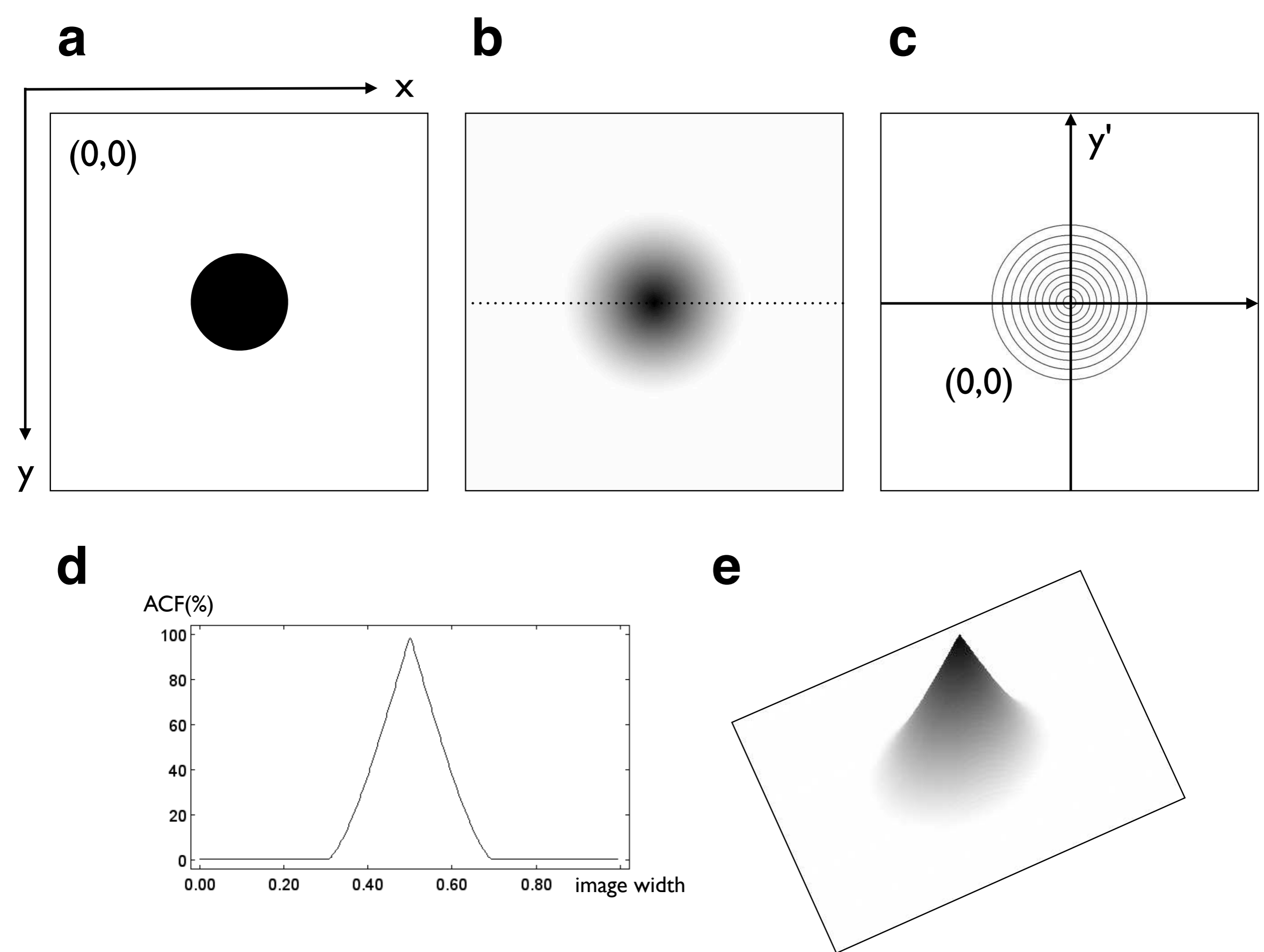


**Figure 20.1**

Visualization of the autocorrelation function.

(a) Two copies of an image are superposed, one copy is shifted in  $x$ - and  $y$ -direction by  $\Delta x$  and  $\Delta y$ ;  $A$  = area of overlap of circles;

(b) the correlation between the image and its copy is measured as  $A(x')$ , the area of overlap as a function of  $x$ -displacement.



**Figure 20.2**

The autocorrelation function.

(a) Original image;  $x, y$  = dimensions of image plane; origin in upper left;

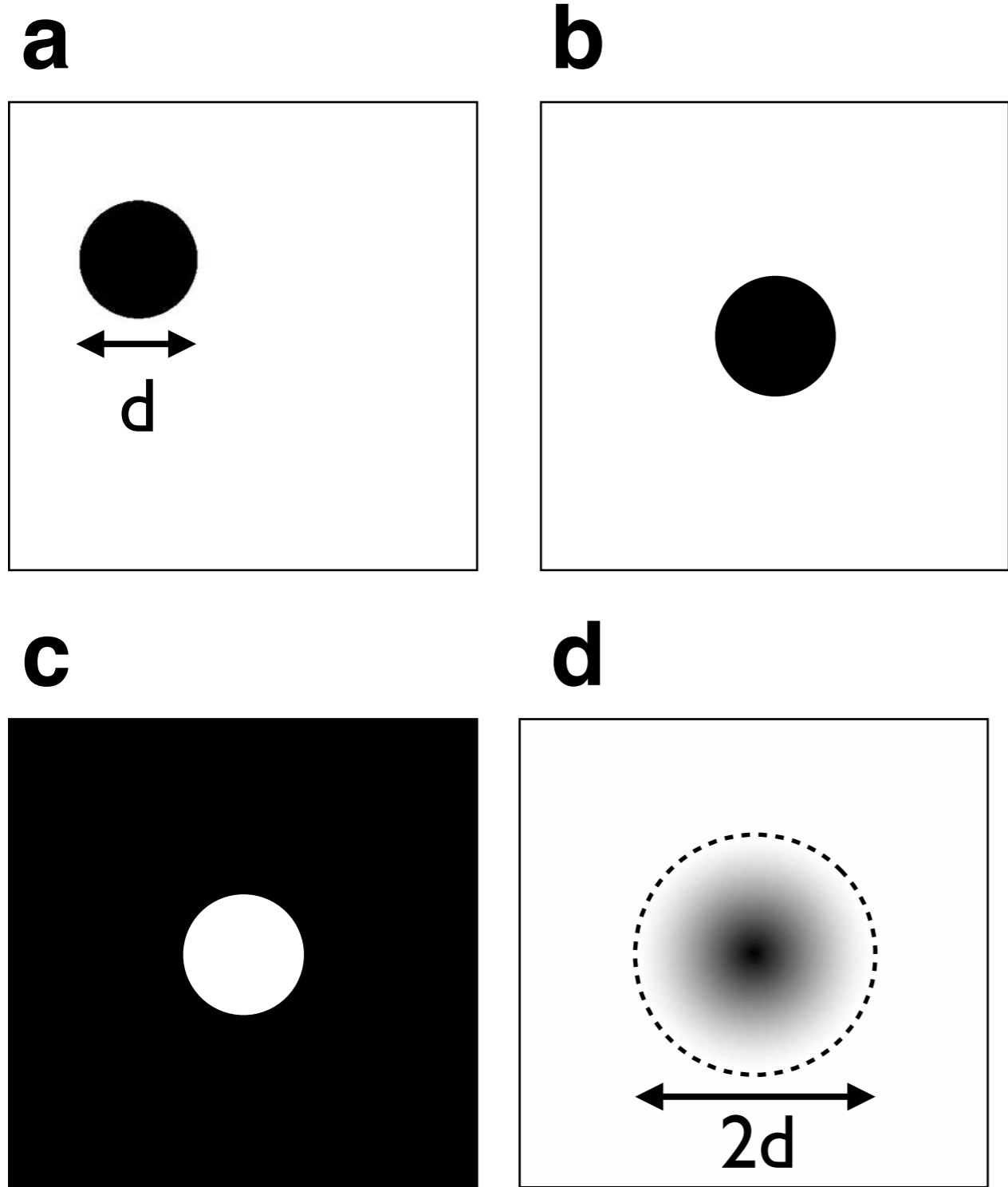
(b) image of autocorrelation function (ACF) of (a); stippled = trace of profile shown in (d);

(c) contour plot of ACF; contour level at 10%, 20%, etc. of maximum of ACF; origin of coordinate system in the center;

$x', y'$  = displacement in  $x$ -,  $y$ - direction, same scaling as  $x$ -,  $y$ - coordinates of image;

(d) profile across ACF along trace shown in (b);

(e) topographic representation of ACF.



**Figure 20.3**

Geometric properties of autocorrelation function.

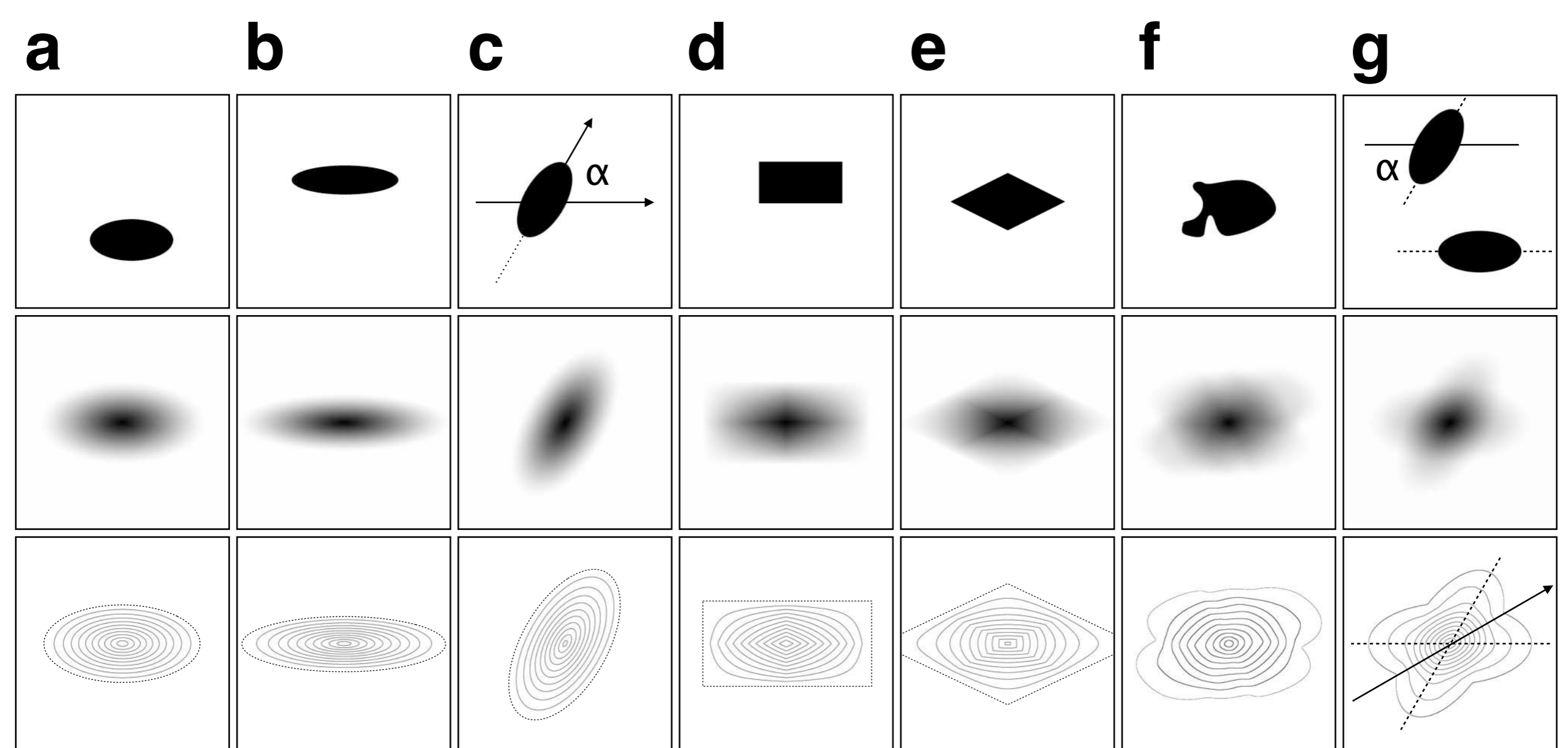
(a) Image of circle, diameter,  $d$ , indicated by double arrow;

(b) same circle as (a) moved to center;

(c) same as (b) with inverted contrast;

(d) autocorrelation function (ACF) is the same for (a), (b) and (c); base line (where  $ACF = 0$ ) is indicated by stipples.

Note that the diameter of the base line is twice the diameter of the circle.



**Figure 20.4**

Autocorrelation function of individual shapes.

In each case, the image is shown (top) with the ACF (middle) and contour plots of the ACF (bottom); contours every 10% of ACF.

(a) Ellipse:  $b/a = 0.50$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ;

(b) ellipse:  $b/a = 0.25$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ;

(c) ellipse:  $b/a = 0.50$ ,  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ ;

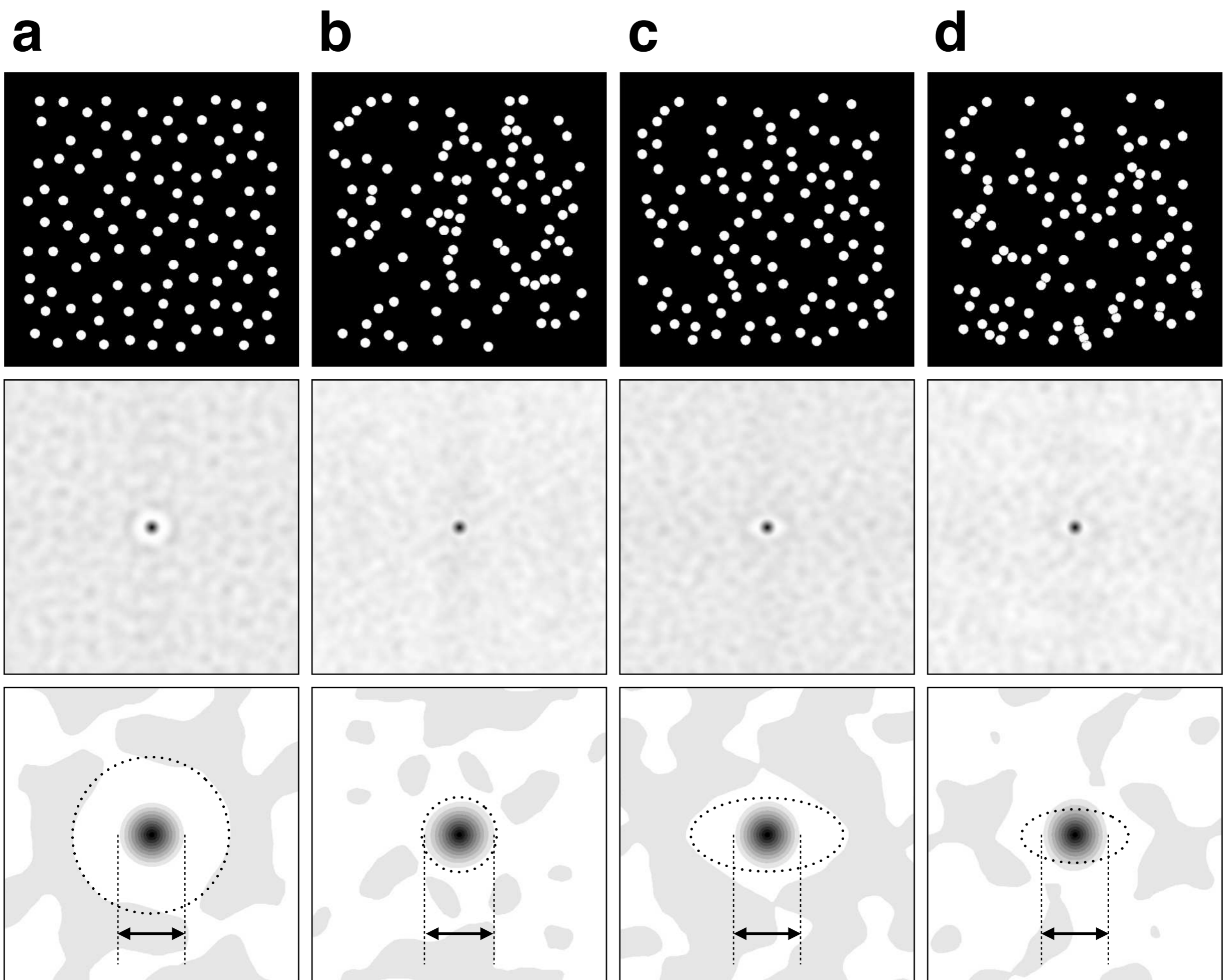
(d) rectangle,  $b/a = 0.50$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ;

(e) rhomb,  $b/a = 0.50$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ;

(f) general shape;

(g) two ellipses,  $b/a = 0.50$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  and  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ ;

$a$  = long axis;  $b$  = short axis;  $\alpha$  = orientation of long axis, anticlockwise from positive x-axis.



