

Figure 4.1

Subtracting images: detecting differences.

(a) SEM micrograph, re-sized using bicubic interpolation;

(b) SEM micrograph, re-sized using nearest neighbor interpolation;

(c) difference image (a) - (b), Grayscale result, histogram of difference image;

(d) difference image (a) - (b), Real result, histogram of difference image.

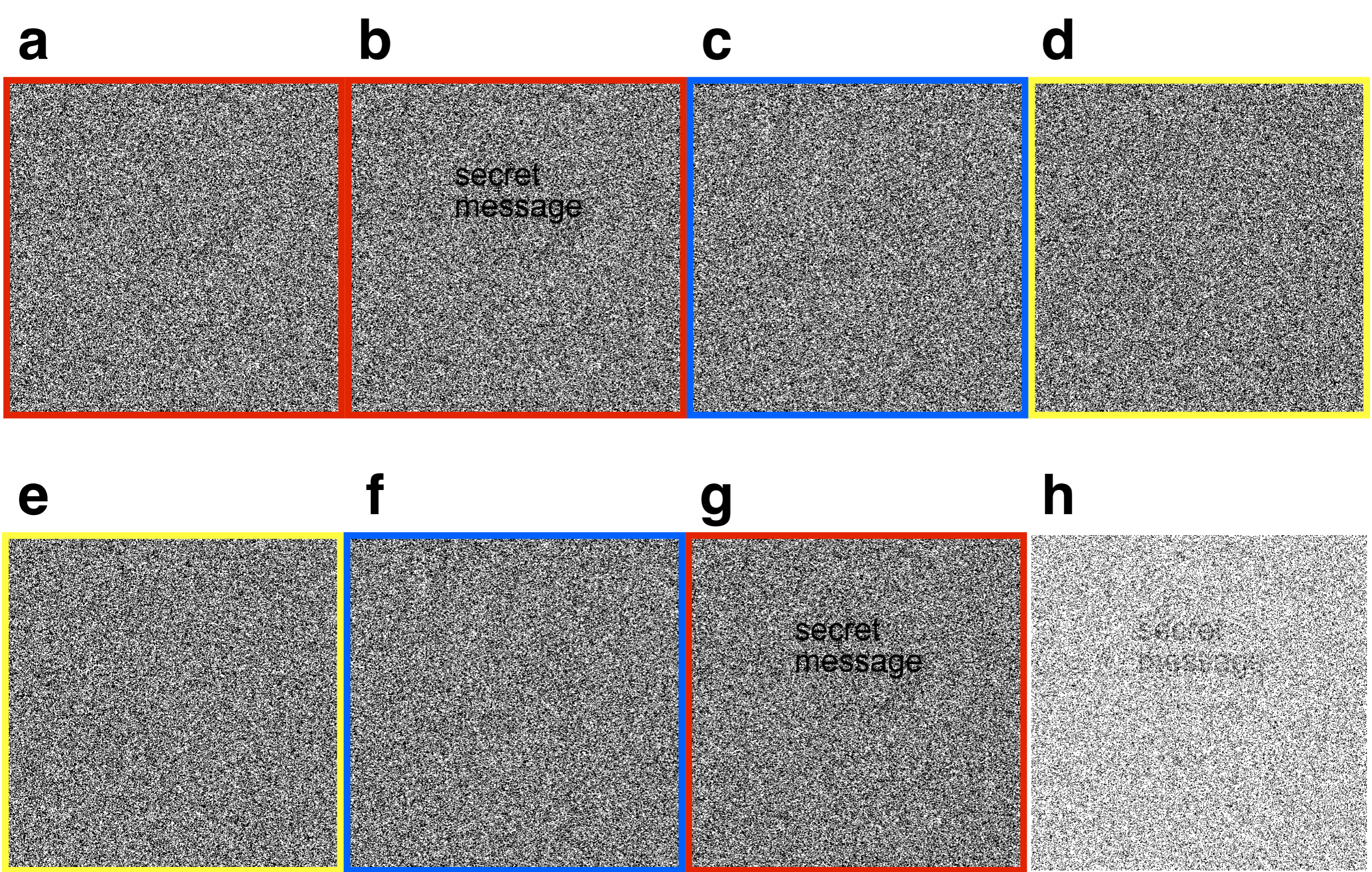


Figure 4.2

Combining images: hiding information in random noise.

Coding process:

(a) image 1 of random noise; (b) text written on image 1; (c) image 2 of random noise (\neq image 1); (d) XOR addition of (b) and (c), result = random noise.

Decoding process:

(e) same as (d) = secret message; (f) same as (c) = key; (g) XOR addition of (e) and (f); (h) subtraction: (e) $-$ (f).

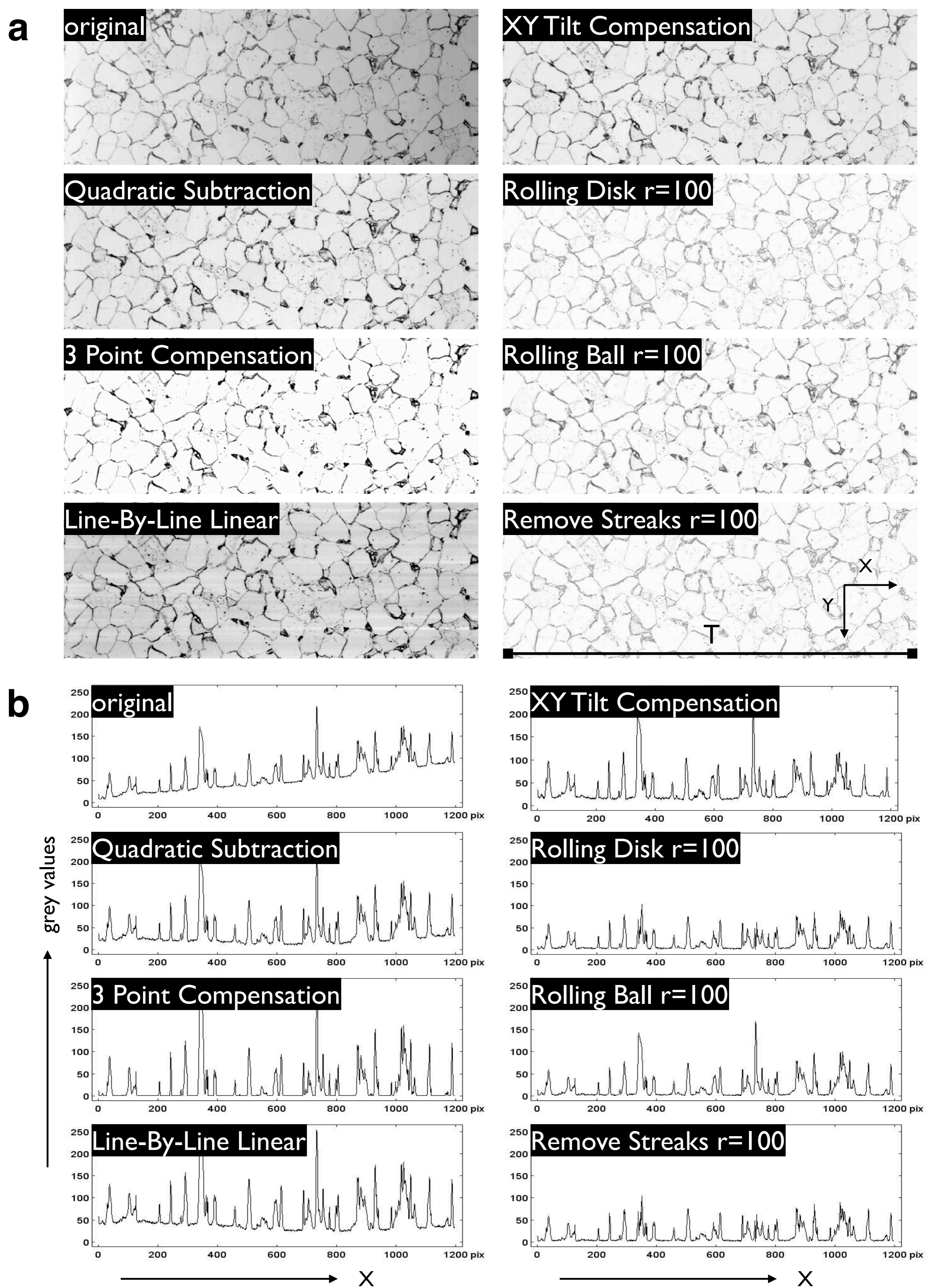


Figure 4.3

Background correction for oblique lighting.

(a) Corrected images with T marking trace of profile, the profile is at the same position in each image;

(b) gray value profiles along T.

