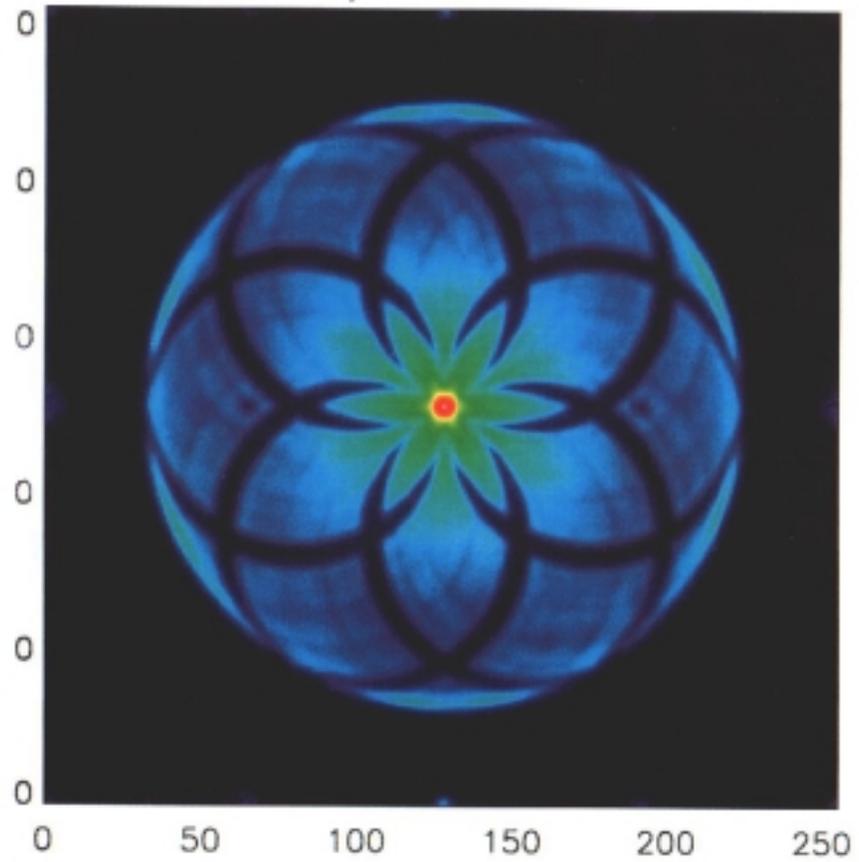
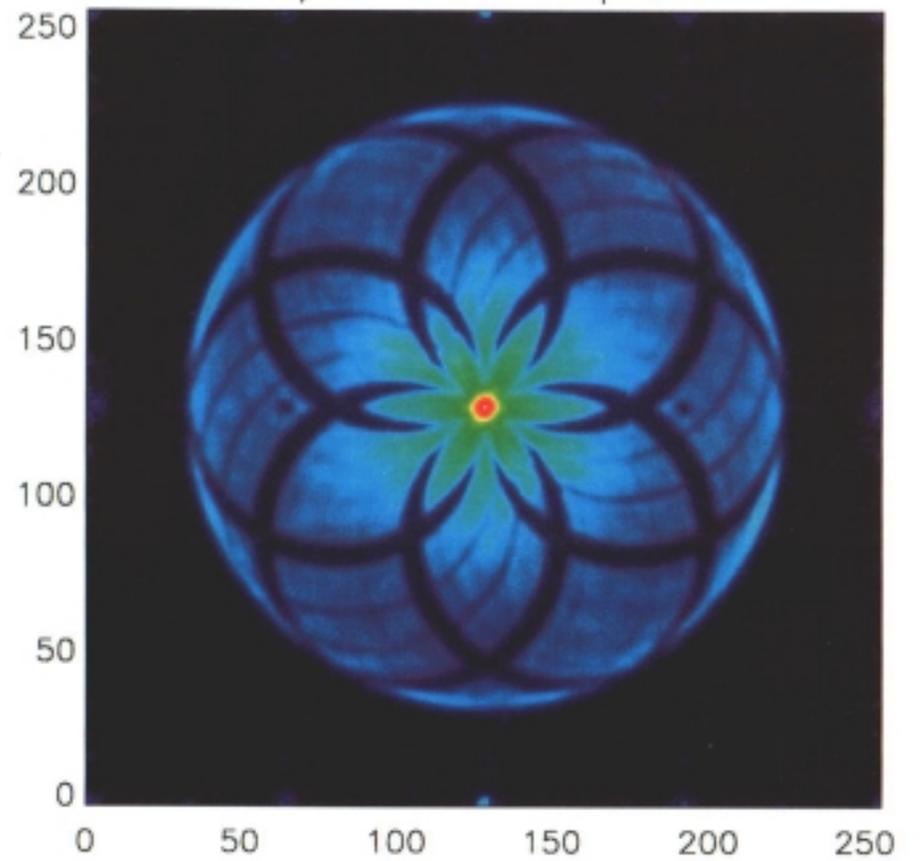


