

Post-processing pipeline

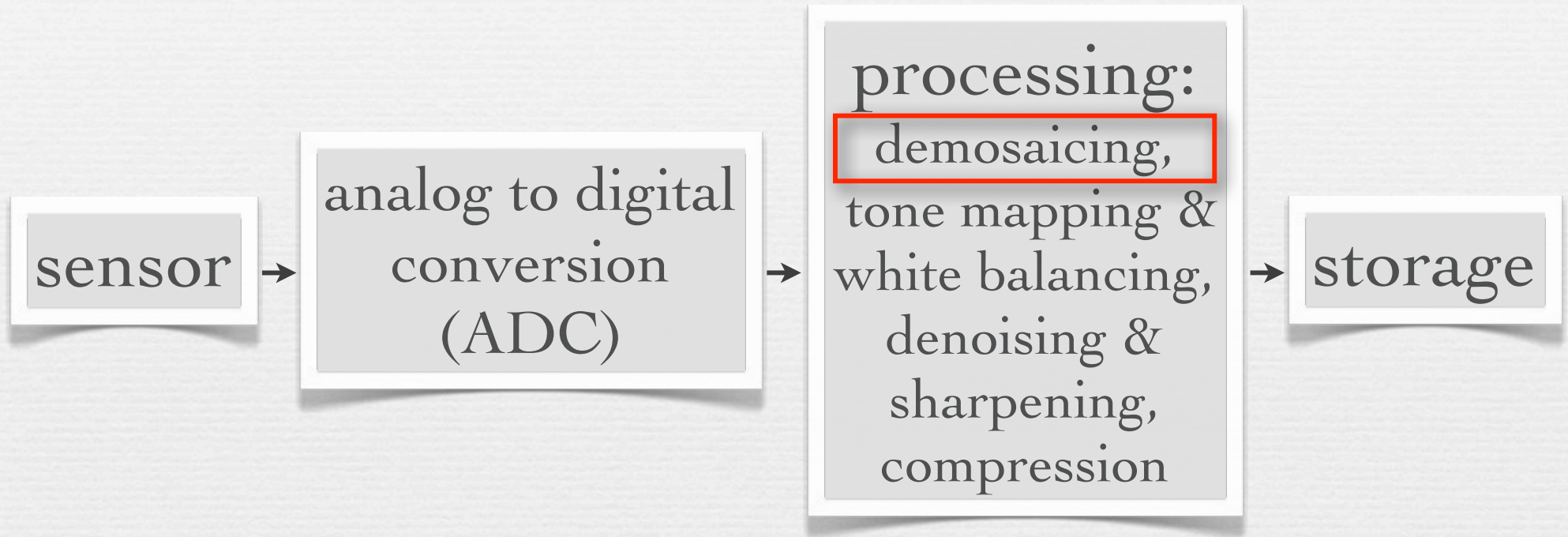
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Begun 5/27/10. Finished 6/1/10, and
recap slides added throughout.

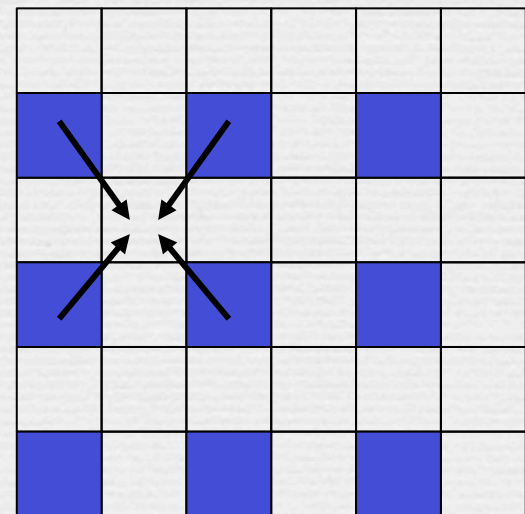
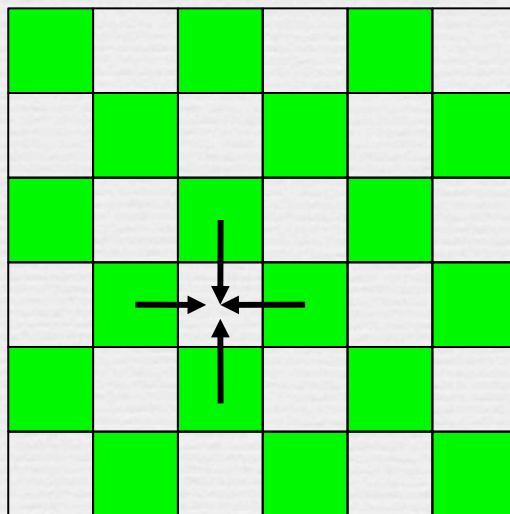
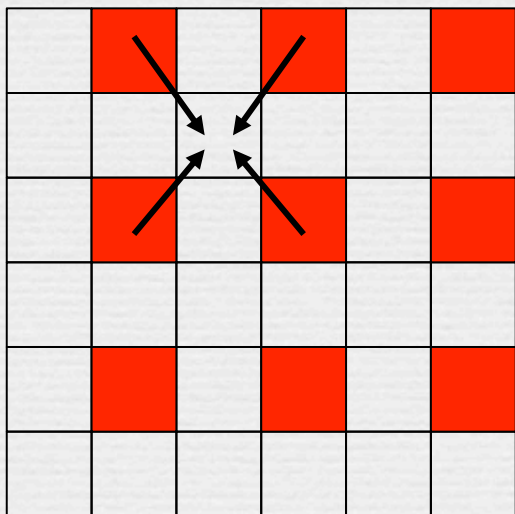
Camera pixel pipeline



- ◆ every camera uses different algorithms
- ◆ the processing order may vary
- ◆ most of it is proprietary

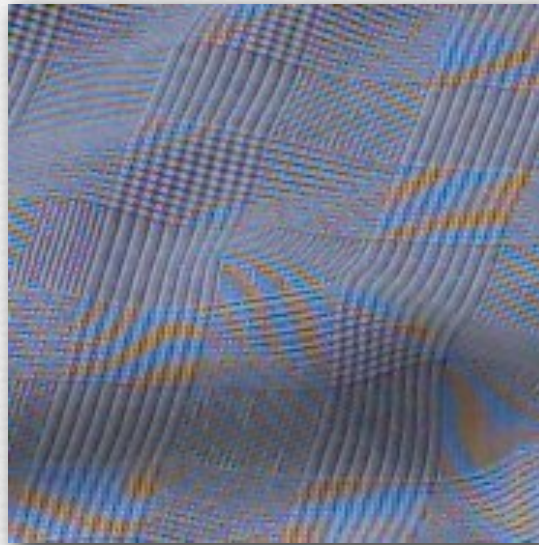
Demosaicing (review)

- ◆ linear interpolation
 - average of the 4 nearest neighbors of the same color
- ◆ cameras typically use more complicated scheme
 - try to avoid interpolating across feature boundaries
 - demosaicing is often combined with denoising, sharpening...



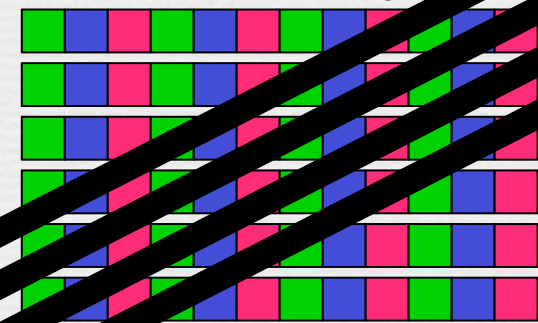
Demosaicing errors

- ◆ color fringes or moiré



- ◆ the cause of color moiré
 - fine black and white detail in scene is mis-interpreted by interpolation algorithm as color information

simplistic 1D
color filter array



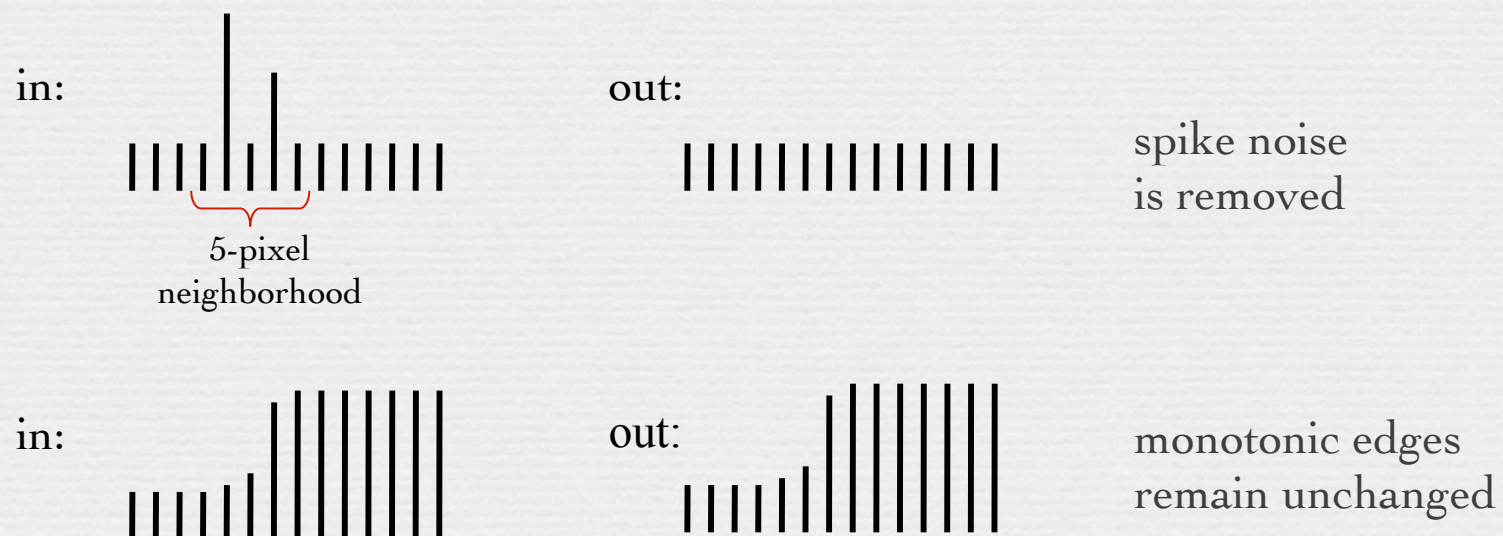
fine diagonal
B&W stripes

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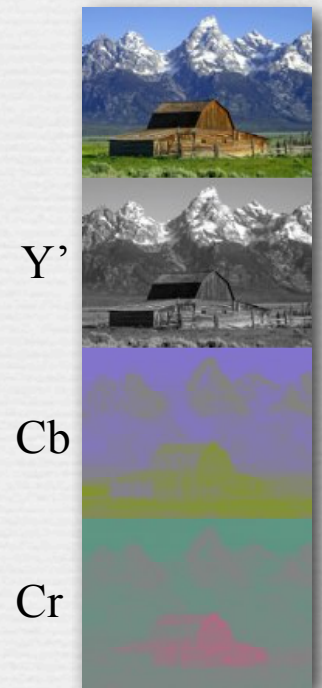
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- ◆ summary of algorithm
 - 1. apply naive interpolation
 - 2. convert to $Y'CbCr$
 - 3. median filter Cr & Cb
 - 4. reconstruct R, G, B from sensor value and filtered Cr & Cb

(wikipedia)



Comparison

(crop from larger image)



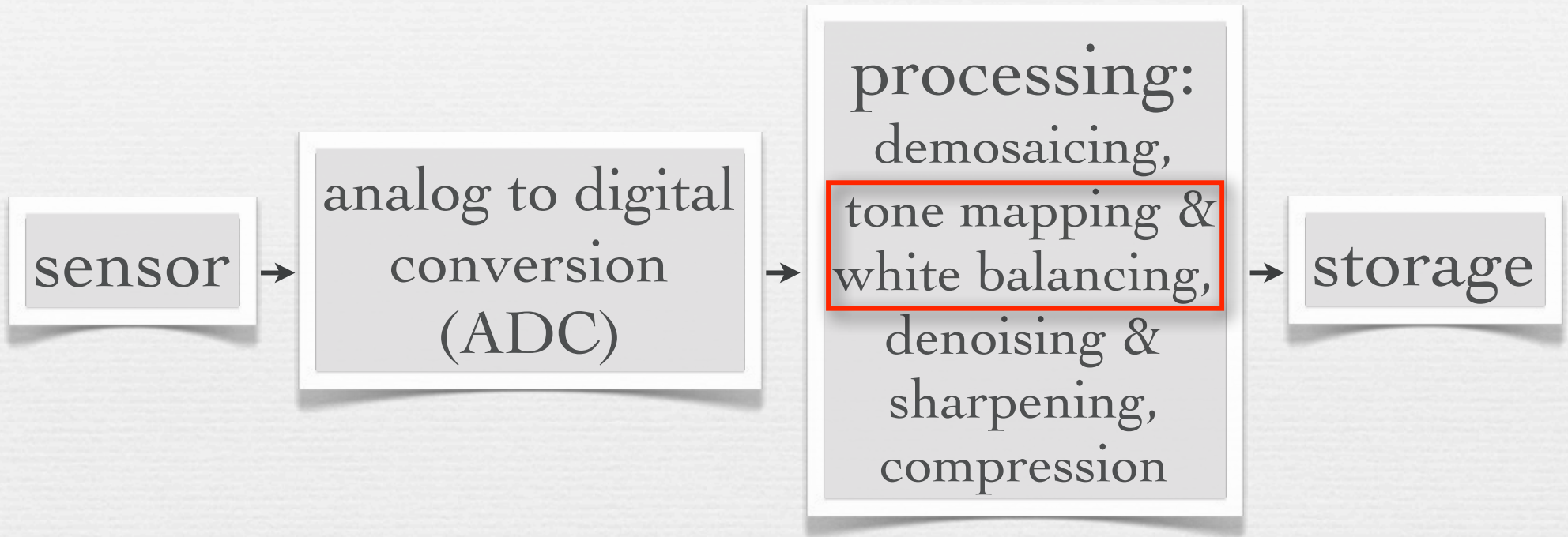
linear interpolation



median-filtered interpolation

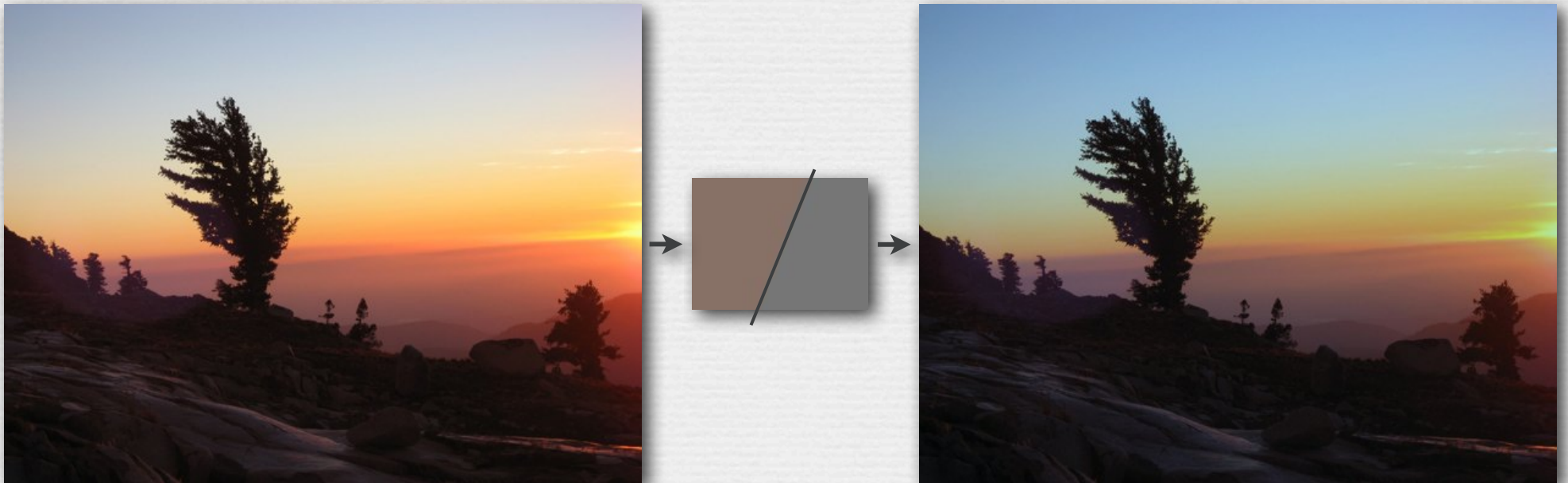
- ◆ take-home lesson: $2/3$ of your data is made up
- ◆ there are better and worse ways to do this

Camera pixel pipeline



White balancing (review)

- ◆ 1. find the color temperature of the illumination as an (R,G,B)
- ◆ 2. scale the RGB values of all pixels in the photograph up or down so that the chosen (R,G,B) becomes $(1,1,1)$
- ◆ the appearance of $(1,1,1)$ depends on the camera's reference white
 - for sRGB cameras, chosen (R,G,B) will match D65 (6500°K)



Gamma and gamma correction



(FLASH DEMO)

<http://graphics.stanford.edu/courses/cs178/applets/gamma.html>



- ◆ the goal of digital imaging is to accurately reproduce relative scene luminances on a display screen
 - absolute luminance is impossible to reproduce
 - humans are sensitive to relative luminance anyway
- ◆ in some workflows, pixel value is made proportional to scene luminance, in other systems to perceived brightness
 - in CRTs luminance is proportional to voltage $^\gamma$ with $\gamma \approx 2.5$, so TV cameras must be designed to output scene luminance $^{1/\gamma}$
 - in NTSC cameras have $1/\gamma = 0.5$ to provide a residual *system gamma*
 - pixel value \propto perceived brightness is perceptually uniform, so in CG and digital photography it's a good space for quantization, JPEG, etc.

