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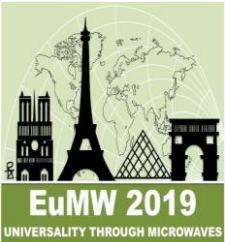
MODERN ADVANCES IN COMPUTATIONAL IMAGING AT MICROWAVE AND MILLIMETRE-WAVE FREQUENCIES

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New advances in computational imaging: Polarimetric imaging, phaseless imaging, and recent advances in antenna systems and k-space reconstruction techniques

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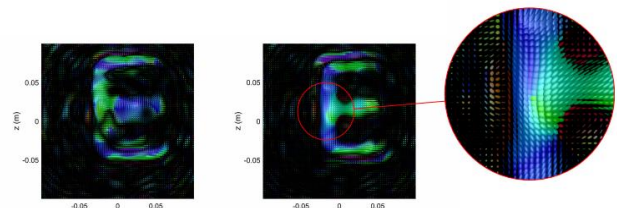
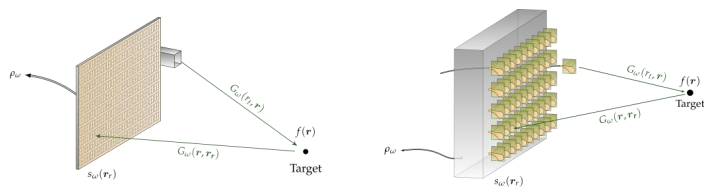
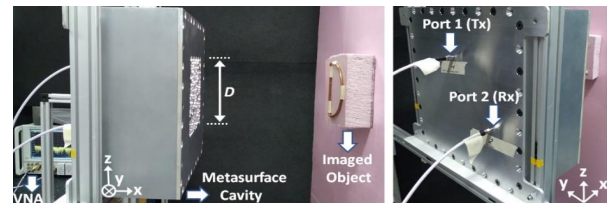
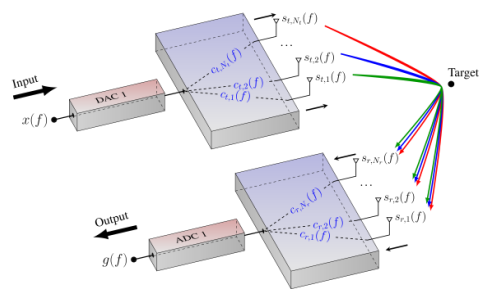
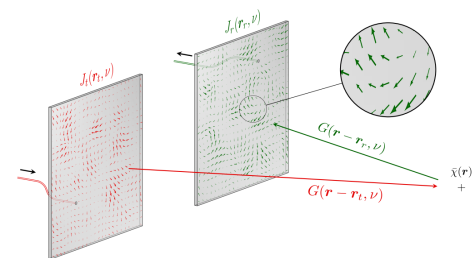
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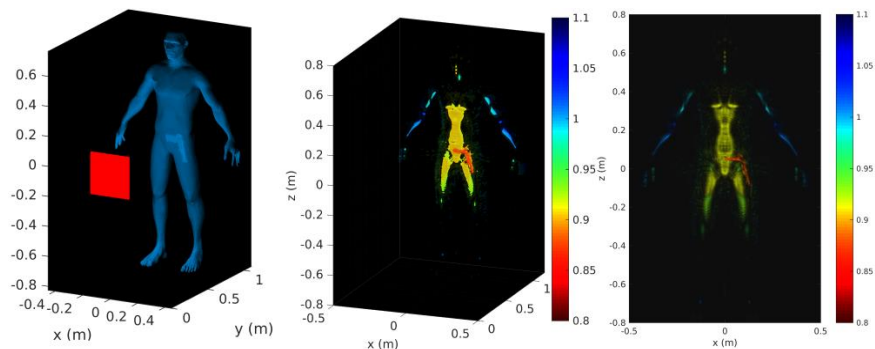
Outlines of the second part

- Acceleration of image reconstruction: k-space and Fourier processing
- Computational polarimetric imaging
- Computational phaseless imaging



Accelerating computational imaging with Fourier processing

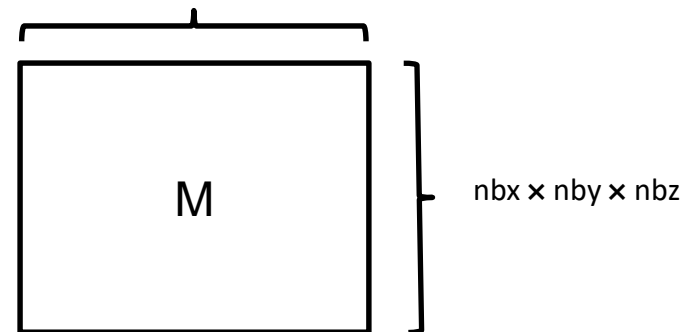
Some problems require the estimation of millions of voxels



Using MIMO apertures, the number of measured samples can also reach very large numbers

Sensing matrix

Transmitters \times Receivers \times Frequency samples



Example

Transmitters : 40×40

Receivers : 40×40

Frequency points : 20

n_{bx} : 300

n_{by} : 200

n_{bz} : 300

$\text{size}(H) = 51.10^6 \times 18.10^6$

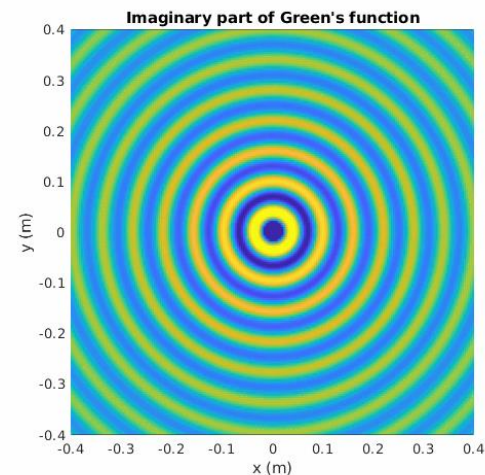
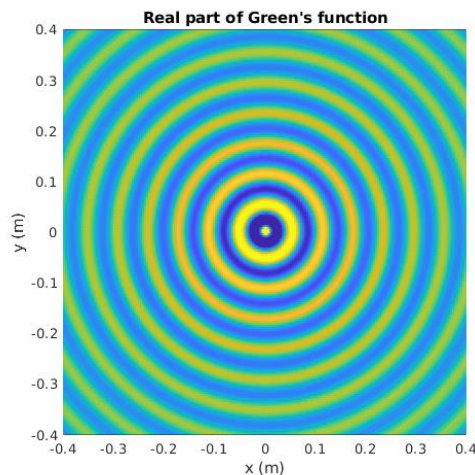
Raw memory consumption
 $\sim 2200 \text{ Tb (single precision)}$



What makes Fourier processing so efficient?

Propagation is modelled within a scalar model: waves progress from source points in a spherical manner.

$$G(r, r_a) = \frac{e^{-jk|r-r_a|}}{|r - r_a|}$$



Note: Explanations are given for a set of 2D examples. For the sake of simplicity, we use an asymptotic form of Hankel's functions:

$$H_0^{(2)}(kr) \approx \frac{e^{-jkr}}{\sqrt{r}}$$



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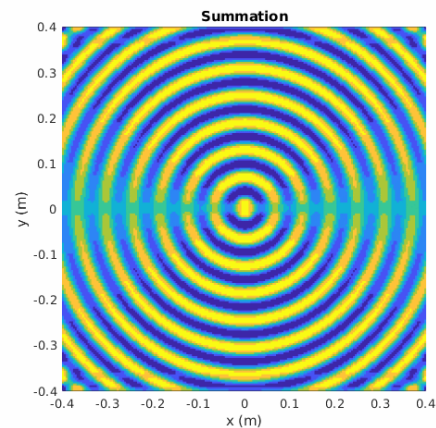
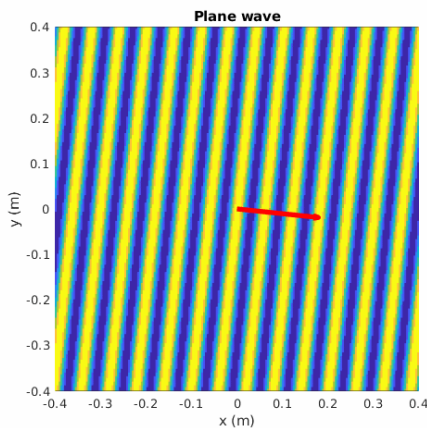
What makes Fourier processing so efficient?

Following an angular spectrum decomposition, a spherical wave is analogous to a sum of plane waves

Weyl's expansion:

$$\frac{e^{jkr}}{r} = \frac{j}{2\pi} \iint e^{j(k_x x + k_z z + |k_y|y)} dk_x dk_z$$

with: $k_y = \sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2 - k_z^2}$



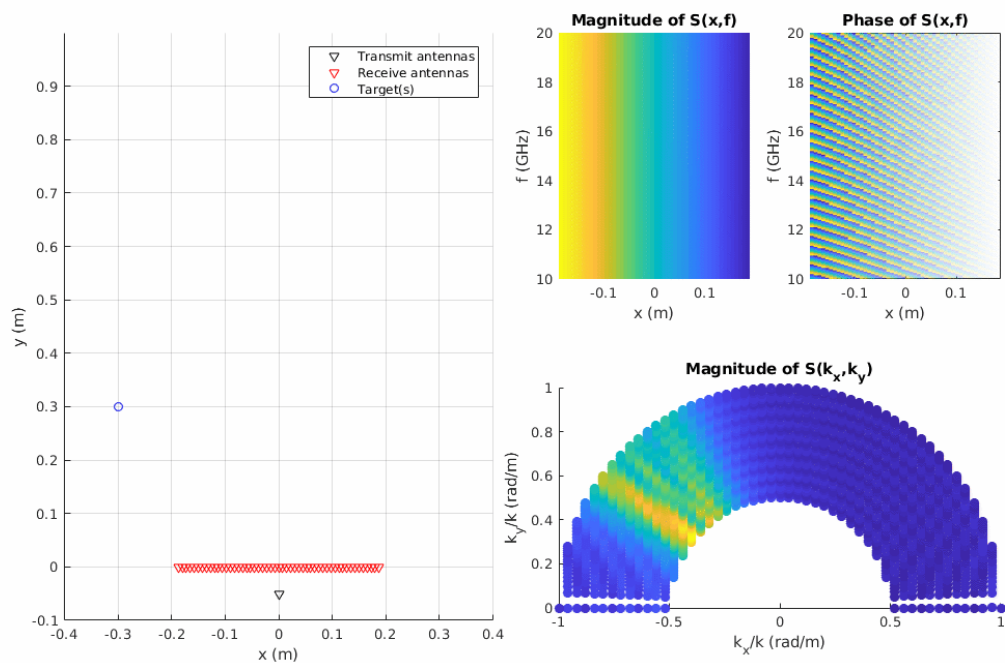


What makes Fourier processing so efficient?

Impact of a spatial Fourier transform on measurements:

$$S(k_x, f) = \mathfrak{F}(S(x, f))$$

The transformation helps to identify a set of angles of arrival



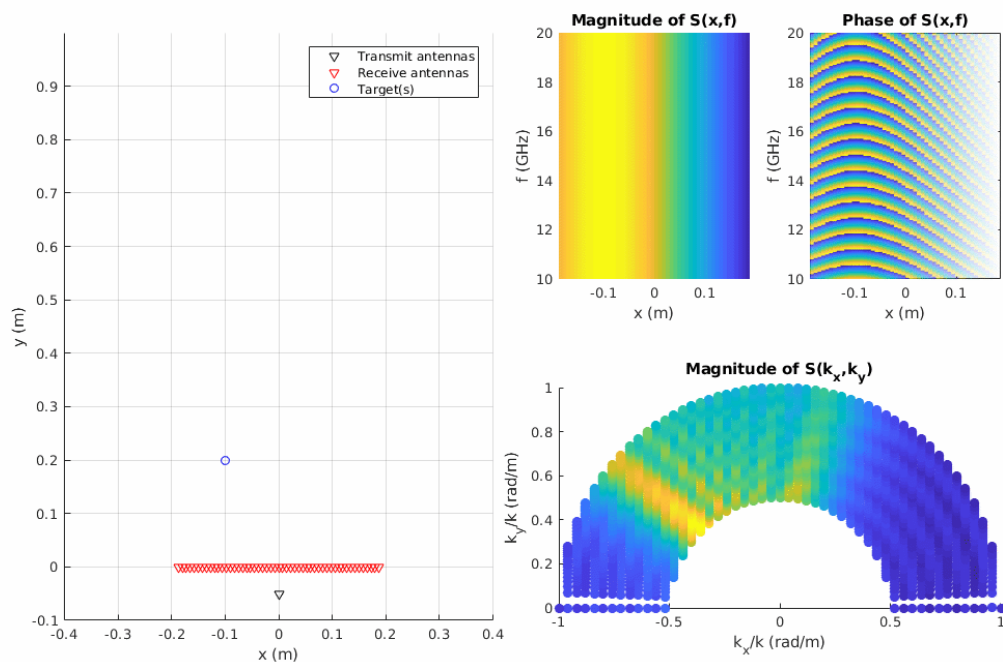


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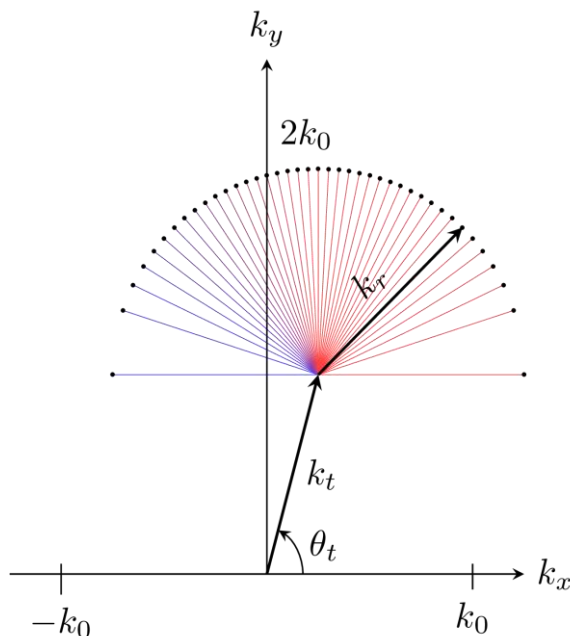
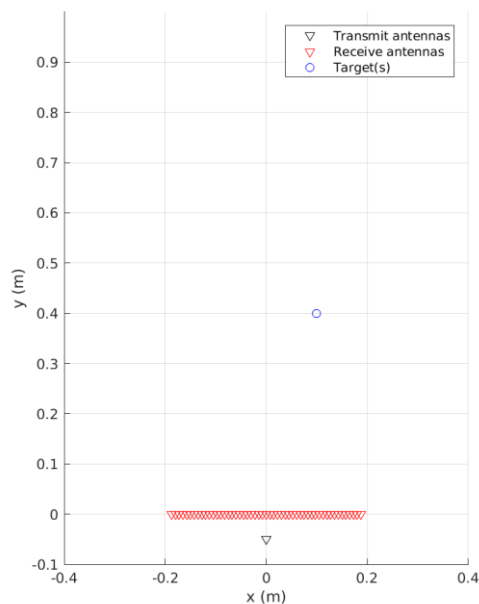
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What makes Fourier processing so efficient?

A fundamental concept for short-range Fourier imaging:
the definition of a dispersion relation



An association of transmitted and received plane waves are considered:

$$k_y = k_t + k_r$$

In the SIMO case:

A single Tx plane wave interacts with a set of Rx plane waves

$$k_y = k \sin(\theta_t) + \sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2}$$

We choose an area to image whose center is called the **stationary phase point**.

*Product of Tx and Rx Green's functions: sum of the arguments of their exponential functions
(the rigorous demonstration is not that straightforward)*



What makes Fourier processing so efficient?

Code available here
<https://bit.ly/2XGCVbH>



Full process for image computation:

1. Fourier transform and variable change

$$S(x, f) \xrightarrow{k = \frac{2\pi f}{c}} S(k_x, f) \xrightarrow{c} S(k_x, k)$$

2. Back-propagation

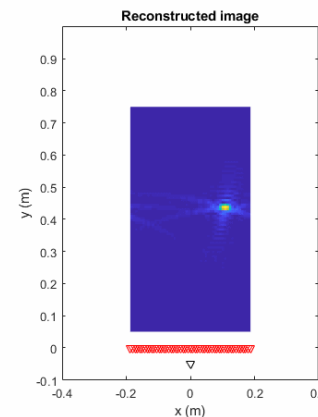
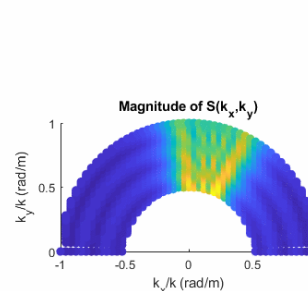
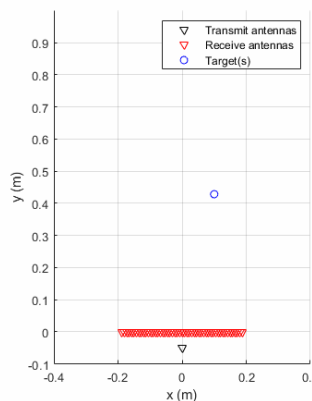
$$S(k_x, y) = \int S(k_x, k) e^{j \overbrace{(k + \sqrt{k^2 - k_x^2})}^{k_y}} y dk$$

3. Inverse Fourier transform

$$I(x, y) = \mathfrak{F}^{-1}(S(k_x, y))$$

Note:

1. The back-propagation step can be greatly accelerated using Stolt interpolation instead of a summation.
2. In this example, we add an additional phase shift $e^{jk_x \Delta y}$ to compensate for the offset of the transmit antenna.



This approach is often referred as the **Range Migration Algorithm (RMA)** or **k-w algorithm**

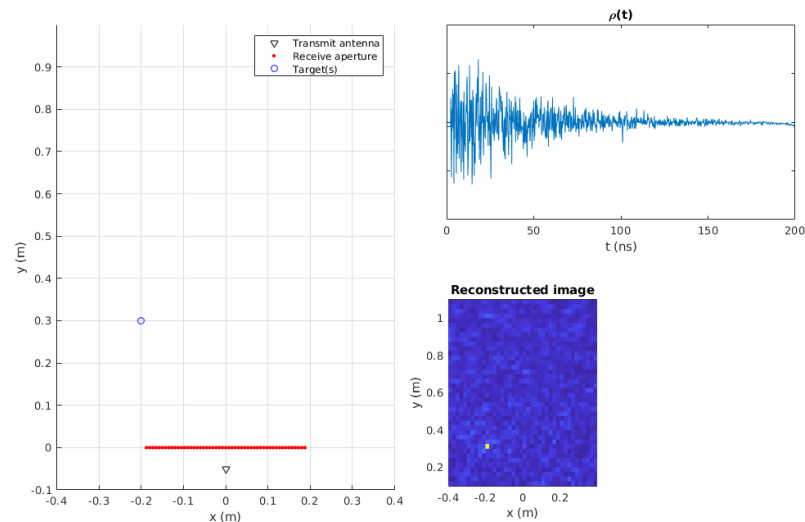
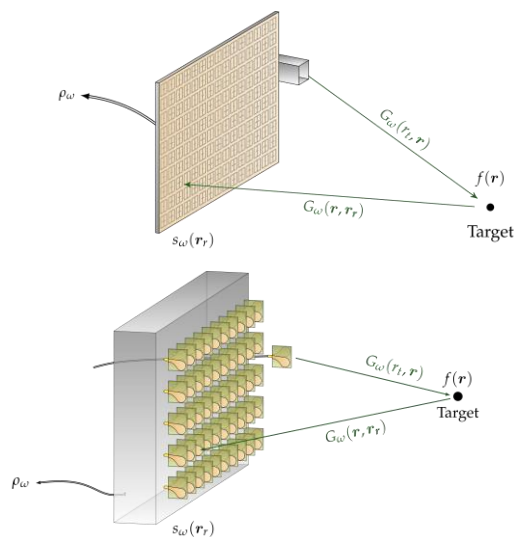
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Making Fourier techniques compatible with computational imaging

Problem: the use of frequency-diverse antenna does not grant us direct access to the spatial dimension



Measurement of a "compressed" signal:

$$\rho_\omega = \int_{r_r} \int_r G_\omega(r_t, r) f(r) G_\omega(r, r_r) d^3r H_\omega(r_r) d^2r_r$$

Identification of signals in the radiating aperture

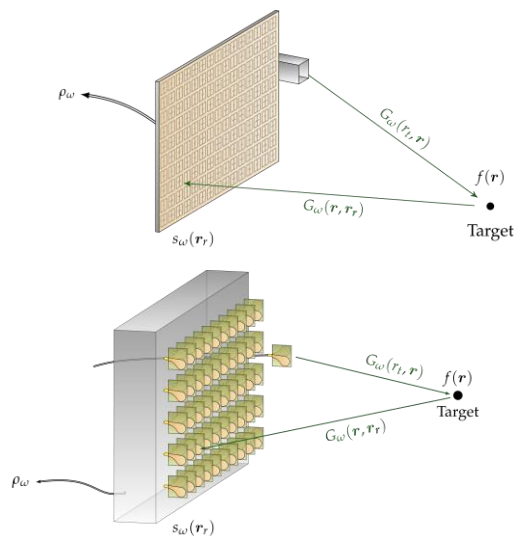
$$s_\omega(r_r) = \int_r G_\omega(r_t, r) f(r) G_\omega(r, r_r) d^3r$$

How to efficiently retrieve the signals in the aperture?



