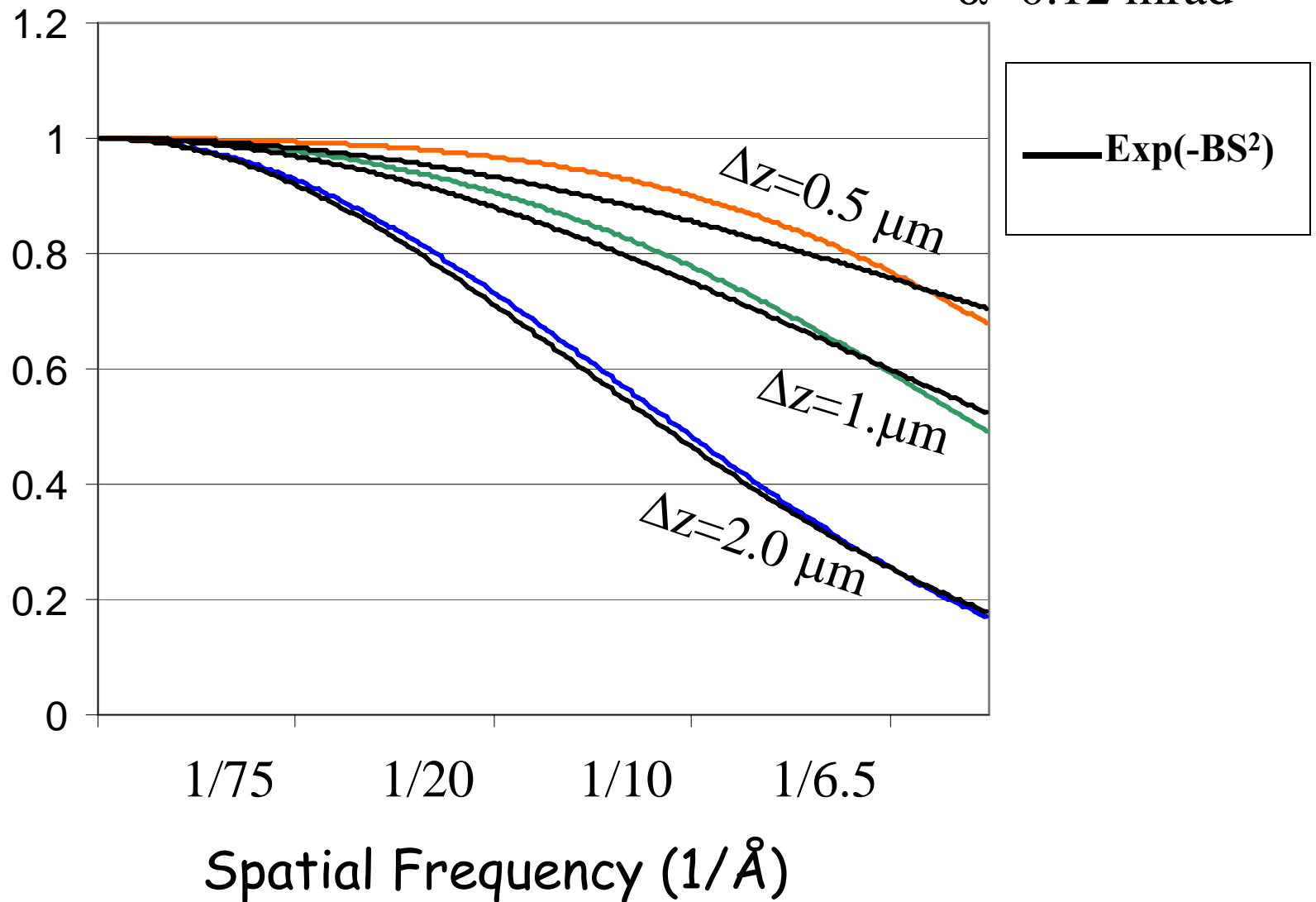


# Gaussian Approximation for Cumulative Envelope Function

$$\text{Env}^2(s) \sim \exp(-2BS^2)$$

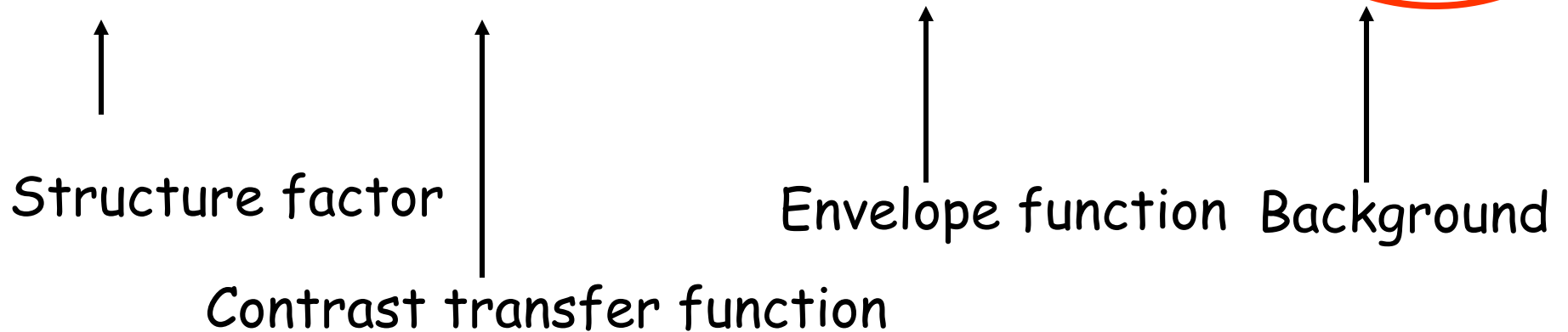
# Fitting the spatial coherence envelope function with $\exp(-BS^2)$

