

CW (Continuous Wave) radar

- Radar equation:
$$P_r = \frac{P_t G_t A_r \sigma F^4}{(4\pi)^2 R_t^2 R_r^2}$$

Pulse radar: power transmitted in pulses (easy range measurement, but $P_{\text{peak}} \gg P_{\text{mean}}$)

CW radar: power transmitted continuously (easier for a solid state transmitter, $P_{\text{peak}} \approx P_{\text{mean}}$)

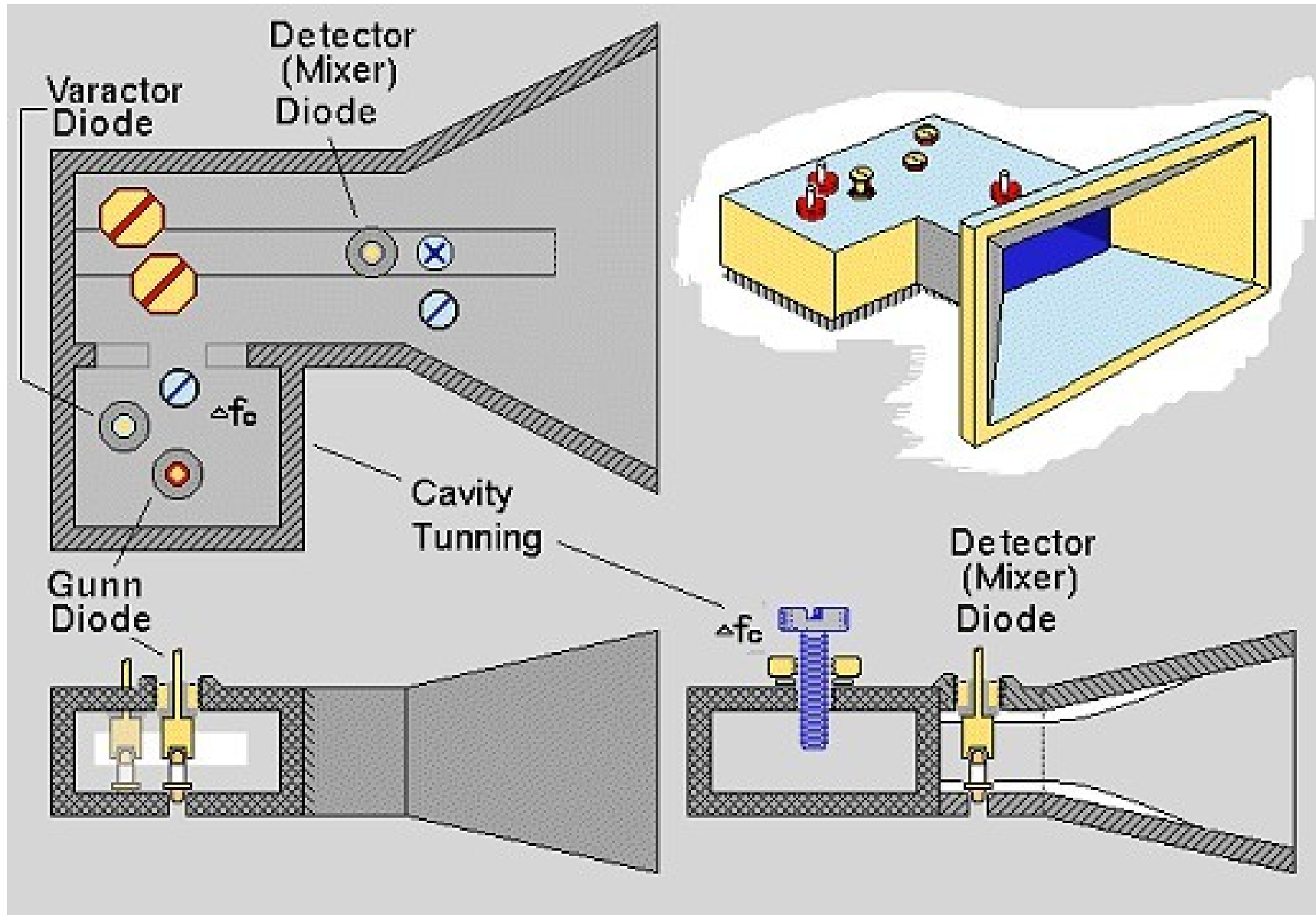
- CW problems:
 - receive during transmit
(2 antennas or some tricks necessary)
 - how to measure distance with CW ?
100% overlap of echoes → time encoding on CW needed

