Overview on commercial aberration correctors

for TEM and STEM

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Commercial players in the field

The early days

STEM

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TEM + STEM

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Commercial players in the field

Today

BRUKER

STEM

CEOS
Corrected Electron Optical Systems GmbH

TEM + STEM

JEOL

TEM + STEM

HITACHI

STEM

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JEOL

ThermoFisher SCIENTIFIC

HITACHI

“C_S correctors” — nion

STEM

2001

third-order axial geometric aberrations

second-generation Nion corrector retrofit to a VG HB 501

2011

fifth-order axial geometric aberrations

third-generation Nion corrector complete Nion UltraSTEM column

- quadrupole/octupole design
- 30–200 kV
- 60 pm at 200 kV

“C_S correctors” — HITACHI

STEM

2015

third-order axial
geometric aberrations

Hitachi HD-2700

- dual hexapole design (?)
- 80–200 kV
- 100 pm at 200 kV

“C_S correctors” — JEOL

STEM & TEM

2007

fourth-order axial
geometric aberrations

JEOL ETA on a 300 kV microscope

2010

fifth-order axial
geometric aberrations

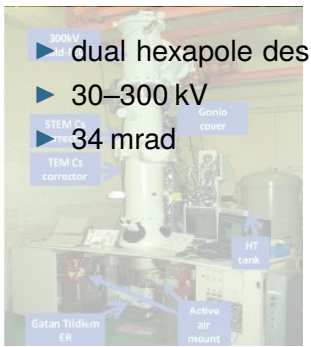
JEOL Delta on a 60 kV microscope

“C_S correctors” — JEOL

STEM & TEM

2007

fourth-order axial
geometric aberrations



- dual hexapole design
- 30–300 kV
- 34 mrad

JEOL ETA on a 300 kV microscope

2010

fifth-order axial
geometric aberrations

- triple dodecapole design
- 15–300 kV
- 70 mrad

JEOL Delta on a 60 kV microscope

“C_S correctors” —

STEM

2003

third-order axial
geometric aberrations

CEOS CESCOR

2009

fifth-order axial
geometric aberrations

CEOS DCOR/ASCOR/S-CORR

2024

sixth-order axial
geometric aberrations

CEOS LASCOR

“C_S correctors” — CEOS

STEM

2003

third-order axial geometric aberrations

CEOS CESCOR

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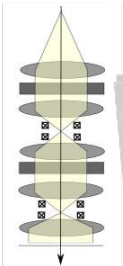
fifth-order axial geometric aberrations

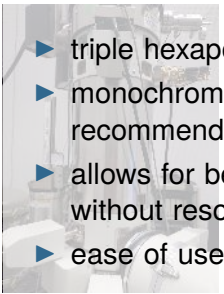


- dual hexapole design
- 30–300 kV
- 60 pm at 200 kV
- matched to cFEG

CEOS DCOR/ASCOR/S-CORR

2024

sixth-order axial geometric aberrations



- triple hexapole design
- monochromator recommended
- allows for beam tilt without resolution loss
- ease of use (no D_6)

CEOS LASCOR

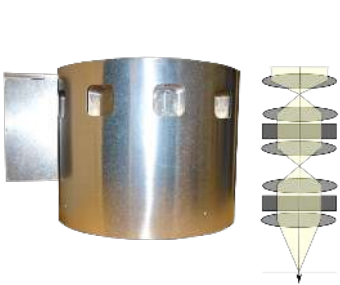
“C_S correctors” —

CEOS

TEM

2003

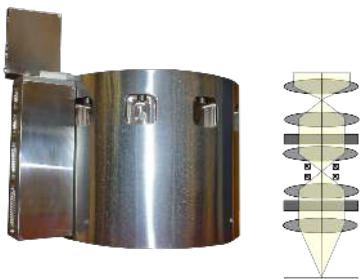
third-order axial
geometric aberrations



CEOS CETCOR

2022

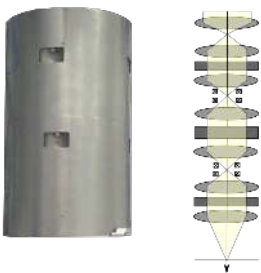
fourth-order axial/
second-order off-axial
geometric aberrations



