

Today:

Finish resolution

Learning objectives: you will be able to analyze the spatial and temporal resolution of your images. You will be able to manipulate dynamic range of color channels in an editor.

## Time resolution

### Other considerations of shutter speed:

Short enough to 'freeze' flow= TIME RESOLVED

VS long enough to get desired particle tracks

or long enough to be TIME AVERAGED.

Calculate motion blur. How many pixels long? If unacceptable, increase time resolution= shorter exposure time

Increase shutter speed

DSLR max = 1/4000 sec, = 250  $\mu$ sec

Max on cell phone is 1/23000= 0.043msec, 43  $\mu$ sec? At best.

High speed camera 30,000 fps  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-5}$  sec = 30  $\mu$ sec

Freeze the flow with short light source (won't work for light emitting fluids, i.e. flames)

Strobe, camera flash  $\sim 10^{-5}$  or  $10^{-6}$  sec = 1-10  $\mu$ sec

Best at low power

Pulsed laser  $3 \times 10^{-9}$  sec = 3 nsec or less

Good resource for high speed photography: <http://www.hiviz.com/index.html>

**Time averaged images.** Other end of the scale from time-resolved.

If long shutter is needed, might be too much light, even at low ISO and small aperture.

Try a

NDF = Neutral Density Filter. Neutral = all wavelengths equally. Gray.

NDF 1 = 1/10 light transmission, 3 stops

NDF 2 = 1/100 etc. Log scale. 7 stops

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Strickland\\_Falls\\_Shadows\\_Lifted.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Strickland_Falls_Shadows_Lifted.jpg)

30 seconds. NDF 8x = 1/100,000,000 = 27 stops



Need a tripod for macros, or shutters > 1/30 sec  
Full size start at \$25. Highly recommended.

Estimate motion blur *in pixels* to guide choice of shutter speed.  
Alternately, use length of motion blur streak and shutter speed  
to estimate flow speed

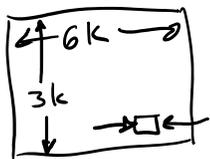
Motion Blur Example:  
Field of view = 10 cm  
Fluid moving at 0.5 m/s  
18 Mpx sensor

Breakout rooms: will 1/1000 sec shutter speed 'freeze' this  
flow? Calculate on group whiteboard please. Save for  
discussion; available from annotate tools.

$$Flow = .5 \text{ m/s}$$

$$.5 \text{ m/s} \times \frac{1}{1000} \text{ sec} = .0005 \text{ m}$$

$$.05 \text{ cm} = \text{streak length} \\ = \text{distance object moved}$$



$$\text{object: } \frac{10 \text{ cm}}{6000 \text{ px}} = 1.67 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm/px}$$

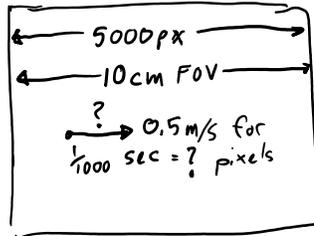
$$\frac{.05 \text{ cm}}{1.67 \times 10^{-7} \text{ px}} = 30 \text{ px}$$

$$\frac{30 \text{ px}}{6000 \text{ px}} = \frac{1}{200} \text{ of image}$$

$$18 \text{ MP}_x \Rightarrow 5184 \times 3456 \text{ px}$$

In flow, particle will move  
 $0.5 \text{ m/s} \times \frac{1}{1000} \text{ sec} = .5/1000 = 0.0005 \text{ m} = .05 \text{ cm}$   
 How many pixels will  $\rightarrow$  cover?  
 $\frac{5000 \text{ px}}{10 \text{ cm}} = \frac{? \text{ px}}{.05 \text{ cm}}$

.05 \* 5000 / 10 = 25.0 px = smear length.



Do this analysis for each image; put in your report. Motion blur is surprisingly common and annoying.