Police radar

- Very simple design – mixer is the 1st stage (single antenna possible!)
- Bands:
 - X (~10GHz)
 - K (~24 GHz)
 - Ka (~34 Ghz)
- Doppler freq: few kHz
 - $c = 300000000 \text{ [m/s]}$
 - $v = 100 \text{ [km/h]} = 27.778 \text{ [m/s]}$
 - $\lambda = c / 24e9 = 0.012500 \text{ [m]}$
 - $2 * v / \lambda = 4444.4 \text{ [Hz]}$

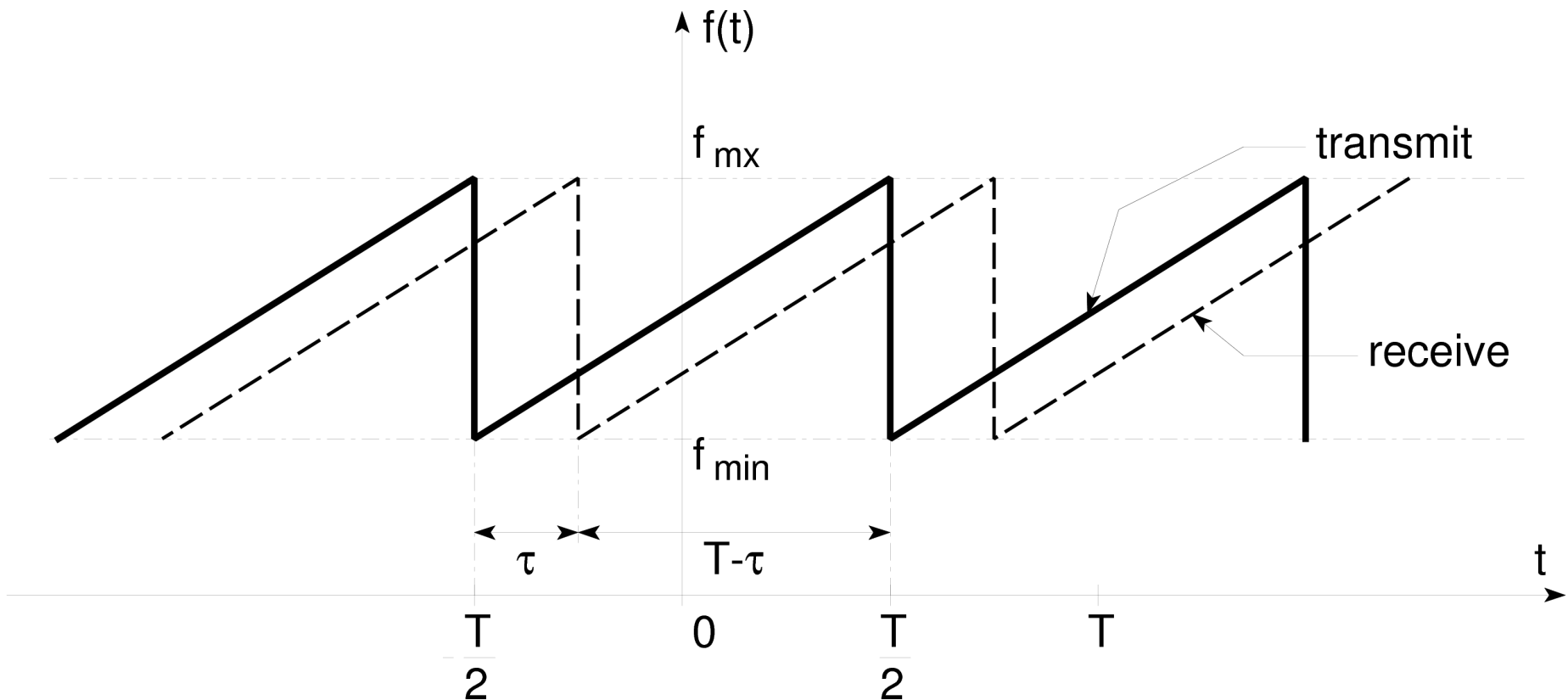


Simple head design example

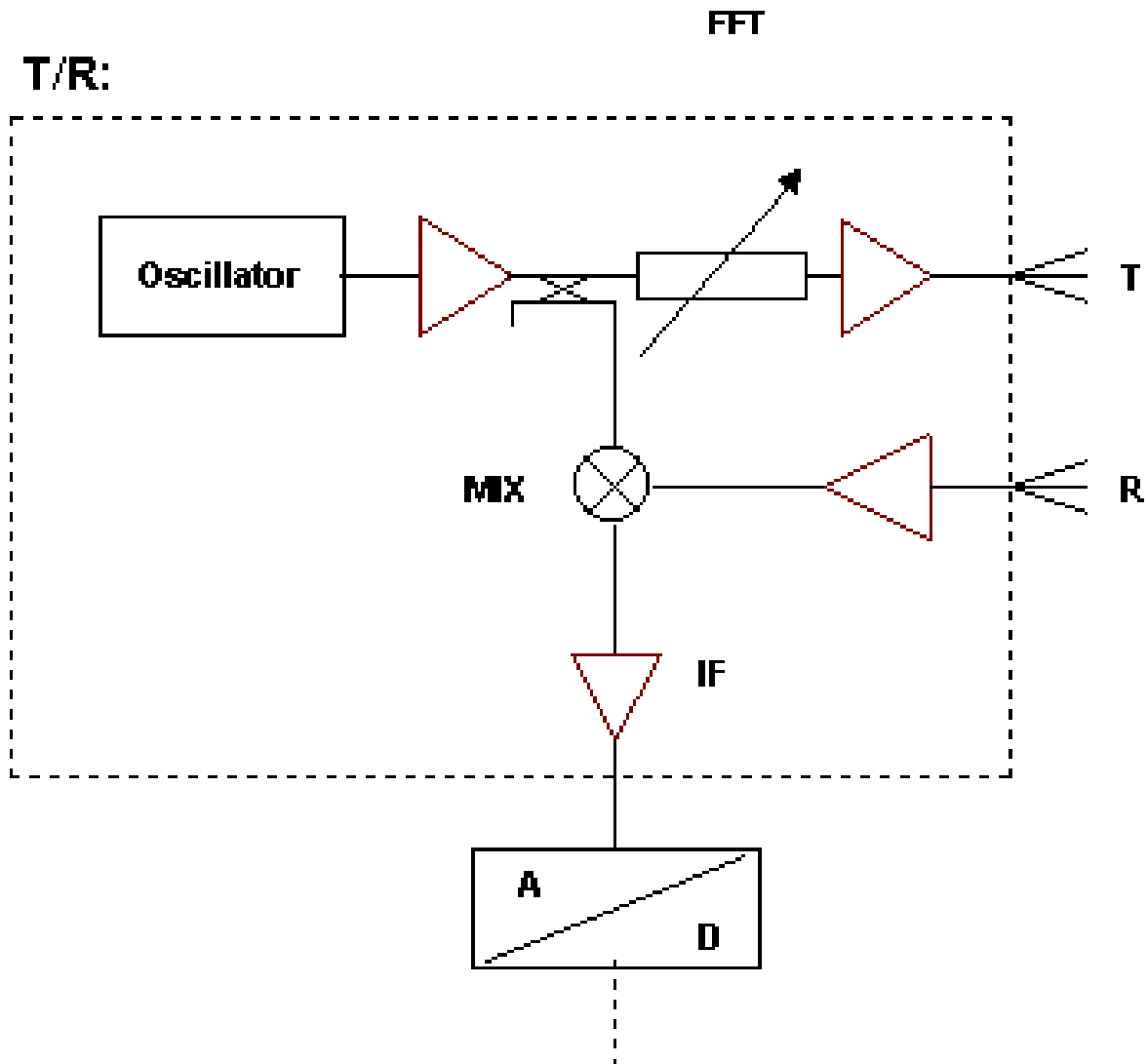


FMCW radar

- Measure distance: waveform coding
 - correlation receiver (or some tricks)
- LFM trick: a simple solution to processing



