

Numerical Methods in TEM

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Outline of this lecture

- Computing Histograms
- Compute Diffractogram
- Follow up to last lecture on edge smoothing for FFTs
- More on Image Alignment
- Microscope Control using DM commands
- Calling any function that you find in the menu (and those that are not)



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Computing a Histogram

The screenshot displays a software environment with several windows:

- ROI_Histogram**: A script window containing the following code:


```
// This script produces a live histogram of a given image.
// The region from which the histogram is computed may be resized and moved
get
ImageDisplay imgDisp = getFrontImage().ImageGetImageDisplay(0)
number ROIcount = ImageDisplayCountROIs(imgDisp);

// if no ROI exists, we will create one that spans the whole image:
if (ROIcount == 0) {
  number height, width
  // create an empty Region of interest
  ROI histroi = CreateROI();

  // determine the size of the current image:
  getFrontImage().GetSize(height,width)
  // set the size of the newly created ROI to the size of the whole image
  ROIsetRectangle(histroi,0,0,height,width);
  // assign the newly created ROI to the current image display:
  ImageDisplayAddROI(imgDisp,histroi);
}

// Give the ROI that we are using a name:
imgDisp.ImageDisplayGetROI(0).ROIsetLabel("Histogram ROI")

// Create a live histogram from this ROI (Note, that the last parameter
// defines the number of bins used for the histogram!)
NewLiveHistogram(imgDisp,imgDisp.ImageDisplayGetROI(0),100)
```
- B: bins=10**: A histogram plot with a y-axis labeled 'counts x: 10^3' ranging from 0 to 300 and an x-axis ranging from 0 to 1000. A red box highlights the plot with the text '10bins'.
- C: Histogram of test image**: A histogram plot with a y-axis labeled 'counts' ranging from 0 to 35000 and an x-axis ranging from 0 to 1000. A red box highlights the plot with the text '100 bins'.
- Image Info**: A window showing 'Saving'.
- Image**: A grayscale image of a mechanical part with a red rectangular region of interest labeled 'Histogram ROI'.

Compute Diffractograms of arbitrarily sized images

The screenshot displays a software environment with a script window titled **diffractogram** containing the following code:

```
image DoFFT(image img)
{
  complexImage inImg
  number top, left, bottom, right, width, height,sx,sy
  string name

  // get the size of the original image subsection:
  img.GetSelection(top, left, bottom, right)
  width = right - left
  height = bottom - top
  if ($stretchDiffractogram) {
    if (width < height) width = height;
    if (height < width) height = width;
  }

  // create a new image and copy the original image into it.
  // make sure that the parts of the new image that are not overwritten
  // by the original, are filled with its average value
  inImg := ComplexImage("real space Image", 8, width, height)
  inImg[] = mean(img)
  inImg[0,0,bottom-top,right-left] = img[]

  // compute the FFT and shift the center:
  T_fft_C2C(inImg,inImg)
  inImg = T_shiftImageCenterComplex(inImg)

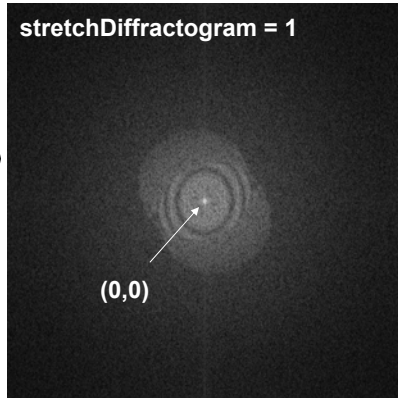
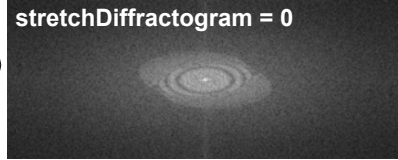
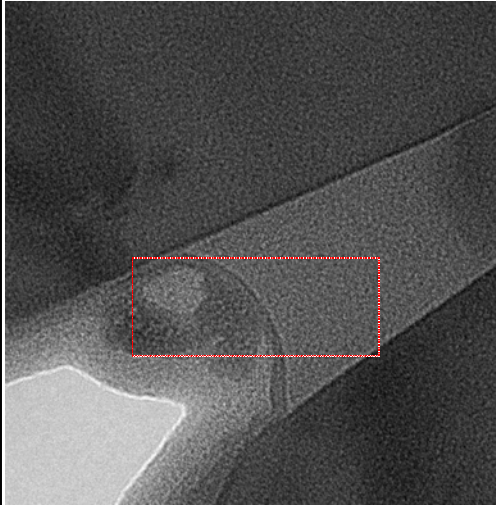
  // set origin, name and scale:
  img.GetName(name)
  inImg.setOrigin(floor(width/2), floor(height/2))
  inImg.setName("FFT of " + name)
  img.getScale(sx,sy)
  inImg.setScale(1/(width*sx),1/(height*sy))
  inImg.setUnitString("1/nm")

  return inImg
}
```

