

LFIT v2

LIGHT FIELD IMAGING TOOLKIT V2

An Introduction to the Light Field Imaging Toolkit (v2.30)

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Basic overview of LFITv2 capabilities

INTRODUCTION





Primary Features

- The Light Field Imaging Toolkit (LFIT) facilitates quick processing of plenoptic images
 - Perspective Shifts
 - Refocusing
 - Generation of Perspective Sweep Animations
 - Generation of Refocusing Animations
 - Focal Stack Export





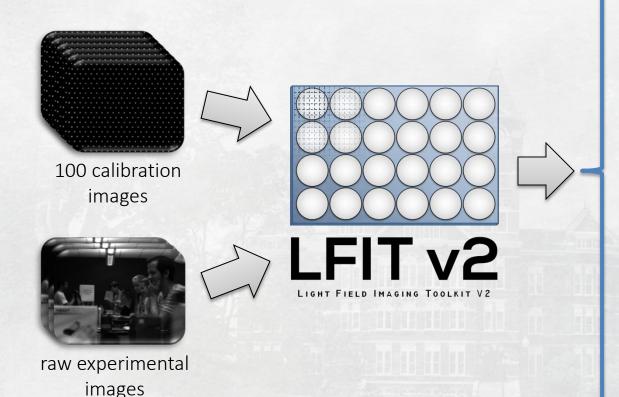
Toolkit Overview

- Two primary ways to use the toolkit
 - Single Image (GUI) mode
 - User interface provides options to load and process a single plenoptic image at a time
 - User can then adjust parameters in the interface before exporting perspective shifts, refocused images, etc.
 - Batch Processing (script) mode
 - User edits a script file
 - Folder of input images is selected for automatic sequential processing
 - Output parameters for perspective shifts, refocusing, etc. are defined in the script beforehand
 - Following calibration, program requires no user input and runs automatically through all the images in the folder.





Example Workflow



- One also needs to determine the magnification of the images. An easy way to do this is by capturing an image of a ruler.
- If using the Auburn Light Field Analyzer (ALFA), a white image is needed as well. However, LFIT v2 does not require a white image at this time.

- Perspective shifts
 - Variety of image formats
- Refocused images
 - Variety of image formats
- Perspective sweep animation
 - GIF or video file
- Refocusing animation
 - GIF or video file
- Focal stack
 - Output a series of refocused images





Using the Single Image (GUI) mode for processing plenoptic data

QUICK START GUIDE





Installation

- Obtain latest LFITv2 zip file and extract the contents
- Option #1:
 - Run the SETUP.m file to automatically uninstall any old versions of the toolkit and install the new toolkit
- Option #2:
 - Delete any existing LFITv2 folders inside the MATLAB user directory*
 - Copy the LFITv2 folder from the zip file to the MATLAB user directory*





Program File Structure



LFITv2main.m

- -Main program that invokes the GUI interface(s)
- -Also contains the batch processing script section (user-editable)
 - -The user is encouraged to save new versions of this script when creating batch files (see later section). Think of this initial version as a template. The script name does not matter for this file.



-Contains all the function files that compose the toolkit

- -Placed in MATLAB user directory
- -To modify functions, user may create a copy of LFITv2 in the same folder as the main program. The program will use the functions from the local /LFITv2/ folder instead.



-Required function that locates LFITv2 folder

toolkitpathv2.m

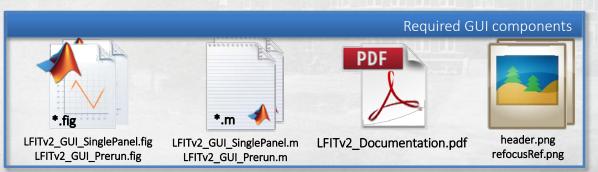


-Optional script used to install the locally extracted version of LFITv2



-Optional: An example custom perspective sweep path

samplePath.txt





- These are config files saved after each run to remember last used settings.





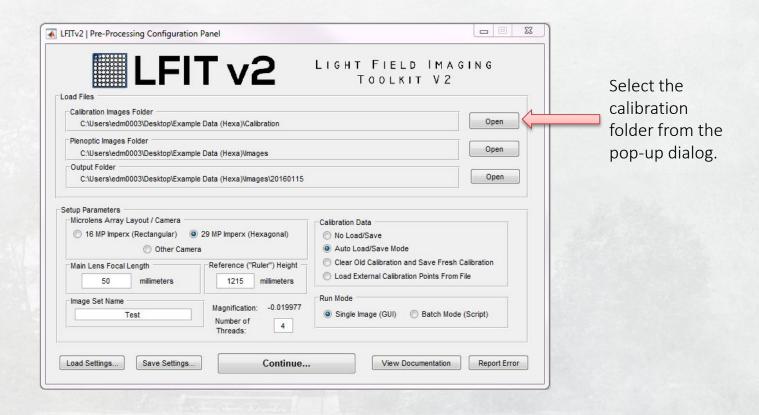
Running LFITv2

- User should have the calibration images (to be averaged) in one folder and the image(s) to be processed in a separate folder
- Open the main program file (nominally LFITv2main.m) in MATLAB.
 - If running in Batch Mode, user will need to edit this file to configure batch processing (see later section).
- Run the script to open the pre-processing configuration panel.
 - This interface panel is used to set up file paths and other basic parameters





For a given camera setup in an experiment, the aperture should be stopped all the way down (ie f/16 or f/22) and typically 100 TIFF images taken of a white surface. These images record the center of the each microlens—a key piece of information used in LFITv2 as well as ALFA.



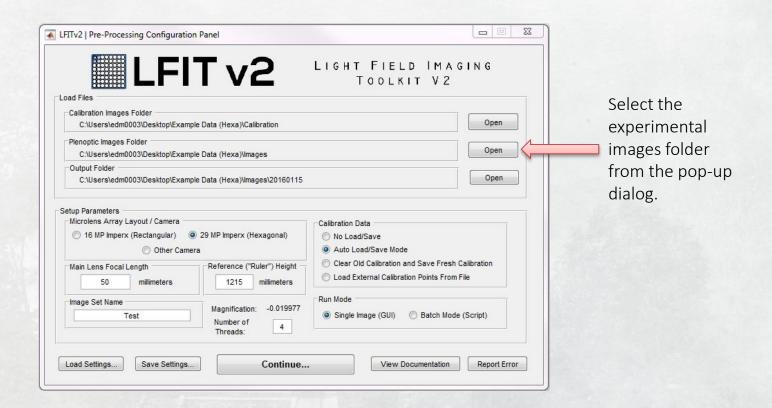
#1) User opens the folder of calibration TIFF images.





This folder parameter is more important for the batch processing mode, as batch mode will cycle through all images in the folder.

For the single image GUI mode, the user can select any image (within or without this particular folder).



