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Evaluation of super-resolution performance of the K2 electron-counting camera using 2D crystals of aquaporin-0



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1. Introduction

ABSTRACT

The K2 Summit camera was initially the only commercially available direct electron detection camera that was optimized for high-speed counting of primary electrons and was also the only one that implemented centroiding so that the resolution of the camera can be extended beyond the Nyquist limit set by the physical pixel size. In this study, we used well-characterized two-dimensional crystals of the membrane protein aquaporin-0 to characterize the performance of the camera below and beyond the physical Nyquist limit and to measure the influence of electron dose rate on image amplitudes and phases.

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One of the most exciting technological breakthroughs in cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) in recent years has been the development and application of complementary metaloxide-semiconductor (CMOS)-based direct electron detection device (DDD) cameras (Farugi and McMullan, 2011). The detective quantum efficiency (DQE) of these cameras is significantly higher, at both low and high spatial frequency, than those of the more traditionally used image recording media, photographic film and scintillator-based digital cameras such as charge-coupled device (CCD) cameras (Li et al., 2013a; McMullan et al., 2009a,b). A number of recent studies have characterized DDD cameras and demonstrated that these cameras are superb for high-resolution cryo-EM (Bammes et al., 2012; Li et al., 2013a; McMullan et al., 2009a; Milazzo et al., 2011; Ruskin et al., 2013). The high DQE at high spatial frequency helps retain high-resolution information while the high DQE at low spatial frequency improves the image contrast needed for particle detection and alignment. The improved DQE makes it possible to record images of frozenhydrated biological samples with sufficient contrast using a smaller defocus than previously required for imaging on photographic film or scintillator-based cameras. The high output frame rate of DDD cameras also enables recording of dose-fractionated image stacks (movies), and the correction of motion-induced image blurring (Bai et al., 2013; Campbell et al., 2012; Li et al., 2013a). The application of DDD cameras and the associated dose-fractionation movie technology has resulted in a number of high-resolution single-particle cryo-EM three-dimensional (3D) reconstructions at near-atomic resolution (e.g., Allegretti et al., 2014; Amunts et al., 2014; Campbell et al., 2012; Li et al., 2013a, b; Liao et al., 2013).

Among several commercially available DDD cameras, the K2 Summit camera from Gatan was the first one that had the capability of counting individual electron events in a practical manner (Li et al., 2013a). By identifying primary electron events, the electron counting process nearly doubles low-resolution DQE (Li et al.,

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2013a). It also removes Landau noise, which is generated from the statistical deposition of energy by the primary electrons. Counting also eliminates the readout noise and therefore, there is no penalty when the total dose is fractionated into multiple subframes. The signal cluster of each primary electron event can be further analyzed to identify its centroid, allowing its entry point to be assigned to a quadrant of the physical pixel. While the principle of centroiding is the same as the method used in light microscopy (Shroff et al., 2007), the exact algorithm used by the K2 Summit camera is proprietary information. However, much of the key behavior was deduced by direct analysis (Li et al., 2013b). In such superresolution images, the effective Nyquist frequency is extended to twice the physical Nyquist frequency of the camera, thereby reducing aliasing. Counting and centroiding result in a significant improvement in image quality and resolution. For a detailed comparison of the K2 camera with other currently available DDD cameras, see Ruskin et al. (2013) and McMullan et al. (2014).

A potential drawback of a counting camera is that the usable dose rate on the camera is limited by coincidence loss, i.e., when more than one electron strikes the same pixel or neighboring pixels in the same frame, only one is counted and the additional electrons are ignored. While the K2 camera has a very high internal frame rate (400 frames/s), coincidence loss becomes significant at dose rates above ~8 e⁻/pixel/s (Li et al., 2013a). Counting images have now resulted in numerous 3D maps at near-atomic resolution including the recent map of β -galactosidase at a nominal resolution of 2.2 Å (Bartesaghi et al., 2015), but the data have largely been recorded under conditions for which the obtained resolutions are not substantially better than the physical Nyquist of the camera. Thus, it is not clear if the centroiding operation accurately preserves image amplitude and phase information.

In this work, we used two-dimensional (2D) crystals of aquaporin-0 (AQP0) as a test specimen to further characterize the influence of dose rate and centroiding on image phases and amplitudes, particularly beyond the physical Nyquist frequency. We recorded images of 2D crystals at different magnifications and different dose rates. Phase errors from merging the images recorded under different conditions provide a quantitative measure to assess the influence of dose rate and centroiding on image phases. We demonstrate that imaging with the K2 Summit camera operated in super-resolution mode does not increase the phase error of merged reflections, suggesting that the phase error introduced by centroiding and coincidence loss at low dose rates, if there is any, is sufficiently small and tolerable for high-resolution imaging. We find, however, that in images recorded at high dose rates in super-resolution mode, coincidence loss results in large amplitude errors in the low-resolution range (Li et al., 2013b). (This is likely also the case for images recorded at high dose rates in counting mode).

Centroiding quadruples the total number of usable pixels of the camera. A global motion correction algorithm can correct beaminduced motion with sub-physical pixel precision and restore image resolution (measured by amplitude) to beyond the physical Nyquist frequency (Li et al., 2013a). Although the DQE drops significantly beyond the physical Nyquist frequency, the use of superresolution pixels could potentially further increase the efficiency of cryo-EM data acquisition. While there may be other factors that limit the resolution of single-particle cryo-EM images recorded at low magnification, we demonstrate here that images of 2D crystals recorded with the K2 Summit camera preserve phase information to near the super-resolution Nyquist frequency. Furthermore, we performed dose fractionation experiments to investigate if the loss of structural integrity of AQPO crystals due to radiolysis under the electron beam depends on the timing of the fractional doses.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Preparation of AQP0 2D crystals

AQPO was purified and crystallized as described previously (Gonen et al., 2004). Briefly, membranes were isolated from the core of sheep lenses (purchased from Wolverine Packing Company, Detroit, MI), washed, and solubilized with 4% (w/v) n-octyl- β ,Dglucoside (OG) (Affymetrix). The insoluble fraction was removed by centrifugation at 300,000g for 45 min at 4 °C, and the supernatant was run over a MonoQ ion-exchange column (GE Healthcare). Bound proteins were eluted with 150 mM NaCl in 1.2% (w/v) OG and 10 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.0. Peak fractions were pooled and run over a Superose 12 column (GE Healthcare) in 1.2% (w/v) OG, 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, and 100 mM NaCl. Purified AQPO was first mixed with a 1:2 (mol/mol) mixture of sphingomyelin and cholesterol (Avanti Polar Lipids) at a lipid-to-protein ratio (LPR) of 0.2 or with a 4:1 (w/w) mixture of dimyristoyl phosphatidylethanolamine (DMPE) and dimyristoyl phosphatidylglycerol (DMPG) (Avanti Polar Lipids) at an LPR of 0.6. Both mixtures were dialyzed against 10 mM MES, pH 6.0, 30 mM MgCl₂, 100 mM NaCl, and 0.05% NaN₃ at 37 °C for one week with daily buffer exchanges.

2.2. Grid preparation and data collection

AQP0 2D crystals were prepared on molybdenum grids with 7% (w/v) trehalose solution using a modified version of the carbon sandwich method (Gyobu et al., 2004; Hite et al., 2010b), and the grids were frozen in liquid nitrogen. The grids were transferred into a Tecnai F20 electron microscope (FEI Company, Hillsborough, OR) using an Oxford CT3500 side-entry cryo-specimen holder. Data on the Tecnai F20 were collected at an acceleration voltage of 200 kV, and a nominal defocus range of -0.5 to $-0.8 \mu m$. Crystals were also imaged with a Polara electron microscope (FEI Company, Hillsborough, OR) operated at an acceleration voltage of 300 kV, using a nominal defocus range of -0.2 to $-0.5 \mu m$. Data were collected using low-dose procedures and K2 Summit cameras (Gatan Inc., Pleasanton, CA). The physical pixel size of the K2 Summit camera is 5 µm. The chip size of the camera sensor is 3838×3710 pixels, and images were reduced to a square size of 3710 × 3710 pixels.

Dose-fractionated image stacks were recorded in superresolution mode following established procedures (Li et al., 2013a). To set the desired dose rate, first gain and dark references were prepared in the linear and super-resolution modes, and then the "Profile" option of the Gatan Digital Micrograph software was used to adjust the beam intensity and set up the counting rate using an area containing a 2D crystal. On the Tecnai F20, for images collected at a calibrated magnification of 40,410× (nominal magnification of 29,000×), a dose rate of 8 counts/pixel/s (5.2 counts/Å²/ s) was used. Frames were read out every 150 ms and 27 frames were collected, resulting in an exposure time of 4.05 s and a total dose of 21 counts/Å². For images collected at a calibrated magnification of $15,858 \times$ (nominal magnification of $11,500 \times$), a dose rate of 10 counts/pixel/s (1.04 counts/Å²/s) was used. Frames were read out every 400 ms and 50 frames were collected, resulting in an exposure time of 20 s and a total dose of 20 counts/ $Å^2$. On the Polara, dose-fractionated images in super-resolution mode were recorded at liquid nitrogen temperature at a calibrated magnification of $50,926 \times$ (nominal magnification of $39,000 \times$), and a dose rate of 8 counts/pixel/s (8.33 counts/Å²/s) was used. Frames were read out every 150 ms and 16 frames were collected, resulting in an exposure time of 2.4 s and a total dose of 20 counts/ $Å^2$.

Image stacks used to study dose-dependent radiation damage were recorded on a K2 Summit camera mounted on an FEI TF30 microscope operated at 300 kV, and using a calibrated magnification of 50,637× (nominal magnification of 39,000×), giving a super-resolution pixel size on the specimen level of 0.494 Å. All movies contained a total of 20 frames with 2.5 counts/Å²/frame, of which the final two frames were discarded. For dataset "6 parts", the image stacks were recorded in six bursts containing three frames each. Bursts were separated by pauses of ~30 s. Image stacks for dataset "18 parts" were recorded as 18 individual frames separated by ~15 s pauses.

