# Computational photography techniques based on deconvolution

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# Removing camera shake

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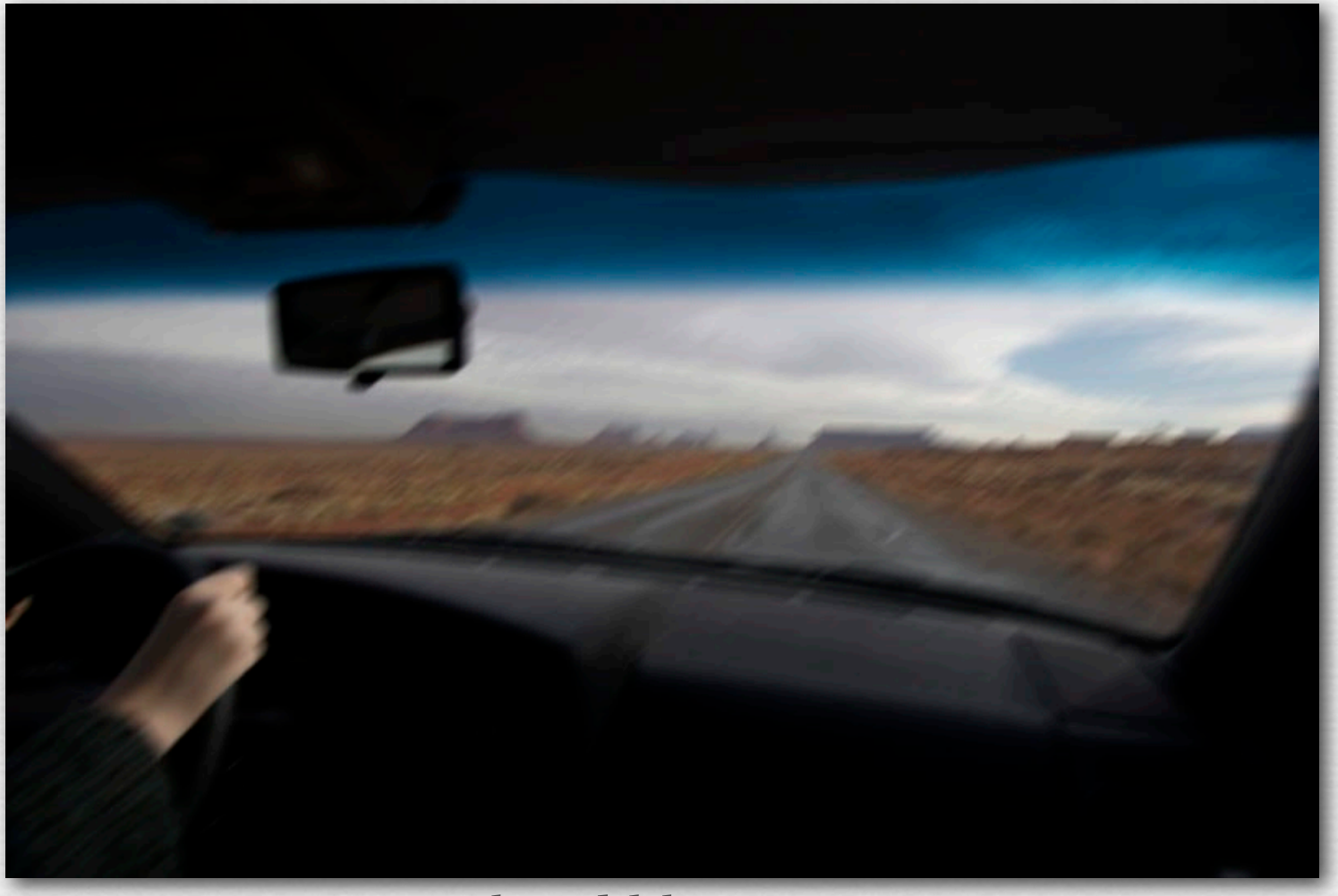