$\alpha=0.12$  mrad



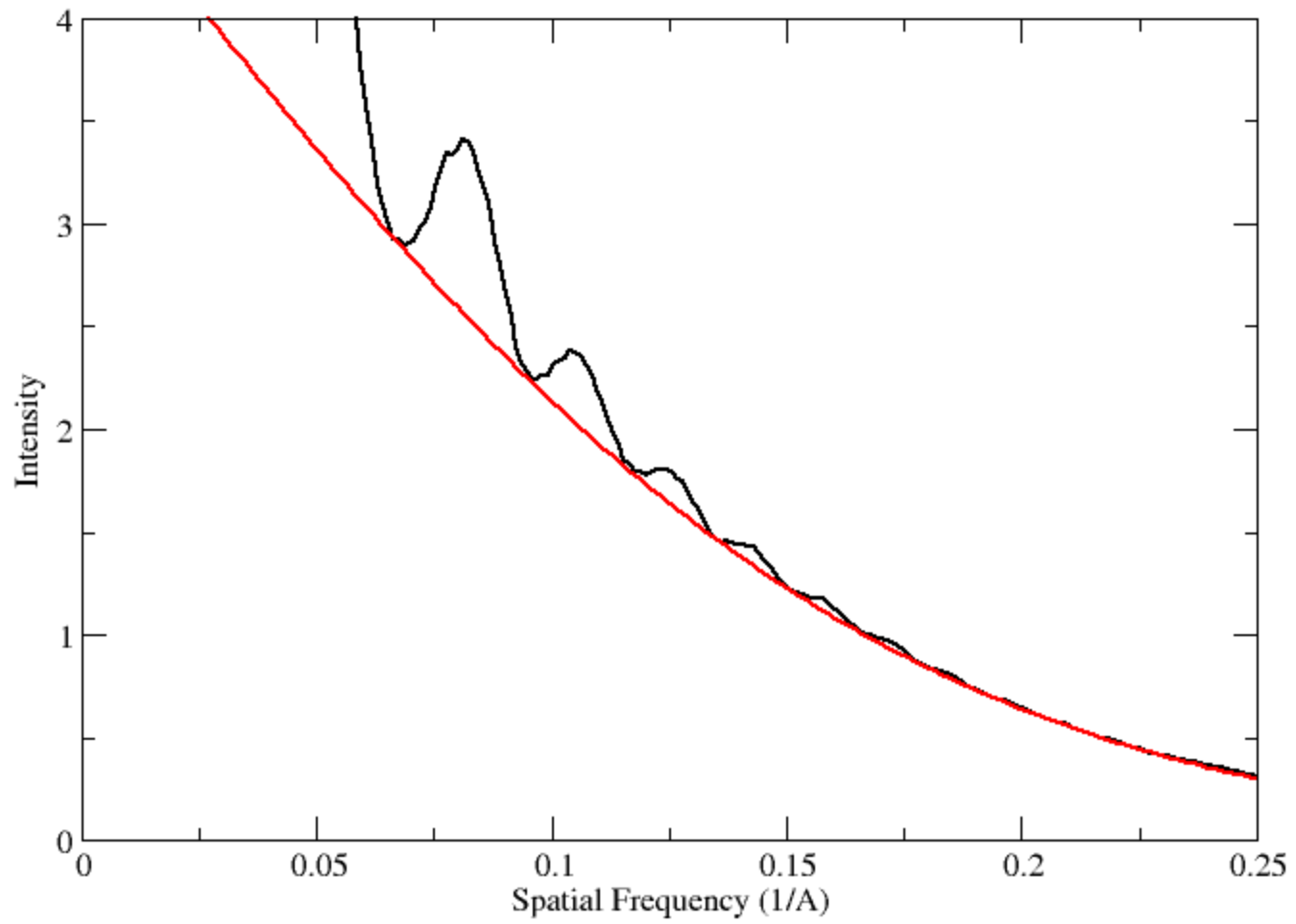
# Computed diffraction pattern

$$F^2(s) \quad CTF^2(s) \quad Env^2(s) \quad + \quad N^2(s)$$



# Noise Function

$$N^2(s) = n_1 \exp(n_2 s + n_3 s^2 + n_4 s^{1/2})$$

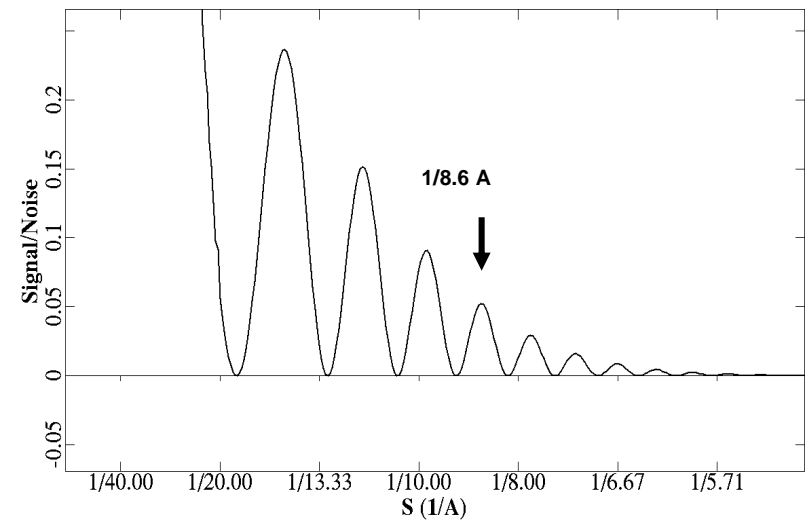
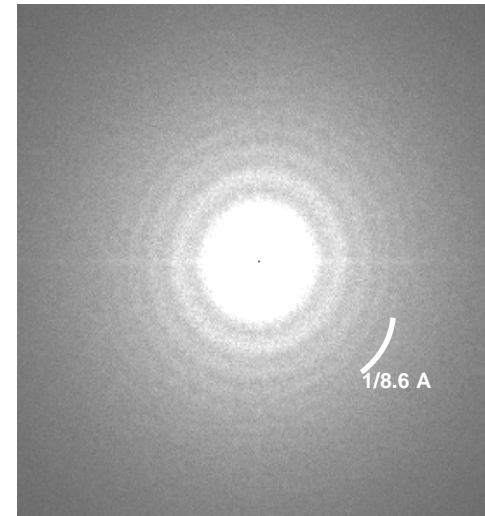
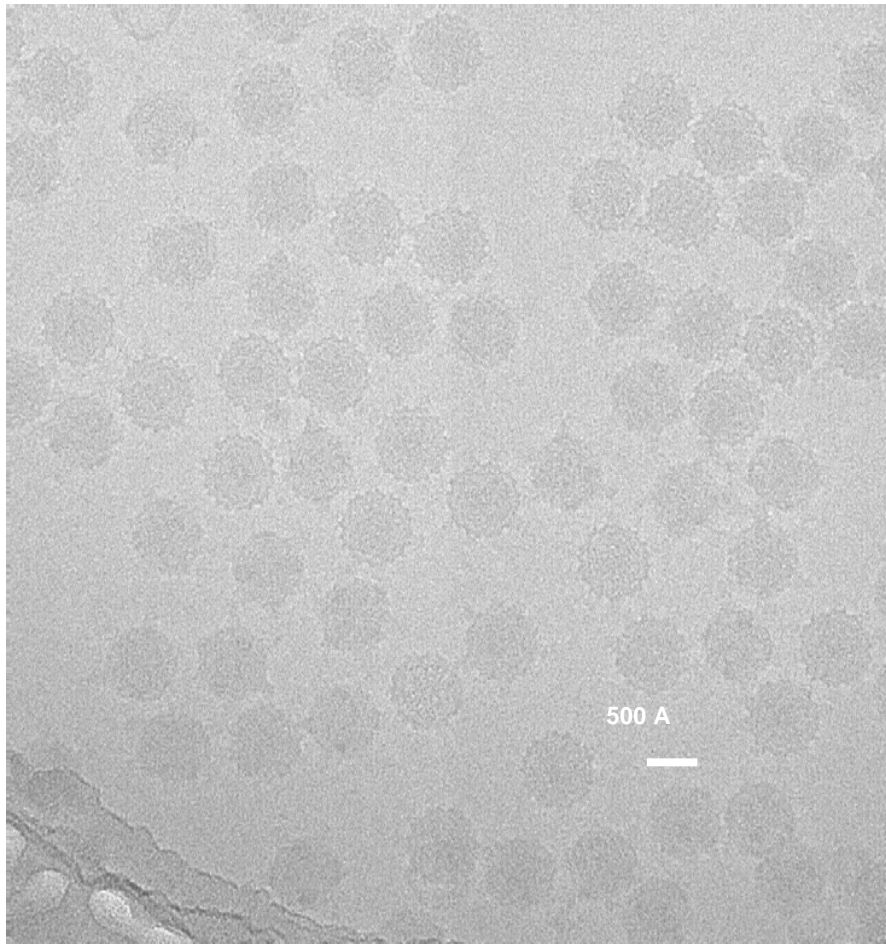


