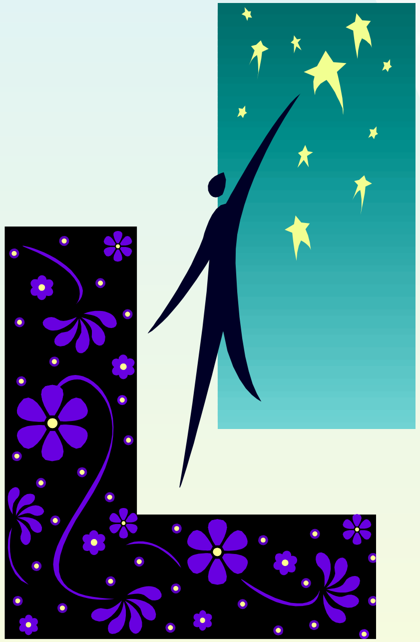
“Seuls les sages, même réduits à l’extrême mendicité, sont riches.“

Cicéron, 1er siècle avant J.-C.

An introduction to optical/IR interferometry

Brief summary of main results obtained during the past lectures:



$$\rho = R / z$$

$$T_{eff} = (F/\sigma)^{1/4} = (f / \sigma \rho^2)^{1/4}$$

$$E = A(z) \exp[i2\pi\nu t]$$

$$E = A(z, t) \exp[i2\pi\nu t]$$

$$\tau = 1 / \Delta\nu \qquad \lambda_{eff} = \lambda^2 / \Delta\lambda$$

$$I = A A^* = |A|^2 = a^2 .$$

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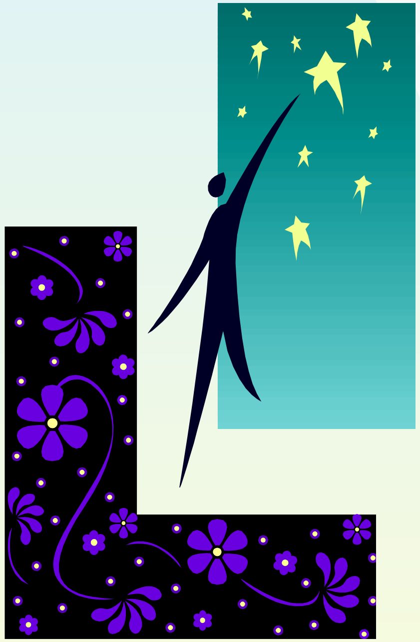

If Δ ≥ λ / (2B), fringe disappearance!

$$I_q = I + I + 2I\,|\gamma_{12}(0)|\cos\left(\beta_{12} - 2\Pi\nu\tau\right)$$

$$\gamma_{12}(\tau) = \langle V_1^*(t)V_2(t-\tau)\rangle / I$$

Fringe visibility: $$\upsilon = \left(\frac{I_{\max} - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} + I_{\min}}\right) = |\gamma_{12}(0)|$$

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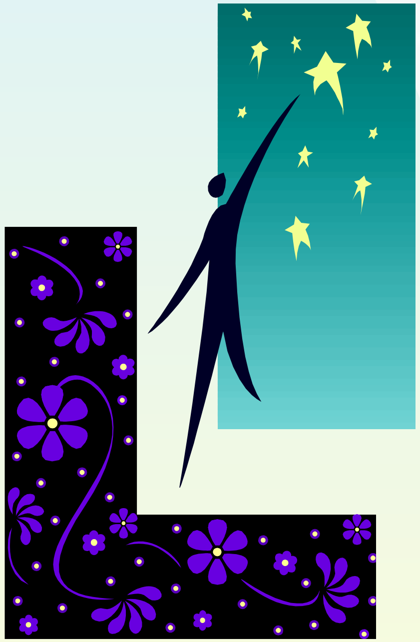

$$V = \left|\gamma_{12}(0,u,v)\right| = \left|\iint_S I'(\zeta,\eta)\exp\left\{-i2\Pi\left(u\zeta + v\eta\right)\right\}d\zeta\, d\eta\right|$$

$$I'(\zeta,\eta) = \iint \gamma_{12}(0,u,v)\exp\left\{i2\Pi\left(\zeta u + \eta v\right)\right\}d(u)d(v)$$

- For the case of a 1D uniformly brightening star whose angular diameter is ϕ = b/z', we found that the visibility of the fringes is zero when λ/B = b/z' = ϕ where B is the baseline of the interferometer

- For the case of a double star with an angular separation ϕ = b/z', we found that the visibility of the fringes is zero when λ/2B = b/z' = ϕ

