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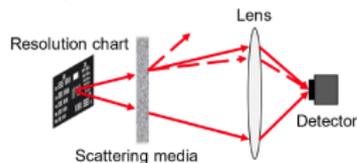
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- From Alfred Hitchcock 'Psycho' (1960).

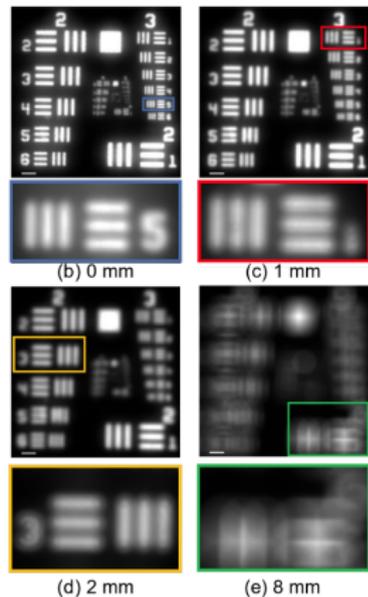
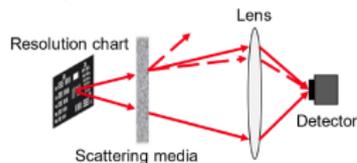
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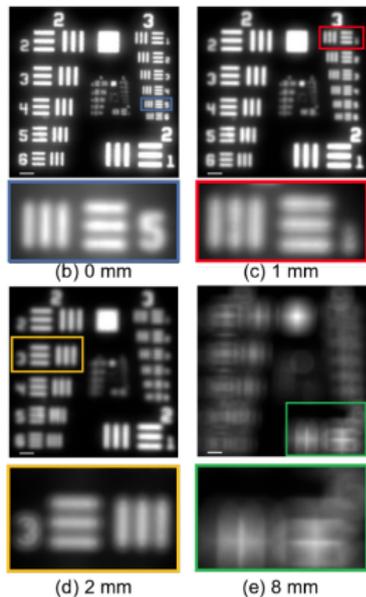
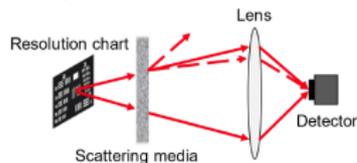
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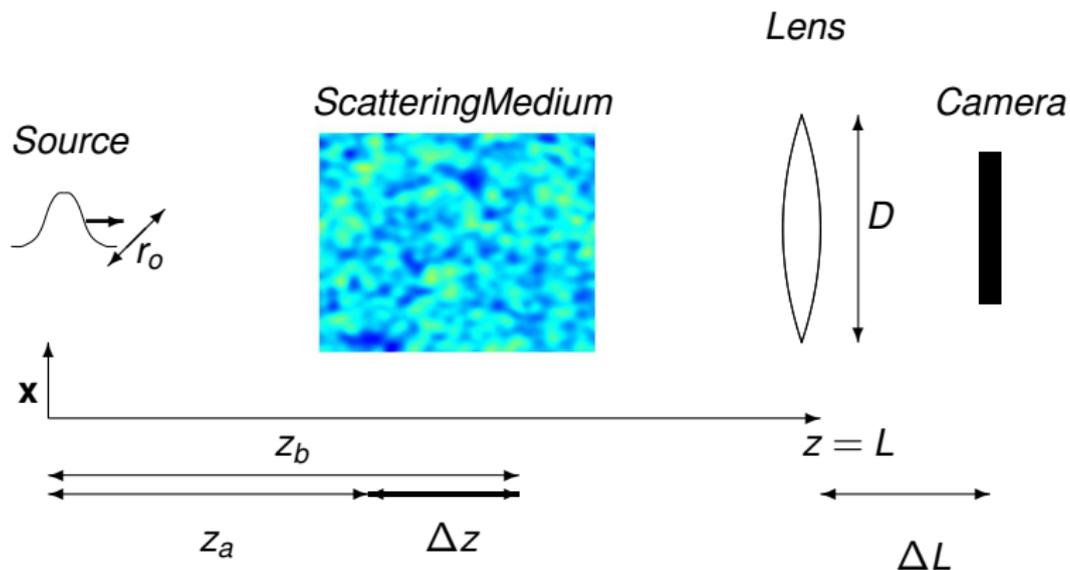
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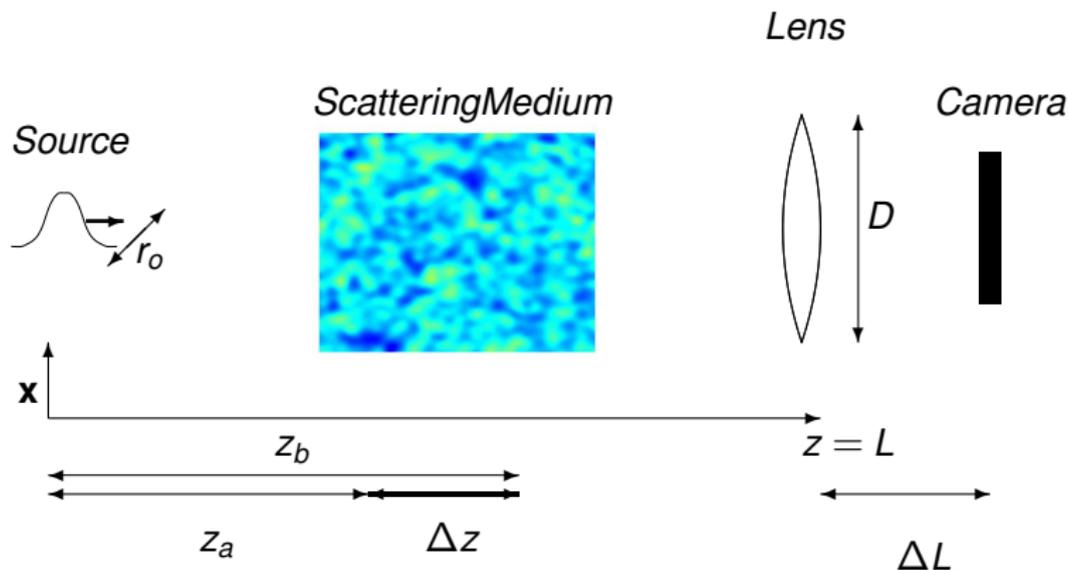