From Dr. Z. Li

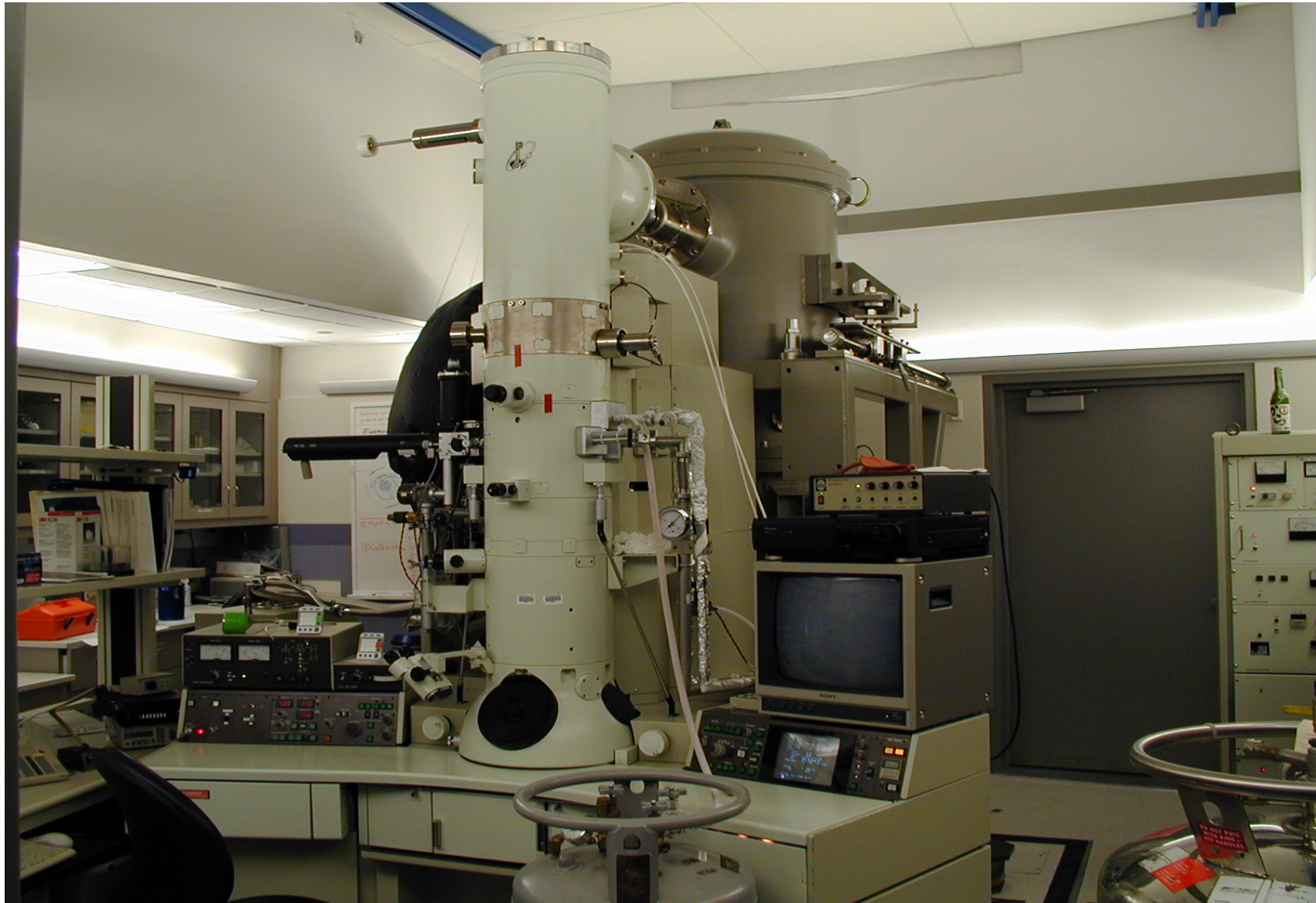


$$\text{Contrast} = (F^2 - \text{CTF}^2 - E^2) / N^2$$

# 200kV Image and Power Spectrum of CPV



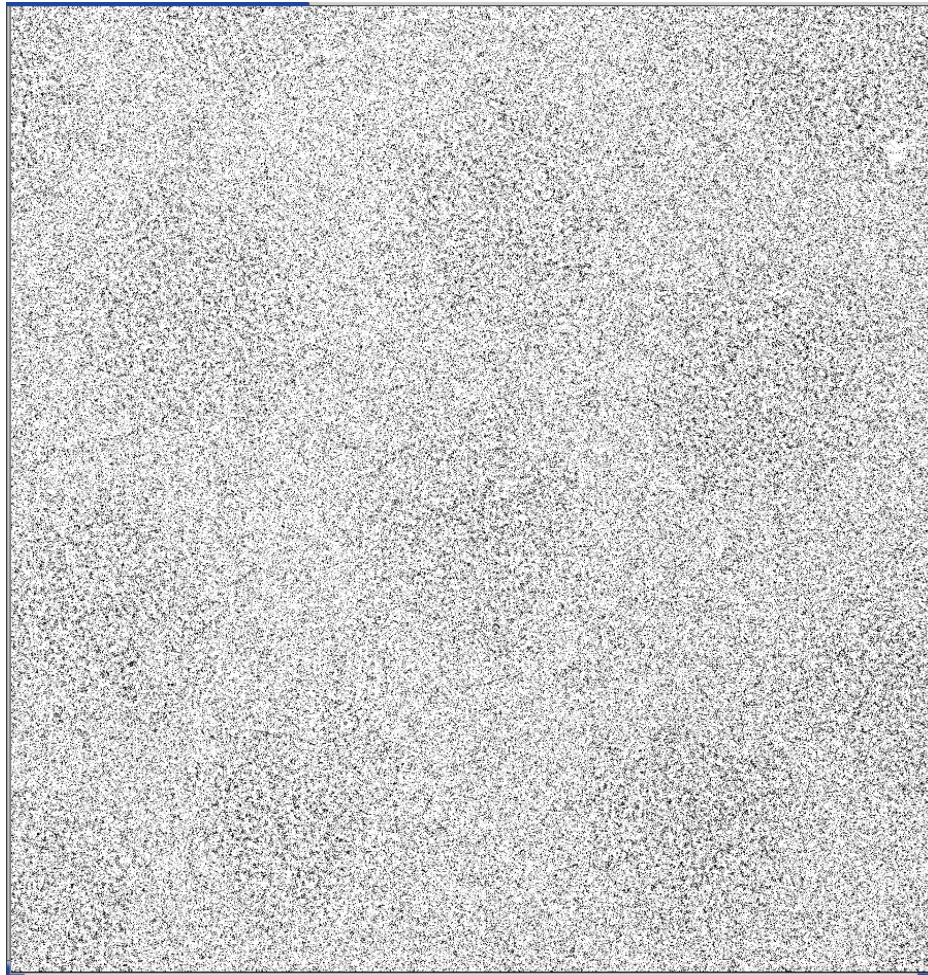
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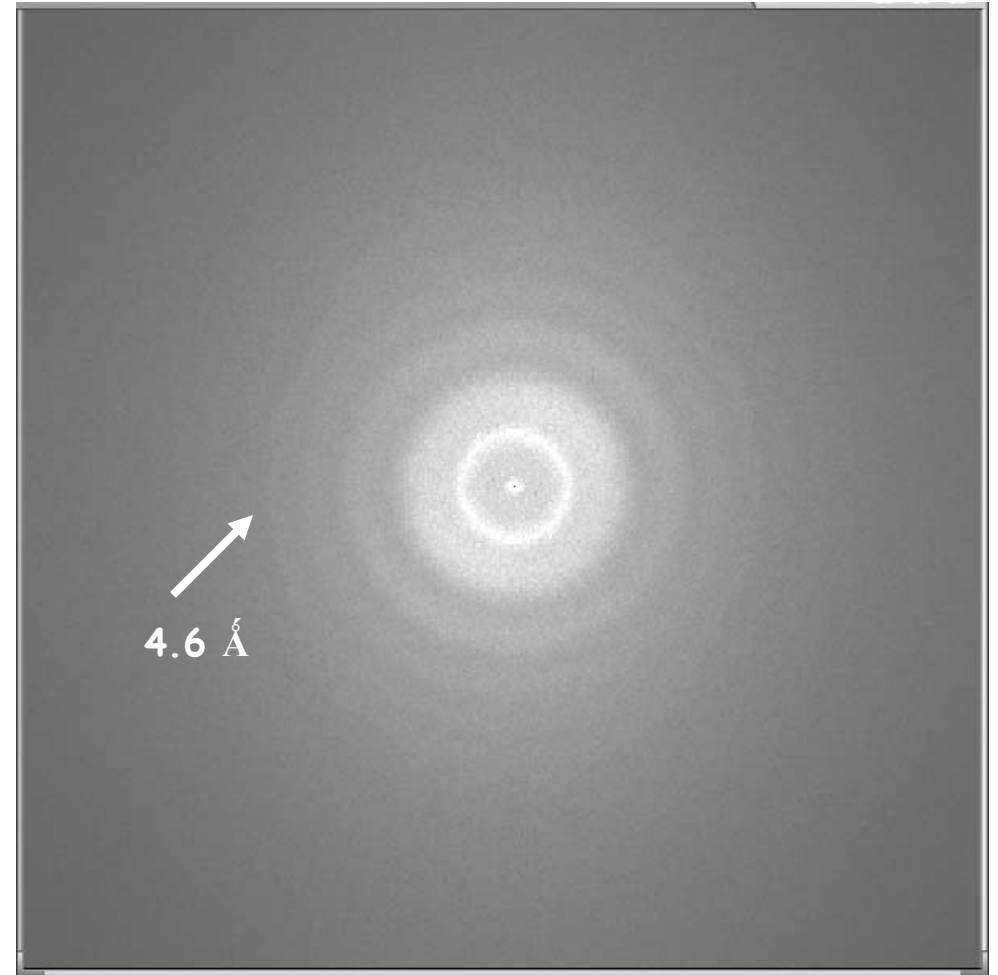
JEOL 3000SFF electron cryomicroscope at NCMi equipped with liquid helium stage and field emission gun



# 300kV Image



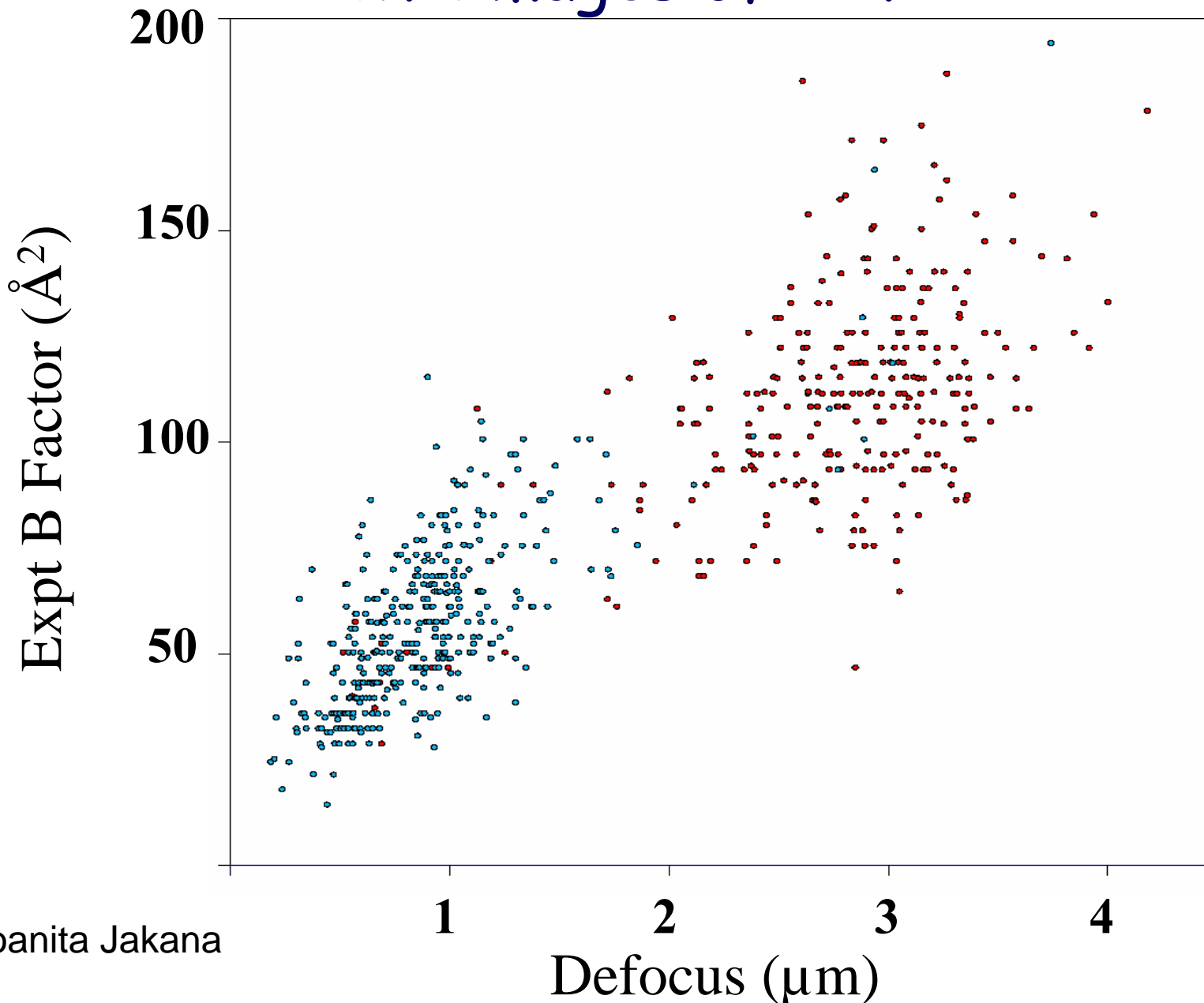
# Power Spectrum



156 particles,  $\Delta Z = 0.60 \mu\text{m}$

Joanita Jakana, MSA Proceeding, 2004

# Experimental B factor vs defocus for 300 kV Images of CPV



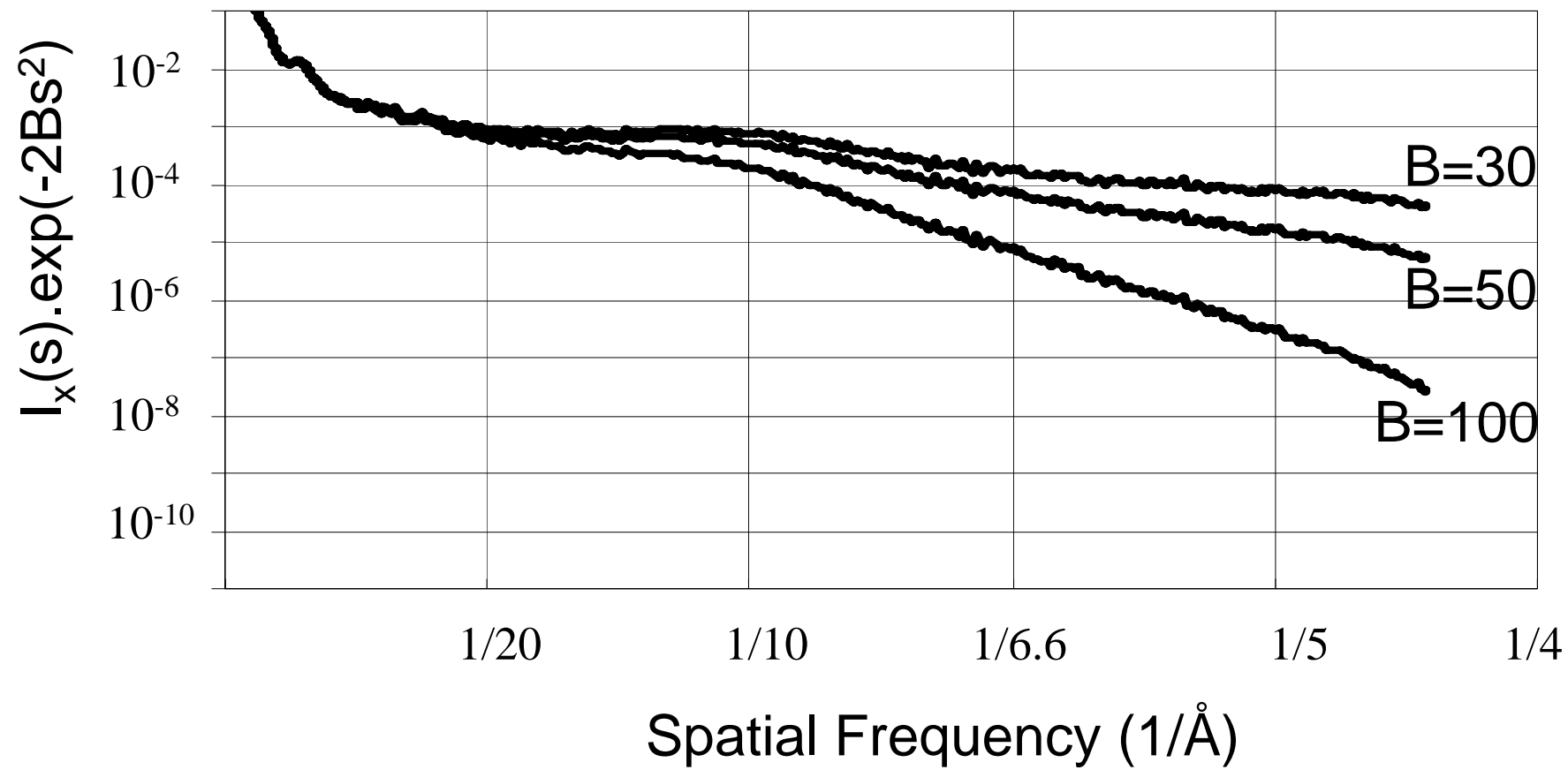
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Number of particles