2.3. Image processing

The UCSF Image software was used to collect dose-fractionated image stacks and to align the frames prior to summing them up as described (Li et al., 2013a). The drift-corrected images of the AQPO 2D crystals were processed and merged using the 2*dx* software (Gipson et al., 2007a,b), which is based on the MRC image-processing package (Crowther et al., 1996). The 2D crystals have lattice parameters of *a* = 65.5 Å, *b* = 65.5 Å, and γ = 90°, and *p*422 plane symmetry. The crystal lattices were unbent, and the images were corrected for the contrast-transfer function (CTF), which was determined with CTFFIND3 (Mindell and Grigorieff, 2003). For all datasets, the best seven images of well-diffracting crystals were merged. The merging statistics in resolution ranges are listed in Supplementary Tables 1–11.

Image stacks recorded to assess dose-dependent radiation damage were processed as described (Li et al., 2013a). Frames of movies that included pauses were combined into single stacks for frame alignment. For each image series, six drift-corrected frame averages were calculated from groups of three frames each. Processing of the averages using the MRC image processing suite (Crowther et al., 1996) yielded lists of indexed amplitudes that were tabulated according to resolution shell and total dose received. Using only reflections with IQ values of 4 and lower (corresponding to an SNR of about 1.8 and higher), average amplitude ratios were calculated with respect to the measurement corresponding to a total dose of 7.5 counts/Å², as well as the standard errors of the ratios. The results are plotted in Fig. 7.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Imaging AQP0 2D crystal

AQP0 forms well-ordered 2D crystals with a variety of lipids (Gonen et al., 2004, 2005; Hite et al., 2010a). For this study, we used 2D crystals of AQP0 reconstituted with lipid mixtures of 1:2 (mol/mol) sphingomyelin and cholesterol, and 4:1 (w/w) phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) and phosphatidylglycerol (PG). The lattice parameters as well as the order of these 2D crystals were the same as those of AQP0 2D crystals obtained before with other lipids.

Dose-fractionated image stacks of AQP0 2D crystals were first recorded with a K2 Summit camera mounted on an FEI Tecnai F20 electron microscope operated at an acceleration voltage of 200 kV. At a calibrated magnification of $40,410\times$, the physical and super-resolution pixel sizes on the specimen level are 1.24 Å and 0.62 Å, corresponding to physical and super-resolution Nyquist frequencies of 1/(2.48 Å) and 1/(1.24 Å), respectively. After binning over 2×2 super-resolution pixels and performing motion correction (Li et al., 2013a), power spectra showed Thon rings to about 2.9 Å resolution (Fig. 1A). After lattice unbending in 2dx (Gipson et al., 2007a), intensity quotient (IO) plots showed diffraction spots with IQ values of 3 (corresponding to a peak-tobackground ratio of 2.3: Henderson et al., 1986) up to a resolution of about 3.0 Å (Fig. 1B). The best seven images were merged in 2dx (Gipson et al., 2007b), and the merging statistics indicate that the phase information is reliable to a resolution of 3.4 Å (90° is random) (Supplementary Table 1). The merged projection map at 3.4 Å resolution is shown in Fig. 1C and D.

We also imaged AQPO 2D crystals with a K2 Summit camera mounted on an FEI Polara electron microscope operated at an acceleration voltage of 300 kV. The Polara employs an internal cartridge system, which is considerably more stable than the sideentry cryo-specimen holder used with the Tecnai F20. In addition, higher acceleration voltages (1) reduce the scattering crosssection, resulting in fewer multiple-scattering events, (2) give a lower Ewald sphere curvature, thus extending the breakdown limit of the central projection theorem (Zhang and Zhou, 2011), and (3) allow for a better performance of the DDD camera (Ruskin et al.,



Fig. 1. Imaging of AQP0 2D crystals with a K2 Summit camera mounted on an FEI Tecnai F20 electron microscope operated at 200 kV. (A) The power spectrum of a typical drift-corrected image recorded at a calibrated magnification of $40,410\times$ after binning over 2×2 pixels shows Thon rings to a resolution of about 2.9 Å (indicated by dashed ring). (B) The IQ plot of a typical AQP0 2D crystal after lattice unbending shows IQ = 3 spots to a resolution better than 3 Å. (C) Projection map of AQP0 at 3.4 Å resolution obtained by merging the best seven images. (D) Projection map shown as contour plot. Panels C and D show four AQP0 unit cells, each with a side length of a = b = 65.5 Å.



Fig. 2. Imaging of AQP0 2D crystals with a K2 Summit camera mounted on an FEI Polara electron microscope operated at 300 kV. (A) The power spectrum of a typical driftcorrected image recorded at a calibrated magnification of $50,926 \times$ after binning over 2×2 pixels shows Thon rings to a resolution of about 2.5 Å (indicated by dashed ring). (B) The IQ plot of a typical AQP0 2D crystal after lattice unbending shows IQ = 3 spots to a resolution of about 2.3 Å. (C) Projection map of AQP0 at 2.6 Å resolution obtained by merging the best seven images. (D) Projection map shown as contour plot. Panels C and D show four AQP0 unit cells, each with a side length of a = b = 65.5 Å.



Fig. 3. Analysis of the effect of increasing electron dose on the average IQ values of diffraction spots in resolution bins. The average IQ values were calculated for the indicated resolution ranges and plotted against the cumulative frame number.

2013; Veesler et al., 2013). Dose-fractionated image stacks were recorded at liquid-nitrogen temperature at a calibrated magnification of $50,926 \times$, giving physical and super-resolution pixel sizes of 0.98 and 0.49 Å on the specimen level, respectively. After 2×2 binning, the power spectra of motion-corrected images showed Thon rings to about 2.5 Å resolution (Fig. 2A) and IQ-3 diffraction spots to about 2.3 Å resolution (Fig. 2B). After lattice unbending, the best seven images were merged, and the phase residuals suggest a resolution of 2.6 Å resolution (Supplementary Table 2), close to about 3/4 of the physical Nyquist frequency of 1/(1.96 Å). The merged projection map at 2.6 Å resolution is shown in Fig. 2C and D.

In comparison, electron diffraction patterns we recorded previously from the same crystals showed reflections to a resolution beyond 2.0 Å. It is well known that electron diffraction patterns of 2D crystals often show diffraction spots to a resolution higher than those seen in images of the same crystals. Therefore, the resolution of images collected from 2D crystals is not limited by the intrinsic disorder in the crystals but rather by other factors, such



Fig. 4. Information beyond the physical Nyquist frequency. (A) AQP0 2D crystals were imaged with a K2 Summit camera mounted on an FEI Tecnai F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a calibrated magnification of 40,410×, and the drift-corrected images were binned over 2×2 pixels. As the physical Nyquist frequency is 1/(2.48 Å), all reflections seen in the IQ plot are below the physical Nyquist frequency and within the normal resolution range. (B) AQP0 2D crystals were also imaged at a magnification of 15,858×, and the drift-corrected images were not binned. As the physical Nyquist frequency is 1/(6.3 Å), all reflections seen in the IQ plot beyond this resolution are above the physical Nyquist frequency and in the super-resolution range.

as specimen drift and beam-induced motions (Henderson and Glaeser, 1985; Glaeser et al., 2011). The results presented here demonstrate that the high DQE of the K2 camera together with computational motion correction make it possible to collect images of 2D crystals closer to the resolution limit imposed by the crystal order. However, even the use of a K2 camera and motion correction

will not correct for the very fast initial motion that occurs when the beam first illuminates the specimen, which can be minimized by the use of thick support carbon (Glaeser et al., 2011) or simply by removing the first one or two frames of the movie. It is also encouraging that images recorded with a Tecnai F20 electron microscope operated at 200 kV could be merged to 3.4 Å resolution, suggesting that even a modest microscope can be used for near-atomic resolution cryo-EM studies. It is not entirely clear why images collected on the Polara produced better results than those taken on the Tecnai F20. However, the Polara has a more stable specimen stage, and its enclosed design may shield the sample from high-frequency vibrations resulting from acoustic noise. While the motion-correction algorithm we are currently using may suffice to correct drift-like motion caused by stage instability. the 0.15-second subframe integration time will not allow correction for most sample vibrations caused by acoustic noise.

3.2. Assessment of the signal-to-noise ratio over the exposure time

Biological specimens are sensitive to radiation damage. Exposure to the electron beam thus gradually deteriorates the structural information, especially in the high-resolution range (Breedlove and Trammell, 1970; Glaeser, 1971). As a result, the intensity of diffraction spots and their SNR decrease with increasing exposure time and electron dose (Taylor and Glaeser, 1976). As the electroncounting K2 Summit camera allows for dose fractionation, it is possible to follow changes in the power spectrum with increasing electron dose. By using the binned super-resolution dataset of the AQPO 2D crystals recorded on the Tecnai F20, we analyzed the average IQ values within resolution bins as a function of the number of averaged movie frames. Since the IQ value measures the peak-to-background ratio of a reflection (Henderson et al., 1986), changes in the average IQ value in a given resolution bin

Table 1

Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of $40,410\times$ with subsequent binning over 2×2 pixels and at a magnification of $15,858\times$ without binning. The phase residuals are given for separately merging seven images from each imaging condition (40 k, 2×2 binned and 16 k, unbinned), and for merging of all 14 images (combined). For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given. The red lines indicate the resolution cut-off (\sim 80° phase residual) and the blue line indicates the physical Nyquist frequency for the images taken at a magnification of $15,858\times$.

