



GAMES 204



Computational Imaging



Lecture 13: Computing Toolbox: Image Blurry



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Q: Why are Our Images Blurry?



Today's Topic

- Lens Imperfections and Physical Limit.
- Camera Shake.
- Scene Motion.
- Depth Defocus.

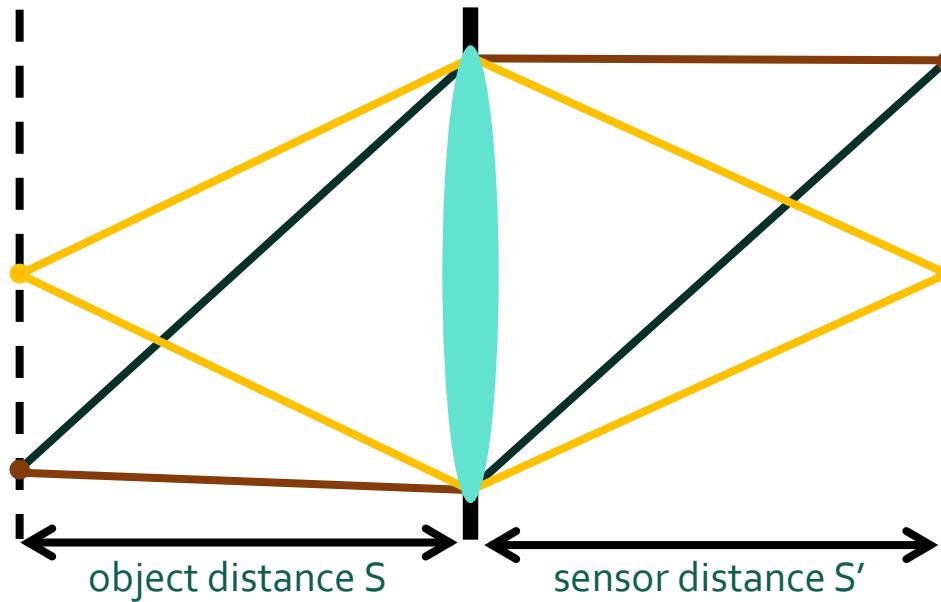
Lens Imperfections and Physical Limit



Lens Imperfections

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$$\frac{1}{S'} + \frac{1}{S} = \frac{1}{f}$$

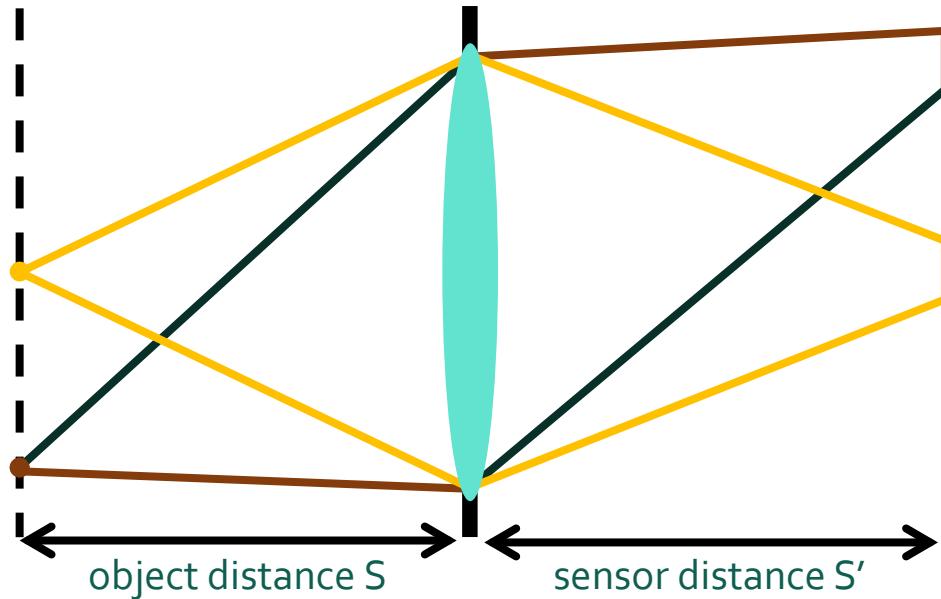




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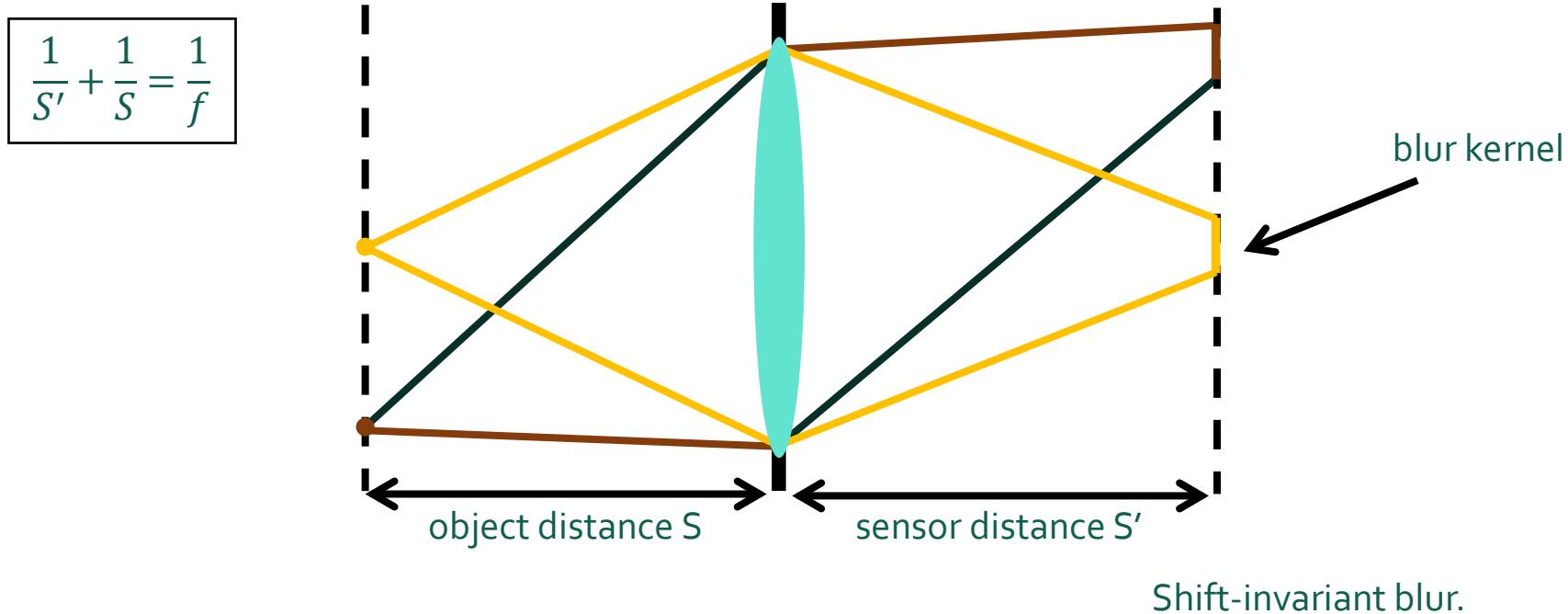


What is the effect of this on the images we capture?



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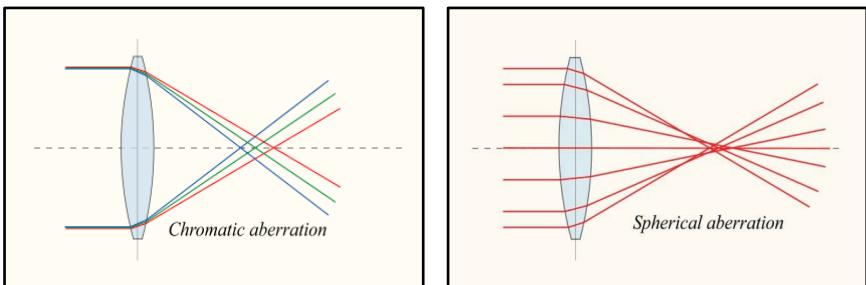




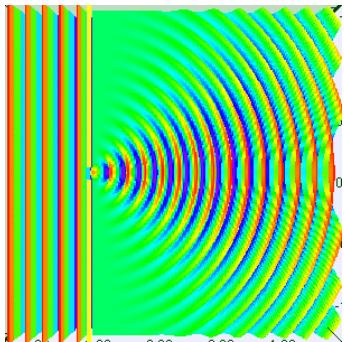
Lens Imperfections

- What causes lens imperfections?
 - Aberrations.

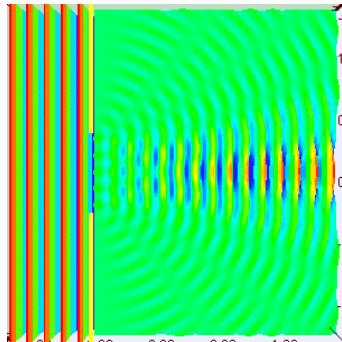
(Important note: Oblique aberrations like coma and distortion are not shift-invariant blur and we do not consider them here!)