required for a 3-D reconstruction is  
inversely proportional to

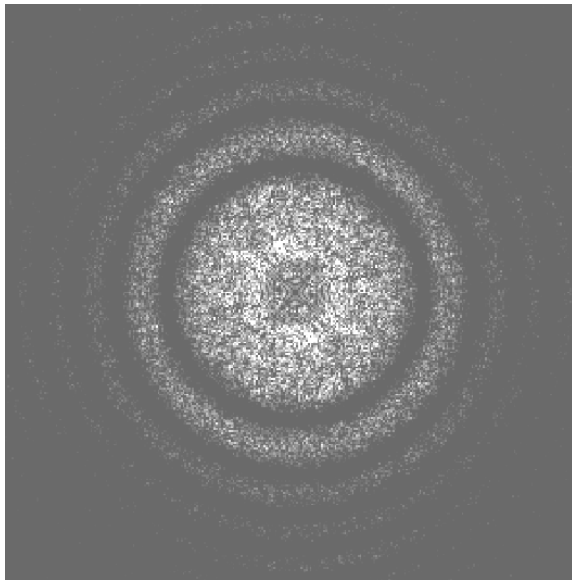
$$F^2(S) \exp(-2BS^2)$$



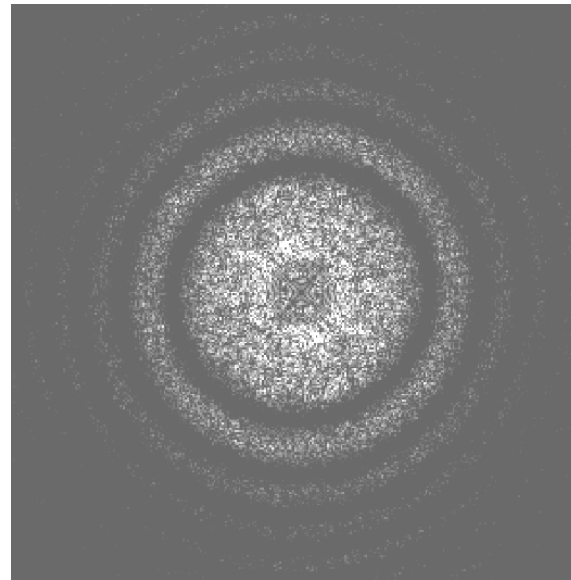
# Causes of High B-Factor

- Large angle of illumination (defocus dependent)
- Astigmatism (defocus independent)
- Local specimen movement (defocus independent)
- Insufficient sampling (defocus independent)

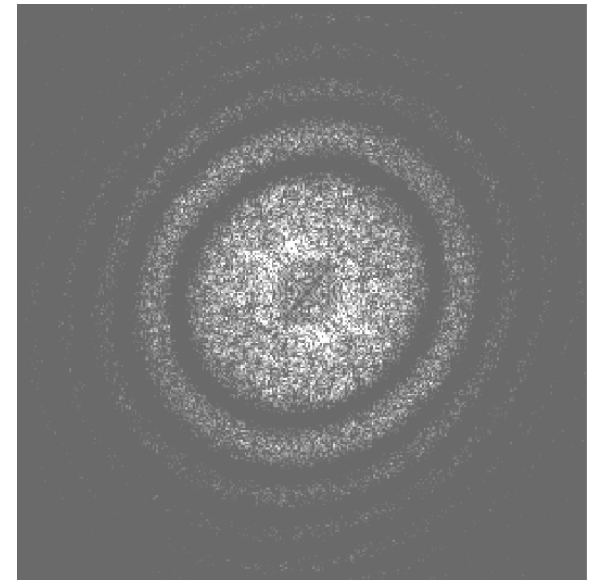
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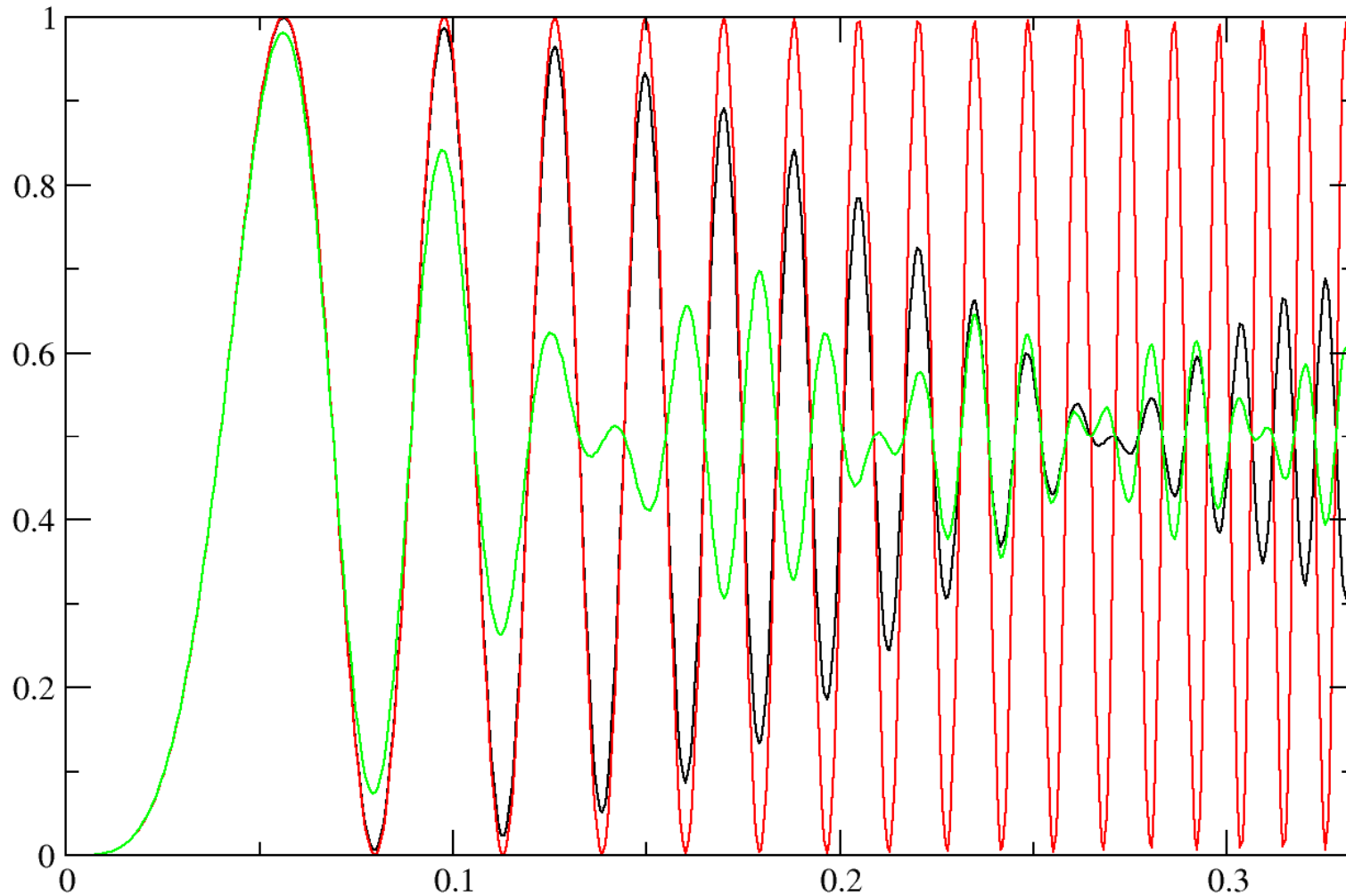
Astigmatism  
amplitude =  
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Astigmatism  
amplitude =  
 $0.1\mu\text{m}$

# 300kV, Cs=1.6mm

$\Delta Z = 0.8 \mu\text{m}$  astigmatism =  $0.0 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $0.0267 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $0.1 \mu\text{m}$

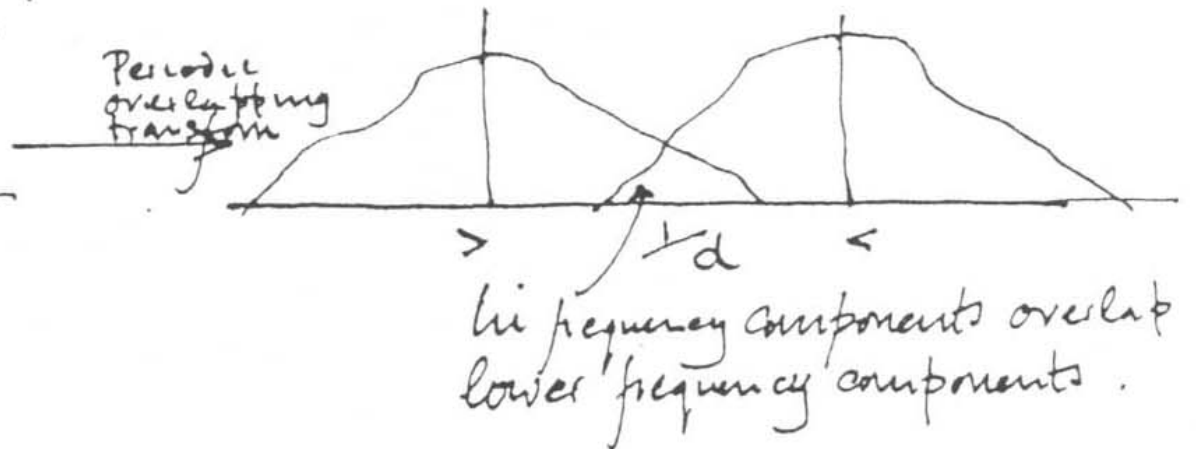
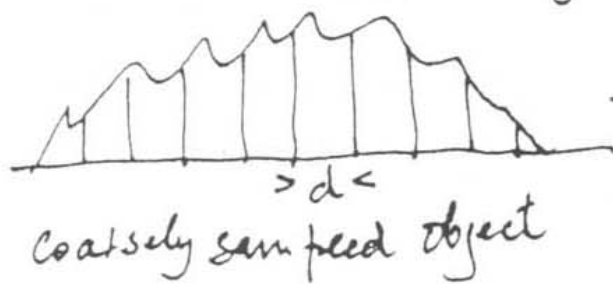


