



## Beampattern of ULA

*main properties*

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### Assumptions:

- Single source  $s(t) = e^{j\omega t}$
- Frequency relations:  $\omega = 2\pi \cdot f = 2\pi \cdot c / \lambda$
- Wavenumber  $\lambda$
- Speed of propagation:  $c$  ( $\approx 343$  [m/sec])
- Directional Of Arrival (DOA):  $\theta$
- Far field  $\Rightarrow$  Plane wave
- ULA with distance  $d$  between sensors
- $J$  omnidirectional sensors
- Array aperture size:  $L = J \cdot d$
- No noise, no interferences:  $\underline{x}[k] = \underline{a}(\theta) \cdot s[k]$
- ASP unit: Single complex weight for each sensor

因为延时的原因 (时延导致相位移动)

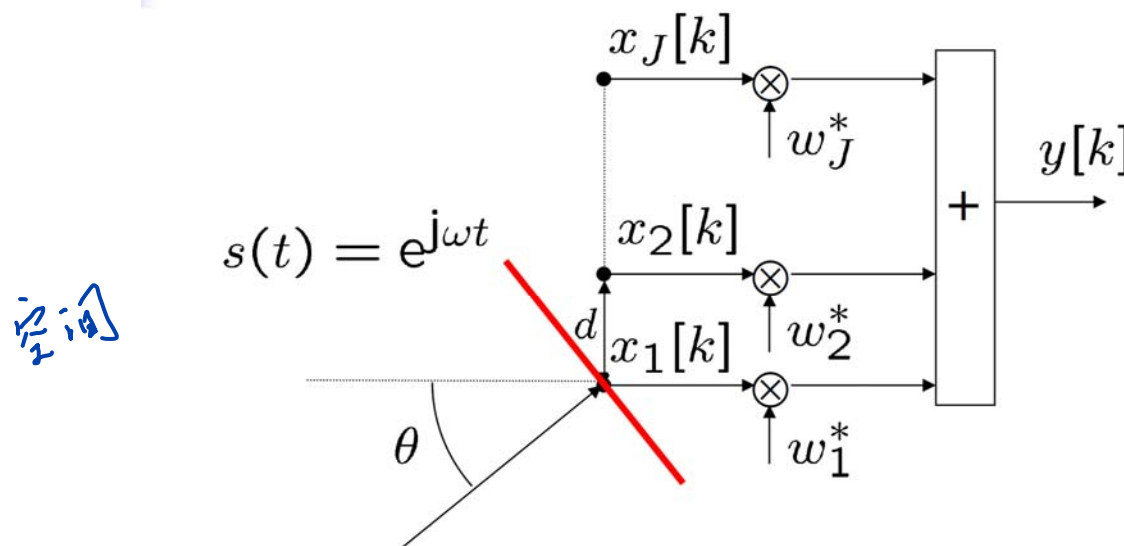
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one source

$$\Rightarrow y[k] = \sum_{i=1}^J w_i^* x_i[k] = \underline{\mathbf{w}}^h \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}}[k] = \underline{\mathbf{w}}^h \cdot \underline{\mathbf{a}}(\theta) \cdot s[k]$$

$$\text{with: } (\underline{\mathbf{a}}(\theta))_i = a_i(\theta) = e^{-j2\pi(i-1)\frac{d \sin(\theta)}{\lambda}}$$

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Thus:  $y[k] = \underline{\mathbf{w}}^h \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}}[k] = \underline{\mathbf{w}}^h \cdot \underline{\mathbf{a}}(\theta) \cdot s[k] = r(\theta) \cdot s[k]$

**Array response:**  $r(\theta) = \underline{\mathbf{w}}^h \cdot \underline{\mathbf{a}}(\theta)$  空间

Other names: *angular response* or *directivity pattern*

Array beam pattern:  $B(\theta) = \frac{1}{J^2} \cdot |r(\theta)|^2$

Comparison with FIR:

Frequency response:

$$W(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^J w_i e^{-j\omega(i-1)T} = \underline{\mathbf{w}}^t \cdot \underline{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)$$

↙ 做傅利叶  
↘ 角频率

with  $a_i(\omega) = (\underline{\mathbf{a}}(\omega))_i = e^{-j\omega \cdot (i-1) \cdot T}$

⇒ Depending on  $\omega$ , **not** on  $\theta$  !

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathbf{a}}(\theta) &= e^{-j2\pi \cdot (i-1) \cdot \frac{d \sin \theta}{\lambda}} \\ &= e^{-j\omega \cdot (i-1) \cdot \frac{d \sin \theta}{c}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cdot c = 2\pi f$$

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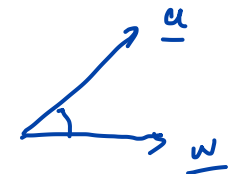
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*Notes:*

- Array response vector: (noise free) response to unit-amplitude plane wave from direction  $\theta$
- Nonideal sensor characteristics can be incorporated
- Weights effect both temporal and spatial response
- Vector space interpretation:  
Angle between  $\underline{\mathbf{w}}$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$  determine response
- To evaluate beampattern: choose all weights equal



$$\underline{\mathbf{w}} = (1, \dots, 1)^t$$

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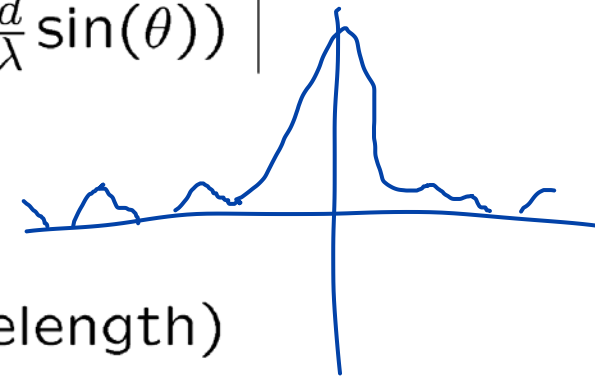
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$$\begin{aligned} B(\theta) &= \frac{1}{J^2} |\mathbf{1}^t \cdot \mathbf{a}(\theta)|^2 = \frac{1}{J^2} \left| \sum_{i=1}^J e^{-j2\pi(i-1)\frac{d}{\lambda} \sin(\theta)} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{J^2} \left| \frac{1 - e^{-jJ2\pi\frac{d}{\lambda} \sin(\theta)}}{1 - e^{-j2\pi\frac{d}{\lambda} \sin(\theta)}} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{J^2} \left| \frac{\sin(J\pi\frac{d}{\lambda} \sin(\theta))}{\sin(\pi\frac{d}{\lambda} \sin(\theta))} \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

*Important parameters:*

- DOA  $\theta$
- Ratio  $\frac{d}{\lambda}$  (everything scales with wavelength)
- Number of sensors  $J$
- Element spacing  $d$
- Array aperture  $L = J \cdot d$