**Figure 20.5**

Influence of spacing on autocorrelation function.

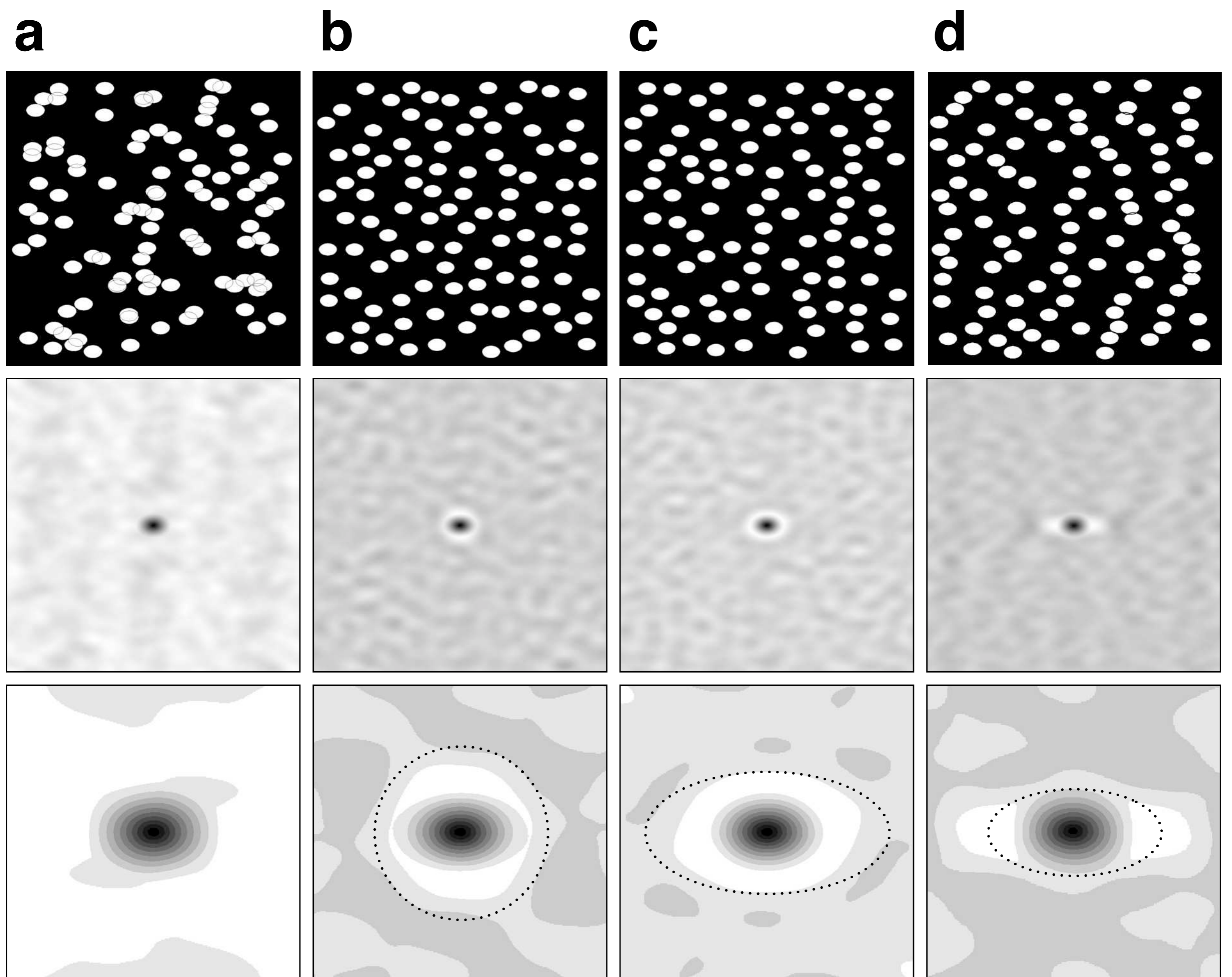
100 circles (diameter,  $d$ ) are randomly distributed in the image plane (top); the minimal distance between center points is  $d_{\min}$ . The ACF is shown at the same scale (middle) and 4 times enlarged (bottom) with the anti-correlating distance shown as stippled outline.

(a) Isotropic distribution of center points with  $d_{\min} = d$ ;

(b) same as (a) with  $d_{\min} = d/2$ ; circles may touch;

(c) anisotropic distribution of center points: in x-direction:  $d_{\min} = d$ ; in y-direction:  $d_{\min} = d/2$ ; ratio = 2:1;

(d) same as (c): in x-direction:  $d_{\min} = 2d/3$ ; in y-direction:  $d_{\min} = d/3$ ; ratio = 2:1.



**Figure 20.6**

Influence of spacing on autocorrelation of ellipses.

100 identical ellipses are distributed in the image plane (top), for all,  $b/a = 0.70$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ . The ACF is shown at the same scale (middle) and 4 times enlarged (bottom) with the anti-correlating distance shown as stippled outline.

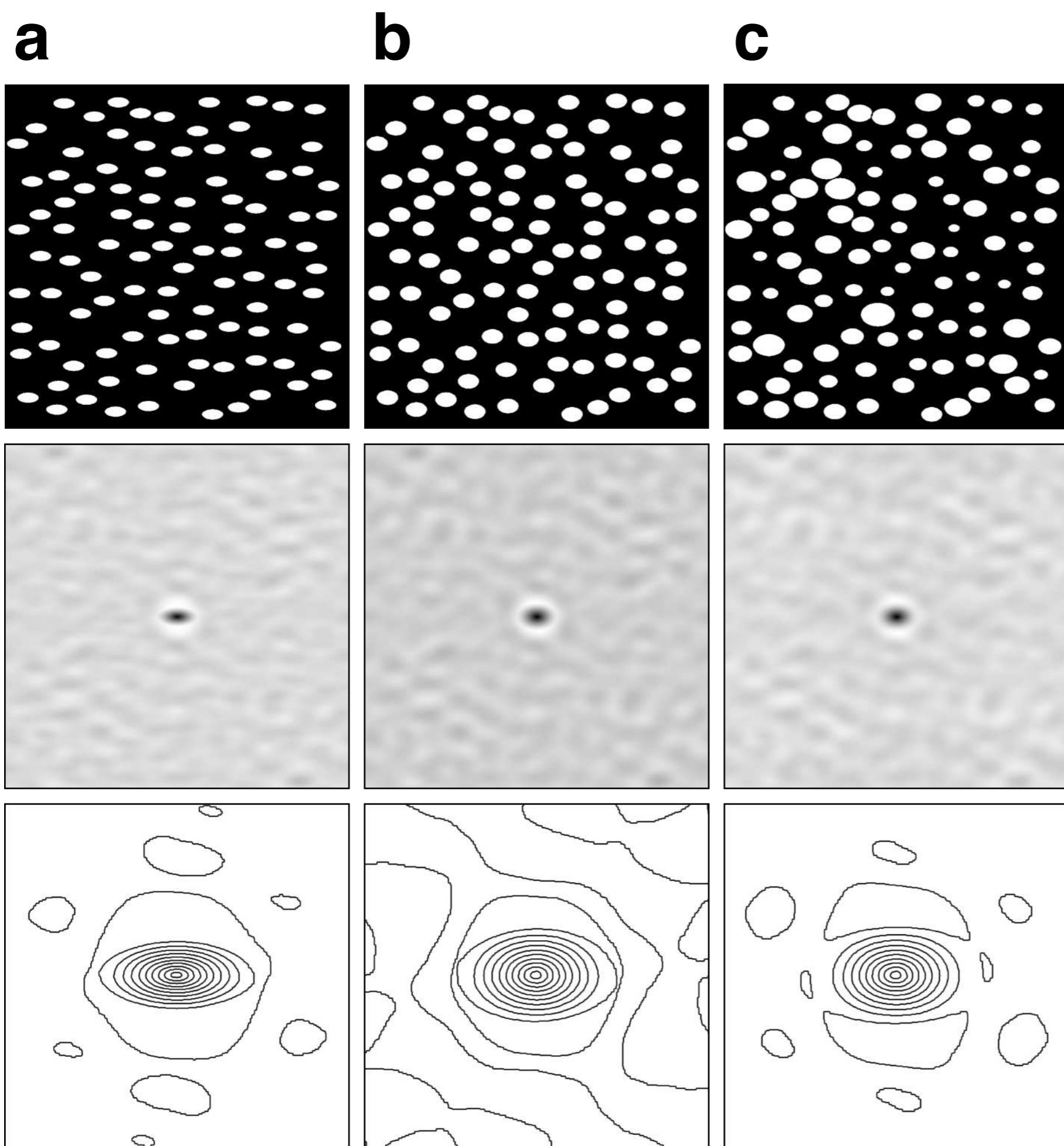
(a) Perfectly random distribution (Poisson distribution) of center points, note overlaps;

(b) random anti-correlated distribution of center points with  $d_{\min} = a$ ; ellipses may touch but not overlap;

(c) random anti-correlated distribution of center points, distribution is anisotropic: in x-direction:  $d_{\min} = \sqrt{2}a$ ; in y-direction:  $d_{\min} = a/\sqrt{2}$ ; ratio = 2:1;

(d) random anti-correlated distribution of center points, distribution is anisotropic: in x-direction:  $d_{\min} = a$ ; in y-direction:  $d_{\min} = a/2$ ; ratio = 2:1;

$a$  = long axis;  $b$  = short axis;  $\alpha$  = orientation of long axis, CCW from positive x-axis.



**Figure 20.7**

Influence of shape and size on autocorrelation function.

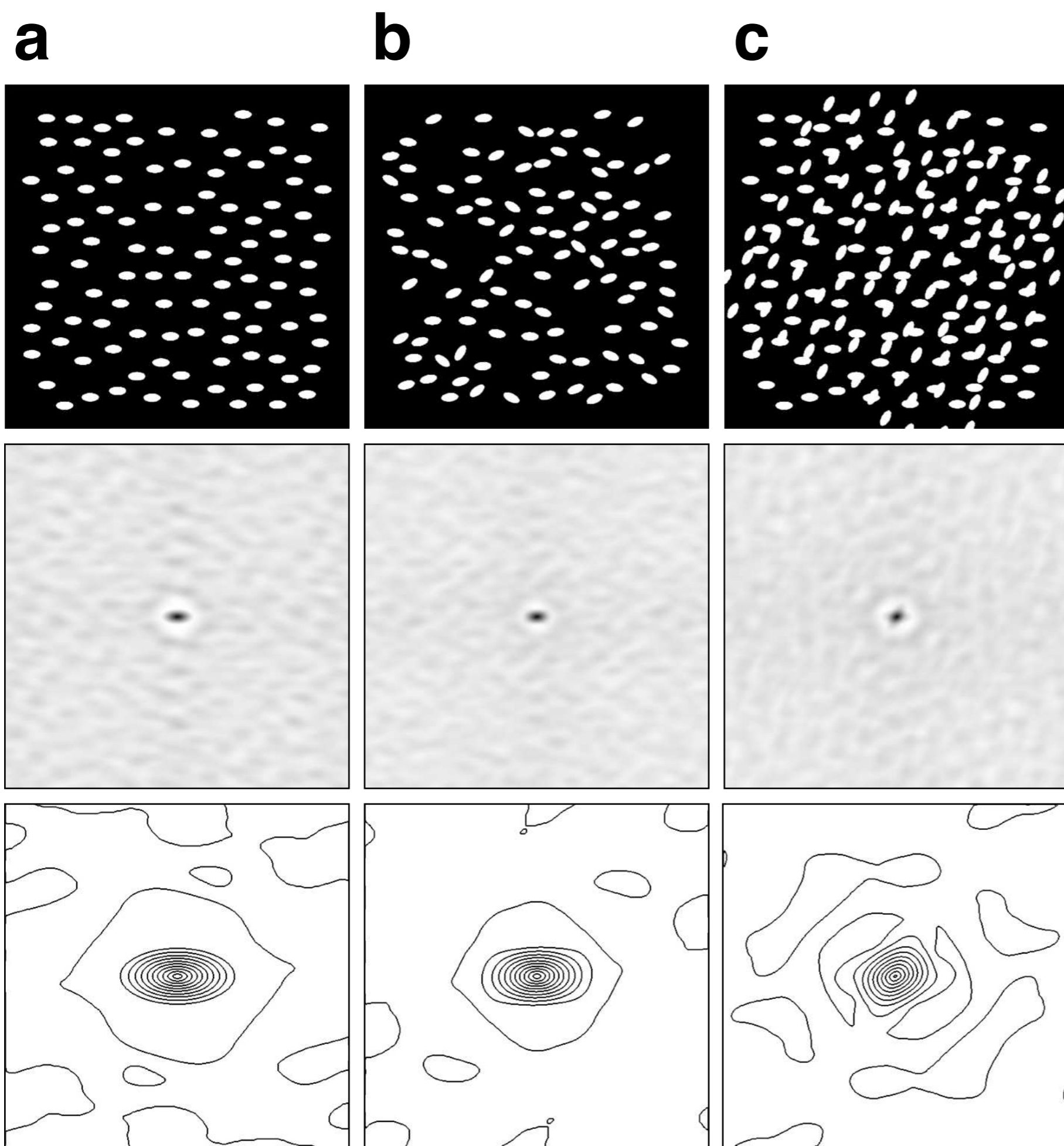
100 ellipses are randomly distributed in the image plane with isotropic anti-correlated distribution of center points (top). The ACF is shown at the same scale (middle) and 4 times enlarged (bottom).

(a) Constant size,  $b/a = 0.50$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ;

(b) constant size,  $b/a = 0.70$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ;

(c) size normally distributed;  $b/a = 0.70$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ;

$a$  = long axis;  $b$  = short axis;  $\alpha$  = orientation of long axis, CCW from positive x-axis.



**Figure 20.8**

Influence of orientation on autocorrelation function.

100 identical ellipses are randomly distributed in the image plane with isotropic anti-correlated distribution of center points (top), for all,  $b/a = 0.50$ . The ACF is shown at the same scale (middle) and 4 times enlarged (bottom).