## Resolution in the Measurand: Light

### Part 1: Dynamic range

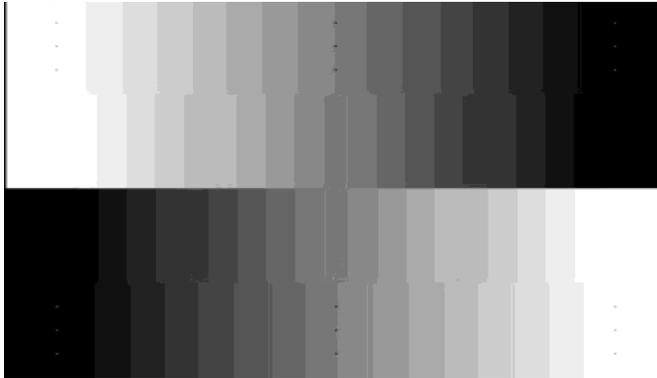
Human eye sensitivity, dark adapted ~ 800 ISO

<http://clarkvision.com/imagedetail/eye-resolution.html>

Human contrast range detection: 14 to 24 EV, but is dynamic.

Sheet of paper: at most 7 EV (factors of 2 in brightness) from black to white.

Projector screen? Is less than your monitor or phone screen.



[http://hometheaterhifi.com/volume\\_13\\_2/feature-article-contrast-ratio-5-2006-part-1.html](http://hometheaterhifi.com/volume_13_2/feature-article-contrast-ratio-5-2006-part-1.html)

What can your camera detect?

Test: image a gray card. At low ISO, see how many steps of underexposure will make it black, and how many of overexposure will make it white. Probably a total range of 6-9. Best cameras can do 14.

### Part 2: Resolution=Bit Depth

This total dynamic range then gets *quantized*/digitized into steps. The more steps, the finer the resolution.

(<http://www.peachpit.com/articles/article.aspx?p=1709190&seqNum=2>. Nice discussion of dynamic range vs bit depth)

### Part 2B: Counting steps

Bit = off or on, 0 or 1. Binary digit.



Binary= numbers in base 2, a series of bits. 0 1 1 0 = 6 in base 10

$$\begin{matrix} 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \end{matrix}$$

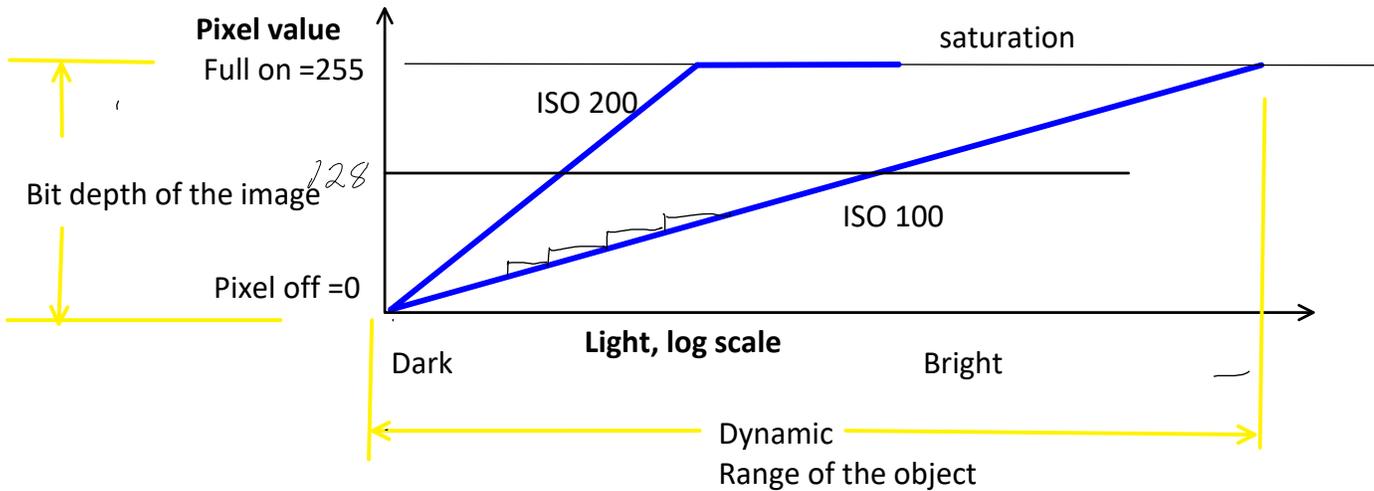
With 4 bits, can count to  $2^4=16$

With 8, can count to 256 = one byte

Hexadecimal: single digit goes up to 16: 0-9, then A B C D E F  
 $16^2=256$ , so can express full range of a byte in two digits.

nibble  
 ↓  
 9 F

Camera A/D is likely 10-24 bits. That's the number of different levels possible but not the range of brightnesses



HDR = High Dynamic Range

Take multiple images with varied (bracketed) exposures of the same scene, some under exposed, some over exposed. In-camera or post-processing algorithm assembles them together to provide additional measurand (light) resolution in highlight and shadow areas. Can make nighttime images look like daylight.