			40k, 2x2	binned	-	l6k, ur	binned	com	bined
#	DMIN	DMAX	all IQs	IQ-wght	a	ll IQs	IQ-wght	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	11.6	23.1 323	17.9 323		22.3 329	19.4 329	29.3 652	22.4 652
2 2	11.6	8.2	26.1 329	21.9 329		27.3 328	24.1 328	29.0 657	24.0 657
3 3	8.2	6.7	27.9 346	25.0 346		21.7 347	18.8 347	25.6 693	23.1 693
4 4	6.7	5.8	40.9 346	36.4 346		39.5 342	34.0 342	42.2 688	37.3 688
5 5	5.8	5.2	27.9 317	24.1 317		27.0 319	21.3 319	27.6 636	23.6 636
6 6	5.2	4.7	41.9 312	31.6 312		40.2 274	30.7 274	42.9 586	33.1 586
7 7	4.7	4.4	36.0 335	32.6 335		39.0 322	36.6 322	39.7 657	35.8 657
8 8	4.4	4.1	39.8 309	31.6 309		52.0 264	44.4 264	44.0 573	35.8 573
9 9	4.1	3.9	55.4 265	47.2 265		63.0 224	57.7 224	61.7 501	52.4 501
10 10	3.9	3.7	56.3 317	47.1 317		77.6 238	72.7 238	62.1 584	53.0 584
11 11	3.7	3.5	64.2 281	57.0 281		70.9 178	68.4 178	68.6 487	59.2 487
12 12	3.5	3.4	78.3 178	76.3 178		80.5 143	70.7 143	79.9 407	75.1 407
13 13	3.4	3.2	76.8 166	79.4 166		85.6 135	87.5 135	83.3 429	82.7 429
14 14	3.2	3.1	78.0 85	73.3 85		95.8 85	90.7 85	89.4 308	87.4 308
15 15	3.1	3.0	80.2 67	73.5 67		73.6 39	70.9 39	83.4 294	80.1 294
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represent changes in the average SNR of reflections in that resolution bin.

Fig. 3 shows the average IQ values plotted against the number of averaged movie frames in different resolution bins (each frame corresponds to an electron dose of 0.78 counts/Å²). In the lower resolution bins (below a resolution of 4.7 Å), the average IQ values initially decrease rapidly but then stabilize, indicating that averaging the first few frames improves the SNR whereas adding further frames does not further improve the SNR in these low-resolution bins. In the higher resolution bins (resolution between 4.7 and 3.0 Å), the average IQ values also initially decrease rapidly but keep decreasing slowly to about frame 9, from which point on they begin to slowly increase. This behavior suggests that while the SNR improves initially with the addition of frames, from frame 9 onwards beam damage deteriorates the high-resolution information and leads to a decrease in the SNR. While the effect is small and may not be of practical relevance, the same trend can be seen in all three resolution bins. The average IQ values in the highest resolution bin (resolution between 3.0 and 2.6 Å) are always close to 7, which means that the peaks equal the background level, so that the reflections in this resolution range do not contain meaningful information (Henderson et al., 1986).

3.3. Information beyond the physical Nyquist frequency in superresolution mode

To address the question whether centroiding alters the phase information, we compared images of AQPO 2D crystals recorded at different magnifications, which thus have different pixel sizes and Nyquist frequencies. The AQPO 2D crystals used in this study diffract to high resolution and generate a sufficient number of diffraction spots for this analysis. In addition to data collected on the Tecnai F20 at a calibrated magnification of $40,410 \times$ (an IQ plot of a typical motion-corrected image after lattice unbending is shown in Fig. 4A), we collected another set of dose-fractionated image stacks of AQP0 2D crystals at the lower calibrated magnification of $15,858 \times$, giving a physical pixel size of 3.15 Å on the specimen level, corresponding to a physical Nyquist frequency of 1/ (6.3 Å). All information beyond 6.3 Å will therefore be in the super-resolution range (an IQ plot of a typical motion-corrected image after lattice unbending is shown in Fig. 4B). For optimal performance of the K2 Summit camera and the motion-correction algorithm, the dose rate was kept low, using 10 counts/pixel/s $(1.036 \text{ counts}/\text{Å}^2/\text{s}; 2.5 \text{ counts}/\text{pixel/s in super resolution}), which$ is only slightly higher than the dose rate used at higher magnification (8 counts/pixel/s; 5.203 counts/ $Å^2$ /s). In order to ensure that the frames had sufficient SNR for subsequent motion correction, the frame read-out rate was adjusted to 400 ms per frame. The dose-fractionated image stacks were recorded with a total electron dose similar to the total dose used for the high-magnification dataset.

The dose-fractionated image stacks were not binned to retain the super-resolution information. After motion correction, the imaged crystals were computationally unbent, and the best seven images were merged. To determine the resolution to which the phase information is reliable, phase residuals were calculated in resolution bins for all spots with IQ values 1 to 8 ("all IQs" in the Tables) as well as phase residuals that were weighted by IQ value as implemented in the 2dx software (Gipson et al., 2007b) ("IQ-wght" in the Tables). The images collected at the lower magnification could be merged to 3.4 Å resolution (Table 1, middle; Supplementary Table 3), similar to those collected at the higher magnification after binning over 2×2 pixels (also 3.4 Å resolution; Table 1, left; Supplementary Table 1), demonstrating that the phase information within each group is consistent to this resolution. When the unbinned images from the low-magnification dataset were merged with the 2×2 binned images from the highmagnification dataset, the phases remained consistent to 3.4 Å resolution (Table 1, right; Supplementary Table 4). This result shows that the data collected between 6.3 and 3.4 Å, which lie in the super-resolution range for the images collected at the lower magnification, are consistent with the information in the same resolution range that is within physical Nyquist when collected at the higher magnification. Importantly, this indicates that super-resolution yields high-quality phase data that are directly useful for structure determination.

The results presented here suggest that it is possible to fully utilize the super-resolution pixels for structure determination. Recording images at lower magnifications may not be desirable for single-particle cryo-EM of small molecules, due to the lower DQE at frequencies beyond the Nyquist limit. It will become useful, however, for recording single-particle cryo-EM images of very large particles, such as large icosahedral viruses, for imaging 2D crystals larger than 1 μ m in size, as well as for collecting electron tomographic data.

3.4. Influence of dose rate on image quality

We have previously reported that higher dose rates result in increased coincidence loss that affects the amplitude in the low-frequency region of power spectra (Li et al., 2013a). To assess the effect of different dose rates on image quality, we collected dose-fractionated image stacks of AQP0 2D crystals in super-resolution mode at different dose rates, but keeping the total electron dose the same.

The images were collected at a magnification of $15,858 \times$, corresponding to a physical Nyquist frequency of 1/(6.3 Å), using dose rates of 4, 8, and 20 counts/pixel/s. The dose rate was measured at the camera level after the specimen was inserted, and gain and dark references were carefully prepared after the dose rate was set. To end up with the same total electron dose of 20 counts/Å² per image stack and to ensure that the individual frames have a sufficient SNR for subsequent motion correction, the frame read-out times were adjusted, resulting in different exposure times. For the dose rate of 4 counts/pixel/s, 120 frames were recorded at 400 ms per frame, giving an exposure time of 48 s; for the dose rate of 8 counts/pixel/s, 120 frames were recorded at 200 ms per frame, an exposure time of 24 s; and for



Fig. 5. Radial averages of power spectra calculated from representative images recorded with different dose rates. Diffraction spots in the low-resolution range are clearly seen in the images recorded with dose rates of 4 and 8 counts/pixel/s (arrows). By contrast, due to the greater coincidence loss, these diffraction spots are no longer detectable in the image recorded with a dose rate of 20 counts/pixel/s.

the dose rate of 20 counts/pixel/s, 128 frames were recorded at 75 ms per frame, yielding an exposure time of 9.6 s.

Power spectra and IQ plots of motion-corrected images recorded with all three dose rates showed diffraction spots to a resolution of about 3.5 Å (Supplementary Fig. 1). We first calculated one-dimensional rotational averages of the power spectra of representative images recorded at the three different dose rates at approximately the same defocus (Fig. 5). While intensities for diffraction spots at a resolution below 0.2 of the physical Nyquist frequency are clearly observed for the images recorded with 4 and 8 counts/pixel/s (arrows in Fig. 5), these intensities are missing in the image recorded with 20 counts/pixel/s. Thus, at a dose rate

of 20 counts/pixel/s, coincidence loss results in sufficient dampening of the amplitudes in the lower resolution range that low-order reflections are no longer visible above the background (Li et al., 2013a; Ruskin et al., 2013). For each dataset, the best seven images were then merged, and the phase residuals are shown in Table 2 and Supplementary Tables 5–7. All datasets could be merged individually to about 3.5 Å resolution, and the behavior of the phase residuals within each dataset as a function of resolution is similar for the three datasets (Fig. 6A). We note that the phase residuals in the different resolution bins of data recorded with 8 counts/pixel/s are consistently better than those of data recorded at a dose

Table 2

Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 15,858 × without binning using dose rates of 4, 8 and 20 counts/pixel/s. The phase residuals are given for separately merging seven images from each imaging condition. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given. The red lines indicate the resolution cut-off (~80° phase residual).