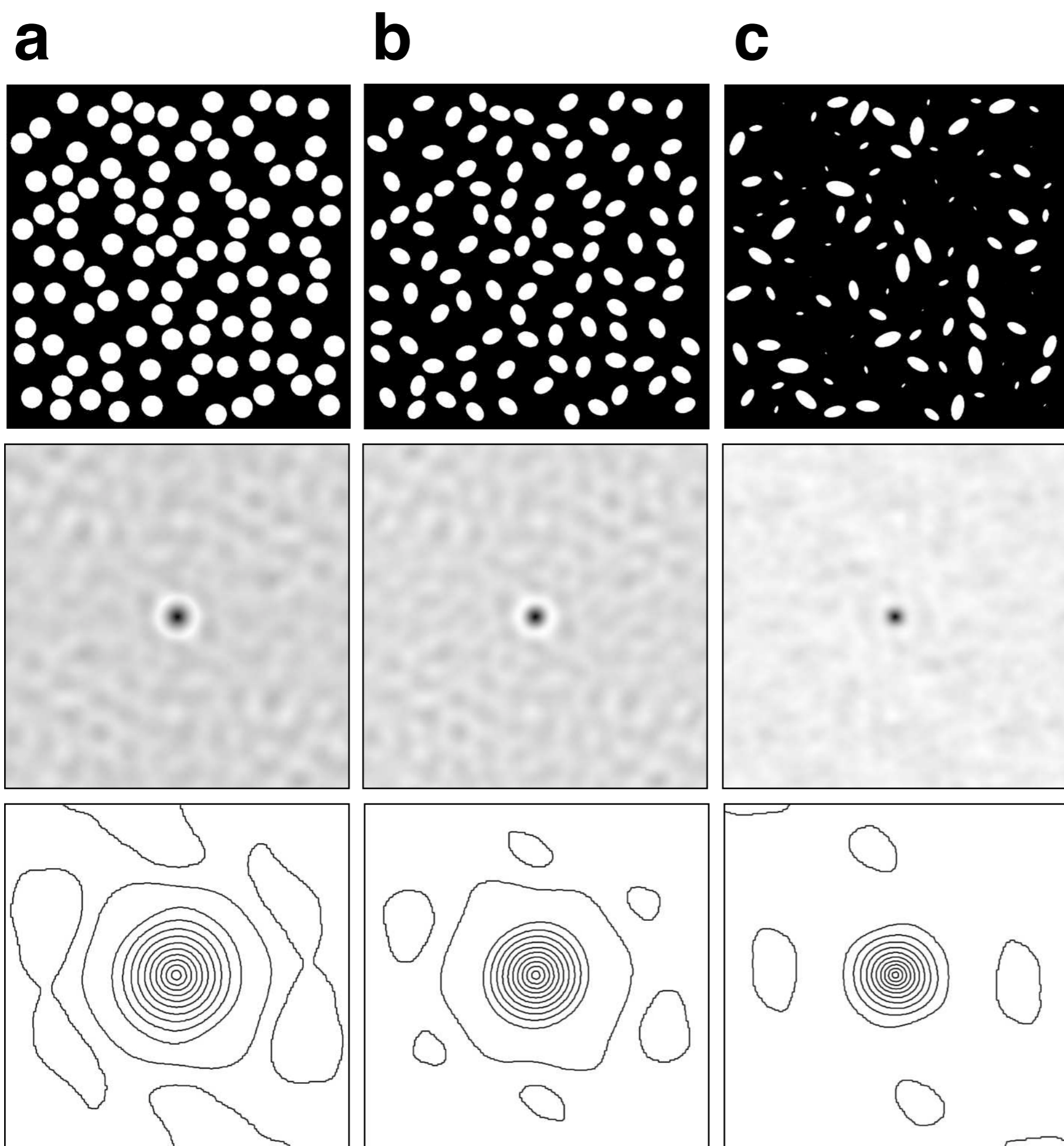
(a) Constant orientation, the orientation distribution function (ODF) is the delta function,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ;

(b) ODF = Gaussian normal distribution with,  $\alpha = 0^\circ \pm 30^\circ$ ;

(c) bimodal ODF:  $\alpha_1 = 0^\circ$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 60^\circ$ ;

$a$  = long axis;  $b$  = short axis;  $\alpha$  = orientation of long axis, CCW from positive x-axis.





**Figure 20.9**

Isotropic autocorrelation functions from anisotropic shapes.

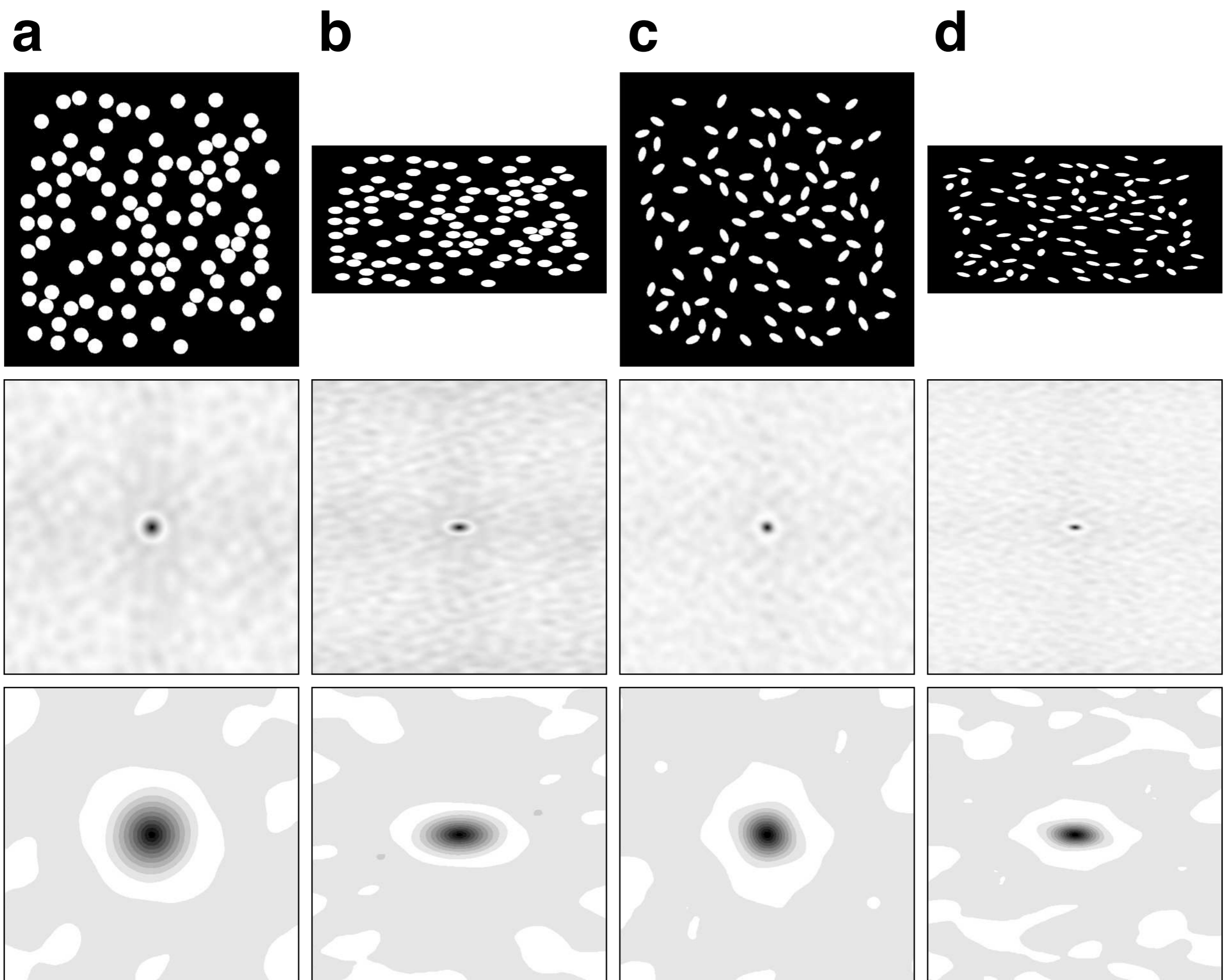
100 shapes are randomly distributed in the image plane with isotropic anti-correlated distribution of center points (top), orientation of long axes is random. The ACF is shown at the same scale (middle) and 4 times enlarged (bottom).

(a) 100 identical circles;

(b) 100 identical ellipses ( $b/a = 0.70$ );

(c) 100 ellipses with constant axial ratio ( $b/a = 0.50$ ) and normally distributed size;

$a$  = long axis;  $b$  = short axis.



**Figure 20.10**

Autocorrelation and strain.

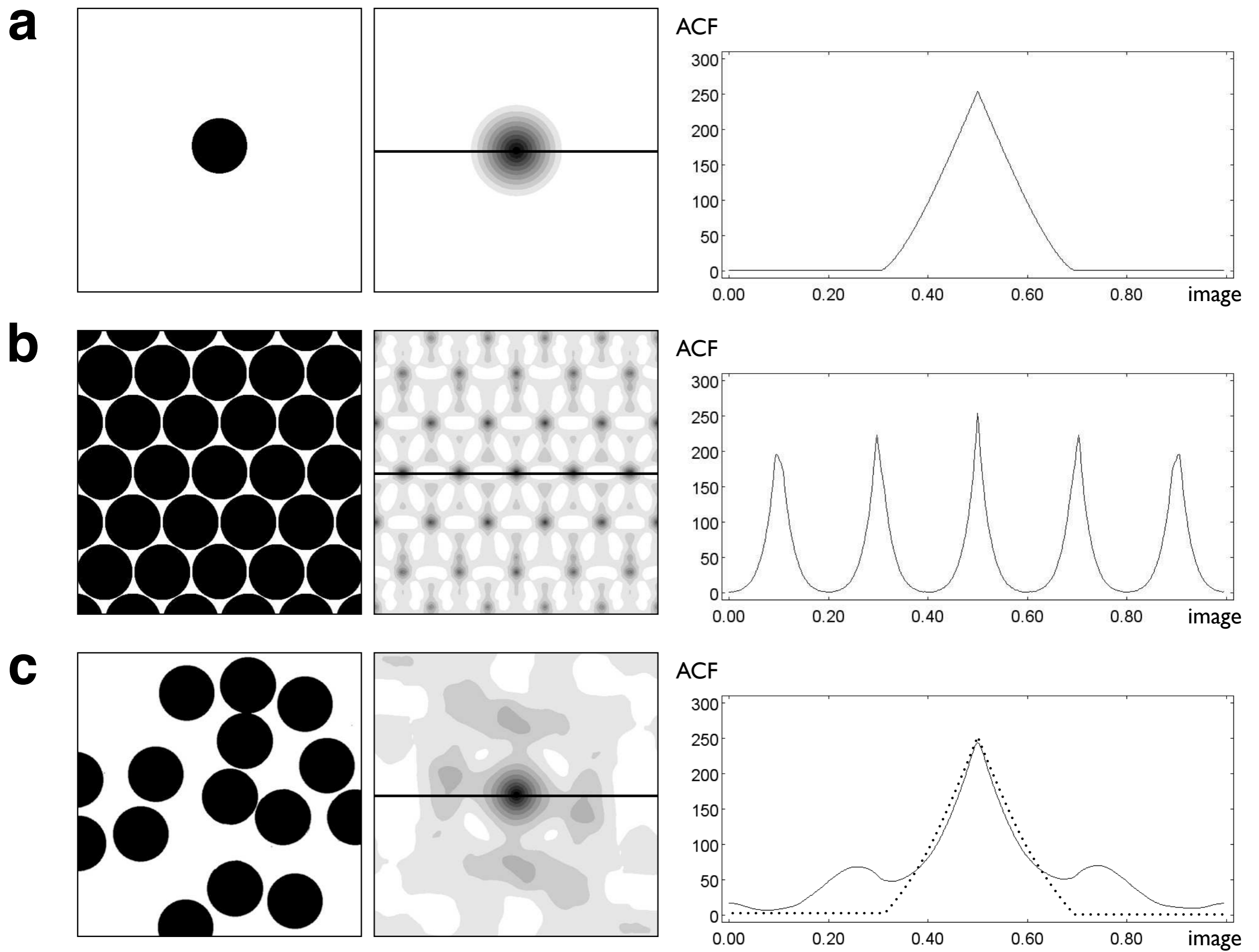
Original and strained circles and ellipses are shown (top). The ACF is shown at the same scale (middle) and 4 times enlarged (bottom).

(a) 100 circles;

(b) strained version of (a), vertical shortening to 50%;

(c) randomly oriented ellipses ( $b/a = 0.50$ );

(d) strained version of (c), same strain as in (b).



**Figure 20.11**

Autocorrelation function and packing density.

