

# Phase Retrieval and Support Estimation in X-Ray Diffraction

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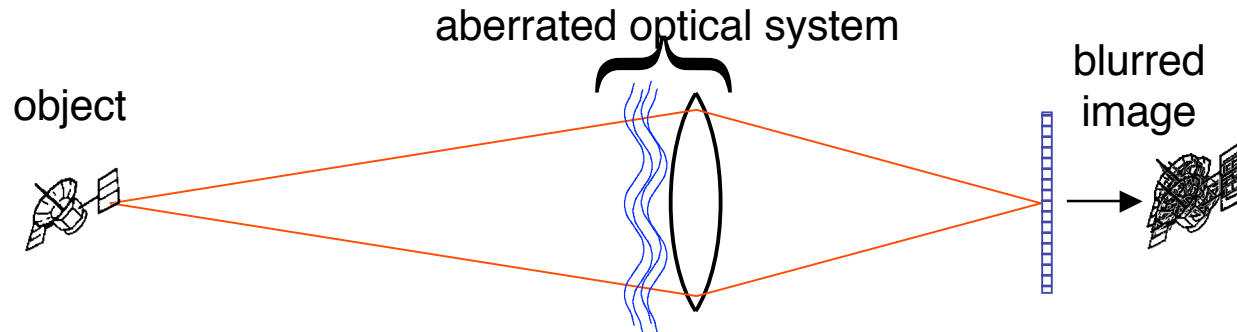
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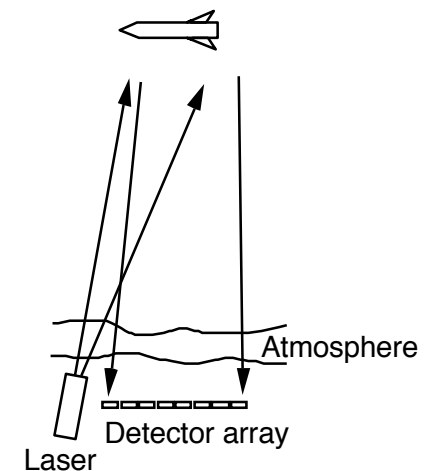
- Phase retrieval applications
  
- Phase retrieval algorithms
  - Iterative Transform Algorithm
    - Hybrid input-output algorithm
  - Gradient search algorithms
  
- Support Constraint
  - Importance
  - Reconstructing object support from autocorrelation support
  - Tightening the support constraint
  - Several examples

# Phase Retrieval Application: Imaging through Atmospheric Turbulence

- Problem: atmospheric turbulence causes phase errors, limits resolution

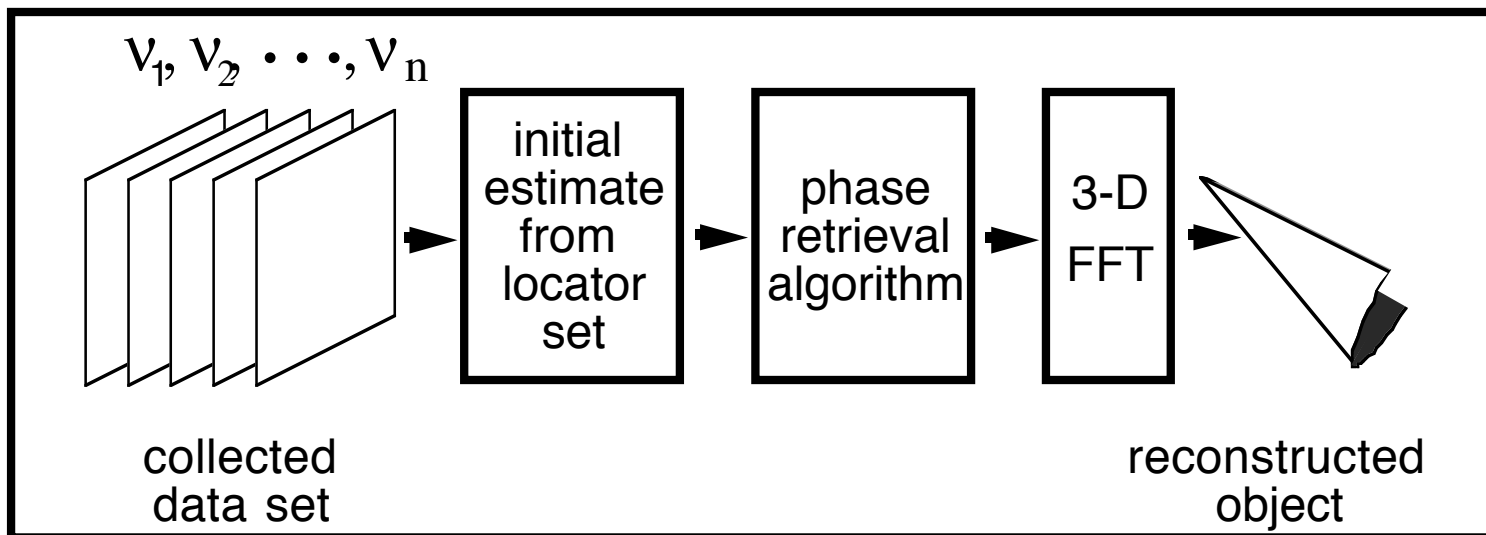
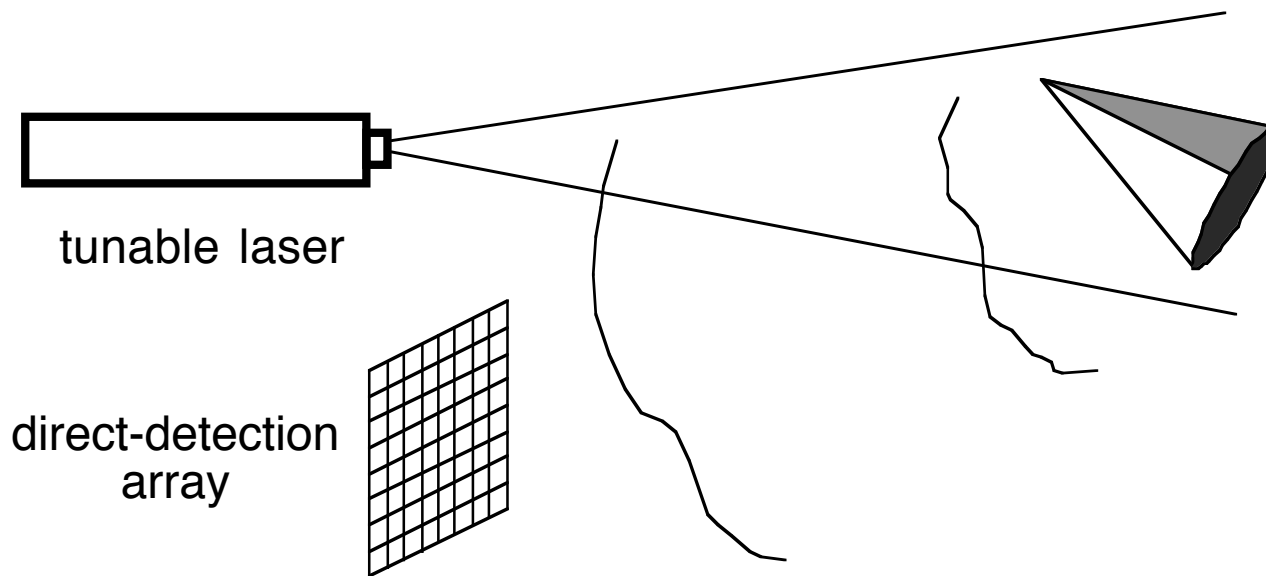


- Labeyrie's stellar speckle interferometry yields Fourier magnitude
  - Incoherent (real, nonnegative) image
- Lensless imaging with laser illumination
  - Measure far-field speckle intensity
  - Complex-valued image
- Both mathematically similar to x-ray diffraction

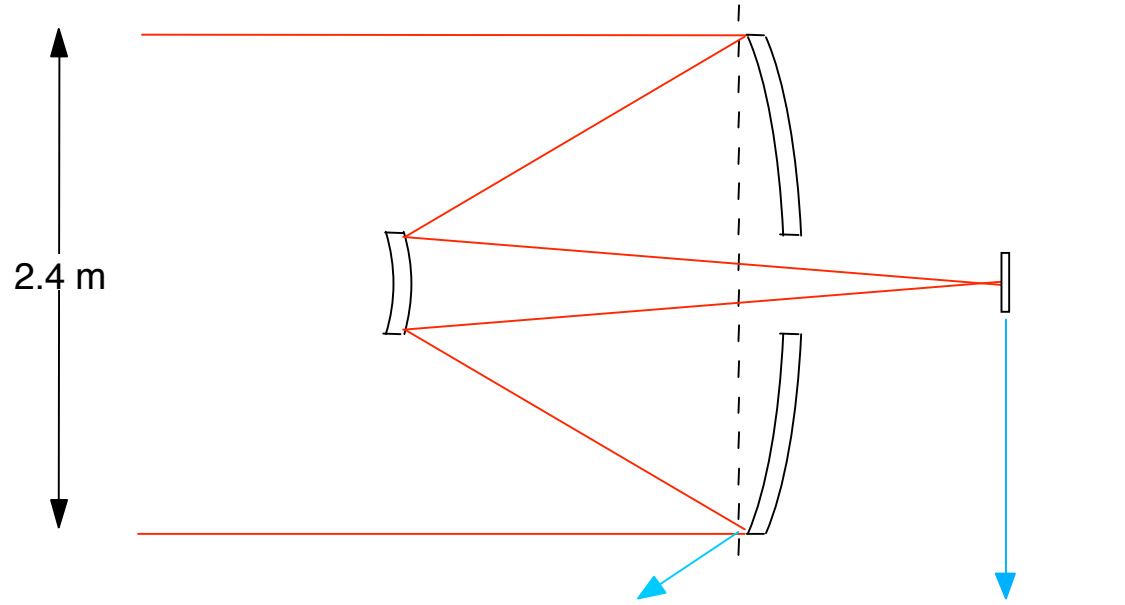


# PROCLAIM 3-D Imaging Concept

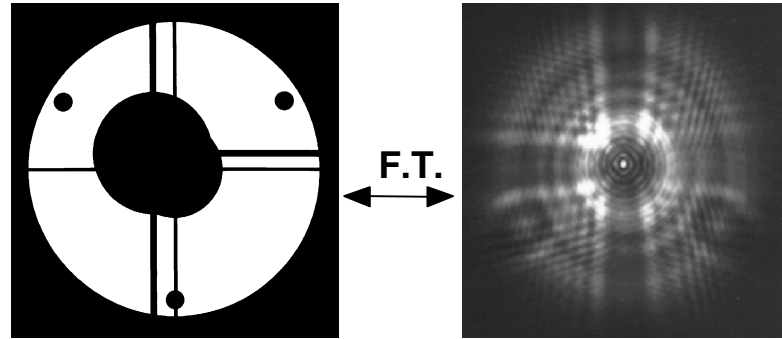
## Phase Retrieval with Opacity Constraint LASer IMaging



# Determine Hubble Space Telescope Aberrations from PSF



Measurements & Constraints:  
 Pupil plane: known aperture shape  
 phase error fairly smooth function  
 Focal plane: measured PSF intensity

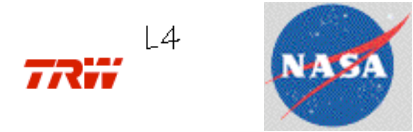
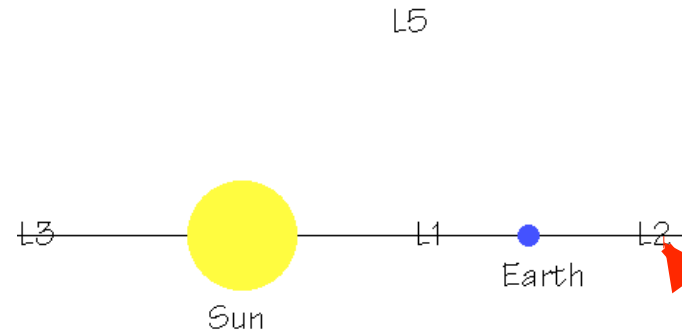


(Hubble Space Telescope)

Wavefronts in pupil plane and focal plane  
are related by a Fourier Transform

# Next Generation Space Telescope James Webb Space Telescope

- See red-shifted light from early universe
  - 0.6 to 28  $\mu\text{m}$
  - L2 orbit for passive cooling, avoiding light from sun and earth
  - 6 m diameter primary mirror
    - Deployable, segmented optics
    - Phase retrieval to align segments

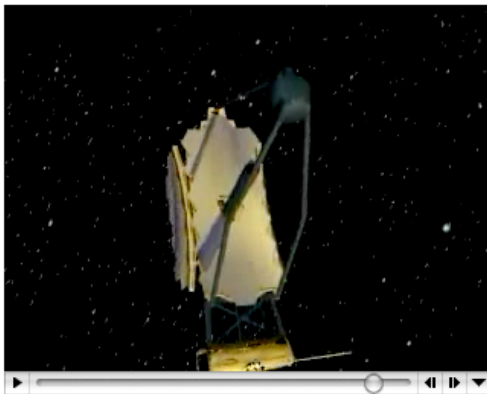


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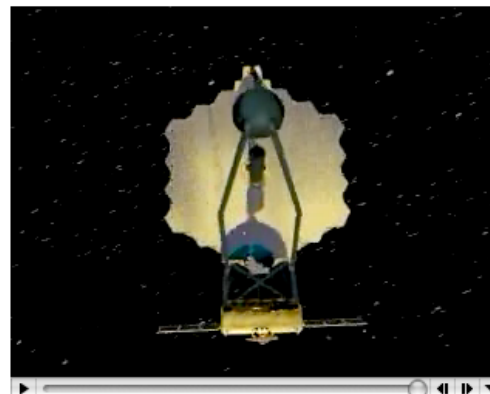
James Webb Space Telescope  
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NGST Deployment



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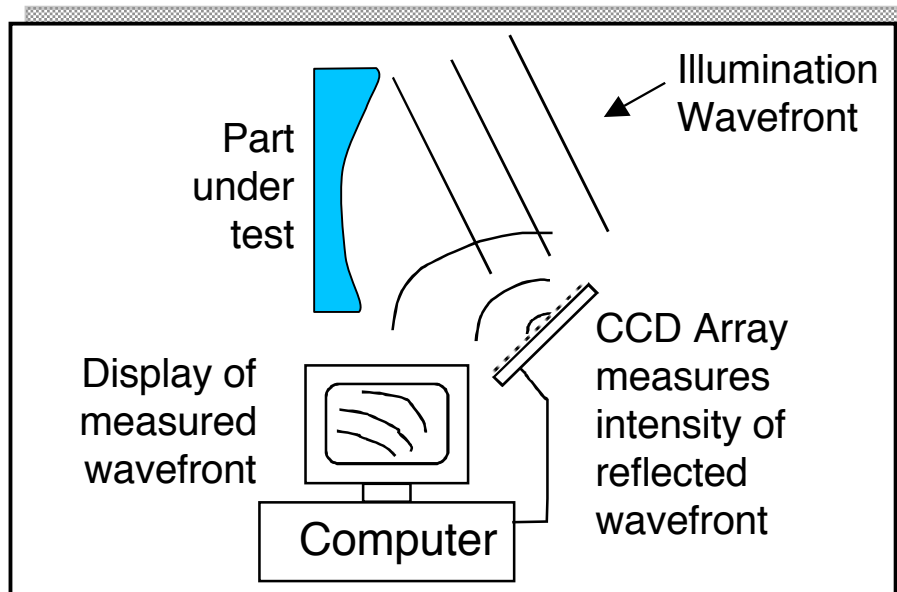
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Optical wave fronts (phase) can be measured by many forms of interferometry

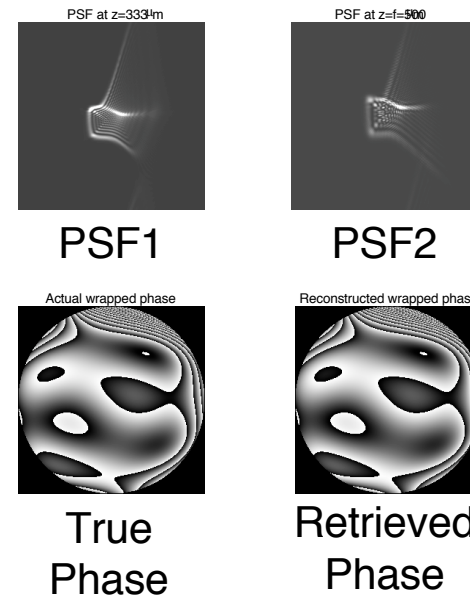
Novel wave front sensor: a bare CCD detector array, detects reflected intensity