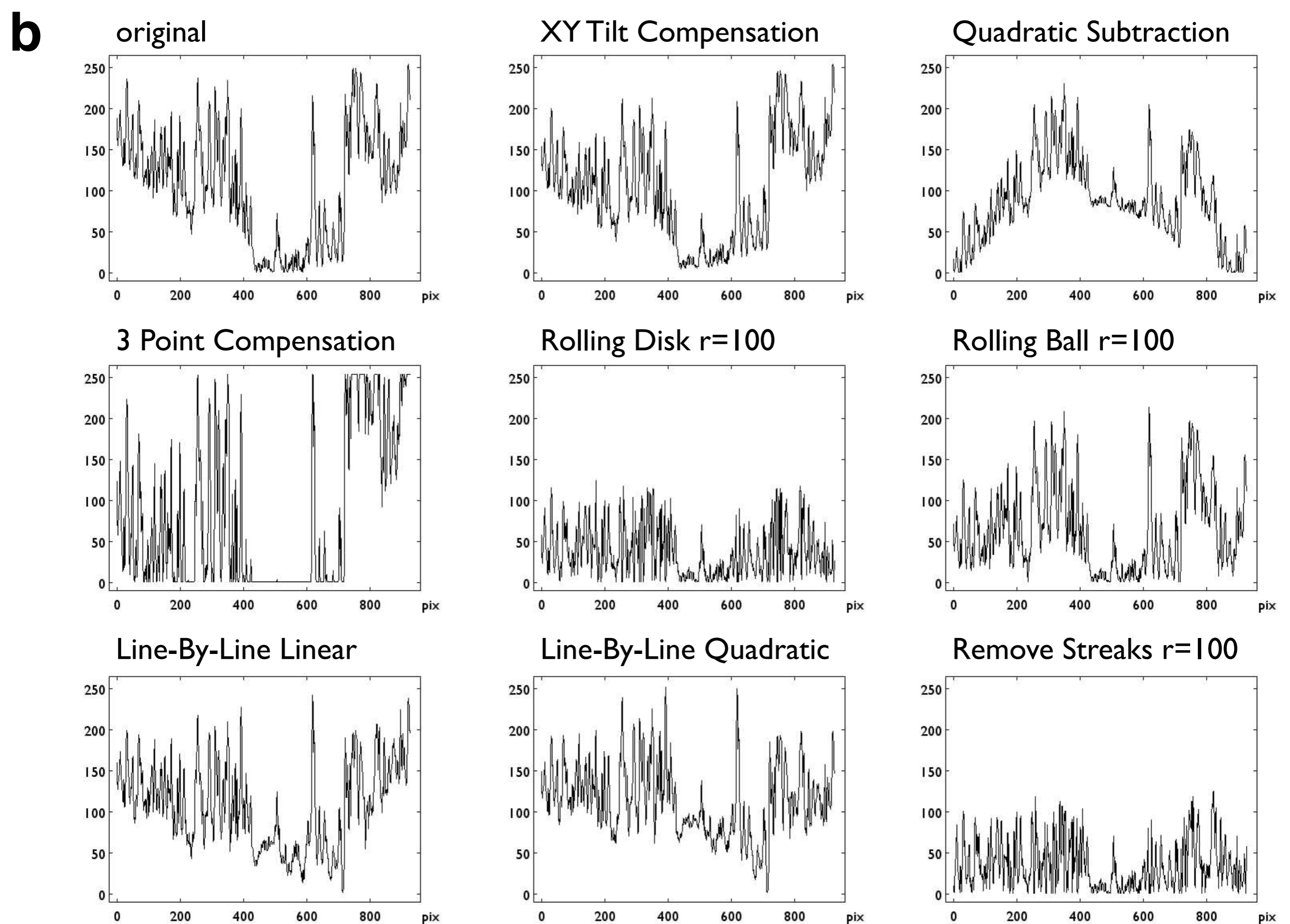
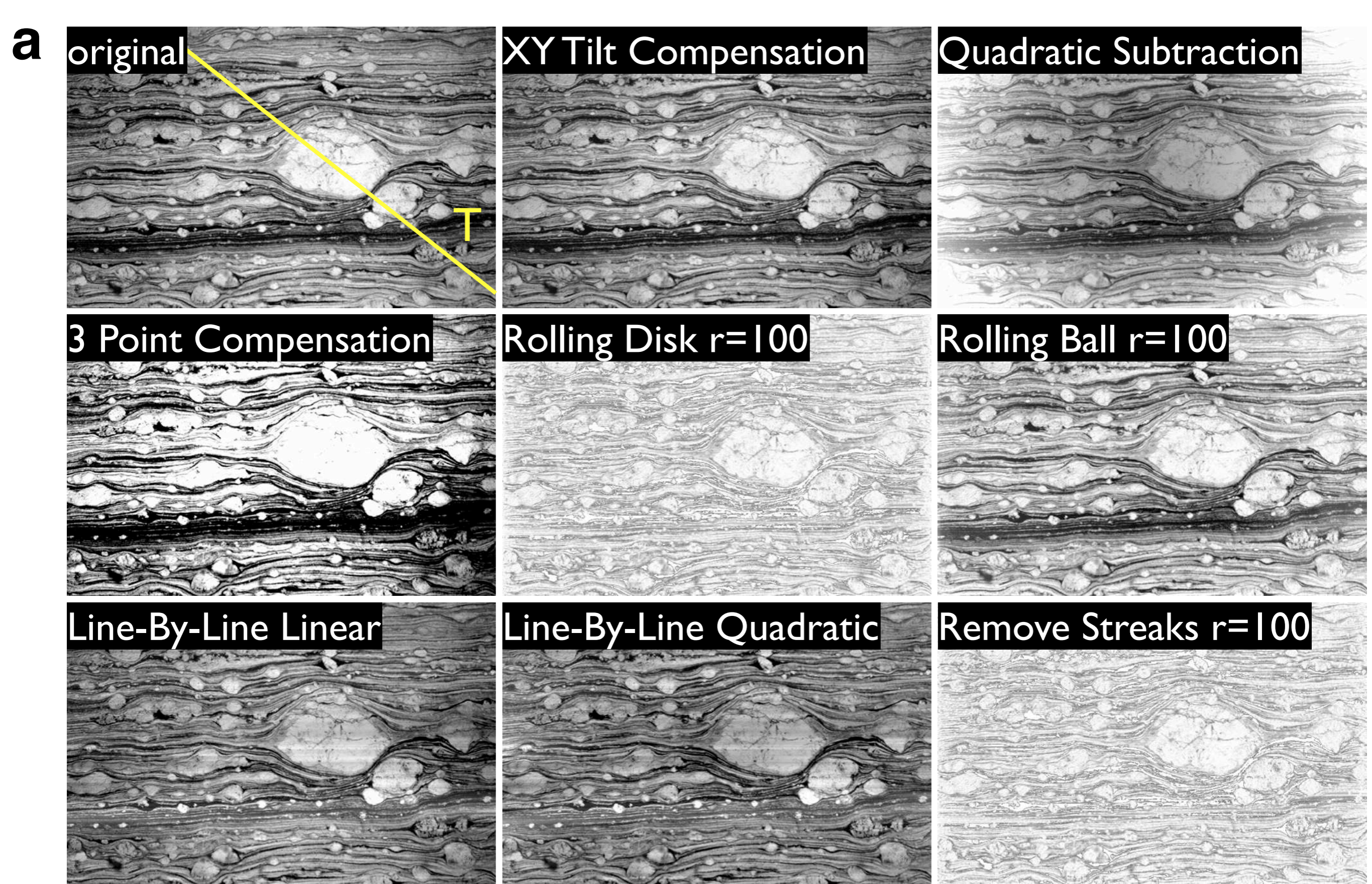


Figure 4.4

Background correction for central lighting.

(a) Corrected images with T marking trace of profiles, the profile is at the same position in each image;

(b) gray value profiles along T.