→ Empirically roughly: *'resolution'*  $\propto$  *'source curtain separation'*.

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- What can one say about the signal to noise ratio ?
- How does the scattering properties of the complex section affect the shower curtain effect (quantitatively) ?
- What is the effect of bandwidth ?

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→ Diffractive effects (spreading/bending of beam) in homogeneous medium of order one ( $\lambda_0 \ll \ell, r_0 \ll L$ ):

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# Itô-Schrödinger and damping of mean field

- Wavefield described in distribution in regime of small  $\varepsilon$  by:

$$\rightarrow d_z \hat{a} = \frac{1}{2ik} \Delta_{\perp} \hat{a} - \frac{k^2 C(\mathbf{0})}{8} \hat{a} + \frac{ik}{2} \hat{a} dW_z, \quad \hat{u}(\omega, z, \mathbf{x}) = e^{ikz} \hat{a}(\omega, z, \mathbf{x})$$

gives (with Brownian field  $W$  having lateral spectrum  $C$ ):

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Then

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{a}(\omega, z, \mathbf{x})] = \hat{a}_0(\omega, z, \mathbf{x}) \exp\left(-\frac{z}{\ell_{\text{sca}}}\right),$$

for  $\hat{a}_0$  solution in homogeneous medium and we defined the **scattering mean free path**:

$$\ell_{\text{sca}} = \frac{8}{k^2 C(\mathbf{0})} = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \frac{\lambda_0^2}{C(\mathbf{0})} \sim L$$

- Garnier & S. *Coupled paraxial wave equations in random media in the white-noise regime*, Annals of Applied Prob '09.