Wave front reconstructed in the computer by phase retrieval algorithm

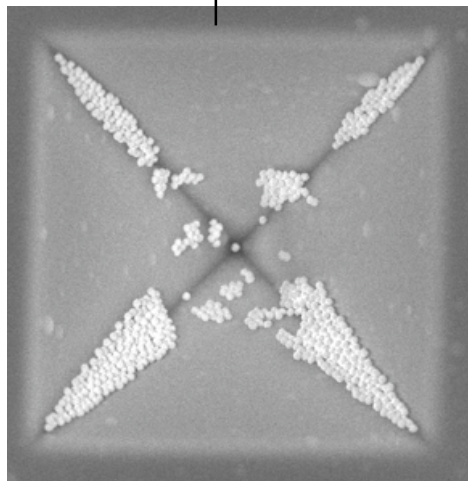
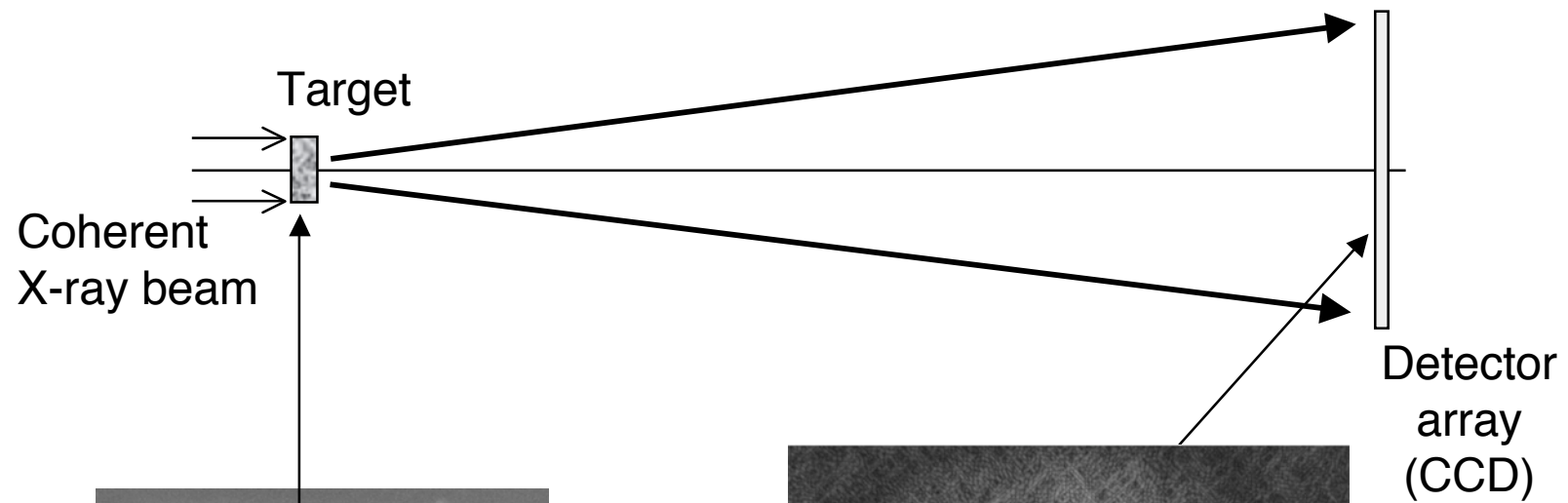
Approach:



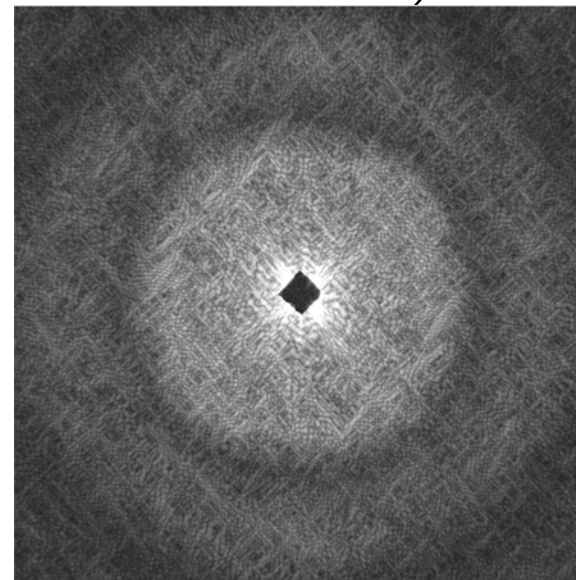
## Simulation Results



# Image Reconstruction from X-Ray Diffraction Intensity



(electron micrograph)  
Collection of gold balls  
(has complex index of refraction)



Far-field diffraction pattern  
(Fourier intensity)



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Fourier transform: } F(u, v) &= \int \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) e^{-i2\pi(ux + vy)} dx dy \\ &= |F(u, v)| e^{i\psi(u, v)} = \mathcal{F}[f(x, y)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Inverse transform: } f(x, y) = \int \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(u, v) e^{i2\pi(ux + vy)} du dv = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[F(u, v)]$$

Phase retrieval problem:

Given  $|F(u, v)|$  and some constraints on  $f(x, y)$ ,  
Reconstruct  $f(x, y)$ , or equivalently retrieve  $\psi(u, v)$

$$|F(u, v)| = |\mathcal{F}[f(x, y)]| = \left| \mathcal{F}\left[e^{ic} f(x - x_o, y - y_o)\right] \right| = \left| \mathcal{F}\left[e^{ic} f^*(-x - x_o, -y - y_o)\right] \right|$$

(Inherent ambiguities: phase constant, images shifts, twin image all result in same data)

Autocorrelation:

$$r_f(x, y) = \int \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x', y') f^*(x' - x, y' - y) dx' dy' = \mathcal{F}^{-1}\left[|F(u, v)|^2\right]$$

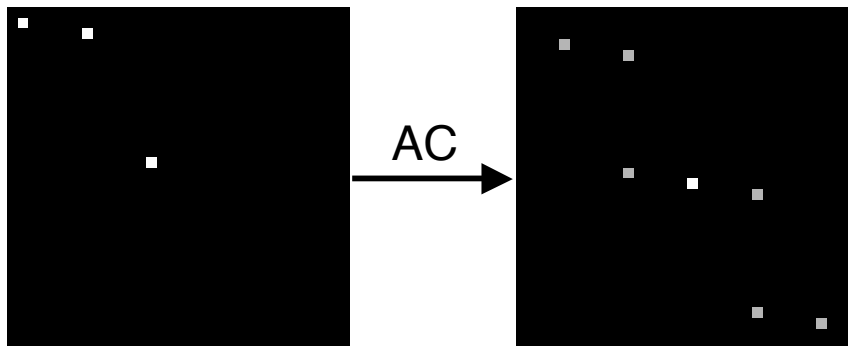
- Patterson function in crystallography is an aliased version of the autocorrelation
- Simply need Nyquist sampling of the Fourier intensity to avoid aliasing

# Autocorrelation versus Patterson Function

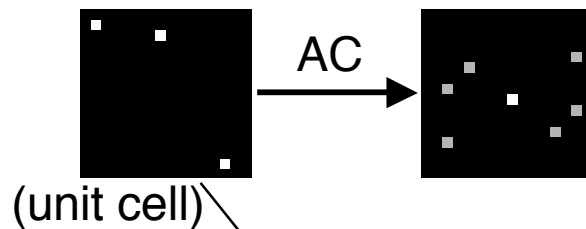
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has all vector  
separations  
in object



Autocorrelation Function:  
Fourier intensities adequately  
(Nyquist) sampled or oversampled  
NO Aliasing  $\Delta u \leq \lambda z / (2D_u)$



Autocorrelation Function  
= Patterson function  
Fourier intensities undersampled  
-- forced by crystallographic periodicity  
Get Aliasing  $\Delta u = \lambda z / D_u > \lambda z / (2D_u)$

If in repeated array,  
Object embedded  
in zeros by factor of 2

In repeated array,  
Object NOT embedded  
in zeros by factor of 2

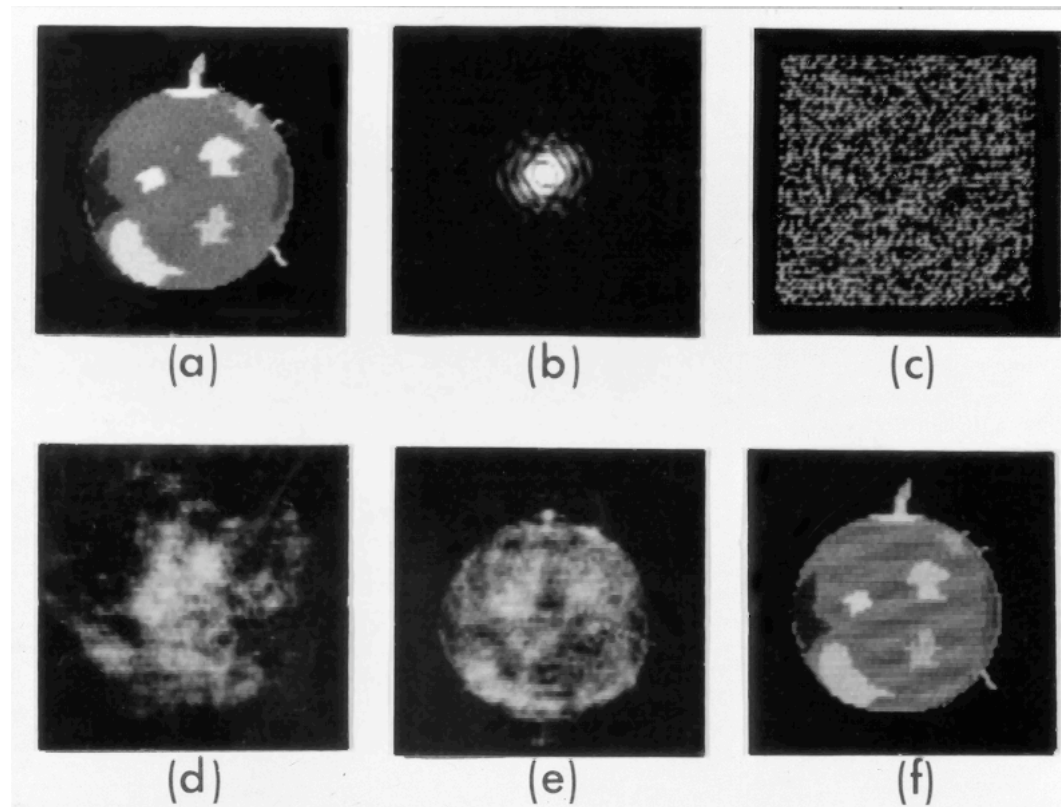
## Constraints in Phase Retrieval

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- Nonnegativity constraint:  $f(x, y) \geq 0$ 
  - True for ordinary incoherent imaging, crystallography, MRI, etc.
  - Not true for wavefront sensing or coherent imaging (sometimes x-ray)
- The support of an object is the set of points over which it is nonzero
  - Meaningful for imaging objects on dark backgrounds
  - Wavefront sensing through a known aperture
- A good support constraint is essential for complex-valued objects
  - Coherent imaging or wave front sensing
- Atomiticity when have angstrom-level resolution
  - For crystals -- not applicable for coarser-resolution, single-particle
- Object intensity constraint (wish to reconstruct object phase)
  - E.g., measure wavefront intensity in two planes (Gerchberg-Saxton)
  - If available, supercedes support constraint

## First Phase Retrieval Result

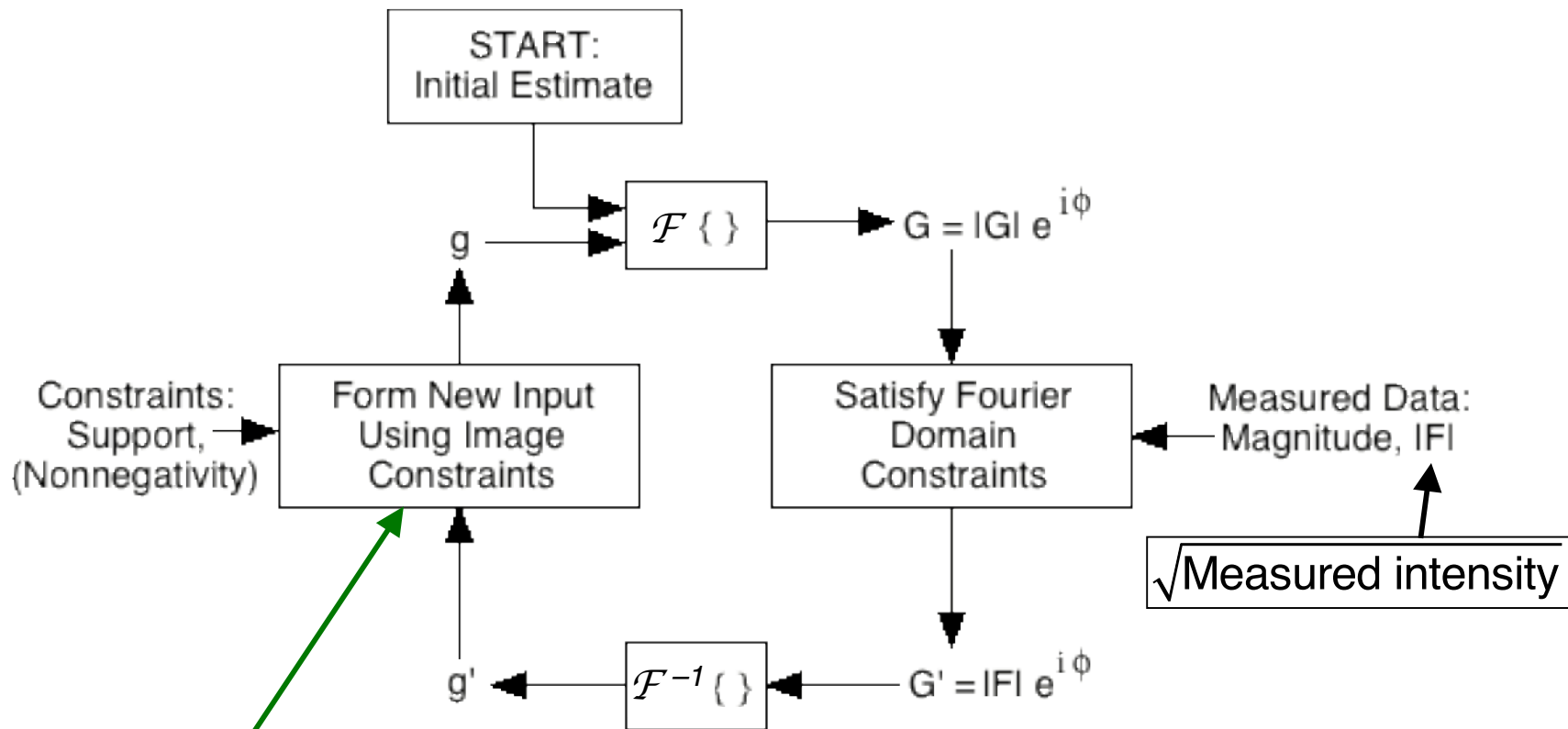
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(a) Original object, (b) Fourier modulus data, (c) Initial estimate  
(d) – (f) Reconstructed images — number of iterations: (d) 20, (e) 230, (f) 600

Reference: J.R. Fienup, Optics Letters, Vol 3., pp. 27-29 (1978).

# Iterative Transform Algorithm



Hybrid Input-Output version

$$g_{k+1}(x, y) = \begin{cases} g'_k(x, y) & , (x, y) \in \text{Support} \\ g_k(x, y) - \beta g'_k(x, y) & , (x, y) \notin \text{Support} \end{cases}$$

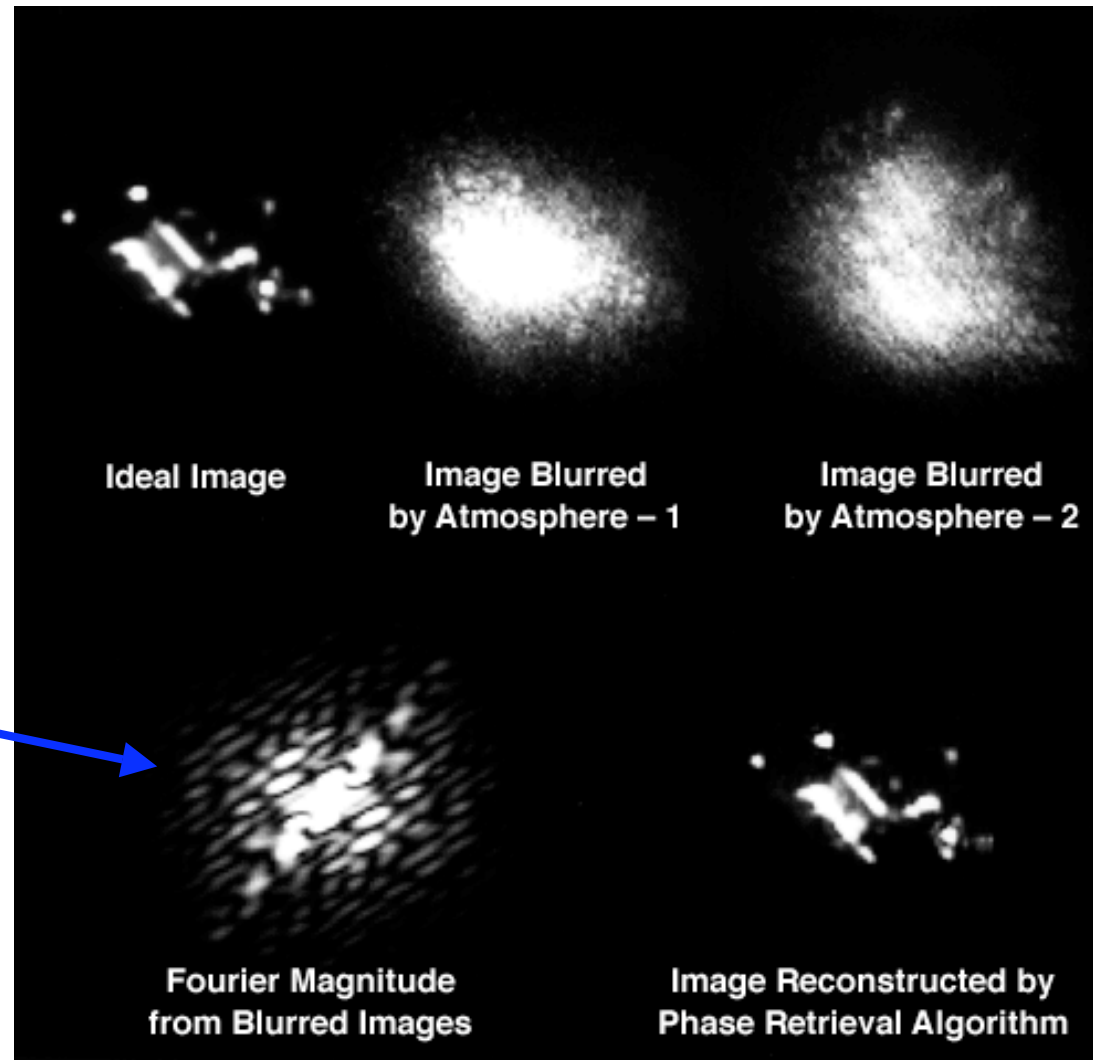
## Iterative Transform Algorithm Versions: Error-Reduction versus HIO

