

Passive Imaging Using SAR and ISAR Technology

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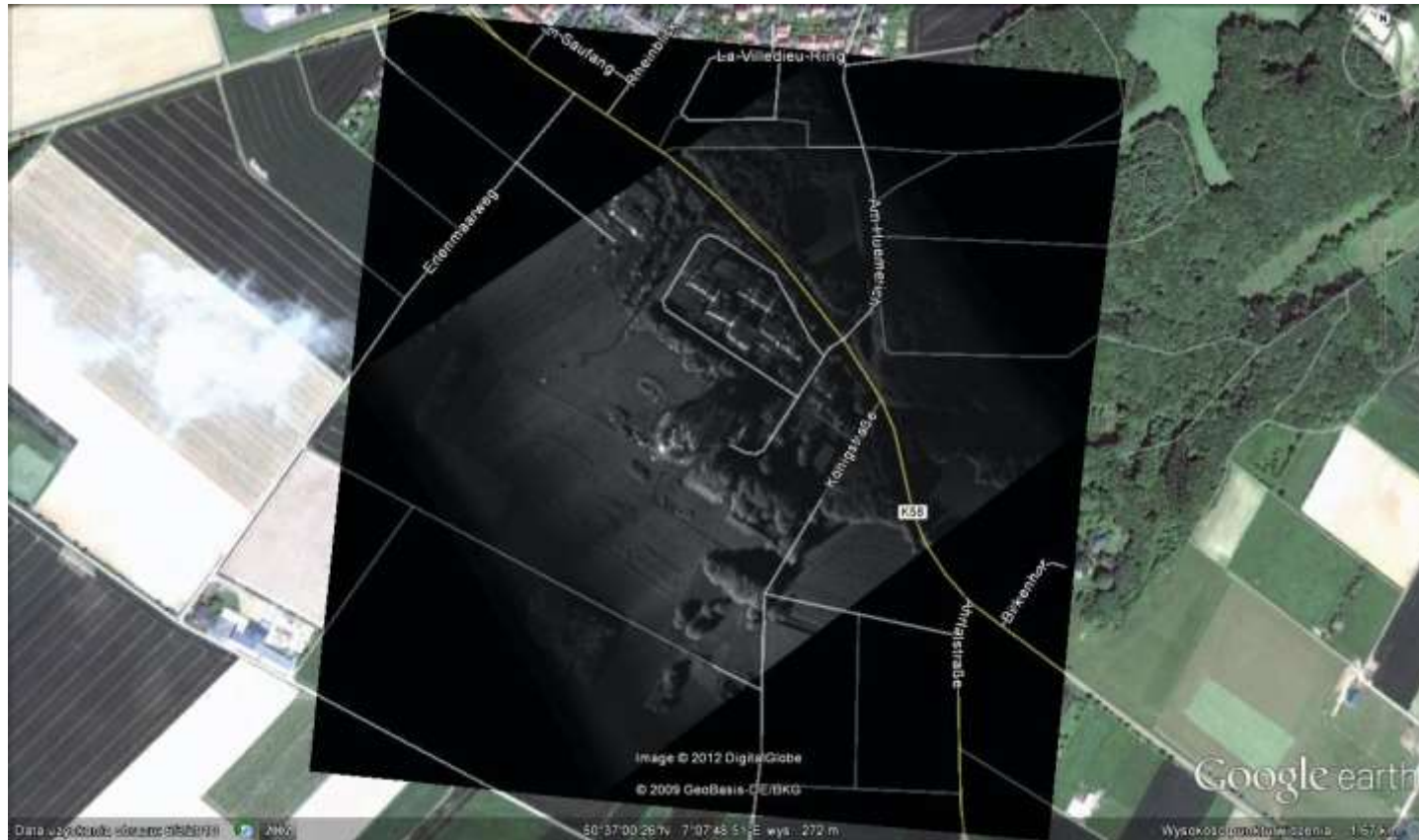


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- Radar signal processing
- Signal sampling (ADCs)
- Telecommunication signal processing
- DSP platforms
- Simulation and modeling
- Target tracking
- Image processing

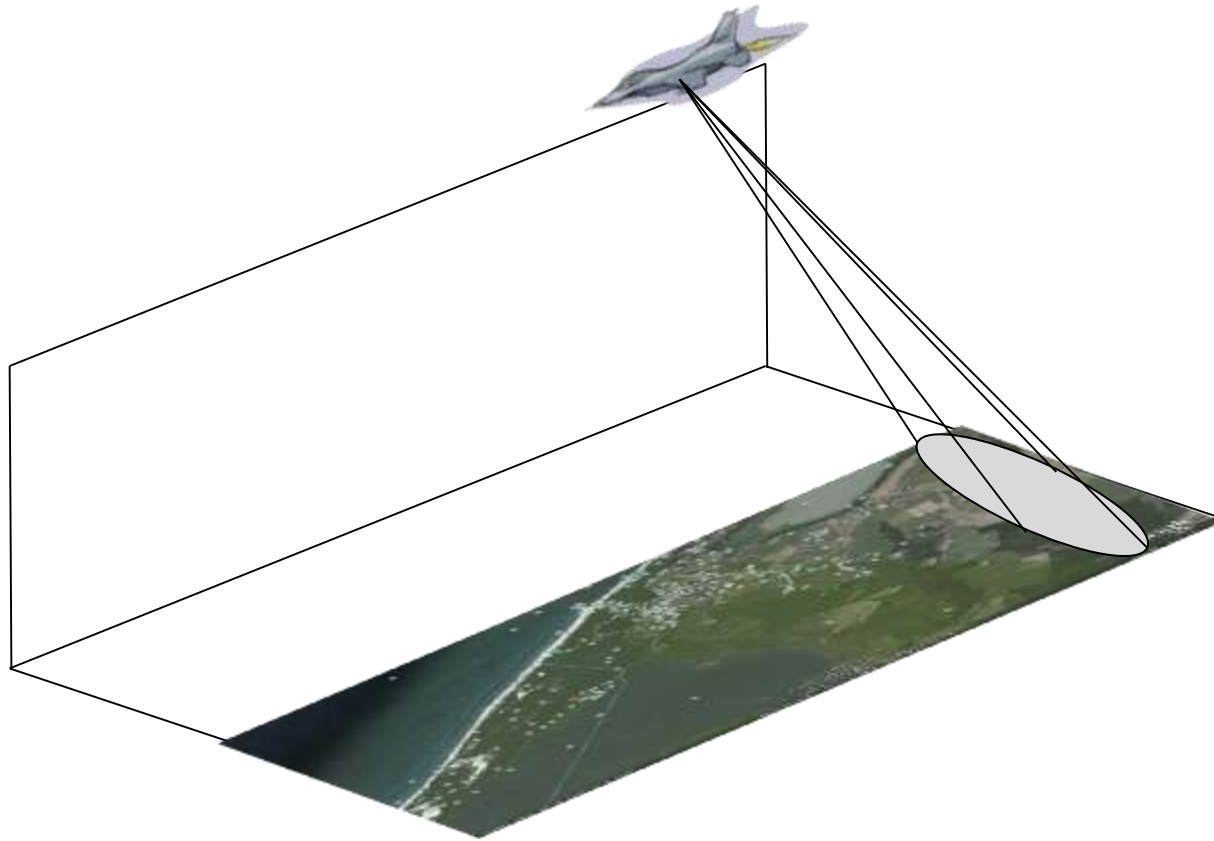


Tutorial Agenda

- Short intro to SAR/ISAR imaging (a monostatic case)
- Introduction to passive bistatic radar imaging
- Passive SAR imaging using non-cooperative satellite-based illumination
- Passive SAR imaging using commercial ground based illuminators
- Passive ISAR imaging
- Summary



SAR – Synthetic Aperture Radar



Radar mounted on the moving platform
(UAV, aircraft, missile, satellite, etc.)

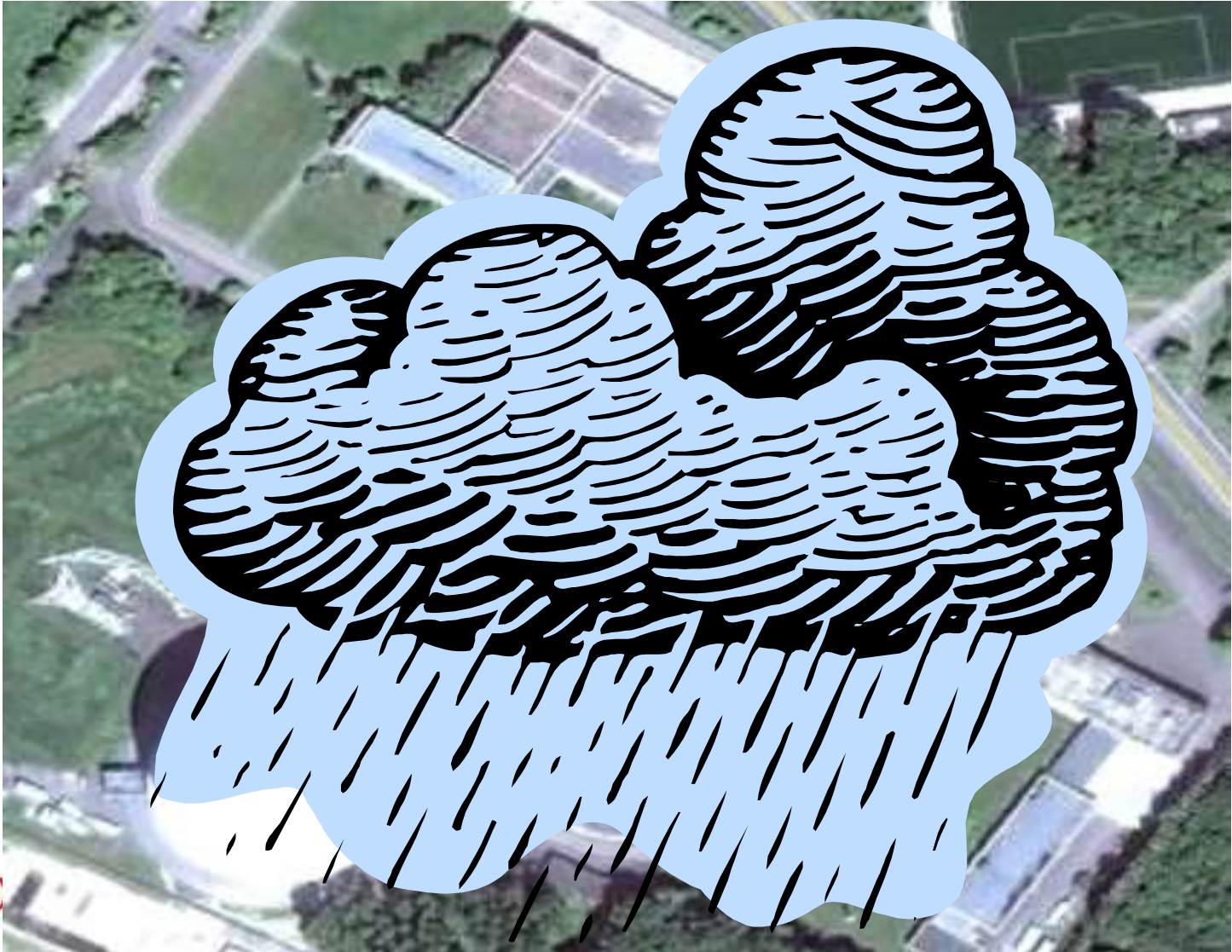
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SAR Image

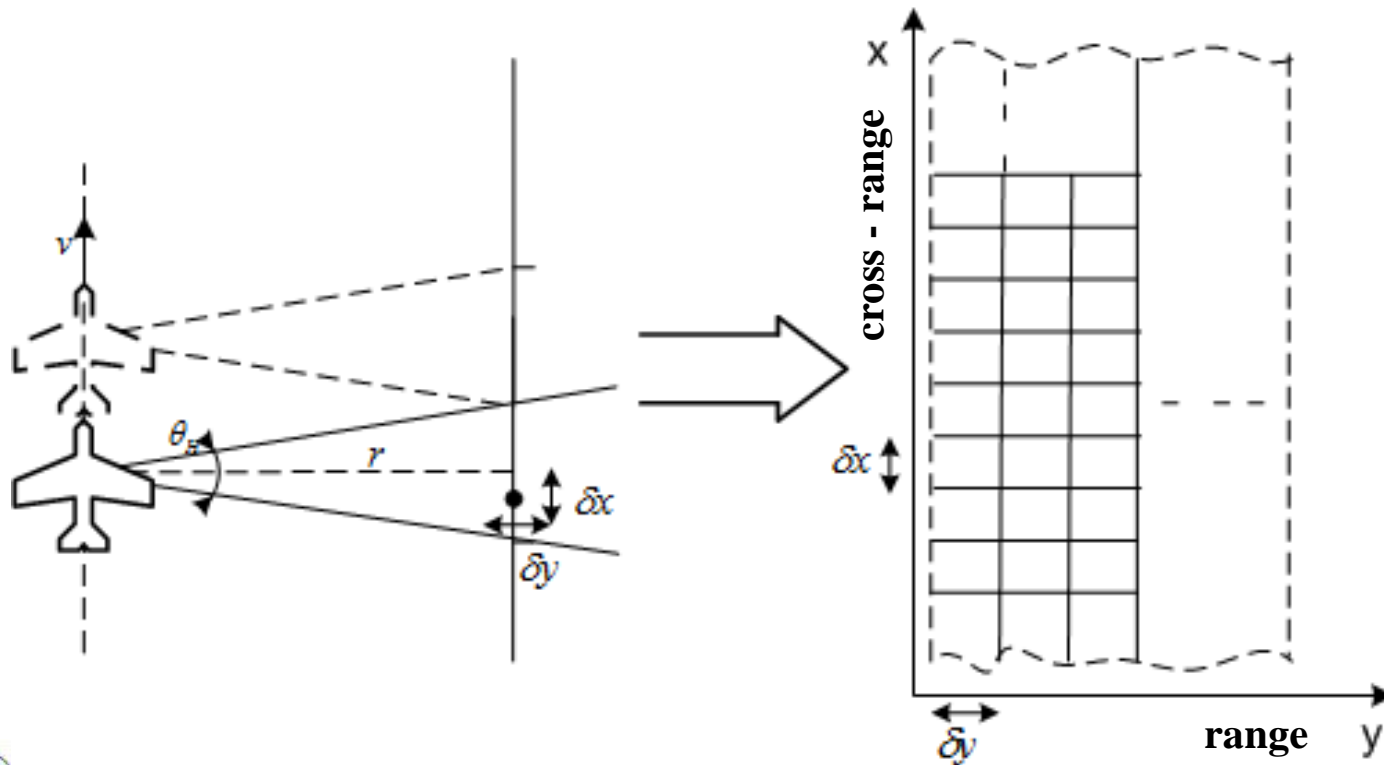


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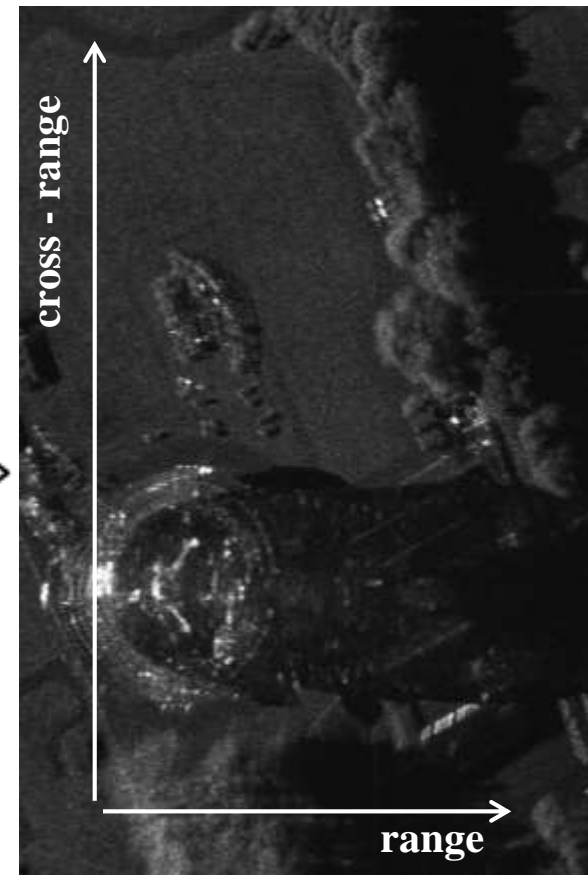
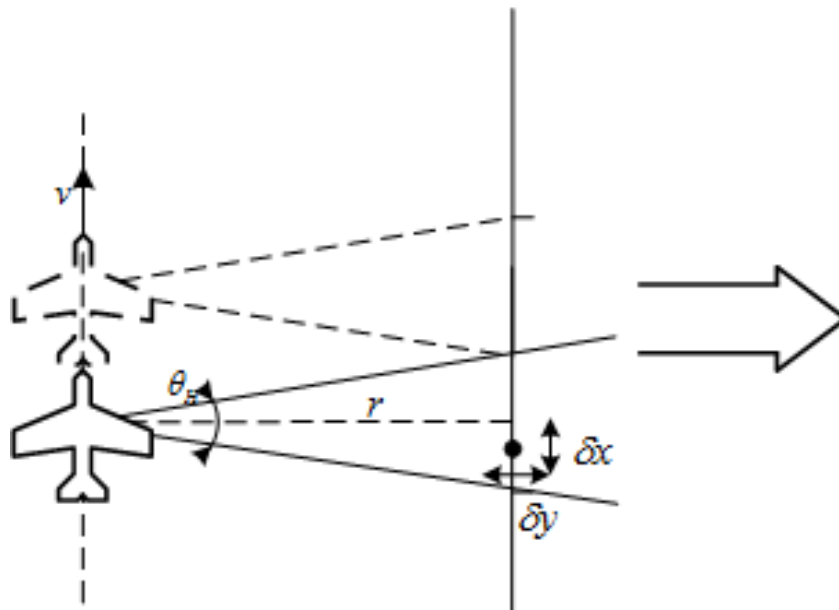
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Azimuth + Range compression = 2D SAR image

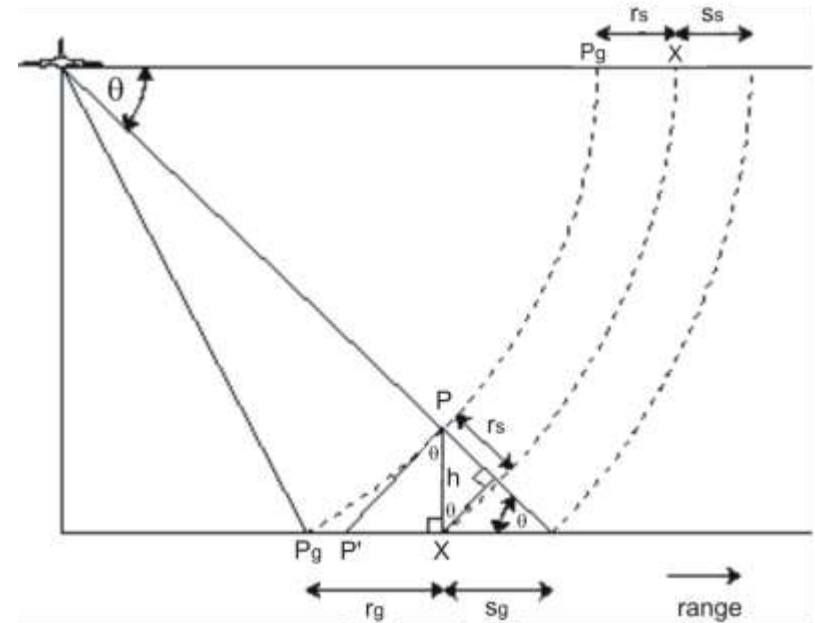


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Range compression

$$r_s = \frac{c}{2\beta}$$
$$r_s \cong h \cdot \sin \theta$$
$$r_g \cong h \cdot \tan \theta$$


Ground range resolution: $r_g = \frac{c}{2\beta \cdot \cos \theta}$

$$\beta = 1\text{GHz}$$

$$\theta = 30^\circ$$

$$r_g \approx 17,5cm$$

SAR - How Does It Work?