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- No shower curtain effect for resolution.
- Poor imaging with strong clutter when  $\Delta z \gtrsim \ell_{\text{sca}}$ .
- In case with finite detector aperture  $D$  image additionally blurred with Gaussian kernel with width  $\lambda_o L/D$  (the Rayleigh resolution formula).

## Remark: Wigner Transform and Second Moment

- The *mean* Wigner transform is defined by

$$W_m(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}, z) := \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp(-i\boldsymbol{\xi} \cdot \mathbf{q}) \mathbb{E} \left[ \hat{u}\left(\mathbf{x} + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2}, z\right) \bar{\hat{u}}\left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2}, z\right) \right] d\mathbf{q},$$

and satisfies a (closed) transport equation and represents an angularly resolved wave energy density.

- The *covariance of the image random field* can be expressed in terms of the mean Wigner transform:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \mathcal{U}\left(\mathbf{x} + \frac{\boldsymbol{\rho}}{2}\right) \overline{\mathcal{U}\left(\mathbf{x} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\rho}}{2}\right)} \right] \sim \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} W_m\left(\mathbf{r}, \frac{k_o}{z_1}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{x}), z_1\right) \exp\left(\frac{ik_o}{z_1}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{x}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\rho}\right) d\mathbf{r}.$$

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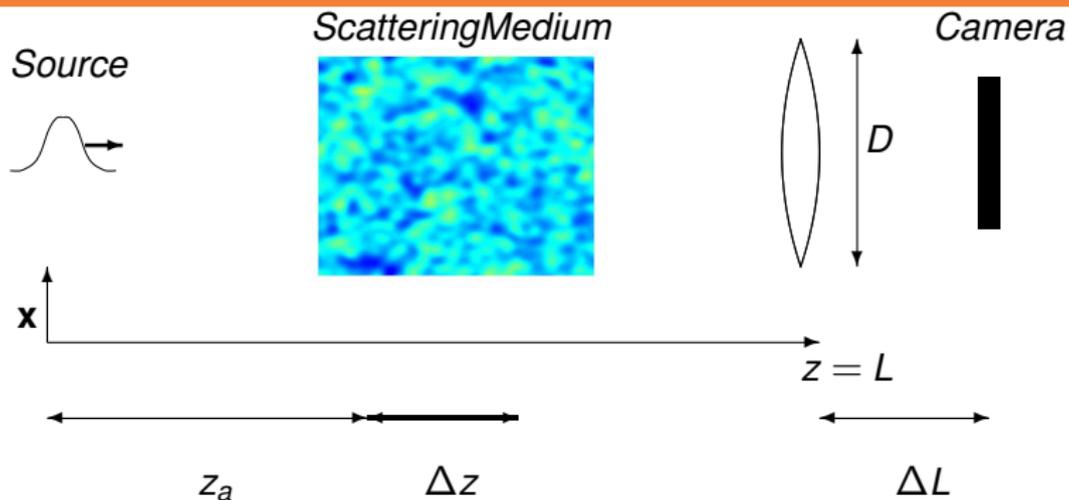
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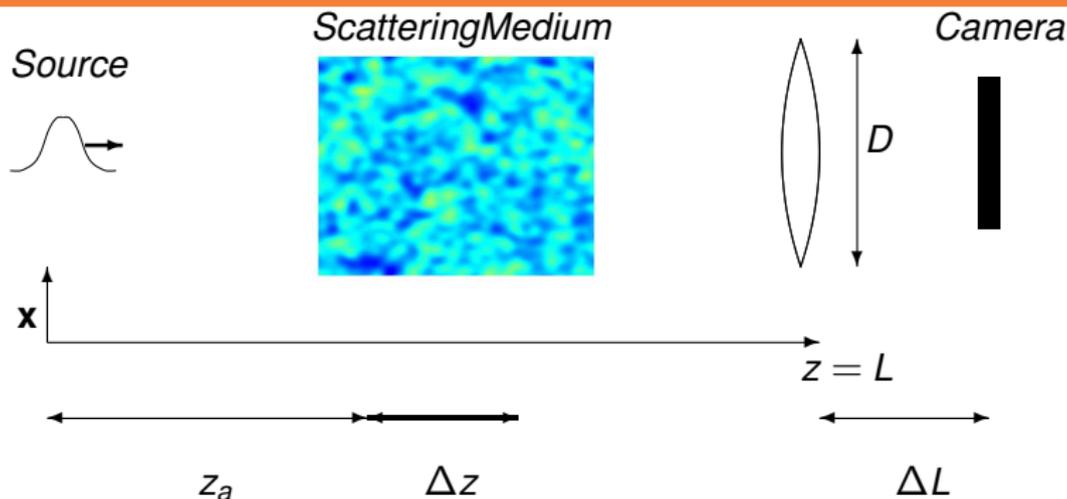
- The **shower curtain spreading scale**:

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}(z_a, \Delta z, \ell_{\text{par}}) = \sqrt{\frac{(z_a + \Delta z)^3 - z_a^3}{6\ell_{\text{par}}}} \propto \begin{cases} \Delta z \sqrt{\frac{\Delta z}{\ell_{\text{par}}}} & \text{for } z_a \ll \Delta z \\ z_a \sqrt{\frac{\Delta z}{\ell_{\text{par}}}} & \text{for } z_a \gg \Delta z \end{cases},$$

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→ The recorded intensity in camera plane is :

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Transmission function of lens:  $\mathcal{T}(\mathbf{y}) = \exp\left(-i \frac{k_0 |\mathbf{y}|^2}{L} - \frac{|\mathbf{y}|^2}{2D^2}\right)$ .

Photodetector placed so that  $\frac{1}{L} = \frac{1}{L} + \frac{1}{\Delta L}$ ,  $L \sim$  focal length of lens.

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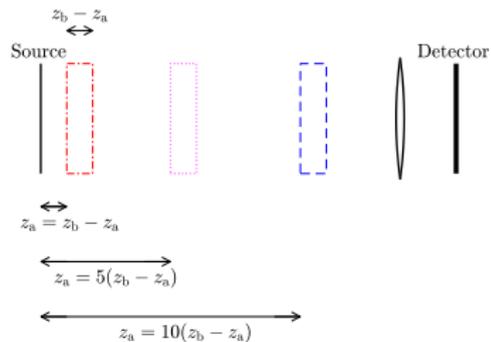
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- In **smooth strongly heterogeneous case** with **finite  $D$**  we have:

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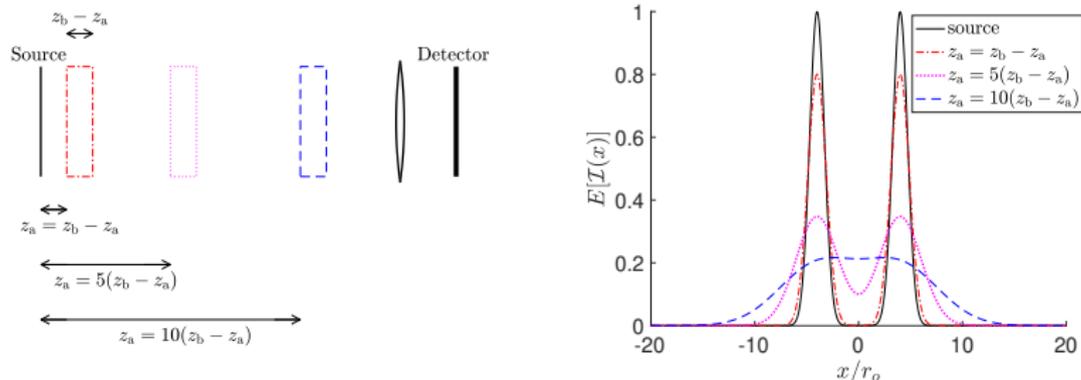
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**Figure:** Left blurring of mean image increases when the random section is farther from the source,  $f(x) = \exp(-(x - 4r_o)^2/(2r_o^2)) + \exp(-(x + 4r_o)^2/(2r_o^2))$  and