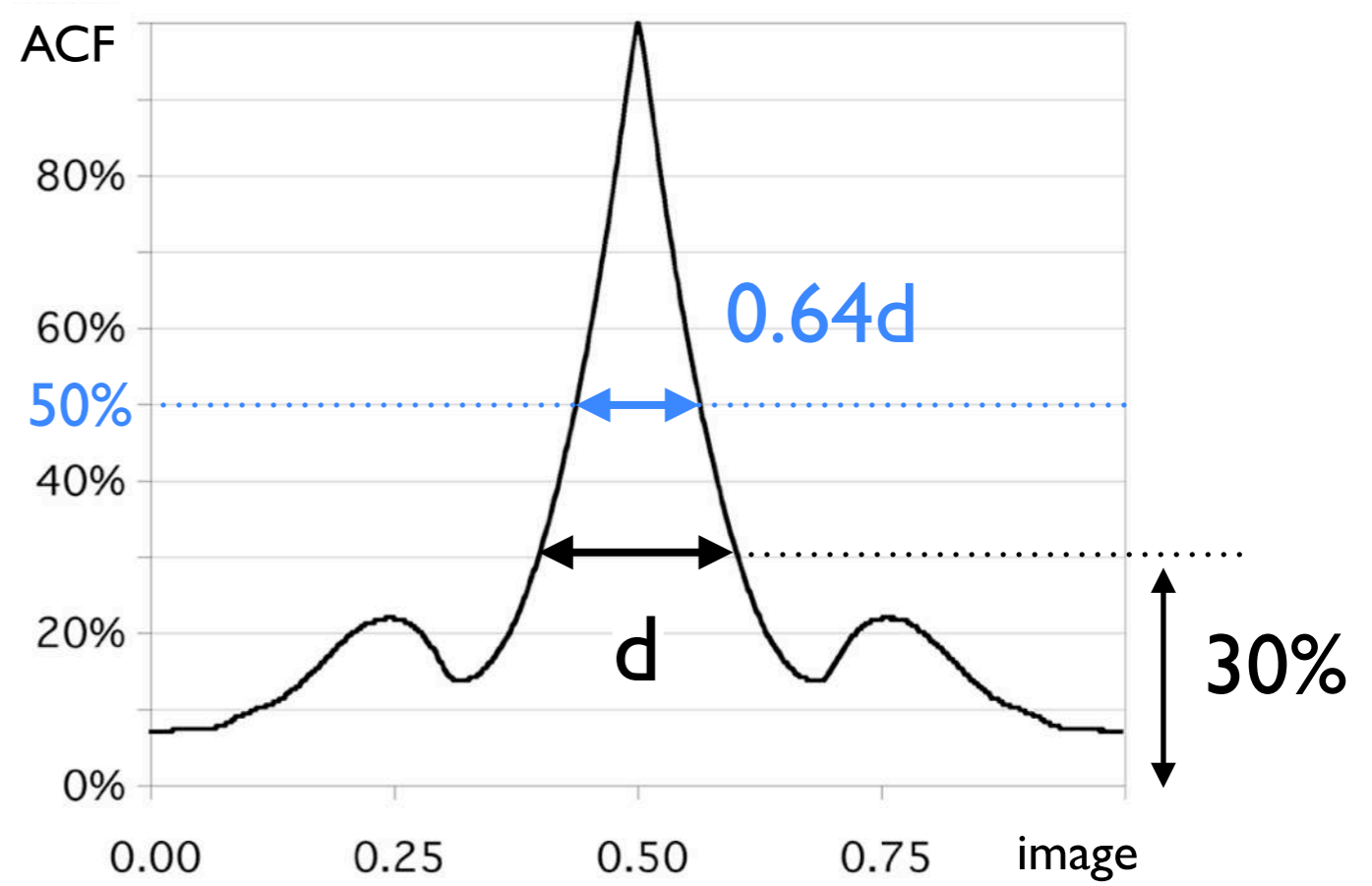
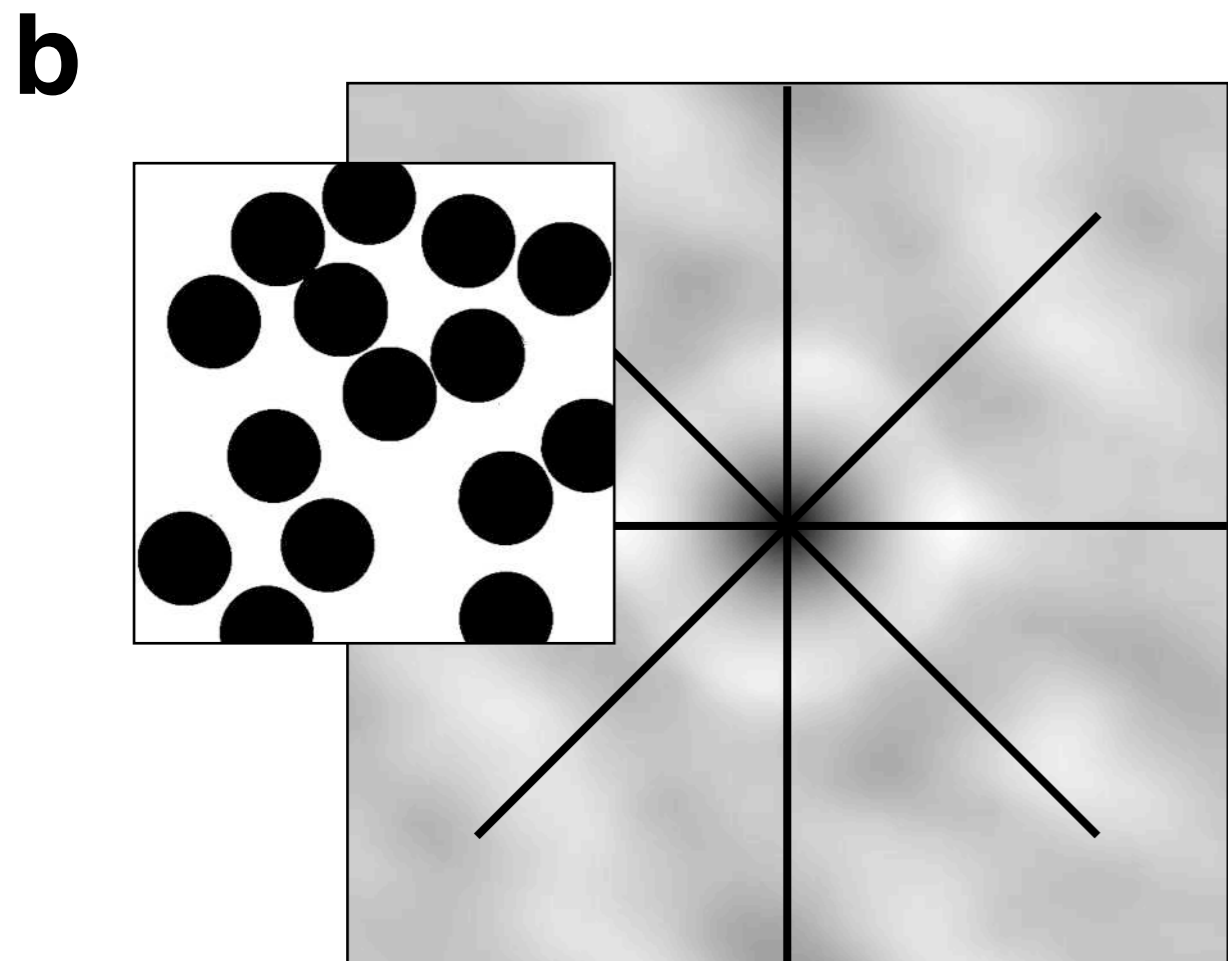
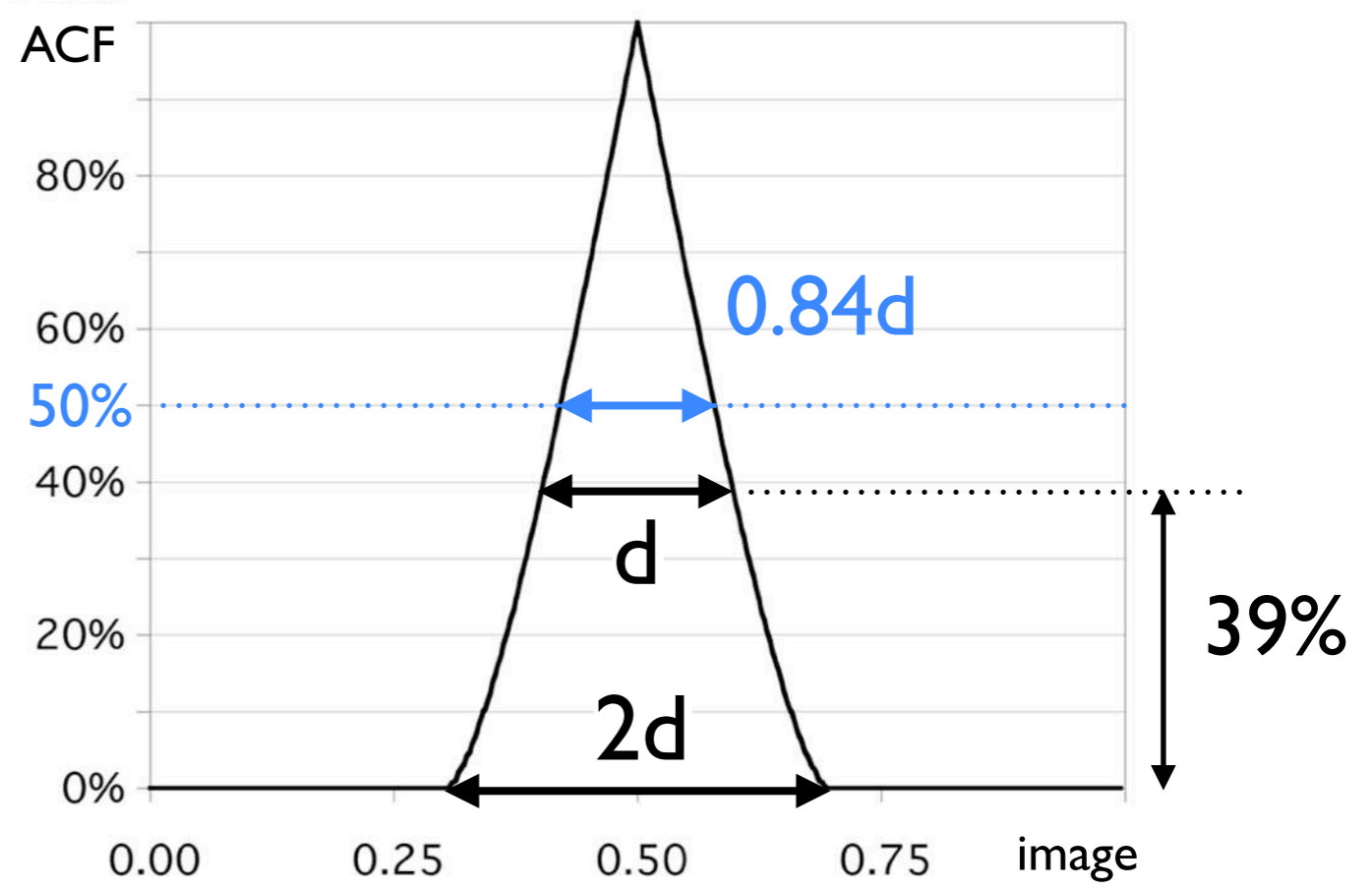
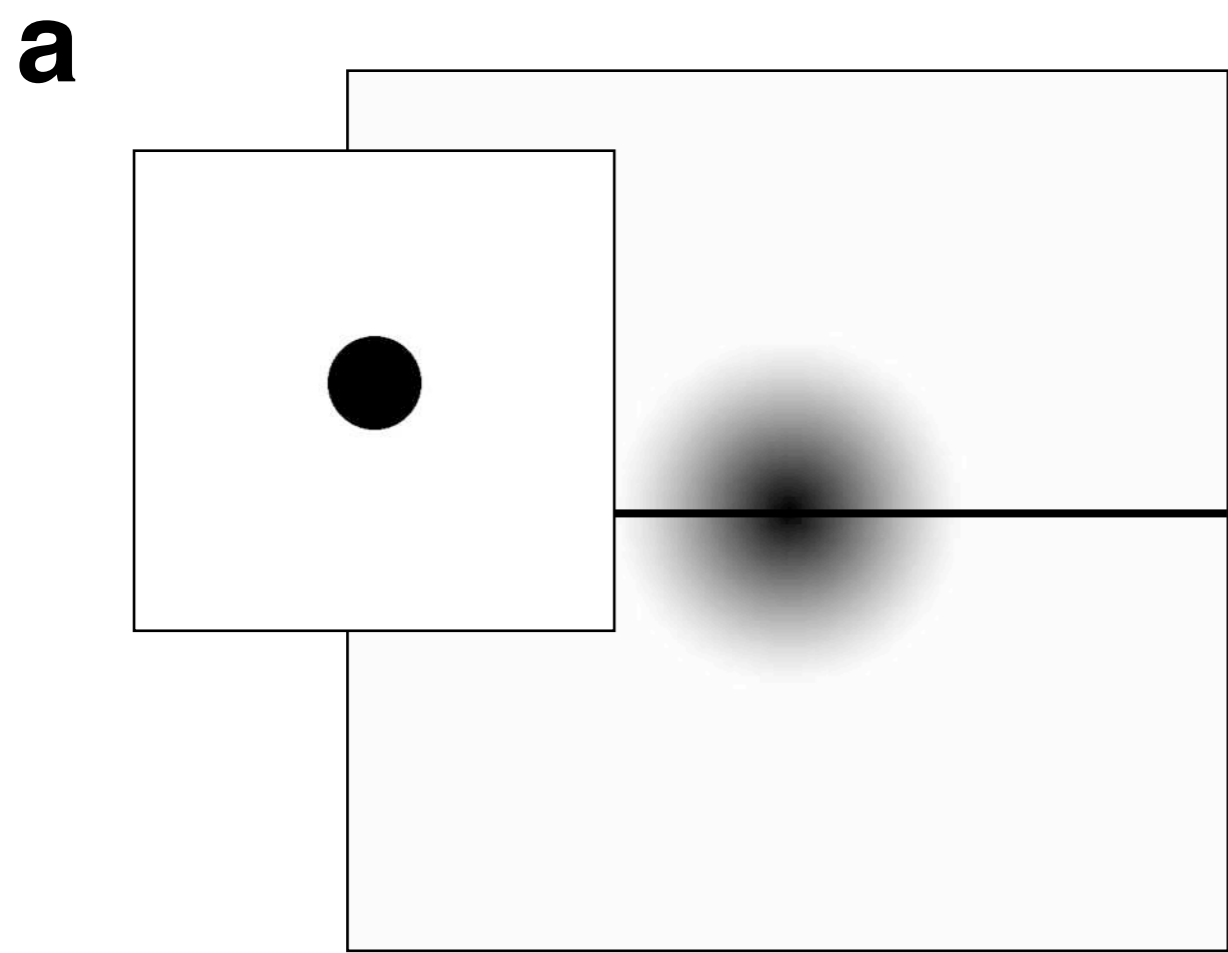
From left to right, the image, the ACF (both shown at the same scale), and a profile across the ACF along the indicated trace, for:

(a) a single circle;

(b) hexagonal closest packing of circles;

(c) random packing of circles; stippled line = profile of (a);

all circles have same diameter; ACF image is scaled: image width = 1; in profile, autocorrelation is given in gray values (0 - 255).