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- Error reduction algorithm     ER:  $g_{k+1}(x) = \begin{cases} g'_k(x) , & x \in S \text{ \& } g'_k(x) \geq 0 \\ 0 , & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 
  - Satisfy constraints in object domain
  - Equivalent to projection onto (nonconvex) sets algorithm
  - Equivalent to successive approximations
  - Similar to steepest-descent gradient search
  - Proof of convergence (weak sense)
  - In practice: slow, prone to stagnation, gets trapped in local minima
  
- Hybrid-input-output algorithm     HIO:  $g_{k+1}(x) = \begin{cases} g'_k(x) , & x \in S \text{ \& } g'_k(x) \geq 0 \\ g_k(x) - \beta g'_k(x) , & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 
  - Uses negative feedback idea from control theory
    - $\beta$  is feedback constant
  - No convergence proof (can increase errors temporarily)
  - In practice: much faster than ER
  - Can climb out of local minima at which ER stagnates

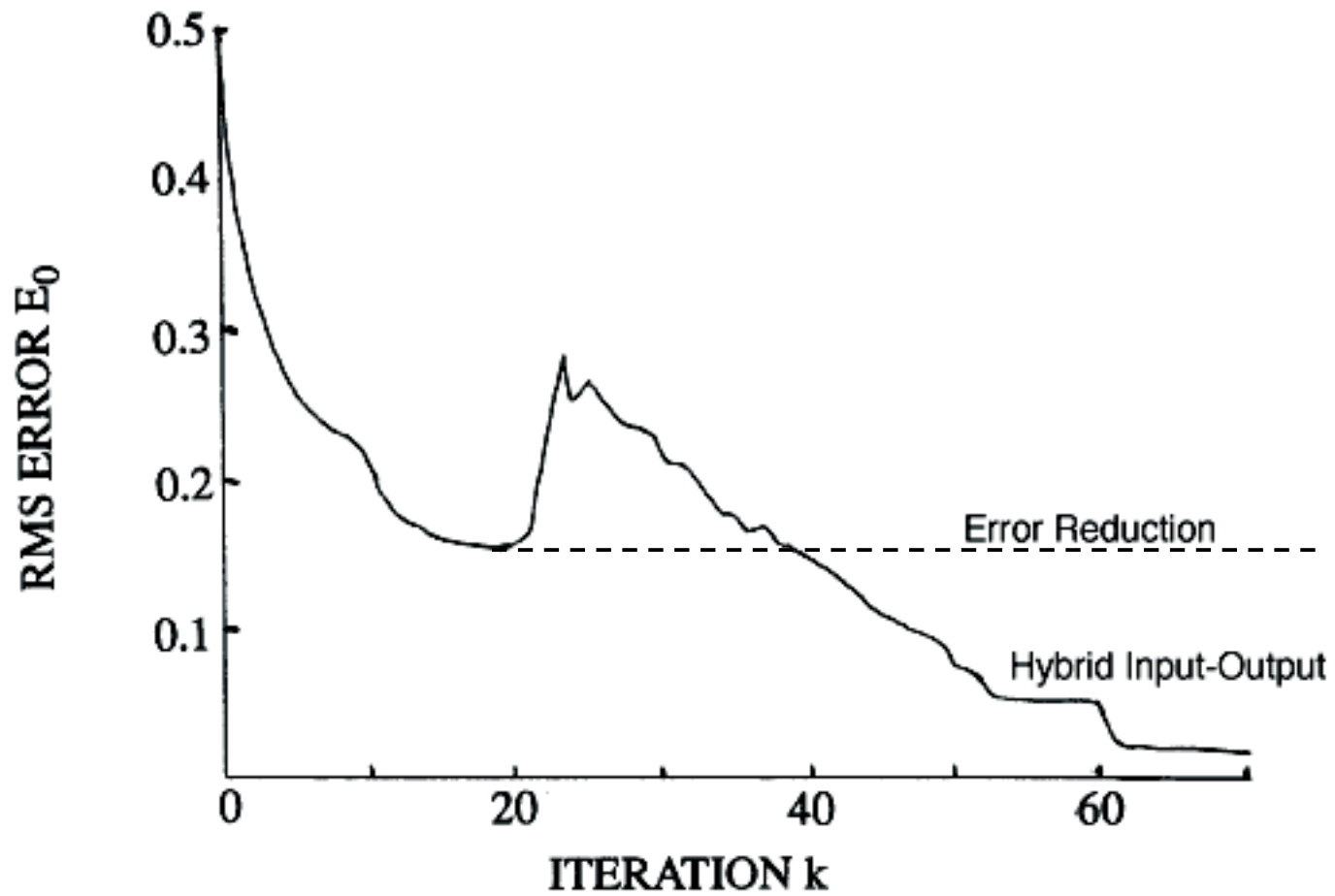
# Image Reconstruction from Simulated Speckle Interferometry Data

Labeyrie's  
stellar speckle  
interferometry  
gives this



J.R. Fienup, "Phase Retrieval Algorithms: A Comparison," *Appl. Opt.* 21, 2758-2769 (1982).

# Error Metric versus Iteration Number

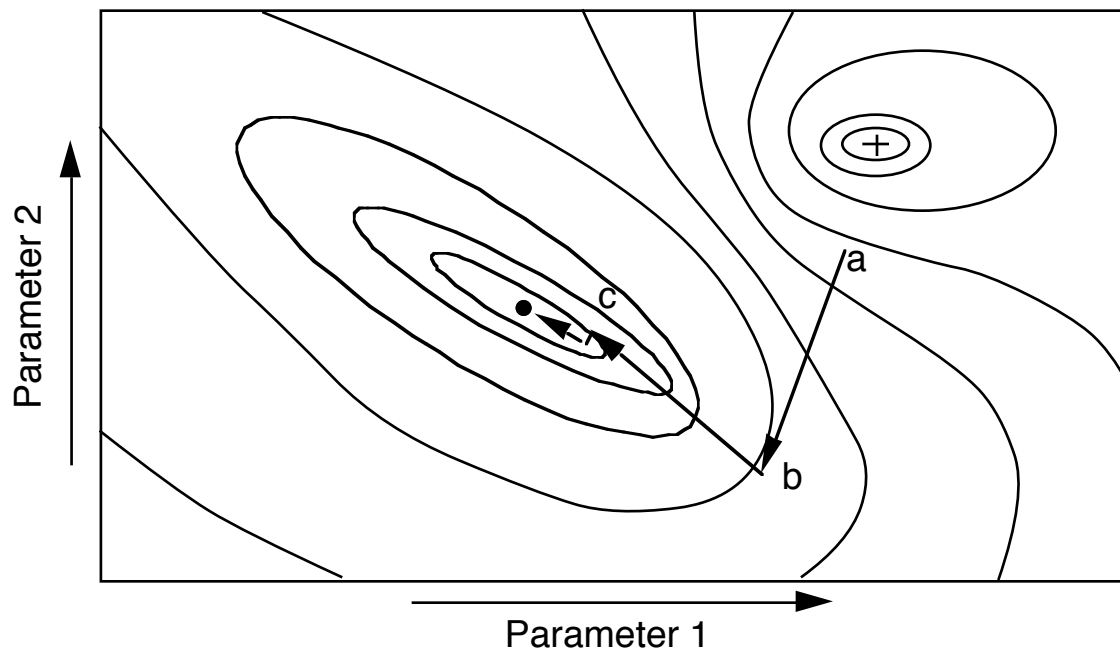




# Nonlinear Optimization Algorithms Employing Gradients

Minimize Error Metric, e.g.:  $E = \sum_u W(u)[|G(u)| - |F(u)|]^2$

Contour Plot of Error Metric



Repeat three steps:

1. Compute gradient:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial p_1}, \frac{\partial E}{\partial p_2}, \dots$$

2. Compute direction of search

3. Perform line search

Gradient methods:

(Steepest Descent)

Conjugate Gradient

BFGS/Quasi-Newton

...

# Analytic Gradients with Phase Values as Parameters

$$E = \sum_u W(u) [|G(u)| - |F(u)|]^2$$

$$G(u) = \mathcal{P}[g(x)]$$

Optimizing over  $g(x) = g_R(x) + i g_I(x) = m_o(x) e^{i\theta(x)}$ ,  $\theta(x) = \sum_{j=1}^J a_j Z_j(x)$

For point-by-point pixel (complex) value,  $g(x)$ ,  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial g(x)} = 2 \operatorname{Im}\{g^{W*}(x)\}$

For point-by-point phase map,  $\theta(x)$ ,  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial \theta(x)} = 2 \operatorname{Im}\{g(x) g^{W*}(x)\}$

For Zernike polynomial coefficients,  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial a_j} = 2 \operatorname{Im}\left\{\sum_x g(x) g^{W*}(x) Z_j(x)\right\}$

where

$$G^W(u) = W(u) \left[ |F(u)| \frac{G(u)}{|F(u)|} - G(u) \right], \text{ and } g^W(x) = \mathcal{P}^\dagger[G^W(u)]$$

$\mathcal{P}[\cdot]$  can be a single FFT or multiple-plane Fresnel transforms with phase factors and obscurations

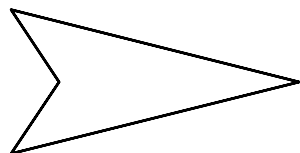
Analytic gradients very fast compared with calculation by finite differences

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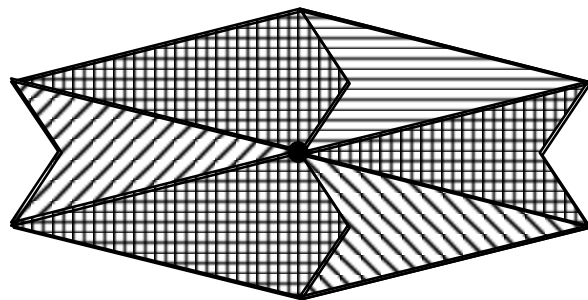
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# *Support Constraints*

# Example of Algorithm for Deriving Bounds on Object Support

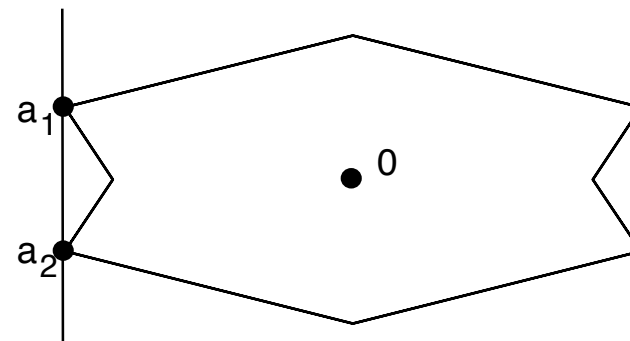


Object  
Support  
 $S$



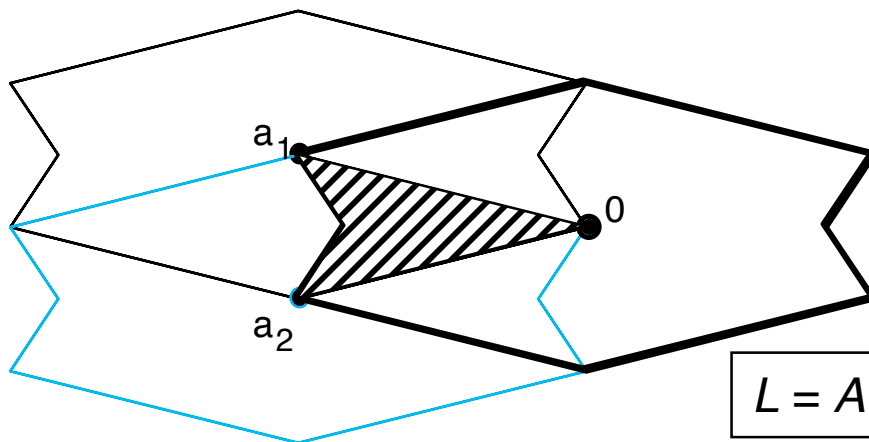
Forming Autocorrelation Support

$$A = S - S \equiv \{x - y : x, y \in S\}$$



Autocorrelation Support

$a_1, a_2 \dots$  are “extreme points”  
they must all be contained  
in one translate of the object,  $S$

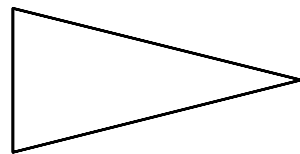


$$L = A \cap (A + a_1) \cap (A + a_2) \cap \dots$$

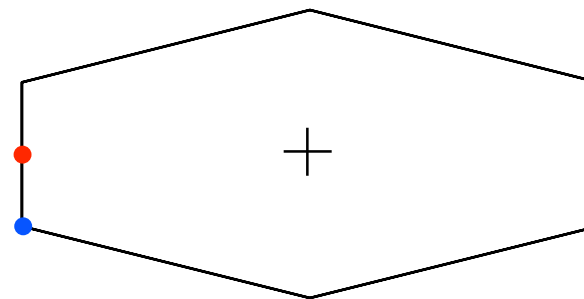
Triple Intersection of Autocorrelation Supports

Triple-Intersection Rule: [Crimmins, Fienup, & Thelen, JOSA A 7, 3 (1990)]

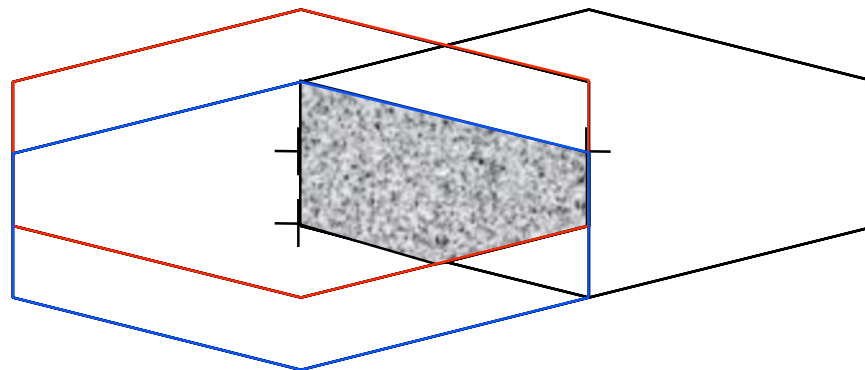
# Triple Intersection for Triangle Object



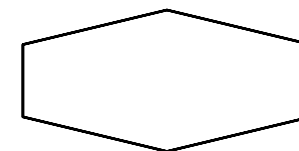
Object Support



Autocorrelation Support



Triple Intersection – Support Constraint



Alternative  
Object Support

- Family of solutions for object support from autocorrelation support
- Use upper bound for support constraint in phase retrieval

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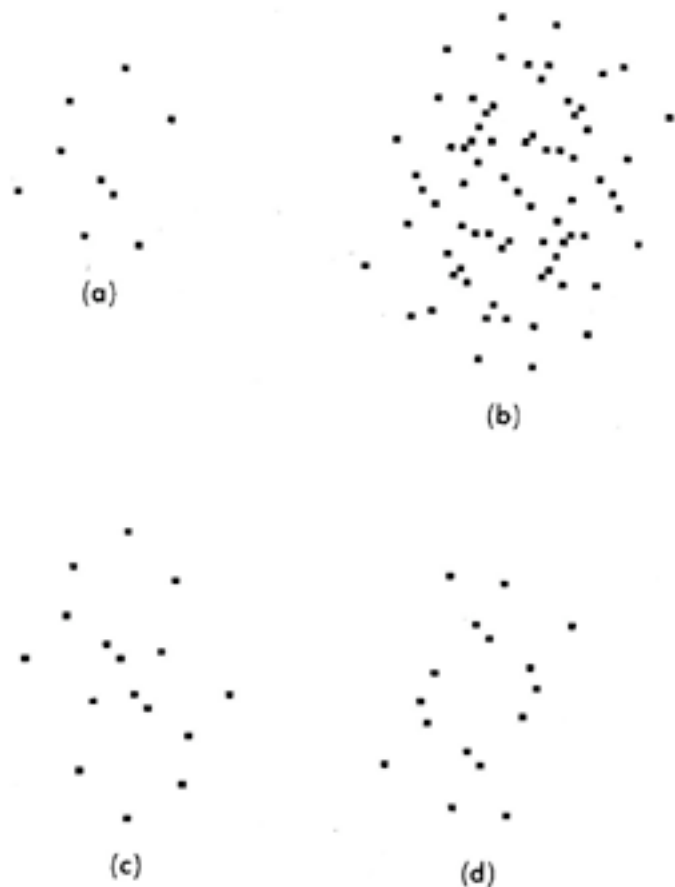


Fig. 7. Autocorrelation tri-intersection for sets consisting of a collection of distinct points. (a) Set  $S$ , (b)  $A = S - S$ , (c) and (d) locators of the form  $L = A \cap (w + A)$ . Intersecting (c) or (d) with (b) yields the unique solution (a).