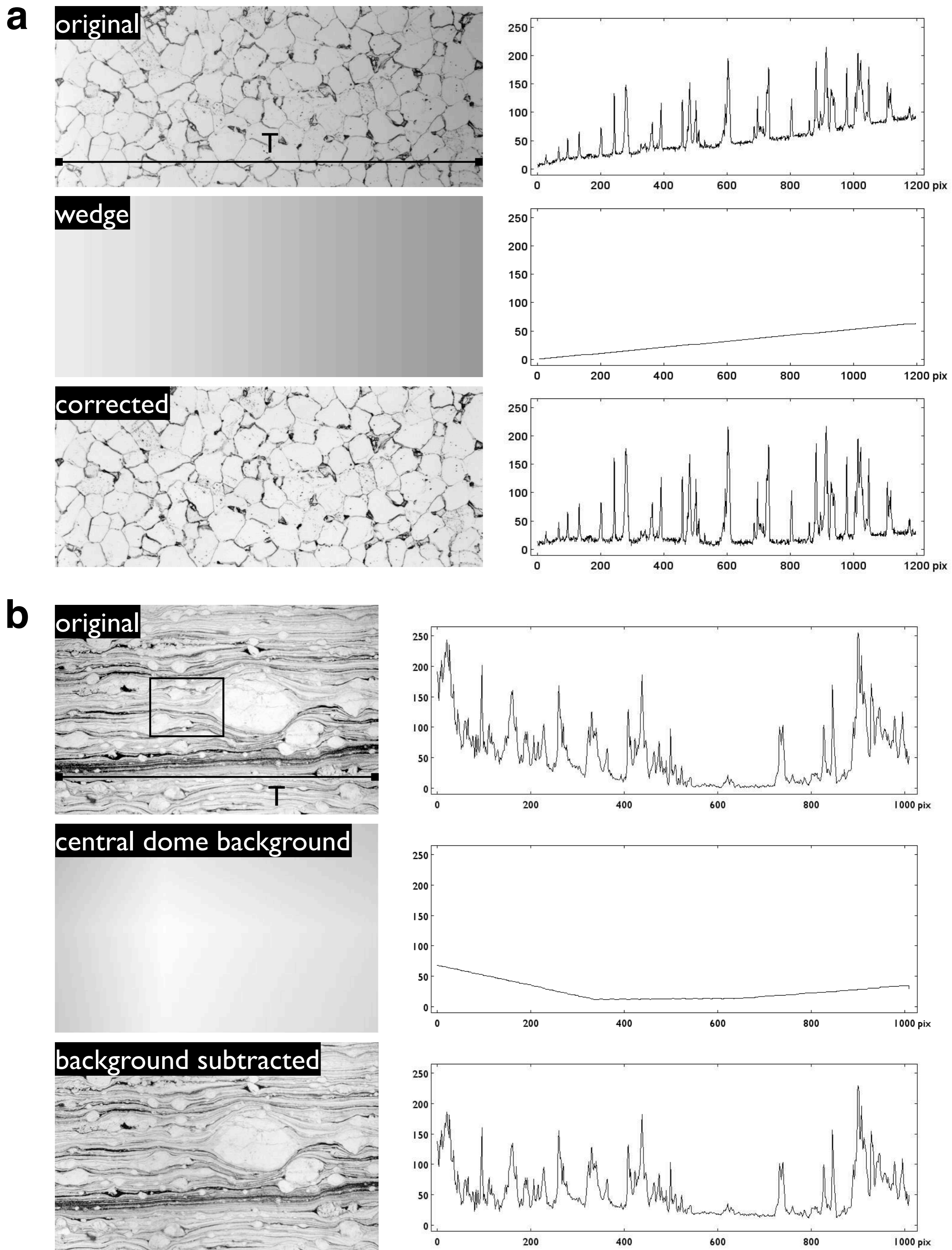


Figure 4.5

Background correction using model background.

Left: images with T marking trace of profiles; right: gray value profiles along T.

(a) A horizontal wedge is used to simulate oblique lighting from left;

(b) a central dome is used to simulate vignetting; a frame indicates the area that is used as the representative bright spot.

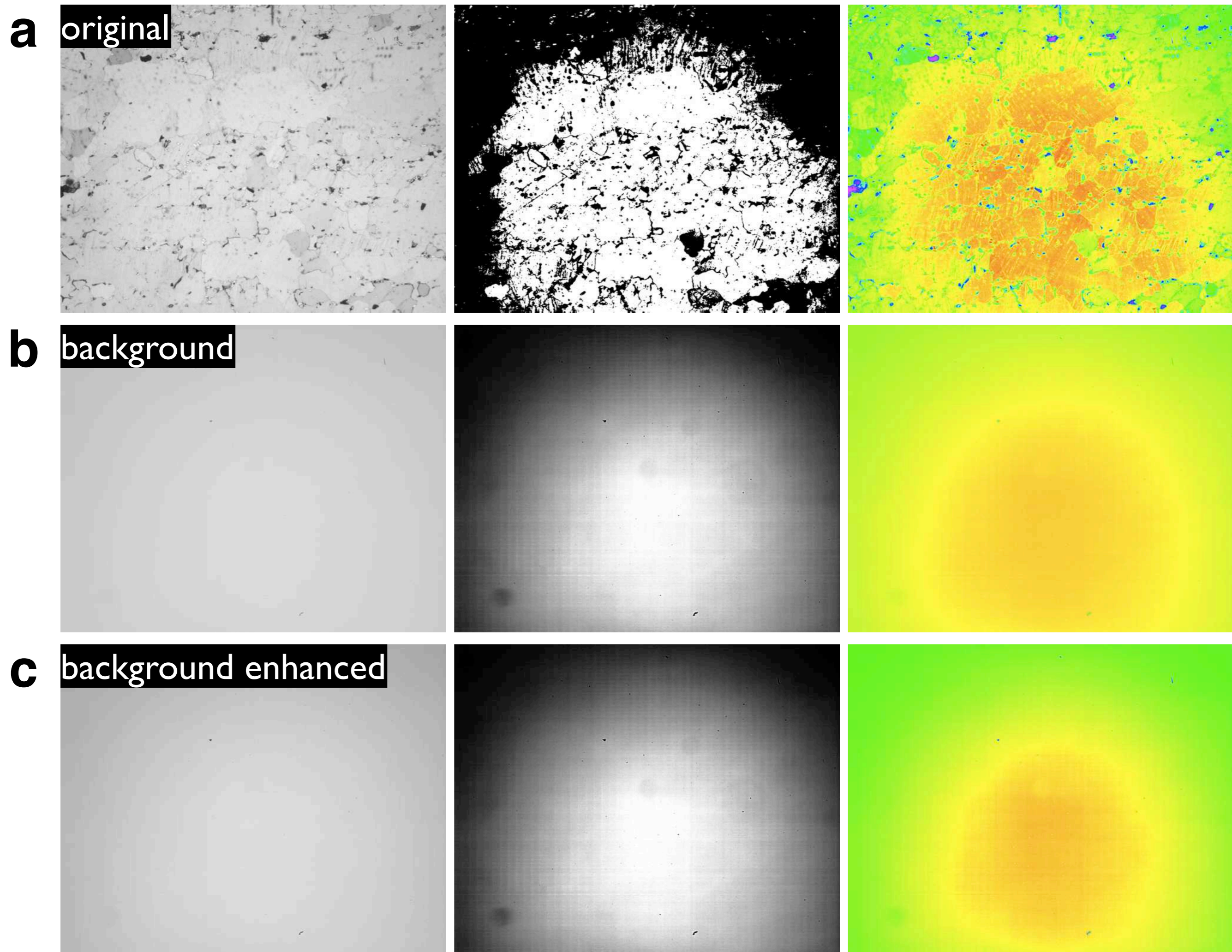


Figure 4.6

Preparing the background image.

(a) Original image, shown with a threshold and the Spectrum LUT;

(b) original background, shown with equalized histogram and the Spectrum LUT;

(c) enhanced background, shown with equalized histogram and the Spectrum LUT.

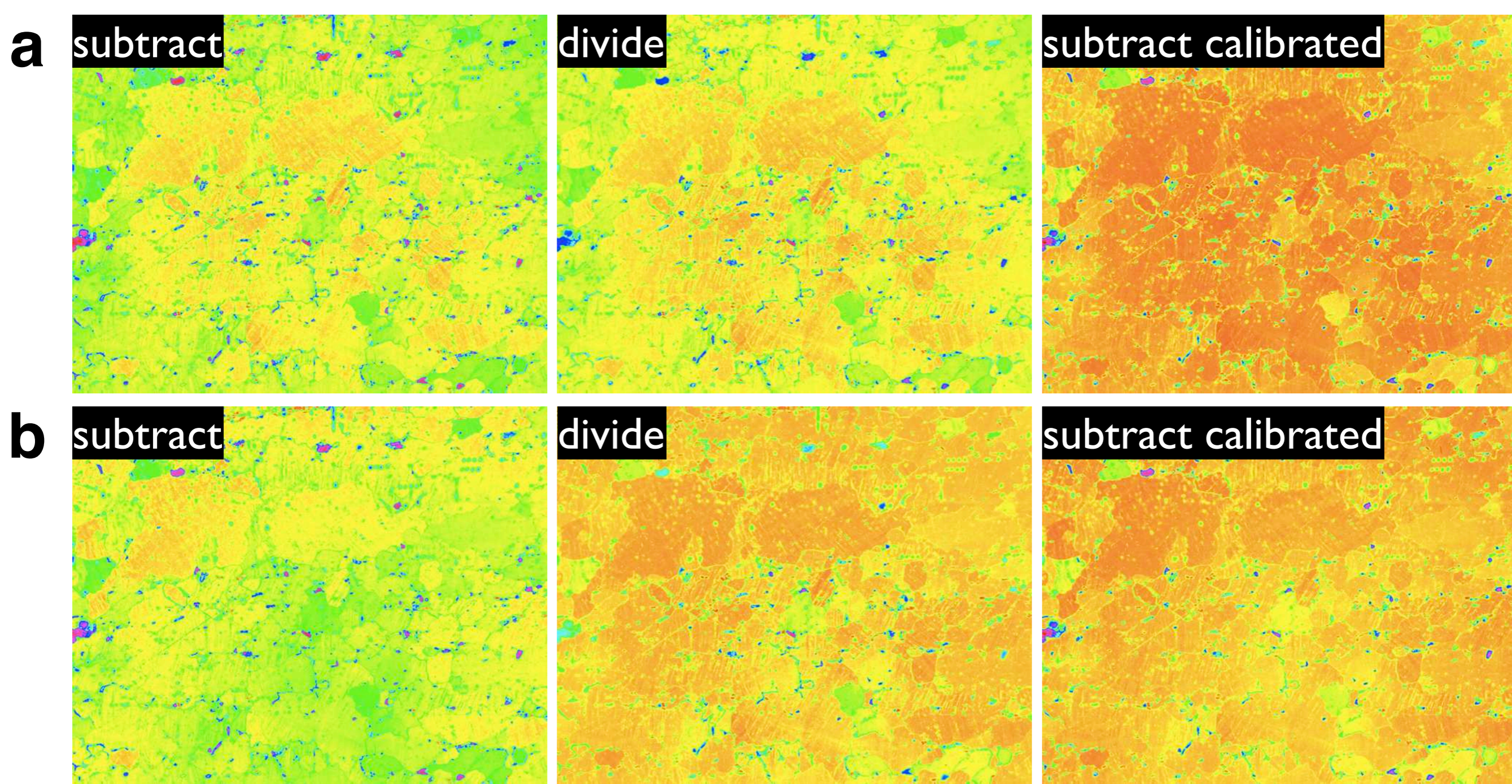


Figure 4.7

Background correction using true background images.