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Closed expression for second moment of imaging function in **scintillation regime** ( $\delta \ll 1$ ):

$$r_0 \rightarrow \frac{r_0}{\delta}, \quad C \rightarrow \delta C, \quad z \rightarrow \frac{z}{\delta}.$$

↔ Calculation reveals **lack of statistical stability**:  $\text{Var}(I(\mathbf{x})) = \mathbb{E}[I(\mathbf{x})]^2!$

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→ **Multifrequency fourth moment** gives (strong & smooth case):

- Resolution as in one frequency case, ( $B \ll \omega_0$ ) !
- $\frac{\mathbb{E}[I(\mathbf{x})]^2}{\text{Var}(I(\mathbf{x}))} = O\left(\frac{B}{\Omega_c}\right) \propto (\Delta z)^2.$

for the **coherence frequency**:  $\Omega_c = \left(\frac{c_0 \ell_{\text{par}}}{\Delta z^2}\right) = T_r^{-1} \left(\frac{\ell_{\text{par}}}{\Delta z}\right),$

(frequency correlation band  $\sim$  reciprocal passage time).

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- In progress with Christophe Gomez; Shower curtain with rough surface:
  - Main modelling Quantity **interface diffraction operator**:

$$K^{\varepsilon}(\tau, \omega, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{\omega^2}{(2\pi)^2} \int e^{i\omega\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{x}'-\mathbf{x}_a)/(r_0/L)} e^{i\omega\tau V(\mathbf{x}'/(\ell_c/L))} d\mathbf{x}'.$$

## Technical remarks: On Multifrequency Moment

We consider two frequencies  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  and the fourth-order moment

$$M_2(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, z) = \frac{\mathbb{E} \left[ \hat{u}(\omega_1, \mathbf{x}_1, z) \hat{u}(\omega_2, \mathbf{x}_2, z) \overline{\hat{u}(\omega_1, \mathbf{y}_1, z) \hat{u}(\omega_2, \mathbf{y}_2, z)} \right]}{|\hat{g}(\omega_1)|^2 |\hat{g}(\omega_2)|^2}.$$

It satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial M_2}{\partial z} &= \frac{i}{2} \left( \frac{1}{k_1} \Delta_{\mathbf{x}_1} + \frac{1}{k_2} \Delta_{\mathbf{x}_2} - \frac{1}{k_1} \Delta_{\mathbf{y}_1} - \frac{1}{k_2} \Delta_{\mathbf{y}_2} \right) M_2 \\ &\quad - U_2(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2) \mathbf{1}_{[z_a, z_a + \Delta z]}(z) M_2, \end{aligned}$$

with the generalized potential

$$\begin{aligned} U_2(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2) &= \frac{1}{4} \left( (k_1^2 + k_2^2) C(\mathbf{0}) - k_1^2 C(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{y}_1) - k_2^2 C(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{y}_2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - k_1 k_2 C(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{y}_2) - k_1 k_2 C(\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{y}_1) + k_1 k_2 C(\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2) + k_1 k_2 C(\mathbf{y}_1 - \mathbf{y}_2) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \mathbb{E} \left[ (k_1 (\tilde{\mu}(\mathbf{x}_1) - \tilde{\mu}(\mathbf{y}_1)) + k_2 (\tilde{\mu}(\mathbf{x}_2) - \tilde{\mu}(\mathbf{y}_2)))^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- Consider the narrow band scintillation regime:

$$r_0 \rightarrow \frac{r_0}{\delta}, \quad C \rightarrow \delta C, \quad z \rightarrow \frac{z}{\delta}, \quad B \rightarrow \delta B.$$

- Introduce the special Fourier transform of the fourth-order moment :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{M}_2^\delta(\xi_1, \xi_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \frac{z}{\delta}) &= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2} M_2^\delta(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \frac{z}{\delta}) \\ &\times e^{-i(\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \xi_1 + \mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \zeta_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 \cdot \xi_2 + \mathbf{r}_2 \cdot \zeta_2)} d\mathbf{r}_1 d\mathbf{r}_2 d\mathbf{q}_1 d\mathbf{q}_2 e^{\frac{iz}{k_0 \delta}(\xi_2 \cdot \zeta_2 + \xi_1 \cdot \zeta_1)}, \end{aligned}$$

for  $\mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{q}_j$  Barycentric coordinates.