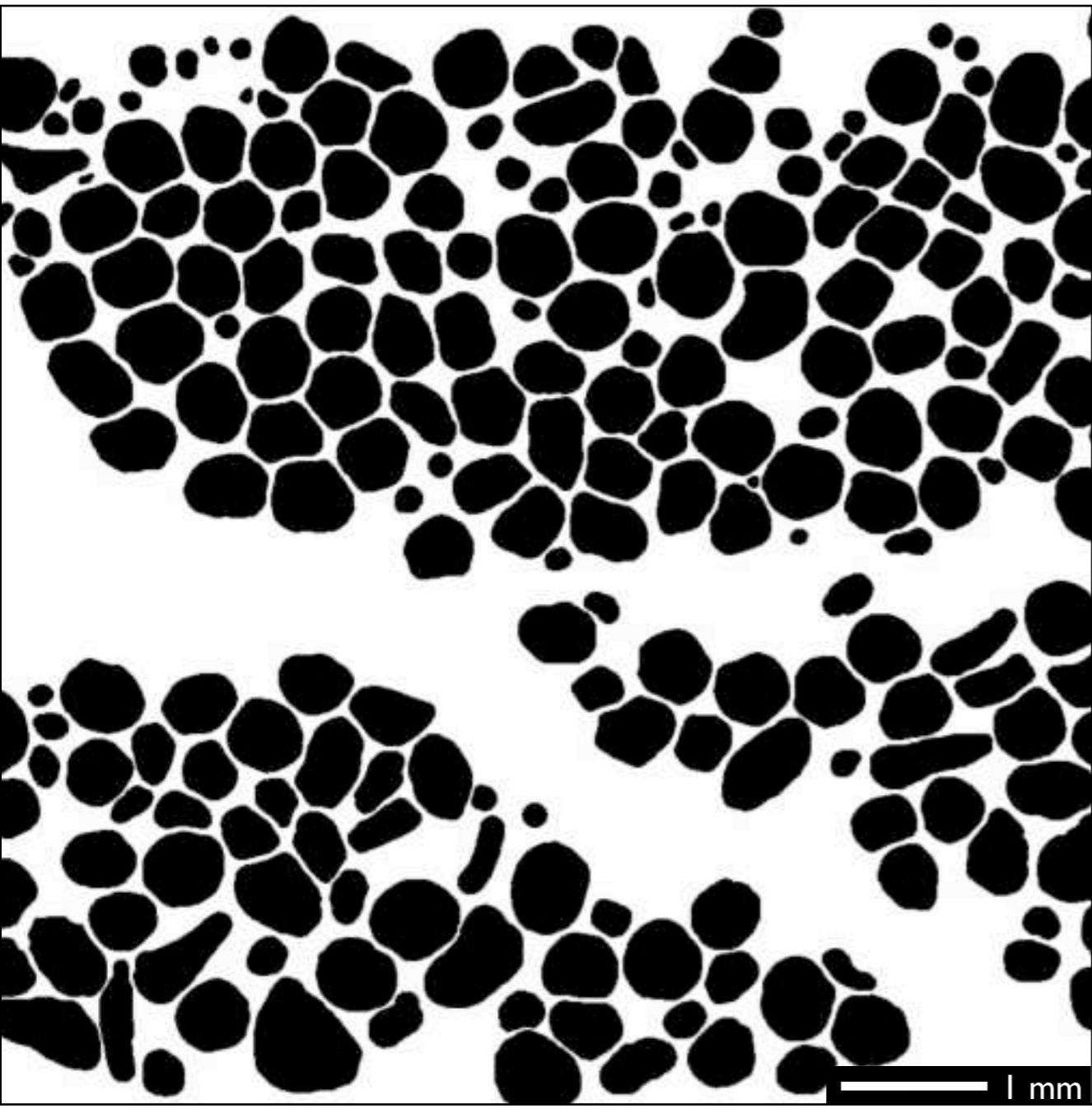
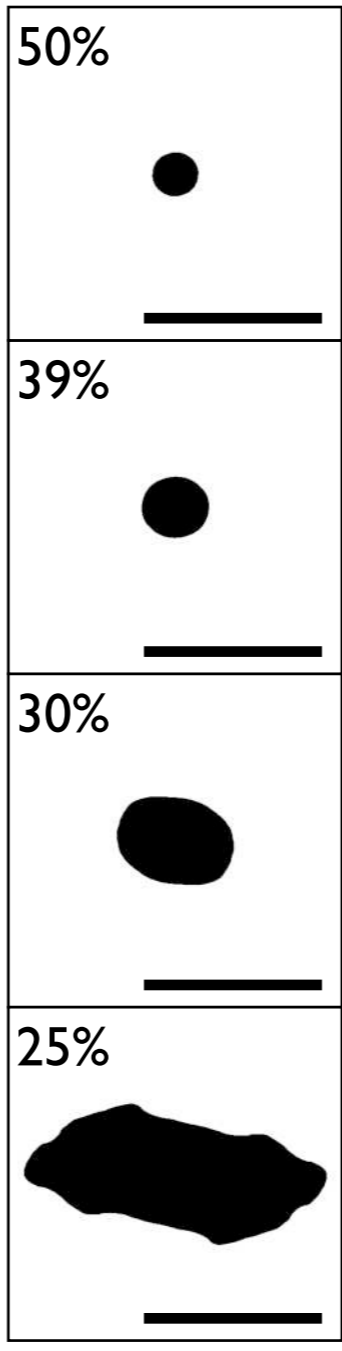
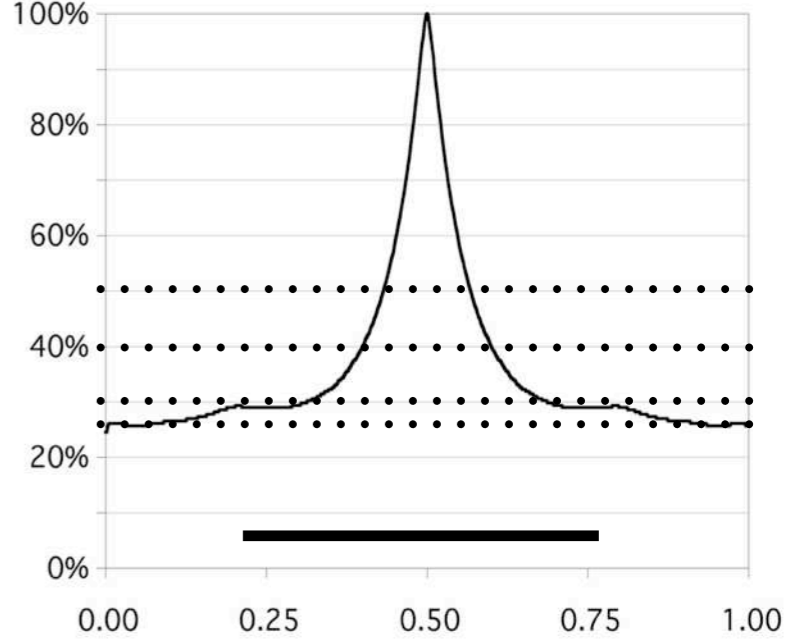
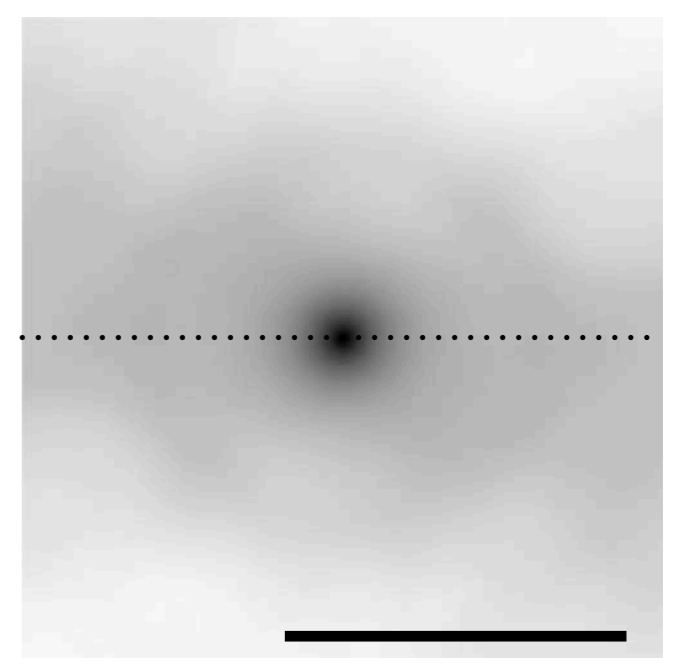
**Figure 20.12**

Critical levels and lengths of the autocorrelation function.

From left to right, the image, the ACF (ACF at twice the size of the image), and a profile across the ACF along the indicated traces.

(a) Single circle with diameter =  $d$ : at 50% of the  $ACF_{max}$ , the diameter of the ACF is  $0.84d$  (blue), the level of correlation where the diameter of the ACF =  $d$  is 39%:

(b) Set of circles with diameter =  $d$ : profile = average of 4 (see traces); at 50% of the  $ACF_{max}$ , the diameter of the ACF is  $0.64d$  (blue), the level of correlation where the diameter of the ACF =  $d$  is  $\sim 30\%$ .

**a****b****c****d****Figure 20.13**

Interpreting the autocorrelation function.

The diameter of the ACF depends on the level of correlation.

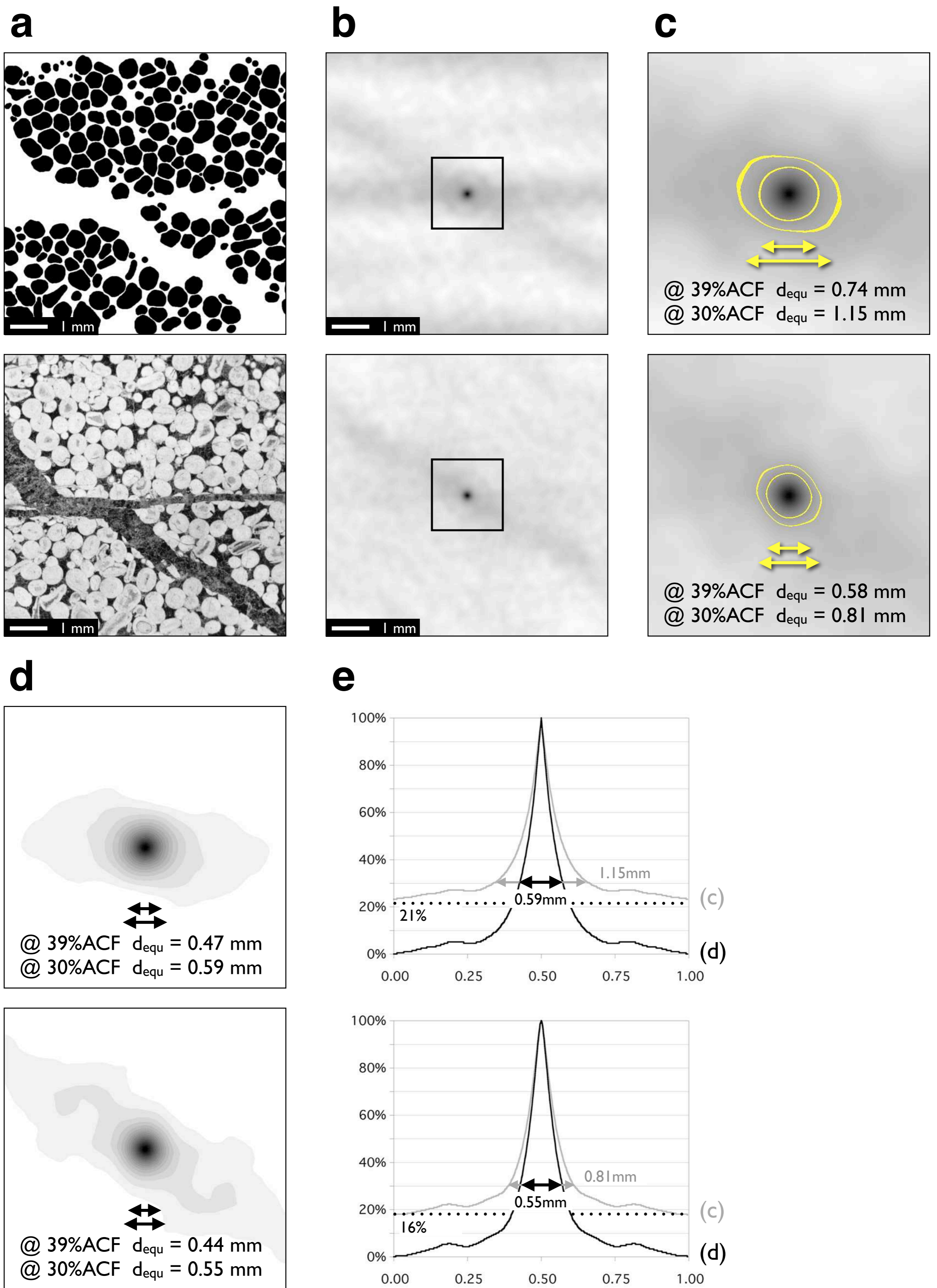
(a) 1024 · 1024 bitmap of an oolitic limestone;

(b) center of ACF, thresholded at different levels

(c) profile of the ACF; selected levels (see (b)) are highlighted by heavy stipples;

(d) ACF of (a), enlarged 2x;

scale bars in (a) to (d) are same length = 1 mm.



**Figure 20.14**

Size and level of autocorrelation.

(a) Image from which ACF is calculated: segmented bitmap (top), unsegmented original (bottom);

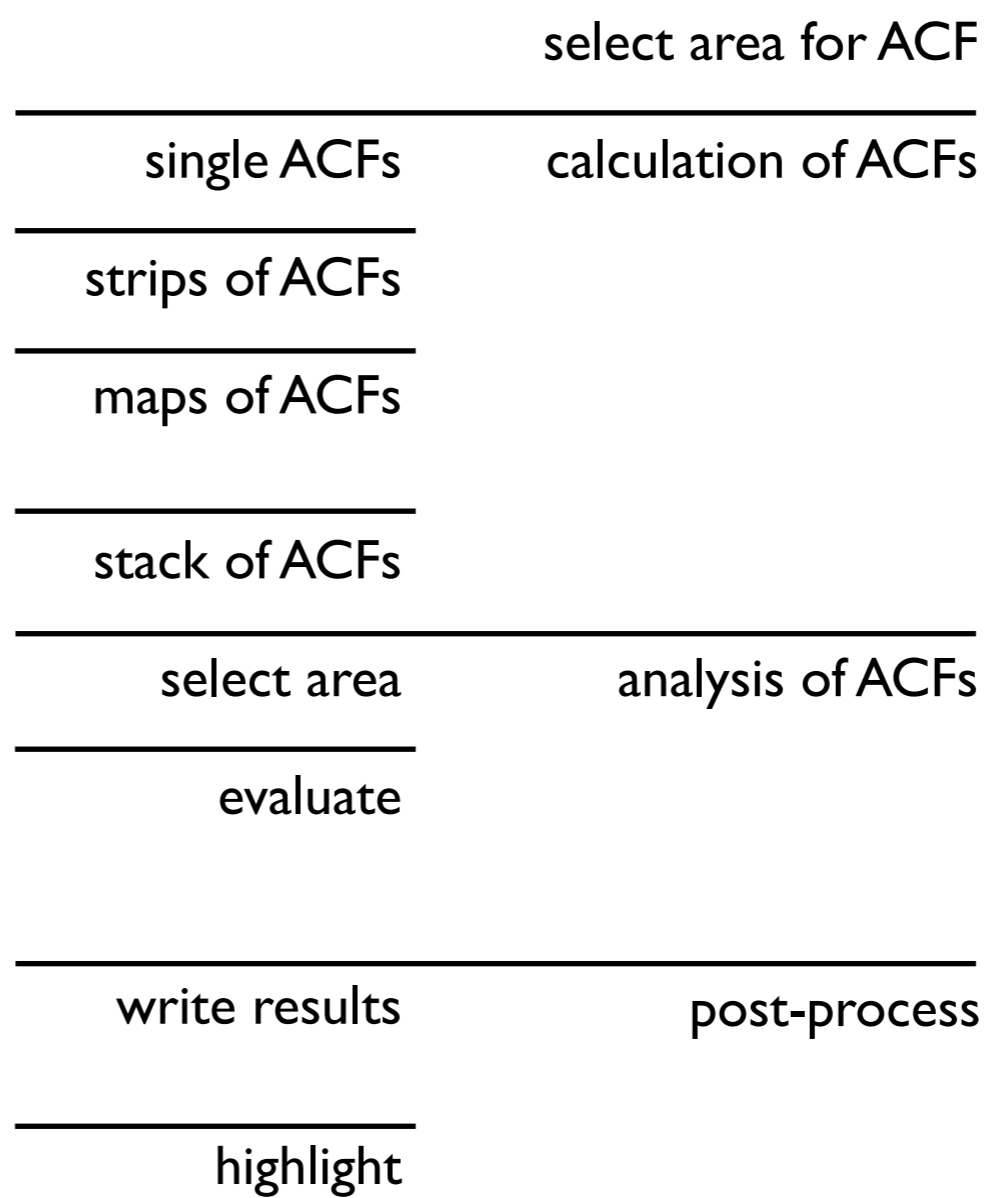
(b) ACF, same size as (a), box = area shown in (c);

(c) center of ACF, 4 times magnified, cross sections at 30% and 39% level in yellow, diameter indicated;