Cross-range compression

Received signal phase:

$$\varphi(t) = \varphi_o - 2 \cdot \frac{2\pi \cdot r(t)}{\lambda}$$

Distance to target:

$$r(t) = \sqrt{R^2 + (v \cdot t)^2}$$

Taylor extension:

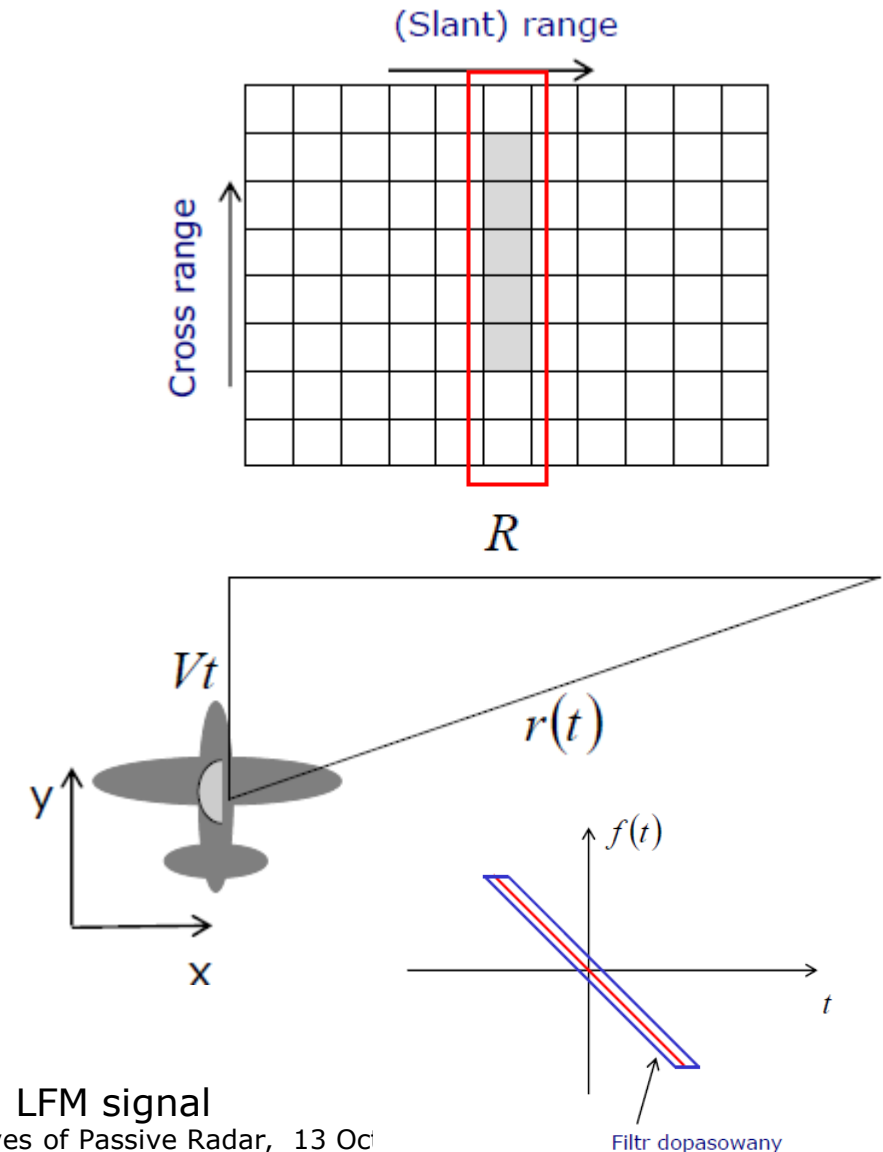
$$r(t) = R + \frac{(v \cdot t)^2}{2R} + \dots$$

Received phase:

$$\varphi(t) = \varphi_o - \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \left[R + \frac{(v \cdot t)^2}{2R} + \dots \right]$$

Received frequency:

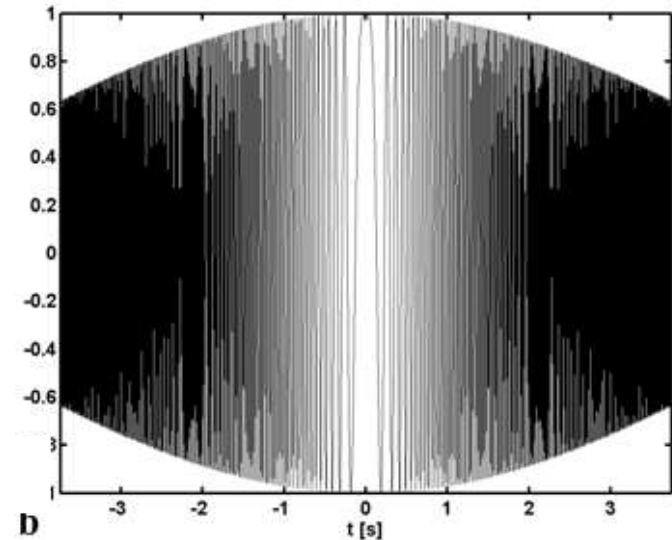
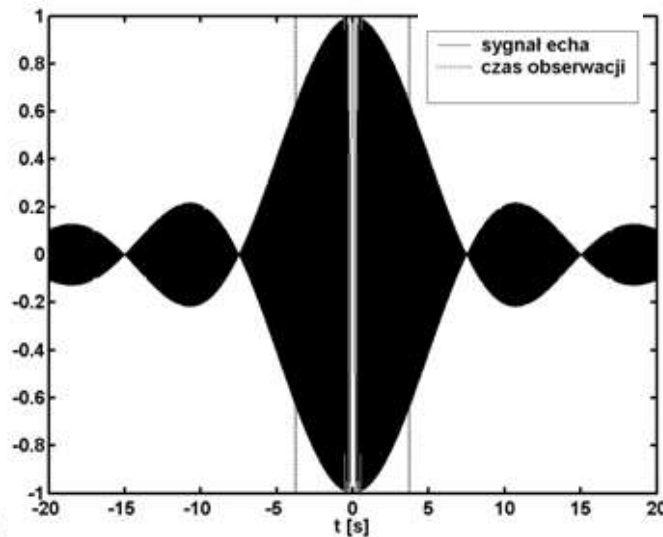
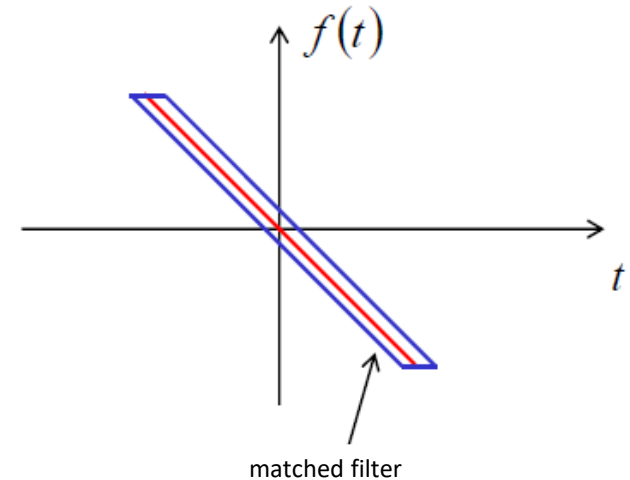
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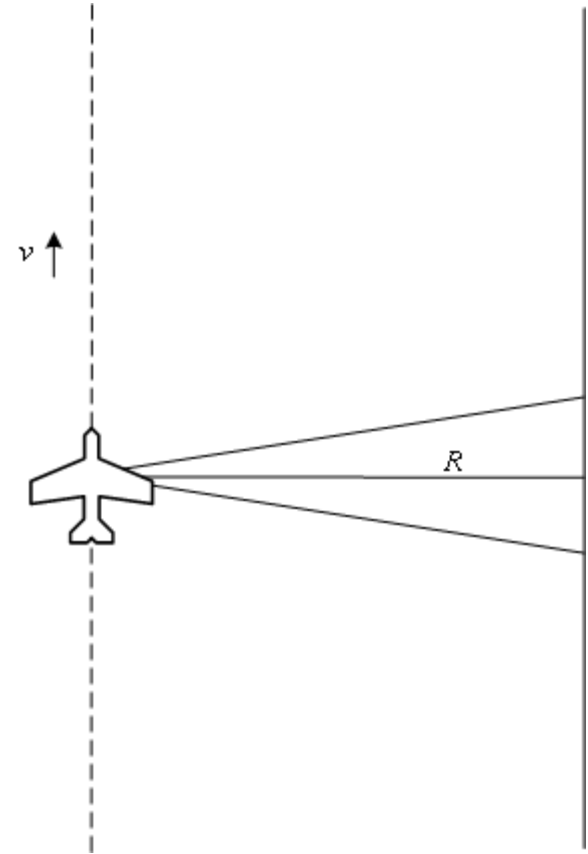
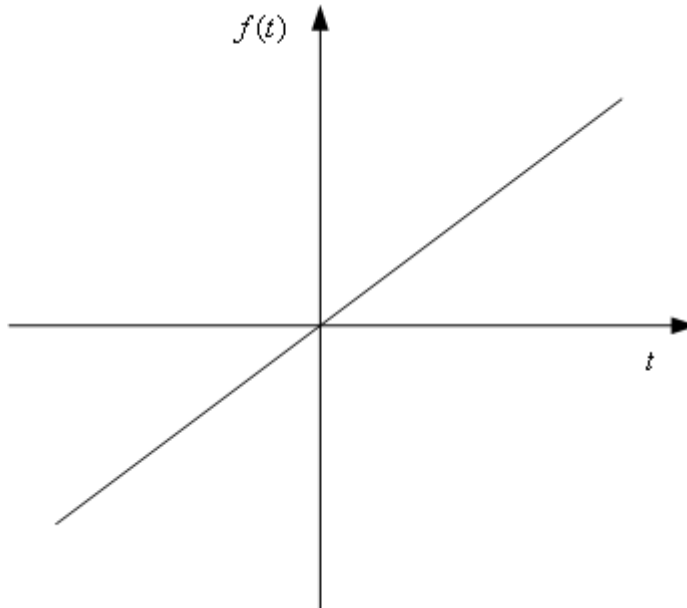
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SAR Processing

– Limitations and Practical Difficulties:

Ideal case

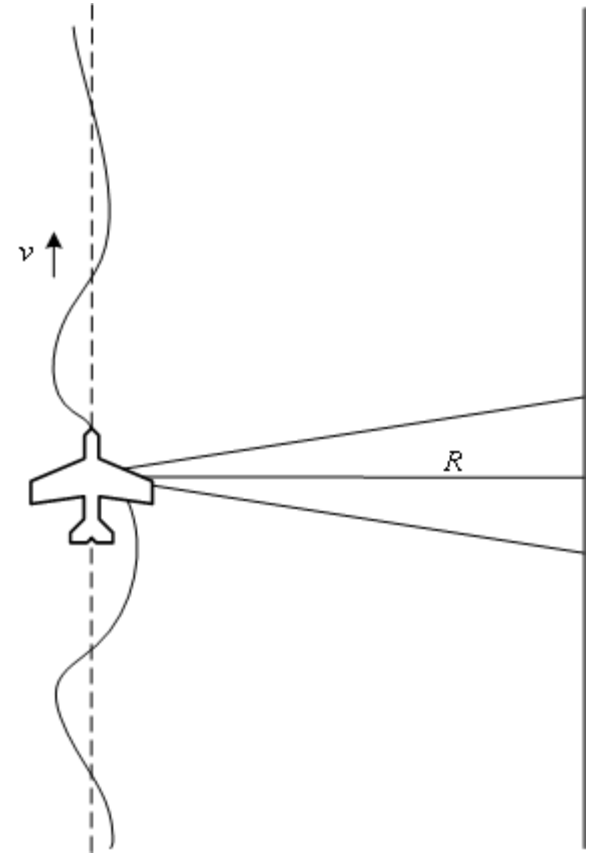
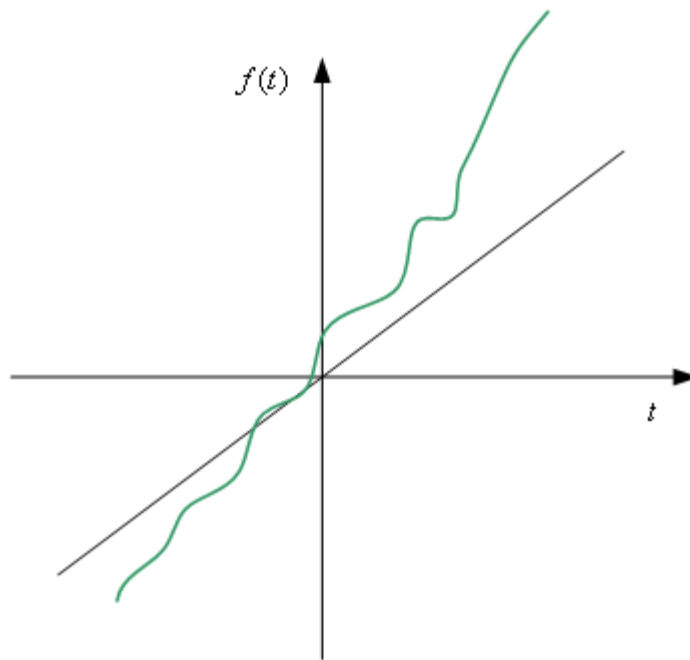


$$\varphi(t) = \varphi_o - \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \left[R + \frac{(v \cdot t)^2}{2R} \right]$$

SAR Processing

– Limitations and Practical Difficulties:

Reality

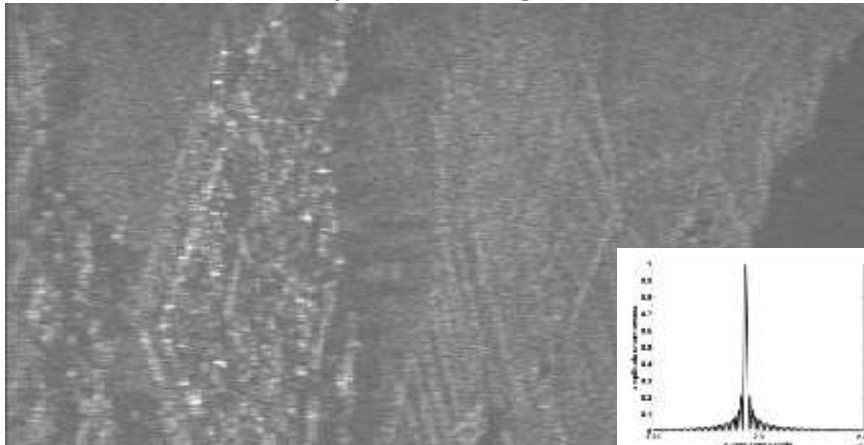


$$\varphi(t) = \varphi_o - \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \left[R + v_r \cdot t + \frac{(v \cdot t)^2}{2R} + \dots \right] = \varphi_o - [\xi + \chi t + \pi^2 + \dots]$$

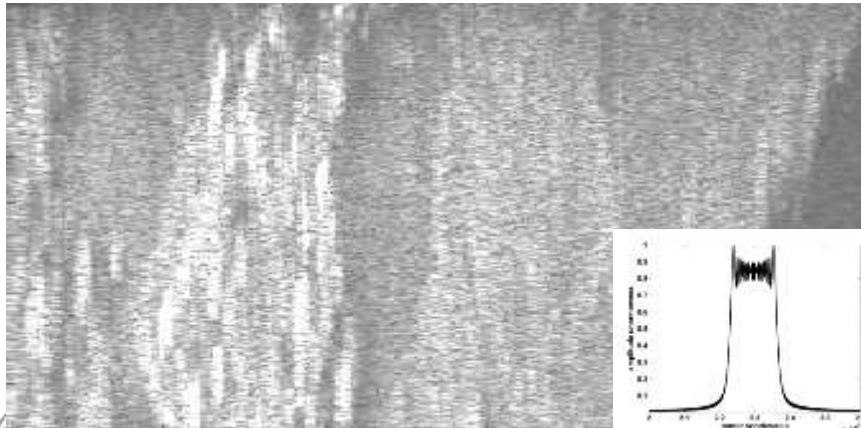
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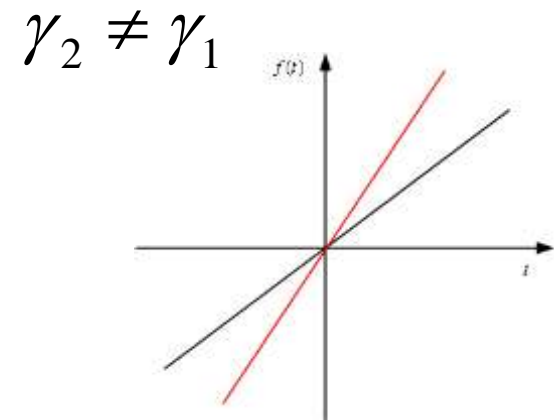
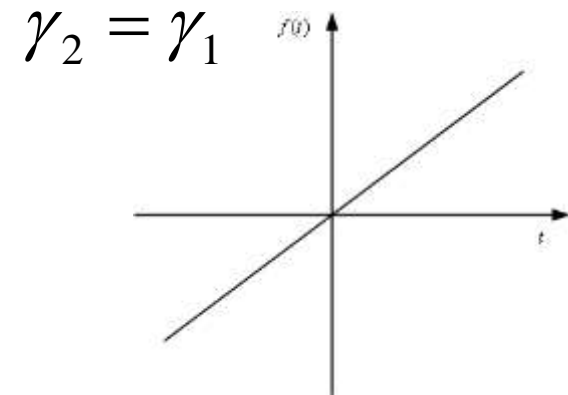
Fully focus image



Blurred image (velocity error)



$$\varphi(t) = \varphi_o - [\xi + \chi t + \kappa^2 + \dots]$$



Autofocus techniques are required!