A red box highlights the section of code that sets the origin, name, and scale of the resulting diffractogram.



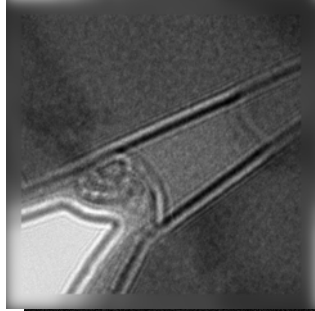
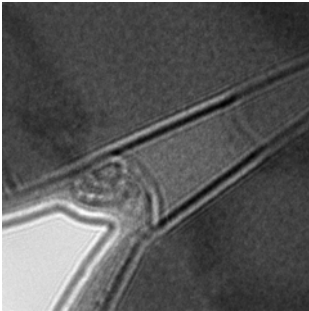
Diffractogram



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Edge smoothing



```
GaussEdgeSmoothing
number width, height, h2,w2
number Gwidth = 10; // width of Gaussian in pixels in reciprocal space
number Nedge = 100; // width of smoothed edge in pixels

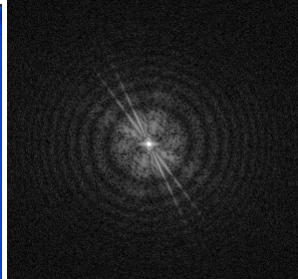
// obtain selected image and get its size:
Image img=getFrontImage()
getSize(img,width,height)
h2 = height/2;
w2 = width/2;

// produce a Gaussian of equal size
ComplexImage Gauss=ExprSize(width,height,exp(-((1row-h2)**2+(1col-w2)**2)/(Gwidth**2)))

// convolute image with Gaussian
Image img2 = real1fft(real1fft(img)*Gauss)

// replace edge of original image with smoothed image:
Image img3 = tert((abs(1col-w2)<w2-Nedge)&&(abs(1row-h2)<h2-Nedge),img,img2)

showimage(img3)
```



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Edge smoothing (version 2)

The script below produces a smooth transition between the Gaussian smoothed image and the original image.

The smoothing and edge width have been increased a little compared to the previous slide.

```
GaussEdgeSmoothingInterp
number width, height, h2,w2
number Gwidth = 4; // width of Gaussian in pixels in reciprocal space
number Nedge = 150; // width of smoothed edge in pixels
image img3

// obtain selected image and get its size:
Image img=getFrontImage()
getSize(img,width,height)
h2 = height/2;
w2 = width/2;

// produce a Gaussian of equal size
ComplexImage Gauss=ExprSize(width,height,exp(-((1row-h2)**2+(1col-w2)**2)/(Gwidth**2)))

// convolute image with Gaussian
Image img2 = real1fft(real1fft(img)*Gauss)

if (0) {
  // replace edge of original image with smoothed image:
  img3 = tert((abs(1col-w2)<w2-Nedge)&&(abs(1row-h2)<h2-Nedge),img,img2)
}
else {
  // produce a gradual transition from the smooth image to the sharp one:
  // For this we will create a mask image the edges of which fall off to zero:
  Image rampx = ExprSize(width,height,w2-abs(1col-w2))/Nedge
  Image rampy = ExprSize(width,height,h2-abs(1row-h2))/Nedge
  Image mask = tert(rampx>1,1,rampx)*tert(rampy>1,1,rampy)
  img3 = mask*img+(1-mask)*img2;
  clearImage(rampx);
  clearImage(rampy);
  clearImage(mask);
}

showImage(img3)
```