simulated blurry image

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Photoshop Unsharp Mask

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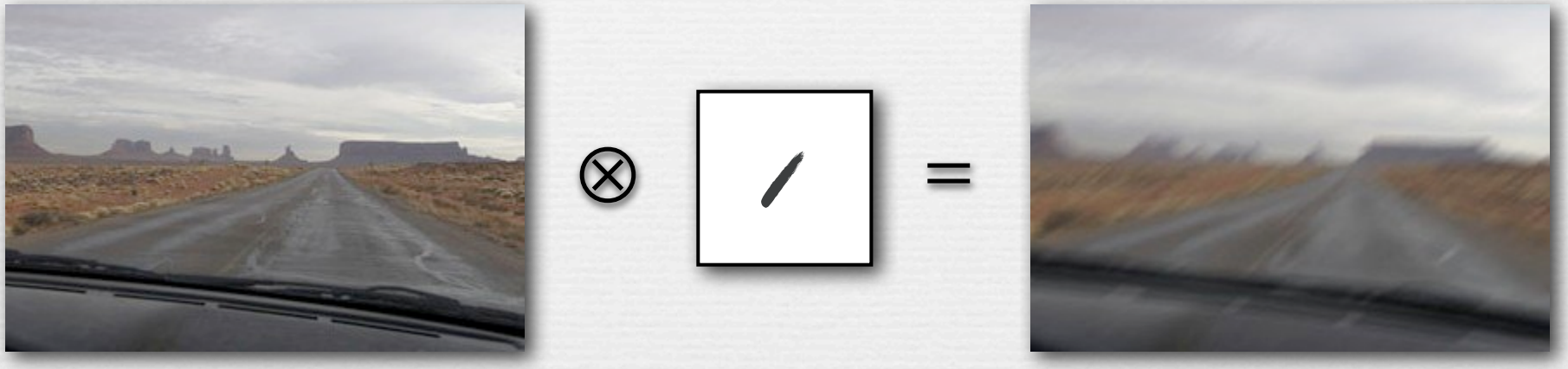
more Unsharp Mask

# Removing camera shake, 2nd try

- camera shake can be modeled as a 2D convolution



- recall that discrete convolution replaces each pixel with a linear combination of nearby pixels
- matrix-vector multiplication replaces each element in a vector with a linear combination of all other elements

# Convolution as matrix multiplication

- let the sharp scene be represented by a vector

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- let the filter kernel be represented as a second vector

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- the convolution $\mathbf{f} \otimes \mathbf{g}$ becomes the matrix-vector product

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where $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}^T$

and $\mathbf{A}$ is built from $\mathbf{g}$ as shown

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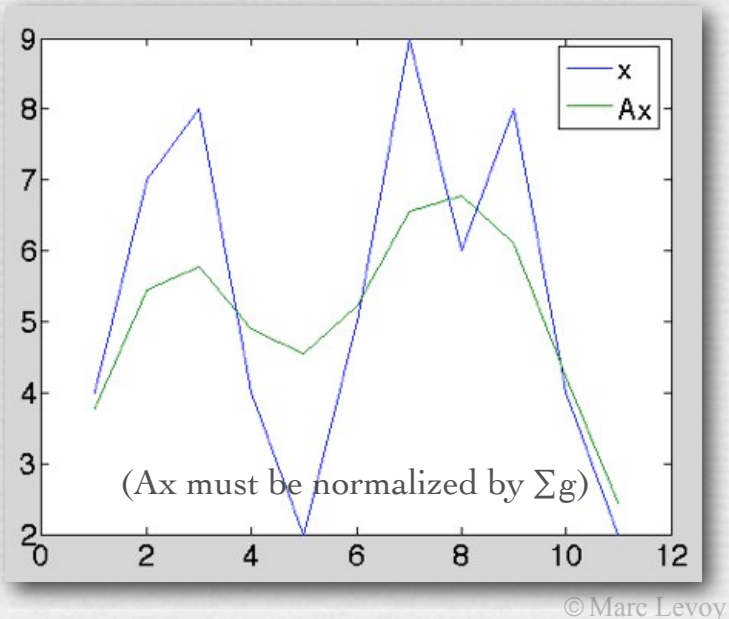