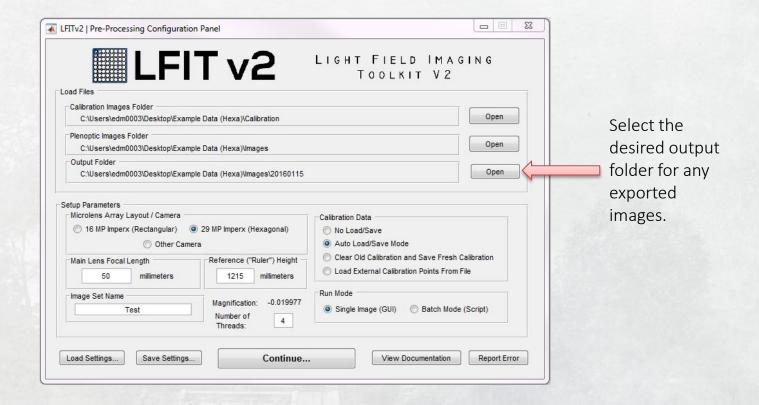
 #2) User opens the folder of the raw plenoptic image(s) to be processed.





Typically, the user will want to create a new folder to contain the outputted images. This can be done from the Open prompt in the GUI.

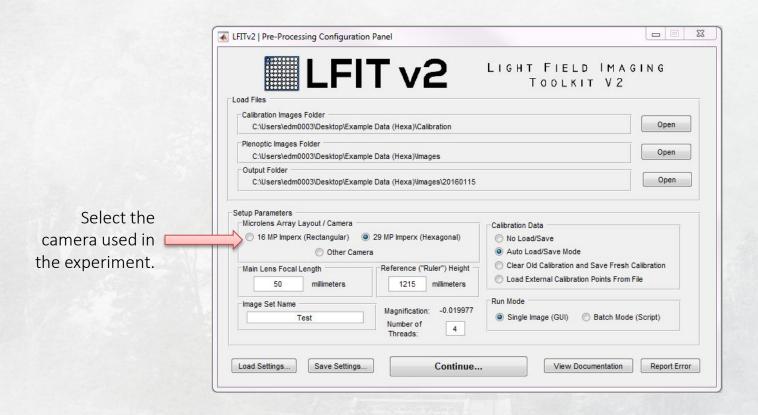
If unsure what to choose, a common place to output exported images is to a subfolder within the plenoptic images directory (ie /Output/).



 #3) User selects a folder for exported images to be outputted to.







Select whichever camera was used to capture the plenoptic images to be processed.

The 29 MP Imperx has a hexagonally arranged microlens array.

The 16 MP Imperx has a rectilinear grid of microlenses.

The other camera option will prompt the user to input parameters of the camera used.

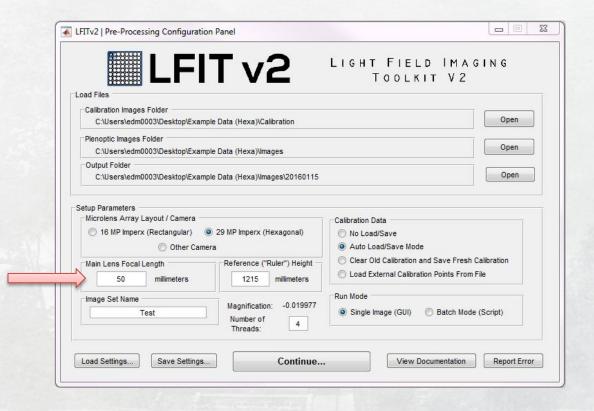
 #4) User selects the camera used to capture the plenoptic images.





The main lens focal length entered here is just the focal length of the main lens. Do not include extension tubes.

Enter the focal length (in millimeters) of the main lens.



Typical focal lengths might be 50 mm, 100 mm, 250 mm, etc. This will be indicated on the lens itself.

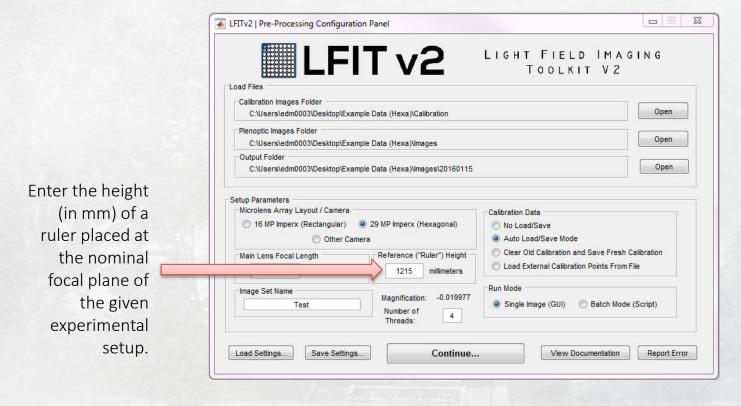
Prime lenses have a

fixed focal length and are recommended for experiments.
Telescopic lenses are discouraged as it is often unclear what the exact focal length of the lens is when set at some intermediate zoom.

• #5) User enters the focal length of the main lens.







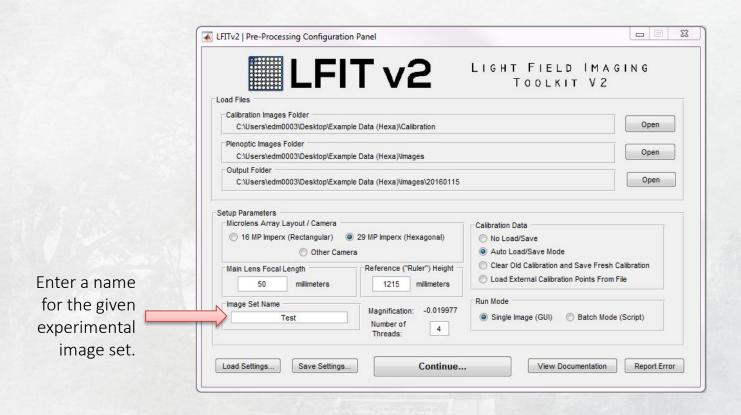
For a given experimental setup, place a ruler at the nominal focal plane of the camera setup. Ideally it will fill the image frame. If it doesn't, the user will need to figure out how tall it would be if it did fill the entire frame. Record the height in mm and enter it here.

The magnification text below will update depending on the value you enter.

• #6) User enters the reference ("ruler") height to determine the magnification.







This Image Set Name is used as a prefix on exported files, so keep it of reasonable length.

Also, this name is used to label calibration data saved if using the calibration save options (next slide).

 #7) User enters a name for the set of plenoptic images to be processed.





Auto Load/Save Mode will attempt to load calibration data in the Calibration Images folder defined above that is labeled with the Image Set Name. Otherwise, it recomputes the calibration and saves it with the Image Set Name in the Calibration Images folder.

Clear Old/Save Fresh will attempt to delete saved calibration data associated with the Image Set Name in the Calibration Images folder. It then recomputes and saves calibration data as above.