12/97 Phased



12/97 1 micron piston



Signal-To-Noise.

$$SNR = \frac{R_B N_0^2}{\underbrace{A N_0}_{\text{Photon Noise}} + \underbrace{R_B N_0^2}_{\text{Atm Noise}} + \text{Readout Noise.}}$$

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Atm Noise = 0

High
Light
Limit

$$SNR \propto \frac{N_0^2}{A N_0}$$

Low
Light
Limit.

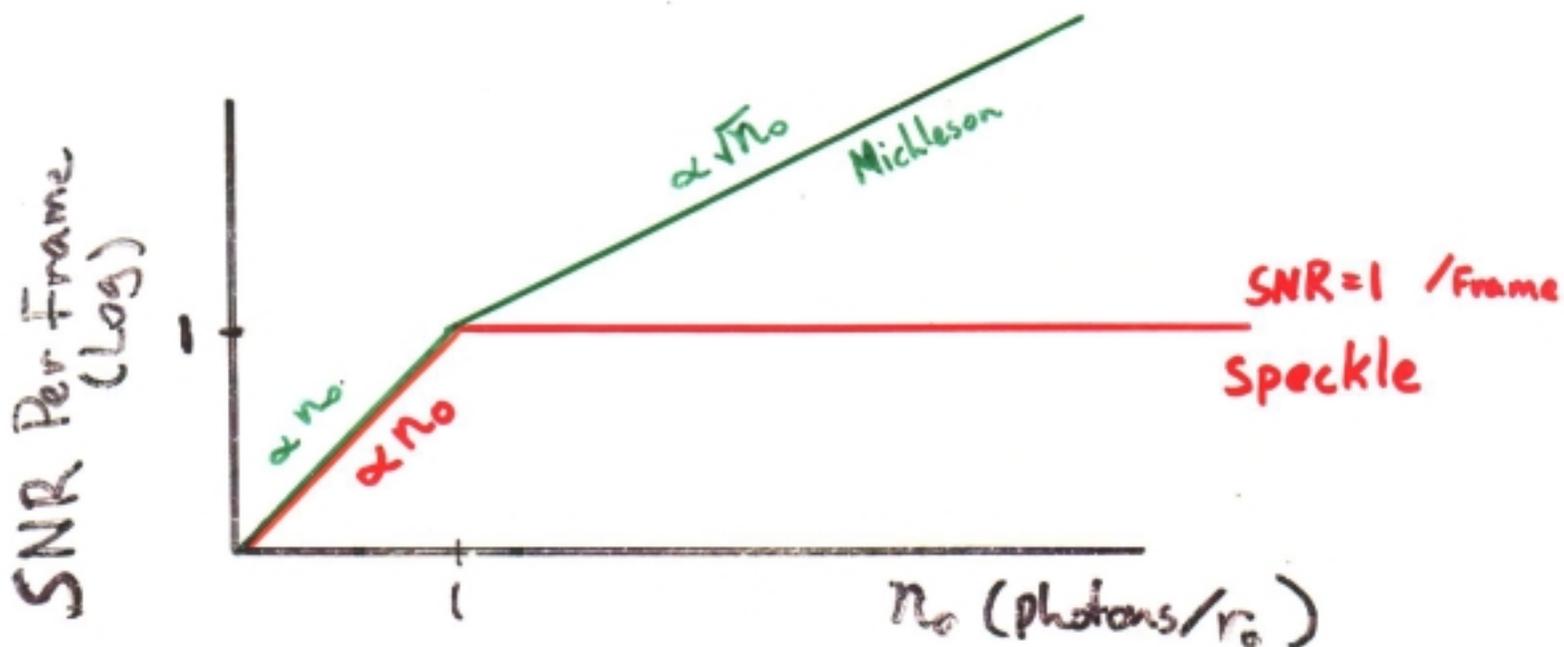
$$SNR \propto \frac{N_0^2}{\text{Readout (const)}}$$