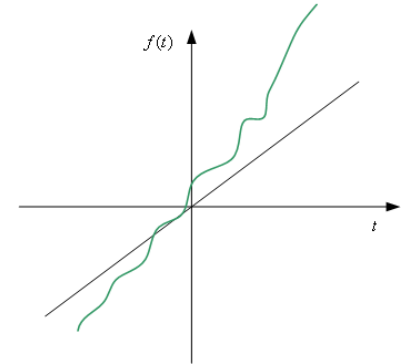
SAR Processing

– Limitations and Practical Difficulties:

Autofocus techniques – an overview

Non-parametric:

- Prominent Point Processing (PPP),
- Phase Gradient (PG),



Parametric:

Non-coherent:

- Contrast Optimization (CO)
- MapDrift (MD)

Coherent:

- Phase Difference (PD)
- Shift And Correlate (SAC)
- Coherent MapDrift (CMD)

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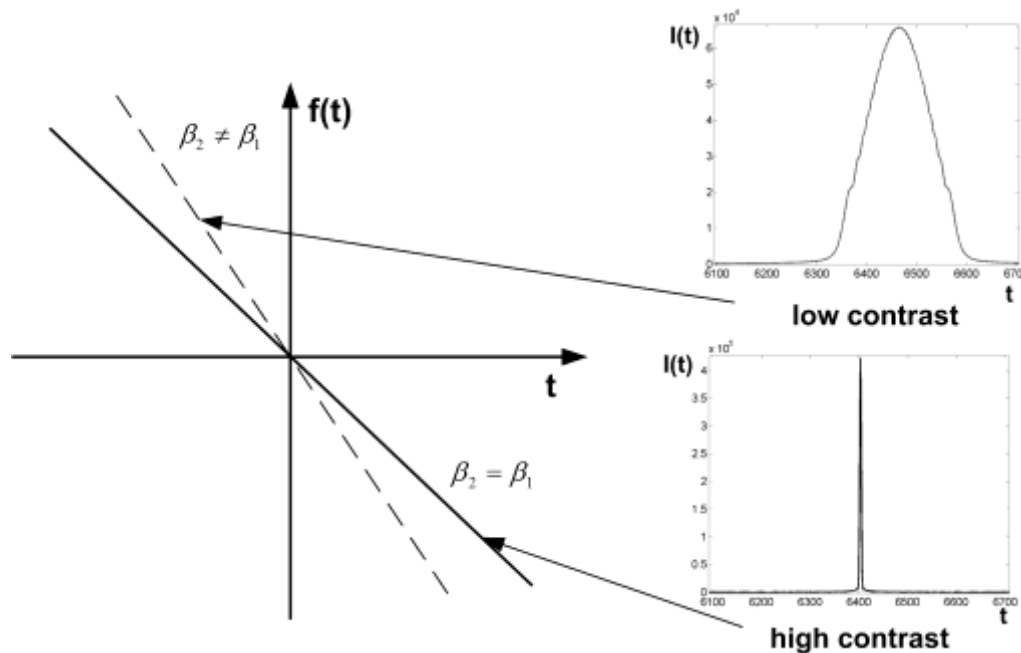
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– Limitations and Practical Difficulties:

CO Autofocus Technique

$$C = \frac{E \left[\left(I(x, y)^2 - E[I(x, y)^2] \right)^2 \right]}{E[I(x, y)^2]}$$



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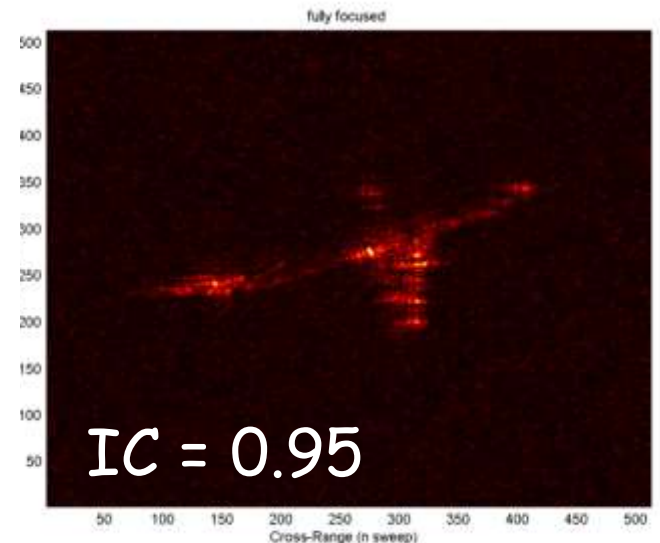
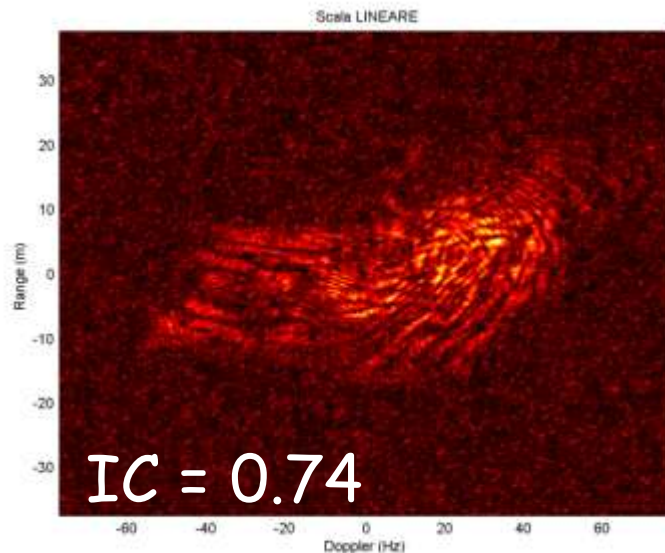
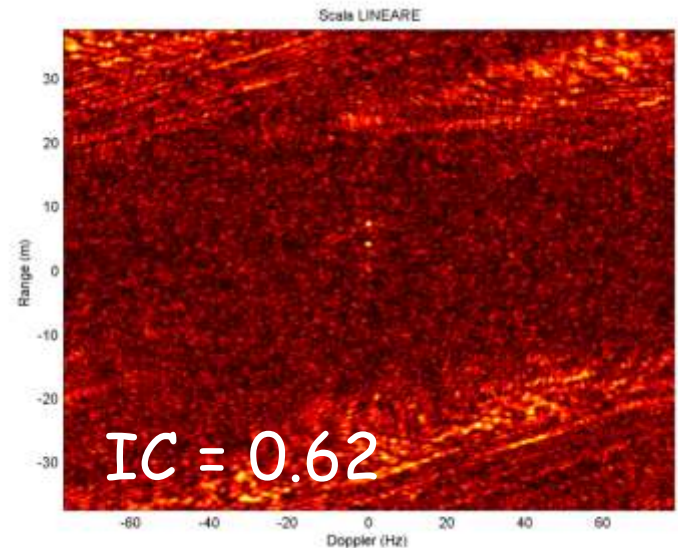
– Limitations and Practical Difficulties:

CO Autofocus Technique

Example:

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The higher the Image Contrast
the better the image focus



SAR Processing

– Limitations and Practical Difficulties:

MD Autofocus Technique

MD cross-correlation function:

$$r(\tau) = \int_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} |I_1(t)| \cdot |I_2(t - \tau)| dt$$

Estimated velocity is determined as:

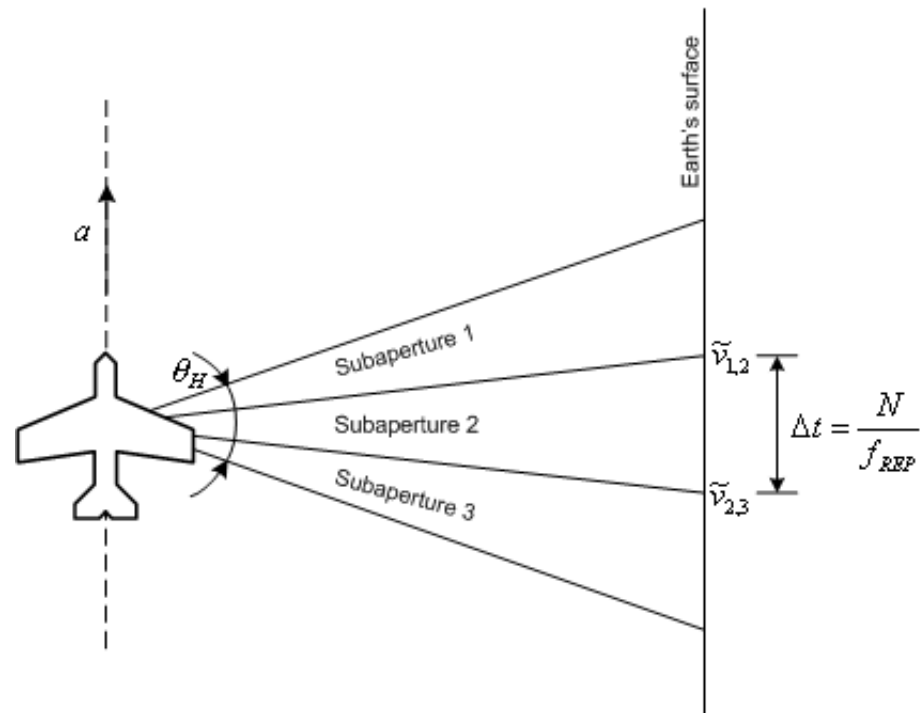
$$\tilde{v}_{k+1} = \Delta \tilde{v}_k + \tilde{v}_k$$

where:

$$\Delta \tilde{v}_k = \frac{\tilde{v}_k^2}{\theta \cdot R \cdot f_{PRF}} \cdot \Delta x$$

Estimated acceleration:

$$\tilde{a} = \frac{\Delta \tilde{v}}{\Delta t} = \frac{(\tilde{v}_{1,2} - \tilde{v}_{2,3})}{N} \cdot f_{REP}$$



SAR Processing

– Limitations and Practical Difficulties:

Coherent Autofocus Technique

Coherent cross-correlation function:

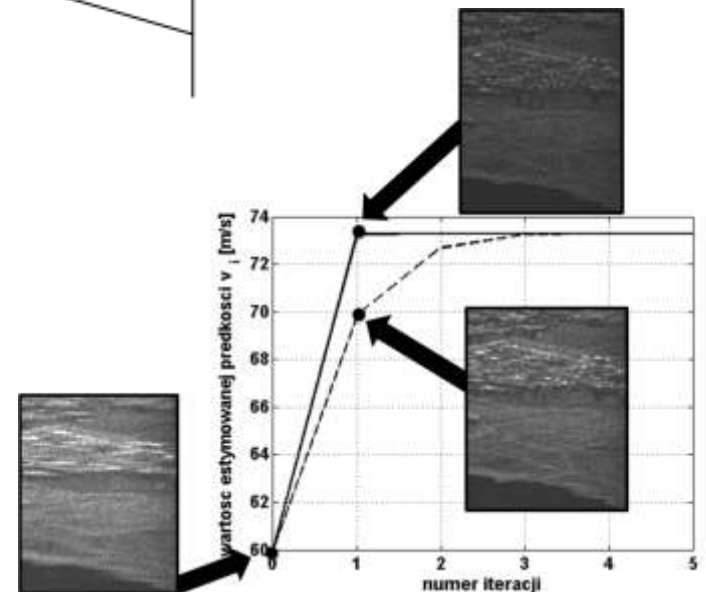
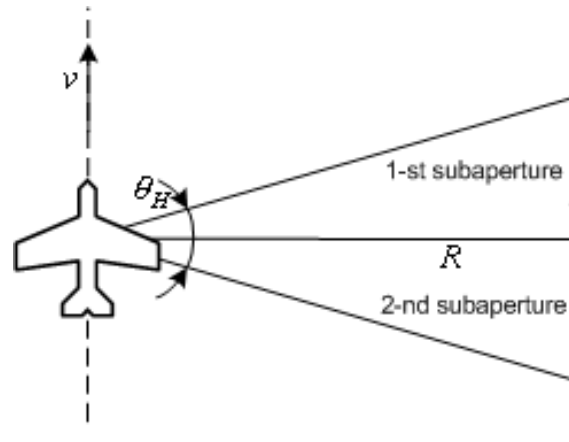
$$r_C(\tau) = \int_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} I_1(t) \cdot I_2^*(t - \tau) e^{-j \cdot \pi \cdot \frac{\Delta f}{2} \cdot t} dt$$

where:

$$\Delta f = 2k\beta_2 T_{ob} / \pi$$

Estimated velocity (**):

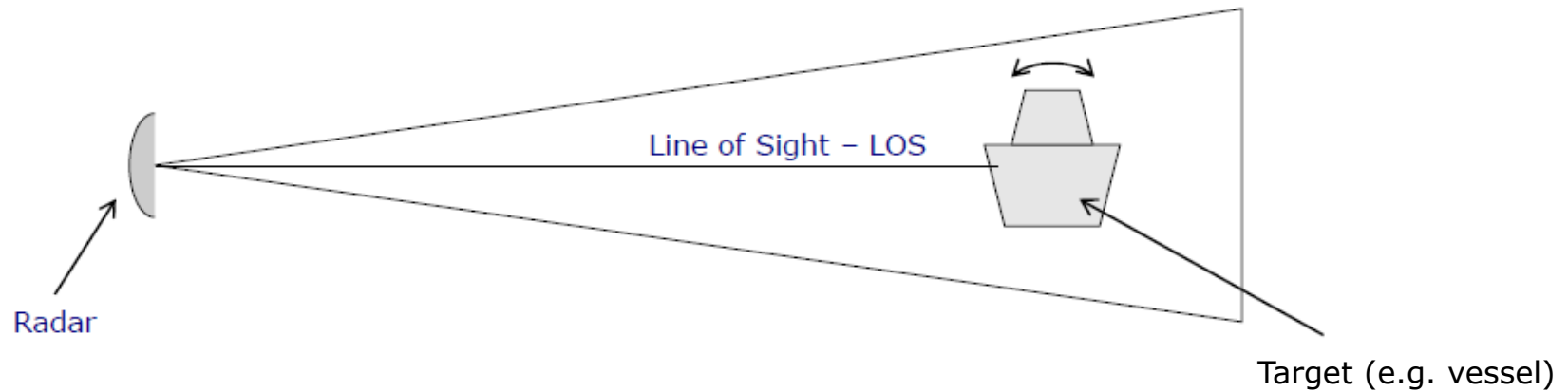
$$\hat{v}_2 = \sqrt{\frac{R \cdot \theta \cdot v_1}{2 \frac{\Delta x}{f_{PRF}} + \frac{R \cdot \theta}{v_1}}}$$



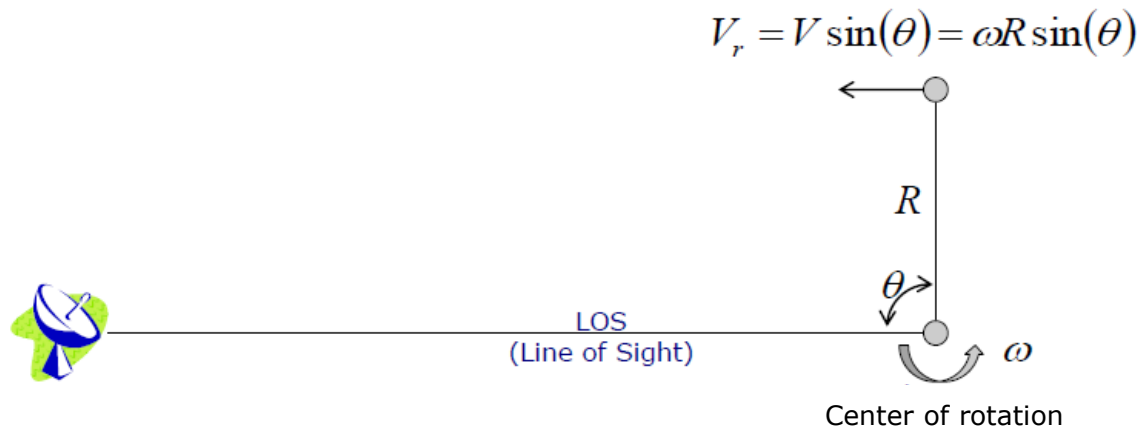
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ISAR – Inverse SAR



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Doppler frequency

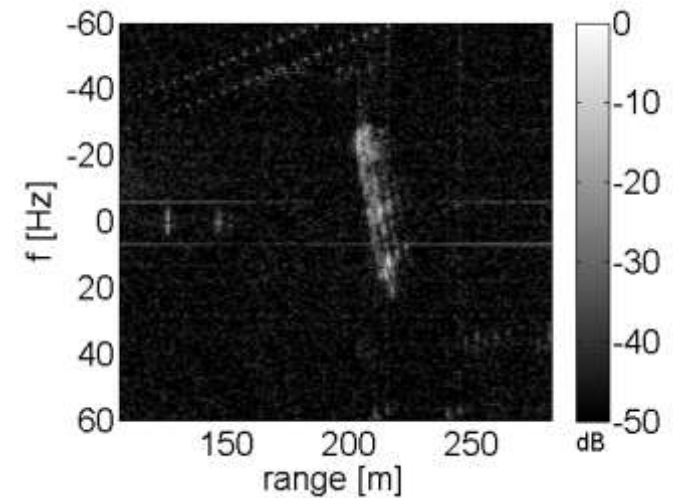
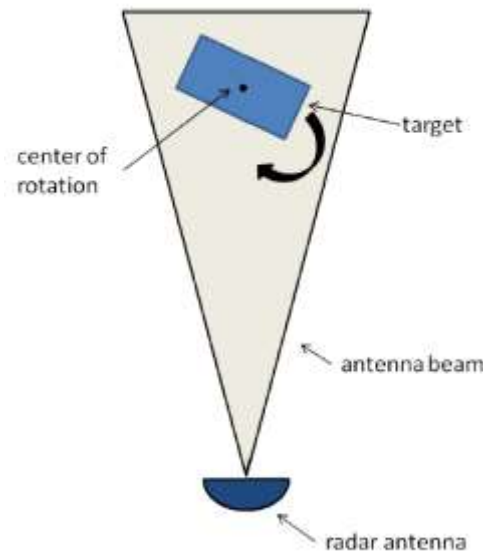
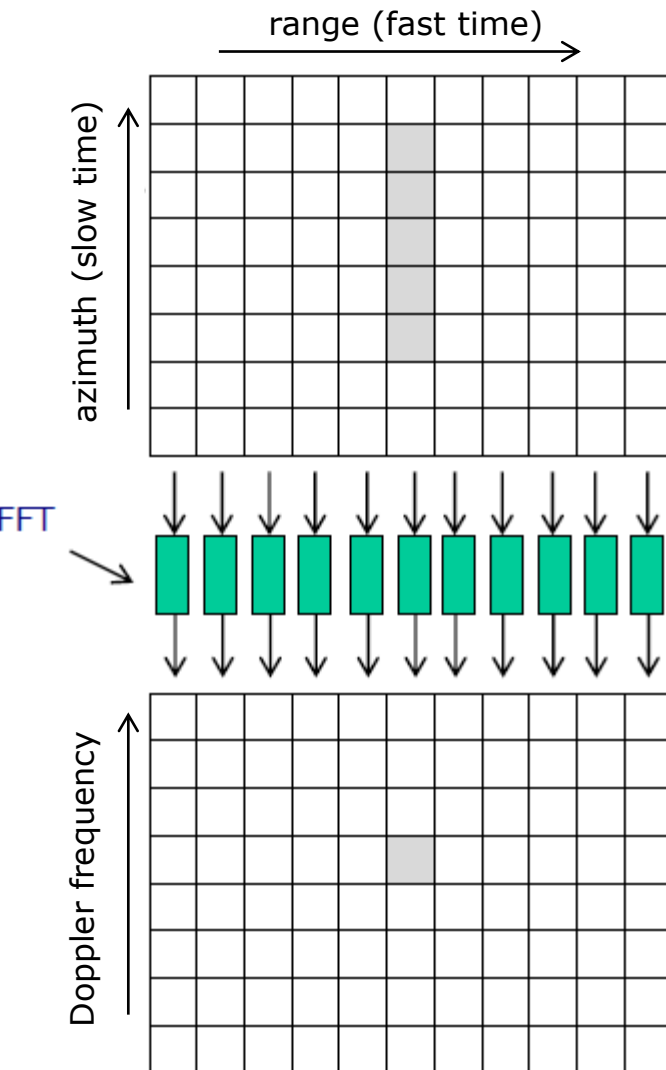
$$f_d = \frac{2V_r}{\lambda} = \frac{2\omega R \sin(\theta)}{\lambda}$$