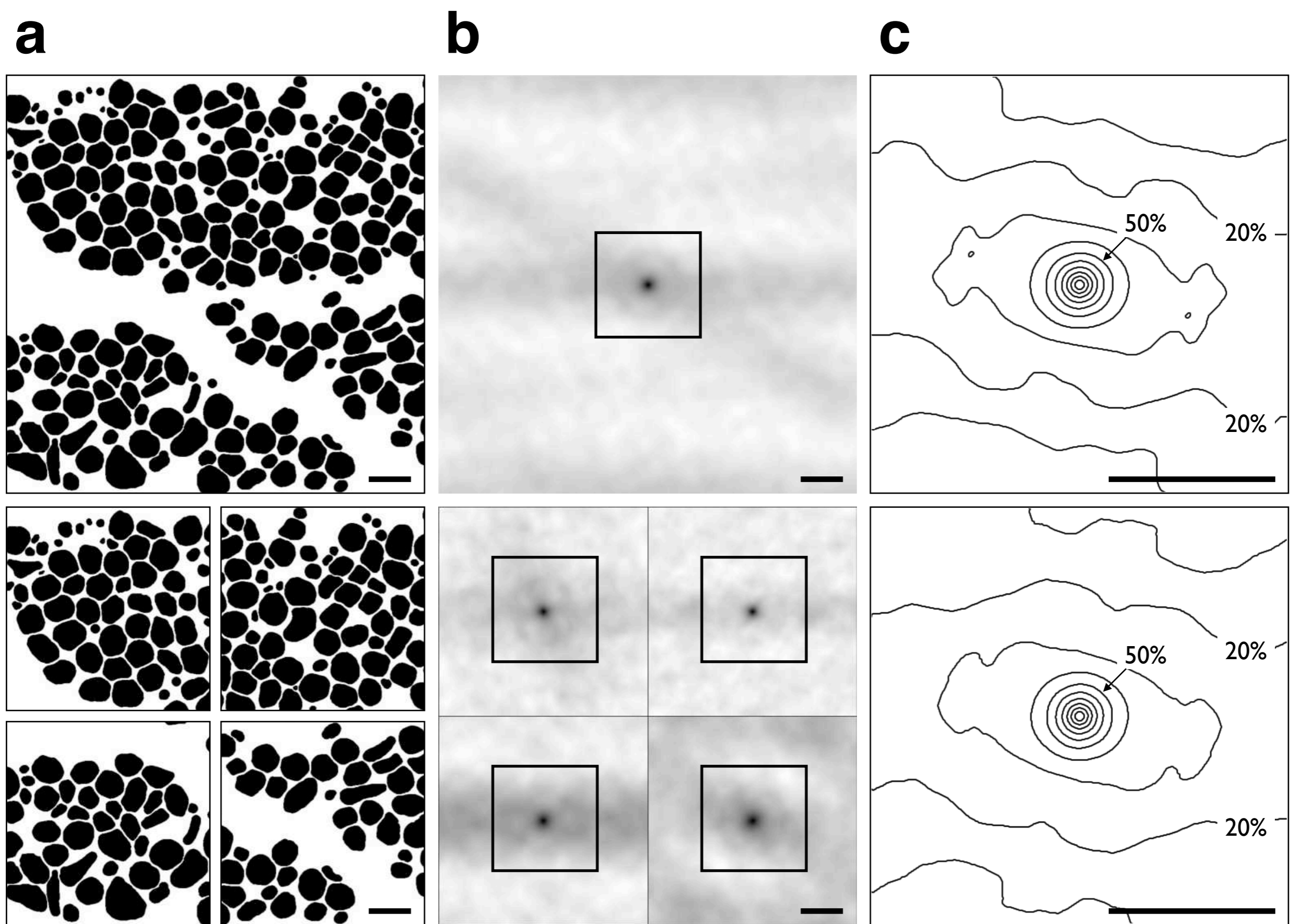
(d) center of ACF as (c) with minimum value of ACF subtracted, 20 gray values at 5% interval; diameter of cross sectional areas of ACF at 30% and 39% levels indicated;

(e) horizontal profiles through centers of (c) and (d): gray line = profile of ACF as calculated; black line = profile of ACF stretched between 0% and 100%; diameters of peak at 30% indicated.

make grid [G] make 2n*2n ROI [1]
single ACF of ROI in 2-layer stack [2] single ACF-center of ROI in 2-layer-stack [3]
strip of ACFs in 2-layer-stack [4] strip of ACF-centers in 2-layer-stack [5]
tiling of ACF-centers in 2-layer-stack [6] tiling of ACF-centers in 3-layer stack [7] tiling of ACFs in 2-layer stack [8]
individual ACFs -> set of slices [9] analysis of ACF stack [0]
make ROI there [X] make center ROI [Z]
calibrate ACF to 100% [T] subtract minimum of ACF [A] ACF thresholding at 30 % [B] ACF thresholding at 39 % [C]
analysis of thresholded ACF -> list [D] analysis of ACFs -> list & label [E] threshold ACF stack [F]
red line at level [V] yellow strip at level [W] transform to 20 levels [Y] reset LUT [R]



**Figure 20.15**  
The Lazy ACF tiles macro.



**Figure 20.16**

Combining autocorrelation functions of bitmaps.

The ACFs of a bitmap of an oolitic limestone is calculated in two different ways: directly (top) and by averaging the ACFs of four quarter ACFs (bottom).

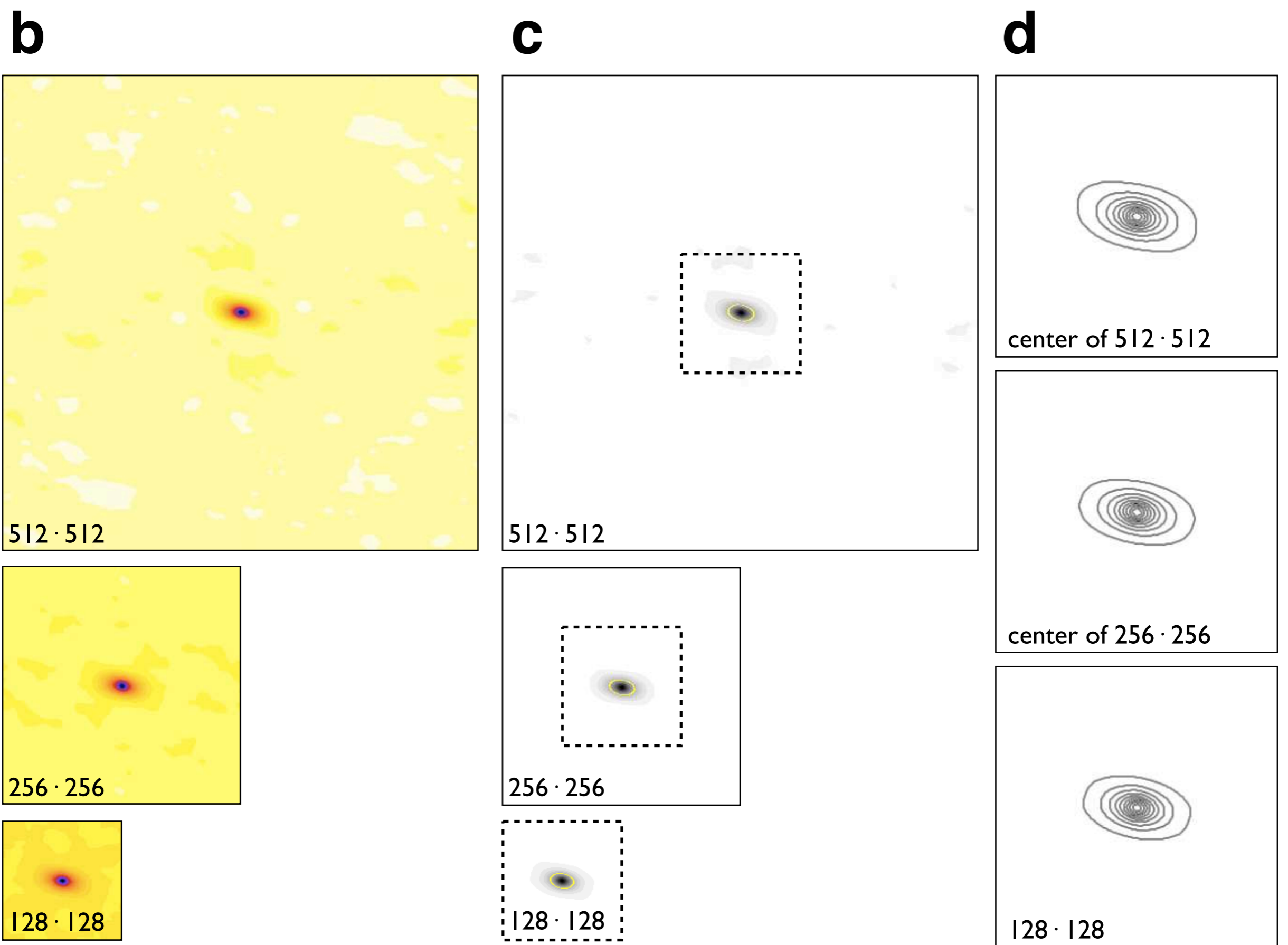
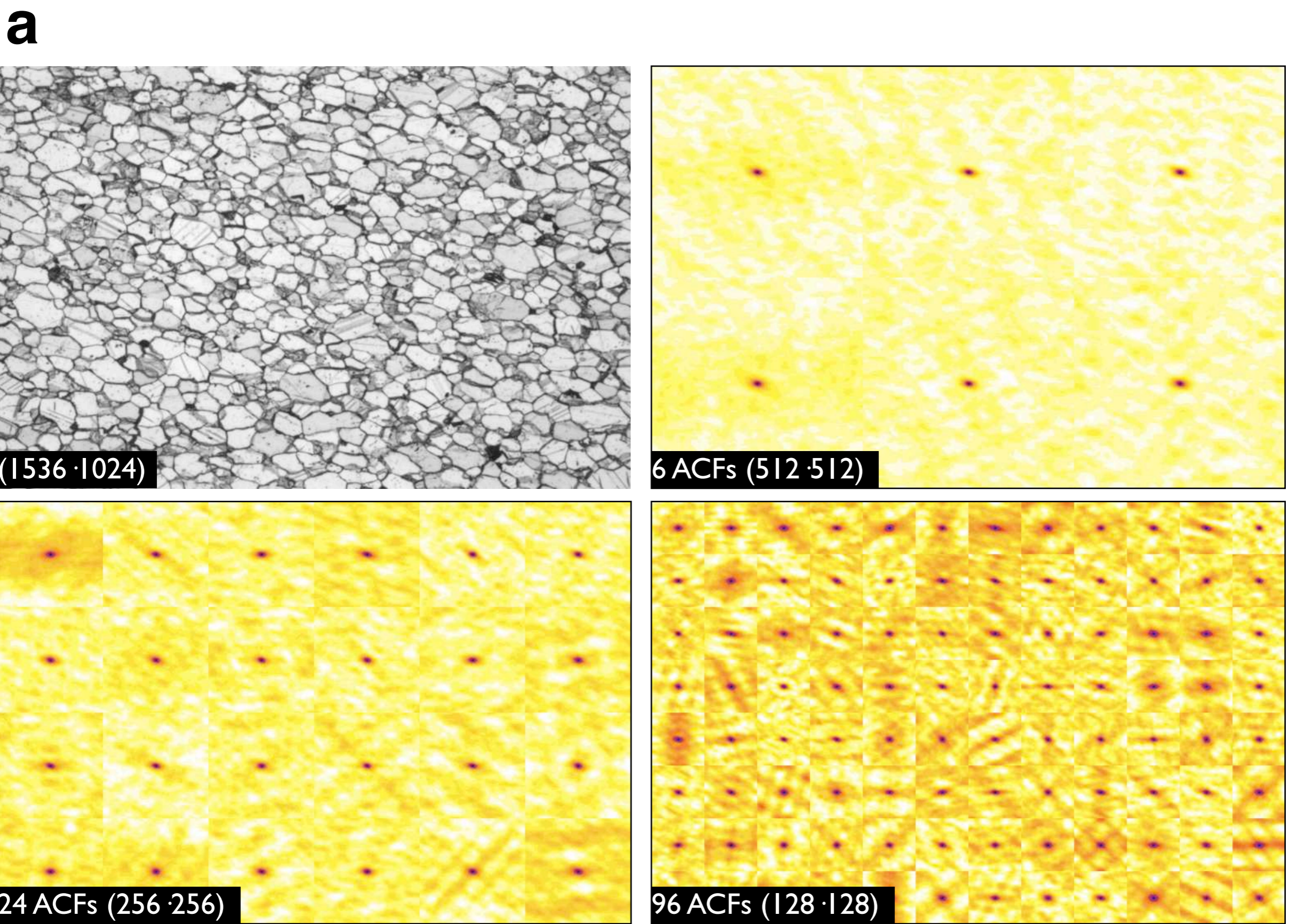
(a) Single bitmap of  $1024 \cdot 1024$  and 4 bitmaps of  $512 \cdot 512$ ;

(b)  $1024 \cdot 1024$  ACF and set of 4 ACFs of  $512 \cdot 512$ ;

(c) contour plot of ACF center ( $256 \cdot 256$ ) of single ACF (top) of average of 4 ACFs (bottom).

Scale bars represent 10% of the original image width; contour levels in (c) are 10% intervals of  $ACF_{max}$ .





**Figure 20.17**

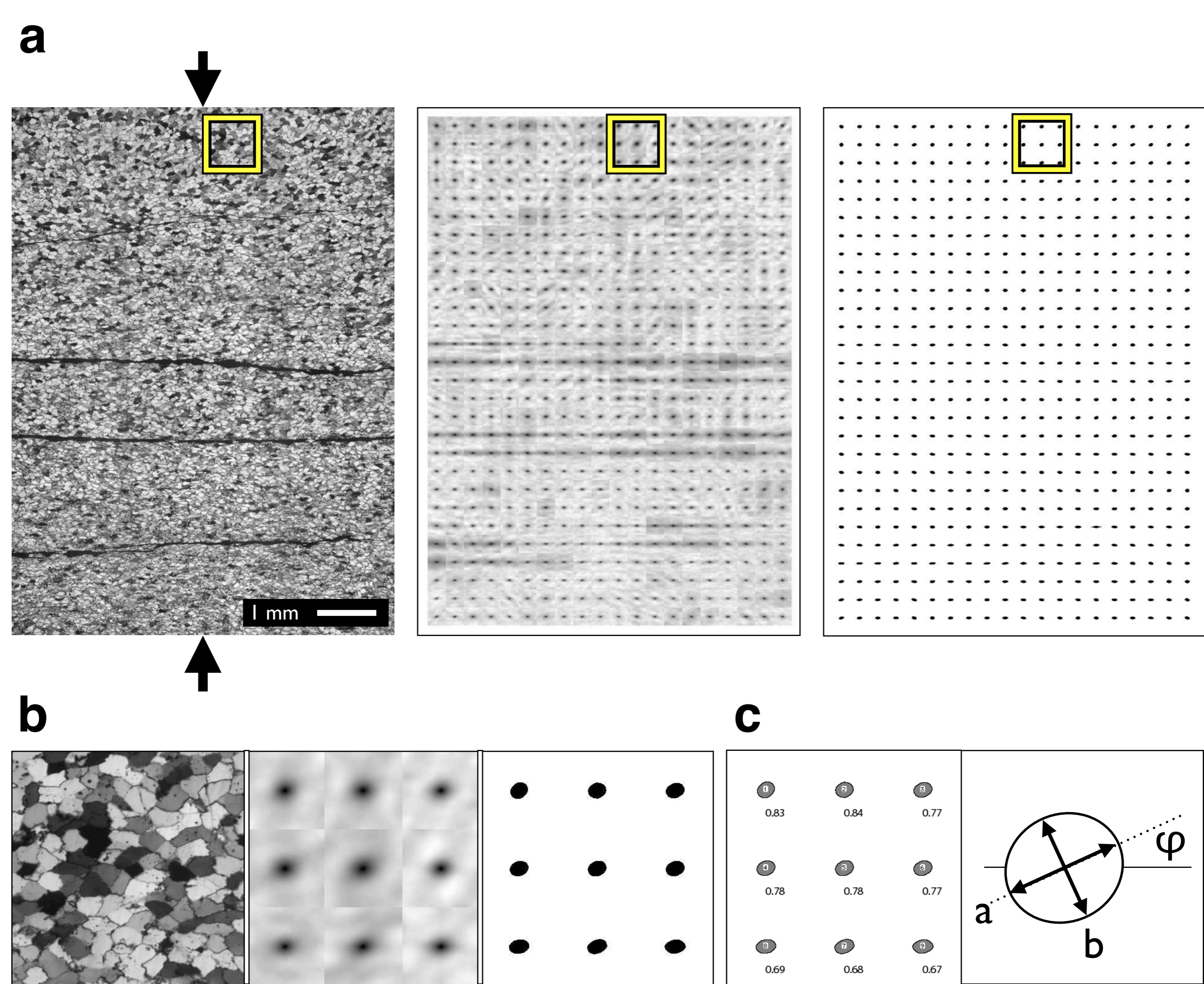
Combining autocorrelation functions of raw images.

