

Advanced Image Processing

Part V: Image Sensor Models. Noise Models.

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Recommended books

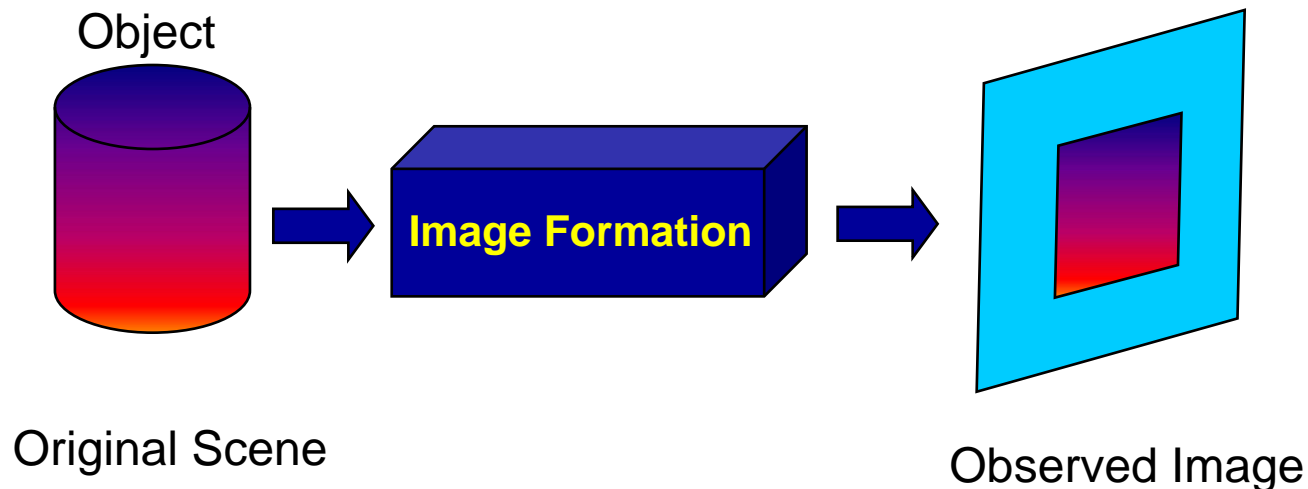
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Roadmap:

1. Introduction
2. Generalized Model of Imaging Systems
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 - Linear motion blur
 - Defocusing
 - Diffraction Limited Imaging
 - Sparse Imaging Devices
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 - Atmospheric Turbulence
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 - Discrete Noise
 - Multiplicative Noise

1. Introduction

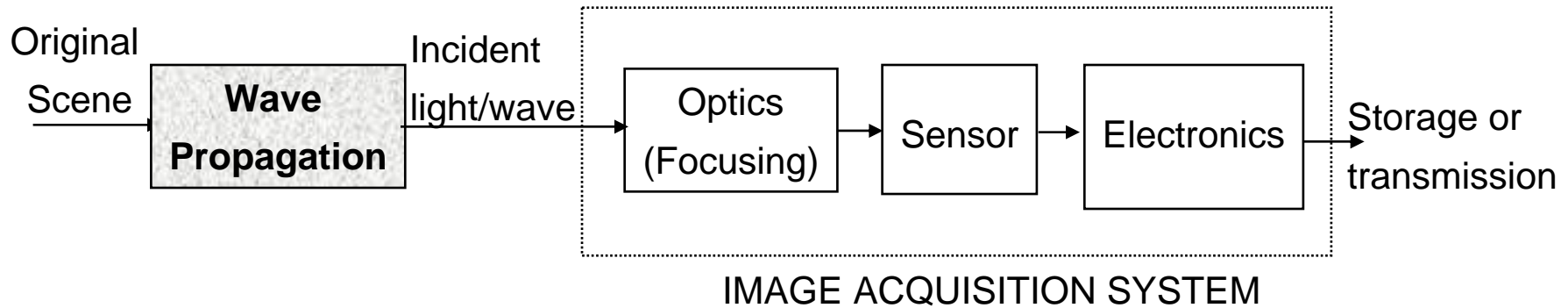
- Images are produced to record or to display useful information.
- Due to imperfections in the electronic or photographic medium, communication channel and digitizing equipment, however the resulted image often represents a degraded version of the original scene.



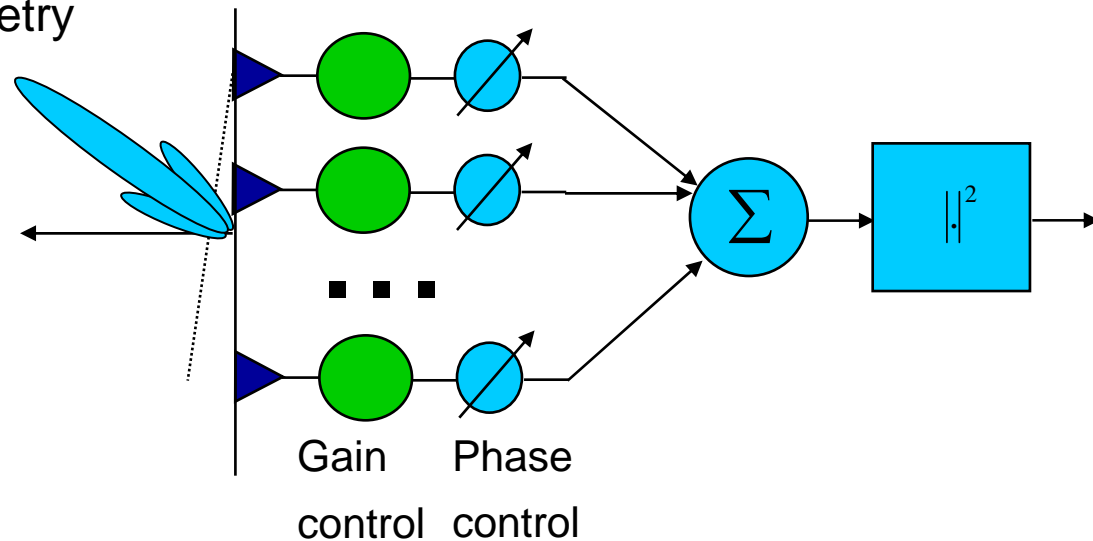
2. Generalized Model of Imaging Systems

- The degradations may have many causes, but two types of degradations are often dominant:
 - blurring
 - noise
- **Blurring** is a form of bandwidth reduction of the image due to the imperfect image formation process or due to the physical constraints of the imaging system design.
- **Noise** is a form of random image corruption that may be introduced by:
 - ① the transmission medium (both imaging and communication);
 - ② the recording medium (film grain noise, failures in CCDs);
 - ③ measurement and quantization errors.

2. Generalized Model of Imaging Systems

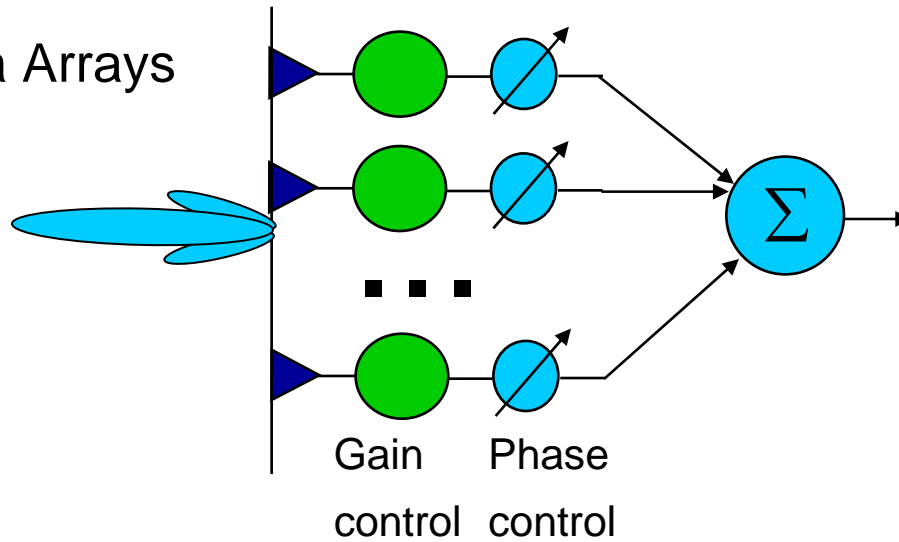


Radar and Radiometry
Imaging Systems

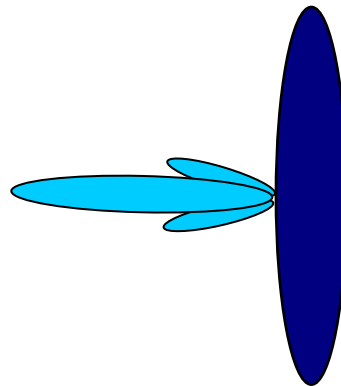


2. Antenna Arrays and Lens: Analogy

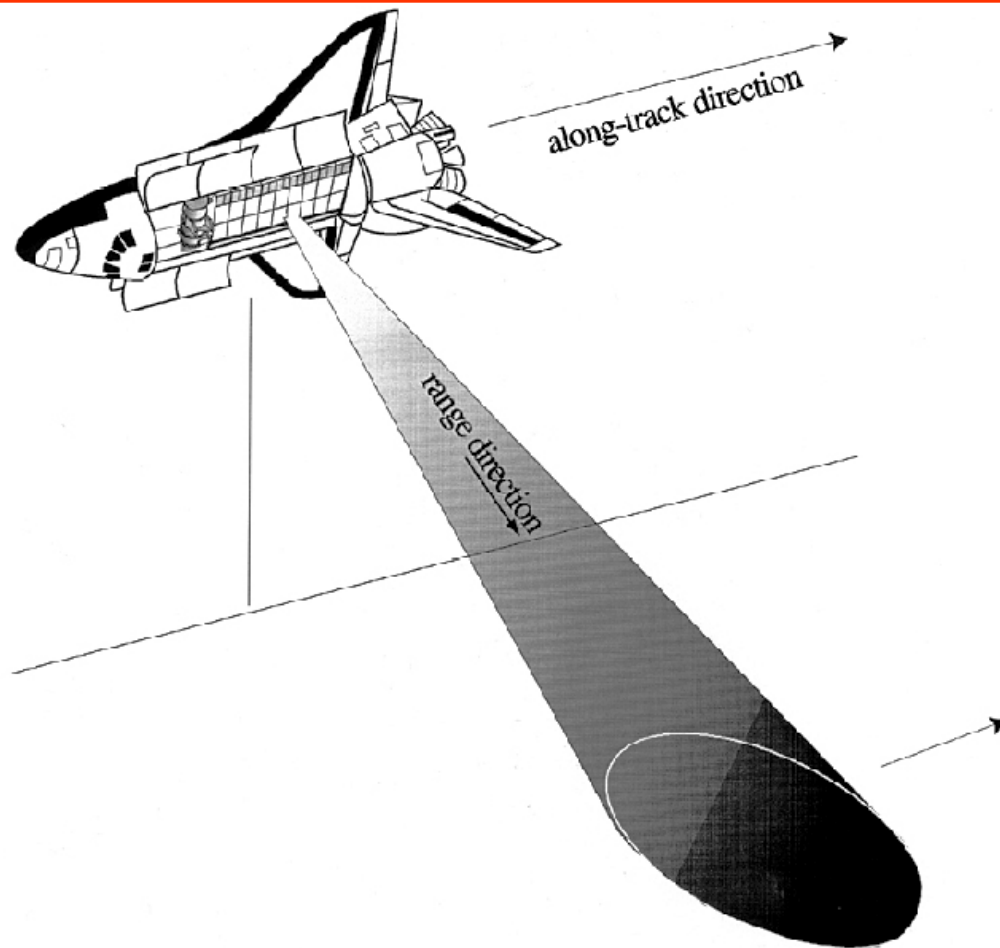
Antenna Arrays



Lens

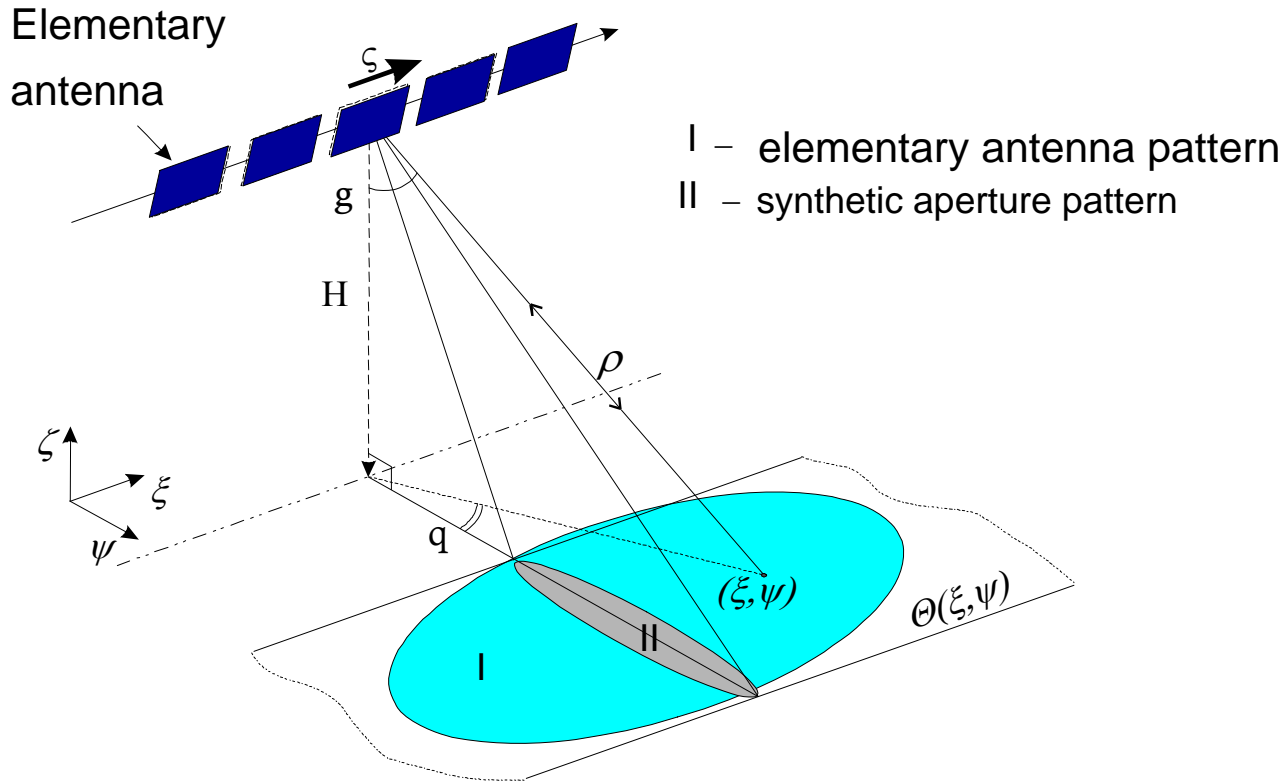


2. Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)

