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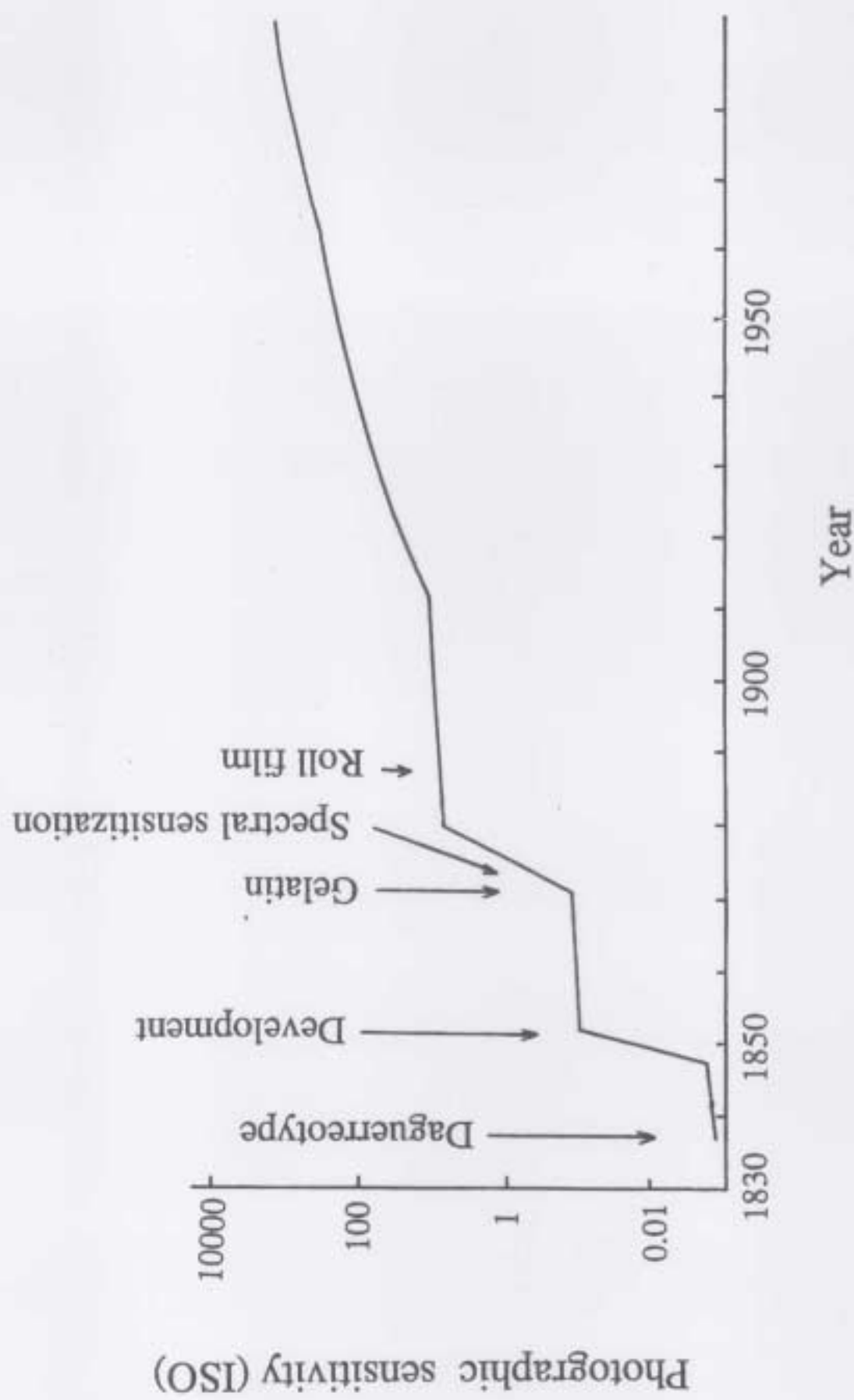


W.H. Fox Talbot  
1800-1877



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1787-1851

Commemorating 150 years of Photography 1839-1989

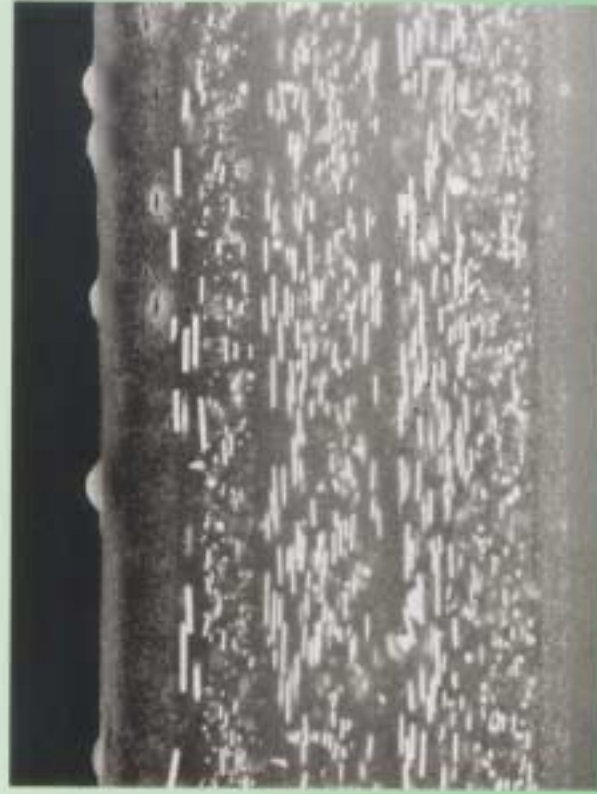


Change in sensitivity of silver halide photographic materials.<sup>5</sup>

## Recent progress of the color negative film



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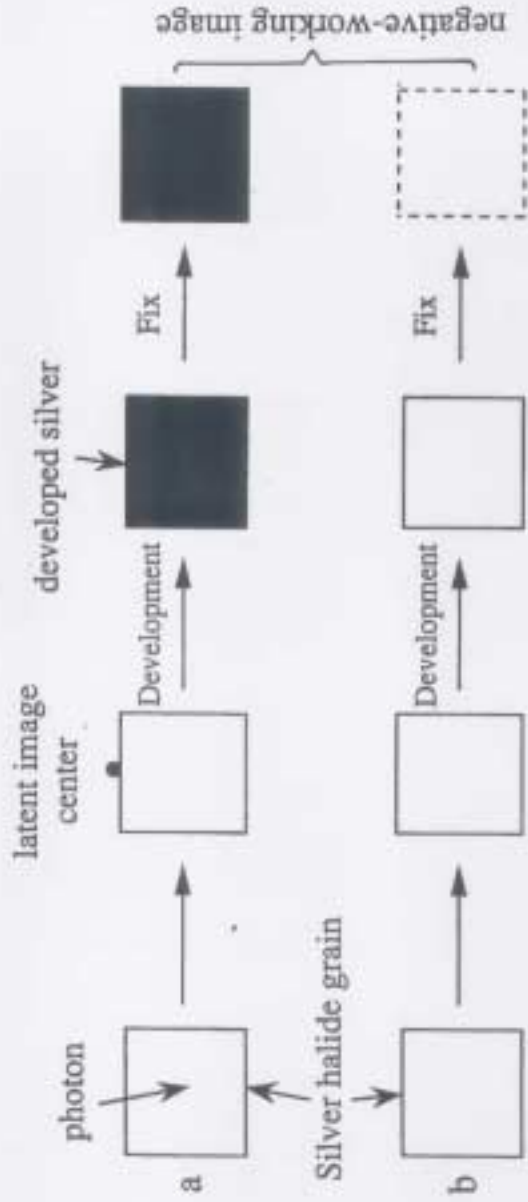


Zoom Master 800(2000)

Faster speed, finer image quality and color fidelity  
4<sup>th</sup> layer technology (layer to give inter-image effect)



< Silver halide photography >



< Electronic photography >

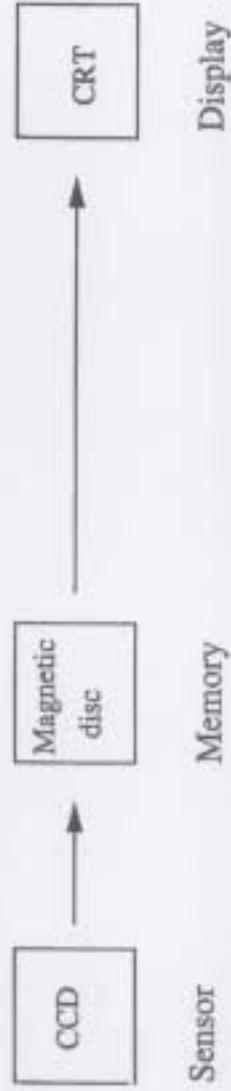
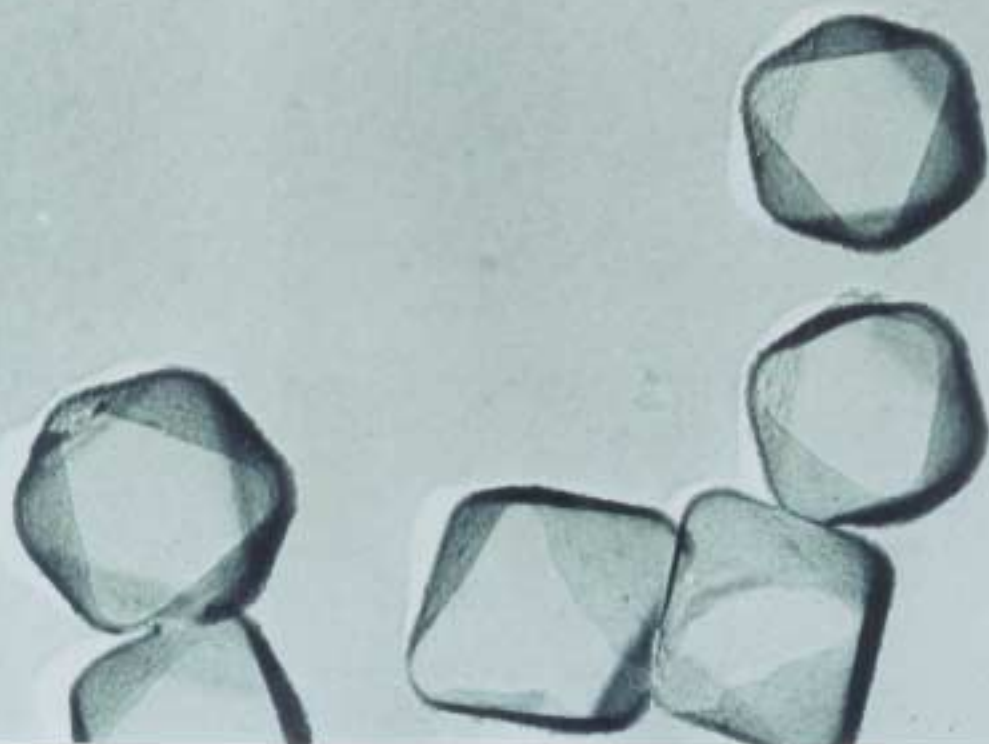
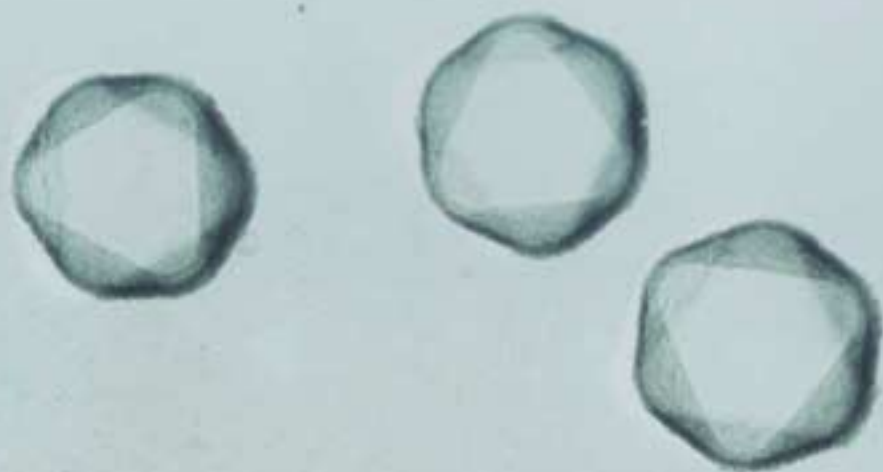


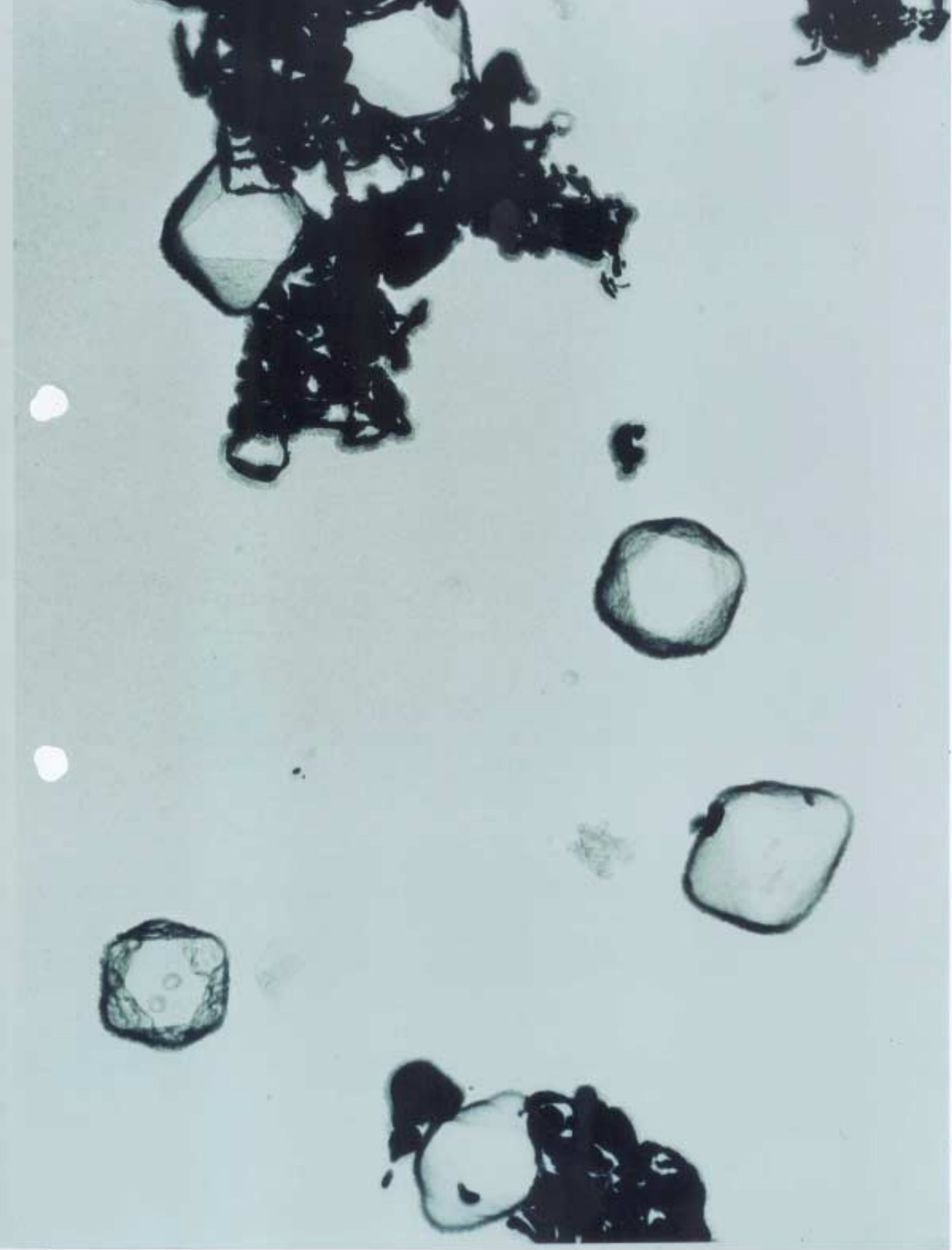
Illustration showing imaging processes in silver halide photography and electronic photography. In the former, a and b show the changes of exposed and unexposed silver halide grains during the processes.