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Identification of signals in the radiating aperture

$$s_\omega(r_r) = \int_r G_\omega(r_t, r) f(r) G_\omega(r, r_r) d^3r$$

The signals undergo a known distortion

$$\rho_\omega = \int_{r_r} s_\omega(r_r) H_\omega(r_r) d^2r_r$$

In matrix form

$$\rho_\omega = H_\omega^T s_\omega \quad \text{with} \quad H_\omega \in \mathbb{C}^{n_{r_r} \times 1}$$

$$s_\omega \in \mathbb{C}^{n_{r_r} \times 1}$$

Problem: a simple matrix inversion reconstruction requires the sacrifice of a dimension

$$\hat{s}_\omega = H^+ \rho \quad \text{with} \quad H \in \mathbb{C}^{n_f \times n_{r_r}}$$

$$\rho \in \mathbb{C}^{n_f \times 1}$$

$$s_\omega \in \mathbb{C}^{n_{r_r} \times 1}$$

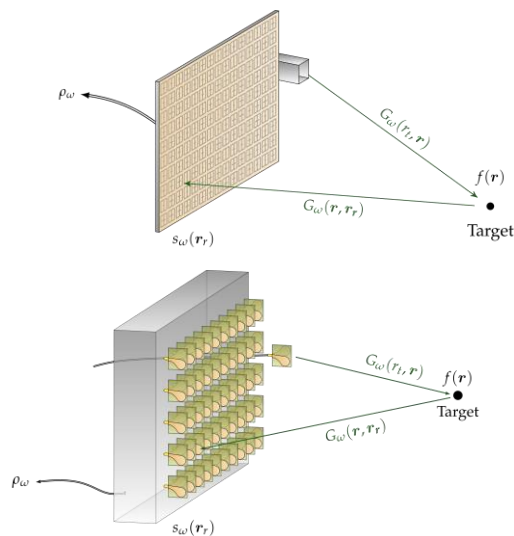
Pros: we just retrieved our lost spatial dimension

Cons: our frequency dimension is now missing



Making Fourier techniques compatible with computational imaging

Problem: the use of frequency-diverse antenna does not grant us direct access to the spatial dimension



The measurement can also be written as a **Hadamard product** (element-wise multiplication)

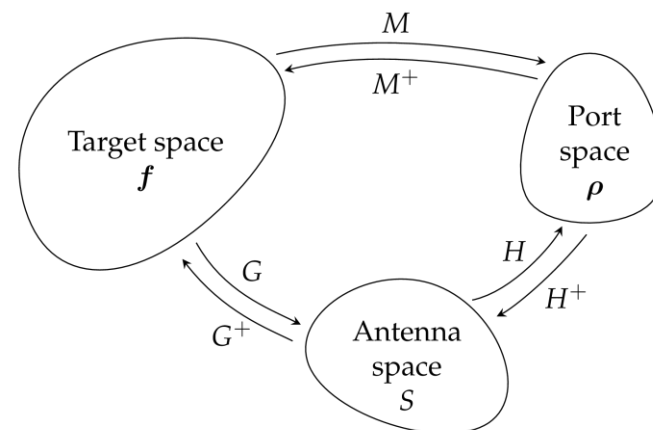
$$\rho = \sum_{r_r} H \odot s \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{aligned} H &\in \mathbb{C}^{n_f \times n_{r_r}} \\ s &\in \mathbb{C}^{n_f \times n_{r_r}} \end{aligned}$$

An estimation is carried out using an **equalization**

$$\hat{s}_{eq} = H^+ \odot (\rho, \dots, \rho)$$

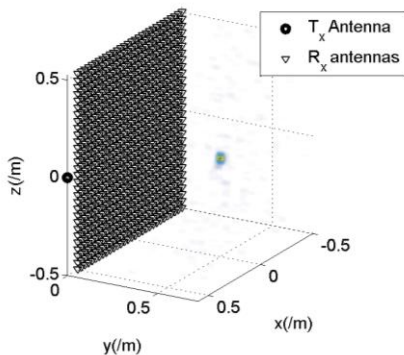
The measured "compressed" signal is multiplied by each line of the pseudo-inverse matrix

The signals reconstructed in the radiating aperture can finally be used to reconstruct images using Fourier techniques.

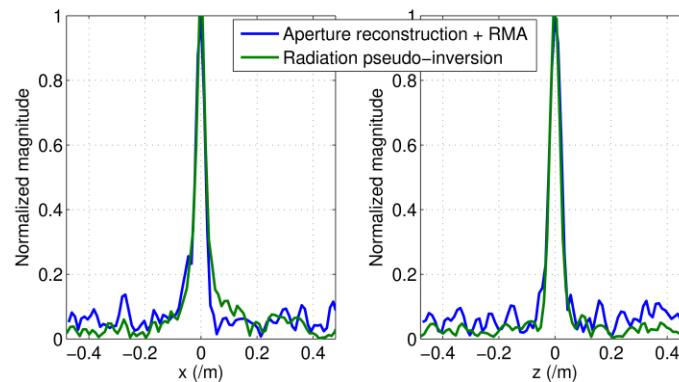
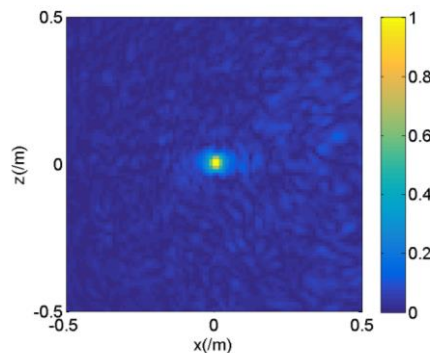
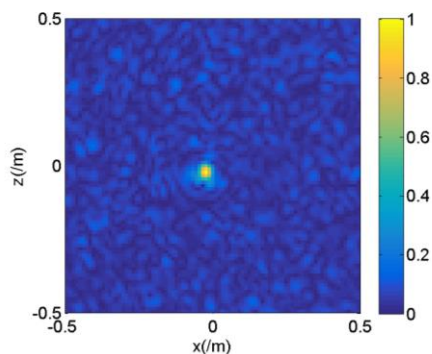
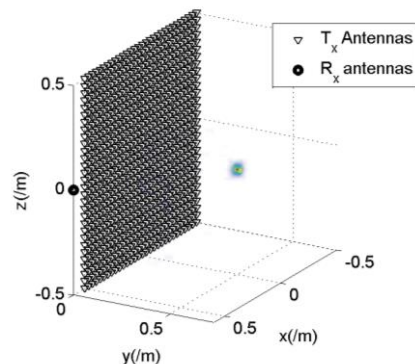


Performance comparison : Equalization+RMA VS full-matrix approach

Equalization+RMA



Full-matrix approach

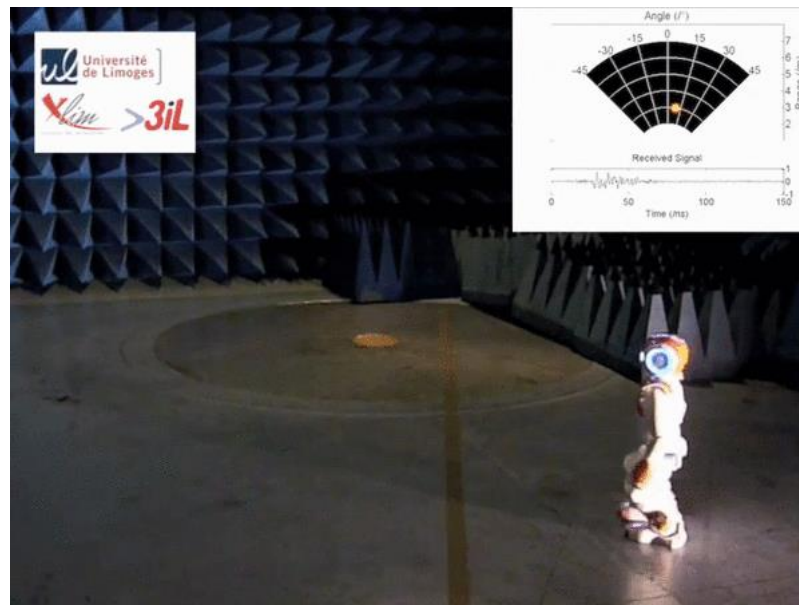
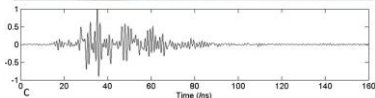
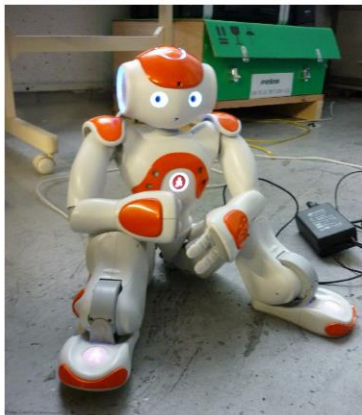
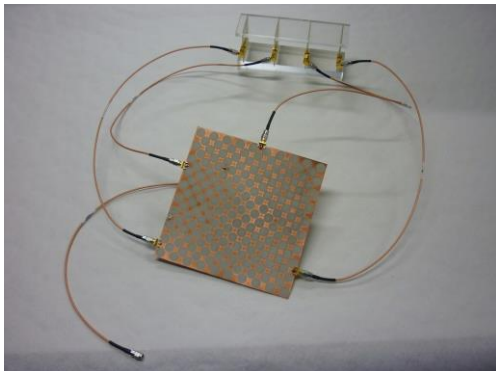


	Pre-computation time	Computation time
Eq+RMA	4.8 s	2.4 s
Full-matrix	38 min	66 s

Data presented in 2015, significant progress has been made on both methods since

Examples of implementations

From 4 antennas to 1 receiver



Frequency range: 2-4 GHz

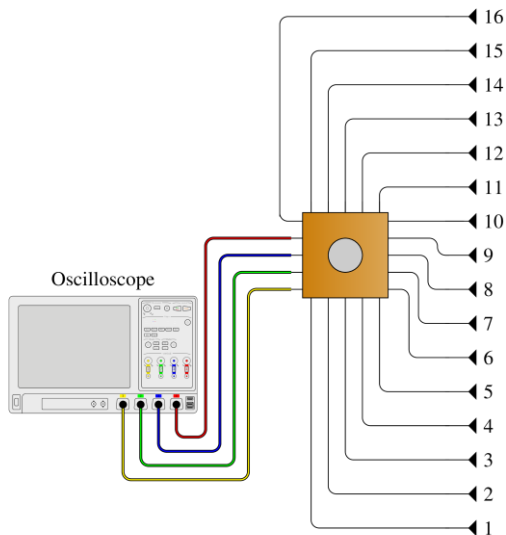
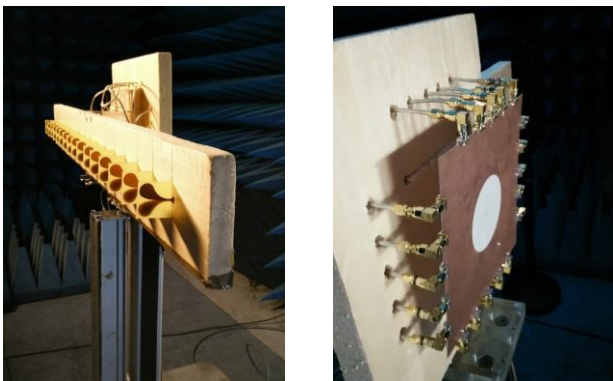
7 fps (limited by communication times between equipment)



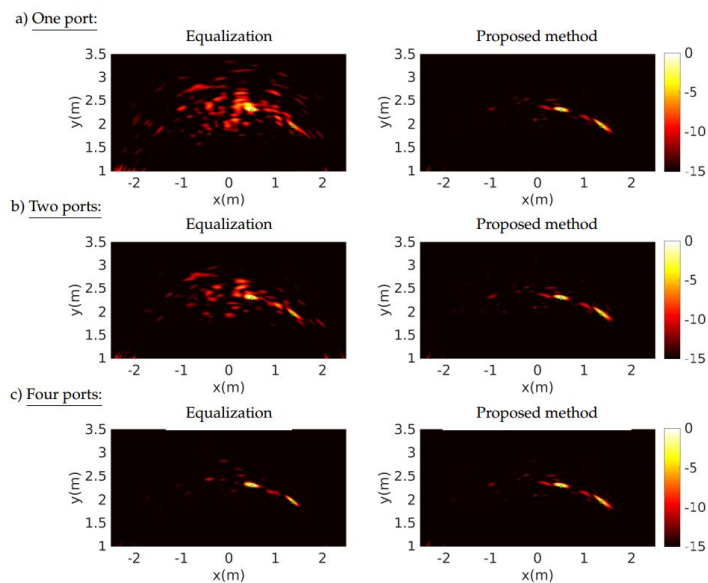
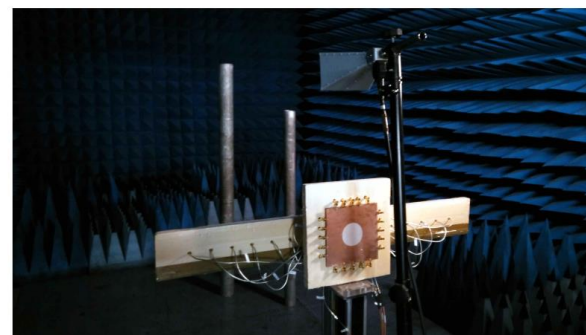
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From 16 antennas to 4 receivers

Frequency range: 2-4 GHz



Improvement of the equalization technique by a sparsity-driven technique based on Toeplitz matrices

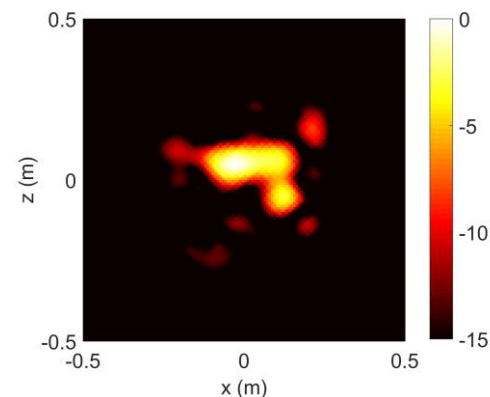
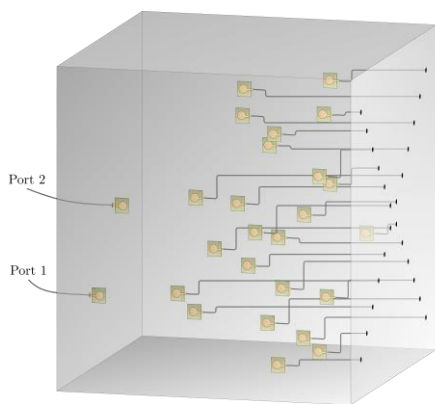
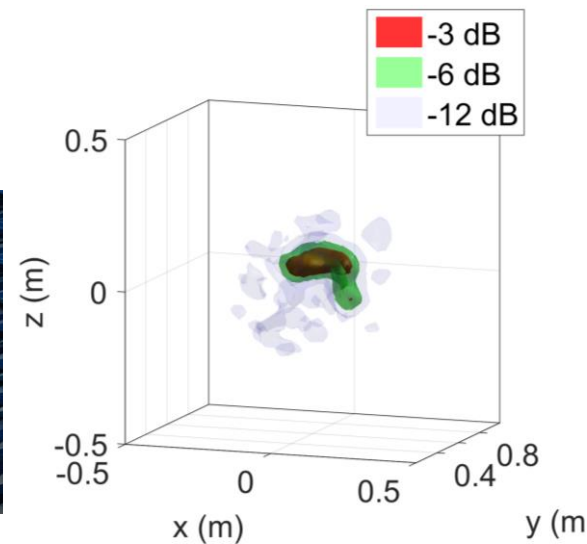
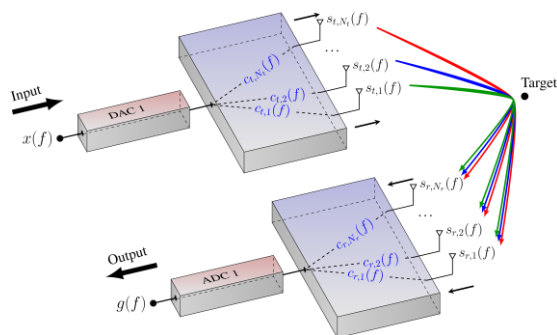




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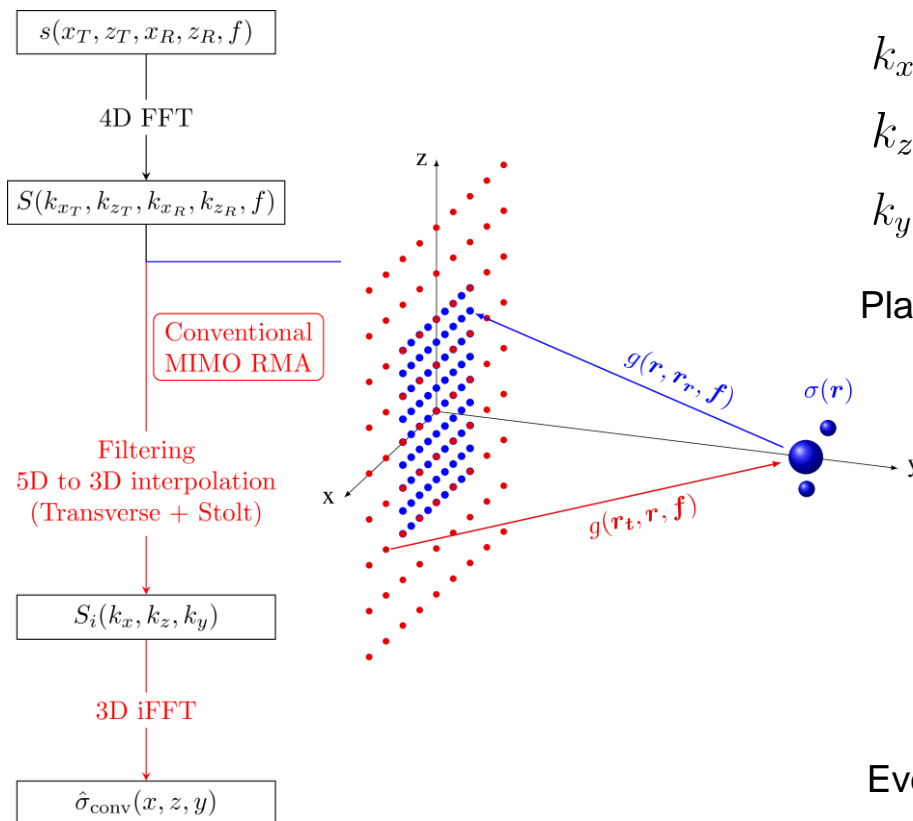
Going MIMO: From 24x24 antennas to 1 transceiver

Frequency range: 2-10 GHz





Improving the MIMO RMA



Bottleneck of the RMA:

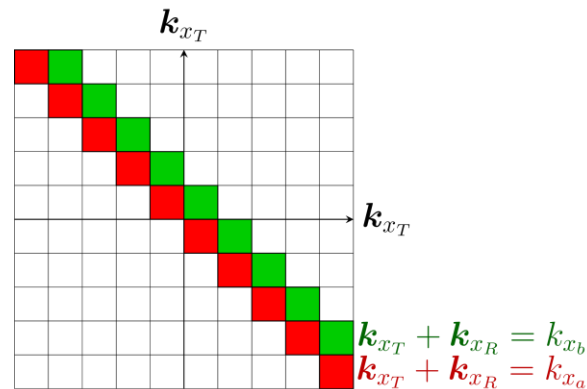
interpolating the Tx and Rx plane waves

$$k_x = k_{x_T} + k_{x_R}$$

$$k_z = k_{z_T} + k_{z_R}$$

$$k_y = \sqrt{k^2 - k_{x_T}^2 - k_{z_T}^2} + \sqrt{k^2 - k_{x_R}^2 - k_{z_R}^2}$$

Plane wave fusion can be computationally intensive



Everything else can be done from Fast-Fourier transforms

$$\hat{\sigma}(x, y, z) = k_{y_T} k_{y_R} \int_{k_x} \int_{k_y} \int_{k_z} S(k_{x_T}, k_{z_T}, k_{x_R}, k_{z_R}, k) e^{jk_y y} e^{jk_x x} e^{jk_z z} dk_x dk_y dk_z$$



Improving the MIMO RMA

The initial approach is quite abstract and based on asymptotic developments of radiation integrals

To the authors' knowledge, all asymptotic developments proposed in this field are based on a simplified derivation of the measured signals, considering that amplitude terms have a negligible usefulness in comparison with phase terms and can thus be removed. It is shown in this section that it is necessary to keep the decay term $1/R$, evaluated at the stationary phase point so that the final expression converges towards a form very close to that given in the references mentioned above. From a physical point of view, the conservation of the amplitude term also seems justified insofar as this information remains of particular interest in the context of imaging applications in the Fresnel zone.

