

Physics of Life

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Fourier Transform

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Jean Baptiste Joseph Fourier

France, 1768 - 1830

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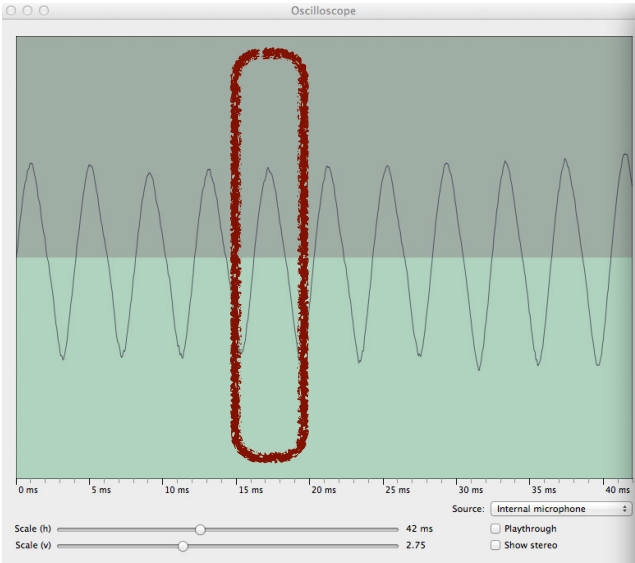
$$F(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int f(x) \cdot [\cos(2\pi \cdot u \cdot x) - i \cdot \sin(2\pi \cdot u \cdot x)] dx$$

$$F(u) = FT(f(x))$$

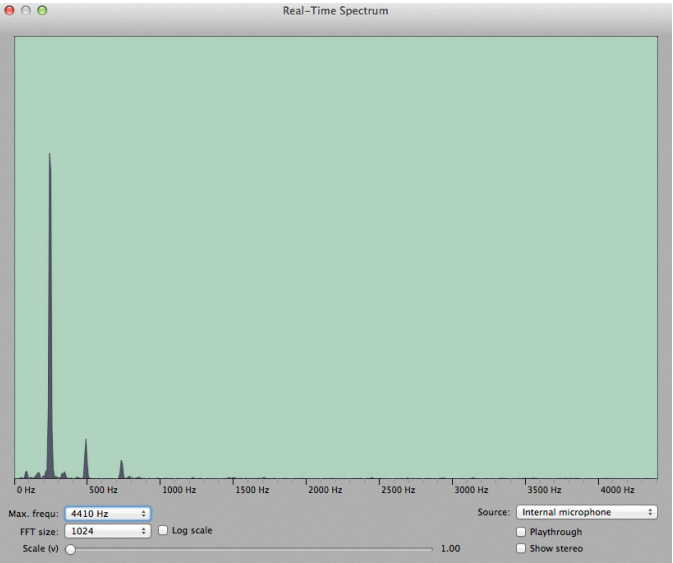
$$PS(u) = |F(u)|^2$$

**Almost Sinus
Wave**

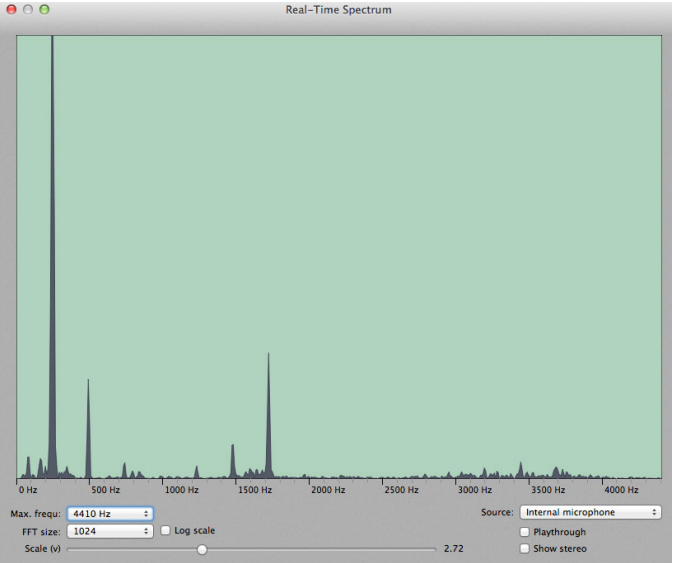
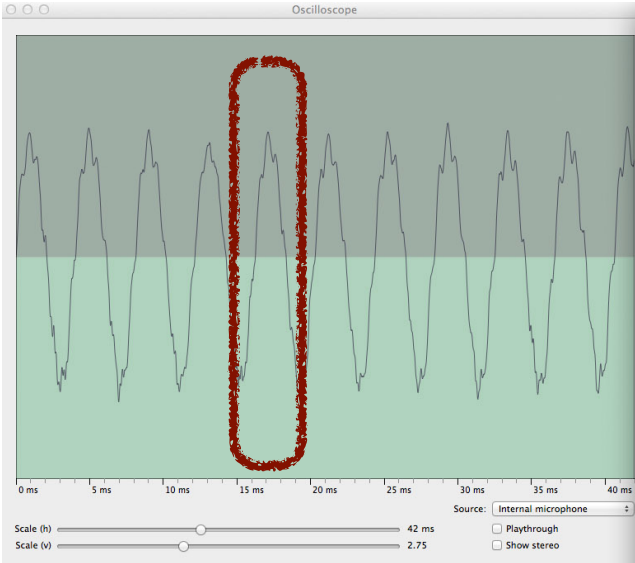
Real Space



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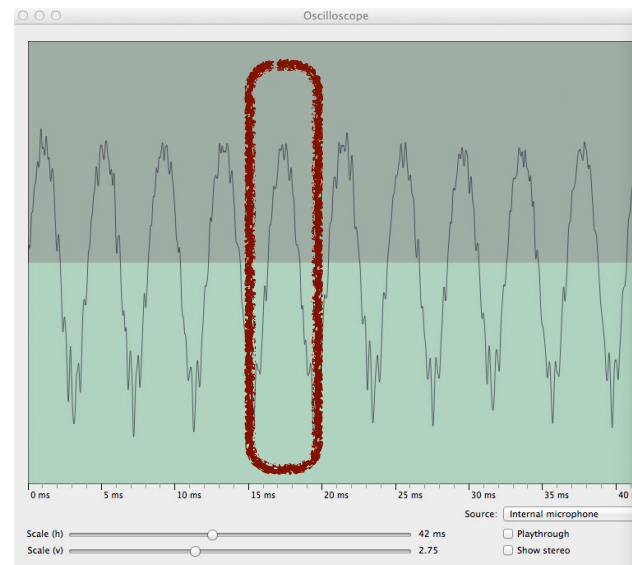


**Some Higher
Orders**

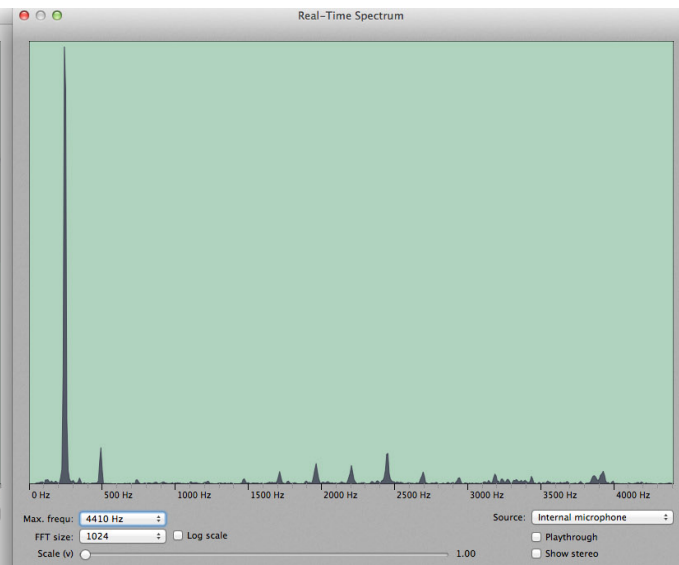


More Higher Orders

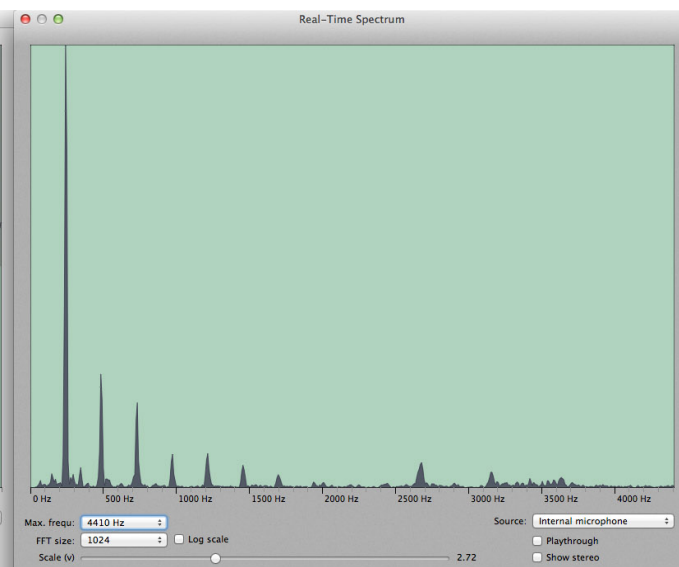
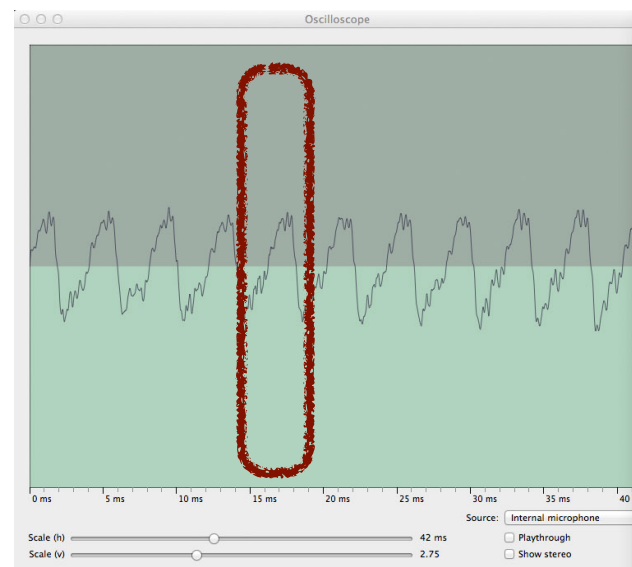
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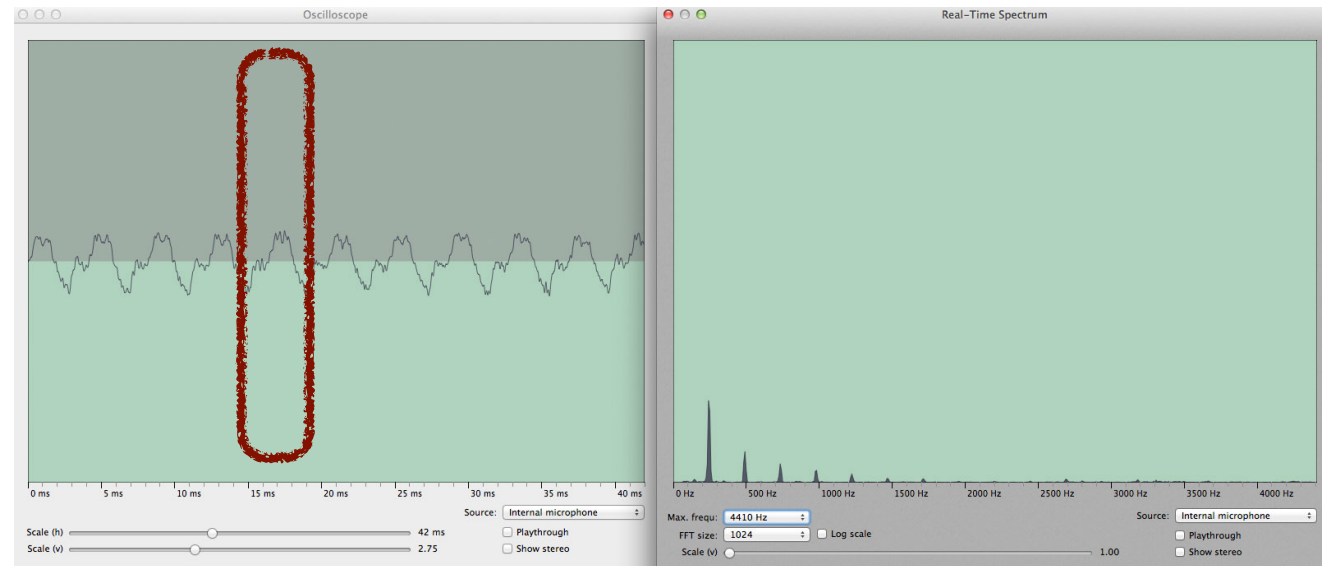
**Low Contrast
(small Amplitude)
and
Higher orders**