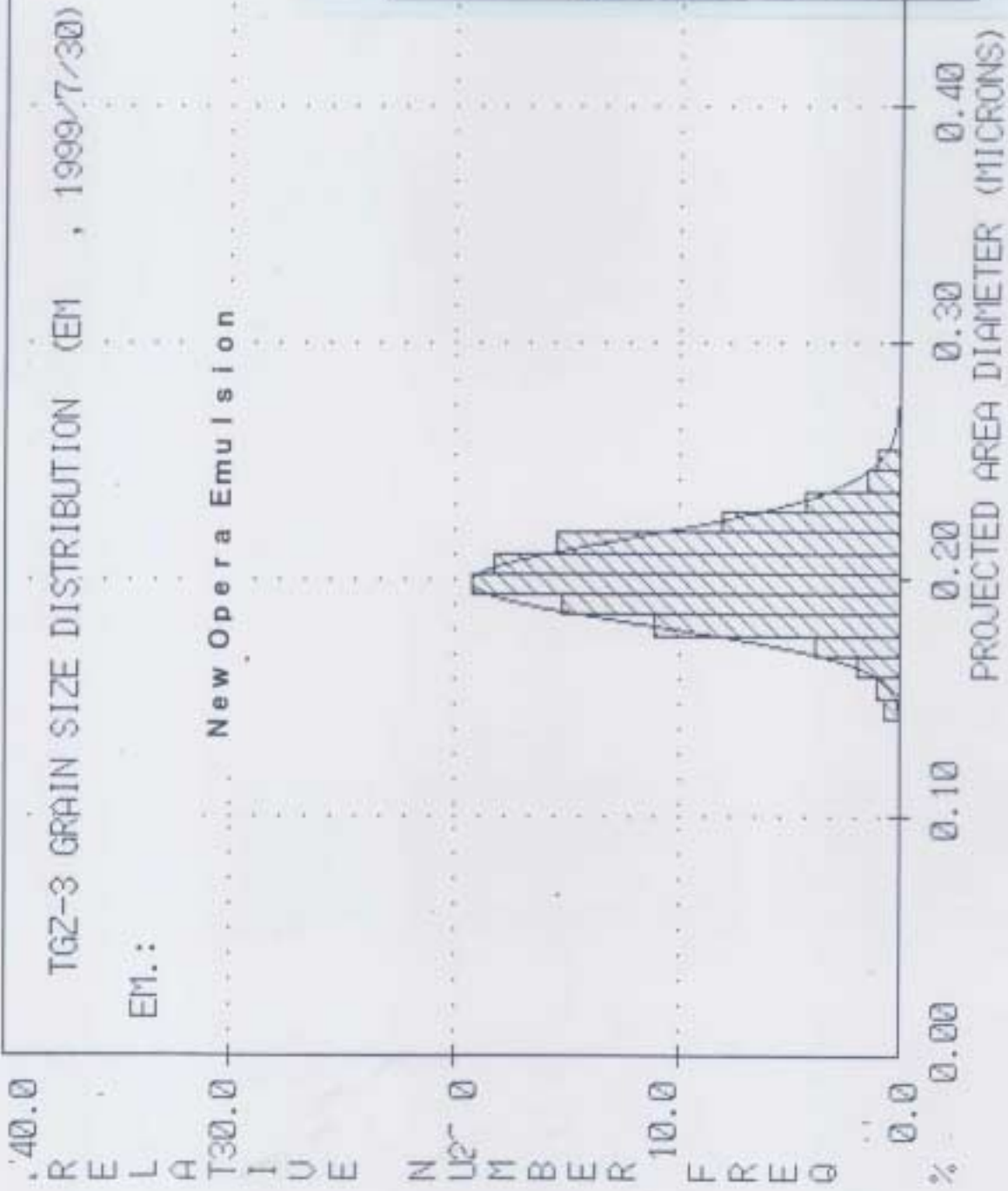








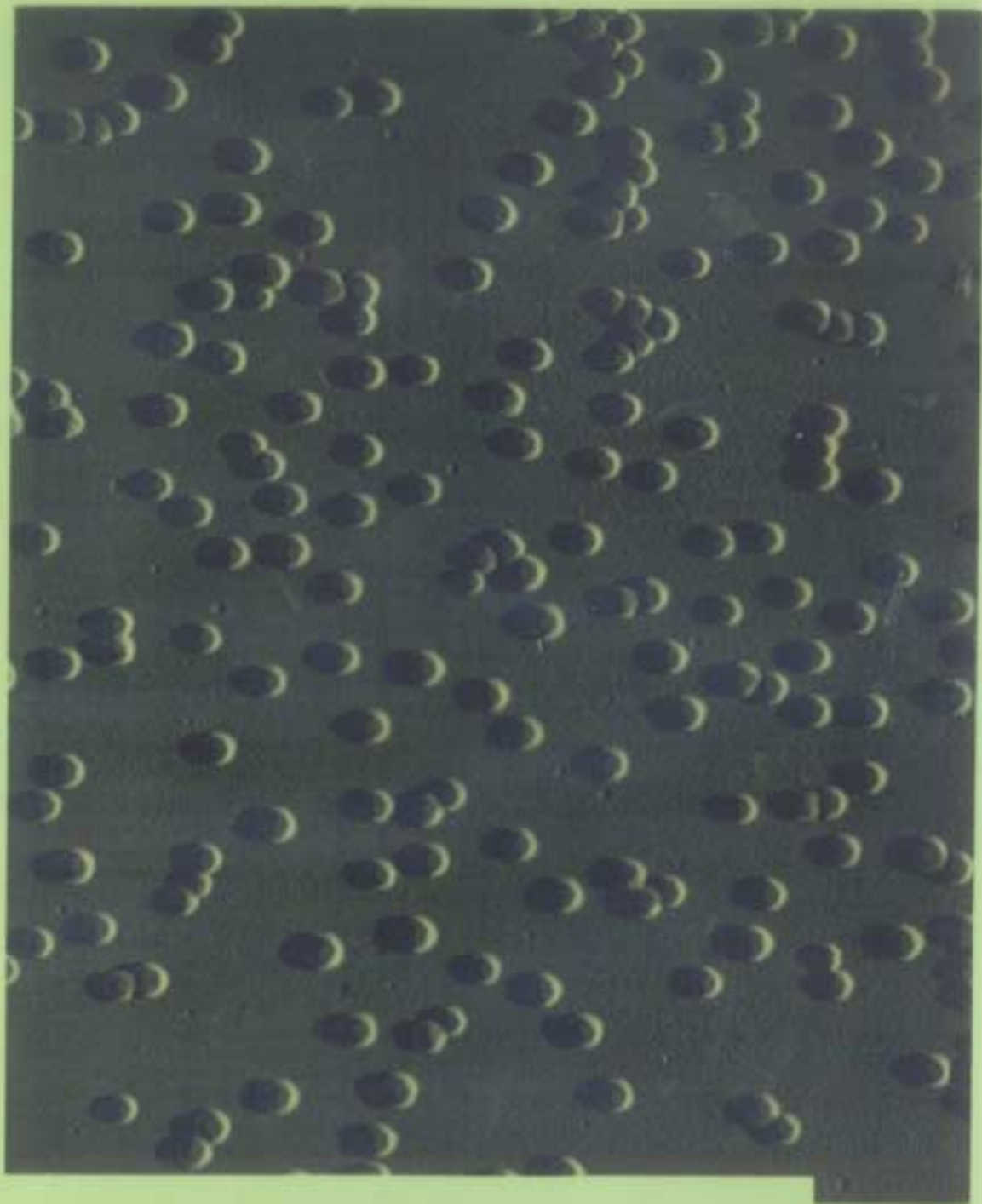




TOTAL = 479  
 MEAN = 0.201  
 S. DEV = 0.018  
 CV (%) = 9.17



3NUT-11 B (MT)  $\times 10,000$



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$3.9 \times 10^{13}$  grains /  $4 \times 5$  inch<sup>2</sup>

40,000 grains /  $(10 \mu\text{m})^3$

2~4 fogged grains /  $(10 \mu\text{m})^3$



37

X 47.40  $\mu\text{m}$   
Y 100.09  $\mu\text{m}$

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X 47.40  $\mu\text{m}$   
Y 100.09  $\mu\text{m}$

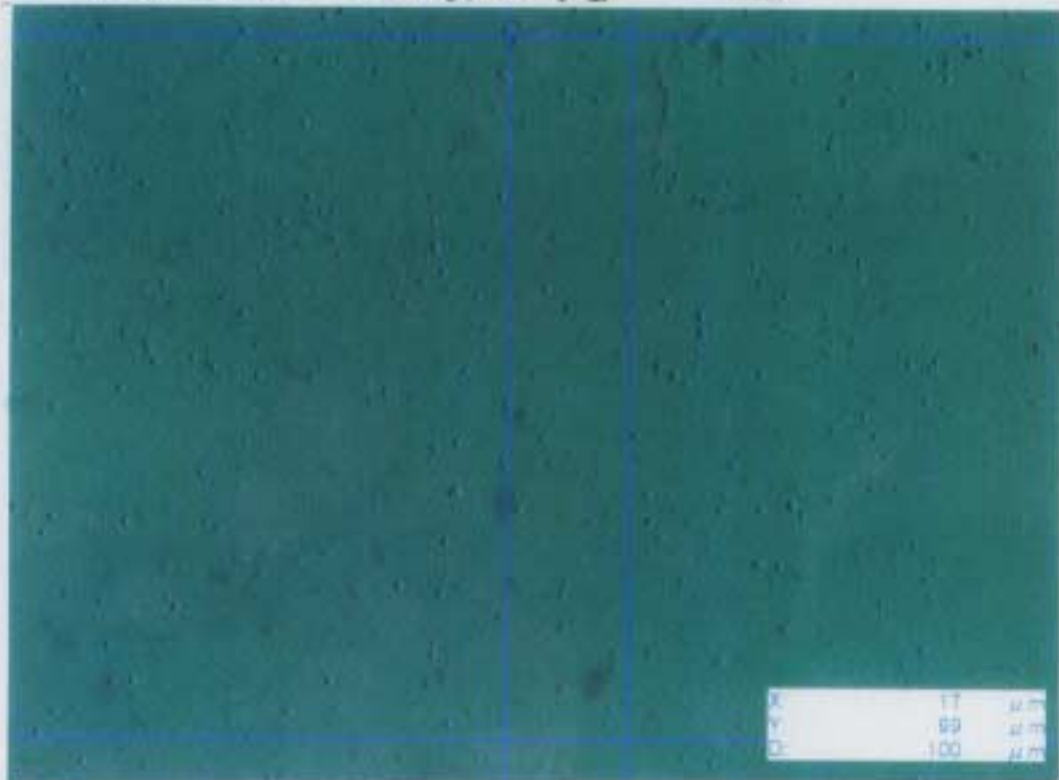
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SU-21H 25' 25'



SU-21H 25C100Y.3d 25'



Requirements for nuclear emulsions include

1. large frame area
2. three dimensions
3. high sensitivity
4. high stability on storage
5. high resolution. and
6. ability to be reset before use

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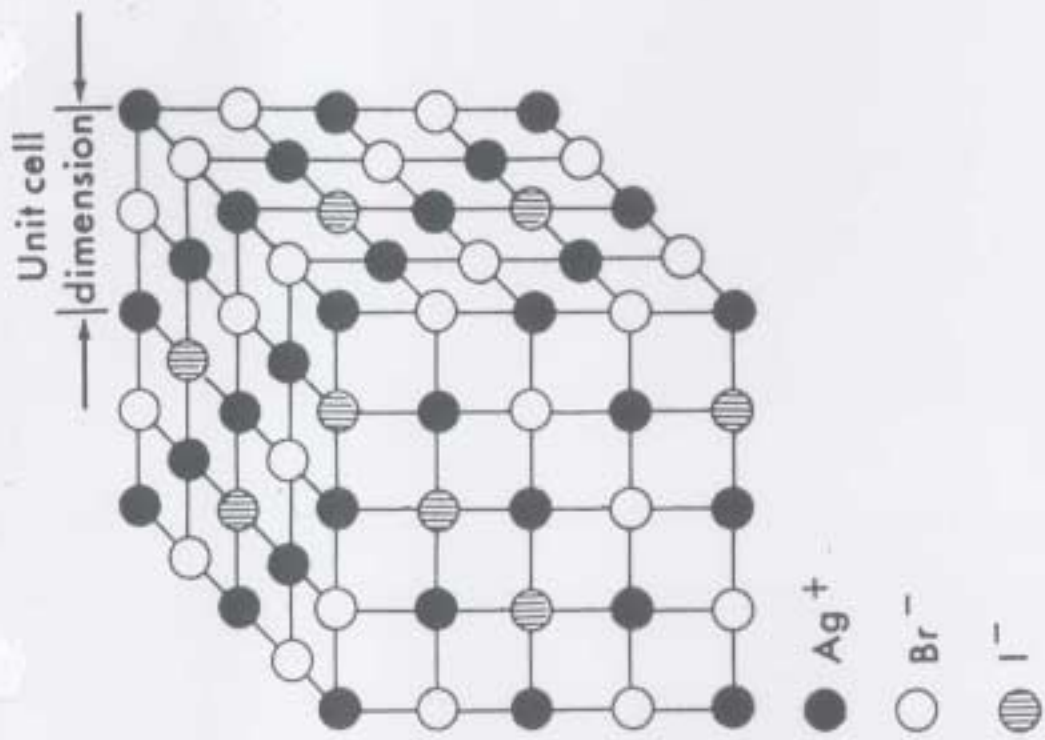
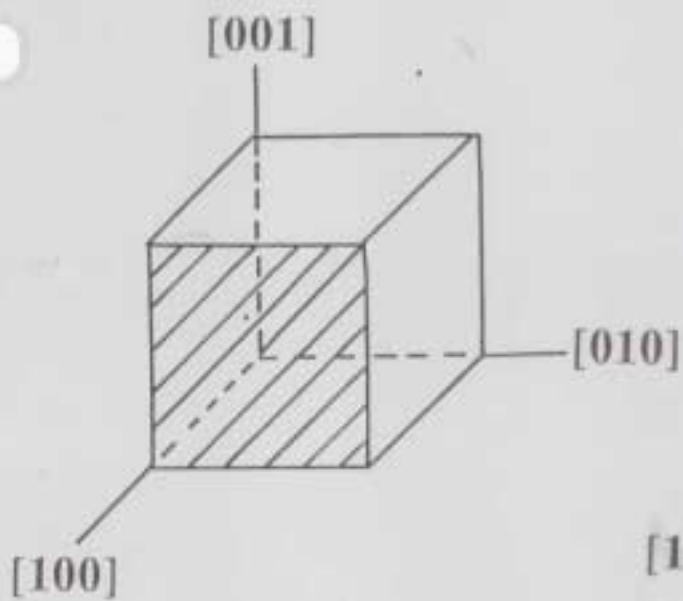
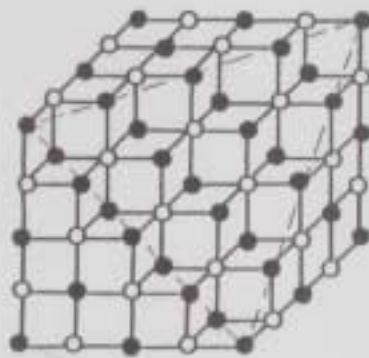
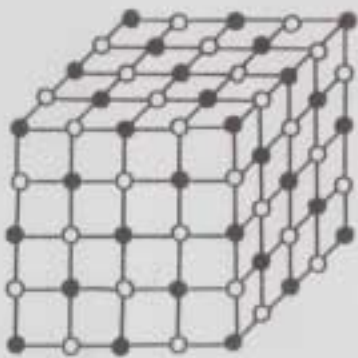
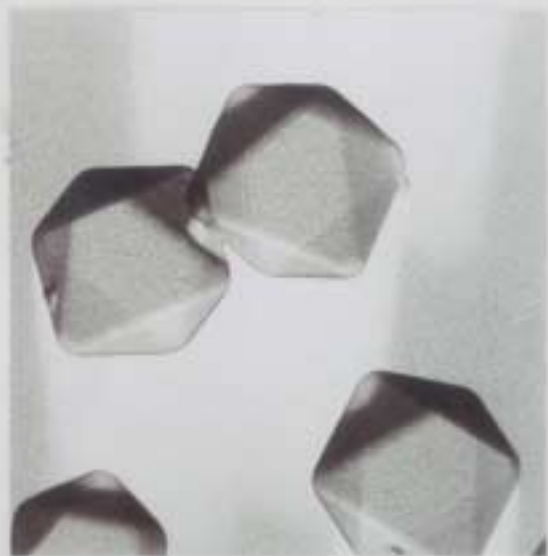
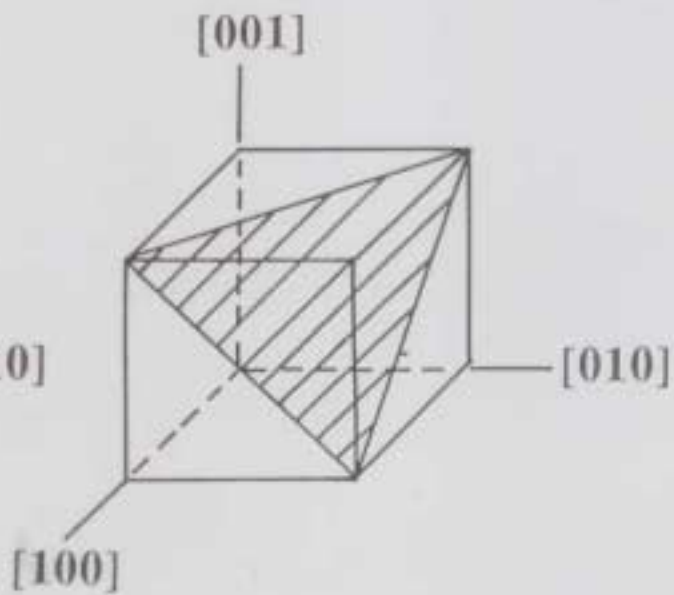


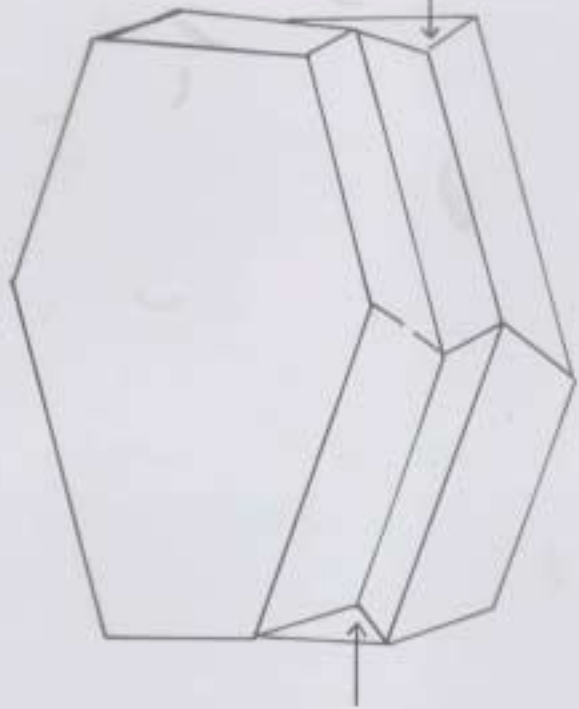
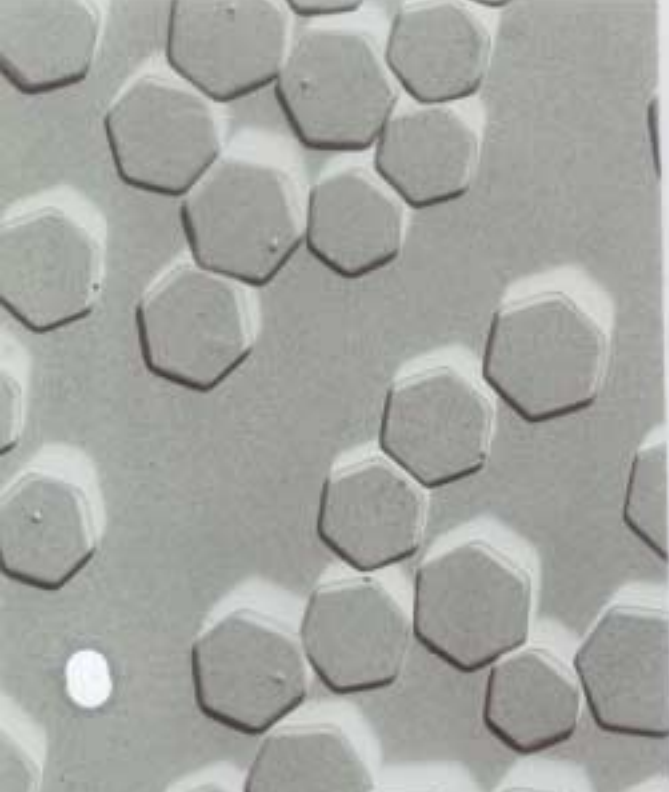
FIG. 1.1. A schematic representation of a random solid solution of AgI in AgBr, where 25% of the bromide-ion sites are occupied by iodide ions.