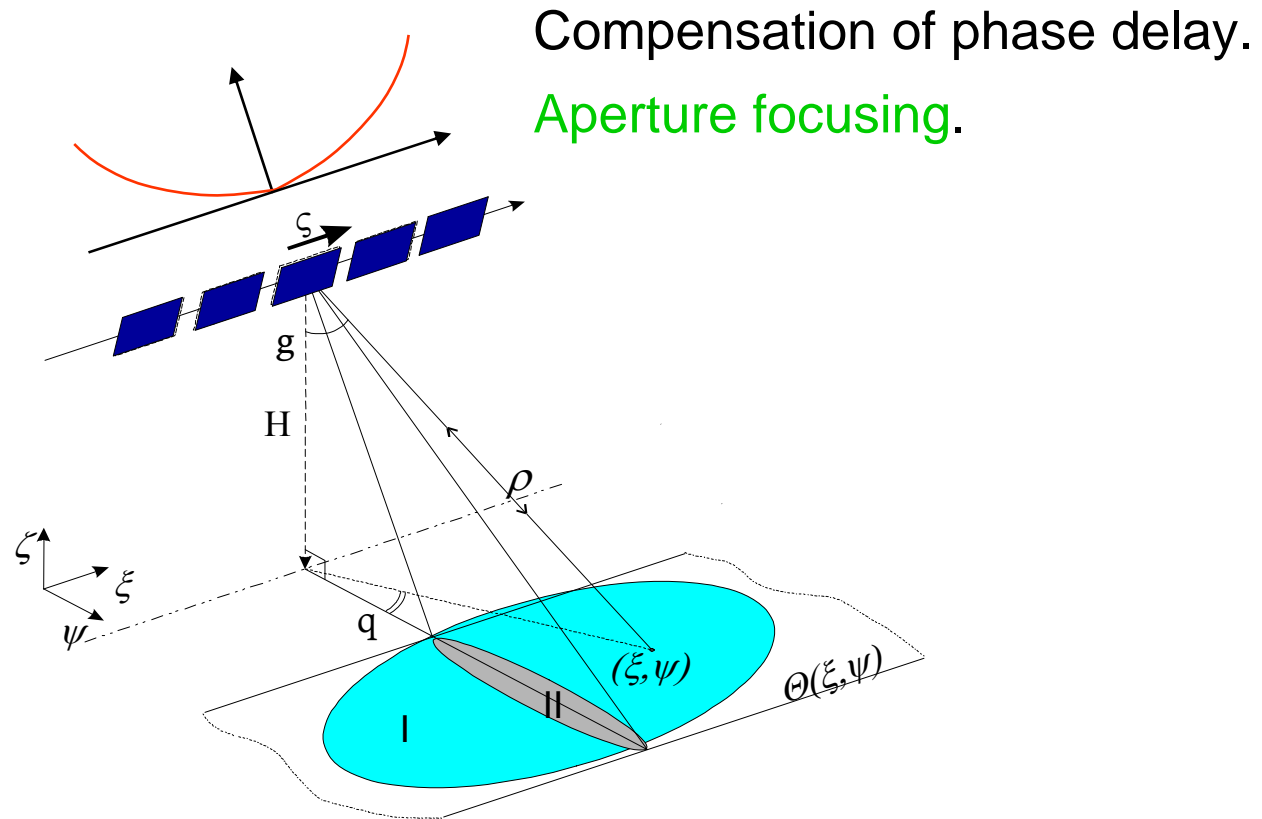


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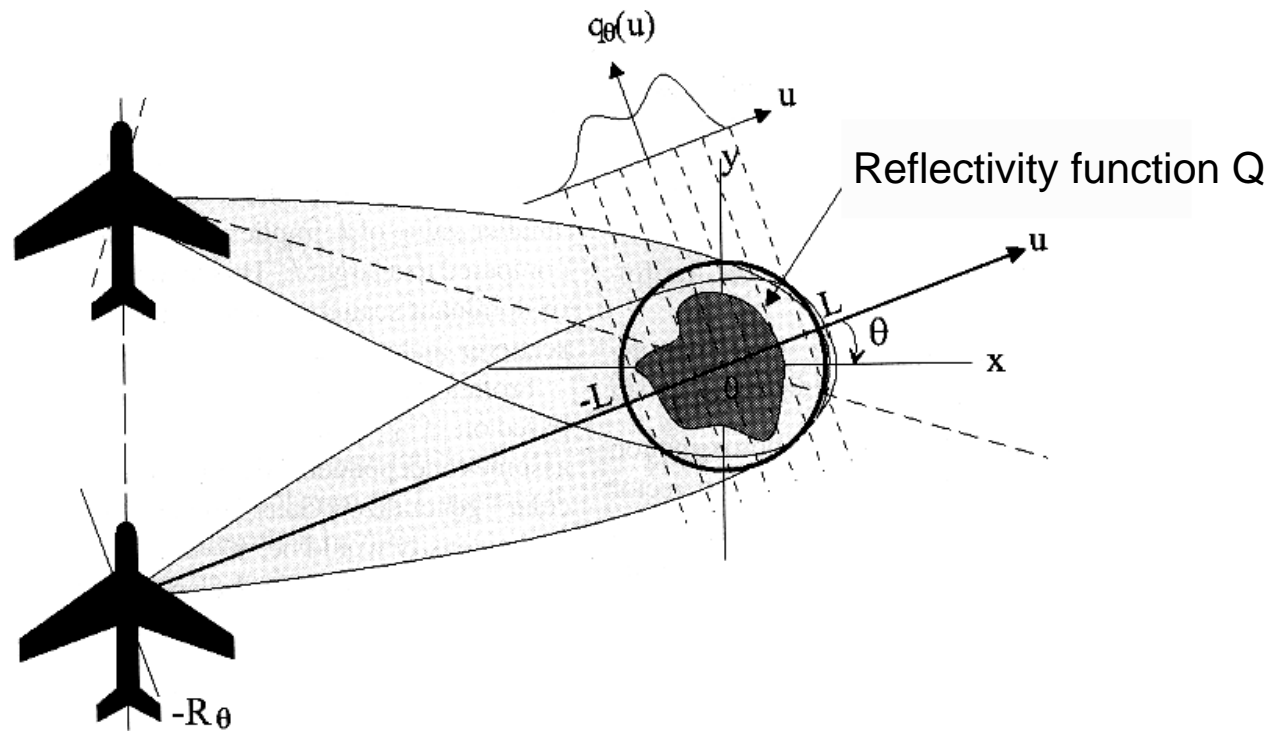
2. Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)



2. Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR): Focusing



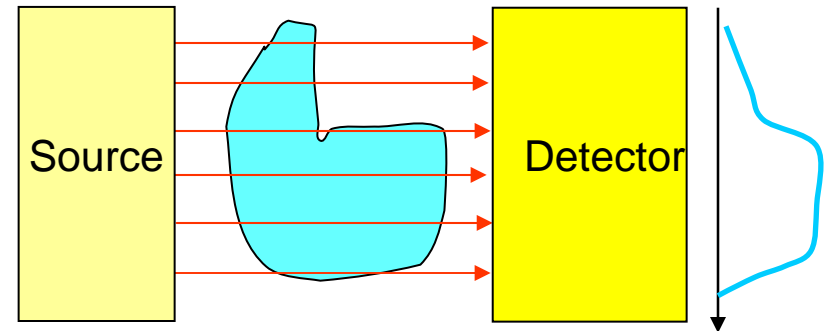
2. Spotlight-mode SAR



2. Tomography and Geophysics

Applications:

- Medical Imaging Systems;
- Non-destructive Testing;
- Geophysics.



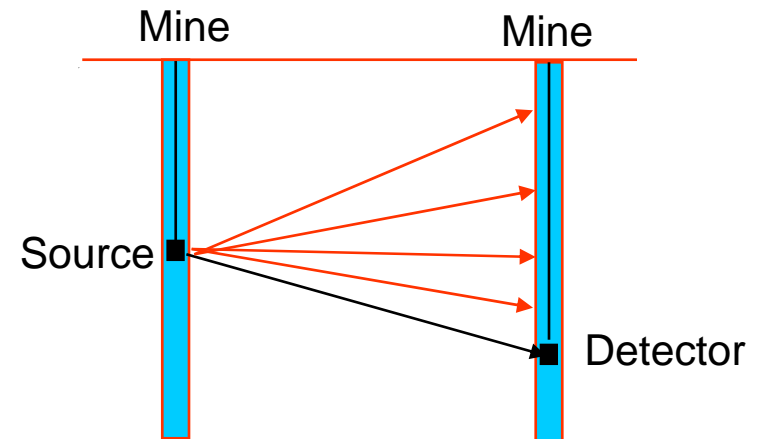
- Image Reconstruction: Radon or modified Radon transform.

- Limiting factors:

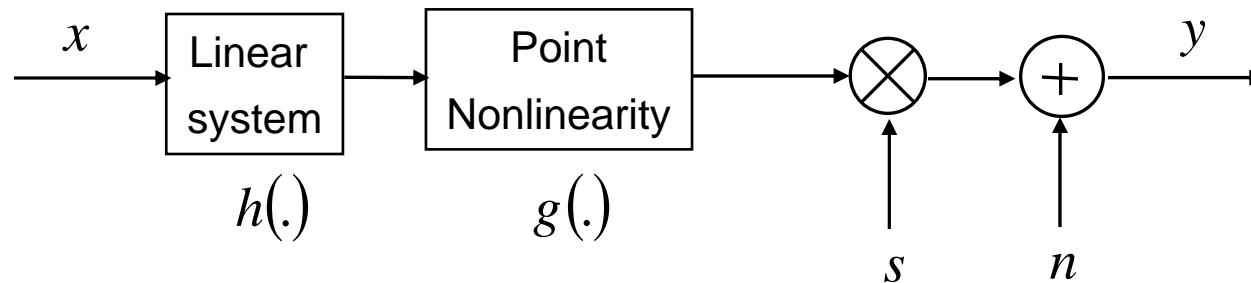
- finite time of observation
- limited number of projections

- Noise:

- Poisson
- Mixture noise

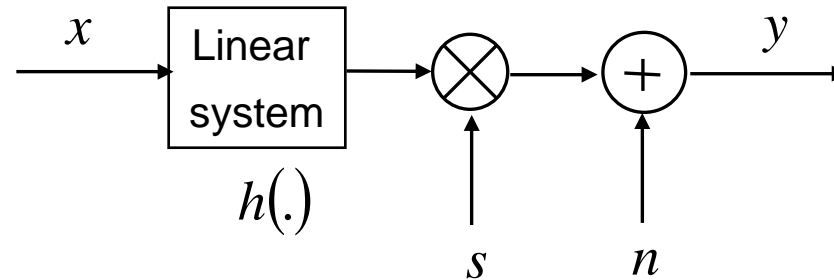


2. Generalized Model of Imaging Systems



$$y = g(Hx)s + n$$

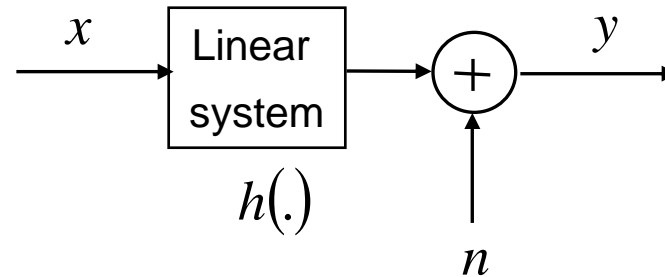
2. Linear Model of Imaging Systems



$$y = (Hx)s + n$$

2-D convolution:
$$y(t_1, t_2) = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t_1 - t'_1, t_2 - t'_2) x(t'_1, t'_2) dt'_1 dt'_2 + n(t'_1, t'_2) =$$
$$= h(t_1, t_2) * x(t_1, t_2) + n(t_1, t_2)$$

2. Imaging Systems: Discrete Formulation

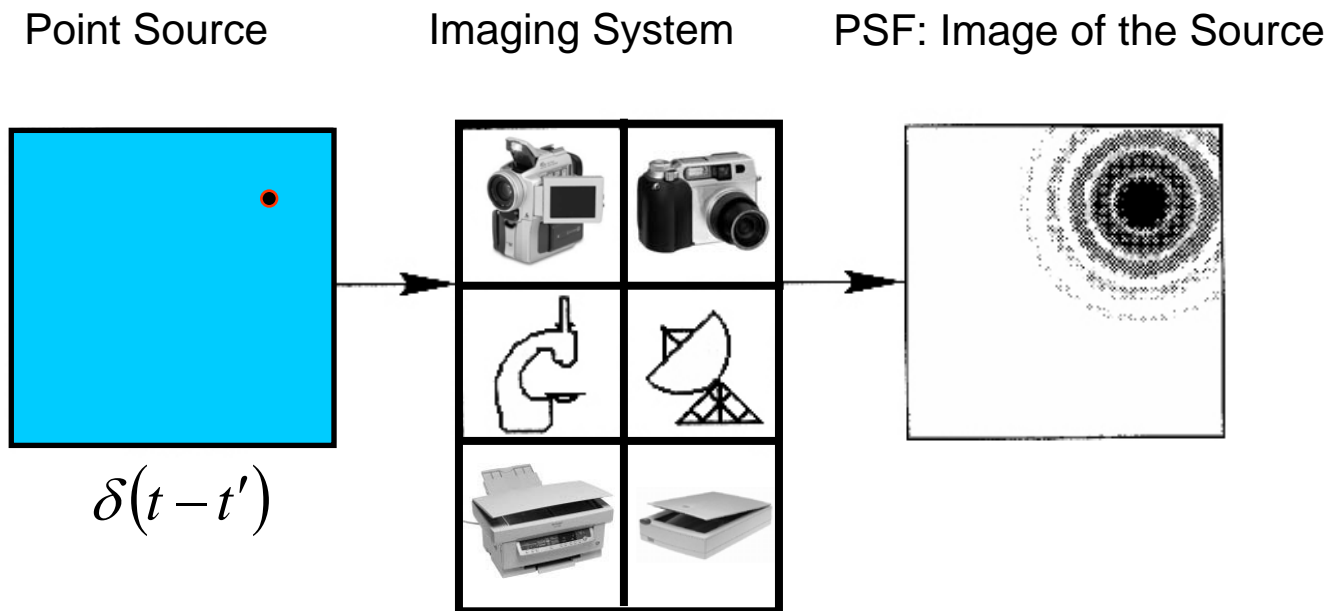


$$y = Hx + n$$

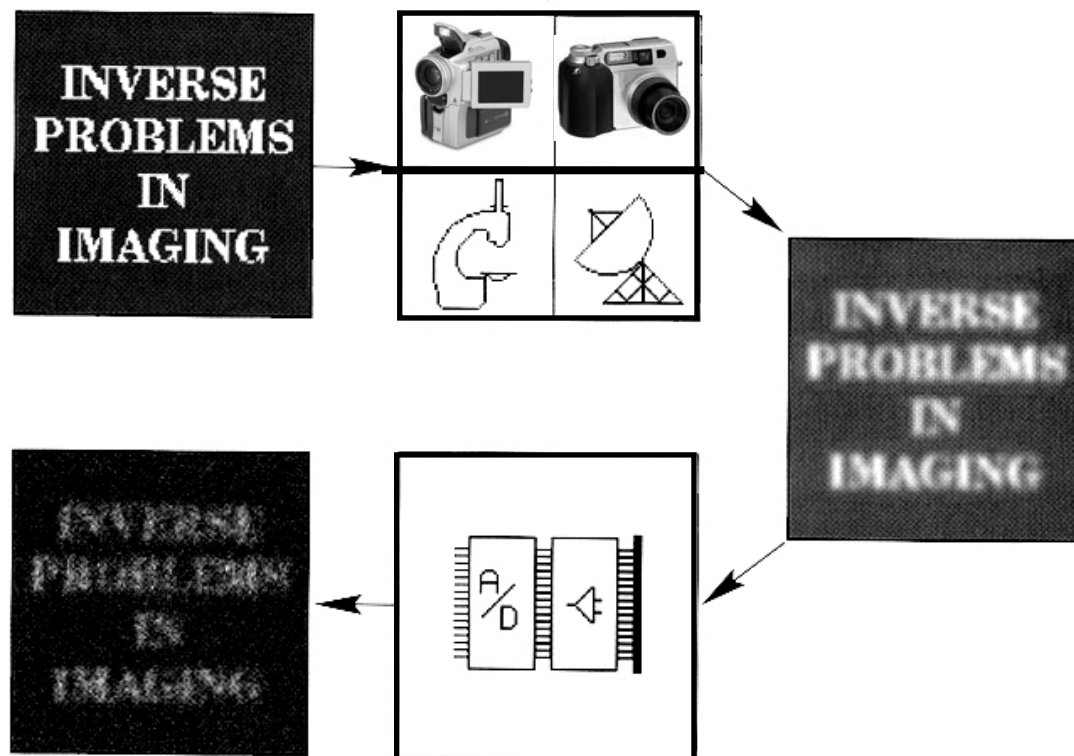
2-D convolution:
$$y(n_1, n_2) = \sum_{k_1=0}^{N-1} \sum_{k_2=0}^{M-1} h(n_1 - k_1, n_2 - k_2) x(k_1, k_2)$$