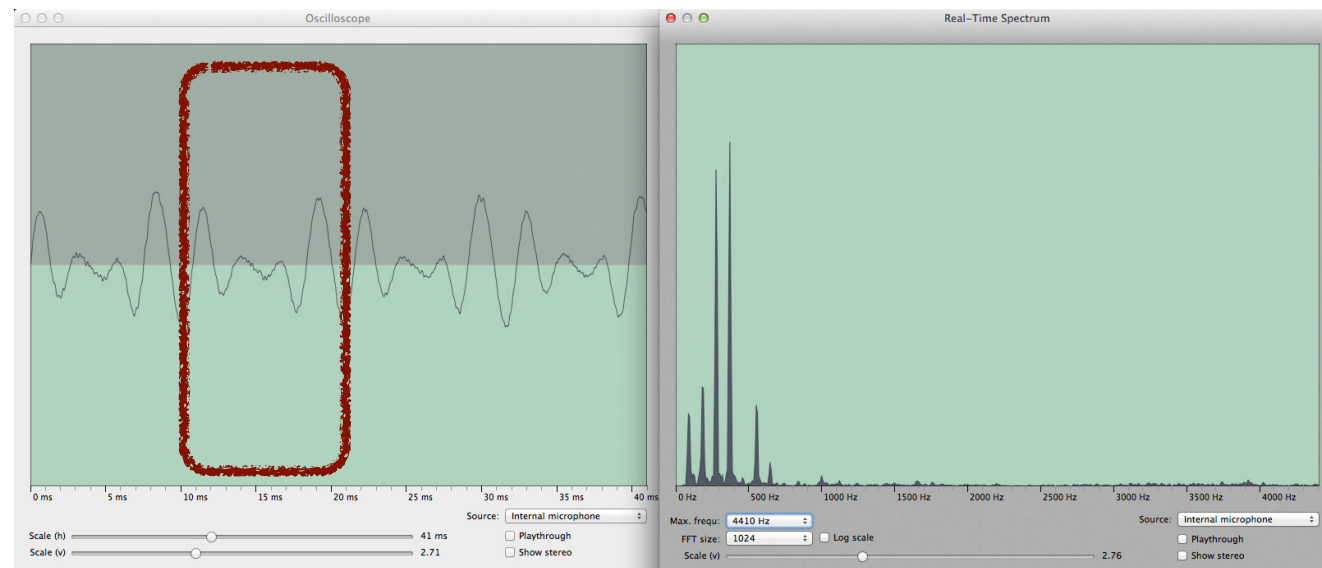
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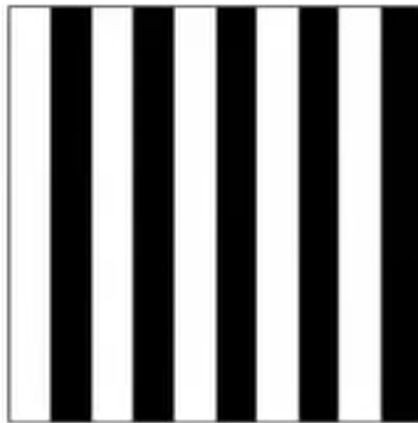
Low Amplitude and
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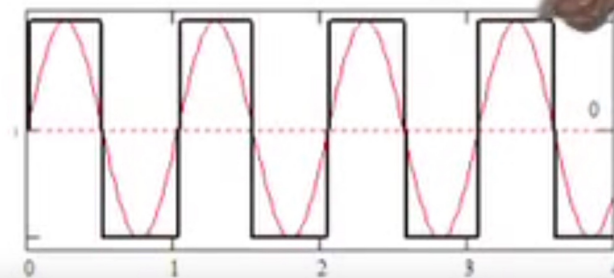
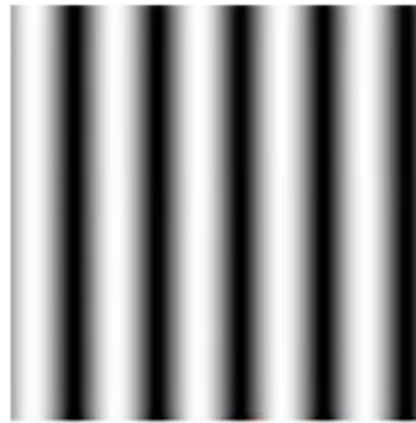
Large structure,
or
lower base
frequency,
and higher orders



Describing anything with sine waves?



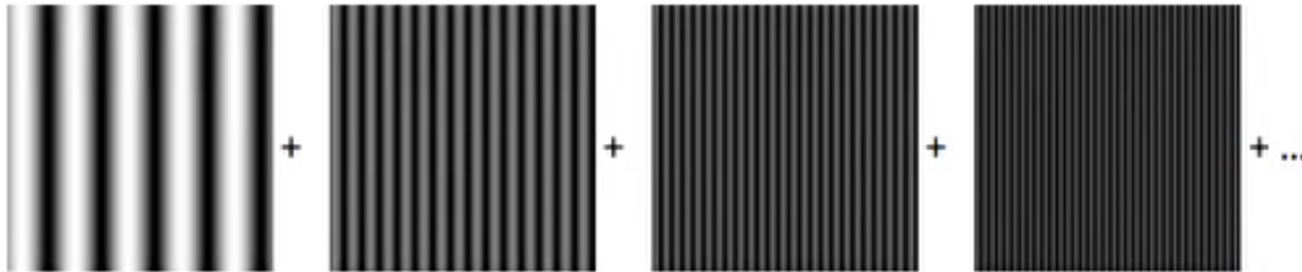
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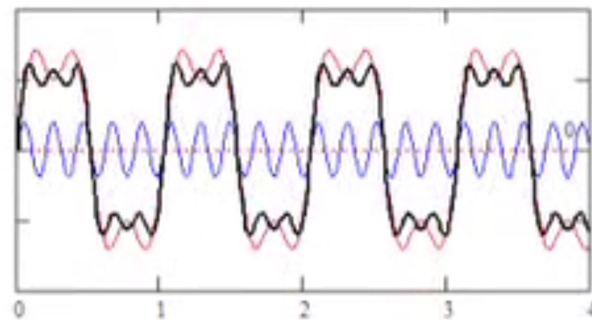
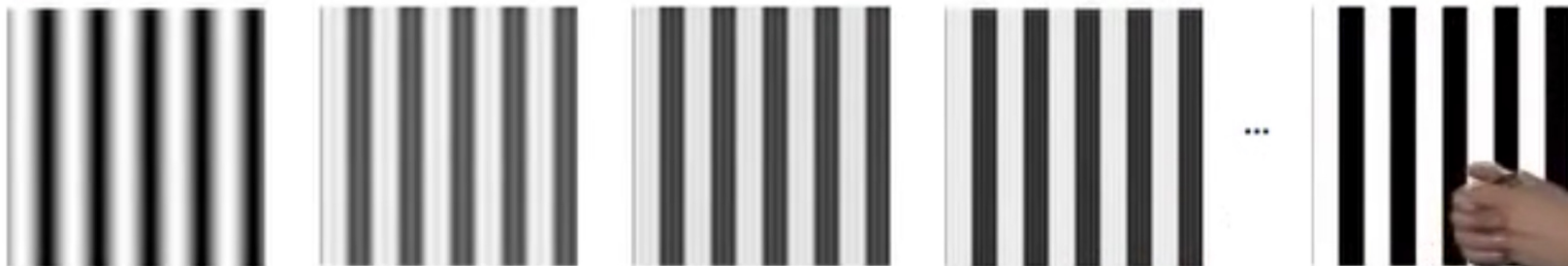
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Summing up spatial frequencies

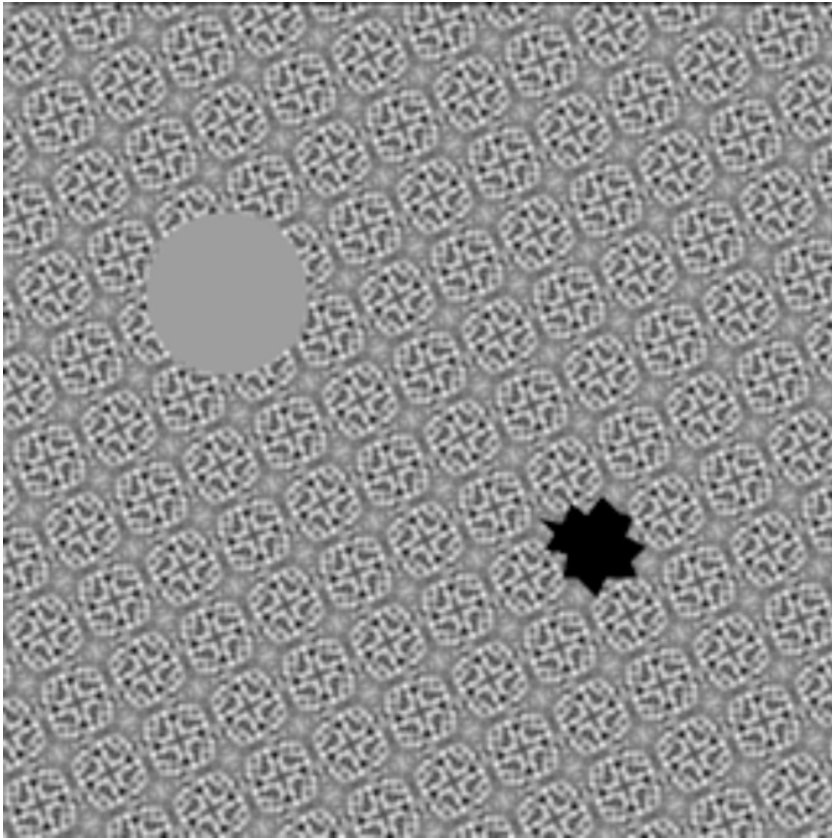


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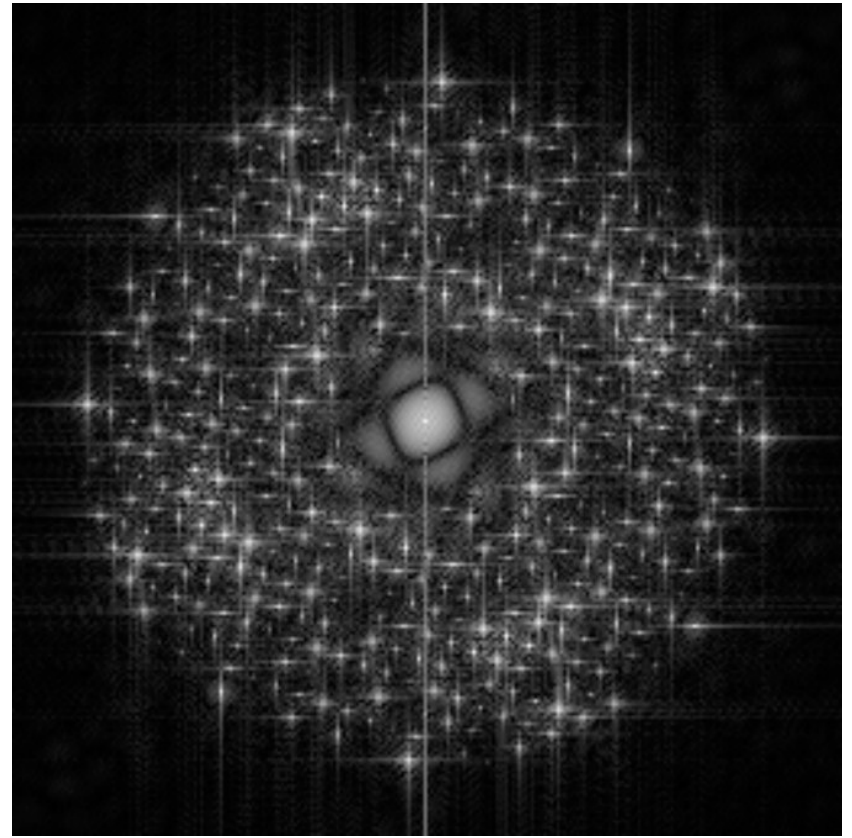


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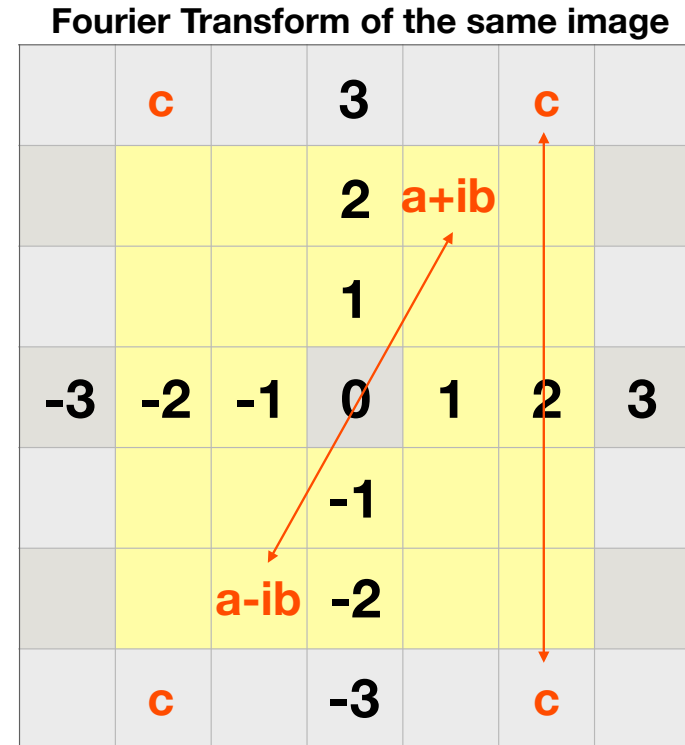
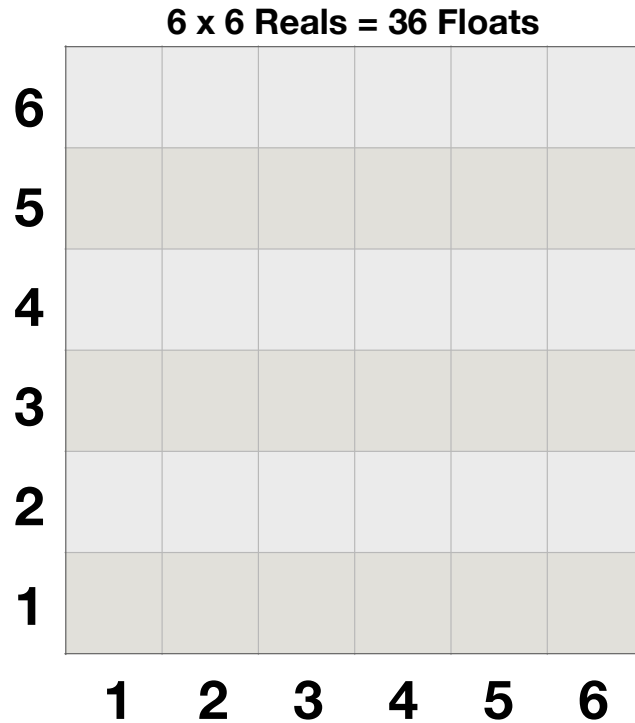
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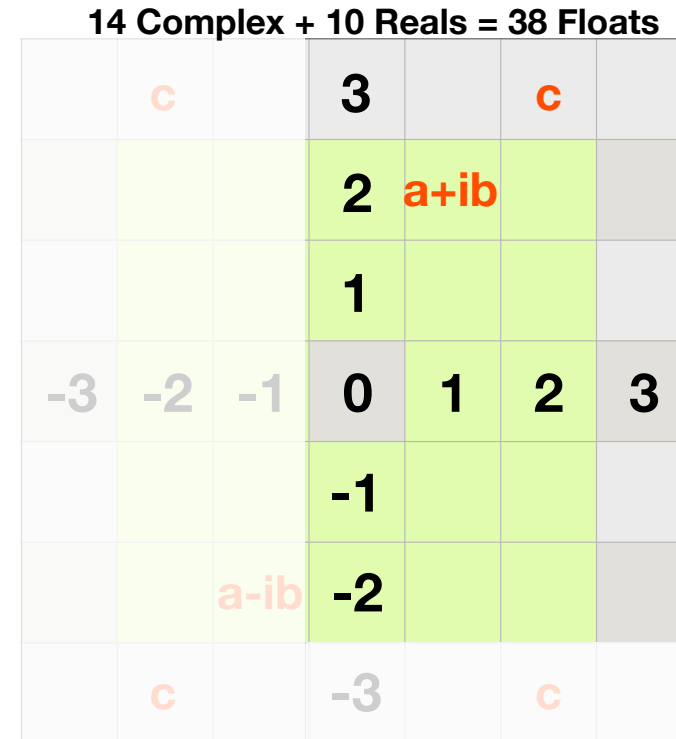
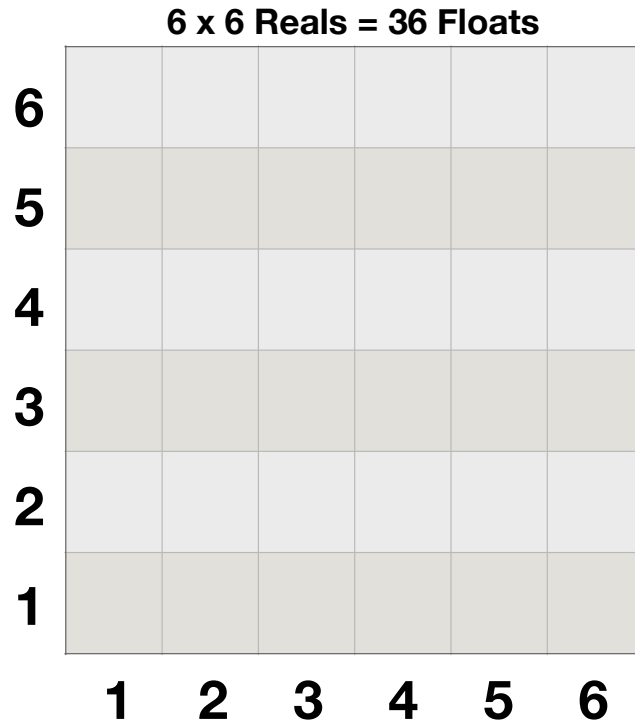
2D Fourier Transforms in the Computer Memory