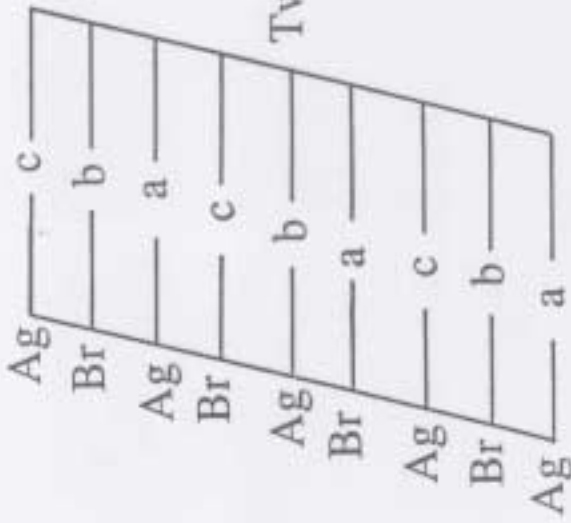


(100)

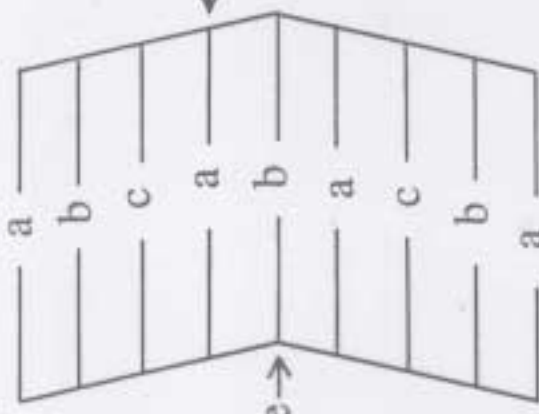


(111)





Layer structure of AgBr



Layer structure of a (111) twin



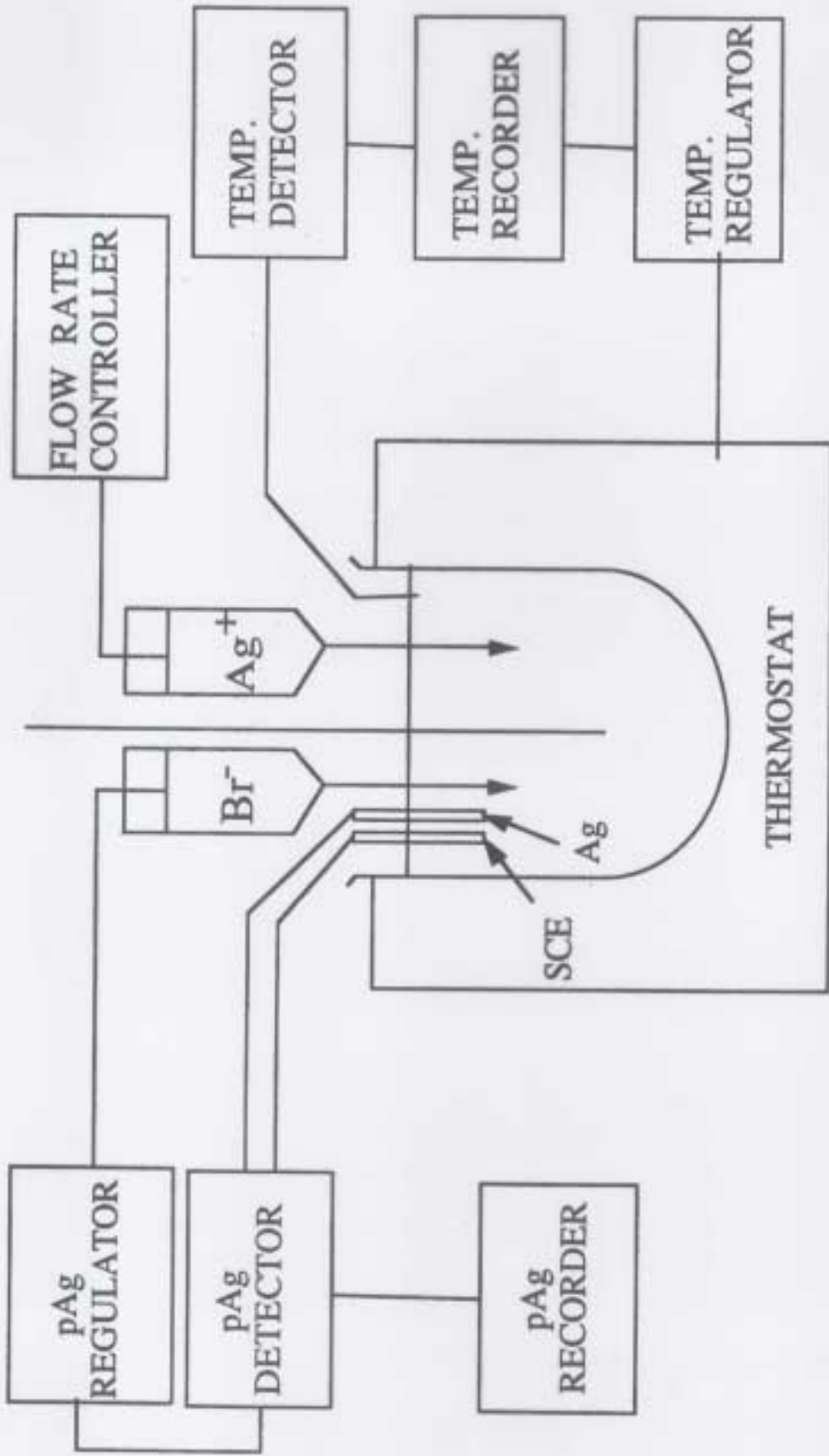
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b

a

Stacking fault

Twin plane



Block diagram of an apparatus for controlled double-jet precipitation.



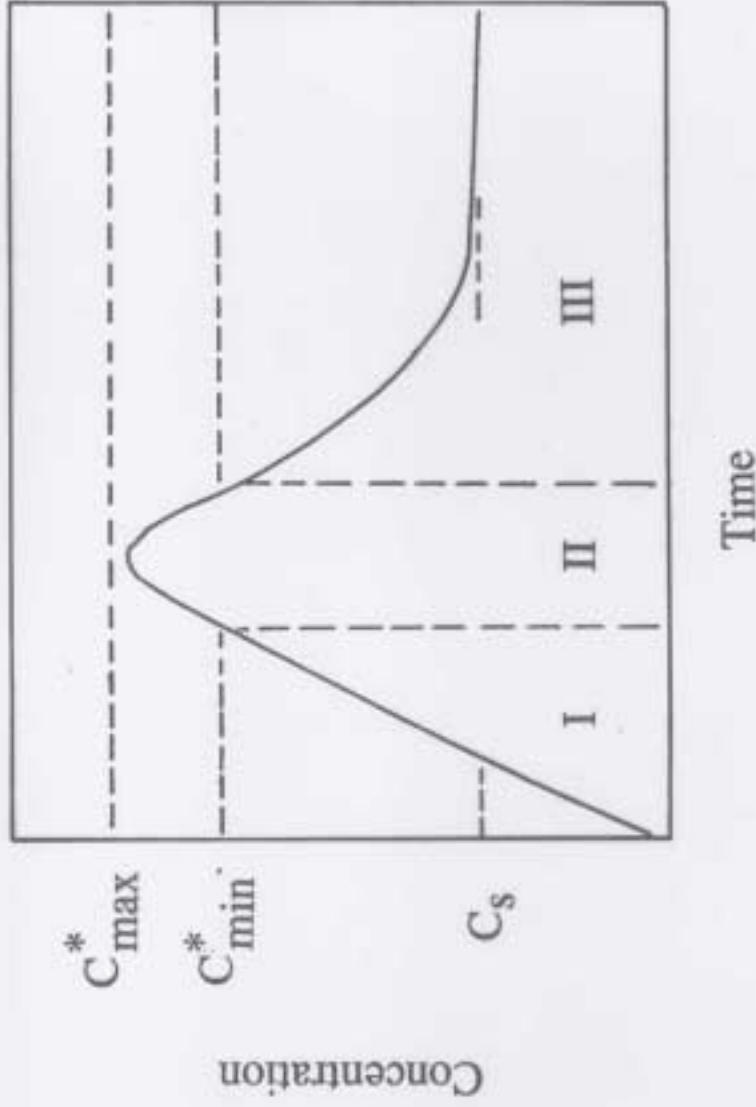
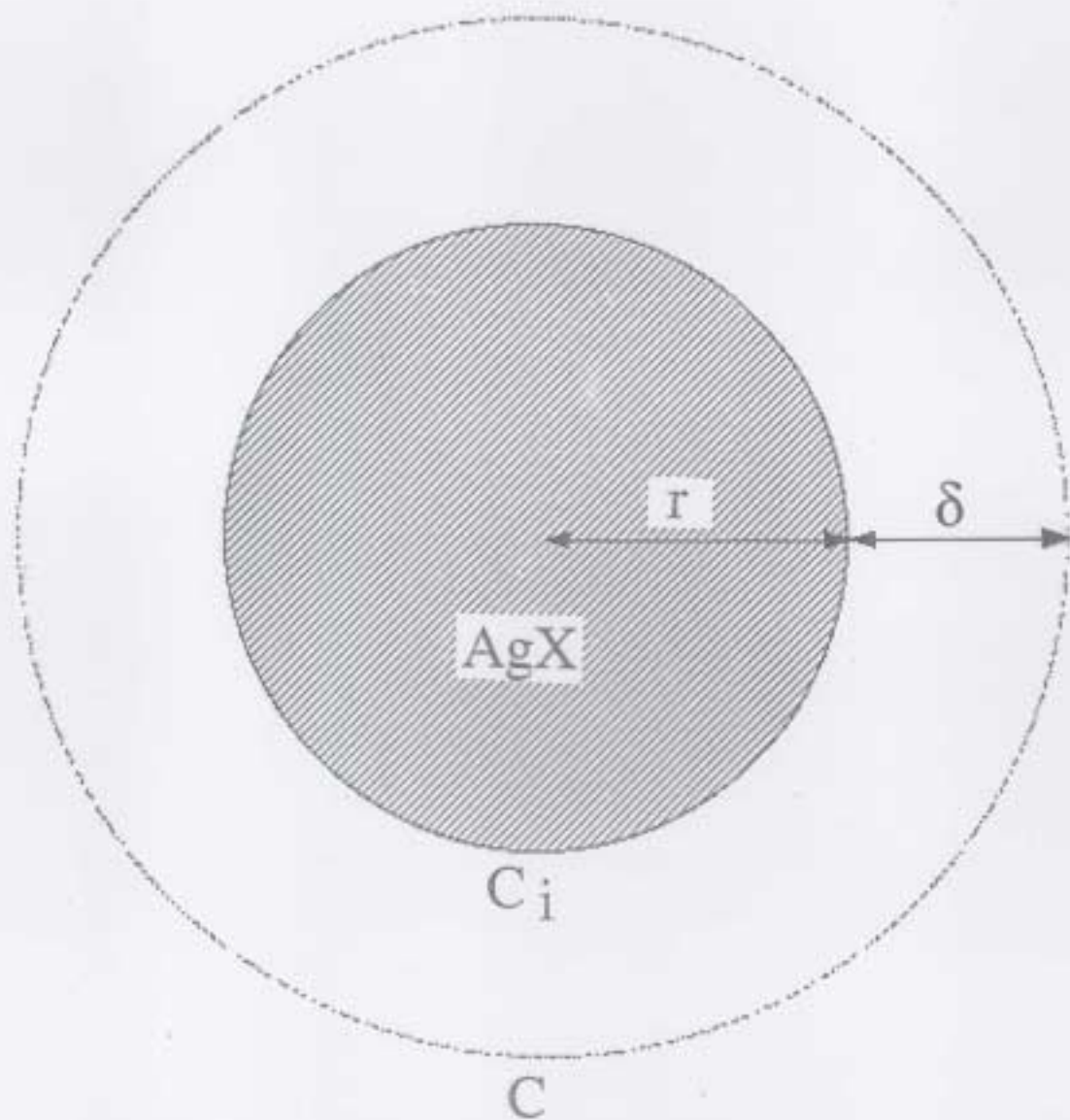


Illustration showing the nucleation and growth of silver halide grains during precipitation, where  $C_s$  is solubility and  $C_{min}^*$  and  $C_{max}^*$  are the minimum and maximum concentration for nucleation, respectively. Regions I, II, and III indicate the period before nucleation, nucleation, and growth, respectively.