We start the calculations from the initial formalism of the MIMO signal simplified according to a scalar field approximation and to first-order Born approximation.

$$s(x_t, z_t, x_r, z_r, k) = \int_r \frac{\sigma(r)}{16\pi^2} \frac{e^{-jkR_t}}{R_t} \frac{e^{-jkR_r}}{R_r} d^3r \quad (1)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} R_t &= \sqrt{(x-x_t)^2 + y^2 + (z-z_t)^2} & (2) \\ R_r &= \sqrt{(x-x_r)^2 + y^2 + (z-z_r)^2} & (3) \\ R &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} & (4) \\ dV &= dx dy dz & (5) \end{aligned}$$

The spatial dimensions are expressed in the Fourier domain in order to consider the interaction between the emitted and received plane waves and the target to be imaged.

$$S(k_{x_t}, k_{z_t}, k_{x_r}, k_{z_r}, k) = \mathfrak{F}_{4D}(s(x_t, z_t, x_r, z_r, k)) \quad (6)$$

The development of the expression of this signal makes it possible to factorize the transmission and reception terms.

$$S = \int_r \int_{A_t} \int_{A_r} \frac{\sigma(r)}{16\pi^2} \frac{e^{-jkR_t}}{R_t} \frac{e^{-jkR_r}}{R_r} e^{-jk_{x_t}x_t} e^{-jk_{z_t}z_t} e^{-jk_{x_r}x_r} e^{-jk_{z_r}z_r} dA_t dA_r d^3r \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_r \frac{\sigma(r)}{16\pi^2} \left[\int_{A_t} \frac{e^{-jk_{x_t}x_t}}{R_t} e^{-jk_{z_t}z_t} dA_t \right] \underbrace{\left[\int_{A_r} \frac{e^{-jk_{x_r}x_r}}{R_r} e^{-jk_{z_r}z_r} dA_r \right]}_{E_r} d^3r & (8) \\ &= \int_r \frac{\sigma(r)}{16\pi^2} \underbrace{\left[\int_{A_t} \frac{e^{-jk_{x_t}x_t}}{R_t} e^{-jk_{z_t}z_t} dA_t \right]}_{E_t} d^3r \end{aligned}$$

where the surface elements of the transmit and receive apertures are respectively $dA_t = \partial x_t \partial z_t$ and $dA_r = \partial x_r \partial z_r$. The integrals E_t and E_r share the same mathematical form that can be simplified using the method of stationary phase. These expressions are developed here with a generic index i standing for t or r :

$$E_i(k_{x_i}, k_{z_i}, k) = \int_{z_i} \int_{x_i} \frac{e^{-jkR_i}}{R_i} e^{-jk_{x_i}x_i} e^{-jk_{z_i}z_i} \partial x_i \partial z_i \quad (9)$$

The evaluation of this integral is carried out using asymptotic development. It is therefore necessary to express this expression in a particular oscillatory integral form:

$$E_i(k_{x_i}, k_{z_i}, k) = \int_{x_i} \int_{z_i} \frac{e^{-jk\sqrt{(x_i-x)^2 + y^2 + (z_i-z)^2}}}{e^{-jk_{x_i}x_i} e^{-jk_{z_i}z_i}} \partial x_i \partial z_i \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{x_i} \int_{z_i} \frac{1}{R_i} e^{jk\Phi} \partial x_i \partial z_i & (11) \\ \Phi &= -\sqrt{(x_i-x)^2 + y^2 + (z_i-z)^2} - \frac{k_{x_i}}{k} x_i - \frac{k_{z_i}}{k} z_i & (12) \\ R &= \sqrt{(x_i-x)^2 + y^2 + (z_i-z)^2} & (13) \end{aligned}$$

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The factorization of the wavenumber k makes it possible to introduce a phase term Φ that varies slowly with respect to the frequency. This development makes it possible to realize an asymptotic expansion of the integral, considering that the most significant contributions arises a saddle point called the stationary phase point (x_s, z_s) , and defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} &= 0 & (14) \\ \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} &= 0 & (15) \end{aligned}$$

A second order 2D Taylor expansion of Φ is calculated at the stationary phase point $(x_i = x_s, z_i = z_s)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &\approx \Phi(x_s, z_s) + \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s}}_{=0} (x_i - x_s) + \underbrace{\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s}}_{=0} (z_i - z_s) \\ &+ \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} \frac{(x_i - x_s)^2}{2!} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} \frac{(z_i - z_s)^2}{2!} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i \partial z_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} (x_i - x_s)(z_i - z_s) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2!} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z_i \partial x_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} (x_i - x_s)(z_i - z_s) & (16) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &\approx \Phi(x_s, z_s) + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} \frac{(x_i - x_s)^2}{2!} \\ &+ \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} \frac{(z_i - z_s)^2}{2!} & (17) \\ &+ \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i \partial z_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} (x_i - x_s)(z_i - z_s) \end{aligned}$$

The expression of x_s and z_s can first be obtained from the first derivatives vanishing at the stationary phase point:

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} = -\frac{x_s - x}{\sqrt{(x_s - x)^2 + y^2 + (z_s - z)^2}} - \frac{k_{x_i}}{k} = 0 \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} = -\frac{z_s - z}{\sqrt{(x_s - x)^2 + y^2 + (z_s - z)^2}} - \frac{k_{z_i}}{k} = 0 \quad (19)$$

Eqs. (18) and (19) then lead to the following coupled equations:

$$(x_s - x)^2 = \frac{k_{x_i}^2}{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2} (y^2 + (z_s - z)^2) \quad (20)$$

$$(z_s - z)^2 = \frac{k_{z_i}^2}{k^2 - k_{x_i}^2} (y^2 + (x_s - x)^2) \quad (21)$$

The resolution of this last equation system makes it possible to determine the expression of the coordinates of the stationary phase point, extracting the positive roots for each case:

$$x_s = x + y \frac{k_{x_i}}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2}} \quad (22)$$

$$z_s = z + y \frac{k_{z_i}}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_{x_i}^2 - k_{z_i}^2}} \quad (23)$$

The second derivatives $\partial^2 \Phi / \partial x_i^2$, $\partial^2 \Phi / \partial z_i^2$, and $\partial^2 \Phi / \partial x_i \partial z_i$ can now be evaluated, reminding that $\Phi = -\sqrt{(x_i-x)^2 + y^2 + (z_i-z)^2} - \frac{k_{x_i}}{k} x_i - \frac{k_{z_i}}{k} z_i$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(-\frac{x_i - x}{\sqrt{(x_i - x)^2 + y^2 + (z_i - z)^2}} - \frac{k_{x_i}}{k} \right) \\ &= \frac{y^2 + (z_i - z)^2}{((x_i - x)^2 + y^2 + (z_i - z)^2)^{3/2}} = 0 & (24) \\ &= \frac{y^2 + (z_i - z)^2}{((x_i - x)^2 + y^2 + (z_i - z)^2)^{3/2}} & (25) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we evaluate the second derivative of the phase term according to z_i :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z_i^2} = -\frac{y^2 + (x_i - x)^2}{((x_i - x)^2 + y^2 + (z_i - z)^2)^{3/2}} \quad (26)$$

The last second derivative $\partial^2 \Phi / \partial x_i \partial z_i$ is finally evaluated:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i \partial z_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left(-\frac{z_i - z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} - \frac{k_{z_i}}{k} \right) \partial x_i \partial z_i \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i \partial z_i} = -\frac{(x-x_i)(z_i-z)}{((x-x)^2 + y^2 + (z_i-z)^2)^{3/2}} \quad (28)$$

These three derivatives are finally evaluated at the stationary phase point:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} = \frac{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2}{y} \frac{\sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2}}{k^3} \quad (29)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} = \frac{k^2 - k_{x_i}^2}{y} \frac{\sqrt{k^2 - k_{x_i}^2 - k_{z_i}^2}}{k^3} \quad (30)$$

Finally:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i \partial z_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} &= -\frac{(x-x_s)(z_s-z)}{((x_s-x)^2 + y^2 + (z_s-z)^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= y^{-1} k^{-3} k_{x_i} k_{z_i} (k^2 - k_{x_i}^2 - k_{z_i}^2)^{3/2} & (31) \\ &= y^{-1} k^{-3} k_{x_i} k_{z_i} (k^2 - k_{x_i}^2 - k_{z_i}^2)^{3/2} & (32) \end{aligned}$$

It is then required to evaluate $(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i \partial z_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s})^2$:

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i \partial z_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} \right)^2 = y^{-2} k^{-6} k_{x_i}^2 k_{z_i}^2 (k^2 - k_{x_i}^2 - k_{z_i}^2) \quad (33)$$

Finally, it is necessary to evaluate the expression of the amplitude term $R(x_s, z_s)$, as well as the expression of the phase term at the stationary point $\Phi(x_s, z_s)$:

$$R(x_s, z_s) = \sqrt{(x_s - x)^2 + y^2 + (z_s - z)^2} \quad (34)$$

$$= \frac{ky}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2}} \quad (35)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x_s, z_s) &= -\sqrt{(x_s - x)^2 + y^2 + (z_s - z)^2} - \frac{k_{x_i}}{k} x_s - \frac{k_{z_i}}{k} z_s \\ &= -\frac{k - (k_{x_i}^2/k) - (k_{z_i}^2/k)}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2}} y - \frac{k_{x_i}}{k} x - \frac{k_{z_i}}{k} z & (36) \\ &= -\frac{k - (k_{x_i}^2/k) - (k_{z_i}^2/k)}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2}} y - \frac{k_{x_i}}{k} x - \frac{k_{z_i}}{k} z & (37) \end{aligned}$$

The magnitude and phase term evaluated at the stationary point can then be extracted from the integral:

$$E_i = \frac{e^{jk\Phi(x_s, z_s)}}{R(x_s, z_s)} I_g \quad (38)$$

where I_g is a Gaussian integral evaluated around the stationary phase point [?], [?]:

$$I_g = \int_{x_i} \int_{z_i} \exp\left(jk \frac{1}{2} \left[\alpha (x_i - x_s)^2 + \beta (z_i - z_s)^2 + 2\gamma (x_i - x_s)(z_i - z_s) \right] \right) \partial x_i \partial z_i \quad (39)$$

with $\alpha = -\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s}$, $\beta = -\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s}$ and $\gamma = -\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i \partial z_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s}$.

Having $\alpha\beta > \gamma^2$ and $\alpha < 0$, Eq. (38) then takes the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} E_i &= -\frac{j2\pi}{k} R(x_s, z_s)^{-1} e^{jk\Phi(x_s, z_s)} \\ &\left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z_i^2} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x_i \partial z_i} \Big|_{x_s, z_s} \right)^2 \right)^{-1/2} & (40) \\ &= -\frac{j2\pi}{k} \frac{\sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2}}{ky} \frac{k^2 y}{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2} \\ &\exp\left(-j \left(\frac{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2}} y + k_{x_i} x + k_{z_i} z \right) \right) & (41) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{-j2\pi}{\sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2}} \exp(-j\sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_i}^2 - k_{x_i}^2} y) \\ &\exp(-jk_{x_i} x) \exp(-jk_{z_i} z) & (42) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we recall the initial expression of the MIMO signal $S(k_{x_t}, k_{z_t}, k_{x_r}, k_{z_r}, k)$ expressed in the k -space, as well as its equivalent expression obtained by applying the stationary phase method:

$$S = \int_r \frac{\sigma(r)}{16\pi^2} \left(\int_{A_t} \frac{e^{-jkR_t}}{R_t} e^{jk_{x_t}x_t} e^{jk_{z_t}z_t} dA_t \right) \quad (43)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\int_{A_r} \frac{e^{-jkR_r}}{R_r} e^{jk_{x_r}x_r} e^{jk_{z_r}z_r} dA_r \right) d^3r \\ &= \frac{4\pi^2}{16\pi^2 k_y k_{y_r}} \int_r \sigma(r) e^{-jk_{x_t}y} e^{-jk_{x_r}x} e^{-jk_{z_t}z} \\ &e^{-jk_{z_r}y} e^{-jk_{x_r}x} e^{-jk_{z_r}z} d^3r & (44) \\ &= \frac{1}{4k_y k_{y_r}} \int_r \sigma(r) e^{-jk_{x_t}y} e^{-jk_{x_r}x} e^{-jk_{z_t}z} d^3r & (45) \end{aligned}$$

where the association of transverse components corresponding to the plane waves emitted and received give rise to new projections of composite wave vectors interrogating the target space:

$$k_{y_t} = \sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_t}^2 - k_{x_t}^2} \quad (46)$$

$$k_{y_r} = \sqrt{k^2 - k_{z_r}^2 - k_{x_r}^2} \quad (47)$$

$$k_x = k_{x_t} + k_{x_r} \quad (48)$$

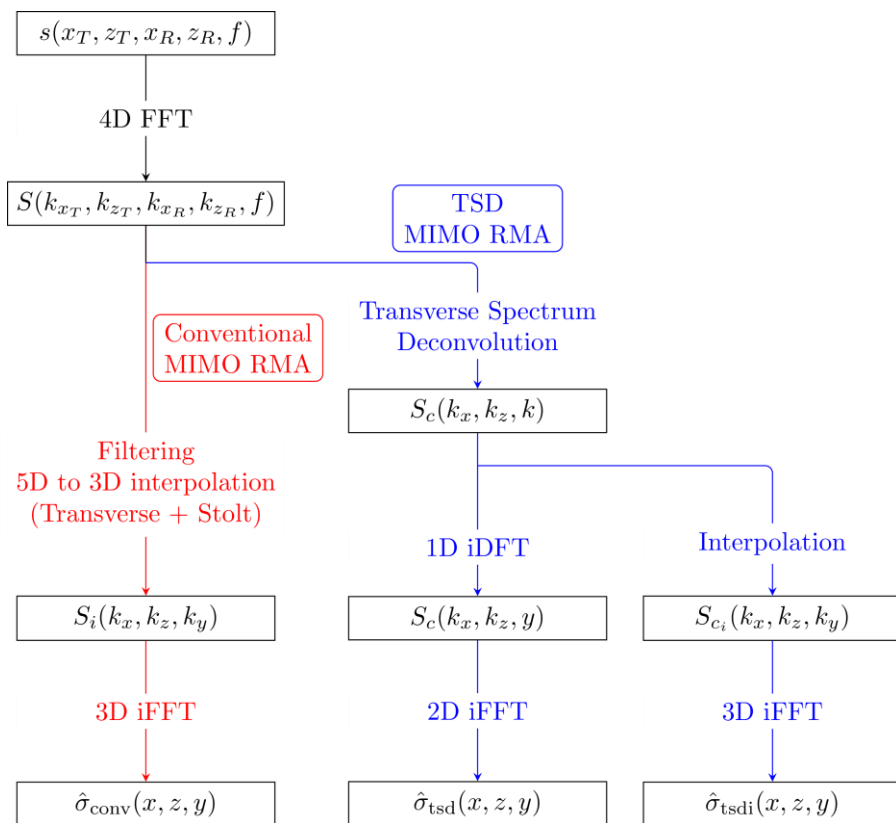
$$k_y = k_{y_t} + k_{y_r} \quad (49)$$

$$k_z = k_{z_t} + k_{z_r} \quad (50)$$

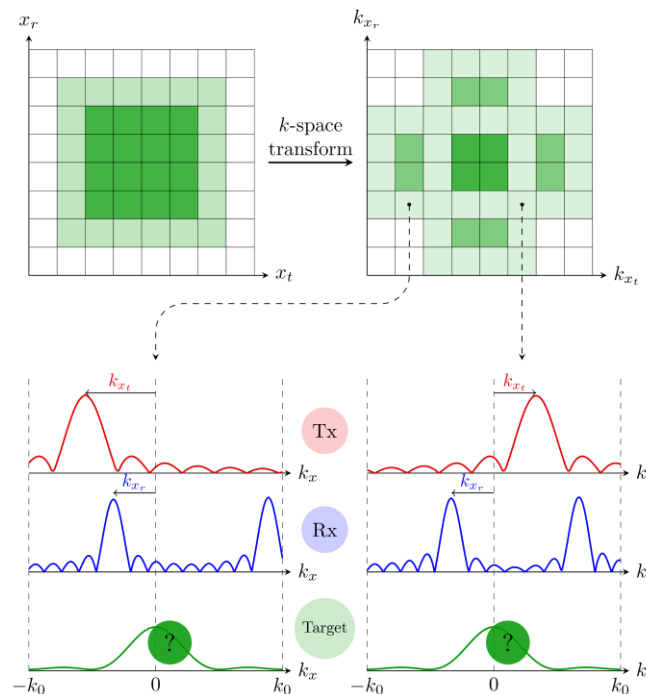


Improving the MIMO RMA

Introducing the transverse spectrum deconvolution (TSD RMA)



Core idea: it's all about radiation patterns



Main advantages:

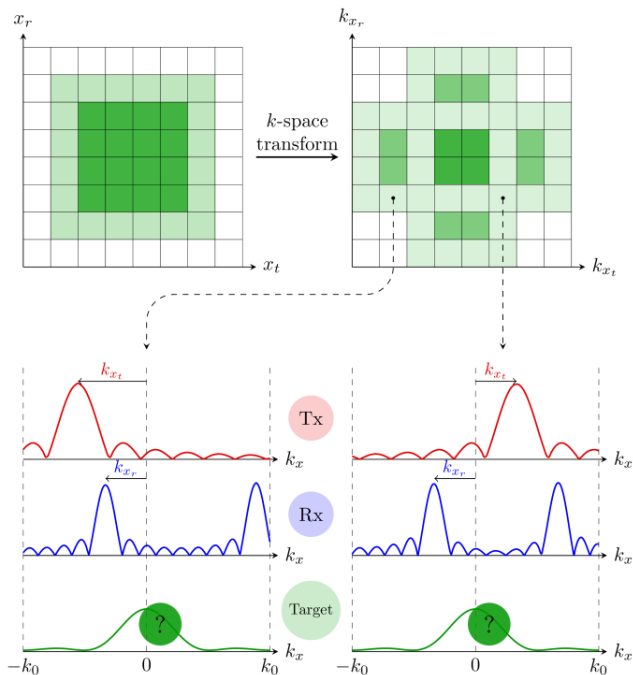
- more intuitive and visual approach
- k-space patterns depend only on the spatial sampling not on the frequency



Improving the MIMO RMA

Interrogation of a spectrum through known radiation patterns

Core idea: it's all about radiation patterns



$$S = \int_{k_x} \int_{k_z} P_t(k_x - k_{x_t}, k_z - k_{z_t}) S_c(k_x, k_z, k) P_r(k_x - k_{x_r}, k_z - k_{z_r}) dk_x dk_z$$

↑ Tx radiation patterns ↑ Target spectrum ↑ Rx radiation patterns

Expression in matrix form and separation of spatial variables

$$S(k) = P_x S_c(k) P_z$$

Reconstruction of transverse spectral data by pseudo-inversion

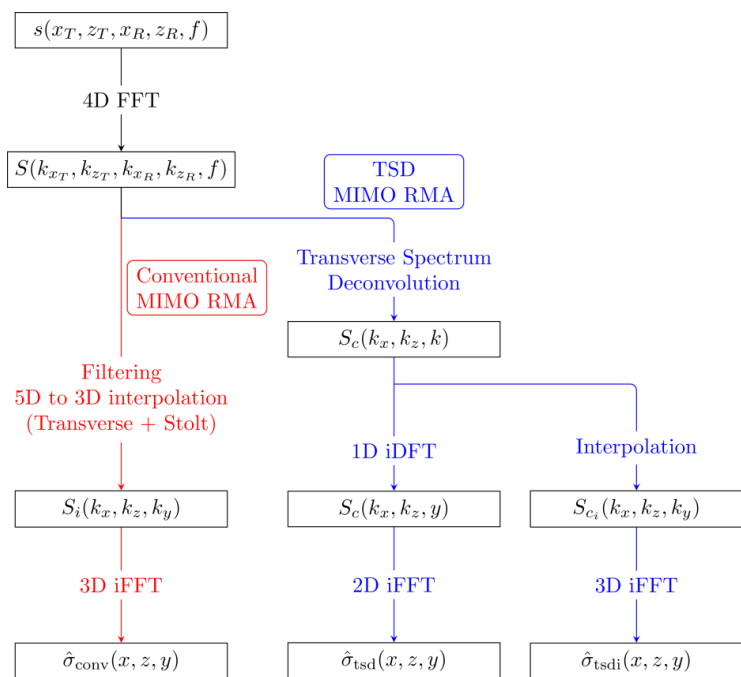
$$\hat{S}_c(k) = P_x^+ S(k) P_z^+$$

Main advantages:

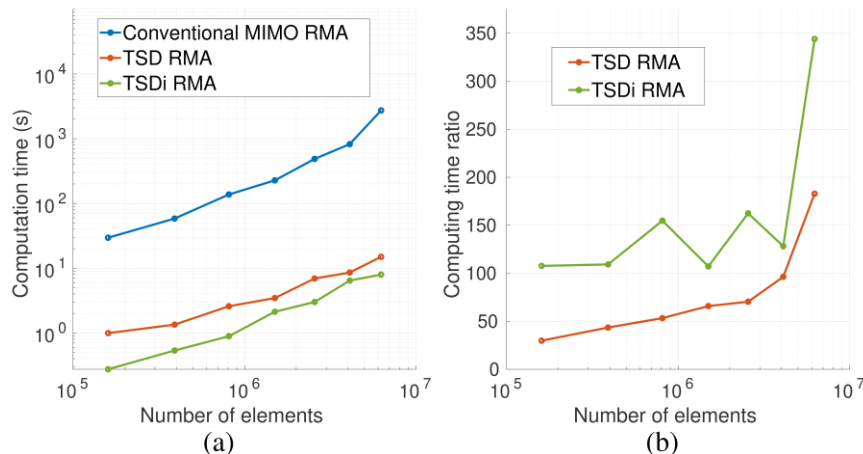
- more intuitive and visual approach
- k-space patterns depend only on the spatial sampling **not on the frequency**

1. Interpolation calculations are replaced by matrix multiplication
2. These calculations are made without any frequency dependence
3. RAM consumption is greatly reduced
4. Reconstructions are more accurate

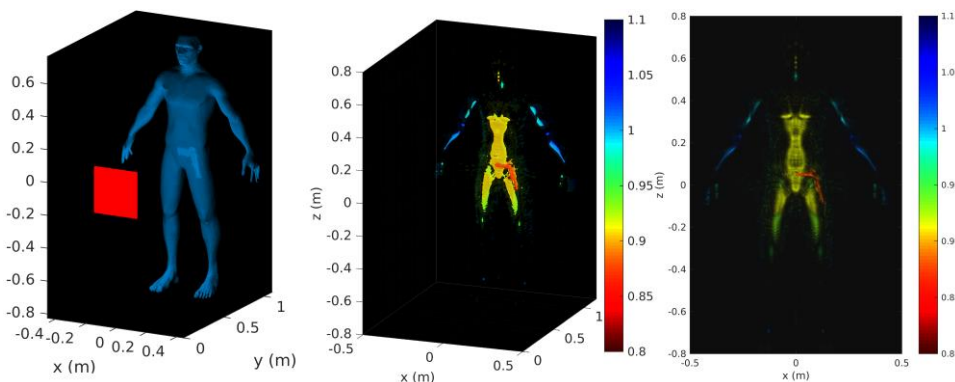
Improving the MIMO RMA



Definition of a new state of the art of range-migration algorithms



Application to large and densely populated MIMO arrays



Validation with a MIMO array of 71^4 radiating elements
more than 25 million interactions at each frequency

Polarimetric computational imaging

Motivation: Study of anisotropic/multiple-bounce scattering

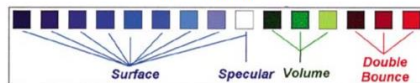
Far-field: Estimation of soil parameters



(a) Original Image

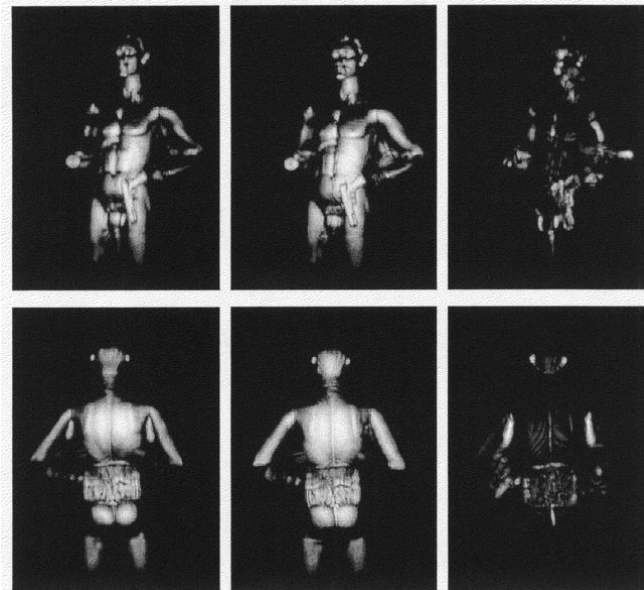


(a) Classification Map



Unsupervised Terrain Classification Preserving Polarimetric Scattering Characteristics"
J-S Lee, M.R. Grunes, E. Pottier, L. Ferro-Famil - IEEE TGRS, 2004

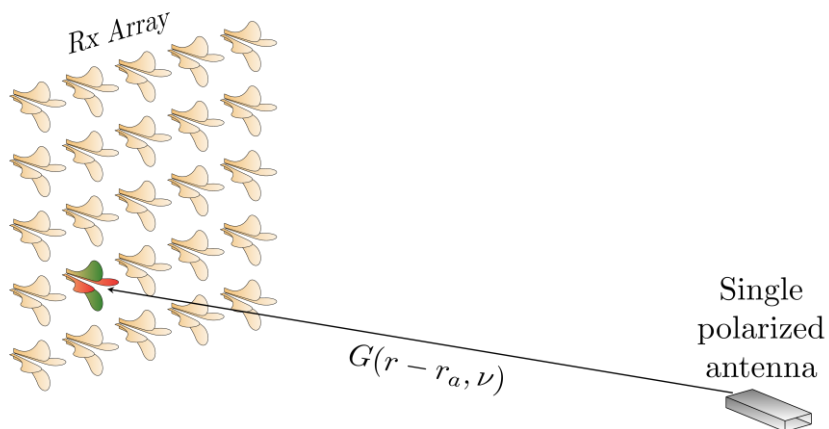
Short-range: Threat detection



Holographic arrays for multi-path imaging artifact reduction"
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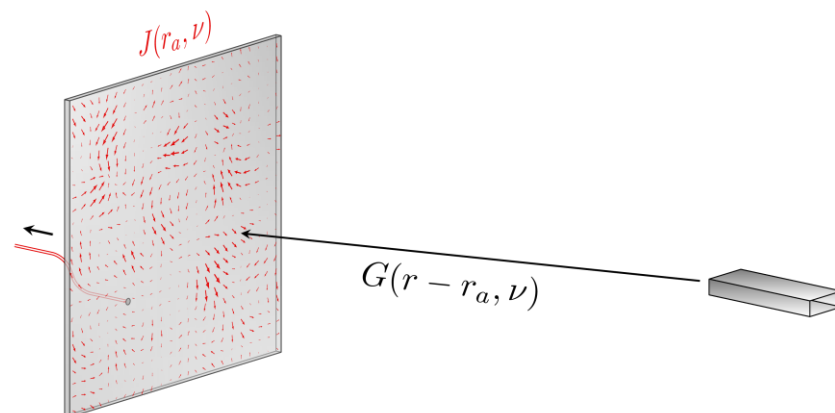
Polarimetric computational localization

Conventional approach



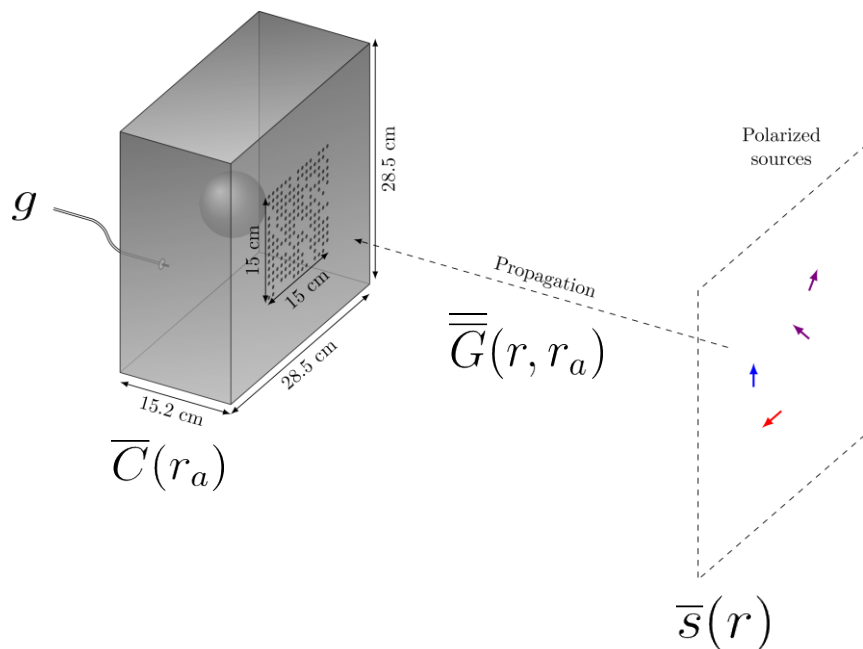
Doubles the hardware constraints compared to scalar systems

Computational approach



Polarimetric computational localization

We now get out of the scalar approximation



To lighten the notation, frequencies are implicit

Measured signal

$$g = \int_{r_a} \int_r \overline{C}(r_a) \overline{\overline{G}}(r, r_a) \overline{s}(r) dr_a dr$$

in the polarization space:

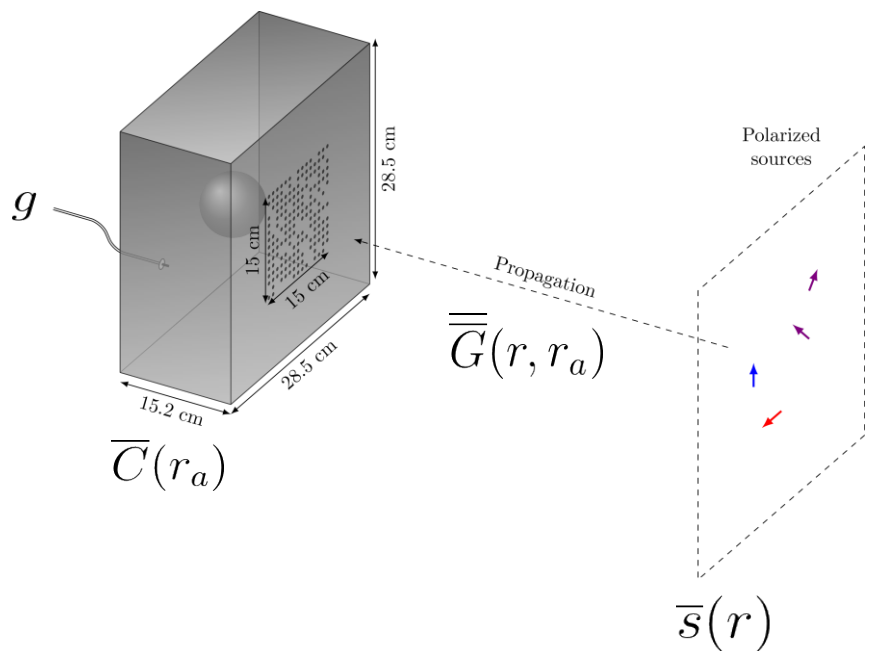
$$g = \overline{C}(r_a) \overline{\overline{G}}(r, r_a) \overline{s}(r)$$

- $\overline{s}(r)$ Polarized sources
- $\overline{C}(r_a)$ Transfer function of the cavity (3 polarizations on its surface)
- $\overline{\overline{G}}(r, r_a)$ Dyadic Green's function

$$\overline{\overline{G}}(r, r_a) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2} \Delta \Delta \cdot\right) \frac{\exp(-jk|r - r_a|)}{|r - r_a|} \overline{\overline{I}}$$

Polarimetric computational localization

We now get out of the scalar approximation



Measured signal

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Discrete model

$$g = \bar{C} \bar{G} \bar{s}$$

Reconstruction

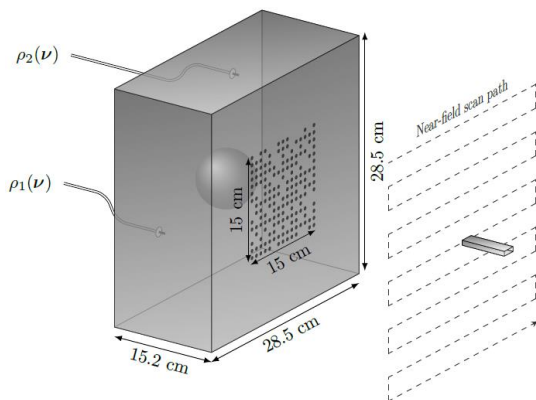
$$\hat{\bar{s}} = (\bar{G} \bar{C})^+ g$$

To lighten the notation, frequencies are implicit

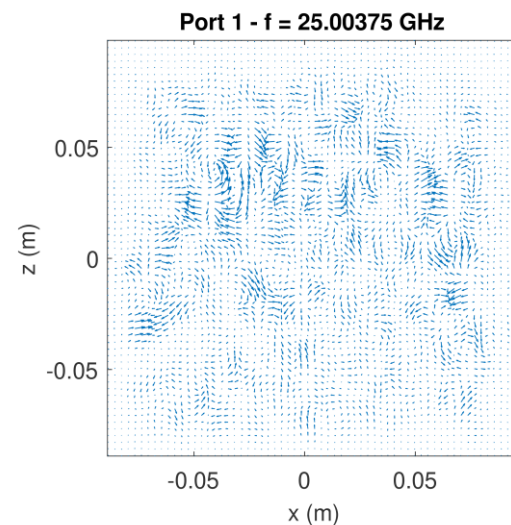
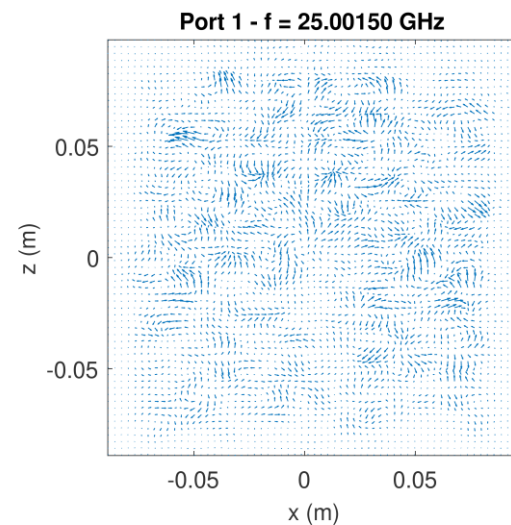
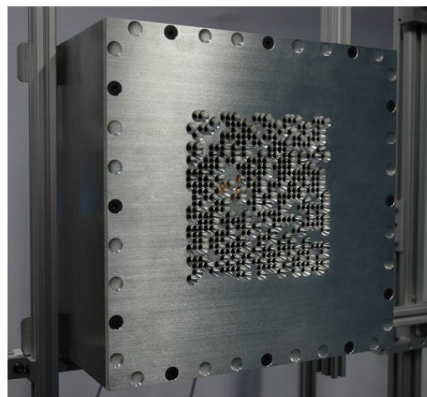


Polarimetric computational localization

Near field scans $\overline{C}(r_a)$



Cavity quality factor
 $Q \sim 12\ 000$

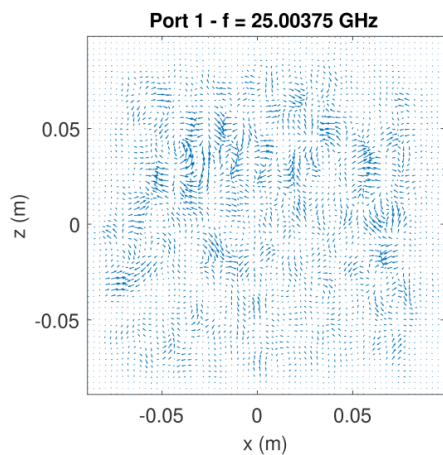
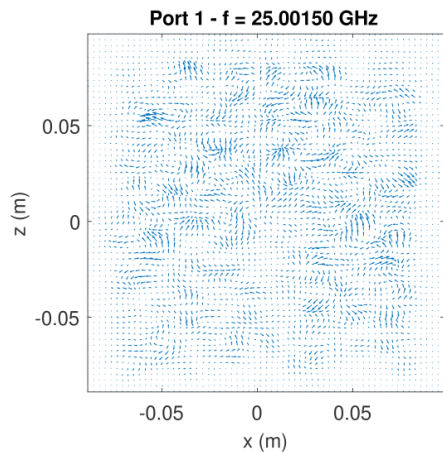




Polarimetric computational imaging

Near field scans $\overline{C}(r_a)$

Spatial correlations:

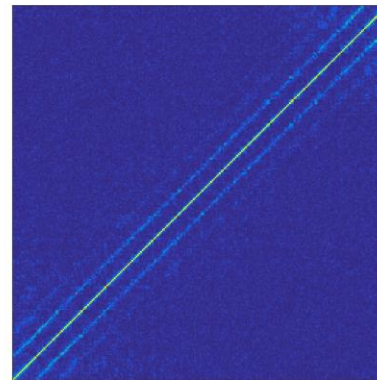
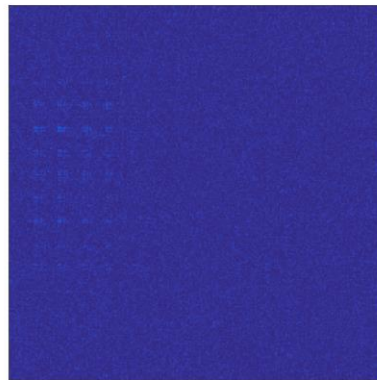
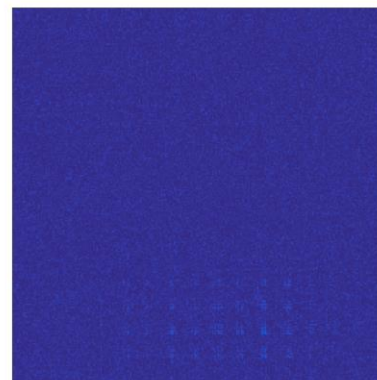
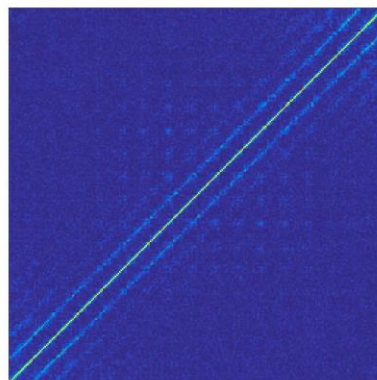


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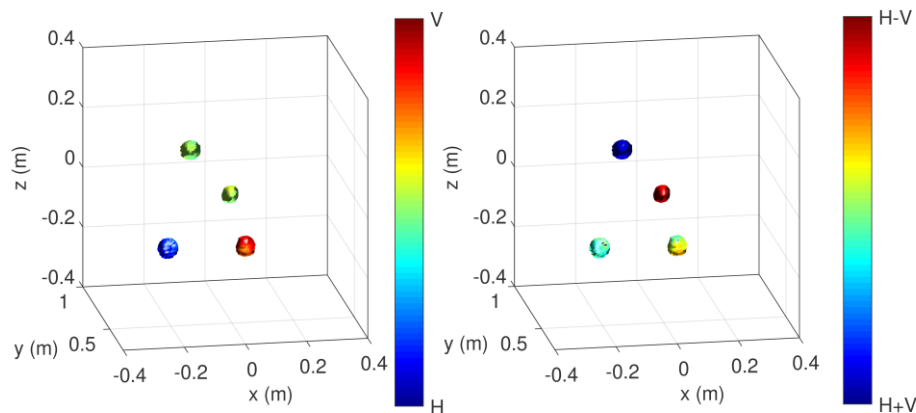
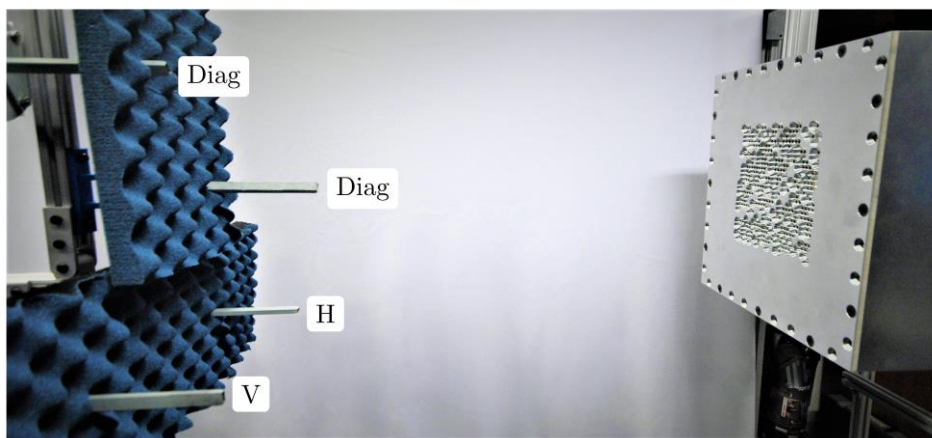
Port 1 - Pol. z

Port 1 - Pol. x

Port 1 - Pol. z



Polarimetric computational localization



-5dB isosurfaces

Reconstruction

$$\hat{s} = \left(\overline{\overline{G C}} \right)^+ g$$

- Frequency range : 18.5-26 GHz
- 801 Frequency samples
- $134 \times 36 \times 134 \sim 650\,000$ voxels
- Volume of $0.8 \times 0.75 \times 0.8 \text{ m}^3$
- **Computed in less than a second** using Fourier processing

Polarimetric computational imaging

Scalar imaging forward model

$$g_{i,j}(\omega) \propto \int_r [E_i \cdot E_j](r, \omega) f(r) d^3r$$

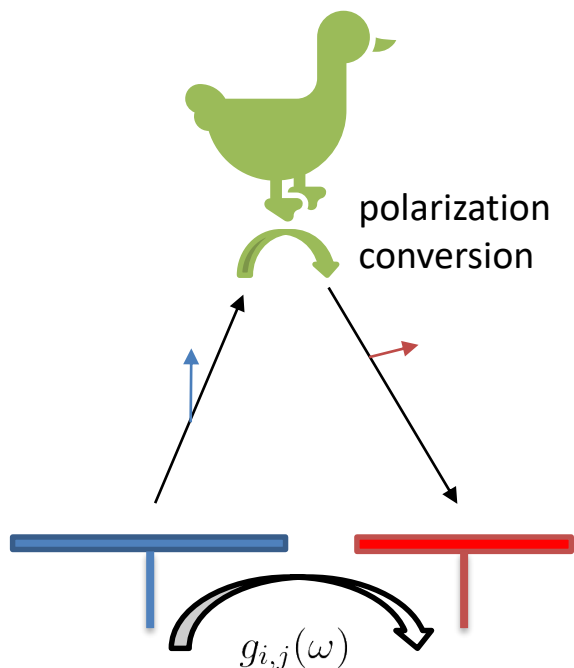
$g_{i,j}(\omega)$ measured frequency-domain signal

$E_i(r, \omega)$ scalar Tx electric field

$E_j(r, \omega)$ scalar Rx electric field

$f(r)$ scalar reflectivity function ($\Delta\epsilon(r)$)

If our target exhibits anisotropic/depolarizing behavior:



Each point in space must be defined as a susceptibility tensor

$$\chi = \begin{bmatrix} \chi_{xx} & \chi_{xy} & \chi_{xz} \\ \chi_{yx} & \chi_{yy} & \chi_{yz} \\ \chi_{zx} & \chi_{zy} & \chi_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overline{E}_i^{sca}(r) = \overline{E}_i(r) \overline{\chi}(r)$$

The scattered field then interacts with the Rx aperture

$$g_{i,j}(\omega) = \int_r \overline{E}_i(r) \overline{\chi}(r) \overline{E}_j(r)^T dr$$

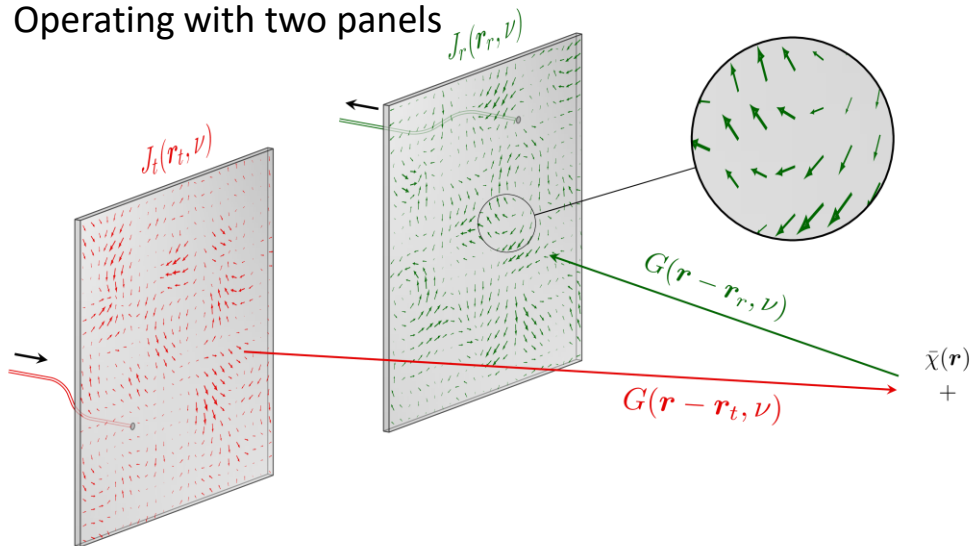


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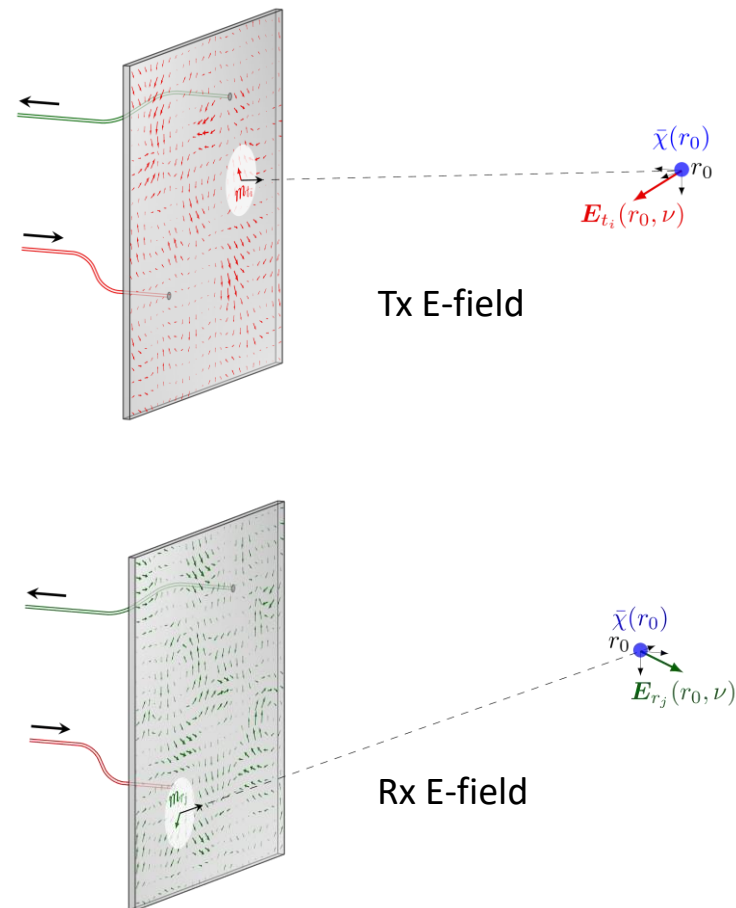
Forward model of the polarimetric imaging problem

$$g_{i,j}(\omega) = \int_r \overline{E_i(r)} \overline{\chi(r)} \overline{E_j(r)}^T dr$$

Operating with two panels



Operating with a single two-ports panel

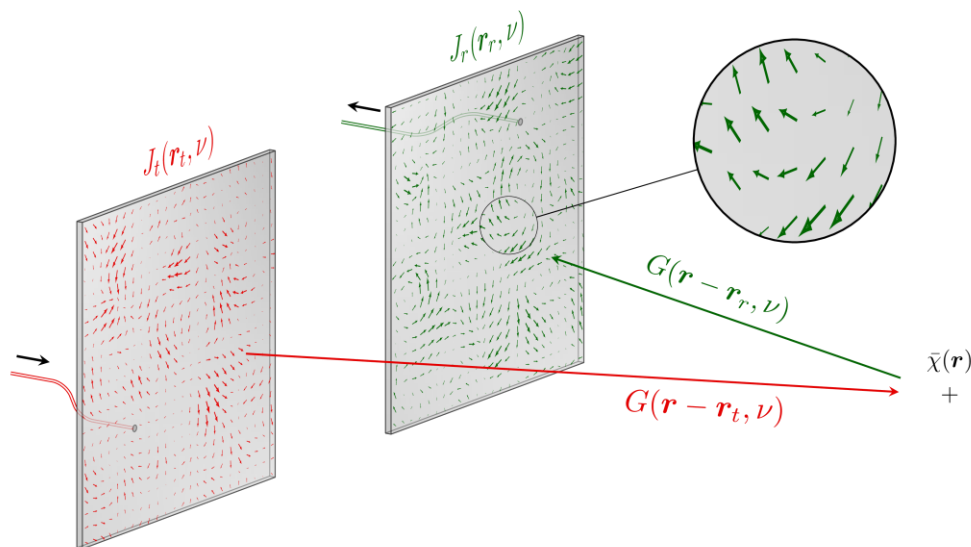




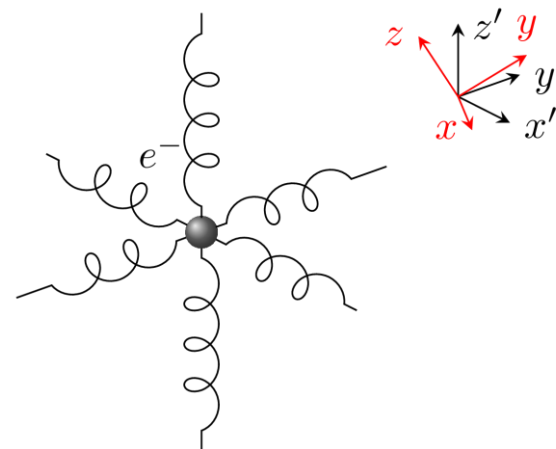
Polarimetric computational imaging

Forward model of the polarimetric imaging problem

$$g_{i,j}(\omega) = \int_r \overline{E}_i(\mathbf{r}) \overline{\chi}(\mathbf{r}) \overline{E}_j(\mathbf{r})^T dr$$



Understanding the physics behind the susceptibility tensors:
The electrons within the target medium are represented by a simple mechanical model



$$\overline{\chi}(\mathbf{r}) = \overline{\overline{R}}(\mathbf{r}) \text{diag}(\overline{\xi}(\mathbf{r})) \overline{\overline{R}}(\mathbf{r})^T$$

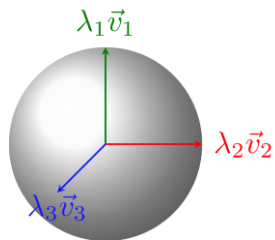
$\overline{\overline{R}}(\mathbf{r})$ Rotation matrix

$\overline{\xi}(\mathbf{r})$ Diagonalized tensor

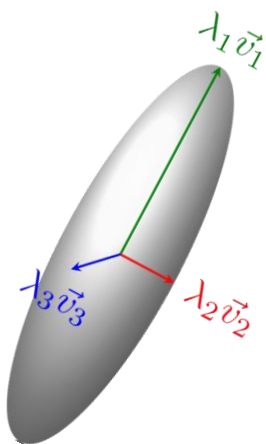


Polarimetric computational imaging

Eigendecompositions helps to identify the directions of the main axis of the tensors (eigenvectors) and the associated eigenvalues define the anisotropic behavior of each voxel

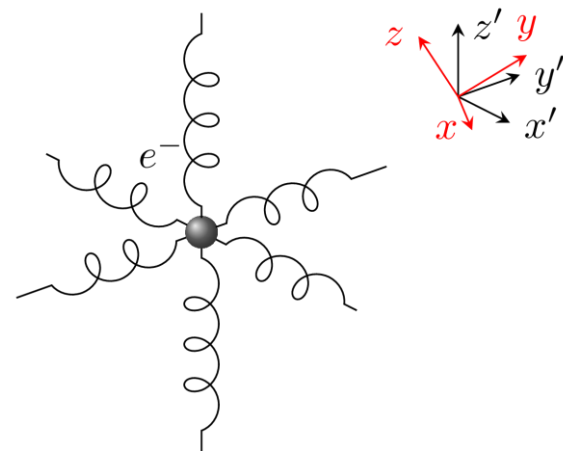


Isotropic scattering



Anisotropic scattering

Understanding the physics behind the susceptibility tensors:
The electrons within the target medium are represented by a simple mechanical model



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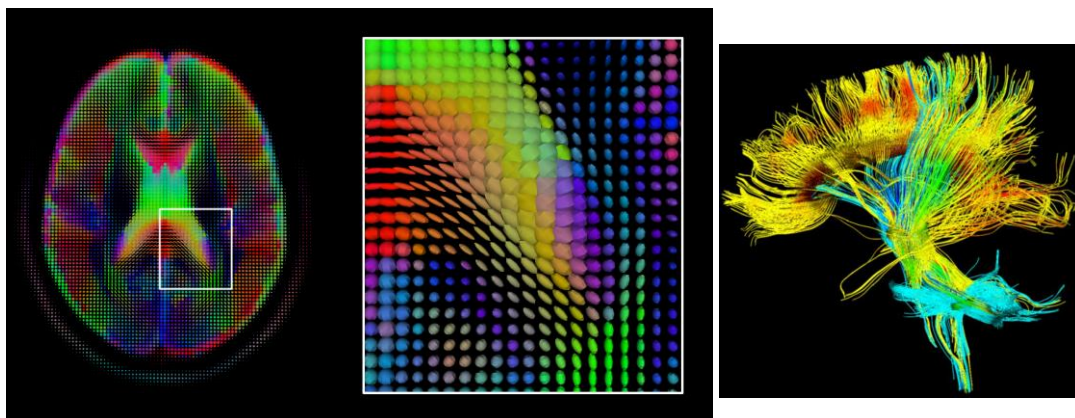
$\bar{\bar{R}}(r)$ Rotation matrix

$\bar{\xi}(r)$ Diagonalized tensor



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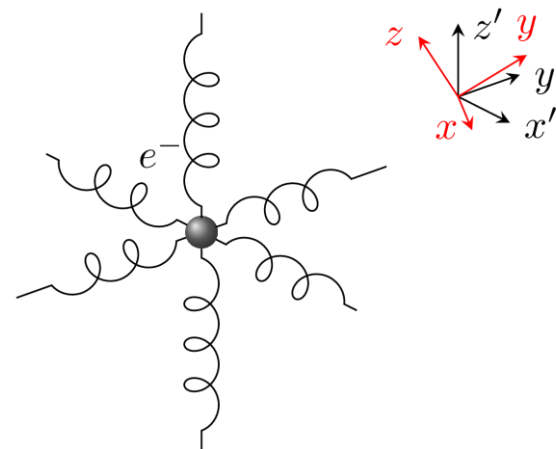
Analogy with **diffusion tensor imaging**
Magnetic Resonance Imaging



The main axis analysis of the tensors reconstructed in each voxel makes it possible to reconstruct the path of the fibers in the brain

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:DiffusionMRI_glyphs.png
<https://www.siemens-healthineers.com/magnetic-resonance-imaging/options-and-upgrades/clinical-applications/syngo-dti-tractography>