- The FT of real functions (e.g. images) are Hermitian: for every point $(a+bi)$, there is a corresponding point $(a-bi)$
- For an $N \times N$ pixel image, the Fourier transform has the dimensions $N/2+1 \times N$
- The positive Nyquist and negative Nyquist values are the same, and they are real.

(after John Rubinstein, NRAMM 2014)

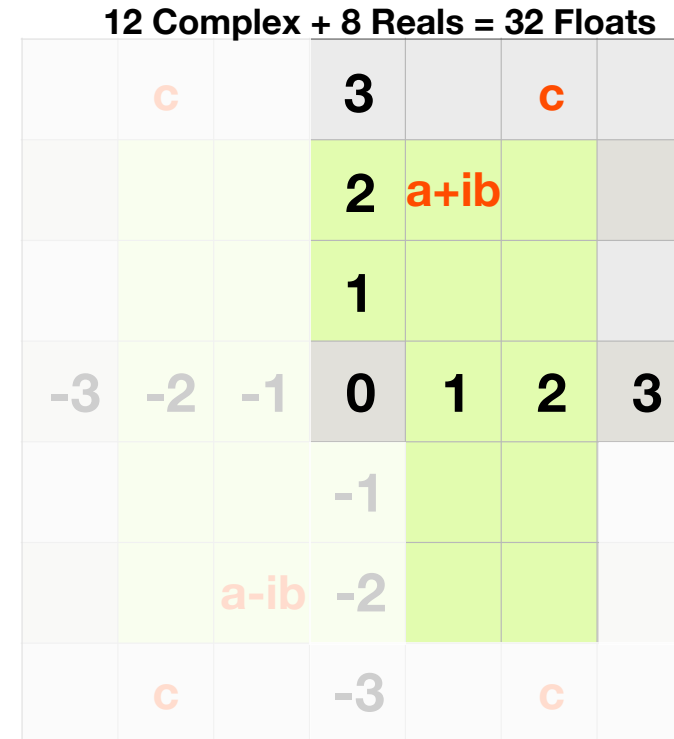
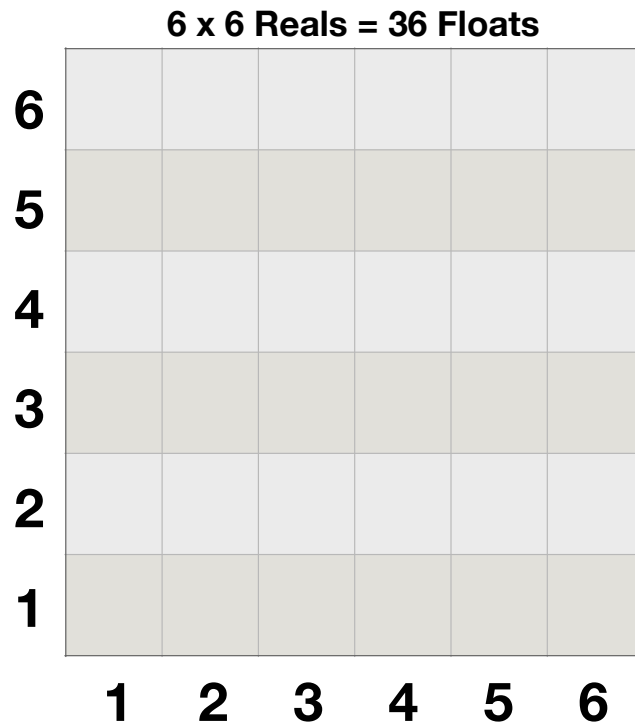
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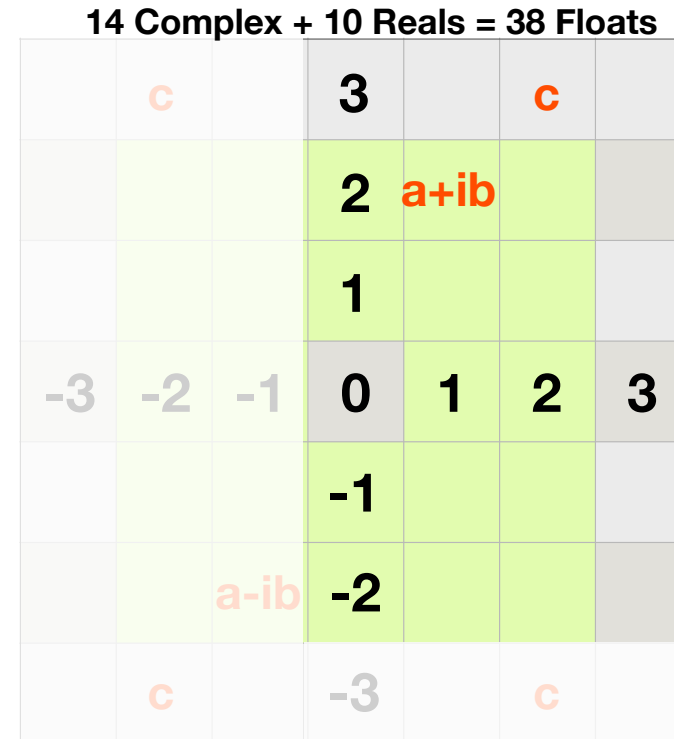
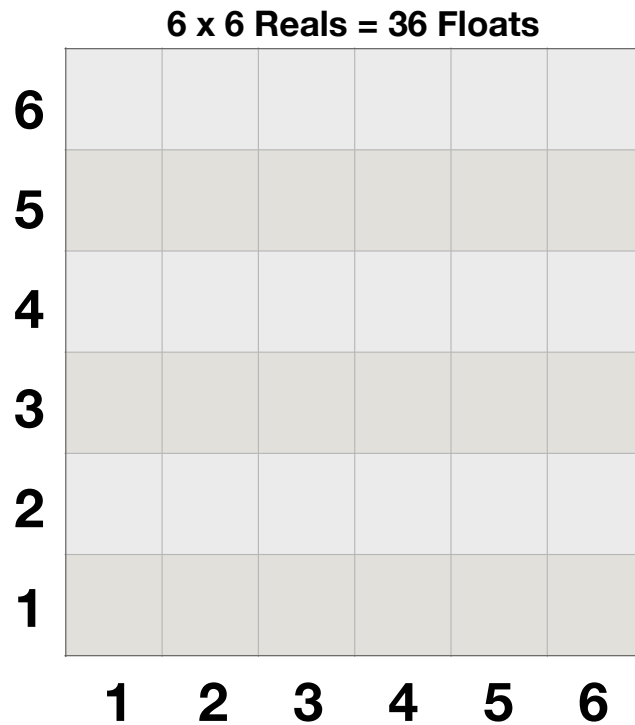
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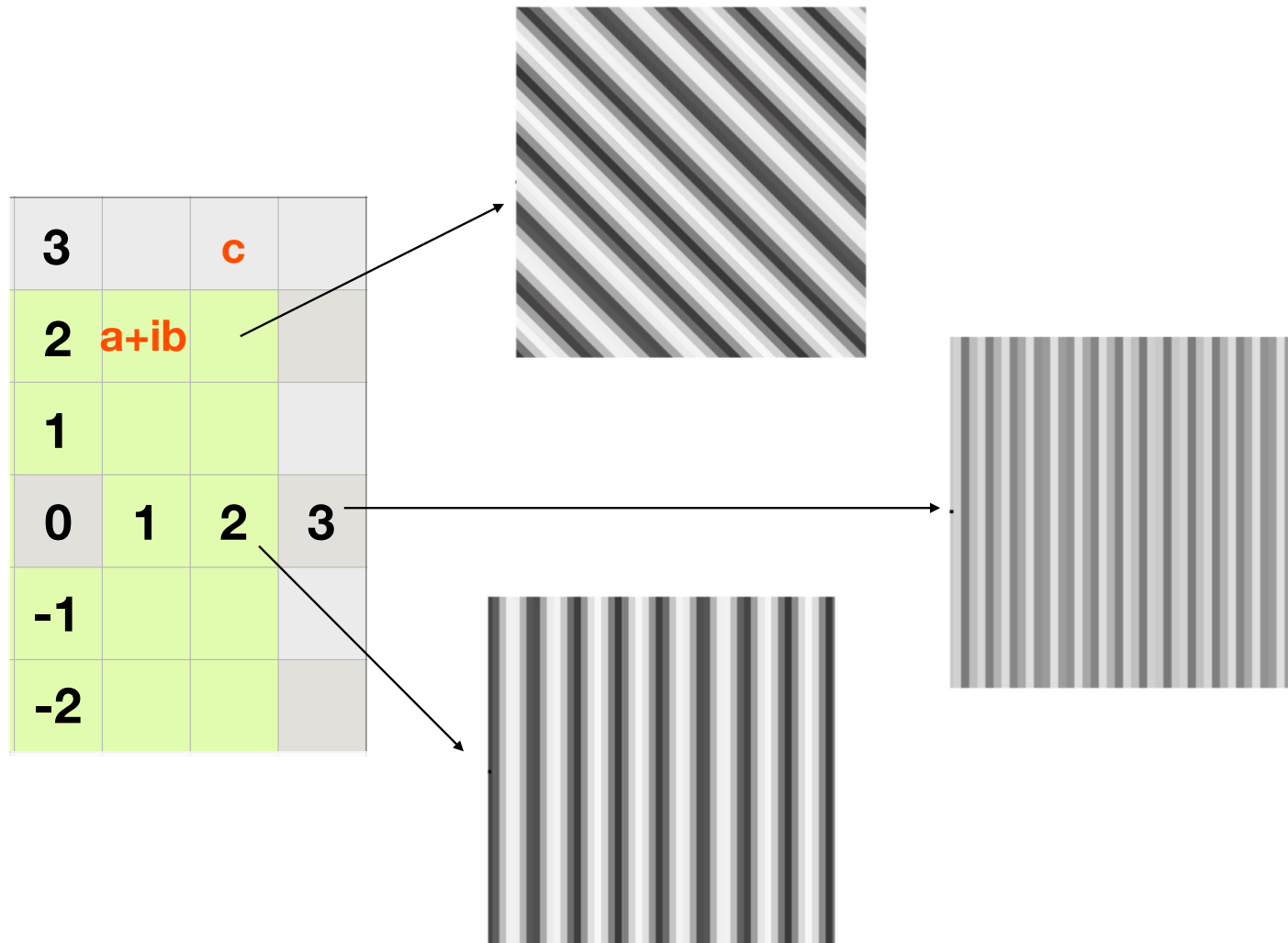
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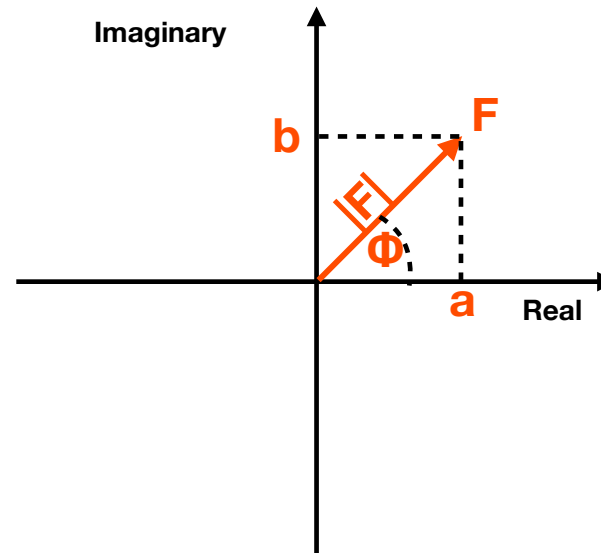


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2D Fourier Transforms in the Computer Memory

$a+ib$ = “Cosinus-Term (Real)” and “Sinus-Term (Imaginary)”

3			c	
2	a+ib			
1				
0	1	2	3	
-1				
-2				



Argand Diagram:
Polar Coordinate Transform:

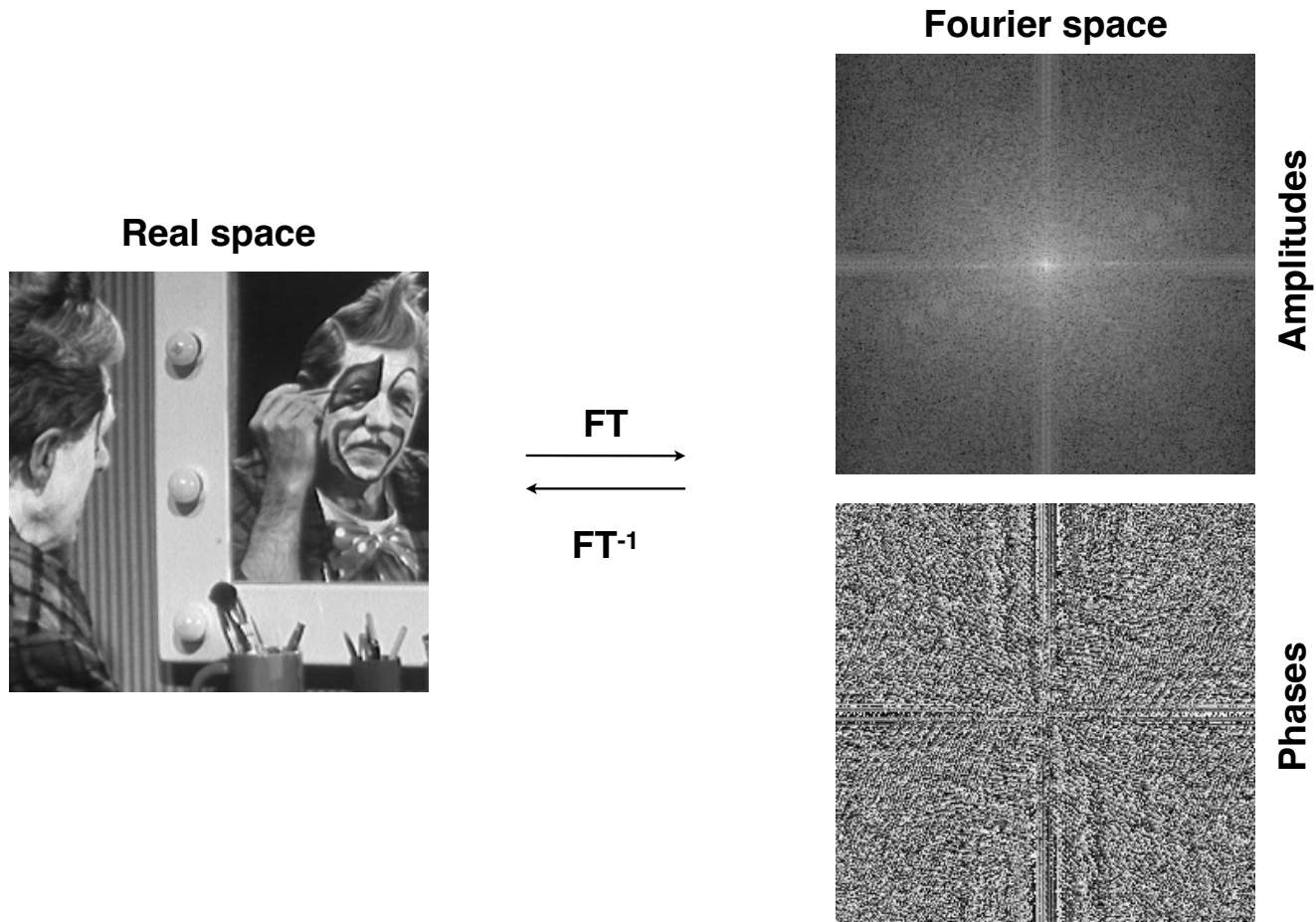
$$F = |a+ib|$$

$$\Phi = \text{atan}(b/a)$$

(F, Φ) = “Amplitude” and “Phase”

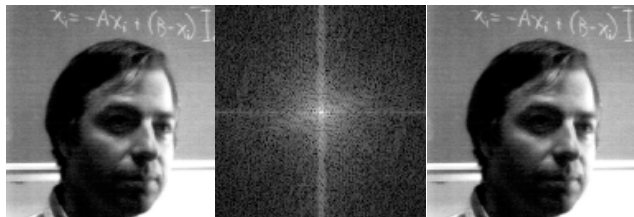
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Real-space image \Leftrightarrow Fourier Transform

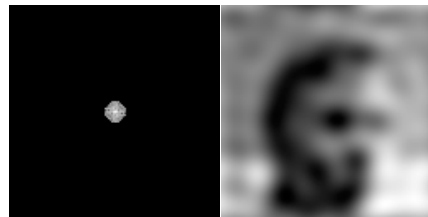


Basics of image processing: Fourier filters of images

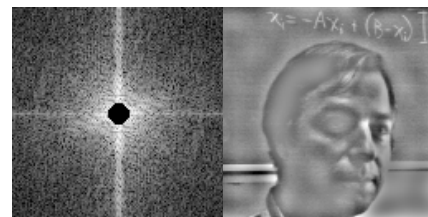
Real --> Fourier --> Real



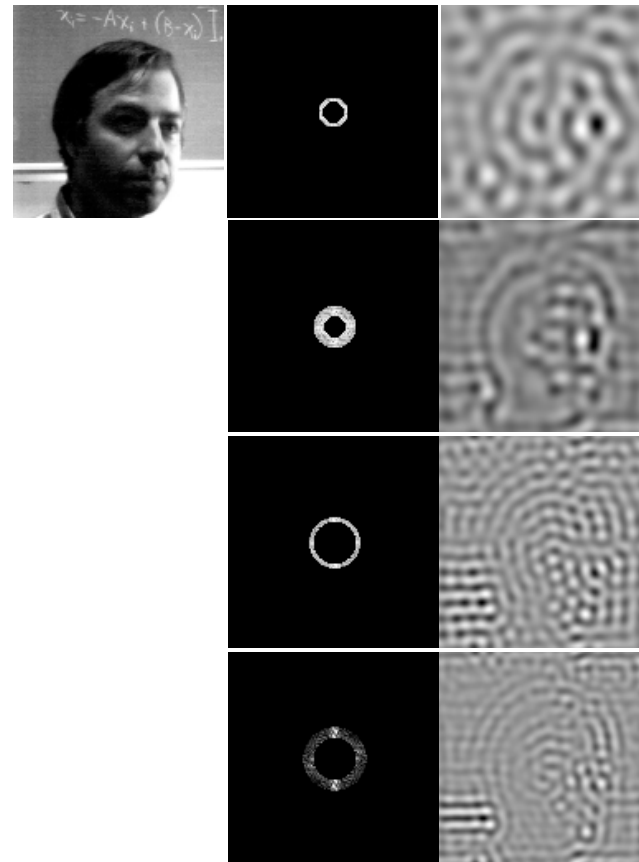
Low-pass filter



High-pass filter

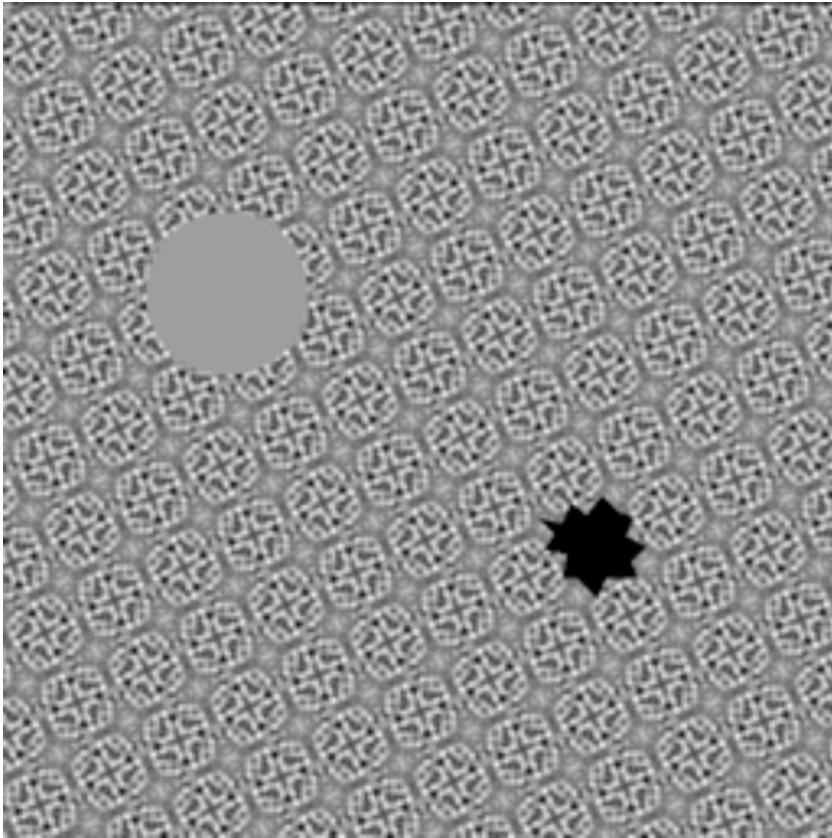


Band-pass

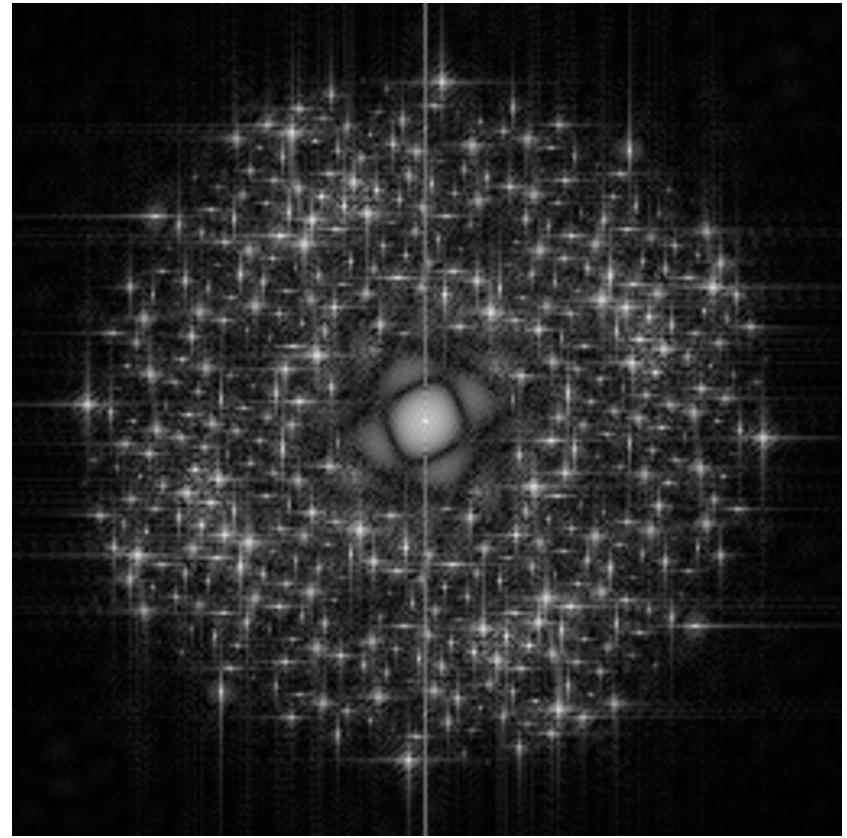


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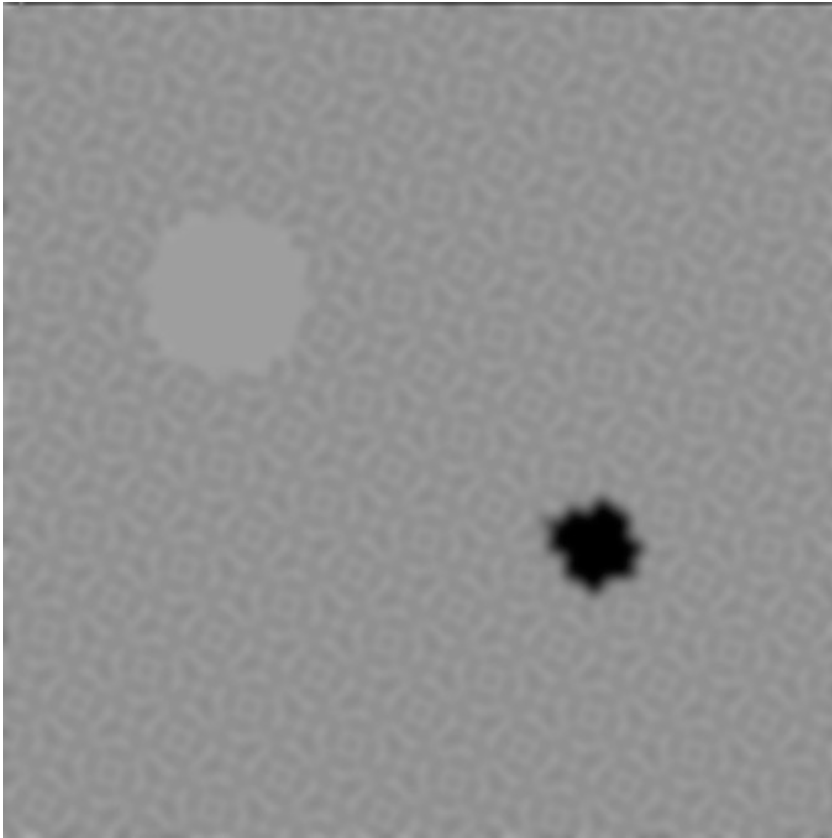
Real Space