System gamma

- ♦ why the gamma of cameras (0.5) in NTSC is higher than the inverse of the gamma of CRTs (2.5)

viewer outdoors
looking at a scene

$$B \propto L_{\text{scene}}^{0.5}$$

perceived
brightness

bright-adapted eye

luminance

viewer in dark living room
watching outdoor scene on TV

$$B \propto L_{\text{display}}^{0.4}$$

$$\propto L_{\text{scene}}^{0.5 \times 2.5 \times 0.4}$$

$$\propto L_{\text{scene}}^{0.5}$$

dark-adapted eye

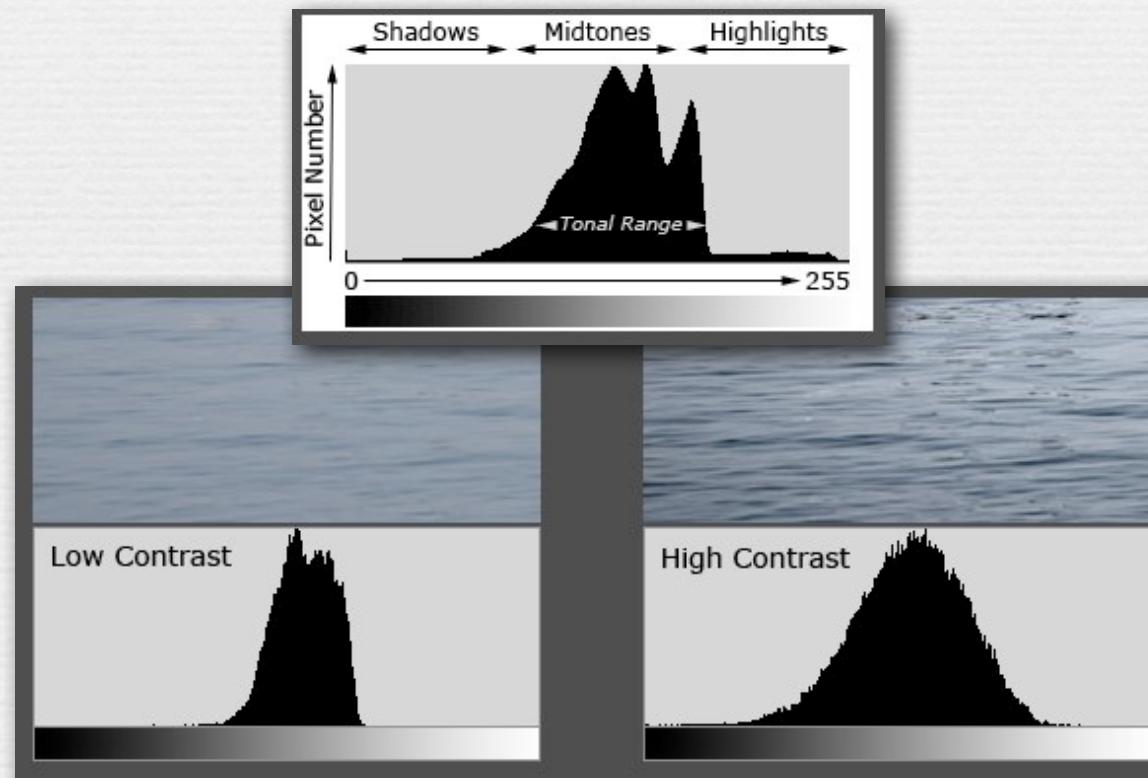
camera

CRT

- ♦ camera $\gamma \times$ display $\gamma = 0.5 \times 2.5 = 1.25$ is the *system gamma*

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original



$\gamma = 0.5$



$\gamma = 2.0$

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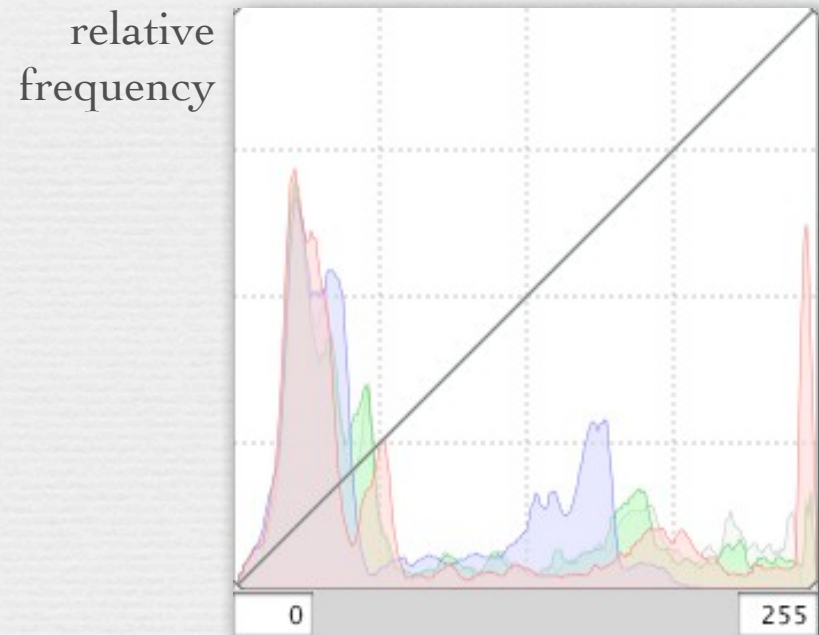
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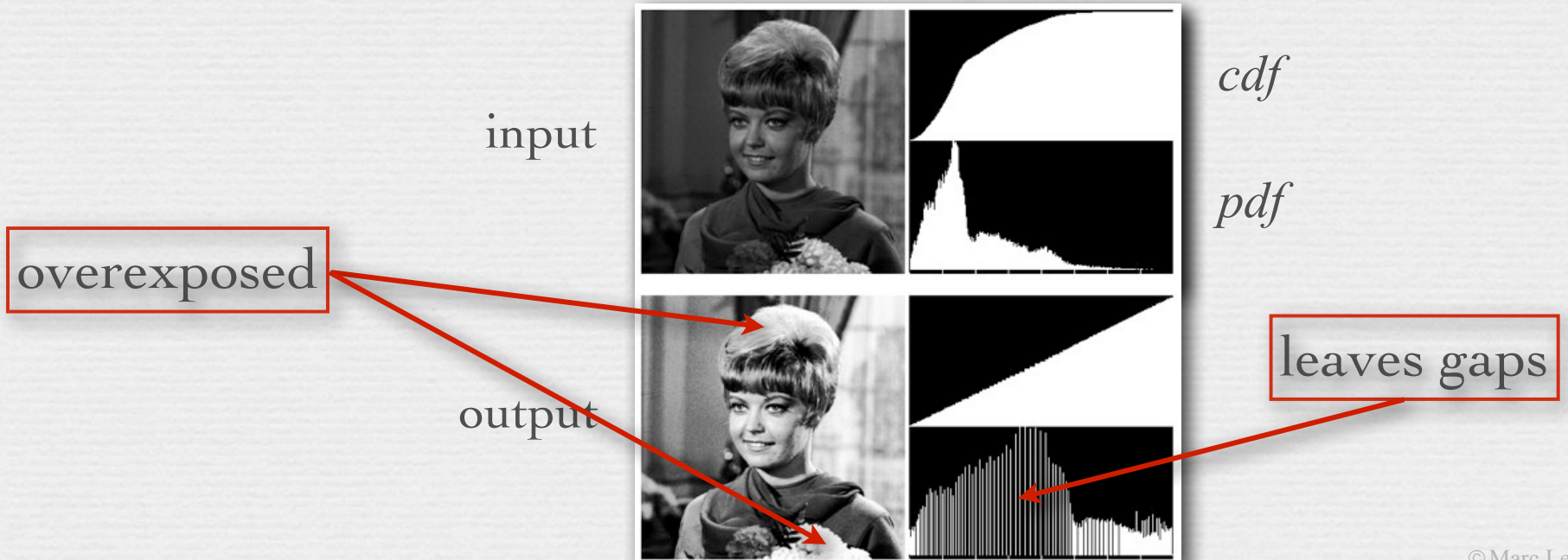
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histogram

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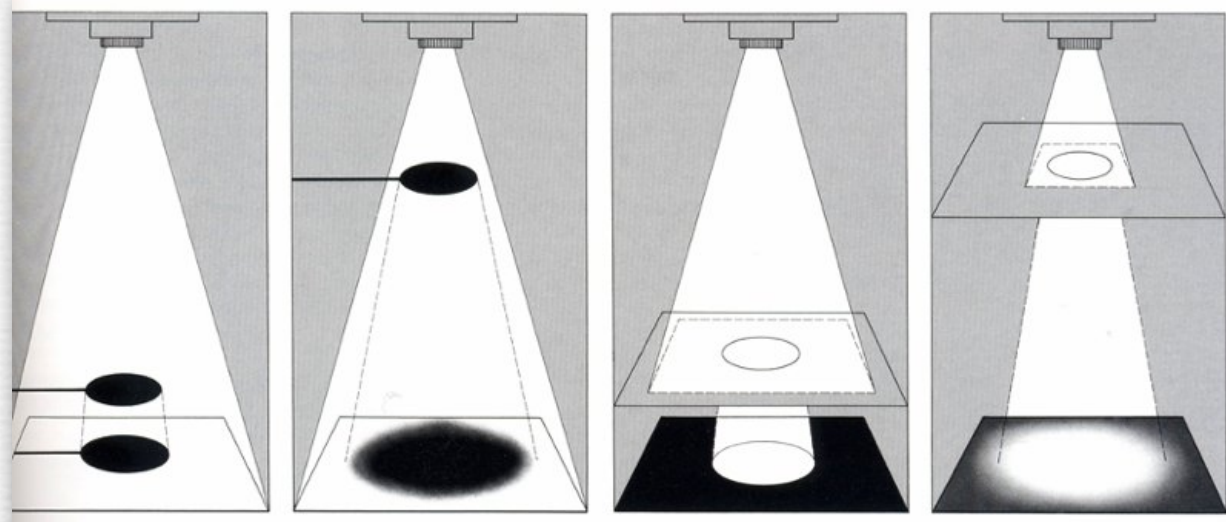
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- ◆ histogram equalization
- ◆ global versus local transformations

Traditional dodging and burning

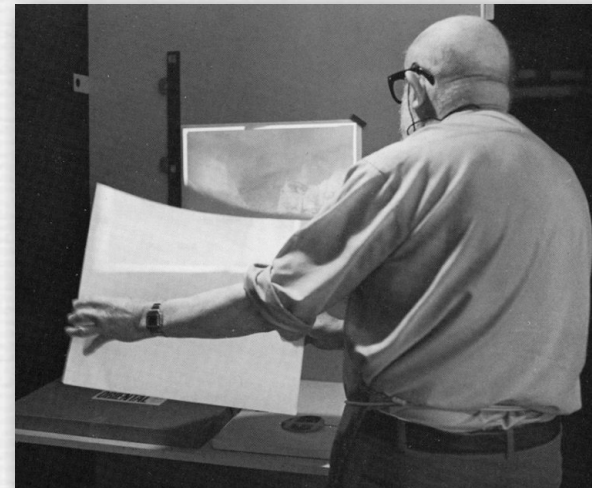
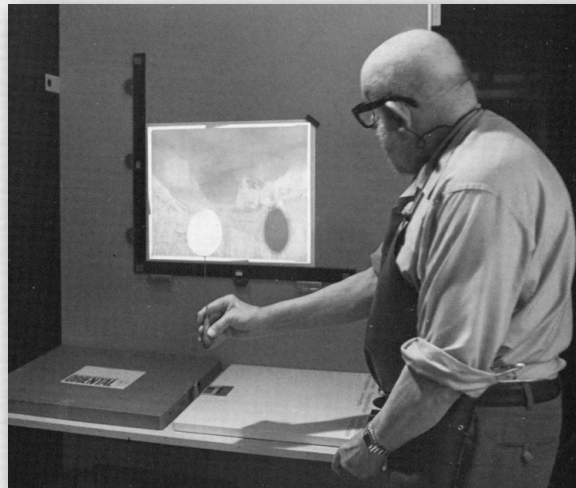


(Rudman)

dodging
(leaves print lighter)

burning
(makes print darker)

