# Optical image stabilization (IS)

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# Outline

• what are the causes of camera shake?

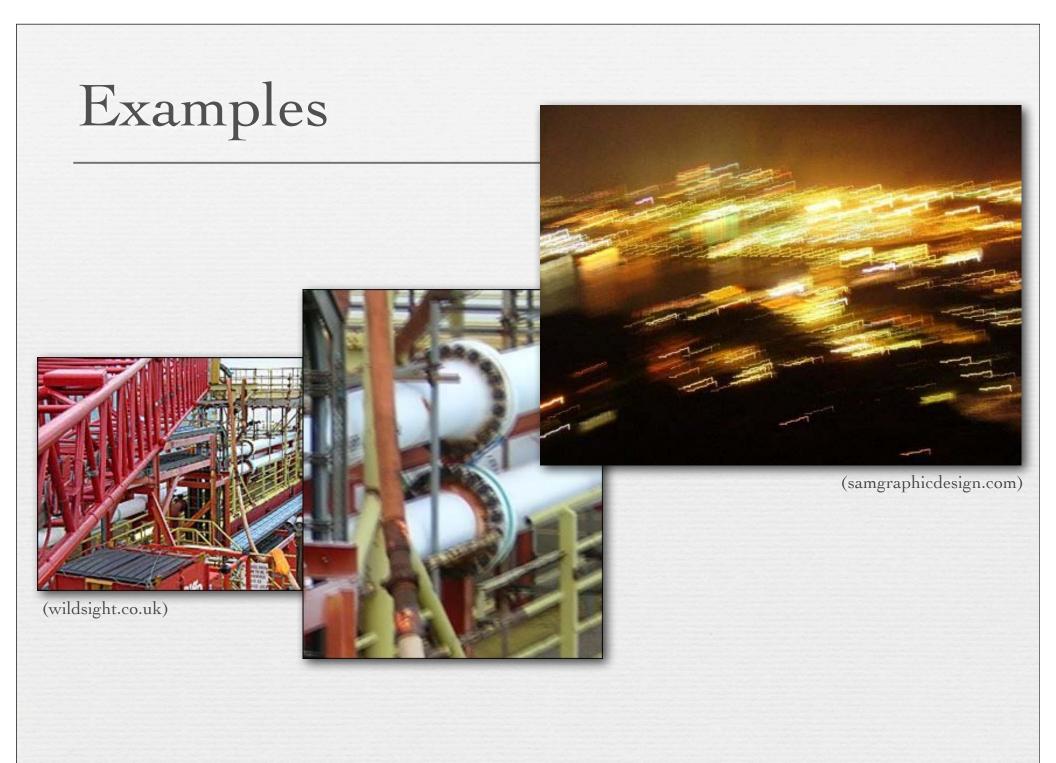
- how can you avoid it (without having an IS system)
- treating camera shake as a 2D convolution of the image
- image stabilization systems
  - mechanical
  - electronic, i.e. digital (among multiple shots)
  - optical
- optical image stabilization
  - lens shift
  - sensor shift
  - how much does stabilization help?

### Camera shake

primary cause is neuro-muscular tremor

- period = 8-12 cycles per second
- amplitude increases with muscular contraction, fatigue, emotional state, cold temperatures, stimulants, time of day
- secondary causes
  - SLR mirror and shutter
  - lightweight tripod
  - wind and other sources of vibration
- exacerbating factors
  - long focal length lenses
  - long exposure time
  - heavy camera, light camera, poor grip, poking at the shutter





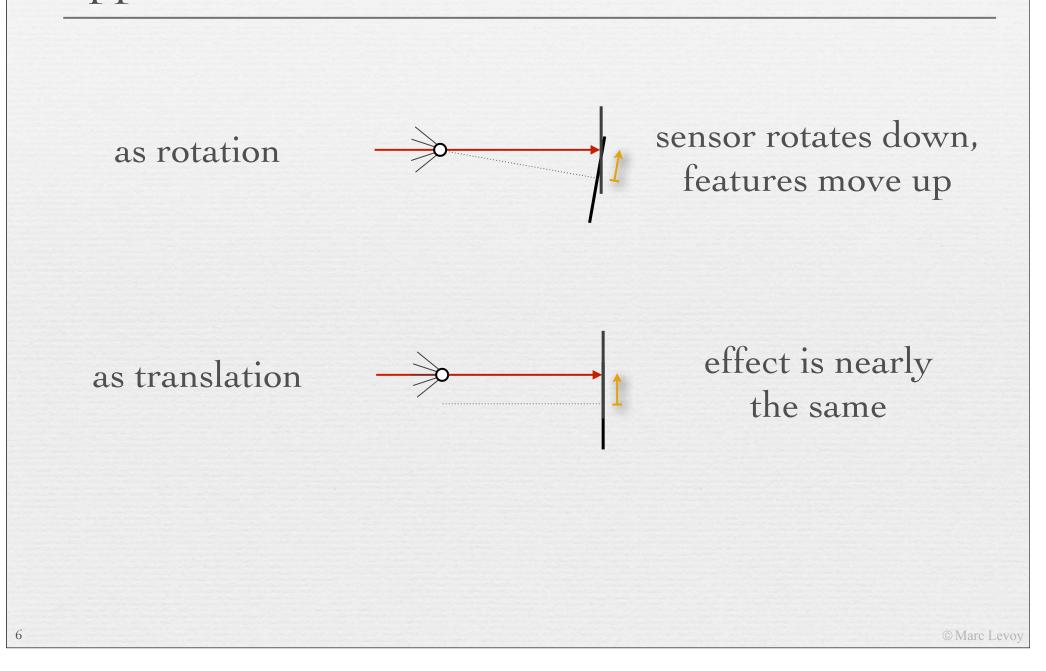
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- for sufficiently distant objects, camera translation can be ignored
- camera rolling (around optical axis) is seldom a problem\*
- assume pitching & yawing are around center of perspective
- + these motions can be approximated as 2D translation of the scene