			4 cou	unts,	/pixel/s	3	8 counts	s/pixel/s	5	20 count	s/pixel/s
#	DMIN	DMAX	all I	IQs	IQ - wght	5	all IQs	IQ-wght		all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	13.4	13 23	.5 34	11.6 234		21.9 237	18.4 237		19.4 236	16.6 236
2 2	13.4	9.5	25 25	.2 59	22.8 259		21.1 265	20.0 265		26.9 259	22.4 259
3 3	9.5	7.7	21. 20	.7 63	20.7 263		25.9 262	23.5 262		26.0 261	24.4 261
4 4	7.7	6.7	22 24	.5 45	17.9 245		22.3 250	19.4 250		23.4 243	18.9 243
5 5	6.7	6.0	31 25	.6 53	24.5 253		30.2 258	26.8 258		35.9 255	30.8 255
6 6	6.0	5.5	25. 20	.9 09	20.8 209		24.7 212	20.7 212		29.8 201	21.3 201
7 7	5.5	5.1	29. 20	.6 65	19.6 265		27.2 261	20.4 261		34.6 253	25.9 253
8 8	5.1	4.7	38. 22	.2 24	28.4 224		37.1 242	29.3 242		40.7 213	31.4 213
9 9	4.7	4.5	37. 23	.8 37	32.8 237		37.3 259	30.6 259		44.2 233	38.6 233
10 10	4.5	4.2	46. 20	.1 06	32.9 206		41.1 228	33.0 228		55.8 208	40.1 208
11 11	4.2	4.0	53. 19	.3 97	43.9 197		56.3 219	43.1 219		65.2 185	47.1 185
12 12	4.0	3.9	64. 12	.8 29	55.8 129		57.4 148	46.2 148		80.5 134	75.6 134
13 13	3.9	3.7	68. 19	.6 96	60.7 196		63.8 215	50.0 215		81.5 178	74.6 178
14 14	3.7	3.6	78. 14	.8 41	69.4 141		74.6 155	68.6 155		86.2 138	80.9 138
15 15	3.6	3.5	94. 12	.7 23	88.6 123		80.1 120	71.5 120		89.8 120	80.9 120
16 16	3.5	3.4	89. 13	.7 37	87.2 137		83.7 149	77.0 149		89.5 146	79.9 146
17 17	3.4	3.3	99. 13	.2 33	100.1 133		92.2 142	85.1 142		102.2 129	95.0 129
18 18	3.3	3.2	88. 11	.4	82.6 111		86.3 136	85.0 136		93.3 117	88.0 117
0ve	rall: Pl Ni	hase r umber	esidual of spots		44.787 3562			43.719 3758			50.079 3509



Fig. 6. Influence of dose rate on phase and amplitude information. AQP0 2D crystals were imaged with a K2 Summit camera mounted on an FEI Tecnai F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a calibrated magnification of $15,858 \times$, corresponding to a physical Nyquist frequency of 1/(6.3 Å), using dose rates of 4, 8, and 20 counts/pixel/s. (A) and (C) Plots of phase residuals and amplitude errors as a function of spatial frequency for merging of the best seven images recorded with the different dose rates. (B) and (D) The same plots but for the merging of image sets that were recorded with different dose rates.

rate of 4 counts/pixel/s should be better compared to the other two datasets, the phase residuals are somewhat higher, which may be caused by the longer frame read-out time that was used (400 ms instead of 150 ms). This will limit the effectiveness of motion correction, especially for data collected with an electron microscope equipped with a side-entry specimen stage such as the Tecnai F20. Still, our results indicate that for dose rates ranging from 4 to 20 counts/pixel/s, the phase information in images for each group is consistent to a resolution of about 3.5 Å. Furthermore, an analysis of the number of spots with given IQ values shows that their distribution is similar for all three datasets in all resolution ranges (Supplementary Fig. 2). This result is in agreement with the previous finding that different dose rates do not affect the SNR of images recorded with the same total electron dose.

To compare the phase quality between data recorded at different dose rates, different datasets were merged with each other, i.e., data recorded at 4 counts/pixel/s with data recorded at 8 counts/ pixel/s, data recorded at 4 counts/pixel/s with data recorded at 20 counts/pixel/s, data recorded at 8 counts/pixel/s with data recorded at 20 counts/pixel/s, as well as all the data. The resulting phase residual statistics show that the data recorded at different dose rates are all consistent to about 3.5 Å resolution (Table 3), and plots of phase residual against spatial frequency show similar trends for all merged datasets (Fig. 6B). Thus, the phase information is consistent between datasets irrespective of what dose rate was used. Interestingly, there is a small increase in phase residual at the resolution corresponding to the physical Nyquist frequency. While this increase is small, ~15°, it was observed for all datasets.

The datasets recorded at different dose rates were also used to assess the effect of dose rate on the amplitude information (Fig. 6C). Comparison of the amplitude errors in resolution bins shows that the data recorded with 4 and 8 counts/pixel/s are comparable. For data recorded with 20 counts/pixel/s, the amplitude error is higher in the lowest resolution bin (below 62.0 Å or 0.2 of the physical Nyquist frequency), which can be explained by the higher coincidence loss at higher dose rates. However, the amplitude error is also significantly higher in the high-resolution bins (above 4.13 Å or 1.5 times the physical Nyquist frequency). A dose rate of 20 counts/pixel/s not only increases coincidence losses (which influences mostly low resolution region), but also reduces modulation transfer function (MTF) and DQE at both high and low frequencies, which can be explained by the higher coincidence loss at higher dose rates. The large amplitude errors in the high-resolution range may be attributed to the lower DQE of the K2 Summit camera in this range at higher dose rates (Li et al., 2013a; Ruskin et al., 2013).

When images recorded with different dose rates were merged (Fig. 6D), the amplitude errors of all datasets including the images recorded with 20 counts/pixel/s increased substantially in the low-resolution range (below 62.0 Å) but not as much in the high-resolution range (above 4.13 Å). In addition, all combined datasets show a peak of high amplitude error at a resolution of about 15 Å (Fig. 6D, arrow), which appears less prominent in individual datasets (Fig. 6C, arrow). Compared to the phase information, the amplitude information appears to be much more affected by coincidence loss that is caused by higher dose rates.

It is widely accepted in the X-ray crystallography field that phase information is far more important for the reconstruction of a 3D electron density map than the amplitude information. Moreover, image amplitudes are greatly modulated by the contrast

Table 3

Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of $15,858 \times$ without binning using dose rates of 4, 8 and 20 counts/pixel/s. The phase residuals are given for merging combinations of seven images each of the indicated imaging conditions. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given. The red lines indicate the resolution cut-off (~80° phase residual).

			4+8 counts	s/pixel/s	4+20 counts	/pixel/s	8+20 counts	/pixel/s	4+8+20 coun	ts/pixel/s
#	DMIN	DMAX	all IQs	IQ-wght	all IQs	IQ-wght	all IQs	IQ-wght	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	13.4	30.7 471	26.9 471	16.7 470	14.3 470	31.4 473	26.4 473	31.4 707	27.8 707
2 2	13.4	9.5	29.4 524	27.4 524	28.9 518	24.8 518	30.7 524	27.0 524	32.0 783	28.6 783
3 3	9.5	7.7	31.3 525	29.4 525	24.7 524	23.4 524	28.9 523	26.8 523	29.4 786	27.6 786
4 4	7.7	6.7	25.7 495	22.4 495	23.4 488	18.6 488	24.1 493	20.6 493	24.8 738	21.1 738
5 5	6.7	6.0	41.2 511	38.3 511	34.3 508	28.3 508	38.2 513	35.0 513	39.4 766	36.0 766
6 6	6.0	5.5	29.7 421	25.5 421	28.9 410	21.9 410	27.6 413	21.4 413	29.1 622	23.7 622
7 7	5.5	5.1	35.1 526	28.4 526	32.4 518	23.6 518	33.2 514	25.9 514	34.3 779	27.1 779
8 8	5.1	4.7	40.9 466	32.8 466	39.9 437	29.9 437	39.8 455	31.5 455	40.8 679	32.4 679
9 9	4.7	4.5	47.5 496	43.3 496	41.8 470	37.1 470	44.6 492	37.2 492	46.9 729	41.6 729
10 10	4.5	4.2	48.3 434	37.1 434	52.4 414	38.5 414	48.2 436	35.0 436	51.2 642	38.1 642
11 11	4.2	4.0	61.5 416	48.1 416	58.2 382	46.2 382	59.4 404	42.5 404	60.5 601	46.5 601
12 12	4.0	3.9	65.0 277	56.1 277	72.0 263	65.2 263	67.9 282	54.9 282	68.1 367	59.3 367
13 13	3.9	3.7	67.7 411	56.8 411	71.7 374	62.4 374	67.1 393	52.8 393	71.2 513	60.8 513
14 14	3.7	3.6	78.3 296	73.7 296	79.8 279	79.9 279	78.5 293	76.3 293	80.6 365	83.1 365
15 15	3.6	3.5	87.0 243	79.5 243	95.7 243	87.3 243	82.7 240	67.2 240	87.6 309	81.3 309
16 16	3.5	3.4	83.5 286	76.1 286	90.4 283	92.7 283	87.6 295	88.8 295	87.6 358	89.8 358
17 17	3.4	3.3	91.1 275	91.5 275	93.2 262	88.0 262	90.1 271	89.0 271	94.8 338	98.4 338
18 18	3.3	3.2	92.6 247	95.7 247	90.5 228	84.9 228	88.8 253	90.0 253	90.5 303	89.4 303
0ve	rall: Ph Nu	nase r umber	esidual of spots	49.469 7320		47.539 7071		48.459 7267		48.493 10385

transfer function (CTF), which complicates the accurate measurement of amplitudes. Our results indicate that the coincidence loss created by higher dose rates leads to a decrease in the measured amplitudes but does not systematically alter phases, suggesting that image reconstruction is still feasible under dose rate conditions that create greater coincidence loss. expanded data sizes. Hence, the magnification and the subframe integration time should be carefully chosen for image data collection.