(a) Original background (Figure 4.6.b) is used;

(b) enhanced background (Figure 4.6.c) is used.

Three methods are used:

subtract: the background is subtracted;

divide: the original is divided by the background;

subtract calibrated: the linearized background is subtracted from the linearized original.

All images are shown with Spectrum LUT.

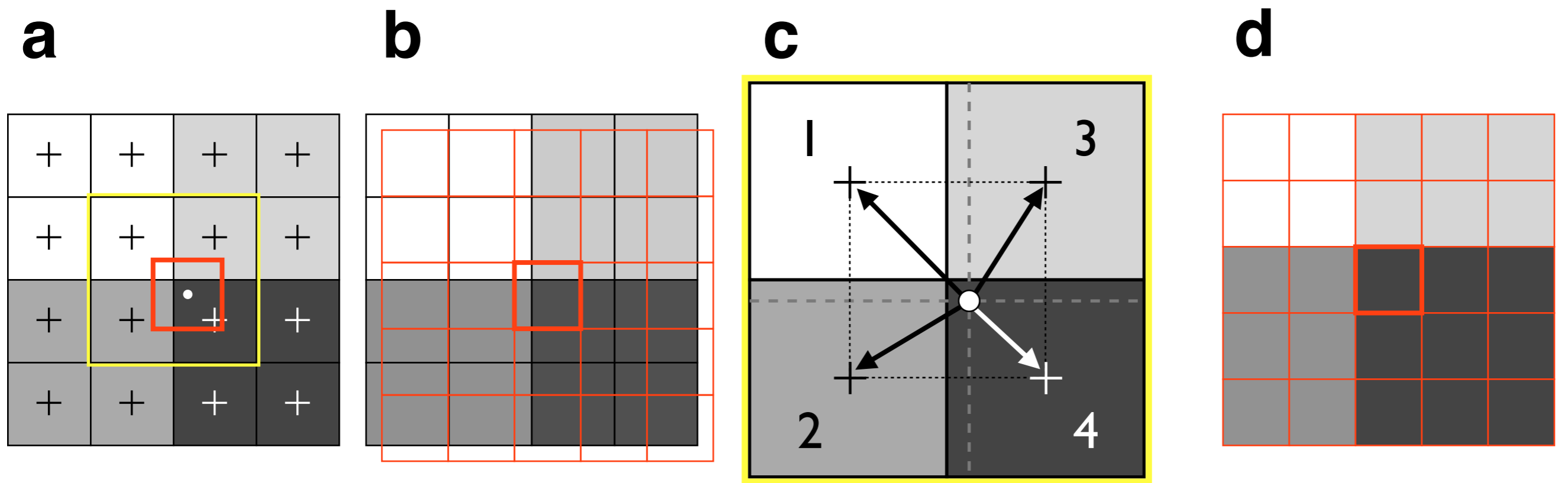


Figure 4.8

Re-sizing an image by nearest neighbor (NN) interpolation.

- (a) magnified original image; one back-transformed pixel is highlighted (red); 4 neighboring pixels outlined in yellow;
- (b) pixel grid; back-transformed pixel grid (red), same pixel as in (a) is highlighted;
- (c) 4 neighbors of back-transformed pixel in original image (see frame in (a));
- (d) result of magnification (1.2 times) of original (a) using NN interpolation.

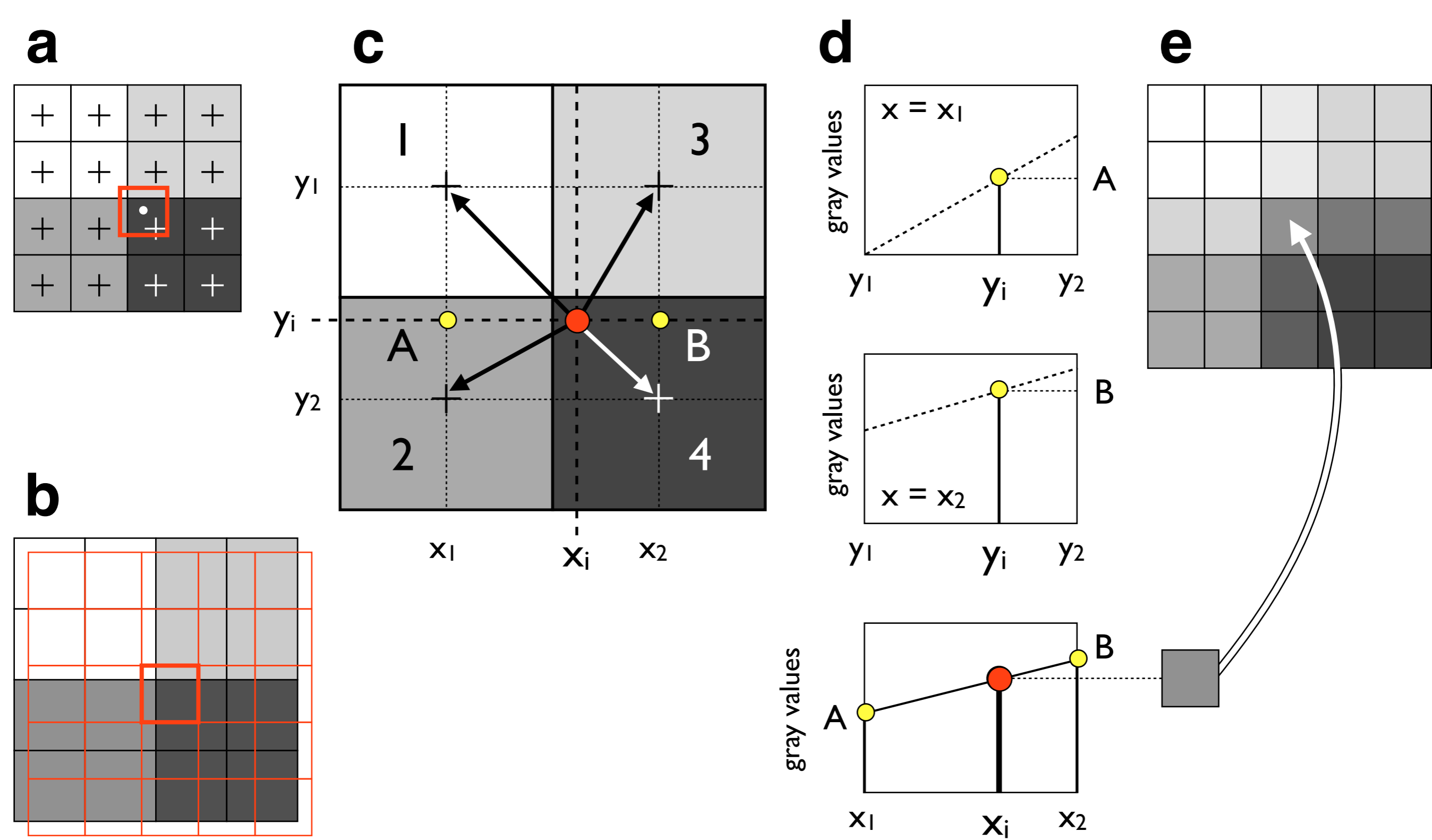


Figure 4.9

Re-sizing an image by bilinear interpolation

- (a) magnified original image; one back-transformed pixel is highlighted (red);
- (b) pixel grid; back-transformed pixel grid (red), same pixel as in (a) is highlighted;
- (c) 4 neighbors of back-transformed pixel in original image;
- (d) linear interpolations between points 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and A and B;
- (e) result of re-sizing of original (a) using bilinear interpolation.