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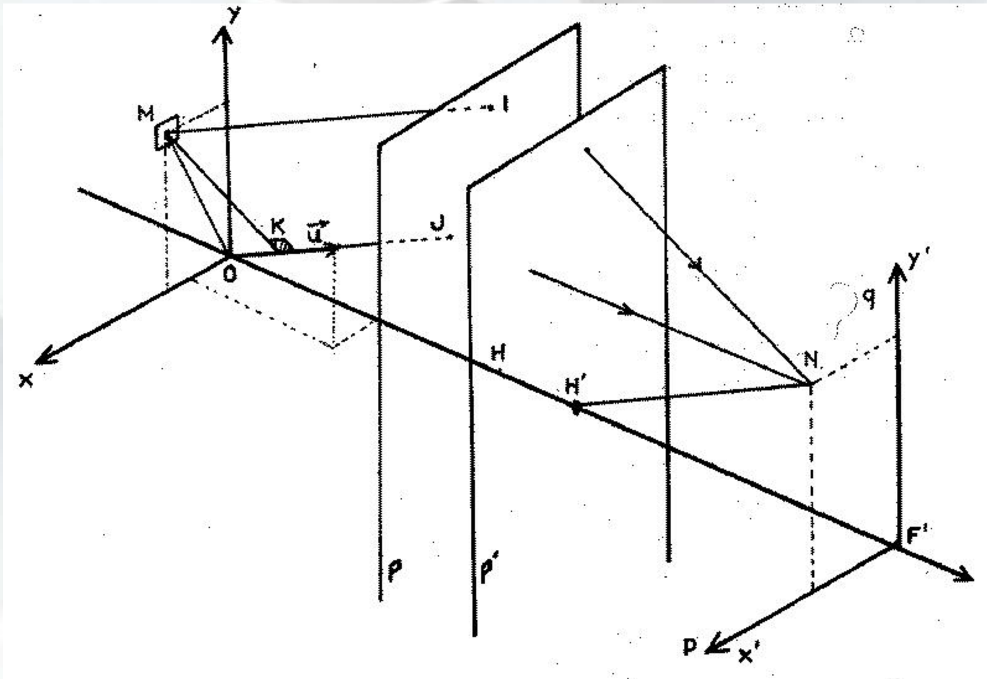
8.1 The fundamental theorem

a(p,q) = TF_(A(x,y))(p,q),

$$a(p,q) = \int_{R^2} A(x,y) \exp\left[-i2\pi\left(px + qy\right)\right] dxdy,$$



with

$p = x' / (\lambda f)$

$q = y' / (\lambda f)$

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The distribution of the complex amplitude a(p,q) in the focal plane is given by the Fourier transform of the distribution of the complex amplitude A(x,y) in the entrance pupil plane.

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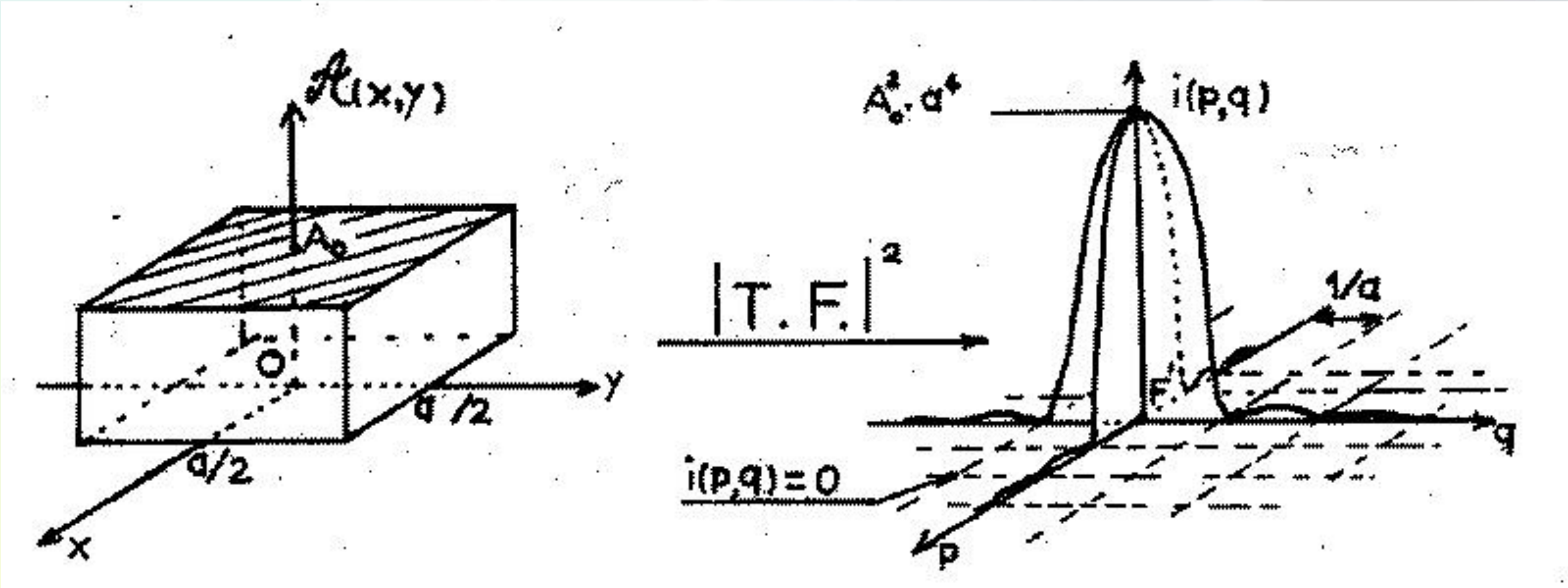
Application: Point Spread Function determination