Frequency Domain:
$$Y(m_1, m_2) = H(m_1, m_2) X(m_1, m_2)$$

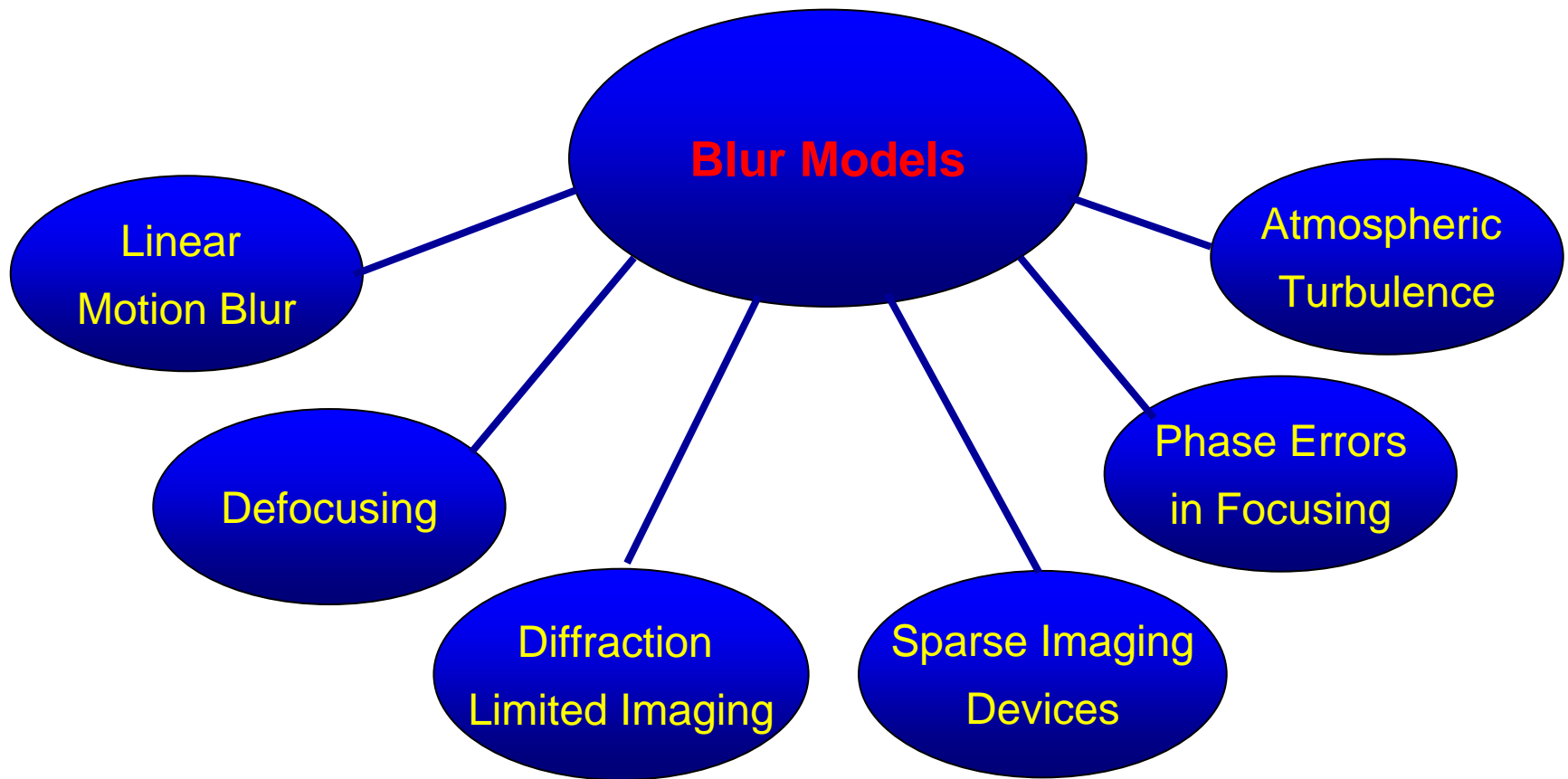
2. Imaging Systems



2. Imaging Systems



3. Classification of Blurring



3. No Blur: Ideal Imaging System

- The PSF of ideal imaging system is a Dirac delta function:

$$h(t_1, t_2) = \delta(t_1, t_2)$$

- The spatially discrete PSF is a unit pulse:

$$h(n_1, n_2) = \delta(n_1, n_2) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n_1 = n_2 = 0, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

3. Linear Motion Blur

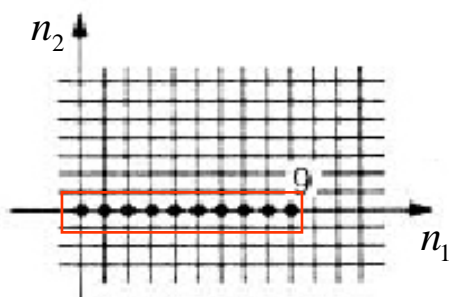
- Linear motion blur is due to relative motion of the object and the imaging device during exposure.
- This can be in the form of a translation, a rotation, a sudden change of scale, or some combinations of these (affine transforms).
- When the scene to be recorded translates relative to the camera at a **constant velocity V** under some angle ϕ with the horizontal axis during the **exposure interval T** , the distortion is one dimensional.

3. Linear Motion Blur

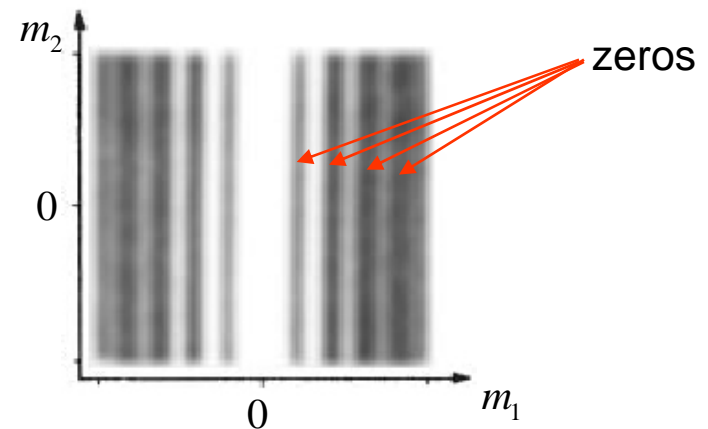
- The length of motion is $L=TV$. The PSF is given by:

$$h(t_1, t_2; L, \phi) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{L}, & \text{if } \sqrt{t_1^2 + t_2^2} \leq \frac{L}{2}, \frac{t_1}{t_2} = -\tan \phi, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

The PSF of Motion Blur



The Magnitude Spectrum of Motion Blur



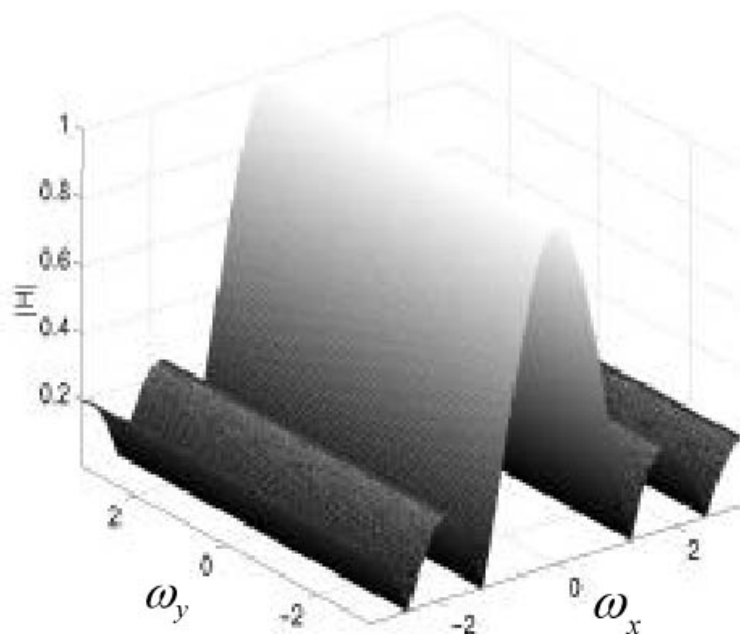
3. Linear Motion Blur: Horizontal



Cameraman blurred horizontally

Filter impulse response

$$\frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



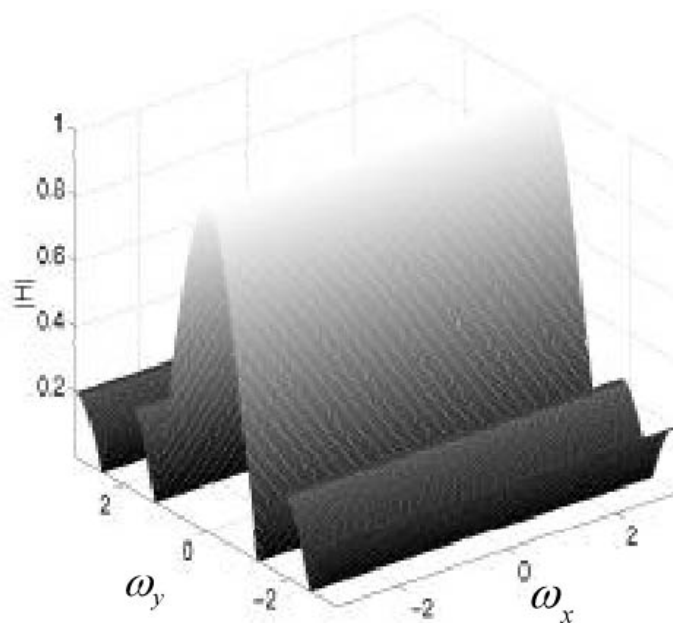
3. Linear Motion Blur: Vertical



Cameraman blurred vertically

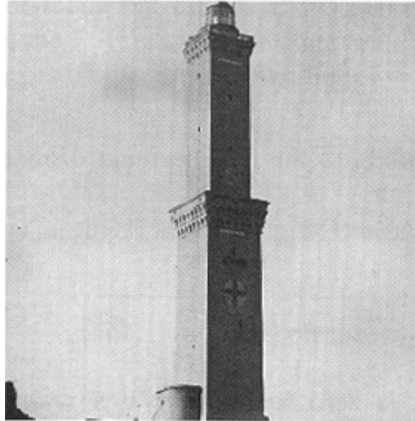
Filter impulse response

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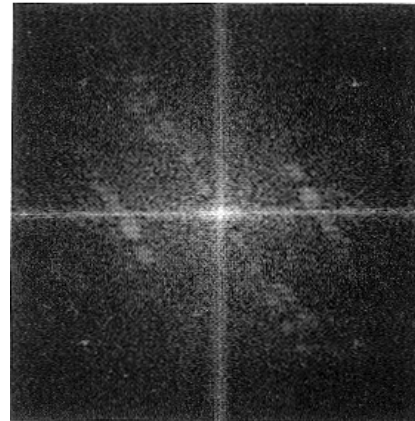


3. Linear Motion Blur

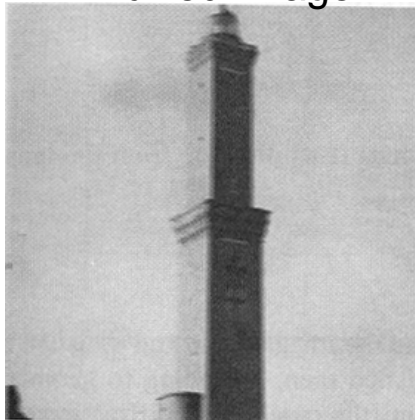
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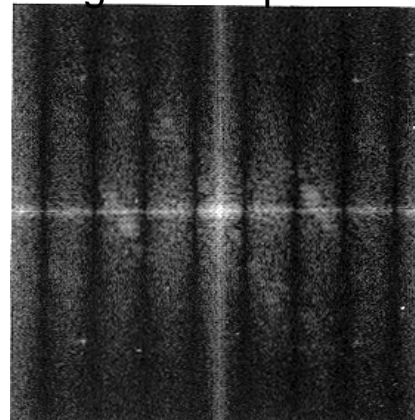
Magnitude Spectrum



Blurred Image



Magnitude Spectrum



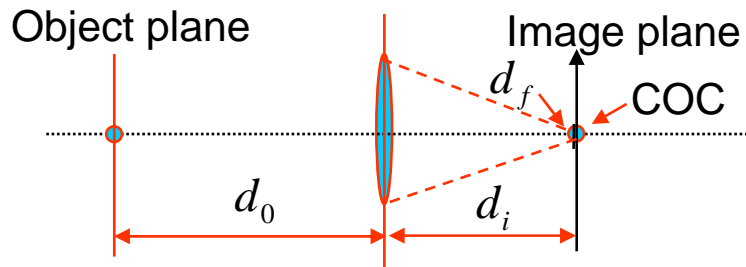
3. Out-of-Focus Blur: Defocusing

- When a camera images a 3-D scene onto a 2-D image plane, some parts of the scene are in focus while other parts are not.
- If the aperture of the camera is circular, the image of any point source is a small disc, known as a **circle of confusion** (COC).
- The degree of defocus (diameter of the COC) depends on:
 - the focal length d_f
 - the aperture size
 - the distance between camera and object d_0 .

3. Out-of-Focus Blur: Defocusing

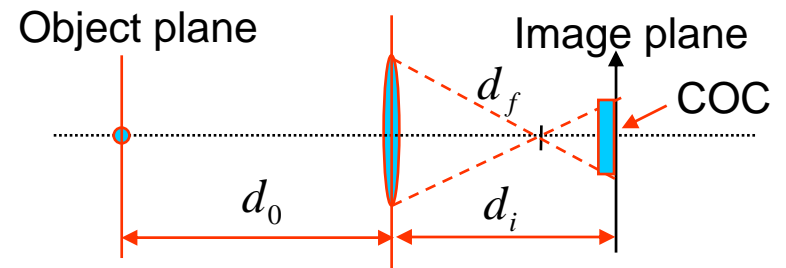
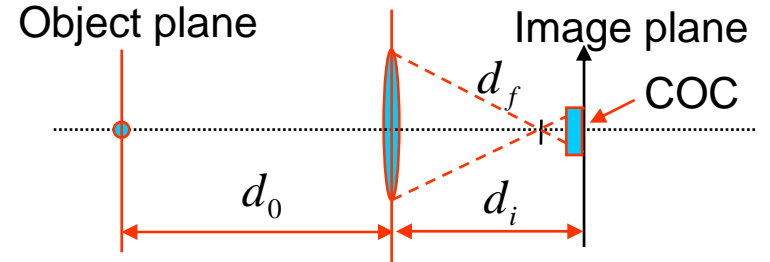
No defocusing: COC is point

$$\frac{1}{d_0} + \frac{1}{d_i} = \frac{1}{d_f}$$

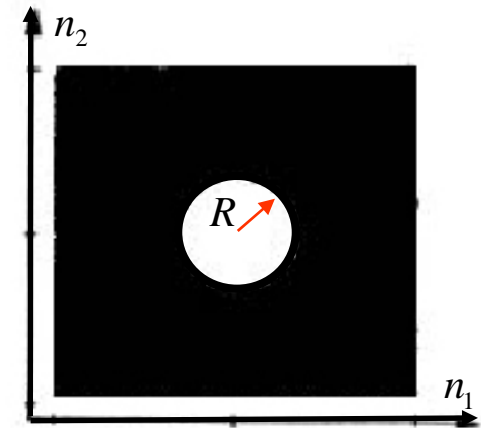
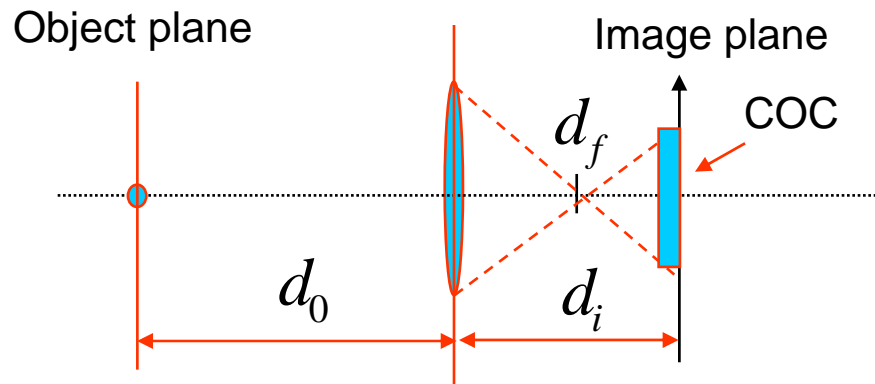


Defocusing: COC is disc

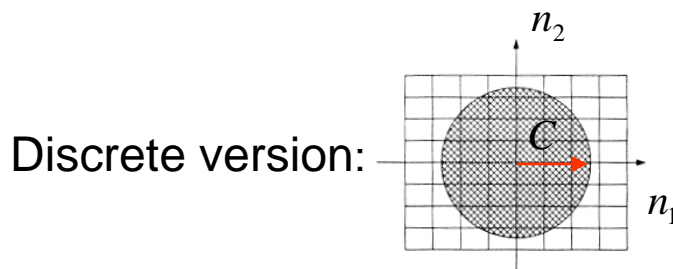
$$\frac{1}{d_0} + \frac{1}{d_i} \neq \frac{1}{d_f}$$