Speckle.

$$SNR \propto \frac{R_B N_0^2}{R_B N_0^2} = 1$$

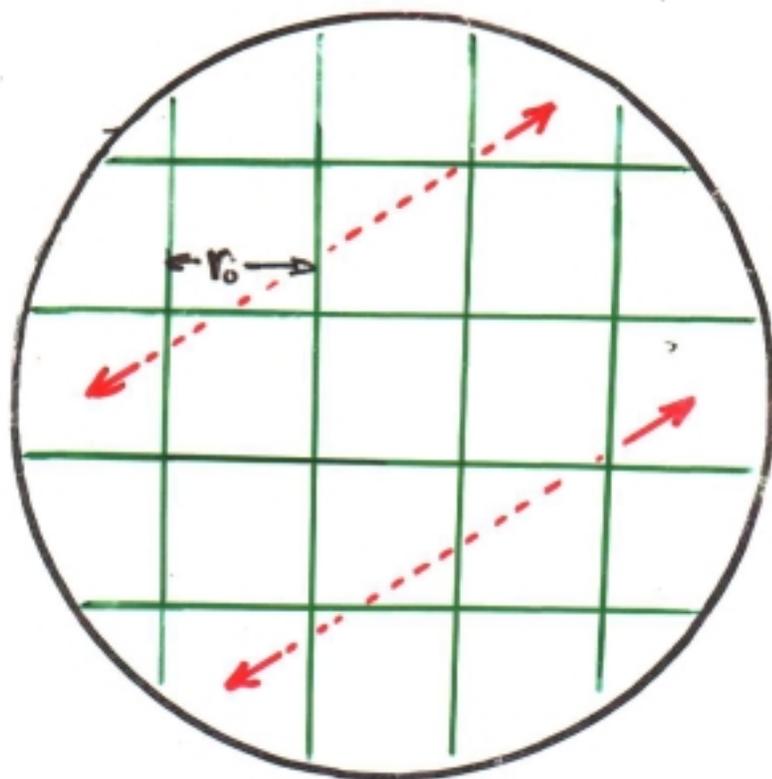
$$SNR \propto \frac{R N_0^2}{\text{Readout.}}$$

\sqrt{R} Spectrum \Rightarrow Image Spectrum



Heuristic Model:

Divide Aperture into r_0 -size Patches:



n_0 Photons/subaperture

A = Total Area

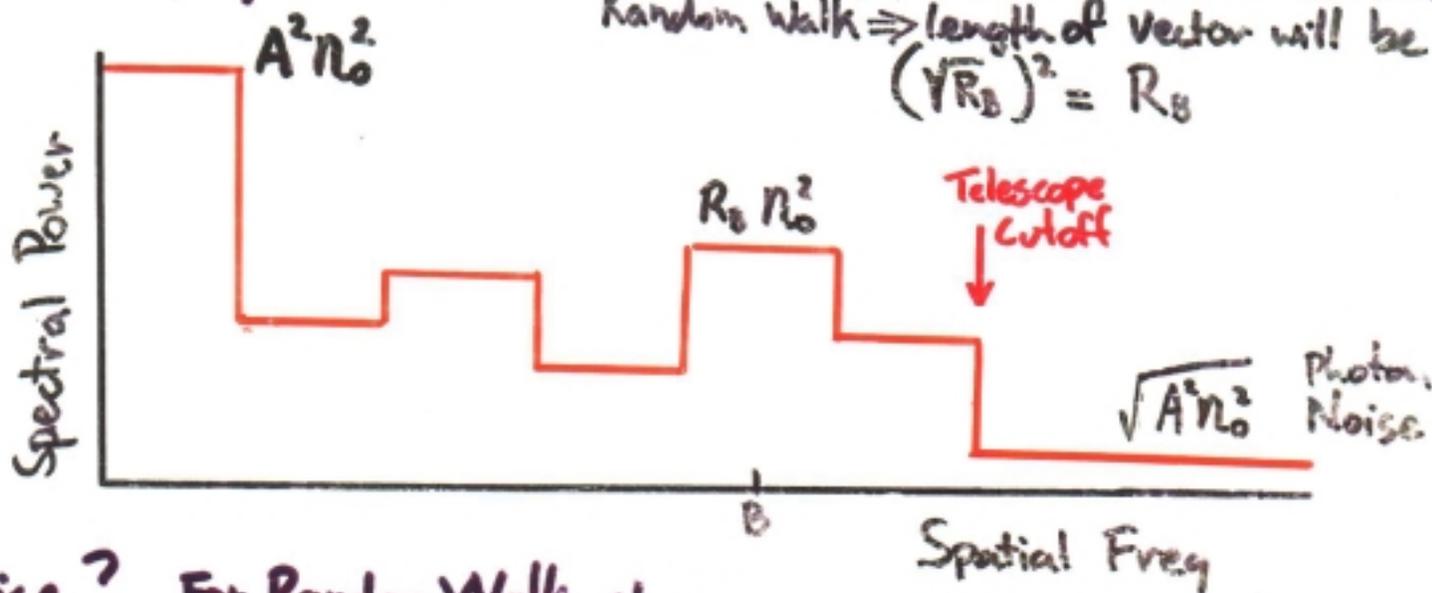
Let each patch have Random ϕ

Define the Redundancy R of baseline B

$R_B =$ # Number of repetitions of baseline B in Pupil.

Power Spectrum:

At baseline B , R vectors add Incoherently
 Random Walk \Rightarrow length of vector will be
 $(\sqrt{R_B})^2 = R_B$



Noise? For Random Walks, Variance = Mean.

$$\sigma(R_B n_0^2) = R_B n_0^2$$

Imaging through turbulence:

$$\text{Image}(\underline{x}) = \text{Object}(\underline{x}) \otimes \tau(\underline{x})$$

Where $\tau(\underline{x}) \equiv$ Instantaneous Atmosphere-Telescope Transfer Function.

Then: $\hat{I}(f) = \hat{O}(f) \cdot \hat{\tau}(f)$

Taking
fourier transform

Average over
Many Frames: $\langle |\hat{I}(f)|^2 \rangle = |\hat{O}(f)|^2 \underbrace{\langle |\hat{\tau}(f)|^2 \rangle}$

speckle Power Transfer Fn.
obtained by obs. of Pt. source.

"Classical" speckle interferometry.

No Phase Recovery!