# Sampling

- Sampling distance in real space :  
$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} - 1/3 \text{ expected resolution}$$
- Sampling distance in Fourier space  
$$\Delta S = 1/(N \Delta x)$$
- Choice of sampling ( $\Delta x$ ) and box size (N) depends on expected resolution and the defocus used

## Shannon - Nyquist sampling and aliasing.

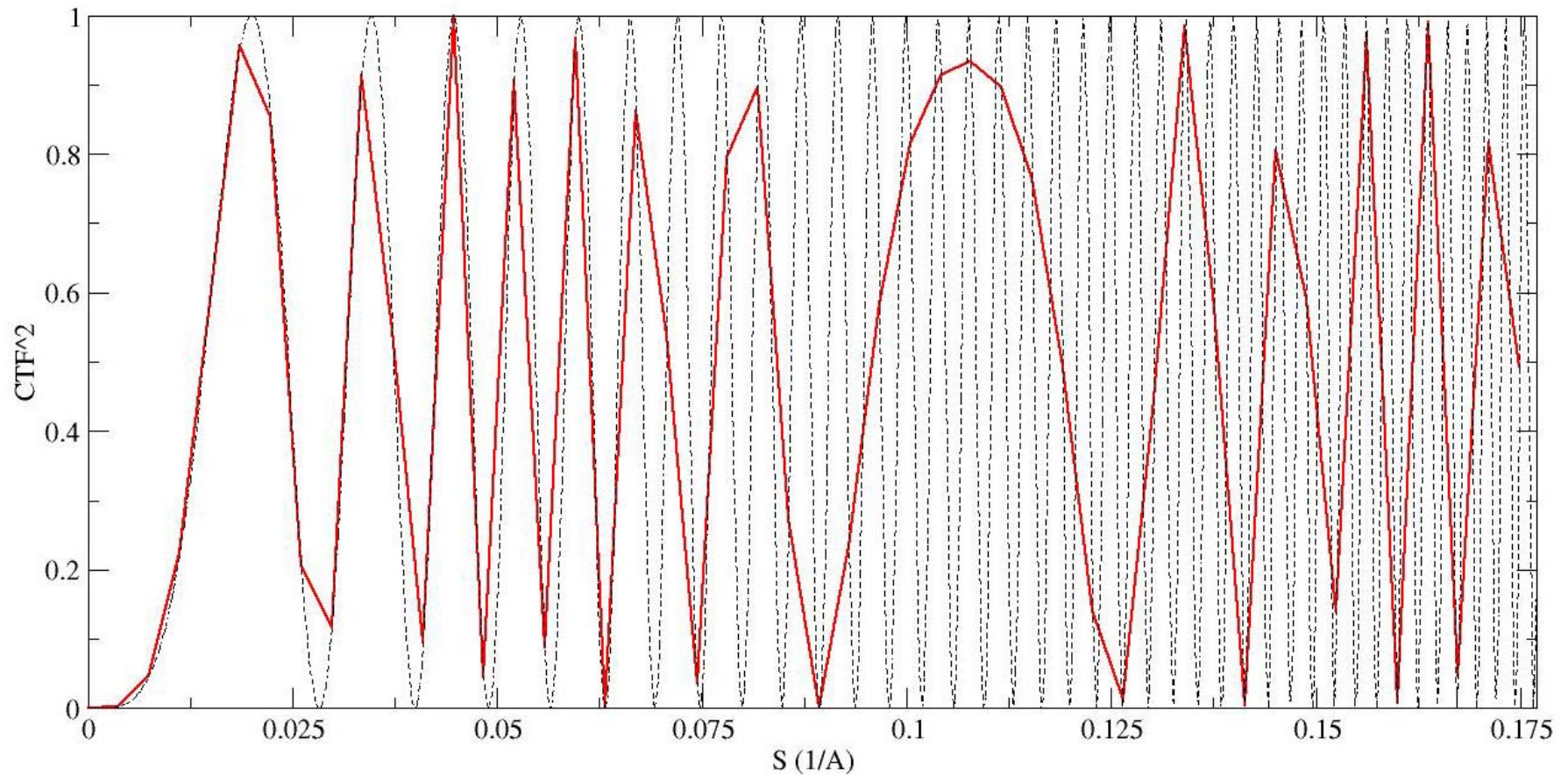
Hence if object density contains fine details out to a spatial frequency  $\frac{1}{2d}$  (ie spatial period  $2d$ ) then sampling must not be coarser than  $d$ , otherwise neighbouring copies of the periodic transform begin to overlap. If the overlap were severe, high frequency terms from one copy of the transform overlap and contaminate low frequencies of the next. ie high frequencies would masquerade as low ones. This is known as aliasing.



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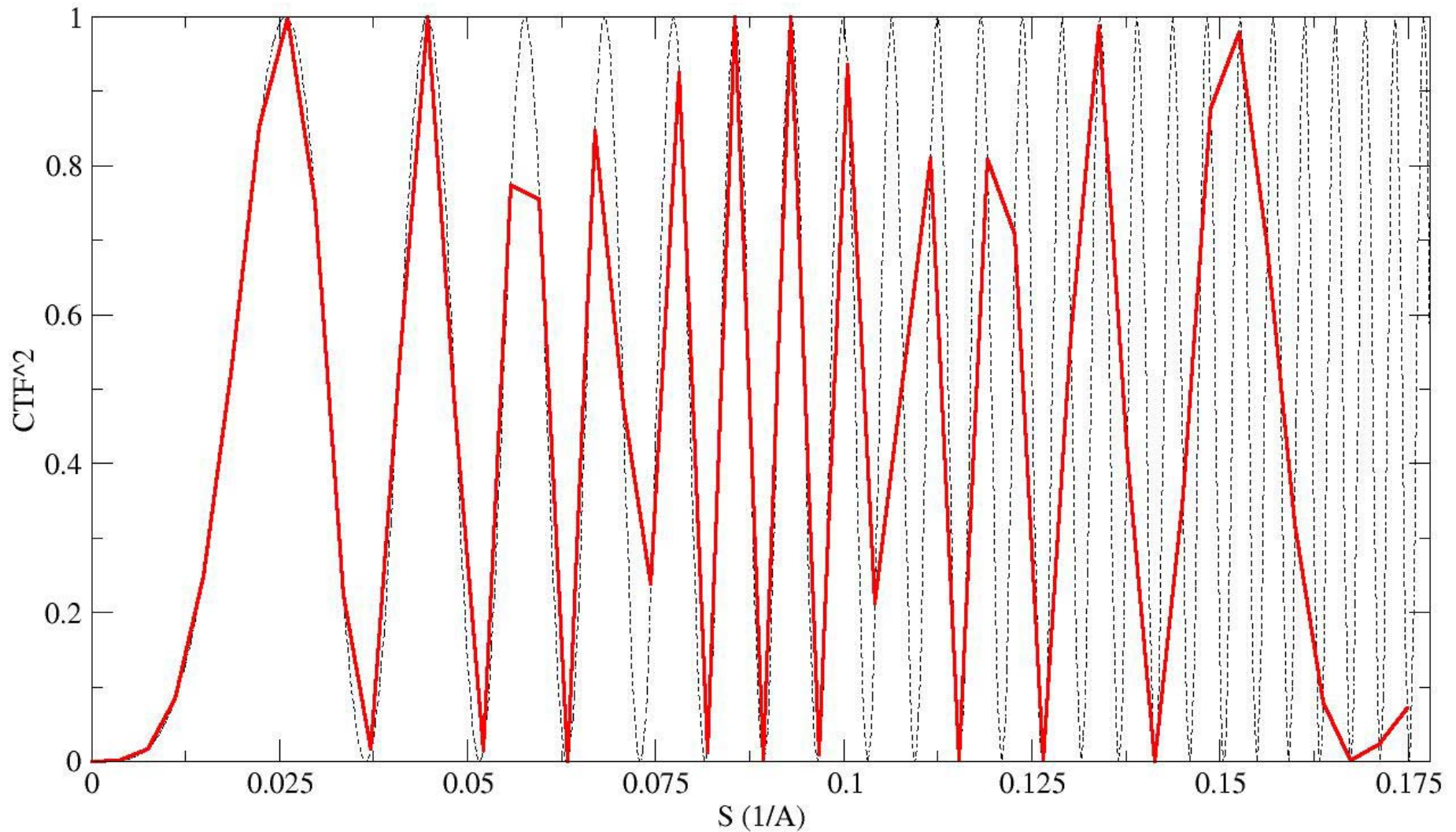


# Effect of Box Size on CTF Appearance



200 kV,  $C_s = 1.2\text{mm}$ , 2.8  $\text{\AA}/\text{pixel}$ . 96x96 pixels box,  $\Delta Z = 5\ \mu\text{m}$