## On Analysis II

For frequency parameterization:  $\omega_1 = \omega_0 + \delta\omega + \delta\Omega$ ,  $\omega_2 = \omega_0 + \delta\omega - \delta\Omega$ ,  
 in the scintillation regime the rescaled function  $\tilde{M}_2^\delta$  satisfies the equation with  
 fast phases :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \tilde{M}_2^\delta}{\partial z} = & \frac{i\omega}{k_0\omega_0} (\xi_1 \cdot \zeta_1 + \xi_2 \cdot \zeta_2) \tilde{M}_2^\delta + \frac{i\Omega}{k_0\omega_0} (\xi_1 \cdot \zeta_2 + \xi_2 \cdot \zeta_1) \tilde{M}_2^\delta \\ & + \frac{k_0^2}{4(2\pi)^2} \mathbf{1}_{[z_a, z_a + \Delta z]}(z) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \hat{C}(\mathbf{\kappa}) \left[ -2\tilde{M}_2^\delta(\xi_1, \xi_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) \right. \\ & + \tilde{M}_2^\delta(\xi_1 - \mathbf{\kappa}, \xi_2 - \mathbf{\kappa}, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) e^{i\frac{z}{\delta k_0} \mathbf{\kappa} \cdot (\zeta_2 + \zeta_1)} \\ & + \tilde{M}_2^\delta(\xi_1 - \mathbf{\kappa}, \xi_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2 - \mathbf{\kappa}) e^{i\frac{z}{\delta k_0} \mathbf{\kappa} \cdot (\xi_2 + \zeta_1)} \\ & + \tilde{M}_2^\delta(\xi_1 + \mathbf{\kappa}, \xi_2 - \mathbf{\kappa}, \zeta_1, \zeta_2) e^{i\frac{z}{\delta k_0} \mathbf{\kappa} \cdot (\zeta_2 - \zeta_1)} \\ & + \tilde{M}_2^\delta(\xi_1 + \mathbf{\kappa}, \xi_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2 - \mathbf{\kappa}) e^{i\frac{z}{\delta k_0} \mathbf{\kappa} \cdot (\xi_2 - \zeta_1)} \\ & - \tilde{M}_2^\delta(\xi_1, \xi_2 - \mathbf{\kappa}, \zeta_1, \zeta_2 - \mathbf{\kappa}) e^{i\frac{z}{\delta k_0} (\mathbf{\kappa} \cdot (\zeta_2 + \xi_2) - |\mathbf{\kappa}|^2)} \\ & \left. - \tilde{M}_2^\delta(\xi_1, \xi_2 - \mathbf{\kappa}, \zeta_1, \zeta_2 + \mathbf{\kappa}) e^{i\frac{z}{\delta k_0} (\mathbf{\kappa} \cdot (\zeta_2 - \xi_2) + |\mathbf{\kappa}|^2)} \right] d\mathbf{\kappa}, \end{aligned}$$

## Proposition

$$\tilde{M}_2^\delta(\xi_1, \xi_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \frac{z}{\delta}) = \mathcal{V}(K, A)_z + R_2^\delta(z, \xi_1, \xi_2, \zeta_1, \zeta_2),$$

$$\text{with } K(z) = (2\pi)^4 \exp\left(-\frac{k_o^2}{4} C(\mathbf{0}) \min(\Delta z, (z - z_a)_+)\right),$$

and where the function  $(z, \xi) \mapsto A(z, \xi, \zeta, \Omega)$  is the solution of