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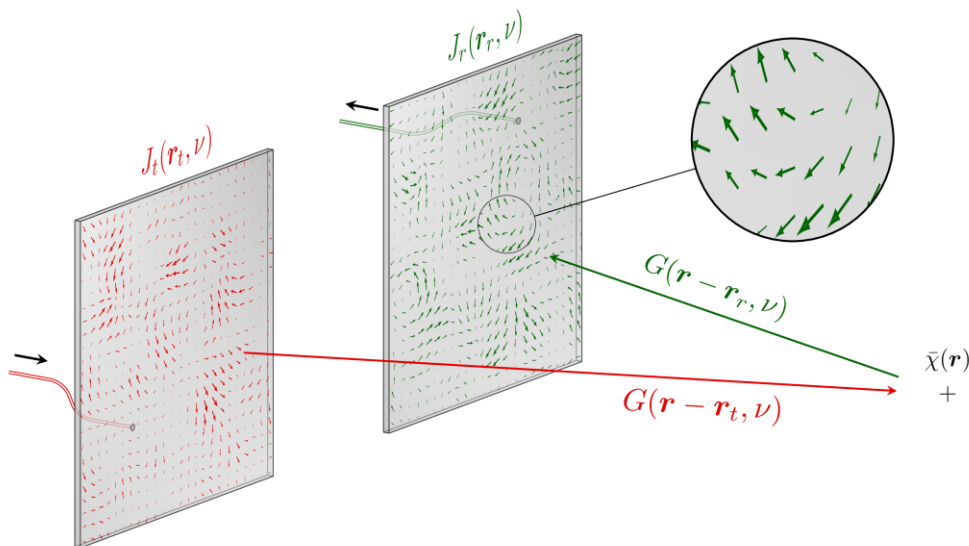
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Forward model of the polarimetric imaging problem

$$g_{i,j}(\omega) = \int_r \overline{E}_i(\mathbf{r}) \overline{\chi}(\mathbf{r}) \overline{E}_j(\mathbf{r})^T dr$$



Solving the inverse problem

The Tx and Rx vector fields are inverted to reveal the interaction between each couple of polarization states

$$\widehat{\chi}(\mathbf{r}) = \overline{E}_i(\mathbf{r})^+ g_{i,j} \overline{E}_j(\mathbf{r})^+$$

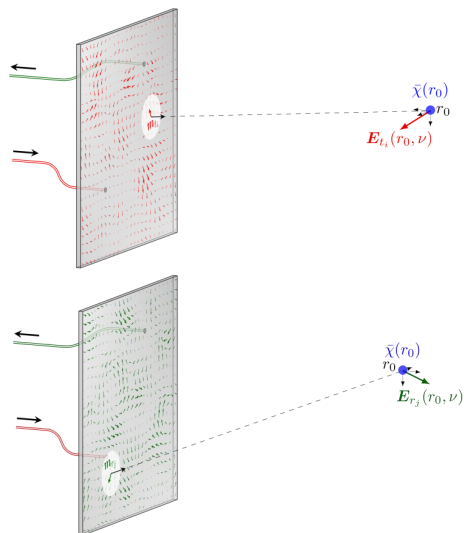
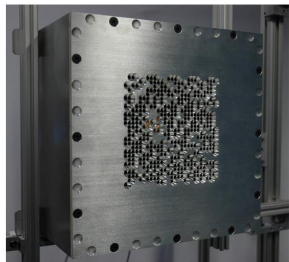
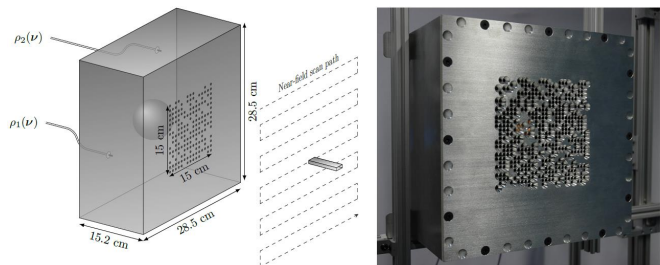
Criteria to be met to ensure successful reconstruction

The radiated fields in transmission and reception must be simultaneously orthogonal in three domains:

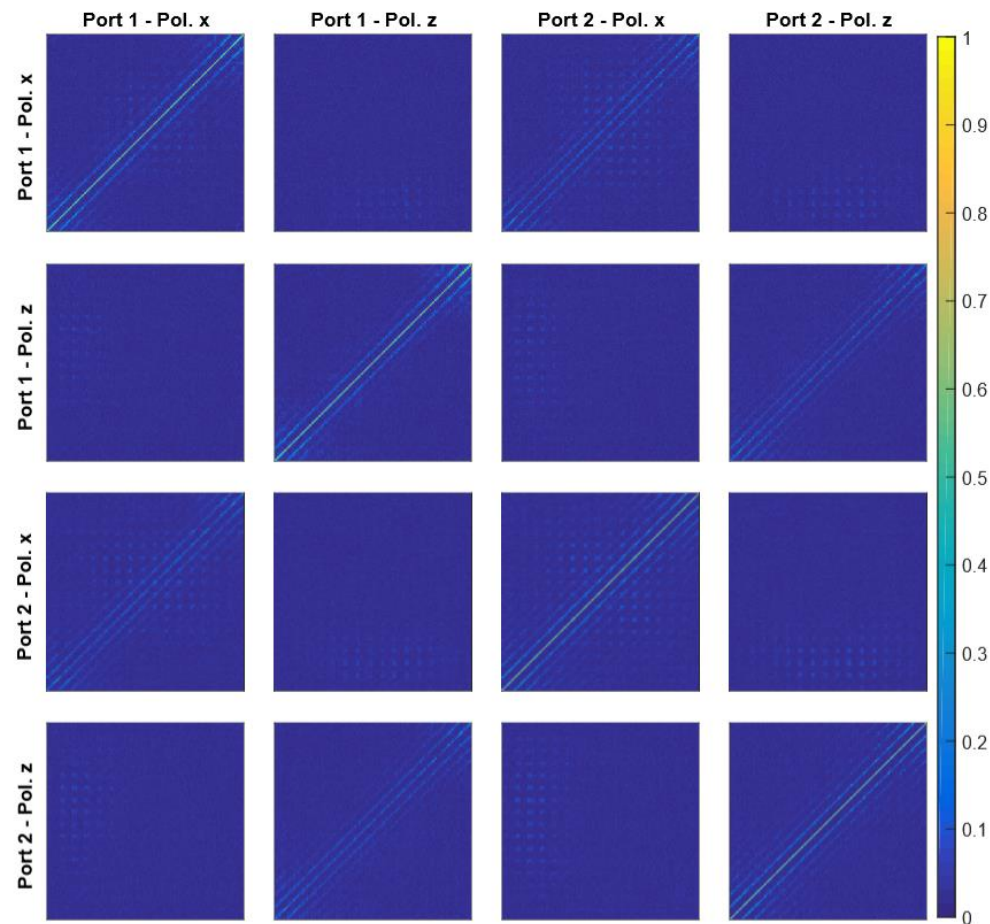
- in frequency
- in polarization
- spatially



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Computing the spatial correlation for each pair of ports and polarizations



Polarimetric computational imaging

Experimental validation

Imaging targets made with thin copper wires

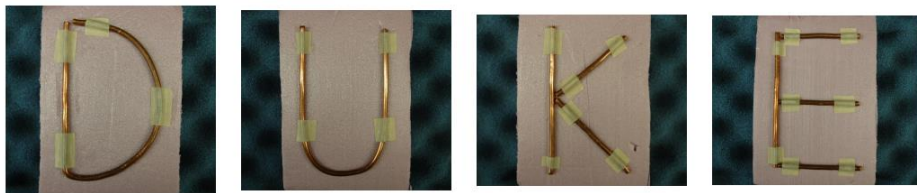
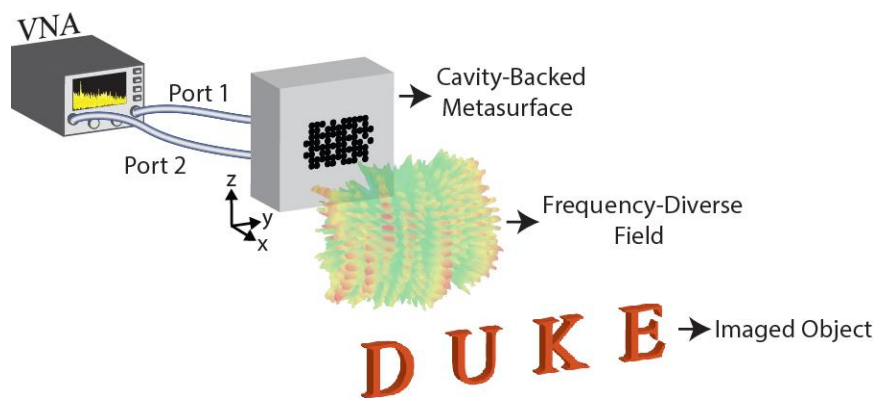
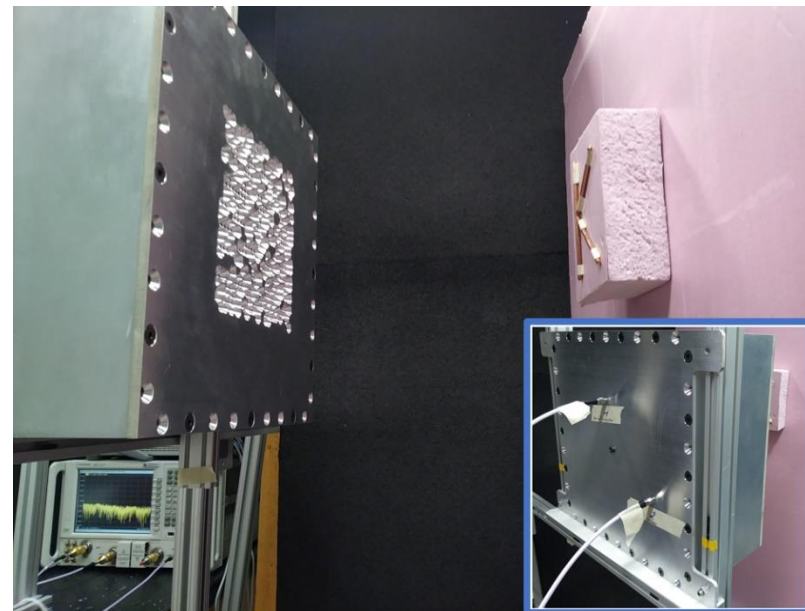


Fig. 10. Copper wire letters used as targets. Each letter is $15 \times 9 \text{ cm}^2$.



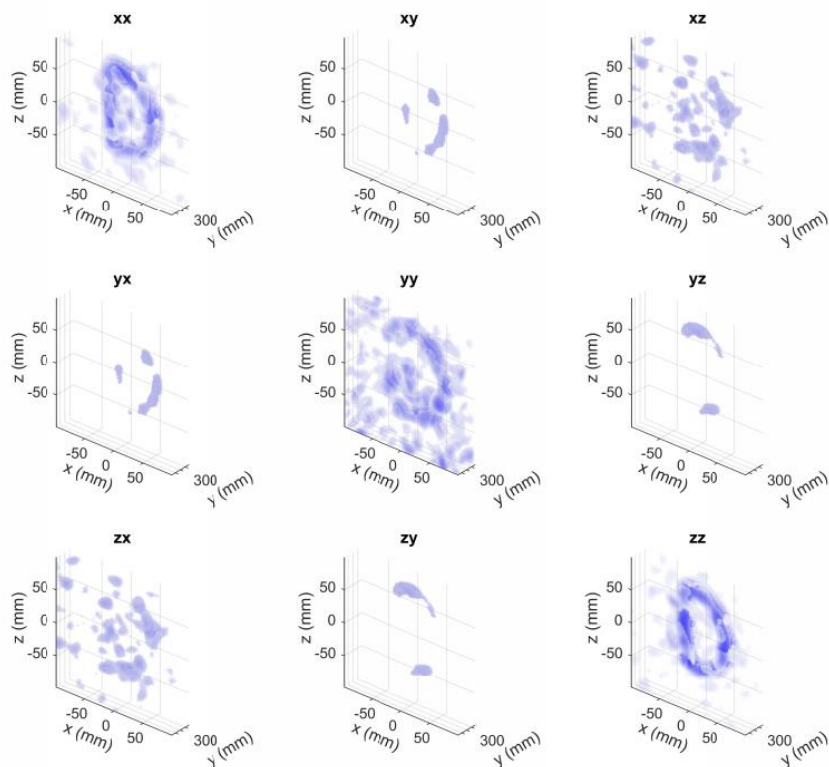
Number of frequency samples: 3601
Frequency range: 17.5-26.5 GHz



Polarimetric computational imaging

Results with the letter D

Reconstructed from the measurement of a single frequency-domain signal



For each voxel

- 9 tensor elements (only 6 are independent)
- each tensor element is a complex value

The diversity of representations of such tensors remains unexplored for these applications

Special feature of the short-range polarimetric imaging

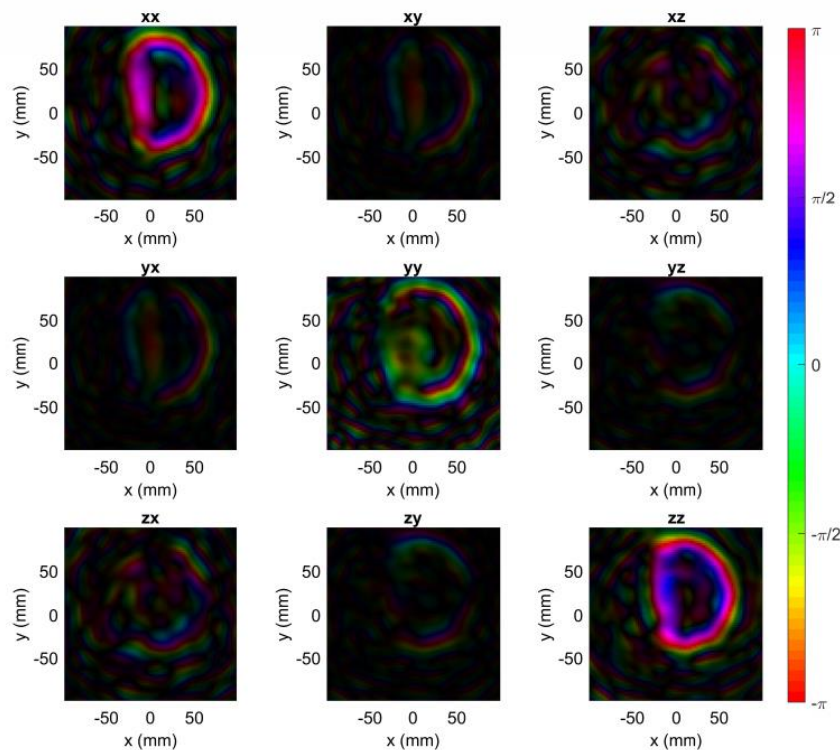
We obtain projections on the propagation axis

x and z are the transverse axis, y is the longitudinal (propagation) axis

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Extraction of a cross-section plan

The phase is included in the reconstructions and can be color-coded to reveal more information

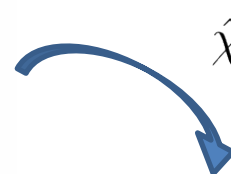
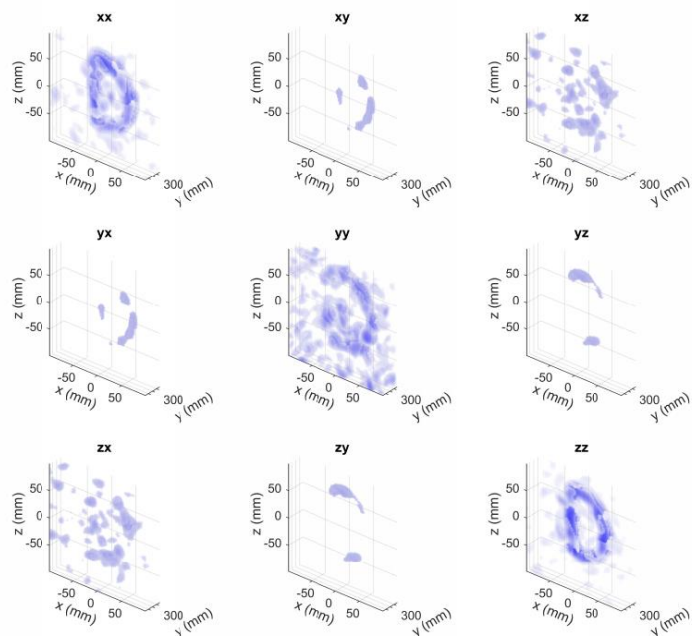
The results are still based Born first approximation we must keep a critical eye on the analysis of the results

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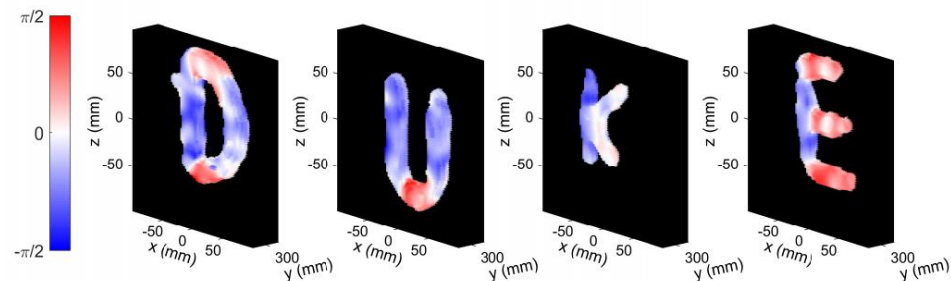


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Improvements with basic processing Correlation of transverse components



$$\hat{\chi}_{corr}(r) = \hat{\chi}_{x,x}(r) \cdot \hat{\chi}_{z,z}(r)^*$$



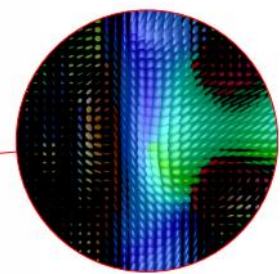
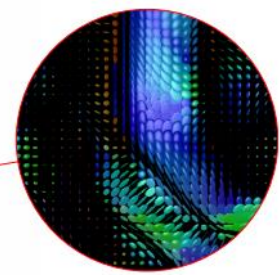
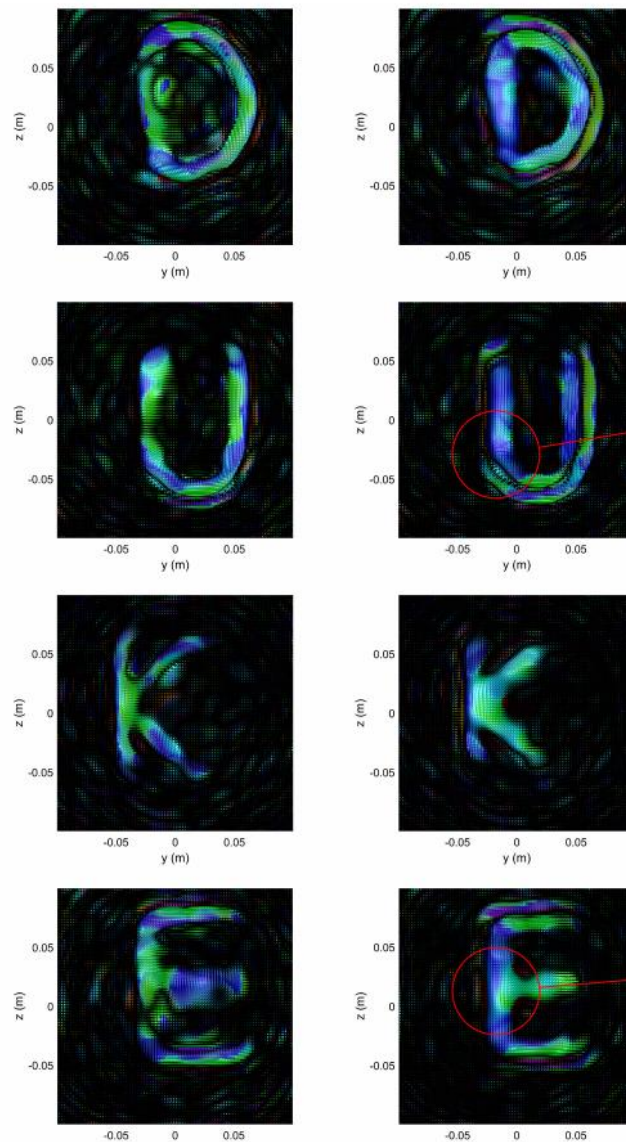
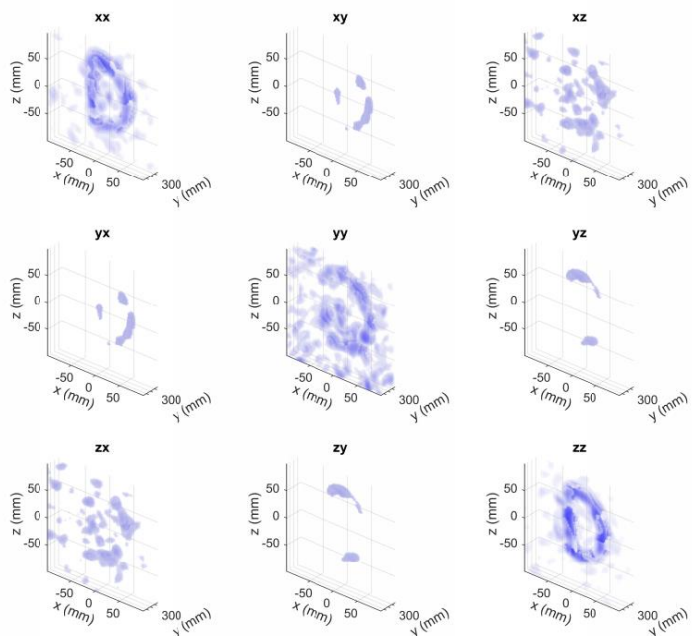
Optimized SNR
Anisotropic behavior

noise reduced by the coherent sum of the useful parts of the tensor
orientation of copper wires revealed by the phase information