Ansel Adams in
his darkroom



(Adams)

straight
print



Ansel Adams, Clearing Winter Storm, 1942



toned
print

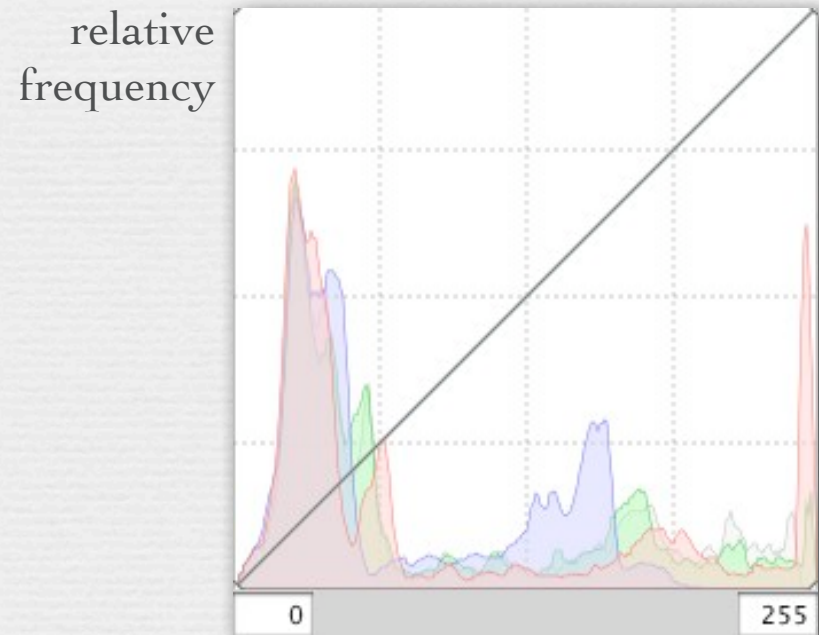
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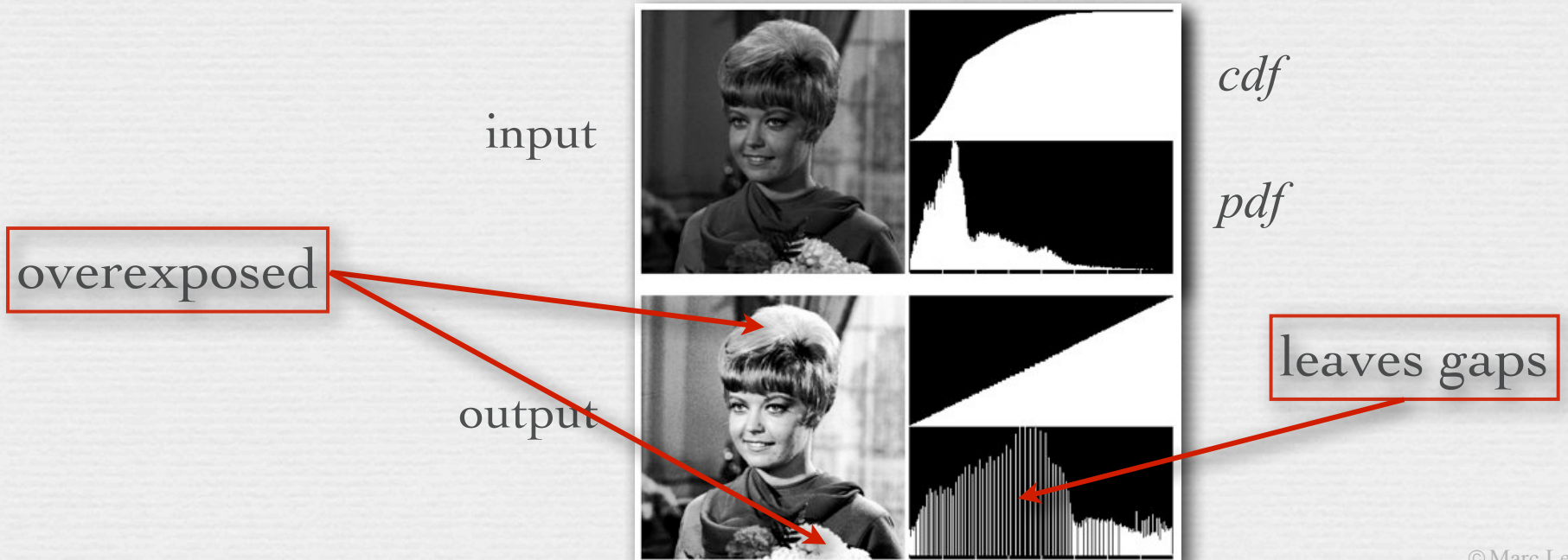
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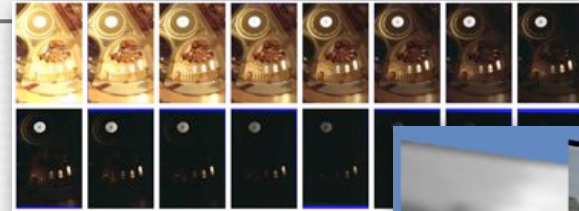


Recap

- ◆ in CRTs luminance = voltage $^\gamma$ where $\gamma \approx 2.5$, so television cameras output luminance $^{1/\gamma}$ to compensate
 - NTSC cameras use luminance $^{0.5}$, yielding a *system gamma*, to compensate for human *dark adaptation* during viewing
- ◆ digital cameras also gamma transform sensed pixels before storing them in JPEG files
 - while this matches television cameras, another good reason is perceptual uniformity, thereby reducing quantization artifacts
 - for sRGB cameras, $\gamma = 1/2.2$
- ◆ *tone mapping* methods may include
 - contrast expansion
 - additional gamma mapping
 - histogram equalization
 - local methods, like dodging & burning

Questions?

High dynamic range imaging (review)

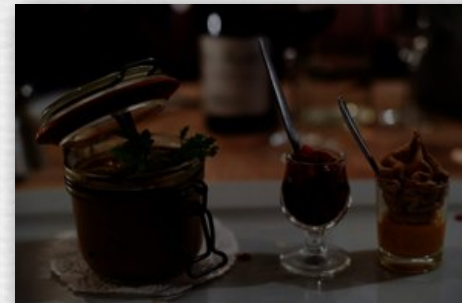


- ◆ step 1: capturing HDR images
- ◆ step 2a: direct display of HDR images, or
- ◆ step 2b: tone mapping to create an LDR image for display



you're not responsible for
HDR imaging on your final

- ◆ goals of tone mapping
 - squeeze 12 bits of sensor into 8 bits of JPEG
 - or squeeze >12 of HDR image into 8 bits of JPEG
 - apply mapping for human adaption if scene was very dark
 - or bright...





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tone mapping
by exposure and
gamma



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tone mapping
by histogram
equalization



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Tone mapping techniques

(slides from Fredo Durand)

- ◆ image has 10,000:1 dynamic range, projector has $\sim 200:1$
- ◆ how can we compress the image's dynamic range?



Global tone mapping operators

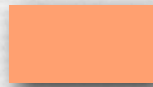
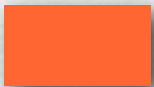
- ◆ gamma compression applied independently on R,G,B
output = input^γ ($\gamma = 0.5$ here)
- ◆ colors become washed out

input



output

$$(1.0, 0.4, 0.2)^{0.5} = (1.0, 0.63, 0.44)$$

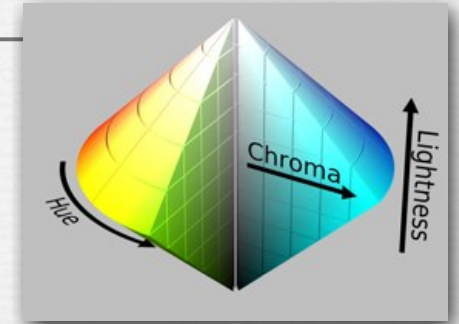


(try it yourself in Photoshop)



Global tone mapping operators

- ◆ gamma compression on intensity only
- ◆ saturated but light colors become garish



HSL double cone

luminance



(e.g. $0.3R+0.7G+0.01B$)

chrominance



(e.g. $R/lum, G/lum, B/lum$)



(from our convolution applet)

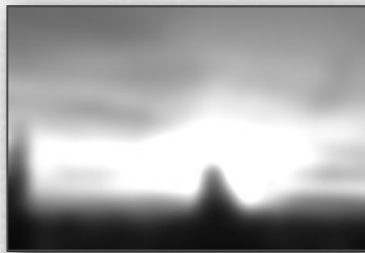
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Local tone mapping operators



- ◆ reduce contrast of low frequencies, while preserving high frequencies [Oppenheim 1968, Chiu et al. 1993]
- ◆ produces halos!

low
frequency



(e.g. Gaussian blur)

high
frequency



(e.g. original - Gaussian)

chrominance



Local tone mapping operators

- ◆ bilateral filtering to compute large scale image without blurring across edges, remainder is detail image (no halos!); reduce contrast of large scale, while preserving details [Durand and Dorsey SIGGRAPH 2002]