(a) Grayscale micrograph of Carrara marble (1536 · 1024) and 3 ACF tessellations;

(b) average ACFs of tessellations shown in (a), color look-up table = 'Fire-2' LUT;

(c) average ACFs (b) with background correlation subtracted, 20 gray levels at intervals = 5% of  $ACF_{max}$ ; yellow = 30% level of ACF;

(d) centers of ACFs (c), contours at intervals = 10% of  $ACF_{max}$ .



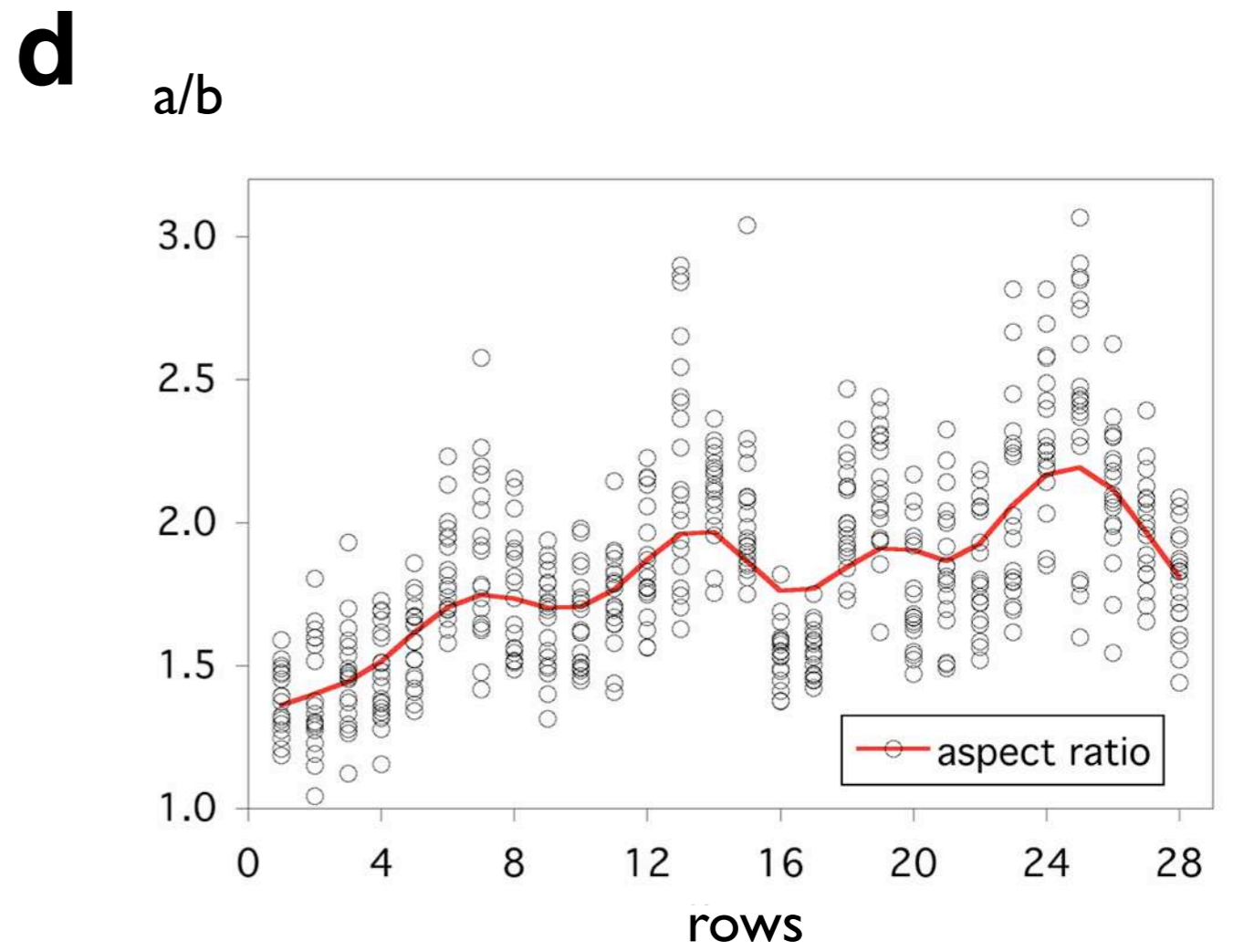
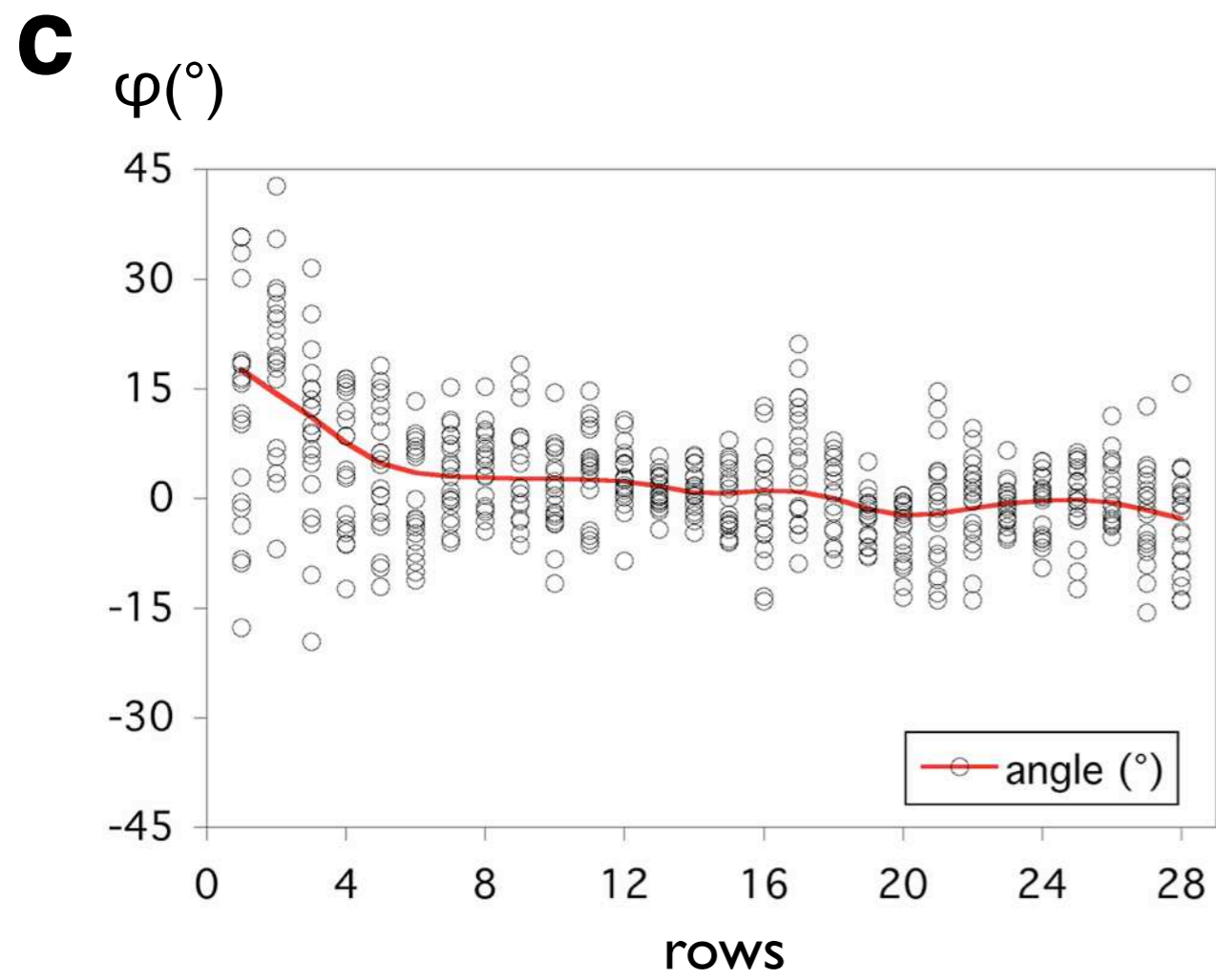
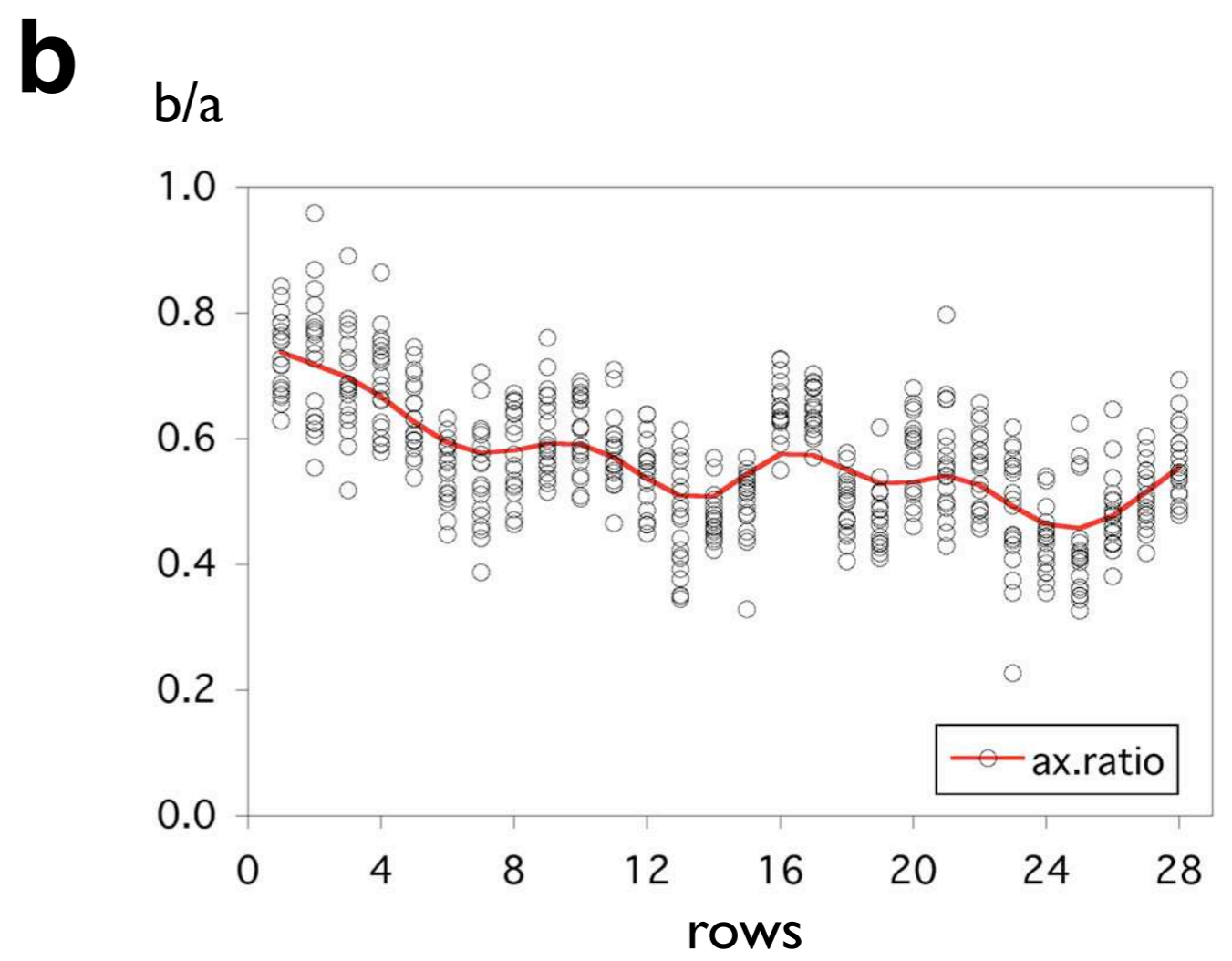
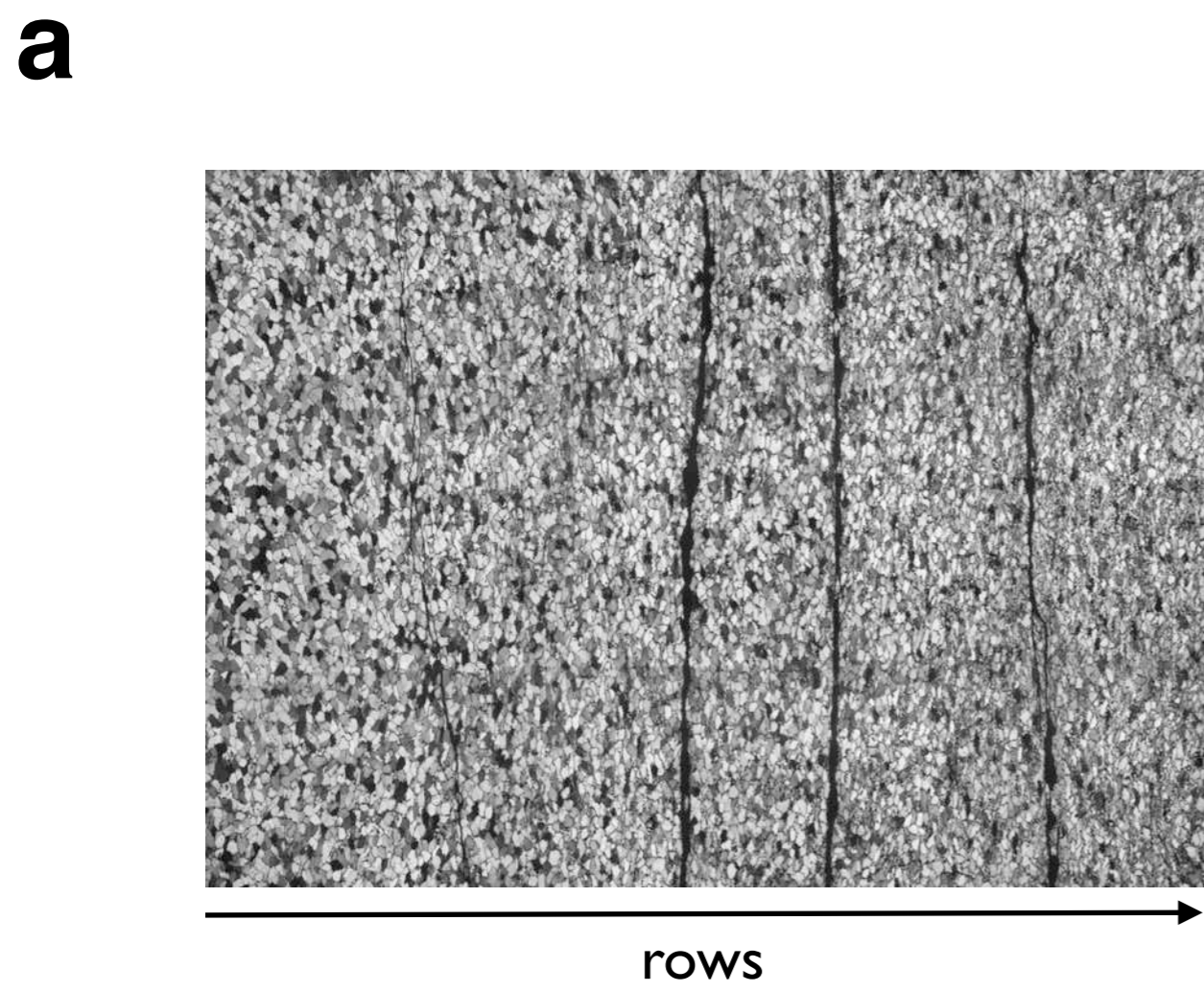
**Figure 20.18**

Tessellation of autocorrelation functions.