CEOS ATCOR/CETCORPRIME

2010

fifth-order axial/
third-order off-axial
geometric aberrations



CEOS BCOR

“C_S correctors” — CEOS

TEM

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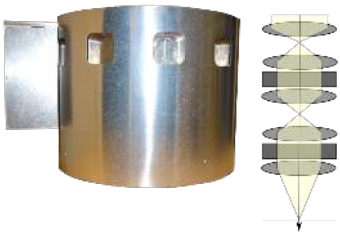

CEOS CETCOR

2022

fourth-order axial/
second-order off-axial
geometric aberrations

- dual hexapole design
- 30–300 kV
- enhanced field of view
- strongly reduced diffraction distortion

CEOS ATCOR/CETCORPRIME

2010

fifth-order axial/
third-order off-axial
geometric aberrations

- triple hexapole design
- monochromator recommended
- for large field of view

CEOS BCOR

special modifications

- 300 keV – 1.2 MeV
- UHV compatible
- special objective lens adaptions
- “Lorentz” settings
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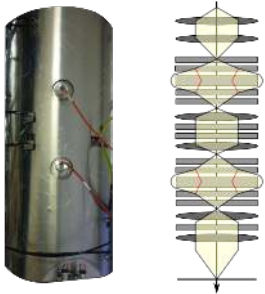
“C_s/C_c correctors” —

TEM

2010

fifth-order axial / third-order off-axial geometric aberrations

first-order axial chromatic aberrations



CEOS CCOR

2015

fifth-order axial / third-order off-axial geometric aberrations

first-order axial chromatic aberrations

CEOS SALVE

“C_S/C_C correctors” — JEOL

TEM

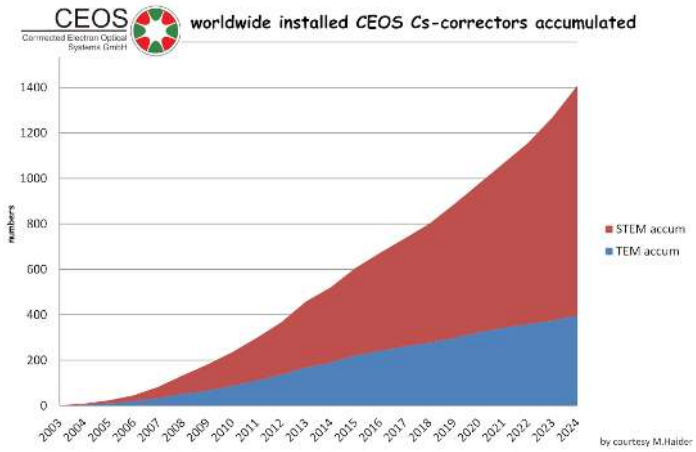
2025

JEOL C_S/C_C corrector instrument delivery

- no details are publicly known yet
- instrument is being installed now in RFI, Harwell, UK
- commercialisation possible but unknown

Some statistics — CEOS

No documented numbers for nion, JEOL, or HITACHI



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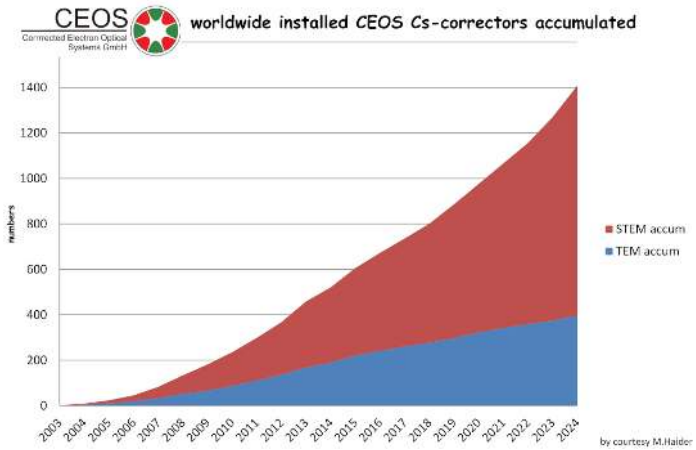

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C_C/C_S correctors in total

- CEOS: 5
  - +2 in installation
- JEOL: 1 in installation

Thank you for your interest.