$\Delta p = \Delta x' / (\lambda f); \Delta q = \Delta y' / (\lambda f) = 2/a \Rightarrow \Delta\phi_{x'} = \Delta\phi_{y'} = 2\lambda/a$ (8.1.7)

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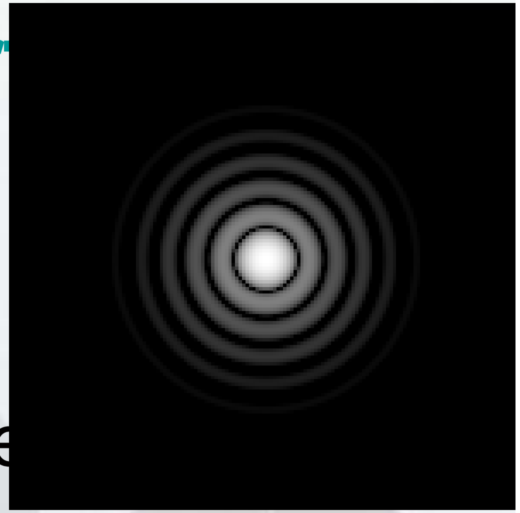

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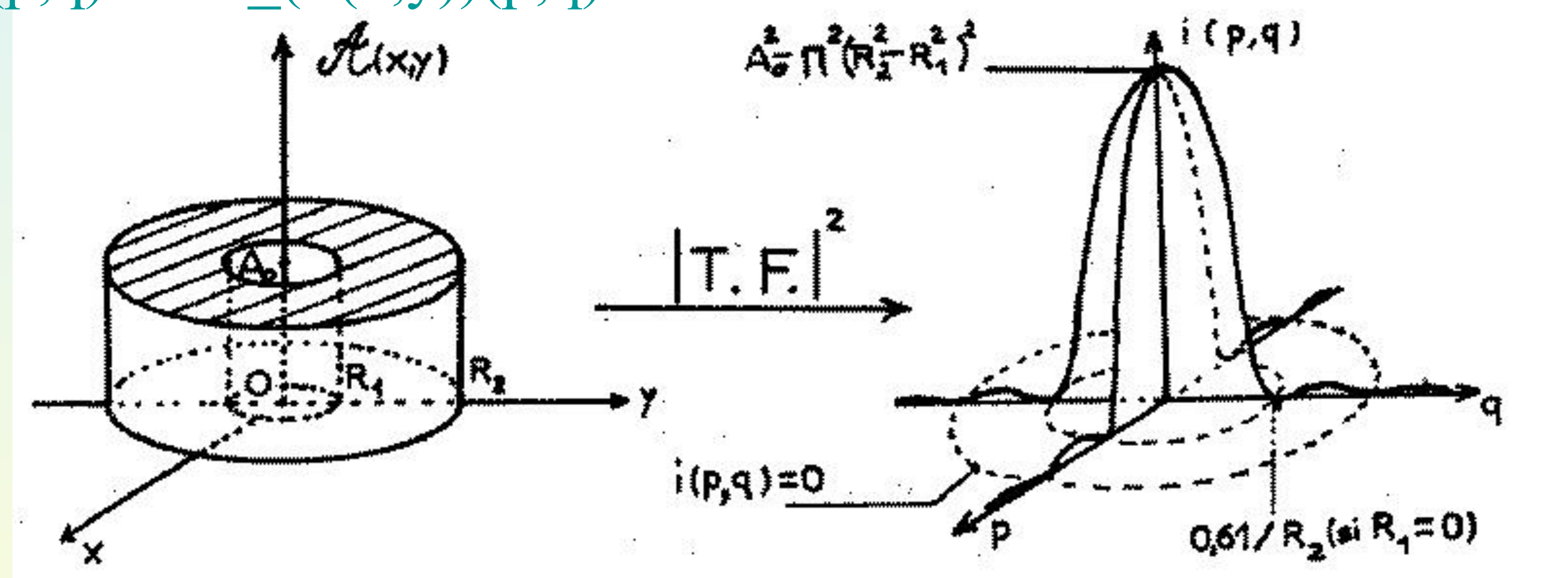
Application: Point Spread Function dete

$h(p,q) = TF\_(P(x,y))(p,q)$



$i(\rho') = |a(\rho')|^2 = (A_0\,\pi)^2\,[R_2^2\,2\,J_1(Z_2)/Z_2 - R_1^2\,2\,J_1(Z_1)/Z_1]^2,$ (8.1.8)

with $Z_2 = 2\pi\,R_2\,\rho' / (\lambda f)$ and $Z_1 = 2\pi\,R_1\,\rho' / (\lambda f)$. (8.1.9)