(a) From left to right, three slices of stack created with the Lazy ACF tiles macro: original micrograph of a vertically compressed Black Hills quartzite (experiment by Jan Tullis) with compression direction indicated by arrows, tessellation of ACF centers and map of thresholded ACF centers;

(b) details of (a); frame of corresponding areas are shown in (a);

(c) values of axial ratio,  $b/a$ , printed in ACF map;  $a$  = long axis,  $b$  = short axis of best-fit ellipse;  $\varphi$  = orientation of long axis, with respect to positive x-axis.



**Figure 20.19**

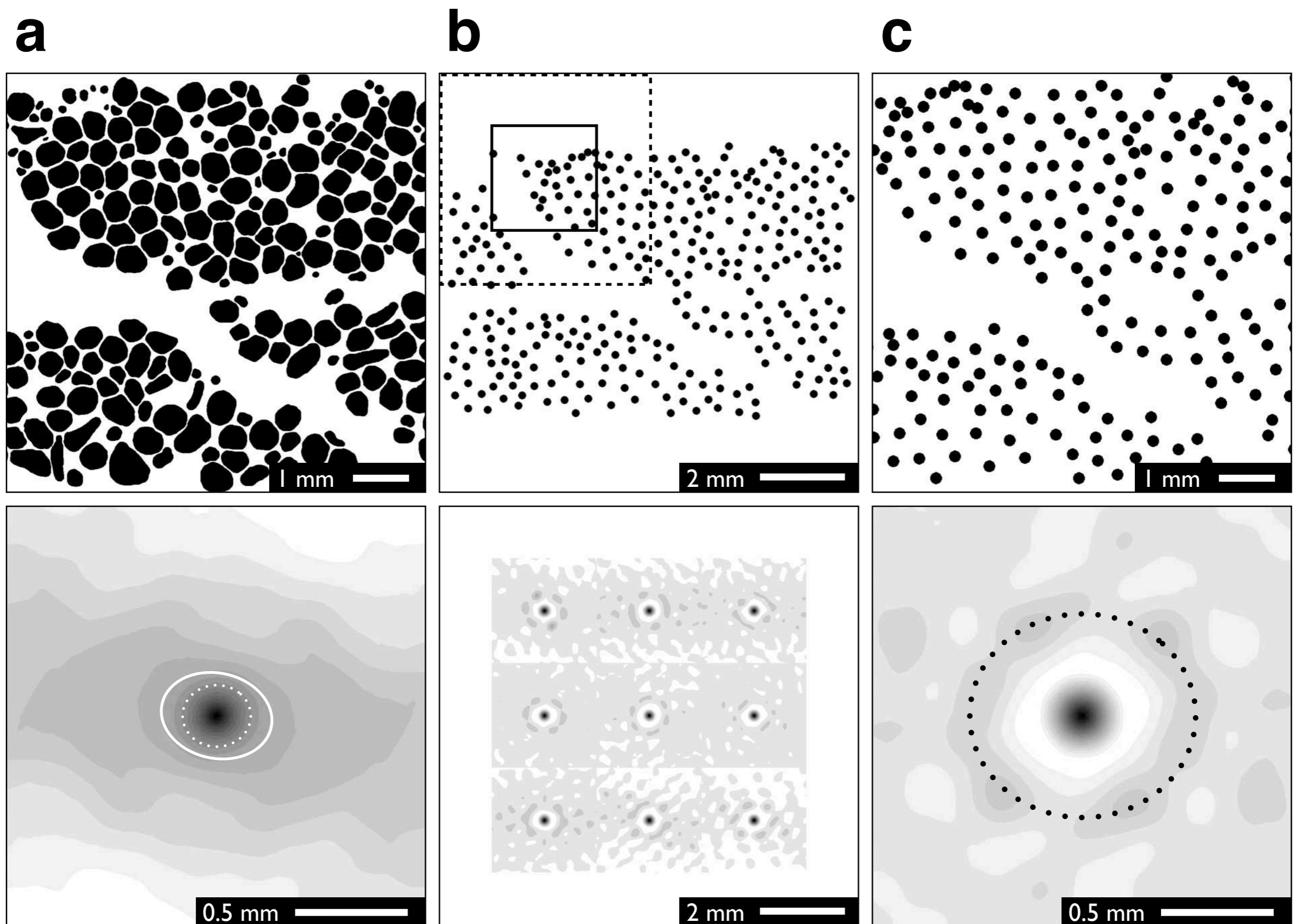
ACF mapping of experimentally deformed quartzite.

(a) Original micrograph of a vertically compressed Black Hills quartzite, rotated  $90^{\circ}$  with respect to original orientation (Figure 20.18); intensity of deformation (dynamic recrystallization) increases from left to right;

(b) plot of axial ratios,  $b/a$ ;

(c) plot of angles,  $\varphi$ ;

(d) plot of aspect ratios,  $R_f = a/b$ .



**Figure 20.20**

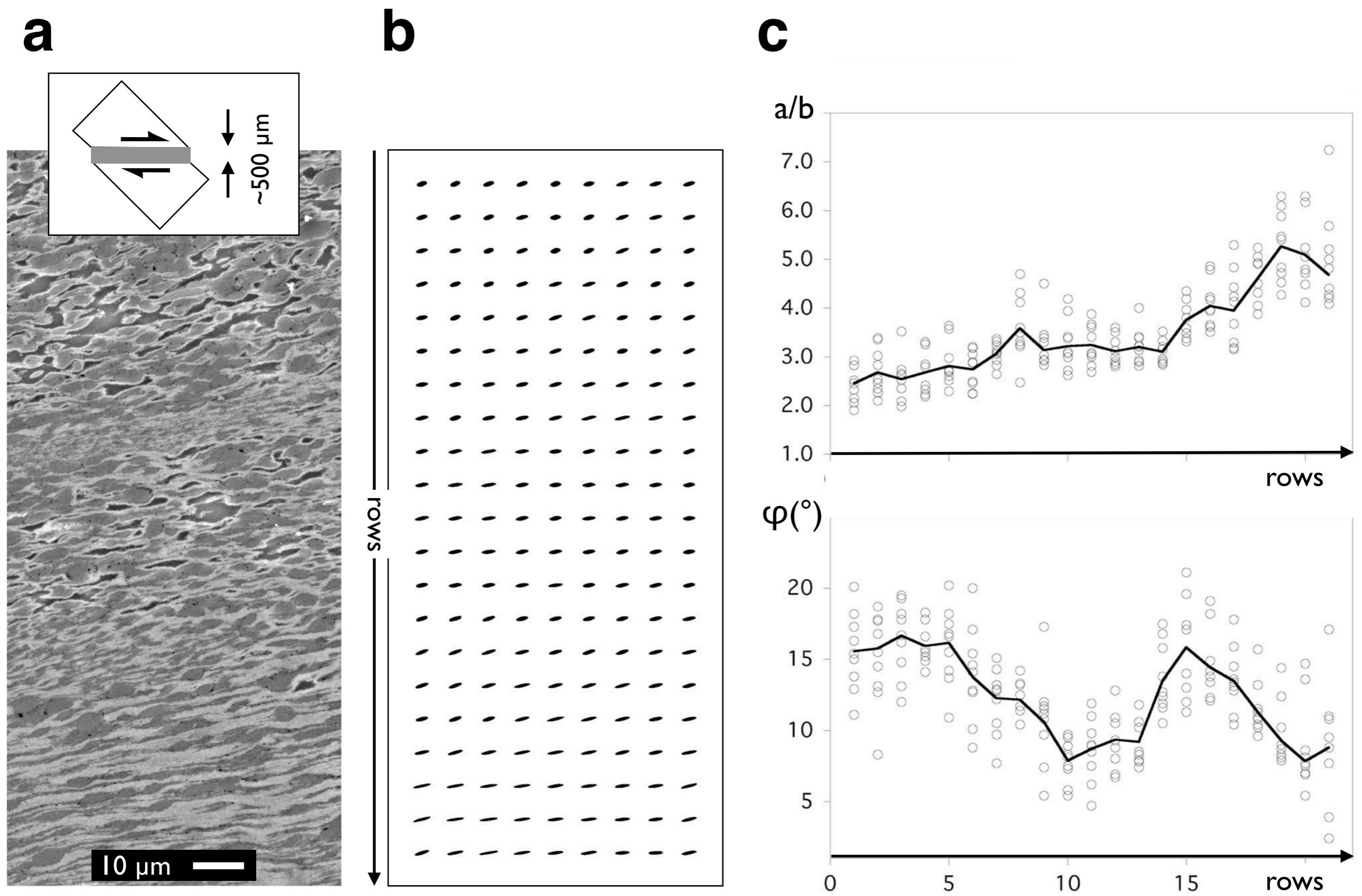
Autocorrelation of center points.

(a)  $1024 \cdot 1024$  bitmap of oolitic limestone (top) and  $256 \cdot 256$  center of ACF (bottom); solid outline = 30% level:  $b/a = 0.77$ ,  $\varphi = 167.5^\circ$ , stippled outline = 39% level:  $b/a = 0.914$ ,  $\varphi = 179.9^\circ$ ;

(b)  $1024 \cdot 1024$  bitmap of oolitic limestone covering larger area than (a) (top); map of ACF centers (bottom); solid and stippled squares indicate the center ( $256 \cdot 256$ ) and the evaluated area ( $512 \cdot 512$ ) of the first sub-region;

(c) center points of oolitic limestone shown in (a) (top) and  $256 \cdot 256$  center of ACF (bottom); outlines in ACF = the anti-correlating distance;

all contour levels are 5% intervals of  $ACF_{max}$ .



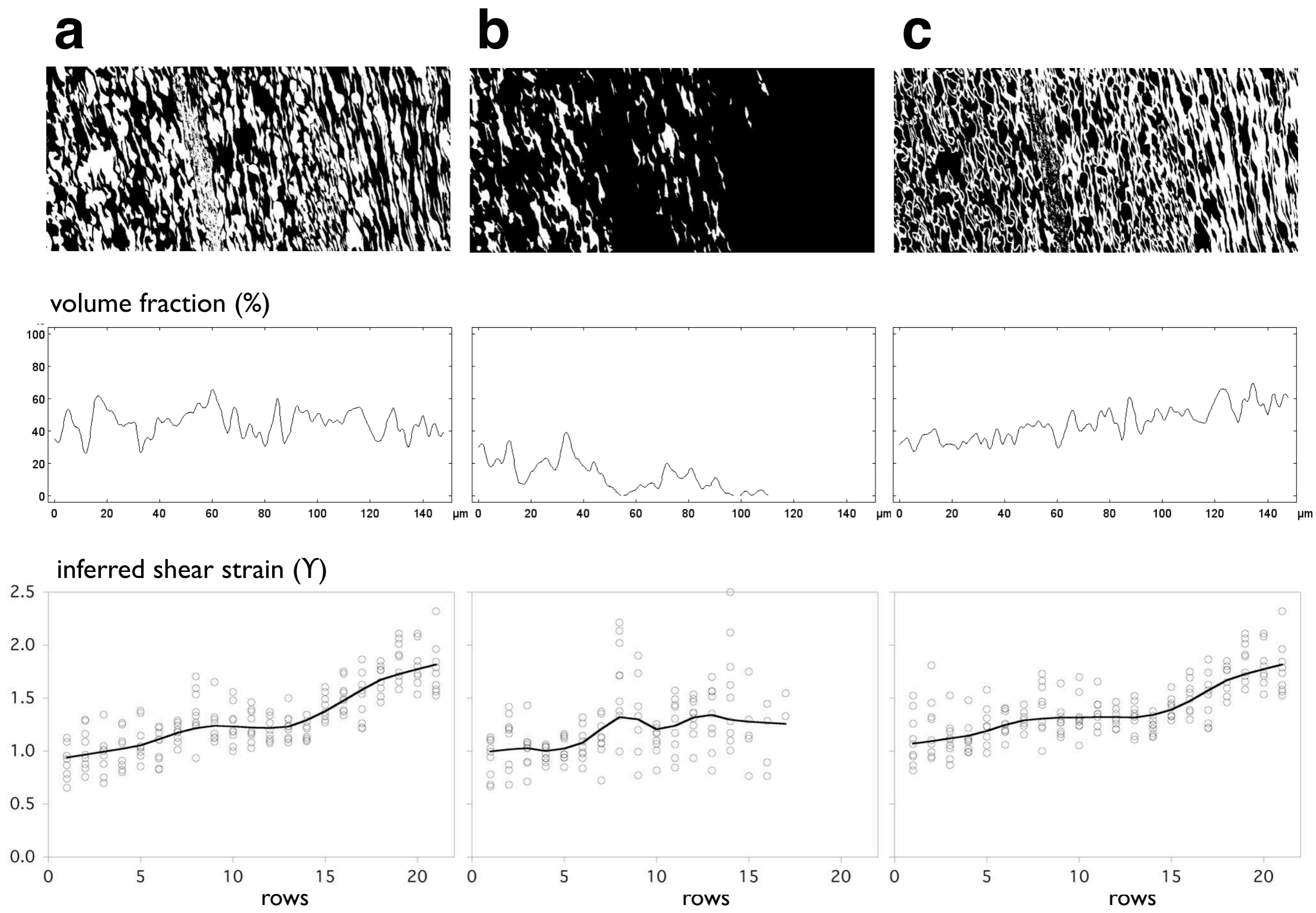
**Figure 20.21**

Autocorrelation of mineral phases undergoing deformation and reaction.

(a) SEM micrograph (BSE contrast) of an experimentally produced shear zone (experiment by Almar De Ronde); inset shows sample assembly, height of micrograph is ~25% of entire shear zone width;

(b) example of tessellation of thresholded ACFs (olivine, see Figure 22.a);

(c) results of evaluation (command [E] of Lazy ACF macro), plot of aspect ratios,  $R_f = a/b$  (top); plot of angles,  $\varphi$  (bottom).



**Figure 20.22**

Strain interpretation of autocorrelation function.

Phase map (top), phase content (middle) and inferred shear strain,  $\gamma$  (bottom). Volume content is from profile of bitmap convolved with  $15 \cdot 15$  Gauss filter kernel; shear strain is derived from aspect ratio as  $\gamma = (R_f - 1) / \sqrt{R_f}$  where  $R_f = a/b$ ,  $a$  = long axis,  $b$  = short axis of best-fit ellipse (see Figure 20.21).

- (a) Olivine;
- (b) plagioclase;
- (c) reaction products.