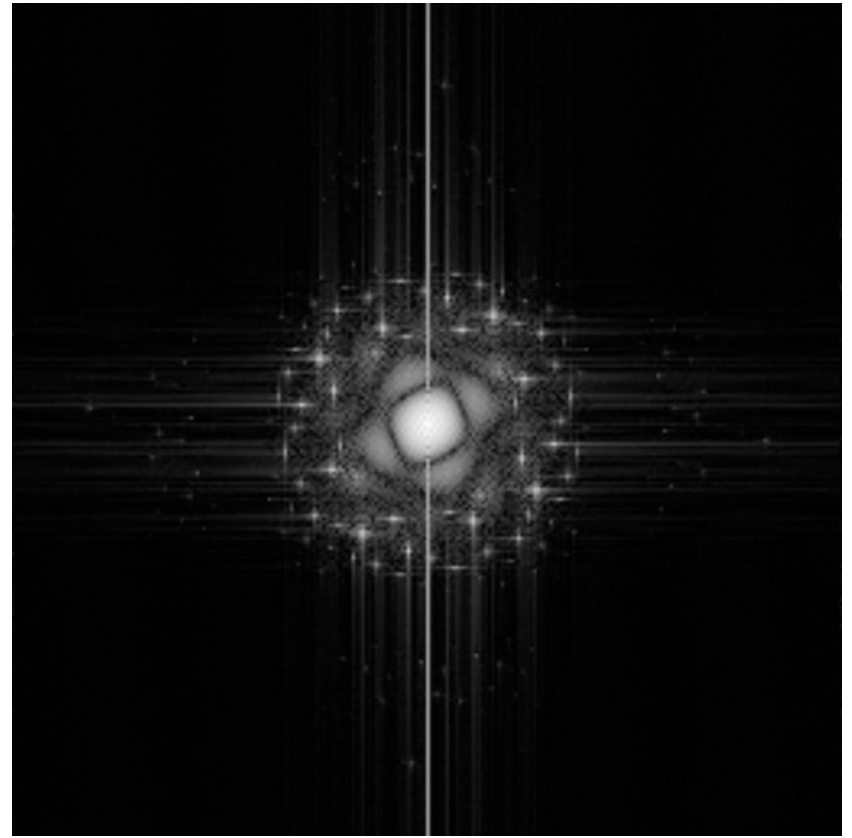
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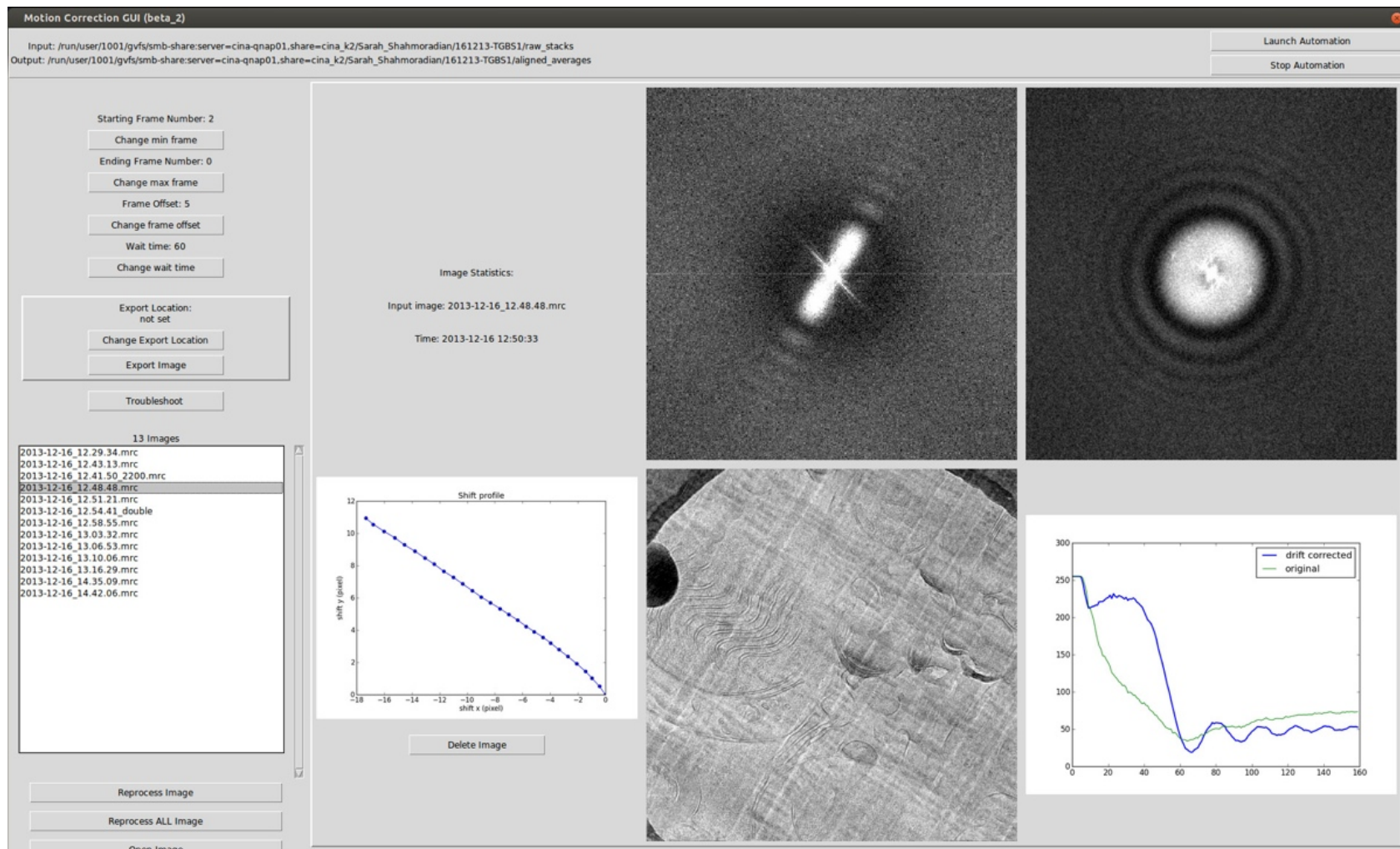
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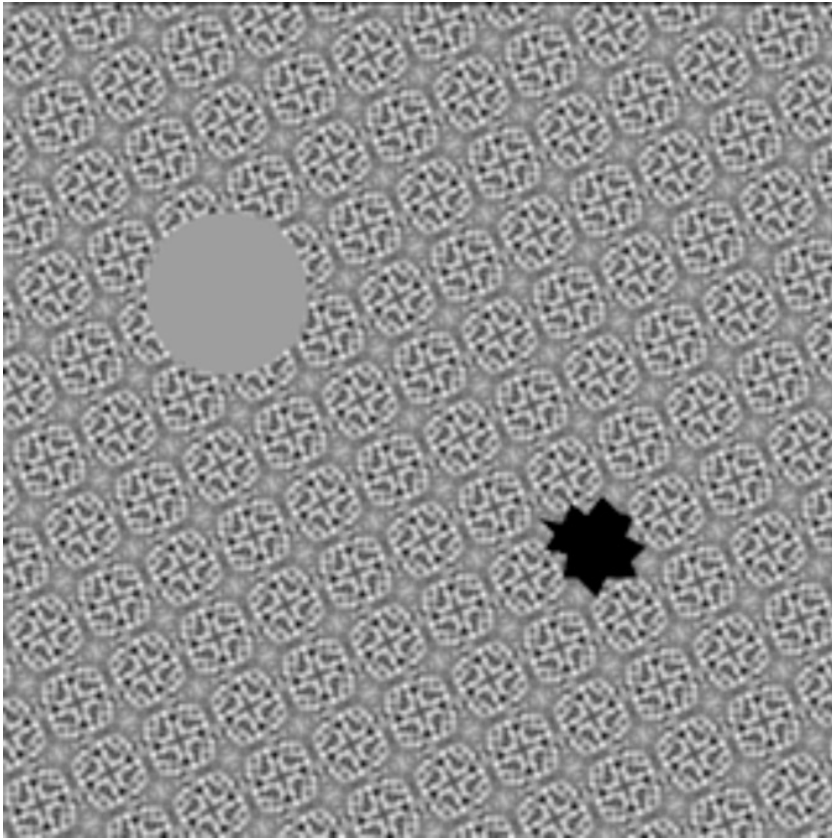
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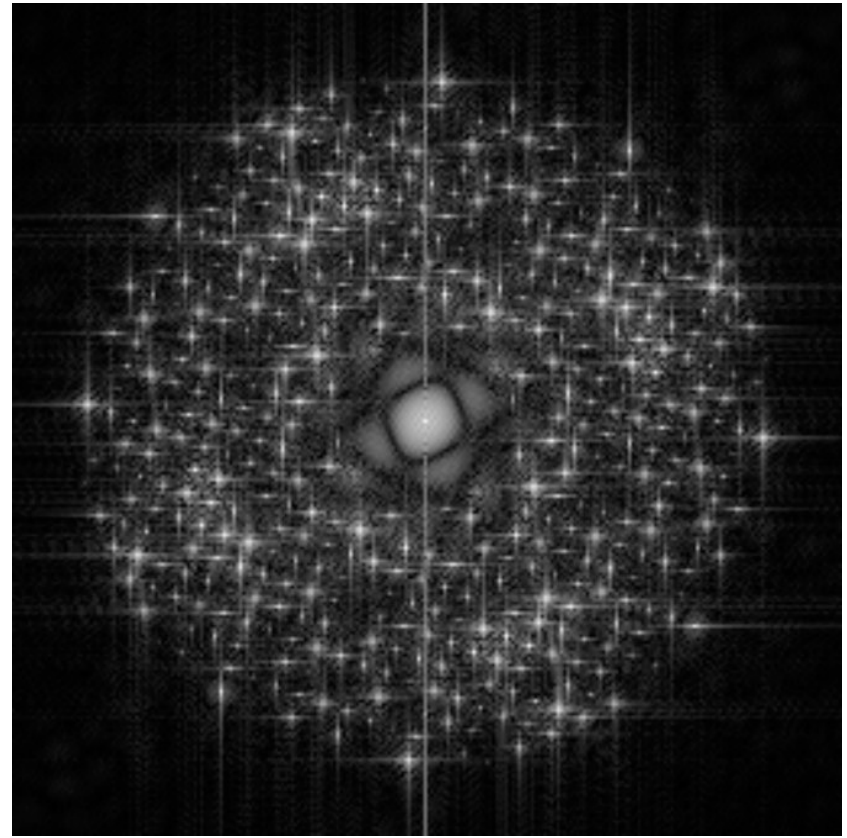
2dx_automator (2013): Automated movie frame alignment and averaging, based on the MotionCorr(1) (Cheng lab) alignment tool.



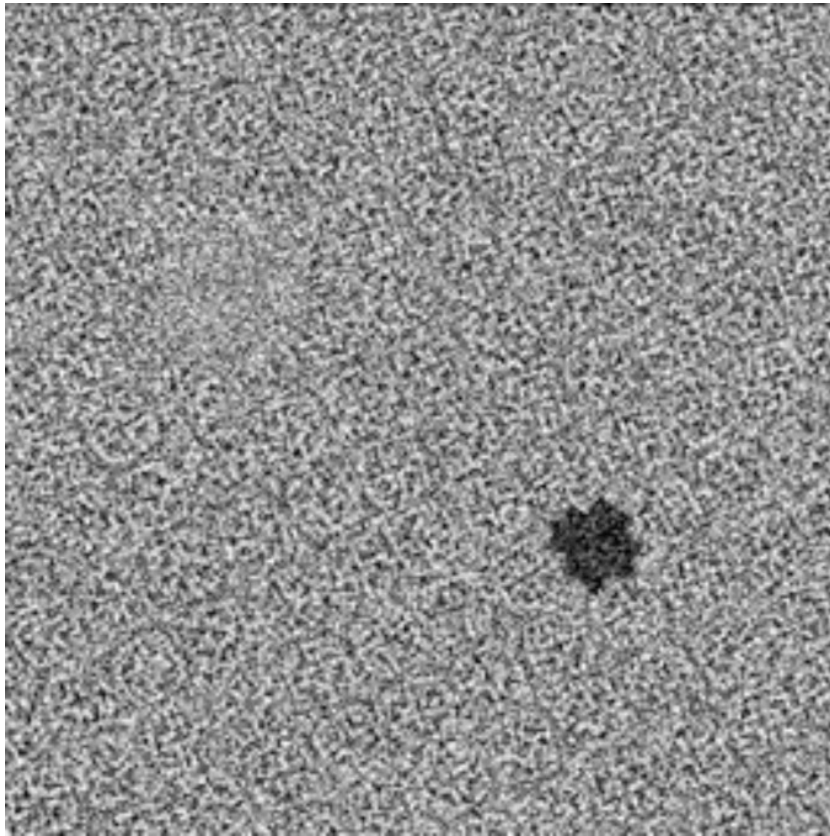
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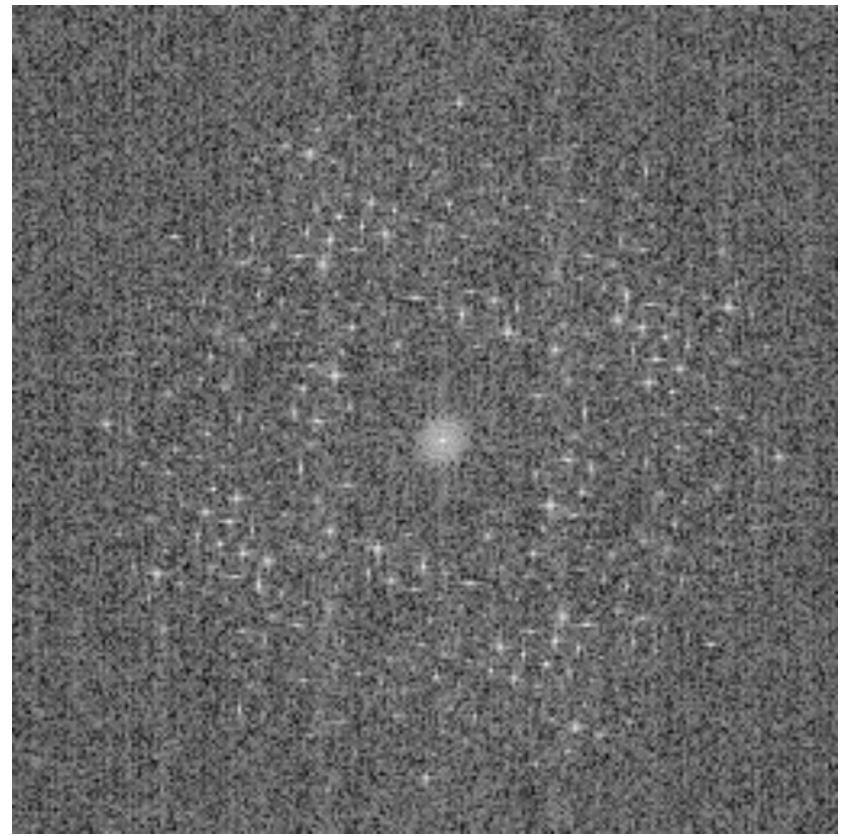
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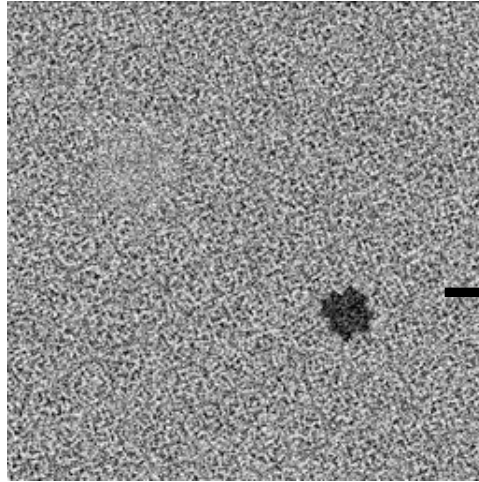