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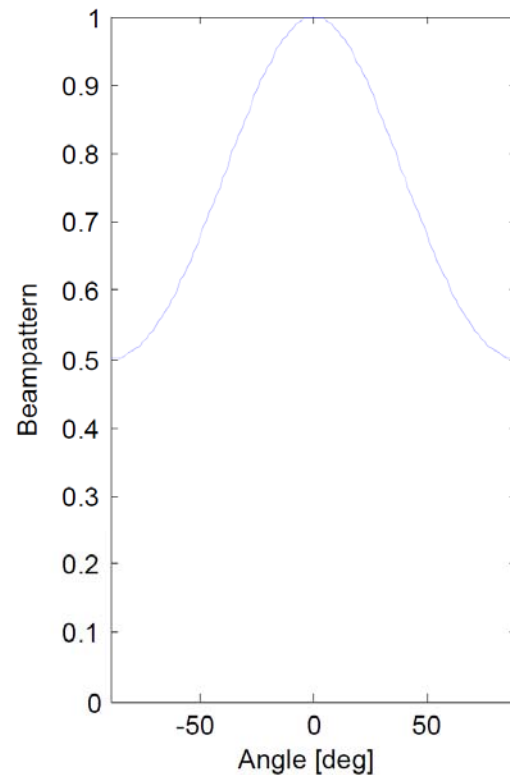
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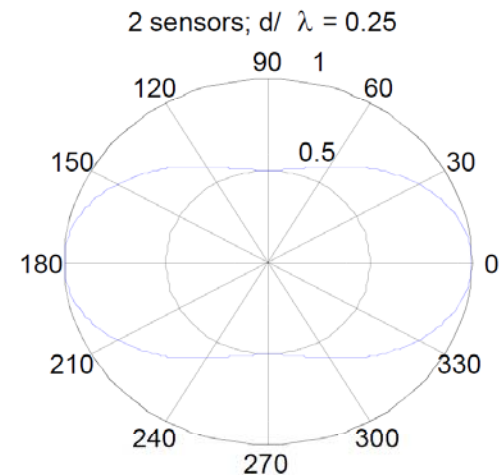
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**Example:**  $J = 2$  and  $\frac{d}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{4}$   $B = \text{abs}(a' * w * w' * a)$

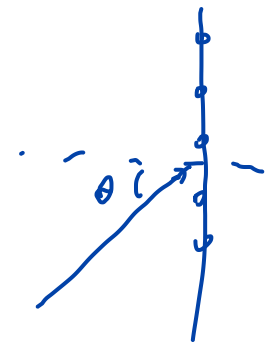
Linear  
scale! →



`plot(theta*180/pi,B)`



`polar(theta,B)`



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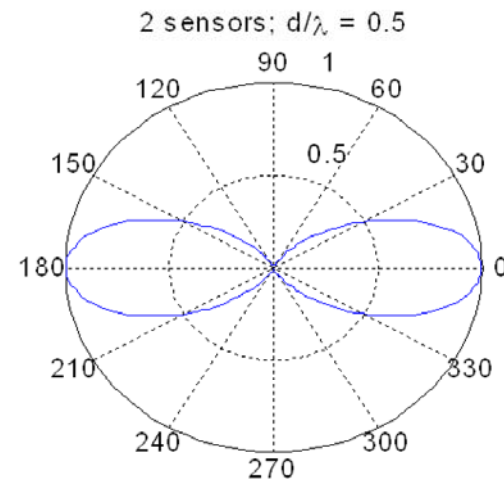
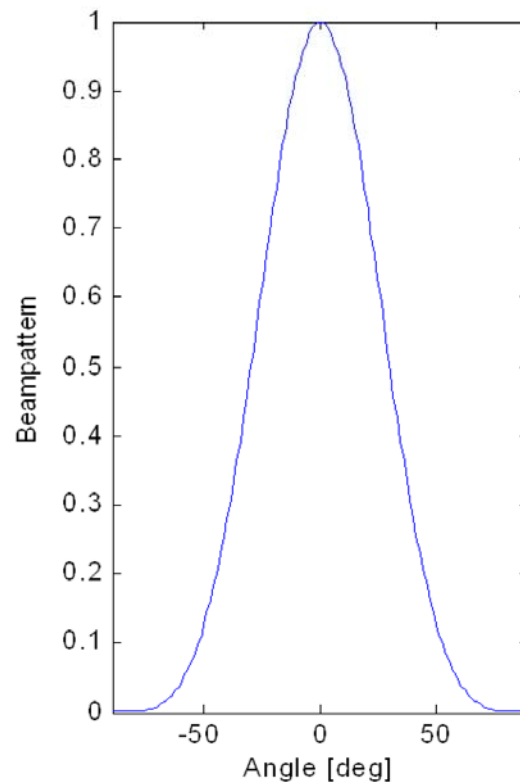


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$$J = 2 \text{ and } \boxed{\frac{d}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}} \quad d \uparrow$$





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### Conclusions:

$$\text{If } \frac{d}{\lambda} \ll \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$$

- No exact cancelling at  $\theta = \pm 90^\circ$  两个 sensor 和一个差不多
- Little difference with single sensor case!

$$\text{If } \frac{d}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$$

增益大于 0.5

- Main lobe beamwidth (DOA  $0^\circ$ ):  $60^\circ$
- Nulls at:  $\theta = \pm 90^\circ$

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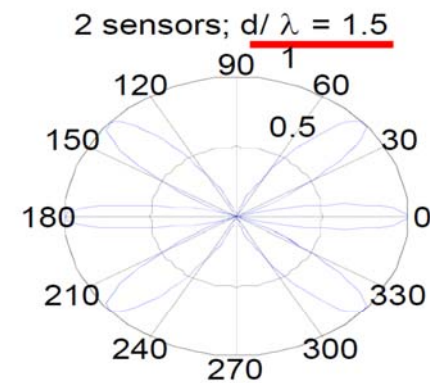
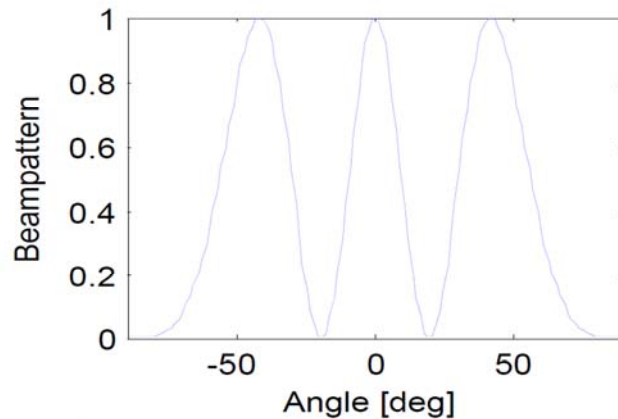
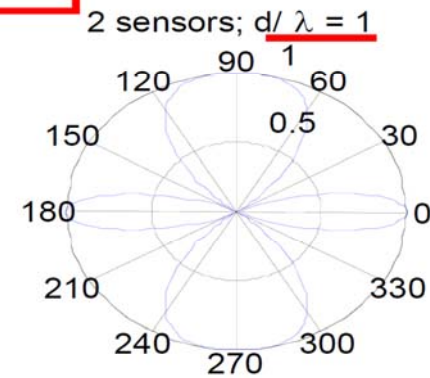
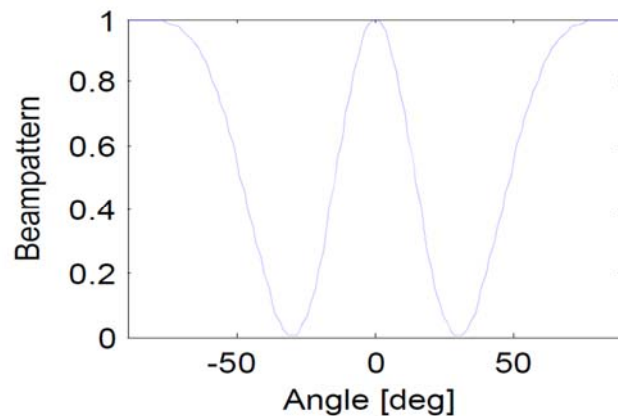


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$$J = 2 \text{ and } \frac{d}{\lambda} > \frac{1}{2}$$



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Conclusions:

零点飘移

If  $\frac{d}{\lambda} = 1 \Rightarrow$  • Nulls migrate to:  $\theta = \pm 30^\circ$   
• Another two sidelobes at:  $\theta = \pm 90^\circ$   
另外增益为1的地方

If  $\frac{d}{\lambda} > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$  • Main lobe beamwidth decreases  
• More nulls  $\Rightarrow$  Spatial aliasing