3. Out-of-Focus Blur: 2-D



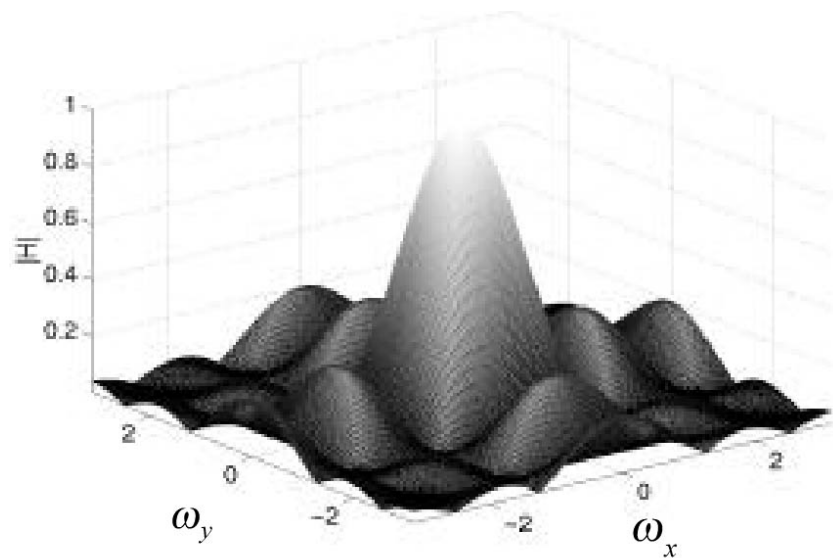
$$h(t_1, t_2; R) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi R^2}, & \text{if } \sqrt{t_1^2 + t_2^2} \leq R, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$



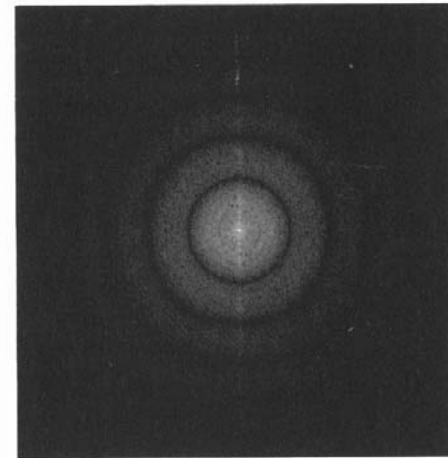
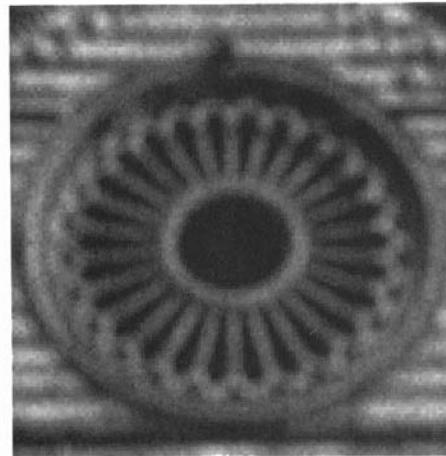
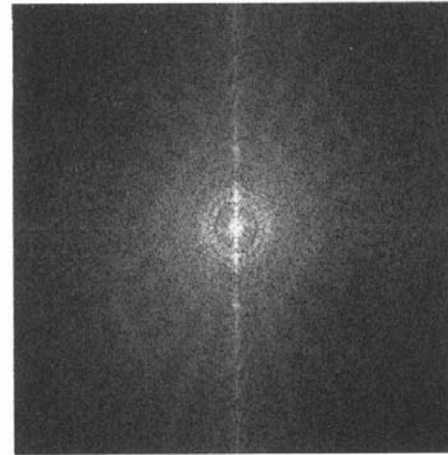
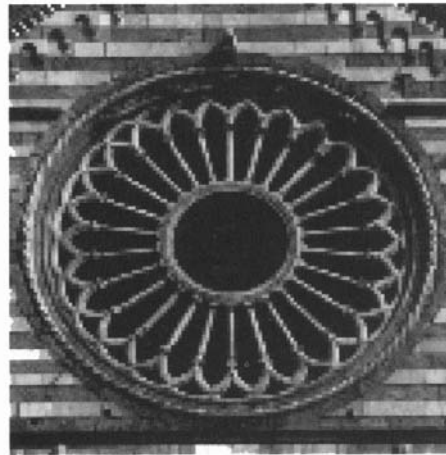
$$h(n_1, n_2; R) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{C}, & \text{if } \sqrt{n_1^2 + n_2^2} \leq R, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

3. Out-of-Focus Blur: Approximation

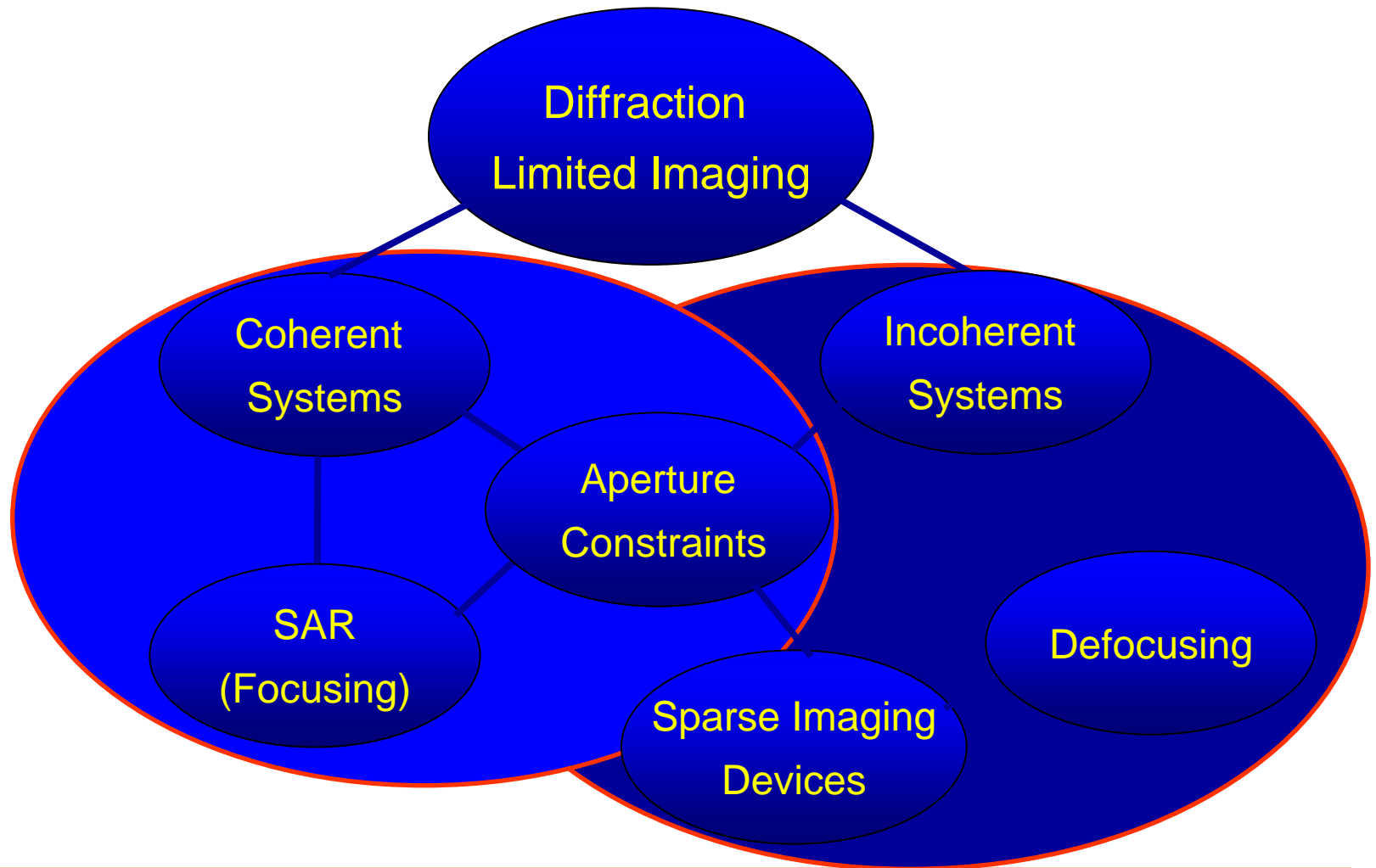
$$\frac{1}{25} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & [1] & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



3. Out-of-Focus Blur: Circular Aperture

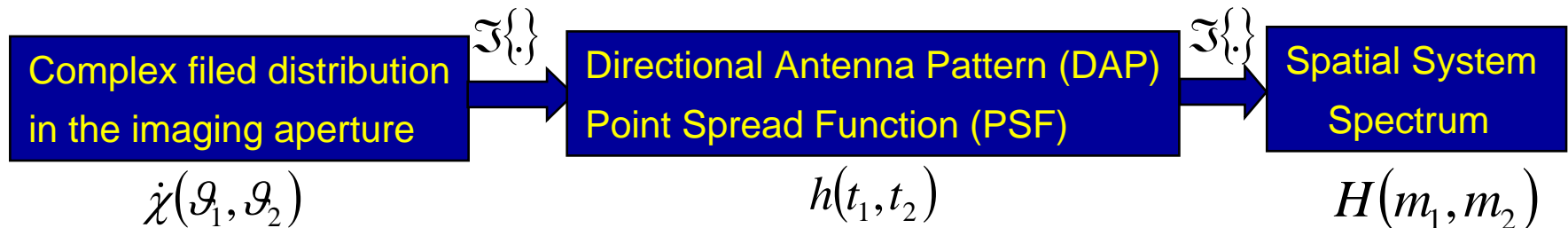


3. Diffraction Limited Imaging Systems

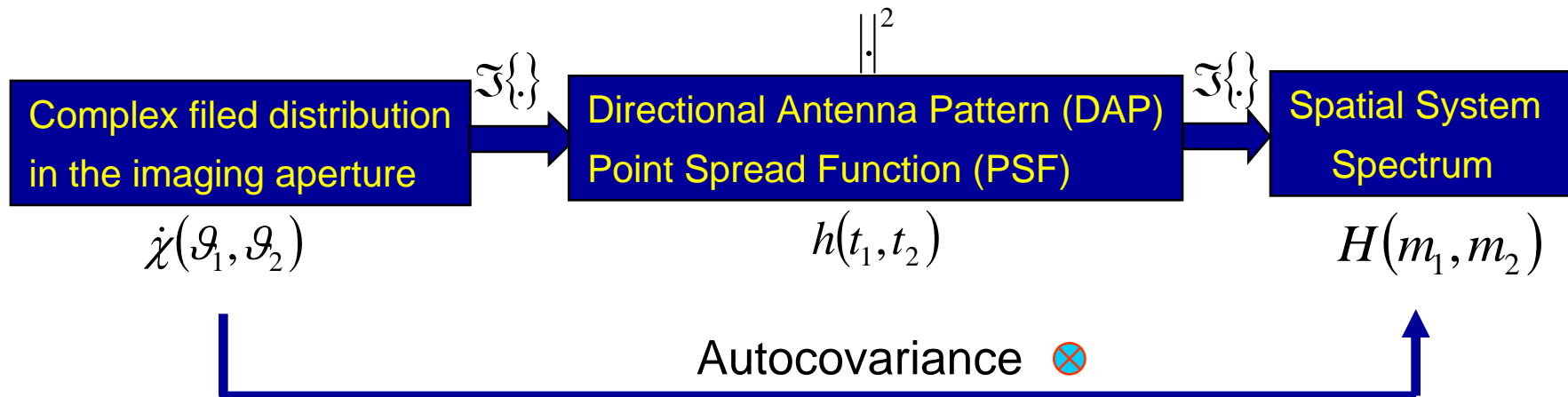


3. Imaging Systems: Fundamental Connections

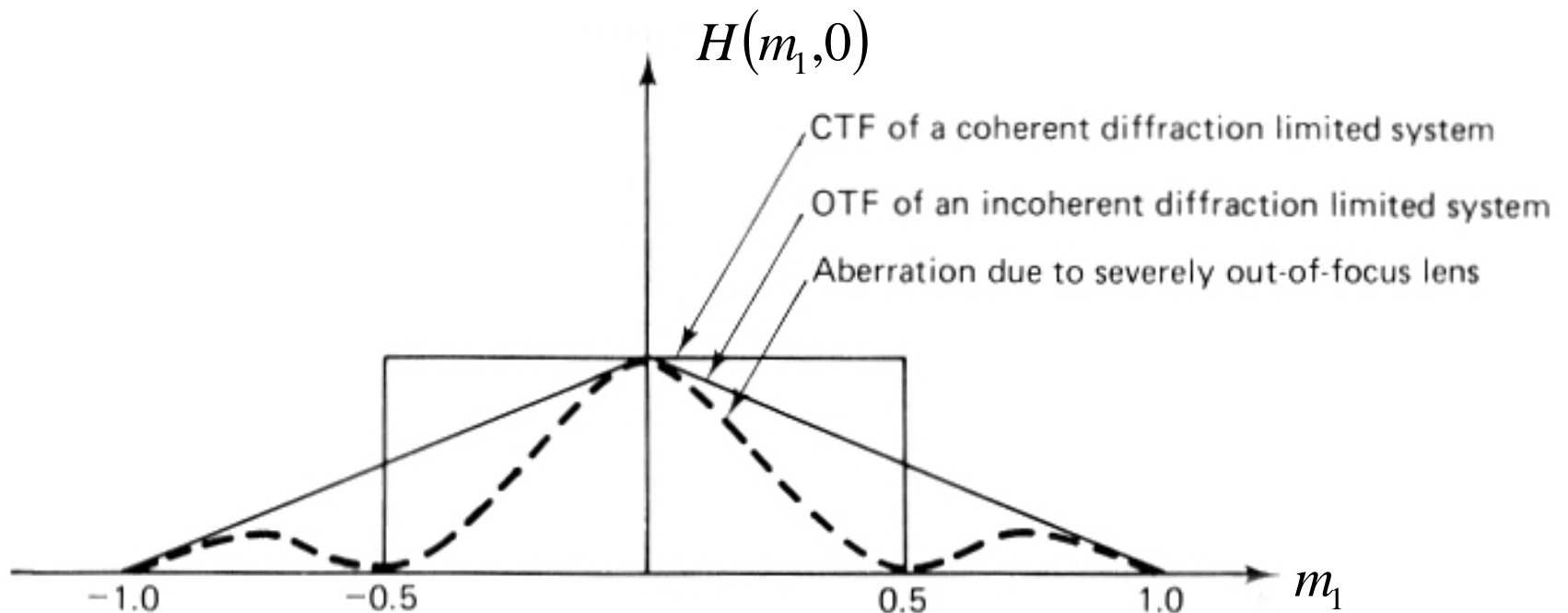
General Case (Coherent Imaging Systems)



Incoherent Imaging Systems



3. Generalized Model of Imaging Systems

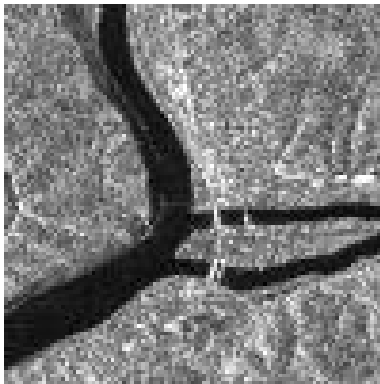


CTF - the coherent transfer function (spatial spectrum of coherent imaging systems)

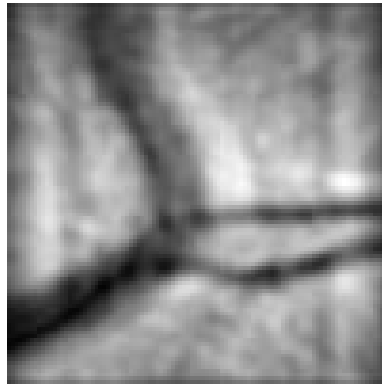
OTF - the optical transfer function (spatial spectrum of incoherent imaging systems)

3. Generalized Model of Imaging Systems

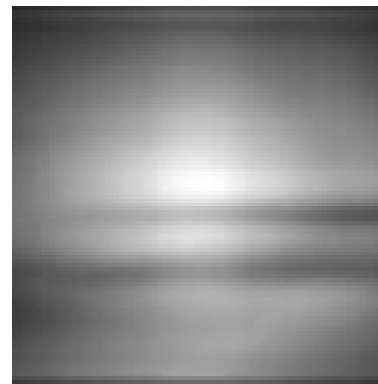
Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)



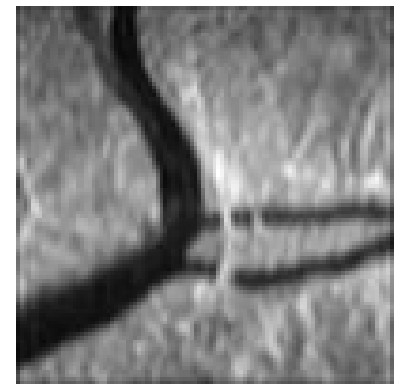
Scattering surface



SAR image with 5 elements.



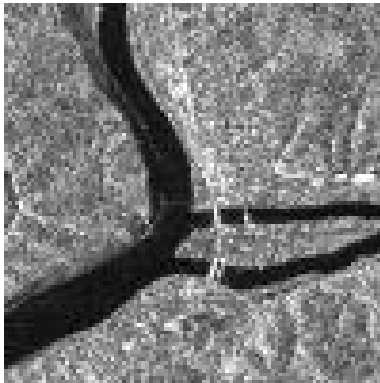
SAR image with 100 elements without quadratic delay compensation.