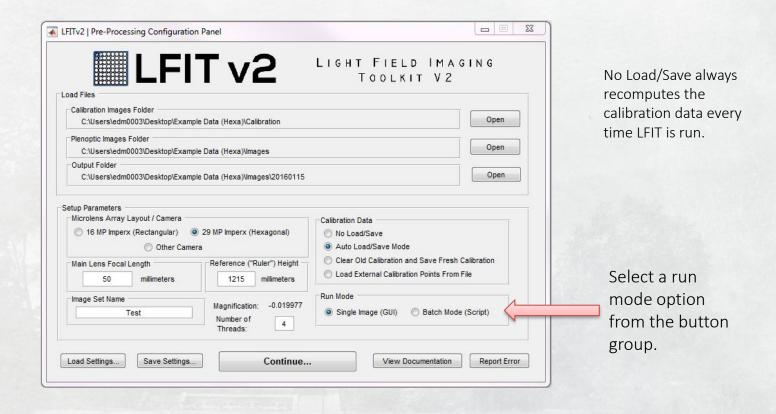
#8) User selects a calibration data save/load mode option.





Single Image (GUI) mode presents a graphic user interface with buttons and checkboxes etc. to facilitate quick processing of individual plenoptic images.

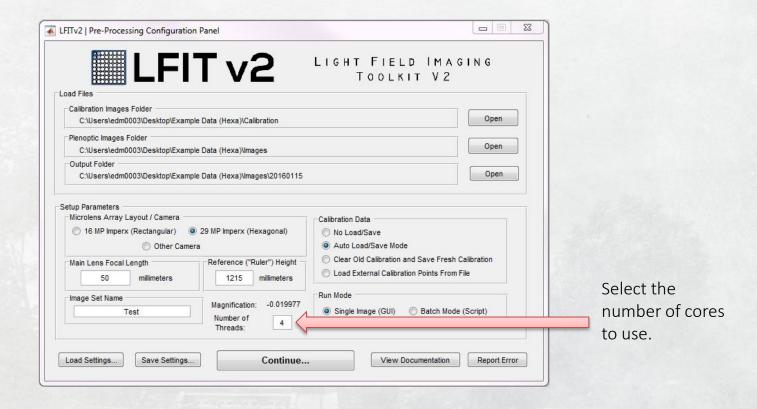
Batch (Script) mode executes the script found in the bottom portion of the LFITv2_00_main.m (or equivalent) file. This allows for processing of many plenoptic images in an automatic, prescribed fashion. See later section on Batch Mode.



• #9) User selects a run mode for the program.







• #10) User selects the number of cores to use (should not exceed the number of *physical* cores avaliable).

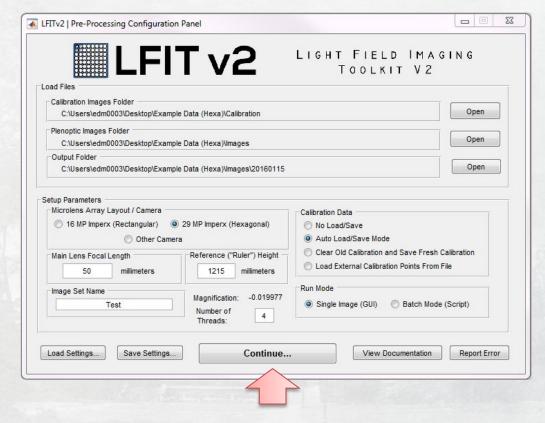




Load Settings and Save Settings permit loading and saving of the parameters defined in this interface panel.

Note that the panel will automatically 'remember' the settings from the previous run.

(The program attempts to load the previous run; if no saved run can be loaded, it simply fills the panel out with defaults.)



View Documentation opens a help file in the PDF viewer installed on the local machine.

Report Error opens the default email client with a new message addressed to the LFIT developers.

• #9) User presses Continue... to begin.





Single Image (GUI) Mode

- The remainder of this Quick Start Guide follows the case of Single Image (GUI) mode with the 29 MP Imperx (hexagonal) camera.
 - There are some slight differences for the 16 MP Imperx (rectangular) camera process, but overall the steps are the same.
 - See later information on Batch Mode processing.
- Also, now begin watching the MATLAB command line output.
 - Warnings, prompts for user input, and estimated wait times during processing steps all may be displayed.



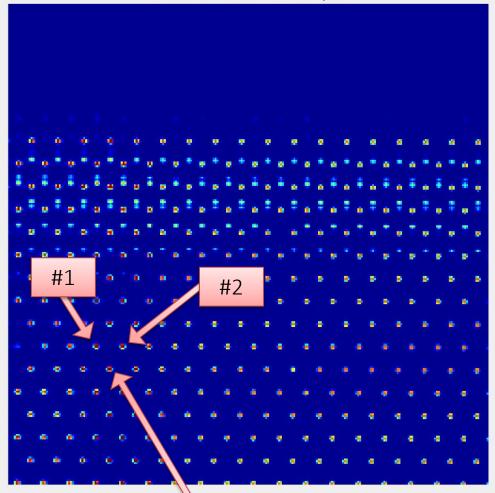


Hexagonal Calibration

1: Select the first microlens center calibration point...

Select three initial calibration points as prompted in the orientation shown, then wait for the calibration to complete. Based on the resulting calibration figure, select from the menu in the Command Window:

- [1] = Accept the calibration (if the calibration appears correct)
- [2] = Reject the calibration (if many microlenses are incorrectly identified)
- [3] = View the full calibration window. (to view the entire calibration image)
- [4] = View the "corners" calibration window. (to view the calibration corners again)







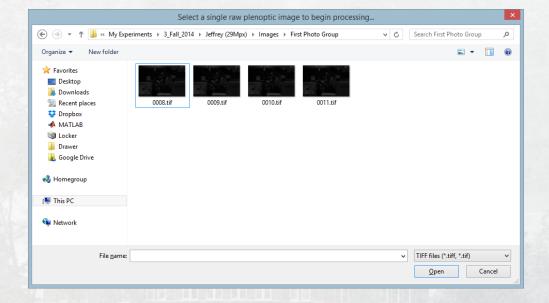
Hexagonal Calibration

- If the calibration is reject another menu will appear in the command window:
- [1] = Select new points to recompute fast hexagonal calibration
- [2] = Use alternate hexagonal calibration (slower)
- [3] = QUIT
- If the alternate calibration is selected, the user will be prompted for a calibration threshold value.
 - A recommended value is dynamically calculated for the averaged calibration image in the above prompt, but the user may experiment with different values if there is difficultly in getting an accurate calibration.
 - Type the desired value and press <Enter>.

Image Selection

The dialog opens by default in the chosen plenoptic images directory previously defined in the preprocessing interface at the beginning of the program.

After selecting an image, the program interpolates the image data behind each microlens (i.e., the microimage data) onto a uniform (u,v) grid. This hexagonally arranged data is then resampled onto a rectilinear grid.



If the user selects an image from a different folder than defined at the start, the program will immediately prompt the user for a new output folder.

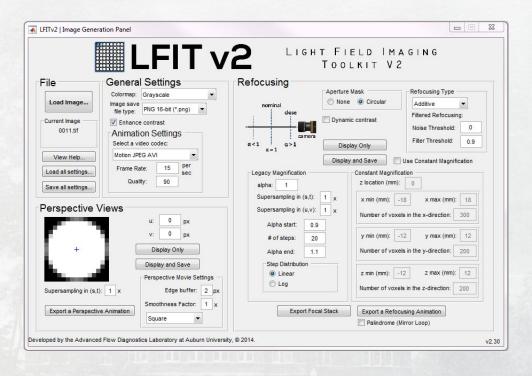
If the user cancels this dialog, the program automatically creates an output folder (/Output/) in the same directory as the selected image. The exact path is then shown in the command line output.

- Select a single raw plenoptic image to process from the dialog, then wait for the interpolation and resampling processes to complete.
 - Observe the command line output for estimated wait times.





Image Generation Panel



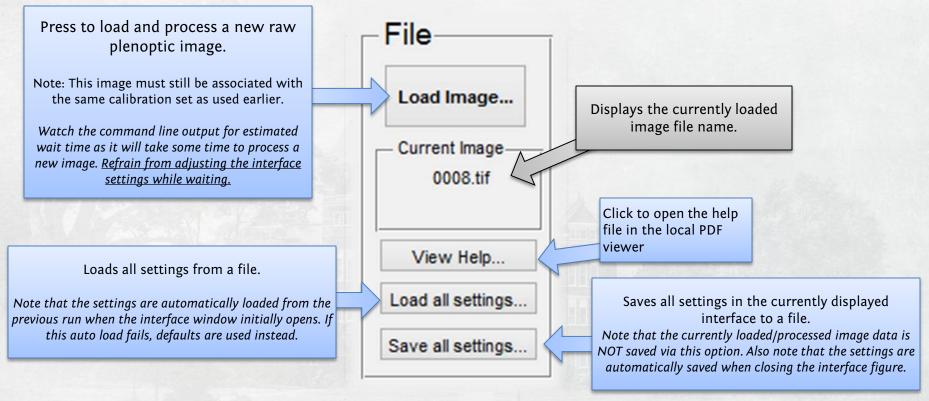
- The main image generation interface panel opens after the interpolation and resampling is complete.
- While it may look intimidating, this guide will break it down section-by-section to explain the contents.
 - Also note that every box in the interface has mouse over ("tooltip") text that provides help.







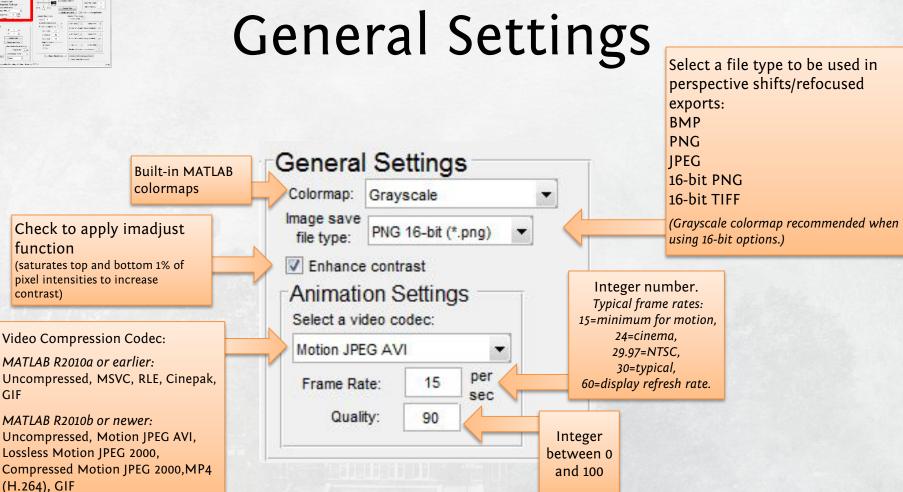
File Load/Save



 This section allows for loading/processing a new plenoptic image, viewing help, and saving/loading settings files (only necessary if you would like to load a new image).







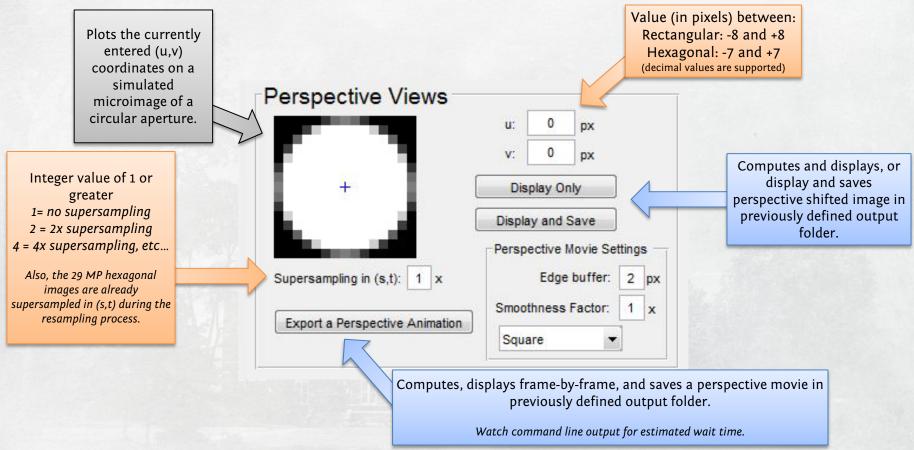
This section allows for the selection of image settings that apply to all exported files and videos.







Perspective Views



 This section permits the generation of perspective shifts of the loaded image.







Perspective Movie Settings

Controls the path of the perspective sweep animation.

Square = Follows a box path in a clockwise direction about (u,v) = (0,0). Note that without an edge buffer, this path will go off the circular aperture.

Circle = Follows a clockwise circular path with radius equal to the microimage radius minus any edge buffer.

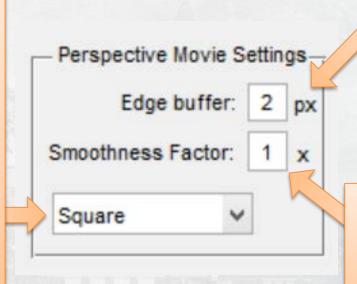
Note that the circular path evaluates many non-integer (u,v) values which take slightly longer to compute than integer values as in Square or Cross.

Cross = Moves in a cross (or plus + sign) path across the aperture plane.

Order: Left-Right-Center-Bottom-Top-Center-Left

Path from File... = Will prompt user for a text file containing a list of [u v] coordinates upon clicking to export either a movie or GIF.