$d$  过大  
导致了空间混叠  
类似时间上的采样定理

*Spatial aliasing:*

- Ambiguity in source locations
- Same response for sources at different positions
- Occurs if sensors are too far away (relative to  $\lambda$ )

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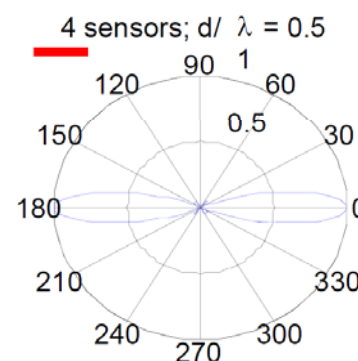
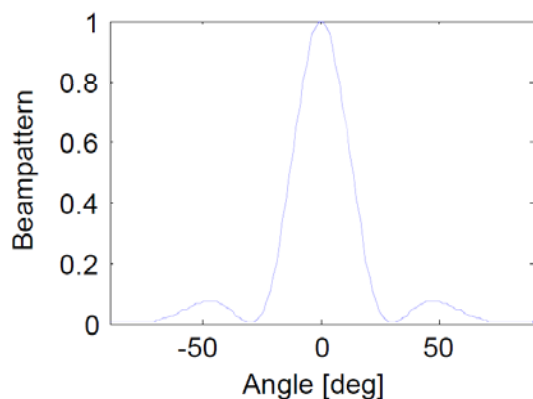
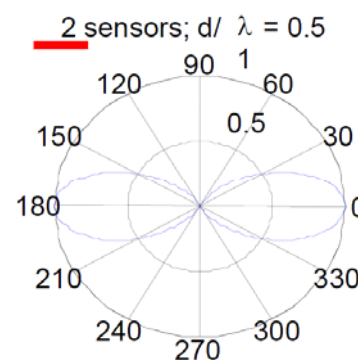
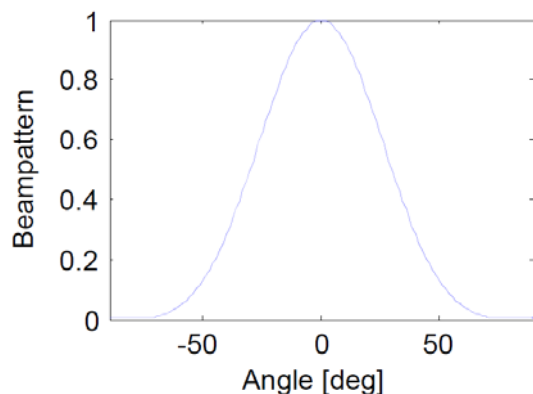


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Increase aperture  $L = J \cdot d$  by  $J \uparrow$ , fixed  $\frac{d}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}$



分辨率增加



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### Conclusions Beampattern:

- For  $J \uparrow \Rightarrow$  Mainlobe smaller  $\Rightarrow$  more sensitive 角度分辨率更好
- For  $J \uparrow \Rightarrow$  array aperture  $\uparrow$
- For  $d/\lambda < 1/2 \Rightarrow$  No spatial aliasing
- For  $d/\lambda \geq 1 \Rightarrow$  Pattern repeats at  $\theta = \arcsin(\frac{\lambda}{d})$  扫描
- Zeros occur at  $\theta = \arcsin\left(i \cdot \frac{1}{J} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{d}\right)$  with  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  Pattern 零点分布
- Main lobe at  $\theta = 2 \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{J} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{d}\right)$

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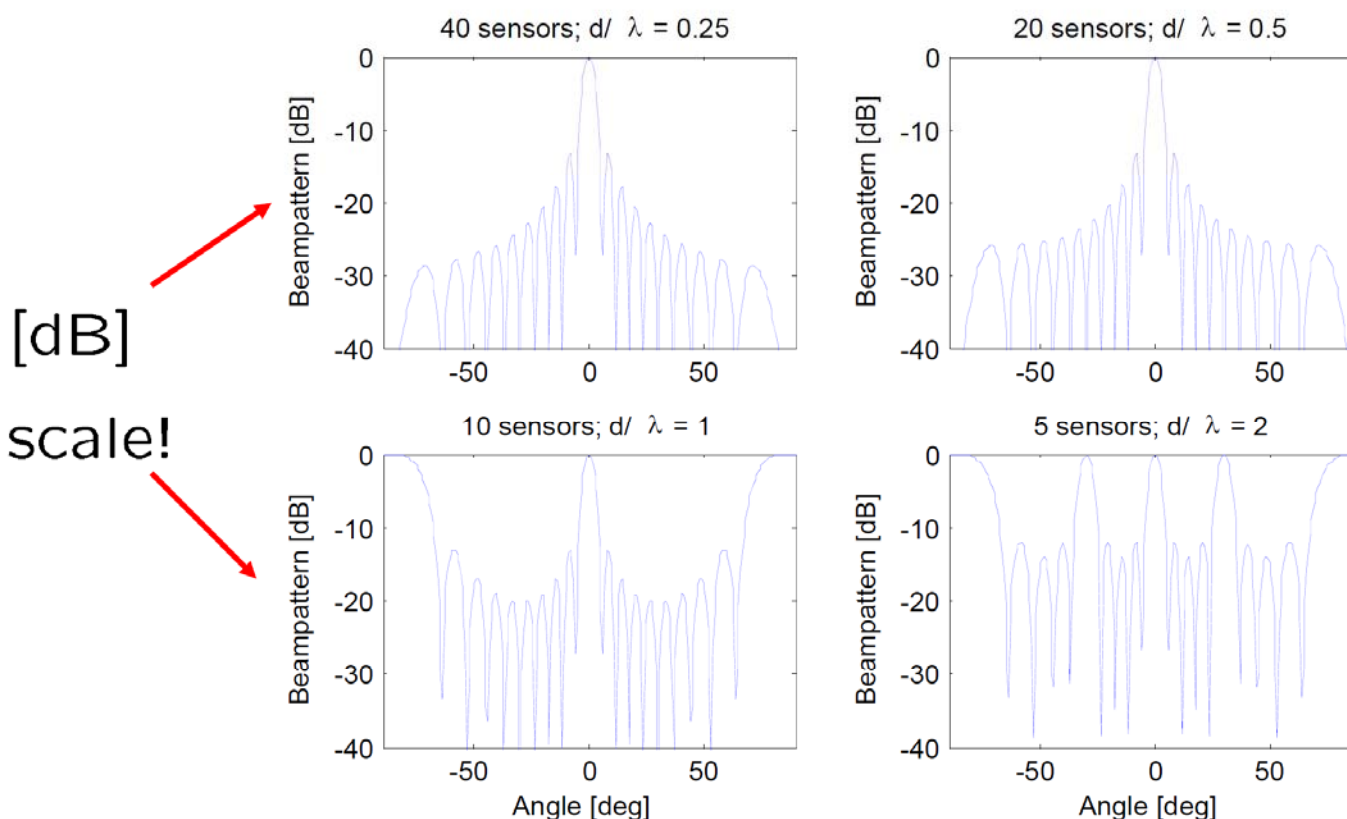


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Variable element spacing  $d$ , fixed  $L = J \cdot d = 10\lambda$



增多传感器无意义

$\frac{d}{\lambda} > \frac{1}{2}$   
信号混叠, 信号分不开

`plot(theta*180/pi, 10*log10(B))`



Conclusion fixed aperture:

- $d < \frac{\lambda}{2} \Leftrightarrow$  Oversampling:

No additional info 且 sensor 数目越多

- $d > \frac{\lambda}{2} \Leftrightarrow$  Undersampling:

Grating lobes = spatial ambiguities

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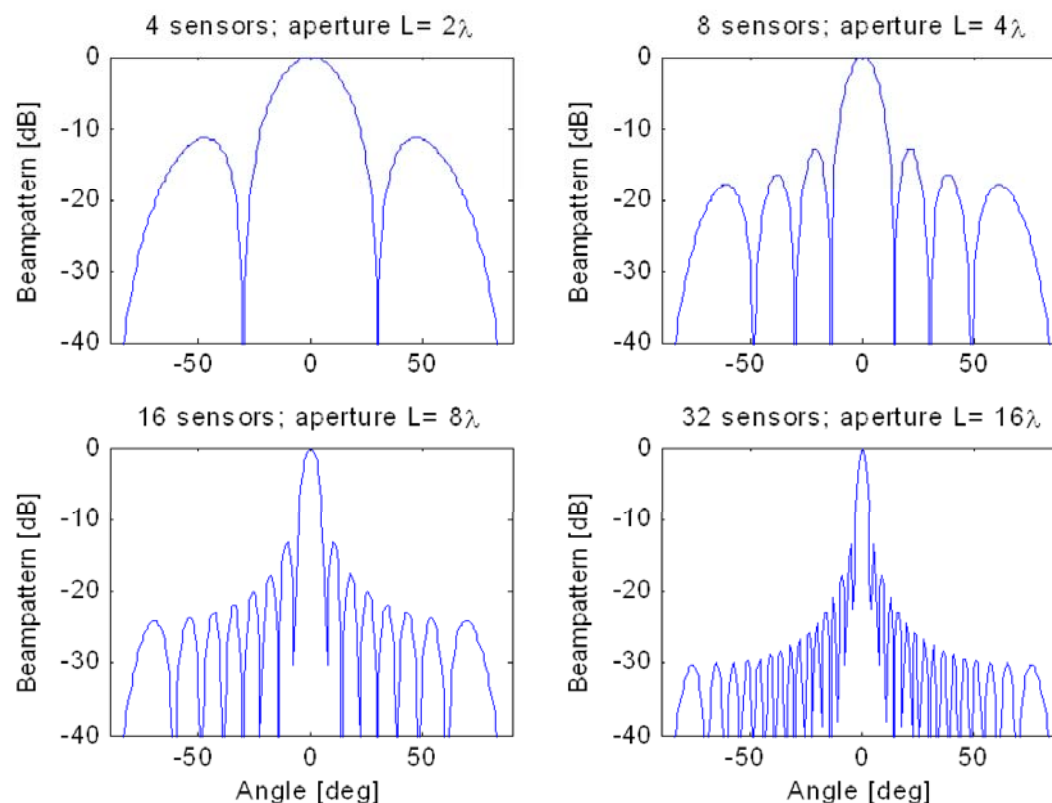


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Variable aperture size  $L = J \cdot d$  and fixed  $d = \frac{\lambda}{2}$



增加孔径

增加分辨率





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Conclusion fixed element spacing:  $\frac{d}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2}$

- Variable aperture  $\Leftrightarrow$  variable resolution

- $L \uparrow \Leftrightarrow$  Improved resolution  $\Leftrightarrow$

Better angle estimation capabilities

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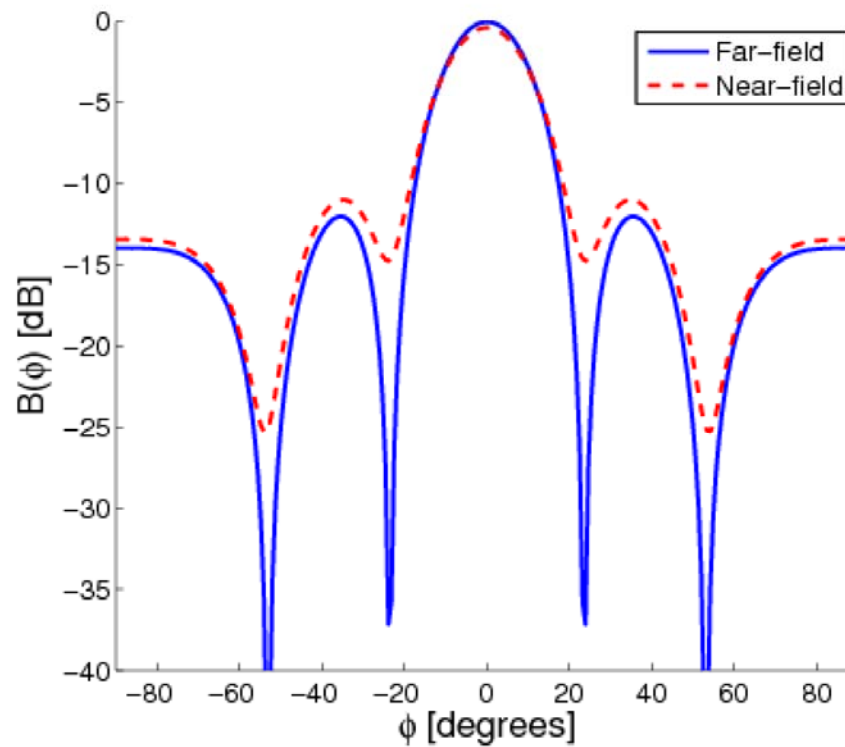


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$$\text{Near field: } |\underline{p}| < \frac{2L^2}{\lambda}$$



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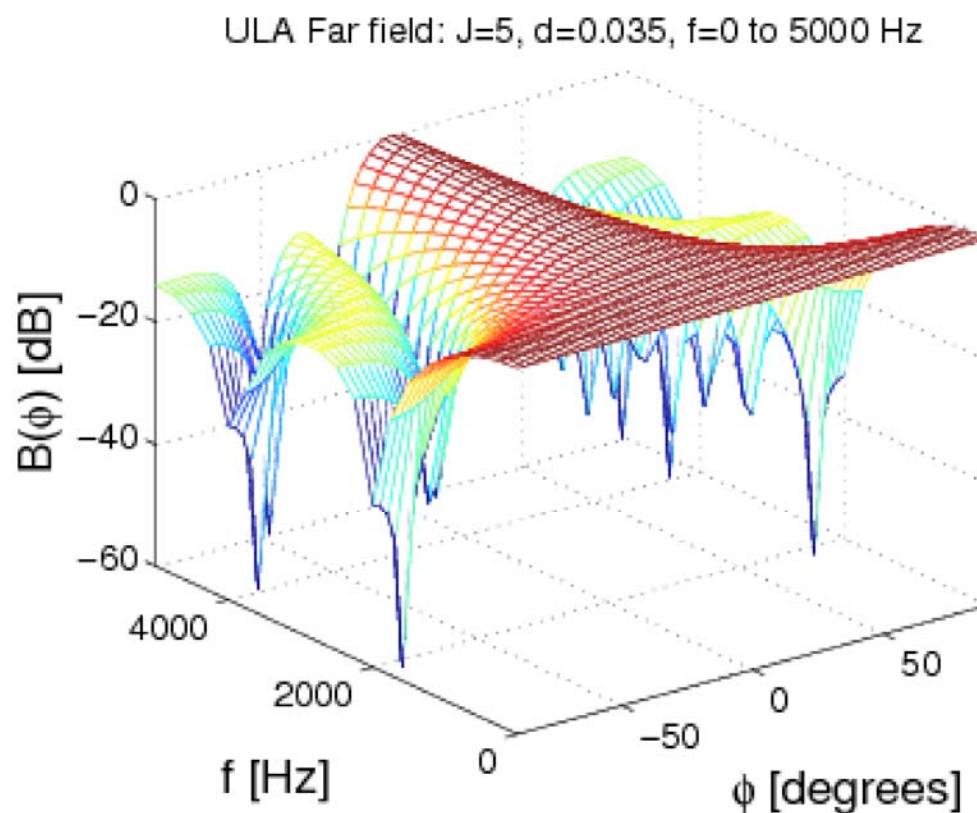