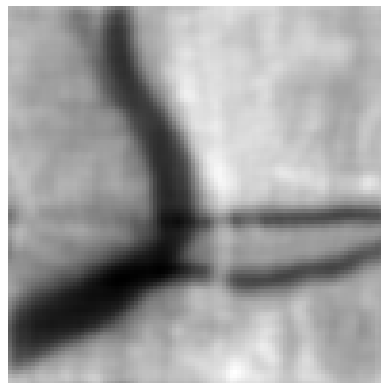
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3. Generalized Model of Imaging Systems

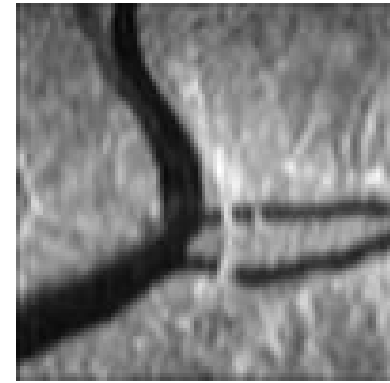
Incoherent Imaging (Radiometry Imaging)



Scattering surface

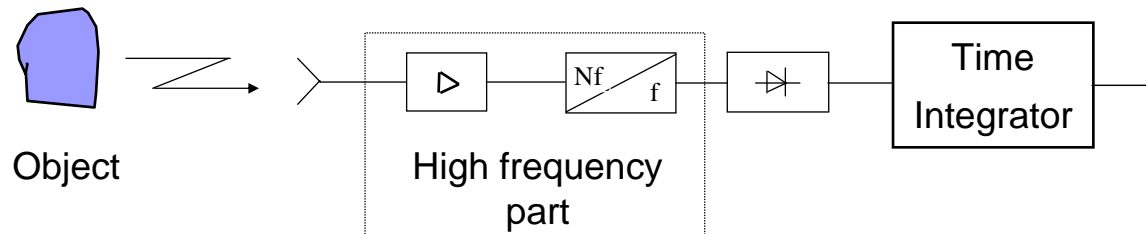


Radiometry image with 100
antenna elements and
zero-phase CFD.



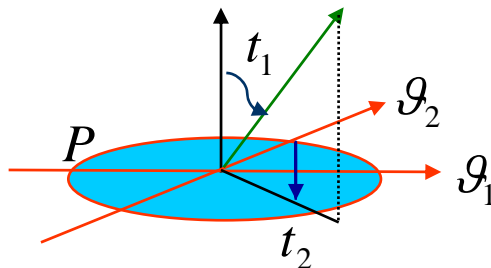
SAR image with 100
elements with
quadratic delay
compensation.

3. Incoherent Imaging Systems



Directional Antenna Pattern

$$h(t_1 - t'_1, t_2 - t'_2) = \left| \iint_P \dot{\chi}(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{2\pi \cdot ((t_1 - t'_1)\vartheta_1 + (t_2 - t'_2)\vartheta_2)}{\lambda}\right) d\vartheta_1 d\vartheta_2 \right|^2$$



P - antenna aperture

$\dot{\chi}(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2)$ - complex field (current) distribution (CFD)
in the antenna aperture

λ - wavelength

3. Incoherent Imaging Systems

Complex field distribution (CFD) in the antenna aperture (lens)

$$\dot{\chi}(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2) = |\dot{\chi}(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2)| e^{-j\varphi_I(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2)}$$

■ Role of the CFD magnitude:

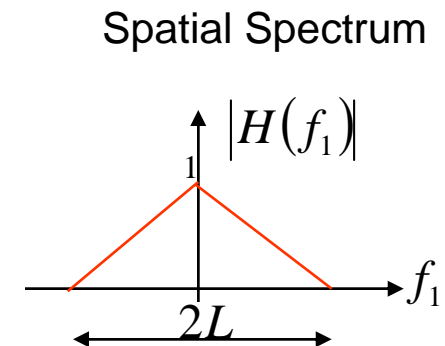
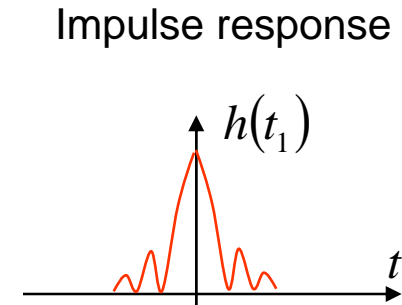
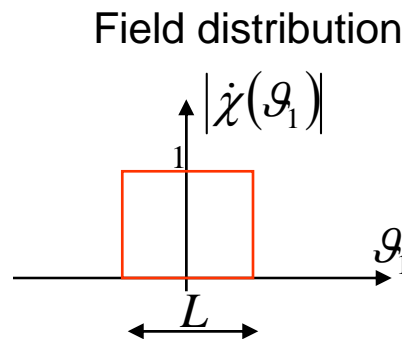
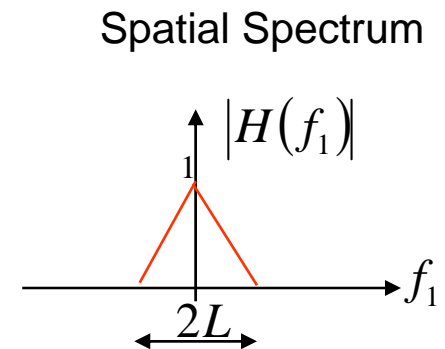
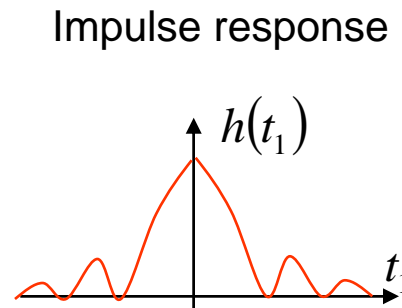
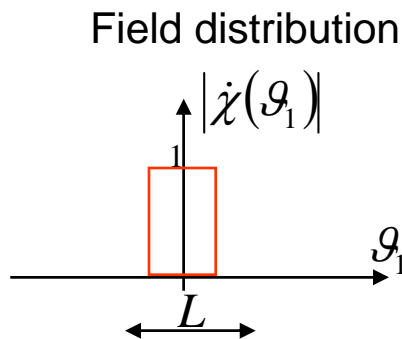
- physical size of antenna determines the width of the directional antenna pattern (PSF);
- the shape of the magnitude (CFD) determines the level of side lobes and their relationships.

■ Role of the CFD phase:

- the phase distribution determines the focusing properties of the imaging system (focused system has the min width of the PSF);
- beam scanning of the antennas;
- phase aberrations in the imaging systems.

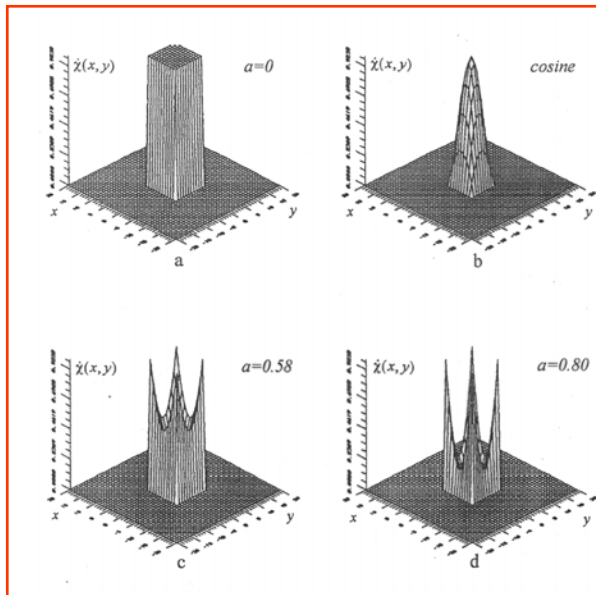
3. Incoherent Imaging Systems: CFD Magnitude

Assume zero-phased or focussed imaging system $\dot{\chi}(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2) = |\dot{\chi}(\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2)|$

