

Designing the Pupil Apodization for an IFS Lenslet Array

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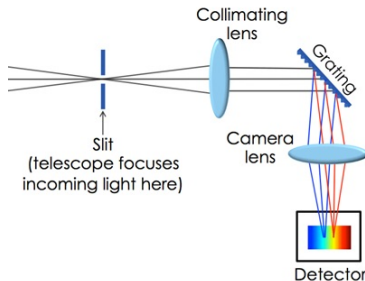


Figure: Single Slit Spectrograph

IFS

- The slit in a single slit spectrograph can be replaced by a lenslet array to form an integral field spectrograph (IFS).

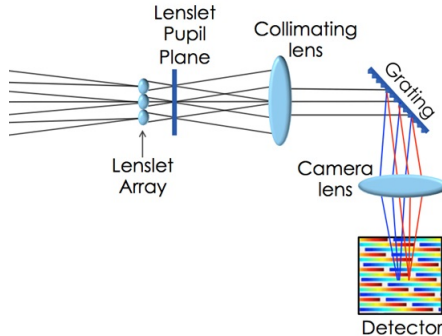


Figure: Integral Field Spectrograph

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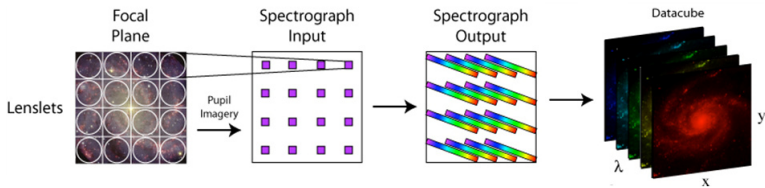


Figure: Imaging Galaxies

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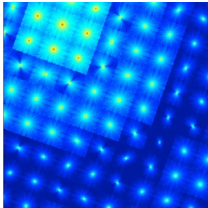
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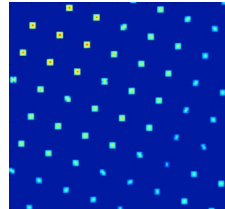
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- A proper apodization of the lenslet array would cause the PSF of each lenslet to taper off to negligible amounts at its edges.

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- However, square lenslets and pinhole apertures allow us to use symmetry to reduce the complexity of our problem to a single dimension.

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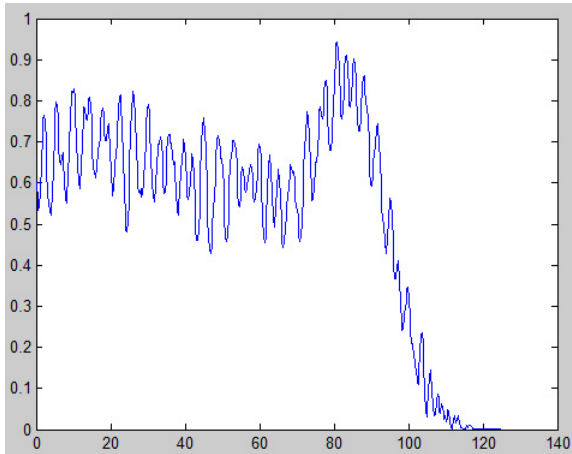


Figure: First Try

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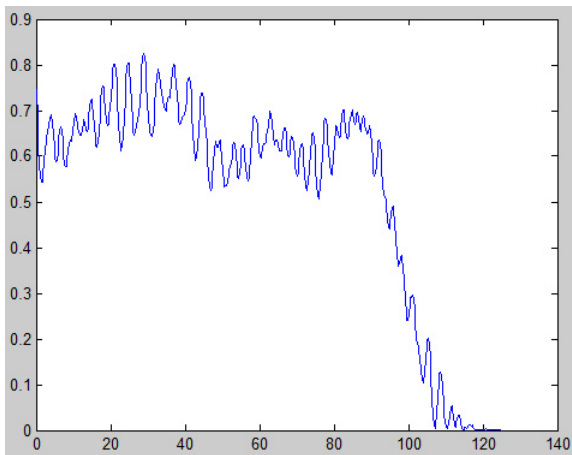


Figure: Adding a Smoothness Constraint

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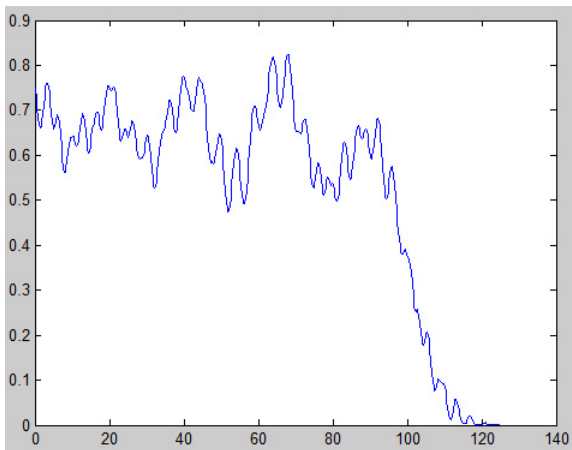


Figure: A Smoother Apodization

Apodization Model

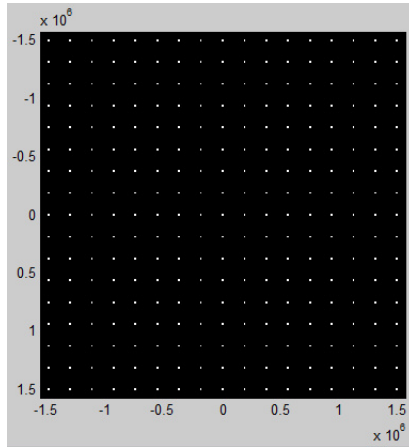


Figure: Pinpoints of Light

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