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## ULA Beampattern: frequency dependence

Variable frequency, fixed  $J$  and  $d$



$$f = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$f \rightarrow 0 \sim 5000$$

$$\frac{d}{\lambda} = \frac{c}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{d}{c} = f \cdot \frac{0.035}{350} = f \cdot 10^{-4} \rightarrow 0 \sim \frac{1}{2}$$

过采样 20

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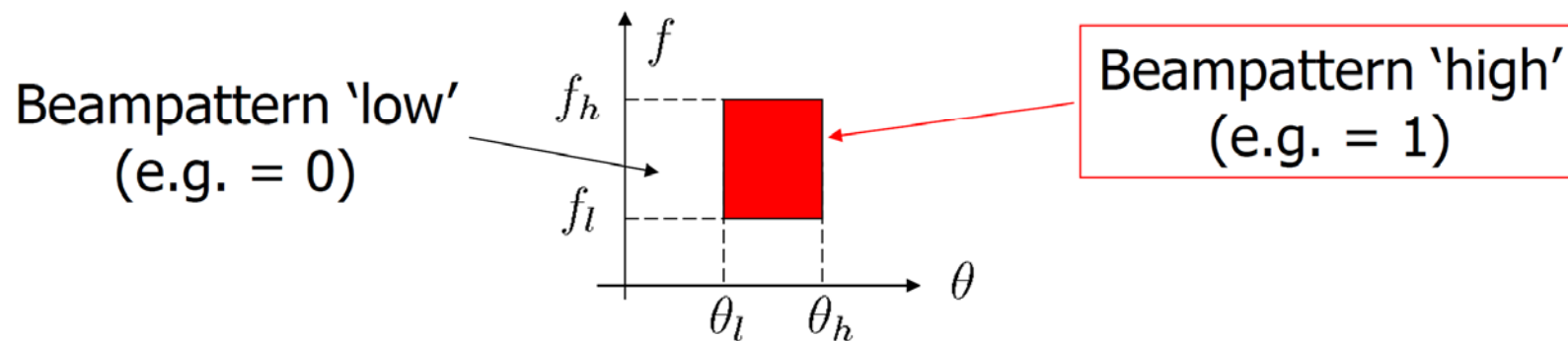


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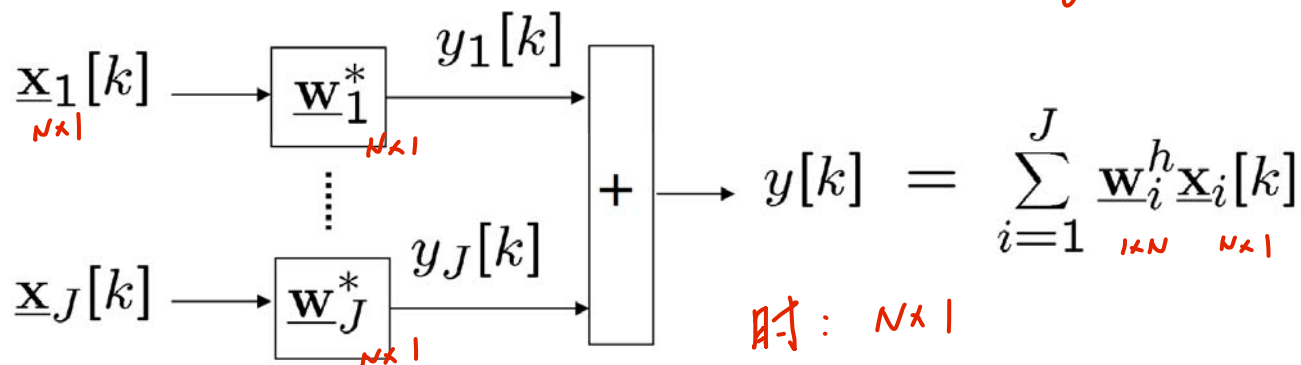
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## ULA Beampattern: frequency dependence

**Wish**: Frequency “independence” over angular range



Use  $J$  different FIR filters (each of length  $M$ ) for each sensor:



时:  $N \times 1$

空:  $J \times 1$

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## ULA Beampattern: frequency dependence

$$\underline{a}(f, \theta) = [1, e^{-j2\pi f \cdot \frac{d \sin \theta}{c}}, \dots, e^{-j2\pi f (J-1) \frac{d \sin \theta}{c}}]^T$$

$$\text{Array response: } \underset{N \times 1}{r}(f, \theta) = \underset{N \times J}{\underline{w}}^H \cdot \underset{J \times 1}{\underline{a}}(f, \theta) \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{J-1} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \underset{1 \times 1}{w_{i,l}^*} \underset{1 \times 1}{a_i}(f, \theta)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Frequency response for ULA: ( $T_s$  is sampling frequency)

$$\underset{1 \times 1}{W}(f, \theta) = \sum_{i=0}^{J-1} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \underset{1 \times 1}{w_{i,l}^*} e^{-j2\pi \cdot f \cdot l \cdot T_s} e^{-j2\pi f \frac{d \sin(\theta)}{c} i}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Normalized temporal frequency: } f_1 = f \cdot T_s = \frac{f}{f_s} \\ \text{Normalized spatial frequency: } f_2 = \frac{f d \sin(\theta)}{c} = \frac{f}{\frac{c}{d \sin \theta}} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{时间采样频率 } f_s \\ \text{空间采样频率 } \frac{c}{d \sin \theta} \end{array}$$

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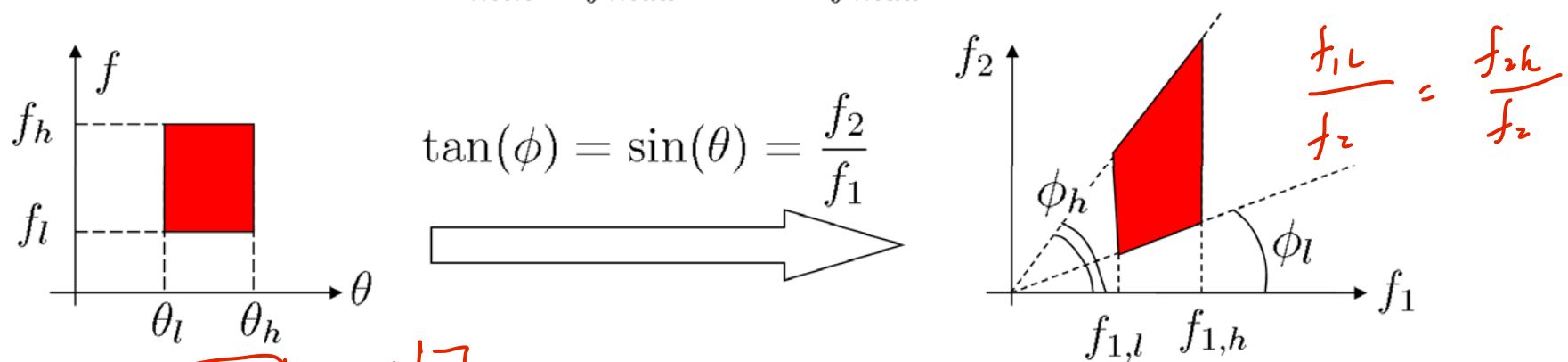
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$$\Rightarrow W(f_1, f_2) = \sum_{i=0}^{J-1} \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} w_{i,l}^* e^{-j2\pi l f_1} e^{-j2\pi i f_2} \quad : \text{2D-DFT of } w_{i,l}^*$$

当  $f_1$  与  $f_2$  满足时不操作

Note:  $f_2 = \left( \frac{d \sin(\theta)}{c T_s} \right) \cdot f_1 \Rightarrow$  Slope through origin of  $f_1, f_2$  plane