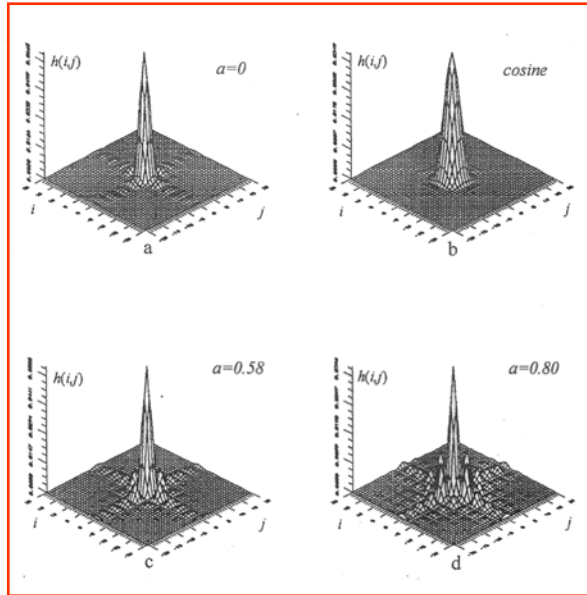


3. Incoherent Imaging Systems: CFD Magnitude

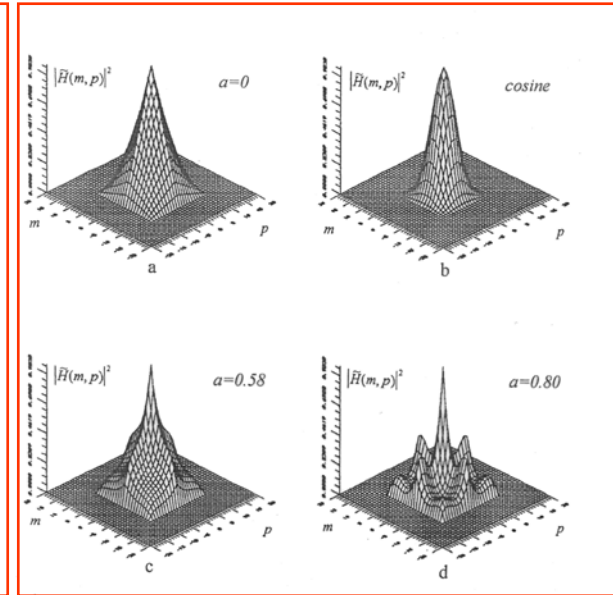
Magnitudes of CFD



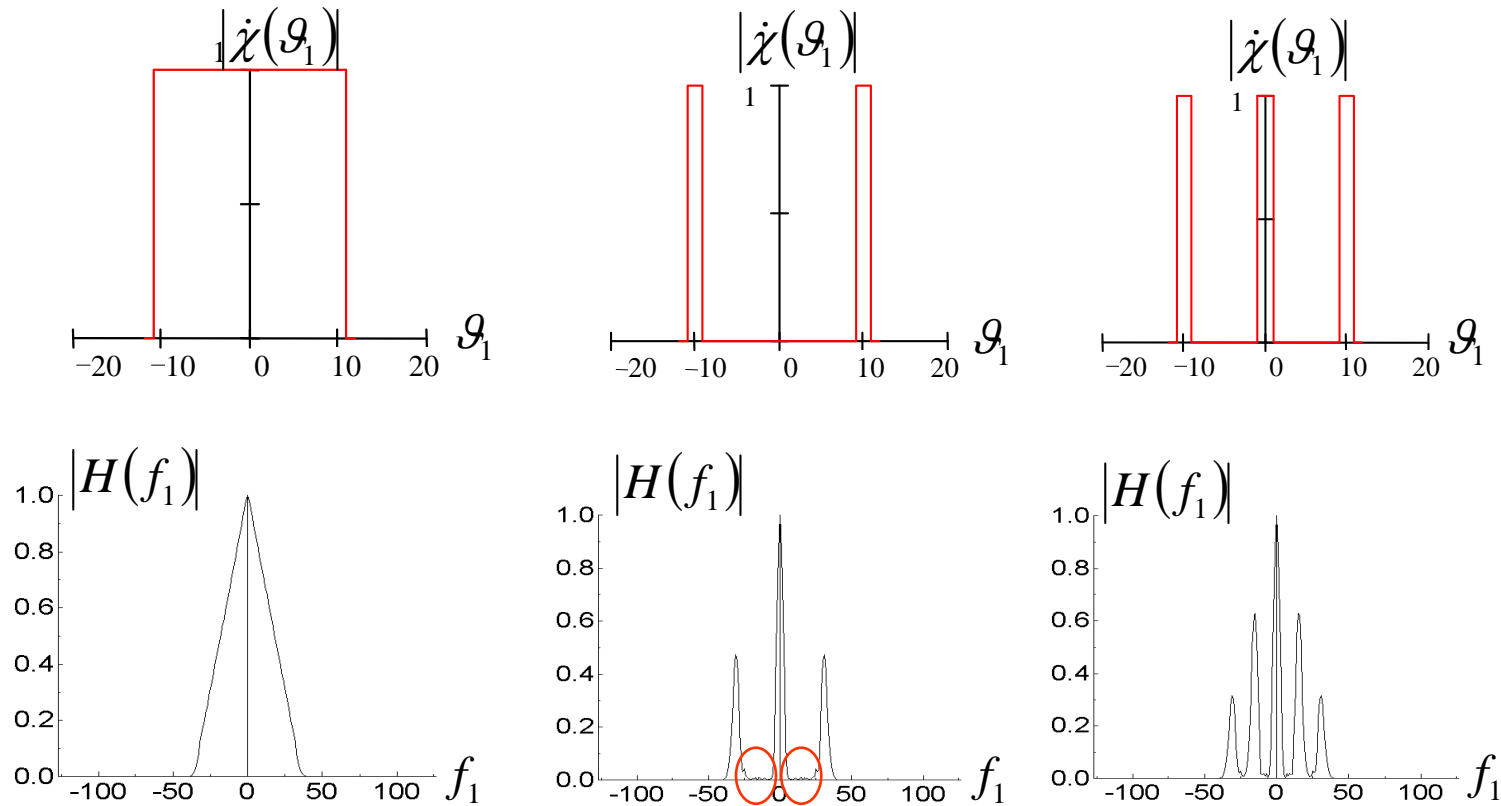
Directional Antenna Patterns



Spatial Spectra

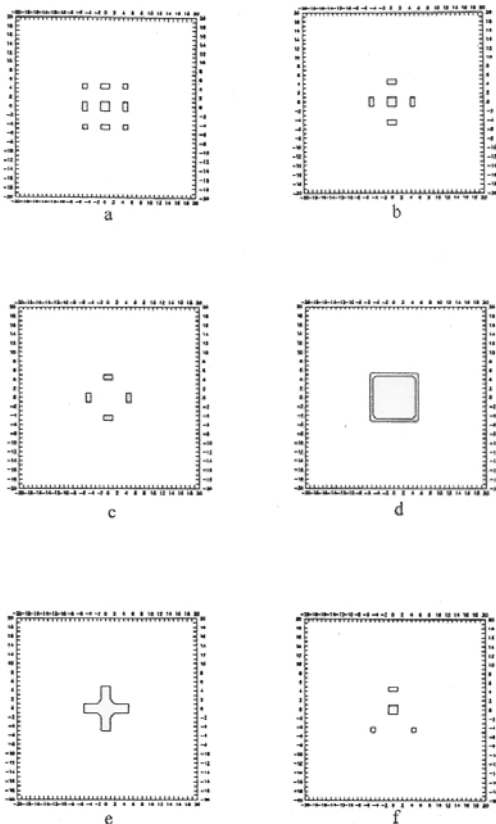


3. Sparse Incoherent Imaging Systems

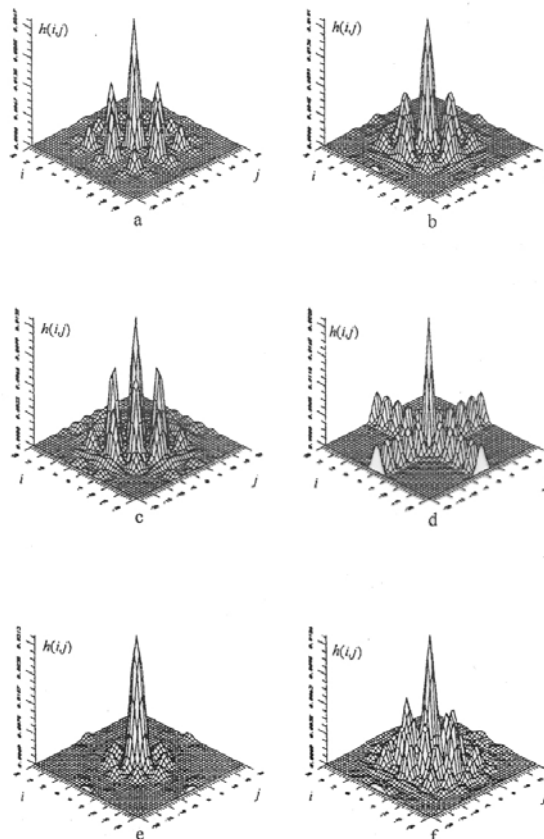


3. Sparse Incoherent Imaging Systems: CFD Magnitude

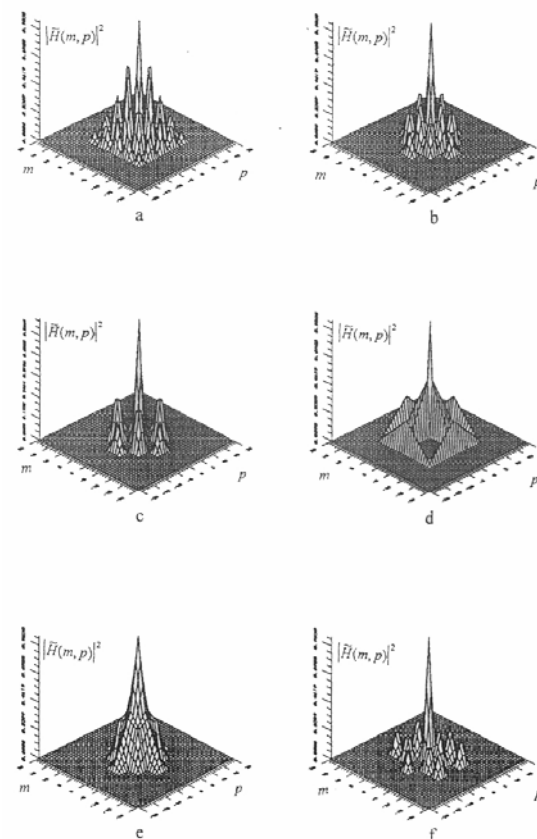
Magnitudes of CFD



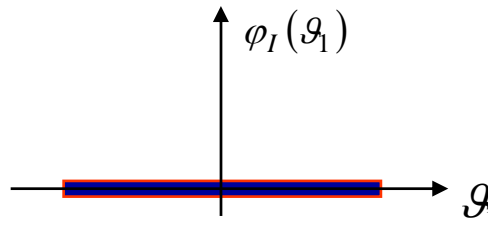
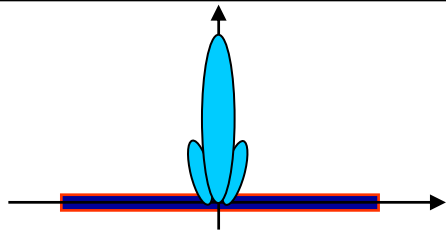
Directional Antenna Patterns



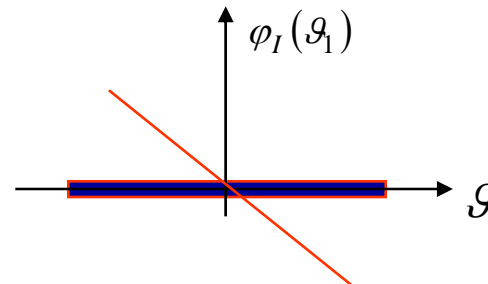
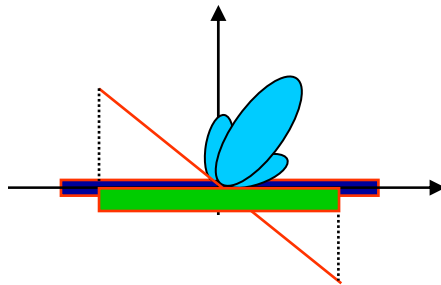
Spatial Spectra



3. Incoherent Imaging Systems: CFD Phase

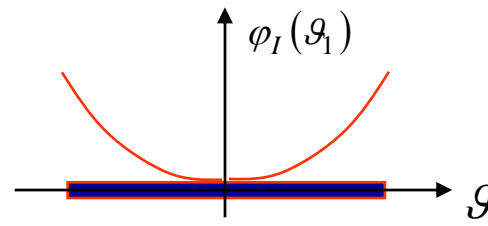
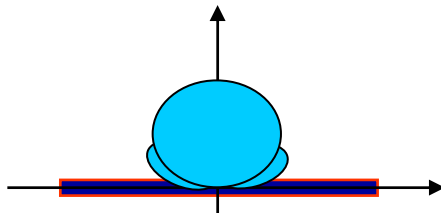


Zero-phased or focused system:
the PSF has the min width and oriented in perpendicular direction to antenna aperture.



Linear phase delay along the aperture:

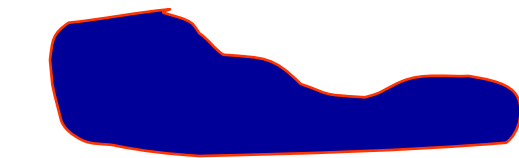
- beam scanning (radar mode);
- equivalent antenna size is decreased;
- the beam becomes broader.



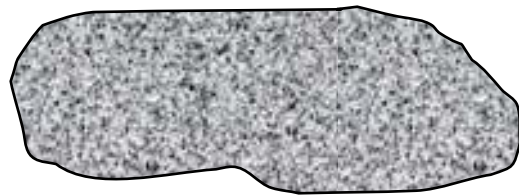
Quadratic phase delay along the aperture (model of defocusing):

- the SAR mode;
- the system becomes unfocused;
- the focusing is done on very far zone.

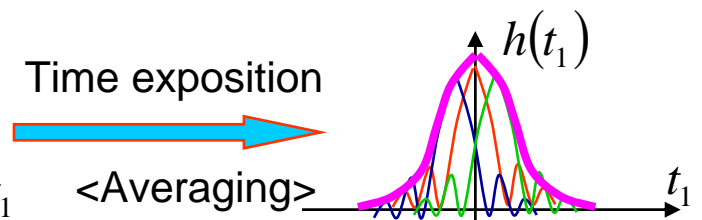
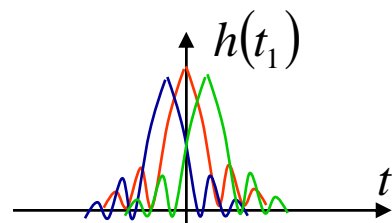
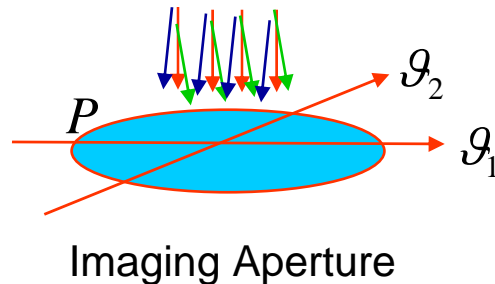
3. Atmospheric Turbulence Blur



Object



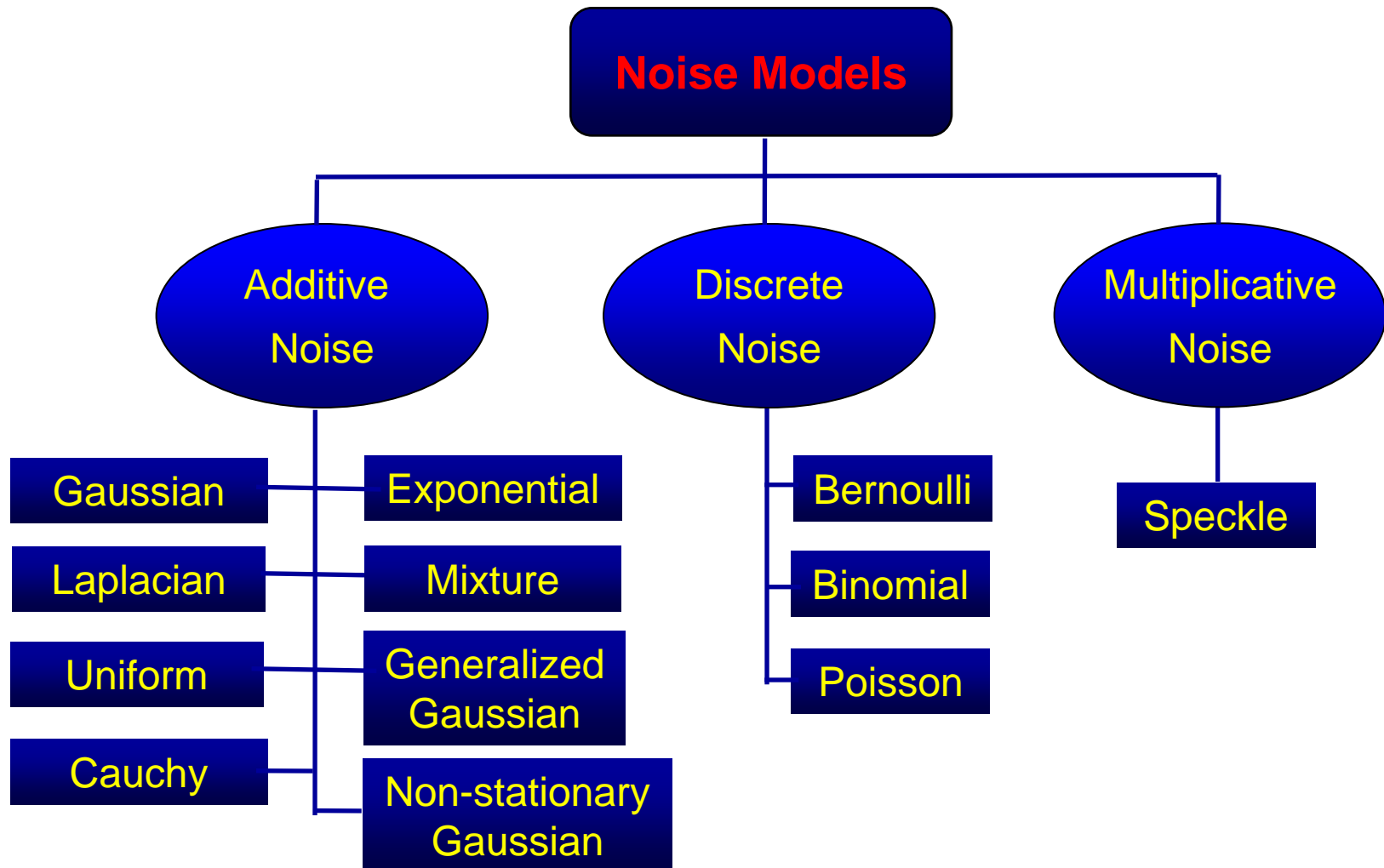
Wave propagation media
with time (spatial) varying
parameters



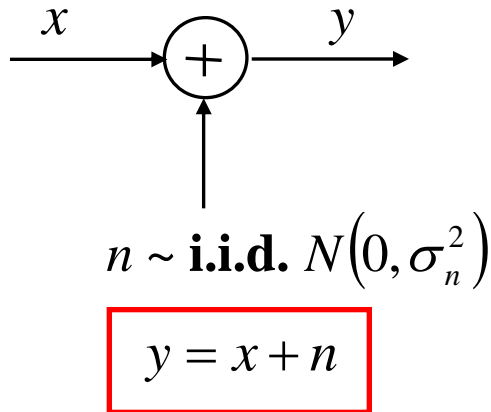
Wave propagation media:

- atmosphere (index of refraction)
- ground
- object subjected to non-destructive testing

4. Classification of Noise in Imaging Systems



4. Additive Gaussian Noise

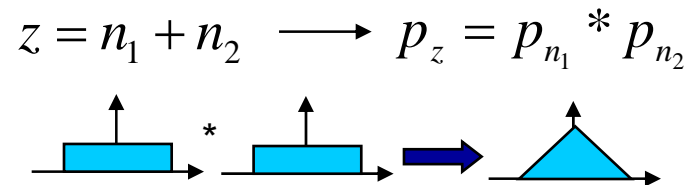


- Thermal noise
- This model reflects the limiting behavior of other models.

Properties:

- linear operations (transforms and filtering) on Gaussian R.V. yield Gaussian R.V.
- Central Limit Theorem (CLT)

The distribution of sum of a large number of independent, small random variables has a Gaussian distribution.



4. Additive Gaussian Noise

CLT further requirements:

- The number of of R.V. that contribute to the sum should be large enough.
- The individual R.V. in the sum must be independent.
- Each term in the sum must be small, negligible compared to the sum.

4. Additive Gaussian Noise

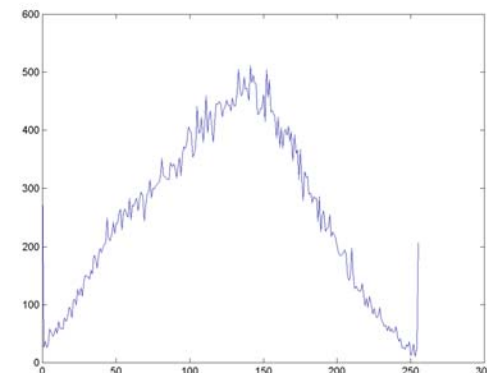
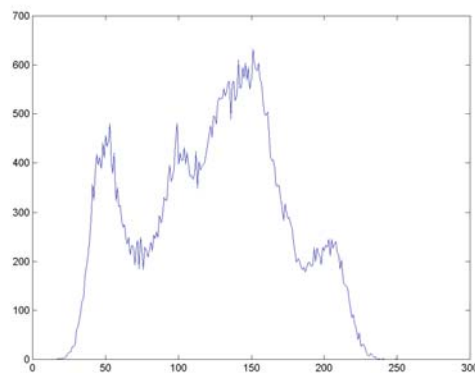
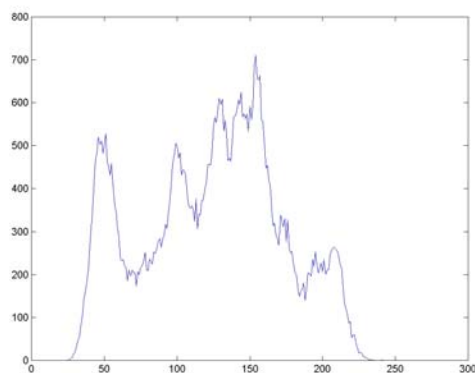
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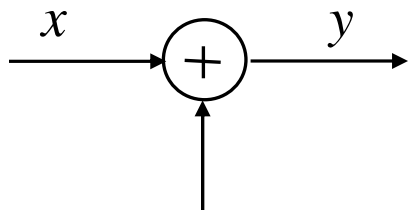
Gaussian noise: var 25



Gaussian noise: var 625



4. Additive Heavy-Tailed Noises



$n \sim \text{i.i.d.}$

Laplacian

Exponential

Mixture

Cauchy

Generalized
Gaussian

$$y = x + n$$

- In many situations, the conditions of the CLT are almost, but not quite, true.

Reasons:

- There may not be a large enough number of terms in the sum.
- The terms may not be sufficiently independent.

Conclusions:

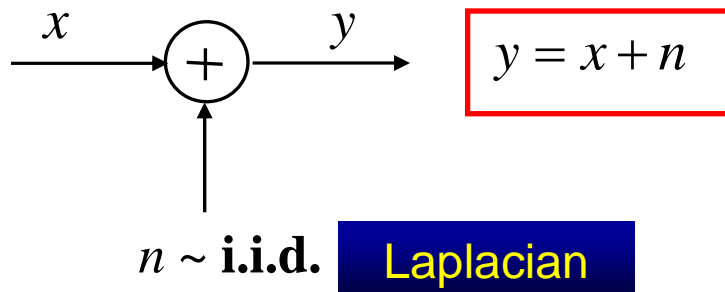
- The Gaussian approximation may not be very accurate.
- Even when the center of the pdf is approximately Gaussian, the tails may not be.

4. Additive Heavy-Tailed Noises

Practical models of:

- outliers in measurement;
- broadcasting noise;
- wave propagation;
- failures in registration equipment;
- failures in networks or modems;
- industrial noise and Electro-Magnetic Compatibility (EMC);
- random processes with partially known statistics (robust modeling);
- failures in scanning equipment (both electronic and mechanic): scanners, CCDs, antennas and so on.

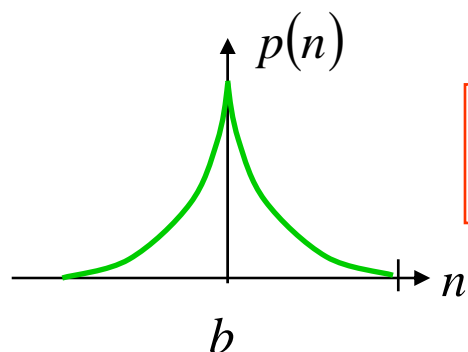
4. Additive Laplacian (Double Exponential) Noise



Features:

- pdf has heavy-tails;
- log-likelihood function of Laplacian pdf is abs function.