From the previous result, i.e. for the case of a circular aperture with a radius R, the distribution of the complex amplitude in the focal plane is given by the expression:

$a(\rho') = (A_0 \pi)\,[R^2\, 2\, J_1(Z) / Z]$,

where $Z = 2\pi R \rho' / (\lambda f)$

one should be able to demonstrate the next result, i.e., the visibility V of the fringes observed for the case of a uniformly bright circular disk source with an angular diameter θ_{UD} by means of an interferometer with a baseline B is given by:

$$\upsilon = \left(\frac{I_{\max} - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} + I_{\min}} \right) = \left| \gamma_{12}(0) \right| = TF(I') = \frac{2J_1(\pi\theta_{UD} B / \lambda)}{\pi\theta_{UD} B / \lambda}$$

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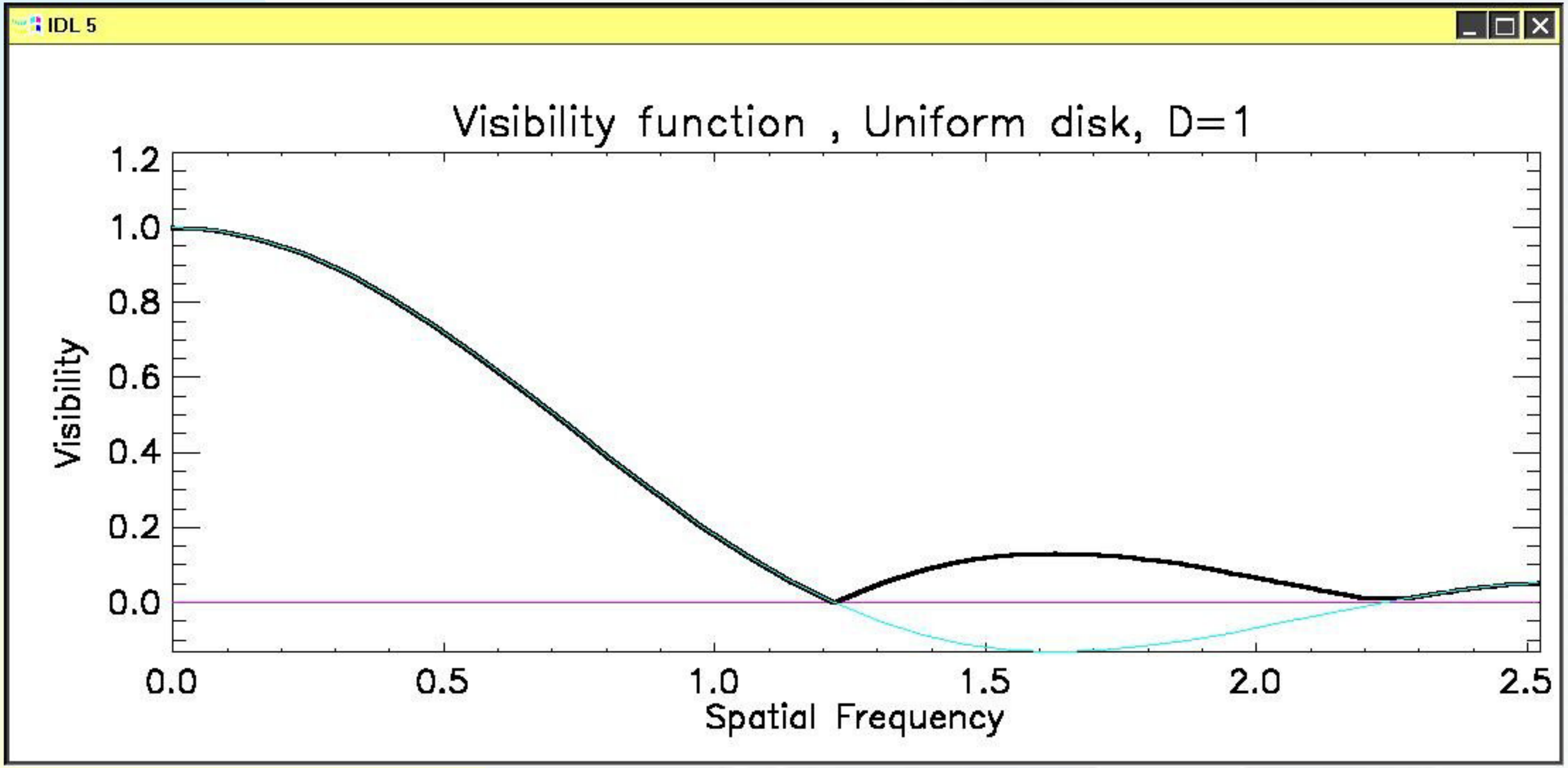
If the source is characterized by a uniform disk light distribution, the corresponding visibility function is given by

$$\upsilon = \left(\frac{I_{\max} - I_{\min}}{I_{\max} + I_{\min}} \right) = \left| \gamma_{12}(0) \right| = TF(I') = \frac{2J_1(\pi\theta_{UD}B/\lambda)}{\pi\theta_{UD}B/\lambda}$$