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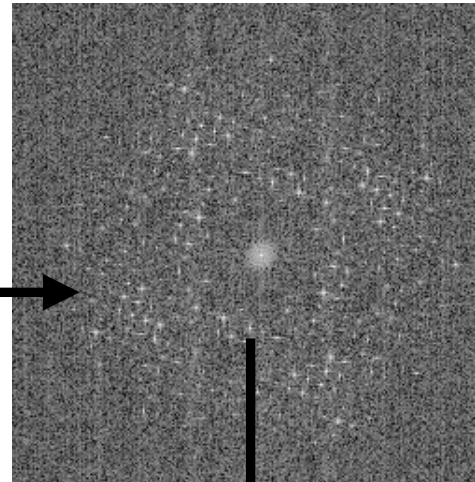


Extract the information from the noise

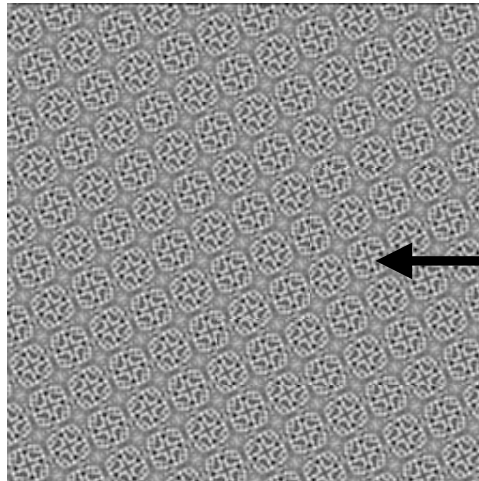
Noisy
image



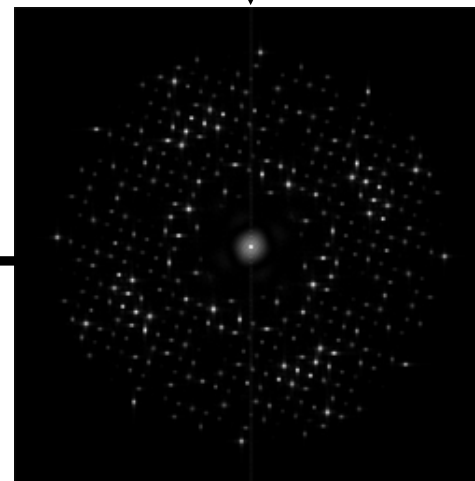
FFT



Filtered
image



Filtered
FFT



Fourier Transformation

Fourier transformation.

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$$F(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int f(x) \cdot [\cos(2\pi \cdot u \cdot x) - i \cdot \sin(2\pi \cdot u \cdot x)] dx$$

$$F(u) = FT(f(x))$$

Inverse Fourier transformation exists.

$$f(x) = FT^{-1}(F(u))$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int F(u) \cdot e^{+i \cdot 2\pi \cdot u \cdot x} du$$

Fourier Equations

$$FT(a \cdot f(x)) = a \cdot F(u)$$

*If you put more contrast in the image,
then the FFT's amplitude gets stronger.*

$$FT(f(x) + g(x)) = F(u) + G(u)$$

*Adding two images f and g and calculating their FFT
is like adding the FFTs F and G of them.*

$$FT(f(ax)) = F(u / a)$$

*If you stretch an image by a ,
then you shorten the FFT by a .
(==> reciprocity)*

$$FT(\text{rotated } f(x)) = \text{rotated } F(u)$$

*If you rotate an image,
then you also rotate its FFT.*

Convolution

$$f(x) \otimes g(x) = FT^{-1}[F(u) \cdot G(u)]$$

Convolution of f with g in real space is slow. It can be done much faster by multiplying their FFTs, and calculating the inverse FFT of the result.

“Convolution of a set of spots with a duck produces a set of ducks.”

“Convoluting a structure’s projection map with a Point Spread Function gives you the recorded image. This is equivalent to multiplying the FFT of the map with the Contrast Transfer Function.”
(=> deconvolution)

Cross-Correlation

$$f(x) \times g(x) = FT^{-1}[F(u) \cdot G^*(u)]$$

Cross-correlation of f with g in real space is slow. It can be done much faster by calculating their FFTs F and G, taking the complex conjugate of G*, multiplying F with G*, and calculating the inverse FFT of the result.

“Cross-correlation of a noisy image of many viruses with a virus-like circular reference produces a map with peaks that show where the viruses are.”

Couple Conjugation:

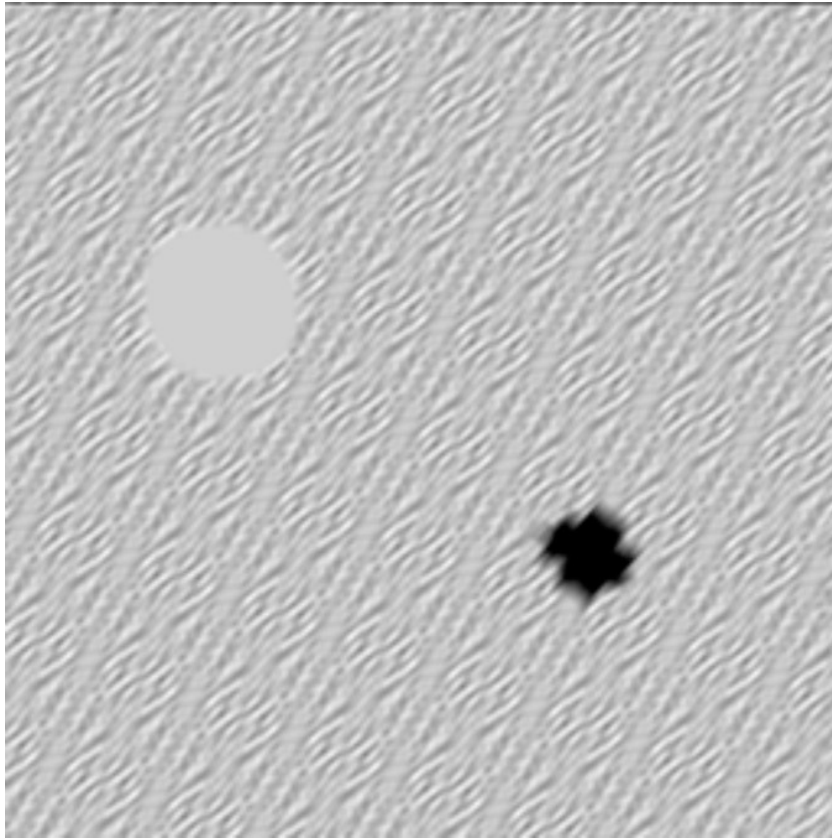
$$G = a + ib$$

$$G^* = a - ib$$

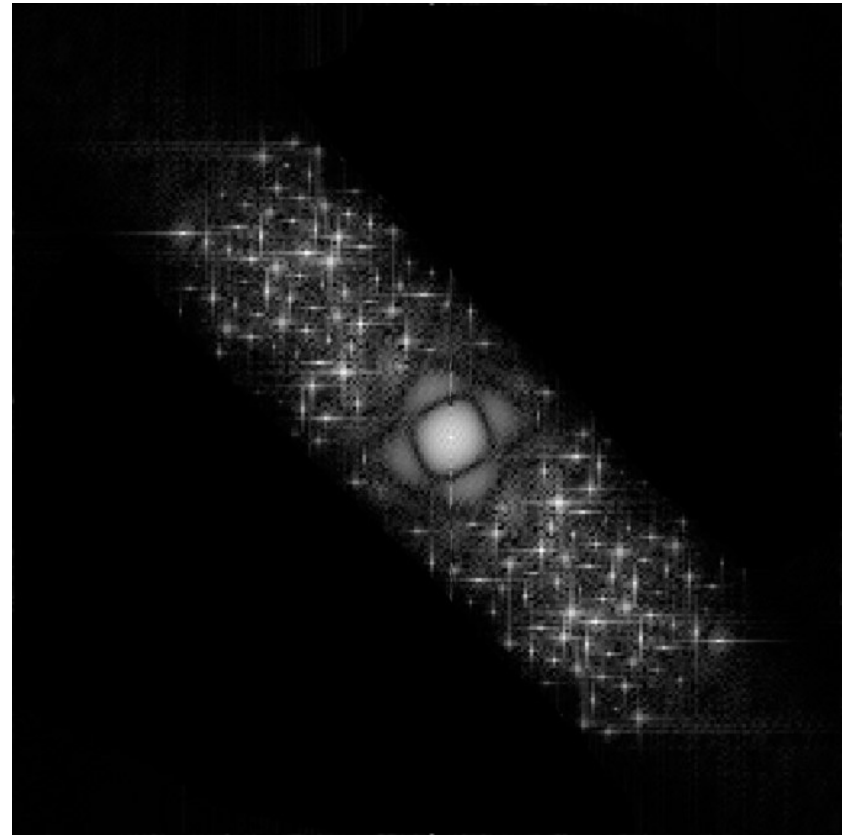
$$\text{Phase}(G) = \Phi$$

$$\text{Phase}(G^*) = -\Phi$$

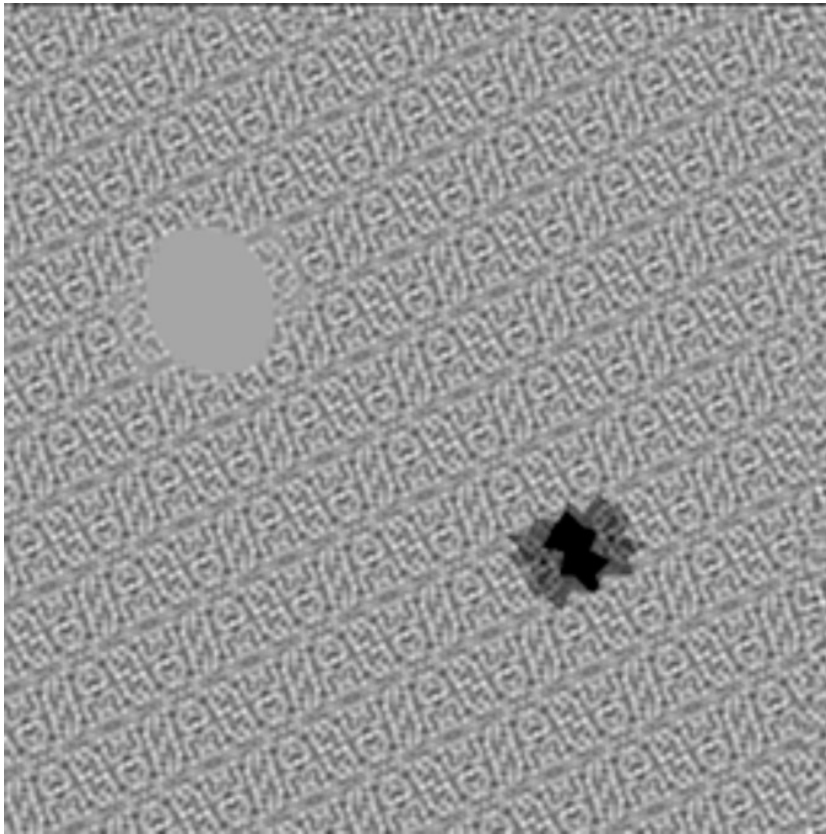
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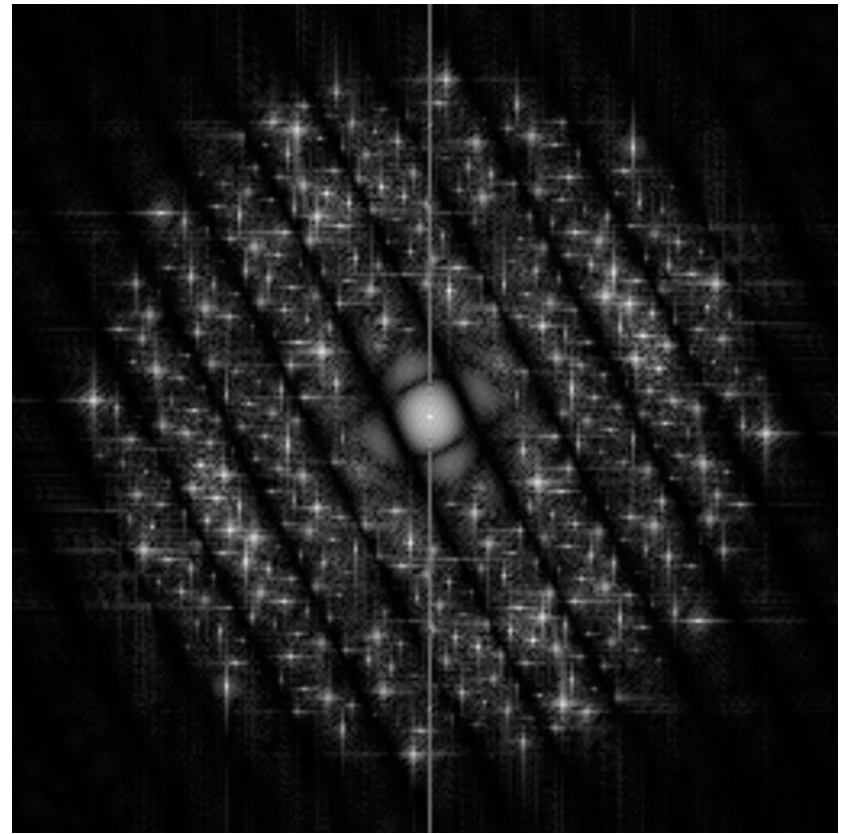
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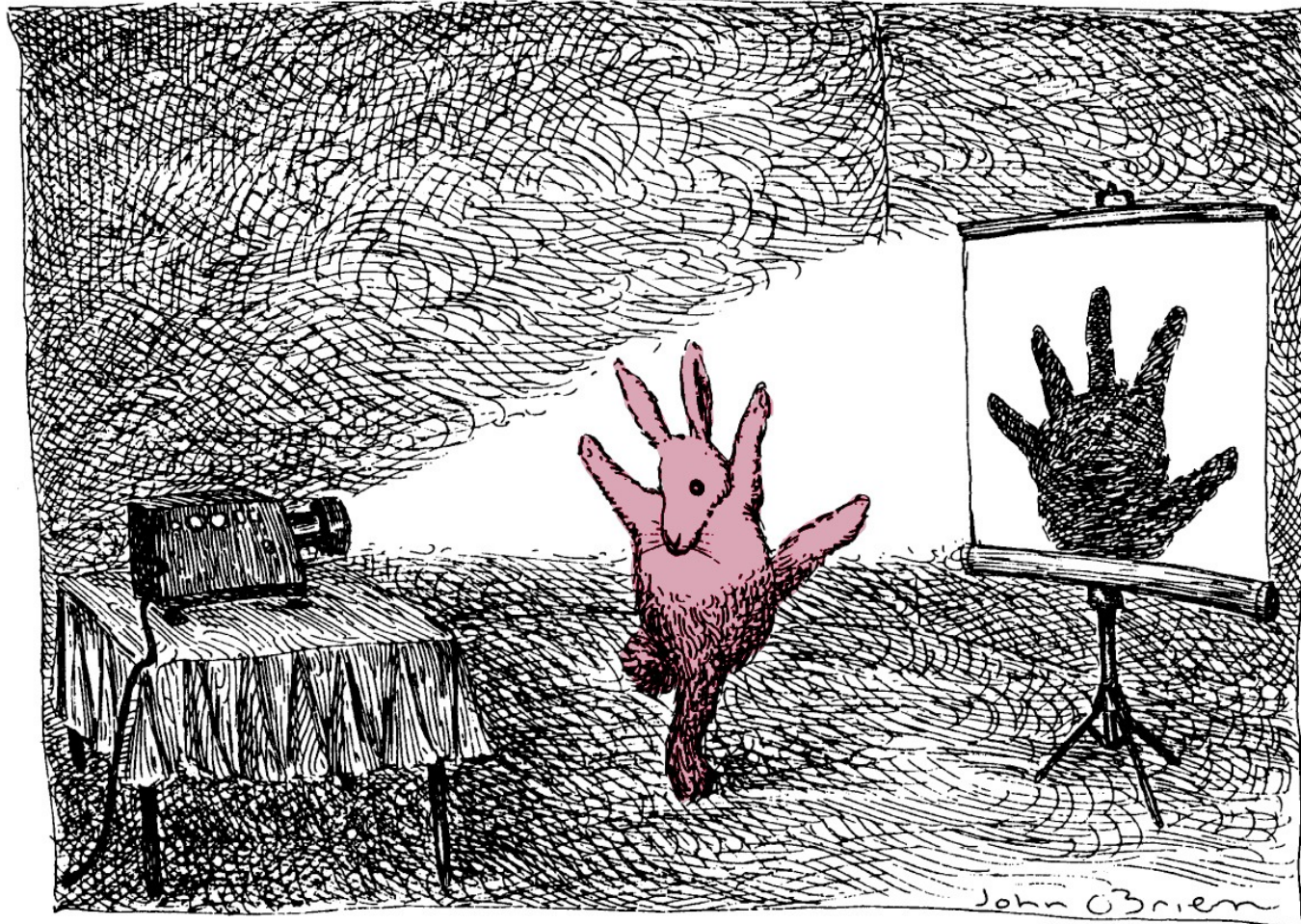
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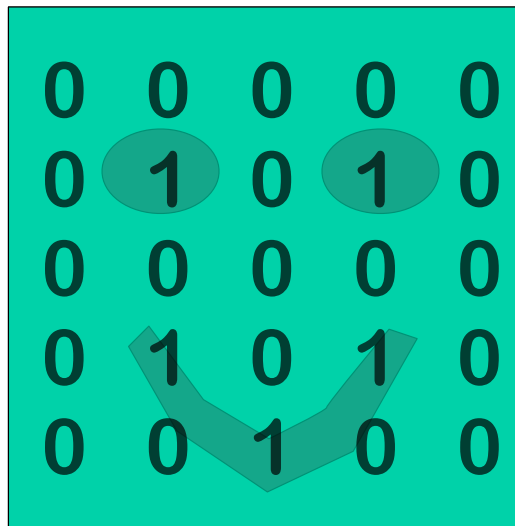