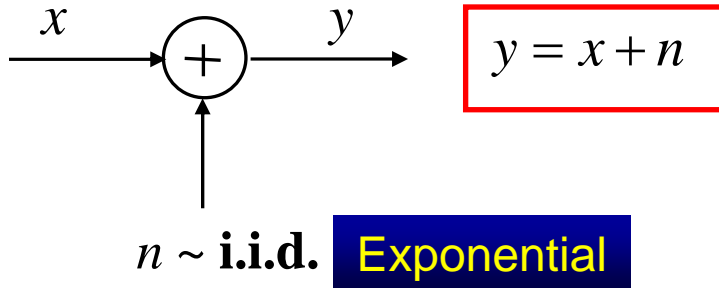
$$p(n) = \frac{a}{2} e^{-a|n-b|} \quad a > 0, \quad -\infty < b < \infty$$



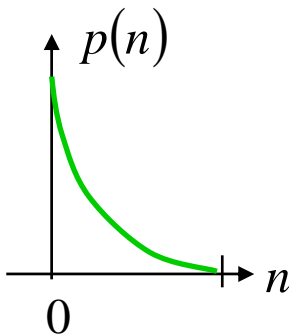
$$E[n] = b, \quad \text{Var}[n] = 2/a^2$$

$$b = 0$$

4. Additive Exponential Noise



$$p(n) = \begin{cases} ae^{-an}, & x \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad a > 0$$

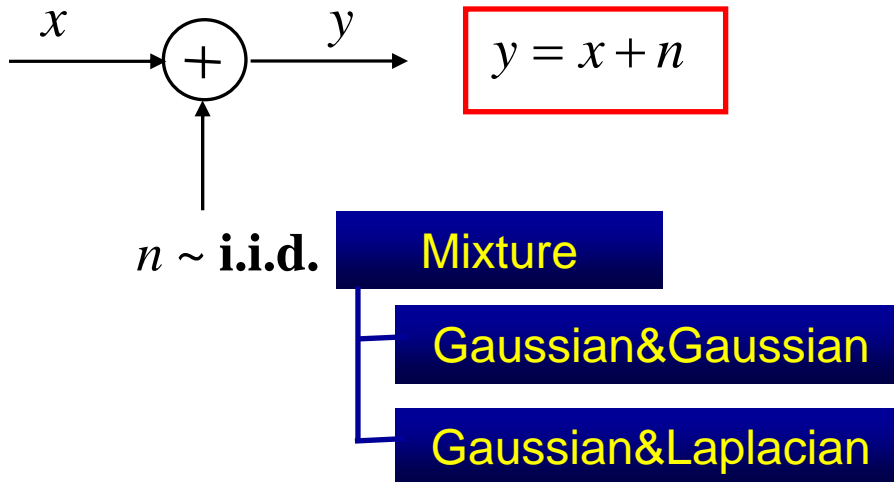


$$E[n] = 1/a, \quad \text{Var}[n] = 1/a^2$$

Features:

- pdf has heavy-tails;
- single side (asymmetric) pdf
- the model is used to model non-negative R.V. (radiometry, astronomy noise or false objects like stars with random intensity).

4. Additive Mixture Noise



$$p(n) = (1 - q)p_0(n) + qp_1(n)$$

- Mixture Gaussian and Gaussian

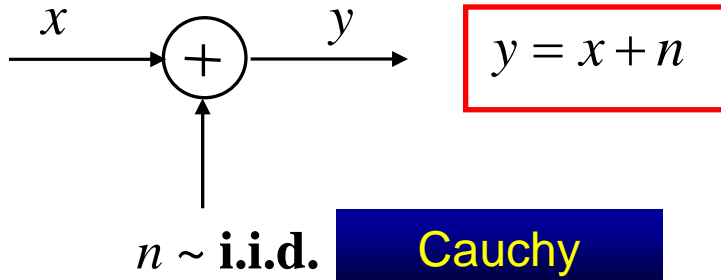
$$p_0(n) = N(0, \sigma_0^2) \quad \sigma_1^2 \gg \sigma_0^2$$
$$p_1(n) = N(0, \sigma_1^2)$$

q is small positive constant that controls the heavy-tails (or outliers).

It is so-called **q-contaminated model**.

- Mixture Gaussian and Laplacian (so-called **Huber model**).

4. Additive Cauchy Noise

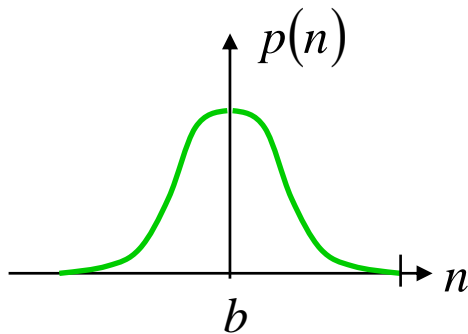


$$p(n) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{a}{a^2 + (n - b)^2}$$

$$a > 0, \quad -\infty < b < \infty$$

Scale parameter
(but not variance)

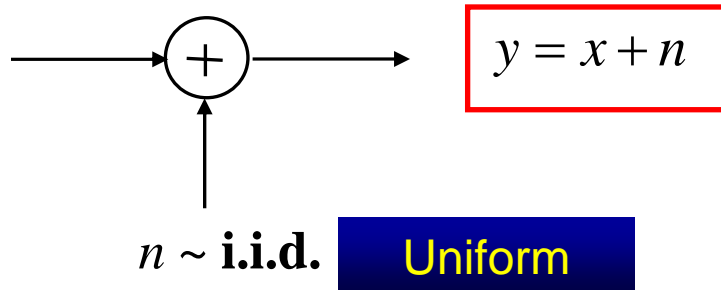
$$b = 0$$



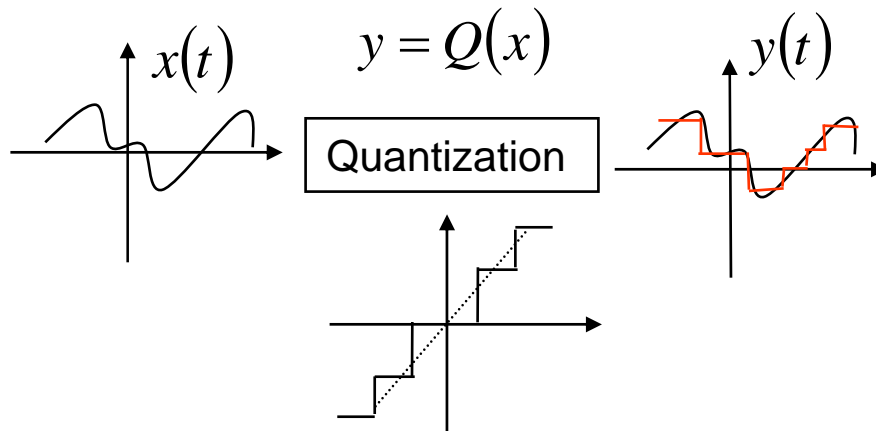
Features:

- pdf has heavy-tails;
- algebraic pdf
(not from exponential family);
- log-likelihood function of
Cauchy pdf is close to
Gaussian near the origin.

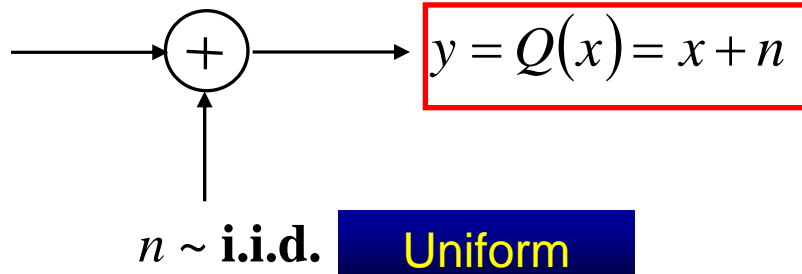
4. Additive Uniform Noise: Model of Quantization



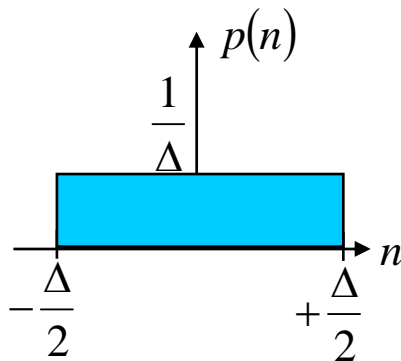
- Quantization noise results when a continuous R.V. is converted to a discrete one.
- Or when a discrete R.V. is converted to one with fewer levels.
- Another source of uniform noise is dithering.



4. Additive Uniform Noise: Model of Quantization



$$p(n) = \begin{cases} 1/\Delta, & -\frac{\Delta}{2} \leq n < \frac{\Delta}{2}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



- Assume L levels are used for quantization.
- If the number of levels is large (so Δ is small), quantization noise is usually assumed to be uniform.

$$E[n] = 0, \quad \text{Var}[n] = (b - a)^2 / 12 = \frac{\Delta^2}{12}$$

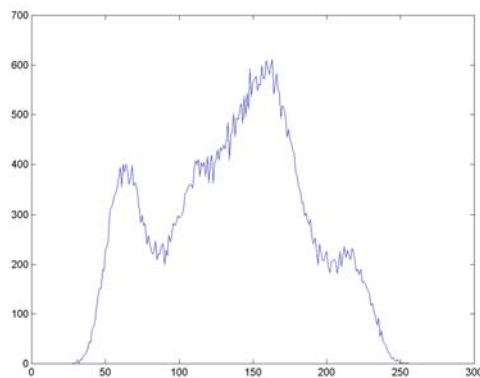
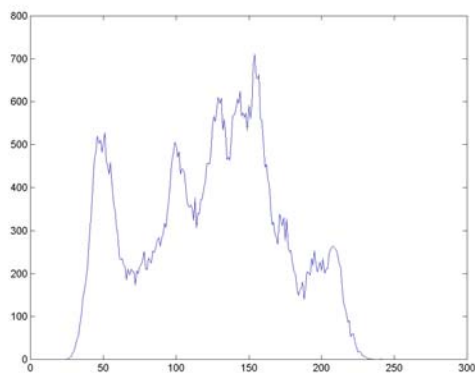
- Since $\Delta \sim 2^{-L}$, $\text{Var}[n] \sim \frac{2^{-2L}}{12}$
- Note: this model is only valid for large L . Then noise is signal independent.

4. Additive Uniform Noise: Example

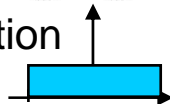
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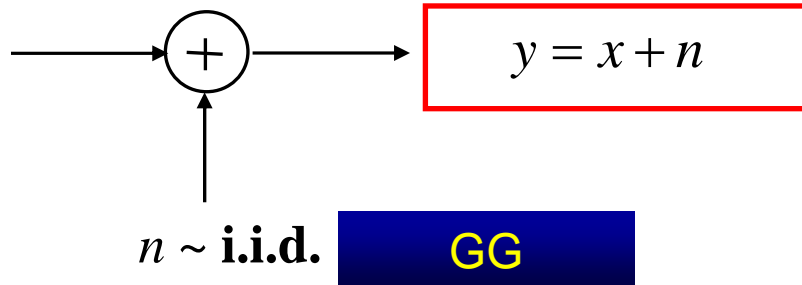
Uniform noise: std 25



Convolution



4. Generalized Model: Generalized Gaussian Noise



$$p(n) = \left(\frac{\gamma \eta(\gamma)}{2\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{\gamma}\right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_n}} \cdot \exp \left\{ -\eta(\gamma) \left| \frac{n}{\sigma_n} \right|^{\gamma} \right\}$$

$$\eta(\gamma) = \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(3/\gamma)}{\Gamma(1/\gamma)}}$$

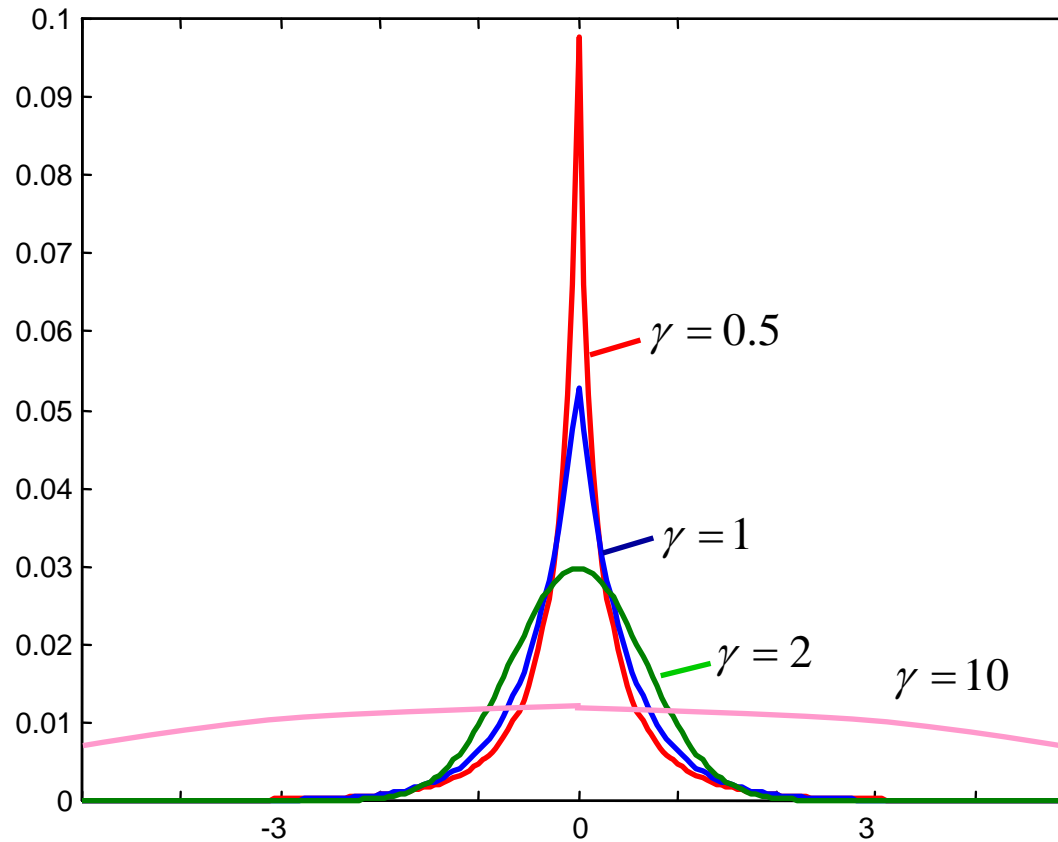
$$\Gamma(t) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u} u^{t-1} du$$

Features:

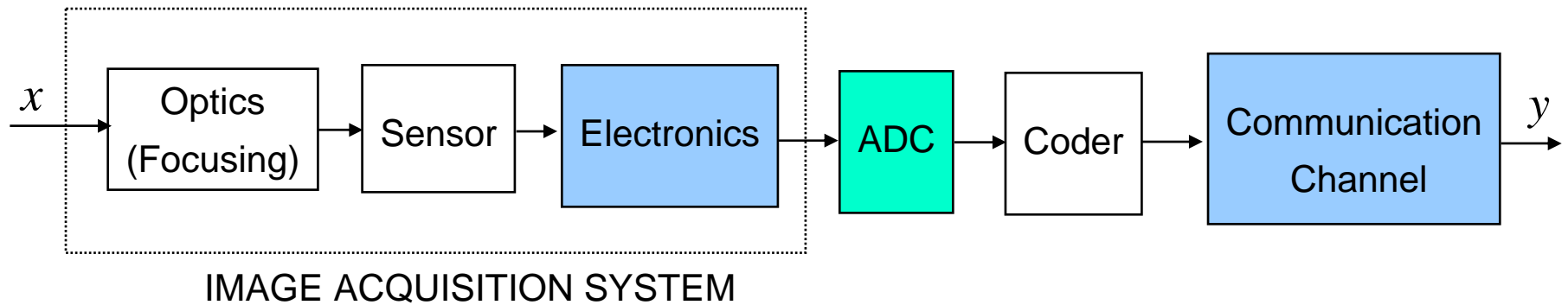
- Generalized model for many distributions from the exponential family:

- $\gamma = 2$ Gaussian
- $\gamma = 1$ Laplacian
- $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ Uniform

4. Generalized Model: Generalized Gaussian Noise



4. Discrete Noise

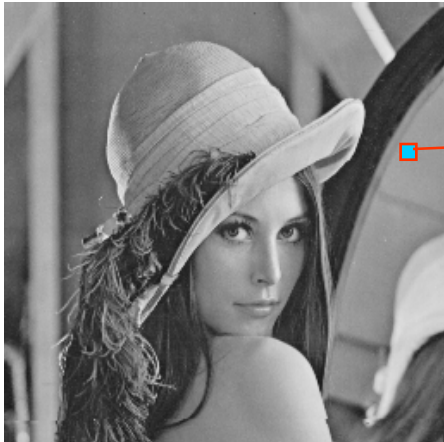


- Failures in the control electronics.
- Failures in Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC)
(mostly on the pixel-wise level).
- Failures in Communication Channel
(losses of on the pixel-wise and on package levels).