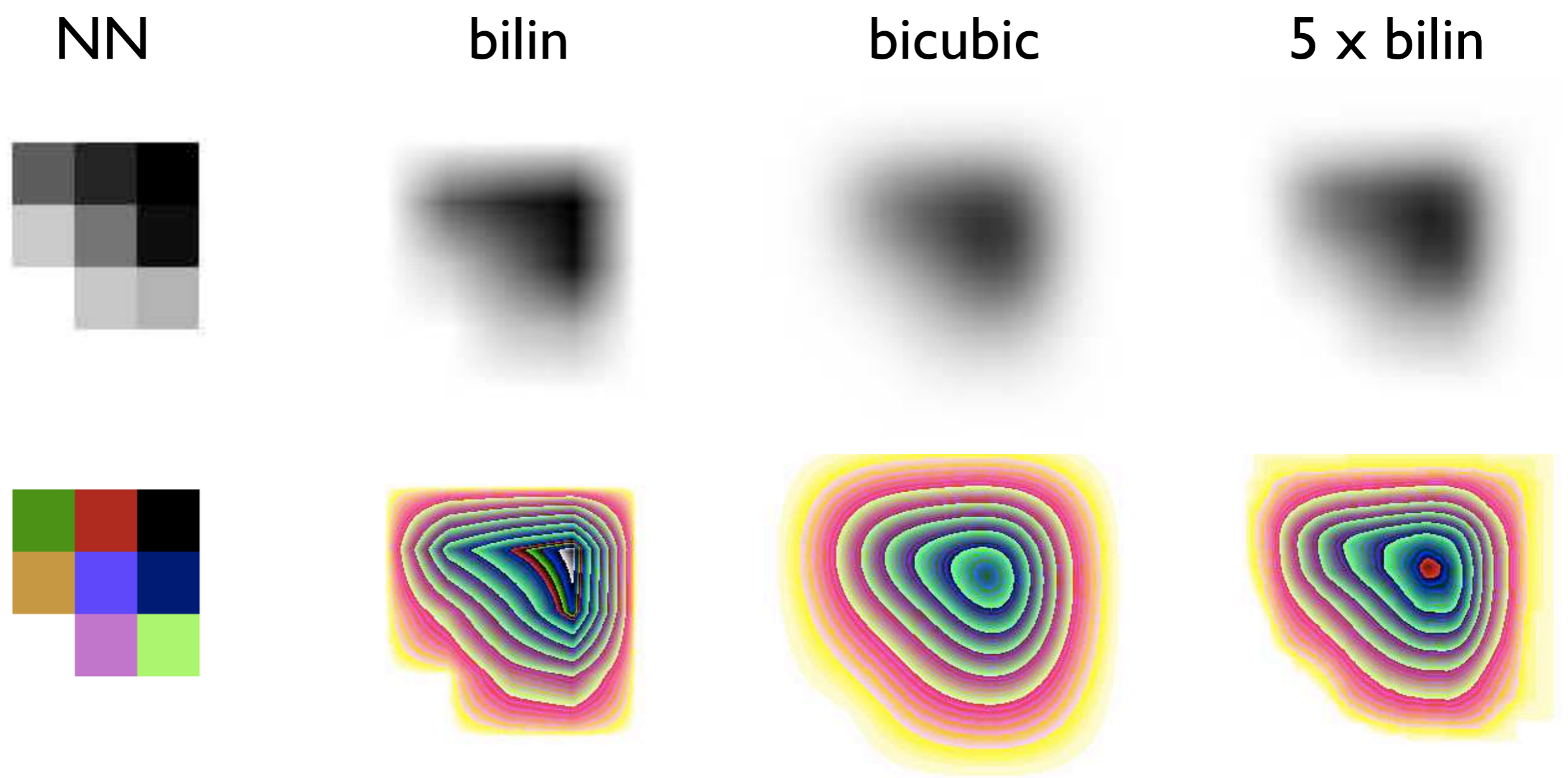


Figure 4.10

Comparison of interpolation methods.

A $3 \cdot 3$ pixel image (on a $7 \cdot 7$ background) is magnified 25 times, top: grayscale, bottom: System LUT.

NN = using nearest neighbor;

bilin = using bilinear interpolation;

bicubic = using bicubic interpolation;

5 x bilin = 5 times 1.904 x, using bilinear interpolation.

a''	880.000
g#''	830.609
g''	783.991
f#''	739.989
f''	698.456
e''	659.255
d#''	622.254
d''	587.330
c#''	554.365
c''	523.251
b'	493.883
a#'	466.164
a'	440.000

Johann Sebastian Bach: 'Das wohltemperierte Klavier'

chromatic scale:

12 halftones per octave

1 octave = double frequency

⇒ frequency ratio between halftones:

$$\sqrt[12]{2} = 1.05946$$

analogously:

$$\sqrt[s]{M} = m$$

M desired final magnification

s number of steps

m magnification at each step

Figure 4.11
Re-sizing by 'Equal Temperament'.

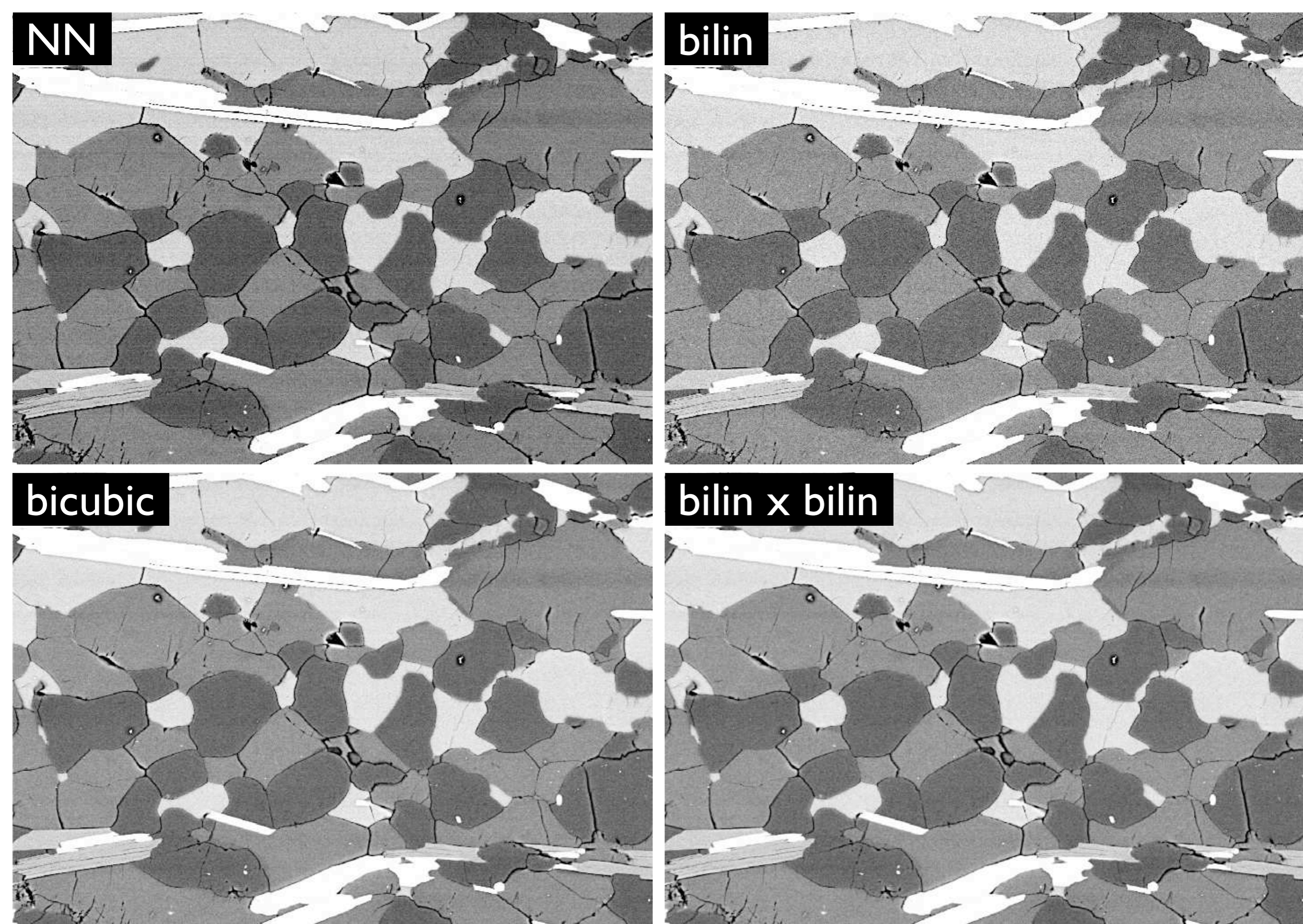


Figure 4.12
Re-sizing images using different methods of interpolation.
NN = 0.5x, using nearest neighbor;
bilin = 0.5x, using bilinear interpolation;
bicubic = 0.5x, using bicubic interpolation;
bilin x bilin = 2 times (0.707x, using bilinear interpolation).