Choose:  $T_s = \frac{d}{c} \left( = \frac{d}{\lambda_{\min}} \cdot \frac{1}{f_{\max}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{f_{\max}} \right) \Rightarrow f_2 = \sin(\theta) \cdot f_1$



$x_i \rightarrow [w_i^*] \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} + \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow y[i,k]$   
 $x_j \rightarrow [w_j^*] \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} + \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$

$r(f, \theta) \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} w \bar{f}^2$

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## Array response with DFT

ULA is related to regular temporal sampling:

传感器采样频率

Spatial sampling frequency :  $U_s = \frac{1}{d}$

信号频率

Spatial frequency :  $U = \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\lambda}$

归一化频率

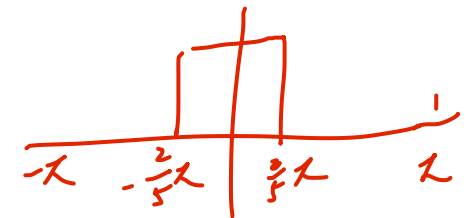
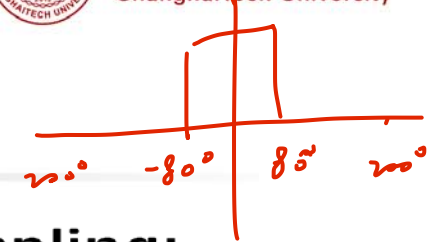
Normalized spatial frequency :  $u = \frac{U}{U_s} = \frac{d \sin(\theta)}{\lambda}$ ,  $[-1, 1]$

⇒ **Steering vector:**

$$\underline{\mathbf{a}}(u) = \left( 1, e^{-j2\pi u}, \dots, e^{-j2\pi(J-1)u} \right)^t$$

Note: Avoid aliasing  $\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \leq u \leq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow d \leq \frac{\lambda}{2}$

since range of unambiguous angles:  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$



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## Array response with DFT

Notes:

$$X[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_p[n] e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{K}n}$$

- Definition of length  $J$  DFT:

$$F_l = \sum_{i=0}^{J-1} f_i e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{J}il} \text{ for } l = 0, \dots, J-1 \text{ (resolution } \frac{2\pi}{J})$$

分辨率

- Zero padding for improved resolution: (不改变频域成分)

$$F_l = \sum_{i=0}^{J-1} f_i e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N}il} \text{ for } l = 0, \dots, N-1$$

with  $N \geq J$  and  $f_i \equiv 0$  for  $i \geq J \Rightarrow$  resolution  $\frac{2\pi}{N}$



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## Array response with DFT

Array response with  $u = \frac{d \sin(\theta)}{\lambda}$  :

$$r(u) = \underline{\mathbf{w}}^h \cdot \underline{\mathbf{a}}(u) = \sum_{i=1}^J w_i^* e^{-j2\pi(i-1)u} = \sum_{i=0}^{J-1} w_{i+1}^* e^{j\frac{2\pi}{N} i N u}$$

Zero padded DFT: (注意要做 zero padding 来增加分辨率)

With  $N \geq J$  and  $w_i \equiv 0$  for  $i \geq J \Rightarrow$

$$r_l = \sum_{i=0}^{J-1} w_{i+1}^* e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{N} i l} \text{ for } l = 0, \dots, N-1$$

with  $l = N \cdot u = N \cdot \frac{d \sin(\theta)}{\lambda}$

在 array response 中我们假设  $w$  是实数

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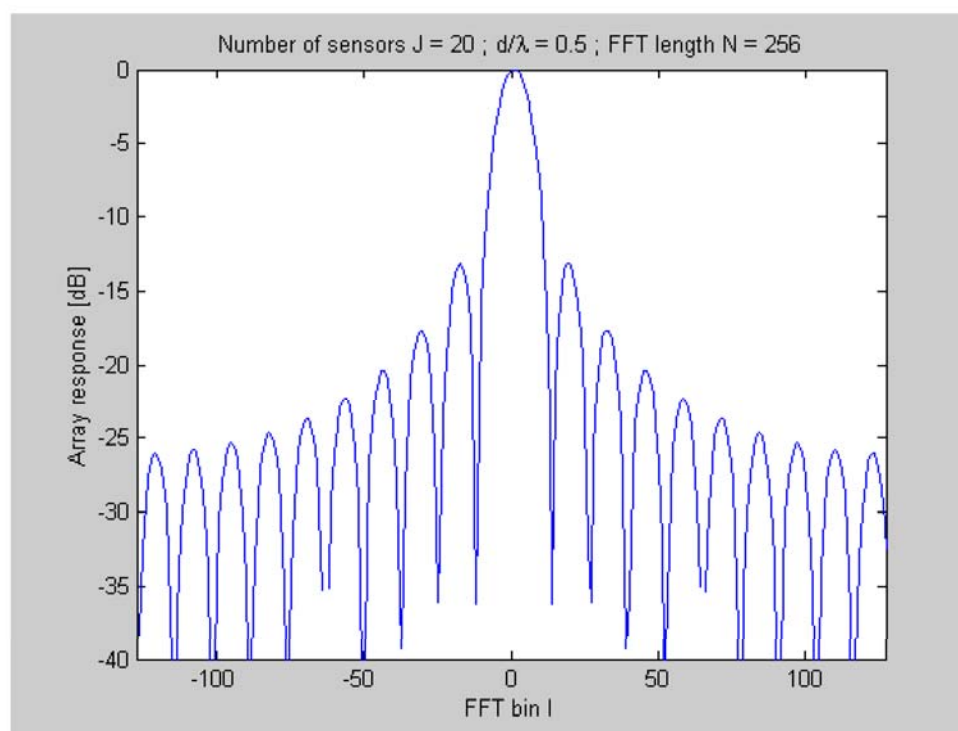


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## Array response with DFT

```
w=(1/J)*ones(J); abs_r=fftshift(abs(fft(w,N)))
```



Compute corresponding angle via:  $\theta = \arcsin\left(\frac{l \cdot \lambda}{N \cdot d}\right)$

将横坐标  $l$  变成  $\theta$



# Data independent beamforming

Conventional approach:

- Beamsteering
- Tapering

Other data independent approaches:

- Null-steering
- Array response design

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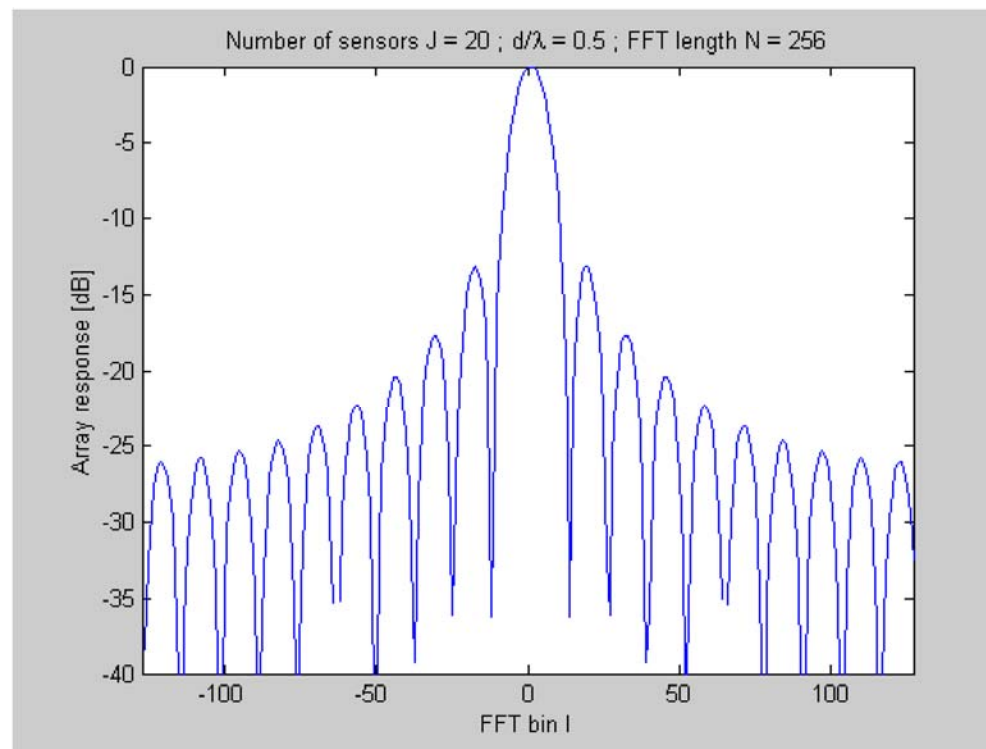