4. Discrete Noise: General Reasons

- MPEG and DCT-based JPEG: failures and block loosing during transmission.
- Irregular sampling:
 - Dispersion and anisotropy of imaging environment (small particles).
 - Failures in scanners, non-uniform motion of scanning head.
 - Failures in radar imaging systems
 - electronic failures in phase control
 - mechanic failures in the rotation step control.
- The influence of hard-limiters in the receiver entire block of EMC (results in min and max values exceeding the threshold).

4. Discrete Noise



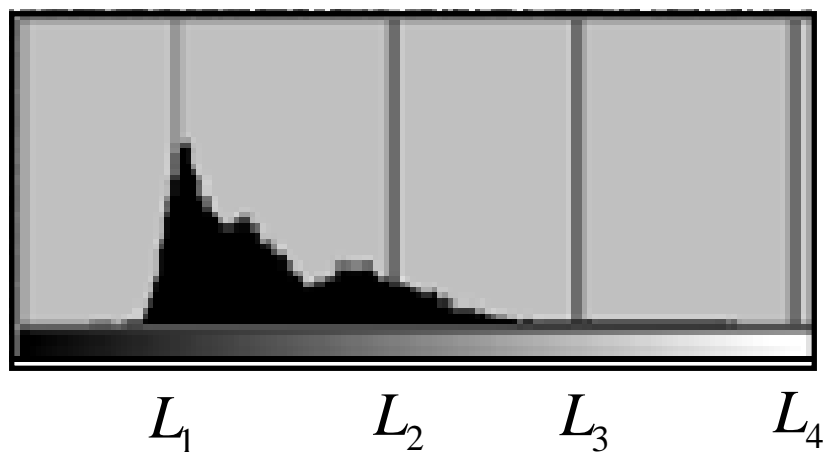
One pixel corresponds to 8 bits



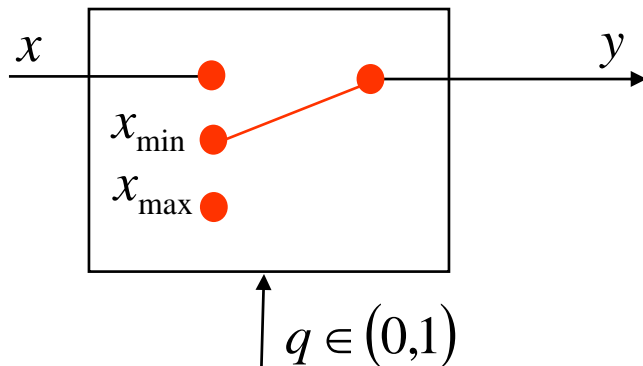
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4. Discrete Noise: Binomial and Bernoulli Noises

$$y = \begin{cases} x, & \text{Prob}(y = x) = 1 - q, \\ L_1, & \text{Prob}(y = L_1) = q_1, \\ L_2, & \text{Prob}(y = L_2) = q_2, \\ \vdots & \\ L_m, & \text{Prob}(y = L_m) = q_m. \end{cases} \quad \sum_{i=1}^m q_i = 1$$



4. Bernoulli Noise: Salt and Pepper Noise



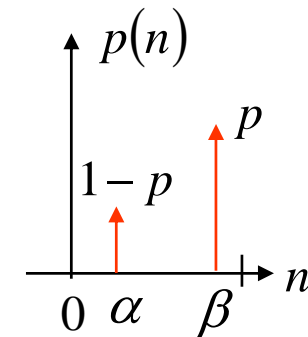
$$n_{S\&P} = \begin{cases} \alpha, & \text{Prob}(n = \alpha) = 1 - p, \\ \beta, & \text{Prob}(n = \beta) = p. \end{cases}$$

Salt and Pepper

$$\alpha = x_{\min}$$

$$\beta = x_{\max}$$

$$y_{S\&P} = \begin{cases} x, & \text{Prob}(y = x) = 1 - q, \\ x_{\min}, & \text{Prob}(y = x_{\min}) = q/2, \\ x_{\max}, & \text{Prob}(y = x_{\max}) = q/2. \end{cases}$$



$$p(n) = (1 - p)\delta(n = \alpha) + p\delta(n = \beta)$$

4. Binomial Noise - Unimodal Example



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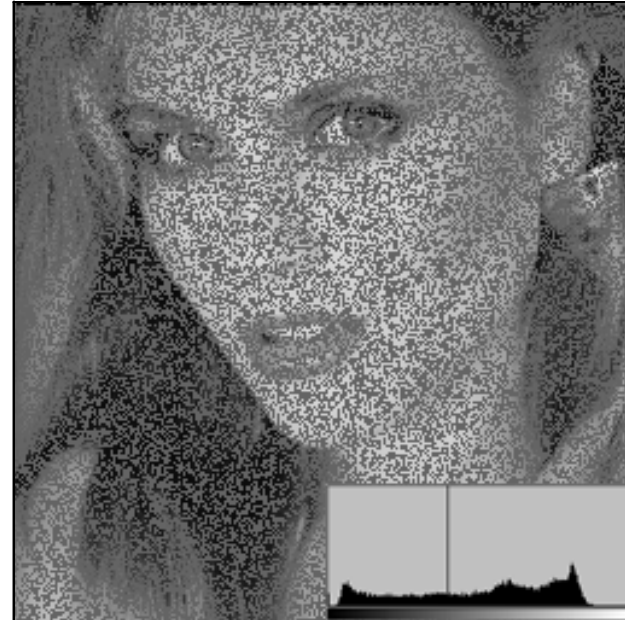
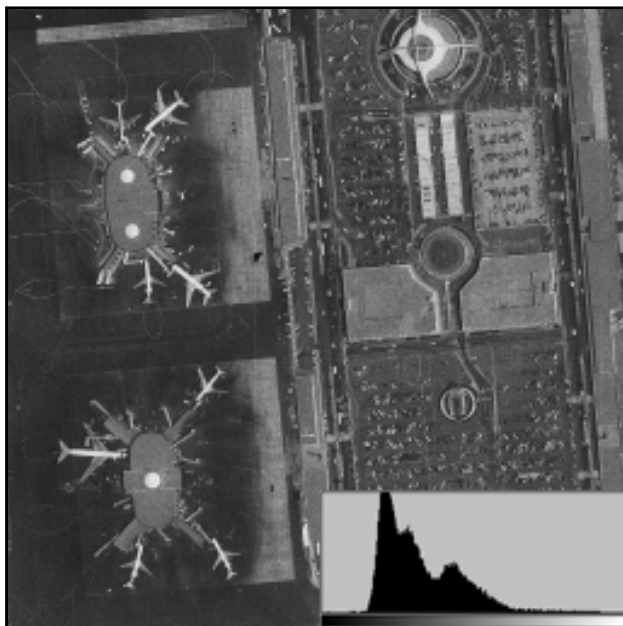


Image corrupted by $q=50\%$ unimodal noise ($L=100$)

4. Binomial Noise - Multimodal Example



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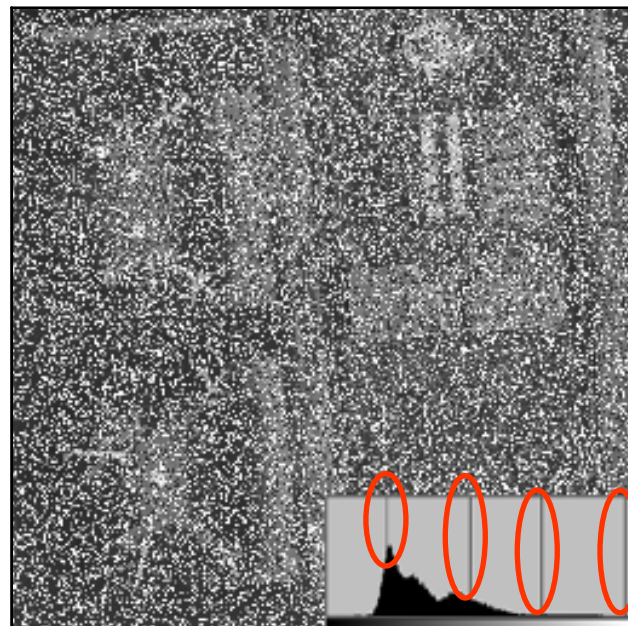


Image corrupted by four-component noise

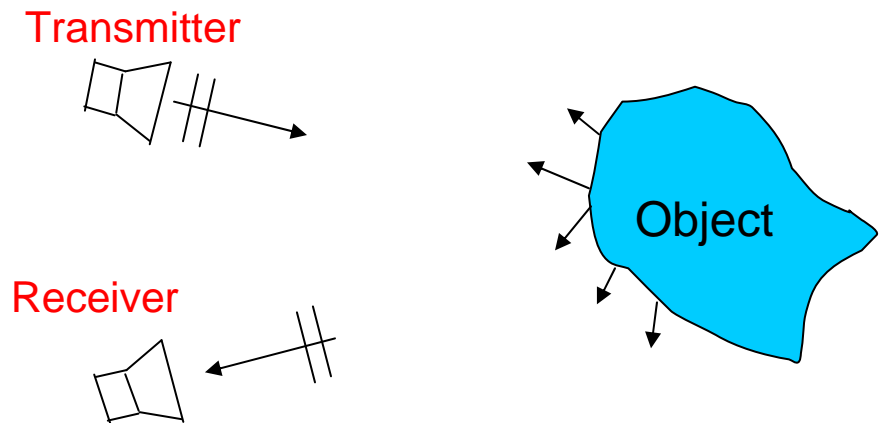
$q = 50\%$

$L_1 = 50, L_2 = 120, L_3 = 180, L_4 = 250,$

$q_1 = q_2 = q_3 = q_4 = 0.25$

4. Speckle noise

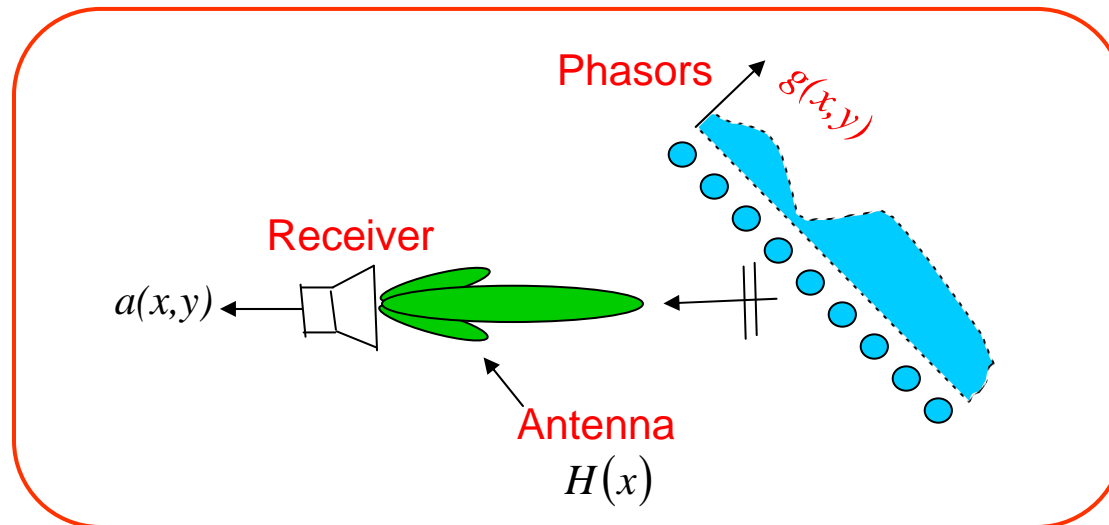
- Radar, sonar, laser, SAR: monochromatic coherent radiation is scattered from a surface whose roughness is of the order of wavelength, interference of waves produces a noise called speckle.
- The presence of speckle noise reduces the resolution of imaging system, particularly for low-contrast images.
- Speckle noise is typical for all coherent systems independently on wavelength: microwave (10^{-3}m), infrared (10^{-6}m), optical (10^{-9}m).
- Speckle noise is not additive.



4. Speckle noise

Speckle Representation

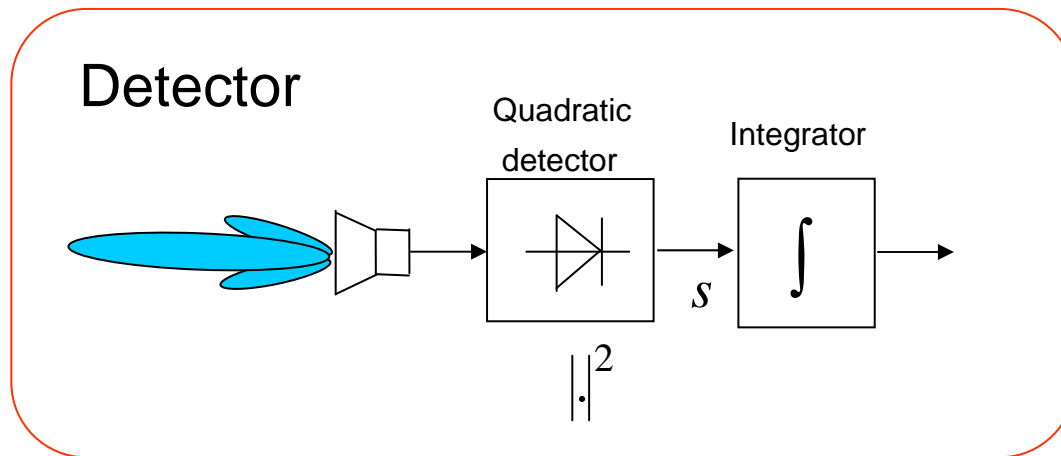
In free space, speckle can be considered as an infinite sum of independent, identical phasors with random amplitude and phase $g(x,y)$.



Complex amplitude in receiver: $a(x, y) = a_R(x, y) + ja_I(x, y)$

where a_R and a_I are zero mean, independent Gaussian random variables (for each x,y) with variance σ_a^2

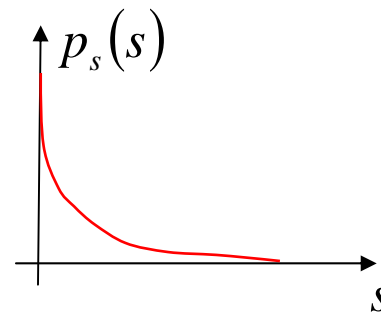
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Intensity field: $s = s(x, y) = |a(x, y)|^2 = a_R^2 + a_I^2$

Has the exponential single sided distribution with variance $\sigma^2 = 2\sigma_a^2$
and mean $\mu_a = E[s] = \sigma^2$

$$p_s(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{s}{\sigma^2}\right), & s \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



4. Speckle noise

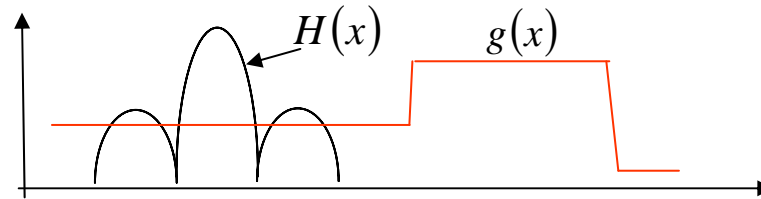
Given: coherent linear imaging system with impulse response $H(x, y; x', y')$

$\phi(x', y')$ is the phase distribution on the object

$\eta(x, y)$ is the additive detector noise

$$v(x, y) = \left| \iint H(x, y; x', y') g(x', y') e^{j\phi(x', y')} dx' dy' \right|^2 + \eta(x, y)$$

4. Speckle noise



If the impulse response decays rapidly outside a region $R_{cell}(x, y)$ called the resolution cell, and $g(x, y)$ is nearly constant in this region:

$$v(x, y) \cong |g(x, y)|^2 |h(x, y)|^2 + \eta(x, y) = u(x, y)s(x, y) + \eta(x, y)$$

$$u(x, y) \equiv |g(x, y)|^2$$

$$h(x, y) = \iint H(x, y; x', y') e^{j\phi(x', y')} dx' dy'$$

Multiplicative noise

Image intensity

Conclusions:

- The appearance of the speckle is due to low resolution of imaging systems.
- There is not speckle in an ideal imaging system.