2D -> 3D



Drawing by John O'Brien; © 1991 The New Yorker Magazine

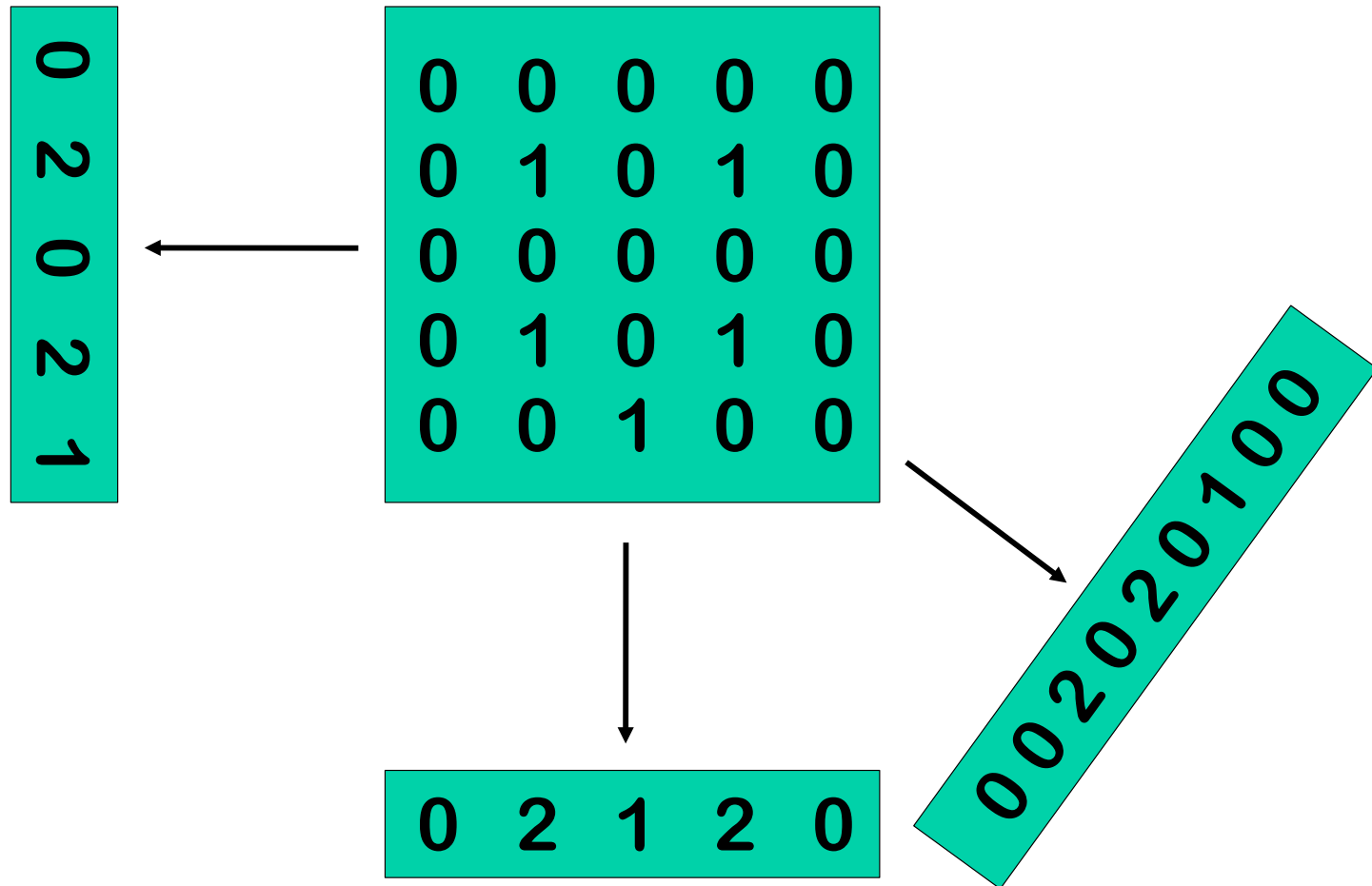
Projection



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0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0