FMCW – two antennas

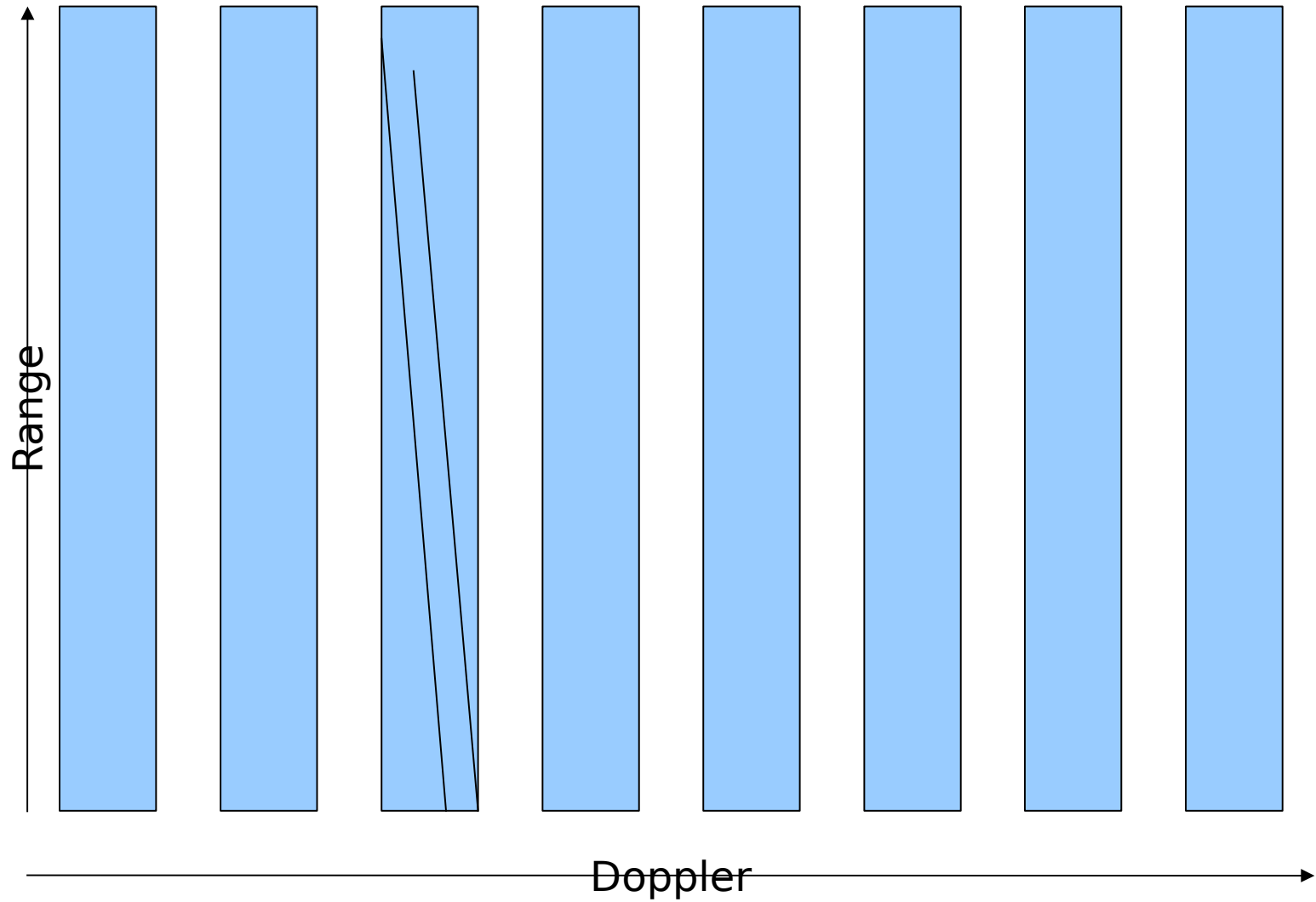




FMCW processing

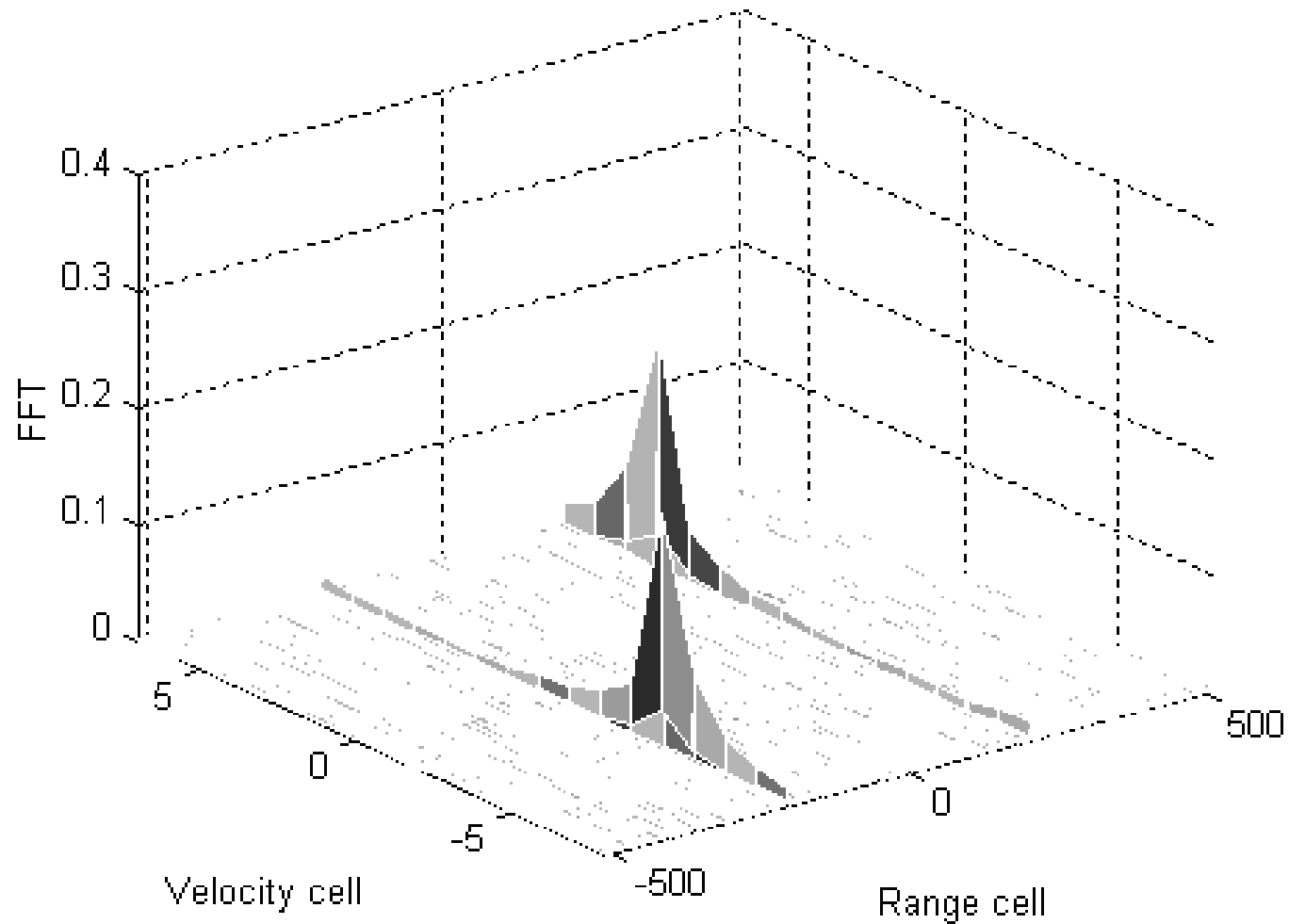
- Range = difference frequency
 - FFT as the correlation receiver!
 - range gain steering = HP filter
- Velocity (Doppler) = phase drift between sweeps
 - second FFT for velocity distinguishing
- Range-Doppler plane