Frequency resolution

$$\Delta f_d = \frac{1}{T}$$

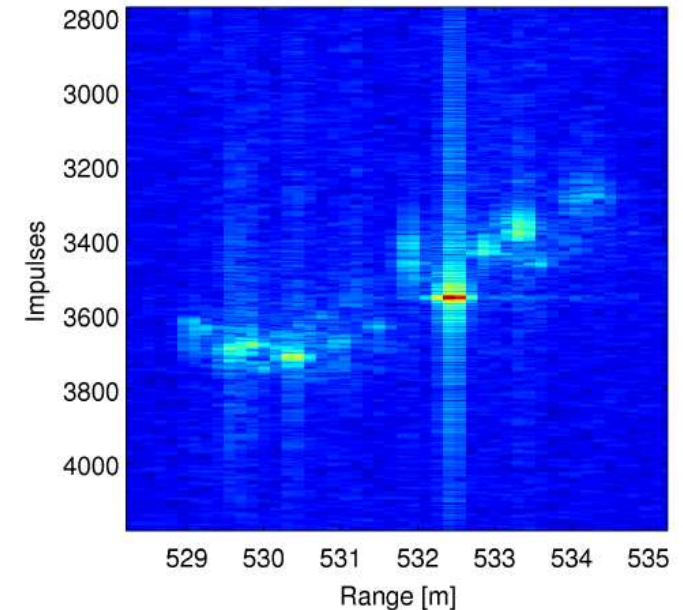
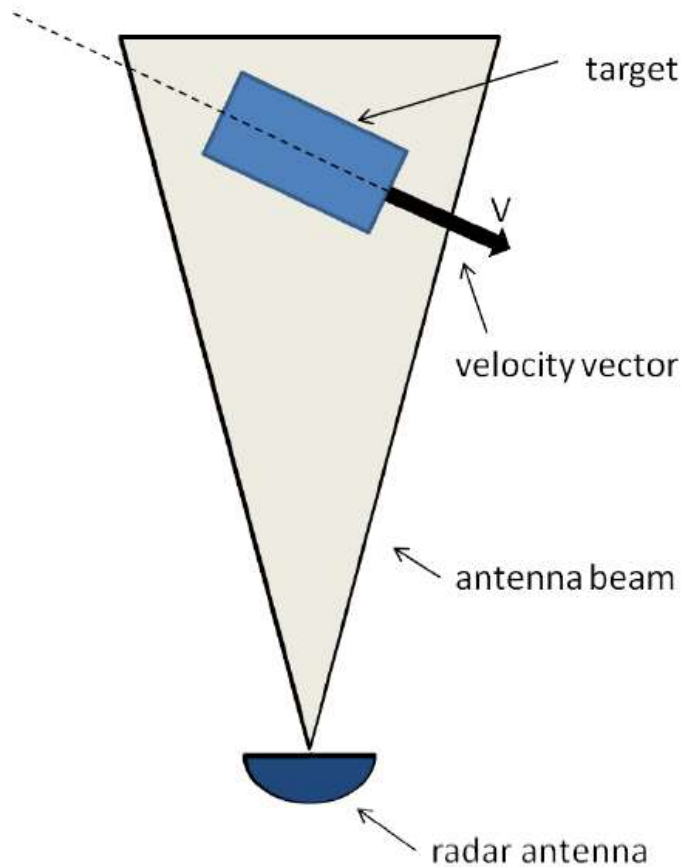
ISAR – Inverse SAR

Simple ISAR Processing



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ISAR – Inverse SAR Geometry No. 2



Introduction to passive bistatic radar imaging



Introduction to passive radar imaging

Passive radars:

- ground based PCL system for air surveillance
- technology entering to the maturity stage



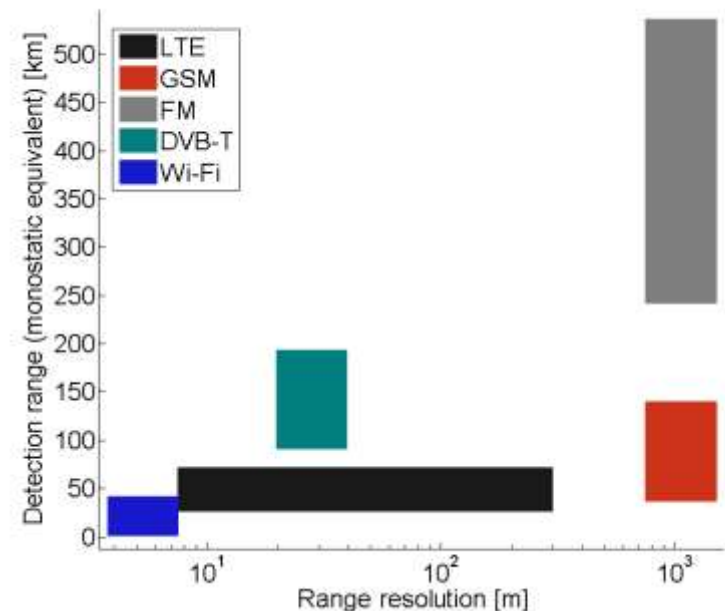
New trends in passive radars:

- airborne passive radar applications
- **SAR/ISAR mapping**
 - **both for ground based and moving systems**



Illuminators of Opportunity

- Analogue TV (long range, poor signal characteristics)
 - FM radio (long range, relatively low resolution, content-dependent)
 - **DVB-T** (medium range, good range resolution, signal conditioning)
 - DAB (medium range, good range resolution, not widespread)
 - GSM (short range, relatively low resolution)
 - **DVB-S** (very short range, very good range resolution)
 - Others (WiFi, WiMAX, GNSS)
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- **Other radars (ATC, EW, SAR, ...)**



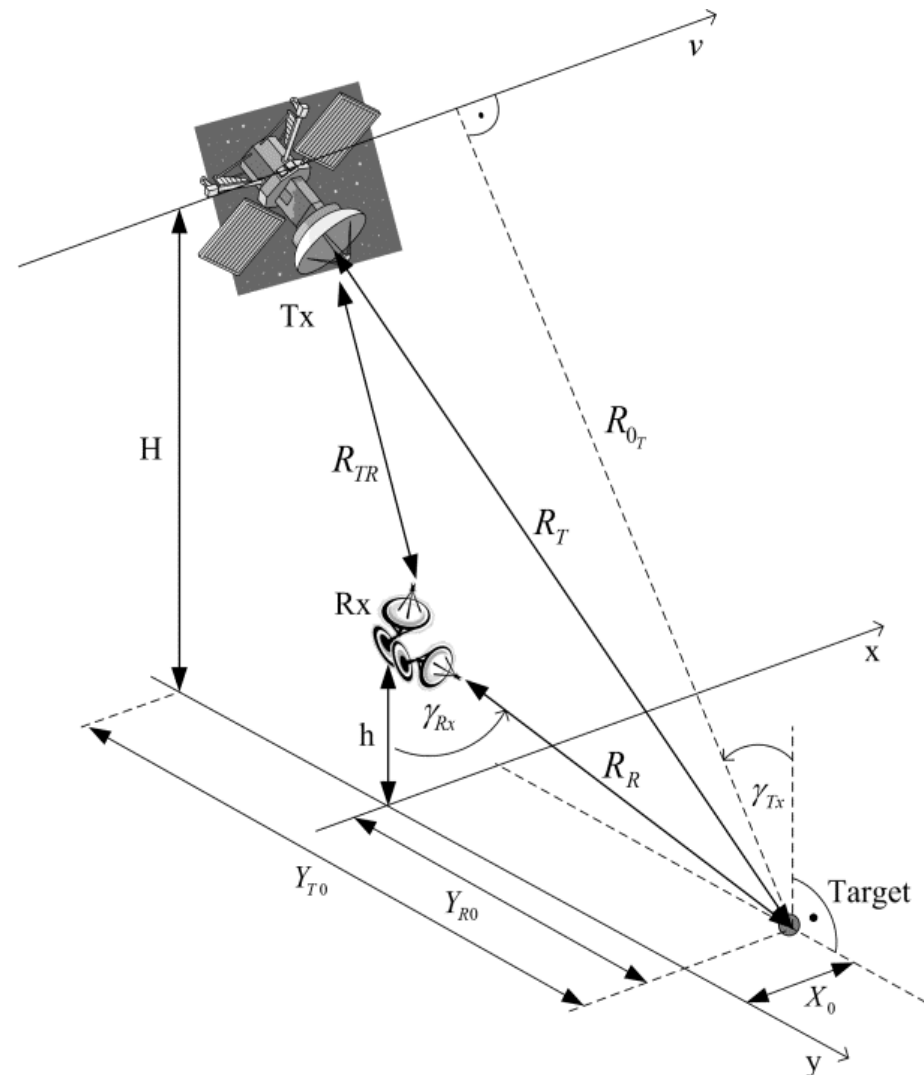
Passive SAR Imaging



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System Geometry



System Geometry

For such geometry the **SAR image** can be obtained using **FFT in cross-range!**

For the observation time T , the FFT resolution equals:

$$\Delta f_d = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{v \cdot \delta_a}{\lambda \cdot R_o}$$

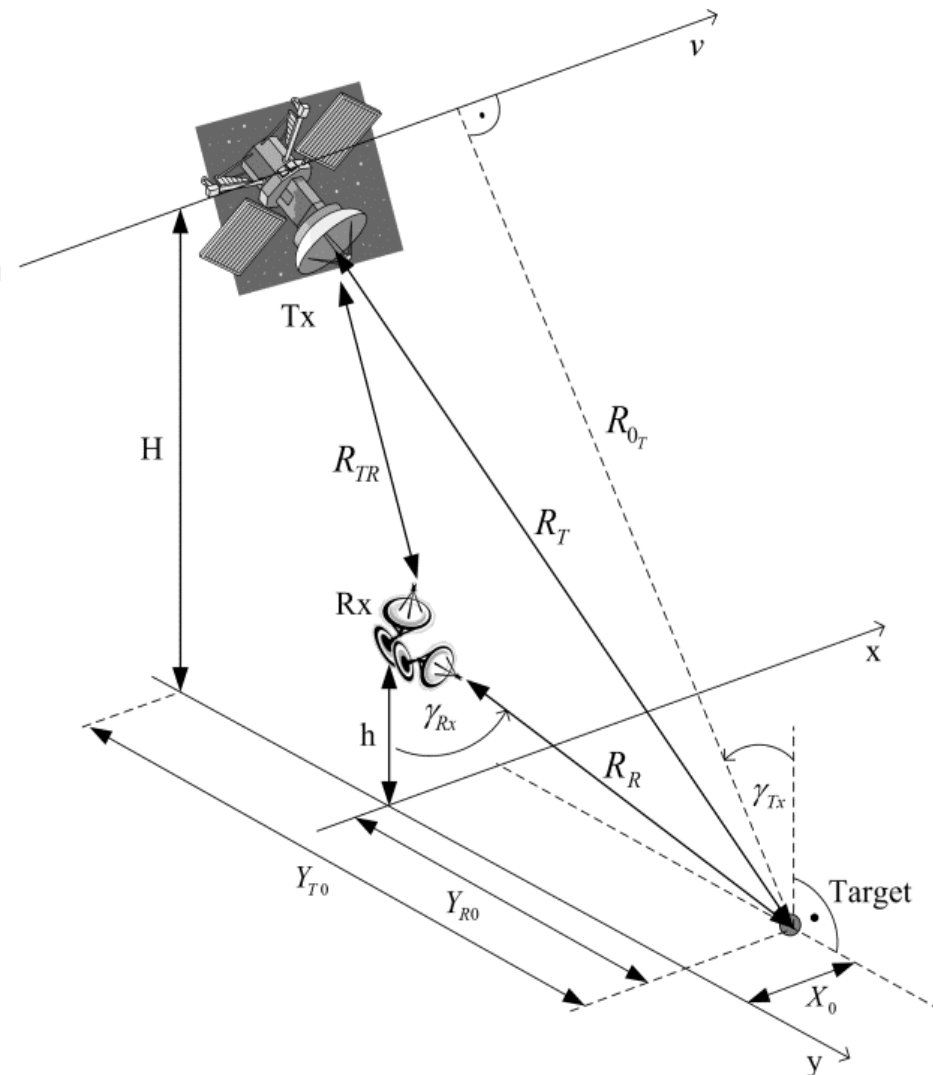
This gives cross-range resolution:

$$\delta_a = \frac{\lambda \cdot R_o}{v \cdot T}$$

This gives maximum cross-range resolution equals **L**, Where **L** is antenna length.

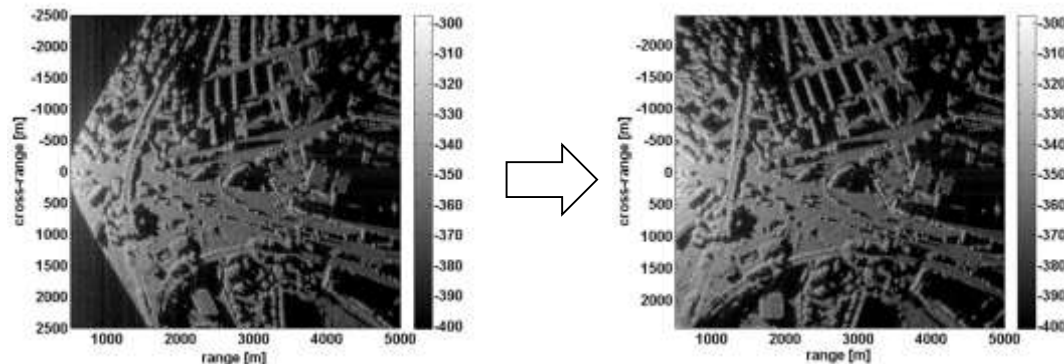
$$\delta_a = L_a$$

In active SAR radars cross-range resolution equals **L/2**.

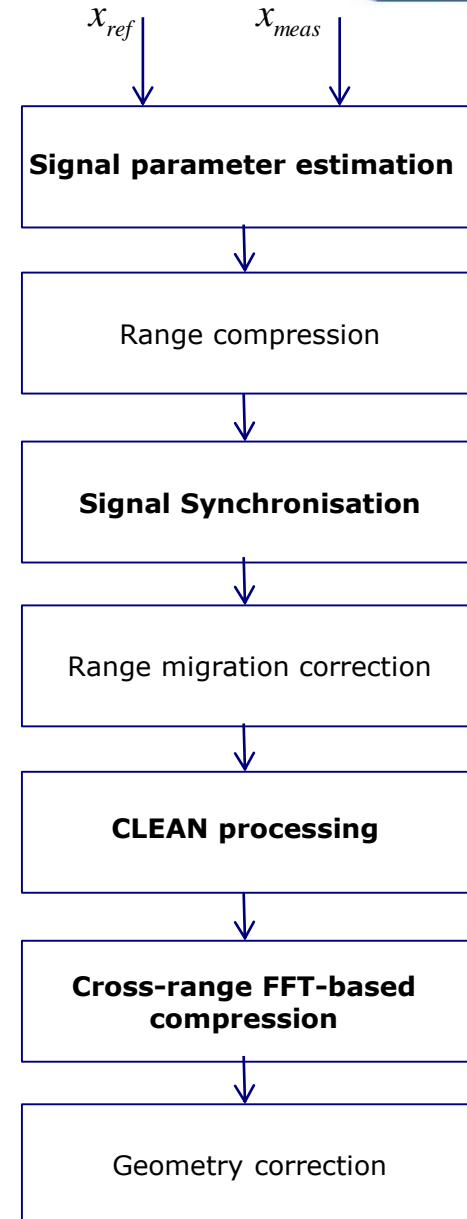


Processing

- Unknown parameters of Tx (PRF, chirp rate, etc.)
- Signal synchronization
- Unknown Tx trajectory



Geometry corrections is required

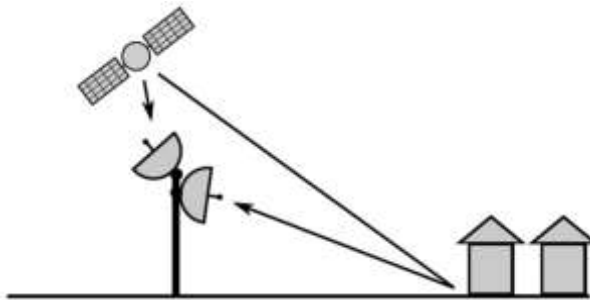


Passive SAR Imaging Results

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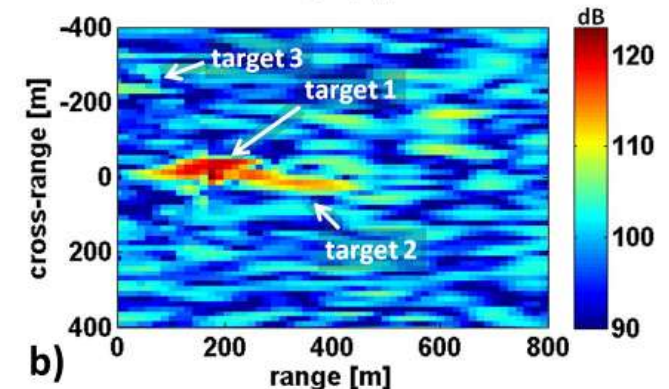
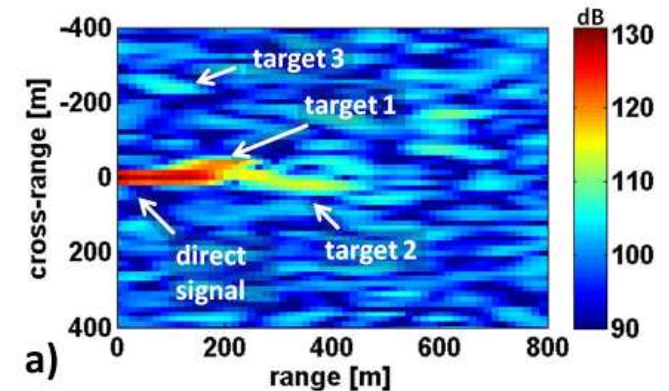


**The ASAR Tx (EnviSAT-1) of opportunity
WUT C-band Rx, Biebrza, POLAND**



Dual channel backward geometry

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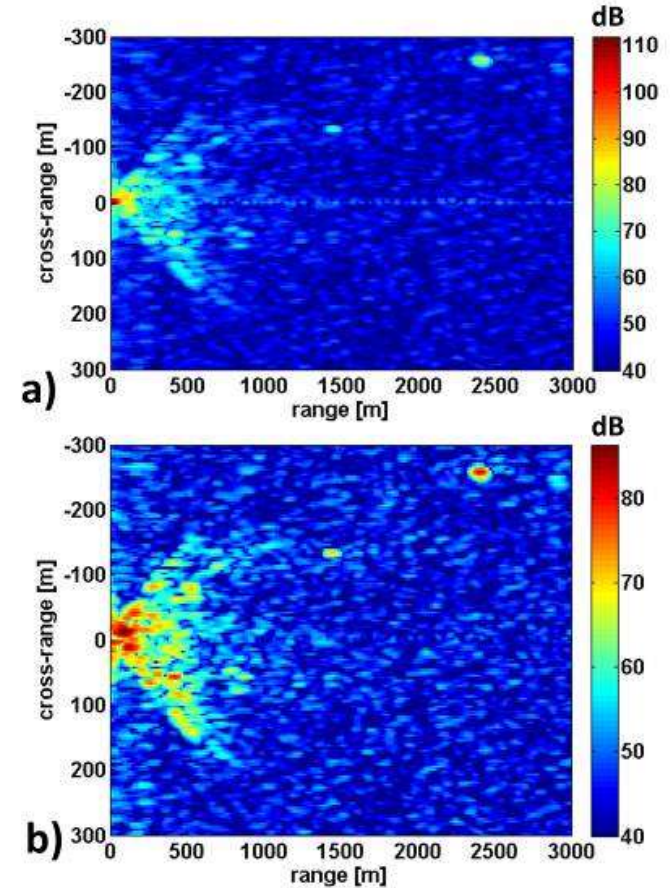
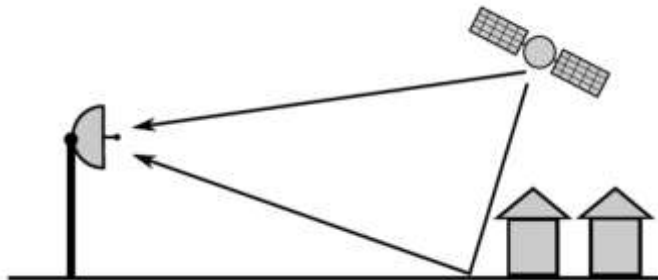