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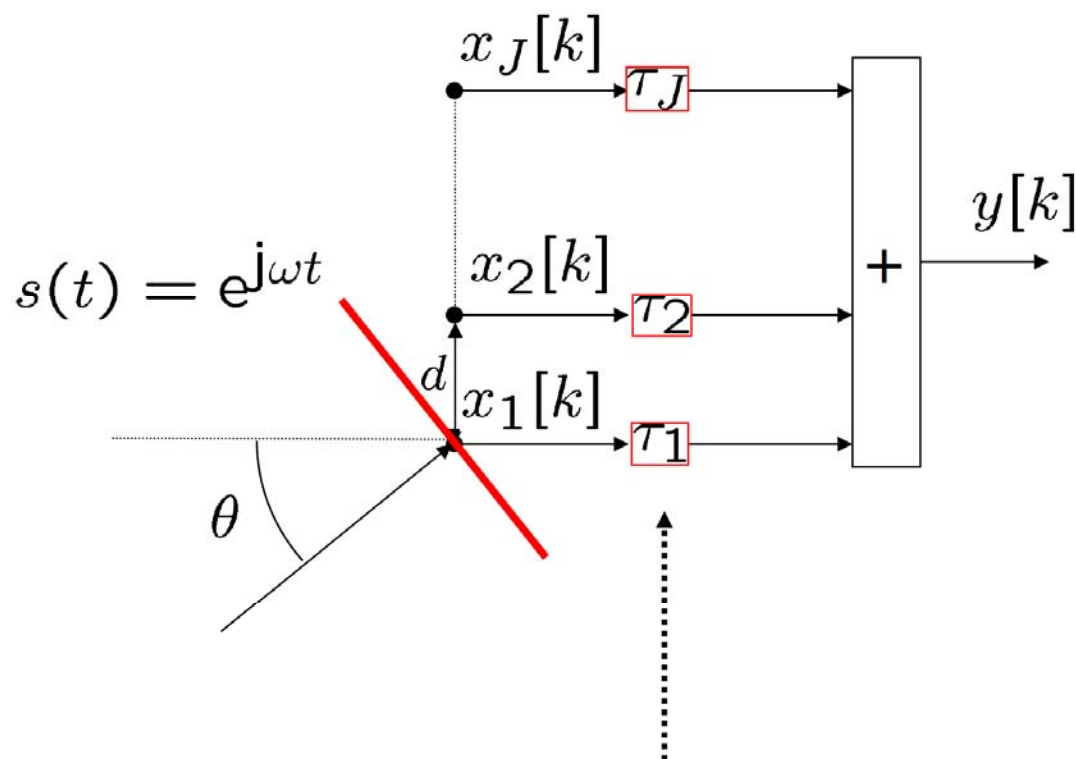
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## Data independent beamforming



For ULA choose:  $\tau_i = (i-1)\tau \leftrightarrow w_i^* = e^{j(i-1)\omega\tau}$

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} y[k] &= \underline{\mathbf{w}}^h \cdot \underline{\mathbf{x}}[k] = \underline{\mathbf{w}}^h \cdot \underline{\mathbf{a}}(\theta) \cdot s[k] \\ w_i^* &= e^{j(i-1)\omega\tau} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$B(\theta) = \frac{1}{J^2} |\underline{\mathbf{w}}^h \cdot \underline{\mathbf{a}}(\theta)|^2 = \frac{1}{J^2} \left| \sum_{i=1}^J e^{-j(i-1)\omega(\frac{d \sin(\theta)}{c} - \tau)} \right|^2$$

Thus mainlobe beampattern shifted over:

$$\theta_0 = \arcsin\left(\frac{c \cdot \tau}{d}\right)$$

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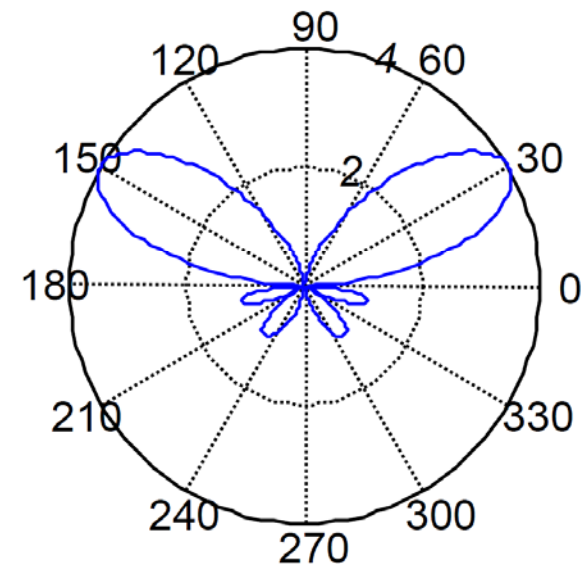
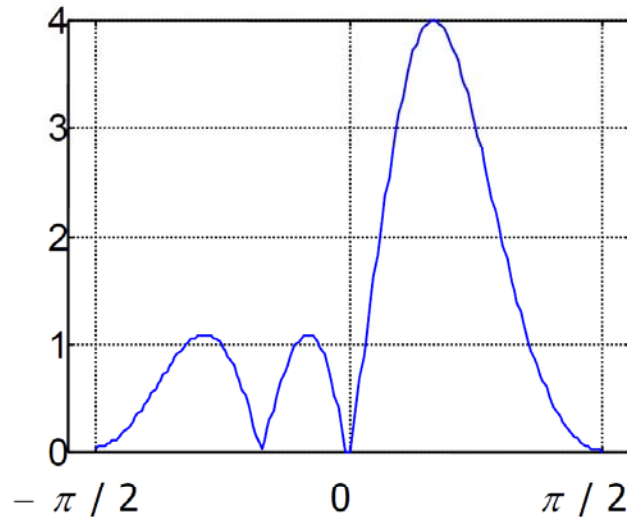