See samplePath.txt. The format is: 'u value <space> v value' with line breaks to indicate new points.



Value between: Rectangular: 0 and +7 Hexagonal: 0 and +6

This is a buffer from the edges of the microimages when moving about in the aperture plane during perspective sweep movie generation. The data tends to degrade near the edges, so this is a way to buffer it out. 2 is a typical choice.

Integer value of 1 or greater
1= default smoothness
2 = 2x smoothness

4 = 4x smoothness

This makes the step size between evaluated (u,v) values finer/smaller, increasing the total number of frames.
This does not apply to Path from File...

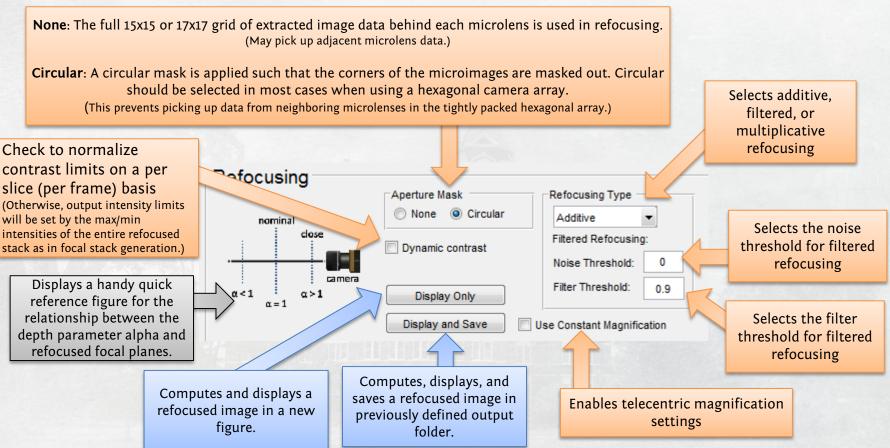
 This section sets the parameters for perspective movie exports (video and GIF).







Refocusing



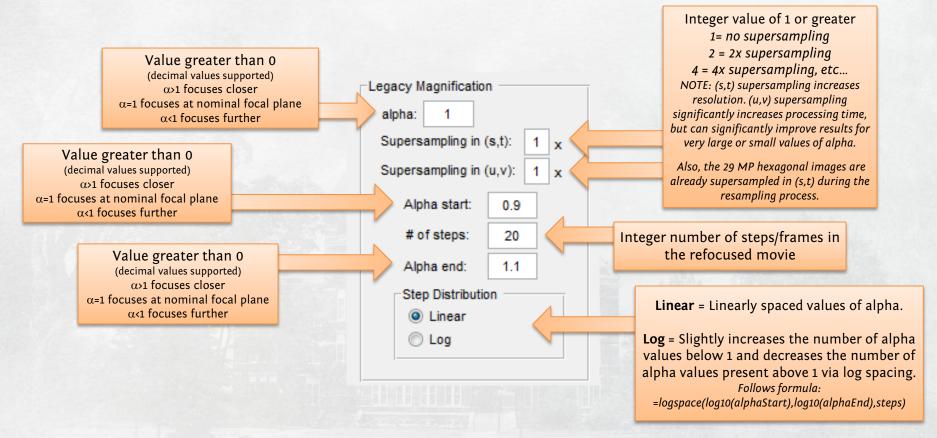
 This section permits the selection of refocusing settings and generation of refocused views of the loaded image.







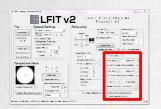
Legacy Refocusing



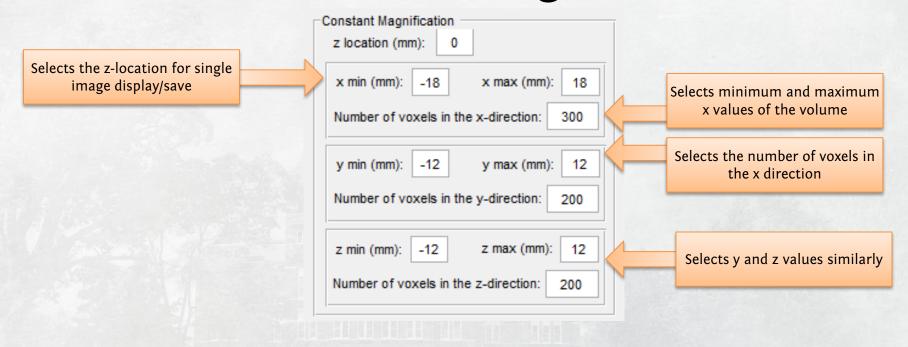
 This section permits the selection of standard refocusing settings.







Constant Magnification Refocusing



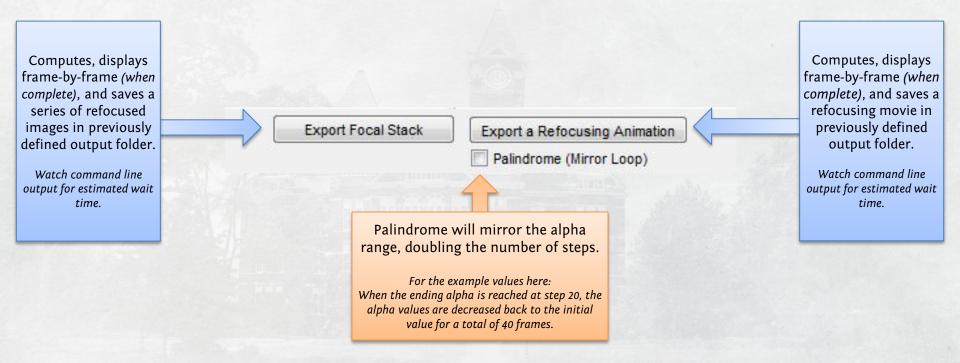
• This section permits the selection of constant magnification refocusing settings.







Refocusing Movie Export



 This section permits the export of refocused movies and focal stack of refocused images.





For processing entire folders of data in an automated fashion

BATCH MODE





Batch Mode

- To automate LFIT, a batch mode setting can be enabled in the initial interface panel.
- LFIT will automatically process every raw plenoptic image in the designated folder according to the batch mode portion of the main program script.
- Open the main program file and save it under a new name.
 - Use the original as a template, and save it under different names as needed when making new batch processing section edits.





Batch Mode

- Scroll down in the file until the above section is found (around line 115)
- Between the above and the below are examples of each LFIT generation function.
- By editing the listed query parameters and commenting out unneeded generation functions, the user can set up a custom batch processing script.





Batch Mode

• The available generation functions are:

Discrete Perspective Generator Discrete Refocus Generator Perspective Animation Generator Refocused Animation Generator

Focal Stack Generator

 The following slides list the relevant parameters for each function. Any parameters the user does not input will use the default values. Further information can be found in IfiQuery.m





Setting Generator Parameters - Example

- The above is an example batch mode perspective generation.
- Each image in the folder will be processed in the three configurations in this example above (3 different u,v coordinates); that is to say, there will be 3 exported images for every raw plenoptic image in the defined folder.