3.5. Influence of dose fractionation protocol on image deterioration

Above all, when it is desirable to have a larger field of view, say with large 2D crystals, it is feasible to set up data collection at lower magnifications, as long as dose rates are kept in the same <10 e⁻/s regime. It may also be useful to increase the read-out rate to improve motion correction, but at the expense of significantly

The recording of dose-fractionated image stacks to enable correction of beam-induced specimen motion has become the standard procedure for data collection (Bai et al., 2013; Campbell et al., 2012; Li et al., 2013a). A study of beam-induced motion revealed a pattern, in which motion is larger in the beginning of



Fig. 7. Effect of different dose fractionation protocols on beam damage. AQP0 2D crystals were imaged with a K2 Summit camera mounted on an FEI TF30 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a calibrated magnification of $50,637 \times$, using a total dose of 45 counts/Å² but three different protocols: image stacks recorded without interruption (continuous), image stacks recorded in six exposures separated by \sim 30 s pauses (6 parts), and image stacks recorded in 18 exposures separated by \sim 15 s pauses (18 parts). The plots show the amplitudes measured at different total applied electron doses for different resolution ranges.

an exposure and then slows down (Brilot et al., 2012). The reason for this pattern is not known but may point to an annealing mechanism that relaxes strain present in the amorphous ice layer and carbon support. When the beam is turned off and back on after a pause of 60 s, a motion pattern similar to the initial exposure is observed, including initial motions of similar magnitude (Brilot et al., 2012). Only after several repeated exposures a significant reduction of motion is observed. It is therefore possible that different dose fractionation time courses may lead to different motion patterns. Using the K2 Summit camera, we recorded image stacks of AQP0 2D crystals in super-resolution mode with a total dose of 45 counts/Å² and a dose rate of 20 counts/pixel/s. Three protocols were tested and compared: image stacks recorded without interruption (continuous), image stacks recorded in six exposures separated by \sim 30 s pauses (6 parts) and image stacks recorded in 18 exposures separated by \sim 15 s pauses (18 parts). For all exposure series, we kept the sample drift rate below 2 Å/s and chose a beam diameter that significantly exceeded the field of view. This ensured that unexposed parts of the crystal moving into the beam between exposures did not affect our measurements.

Fig. 7 shows plots of amplitudes measured at different total applied electron doses. After dividing the data into different resolution bins it can be seen that the dose sensitivity is greatest for the highest resolution and least for the lowest resolution, as observed previously (Glaeser, 1971). The plots suggest that the image amplitudes, which are indicative of the structural integrity of the crystals, decay at the same rate (within measurement error) for all three data collection protocols tested. The underlying cause of beam-induced motion remains uncertain but may include specimen charging and the build-up of internal pressure due to molecular radicals generated by radiolysis (Glaeser, 2008). Our observation that different fractionation protocols can lead to the same loss of structural integrity but different motion trajectories suggest that either radiation damage is not the sole cause of the sample motion, or the damage caused by the beam continues for a certain time after the beam has been switched off.

In conclusion, our current studies demonstrate that electron counting and centroiding used by the K2 Summit camera does not affect the phase information in the super-resolution range beyond the physical Nyquist frequency. Thus, it is possible to record images at a lower magnification to fully utilize the total number of super-resolution pixels. Furthermore, at least up to a dose rate of 20 counts/pixel/s, the influence of coincidence loss on phase information, if there is any, may be negligible.

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Supplementary Fig.1. Imaging AQP0 2D crystals with a K2 Summit camera mounted on an FEI Tecnai F20 electron microscope operated at 200 kV using different dose rates. The panels show a power spectrum (left) and an IQ plot (right) of representative images recorded with dose rates of 4 counts/pixel/s (A), 8 counts/pixel/s (B), and 20 counts/pixel/s (C). The rings indicate a resolution of 3.5 Å.

Supplementary Fig.2. Influence of dose rate on signal-to-noise ratio. AQP0 2D crystals were imaged with a K2 Summit camera mounted on an FEI Tecnai F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a calibrated magnification of 15,858x, corresponding to a physical Nyquist frequency of 1/(6.3 Å), using different dose rates. The plots show the number of reflections with the indicated IQ values (indicating the SNR of the reflections) for dose rates of 4 counts/pixel/s (blue), 8 counts/pixel/s (red) and 20 counts/pixel/s (green) for different resolution ranges.

Supplementary Table 1: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 40,410x with subsequent binning over 2 x 2 pixels. The phase residuals are given for the merging of seven images. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	11.6	9.7 219	46.2 38	31.8 17	46.3 19	72.5 7	73.0 5	62.4 5	74.7 13	23.1 323	17.9 323
2 2	11.6	8.2	19.5 230	22.6 29	40.0 20	36.4 10	45.6 11	63.6 6	33.7 6	71.1 17	26.1 329	21.9 329
3 3	8.2	6.7	22.0 177	26.5 104	30.2 30	56.1 13	26.8 5	87.8 2	45.3 2	74.6 13	27.9 346	25.0 346
4 4	6.7	5.8	35.3 51	32.4 105	36.4 77	48.9 42	58.4 15	47.2 15	45.0 9	66.1 32	40.9 346	36.4 346
5 5	5.8	5.2	18.9 71	24.2 105	25.1 61	27.2 32	46.4 15	46.6 13	57.2 4	64.5 16	27.9 317	24.1 317
6 6	5.2	4.7	15.6 65	30.6 76	48.8 56	38.1 25	43.8 22	80.1 13	56.9 9	76.3 46	41.9 312	31.6 312
7 7	4.7	4.4	32.2 59	31.4 127	33.4 78	28.8 11	37.3 19	39.1 4	69.9 10	61.7 27	36.0 335	32.6 335
8 8	4.4	4.1	21.6 55	31.5 97	35.7 45	38.8 28	47.7 31	66.5 7	51.3 11	81.6 35	39.8 309	31.6 309
9 9	4.1	3.9	46.5 9	41.3 56	47.0 45	46.4 39	71.6 23	59.2 21	58.7 17	75.3 55	55.4 265	47.2 265
10 10	3.9	3.7	19.6 13	44.6 47	50.0 57	46.9 44	59.4 45	61.9 23	56.4 14	77.0 74	56.3 317	47.1 317
11 11	3.7	3.5	43.0 2	60.9 26	55.6 52	50.4 43	52.5 42	68.9 22	73.9 22	82.9 72	64.2 281	57.0 281
12 12	3.5	3.4	0.0	30.4 4	82.7 32	68.6 27	89.7 21	80.0 20	81.0 12	78.5 62	78.3 178	76.3 178
13 13	3.4	3.2	0.0	70.5 17	97.3 26	89.1 18	67.1 21	55.8 16	74.2 13	75.4 55	76.8 166	79.4 166
14 14	3.2	3.1	80.8 1	0.0	50.9 7	76.9 13	85.7 15	72.6 4	73.0 6	81.5 39	78.0 85	73.3 85
15 15	3.1	3.0	0.0	95.8 2	93.6 4	58.1 9	63.6 12	53.6 6	107.2 6	91.4 28	80.2 67	73.5 67
			19.5 952	33.6 833	45.0 607	49.0 373	58.3 304	63.2 177	64.7 146	76.9 584		
Overall: Phase residual = 44.112 Number of spots = 3976												

Supplementary Table 2: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on a Polara electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 50,926x with subsequent binning over 2 x 2 pixels. The phase residuals are given for the merging of seven images. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	7.7	16.0 419	33.3 157	50.5 81	71.3 38	80.9 17	82.4 11	85.6 5	78.7 22	30.9 750	25.7 750
2 2	7.7	5.5	23.0 197	27.9 218	41.0 96	54.3 53	48.6 31	43.9 15	61.4 20	64.2 59	35.7 689	30.0 689
3 3	5.5	4.5	27.3 226	35.3 281	41.1 104	51.0 40	41.0 47	62.5 10	66.9 14	69.6 57	38.3 779	34.1 779
4 4	4.5	3.9	26.0 173	39.5 181	55.1 87	69.5 40	63.0 59	66.1 32	84.2 22	82.4 83	49.8 677	40.1 677
5 5	3.9	3.5	32.0 85	34.7 202	47.2 127	49.3 85	54.4 50	66.6 42	58.9 29	73.3 101	47.9 721	40.2 721
6 6	3.5	3.2	35.3 14	42.3 141	56.5 119	71.3 92	75.9 70	65.5 51	80.3 30	72.4 150	62.5 667	54.4 667
7 7	3.2	2.9	0.0	66.6 45	48.7 117	64.4 100	62.2 88	77.3 67	69.6 42	76.9 163	66.3 622	60.9 622
8 8	2.9	2.7	0.0	58.2 15	59.9 60	66.1 78	73.3 74	77.8 65	84.6 41	83.3 169	75.0 502	68.1 502
9 9	2.7	2.6	0.0	76.9 1	72.7 43	64.7 77	77.5 85	82.9 56	81.9 50	86.2 230	80.0 542	74.0 542
10 10	2.6	2.4	0.0	35.9 1	75.9 12	85.0 47	89.2 47	81.7 56	91.1 56	90.2 198	88.0 417	84.9 417
11 11	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.0	104.7 7	89.8 21	99.0 43	83.0 45	80.7 37	89.1 173	89.0 326	90.3 326
12 12	2.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	43.7 4	77.3 14	90.1 37	109.0 33	102.9 20	79.7 134	86.5 242	91.7 242
13 13	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.0	118.1 2	112.2 4	95.9 10	125.5 19	121.8 17	92.5 86	101.9 138	116.2 138
14 14	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0	67.4 2	104.8 5	61.5 5	82.0 10	68.4 15	91.6 41	84.2 78	77.4 78
15 15	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	110.1 6	86.0 2	88.1 5	17.5 2	79.2 27	82.1 42	92.1 42
			22.6 1114	36.5 1242	51.6 861	66.2 700	71.1 665	79.1	80.8	82.0 1693		
70	verall:	Ph	ase res	idual	= 58.4		Numbe	r of sp	ots =	7192		