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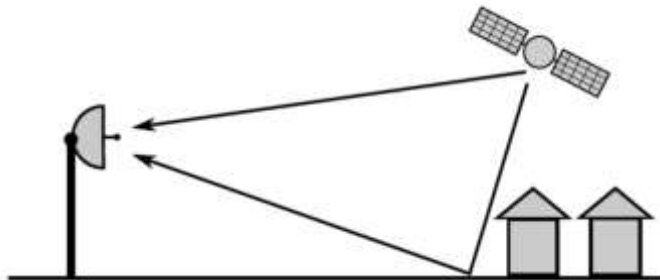


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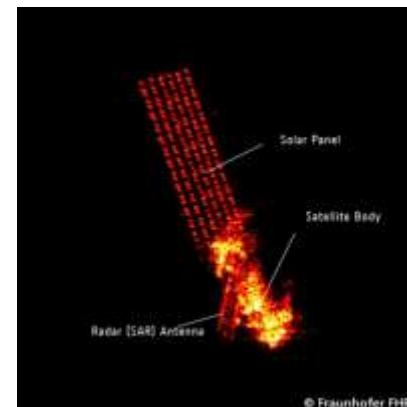
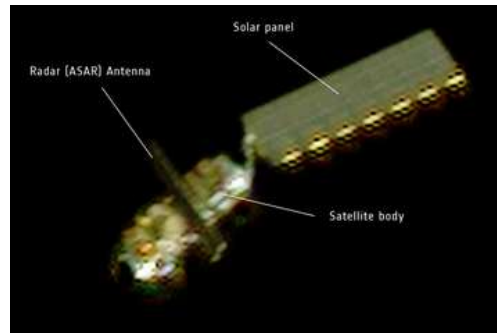
Single channel forward geometry

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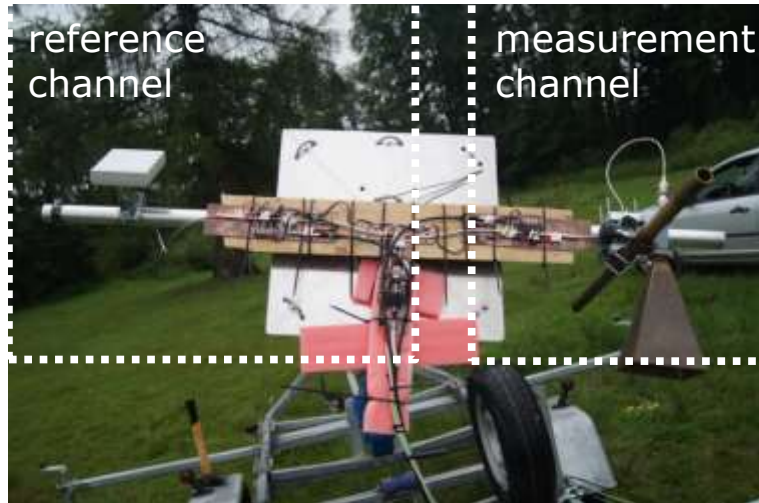
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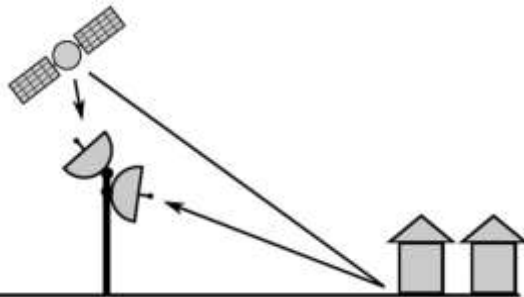


Passive SAR Imaging Results

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**The TerraSAR-X Tx of opportunity
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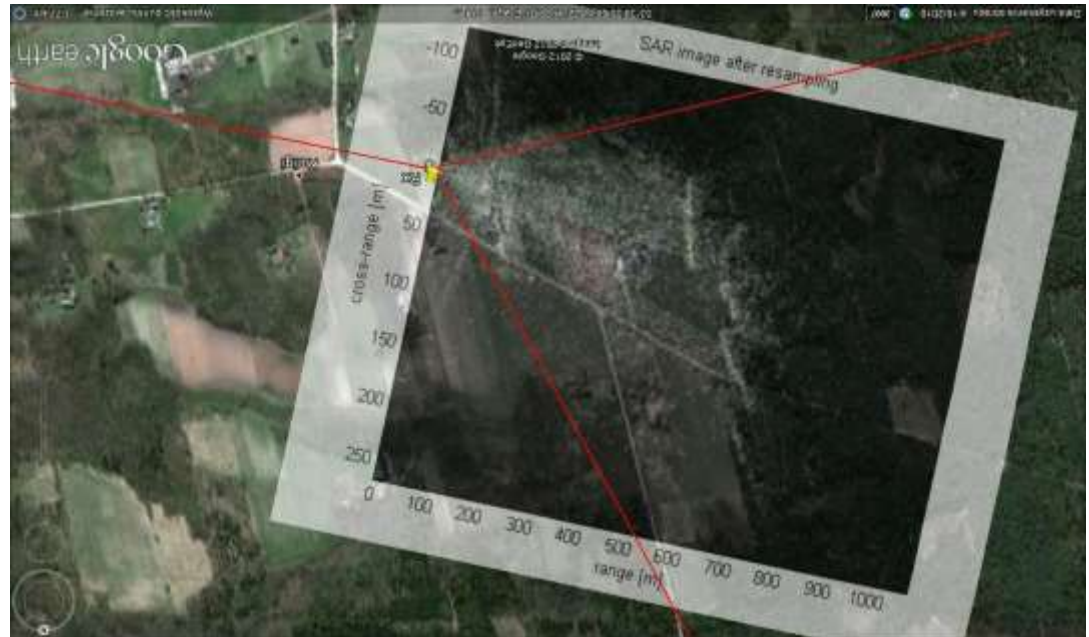


Dual channel backward geometry

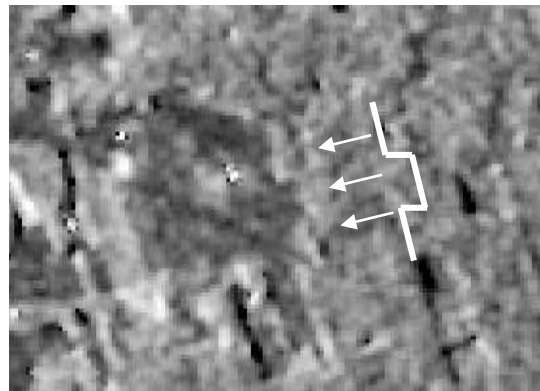


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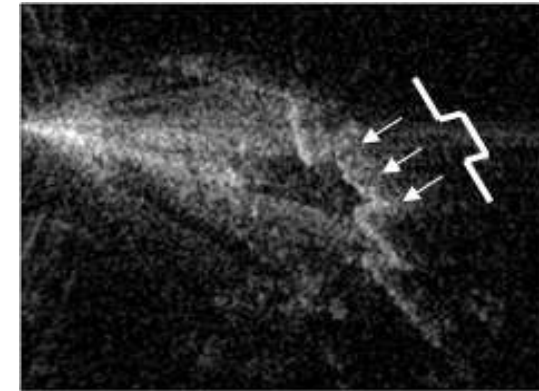
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Optical Image



SAR Image



Passive SAR Image

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Passive SAR Imaging

Challenges:

- include satellite geometry in processing
- polarimetry processing
- GMTI processing
- multistatic passive SAR Imaging using various Tx of opportunity and different scenarios



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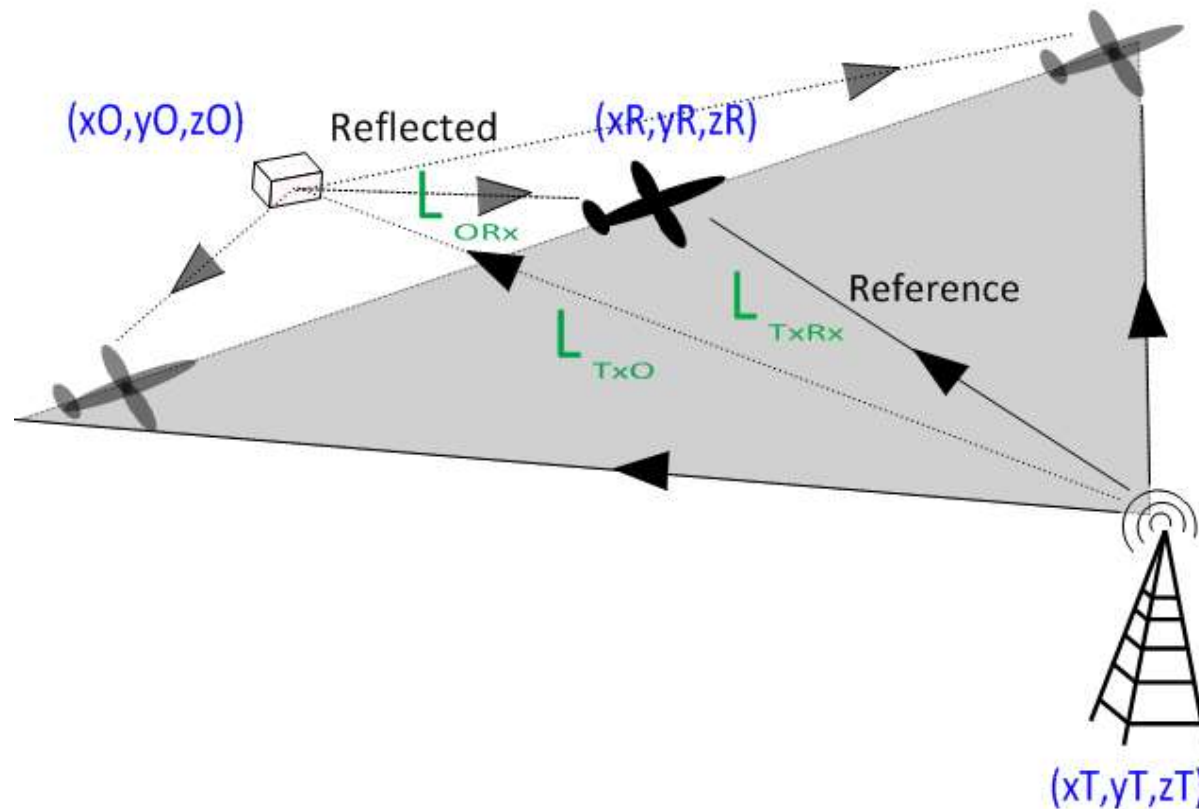
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System Geometry



Illuminator: Ground-based DVB-T transmitter

System Geometry

Tx to Rx distance can be approximated (using Taylor series) by:

$$l_{TxRx}(t) \cong L_{TxRx} + \frac{(vt)^2}{2L_{TxRx}} + \frac{vt}{2L_{TxRx}}$$

Rx to target distance:

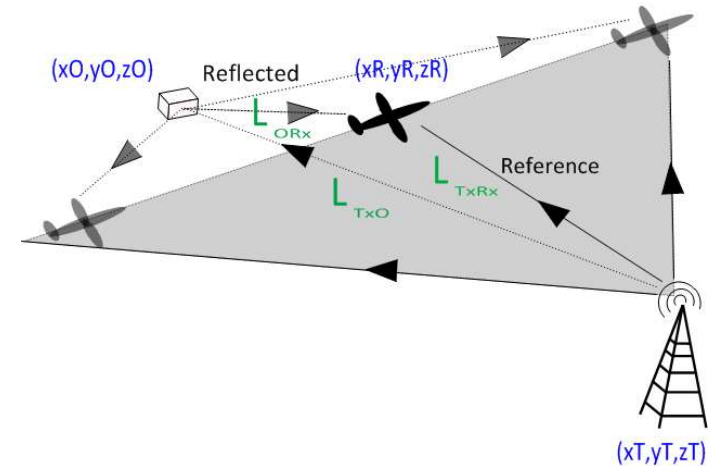
$$l_{ORx}(t) \cong L_{ORx} + \frac{(vt)^2}{2L_{ORx}} + \frac{vt}{2L_{ORx}}$$

Signal phase in reference channel:

$$\varphi_{Ref}(t) = \frac{2\pi \cdot l_{TxRx}(t)}{\lambda}$$

Signal phase in reference channel:

$$\varphi_{Surv}(t) = \frac{2\pi \cdot (L_{TxO} + l_{ORx}(t))}{\lambda}$$



Range compression:

$$s_{xcorr}(\tau) = \int s_{Ref}(t) \cdot s_{Echo}^*(t + \tau) dt$$

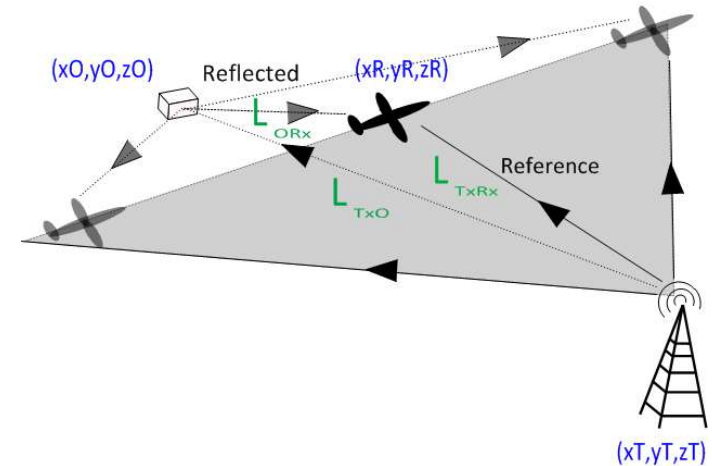
System Geometry

Ground objects are imaged at the distance:

$$R_{Obj}(t) = L_{TxO} + l_{ORx}(t) - l_{TxRx}(t)$$

Target Phase:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{Obj}(t) &= \frac{2\pi R_{Obj}(t)}{\lambda} = \varphi_{Surv}(t) - \varphi_{Ref}(t) = \\ &= \frac{2\pi(L_{TxO} + l_{ORx}(t) - l_{TxRx}(t))}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$



Distance to target:

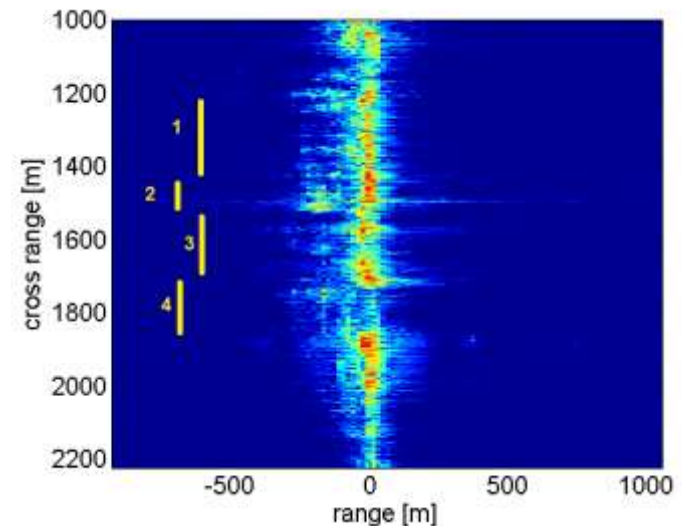
$$\begin{aligned} R_{Obj}(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{L_{ORx}} - \frac{1}{L_{TxRx}} \right) (vt)^2 + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{L_{ORx}} - \frac{1}{L_{TxRx}} \right) vt + \\ &+ (L_{TxO} + L_{ORx} - L_{TxRx}) \end{aligned}$$

The Doppler frequency:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Dop}(t) &= \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{L_{ORx}} - \frac{1}{L_{TxRx}} \right) 2v^2 t + \\ &+ \frac{\pi}{\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{L_{ORx}} - \frac{1}{L_{TxRx}} \right) v \end{aligned}$$

Verifications via Experiments

Trial No 1

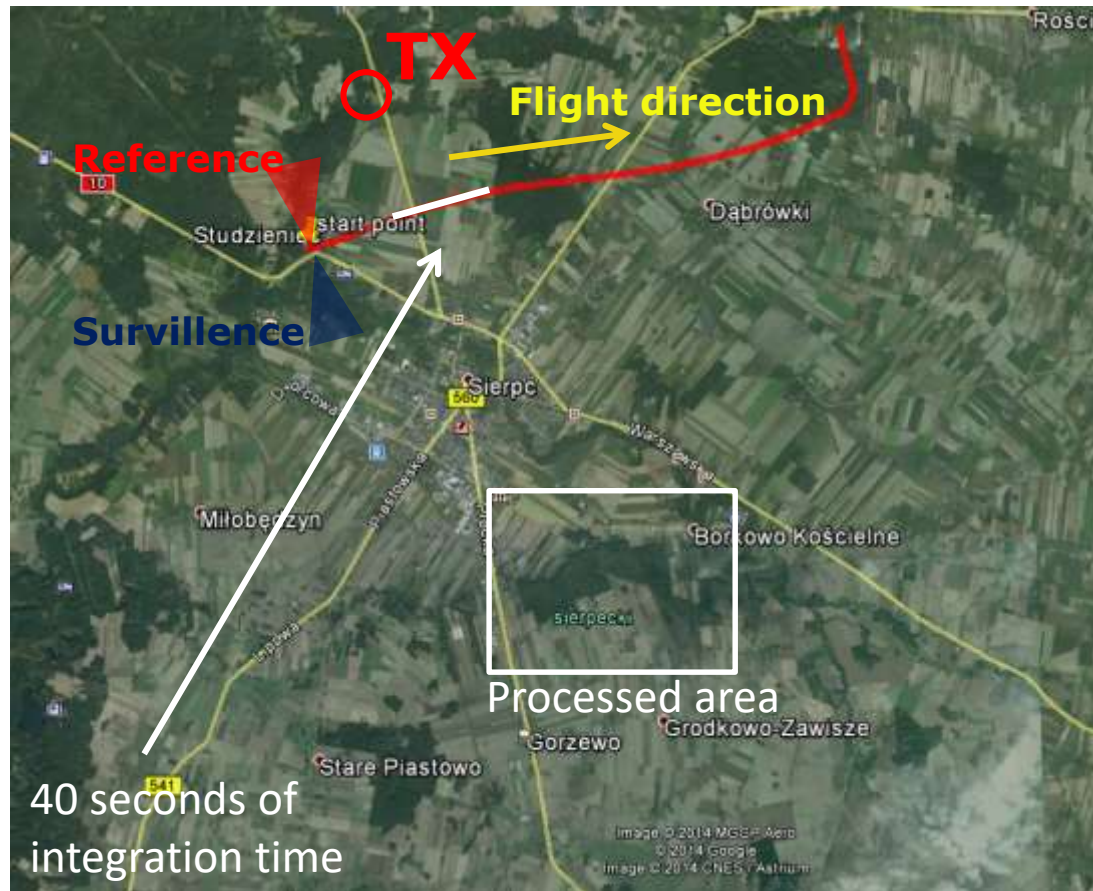


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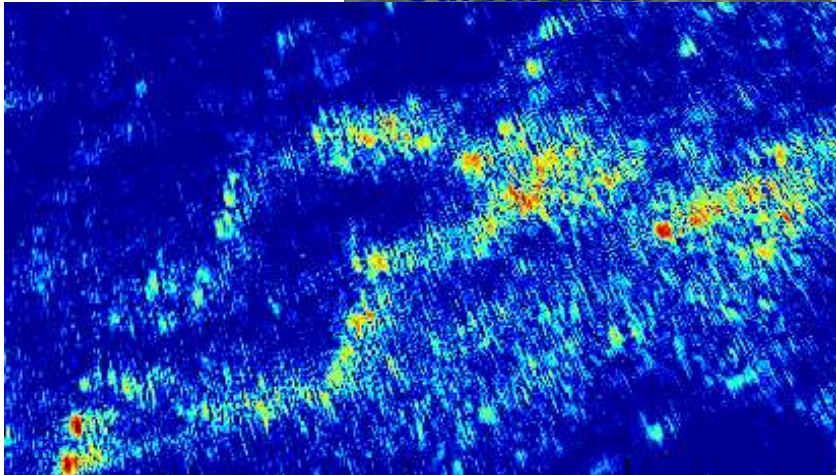
Trial No 2