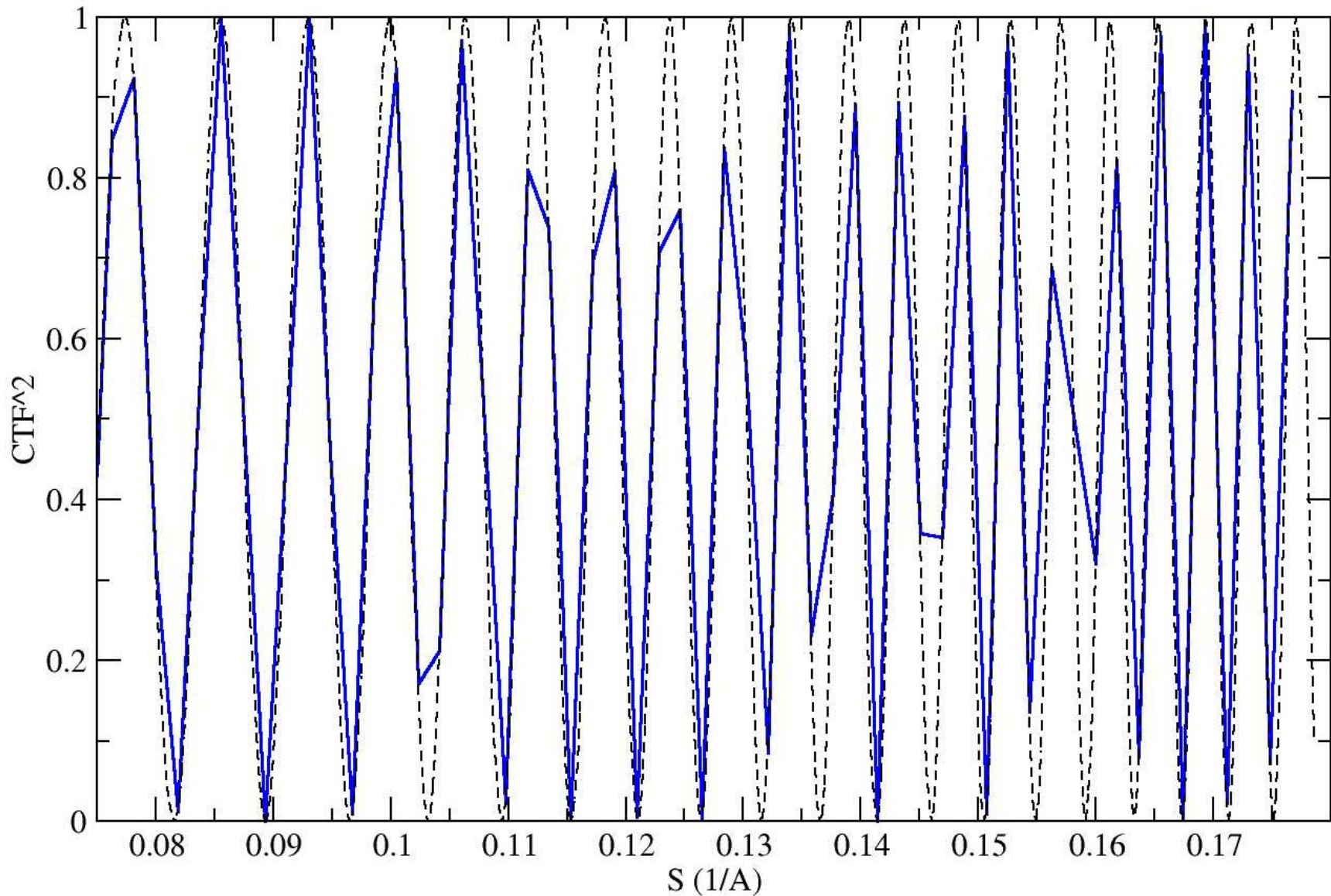
# Effect of Box Size on CTF Appearance



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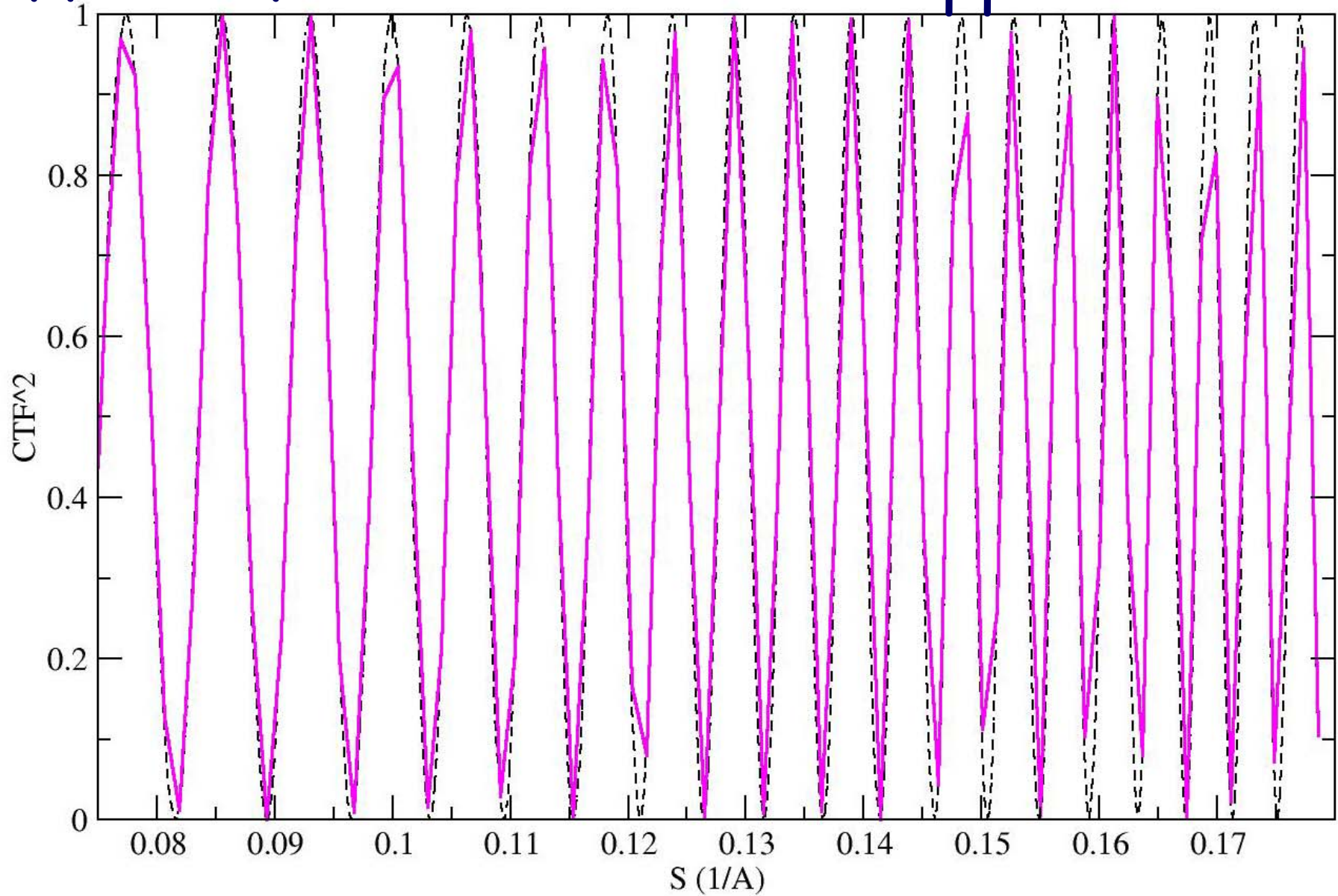


# Effect of Box Size on CTF Appearance



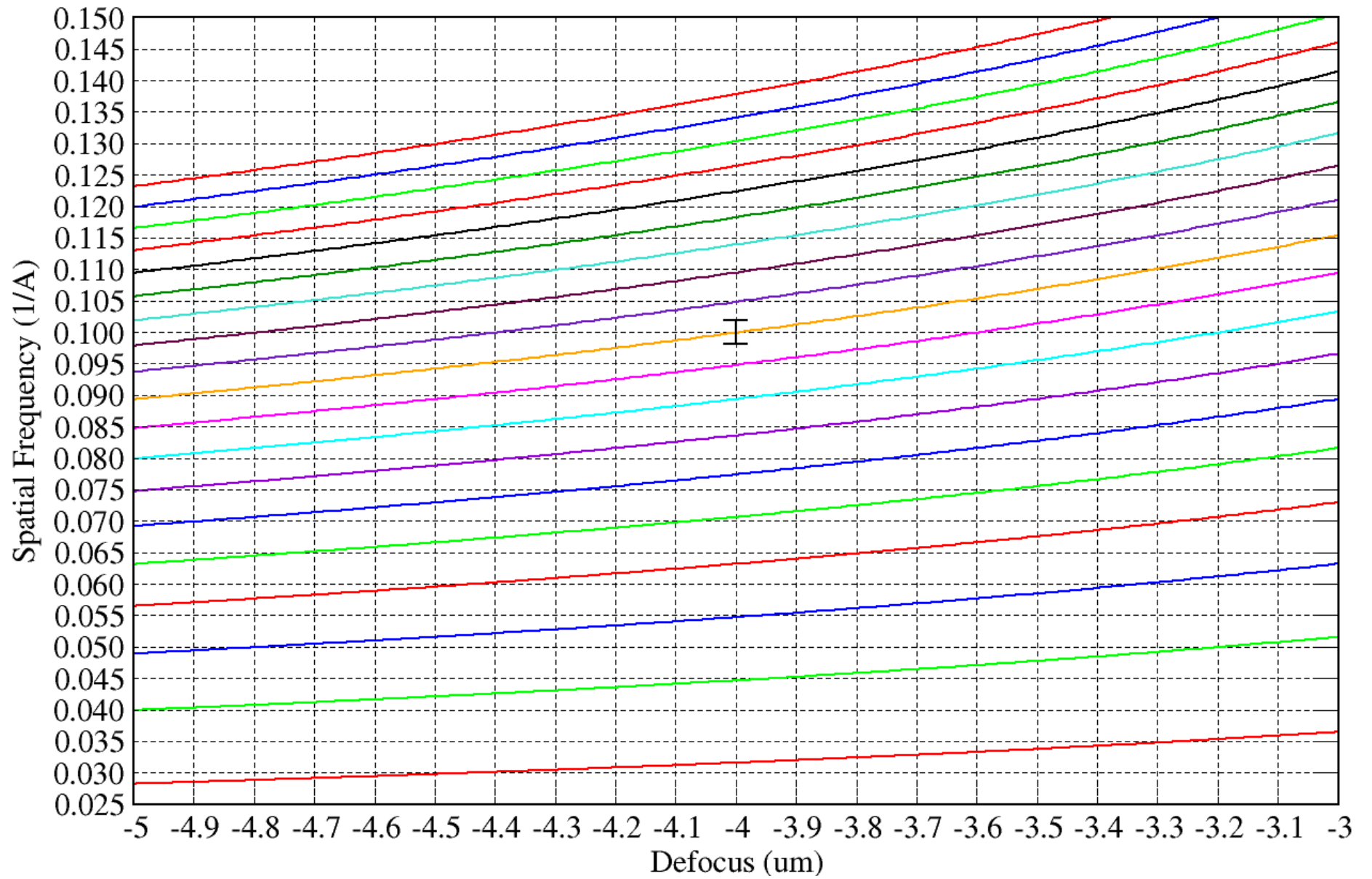
200 kV,  $C_s = 1.2\text{mm}$ , 2.8 Å/pixel. 192x192 pixels box,  $\Delta Z = 3\ \mu\text{m}$