large
scale



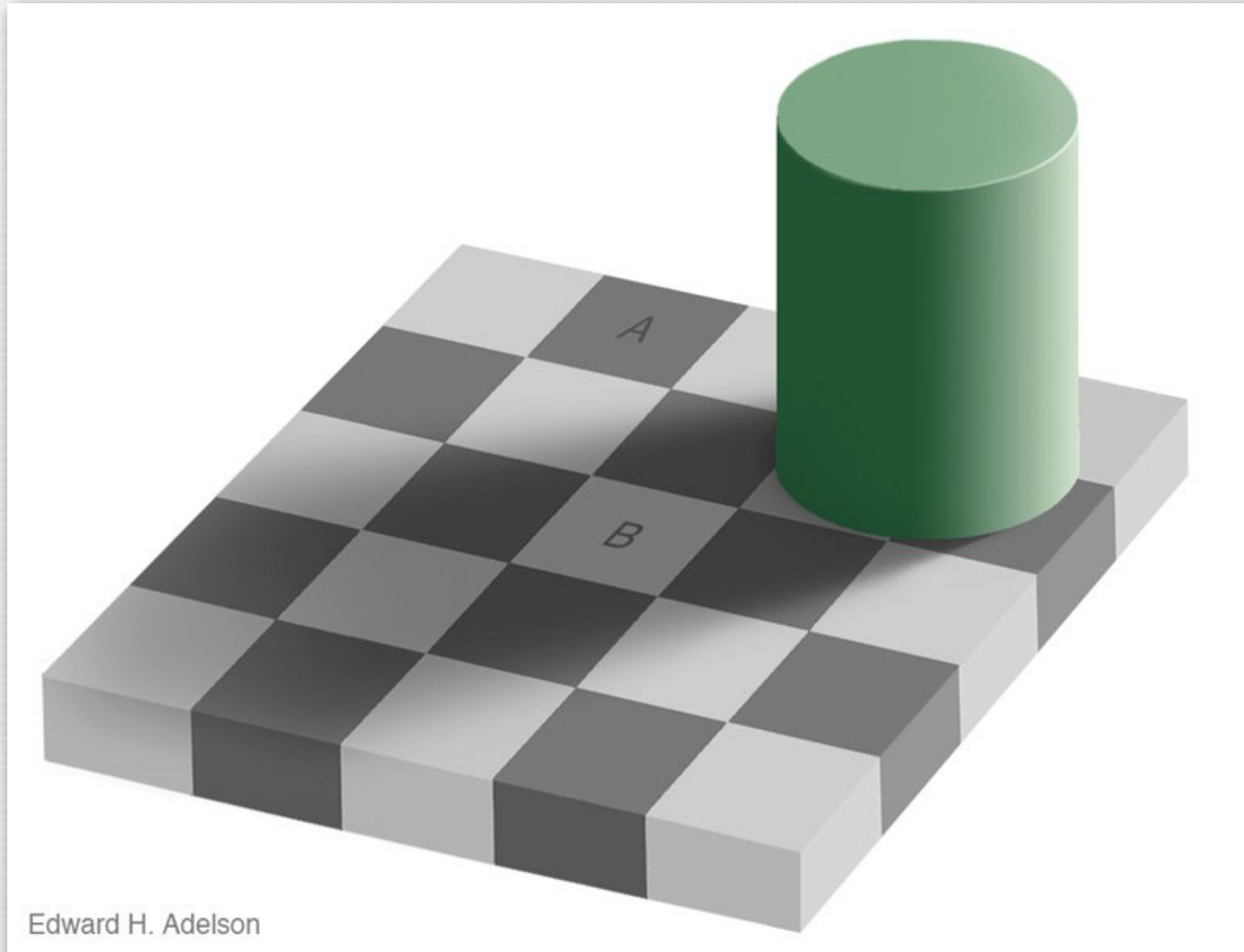
detail



chrominance

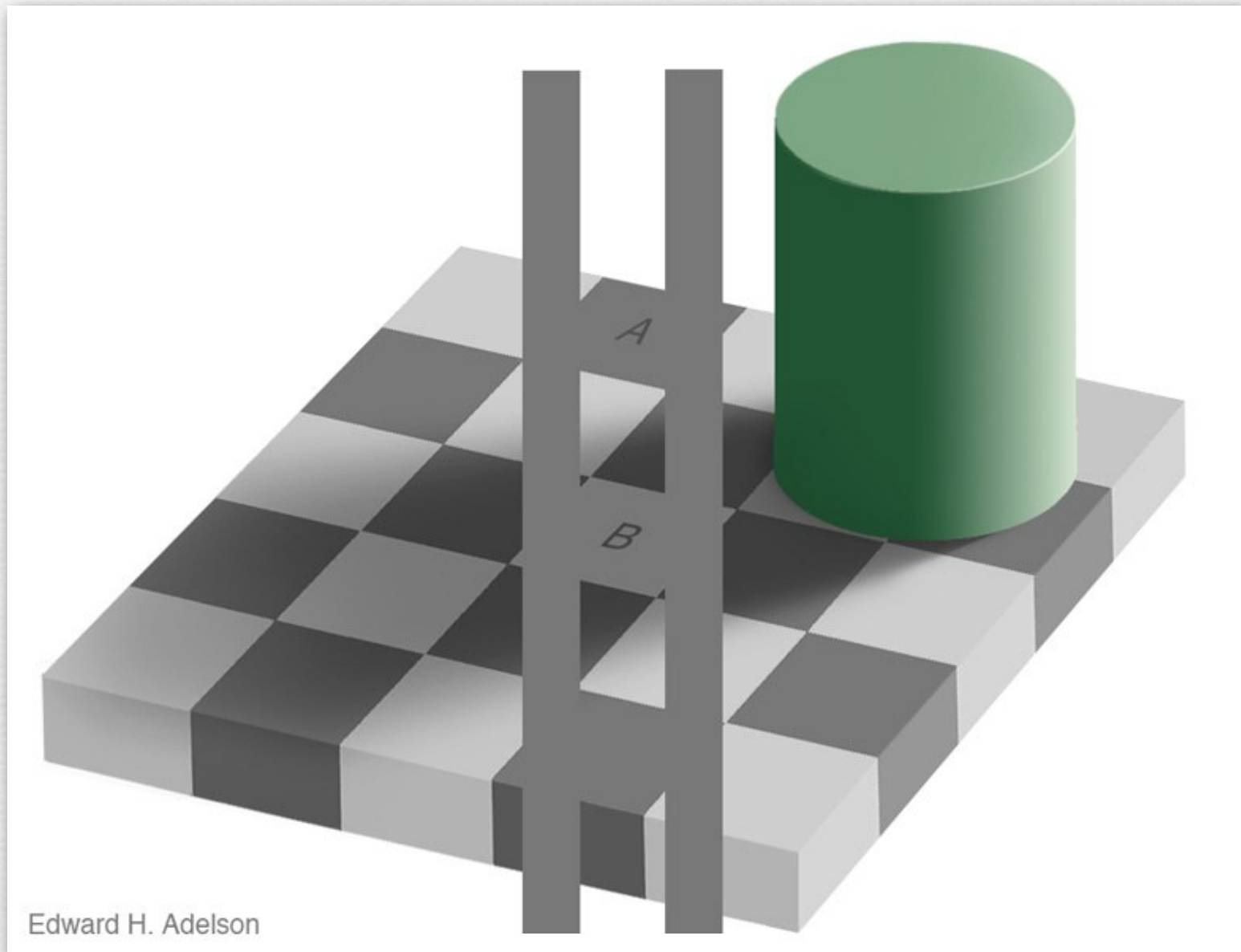


The importance of local contrast



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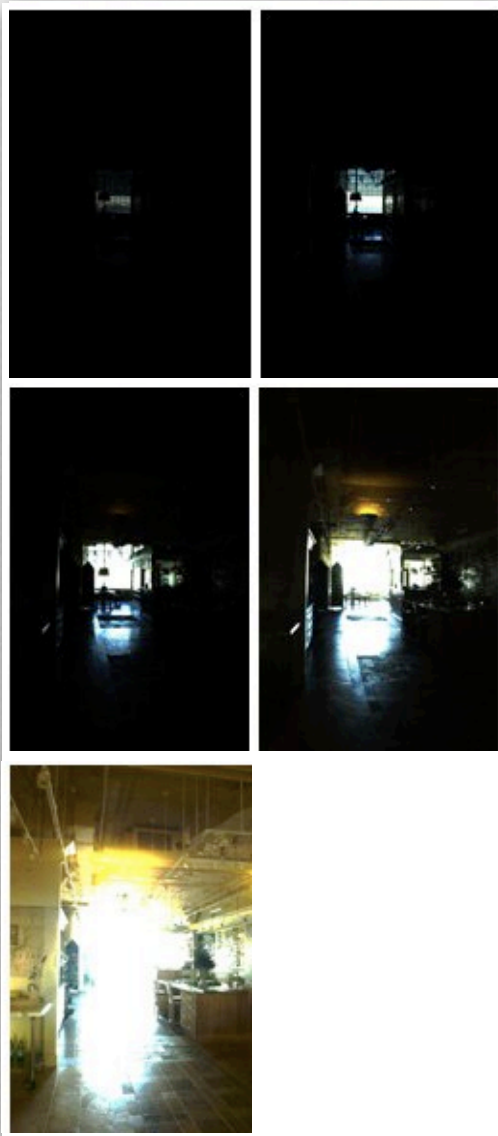
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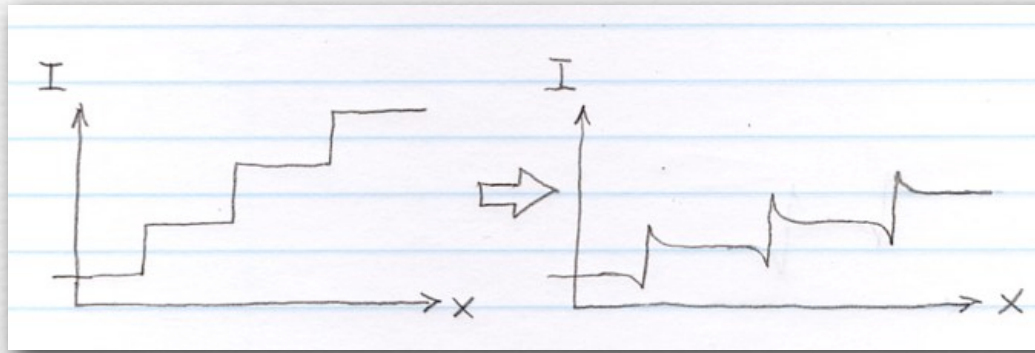
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Tone mapping using bilateral filters

[Durand and Dorsey SIGGRAPH 2002]



Why might tone mapping look cartoony? (contents of whiteboard)

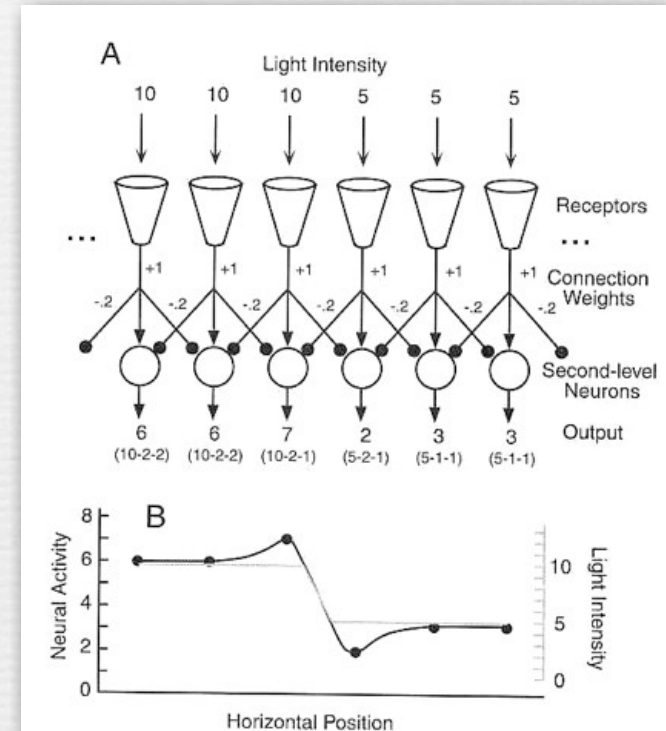


- ◆ a step wedge (at left) is converted by a tone mapping operator that enhances local contrast to the plot at right
 - the human eye does this internally due to lateral inhibition, but that doesn't necessarily mean we want to present an image like this to the human eye!

Mach bands and lateral inhibition



the Mach band illusion: each wedge should appear brighter on its right side



(Goldstein or Wolfe)

- ◆ lateral inhibition among receptive fields in the retina is equivalent to image convolution with a sharpening kernel



La Grande Jatte, Georges Seurat, 1884

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(Panasonic ZS3,
1/30s, ISO 125)



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(Panasonic ZS3,
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(tone mapped HDR using Photomatix
v3.3.2's "detail enhancer" algorithm)



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(tone mapped HDR using Photomatix
v3.3.2's "tone compressor" algorithm)



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(tone mapped HDR using Photomatix
v3.3.2's "exposure fusion" algorithm)



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based on [Mertens 2007]

- directly blends original images, without first computing an HDR image
- downweights noisy and saturated pixels
- multi-band blending to avoid seams
- not physically based, but simple and fast

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(tone mapped HDR using Photomatix
v3.3.2's "exposure fusion" algorithm)



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Stanford Arcade, 2009 (1/160s, f/6.3, ISO 100)

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Stanford Arcade, 2009 (1/125s, f/5.6, ISO 100)

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Stanford Arcade, 2009 (1/100s, f/5.4, ISO 100)

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Stanford Arcade, 2009 (Photomatix 3.3.2, “tone compressor” algorithm)

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Stanford Arcade, 2009 (1/125s, f/5.6, ISO 100)

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so was HDR imaging
necessary in this
case?

Stanford Arcade, 2009 (1/125s, f/5.6, ISO 100)

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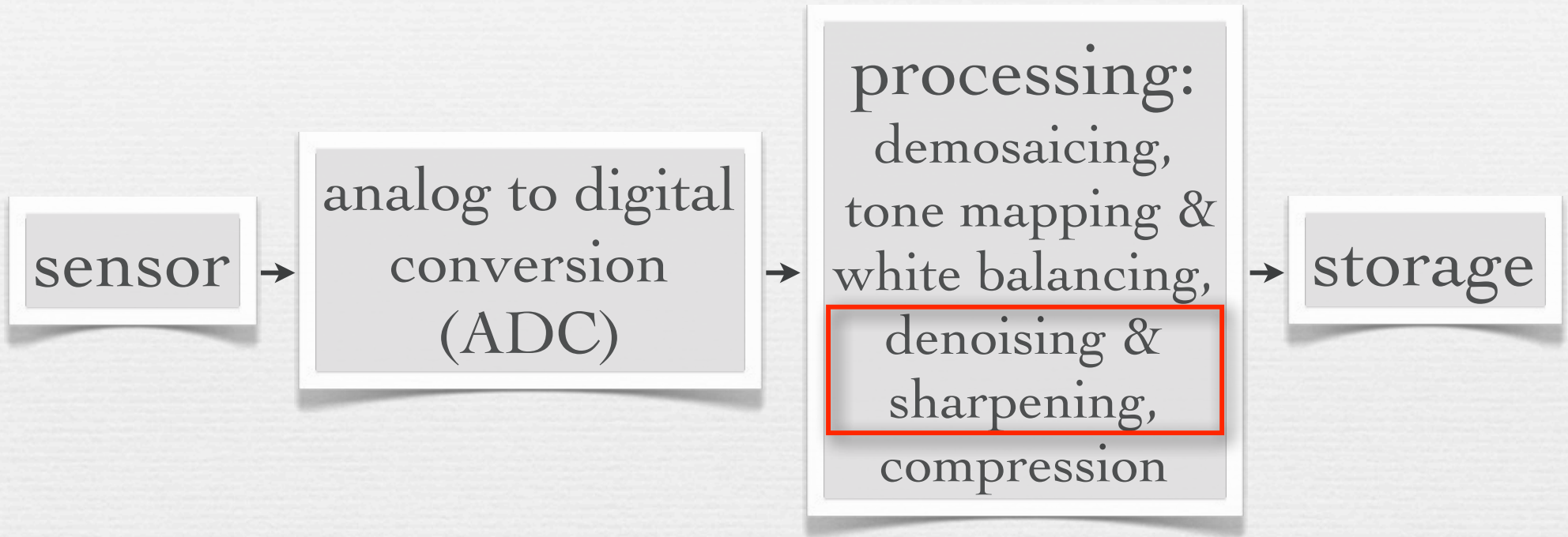


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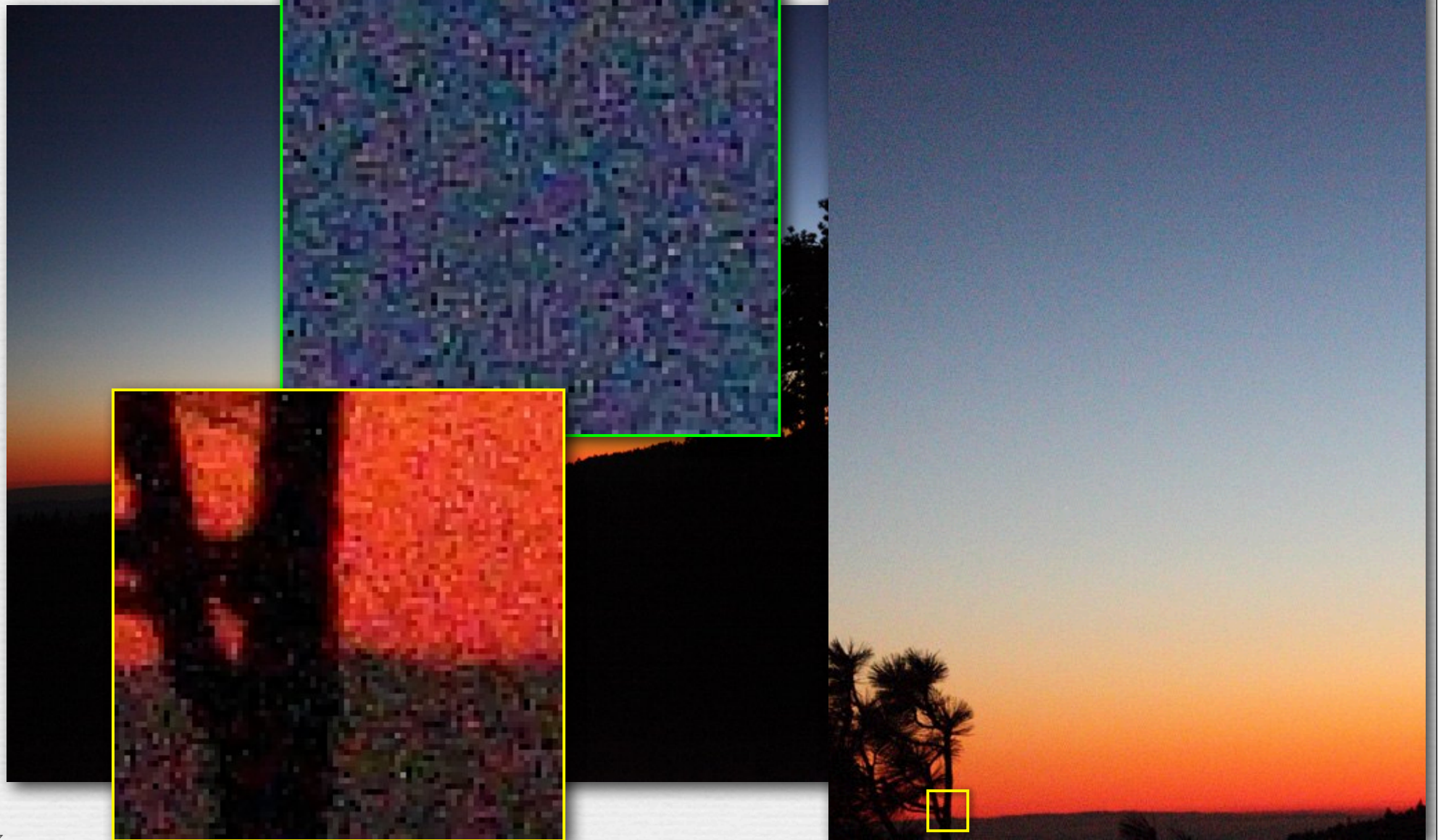
- ◆ high dynamic range (HDR) imaging is useful, and a new aesthetic, but is not necessary in most photographic situations
 - SLRs have more useful dynamic range (~12 bits) than point-and-shoot cameras or cell phones, i.e. w/o shadows being noisy
- ◆ low dynamic range (LDR) tone mapping methods apply to HDR, but reducing 12 bits to 8 bits using only global methods is hard
 - the reduction is needed for JPEG, display, and printing
- ◆ successful methods reduce large-scale luminance changes (across the image) while preserving *local contrast* (across edges)
 - use bilateral filtering to isolate large-scale luminance changes
- ◆ these methods mimic *lateral inhibition* in the human visual system
 - but this may not justify applying them to an image before sensing

Questions?

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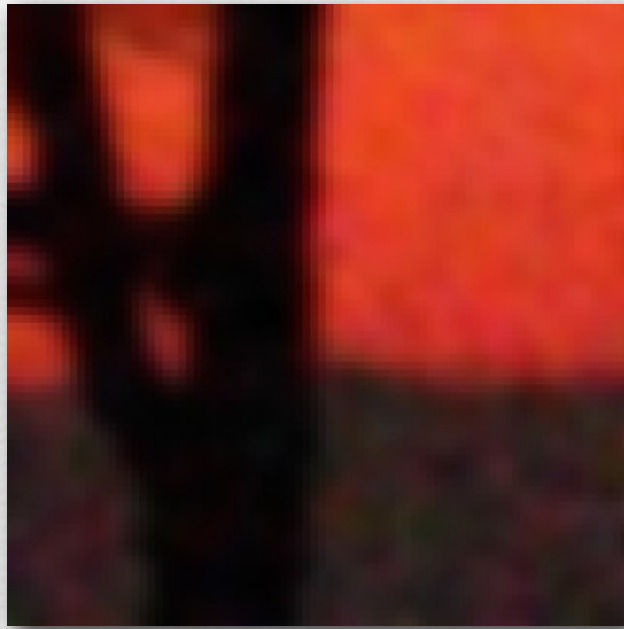
Canon 5D II at dusk



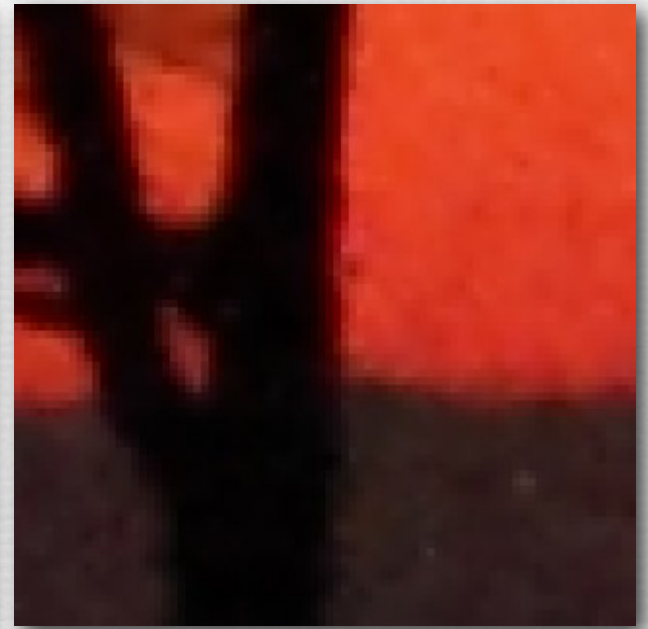
Denoising



RAW (ISO 6400)



Gaussian blur, radius = 1.3

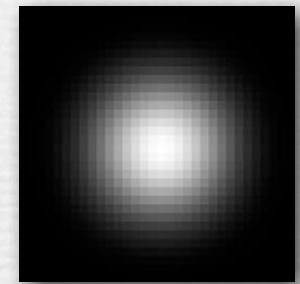
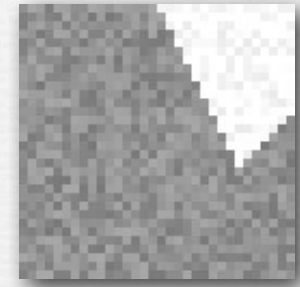


Canon denoising

- ◆ goal is to remove sensor noise
 - blurring works, but also destroys edges
 - I don't know what Canon does, but here's something that works...