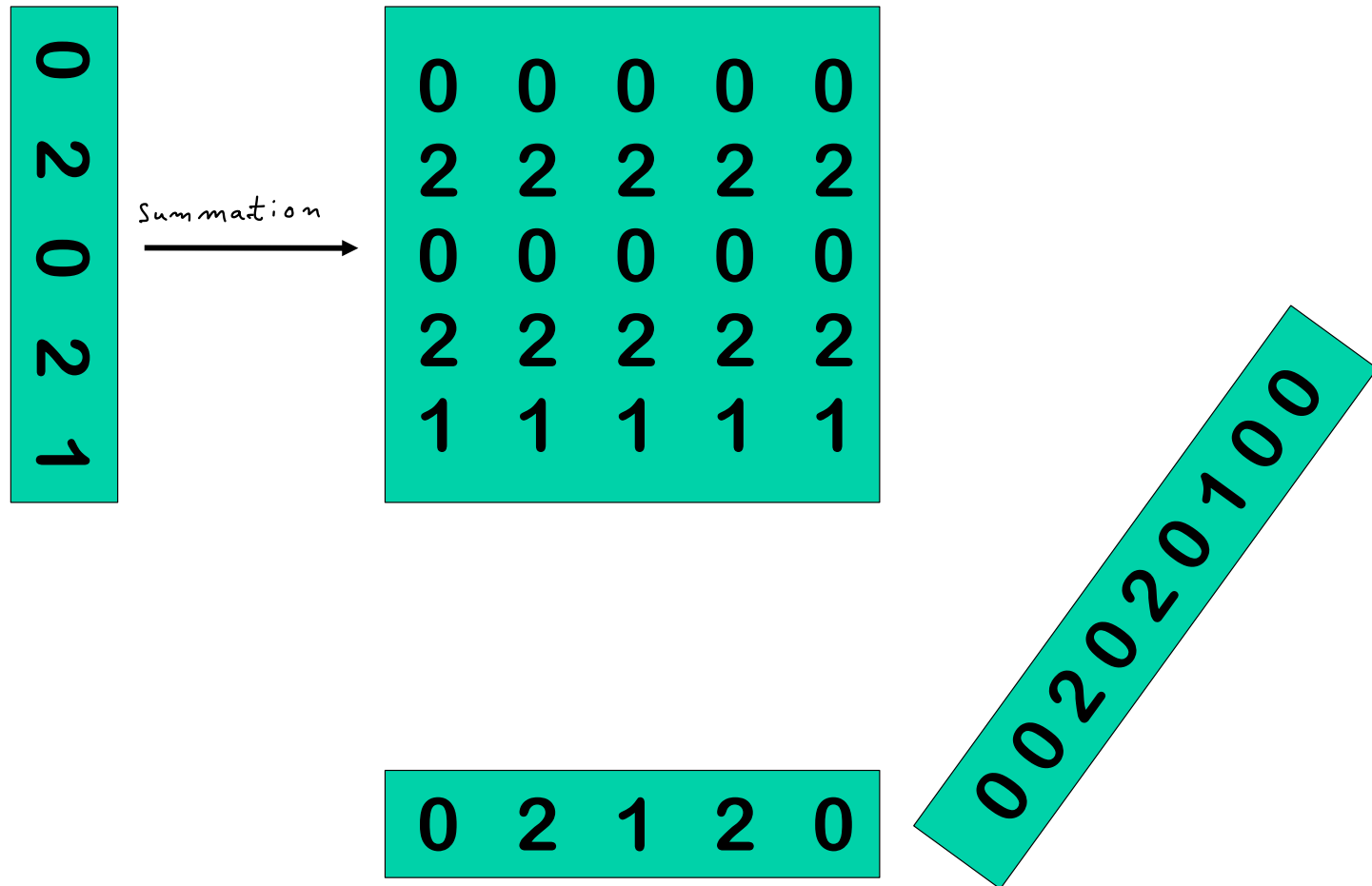
Real-Space Method

Projection



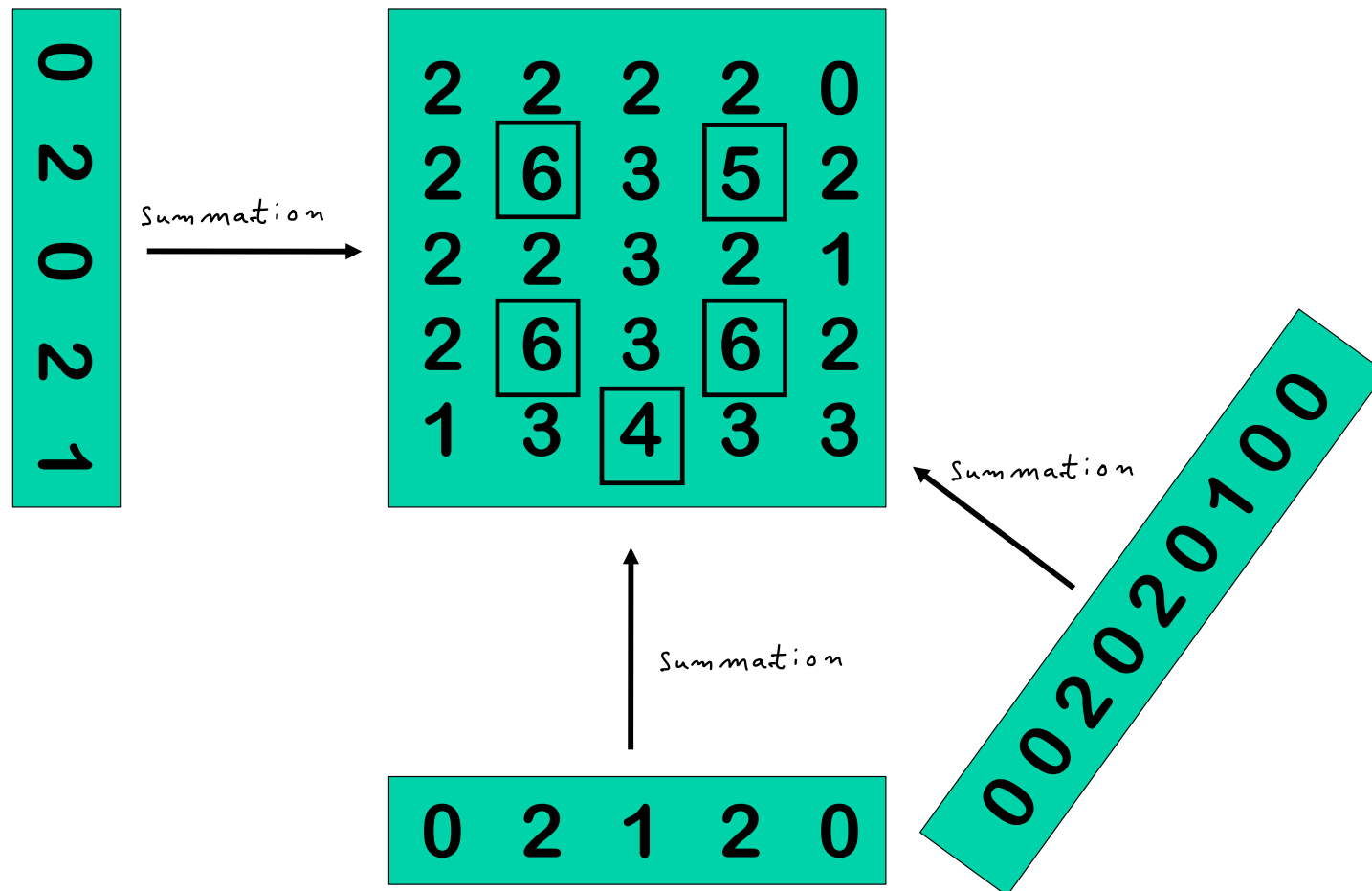
Real-Space Method

Backprojection



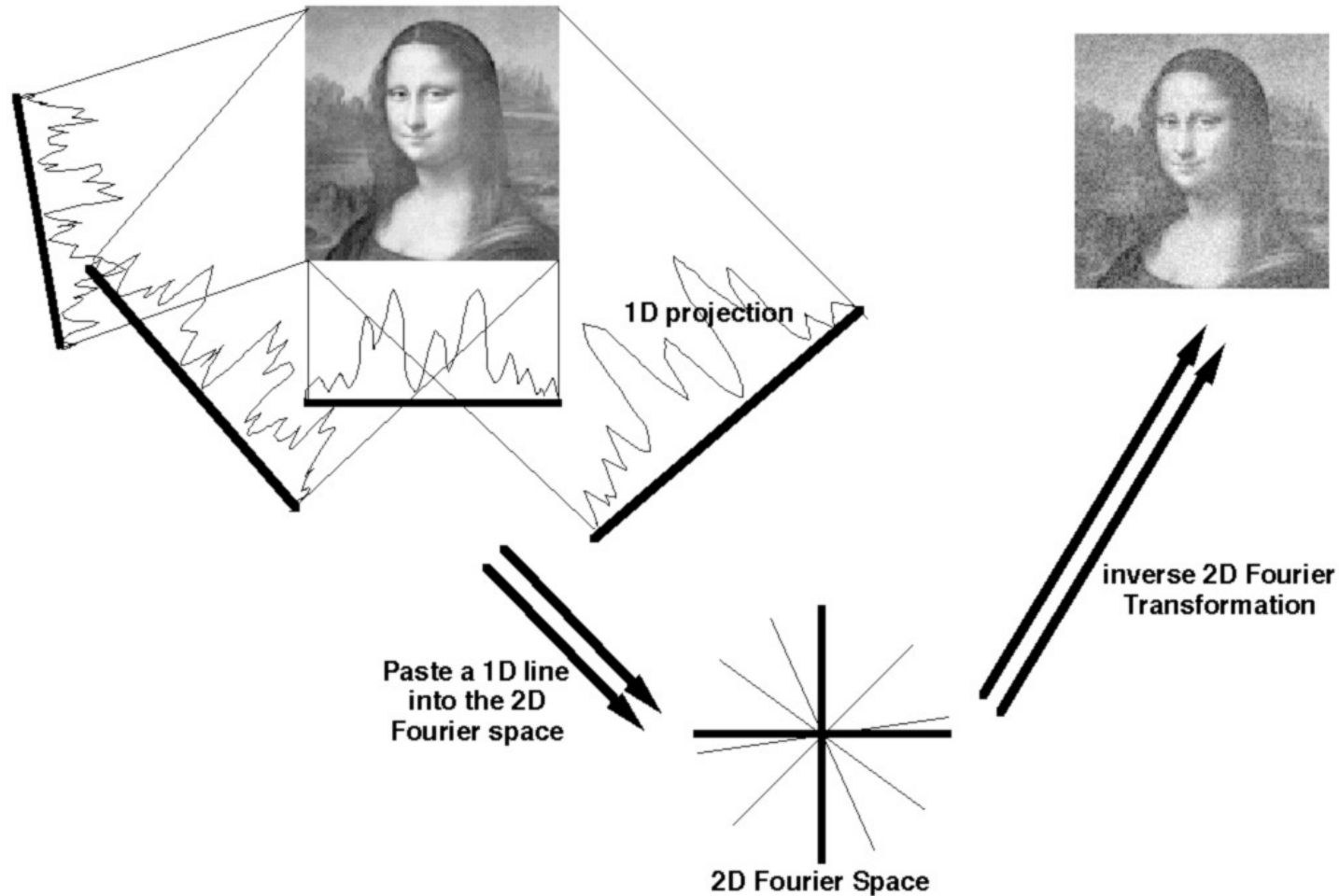
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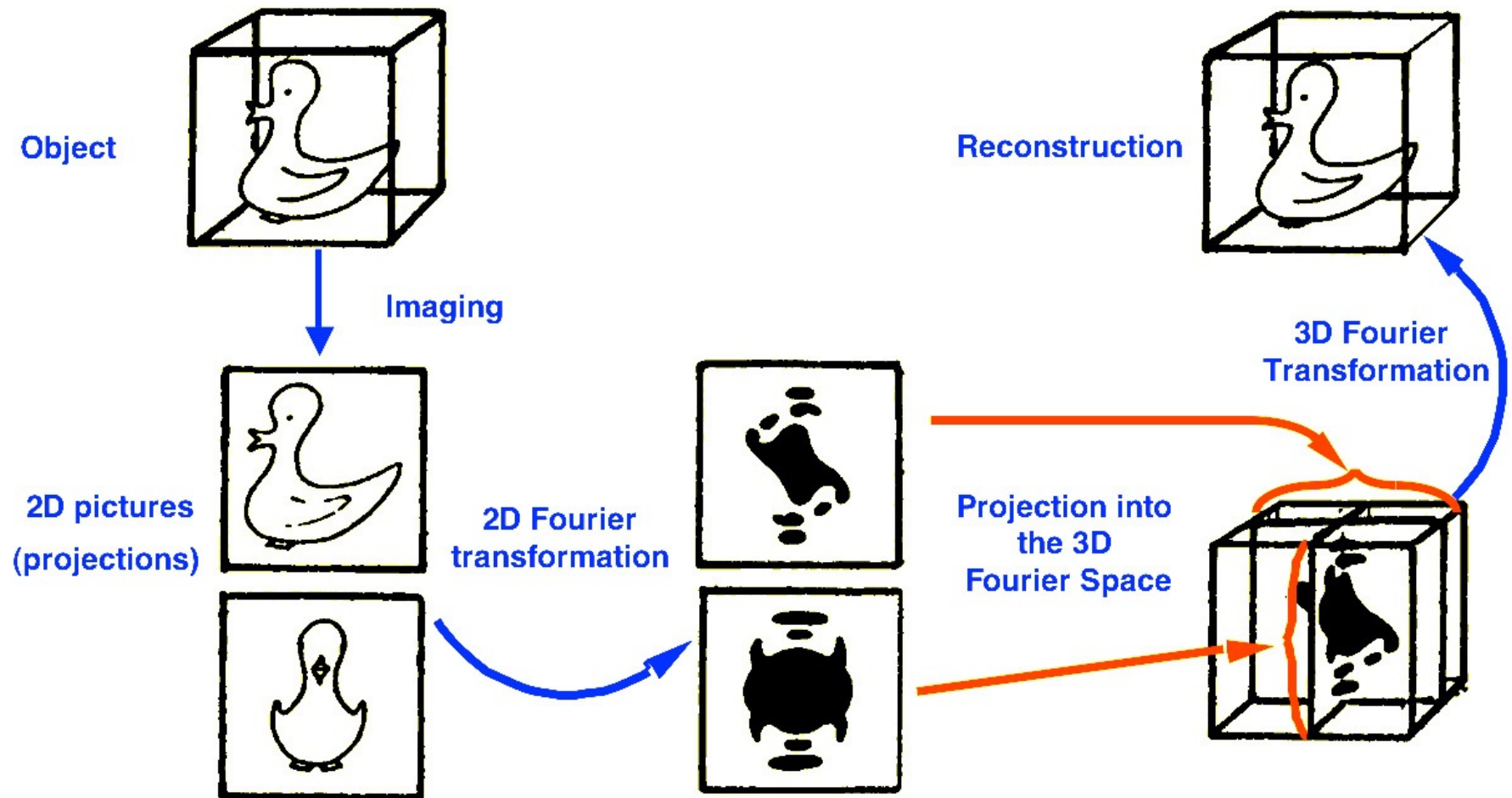
Real-Space Method

The Radon projection theorem for 3D reconstructions



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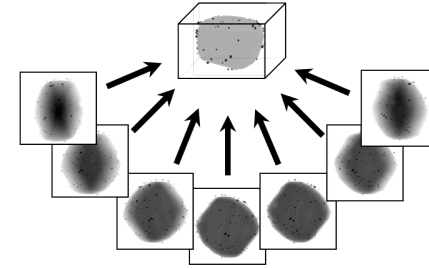
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3D reconstruction

Computing requirements:

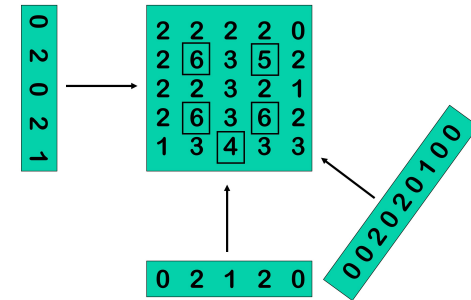
- 50 images at different tilt angles
- 1000x1000 px in each image
- 1000x1000x1000 voxels for the 3D reconstruction



Real-space backprojection:

Number of required summations:

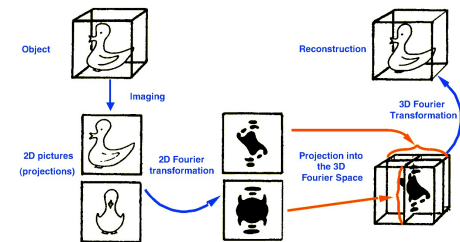
$$50 \times 1000 \times 1000 \times 1000 = 50'000'000'000$$



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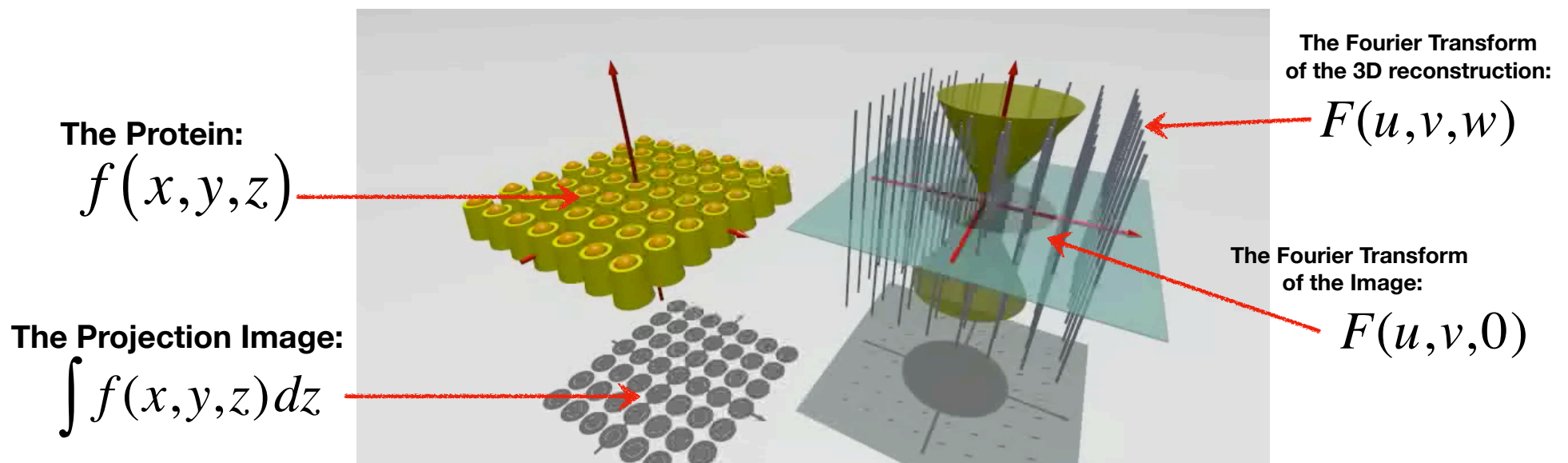
Central Section Theorem

$$F(u,v,w) = FT(f(x,y,z))$$

A 3D space with x,y,z corresponds to a Fourier space with u,v,w .

$$F(u,v,0) = FT\left[\int f(x,y,z)dz\right]$$

A projection in the vertical direction dz corresponds to the central section in the $w=0$ plane.



Special Cases

$$FT(\text{rect}(ax)) = \frac{1}{|a|} \text{sinc}\left(\frac{u}{a}\right)$$

The Fourier transform of a rectangular function is the sinc function.

$$FT(\text{sinc}(ax)) = \frac{1}{|a|} \text{rect}\left(\frac{u}{a}\right)$$

The Fourier transform of a sinc function is a rectangular function.

$$FT(e^{-ax^2}) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \cdot e^{-\frac{(\pi u)^2}{a}}$$

The Fourier transform of a Gaussian function is a Gaussian function.

$$FT(\delta(x)) = 1$$

The Fourier transform of a delta function is a constant.

$$FT(1) = \delta(u)$$

The Fourier transform of a constant function is a delta function.

Fourier Transformation

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Use it to:

- *Analyze performance of microscope*
- *Analyze resolution and quality of image*
- *Modify or correct certain image artifacts (=> CTF)*
- *In case of crystal: Extract structure (=> Fourier filtering)*
- *Use to*
 - Calculate cross-correlation function with a reference*
 - Calculate convolution with or deconvolution of a kernel function*
- *In case of different sample orientations in set of images: combine into 3D reconstruction (=> Backprojection)*