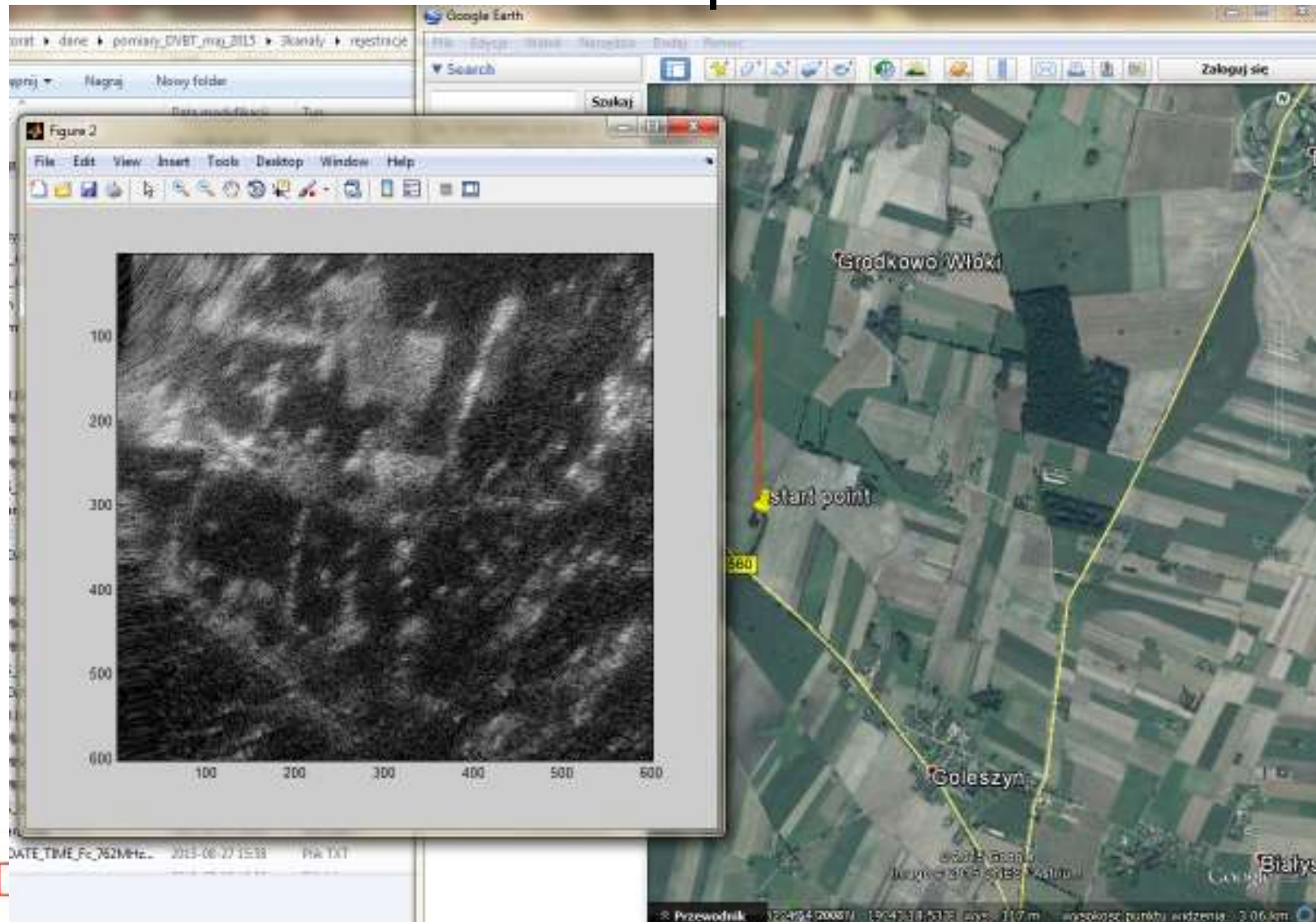
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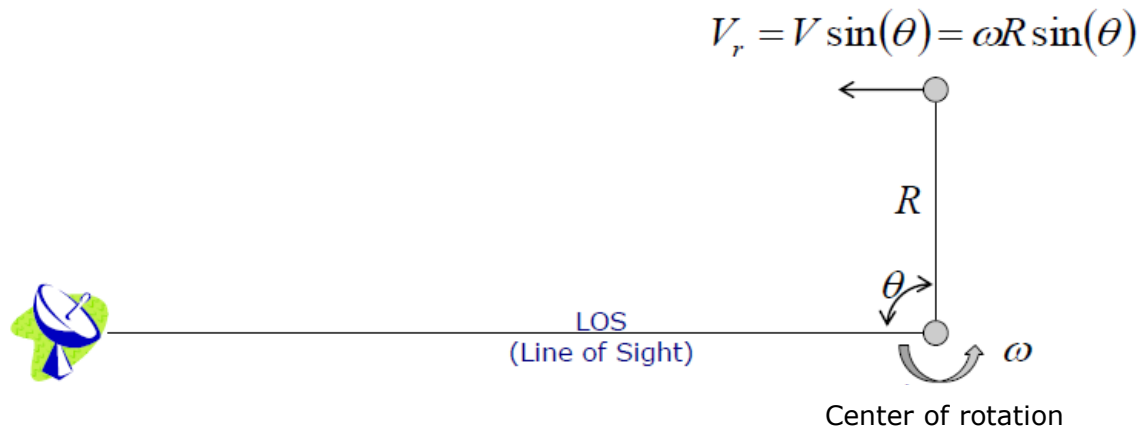


Passive ISAR imaging



ISAR - How does it work?

Geometry No. 1



Doppler frequency

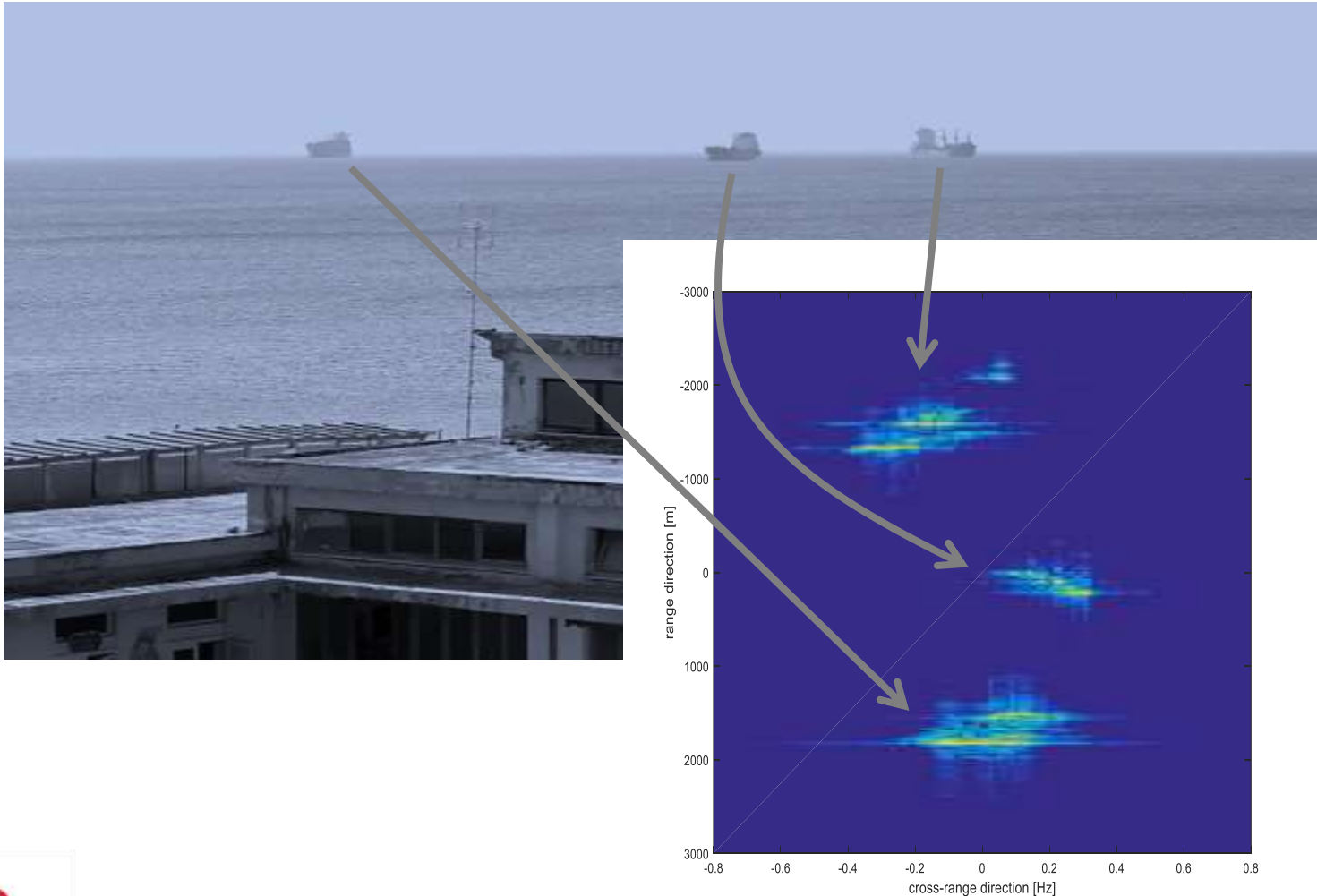
$$f_d = \frac{2V_r}{\lambda} = \frac{2\omega R \sin(\theta)}{\lambda}$$

Frequency resolution

$$\Delta f_d = \frac{1}{T}$$

Passive ISAR results

Geometry No. 1



ISAR - How does it work?

Geometry No. 2

Received signal phase:

$$\varphi(t) = \varphi_o - 2 \cdot \frac{2\pi \cdot r(t)}{\lambda}$$

Distance to target:

$$r(t) = \sqrt{R^2 + (v \cdot t)^2}$$

match filter

Taylor extension:

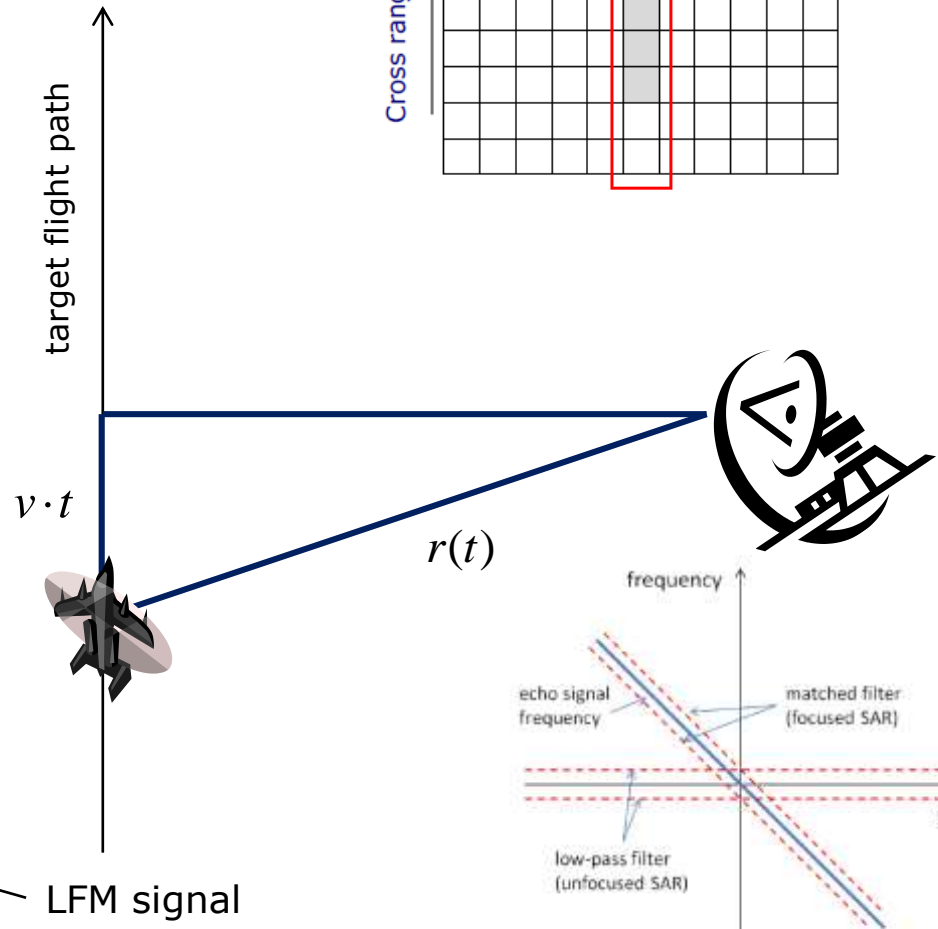
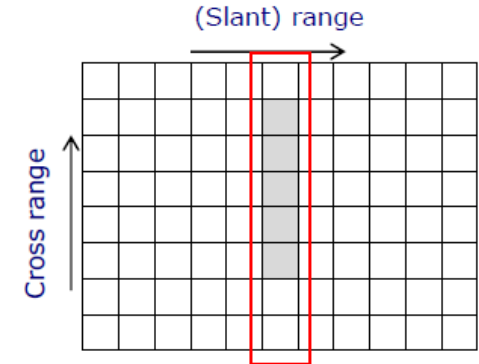
$$r(t) = R + \frac{(v \cdot t)^2}{2R} + \dots$$

Received phase:

$$\varphi(t) = \varphi_o - \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \left[R + \frac{(v \cdot t)^2}{2R} + \dots \right]$$

Received frequency:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d\varphi(t)}{dt} \approx -\frac{2v^2}{\lambda R} t \leftarrow \text{LFM signal}$$

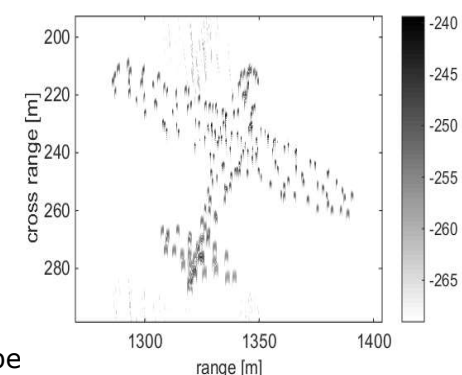
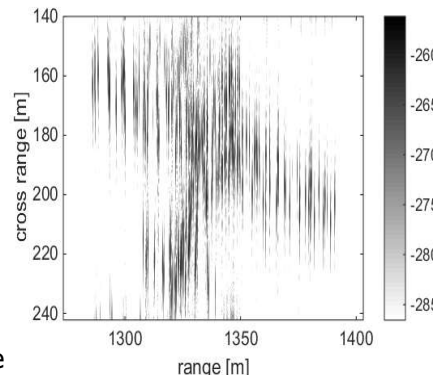
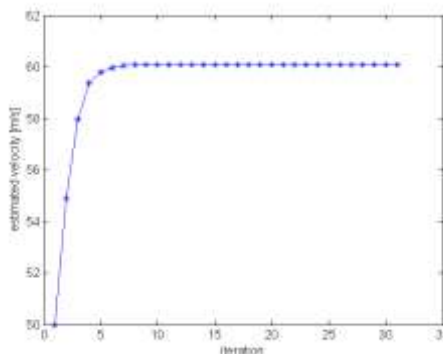


Passive ISAR - Introduction

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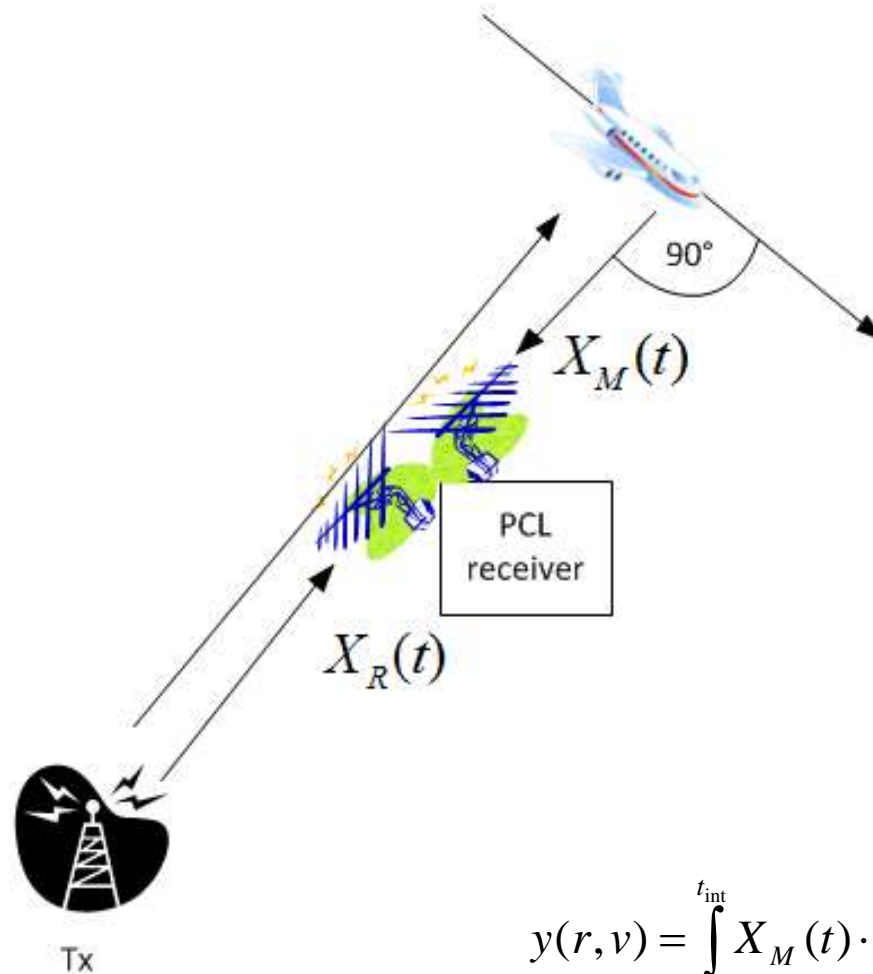
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Next step – **use an autofocus techniques** in passive ISAR imaging



Passive ISAR -System geometry

Geometry No. 2



$$y(r, v) = \int_0^{t_{\text{int}}} X_M(t) \cdot X_R^* \left(t - \frac{r(t)}{c} \right) \cdot e^{2\pi \cdot f_c \frac{v}{c} \cdot t} dt$$