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Going further with eigendecompositions



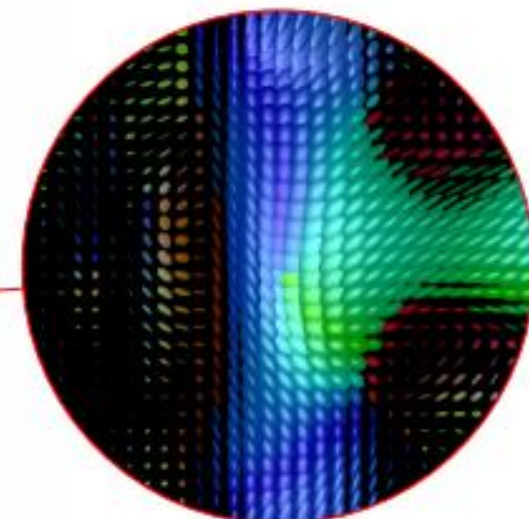
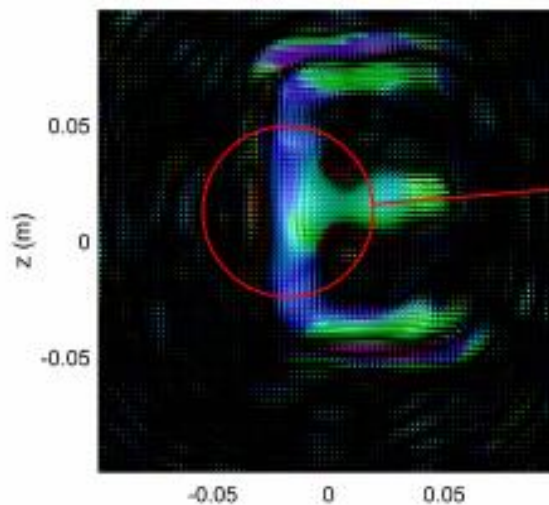
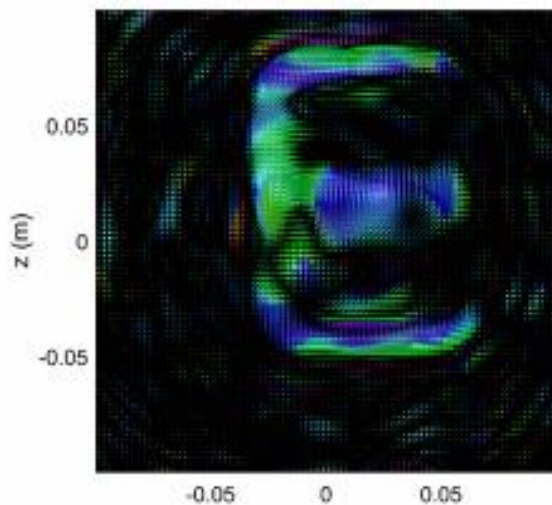
The diagonalization of the tensors is computed for each voxel on the real and imaginary parts separately



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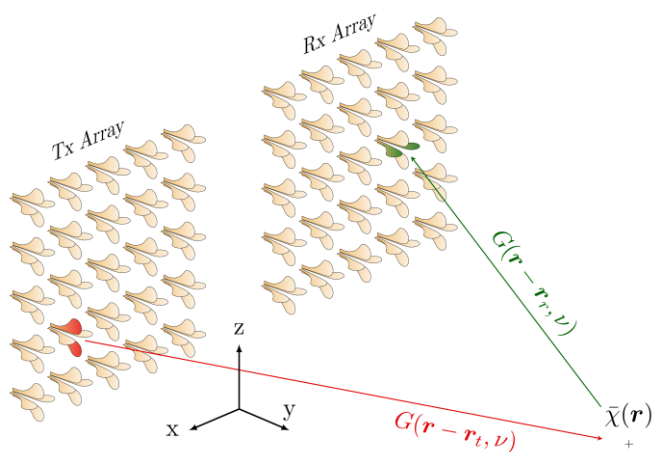
RGB color-coding according to the orientation of the main axis of each ellipsoid



Polarimetric phaseless imaging

In conclusion of this work

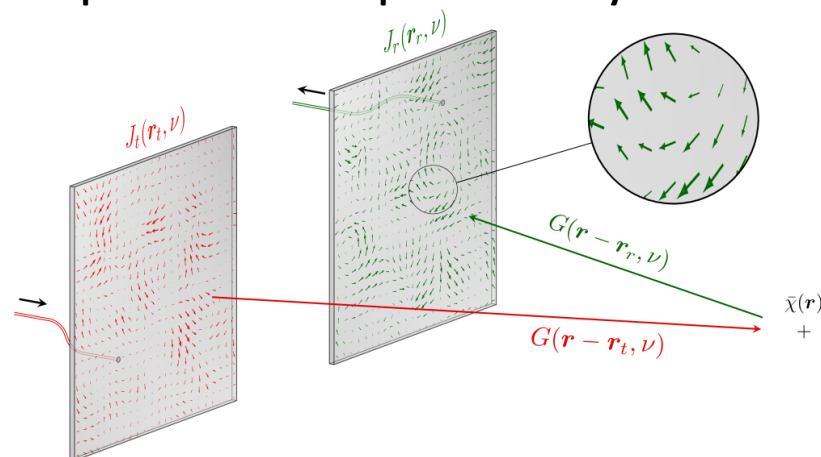
Conventional MIMO polarimetric system



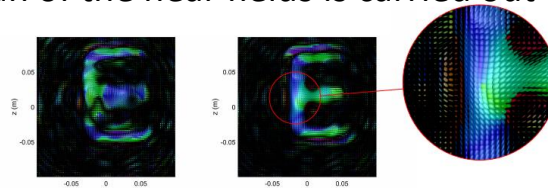
Double the hardware constraints compared to systems based on the scalar approximation

Very few applications in short range imaging due to these limitations

Computational MIMO polarimetric system



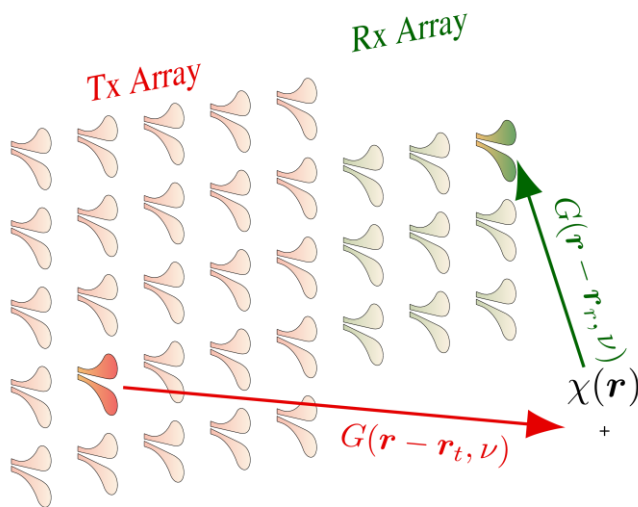
Requires a single measurement chain provided that a full scan of the near fields is carried out



Paves the way for volumetric reconstruction of susceptibility tensors

Phaseless computational imaging

Conventional MIMO system



Phase measurement also creates heavy hardware constraints on each measurement chain

Motivation for this work

is it possible to reconstruct images from the intensity measurement of signals that interacted with a target?

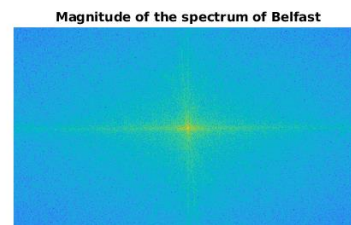
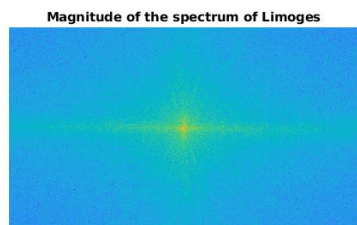
In other words, can we replace our VNAs with spectrum analyzers and a little mathematics?

Are computational systems compatible with/supportive of these objectives?

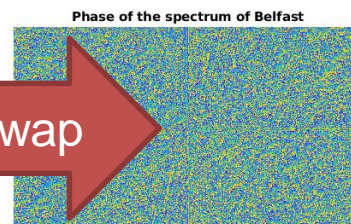
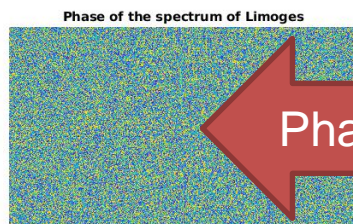


Phaseless computational imaging

First concern: phase information is crucial



2D Fourier transform



Phase swap



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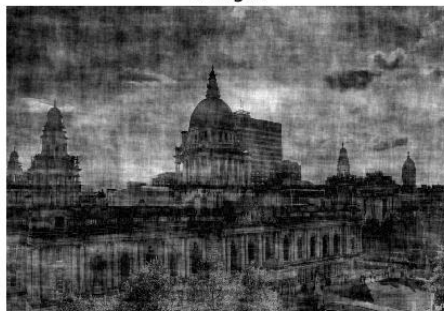


Belfast



After the phase swap and an inverse 2D Fourier transform

Limoges



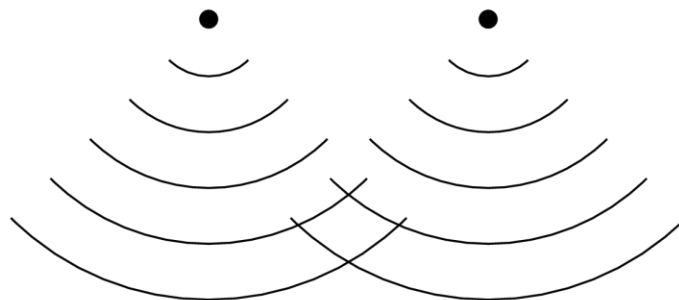
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Key element: phase information can however be encoded in the intensity information

Signals received in an aperture in the presence of two isotropic point sources

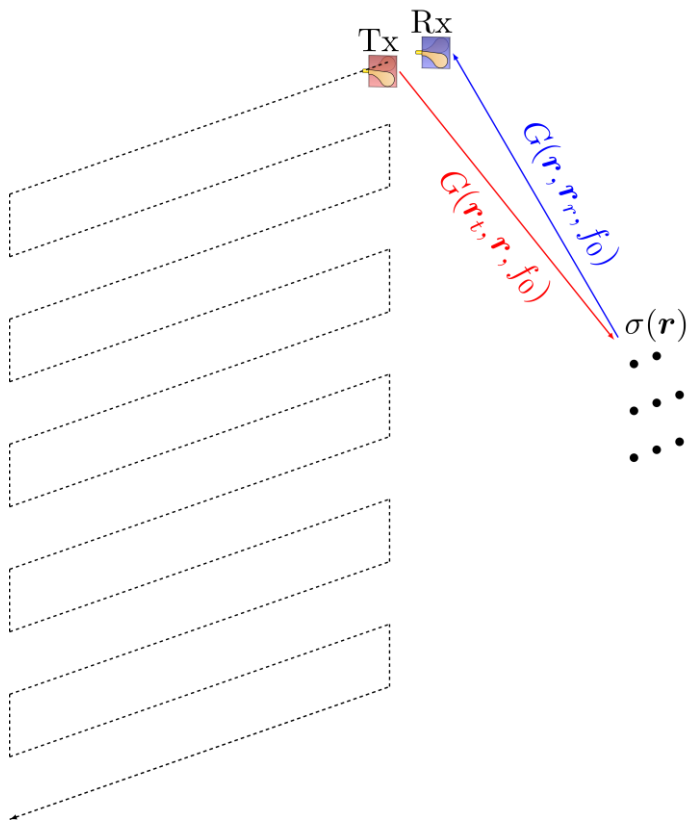


Interferences of complex contributions:
Transformation of phase information into intensity fluctuation
Inverse problem solving: Phase retrieval algorithms



Phaseless computational imaging

Objective: Application to microwave imaging



Expression of the measured signals

$$s(r_t, r_r) = \int_r G(r_t, r_r) \sigma(r) G(r, r_r) d^3r$$

Matrix formalism

$$s = H\sigma$$

Reconstruction by pseudo-inversion

$$\hat{\sigma} = H^+ s$$

Intensity measurement: Reflectivity reconstruction?

$$s_I = |s|^2 = |H\sigma|^2$$



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Intensity measurement: Reflectivity reconstruction?

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Convex programming

Example: CVX and Matlab

```

m = 20; n = 10; p = 4;
A = randn(m,n); b = randn(m,1);
C = randn(p,n); d = randn(p,1);
e = rand;
cvx_begin
    variable x(n)
    minimize( norm( A * x - b, 2 ) )
    subject to
        C * x == d
        norm( x, Inf ) <= e
cvx_end
    
```

Solving an optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \underset{\sigma}{\text{minimize}} \quad f(\sigma) &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m |\langle h_i, \sigma \rangle^2 - |s_i|^2| \\ &= \|(H\sigma)^2 - |s|^2\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

Iterative algorithm

Example: Truncated Wirtinger Flow

$$y = |Ax|^2$$

$$x^{(t+1)} = x^{(t)} + \frac{\mu_t}{m} \sum_{i \in S_{t+1}} \nabla_{l_i}(x^{(t)})$$

$$\nabla_{l_i}(x^{(t)}) = 2 \frac{y_i - |a_i^* x^{(t)}|^2}{x^{(t)*} a_i}$$

where the adaptive index set S_{t+1} is determined by Chen and Candès satisfying for any $i \in S_t$:

$$a_i^* x^{(t)} \asymp \|x^{(t)}\|$$

$$\frac{y_i - |a_i^* x^{(t)}|^2}{a_i^* x^{(t)}} \lesssim \frac{\frac{1}{m} |y_i - |a_i^* x^{(t)}|^2|}{\|x^{(t)}\|}$$



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Experimental validation: SAR PhaseLess imaging

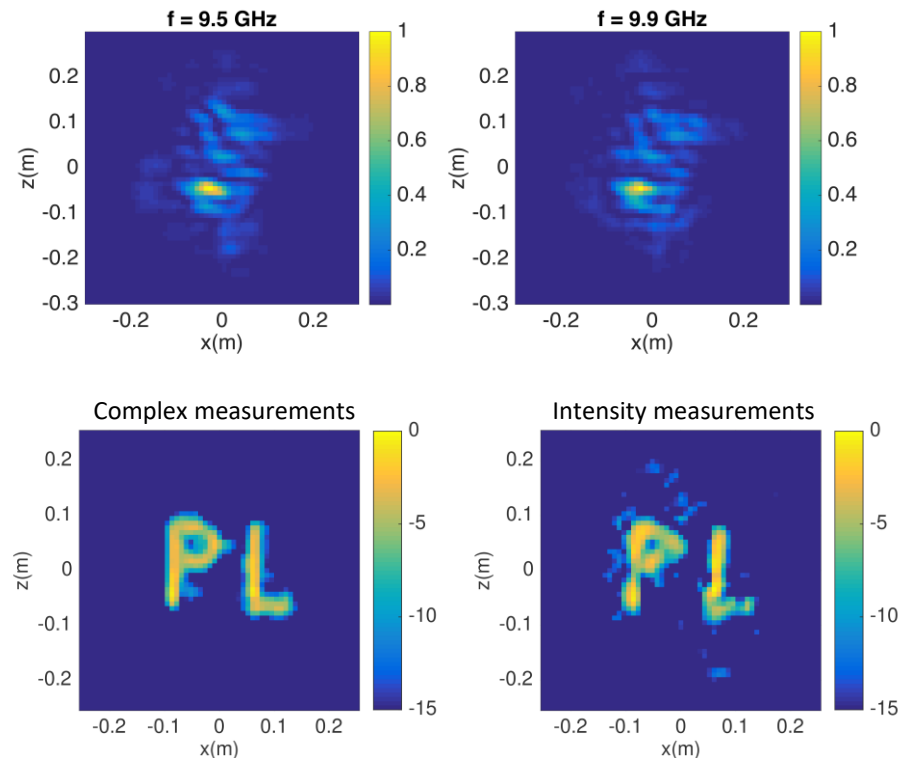
Aperture size: $60 \times 60 \text{ cm}^2$

Number of samples: $61 \times 61 = 3721$

Background measurement (without marbles)

The results converge towards those obtained with phase measurement

Once again, the hardware constraint is transferred to the software layer

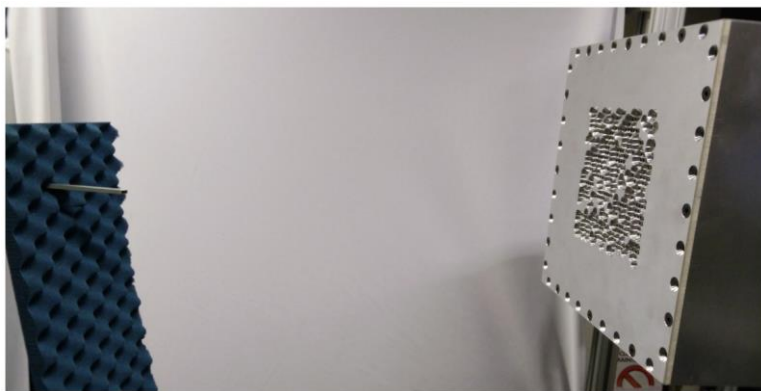




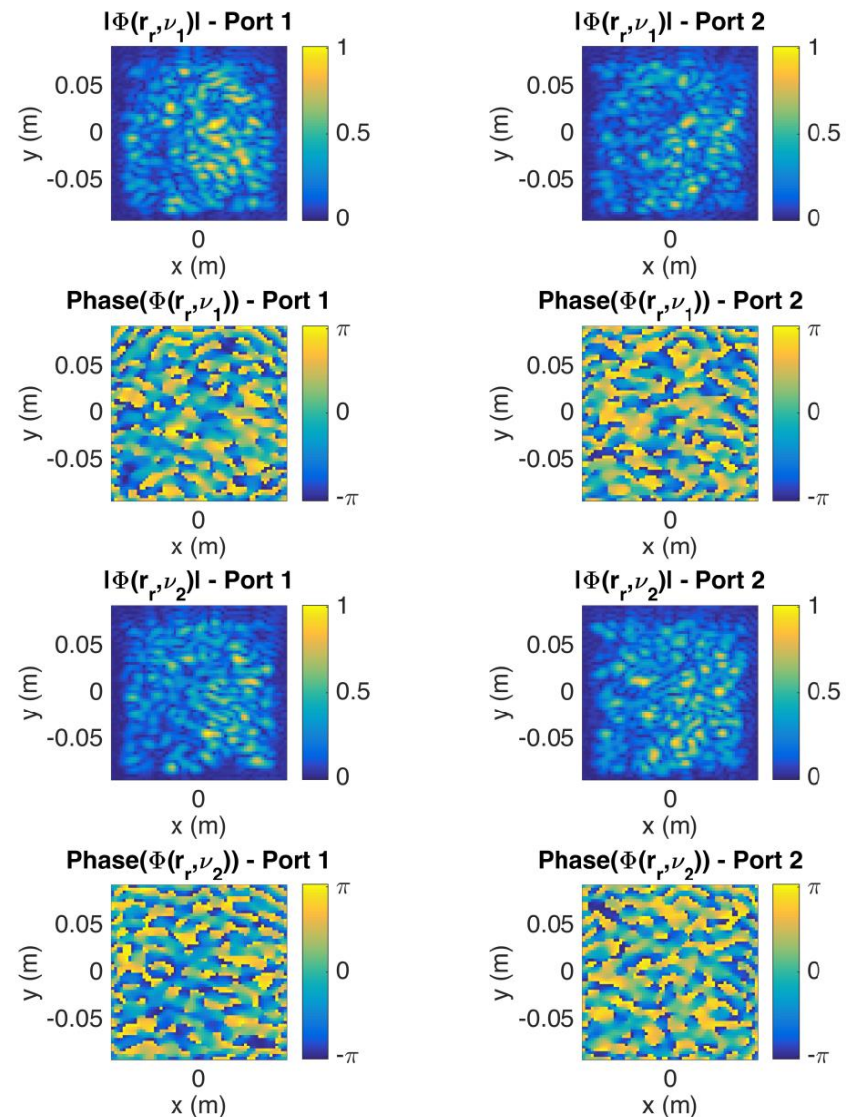
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Cavity-based phaseless localization