- Diffraction



small
aperture



large
aperture

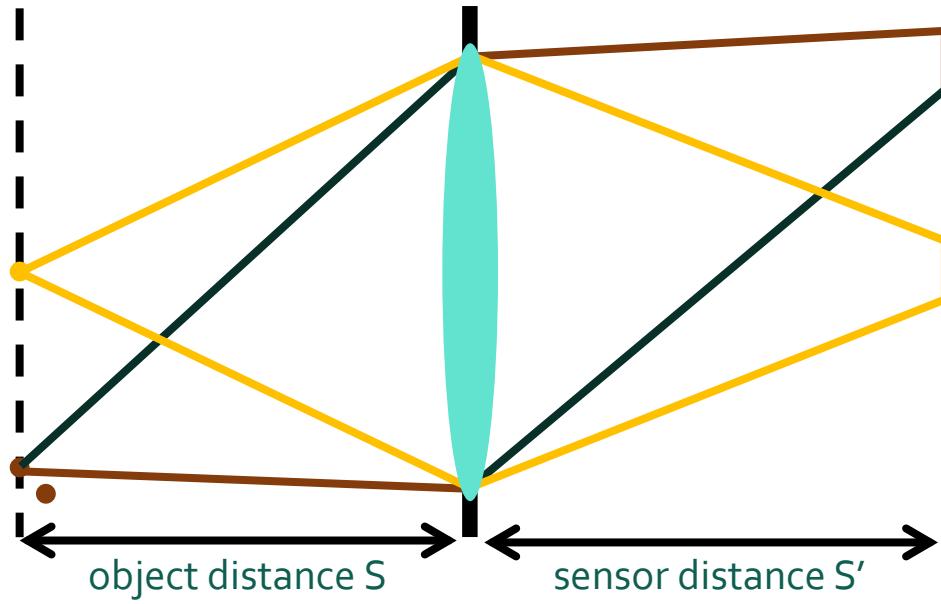


Lens: An Optical Low-pass Filter

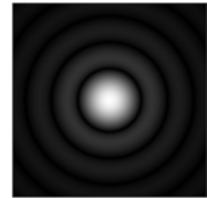
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blur kernel



diffraction-limited PSF
of a circular aperture
(Airy pattern)



Basics of Diffraction Theory

Assume that we can use:

- ***Fraunhofer diffraction***

i.e., distance of sensor and aperture is large relative to wavelength.

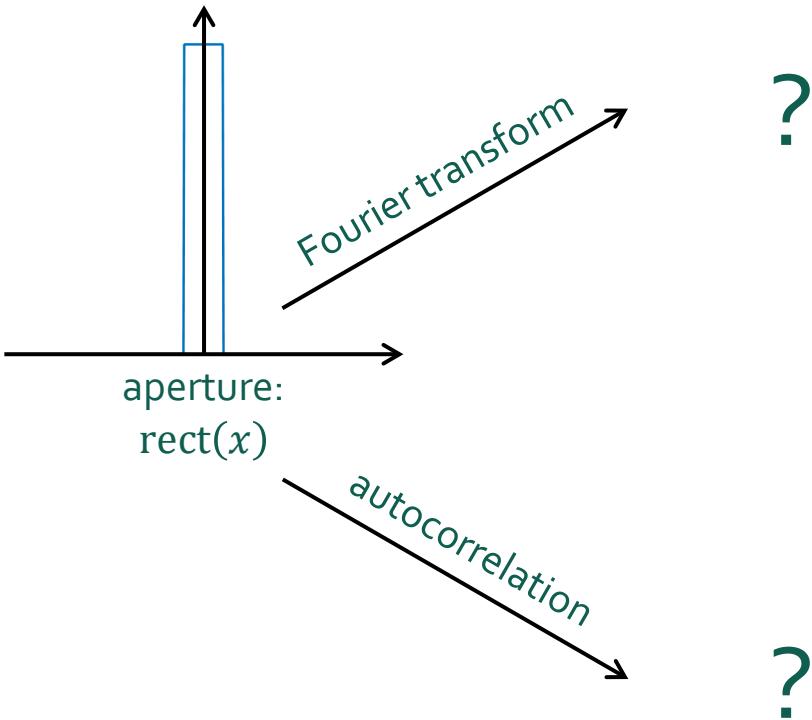
- ***Incoherent illumination***

i.e., the light we are measuring is not laser light.

Ignore various scale factors. Different functions are not drawn to scale.



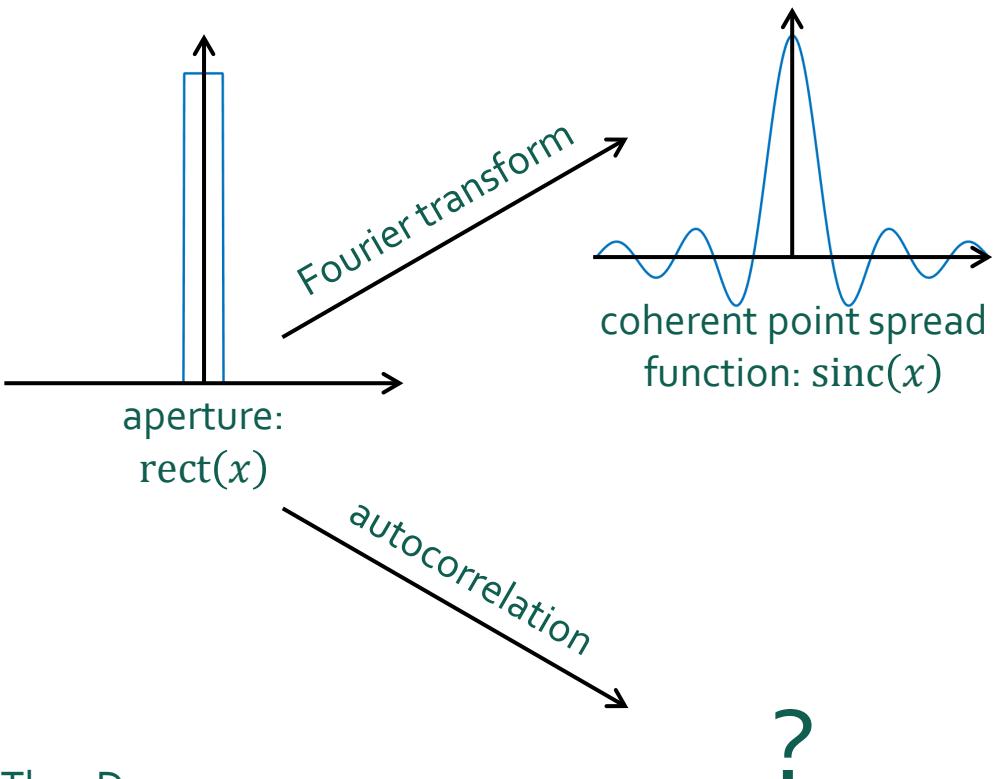
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The 1D case