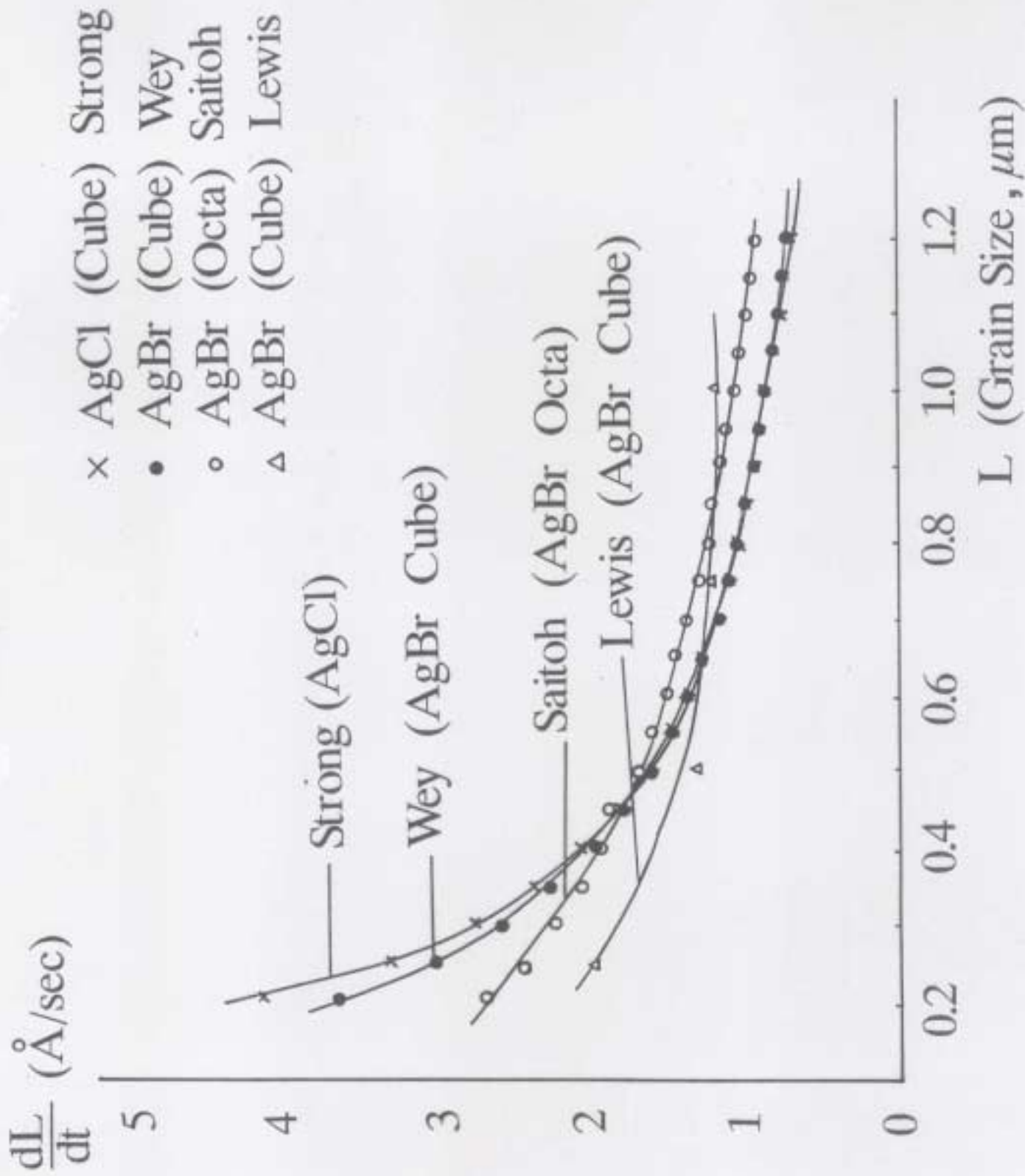


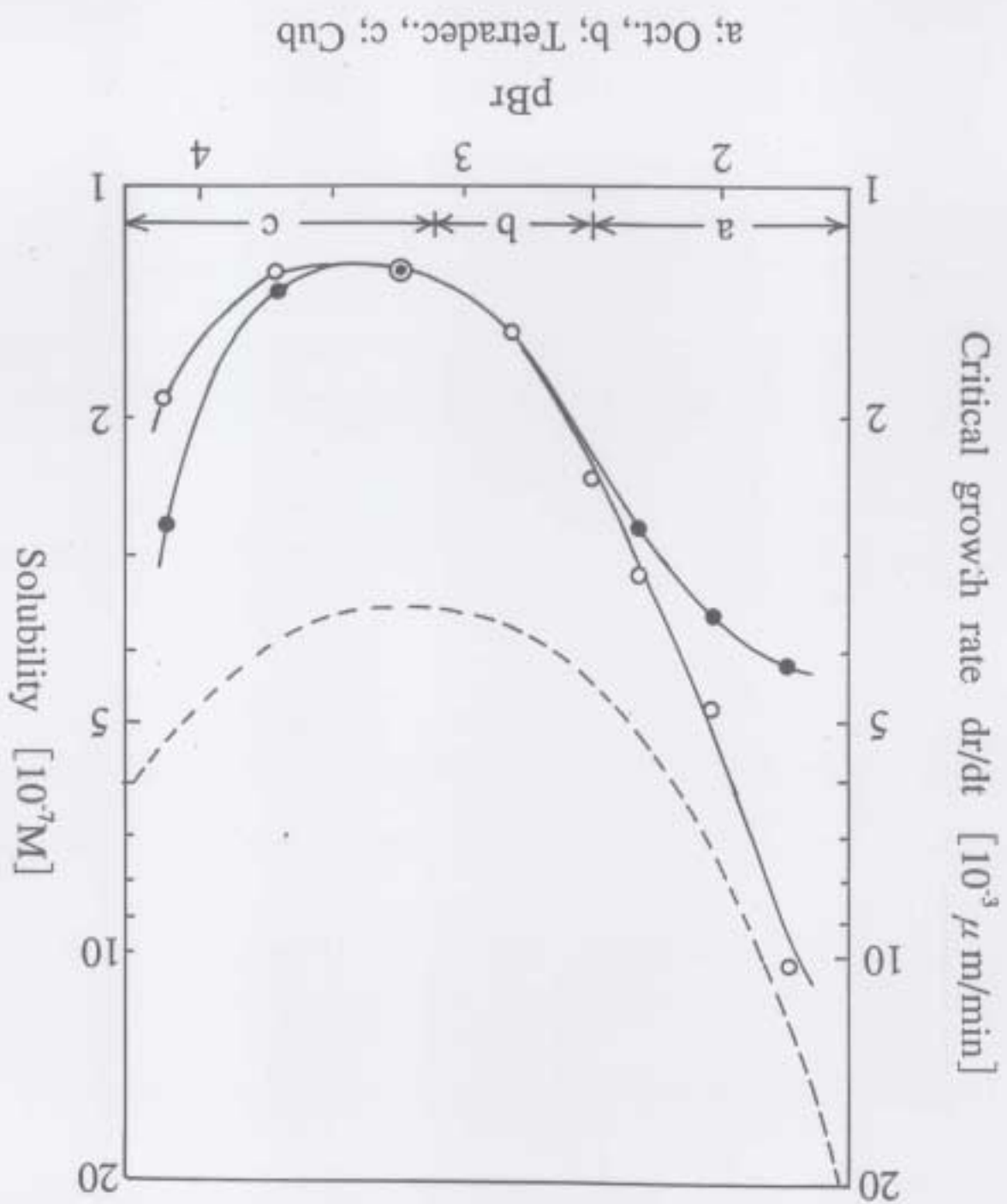
$$\frac{dr}{dt} = DV_m \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{\delta} \right) (C - C_i)$$

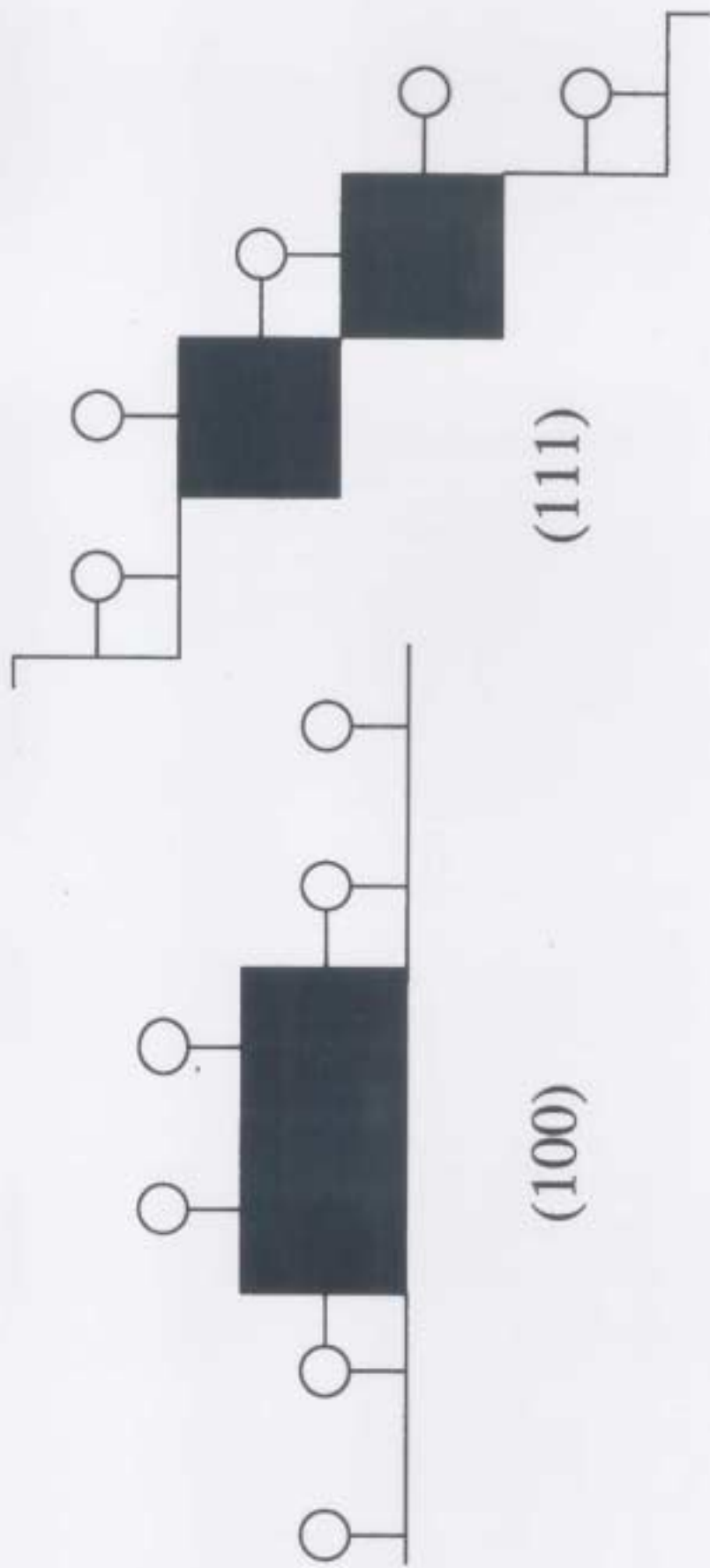
$$[\text{Ag}^+][\text{X}^-] = K_{sp}$$

$$p\text{Ag} = -\log [\text{Ag}^+], \quad p\text{X} = -\log [\text{X}^-]$$

$$p\text{Ag} + p\text{X} = pK_{sp}$$







Two-dimensional nuclei (shaded areas) on (100) and (111) faces and adsorbed bromide ions (○).

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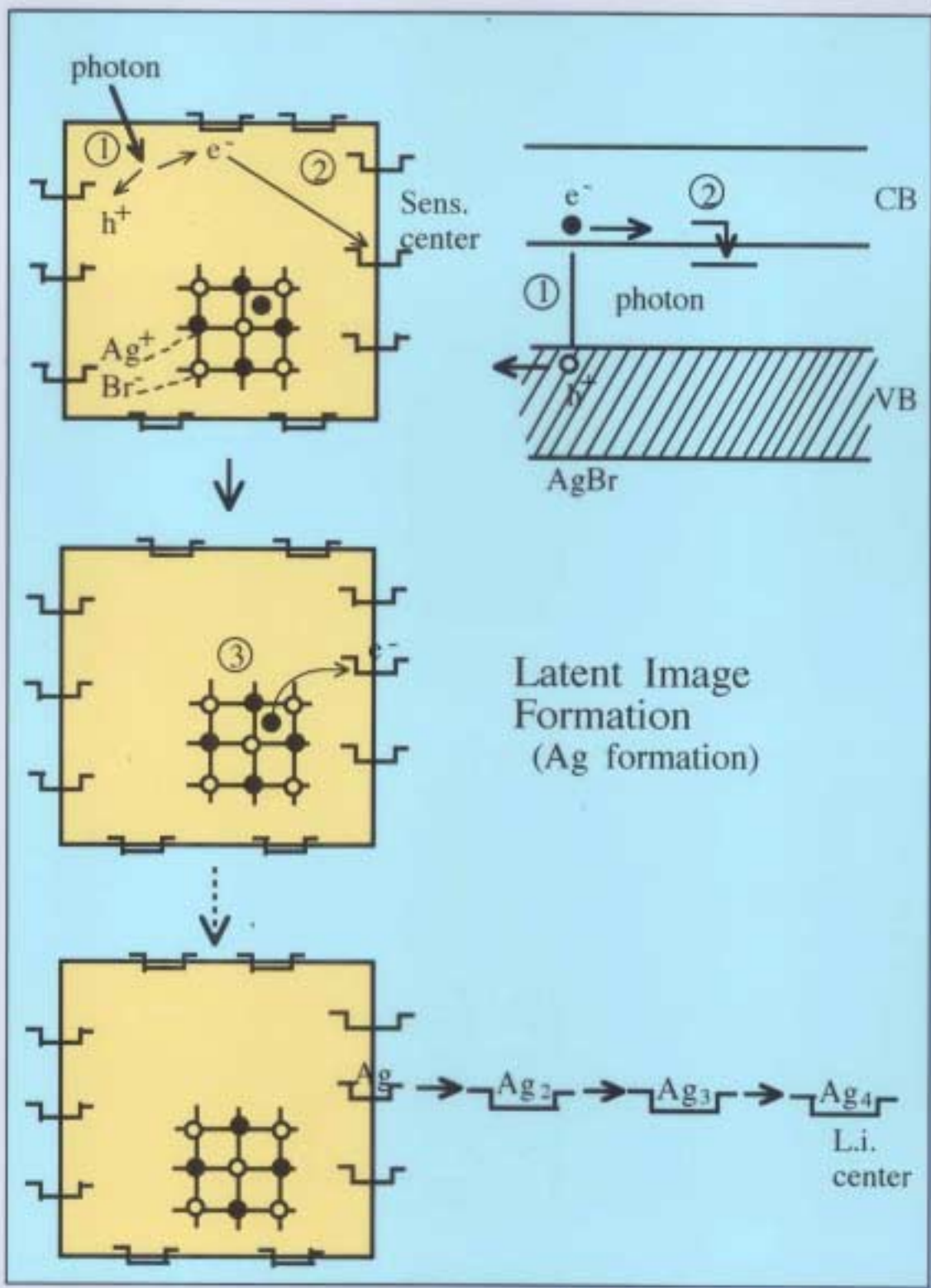
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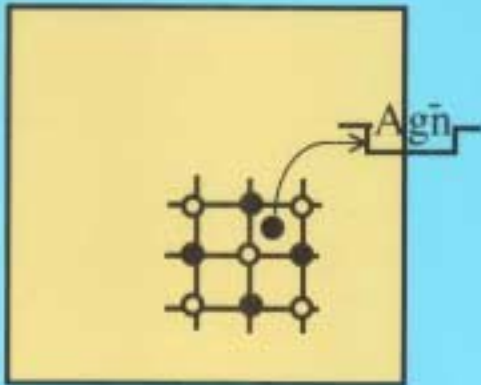
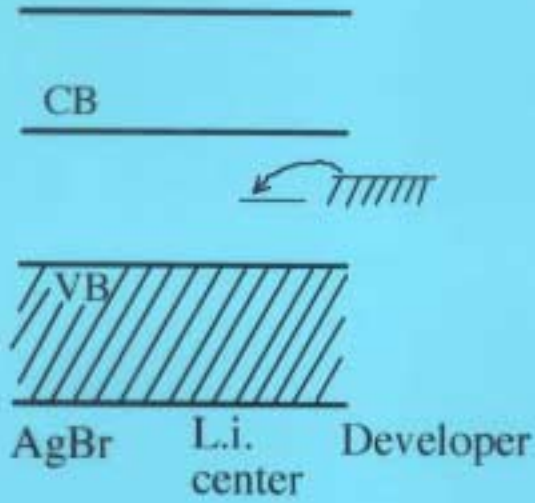
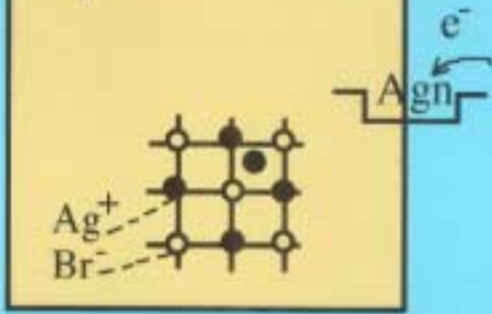
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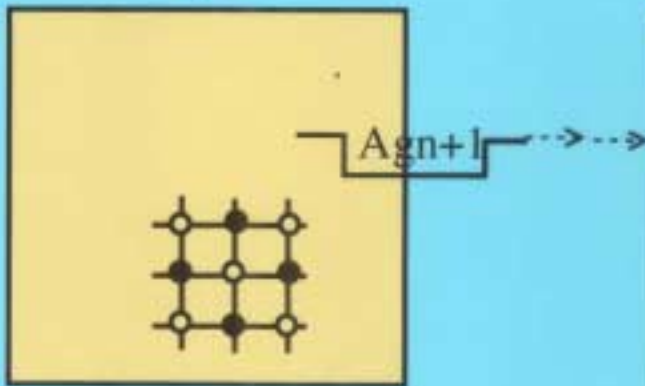


# Developer

AgBr

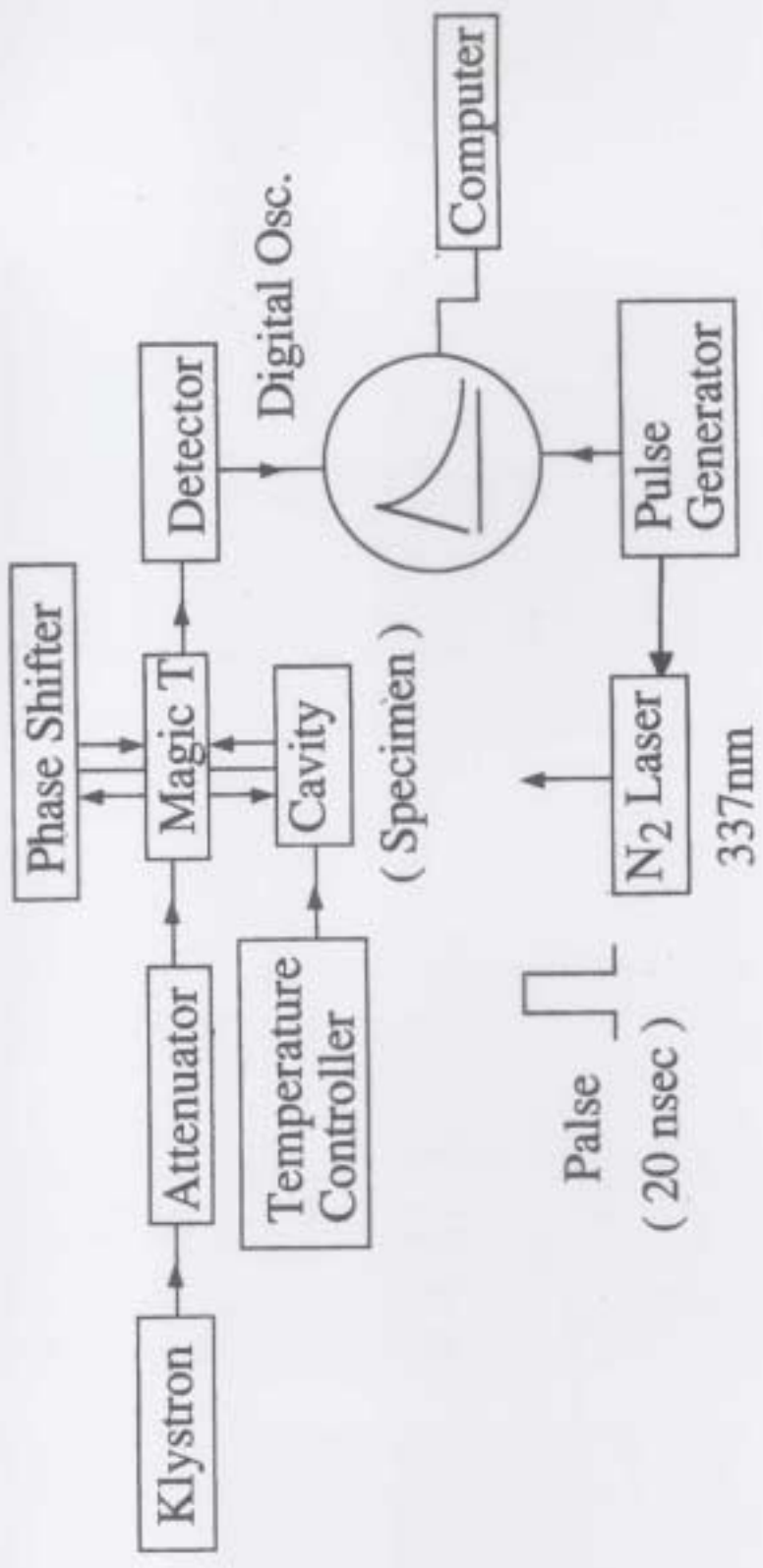


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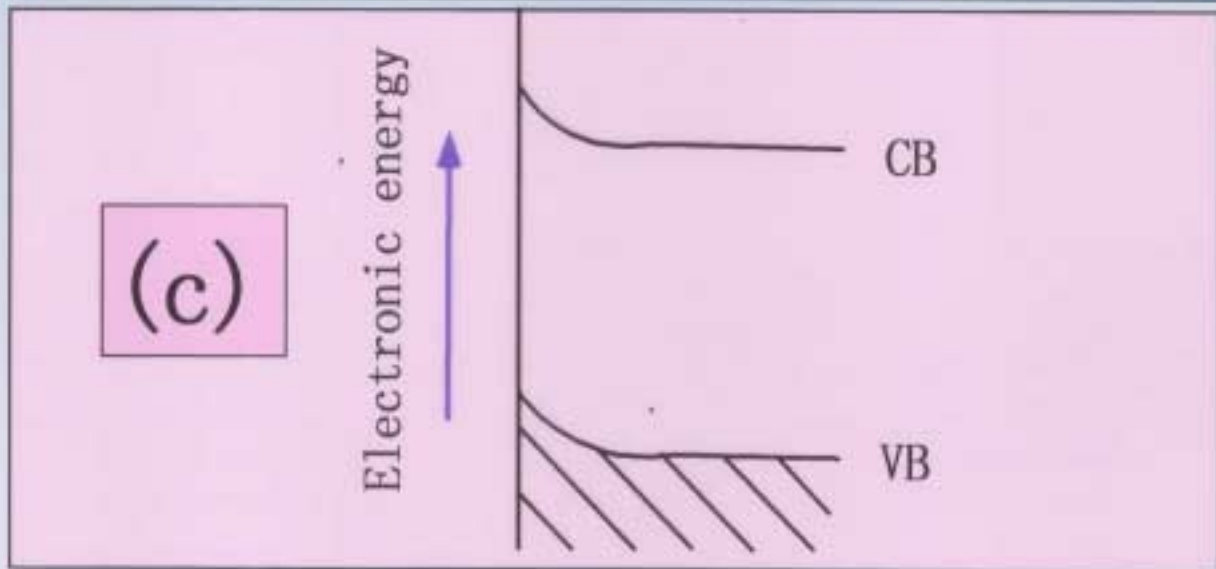
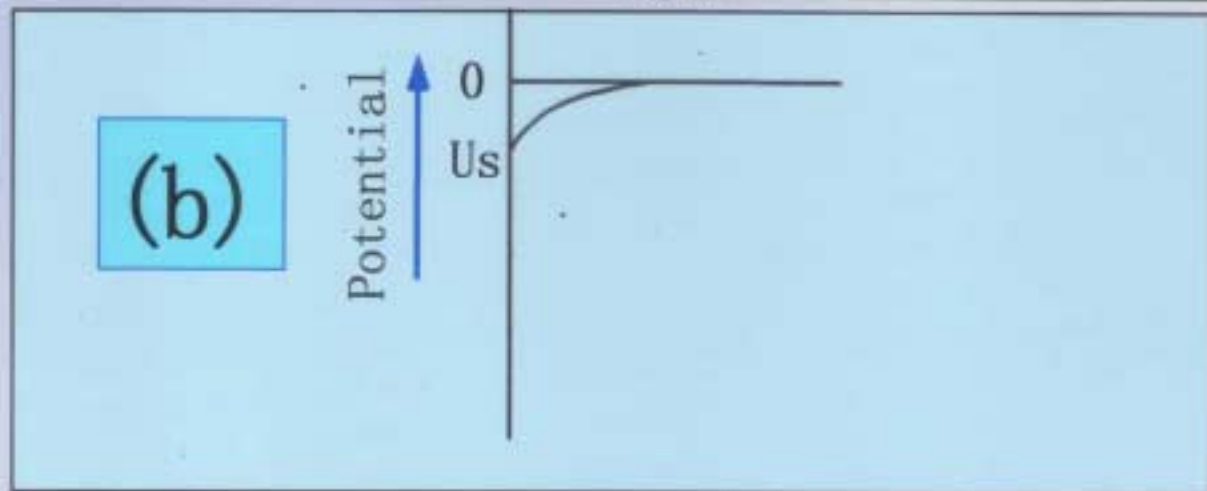
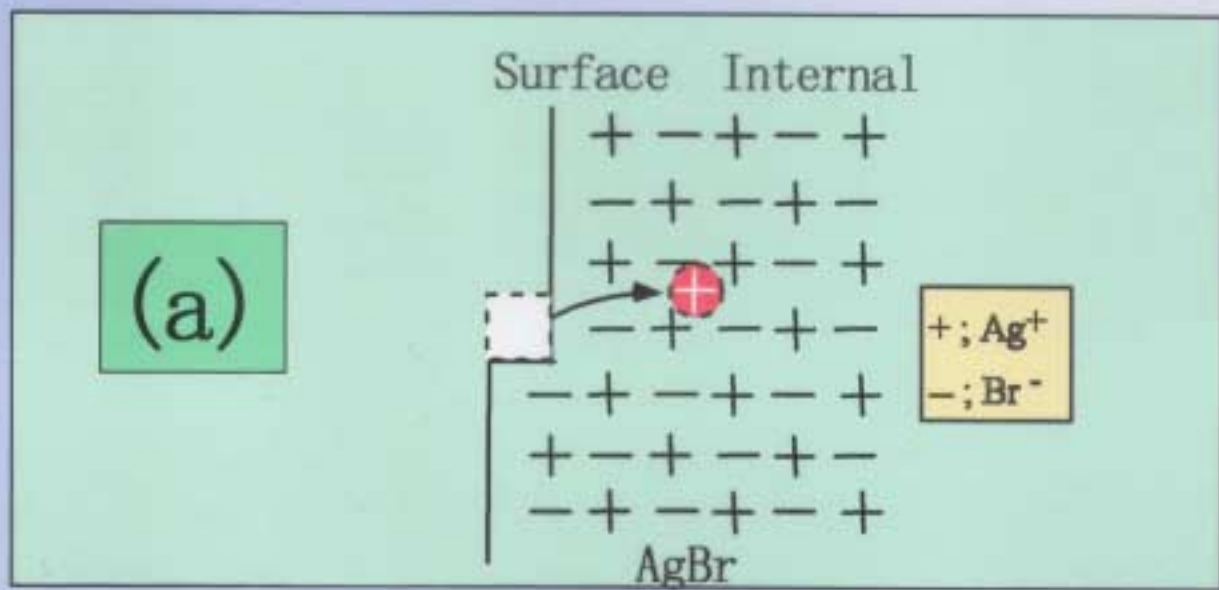


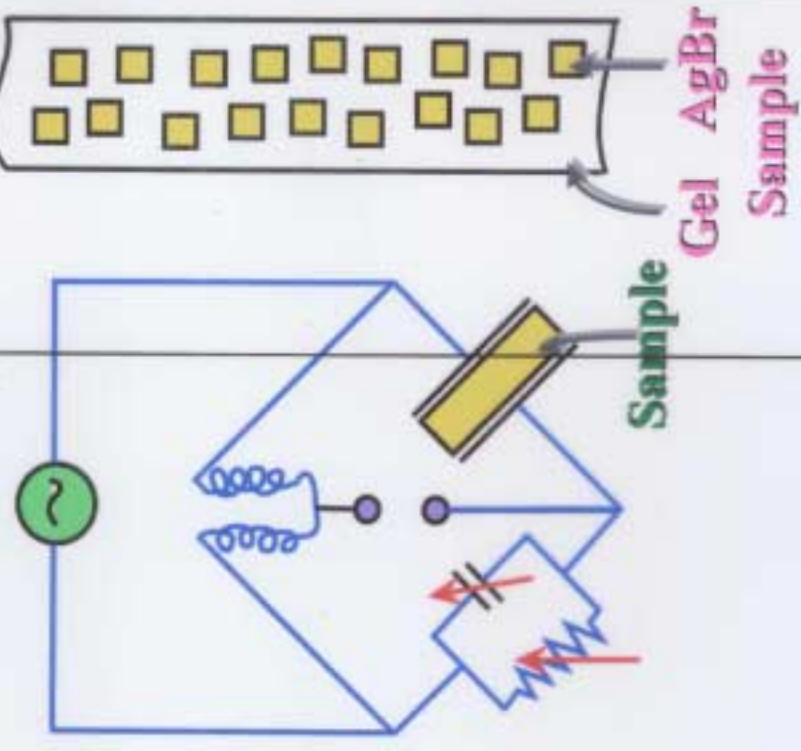
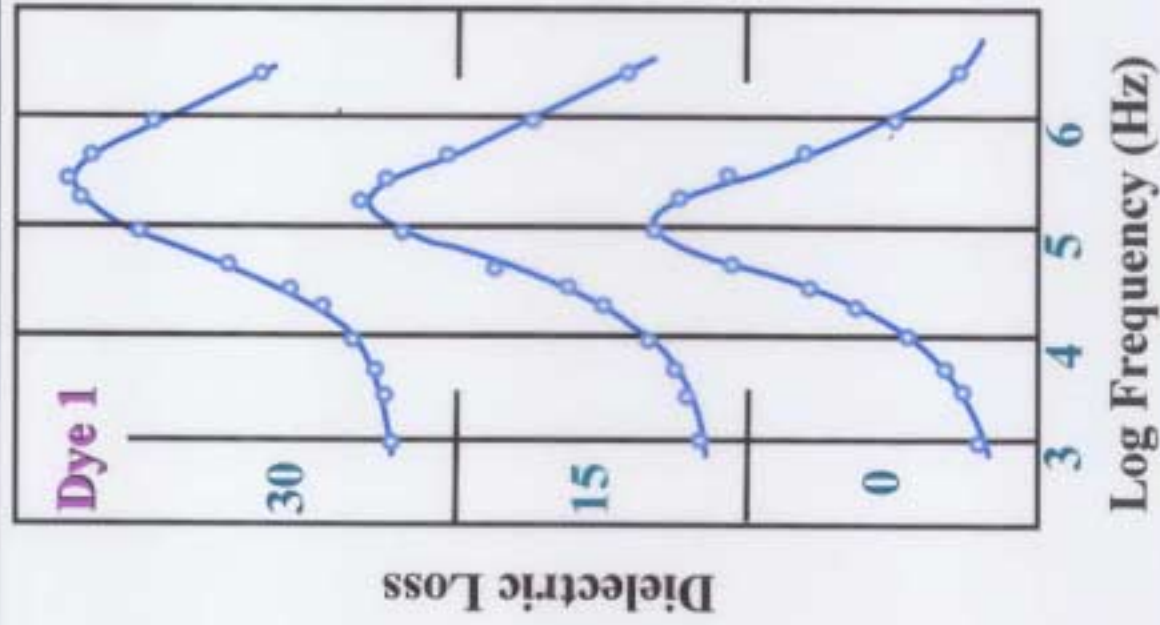
Developed silver



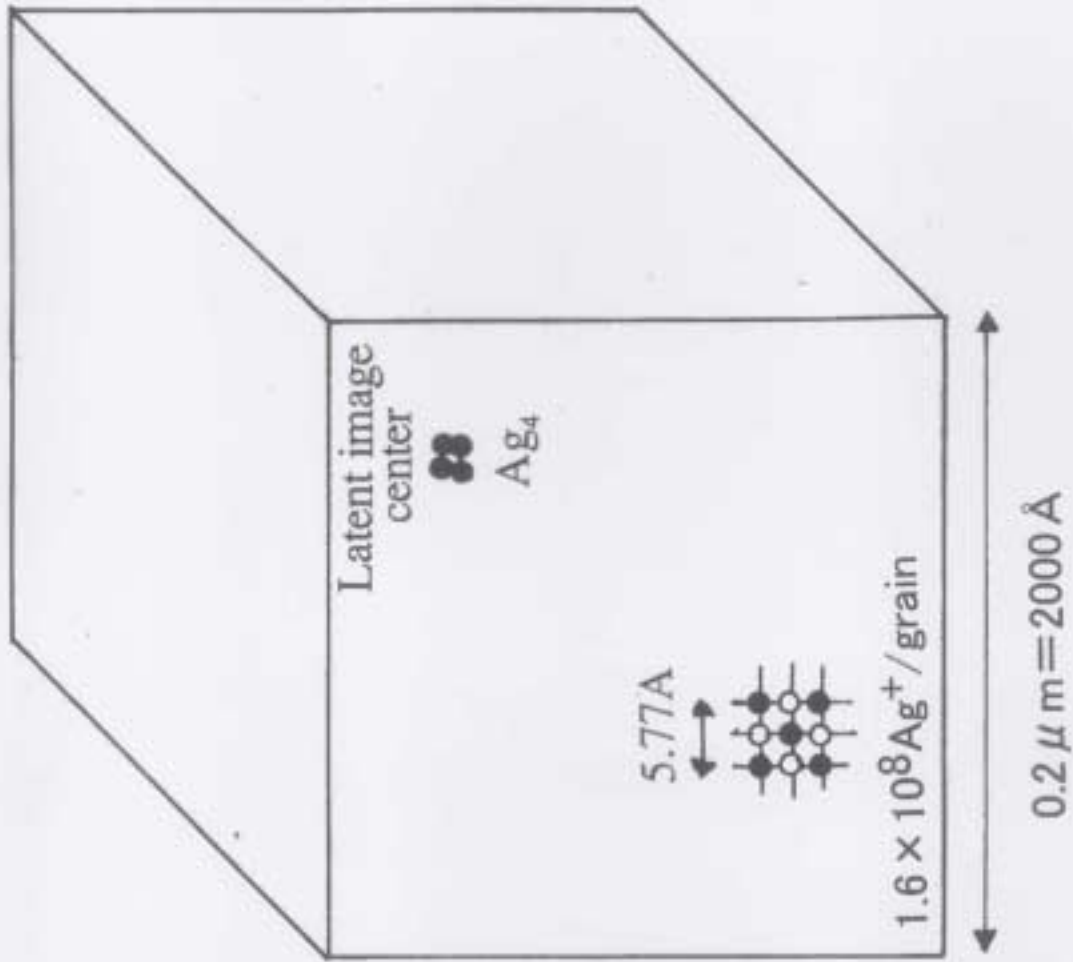


Block diagram of an apparatus for microwave photoconductivity measurements.



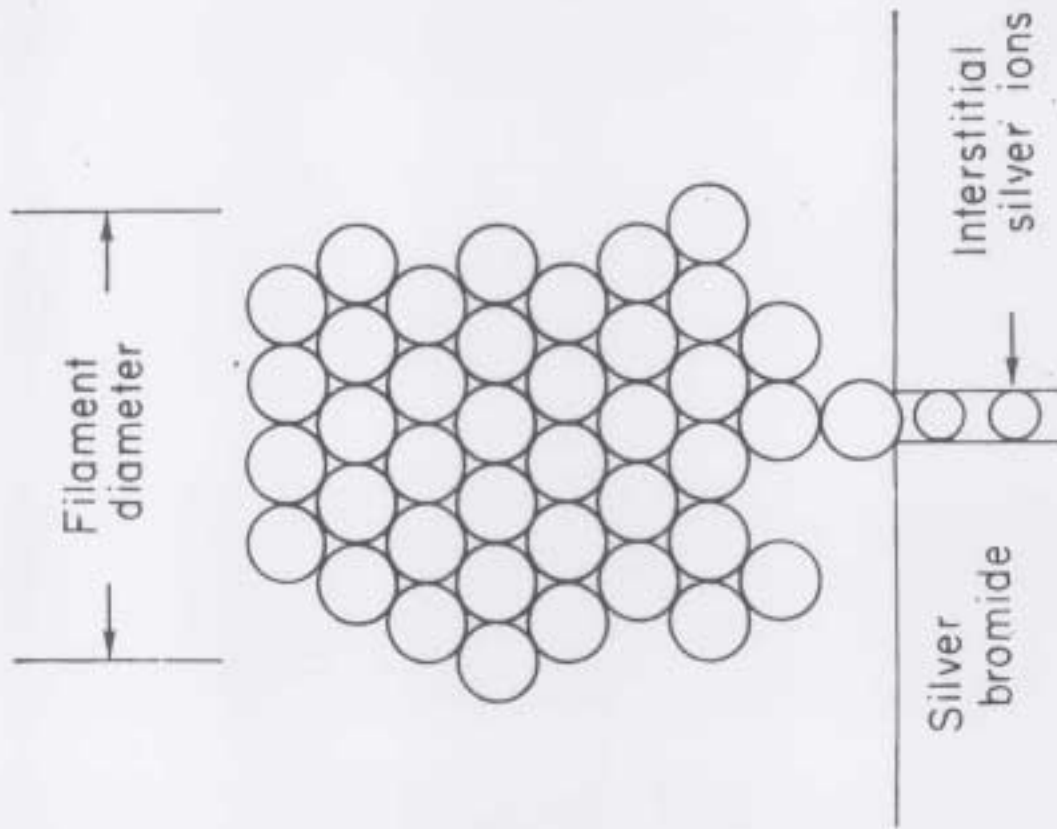


$$\delta_2 = f_{\max} \frac{\{\epsilon_{\infty} + (N-1)\epsilon'_1\}^2}{2q\epsilon'_1N}$$

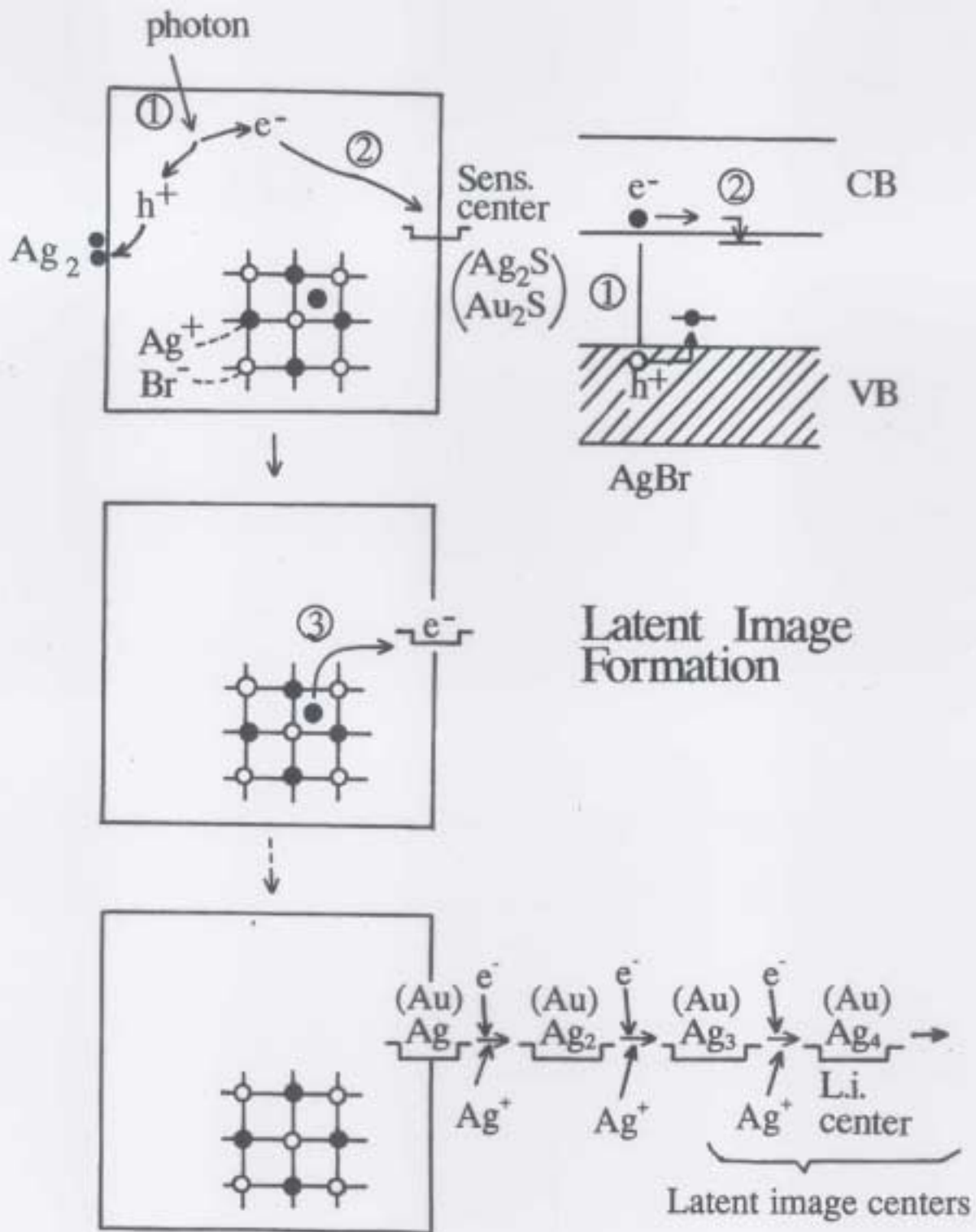


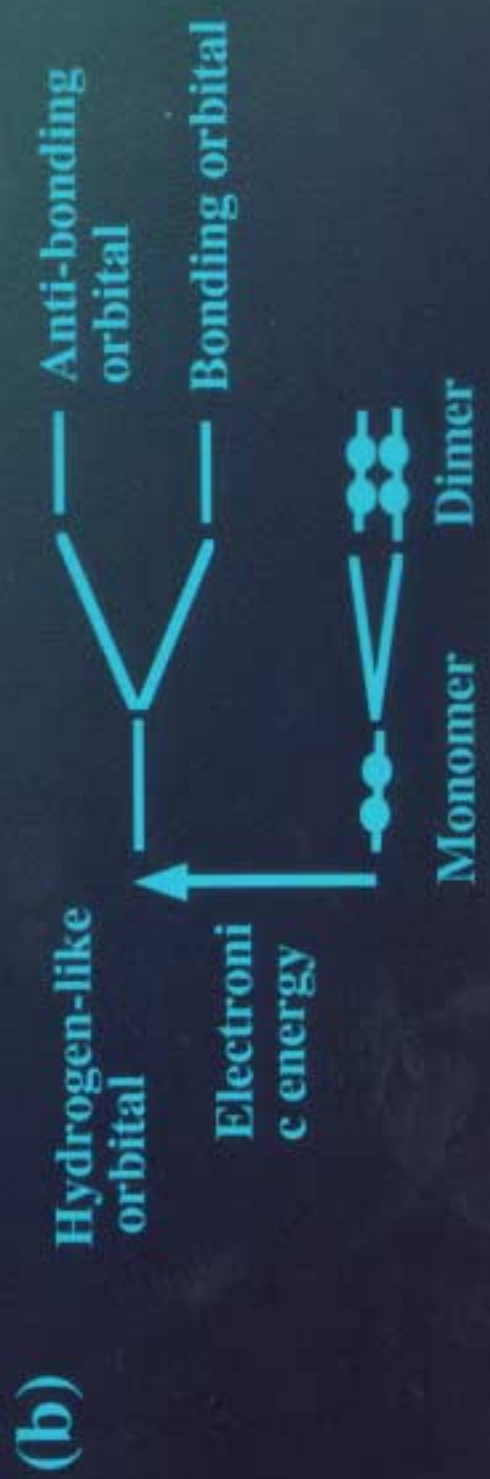
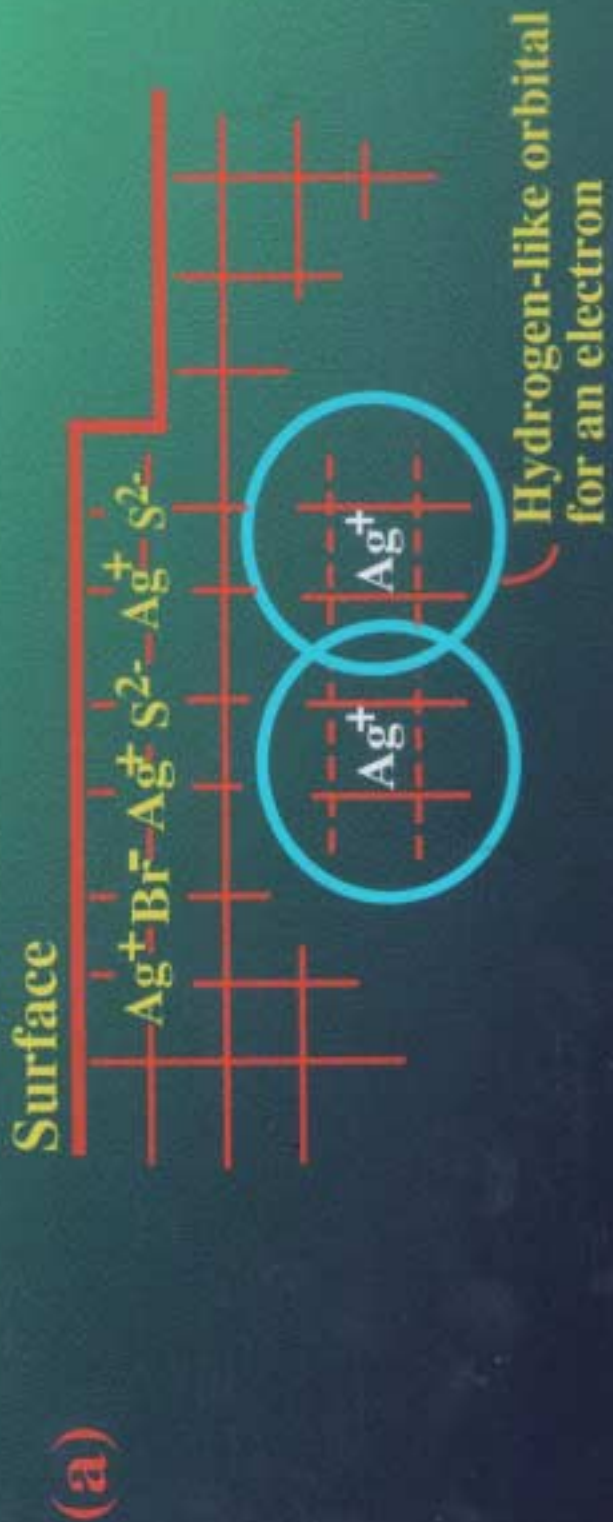


Filamentary silver produced by developing a photographic emulsion.

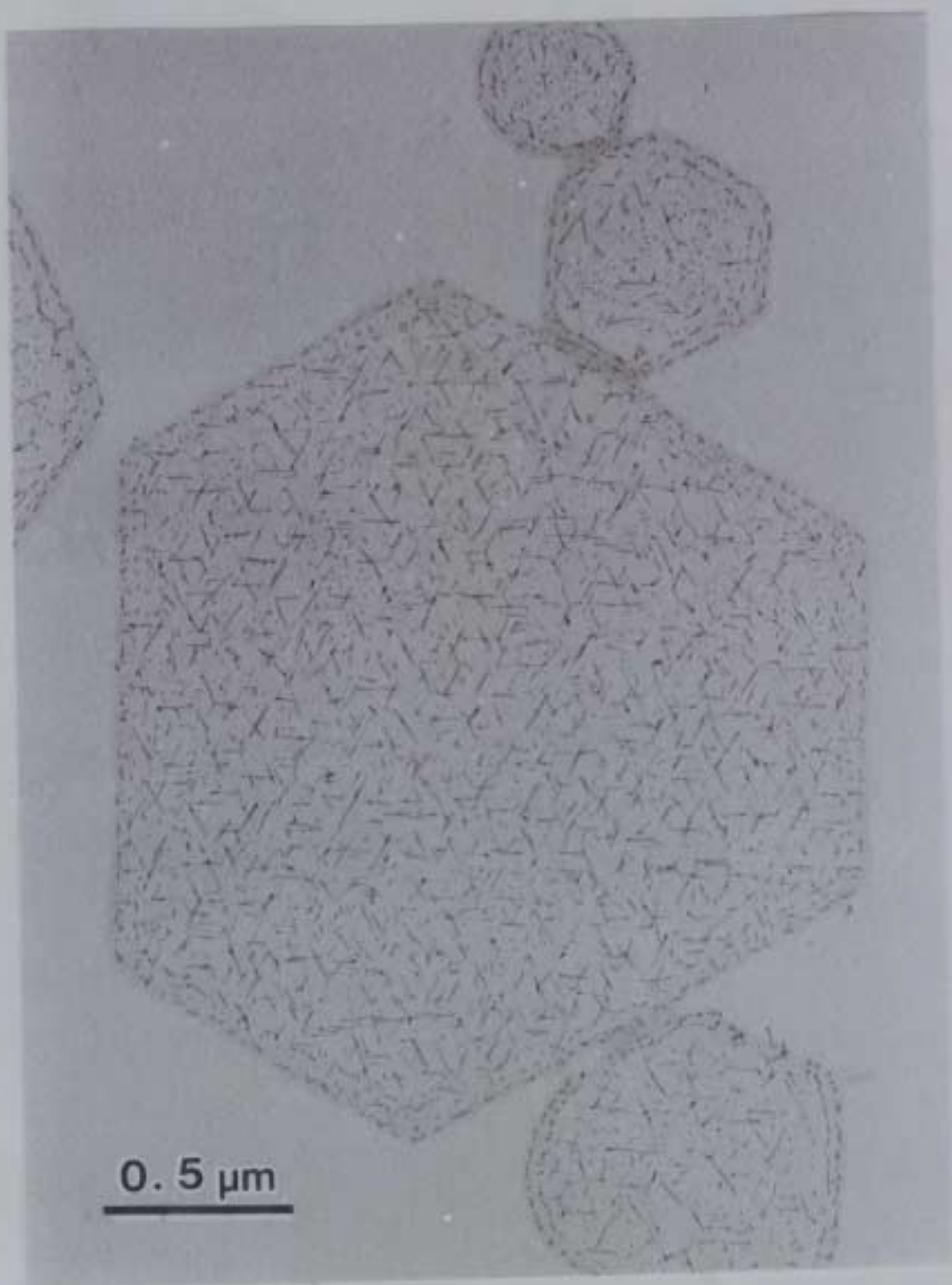


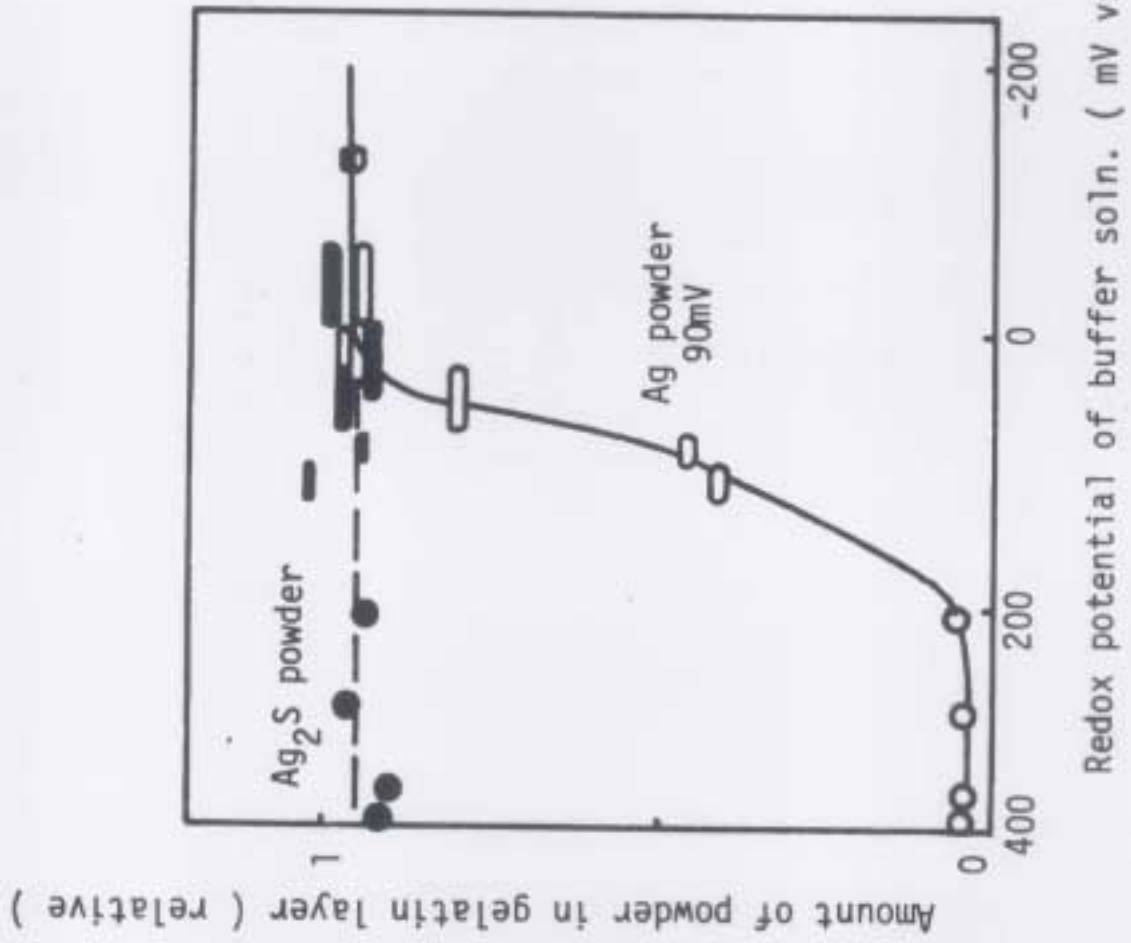
Metallic silver growing at an AgBr surface. The spherical particle becomes elongated when the diameter of the sphere grows too large for the silver to diffuse over the whole sphere in the time available. Typical 200 Å filaments are about 70 atoms wide.



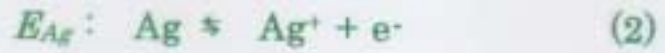










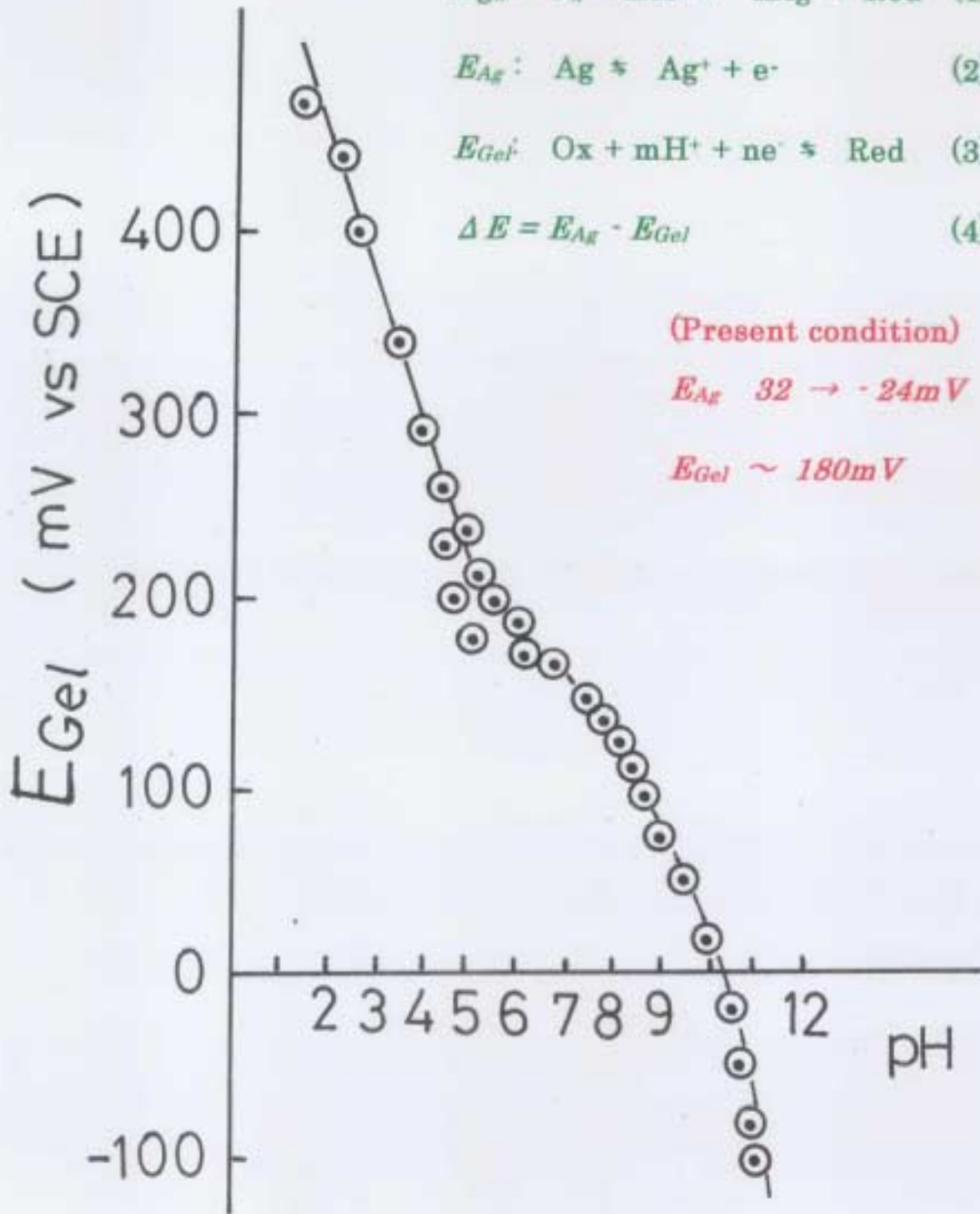


$$\Delta E = E_{\text{Ag}} - E_{\text{Gel}} \quad (4)$$

(Present condition)

$$E_{\text{Ag}} \quad 32 \rightarrow -24\text{mV}$$

$$E_{\text{Gel}} \sim 180\text{mV}$$



## **The Smallest Latent Image Center**

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### **<Evaluation > 3 atoms**

**Babcock & James (1975) with S+Au+H<sub>2</sub>**

**Mitchell (1978) with theoretical calc.**

**Granzer, Moisar, Woeste et al. (1985) with Ag<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>**

**Hailstone & Hamilton (1985-88) with simulation.**

### **<Ultimate limit > 2 atoms(Au<sub>2</sub>)**

**Mitchell (1978) with theoretical calc.**

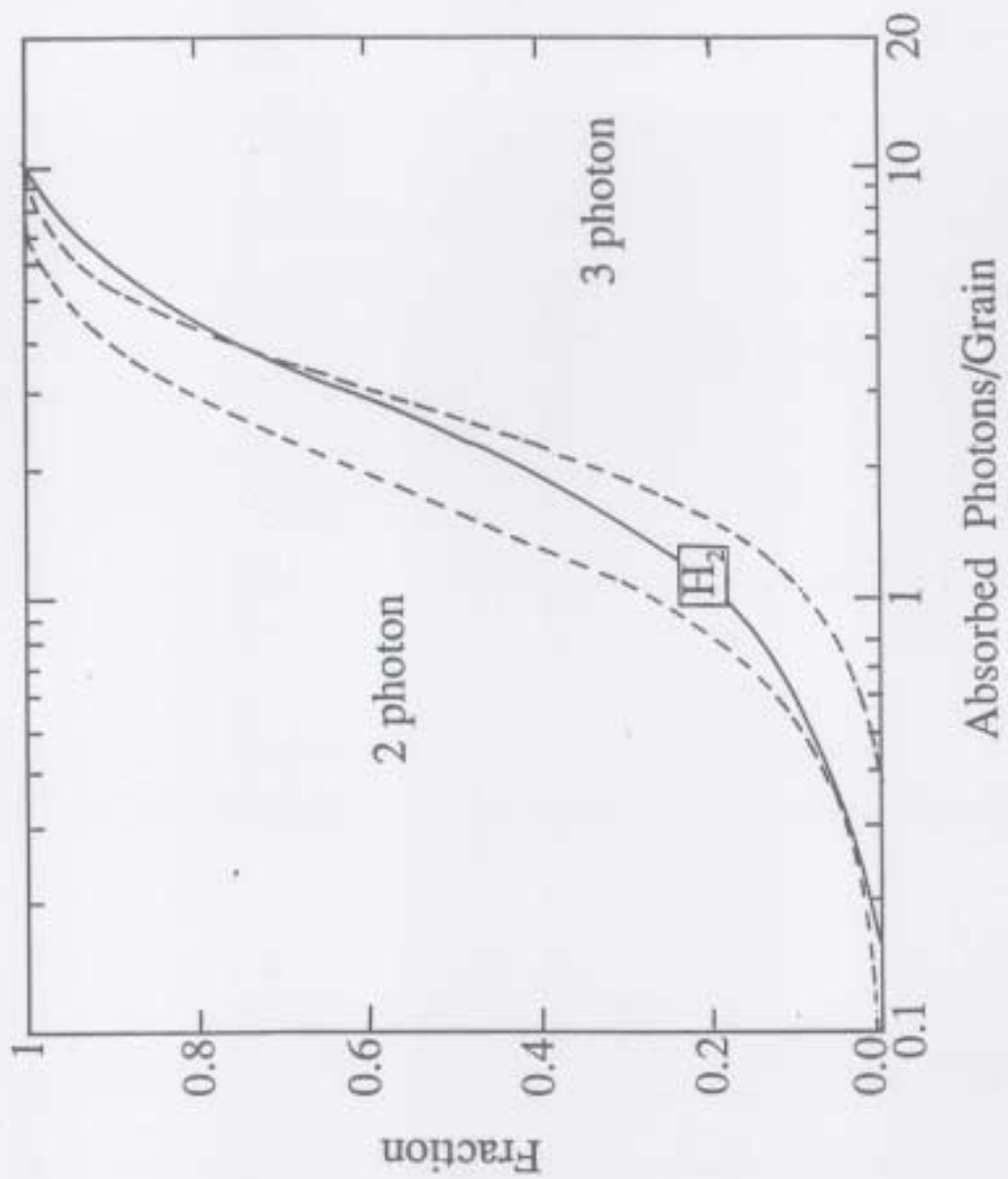
**Tani et al. (1995) with gold-latensified Ag<sub>2</sub>.**

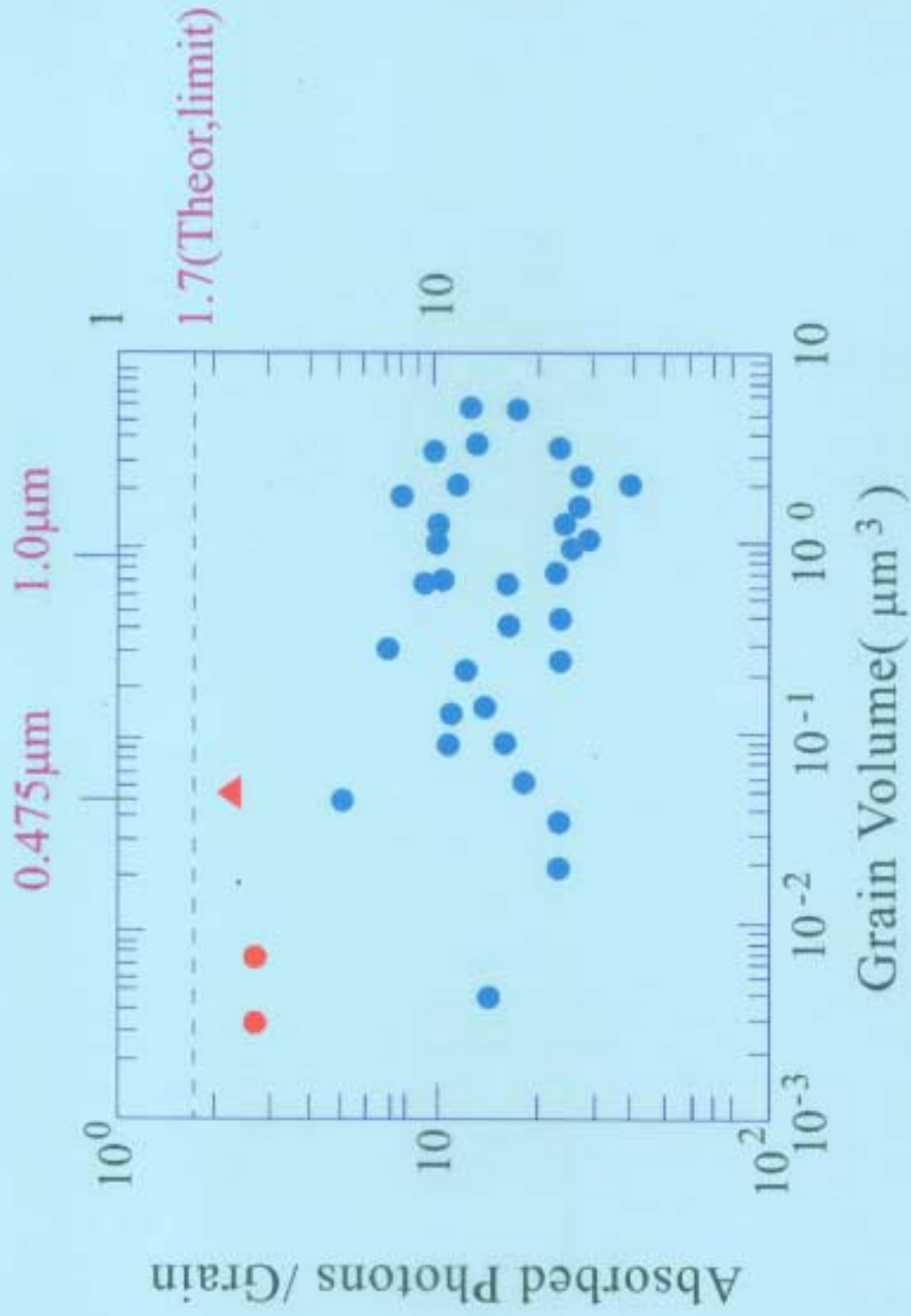
### **<Single-photon system >**

**Formation of Au<sub>2</sub> by a single photon absorption  
and Lowe's process**

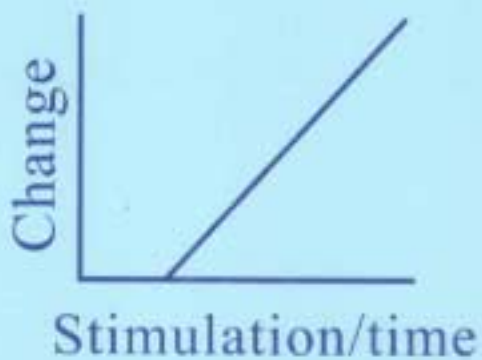
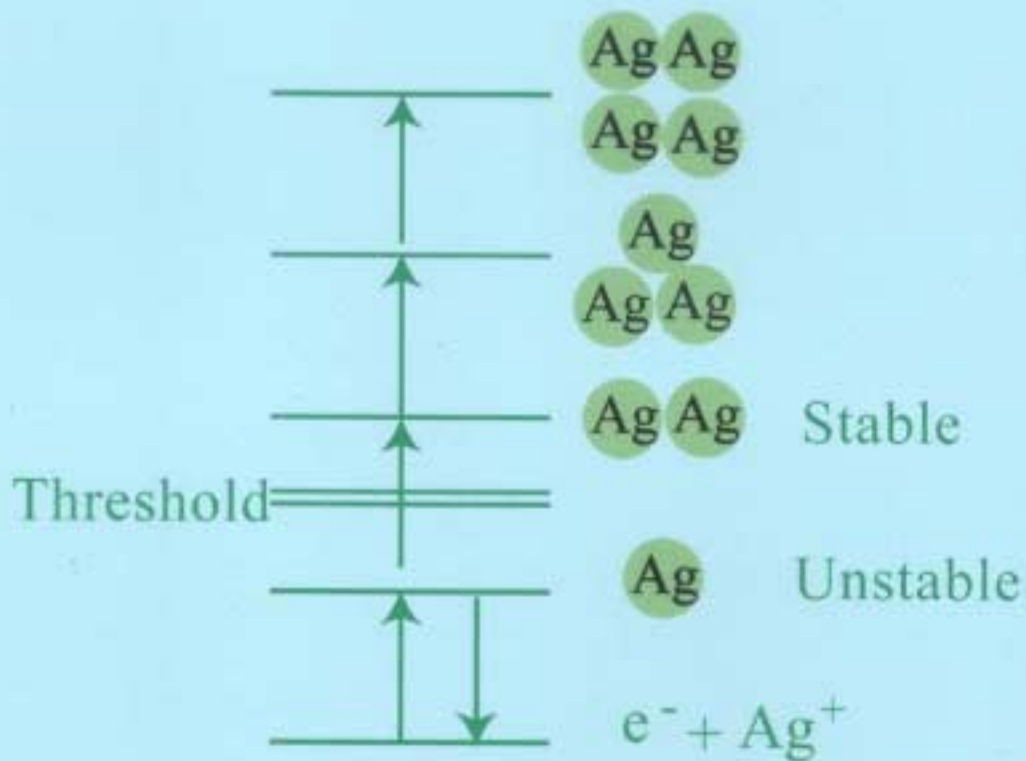
**Hailstone (1994)**

**Takada (1997)**





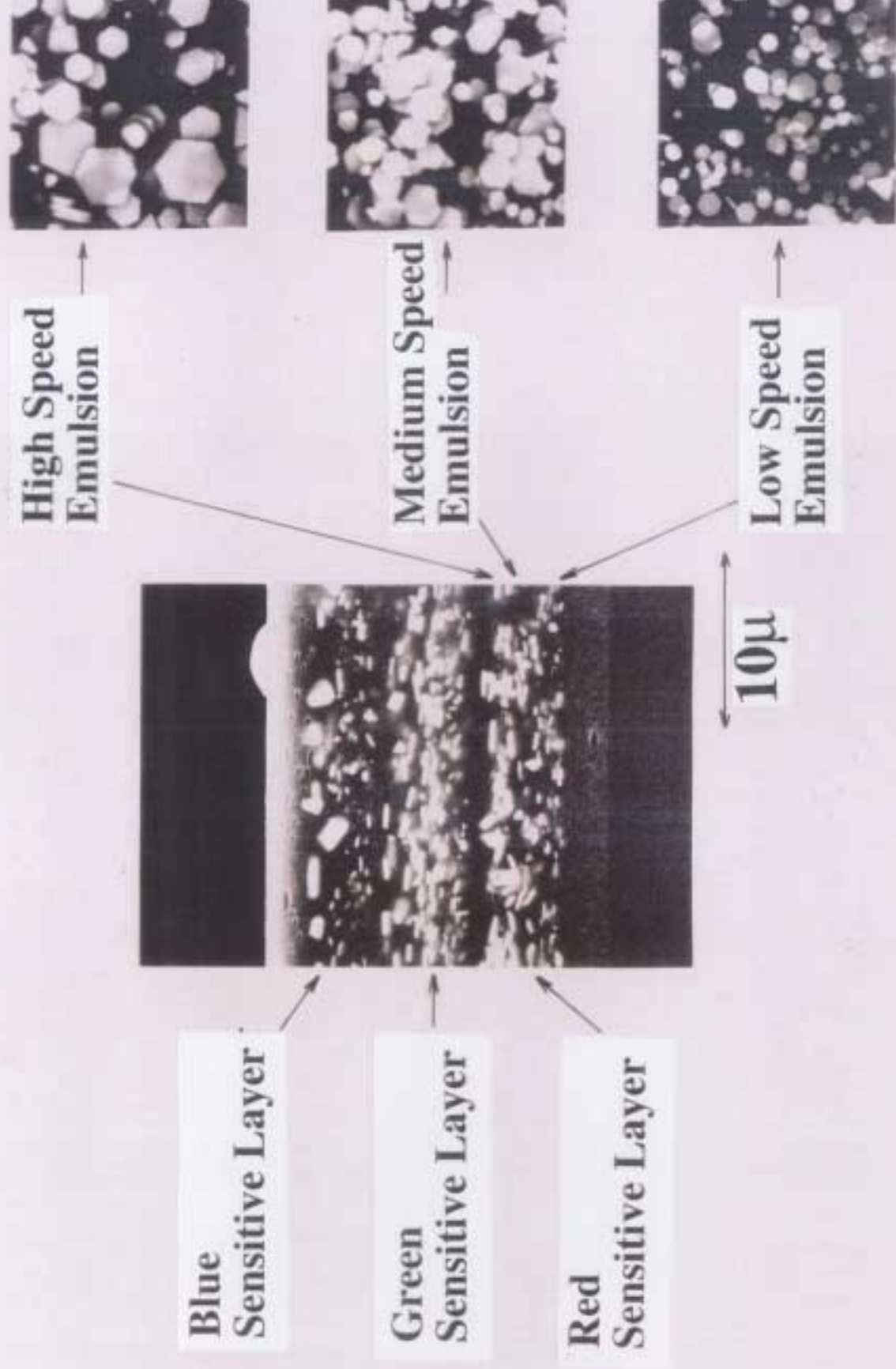
R.K.Hailstone et al., 1988



<Silver halide photo.> <Non-silver photo>

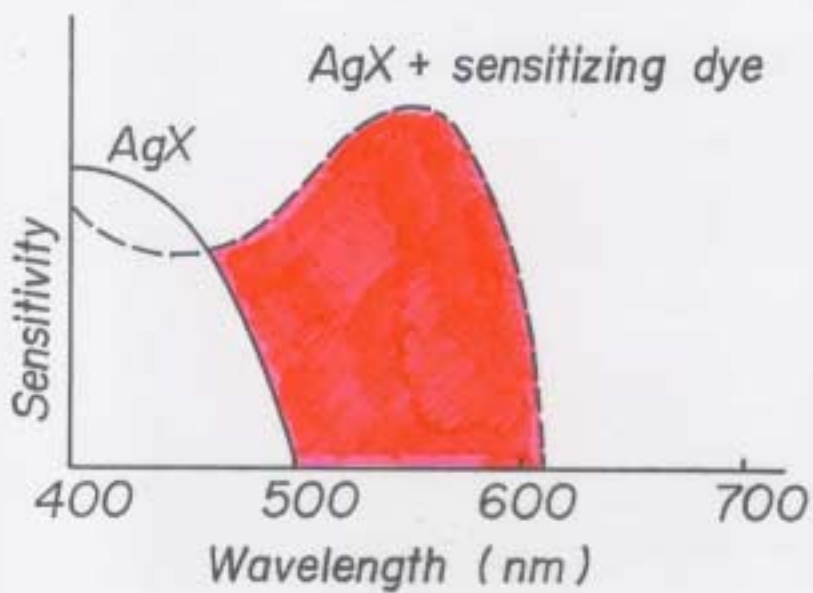
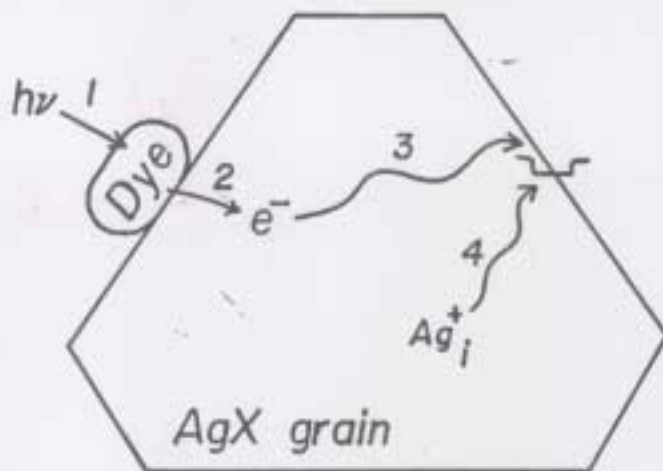
Threshold for Latent Image Formation



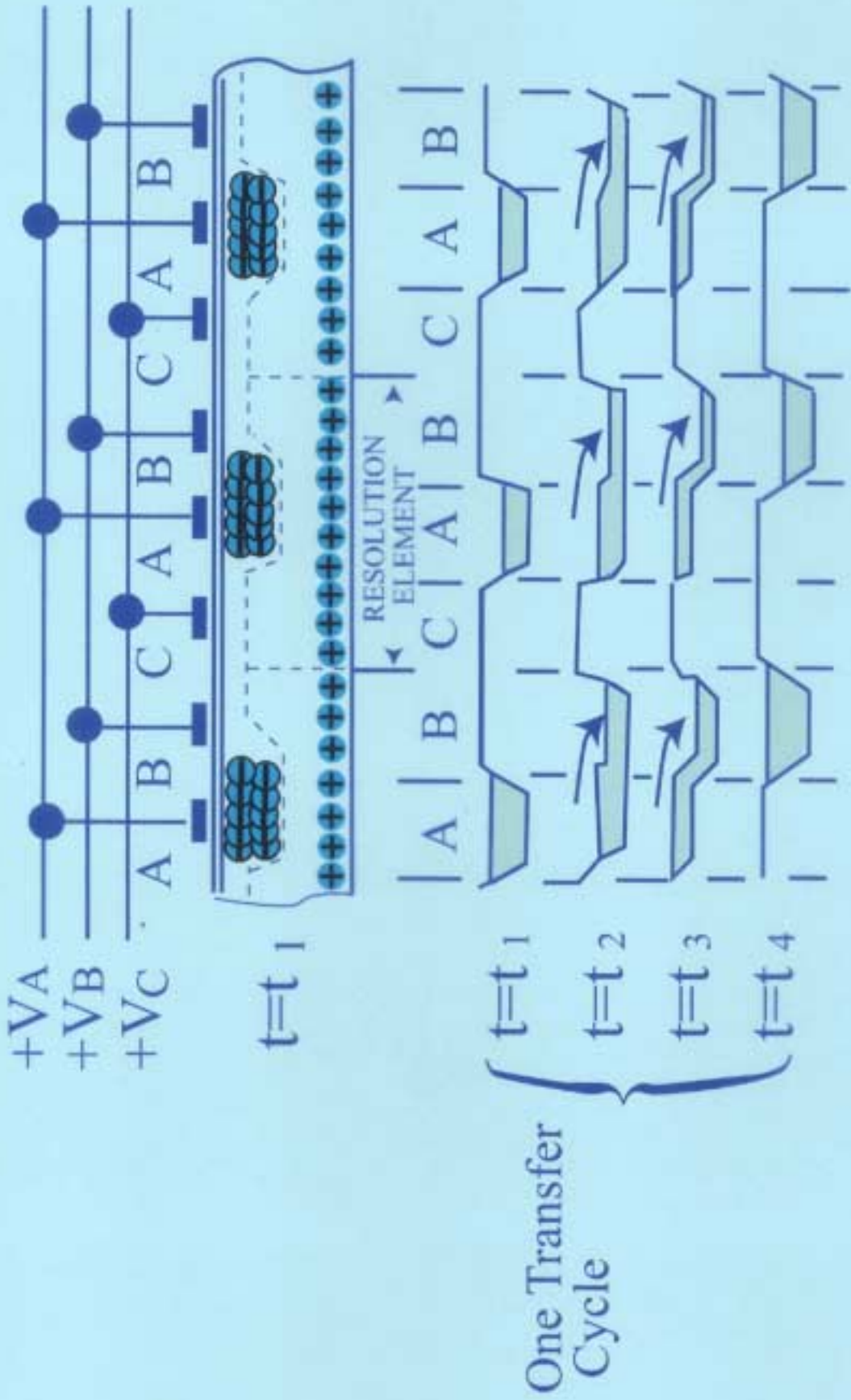


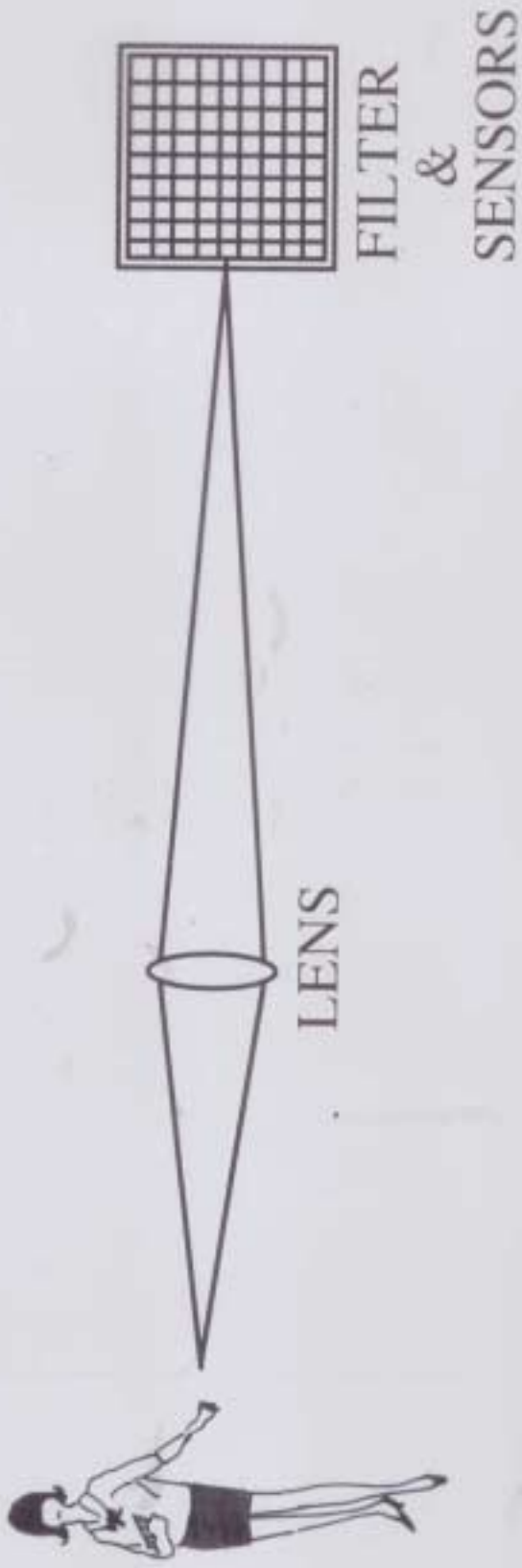
**Scanning electron micrographs of a section of a color negative film (Super G400) and some halide grains used in it.**

## Spectral Sensitization



# CHARGE COUPLED DEVICE





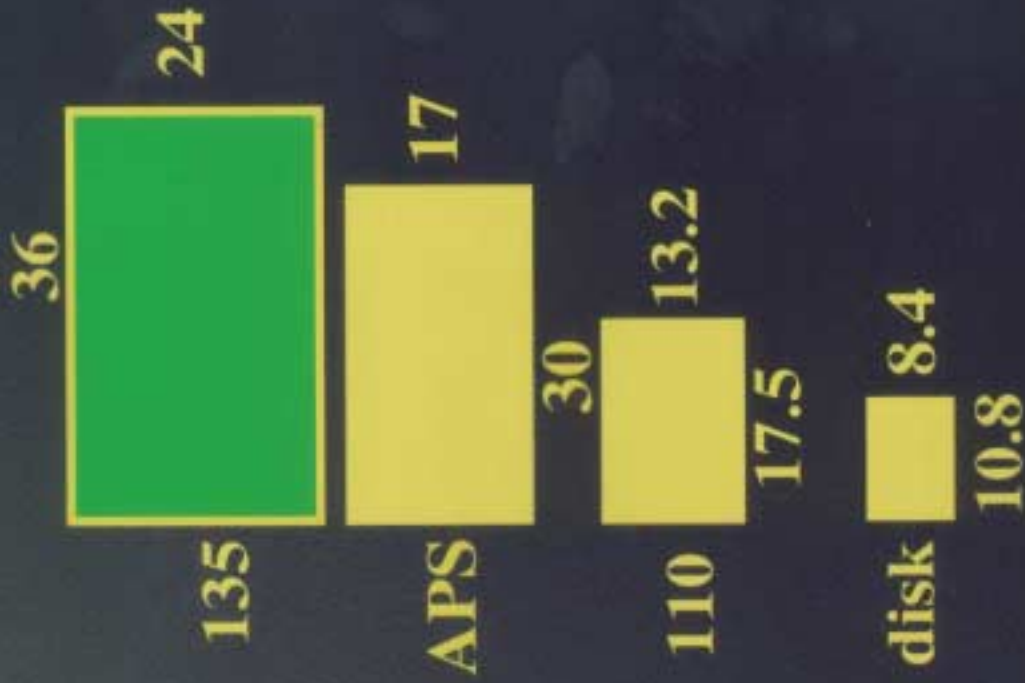
The sensor and filter geometry will be assumed to be a pattern such as :



# CCD



# FILM



The reduction of the sensitivity to high-energy radiations without deteriorating light sensitivity is one of the most important problems for the development of color films, and should be achieved

(1) by using large amount of sensitizing dyes,

(2) by using AgX grains with large specific surface area such as tabular grains,

(3) by using AgX grains with appropriate high-intensity reciprocity law failure such as heavily sulfur-sensitized grains and grains without transient traps for photoelectrons, and

(4) by using AgX grains with appropriate concentration of interstitial silver ions



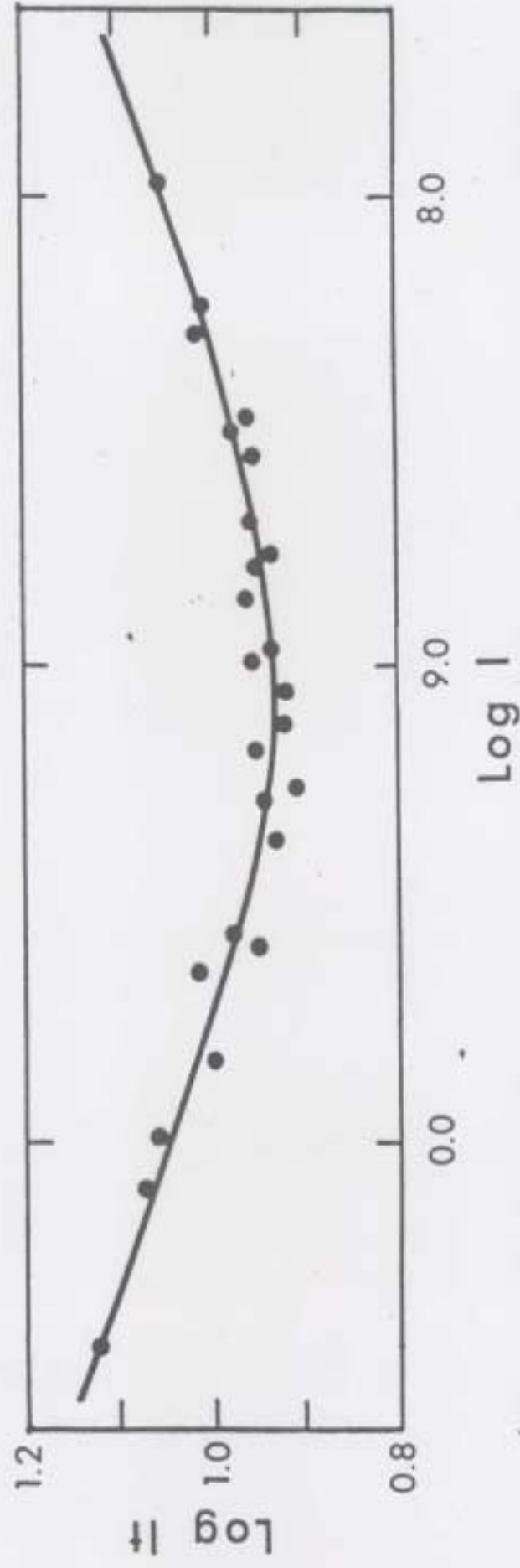


FIG. 7.1. A reciprocity curve of an emulsion showing both high-intensity and low-intensity reciprocity failure.



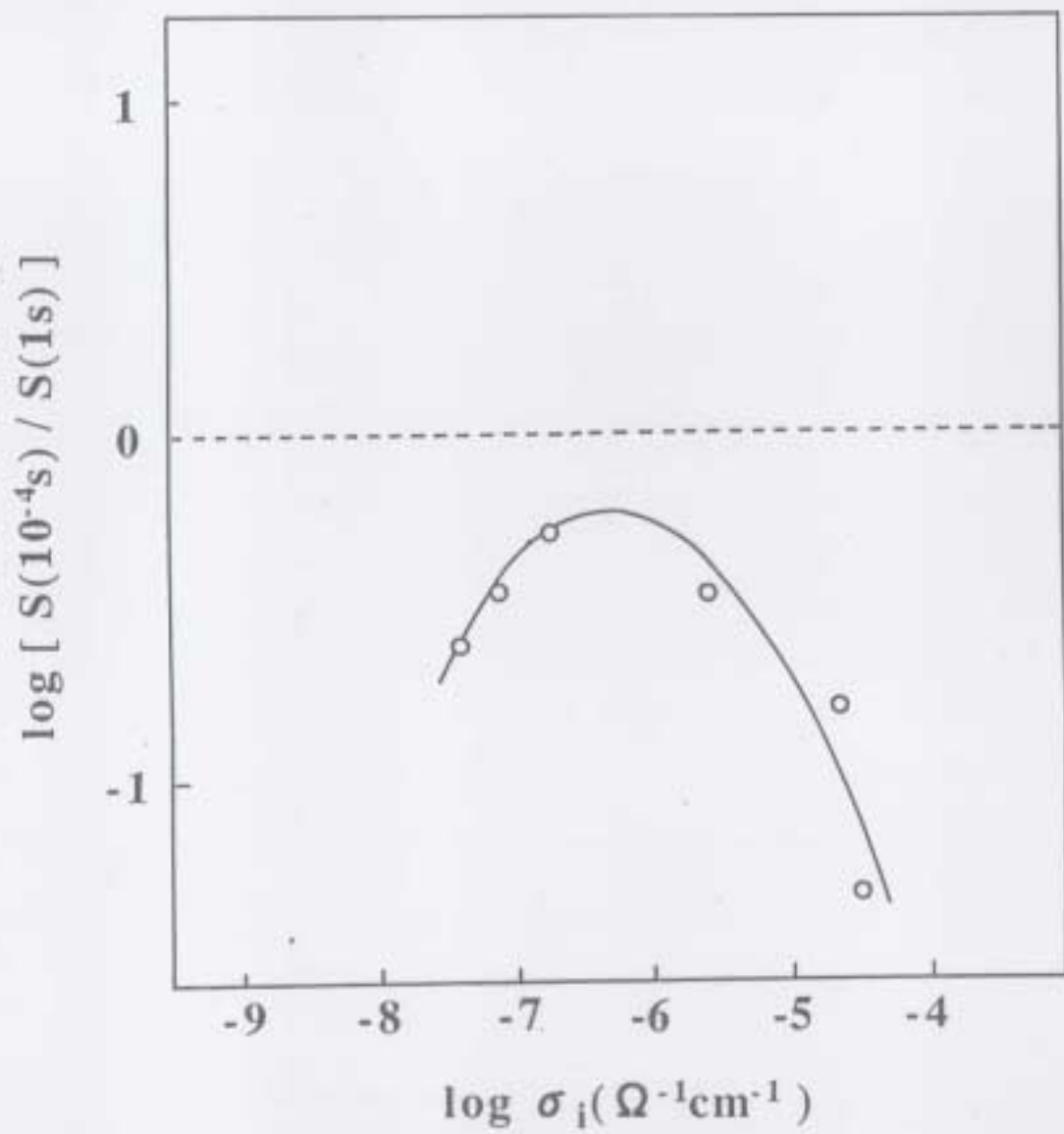


Figure 5

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## To meet the requirements for a Nuclear Emulsion

1. Large frame area – Random arrangement and independent response of many fine AgX grains.
2. Three dimensions – Dispersion of transparent AgX grains in gelatin matrix
3. High sensitivity – Highly efficient formation and large degree of catalytic activity (amplification) of a latent image center
4. High stability on storage – Threshold for latent image formation
5. High resolution – Small and monodispersed AgX grains with high sensitivity
6. Ability to be reset – Discrimination of oxidation between Ag fog centers and Ag<sub>2</sub>S sensitization centers by wet gelatin and oxygen