Setting Generator Parameters – all image generations

Parameter	Input Options/Notes
saveas	output image format: false, 'bmp', 'png', 'jpg', 'png16', 'tif16', 'gif', 'avi', 'mp4'
quality	output quality, only applies to JPG, AVI, and MP4
display	image display speed: false, 'slow', 'fast'
contrast	contrast stretching style: 'simple', 'imadjust', 'stack'
colormap	the colormap used in displaying the image, e.g. 'jet' or 'gray'
background	background color of the figure if the title is enabled, e.g. [.8 .8 .8] or [1 1 1]
title	title flag: FALSE for no caption, 'caption' for caption string only, 'annotation' for alpha/uv value only, 'both' for caption string + alpha/uv value
caption	caption string is the string used in the title for title flag of 'caption' or 'both'
grouping	directory grouping: 'image' to save on a per-image basis or 'alpha' to save on a per-alpha basis
stFactor	(s,t) supersampling factor: 1 is none, 2 = 2x SS, 4 = 4x SS, etc





Setting Generator Parameters – perspective views

Parameter	Input Options/Notes
lfiQuery	perspective
pUV	(u,v) position(s) for which to generate a perspective view; non-integer values ARE indeed supported





Setting Generator Parameters – refocusing

Parameter	Input Options/Notes
lfiQuery	focus
fMethod	refocus method: 'add', 'mult', 'filt'
fFilter	filter parameters (does nothing if METHOD isn't 'filt') 1. threshold below which intensity will be disregarded as noise 2. filter intensity threshold
fZoom	zoom type: 'legacy', 'telecentric'. Legacy uses the traditional refocusing method, Telecentric uses a constant magnification scheme so that the infocus plane is scaled throughout.
fGridX	vector of the desired x coordinates (in mm, only relevant to telecentric refocusing)
fGridY	vector of the desired y coordinates (in mm, only relevant to telecentric refocusing)
fPlane	vector of the desired z coordinates (in mm, only relevant to telecentric refocusing)
fAlpha	alpha value(s) used in legacy focus-adjust: a=1 nominal focal plane, a<1 focuses further away, a>1 focuses closer to the camera
fMag	main lens nominal magnification
mask	aperture masking of microlenses: false, 'circ'
uvFactor	(u,v) supersampling factor: 1 is none, 2 = 2x SS, 4 = 4x SS, etc





Setting Generator Parameters – animations

Parameter	Input Options/Notes
framerate	output framerate, only applies to GIF, AVI, and MP4
codec	output codec, only applies to AVI and MP4





Setting Generator Parameters – Notes/Other Options

 Users with existing 'request vectors' from previous versions of LFIT can use q.import to maintain use of the inputs as shown in the example below:

```
%%%%---FOCAL STACK GENERATION---%%%%
% Request Vector Format - Shorthand (see documentation for full
%[alphaArray,SS_UV,SS_ST,saveFlag,displayFlag,contrastFlag,colormap,bgcolor,captionFlag,'A caption string',apertureFlag,refocusType,filterInfo,TelecentricInfo];
requestVectorFS = {[0 5; .9 1.1;],1,1,4,2,0,'gray',[.8 .8 .8],0,'No caption',1,3,[0 0.9],[1 -18 18 -12 12 -12 12 300 200 10 50 -1 0]);
q = lfiQuery('focus'); q = q.import(requestVectorFS); % Request
q.verify; % Verify that all settings are good
[focalStack] = genfocalstack(q,radArray,sRange,tRange,outputPath,imageSpecificName); % has output argument (optional). [focalStack] = genfocalstack(...)
```

 To confirm that all necessary parameters have been input, type q.verify after inputs





Questions?

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Other relevant LFIT materials

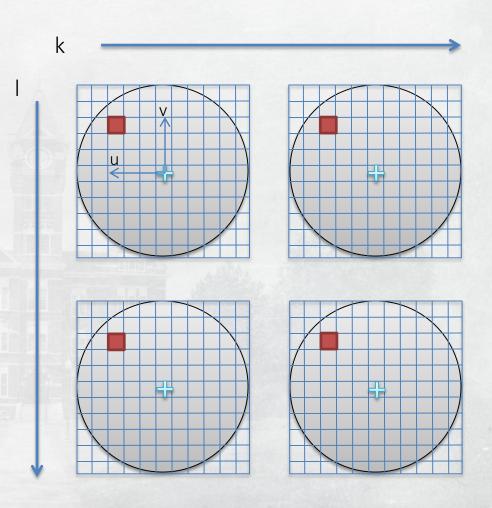
APPENDIX





Perspective Shifts

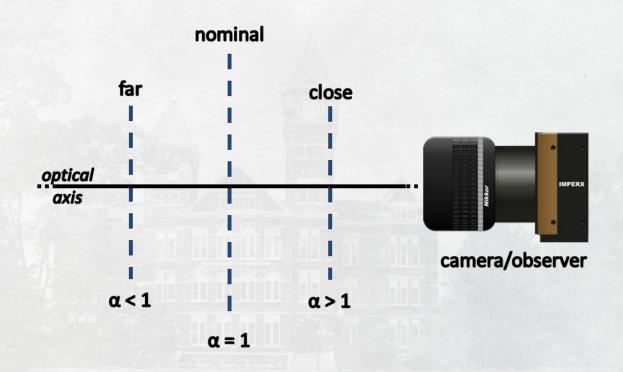
- Sub-aperture imaging
 - Hold (v,u) constant and vary (k, l) values
 - Analogous to extracting the same pixel beneath each microlens