Processing Stages

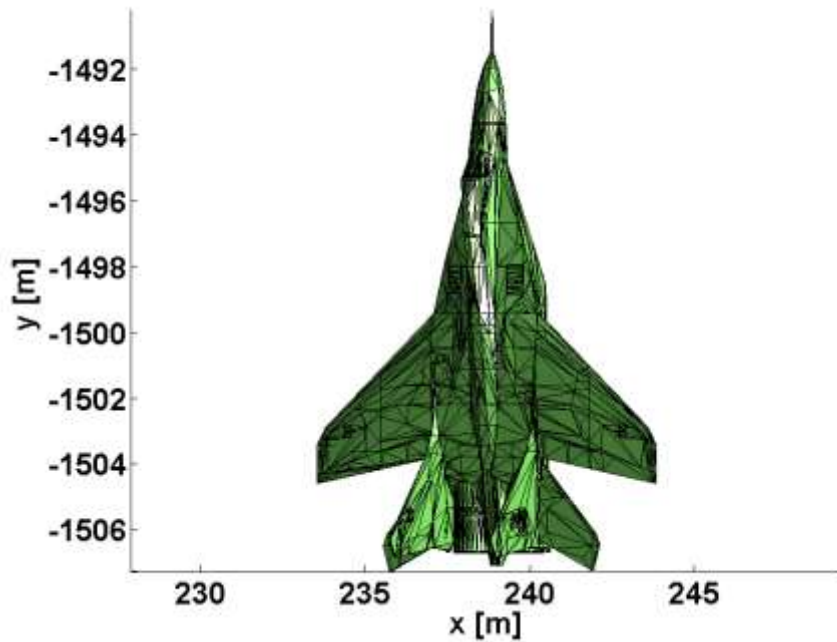
- Signal acquisition using Commercial-Off-The-Shelf devices
- Separation of signals from different transmitters
- Clutter cancellation
- Crossambiguity calculation
- CFAR detection
- Bistatic tracking
- Target localization in Cartesian coordinates and target trajectory estimation
- ISAR processing



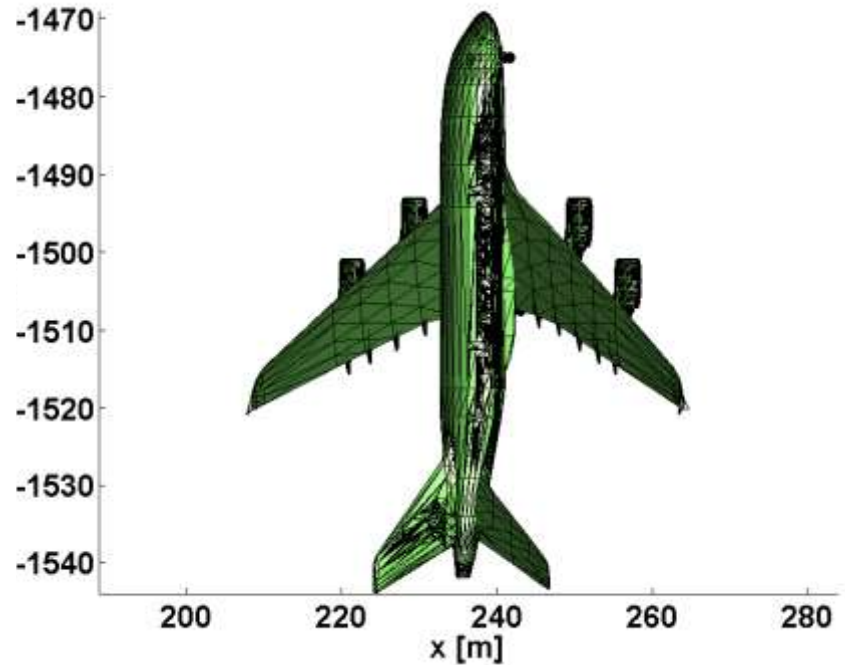
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Verifications via Simulations

Simulated targets



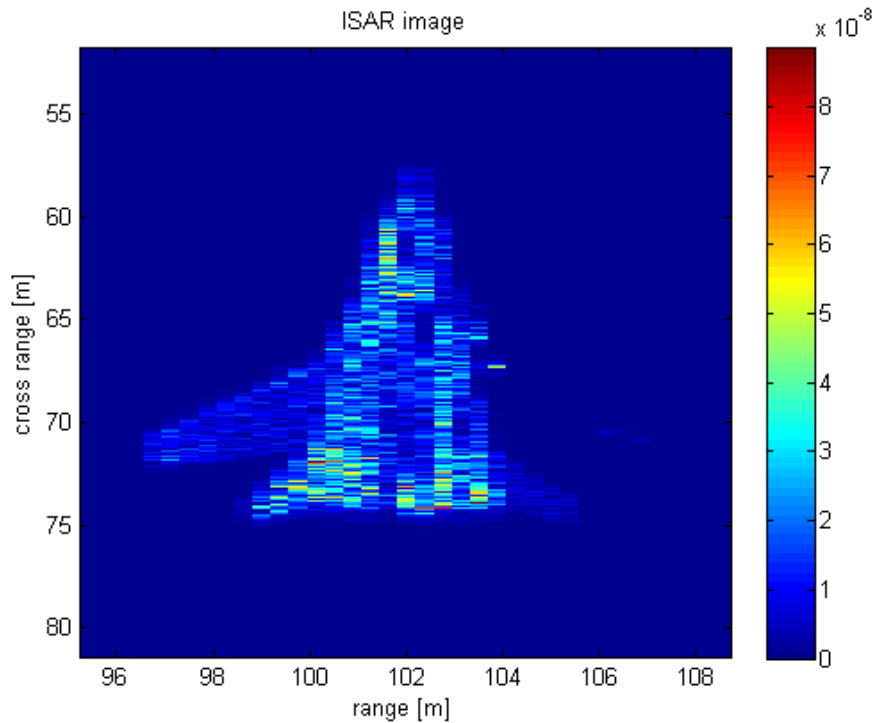
MIG-29



A-380

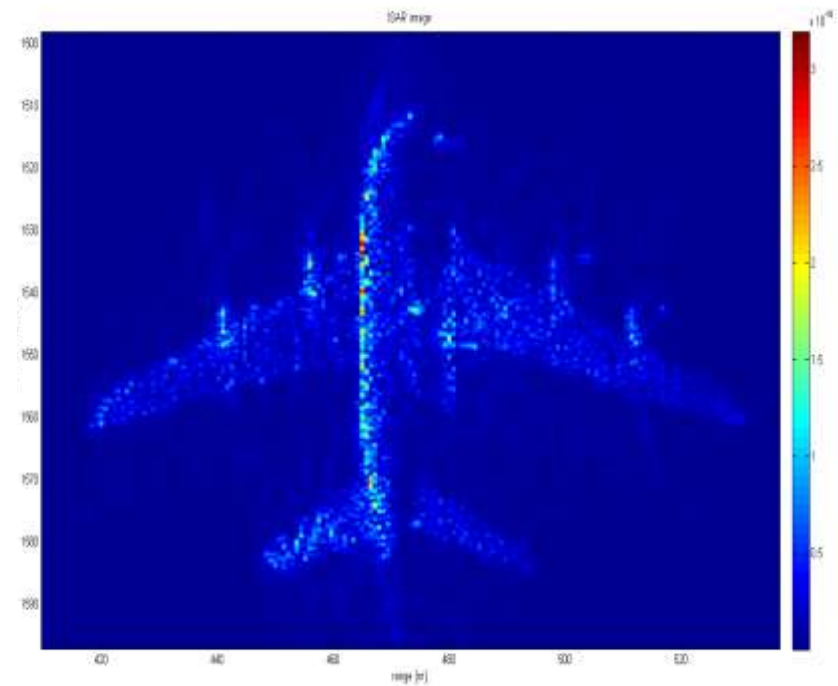
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Simulated targets



MIG-29

(B=400MHz)

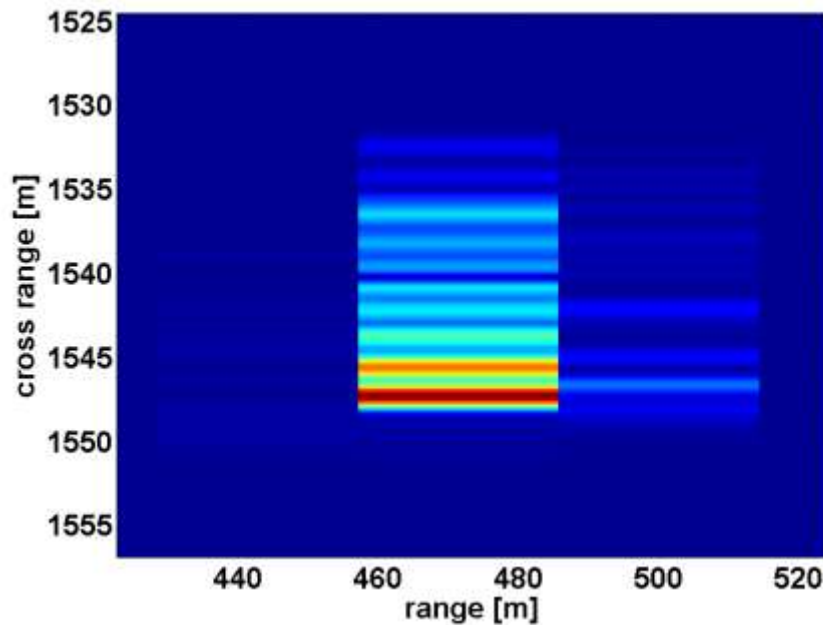


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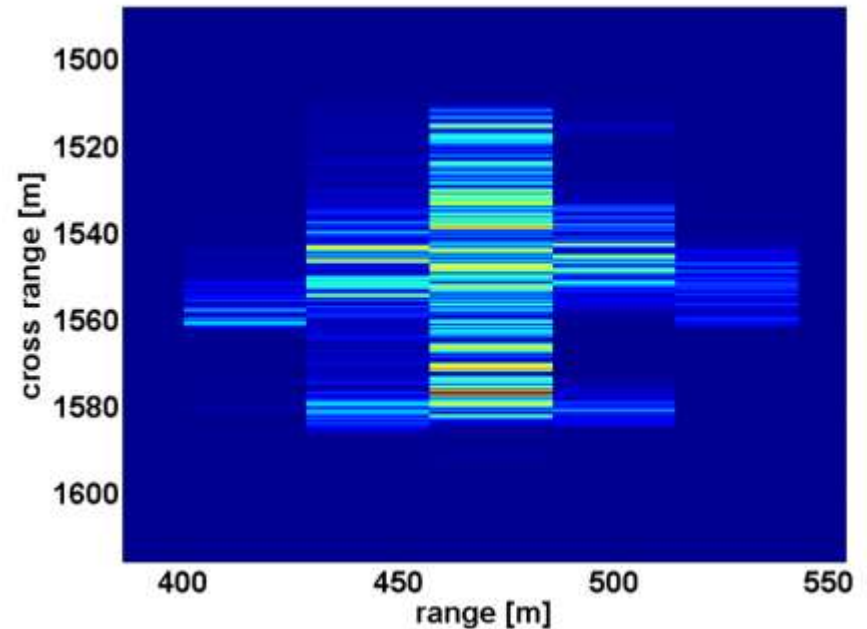
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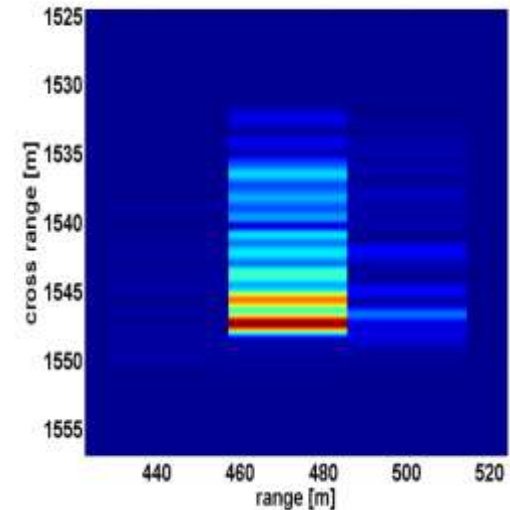
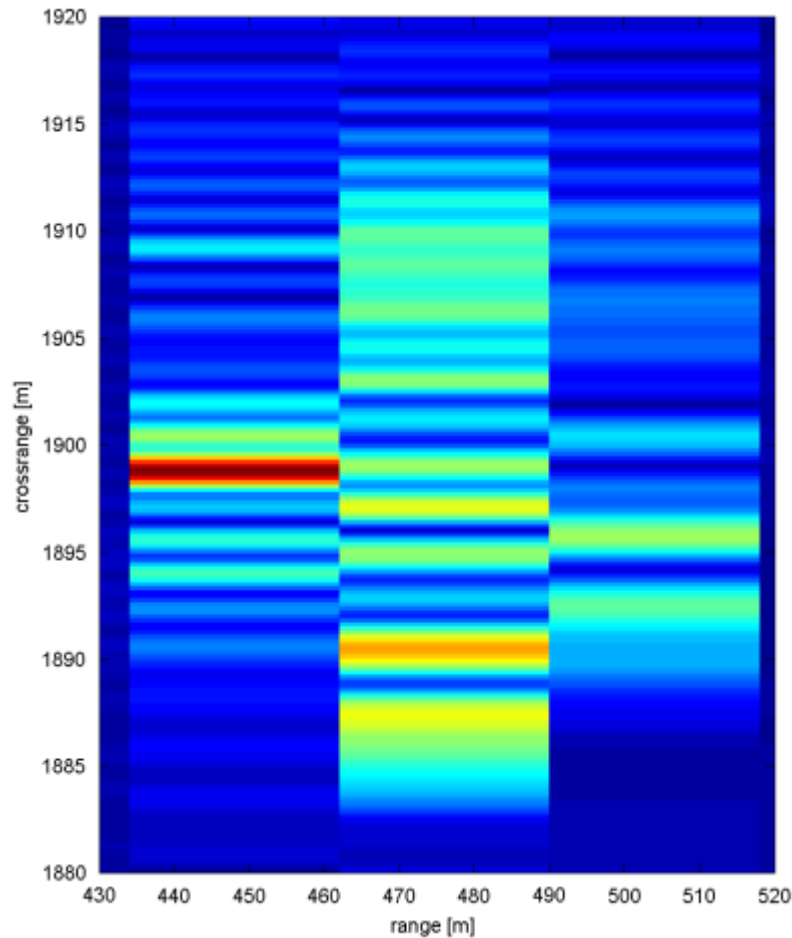
DVB-T illuminator ($B=7.8\text{MHz}$)



A-380

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Passive ISAR – Measured Results



Passive ISAR image of MIG-29
(simulated data)

Passive ISAR image of MIG-29

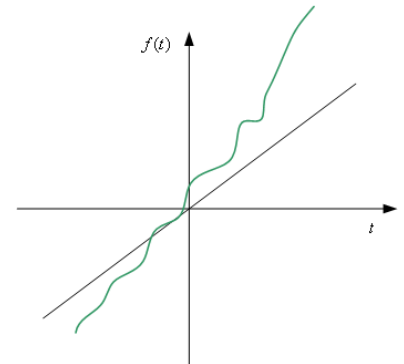
(real data)

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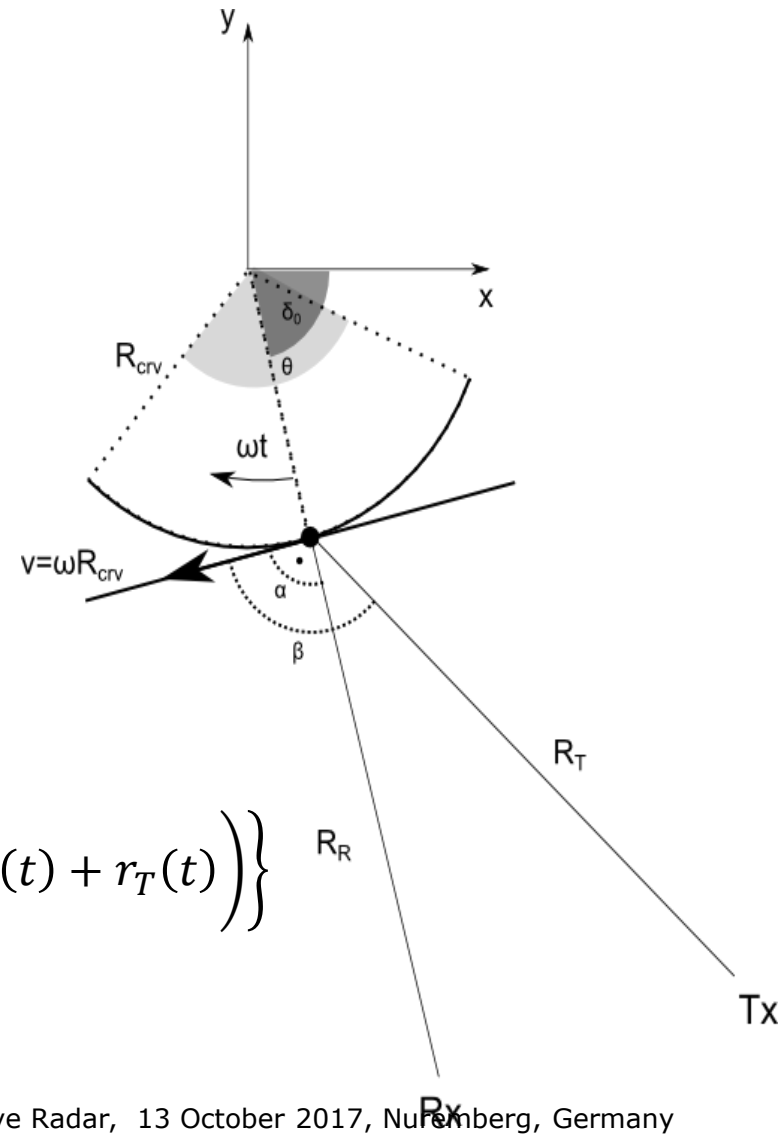
Autofocusing in Passive ISAR imaging