# Inverting convolution (*deconvolution*)

- if the blurred image **b** is given by

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$

- then the sharp scene **x** can be recovered by

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix}
0.8571 & -0.7857 & 0.0000 & 0.6429 & -0.5714 & 0 & 0.4286 & -0.3571 & -0.0000 & 0.2143 & -0.1429 \\
-0.7857 & 1.5536 & -0.7500 & -0.5893 & 1.1071 & -0.5000 & -0.3929 & 0.6607 & -0.2500 & -0.1964 & 0.2143 \\
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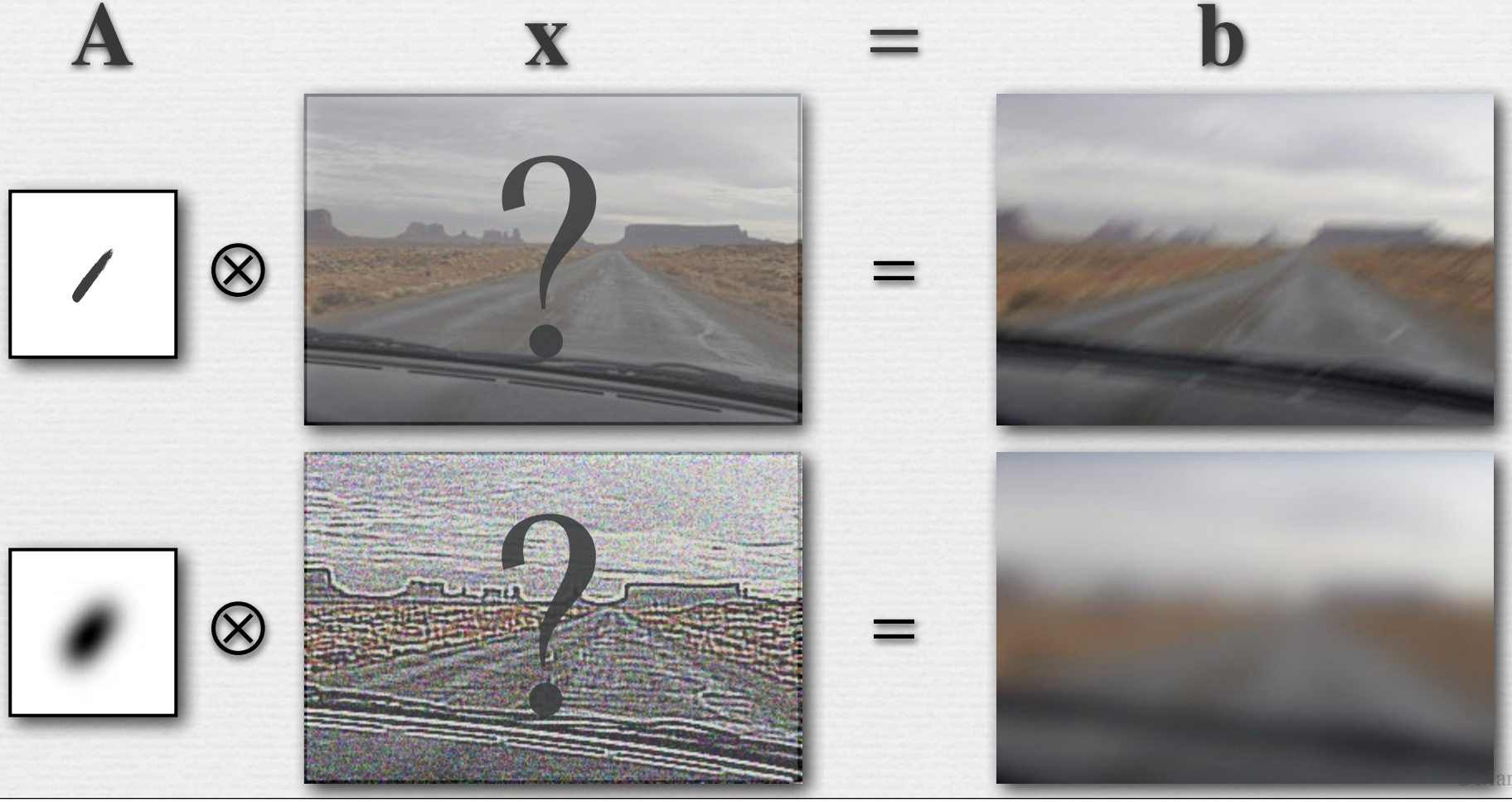
(again omitting normalization by $\sum g$; see http://graphics.stanford.edu/courses/cs178-10/demos/deconvolution.m)

# Why is deconvolution hard?

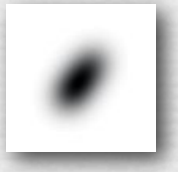
- matrix **A** and blurred image **b** are typically very big
- for a 10 megapixel image
  - **A** has 10 million rows and 10 million columns
  - **b** has 10 million entries
- matrix **A** is typically very sparse
  - mostly zeros
- methods for solving big sparse systems of equations
  - conjugate gradient descent
  - etc.