Bilateral filtering [Tomasi ICCV 1998]

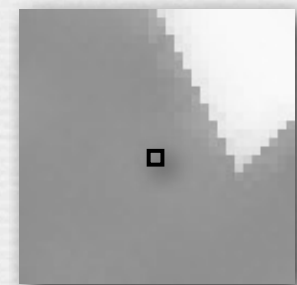
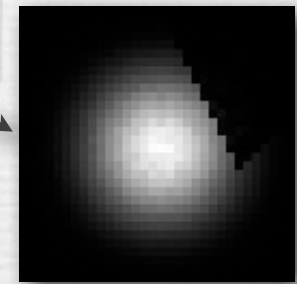
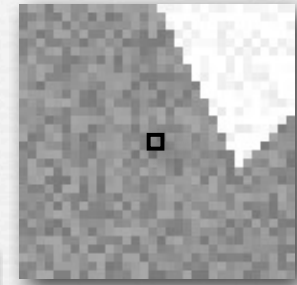
- ◆ assume the image is piecewise constant with noise added
- ◆ therefore, nearby pixels are probably a different noisy measurement of the same data
- ◆ blurring doesn't work
- ◆ we should do a weighted blur where the weight is the probability a pixel is from the same piece of the scene



Bilateral filtering

- ◆ if the pixels are similar in intensity, the probability they are from the same piece of the scene is high
- ◆ so perform a convolution where the weight assigned to nearby pixels falls off
 - with increasing (x,y) distance from the pixel being blurred
 - with increasing intensity difference from the pixel being blurred
- ◆ i.e. blur in *domain* and *range* dimensions!

must change for every input pixel



Example of bilateral filtering

Women's
gymnastics

(Canon 7D,
1/1000 sec,
ISO 3200,
f/1.8, 85mm)

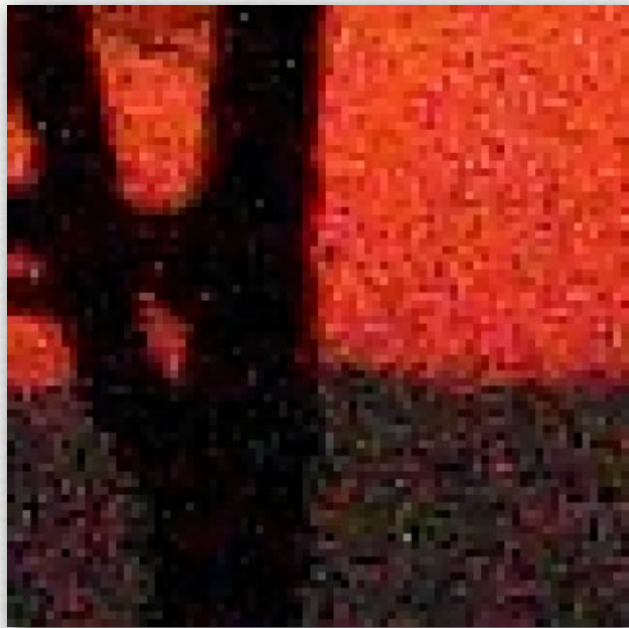


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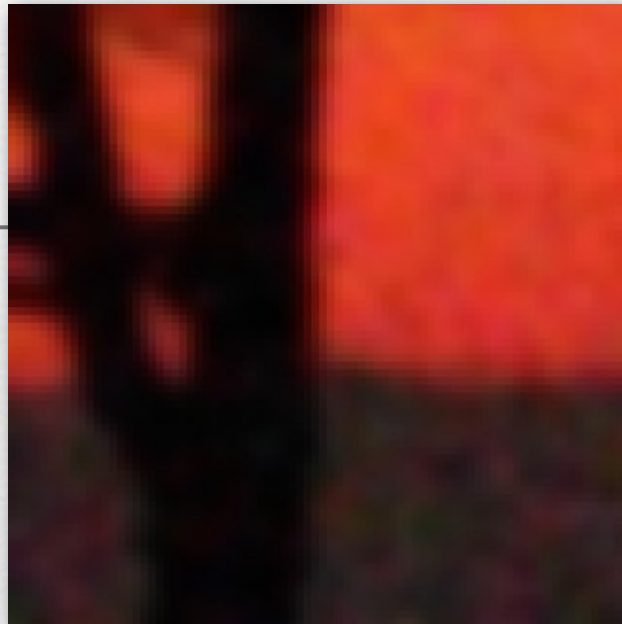


denoised in
Noise Ninja

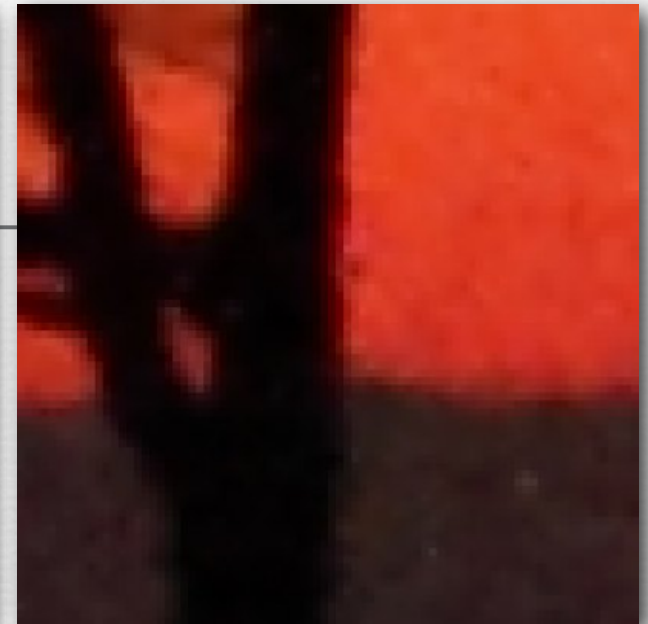
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RAW (ISO 6400)

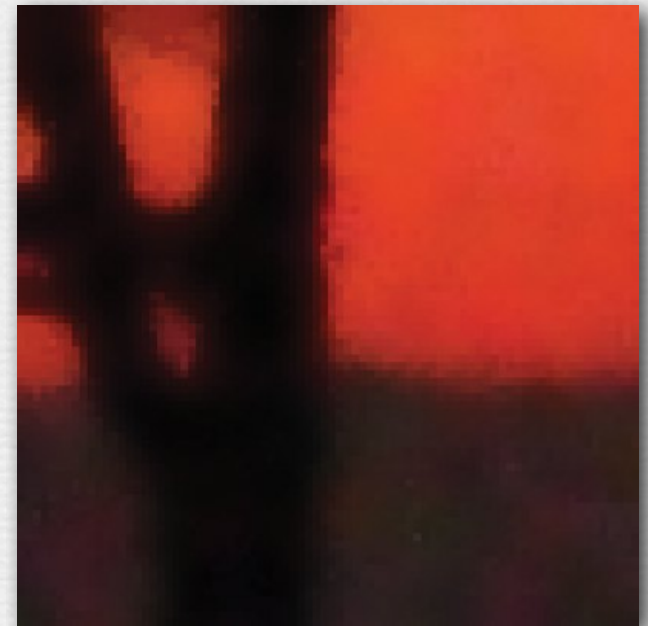


Gaussian blur, radius = 1.3



Canon denoising

- ◆ bilateral filtering removes sensor noise without blurring edges
- ◆ can easily be extended to RGB



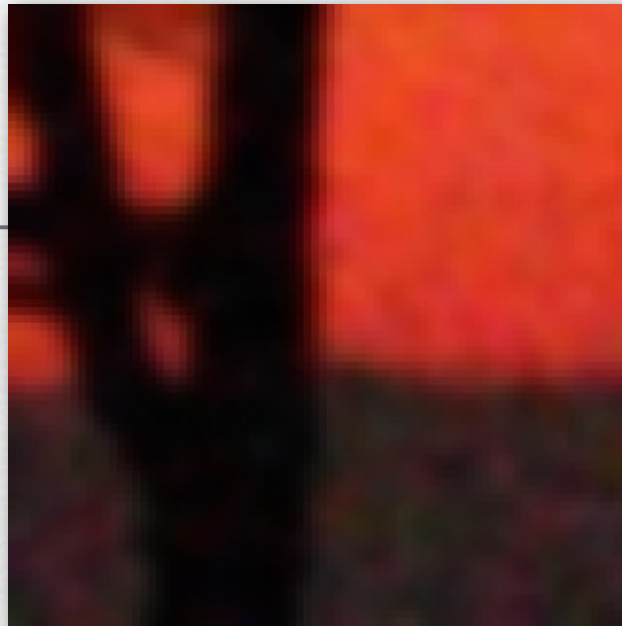
bilateral filtering

Denoising

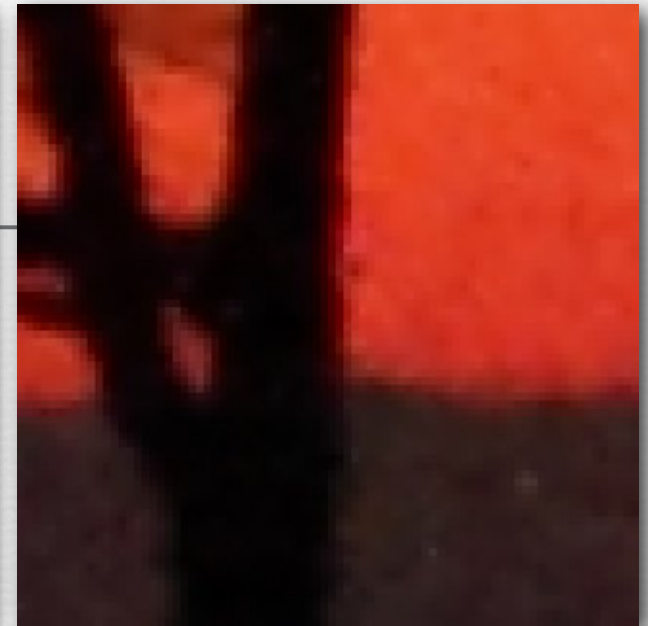


RAW (ISO 6400)

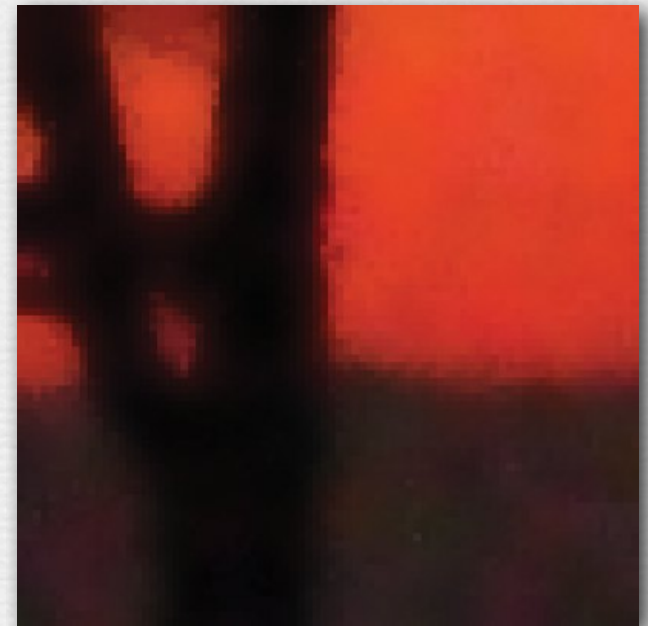
- ◆ can be applied more (or less) strongly to chrominance than luminance
- ◆ can be combined with demosaicing
- ◆ active area of research...



Gaussian blur, radius = 1.3



Canon denoising



bilateral filtering

Sharpening

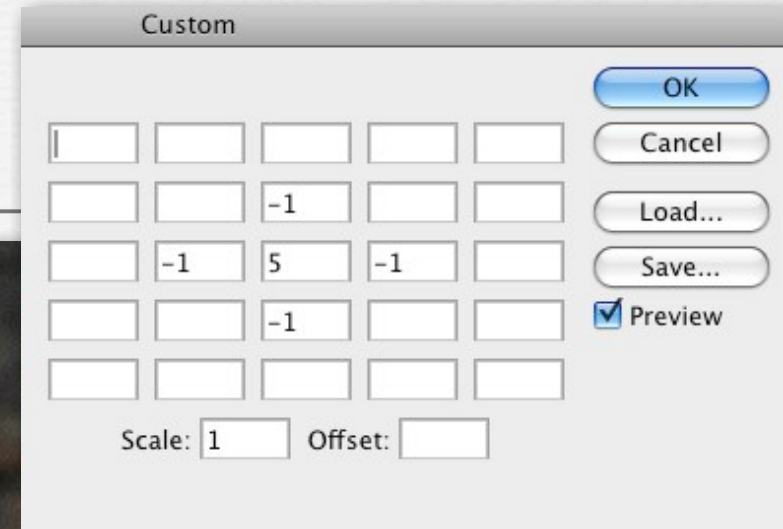


original

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Sharpening



Filter/Other/Custom
in Photoshop CS4

Sharpening



Custom

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Scale: Offset:

Preview

Filter/Other/Custom
in Photoshop CS4

Sharpening

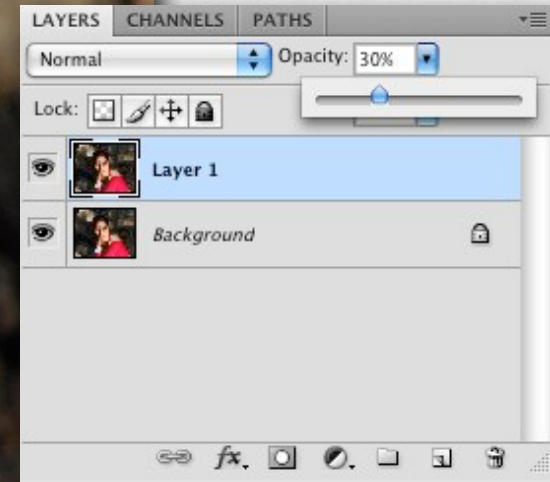
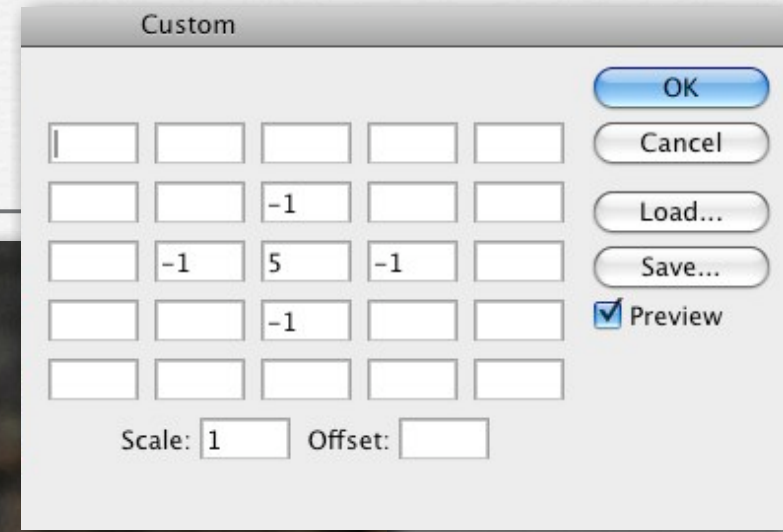


original

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Sharpening

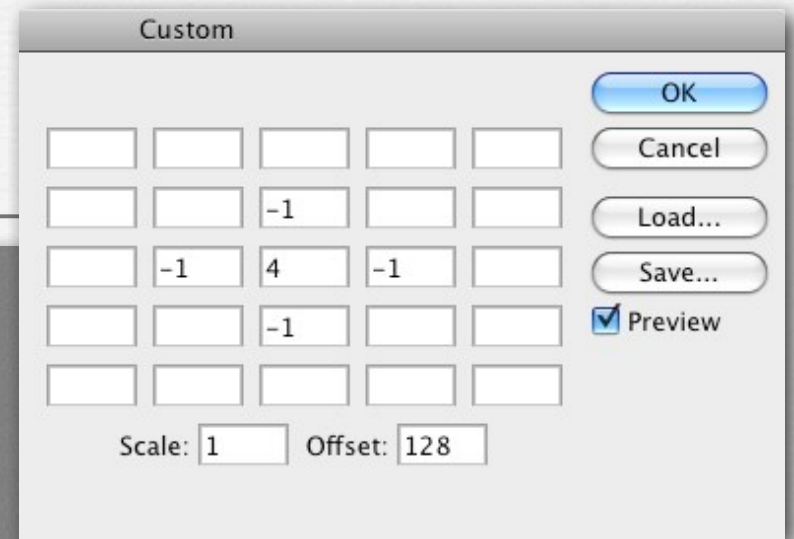
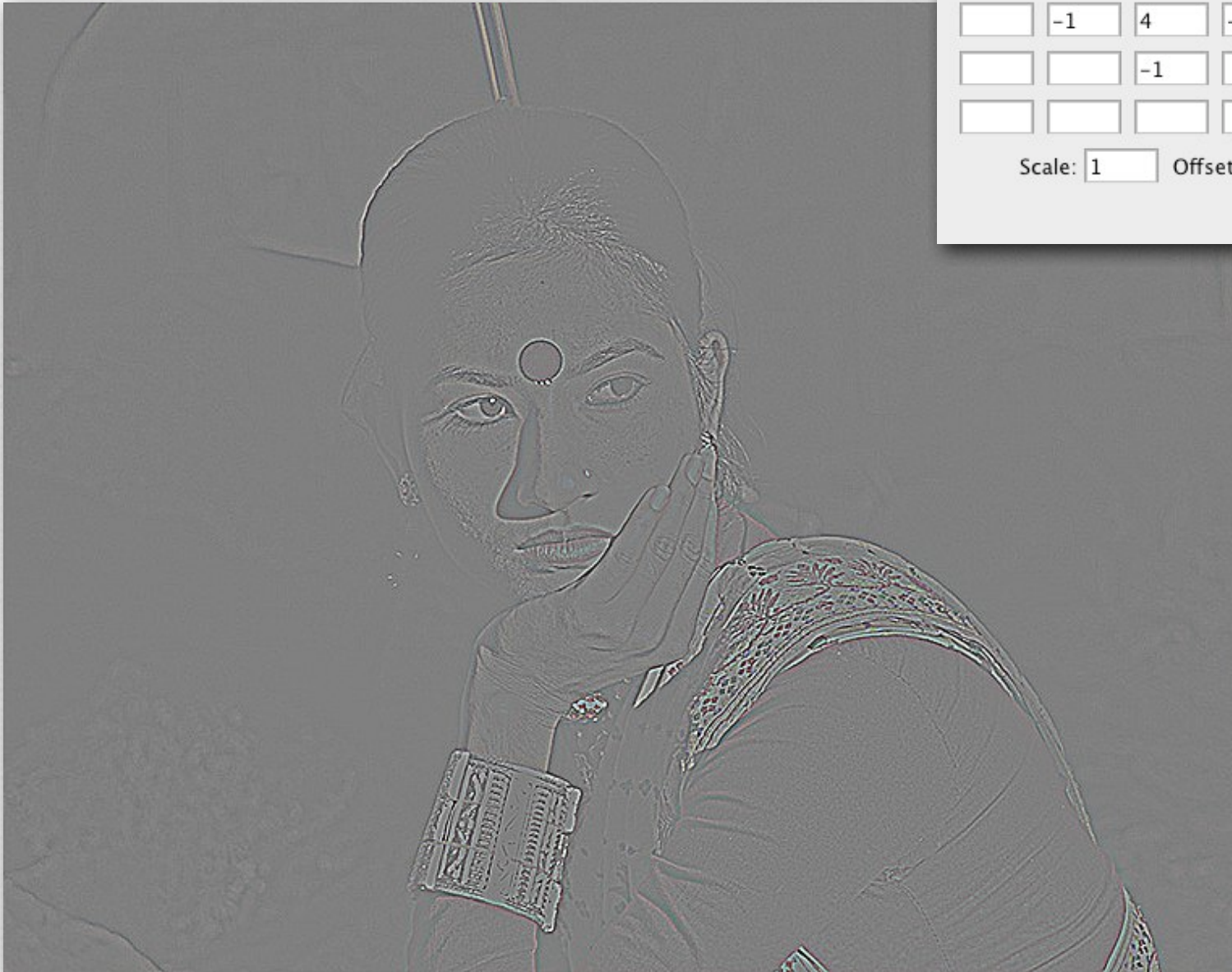


1st layer is original,
2nd layer is sharpened,
blend w. 30% opacity

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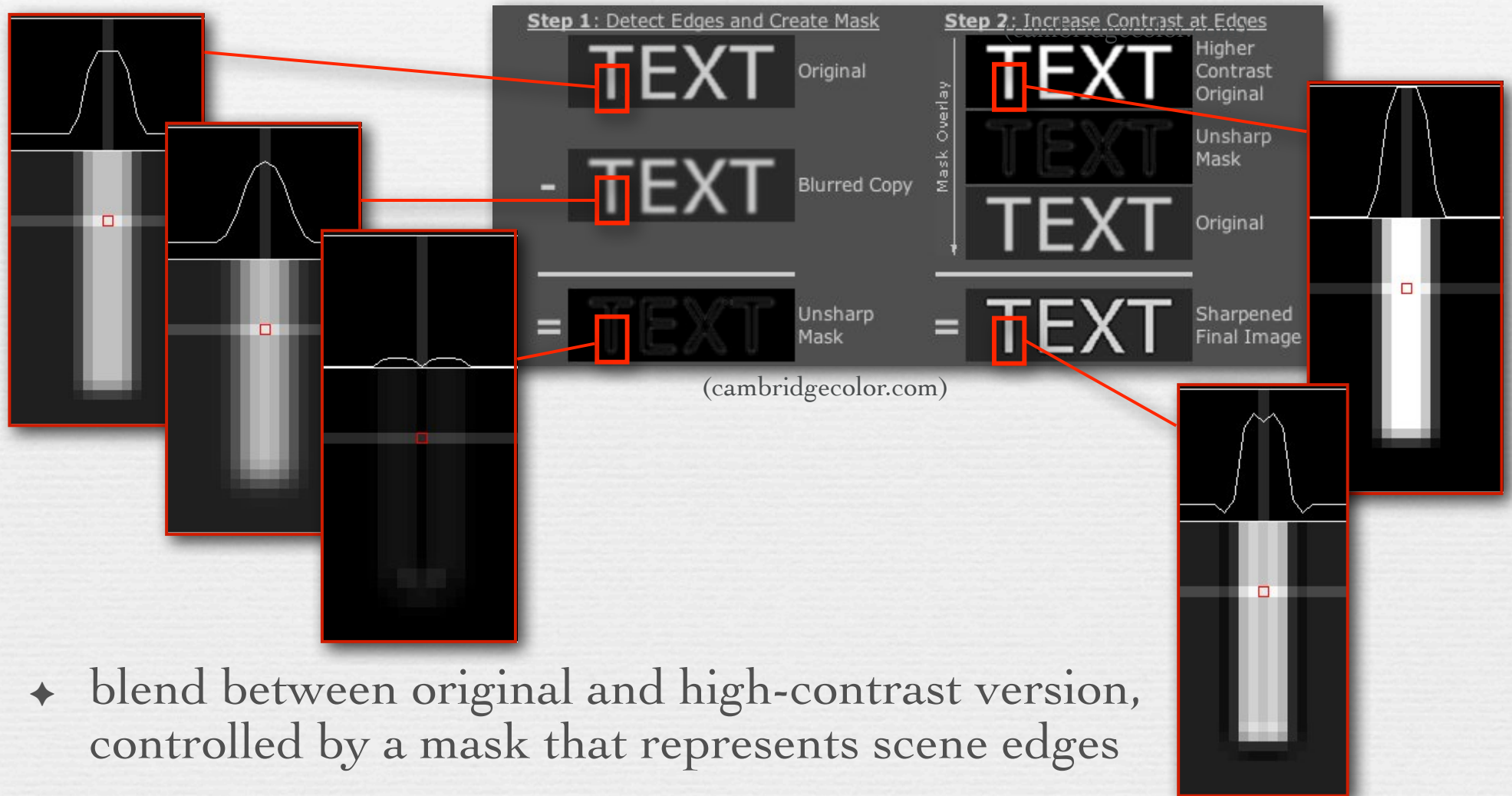
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Sharpening



Filter/Other/Custom
in Photoshop CS4

Unsharp masking



- ◆ blend between original and high-contrast version, controlled by a mask that represents scene edges
- ◆ dropping (thresholding) the darkest mask pixels avoids sharpening noise, and makes the filter non-linear

Sharpening



Custom

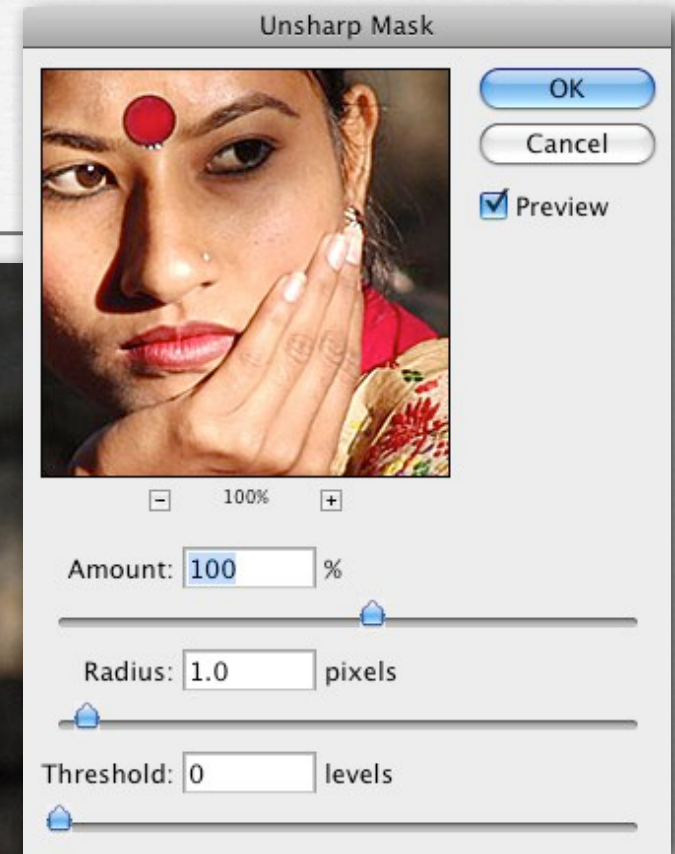
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OK
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Load...
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 Preview

Filter/Other/Custom
in Photoshop CS4

Sharpening



Filter/Sharpen/
Unsharp Mask in CS4

Sharpening



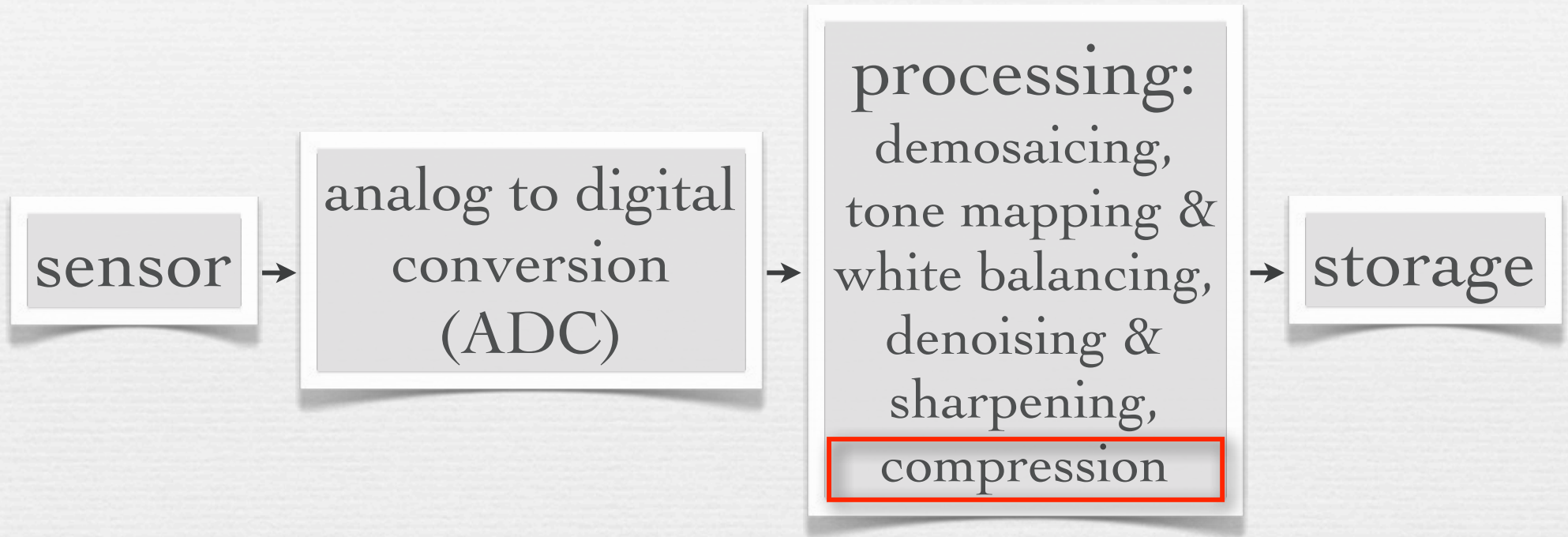
original

Recap

- ◆ *bilateral filtering* reduces noise while preserving edges
 - replaces each pixel with a weighted sum of its neighbors, where the weight drops with increasing distance from the pixel in X and Y and with increasing intensity difference
- ◆ *unsharp masking* is preferred to sharpening by convolution
 - replaces each pixel with a weighted sum of the original and a contrast-enhanced version, using the latter along edges, where this edge mask is derived from thresholding of original - blurred version
- ◆ both are non-linear filters
 - i.e. they are not convolutions by a spatially invariant filter kernel

Questions?