Parametric autofocus

$$C(\omega, R_{crv}, \delta) = \max_t |I(t, \omega, R_{crv}, \delta)|$$

$$I(t, \omega, R_{crv}, \delta) = s_{surv}(t) * h(t, \omega, R_{crv}, \delta)$$



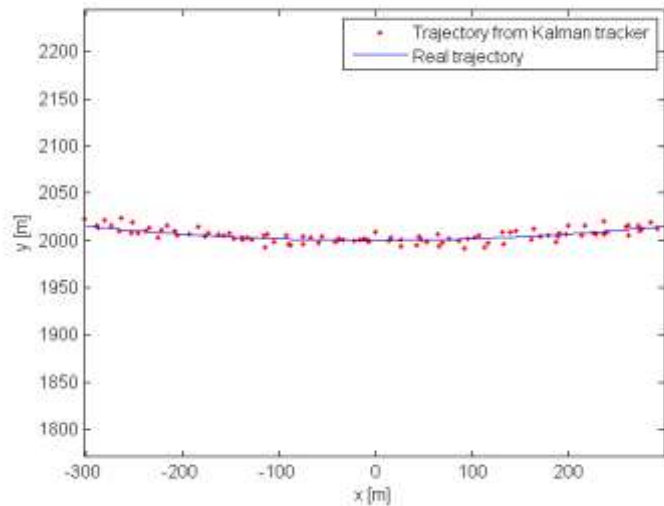
$$s_{surv}(t) = A s_T(t - (\frac{r_R(t) + r_T(t)}{c})) \exp \left\{ j \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (r_R(t) + r_T(t)) \right\}$$

$$h(t) = s_{surv}^*(-t)$$

Simulated parameter

target radial speed: $\omega = 0.02 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$

center angle: $\delta_0 = -\pi/2$



estimated initial parameters from Kalman Tracker

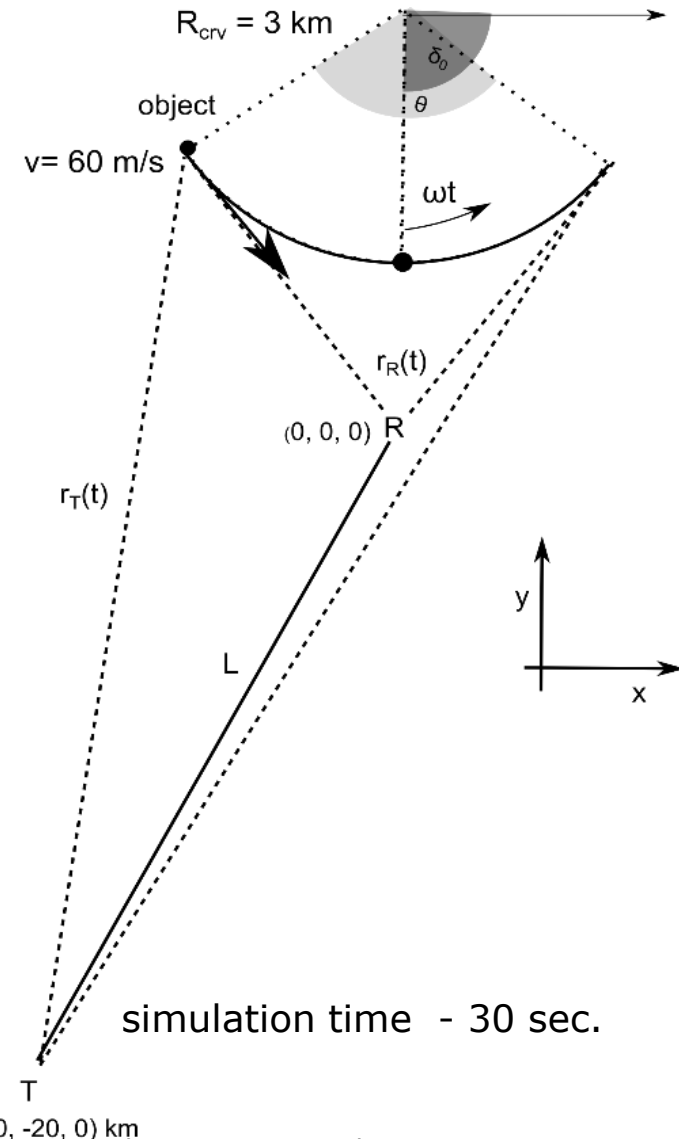
$$\omega_i = 0.026 \text{ rad/s},$$

$$R_{crv\ i} = 2294\ m,$$

$$\delta_j = -1.5681 \text{ rad.}$$



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Results

Real parameters:

Radius of curvature: $R_{crv} = 3000 \text{ m}$

target radial speed: $\omega = 0.02 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$

center angle: $\delta_0 = -\frac{\pi}{2} \approx -1.5708$

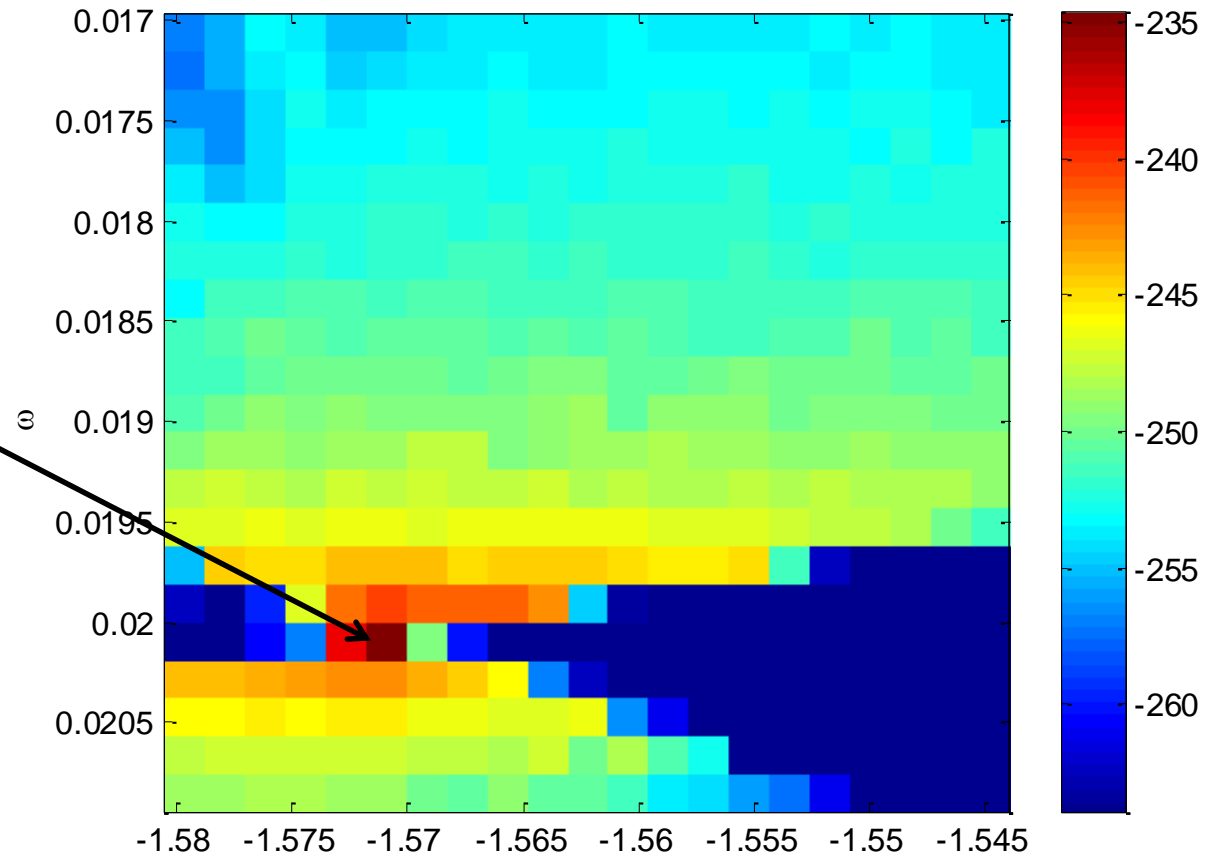
estimated initial parameters

$R_{crv_i} = 2294 \text{ m}$

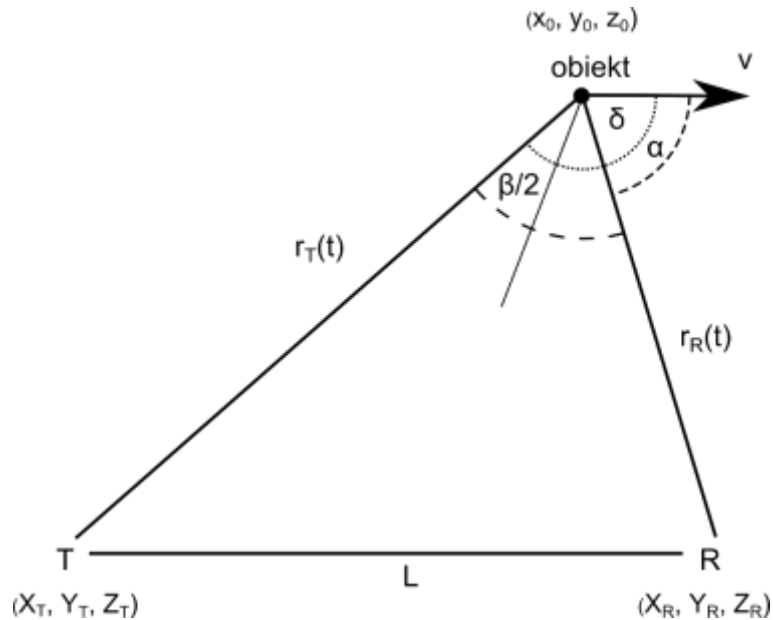
$\omega_i = 0.026 \text{ rad/s},$

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$\max_t |I(t, \omega, R_{crv}, \delta)|$



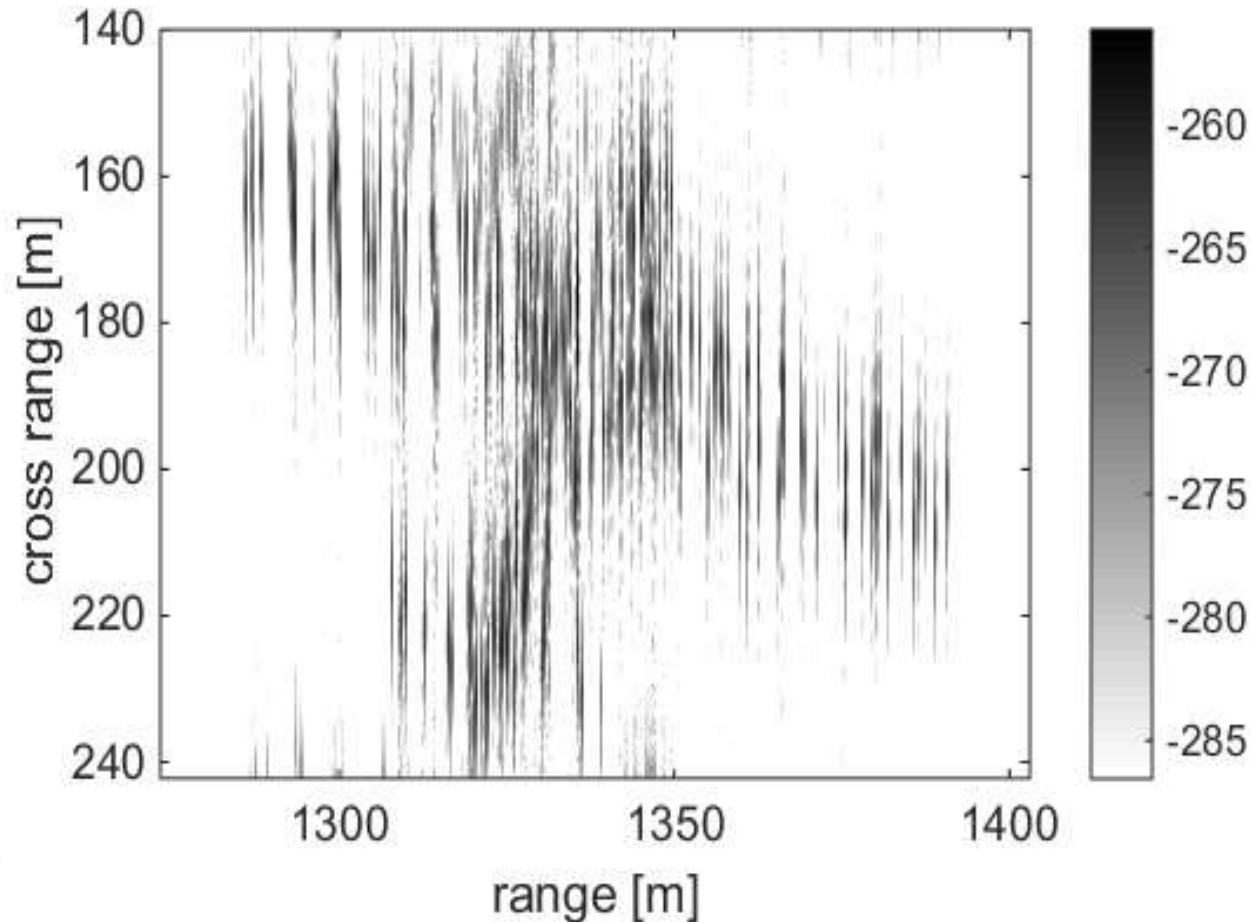
Next steps: use MapDrift Autofocus



$$f_d(t) \approx \frac{1}{\lambda} \left\{ v [\cos(\delta) + \cos(\alpha)] + v^2 t \left[\frac{\sin^2(\alpha)}{R_R} + \frac{\sin^2(\delta)}{R_T} \right] + \frac{3v^3 t^2}{2} \cos(\alpha) \left[\frac{\sin^2(\alpha)}{R_R^2} + \frac{\sin^2(\delta)}{R_T^2} \right] \right\}$$

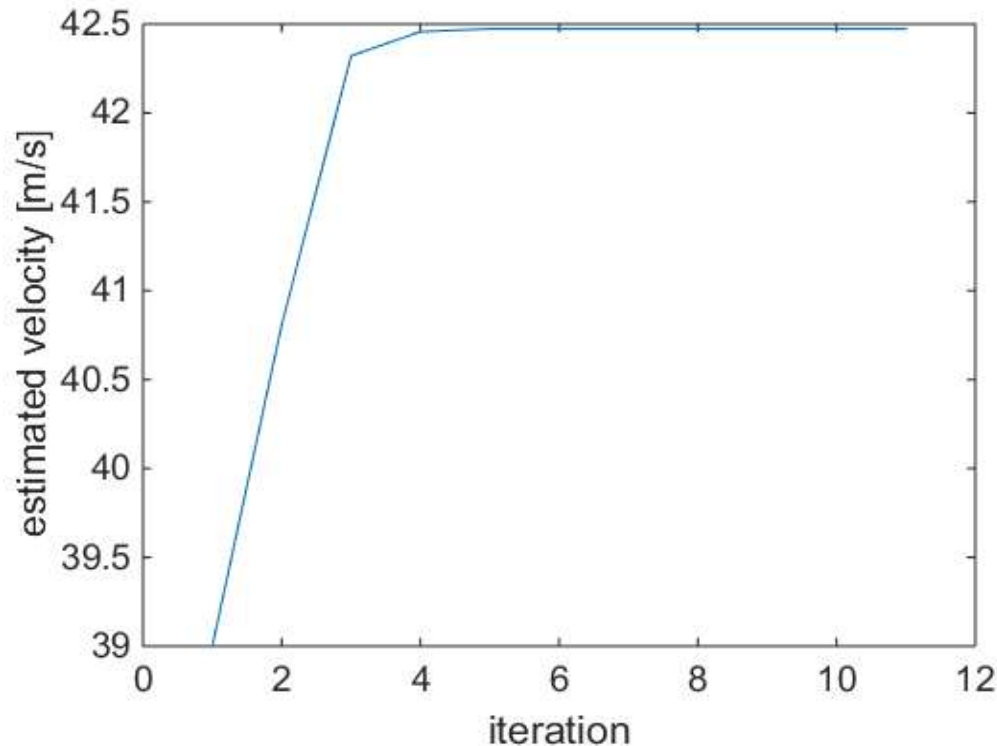
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ISAR image – unfocus image



Next steps: use MapDrift Autofocus

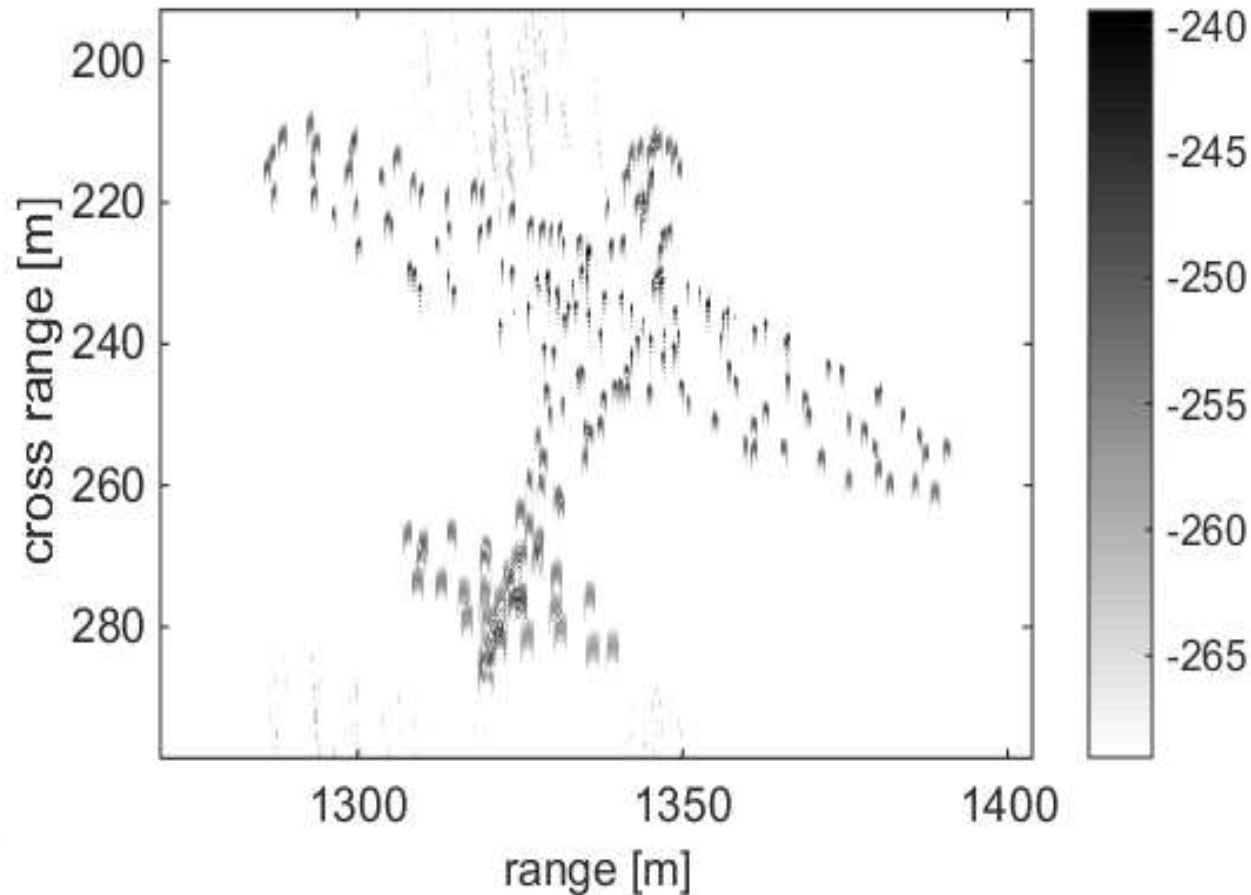
Autofocusing and velocity estimation



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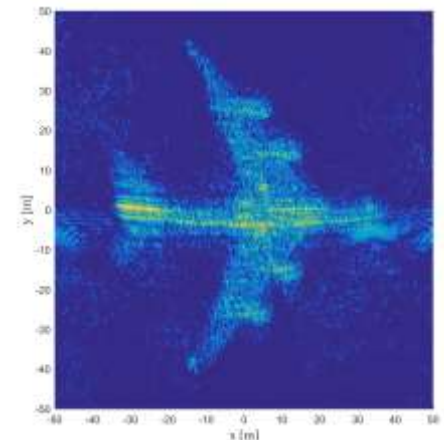
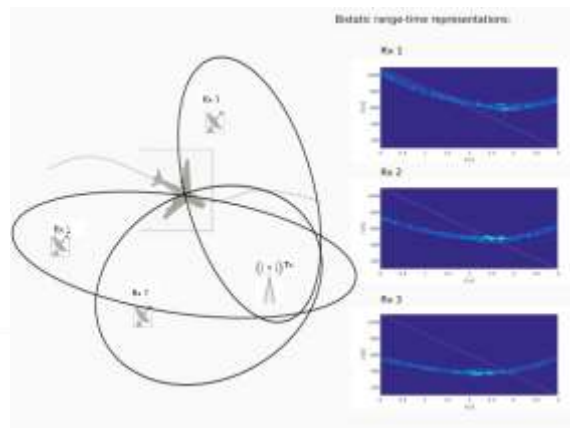
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ISAR image – after autofocus



Summary

- Passive SAR/ISAR – still a lot of challenging have to be solved
An autofocus is one of such a challenge...
- Successful verification of the passive SAR/ISAR imaging
- Potential possibility of ground, sea and air target classification
- Enhance functionality - cooperation of active and passive sensors
- Further research is required
- Multiple receivers for passive SAR/ISAR imaging purposes...
and narrowband passive SAR/ISAR imaging



Thank you for your attention!!