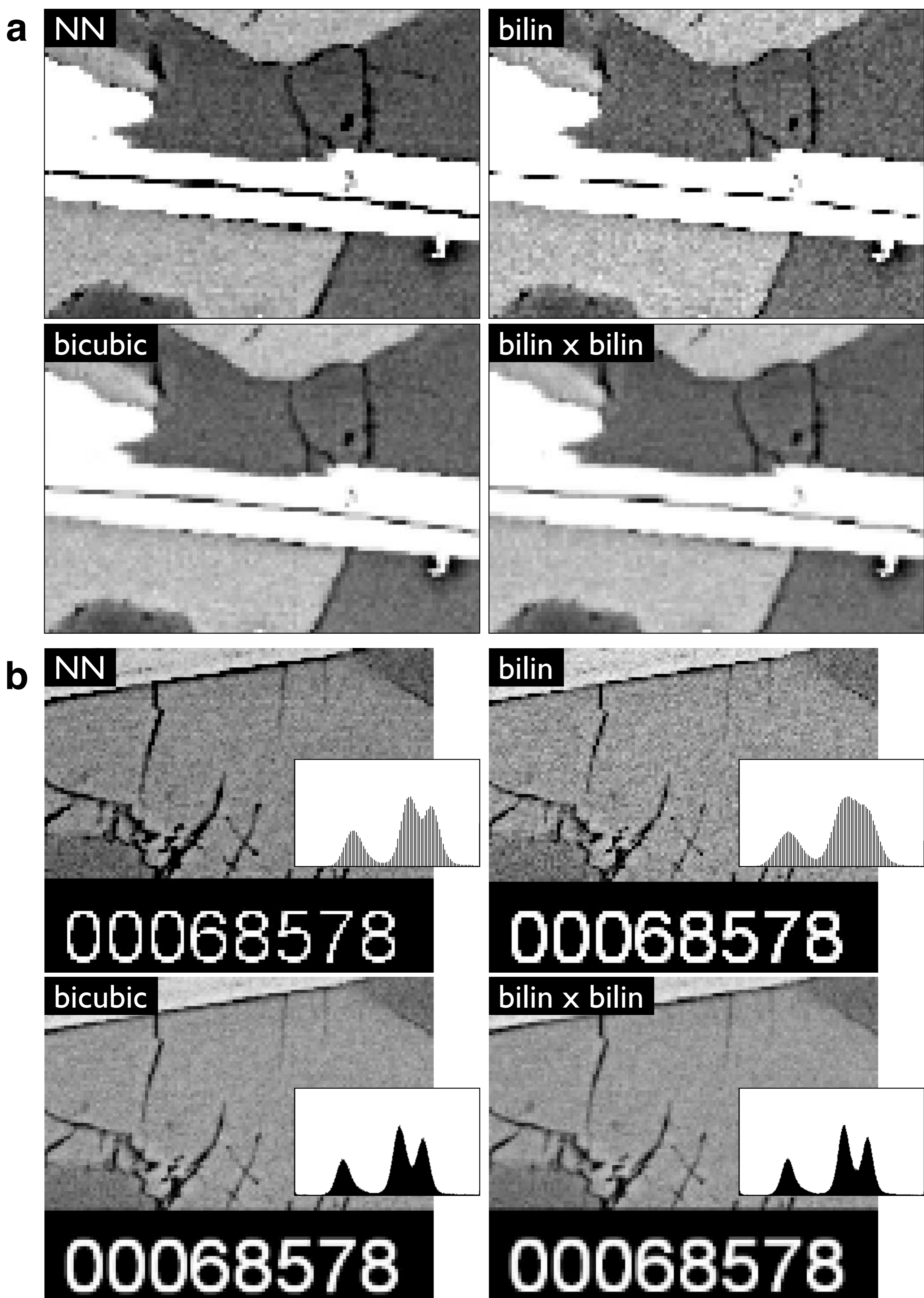
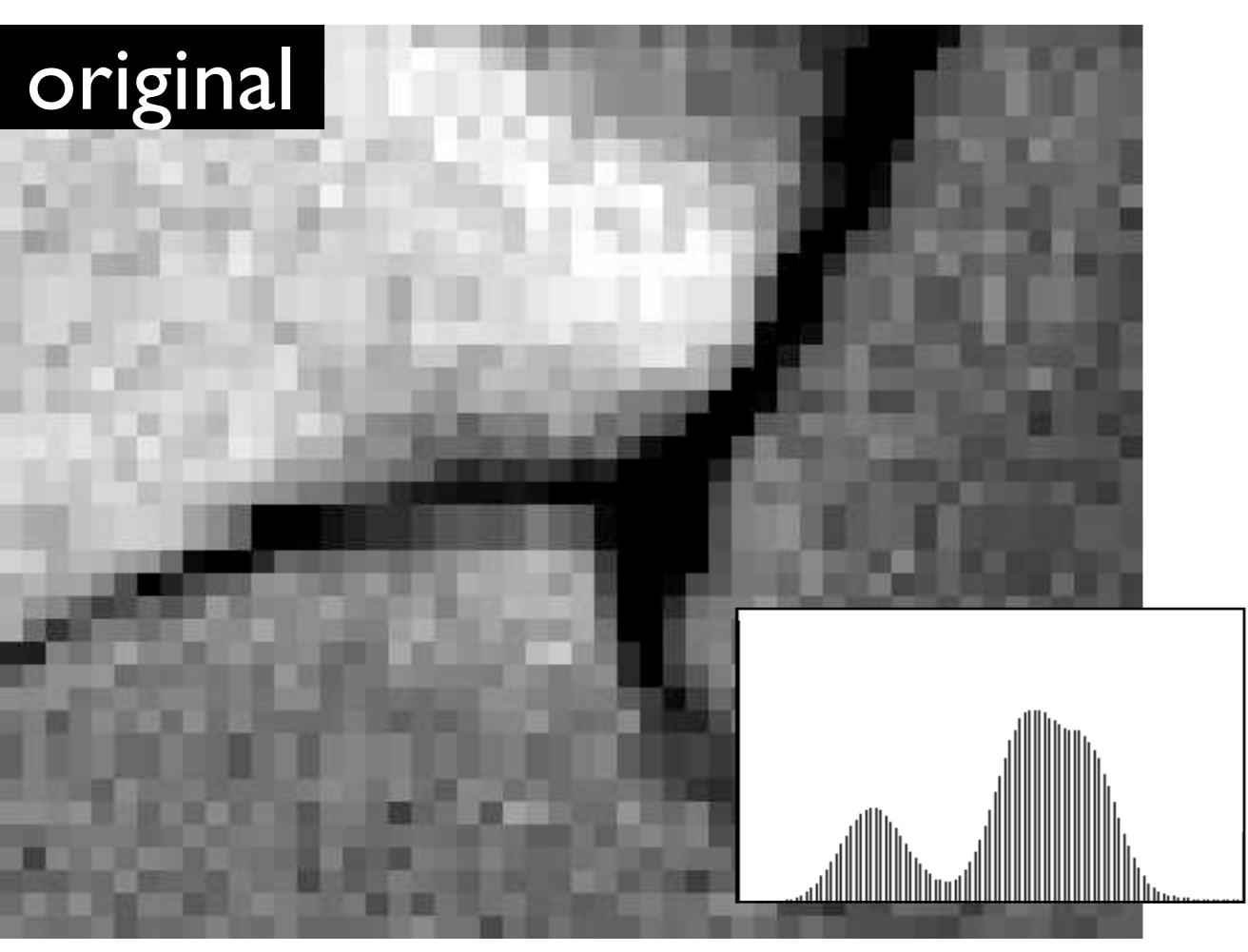


Figure 4.13

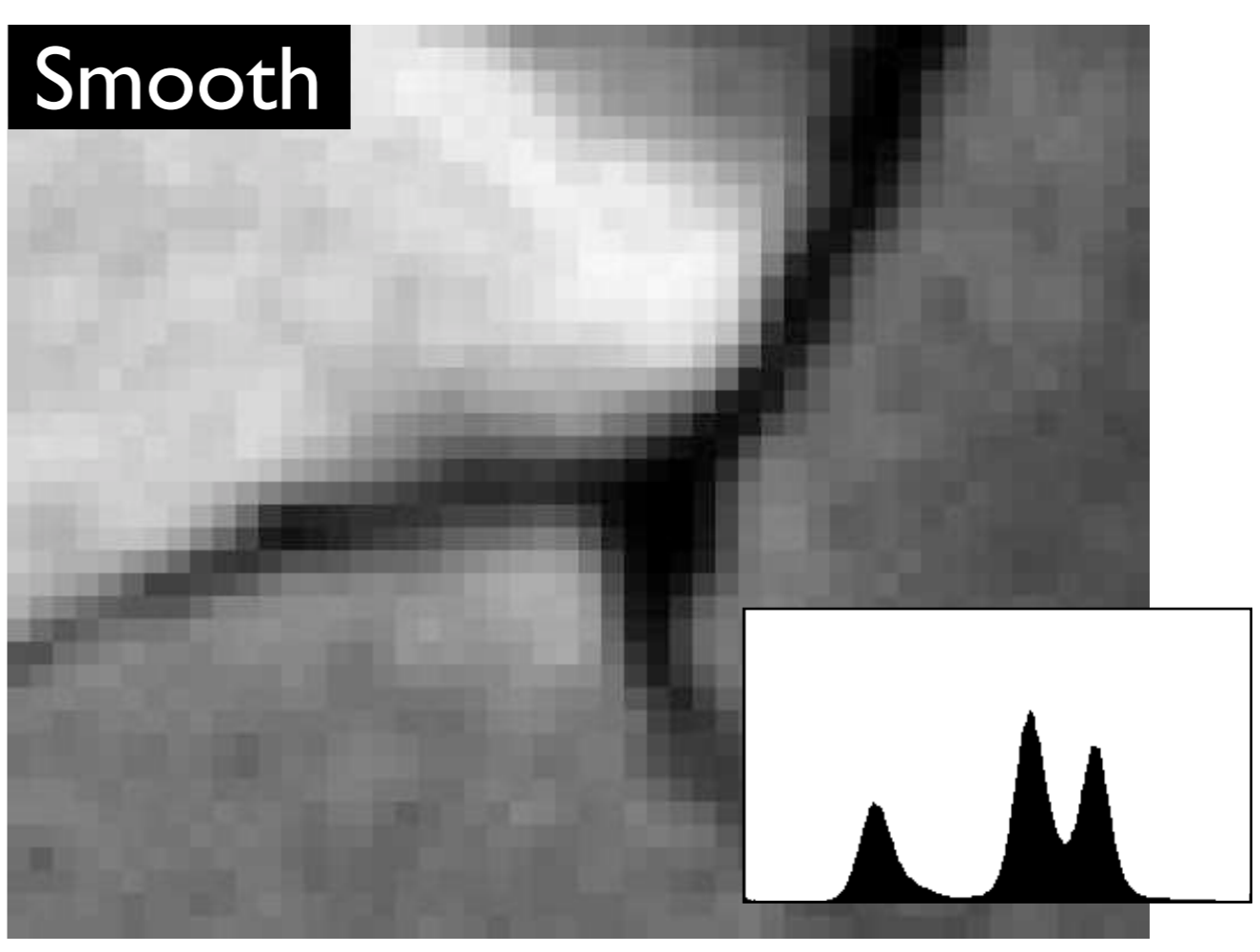
Effect of interpolation methods on noise and gray values.