Supplementary Table 3: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 15,858x without binning. The phase residuals are given for the merging of seven images. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	11.6	15.1 260	30.9 27	48.6 21	84.9 9	86.2 2	56.7 4	7.4 1	76.1 5	22.3 329	19.4 329
2 2	11.6	8.2	16.6 239	54.3 44	45.2 17	31.0 6	53.7 8	101.3 3	57.0 3	92.0 8	27.3 328	24.1 328
3 3	8.2	6.7	16.8 233	21.3 70	21.6 14	62.9 6	63.2 5	20.8 4	42.9 3	74.8 12	21.7 347	18.8 347
4 4	6.7	5.8	19.2 79	38.8 100	32.7 52	51.4 38	61.9 21	40.2 12	68.0 14	65.7 26	39.5 342	34.0 342
5 5	5.8	5.2	18.5 79	17.3 94	24.4 59	41.1 36	32.3 15	15.0 1	49.2 7	62.3 28	27.0 319	21.3 319
6 6	5.2	4.7	20.4 53	30.8 68	29.8 40	42.9 22	54.8 37	33.5 11	54.6 9	82.7 34	40.2 274	30.7 274
7 7	4.7	4.4	35.5 50	34.2 104	38.7 45	32.6 34	52.2 33	49.0 11	51.9 14	45.4 31	39.0 322	36.6 322
8 8	4.4	4.1	36.3 20	41.1 57	40.2 40	49.1 35	58.6 34	65.5 16	65.1 13	70.3 49	52.0 264	44.4 264
9 9	4.1	3.9	46.8 3	56.5 21	54.7 34	62.5 22	58.5 37	55.9 26	76.5 14	72.7 67	63.0 224	57.7 224
10 10	3.9	3.7	0.0	67.8 17	74.2 30	60.0 20	76.8 38	82.1 39	72.8 19	85.0 75	77.6 238	72.7 238
11 11	3.7	3.5	0.0	128.7 1	47.3 7	59.4 19	68.3 32	81.5 19	75.3 21	72.4 79	70.9 178	68.4 178
12 12	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.0	70.9 1	52.4 9	69.7 16	89.2 15	69.9 18	86.3 84	80.5 143	70.7 143
13 13	3.4	3.2	0.0	0.0	102.0 2	80.7 7	93.2 11	80.4 16	91.7 14	84.6 85	85.6 135	87.5 135
14 14	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	177.4 2	62.7 8	90.5 5	92.4 7	98.2 63	95.8 85	90.7 85
15 15	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.7 2	45.6 3	66.6 2	87.0 6	74.1 26	73.6 39	70.9 39
			18.2 1016	34.3 603	40.0 362	51.6 267	61.6 300	67.8 184	70.0	78.4 672		
07	verall:	Pł	nase re	sidual	= 45.5	546		Number	of sp	ots =	3567	

Supplementary Table 4: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 40,410x with subsequent binning over 2 x 2 pixels and at a magnification of 15,858x without binning. The phase residuals are given for the merging of 14 images, seven from each imaging condition. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	11.6	12.9 479	44.6 65	75.5 38	106.2 28	105.8 9	84.9 9	84.3	108.3 18	29.3 652	22.4 652
2 2	11.6	8.2	18.0 469	42.7 73	46.8 37	59.7 16	57.9 19	99.4 9	64.9 9	89.5 25	29.0 657	24.0 657
3 3	8.2	6.7	21.4 410	24.4 174	27.1 44	49.5 19	41.0 10	30.3 6	40.6 5	73.2 25	25.6 693	23.1 693
4 4	6.7	5.8	29.6 130	37.3 205	37.9 129	46.6 80	63.7 36	44.4 27	59.1 23	70.3 58	42.2 688	37.3 688
5 5	5.8	5.2	20.1 150	21.5 199	27.5 120	31.1 68	37.5 30	44.1 14	60.6 11	55.4 44	27.6 636	23.6 636
6 6	5.2	4.7	18.0 118	33.4 144	42.8 96	43.7 47	53.0 59	67.9 24	56.2 18	78.2 80	42.9 586	33.1 586
7 7	4.7	4.4	38.7 109	30.6 231	40.2 123	42.3 45	45.3 52	47.9 15	52.7 24	61.7 58	39.7 657	35.8 657
8 8	4.4	4.1	23.7 75	34.7 154	37.5 85	43.4 63	50.4 65	66.2 23	52.9 24	73.0 84	44.0 573	35.8 573
9 9	4.1	3.9	46.1 12	47.5 77	48.4 79	51.7 62	64.5 63	66.8 48	70.1 31	79.4 129	61.7 501	52.4 501
10 10	3.9	3.7	18.2 13	47.4 64	54.6 89	49.1 65	64.3 88	69.6 66	60.1 37	77.1 162	62.1 584	53.0 584
11 11	3.7	3.5	42.1 2	57.6 27	52.0 59	57.4 63	57.5 78	74.4 44	78.1 45	81.7 169	68.6 487	59.2 487
12 12	3.5	3.4	0.0	38.9 4	75.5 37	73.0 44	79.0 47	81.7 44	75.6 41	84.0 190	79.9 407	75.1 407
13 13	3.4	3.2	0.0	77.5 17	91.9 37	80.7 34	68.8 46	89.0 48	86.6 42	83.9 205	83.3 429	82.7 429
14 14	3.2	3.1	88.3 1	0.0	71.8 7	82.1 25	88.9 41	95.8 28	92.3 27	89.7 179	89.4 308	87.4 308
15 15	3.1	3.0	0.0	100.5 2	100.4 6	74.9 26	73.6 34	80.4 30	82.6 39	86.8 157	83.4 294	80.1 294
			20.0 1968	34.4 1436	45.9 986	54.6 685	61.9 677	72.6 435	71.3 382	80.8 1583		
01	Overall: Phase residual = 49.046 Number of spots = 8152											

Supplementary Table 5: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 15,858x without binning using a dose rate of 4 counts/pixel/s. The phase residuals are given for the merging of seven images. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	13.4	8.7 196	34.5 18	22.5 5	40.0 7	0.0	27.0 4	0.0	82.8 4	13.5 234	11.6 234
2 2	13.4	9.5	16.9 176	39.3 41	36.4 21	43.0 8	95.7 1	57.6 5	15.0 1	72.8 6	25.2 259	22.8 259
3 3	9.5	7.7	19.0 190	22.5 50	49.8 12	25.3 4	15.0 2	0.0	26.0 3	88.1 2	21.7 263	20.7 263
4 4	7.7	6.7	13.7 102	18.9 74	30.7 27	22.4 13	31.3 7	69.7 2	41.8 3	66.2 17	22.5 245	17.9 245
5 5	6.7	6.0	13.1 31	19.9 98	28.9 46	44.6 24	48.9 14	86.8 7	75.5 10	51.3 23	31.6 253	24.5 253
6 6	6.0	5.5	10.3 35	18.7 64	27.4 43	32.6 20	39.1 13	43.7 6	40.3 9	46.5 19	25.9 209	20.8 209
7 7	5.5	5.1	5.2 20	13.5 71	25.2 61	38.9 29	36.3 22	28.9 15	39.3 5	64.2 42	29.6 265	19.6 265
8 8	5.1	4.7	13.9 18	25.3 38	26.2 31	35.2 43	48.5 32	39.0 9	26.2 9	65.6 44	38.2 224	28.4 224
9 9	4.7	4.5	26.7 14	24.1 49	41.3 53	34.5 31	40.4 32	44.0 16	41.1 13	55.6 29	37.8 237	32.8 237
10 10	4.5	4.2	17.1 7	25.5 35	30.3 28	36.7 25	46.8 27	54.3 19	61.6 10	69.2 55	46.1 206	32.9 206
11 11	4.2	4.0	17.5 5	30.4 22	36.1 24	55.6 24	71.1 23	50.4 21	66.4 18	60.9 60	53.3 197	43.9 197
12 12	4.0	3.9	0.0	34.7 10	54.9 13	67.6 15	89.5 12	50.8 11	52.6 13	72.1 55	64.8 129	55.8 129
13 13	3.9	3.7	0.0	24.1 3	70.2 11	63.7 24	46.1 18	62.9 20	79.8 17	74.1 103	68.6 196	60.7 196
14 14	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.0	70.1 4	57.5 10	62.9 24	88.1 13	77.8 16	86.0 74	78.8 141	69.4 141
15 15	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.0	91.9 2	99.7 7	99.4 14	73.2 16	83.1 14	100.6 70	94.7 123	88.6 123
16 16	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.0	29.7 1	105.8 6	85.5 10	82.7 18	92.2 11	90.8 91	89.7 137	87.2 137
17 17	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	96.6 10	98.5 10	123.8 11	91.4 25	98.6 77	99.2 133	100.1 133
18 18	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.5 2	89.7 10	67.3 18	107.1	91.2 67	88.4 111	82.6 111
			14.3 794	22.7 573	34.1 382	47.1 302	57.7 271	62.5 211	70.0 191	78.5 838		
Overall: Phase residual = 44.787 Number of spots = 3562												