Camera pixel pipeline



JPEG files

- ◆ Joint Photographic Experts Group
 - organized 1986, standard adopted 1994
- ◆ defines how an image is to be compressed (*codec*) into a stream of bytes and the file format for storing that stream
 - file format is JFIF, but people use .JPG or .JPEG extensions
- ◆ good for compressing images of natural scenes
 - not so good for compressing drawings or graphics
- ◆ *lossy*, so loses quality each time you open → edit → save
 - especially if you crop or shift pixels (hence block boundaries)
 - for *lossless* compression, use PNG or TIFF

EXIF data

- ◆ Exchangeable Image File Format
 - created by Japan Electronic Industries Development Assoc.
- ◆ used by nearly every digital camera manufactured today
 - actually a file format
 - JPEG or TIFF file + metadata about the camera and shot
 - .JPG or .JPEG extension is used, not .EXIF

EXIF data

File/File Info in
Photoshop CS4

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shot with Canon 5D Mark II

Color Space: sRGB

male-pine-cones.JPG

Description IPTC Camera Data Video Data

Camera Data 1

Make: Canon
Model: Canon EOS 5D Mark II
Date Time: 2/1/2009 - 3:24 PM
Shutter Speed: 1/250 sec
Exposure Program: Normal program
F-Stop: f/5.6
Aperture Value: f/5.6
Max Aperture Value:
ISO Speed Ratings: 200
Focal Length: 105 mm
Lens:
Flash: Did not fire
No strobe return detection (0)
Compulsory flash suppression (2)
Flash function present
No red-eye reduction
Metering Mode: Pattern

Camera Data 2

Pixel Dimension X: 5616 Y: 3744
Orientation: Normal
Resolution X: 72 Y: 72
Resolution Unit: Inch
Compressed Bits per Pixel:
Color Space: sRGB
Light Source:
File Source:

Powered By **xmp**[™] Import... Cancel OK

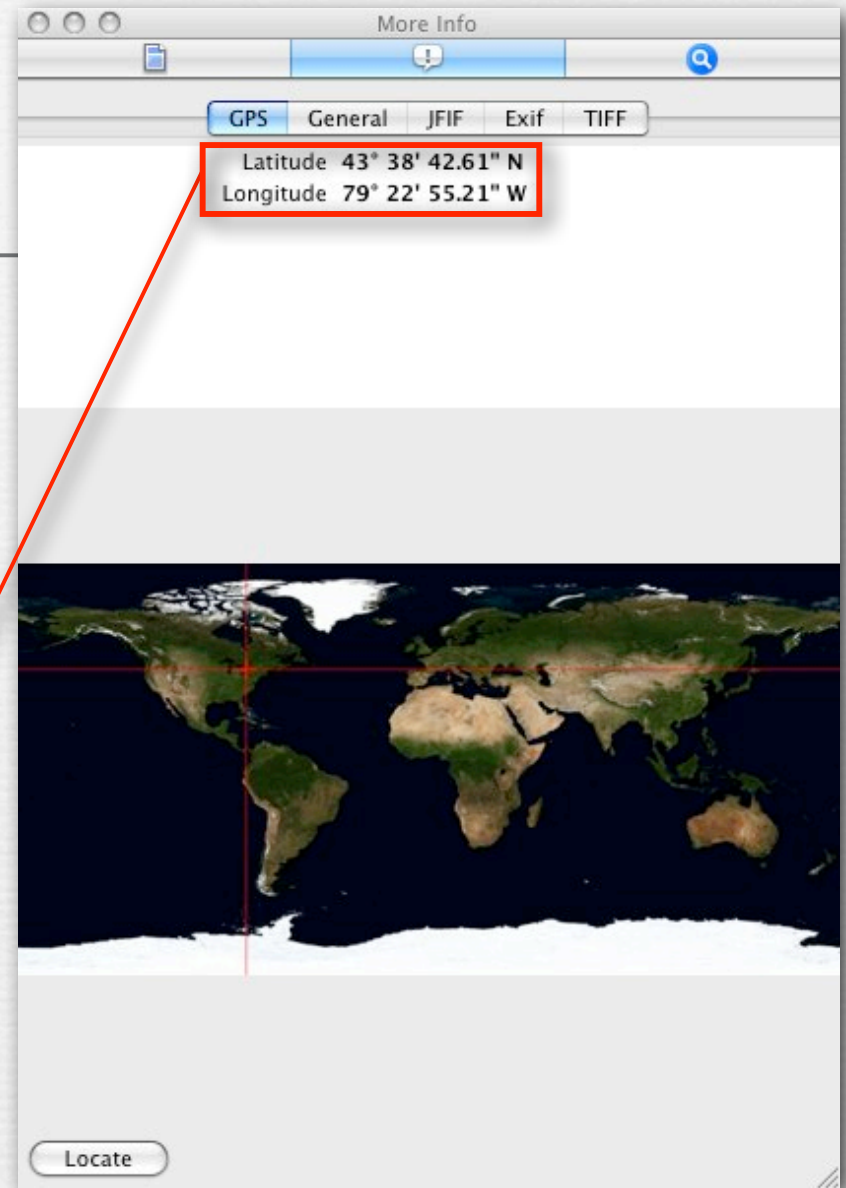
EXIF data

Mac
Preview




shot with iPhone 3G

Latitude 43° 38' 42.61" N
Longitude 79° 22' 55.21" W

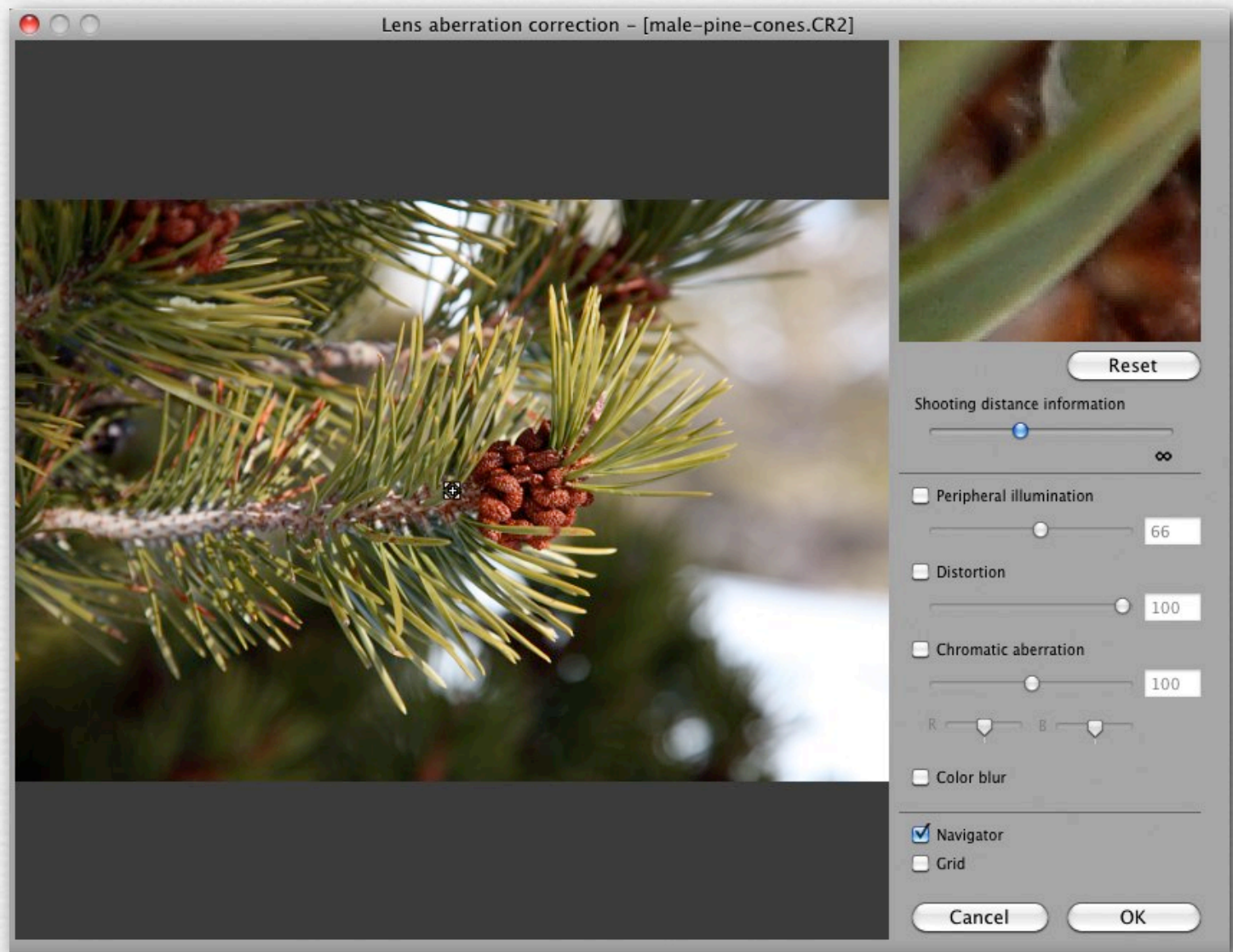


RAW files

- ◆ minimally processed images, not even demosaiced
 - ◆ uncompressed or losslessly compressed
 - ◆ includes metadata, possibly encrypted
 - ◆ file format varies by manufacturer
 - ◆ example extensions: .CR2, .NEF, .RW2
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- ◆ processed and converted to a JPEG file using
 - proprietary software (e.g. Canon Digital Photo Professional)
 - Photoshop or Lightroom (if they support your camera)
 - freeware programs like `dcraw`
 - but their processing algorithms are all different!