# Another reason deconvolution is hard

- matrix **A** may be *poorly conditioned*
  - a small change in **b** causes a large change in **x**
  - 2nd row is poorly conditioned, producing ringing and noise (simulated)



# Another reason deconvolution is hard

- matrix **A** may be *poorly conditioned*
  - a small change in **b** causes a large change in **x**
- equivalently, **b**'s Fourier transform may contain zeros
  - sinusoids of some frequencies will be missing from **b**
- to be well conditioned, the filter shouldn't be smooth
  - bad:  better: 
  - convolution by first throws away detail, creating zeros in **b**
  - convolution by the second makes many sharp copies, ok
- inverting an ill-conditioned **A** produces a noisy result

# Blind deconvolution

- sometimes you don't know **x** or **A**
  - i.e. you don't know the sharp scene or the blur filter
- solving blind deconvolution problems
  - use a *prior* assumption about what the unknown sharp scene **x** should look like
- this is hard, and we're not very good at it
  - solutions typically contain ringing, or worse...

# Removing camera shake

[Fergus SIGGRAPH 2006]

- deconvolve blurred image,
  using the statistics of natural scenes as a prior

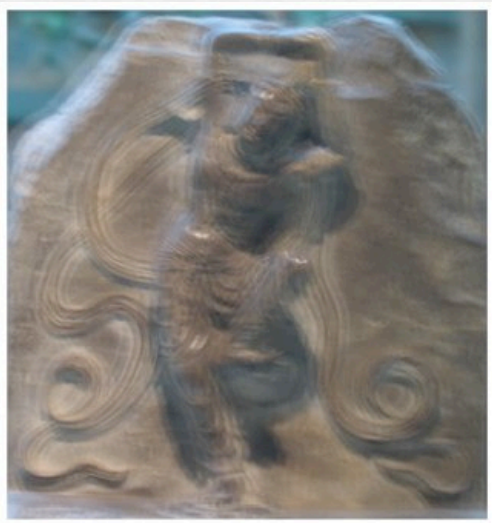
blurred image | Photoshop Unsharp Mask | deconvolution

blur kernel 

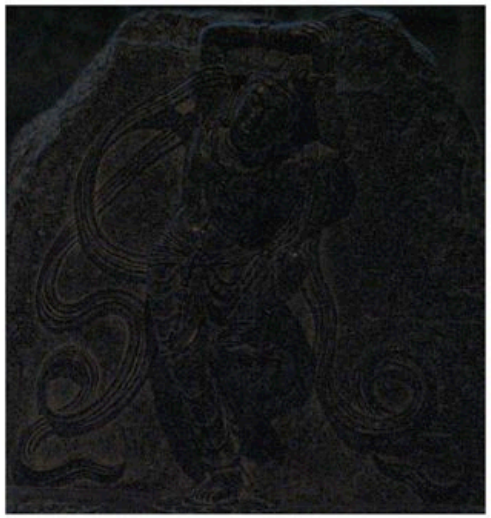
# Removing camera shake

[Yuan SIGGRAPH 2007]

- deconvolve long-exposure (blurred) image, using short-exposure (noisy) image as a prior



long exposure (blurry)