Supplementary Table 6: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 15,858x without binning using a dose rate of 8 counts/pixel/s. The phase residuals are given for the merging of seven images. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	13.4	10.6 182	53.8 24	64.4 13	66.2 4	42.0 4	43.4 4	49.2 1	95.7 5	21.9 237	18.4 237
2 2	13.4	9.5	17.5 209	24.6 39	61.4 6	68.4 4	71.8 2	52.9 2	41.7 2	2.5 1	21.1 265	20.0 265
3 3	9.5	7.7	20.3 186	36.4 35	33.7 16	19.5 9	21.1 3	58.7 6	0.0	86.1 7	25.9 262	23.5 262
4 4	7.7	6.7	15.6 160	22.6 43	33.5 22	56.4 5	45.7 6	91.8 3	41.0 6	59.1 5	22.3 250	19.4 250
5 5	6.7	6.0	17.8 60	31.3 83	24.1 50	38.2 20	27.3 12	47.5 15	94.9 2	57.0 16	30.2 258	26.8 258
6 6	6.0	5.5	9.6 56	25.4 63	25.7 33	21.6 20	39.5 14	48.6 7	69.1 2	46.8 17	24.7 212	20.7 212
7 7	5.5	5.1	7.2 34	15.4 85	28.7 53	34.9 31	41.5 23	44.9 9	71.0 6	58.1 20	27.2 261	20.4 261
8 8	5.1	4.7	15.5 39	28.6 51	30.9 48	34.4 28	50.7 25	69.7 14	56.6 7	60.7 30	37.1 242	29.3 242
9 9	4.7	4.5	20.6 42	28.9 82	36.1 49	33.1 27	59.0 18	53.7 8	70.1 7	68.6 26	37.3 259	30.6 259
10 10	4.5	4.2	23.3 27	22.8 46	37.0 49	33.4 27	55.2 23	77.7 19	65.4 12	57.8 25	41.1 228	33.0 228
11 11	4.2	4.0	24.1 16	28.9 25	35.4 30	72.1 25	61.2 38	73.2 7	67.0 16	71.8 62	56.3 219	43.1 219
12 12	4.0	3.9	41.7 2	39.9 22	48.3 19	40.6 26	55.0 21	61.8 11	68.2 10	82.4 37	57.4 148	46.2 148
13 13	3.9	3.7	12.1 2	25.6 15	36.6 17	64.8 26	68.6 26	66.4 18	68.0 21	73.3 90	63.8 215	50.0 215
14 14	3.7	3.6	0.0	19.4 2	62.6 15	78.4 10	68.9 13	77.5 26	74.0 20	78.5 69	74.6 155	68.6 155
15 15	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.0	68.6 7	63.6 7	77.7 17	31.5 5	99.8 8	84.4 76	80.1 120	71.5 120
16 16	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.0	76.4 4	78.4 8	89.3 16	74.3 25	62.0 14	90.0 82	83.7 149	77.0 149
17 17	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	20.2 2	77.1 8	87.4 16	90.8 13	103.3 15	94.3 88	92.2 142	85.1 142
18 18	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.0	51.6 1	99.1 11	75.5	82.4 15	94.5 10	87.1 81	86.3 136	85.0 136
			16.0	27.5	35.8 434	47.8	60.2 295	68.0 207	73.1	78.6		

Overall: Phase residual = 43.719

Supplementary Table 7: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 15,858x without binning using a dose rate of 20 counts/pixel/s. The phase residuals are given for the merging of seven images. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
 1 1	1000.0	13.4	6.7 187	77.4 24	44.7 5	47.4 10	29.0 1	90.7 4	66.9 3	96.1 2	19.4 236	16.6 236
2 2	13.4	9.5	17.3 163	24.7 41	50.7 23	41.2 5	60.0 13	57.0 3	67.2 2	76.3 9	26.9 259	22.4 259
3 3	9.5	7.7	20.3 187	33.3 43	46.8 14	49.9 6	40.9 3	67.9 4	62.1 3	36.4 1	26.0 261	24.4 261
4 4	7.7	6.7	12.2 105	21.1 63	22.7 31	54.7 17	42.0 4	36.8 5	102.5 5	45.3 13	23.4 243	18.9 243
5 5	6.7	6.0	25.3 34	28.6 101	32.8 51	43.2 26	61.0 10	65.1 7	21.2 5	69.0 21	35.9 255	30.8 255
6 6	6.0	5.5	8.3 25	18.1 55	20.6 41	42.3 23	37.8 14	54.2 11	55.9 6	58.2 26	29.8 201	21.3 201
7 7	5.5	5.1	10.8 27	22.1 80	27.7 48	43.3 28	50.2 19	45.3 16	86.0 7	67.2 28	34.6 253	25.9 253
8 8	5.1	4.7	7.4 15	30.5 49	28.2 24	38.2 27	42.1 27	61.3 18	53.3 10	60.1 43	40.7 213	31.4 213
9 9	4.7	4.5	20.4 11	36.9 49	40.0 46	40.8 41	46.3 18	52.1 18	58.8 11	59.7 39	44.2 233	38.6 233
10 10	4.5	4.2	14.7 8	35.2 33	35.5 34	47.1 25	58.6 18	56.2 17	73.0 17	83.7 56	55.8 208	40.1 208
11 11	4.2	4.0	21.0 3	35.5 19	39.7 25	55.7 24	57.7 21	75.5 15	78.1 10	86.2 68	65.2 185	47.1 185
12 12	4.0	3.9	0.0	105.4 3	61.7 4	64.9 18	80.2 19	80.1 18	70.9 13	87.7 59	80.5 134	75.6 134
13 13	3.9	3.7	0.0	43.6 5	79.7 7	63.2 13	72.1 19	90.4 30	100.3 9	83.5 95	81.5 178	74.6 178
14 14	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.0	48.7 2	80.3 13	80.3 13	86.1 6	89.5 16	88.3 88	86.2 138	80.9 138
15 15	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.0	14.7 1	38.6 5	90.8 11	87.8 17	102.3 11	92.6 75	89.8 120	80.9 120
16 16	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.3 5	73.9 14	84.0 20	79.3 18	95.5 89	89.5 146	79.9 146
17 17	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.0 6	129.6 16	70.6 14	63.9 11	108.2 82	102.2 129	95.0 129
18 18	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	113.5 6	67.5 8	96.2 12	70.9	96.3 82	93.3 117	88.0 117
			14.4 765	30.0	34.4	51.4 298	64.6 248	71.8	74.9 166	85.5 876		

Overall: Phase residual = 50.079 Number of spots = 3509

Supplementary Table 8: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 15,858x without binning using dose rates of 4 and 8 counts/pixel/s. The phase residuals are given for the merging of 14 images, seven from each imaging condition. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	13.4	15.9 378	91.7 42	92.7 18	87.2 11	87.5 4	87.3 8	163.9 1	85.5 9	30.7 471	26.9 471
2 2	13.4	9.5	21.6 385	43.1 80	62.5 27	56.8 12	86.2 3	65.4 7	42.0 3	59.9 7	29.4 524	27.4 524
3 3	9.5	7.7	26.2 376	35.0 85	55.6 28	46.8 13	44.9 5	76.9 6	31.7 3	73.4 9	31.3 525	29.4 525
4 4	7.7	6.7	18.6 262	23.8 117	37.8 49	36.1 18	39.4 13	76.5 5	38.9 9	60.6 22	25.7 495	22.4 495
5 5	6.7	6.0	30.9 91	38.4 181	41.1 96	46.3 44	47.8 26	43.3 22	80.5 12	54.7 39	41.2 511	38.3 511
6 6	6.0	5.5	14.2 91	28.1 127	31.4 76	27.7 40	41.1 27	48.1 13	49.2 11	51.5 36	29.7 421	25.5 421
7 7	5.5	5.1	9.8 54	25.2 156	37.4 114	42.1 60	42.7 45	40.0 24	48.5 11	60.8 62	35.1 526	28.4 526
8 8	5.1	4.7	15.6 57	30.5 89	38.5 79	38.5 71	50.1 57	65.7 23	44.0 16	62.6 74	40.9 466	32.8 466
9 9	4.7	4.5	34.6 56	38.5 131	51.9 102	45.2 58	60.2 50	46.5 24	61.1 20	60.4 55	47.5 496	43.3 496
10 10	4.5	4.2	21.8 34	26.4 81	41.4 77	42.8 52	53.2 50	72.3 38	77.2 22	69.4 80	48.3 434	37.1 434
11 11	4.2	4.0	20.5 21	33.8 47	37.6 54	67.9 49	73.4 61	85.1 28	67.5 34	74.2 122	61.5 416	48.1 416
12 12	4.0	3.9	58.0 2	50.9 32	52.9 32	56.9 41	66.6 33	55.8 22	68.4 23	78.7 92	65.0 277	56.1 277
13 13	3.9	3.7	7.5 2	23.2 18	51.8 28	64.8 50	74.4 44	72.7 38	64.8 38	73.5 193	67.7 411	56.8 411
14 14	3.7	3.6	0.0	19.8 2	73.8 19	63.5 20	66.1 37	87.9 39	86.7 36	80.2 143	78.3 296	73.7 296
15 15	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.0	71.3 9	66.7 14	89.3 31	59.2 21	104.5 22	90.9 146	87.0 243	79.5 243
16 16	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.0	77.6 5	54.0 14	89.6 26	74.2 43	81.3 25	87.8 173	83.5 286	76.1 286
17 17	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	117.4 2	91.5 18	87.8 26	85.2 24	96.3 40	90.8 165	91.1 275	91.5 275
18 18	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.0	27.5 1	123.2 13	84.1 28	97.6 33	92.3 24	90.9 148	92.6 247	95.7 247
			20.9	34.6	45.0	52.3	64.1	70.4	75.0	78.3		

	1809	1188	816	598	566	418	350	1575	5	
Overall:	Phase res	idual =	49.46	9	Ν	umber (of s	pots =	= 7320	