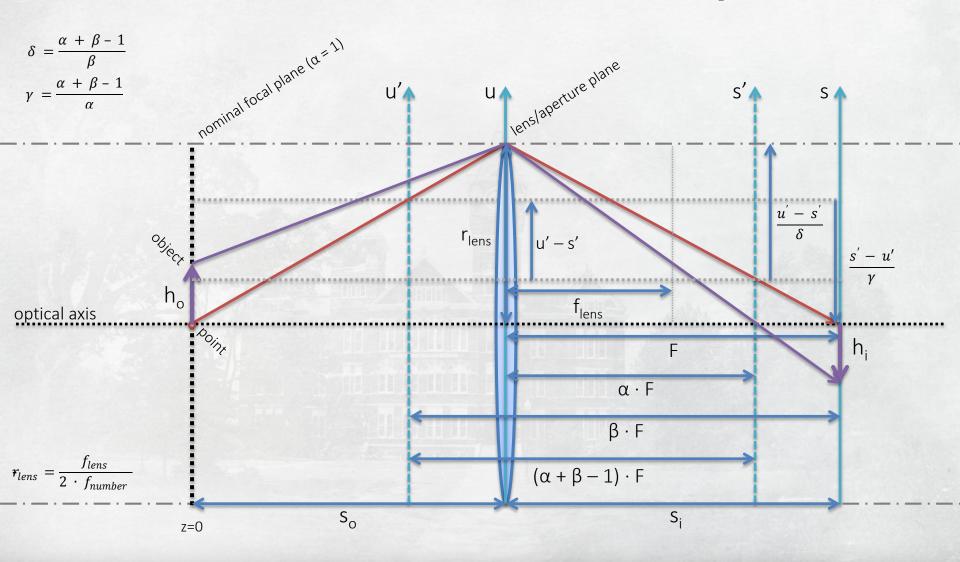
Alpha: Depth Parameter





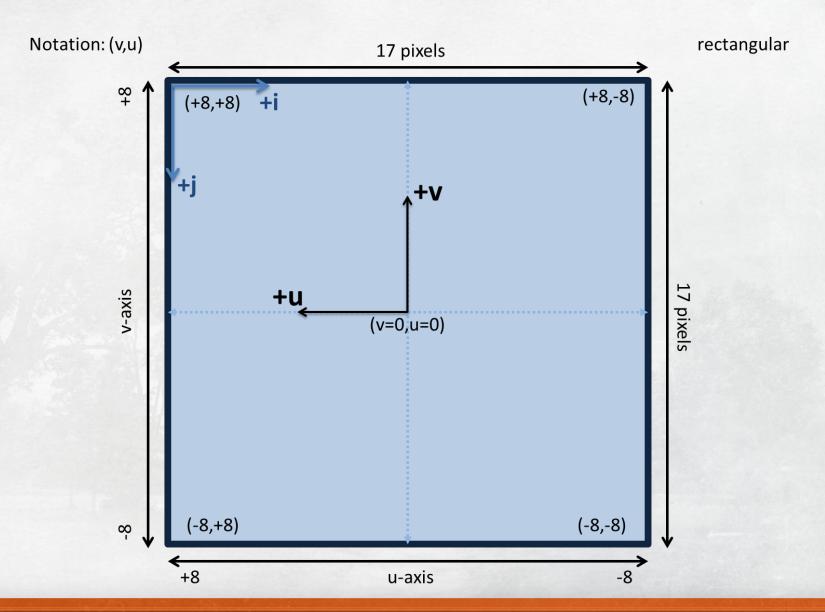


Geometric Relationships



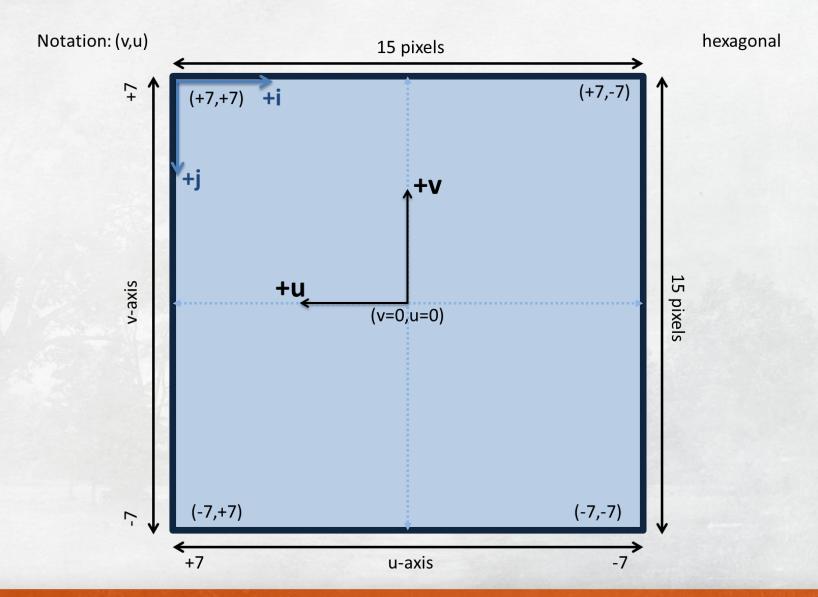


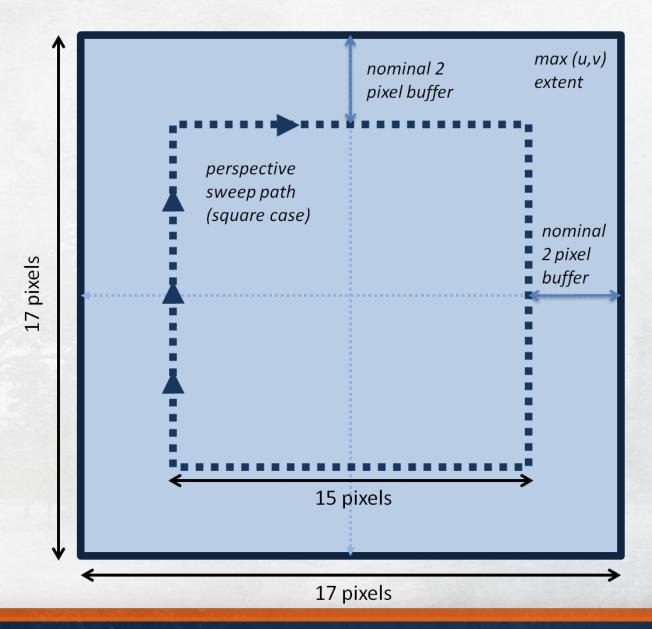


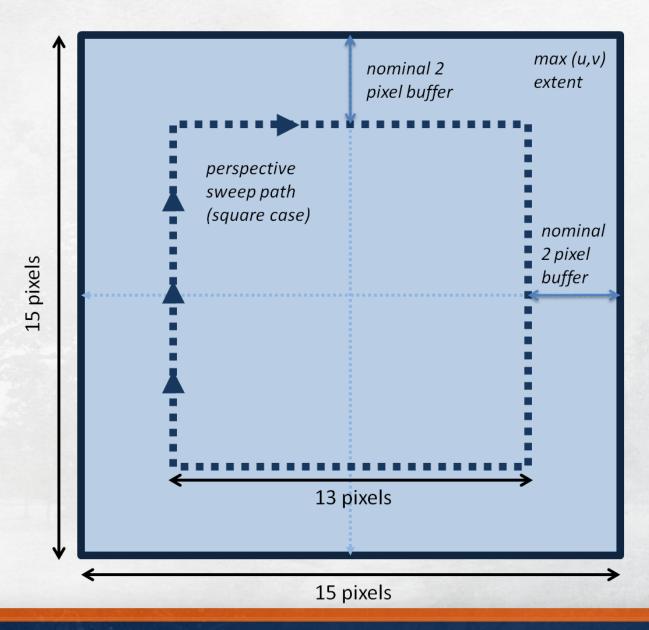


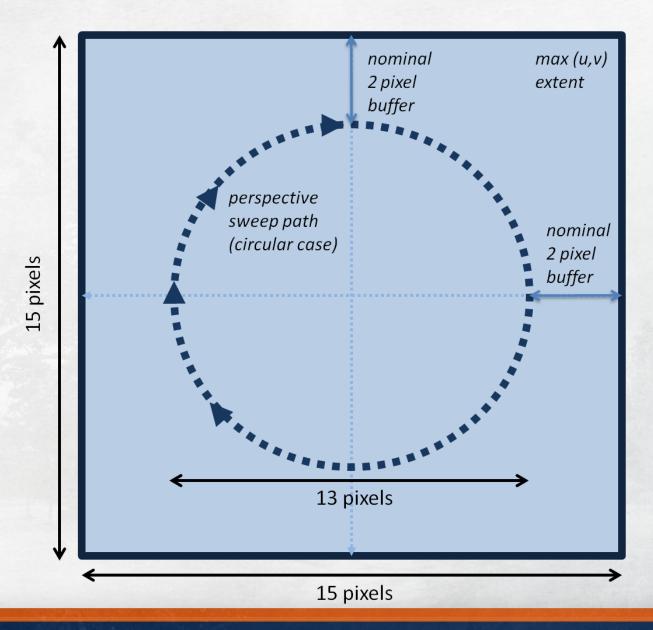


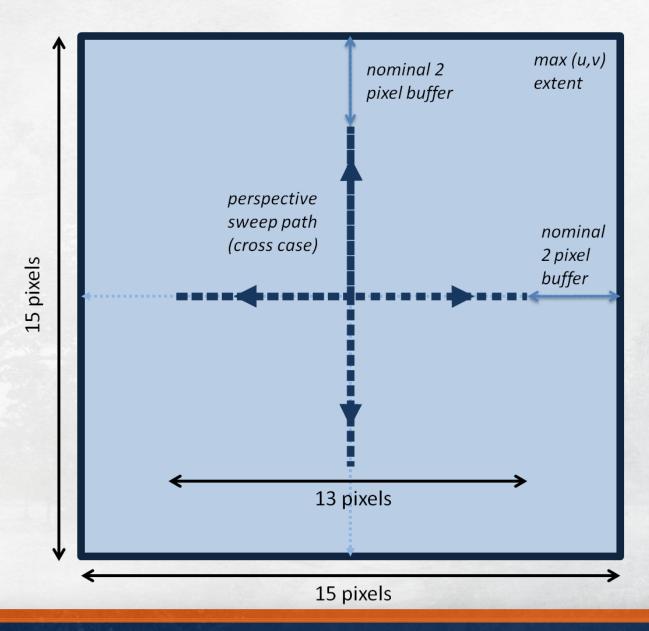


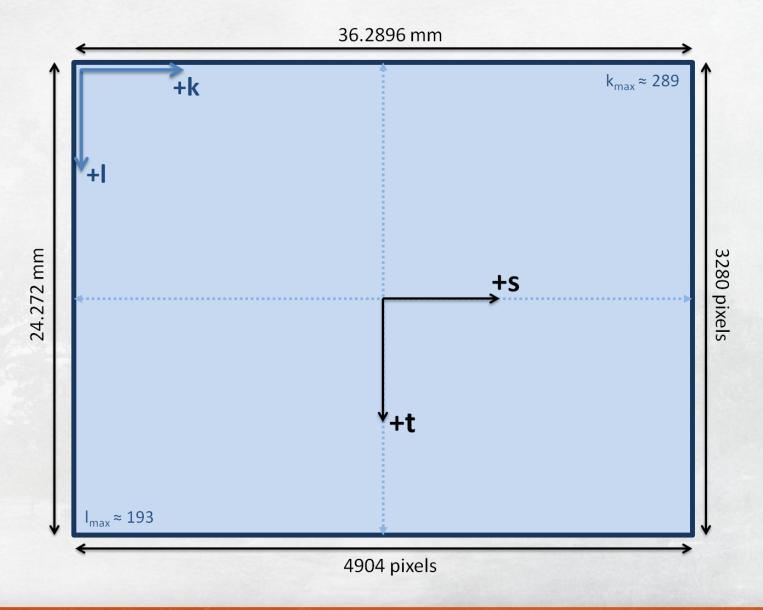