First step: localizing a source from an intensity measurement



The diversity of the magnitudes of near-field scans is the basis for encoding information

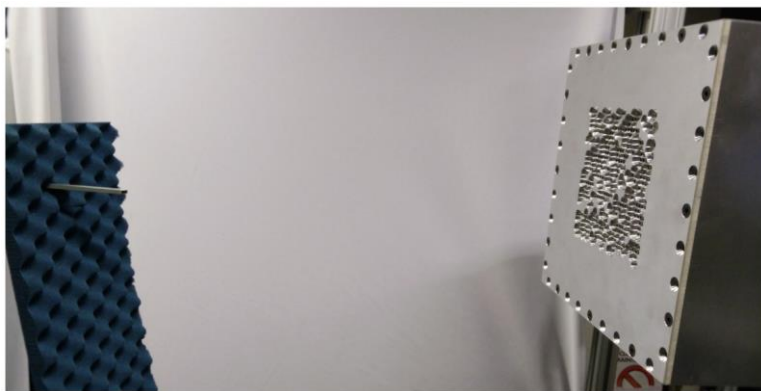


$$\nu_1 = 23 \text{ GHz} - \nu_2 = 23.002 \text{ GHz}$$

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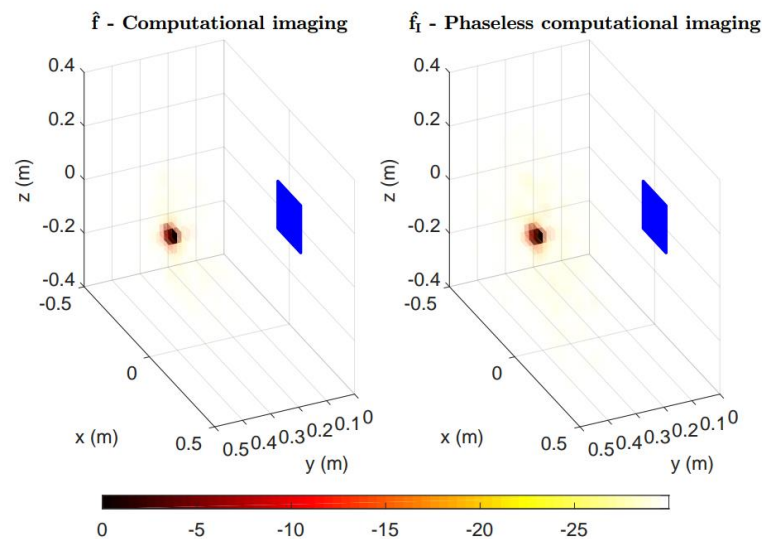
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Reconstruction from the measurement of two signals on the output ports of the cavity

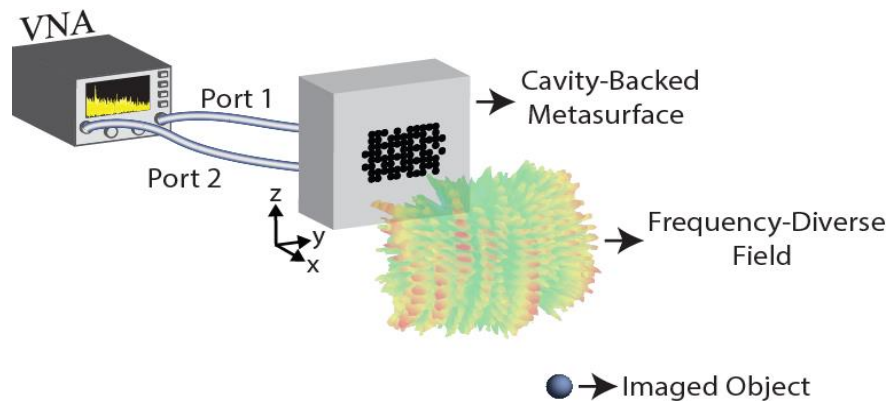
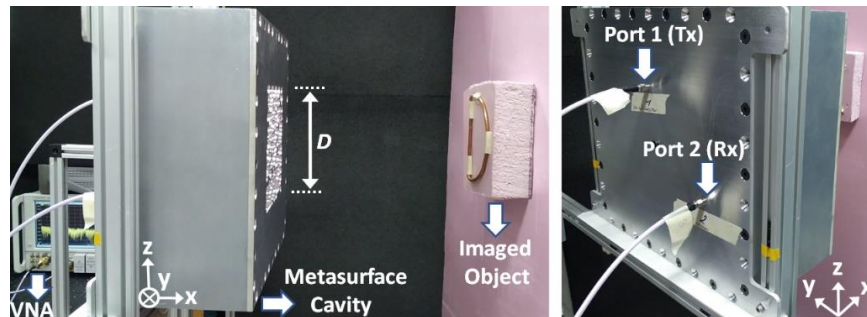


Algorithm: Truncated Wirtinger Flow
 Number of spatial samples: $20 \times 20 \times 10$
 Number of frequency samples: 3601
 Frequency range: 17.5-26.5 GHz

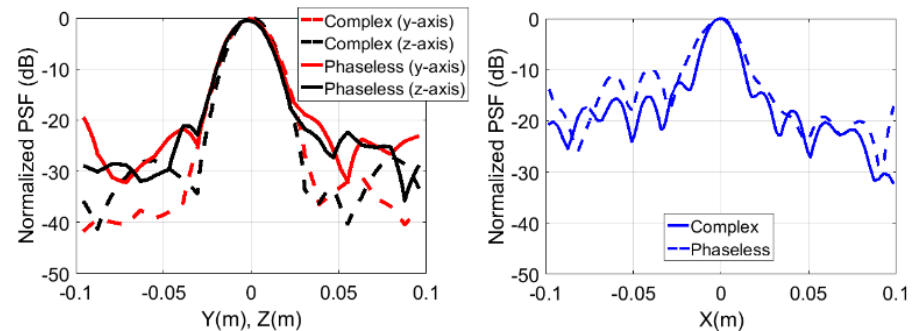
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Switching to the interrogation of a reflectivity function



Small object for the determination of the point spread function



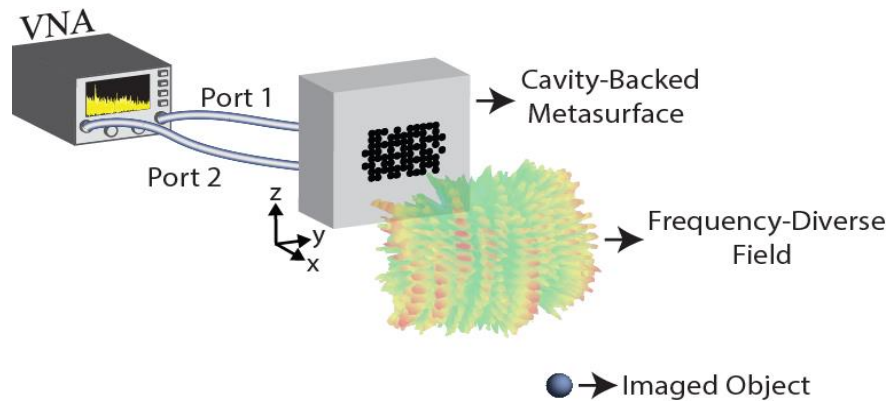
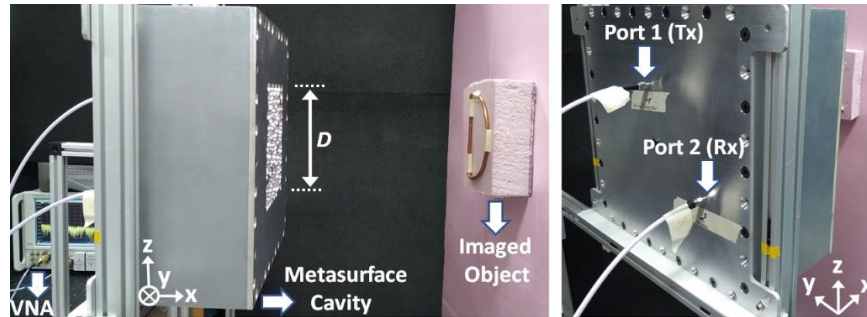
Use of a more advanced technique based on the sparsity of the scene to be imaged

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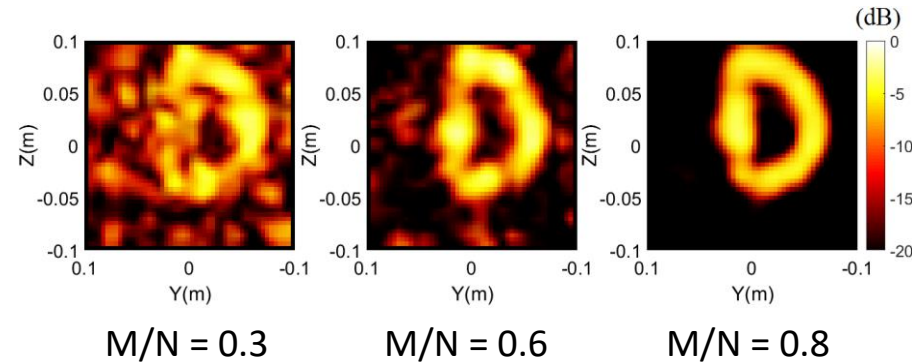
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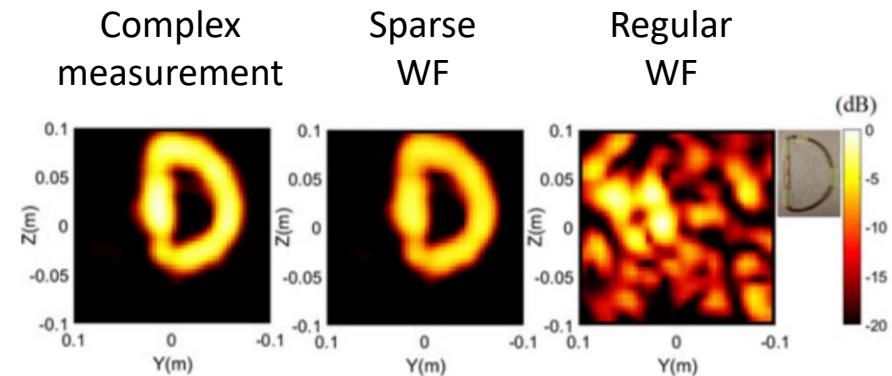
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Key parameter: ratio M/N
 M number of measurements
 N number of voxels

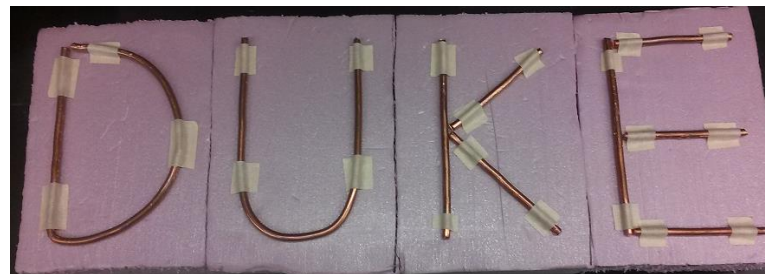
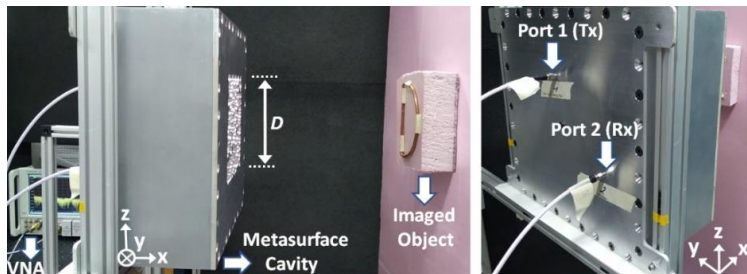


Comparison of the performances achieved by the different approaches



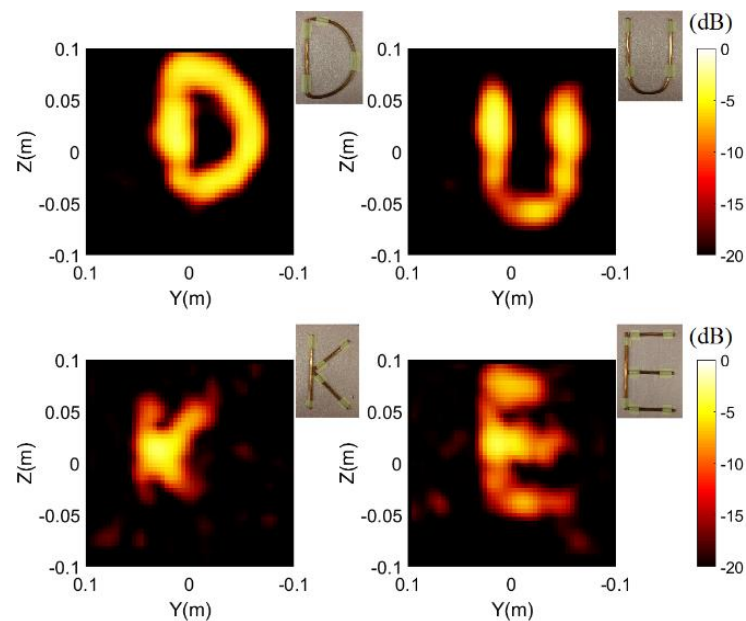
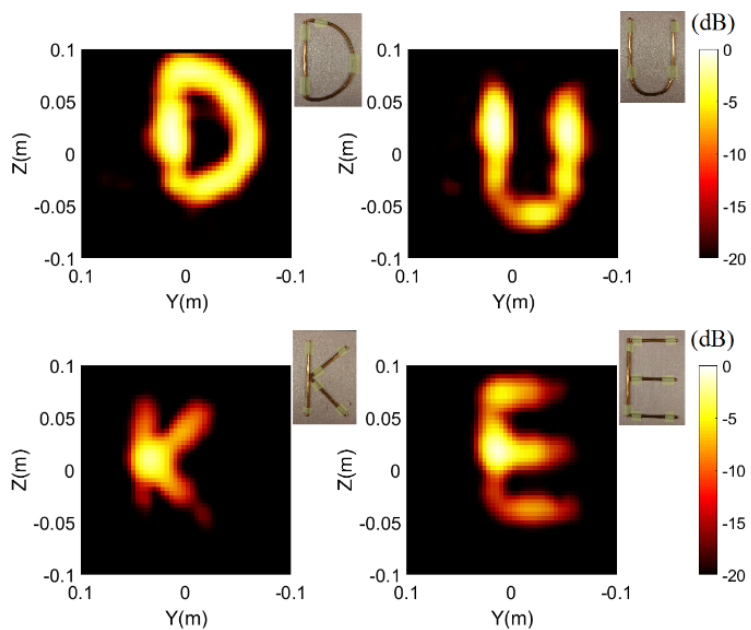


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Complex-based reconstruction

Phaseless reconstruction

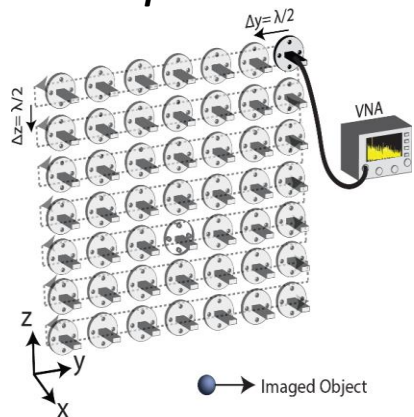


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Interesting feature of phaseless imaging:

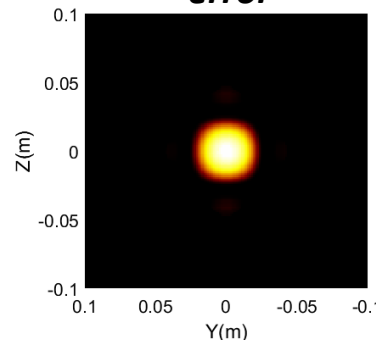
relaxes the phase coherency requirements for applications where large apertures are needed

Without phase error

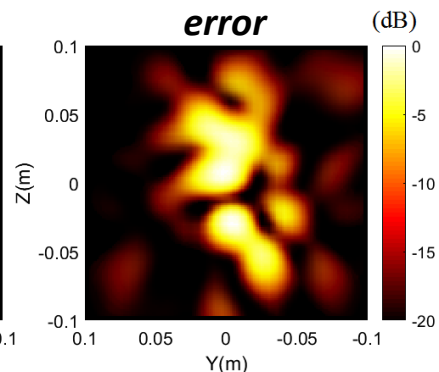


Complex-Based

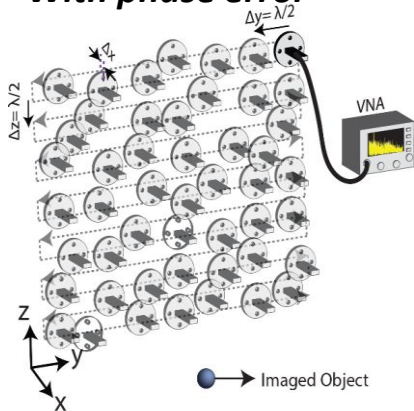
Without phase error



With phase error

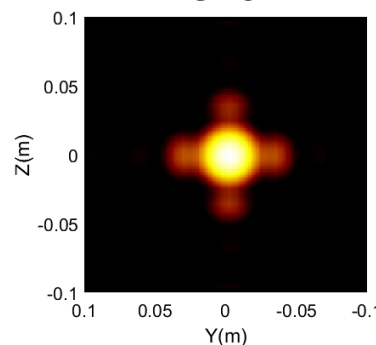


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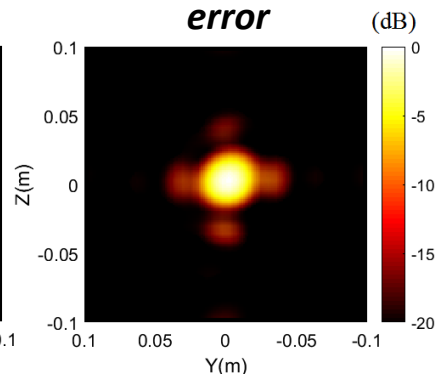


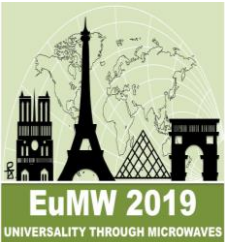
Phaseless

Without phase error



With phase error





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