Supplementary Table 9: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 15,858x without binning using dose rates of 4 and 20 counts/pixel/s. The phase residuals are given for the merging of 14 images, seven from each imaging condition. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	13.4	7.8 383	59.2 42	30.5 10	48.9 17	2.1 1	63.3 8	76.4 3	84.0 6	16.7 470	14.3 470
2 2	13.4	9.5	17.4 339	39.4 82	45.5 44	73.3 13	71.6 14	63.7 8	61.6 3	78.5 15	28.9 518	24.8 518
3 3	9.5	7.7	20.3 377	29.3 93	47.7 26	39.0 10	29.6 5	69.2 4	50.1 6	76.6 3	24.7 524	23.4 524
4 4	7.7	6.7	13.6 207	19.2 137	26.2 58	40.9 30	36.6 11	45.7 7	100.4 8	56.9 30	23.4 488	18.6 488
5 5	6.7	6.0	19.6 65	25.0 199	31.2 97	47.9 50	52.7 24	67.5 14	54.2 15	61.8 44	34.3 508	28.3 508
6 6	6.0	5.5	11.1 60	19.9 119	23.5 84	34.6 43	44.0 27	49.5 17	47.8 15	57.4 45	28.9 410	21.9 410
7 7	5.5	5.1	8.6 47	19.1 151	26.8 108	44.8 57	43.3 42	33.8 31	56.7 12	64.1 70	32.4 518	23.6 518
8 8	5.1	4.7	10.8 33	27.3 87	28.9 55	38.2 71	43.3 58	54.6 27	43.0 19	64.3 87	39.9 437	29.9 437
9 9	4.7	4.5	25.8 25	31.7 98	42.0 99	42.0 72	46.2 50	42.4 34	48.1 24	55.9 68	41.8 470	37.1 470
10 10	4.5	4.2	17.3 15	30.6 68	32.7 62	46.8 50	62.2 45	50.4 36	81.0 27	73.6 111	52.4 414	38.5 414
11 11	4.2	4.0	13.2 8	32.3 41	40.0 49	55.9 48	63.0 44	72.6 36	69.7 28	69.1 128	58.2 382	46.2 382
12 12	4.0	3.9	0.0	53.4 13	48.3 17	70.6 31	80.0 33	69.3 29	68.8 26	77.2 114	72.0 263	65.2 263
13 13	3.9	3.7	0.0	23.5 8	59.8 18	65.6 36	58.8 38	76.4 50	76.4 26	76.6 198	71.7 374	62.4 374
14 14	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.0	84.5 6	90.6 22	76.1 38	68.7 19	79.0 32	80.6 162	79.8 279	79.9 279
15 15	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.0	69.3 3	72.1 11	93.4 26	91.5 33	88.5 25	100.6 145	95.7 243	87.3 243
16 16	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.0	5.0 1	116.1 11	86.0 24	100.2 38	80.4 29	89.4 180	90.4 283	92.7 283
17 17	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	76.7 15	97.1 27	77.1 25	95.6 36	96.2 159	93.2 262	88.0 262
18 18	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	79.2	83.8 18	78.7	99.2 23	92.9 149	90.5 228	84.9 228

	14.8	27.3	34.3	52.1	62.1	67.4	74.0	79.7		
	1559	1138	737	595	525	446	357	1714		
Overall:	Phase res	idual	= 47.5	39		Number	of sp	ots = 7	7071	

Supplementary Table 10: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 15,858x without binning using dose rates of 8 and 20 counts/pixel/s. The phase residuals are given for the merging of 14 images, seven from each imaging condition. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	13.4	13.3 369	87.5 48	110.4 18	92.9 14	91.6 5	86.2 8	129.1 4	109.3 7	31.4 473	26.4 473
2 2	13.4	9.5	19.4 372	42.2 80	73.4 29	60.3 9	98.3 15	75.6 5	91.6 4	64.2 10	30.7 524	27.0 524
3 3	9.5	7.7	23.4 373	33.7 78	49.0 30	41.5 15	39.3 6	70.0 10	52.9 3	71.5 8	28.9 523	26.8 523
4 4	7.7	6.7	15.5 265	23.0 106	32.5 53	53.7 22	40.7 10	58.3 8	63.3 11	48.7 18	24.1 493	20.6 493
5 5	6.7	6.0	23.7 94	38.3 184	34.9 101	39.6 46	48.5 22	61.5 22	52.9 7	58.8 37	38.2 513	35.0 513
6 6	6.0	5.5	10.6 81	21.9 118	23.9 74	32.7 43	34.9 28	55.2 18	61.6 8	54.1 43	27.6 413	21.4 413
7 7	5.5	5.1	11.3 61	21.6 165	32.4 101	43.2 59	46.4 42	43.8 25	74.7 13	62.5 48	33.2 514	25.9 514
8 8	5.1	4.7	14.1 54	29.4 100	32.8 72	40.5 55	48.2 52	63.2 32	63.3 17	57.9 73	39.8 455	31.5 455
9 9	4.7	4.5	25.6 53	32.8 131	41.4 95	42.5 68	60.6 36	61.2 26	73.9 18	66.9 65	44.6 492	37.2 492
10 10	4.5	4.2	19.2 35	25.7 79	35.0 83	43.0 52	58.3 41	64.7 36	77.0 29	76.6 81	48.2 436	35.0 436
11 11	4.2	4.0	18.4 19	30.8 44	32.8 55	64.1 49	60.1 59	68.5 22	69.1 26	80.7 130	59.4 404	42.5 404
12 12	4.0	3.9	34.2 2	45.1 25	51.3 23	50.8 44	62.3 40	71.6 29	78.1 23	85.2 96	67.9 282	54.9 282
13 13	3.9	3.7	6.3 2	24.3 20	48.4 24	58.3 39	62.7 45	68.6 48	75.6 30	75.9 185	67.1 393	52.8 393
14 14	3.7	3.6	0.0	19.4 2	77.0 17	80.4 23	84.3 26	76.4 32	74.1 36	79.7 157	78.5 293	76.3 293
15 15	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.0	51.7 8	58.6 12	66.4 28	69.5 22	90.6 19	90.2 151	82.7 240	67.2 240
16 16	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.0	95.0 4	102.1 13	91.3 30	81.0 45	86.8 32	87.5 171	87.6 295	88.8 295
17 17	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	75.0 2	78.8 14	111.1 32	77.7 27	76.8 26	91.3 170	90.1 271	89.0 271
18 18	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.0	65.7 1	100.6 17	89.8 26	86.1 27	83.3 19	88.6 163	88.8 253	90.0 253

	17.9	32.3	39.9	52.4	64.8	69.1	76.4	79.9	
	1780	1180	790	594	543	442	325	1613	
Overall:	Phase res	idual	= 48 4		Number	of sr	ots = 7	267	

Supplementary Table 11: Phase residuals in resolution shells. Images were taken on a K2 Summit DDD camera mounted on an F20 electron microscope in super-resolution mode at a magnification of 15,858x without binning using dose rates of 4, 8 and 20 counts/pixel/s. The phase residuals are given for the merging of 21 images, seven from each imaging condition. For each resolution shell the phase residual (in degree, top number) and number of spots (bottom number) are given.

#	DMIN	DMAX	IQ= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	all IQs	IQ-wght
1 1	1000.0	13.4	16.3 565	95.3 66	88.6 23	84.0 21	104.6 5	91.7 12	124.3 4	71.7 11	31.4 707	27.8 707
2 2	13.4	9.5	20.7 548	47.1 121	63.5 50	55.7 17	103.4 16	74.5 10	80.7 5	68.0 16	32.0 783	28.6 783
3 3	9.5	7.7	24.1 563	34.5 128	52.0 42	46.8 19	39.6 8	72.2 10	47.6 6	71.6 10	29.4 786	27.6 786
4 4	7.7	6.7	16.6 367	22.5 180	32.1 80	44.8 35	39.0 17	57.4 10	61.1 14	55.9 35	24.8 738	21.1 738
5 5	6.7	6.0	29.3 125	35.5 282	37.8 147	45.9 70	50.2 36	51.4 29	59.7 17	57.9 60	39.4 766	36.0 766
6 6	6.0	5.5	12.3 116	24.7 182	27.2 117	31.6 63	40.7 41	48.2 24	50.9 17	53.3 62	29.1 622	23.7 622
7 7	5.5	5.1	10.4 81	23.3 236	34.3 162	43.8 88	43.6 64	38.7 40	59.4 18	62.0 90	34.3 779	27.1 779
8 8	5.1	4.7	14.3 72	29.9 138	36.2 103	39.8 98	47.2 84	61.3 41	49.9 26	61.1 117	40.8 679	32.4 679
9 9	4.7	4.5	33.0 67	36.5 180	47.5 148	44.1 99	58.2 68	50.3 42	65.5 31	62.6 94	46.9 729	41.6 729
10 10	4.5	4.2	21.8 42	27.7 114	38.3 111	46.9 77	57.5 68	63.6 55	84.8 39	75.0 136	51.2 642	38.1 642
11 11	4.2	4.0	20.9 24	33.8 66	36.0 79	63.1 73	66.4 82	78.6 43	70.1 44	74.9 190	60.5 601	46.5 601
12 12	4.0	3.9	63.3 2	55.6 32	51.1 34	59.1 51	62.6 45	63.5 38	78.7 33	79.7 132	68.1 367	59.3 367
13 13	3.9	3.7	0.0	22.6 16	53.2 29	66.0 51	71.7 55	75.0 62	67.7 45	76.8 255	71.2 513	60.8 513
14 14	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.0	92.5 14	87.2 27	74.7 42	87.6 39	78.5 45	79.2 198	80.6 365	83.1 365
15 15	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.0	71.3 5	56.7 15	88.0 36	78.5 33	99.5 29	90.2 191	87.6 309	81.3 309
16 16	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.0	121.9 3	97.7 14	81.0 32	87.7 56	93.2 34	86.6 219	87.6 358	89.8 358
17 17	3.4	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	93.1 19	97.3 36	105.4 30	98.0 42	92.3 211	94.8 338	98.4 338
18	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	90.4	86.6	89.2	92.8	91.0	90.5	89.4

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Overall:	Phase res	idual	= 48.4	93		Number	of sp	ots =	10385	

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