# Effect of Box Size on CTF Appearance



200 kV,  $C_s = 1.2\text{mm}$ , 2.8 A/pixel. 288x288 pixels box,  $\Delta Z = 3\ \mu\text{m}$

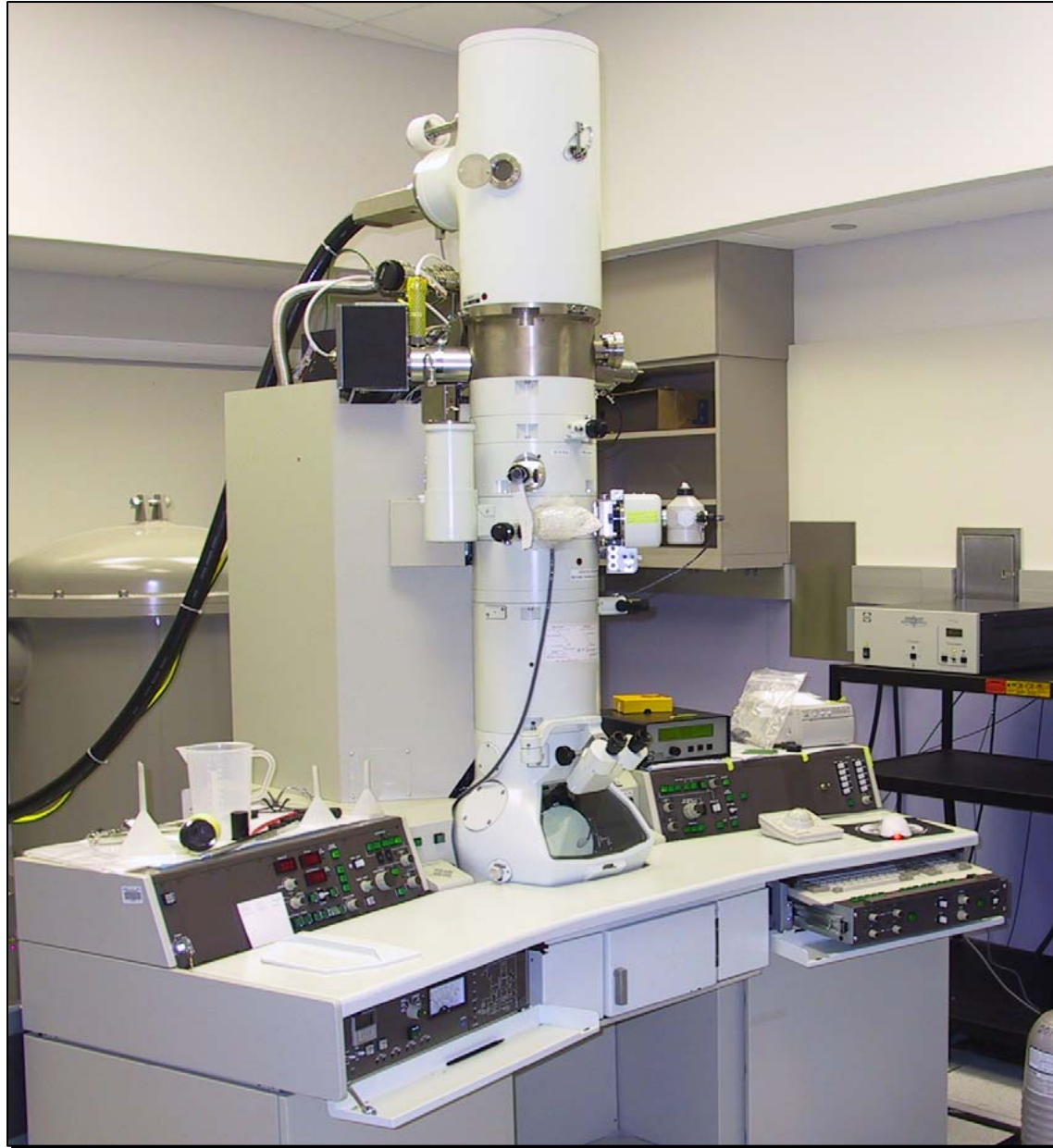
# 200kV, Cs 1.2mm



# CCD Camera for Single Particle Imaging

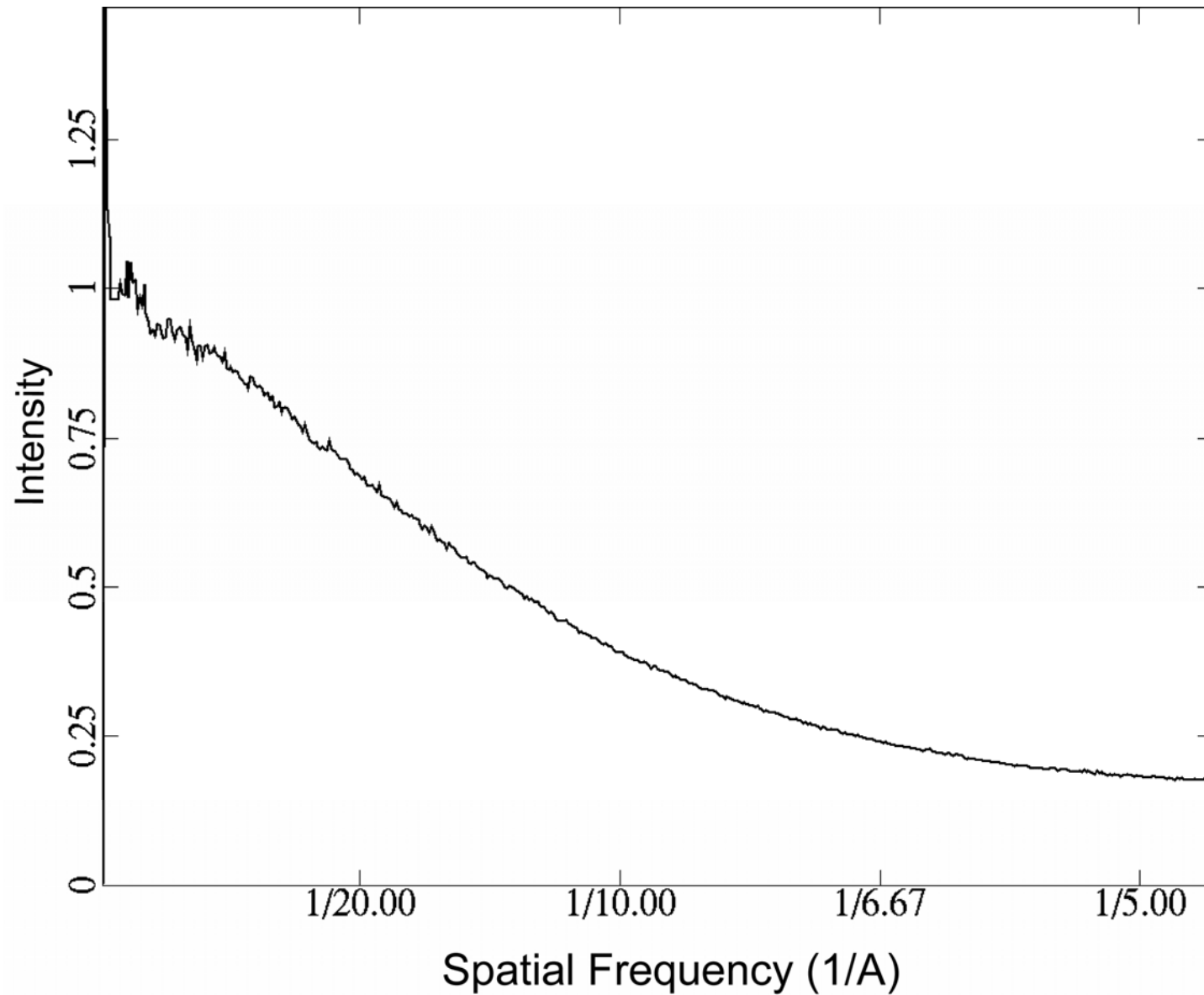


# JEM2010F with a Gatan 4k CCD

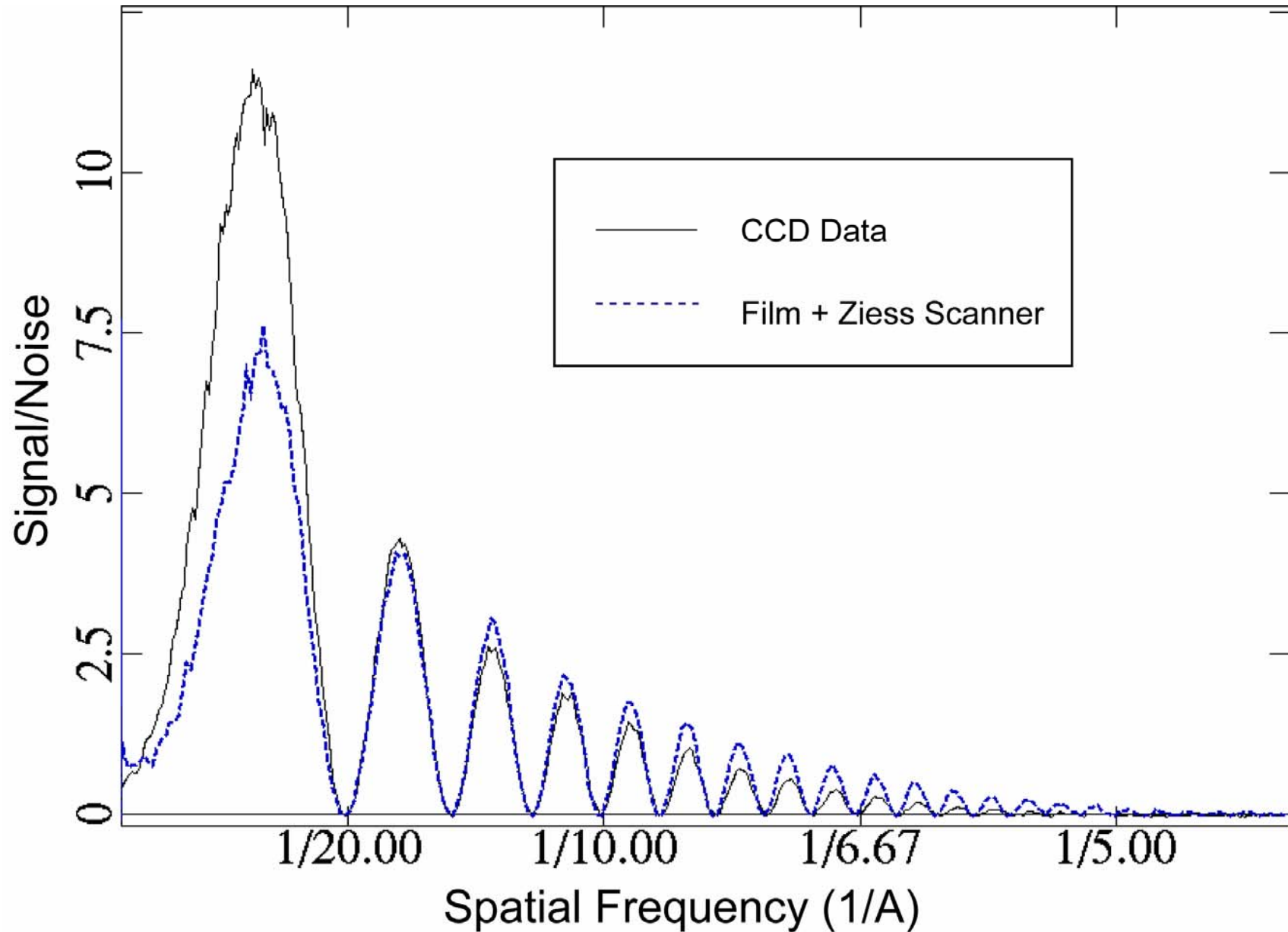




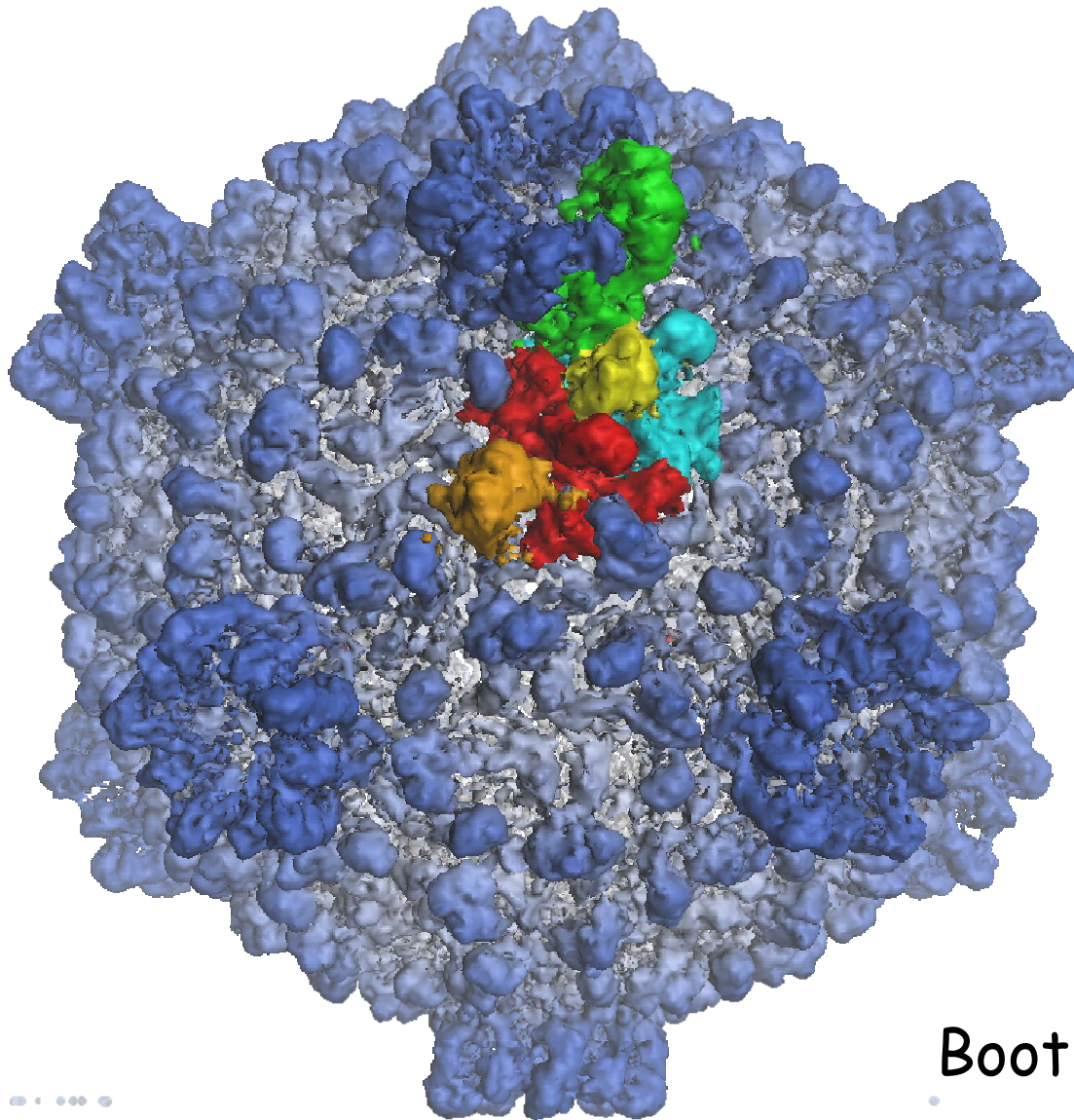
# MTF of 4k CCD at 200 kV



# S/N of 200 kV Carbon Film Image



# 9Å Map of CPV from CCD Images

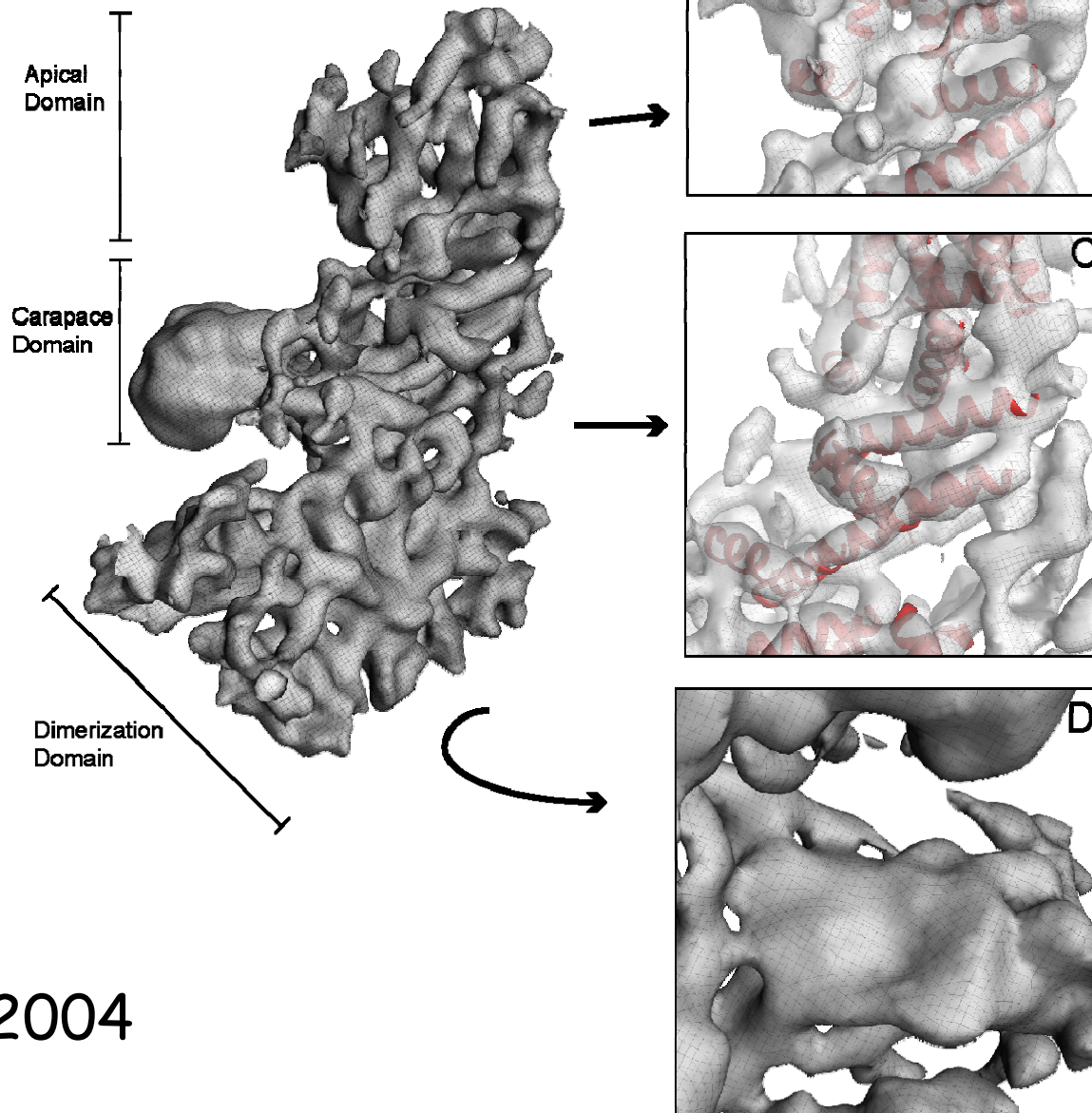


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# Secondary Structure Elements in *CSP-A*



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# Magnification To Use For Higher Resolution Structure Study

<b>Effective Microscope Magnification</b>	<b>Å/pix</b>	<b>Dimension of CCD Frame on Specimen (nm)</b>	<b>% CCD Frame Area wrt 82800 x</b>	<b>2/5 Nyquist (Å)</b>
55,200	2.71	1,110	225	13.55
69,000	2.17	886	144	10.84
82,800	1.81	738	100	9.03
110,400	1.35	554	56	6.77
138,000	1.08	443	36	5.42
207,000	0.72	295	16	3.61

15 microns/pixel Gatan 4k CCD

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