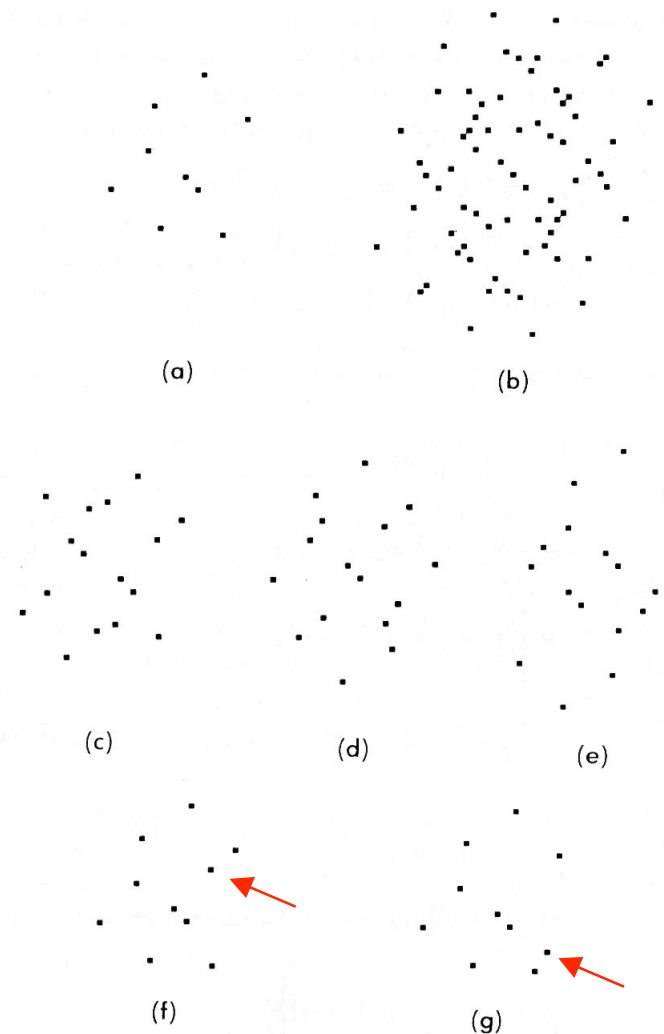


Fig. 8. Autocorrelation intersection for redundant case. (a) Set  $S$ , (b)  $A = S - S$ , (c)-(e) locators of the form  $L = A \cap (w + A)$ , (f) intersection of (c) with (d), (g) another intersection of three translates of  $A$ .

# Arrangements of Points Preventing Triple Intersection

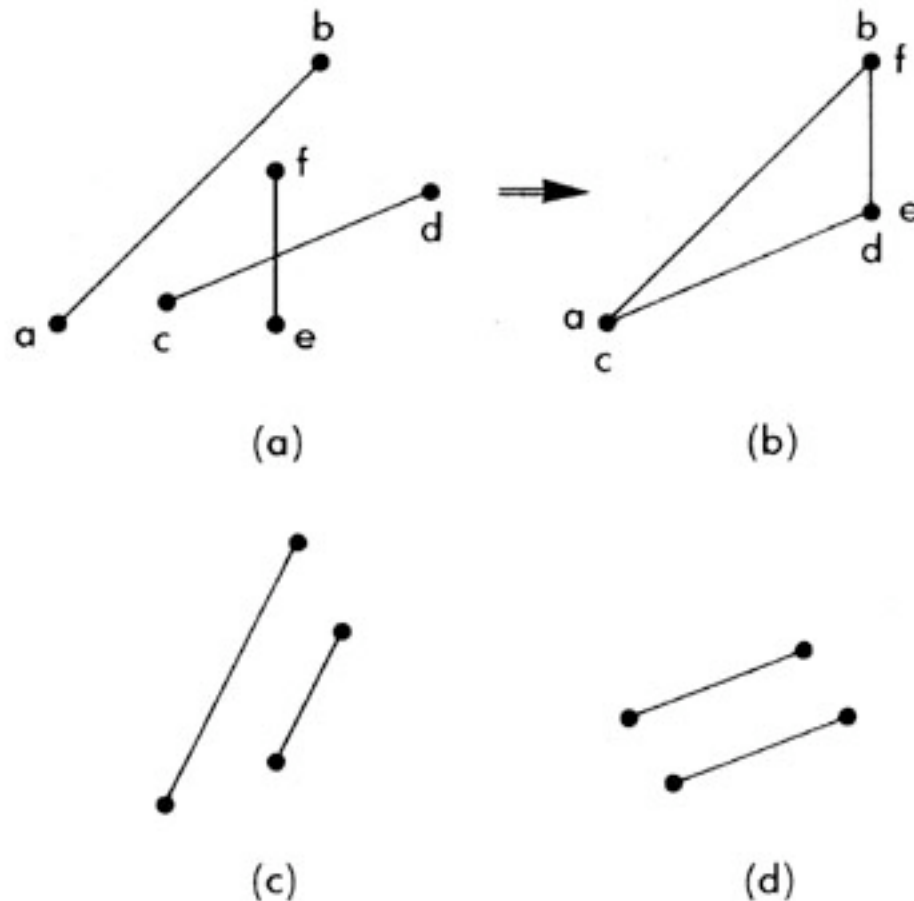
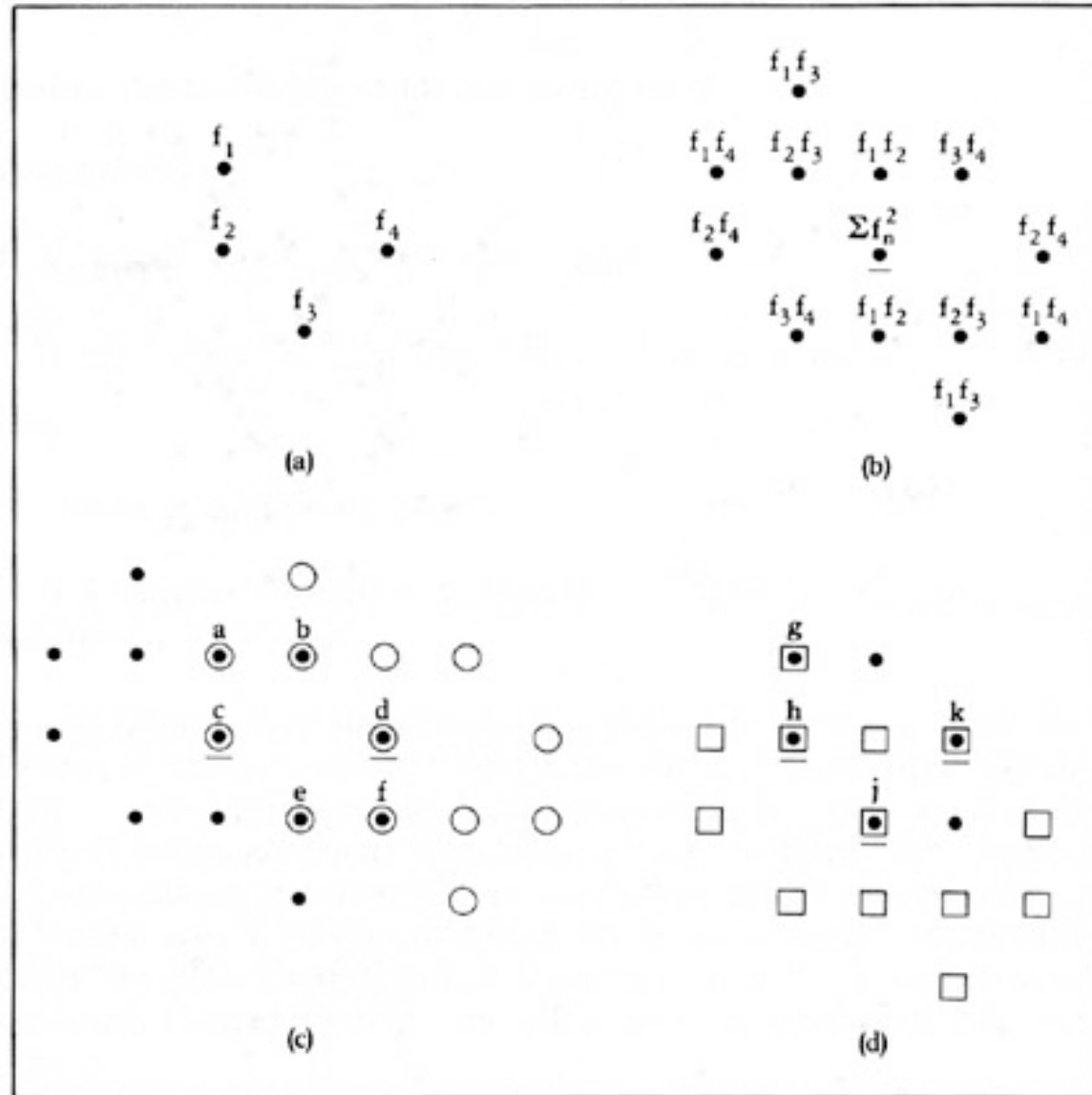


Fig. 9. Redundancy types of relationships within  $S$  that would violate Condition 1. (a) and (b) three vector separations add to zero, (c) one vector separation is twice another, (d) two vector separations are equal.

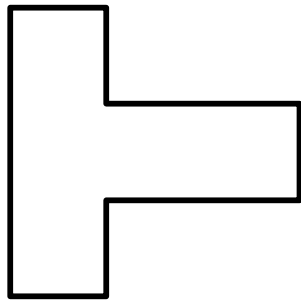
# Reconstruction of Values of Collection of Points



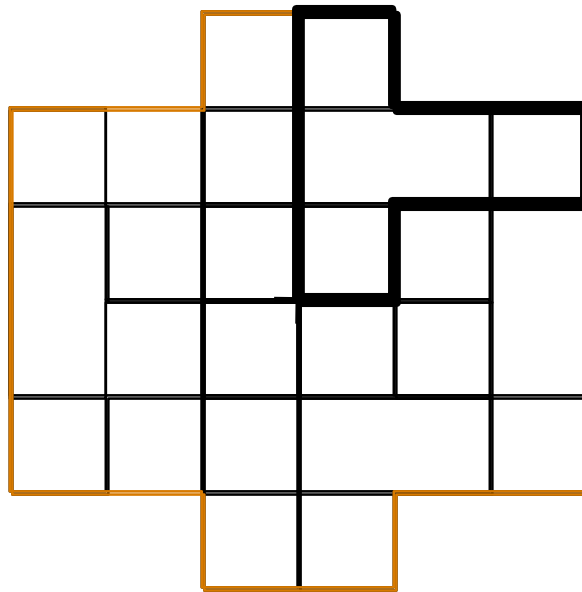


# Autocorrelation Support

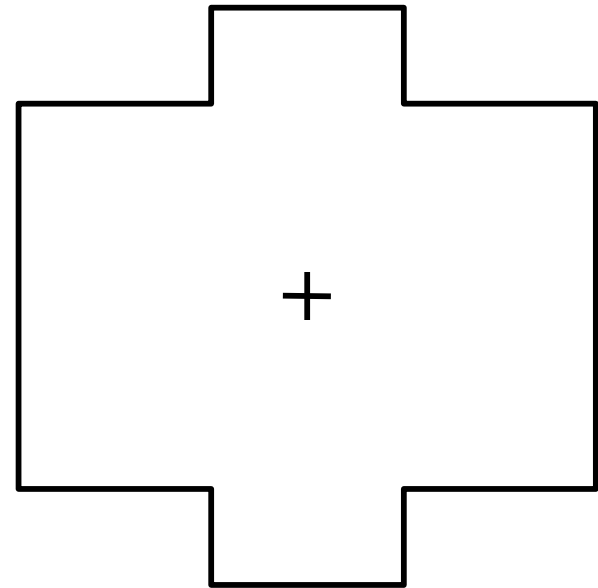
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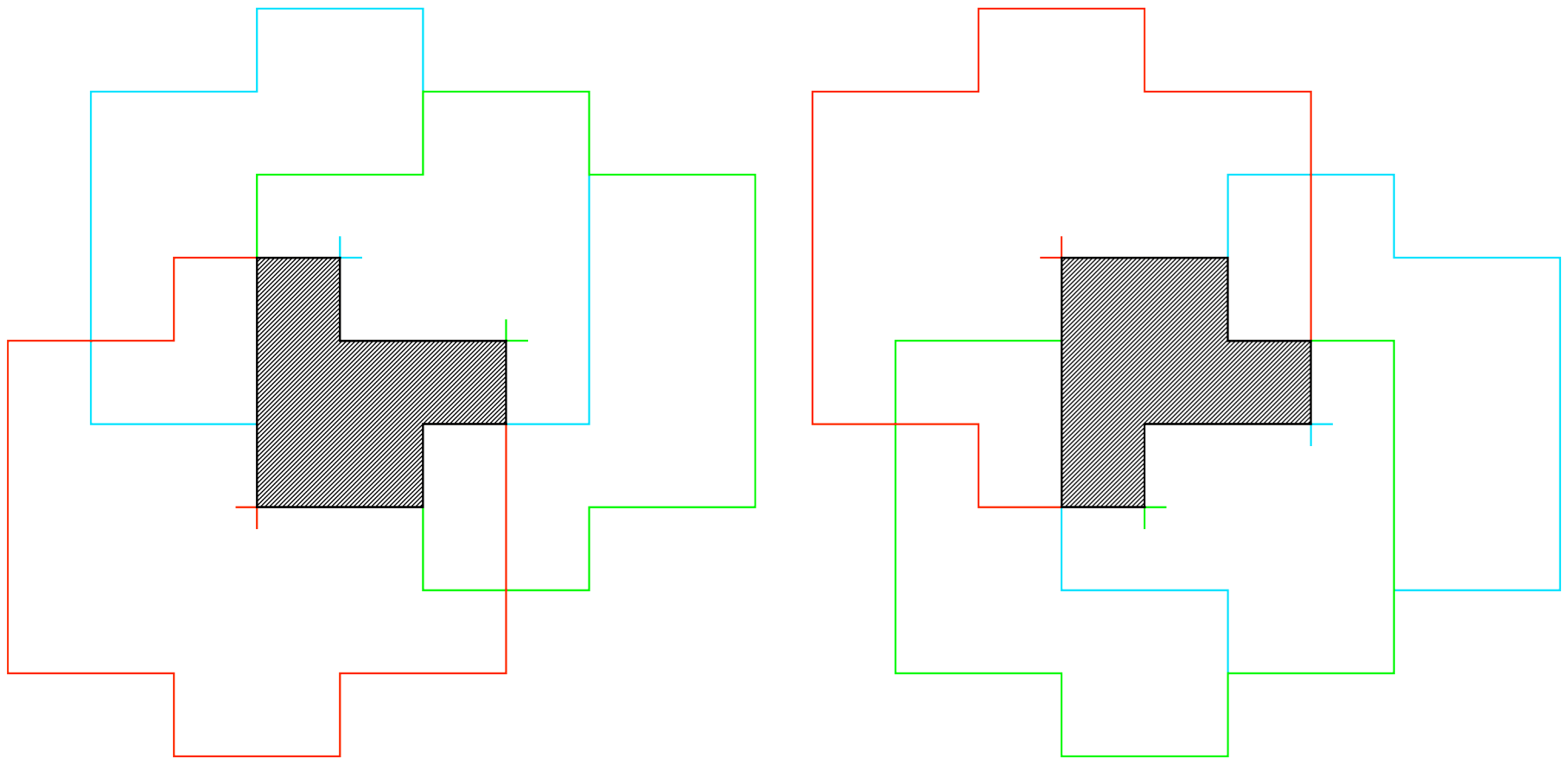
Object  
Support



Forming the  
Autocorrelation  
Support



Autocorrelation  
Support



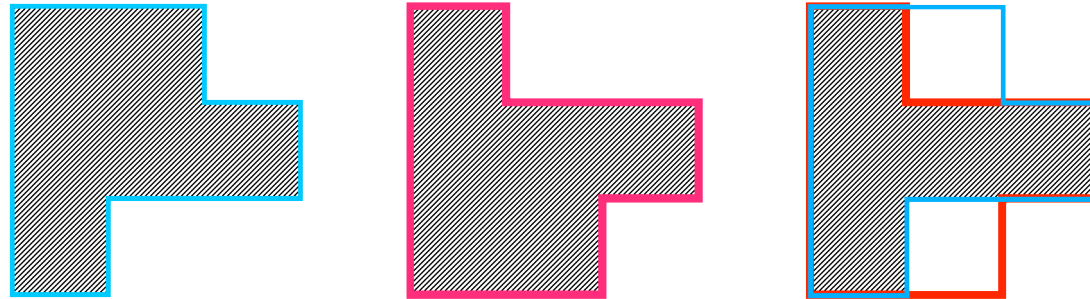
Triple intersection rule

Includes all possible object supports that give rise to autocorrelation support

## Combination of Locator Sets

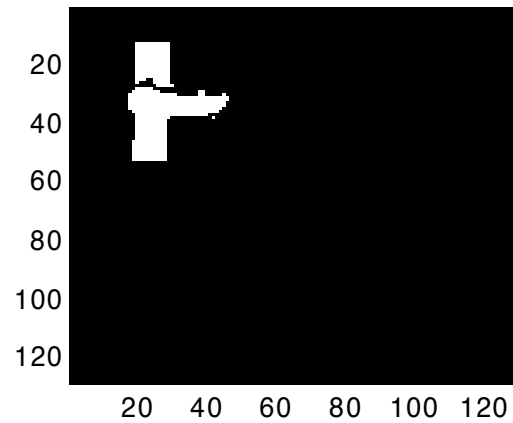
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- Must be able to restrict alignment horizontally and vertically,  
— if half the autocorrelation width in each dimension  
and determine whether have twinned locator set
- Then align and intersect locator sets to arrive at smaller (better) locator set