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_z A &= \frac{i\Omega}{k_o \omega_0} |\xi|^2 A + \frac{k_o^2}{4(2\pi)^2} \mathbf{1}_{[z_a, z_a + \Delta z]}(z) \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \hat{C}(\kappa) [A(\xi - \kappa) e^{\frac{iz}{k_o} \kappa \cdot \zeta} - A(\xi)] d\kappa \\ &+ \frac{k_o^2}{4(2\pi)^2} K(z) \mathbf{1}_{[z_a, z_a + \Delta z]}(z) \hat{C}(\xi) e^{\frac{iz}{k_o} \xi \cdot \zeta}, \end{aligned}$$

starting from  $A(z = 0, \xi, \zeta, \Omega) = 0$ , and the function  $R_2^\delta$  satisfies

$$\sup_{z \in [0, z_1]} \|R_2^\delta(z, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2)} \xrightarrow{\delta \rightarrow 0} 0.$$

## Remark: Calculus of the Gaussian

First wave moments:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_1(z, \mathbf{x}) &= \mathbb{E}[u(z, \mathbf{x})], & \mu_2(z, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \mathbb{E}[u(z, \mathbf{x})\overline{u(z, \mathbf{y})}], \\ \tilde{\mu}_2(z, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \mu_2(z, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) - \mu_1(z, \mathbf{x})\mu_1(z, \mathbf{y})\end{aligned}$$

→ Assuming complex circularly symmetric Gaussian process property:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[u(z, \mathbf{x}_1)u(z, \mathbf{x}_2)\overline{u(z, \mathbf{y}_1)u(z, \mathbf{y}_2)}] &= \mu_4^G(z, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2) \\ &= \mu_1(z, \mathbf{x}_1)\mu_1(z, \mathbf{x}_2)\mu_1(z, \mathbf{y}_1)\mu_1(z, \mathbf{y}_2) \\ &+ \mu_1(z, \mathbf{x}_1)\mu_1(z, \mathbf{y}_1)\tilde{\mu}_2(z, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_2) + \mu_1(z, \mathbf{x}_2)\mu_1(z, \mathbf{y}_1)\tilde{\mu}_2(z, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_2) \\ &+ \mu_1(z, \mathbf{x}_1)\mu_1(z, \mathbf{y}_2)\tilde{\mu}_2(z, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_1) + \mu_1(z, \mathbf{x}_2)\mu_1(z, \mathbf{y}_2)\tilde{\mu}_2(z, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1) \\ &+ \tilde{\mu}_2(z, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1)\tilde{\mu}_2(z, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_2) + \tilde{\mu}_2(z, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_2)\tilde{\mu}_2(z, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_1)\end{aligned}$$

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# Shower Curtain, Time Reversal and Reciprocity

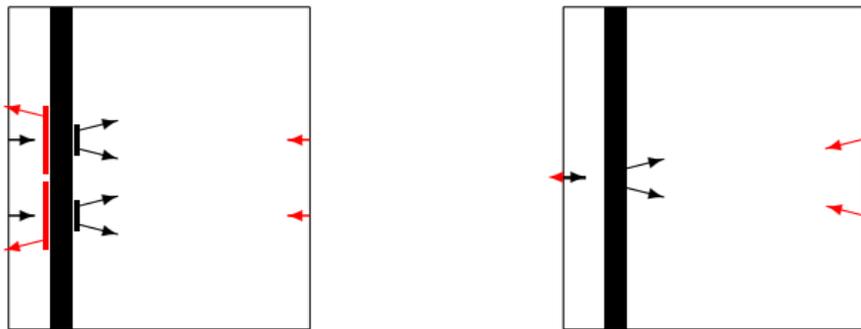


Figure: Left: Shower Curtain

Right: Time Reversal

Physical intuition: *Medium*  $\sim$  *low pass filter*.

- Important parameters: paraxial distance, coherence frequency, scattering mean free path
- Additional effects of medium roughness, partly coherent source
- Application in & active configurations & speckle imaging & virtual aperture configurations