Here is an HDR image (made with 5 images from -3 to +3 EV) by Phil Nystrom 2018.



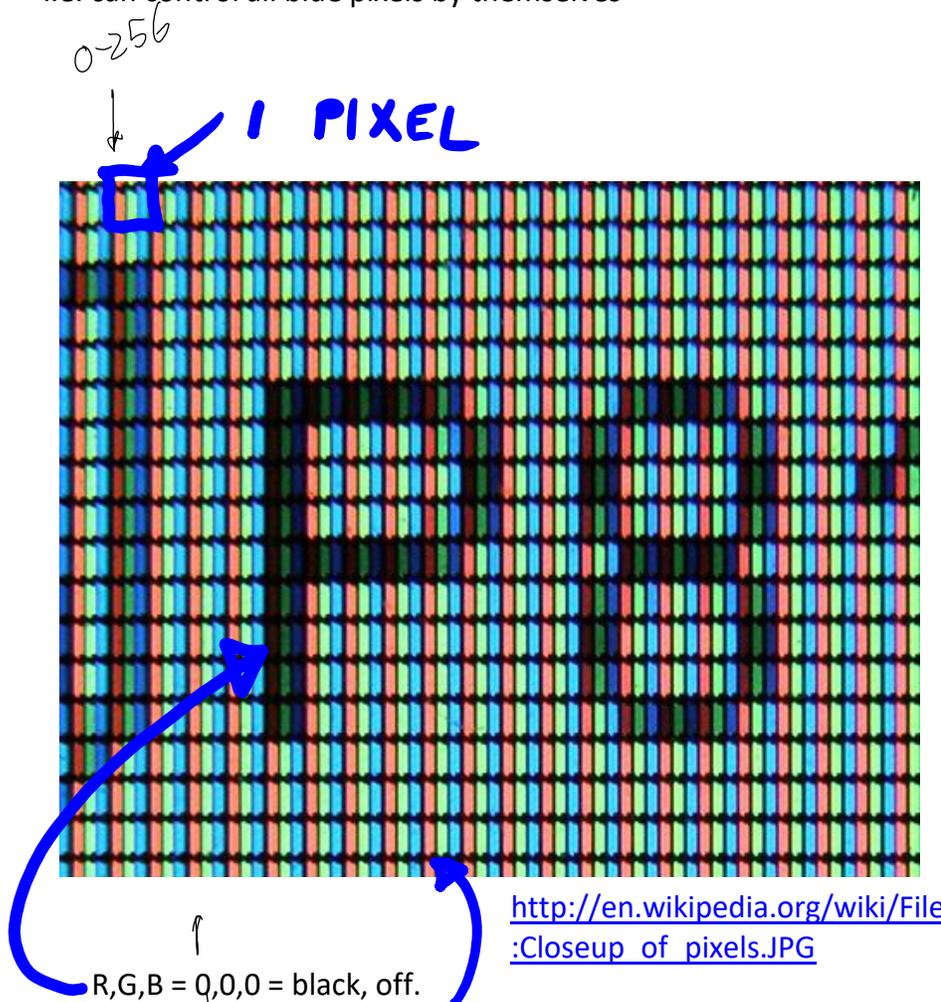
The word *pixel* is based on a contraction of *pix* ("pictures") and *el* (for "element");

Pasted from <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pixel>>

On a screen, = 1 red, 1 blue, & 1 green light emitter.  
In editing software, access them separately in *color channels*  
i.e. can control all blue pixels by themselves

CYMK

RGB is a common color space, good for screens. CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow and black is another color space, good for printing



R,G,B = 0,0,0 = black, off.

R,G,B, = 255, 255, 255 = all full on = white (8 bits =  $2^8 = 256$  possible levels)

R,G,B = 0,0, 256 = blue

FFFFFF = full white in hexadecimal, one digit can count to 16; 0-9, then a-f

0000FF= blue

808080=gray

### Color channels

Red channel: Can address just the red elements in all the pixels. See histograms, adjust range and contrast

1. Test the dynamic range of your camera: take images of a gray card. At low ISO, see how many stops of underexposure will make it black, and how many of overexposure will make it white. Probably a total range of 6-9. What happens at high ISO?