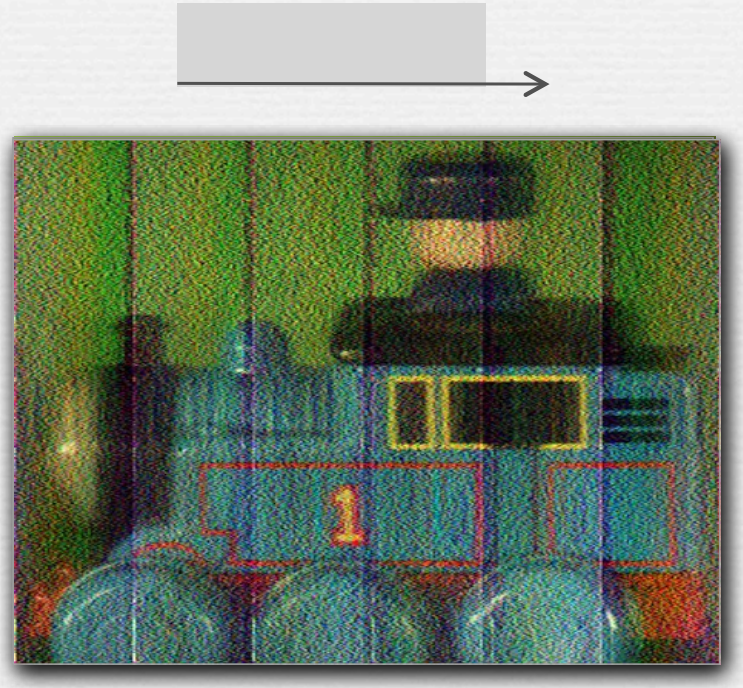
short exposure (dark)

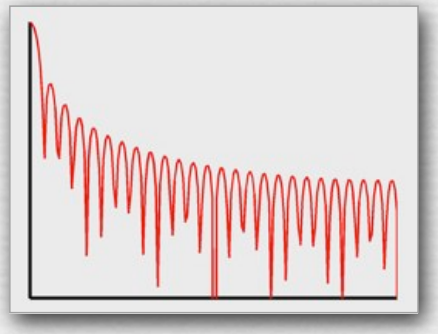
same, scaled up (noisy)

joint deconvolution

# Removing motion blur
## [Raskar SIGGRAPH 2006]

continuous shutter





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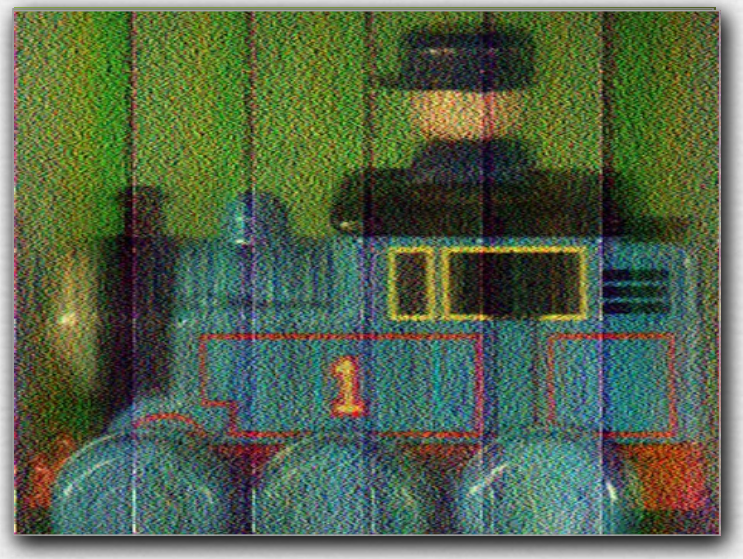
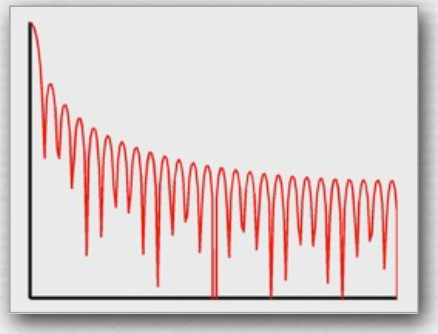
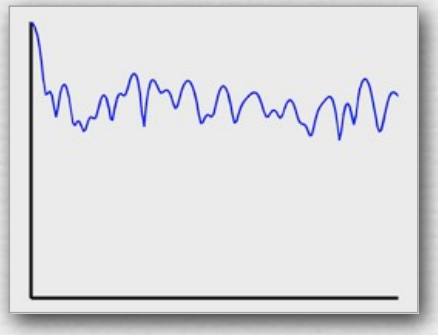




fluttered shutter



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