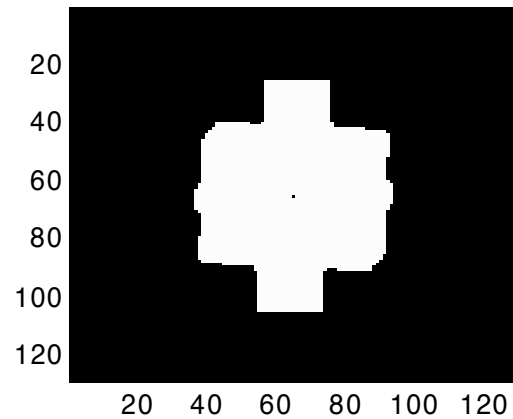
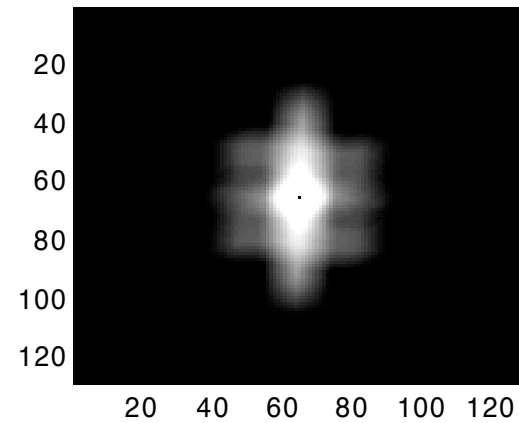


# Binary Object Example

Object



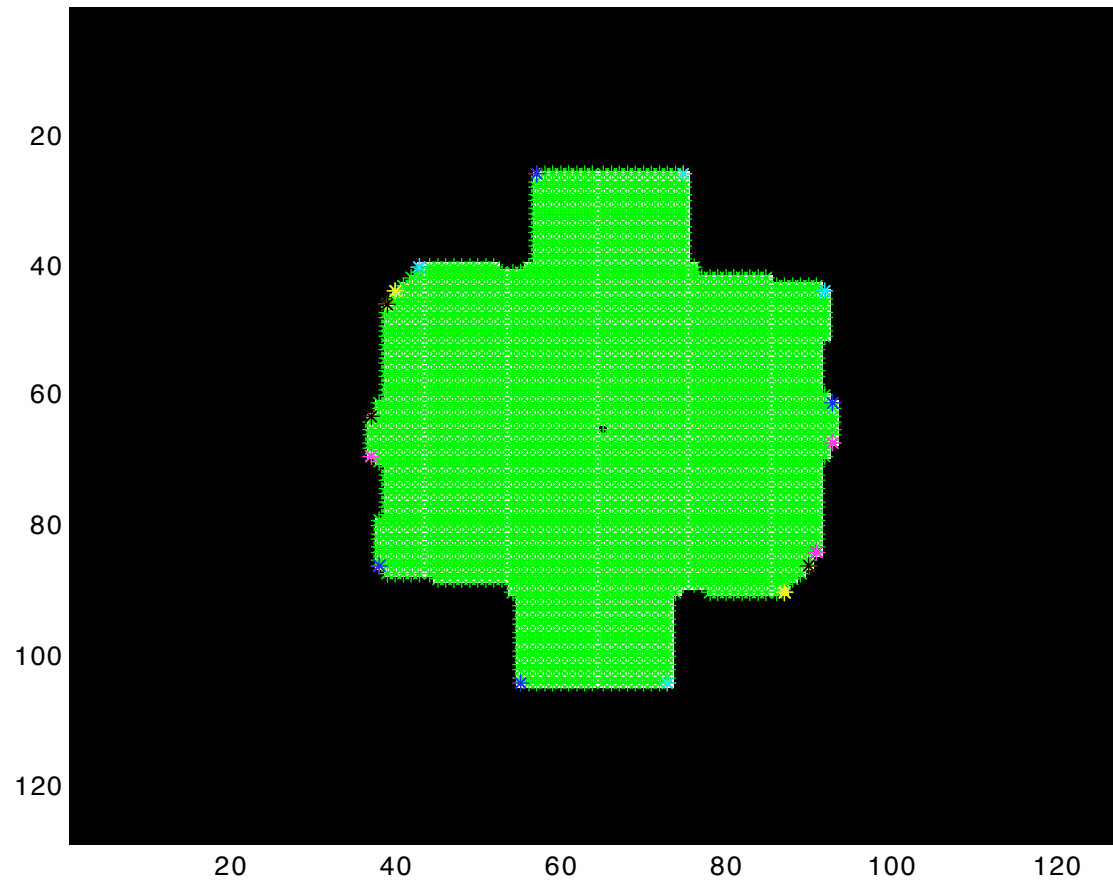
Autocorrelation (not binary)



Thresholded Autocorrelation  
(Estimated Autocorrelation Support)

# Finding Vertex Points on Autocorrelation Support

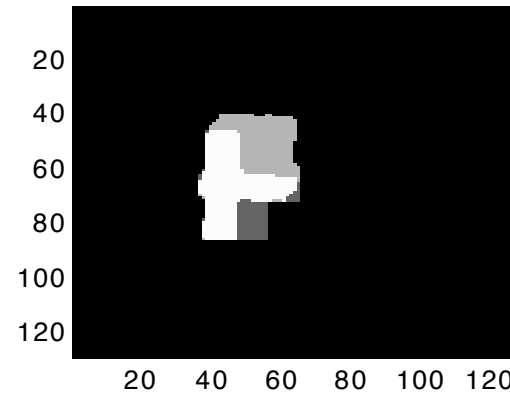
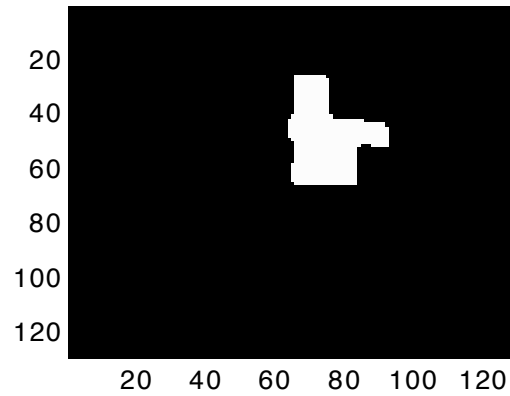
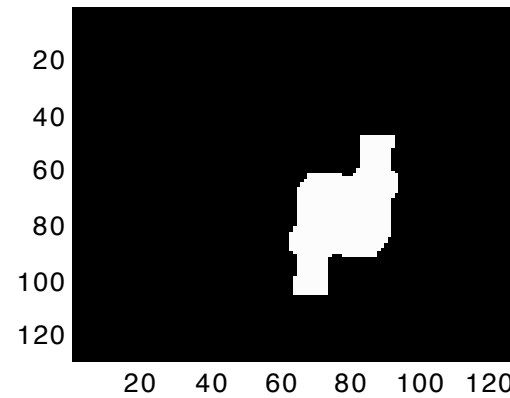
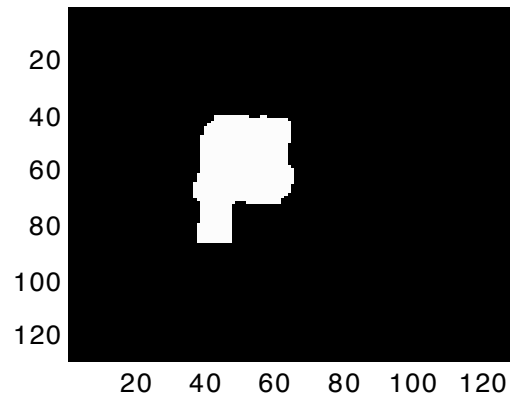
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(Use Vertex Points for Triple Intersection)

# 3 Locator Sets and a Combination of Them

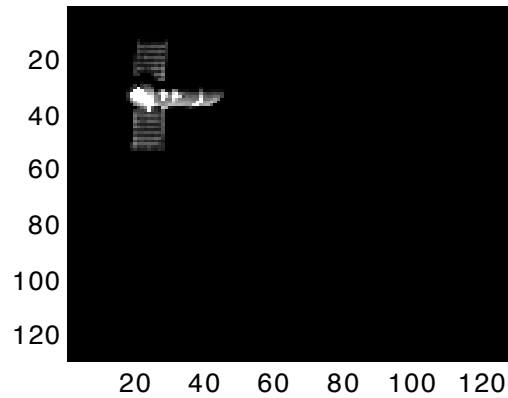
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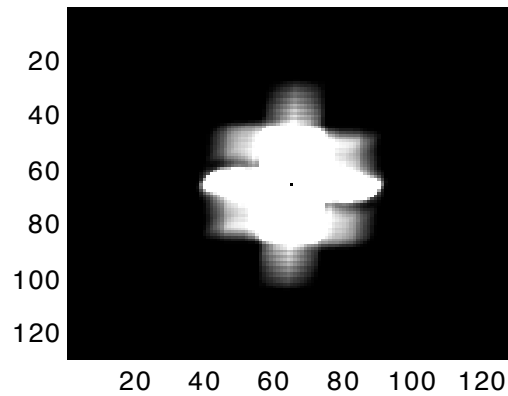
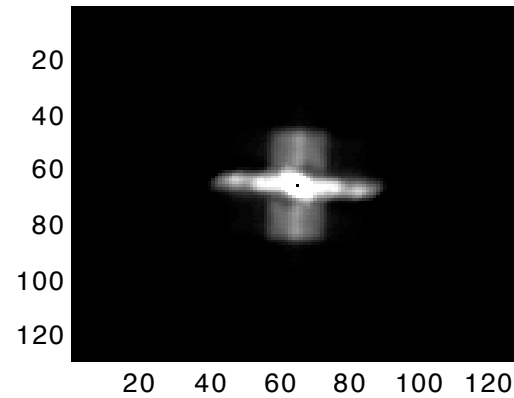
# Gray-Level Object Example

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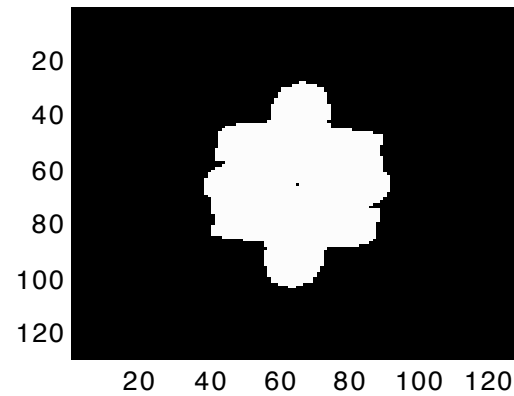
Object



Autocorrelation



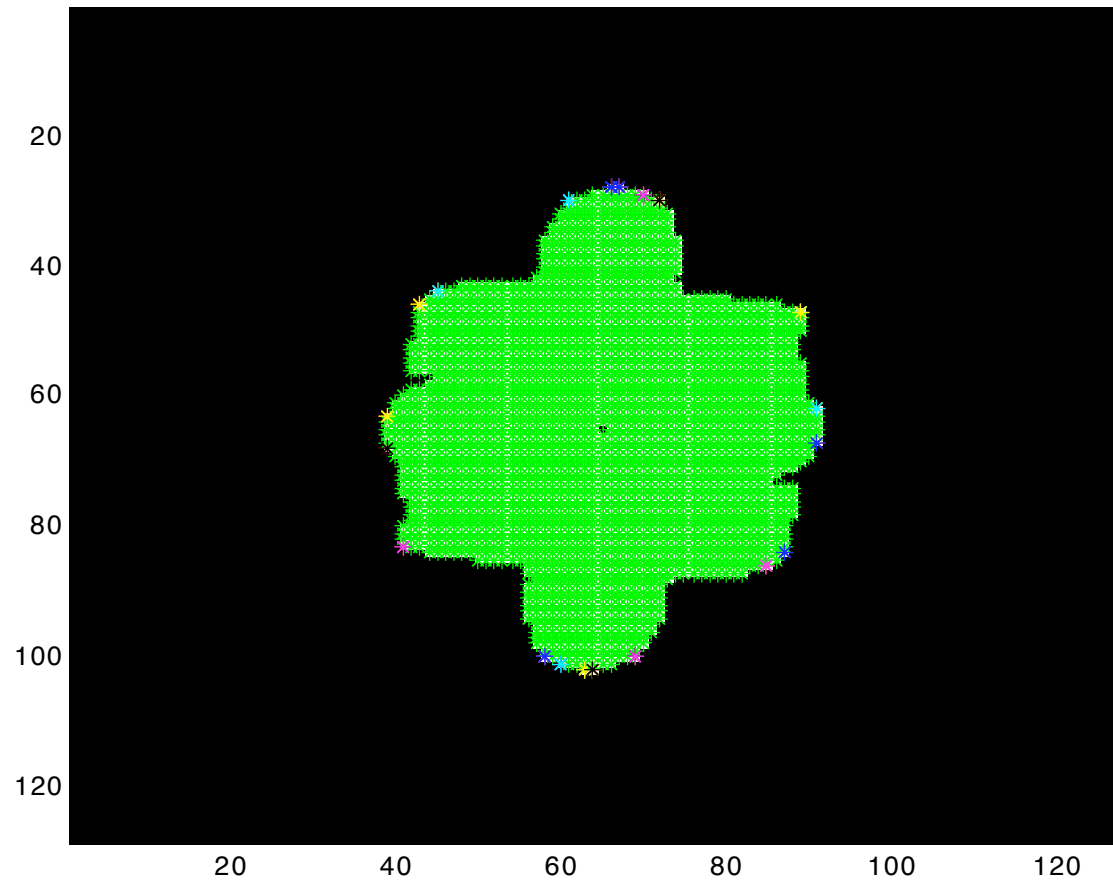
Autocorrelation  
(highly overexposed)



Thresholded  
Autocorrelation

# Finding Vertex Points on Autocorrelation Support

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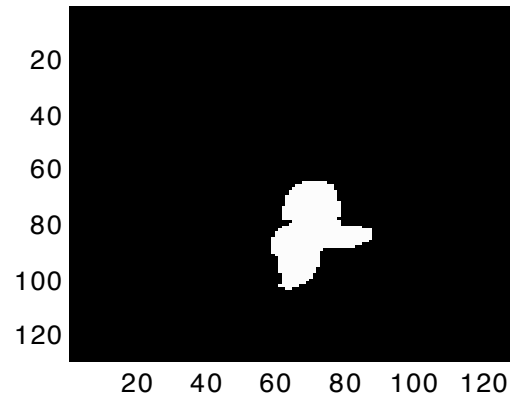


Use Vertex Points for Triple Intersection

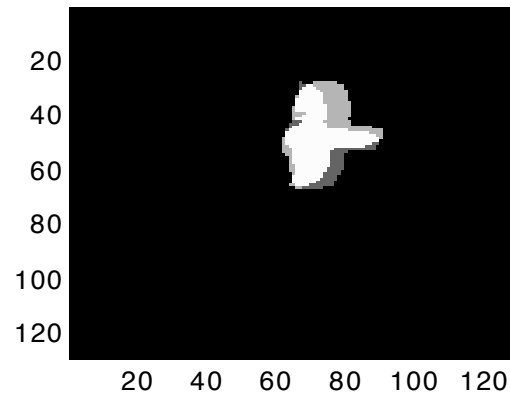
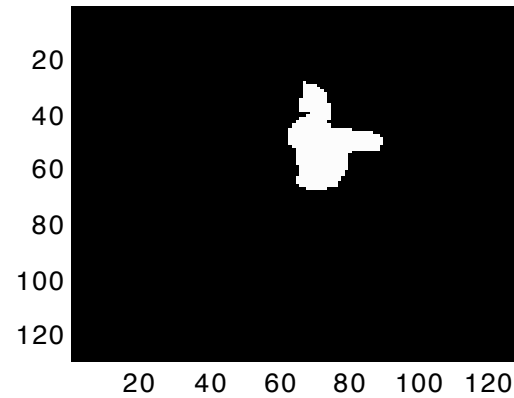


## 2 Locator Sets and a Combination

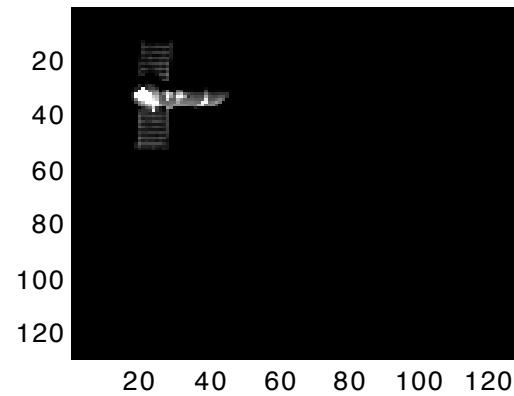
Object



Autocorrelation



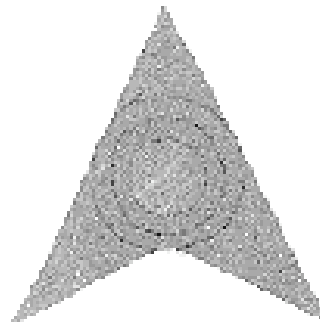
Autocorrelation  
(highly overexposed)