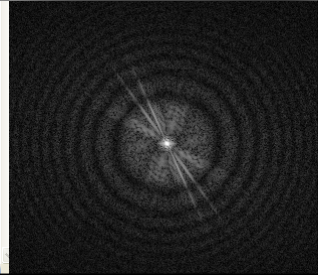
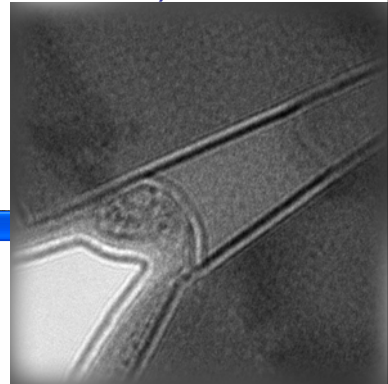


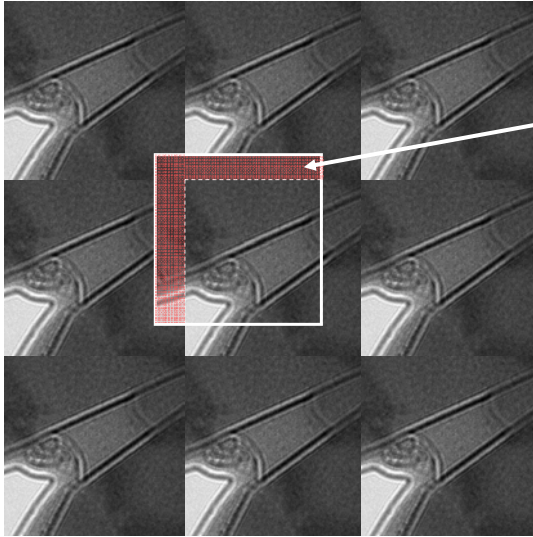
Image alignment: Cross correlation or χ^2 ?

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2(\Delta\vec{r}) &= \sum [I_1(\vec{r}) - I_2(\vec{r} + \Delta\vec{r})]^2 \\ &= \sum I_1^2 - 2\sum I_1(\vec{r})I_2(\vec{r} + \Delta\vec{r}) + \sum I_2^2\end{aligned}$$

Cross correlation computes only this



Cross correlation of whole images



Cross correlation also multiplies the images in the shaded region.

This will produce **errors**, if the overlap is non-negligible !!!

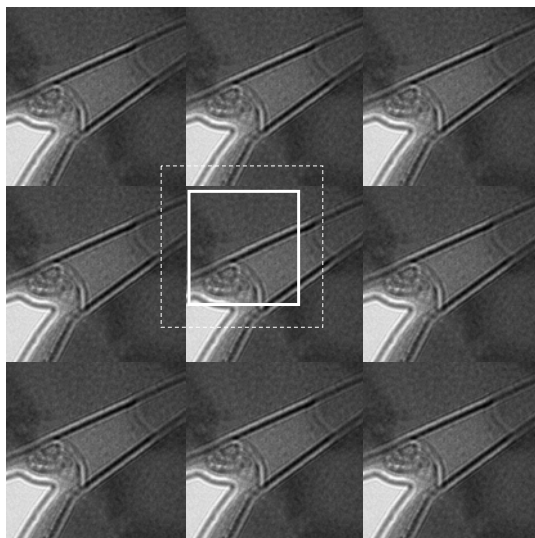


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Solution: comparison of images of different size



No overlap anymore!



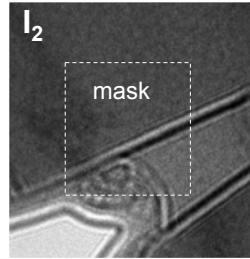
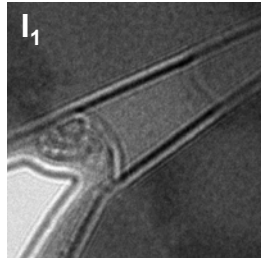
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Image alignment: χ^2 -comparison

$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2(\Delta\vec{r}) &= \sum [I_1(\text{mask}) - I_2(\text{mask} + \Delta\vec{r})]^2 \\ &= I_1^2 \otimes \text{mask} - 2I_1 \otimes (I_2 \cdot \text{mask}) + \sum I_2(\text{mask})^2 \\ &= FT^{-1} \{ FT[I_1^2] \cdot FT[\text{mask}]^* - 2FT[I_1] \cdot FT[I_2 \cdot \text{mask}]^* \} + \sum (I_2 \cdot \text{mask})^2\end{aligned}$$



This requires 4 FFTs and 1 inverse FFT, but is much more reliable than simple cross correlation.

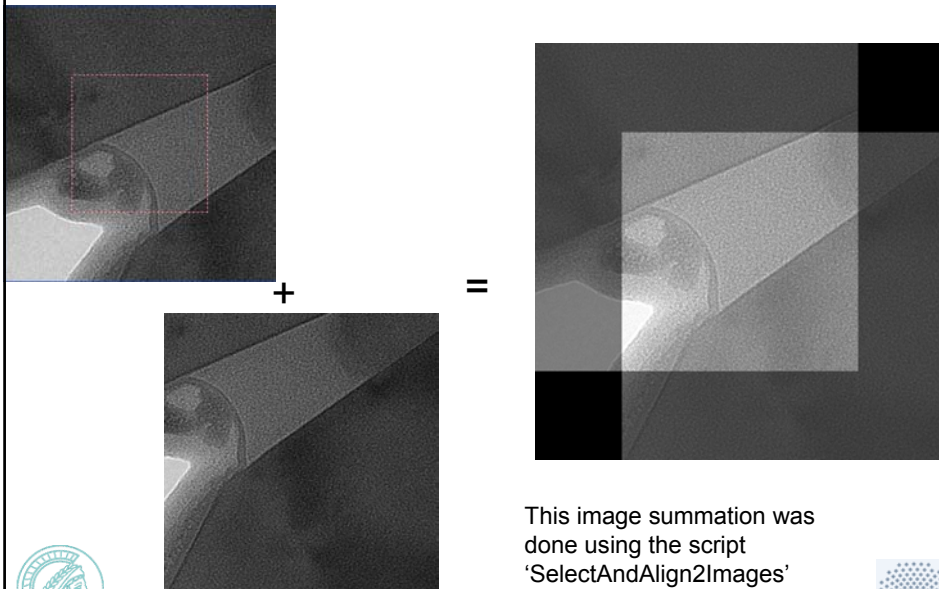


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Adding 2 Images



This image summation was done using the script 'SelectAndAlign2Images'

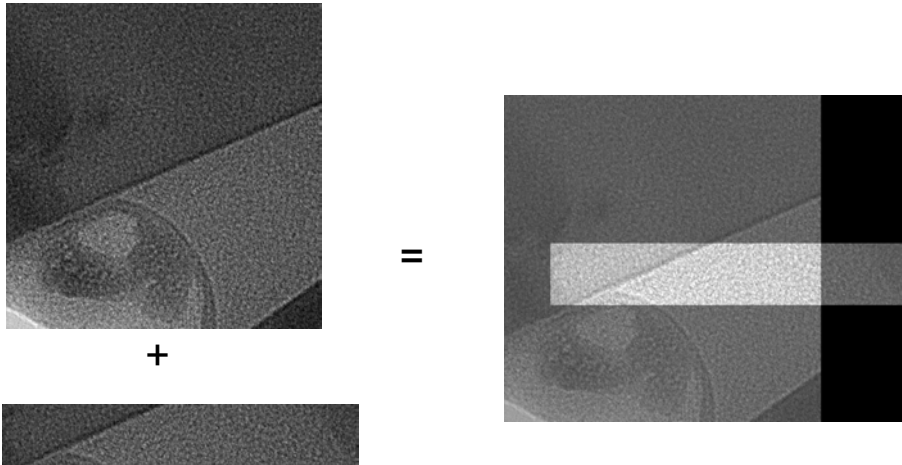


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Adding Images of different size



This image summation was done using the script
'SelectAndAlign2Images'



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Microscope Control Commands

DM provides a few general (independent of manufacturer) microscope control commands:

- EMSetupCommunication()
- EMCloseCommunication()
- EMPrepareTilt() ... EMChangeTilt(int tx, int ty) // beam tilt
- EMPrepareStigmation() ... EMChangeStigmation(int sx, int sy)
- EMPrepareShift() ... EMBeamShift(int bx, int by)
- EMPrepareImageShift() ... EMImageShift(int ix, int iy)
- EMChangeFocus(int df)

Note, that some of the above commands require prior initialization of the microscope communication (i.e. EMPrepare... - functions), so that subsequent commands are correctly interpreted.



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A few Gatan Image Filter (GIF) Commands

- ifsetupcommunication()
- ifcgetSlitIn()
- ifcsetSlitIn(flag) // flag=0: retract, flag=1: insert



Submitting Commands to a JEOL microscope

```
number pass
string command=""

// execute an infinite loop which asks for a new command, send it to the
// microscope and quits, if the user hits the "Cancel" button.
while (1) {
    if(!getstring("Enter JEOL command string", command, command)) {
        exit(0)
    }
    JEOLcommand(command,pass)
    beep()
}
```



Submitting Commands to a ZEISS microscope

```
string reply
string command=""

// execute an infinite loop which asks for a new command, send it to the
// microscope and quits, if the user hits the "Cancel" button.
while (1) {
    if(!getstring("Enter ZEISS command string", command, command)) {
        exit(0)
    }
    LEO_command(command,reply)
    result("Microscope reply: "+reply+"\n")
}
```



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The Zeiss Remote Command Protocol

.. From the table of content of the remote list of Zeiss
[912 and SESAM] RS232 (serial port) commands ...
(see lecture website for complete list)

GET_MAG_VALUE.....	SET_DELTA_E.....
GET_HIGH_VOLTAGE_VALUE.....	SET_EMISSION_CURRENT.....
GET_SPECTRUM_MAG_VALUE.....	SET_FOCUS.....
GET_DELTA_E.....	SET_C3_FOCUS.....
GET-EMISSION-CURRENT.....	SET_IMAGE_VAL.....
GET_FOCUS.....	SET_ILL_VAL.....
GET_C3_FOCUS.....	SET_FILTER_VAL.....
GET_IMAGE_VAL.....	SET_BEAM_TIME.....
GET_ILL_VAL.....	SET_DEFOCUS_VAL.....
GET_FILTER_VAL.....	SET_MIS_APERTURE.....
GET_MIS_APERTURE.....	SET_DELAY_TIME.....
GET-EMISSION-CURRENT_LIMIT.....	SET_ECO_OFFSET_VAL.....
GET_FOCUS_VAL_LIMIT.....	SET_STEM_XY_POS.....
GET_C3_FOCUS_LIMIT.....	SET_MDF_POS.....
GET_IMAGE_VAL_LIMIT.....	SET_GON_POSITION.....
GET_ILL_VAL_LIMIT.....	SET HOLDER_POSITION.....
GET_FILTER_VAL_LIMIT.....	SET_GON_X_POSITION.....
GET_ECO_OFFSET_VAL.....	SET_GON_Y_POSITION.....
GET_STEM_XY_POS.....	SET_GON_Z_POSITION.....
GET_MDF_POS.....	SET_GON_T_POSITION.....
GET_DIGITAL_CURRENT_VALUES.....	SET_GON_ROTATION.....
GET_GON_POSITION.....	SET_GON_MIRROR.....
GET_POSITION_STATUS.....	SET_APERTURE.....
GET HOLDER_POSITION.....	SET_GON_TRACKBALL_MODE.....
GET_APERTURE.....	SET_APERTURE.....
GET_EXPOSURE_TIME.....	SET_FIX_EXP_TIME.....
GET_EXPOSURE_NO.....	SET_FILM_DENSITY.....
GET_EXPOSURE_CURRENT.....	SET_FREE_INPUT.....
GET_CAMERA_DATAFIELD.....	SET_PN_CHANNEL_SWITCH.....
GET_CAMERA_COMMENT.....	SET_PMT_VOLTAGE.....
GET_CAMERA_FILM_DATA.....	SET_PMT_TIME_CONSTANT.....
GET-ELECTRON-DETECTOR.....	SET_GON_X_POSITION_DELTA.....
	SET_GON_Y_POSITION_DELTA.....



Examples for Zeiss commands

```
void LargeScreenUp() {
  string reply
  Leo_Command("T311",reply)
}
```

```
void LargeScreenDown() {
  string reply
  Leo_Command("T312",reply)
}
```

```
void Switch2DiffMode() {
  string reply
  Leo_Command("T002",reply)
}
```

```
void Switch2ImageMode() {
  string reply
  Leo_Command("T001",reply)
}
```

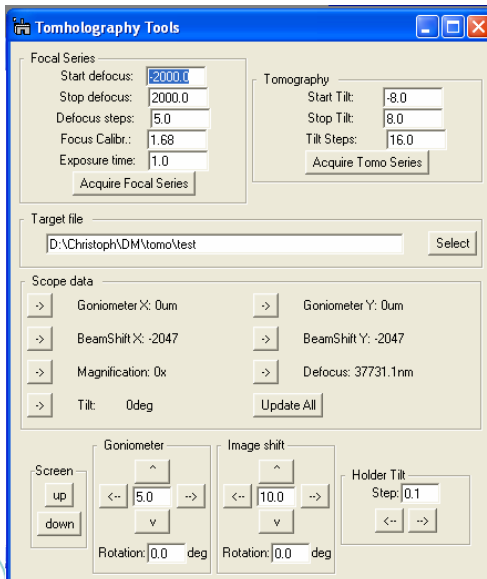
```
void Set_Image_Shift(number x,number y) {
  string reply
  string command, commandx,commandy
```

```
  Leo_Command("S003",reply) // set controls to Image Shift
  x = round(2047+x);
  y = round(2047+y);
  if (x<0) {x=0};
  if (x>4095) {x=4095};
  if (y<0) {y=0};
  if (y>4095) {y=4095};
```

```
  commandx = ""+x;
  commandy = ""+y;
  // produce a string with properly formatted numbers
  if (x<10) {commandx = "000"+x;}
  else if (x<100) {commandx = "00"+x;}
  else if (x<1000) {commandx = "0"+x;}
  if (y<10) {commandy = "000"+y;}
  else if (y<100) {commandy = "00"+y;}
  else if (y<1000) {commandy = "0"+y;}
  command = "S204"+commandx+commandy
  Leo_Command(command,reply)
}
```



Controlling the Zeiss SESAM



This is an example of a graphical user interface (GUI) which controls a number of microscope functions to perform a certain set of actions (e.g. acquire a tomographic series of focal series)



Calling commands from the DM-menu

- *Boolean ChooseMenuItem(String menu, String subMenu, String item)*
 - e.g. ChooseMenuItem("EFTEMSI", "Artifact correction", "Remove X-rays")
 - e.g. ChooseMenuItem("File", "", "Print...")



Undocumented DM functions

Digitalmicrograph contains a number of functions that are not officially documented anywhere. A few function names (and parameter lists) have been posted to this lecture's website.

XML Lists of DigitalMicrograph Plugin Functions

These function headers have been extracted from DigitalMicrograph using the `CreateXMLFunctionDescriptions()` function. The function lists are in xml format. You may therefore shrink and expand blocks as you like.

[Digiscan Functions](#)

Functions that control the beam in scanning mode.

[EM Functions](#)

Functions that control the general operation of the microscope.

[ESI Functions](#)

Functions that come with the ESI plugin.

[EELS Functions](#)

Functions that come with the EELS plugin.

http://hrem.mpi-stuttgart.mpg.de/koch/Vorlesung/Script/DM_PluginFunctions.html



Controlling Digiscan (VG / SESAM)

A list of DIGISCAN control commands which may be found online

```
- <Digiscan_Functions>
- <beam_control_functions>
  - <function name="dspositionbeam" may-throw-exception="no">
    <return-type type="void" />
    <argument name="img" type="image" usage="expression" />
    <argument name="px" type="real-number" />
    <argument name="py" type="real-number" />
  </function>
  + <function name="dspositionbeamgetpixel" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dsui_stop" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dsui_record" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dsui_view" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dsui_getparams" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dsui_getparams" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dsui_getbeammanager" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dsresult" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dscalculateminpixeltime" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dscalculatelargestwidth" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dsleastcommonmultiple" may-throw-exception="no">
  + <function name="dsgratestcommondivisor" may-throw-exception="no">
</beam_control_functions>
+ <test_functions>
+ <configuration_functions>
+ <objects>
</Digiscan_Functions>
```



http://hrem.mpi-stuttgart.mpg.de/koch/Vorlesung/Script/DM_PluginFunctions.html

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More DigiScan Commands

```
+ <function name="DSGetBitShift" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
+ <function name="DSGetMaxSignal" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
+ <function name="DSSetExternalPixelClock" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
+ <function name="DSSetRelayDelay" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
+ <function name="DSSetRelays" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
- <function name="DSScanSubRegion" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
  <return-type type="void" />
  <argument name="refImage" type="image" />
  <argument name="dstImage" type="image" />
  <argument name="top" type="sint32" />
  <argument name="left" type="sint32" />
</function>
+ <function name="DSAdjustImageCenter" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
+ <function name="DSRawLowLevelReadTest" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
+ <function name="DSRawLowLevelRead" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
+ <function name="DSLowLevelRead" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
+ <function name="DSUnpackData" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
+ <function name="DSAcquireData" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
+ <function name="DSSetCancelRead" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
- <function name="DSRead" may-throw-exception="no" thread-safe="yes">
  <return-type type="void" />
  <argument name="argument_1" type="image" />
  <argument name="slotSelect" type="sint16" />
  <argument name="channelSelect" type="sint16" />
  <argument name="sampleTime" type="float" />
  <argument name="rotation" type="float" />
</function>
</DS_Functions>
+ <test_functions>
+ <configuration_functions>
+ <objects>
</Digiscan_Functions>
```



Scripts may acquire images, scan sub-regions, etc.

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EELS Commands

```
- <EELS_Functions>
+ <function name="eelsgetbkgdwindowlist" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsgetcurrentedgename" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsgetsignalwindow" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelssetbackgroundmodeltype" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsgetbackgroundmodeltype" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsbuildmenus" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelssharpsetupdialog_le" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsmllssetupdialog_le" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eels_replaceidentifiers" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eels_clonetagswithnewidentifiers" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eels_parseidentifier" may-throw-exception="no">
- <function name="eelsfourierriptideconvolve" may-throw-exception="no">
  <return-type type="void" />
</function>
- <function name="eelsfourierlogdeconvolve" may-throw-exception="no">
  <return-type type="void" />
</function>
+ <function name="eelsaddtextannotation" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelscompositionwarnings" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelscrosssectionwarnings" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelscrosssectionwarnings" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsthicknessresulttotext" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelscompositiontotableformat" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsconditionstotext" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsgetformattedresults" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eels_filtersetup" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="filtersetupdialog" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="filterdefaultsdialog" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsgetcolor" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsgetprintingoption" may-throw-exception="no">
```



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EELS Commands (2)

```
+ <function name="eelstestsplicing" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsstitchalignedspectra" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsstitchinggetoptions" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsarespectraalignedforstitching" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="setstitchnumchannelstodiscard" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="getstitchnumchannelstodiscard" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsstitchingalignspectrumwith" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="geteelsstitchmininumoverlap" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="getstitchingnumchannelstoaverage" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="setstitchingnumchannelstoaverage" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="createcalibratespectrumparams" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="setcalibration" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="usergetcalibration" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelscreateablelayout" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsbuildmatchsize" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsbuildpositionfromwindow" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsaddradioitem" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsaddtab" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelscreateelement" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsaddlistitem" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsbuildabsolutesize" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsbuildrelativeposition" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsbuildautosize" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsaddpanel" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsaddelement" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelscreatedialog" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsaddpopupitementry" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelscreateelementwithitems" may-throw-exception="no">
+ <function name="eelsbuildpositionfromapplication" may-throw-exception="no">
</EELS_Functions>
```



http://hrem.mpi-stuttgart.mpg.de/koch/Vorlesung/Script/DM_PluginFunctions.html

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Measuring Time

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