(a) Detail areas after re-sizing; (b) characters and histograms after re-sizing; NN = 0.5x, using nearest neighbor; bilin = 0.5x, using bilinear interpolation; bicubic = 0.5x, using bicubic interpolation; bilin x bilin = 2 times (0.707x, using bilinear interpolation).

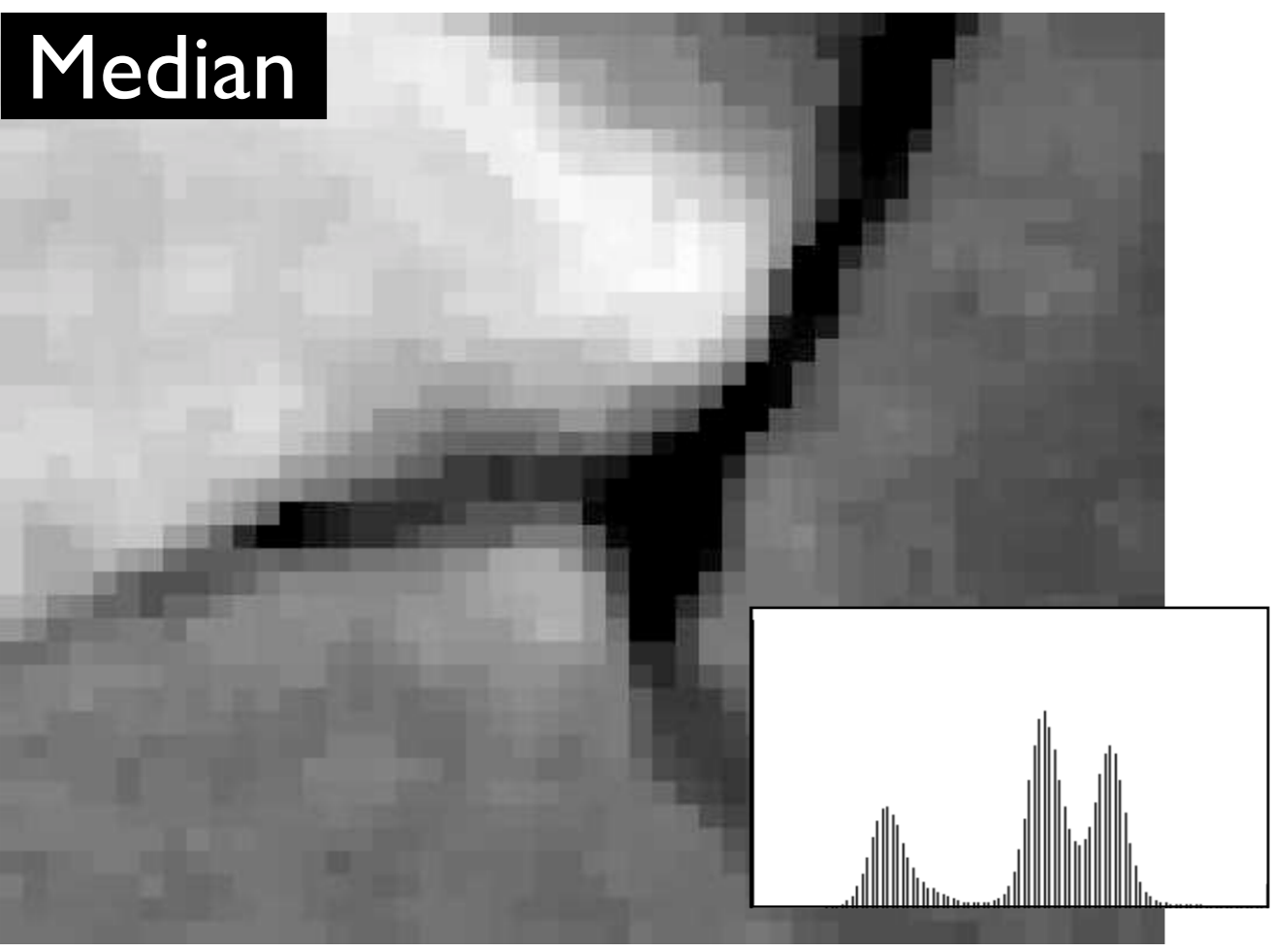
original



Smooth



Median



Hybrid Median

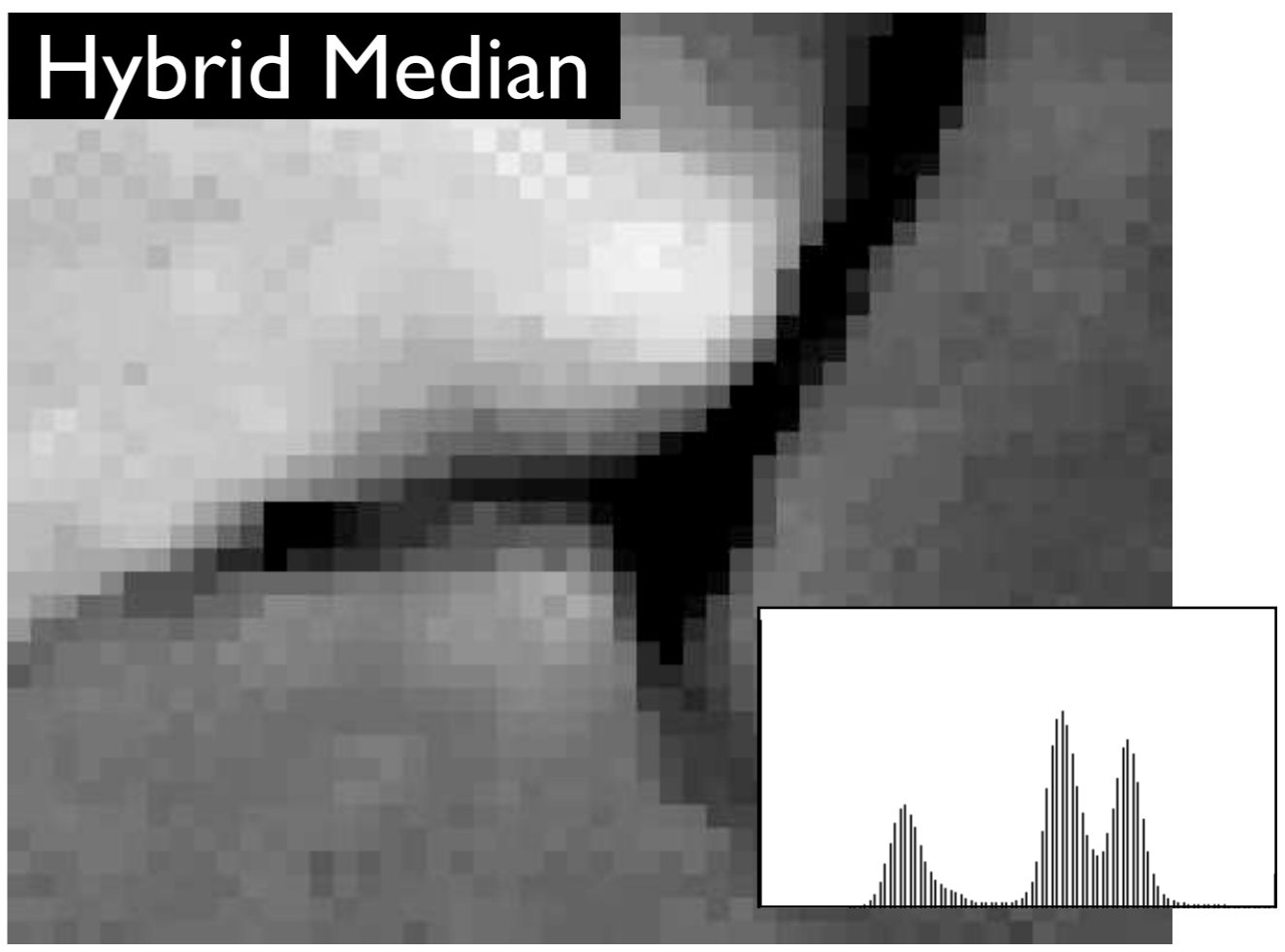


Figure 4.14
Effect of different smoothing filters.