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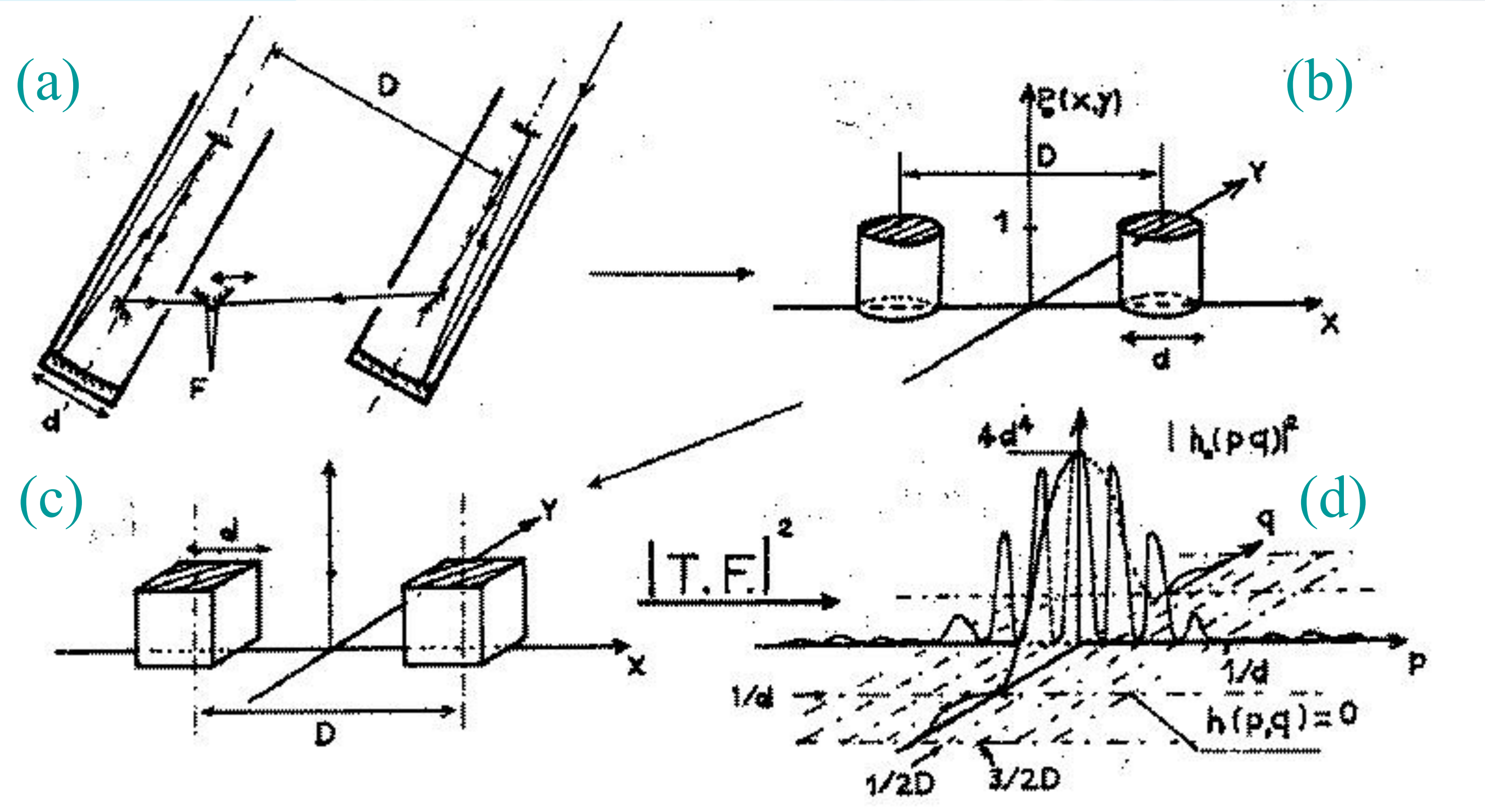
8.1 The fundamental theorem: 2 telescope interferometer



Two coupled optical telescopes: simplified optical scheme (a). Distribution of the complex amplitude for the case of two circular (b) or square (c) apertures and corresponding impulse response (d).