Object

## Object for Laboratory Experiments

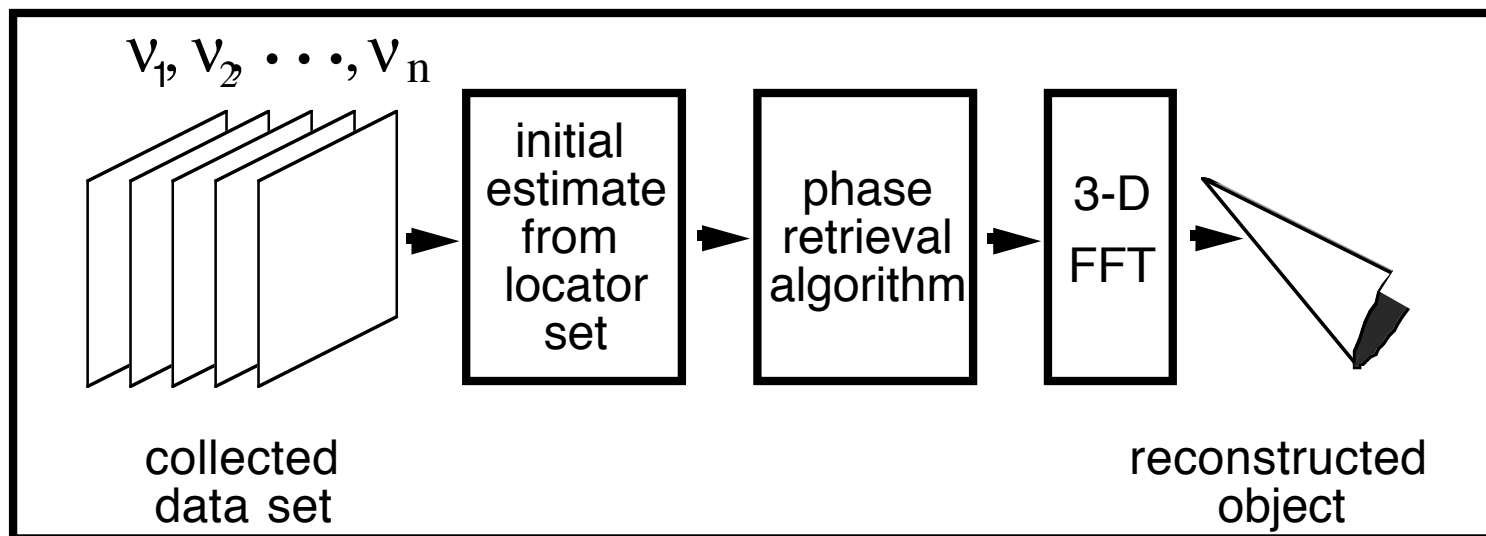
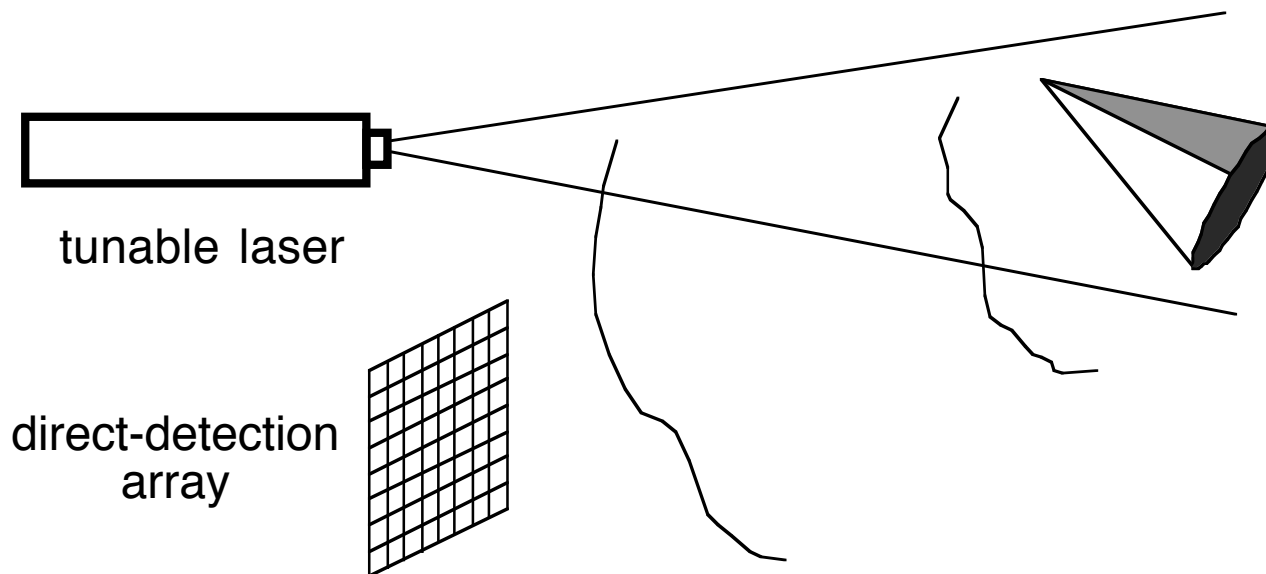
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ST Object. The three concentric discs forming a pyramid can be seen as dark circles at their edges. The small piece on one of the two lower legs was removed before this photograph was taken.

# PROCLAIM 3-D Imaging Concept

## Phase Retrieval with Opacity Constraint LASer IMaging



# 3-D Laser Fourier Intensity Laboratory Data

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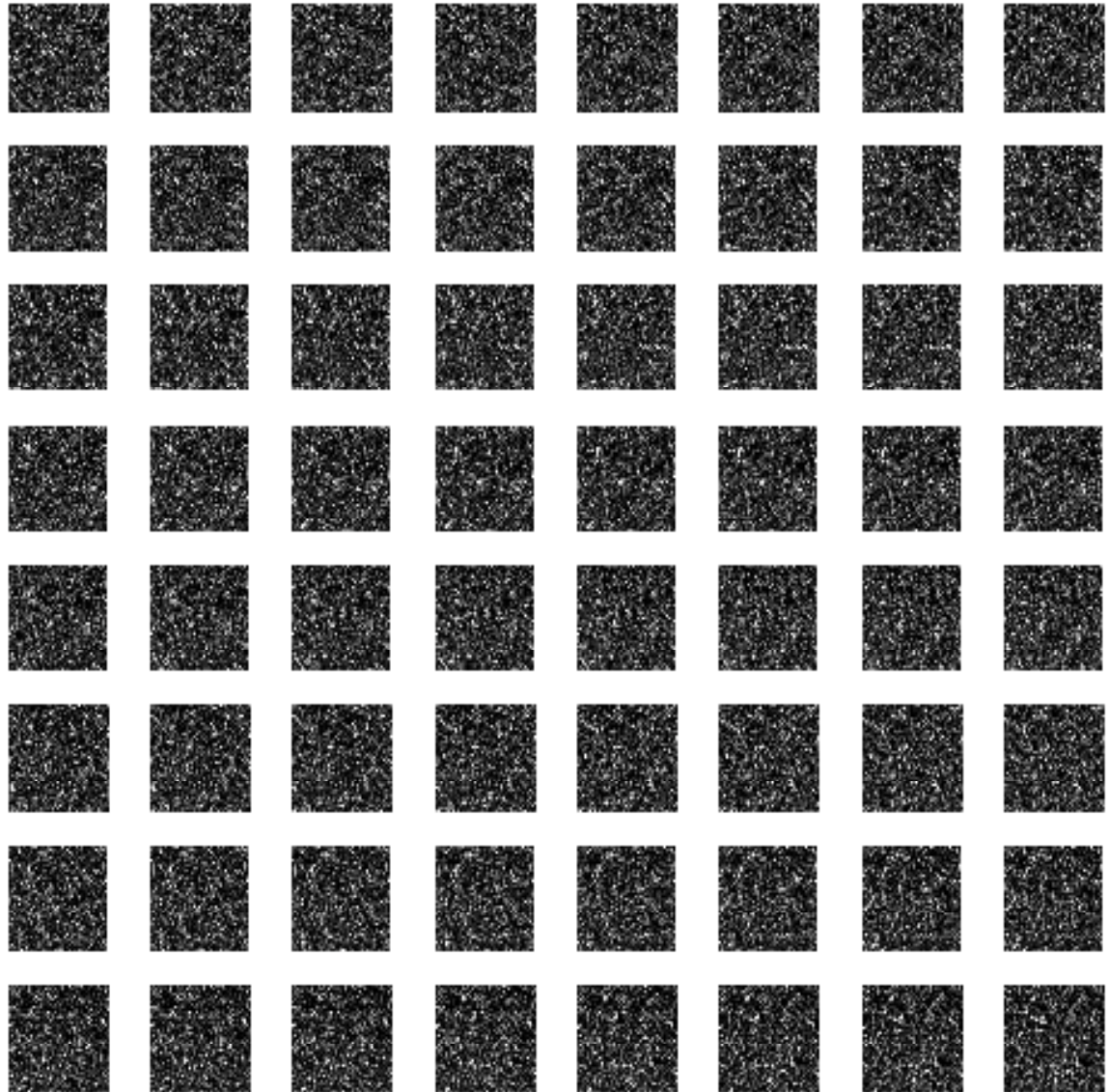
Data cube:

1024x1024 CCD pixels  
x 64 wavelengths

Shown at right:

128x128x64 sub-cube

(128x128 CCD pixels at  
each of 64 wavelengths)



- Get incoherent-image information from coherent speckle pattern
- Estimate 3-D Incoherent-object Fourier squared magnitude

- Like Hanbury-Brown Twiss intensity interferometry

$$|F_1(u, v, w)|^2 \approx \langle [D_k(u, v, w) - I_o] \otimes [D_k(u, v, w) - I_o] \rangle_k$$

(autocovariance of speckle pattern)

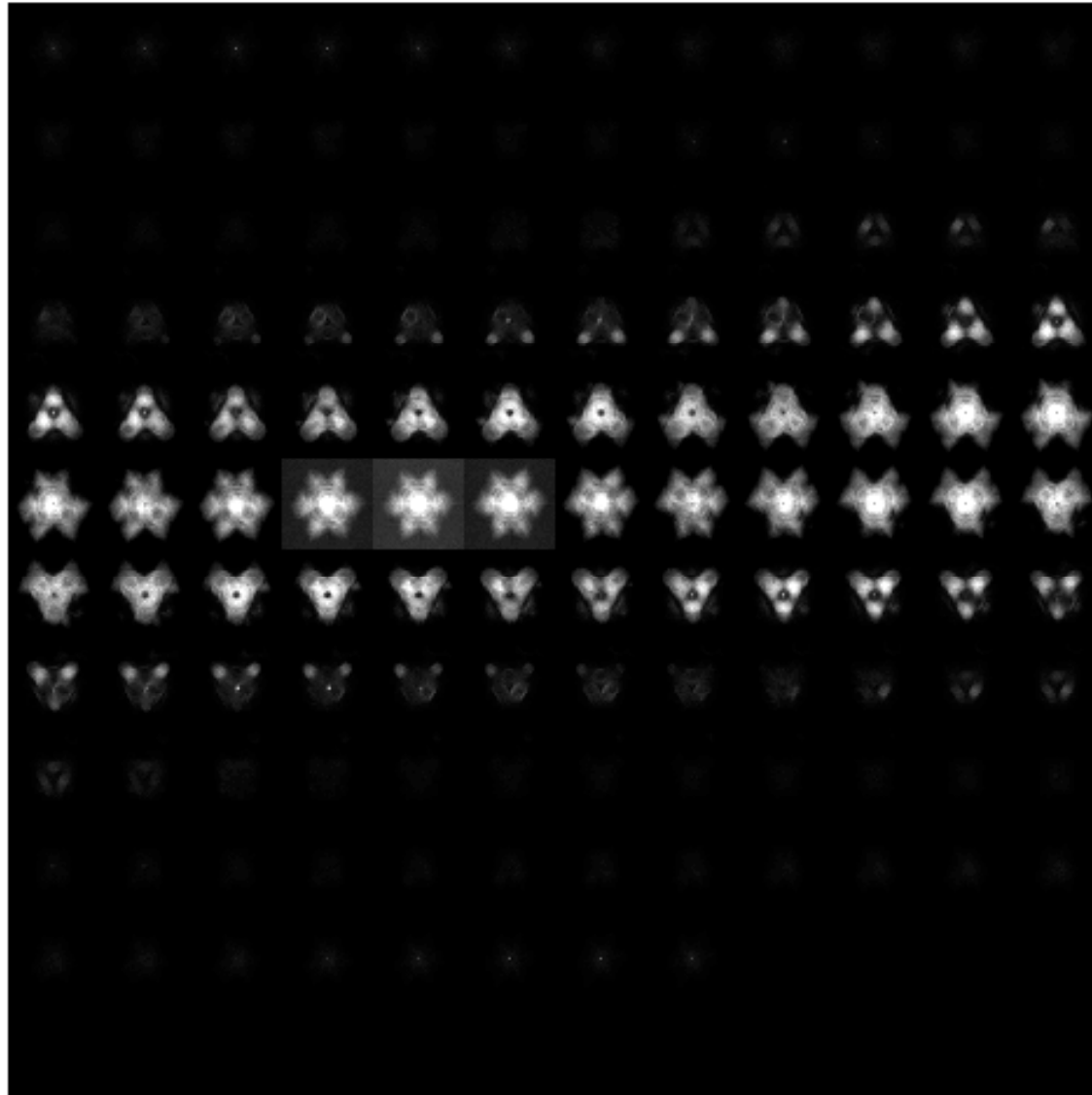
- Easier phase retrieval: have nonnegativity constraint on incoherent image
- Coarser resolution since correlography SNR lower

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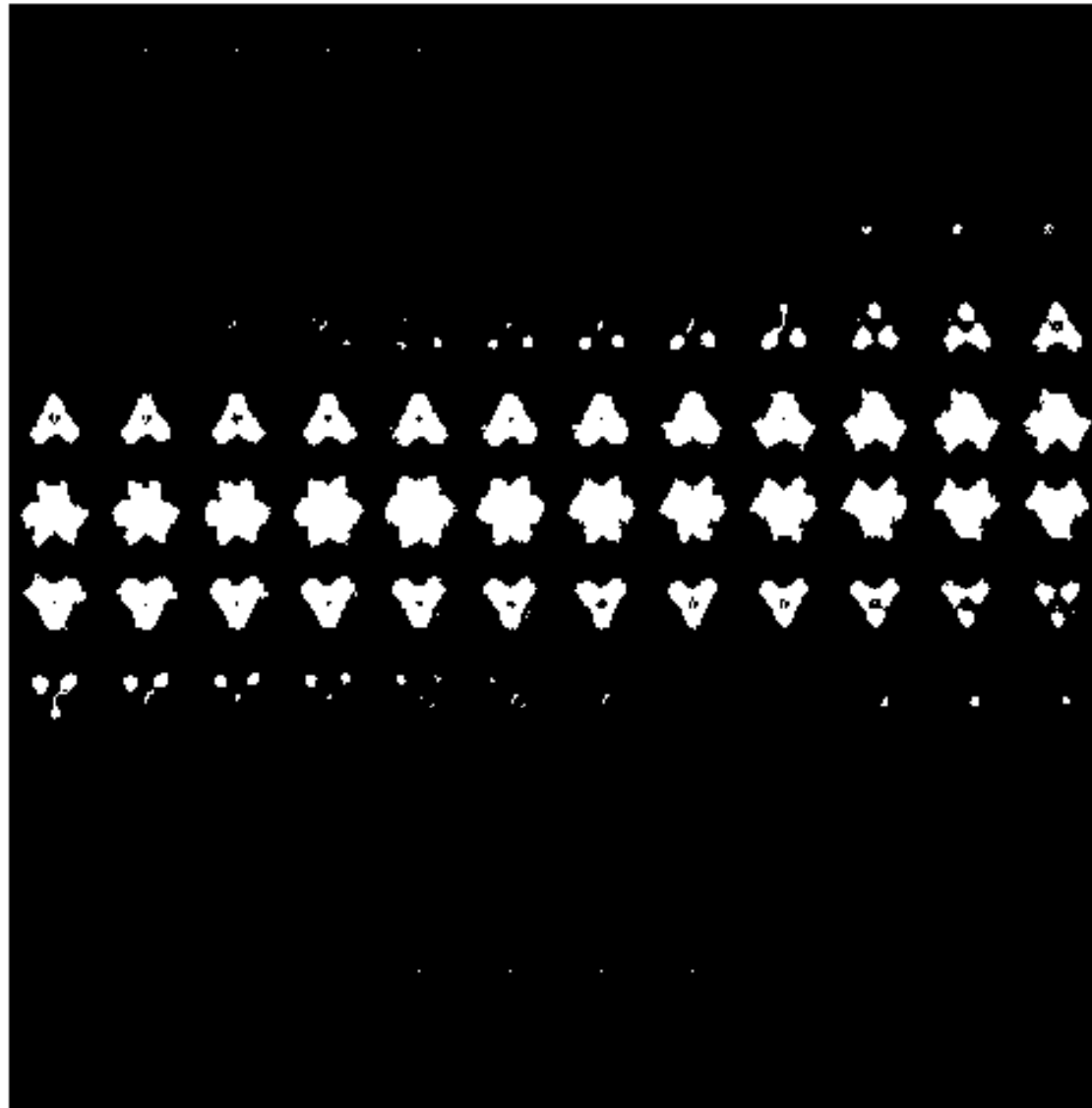
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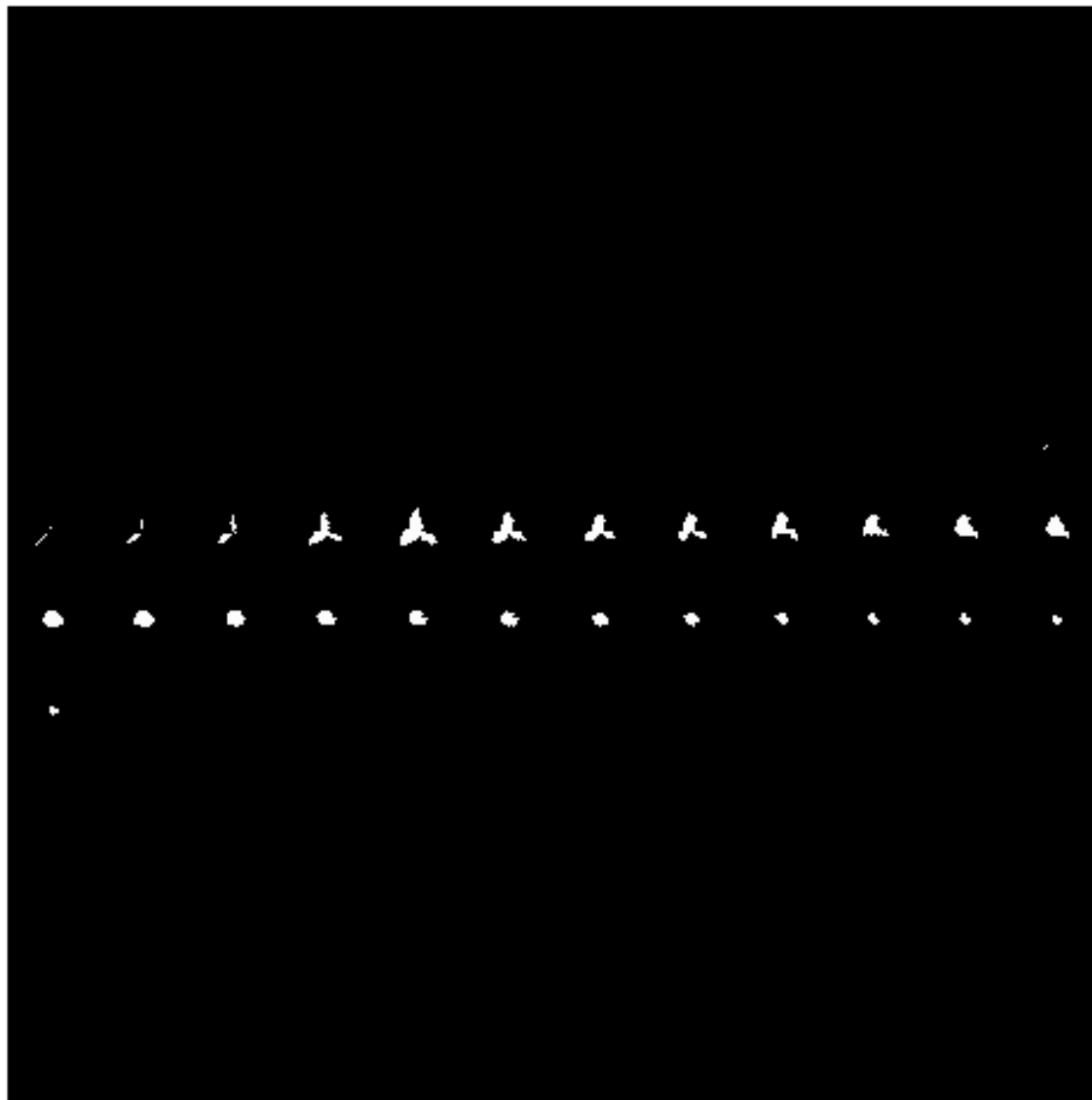
# Thresholded Autocorrelation

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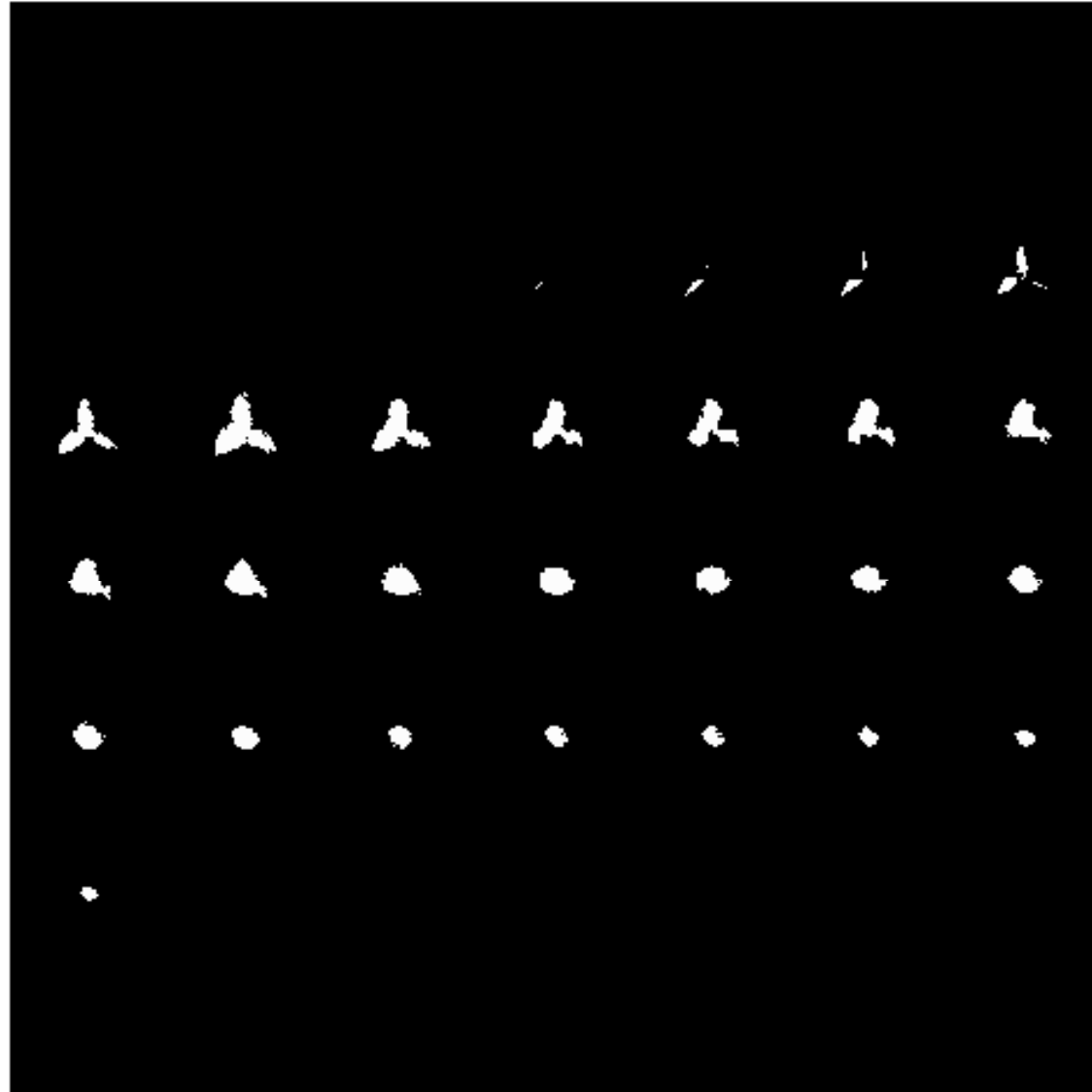


# Triple Intersection of Autocorrelation Support

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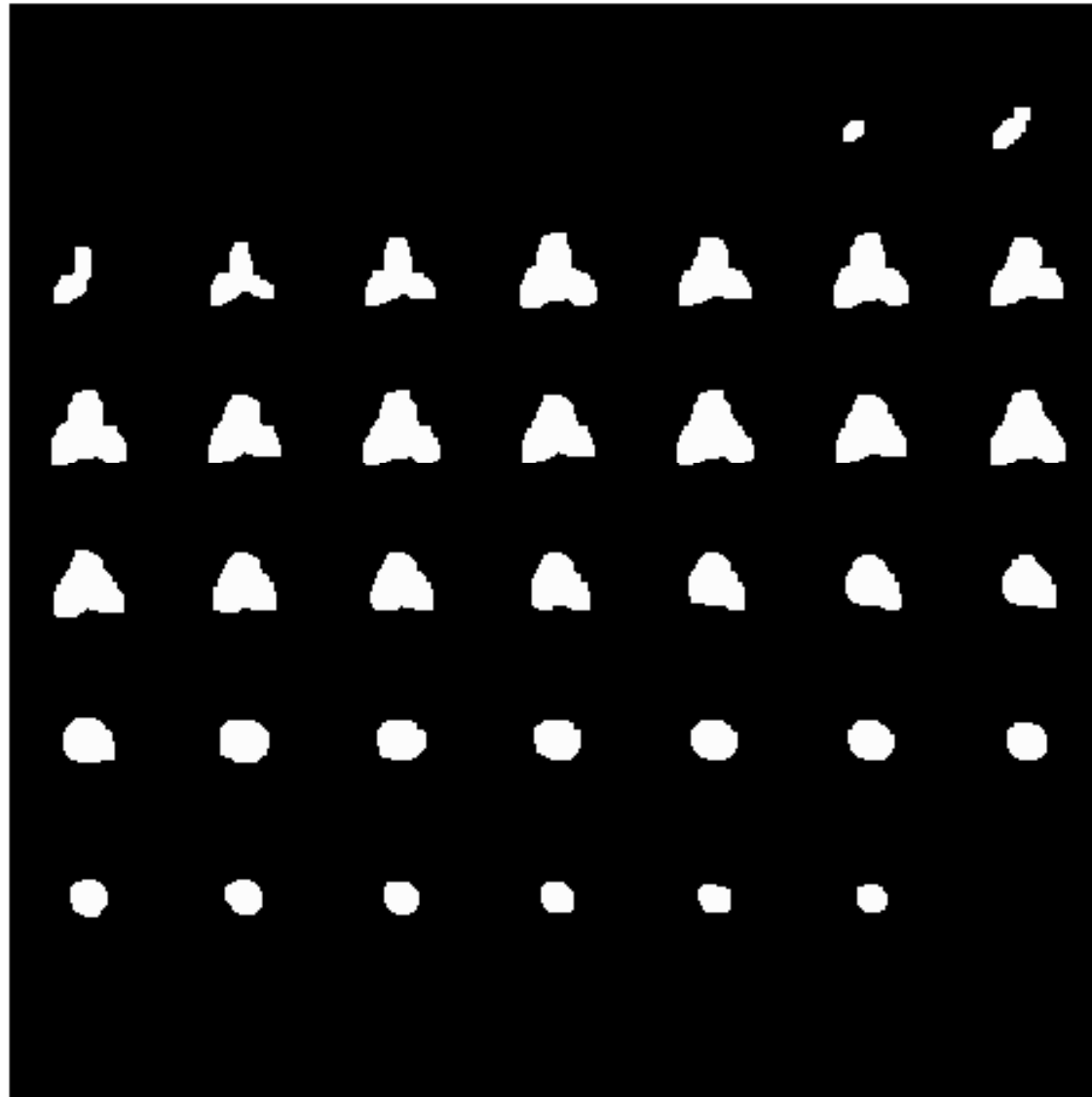






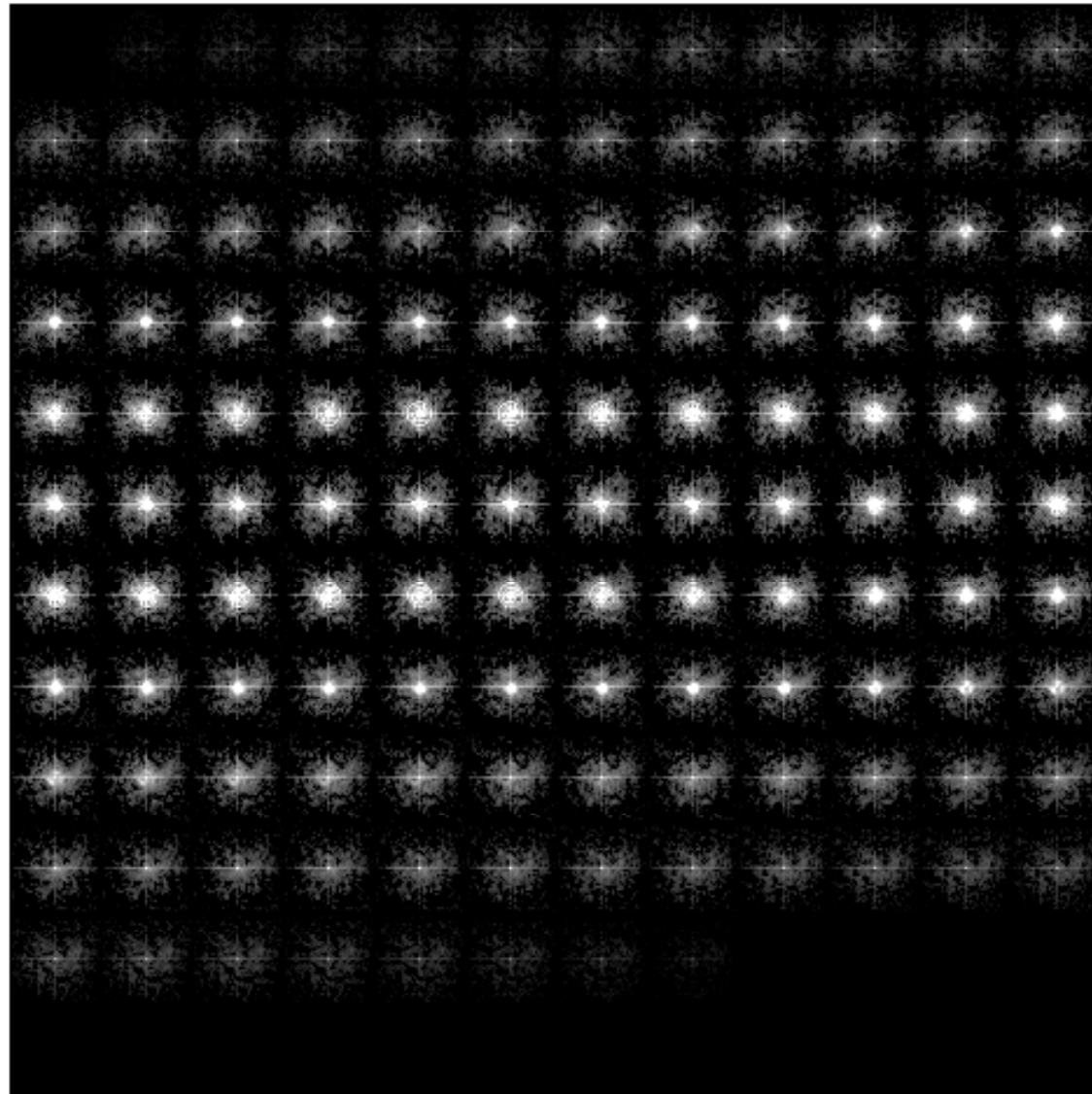
# Dilated Locator Set used as Support Constraint

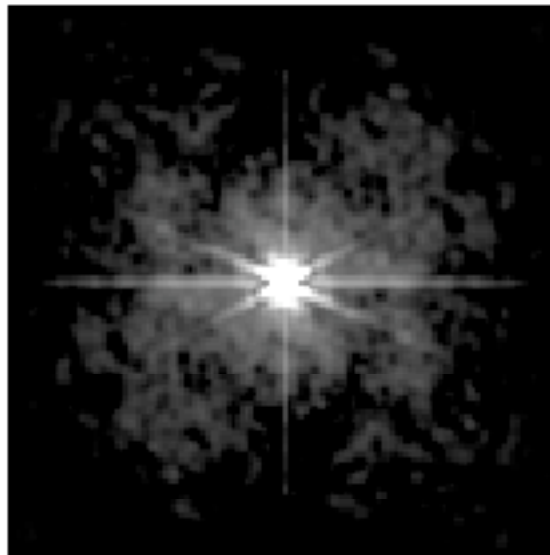
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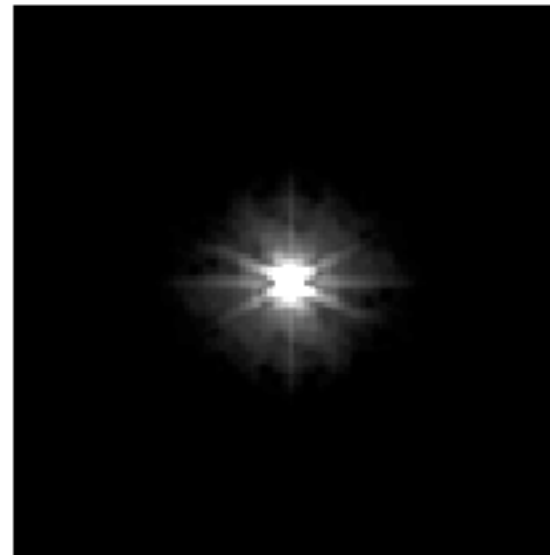
# Fourier Modulus Estimate from Correlography

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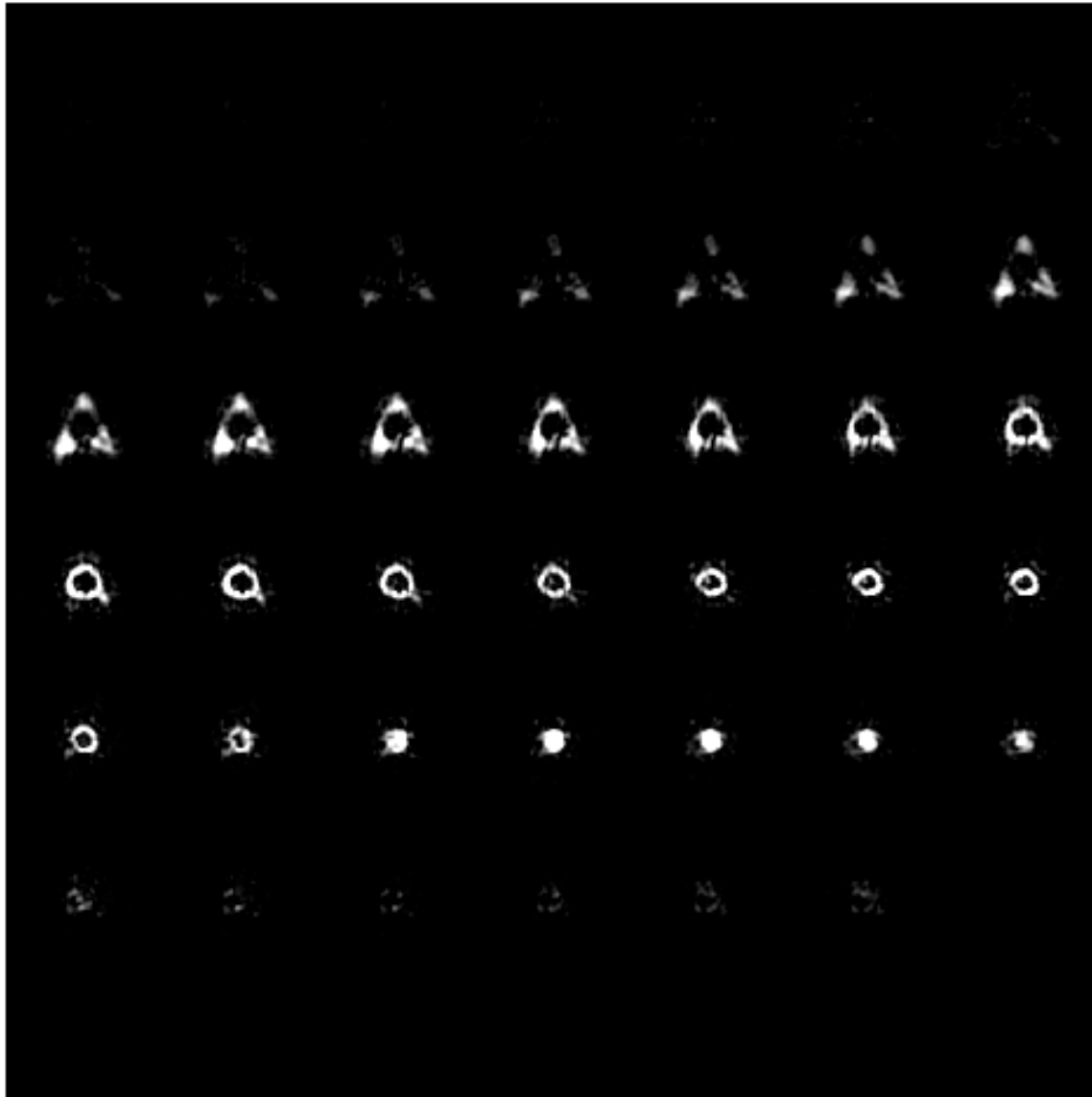
Before Filtering



After Filtering

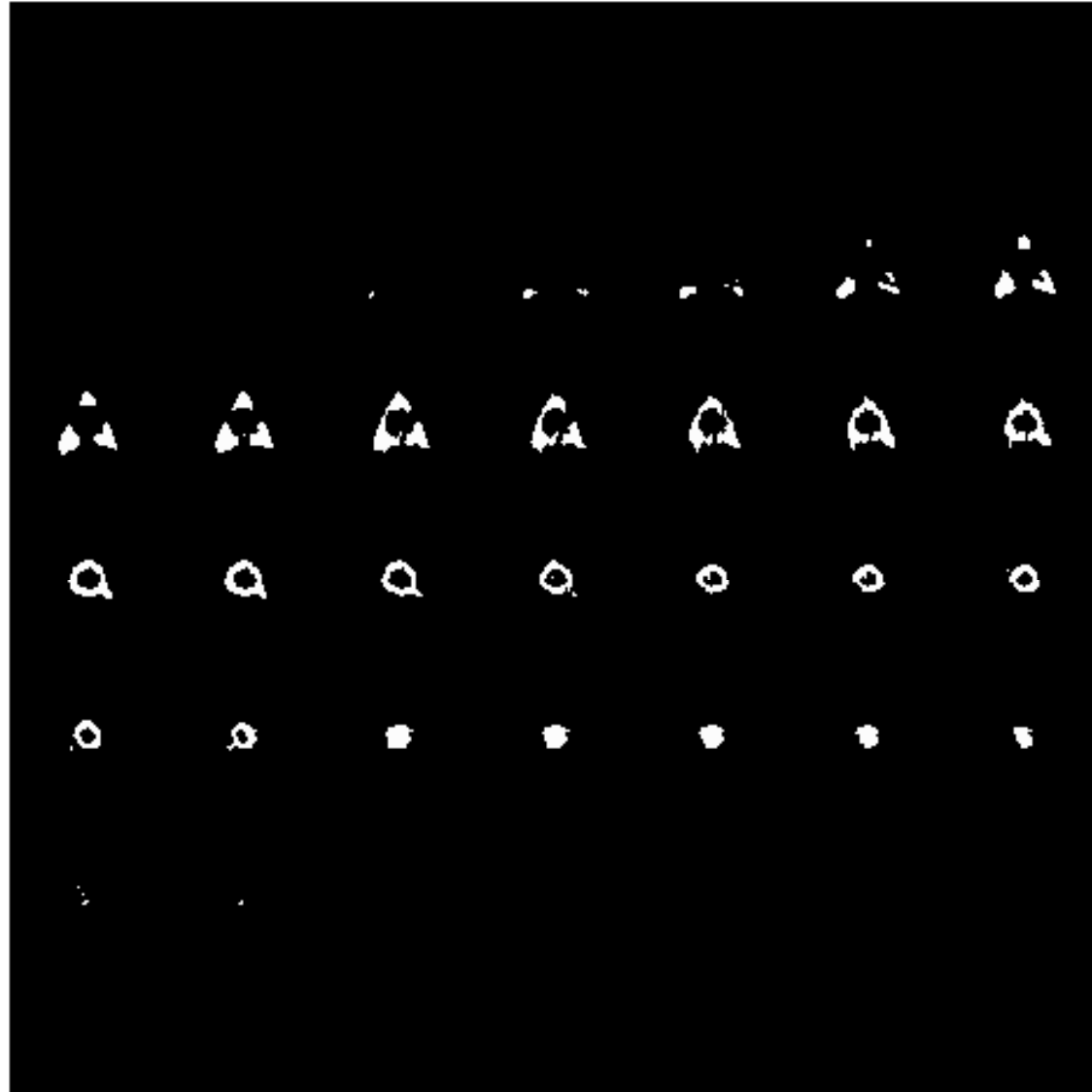
# Incoherent Image Reconstructed by ITA

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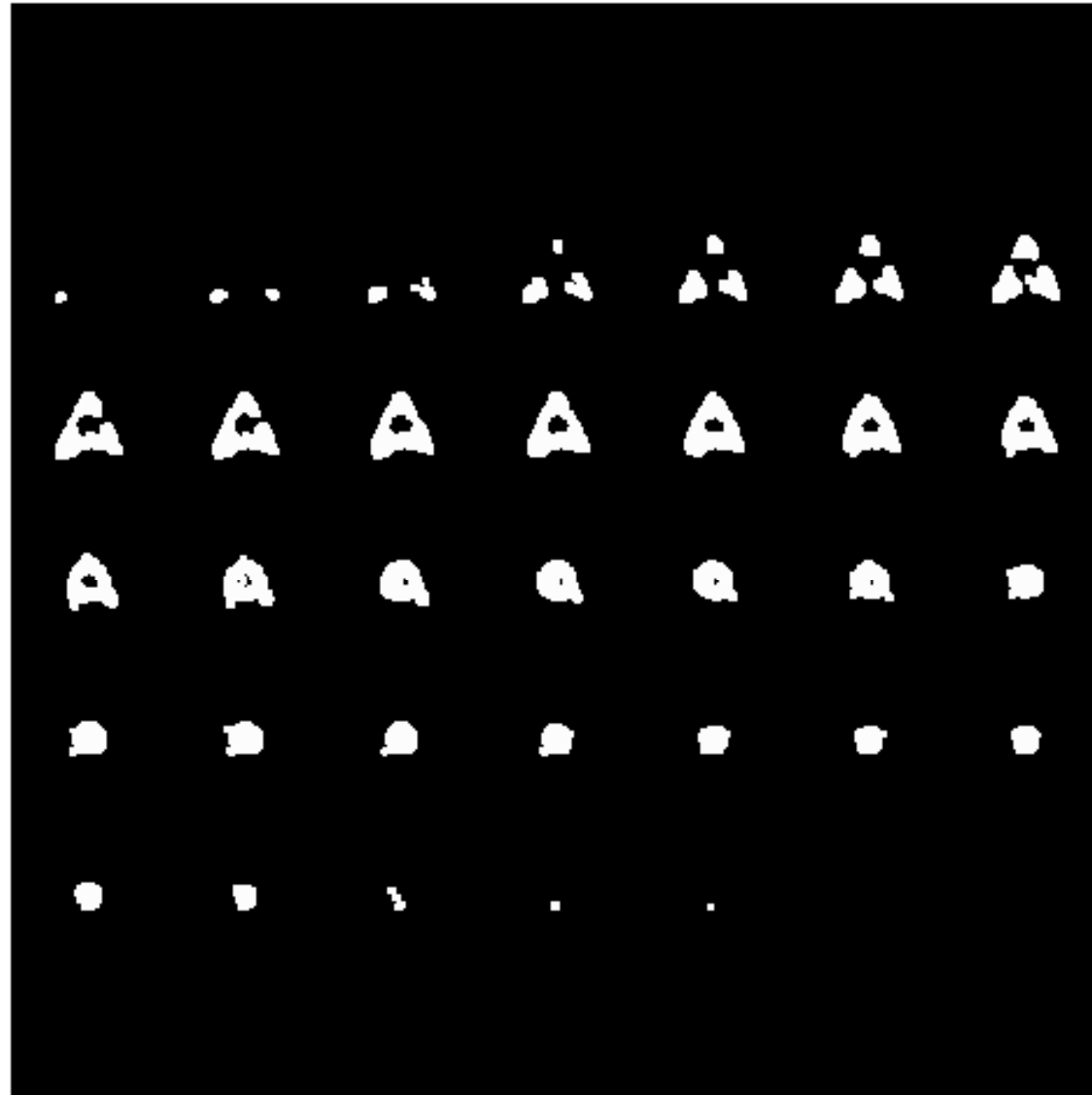
# Support Constraint from Thresholded Incoherent Image

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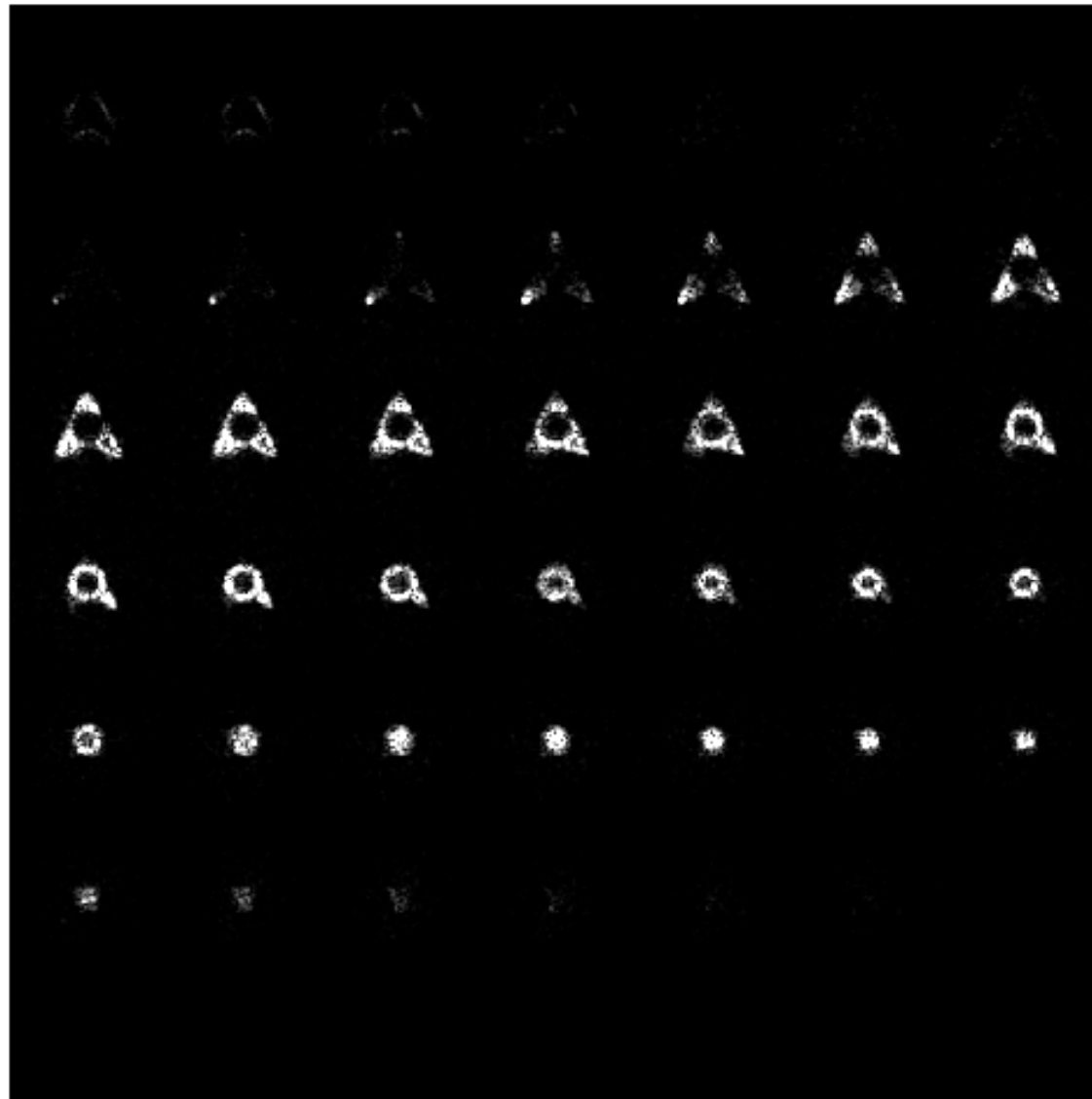
# Dilated Support Constraint from Thresholded Incoherent Image

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# Coherent Image Reconstructed by ITA from One 128x128x64 Sub-Cube

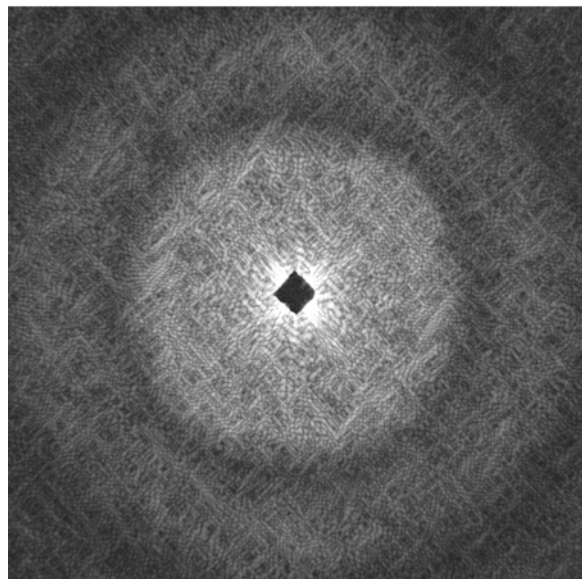
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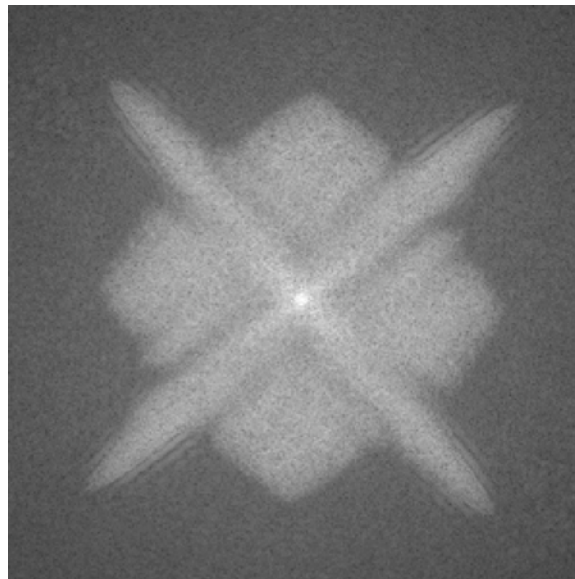


# Example on Real X-Ray Data

(Data from M. Howells/LBNL and H. Chapman/LLNL)



(a) X-ray data



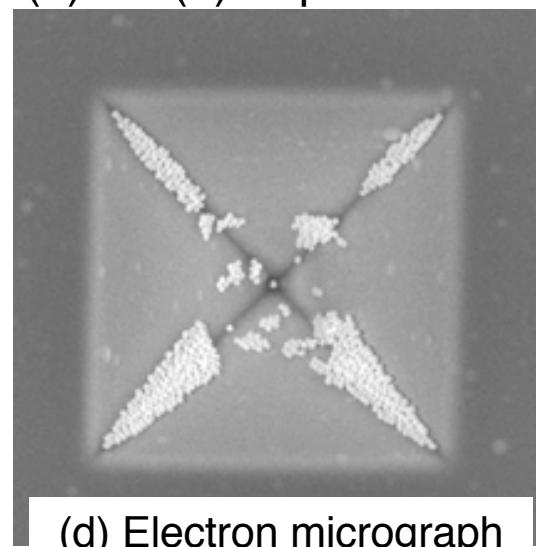
(b) Autocorrelation from (a)



(b) Triple Intersection



(c) Initial Support constraint  
computed from (b)



(d) Electron micrograph  
of object

- “Shrink wrap” algorithm tries to find support dynamically during iterations, but all other phase retrieval algorithms need a support constraint
- A low-resolution image of object by another sensor would help by providing a low-resolution support constraint, but phase retrieval works best with a fine-resolution support constraint
- Have several methods for fine-resolution support from autocorrelation
- Need to make support estimation from the autocorrelation more robust because of additional difficulties
  - Missing data at low spatial frequencies because of the beam stop
  - Complex-valued objects
  - High levels of noise in single frames
  - 3-D support estimation has been done [1], but not as mature as 2-D

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