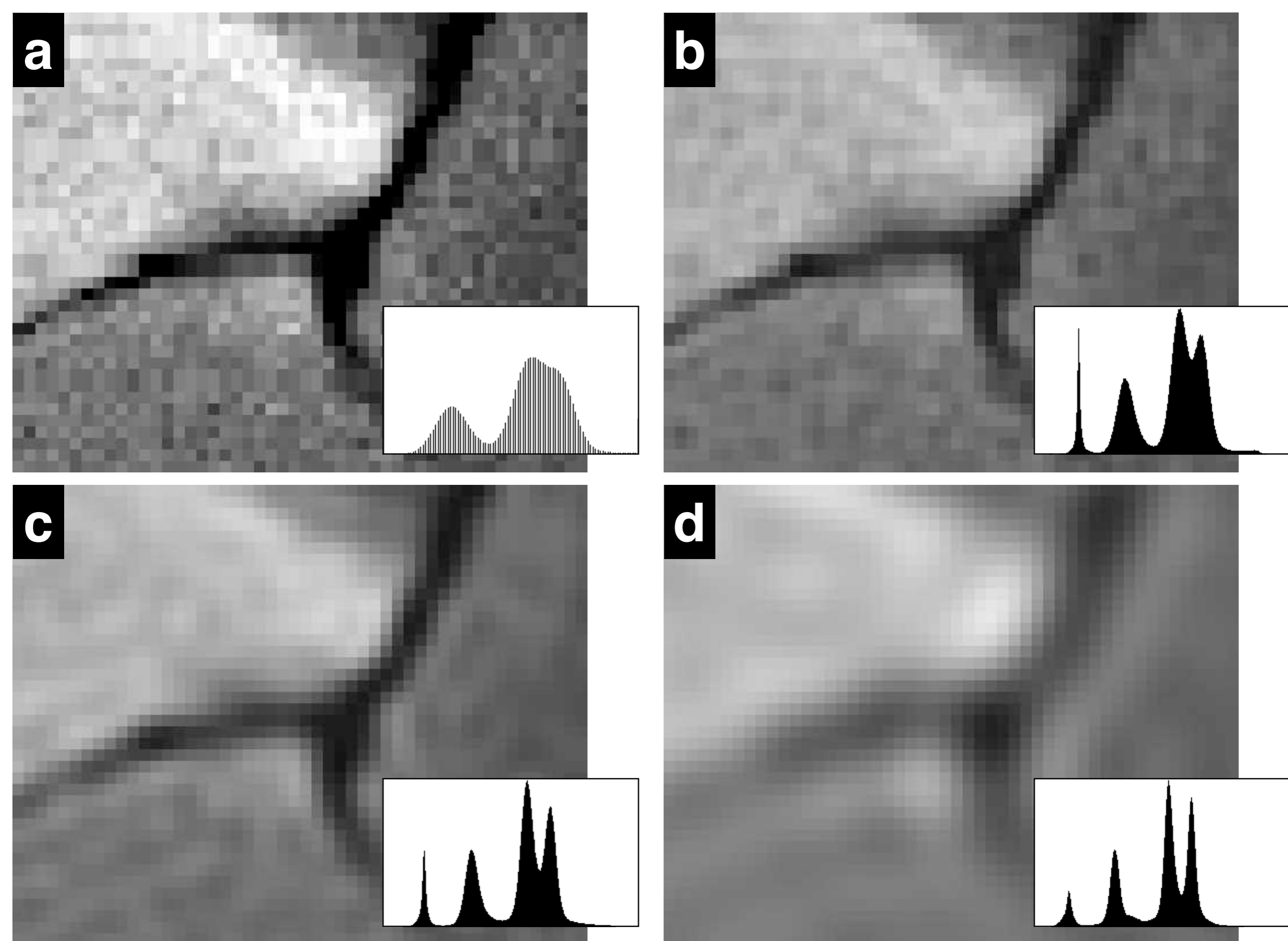


Figure 4.15

Effect of low-pass frequency filtering.

(a) Original;

(b) FFT (1424 · 1006 copied on 2048 · 2048) noise filtered radius = 768;

(c) FFT (1424 · 1006 copied on 2048 · 2048) noise filtered radius = 512;

(d) FFT (1424 · 1006 copied on 2048 · 2048) noise filtered radius = 256.

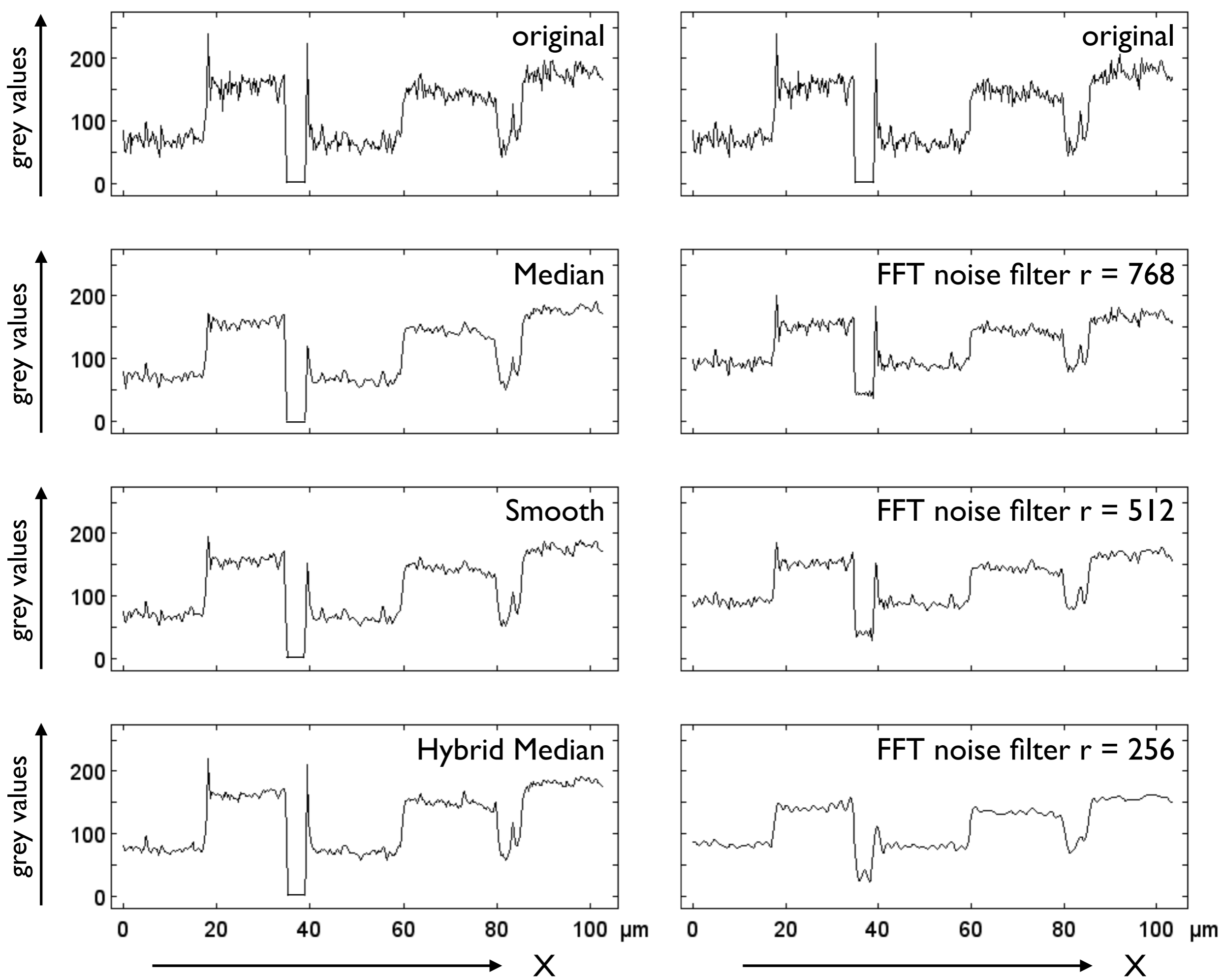


Figure 4.16

Effect of noise filtering on profile.

Trace of profile is same as shown in Figure 3.16, filter methods as in Figures 4.14 and 4.15.