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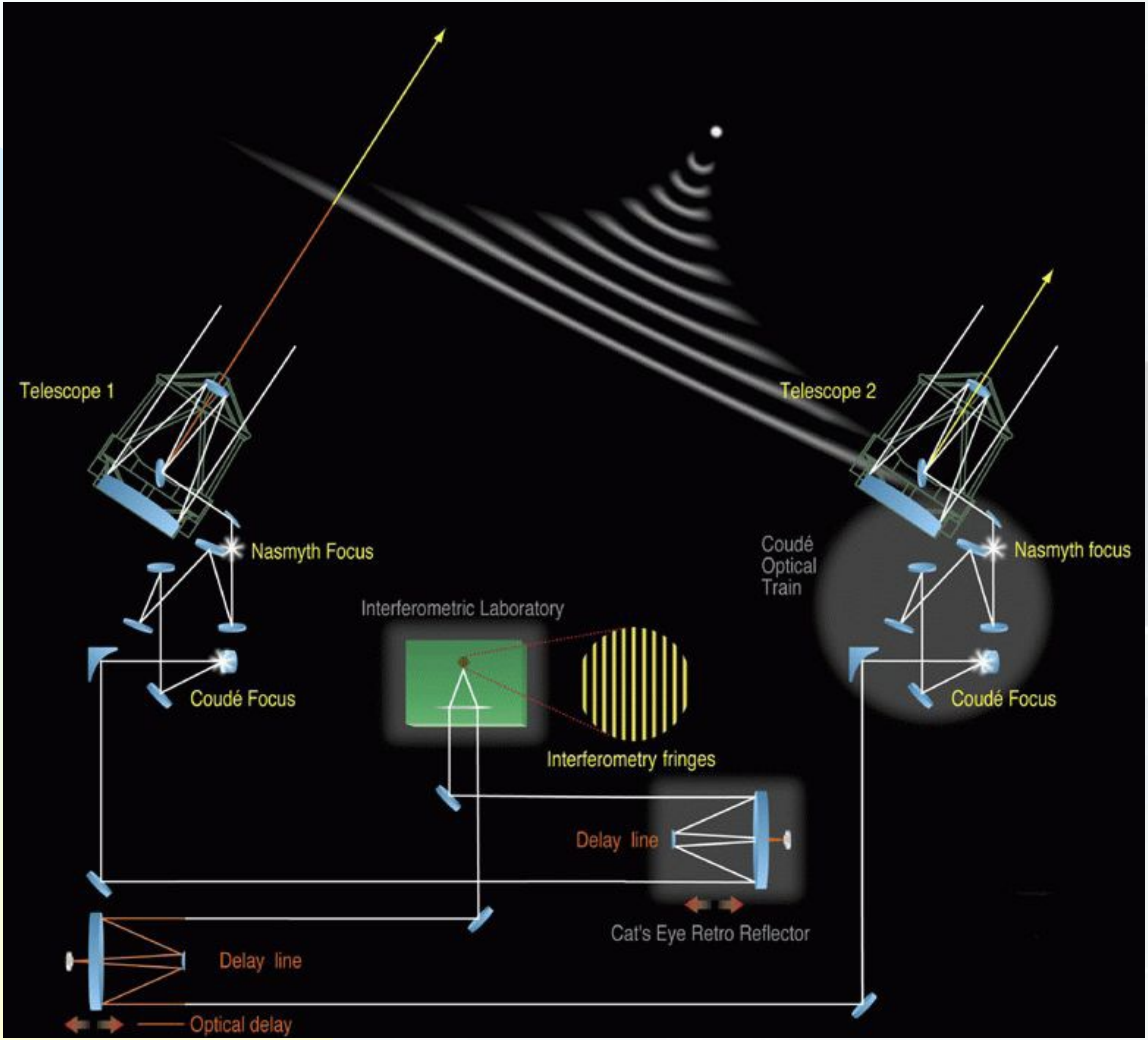
8.1 The fundamental theorem: 2 telescope interferometer

$$h(p,q) = TF(P(x,y))(p,q) = \int_{R^2} P(x,y)\exp\left[-i2\pi(px+qy)\right]dxdy \qquad (8.1.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(p,q) &= TF(P_0(x+D/2)+P_0(x-D/2))(p,q) = \\ &TF(P_0(x+D/2))(p,q) + TF(P_0(x-D/2))(p,q) = \\ &\exp(i\pi D)\,TF(P_0(x))(p,q) + \exp(-i\pi D)\,TF(P_0(x))(p,q) = \\ &(\exp(i\pi D)+\exp(-i\pi D))\,TF(P_0(x))(p,q) = \\ &2\cos(\pi D)\,TF(P_0(x))(p,q) \end{aligned} \qquad (8.1.11)$$

For the particular case of two square apertures:

$$i(p,q) = \left|h(p,q)\right|^2 = 4\cos^2(\pi pD)\,d^4\left(\frac{\sin(\pi qd)}{\pi qd}\right)^2\left(\frac{\sin(\pi pd)}{\pi pd}\right)^2 \qquad (8.1.12)$$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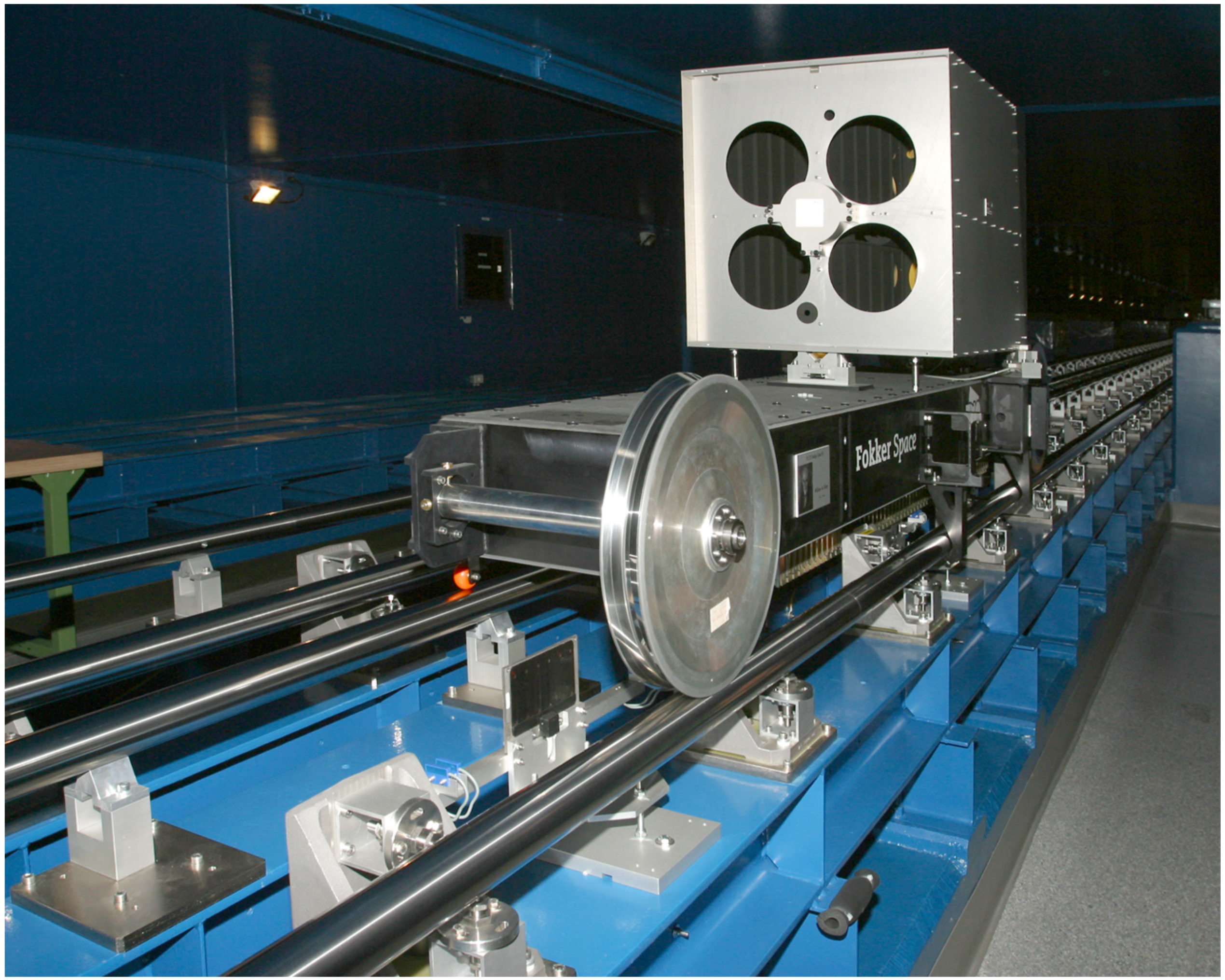

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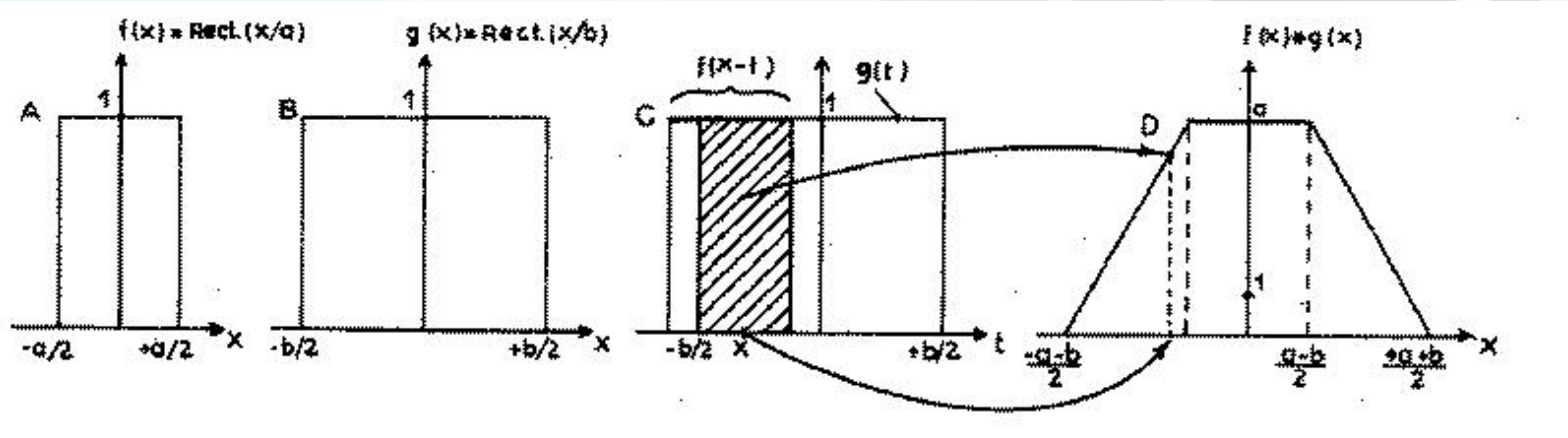
8.2 The convolution theorem