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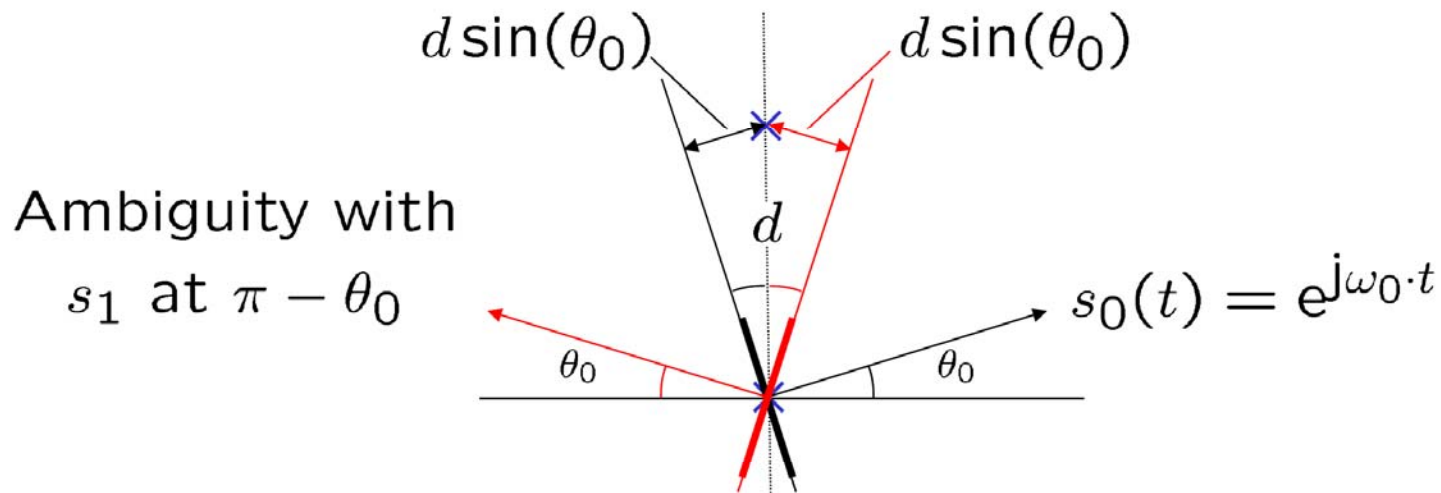
Example:  $J = 4; d/\lambda = 1/2; \tau \leftrightarrow 30^\circ$



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## Data independent beamforming

- Electronic vs Mechanical beamsteering:  
(with omnidirectional sensors)



$$\text{Delay: } e^{-j\omega_0 \frac{d \sin(\theta_0)}{c}} = e^{-j2\pi \frac{d}{\lambda_0} \sin(\theta_0)}$$

Delay is the same for  $s_0$  and  $s_1$



# Part C: Array signal processing



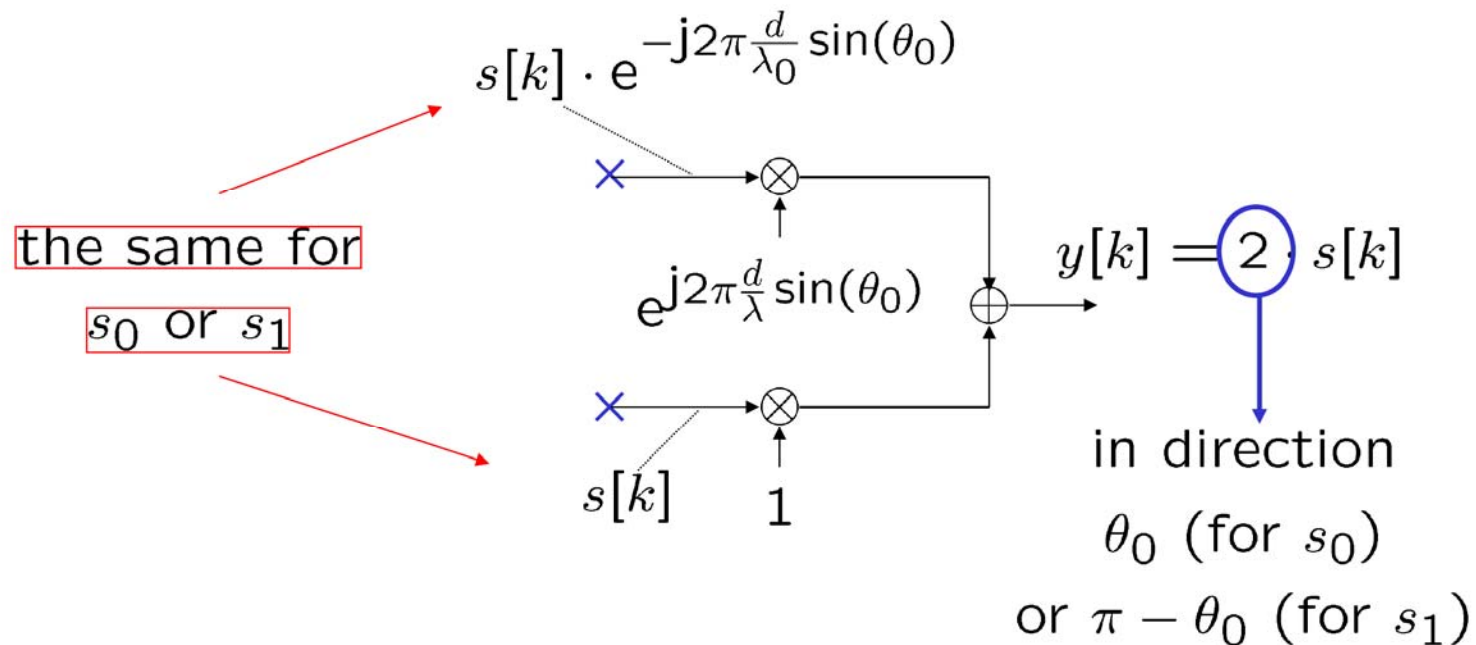
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Electronic beamsteering for ULA:

$$\Rightarrow w_i^* = e^{j2\pi(i-1)\frac{d}{\lambda}\sin(\theta_0)}$$



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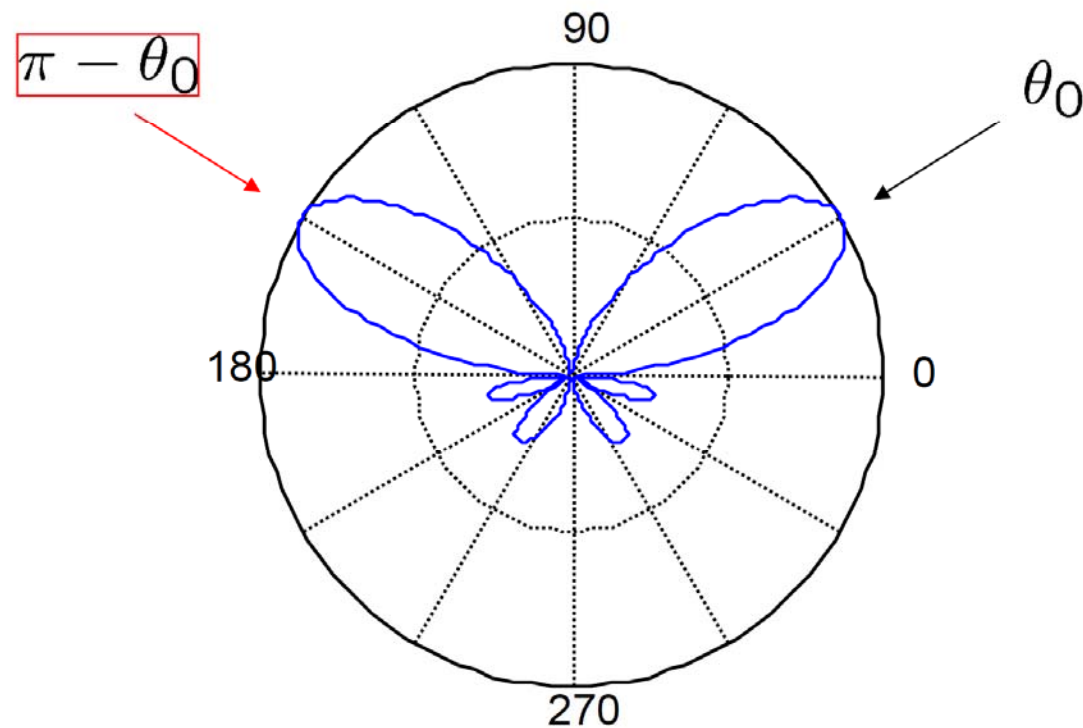


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Result electronic beamsteering:



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Result mechanical beamsteering:

