COMPUTATIONAL IMAGING



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- (3) Detection is at times inherently coded

Computational Imaging System



Examples of Computational Imaging:

- (1) Synthetic Aperture Imaging
- (2) Coded Aperture Imaging
- (3) Diaphanography—Diffuse Tomography
- (4) Exact Cone Beam Reconstruction

(1) SYNTHETIC APERTURE IMAGING

Traditional approach:

- Coupling of resolution, DOF, FOV to NA
- Precision imaging "flat" illumination

with: Michael Mermelstein, Jekwan Ryu, Stanley Hong, and Dennis Freeman

Objective Lens Parameter Coupling



Synthetic Aperture Imaging

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New approach:

- Precision illumination Simple imaging
- Multiple images Textured illumination









Synthetic Aperture Imaging

- Precision illumination Simple imaging
- Multiple images Textured illumination
- Image detail in response to textures
- Non-uniform samples in FT space

SAM M6



Creating Interference Pattern



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Fourier Transform of Texture Pattern



Interference Pattern Texture



Synthetic Aperture Microscopy

- Interference of many Coherent Beams
- Amplitude and Phase Control of Beams

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Synthetic Aperture Microscopy

- Interference of many Coherent Beams
- Amplitude and Phase Control of Beams
- On the fly calibration
- Non-uniform inverse FT Least Squares

Wavenumber Calibration using FT



Hough Transform Calibration



Least Squares Match in FT



Fourier Transform of Texture Pattern



Uneven Fourier Sampling



Polystyrene Micro Beads (1µm)



Resolution Enhancement

• Reflective Optics Illumination

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Reflective Optics M6



Resolution Enhancement

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Vaccum UV — Short Wavelength

• Fluorescence Mode

Resolution Determined by Illumination

Synthetic Aperture Lithography

• Create pattern — controlled interference

Example: Two Dots Example: Straight Line



Destructive interference "safe zone"
 Example: Bessel Ring

(2) CODED APERTURE IMAGING

- Can't refract or reflect gamma rays
- Pinhole tradeoff resolution and SNR

with: Richard Lanza, Roberto Accorsi, Klaus Ziock, and Lorenzo Fabris.

Coded Aperture Imaging

- Can't refract or reflect gamma rays
- Pinhole tradeoff resolution and SNR
- Multiple pinholes
- Complex masks can "cast shadows"
Masks — Fresnel Camera



Coded Aperture Principle



Decoding Method Rationale





Coded Aperture Imaging

- Can't refract or reflect gamma rays
- Pinhole tradeoff resolution and SNR
- Complex masks can "cast shadows"
- Decoding by Correlation
- Special Masks with Flat Power Spectrum

Mask Design — Inverse Systems



 $h(x,y) \otimes h'(x,y) = \delta(x,y)$ H(u,v) H'(u,v) = 1

Maximizing SNR

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i^2 \qquad \text{subject to} \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i = 1$$

yields
$$w_i = \frac{1}{n}$$

Masks – Legri URA



Masks — XRT Coarse



Mask Design — 1D

Definition: *q* is a quadratic residue (mod *p*) if $\exists n \text{ s.t. } n^2 \equiv q \pmod{p}$

Legendre symbol

 $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \text{ is quadratic residue} \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Correlation with zero shift (p - 1)/2Correlation with non-zero shift (p - 1)/4

Mask Design

Auto Correlation

$$a(i) = \frac{(p-1)}{4}(1 + \delta(i))$$

• Power Spectrum

$$A(j) = \frac{(p-1)}{4} (\delta(j) + 1)$$

Masks — Hexagonal



Coded Aperture Extensions

- Artifacts due to Finite Distance
- Mask / Countermask Combination





Coded Aperture Backprojection



Reconstruction Animation

Coded Aperture Extensions

- Artifacts due to Finite Distance
- Mask / Countermask Combination
- Multiple Detector Array Positions
- "Synthetic Aperture" radiography

Coded Aperture Applications

- Detection of Fissile Material
- Large Area Detector Myth
- Signal and Background Amplified

Spatially Varying Background



Large Area Alone Doesn't Help



Imaging and Large Area Do!



Coded Aperture Example



• Imaging -1/R instead of $1/R^2$

Coded Aperture Detector Array



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Coded Aperture Example



Three weak, distant radioactive sources Reconstruction Animation

Coded Aperture Applications

- Detection of Fissile Material
- Imaging -1/R instead of $1/R^2$
- Increasing Gamma Camera Resolution
- Replacing Rats with Mice

(3) DIAPHANOGRAPHY (Diffuse Optical Tomography)

- Highly Scattering Low Absorption
- Many Sources Many Detectors

with: Xiaochun Yang, Richard Lanza, Charles Sodini, and John Wyatt.

• Randomization of Direction



• Scalar Flux Density

• Approximation: Diffusion Equation

$$\Delta v(x, y) + \rho(x, y)c(x, y) = 0$$

v(x, y) flux density $\rho(x, y)$ scattering coefficient c(x, y) absorption coefficient

• Forward: given c(x, y) find v(x, y)

• Approximation: Diffusion Equation



• Leaky Resistive Sheet Analog (2D)

• "Invert" Diffusion Equation



• Regions of Influence

(4) EXACT CONE BEAM ALGORITHM

- Faster Scanning—Fewer Motion Artifacts
- Lower Exposure—Uniform Resolution

with: Xiaochun Yang

Exact Cone Beam Reconstruction

- Faster Scanning—Fewer Motion Artifacts
- Lower Exposure—Uniform Resolution
- Parallel Beam → Fan Beam
- Planar Fan → Cone Beam

Parallel Beam to Fan Beam





Coordinate Transform in 2D Radon Space

Cone Beam Geometry — 3D



Radon's Formula

- In 2D: ~ derivatives of line integrals
- In 3D: derivatives of plane integrals
- Can't get plane integrals from projections

$$\int \left(\int f(r,\theta) dr \right) d\theta$$

$$\int \int \frac{1}{r} f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

Radon's Formula in 3D

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \int_{\mathbf{S}^2} \frac{\partial^2 R f(l, \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial l^2} \bigg|_{l=\mathbf{x} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}} d\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

where

$$Rf(l,\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \int f(\boldsymbol{x}) \,\,\delta(\boldsymbol{x}\cdot\boldsymbol{\beta}-l)dV$$
Grangeat's Trick



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \iint f(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \iint f(r, \phi, \theta) \, dr \, d\phi$$

Exact Cone Beam Reconstruction

- Data Sufficiency Condition
- Good "Orbit" for Radiation Source

Radon Space — 2D





Circular Orbit is Inadequate (3D)



Data Insufficiency



Good Source Orbit



Exact Cone Beam Reconstruction

- Data Sufficiency Condition
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- Practical Issue: Spiral CT Scanners
- Practical Issue: "Long Body" Problem

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