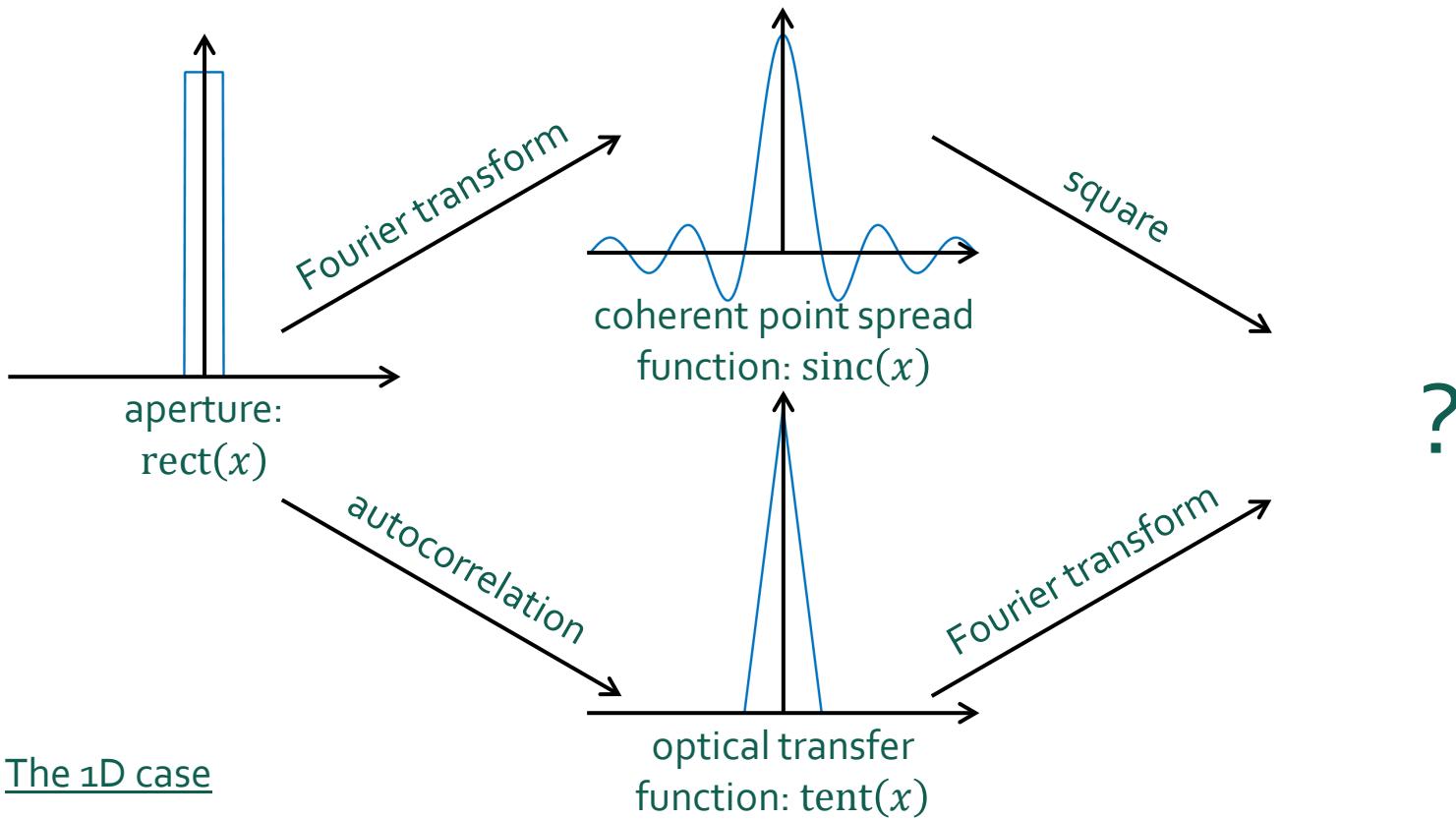
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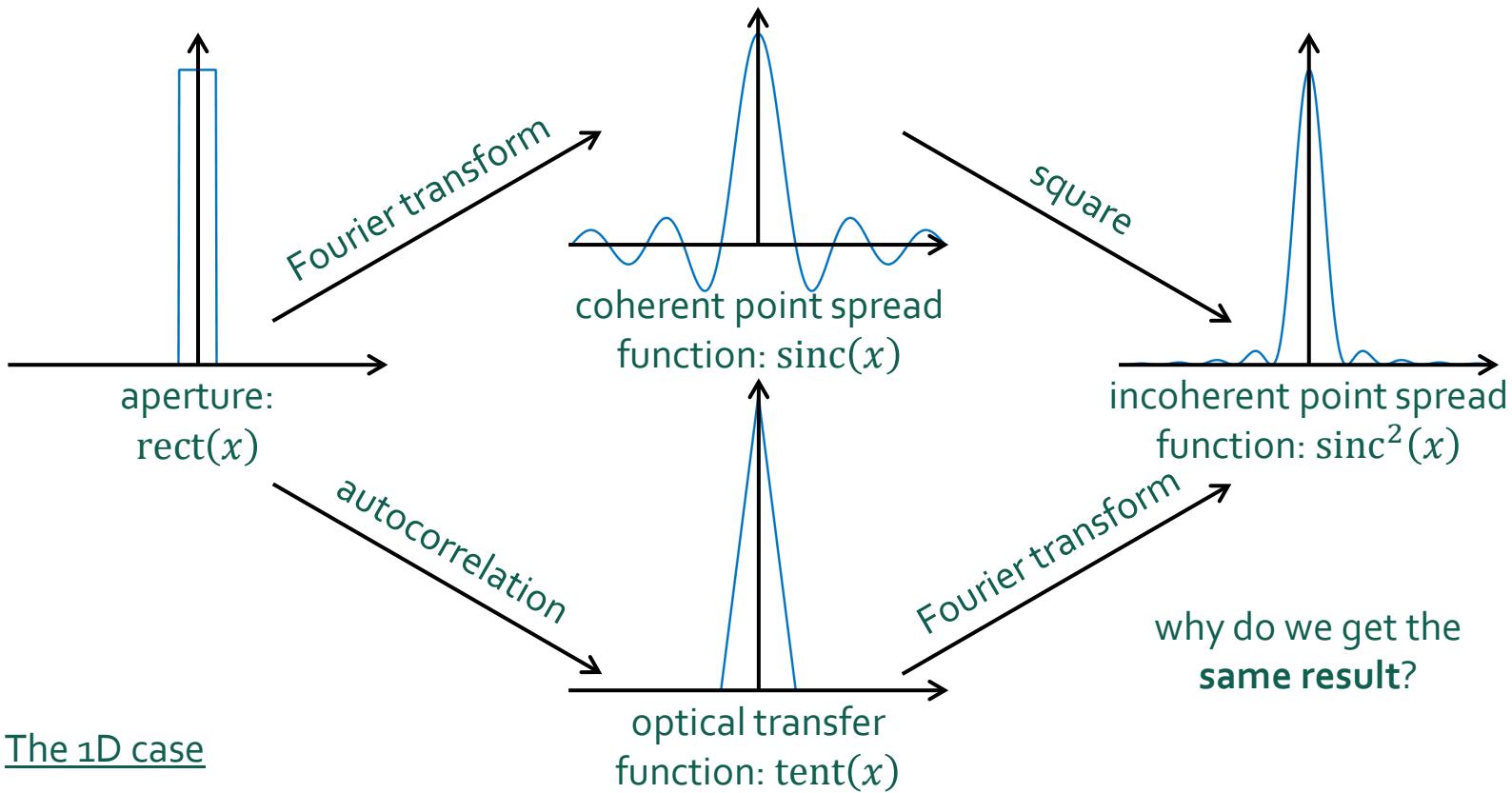


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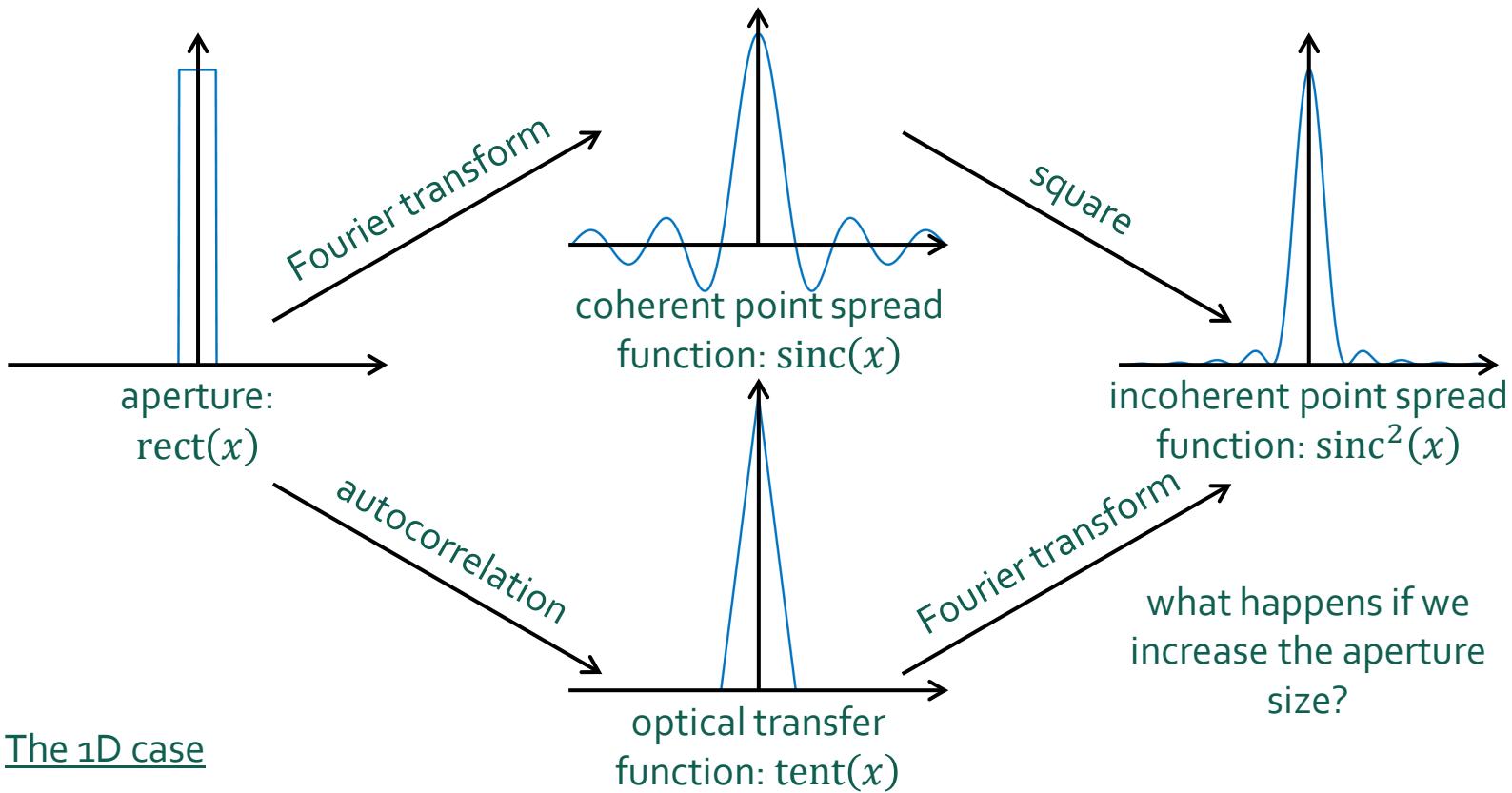
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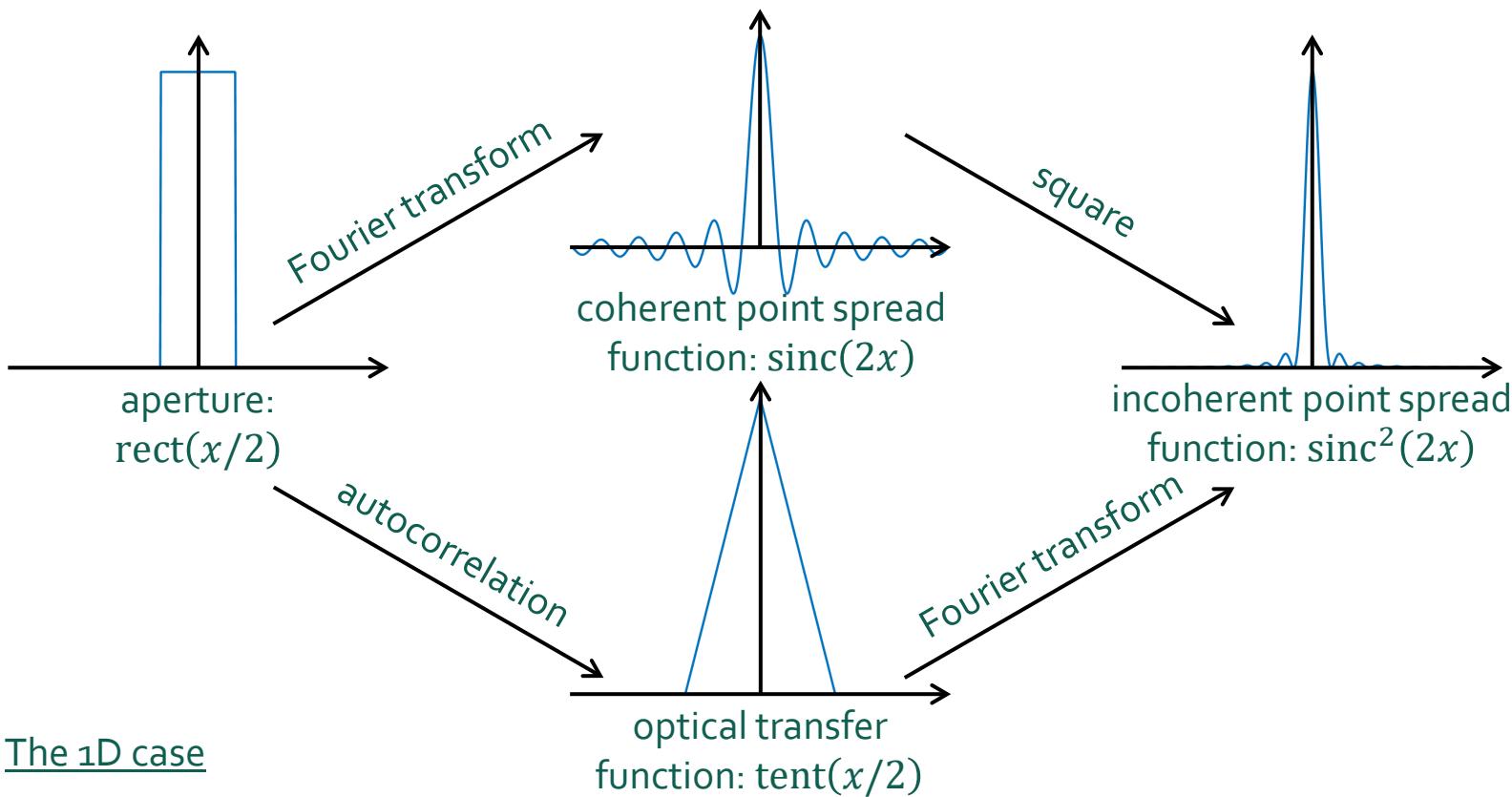
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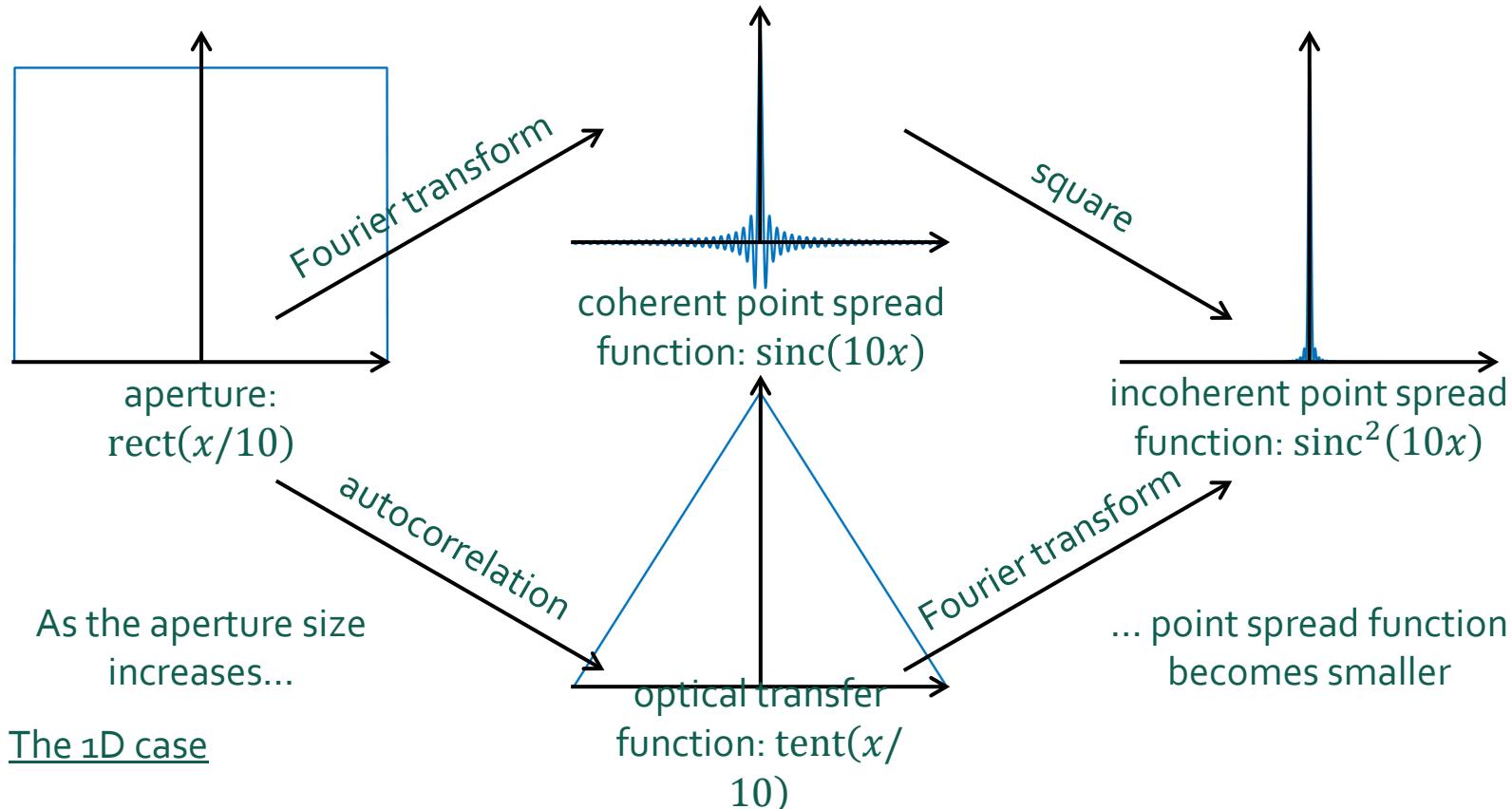
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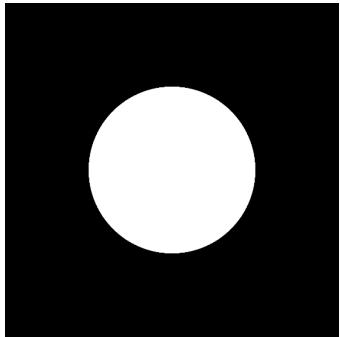


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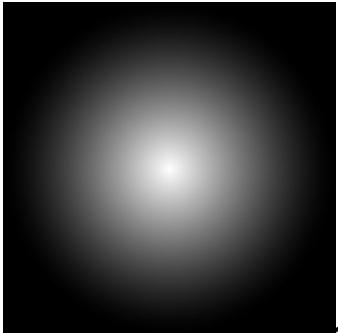




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aperture



optical transfer
function

As the aperture size
increases...

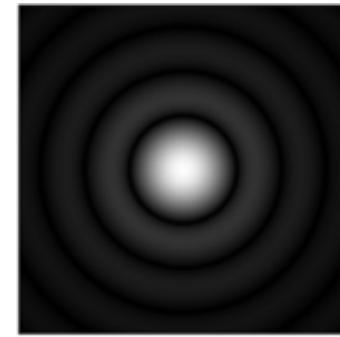
The 2D case

autocorrelation

Fourier transform

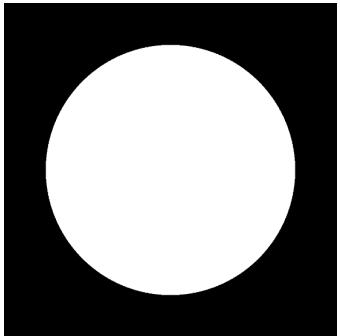
incoherent point spread
function

... point spread function
becomes smaller

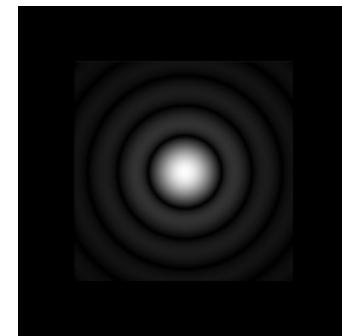




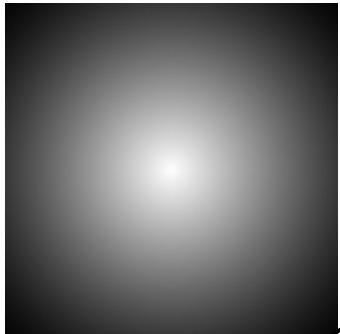
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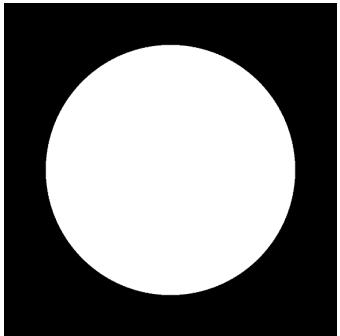
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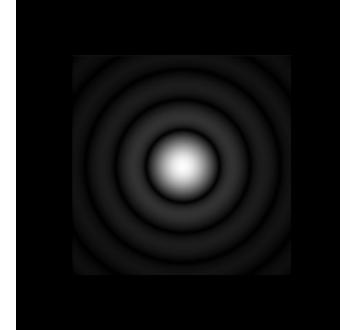
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Basics of Diffraction Theory



Why do we prefer circular apertures?



aperture

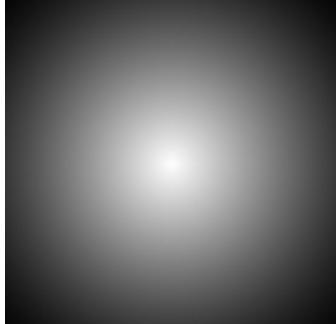
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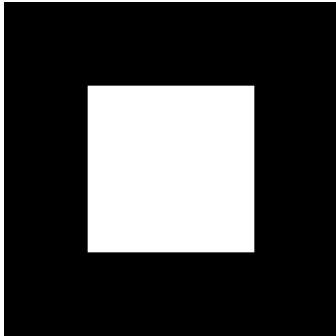


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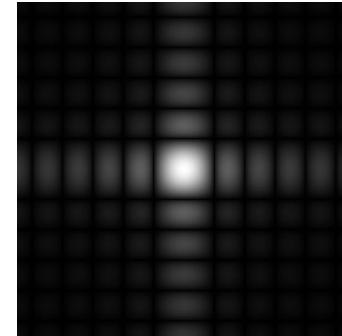


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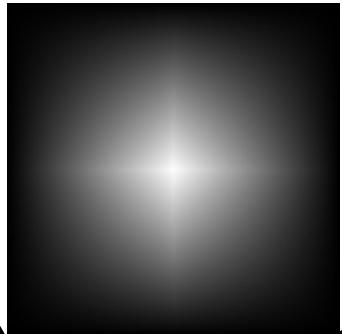


aperture

Other shapes produce very
anisotropic blur.



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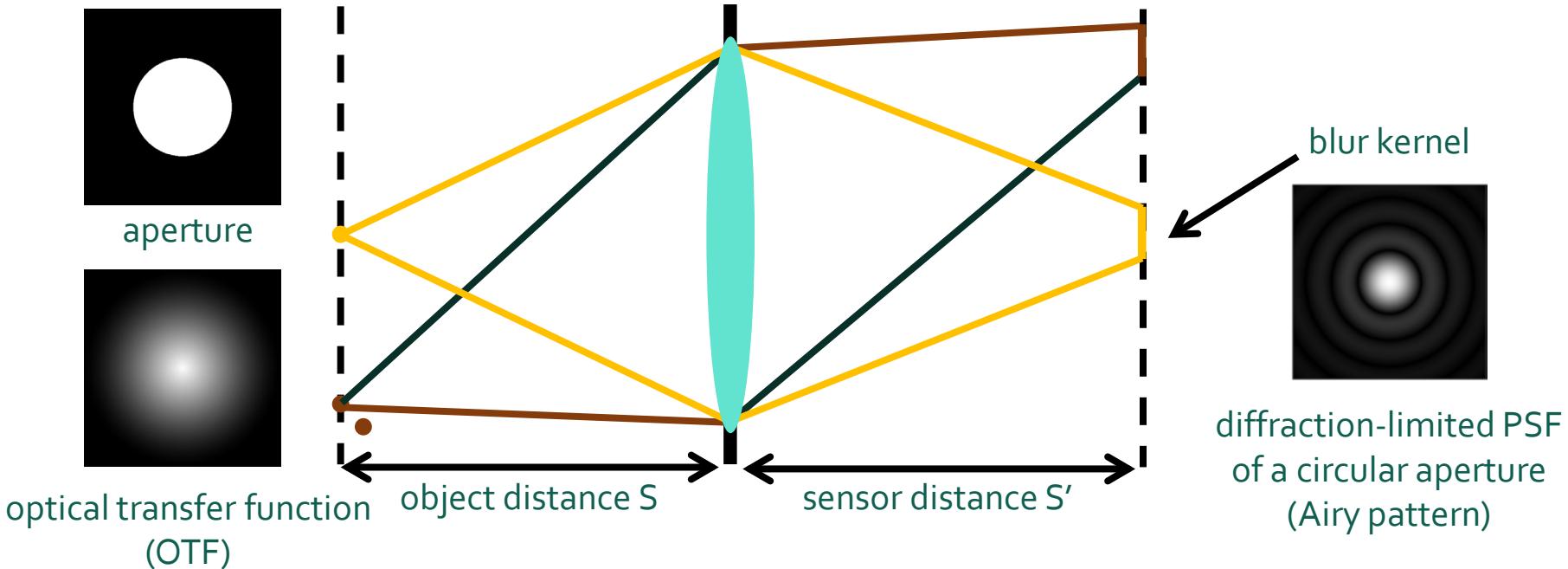
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image from a perfect lens

X

*

C

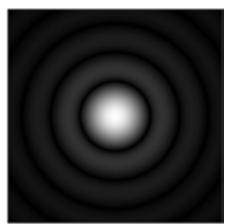
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b

If we know b and c, can we recover x?



image from imperfect lens



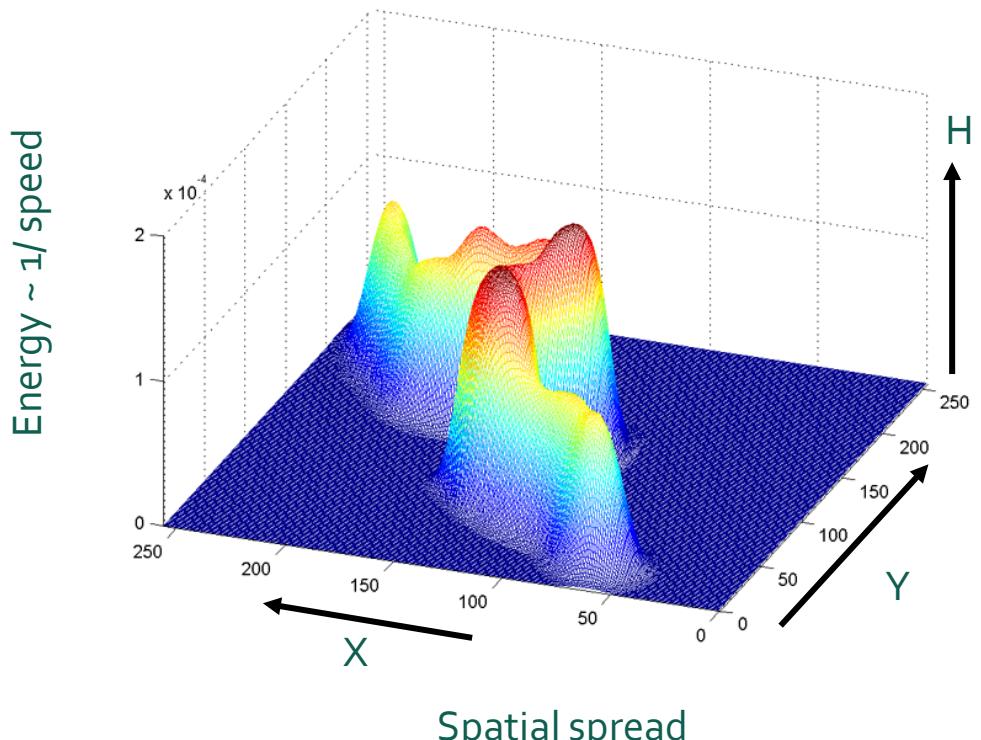
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Camera Shake



Camera Shake: Motion PSF



Motion PSF is a
Function of:

- Motion path
- Motion speed



Camera Shake as A Filter



image from static camera

$$* \quad \text{PSF}$$



image from shaky camera

$$x * c = b$$

If we know b and c , can we recover x ?

Multiple Possible Solutions



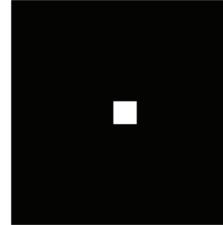
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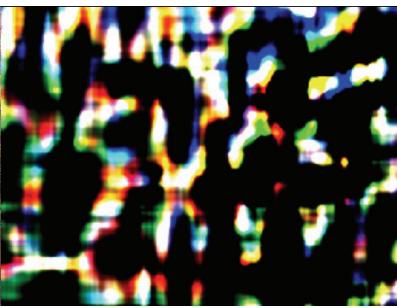
Sharp image



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$$=$$



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$$=$$



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How do we
detect this
PSF?



Use Prior Information

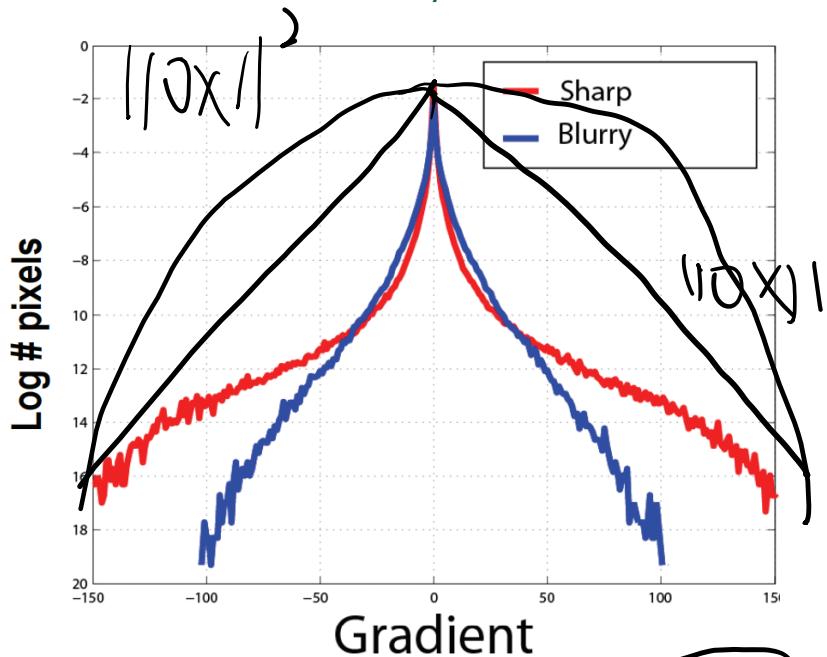
Among all the possible pairs of images and blur kernels, select the ones where:

- The image “looks like” a natural image.

- The kernel “looks like” a motion PSF.

Shake Kernel Statistics

Gradients in natural images follow a characteristic “heavy-tail” distribution.



Can be approximated by $\|\nabla x\|^{0.8}$



sharp
natural
image



blurry
natural
image



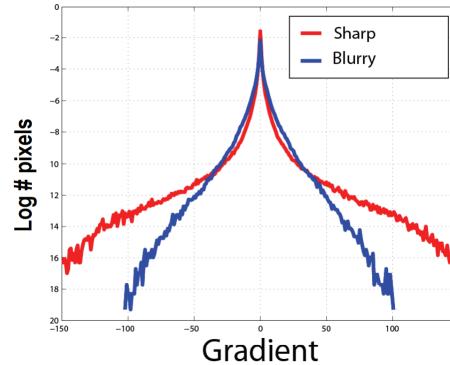
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Shake **kernels** are very **sparse**, have continuous contours, and are always **positive**



How to use this information for blind deconvolution?



Three Sources of Information

b = observed image

c = blur kernel

x = sharp image

$$p(c, x|b) = k p(b|c, x) p(x) p(b)$$

Posterior

1. Likelihood
(Reconstruction
constraint)

2. Image
prior

3. Blur
prior





Regularized Blind Deconvolution

Solve regularized least-squares optimization

$$\min_{x,c} \quad \|\underline{b} - \underline{c} * \underline{x}\|^2 + \|\underline{\nabla x}\|^{0.8} + \underline{\|\underline{c}\|_1}$$

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△
Hyper-laplacian,
SVD

What does each term in this summation correspond to?



Regularized Blind Deconvolution

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$$\min_{x,c} \| b - c * x \|^2 + \| \nabla x \|^0.8 + \| c \|_1$$

data term

nature image prior

shake kernel prior



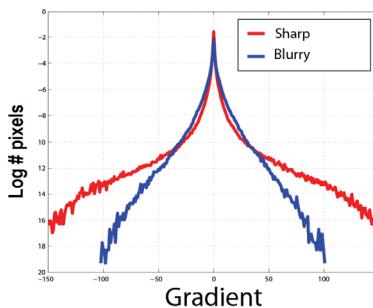
Sharp image



Estimated
Blur kernel



Blurry image



Note: Solving such optimization problems is complicated (no longer *linear* least squares).

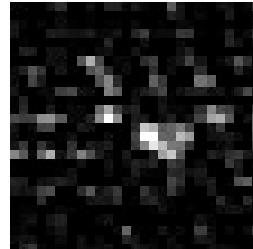


A Demonstration

input



deconvolved image and kernel



This image looks worse
than the original...

This doesn't look like a
plausible shake kernel...



Regularized Blind Deconvolution

Solve regularized least-squares optimization

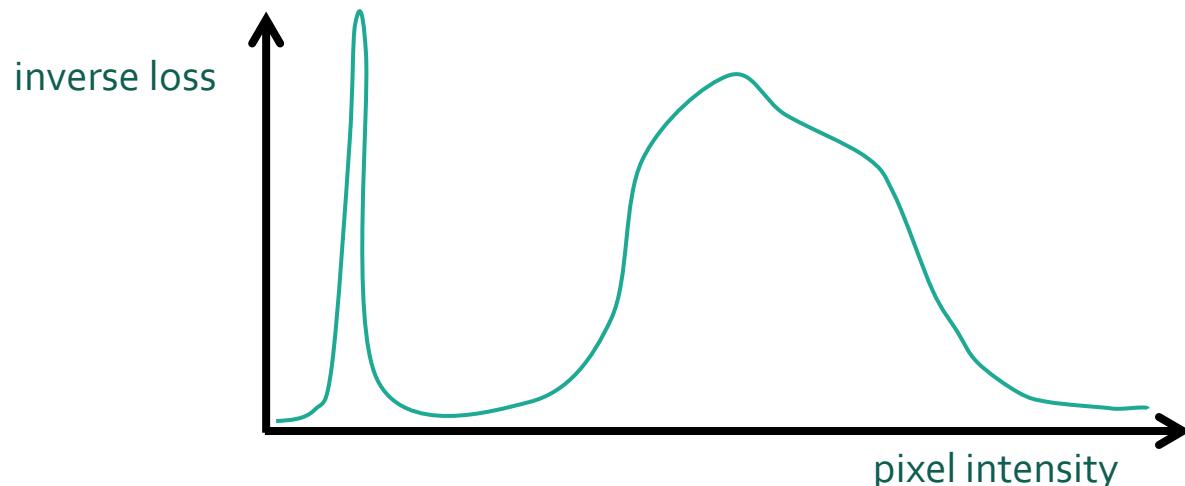
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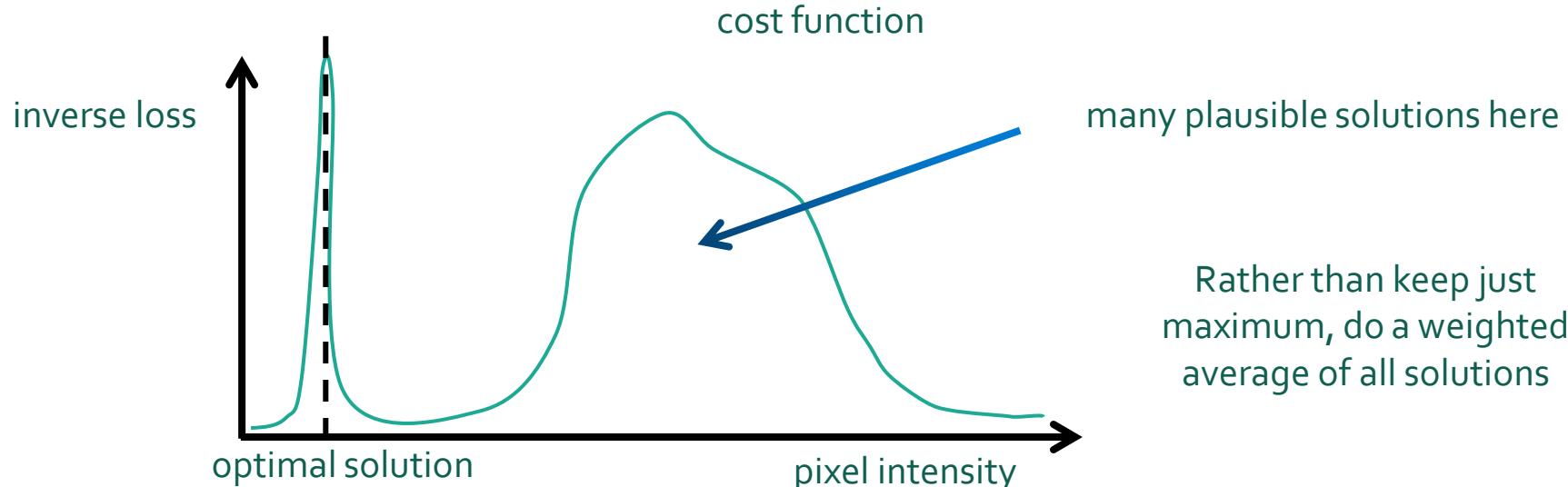
Where in this graph is the solution we find?



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A Demonstration

input



maximum-only



average

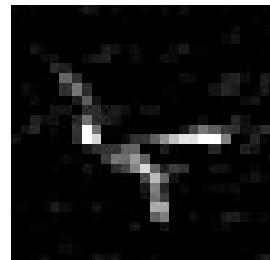
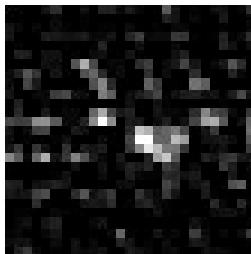




Image Artifacts & Estimated Kernels

Blur kernels

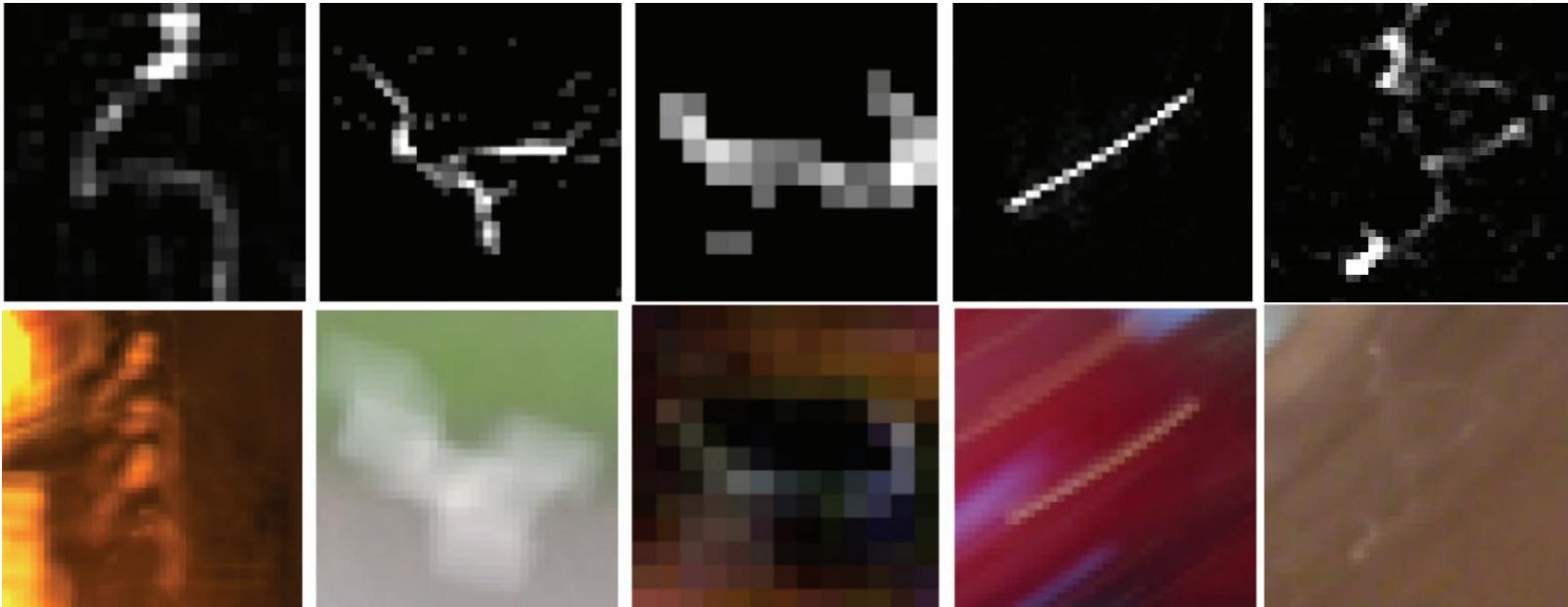


Image patterns

Note: blur kernels were inferred from large image patches, NOT the image patterns shown

Scene Motion

Scene Motion Blur

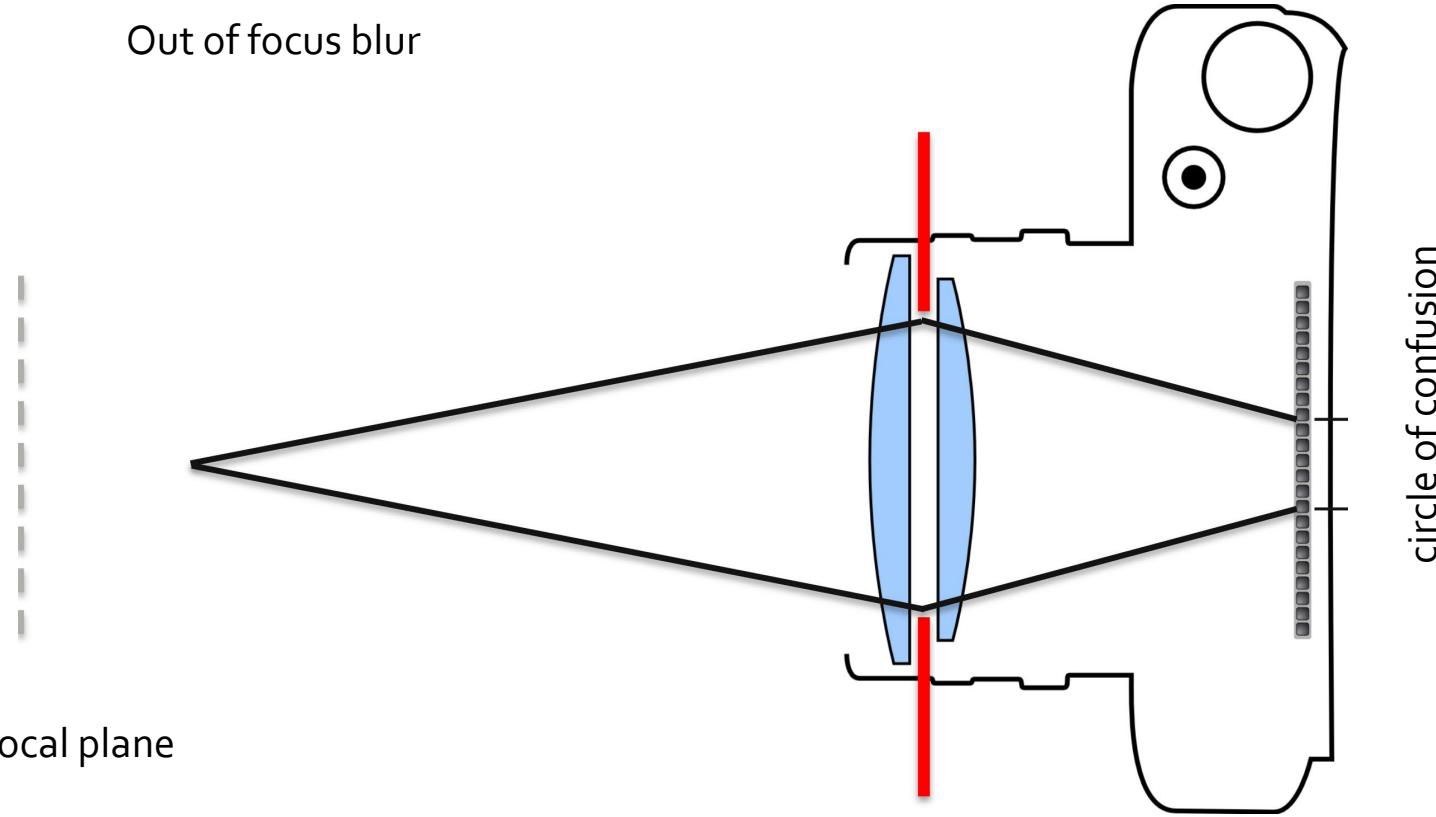


Depth Defocus



Recall: Out of Focus Blur

Out of focus blur



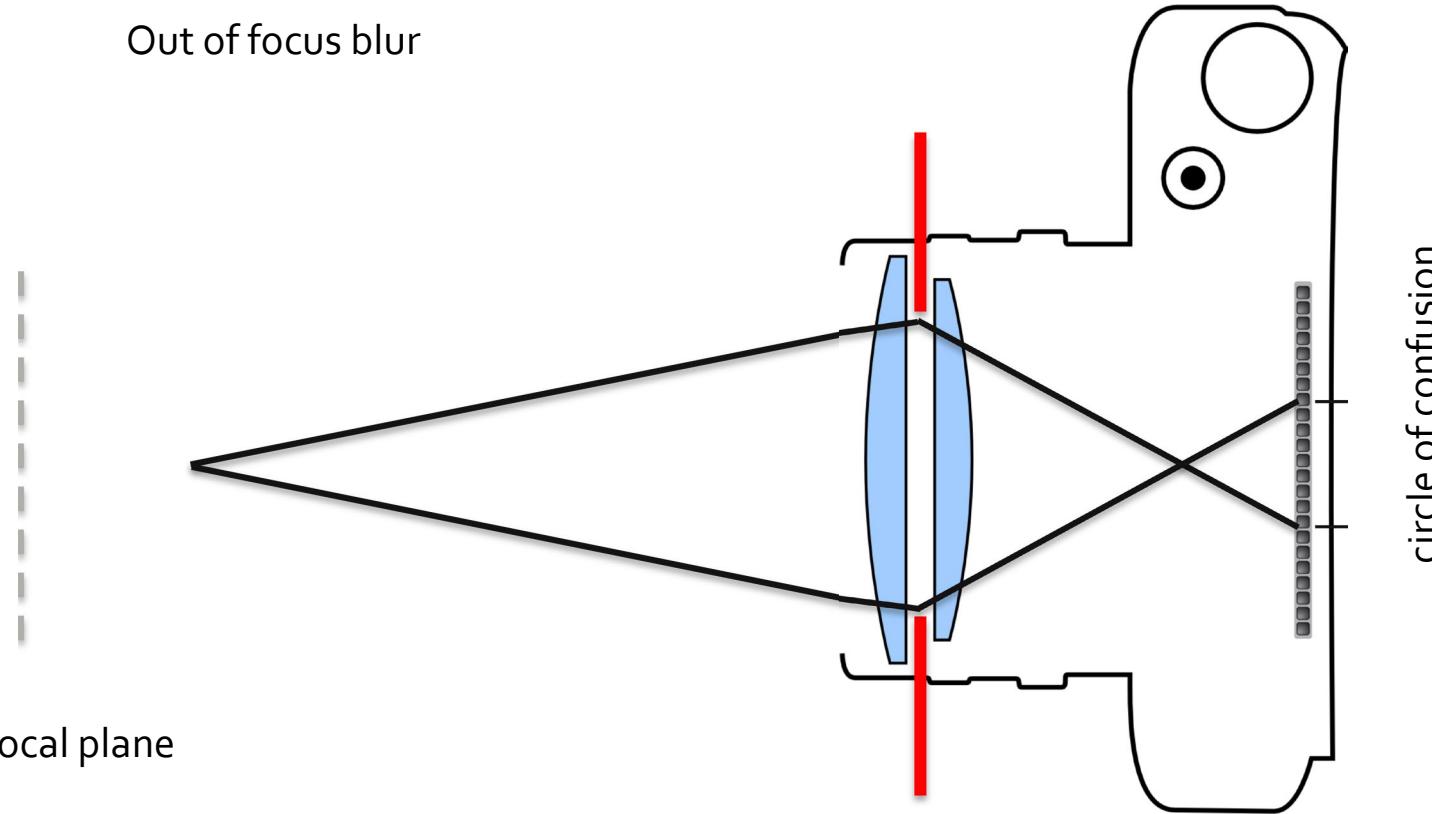
Focal plane

circle of confusion



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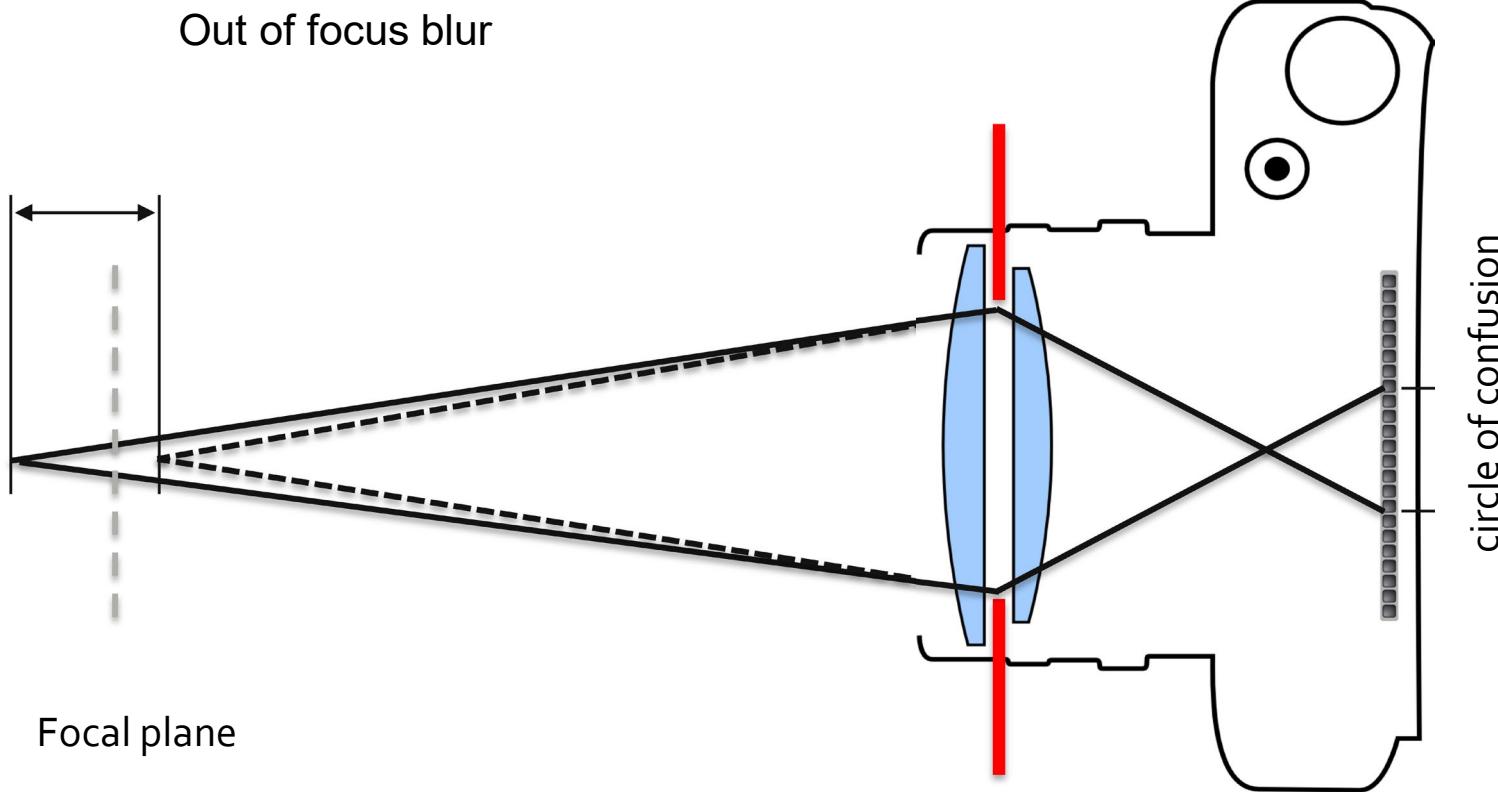


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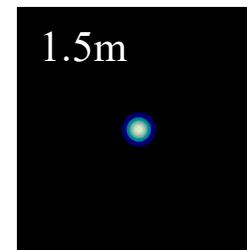
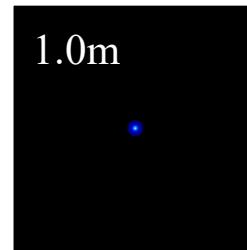
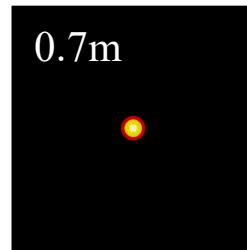
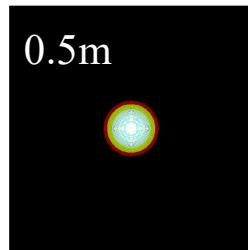


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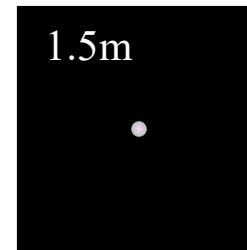
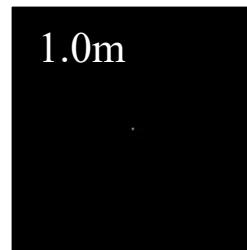
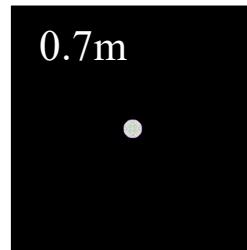
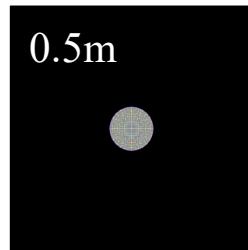


PSF Behavior of Different Depths

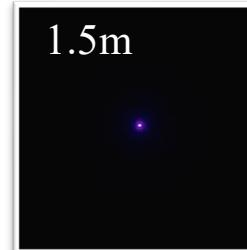
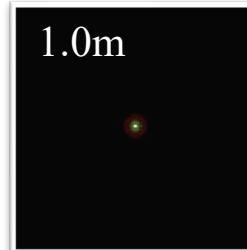
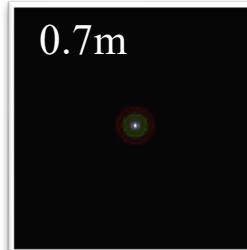
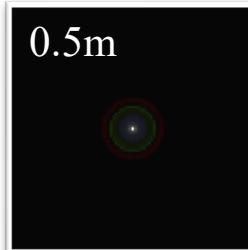
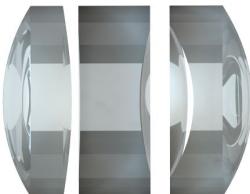
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Ours





Depth Defocus Examples

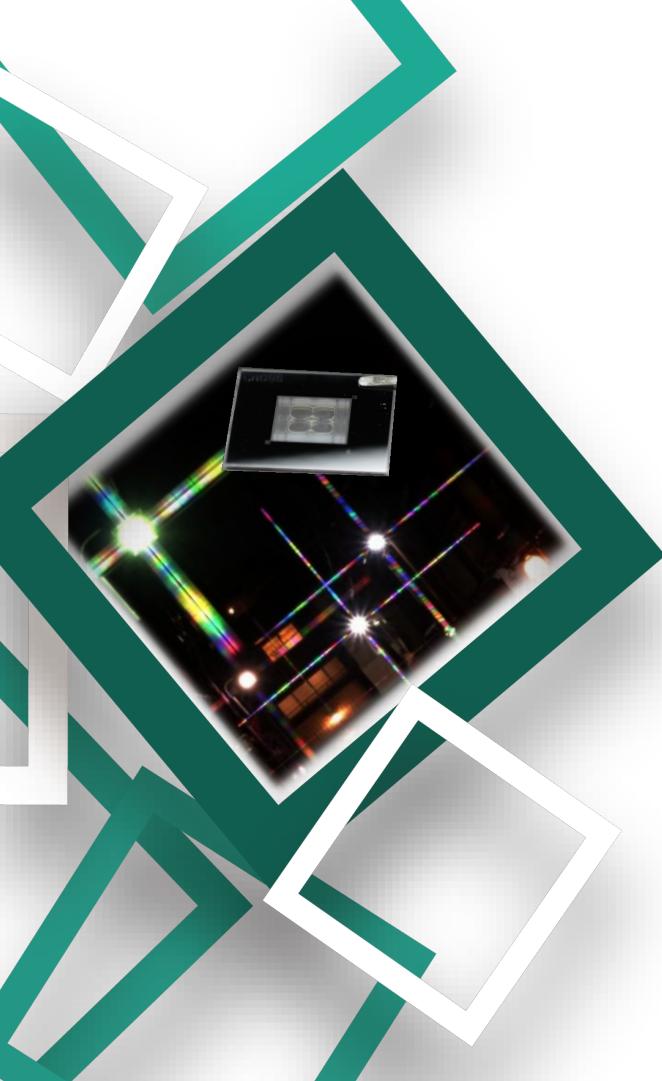


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