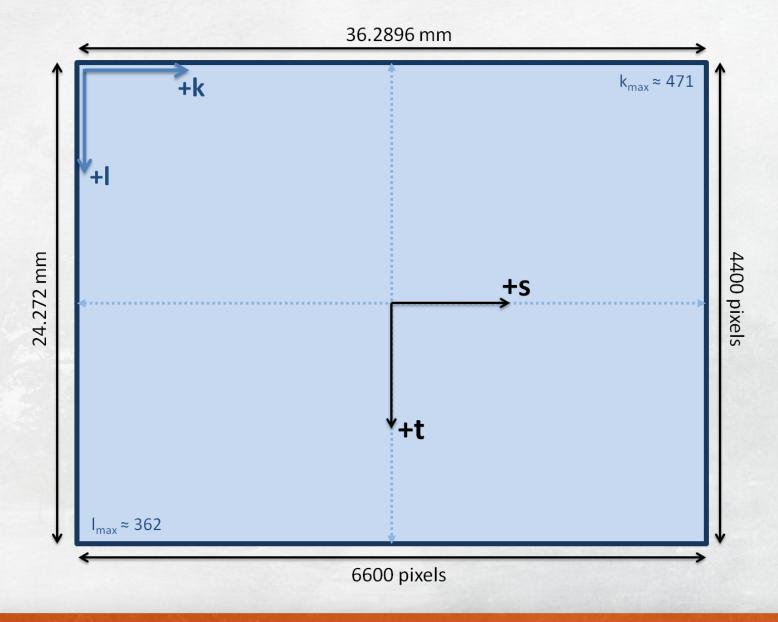
















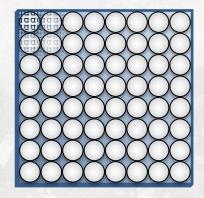
1:1 Resolution Comparison

16 MP Imperx (rectangular) ≈289x193 resolution

29 MP Imperx (hexagonal array) ≈471x362 resolution (psuedo-rectilinear/pre-resampling)

29 MP Imperx (hexagonal array)

≈932x621 resolution (post-resampling/rectilinear)

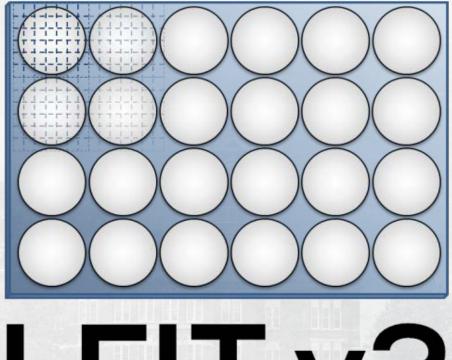


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