$$f(x) * g(x) = (f * g)(x) = \int_{R^n} f(x-t) g(t) dt$$



Convolution product of two 1D rectangle functions. A) f(x), B) g(x), C) g(t) and f(x-t); the dashed area represents the integral of the product of f(x-t) and g(t) for the given x offset, D) f(x)*g(x) = (f*g)(x) represents the previous integral as a function of x.

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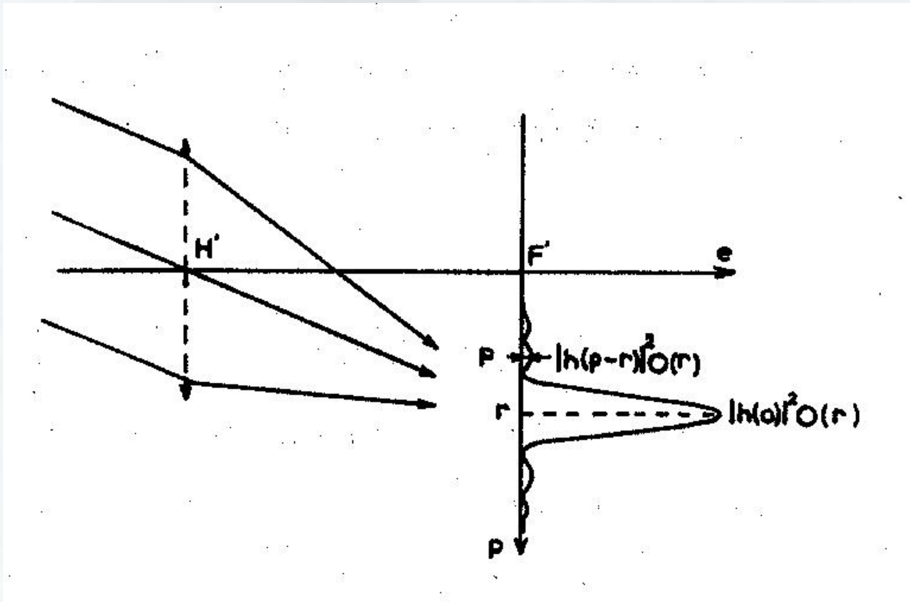

$e(p,q) = O(p,q) * |h(p,q)|^2,$

$$e(p,q) = \int_{R^2} O(r,s) \left| h(p-r, q-s) \right|^2 drds$$

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For the case of a point-like source:

$O(p,q) = E\ \delta(p,q),$ (8.2.1)

[$\delta(x) = 0$ if $x \neq 0$, $\delta(x) = \infty$ if $x = 0$] and (8.2.2)

$e(p,q) = O(p,q) * |h(p,q)|^2 = E\ \delta(p,q) * |h(p,q)|^2 = E\ |h(p,q)|^2$ (8.2.3)

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More generally, since

$TF\_(f * g) = TF\_(f)\ TF\_(g).$ (8.2.4)

We find, because

$e(p,q) = O(p,q) * |h(p,q)|^2$ (8.2.5)

that:

$TF\_(e(p,q)) = TF\_(O(p,q))\ TF\_(|h(p,q)|^2),$ (8.2.6)

and, finally,

$O(p,q) = TF^{-1}\ [TF\_(e(p,q))\ /\ TF\_(|h(p,q)|^2)].$ (8.2.7)

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$O(p,q) = (\lambda^2 E / \phi^2)\, \Pi(p\,\lambda / \phi)\, \Pi(q\,\lambda / \phi).$ (8.2.8)

$e(p,q) = O(p,q) * |h_0(p,q)|^2.$

$e(p) = O(p) * |h_0(p)|^2,$ (8.2.9)

$$e(p) = 2d^2(\lambda/\phi)\sqrt{E}\int_{p-\phi/2\lambda}^{p+\phi/2\lambda}\left(\frac{\sin(\pi rd)}{\pi rd}\right)^2 \cos^2(\pi rD)dr$$ (8.2.10)

$\left(\frac{\sin(\pi rd)}{\pi rd}\right)^2 \approx$ Cte sur [p-ϕ/2λ, p+ϕ/2λ], and (8.2.11)

$$e(p) = 2d^2(\lambda/\phi)\sqrt{E}\left(\frac{\sin(\pi pd)}{\pi pd}\right)^2 \int_{p-\phi/2\lambda}^{p+\phi/2\lambda} \cos^2(\pi rD)dr.$$ (8.2.12)