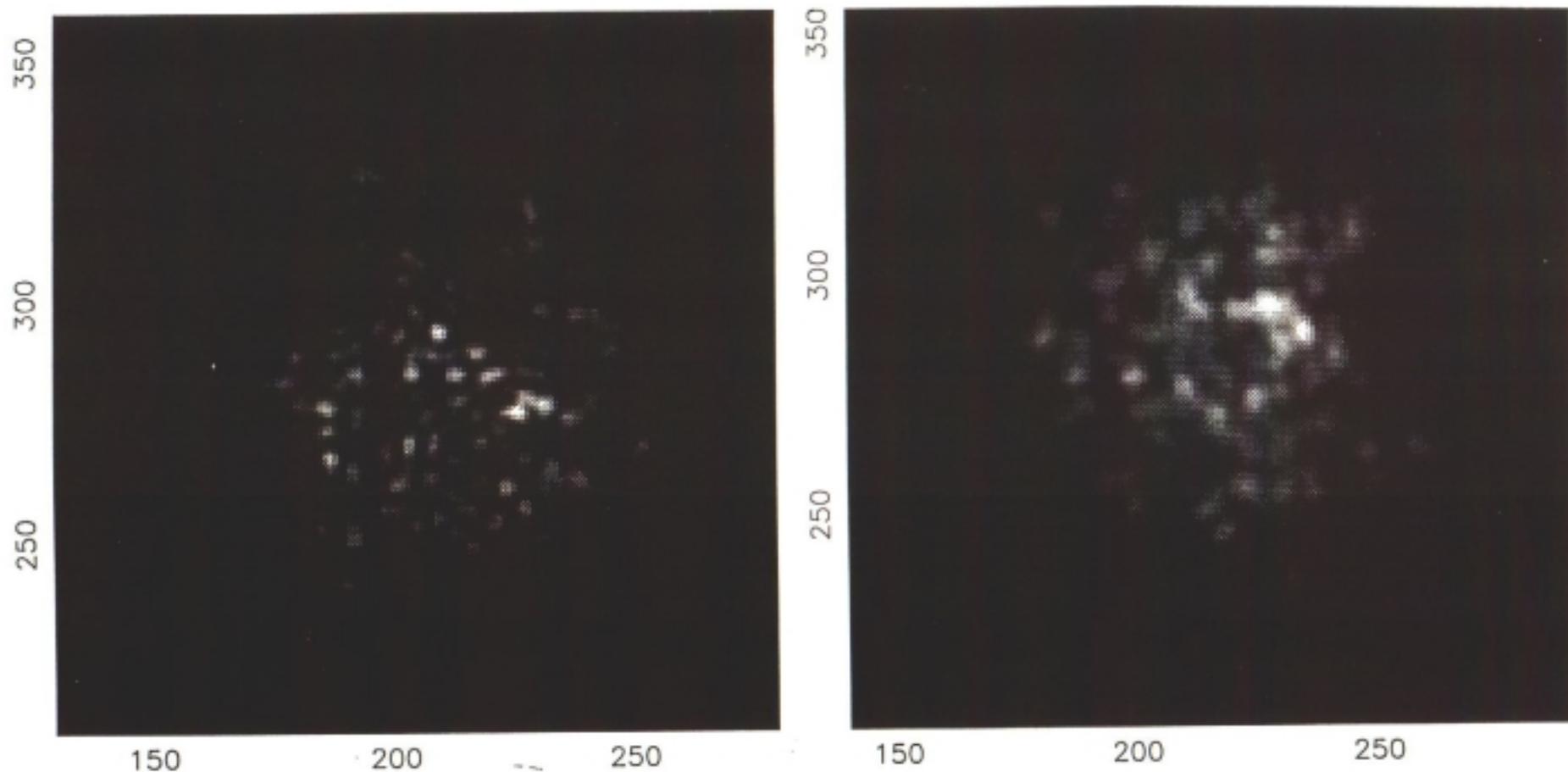


Figure 1.1: Short-exposure (10 msec) images taken whilst observing α Oph (left) and α Her (right). The wavelength of observation was 710 nm and the frames are 1.5'' squares. Clear differences between the unresolved α Oph and the resolved α Her can be seen from 'speckle patterns' such as these without the aid of any image processing.