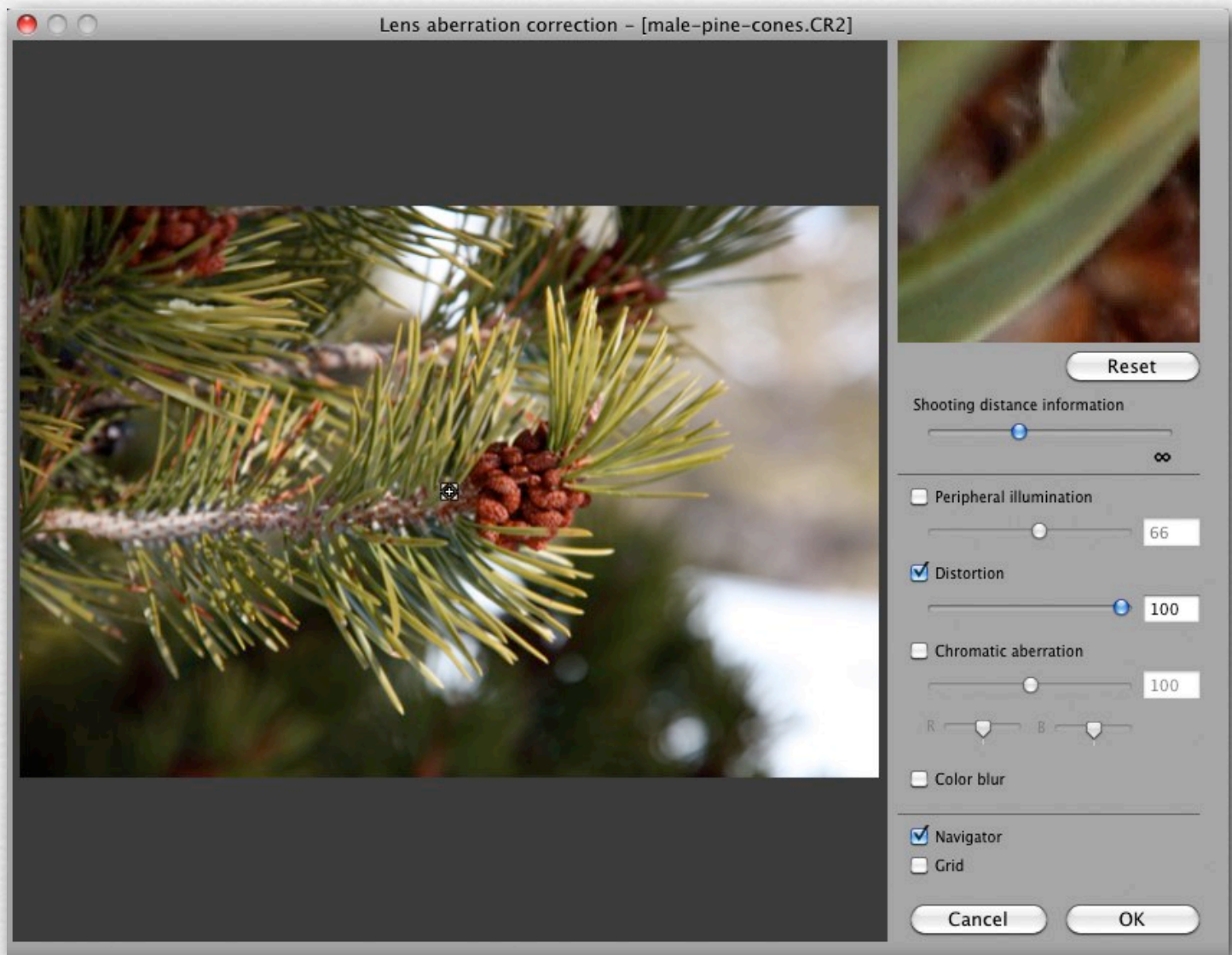
RAW file processor

Lens aberration correction panel in
Canon Digital
Photo Professional



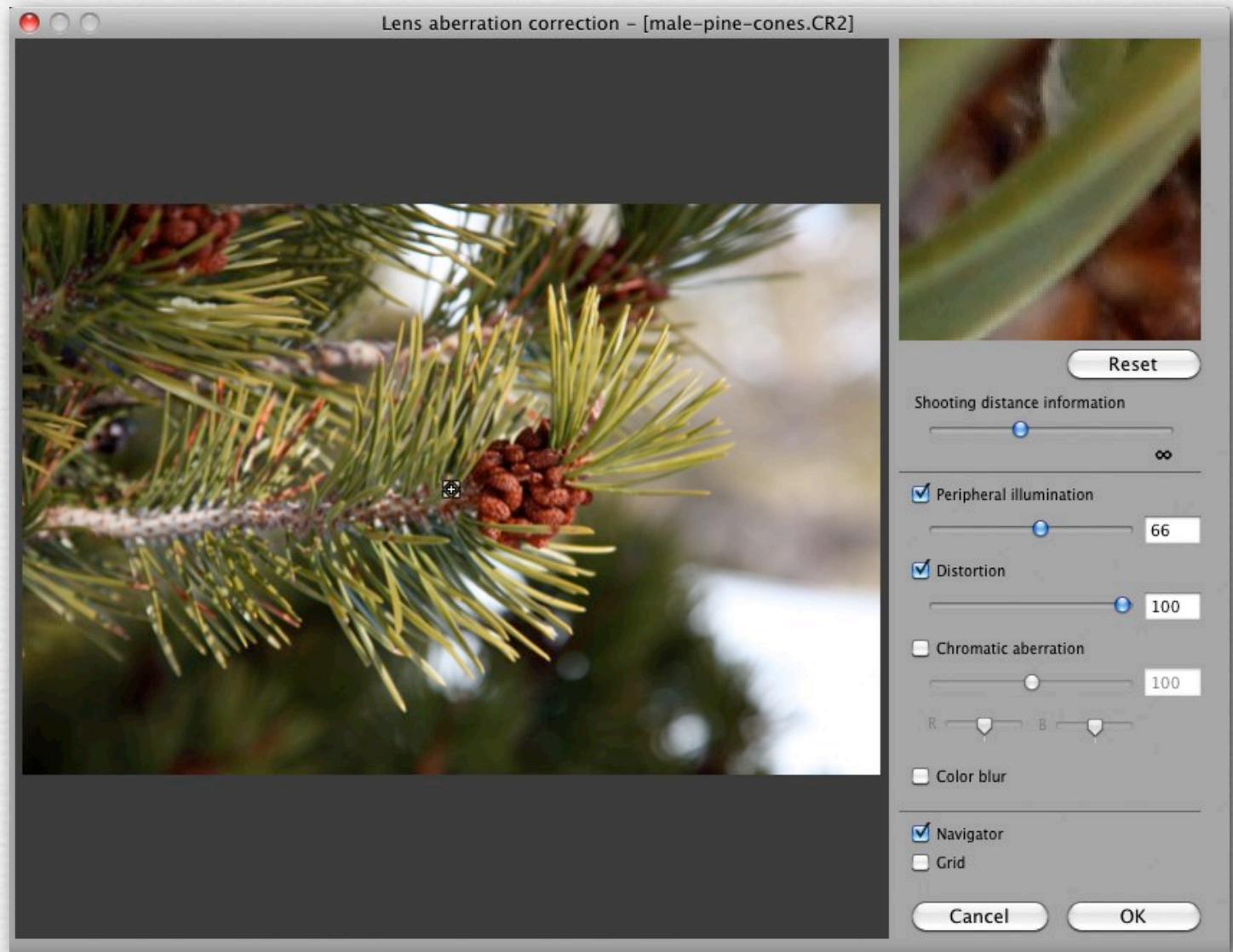
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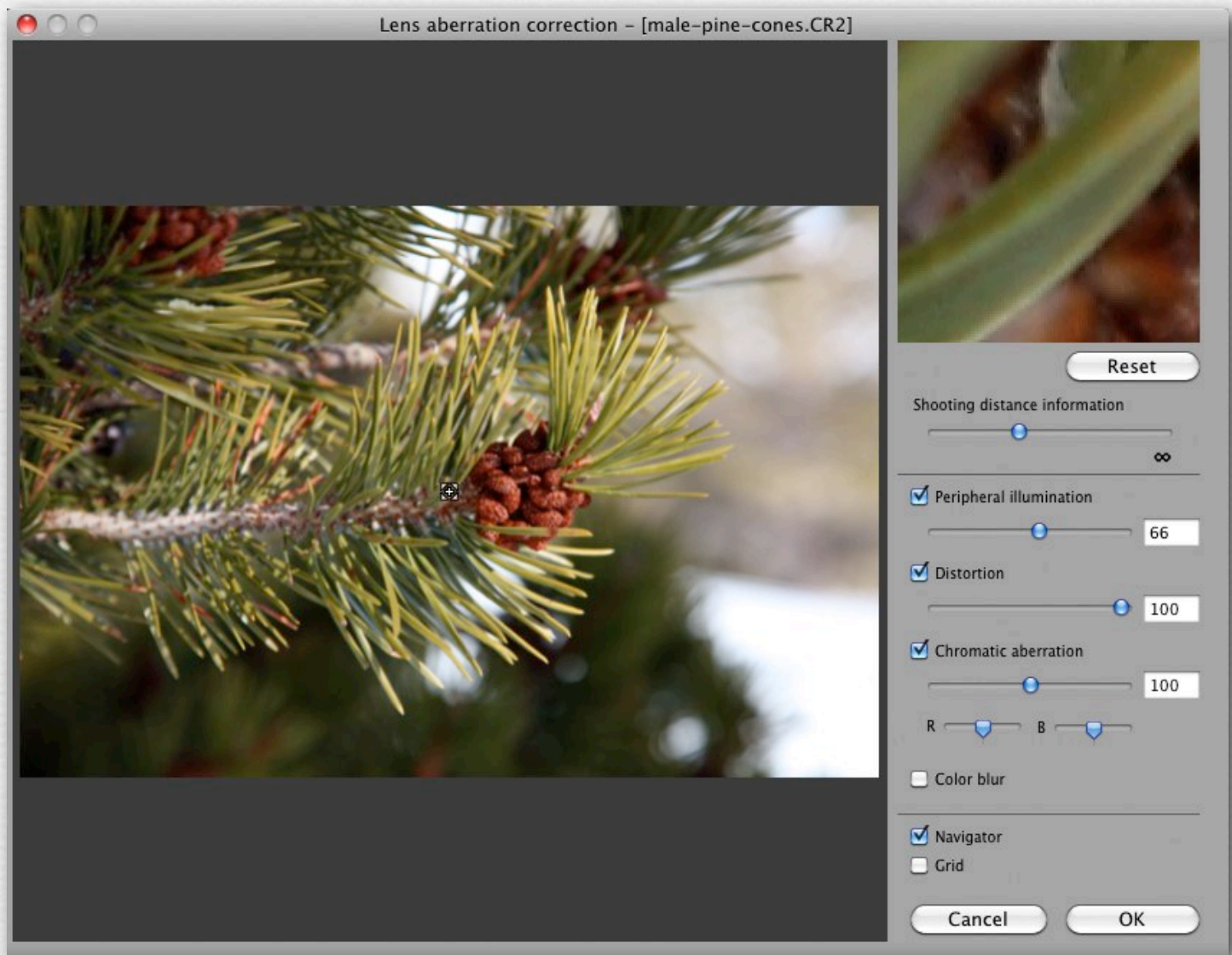
RAW file processor

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RAW file processor

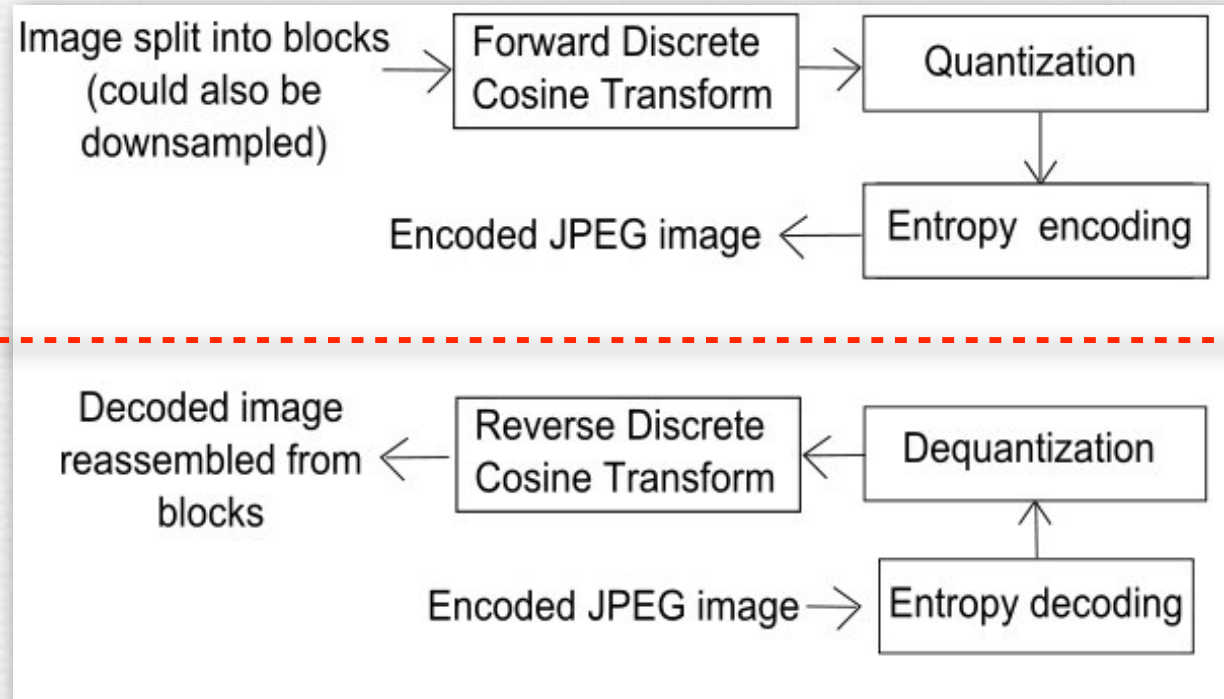
Lens aberration correction panel in Canon Digital Photo Professional



JPEG image compression

- compression (in camera)

- input is Y'CbCr
- Cb and Cr typically downsampled by 2x in X and Y
- each component is compressed separately



(wikipedia)

- decompression (for display)

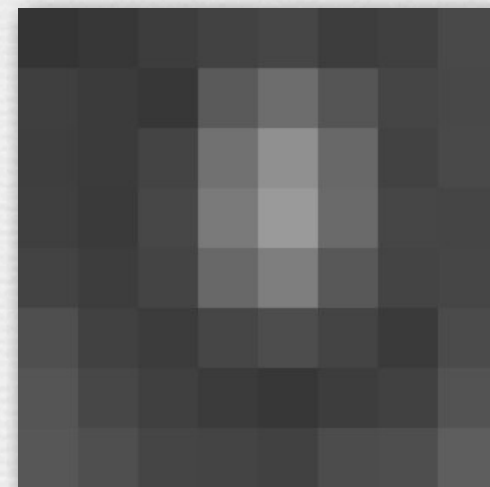
JPEG image compression

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-43	-57	-64	-69	-73	-67	-63	-45										
-41	-49	-59	-60	-63	-52	-50	-34										

zero-mean image

52	55	61	66	70	61	64	73
63	59	55	90	109	85	69	72
62	59	68	113	144	104	66	73
63	58	71	122	154	106	70	69
67	61	68	104	126	88	68	70
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85	71	64	59	55	61	65	83
87	79	69	68	65	76	78	94

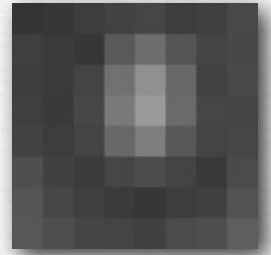
8-bit image



8x8 pixel block

- ◆ step #1: split into 8x8 pixel blocks
- ◆ step #2: quantize to 8 bits / pixel
- ◆ step #3: convert to zero-mean

JPEG image compression



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-41	-49	-59	-60	-63	-52	-50	-34									

zero-mean image

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-47	7	77	-25	-29	10	5	-6									
-49	12	34	-15	-10	6	2	2									
12	-7	-13	-4	-2	2	-3	3									
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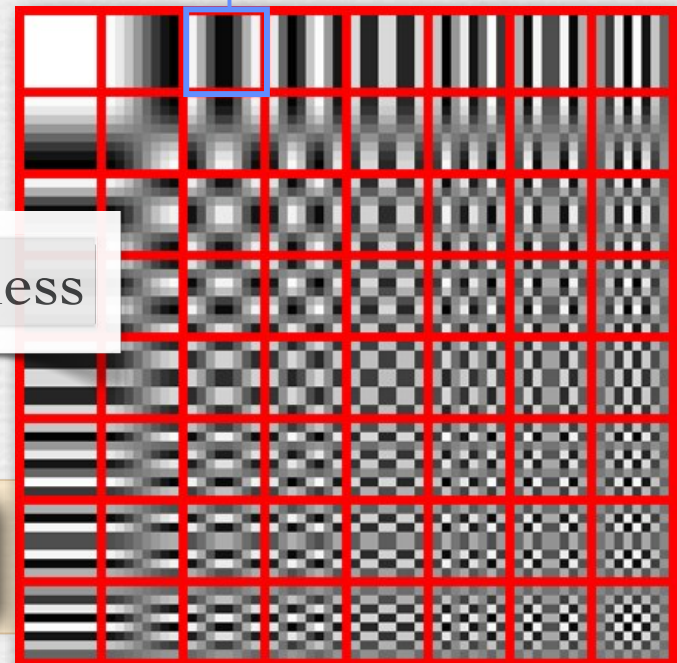
discrete cosine transform (DCT)

- any 8×8 pixel zero-mean image can be represented by a weighted sum of the 64 different 8×8 pixel *basis functions* shown at right

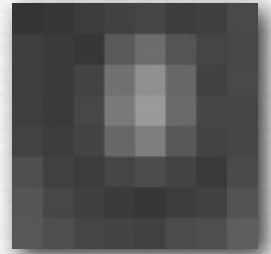
- step #4: compute the weighting for each basis function using:

$$G_{u,v} = \alpha(u)\alpha(v) \sum_{x=0}^7 \sum_{y=0}^7 g_{x,y} \cos \left[\frac{\pi}{8} \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right) u \right] \cos \left[\frac{\pi}{8} \left(y + \frac{1}{2} \right) v \right]$$

lossless



JPEG image compression



16	11	10	16	24	40	51	61
12	12	14	19	26	58	60	55
14	13	16	24	40	57	69	56
14	17	22	29	51	87	80	62
18	22	37	56	68	109	103	77
24	35	55	64	81	104	113	92
49	64	78	87	103	121	120	101
72	92	95	98	112	100	103	99

bin size for each coefficient

			u					
			\rightarrow					
-415	-30	-61	27	56	-20	-2	0	
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-47	7	77	-25	-29	10	5	-6	
-49	12	34	-15	-10	6	2	2	
12	-7	-13	-4	-2	2	-3	3	v
-8	3	2	-6	-2	1	4	2	
-1	0	0	-2	-1	-3	4	-1	
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discrete cosine transform (DCT)

- the human visual system is more sensitive to low frequencies than high frequencies, so quantize the latter coarsely

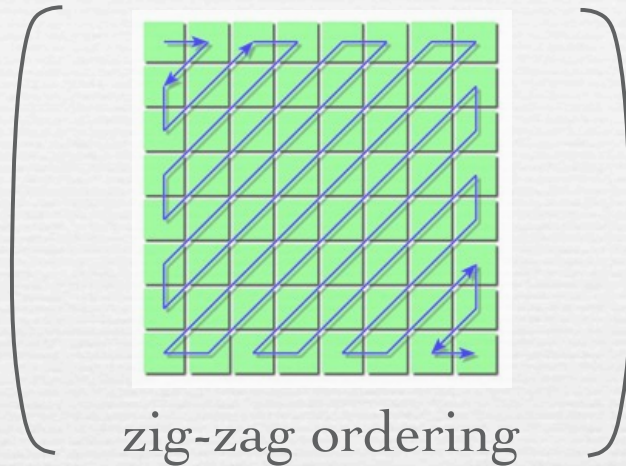
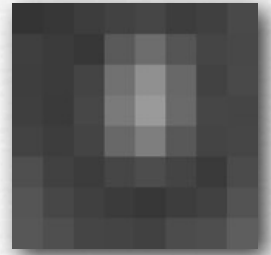
lossy

- step #5: quantize the DCT coefficients using bins whose size increases with frequency

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0	-2	-4	1	1	0	0	0
-3	1	5	-1	-1	0	0	0
-4	1	2	-1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

quantized DCT coefficients

JPEG image compression



-26						
-3	0					
-3	-2	-6				
2	-4	1	-4			
1	1	5	1	2		
-1	1	-1	2	0	0	
0	0	0	-1	-1	EOB	

- ◆ step #6: arrange the non-zero coefficients in zig-zag order

lossless

- ◆ step #7: use run-length encoding to remove repeated elements
- ◆ step #8: apply Huffman coding to reduce number of bits needed for each coefficient

-26	-3	-6	2	2	-1	0	0
0	-2	-4	1	1	0	0	0
-3	1	5	-1	-1	0	0	0
-4	1	2	-1	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

quantized DCT coefficients

JPEG image compression

Q = 100



2.6 : 1

Q = 25



23 : 1

Q = 1



144 : 1



144:1 looks fine if it's
displayed small enough



- ◆ not easily comparable to Photoshop quality numbers, since Adobe uses its own (proprietary) encoder

Recap

- ◆ RAW files is the direct output of the camera sensor
 - not demosaiced, 16 bits per pixel, losslessly compressed
 - contains metadata, usually proprietary
- ◆ JPEG files are a standard format for storing images
 - typically 8 bits per pixel, lossy compression
 - contains metadata in EXIF format
- ◆ JPEG's compression format is designed to discard details
 - images are partitioned into blocks of 8×8 pixels
 - each block is represented by a weighted sum of sinusoids (DCT)
 - the coefficients of high frequency sinusoids are heavily quantized, which reduces # of bits, hence file size, but also loses images quality
 - these coefficients are losslessly compressed using Huffman coding

Questions?

Slide credits

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