Range & Doppler FFT



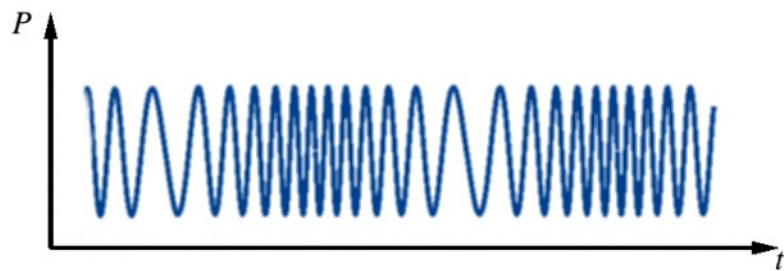
Range-Doppler plane

Velocity = 4.00 m/s, Range = 3.00 km

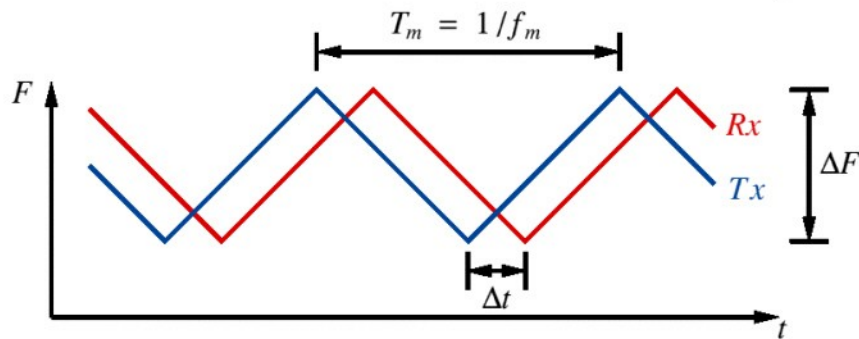


Fast targets

- Doppler freq. adds to range freq. (problem!)

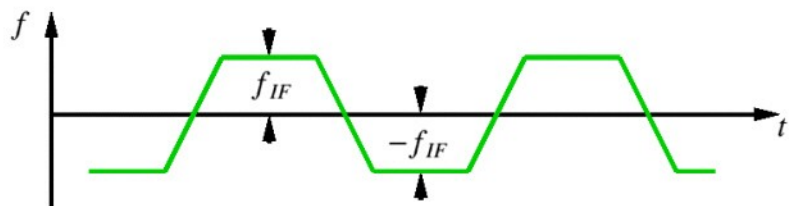


$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{2\Delta F}{T_m}$$



$$R = \frac{c \Delta t}{2}$$

sum = doppler
difference = range



$$f_{IF} = \frac{4 \Delta F f_m R}{c}$$

Grand designs



Other FMCW applications

- Radar altimeter
- Anti-collision radar
- Level meters
- microdoppler:
 - human detection
 - object classification