\*recent research suggests otherwise [Levin 2009]

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Rotation around center of perspective can be approximated as 2D translation of the scene



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- their effect over time is a 2D convolution of the scene f(x,y) by a filter function g(x,y) equal to the translation path

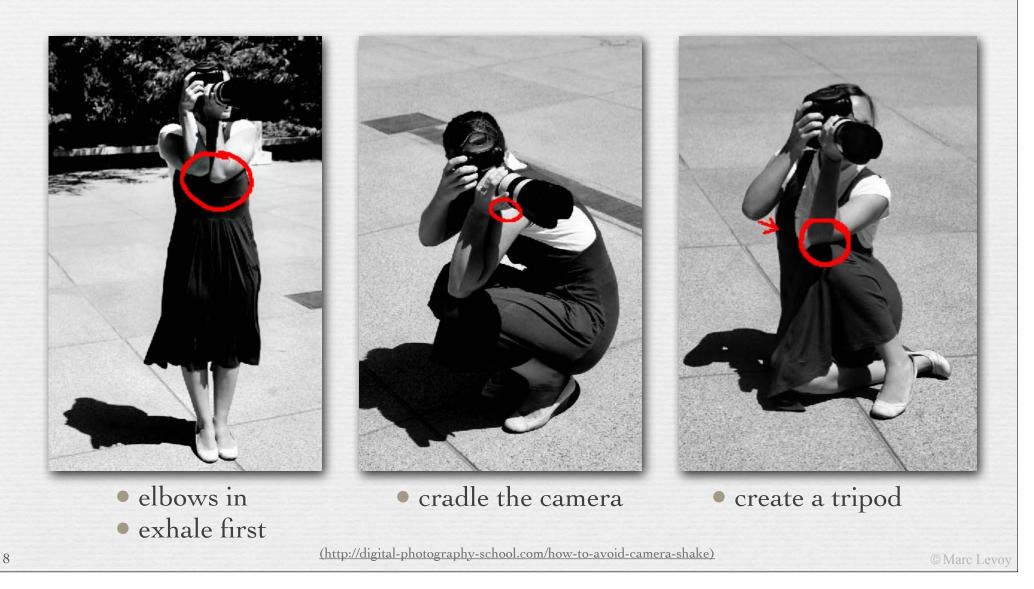
#### scene f(x,y) $\otimes$





# Avoiding camera shake

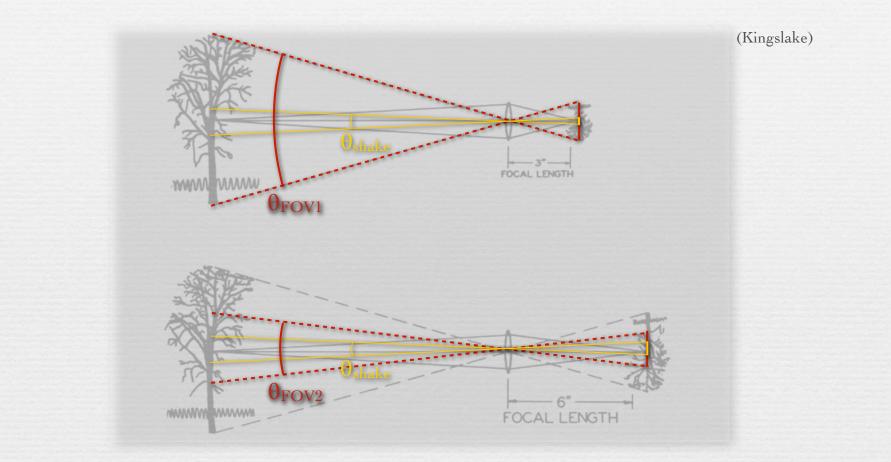
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# Avoiding camera shake

- hold the camera carefully, trigger the shutter slowly
- ★ as you increase focal length, reduce exposure time

# Effect of focal length on handshake



 as you increase focal length (for a fixed sensor size), handshake becomes a larger fraction of the angular FOV

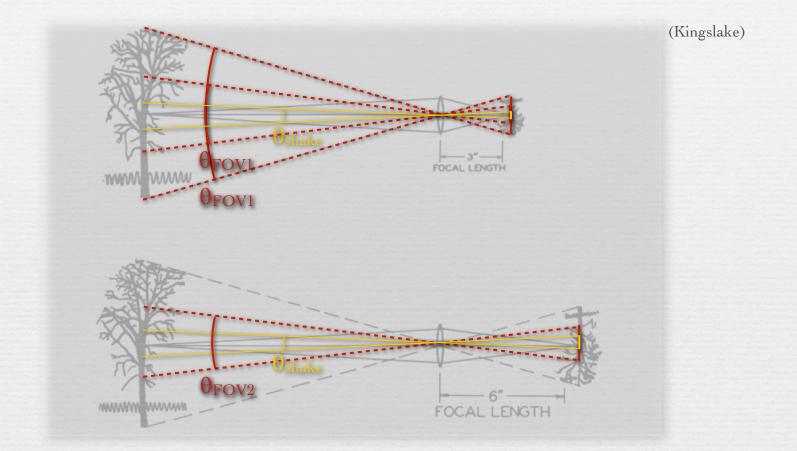
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  rule of thumb
  - $T = \frac{1}{f}$  e.g. 1/500 second for a 500mm lens
  - open the aperture or raise the ISO to compensateor use flash

Q. Keep the shorter focal length and crop the image?

# Effect of cropping the image



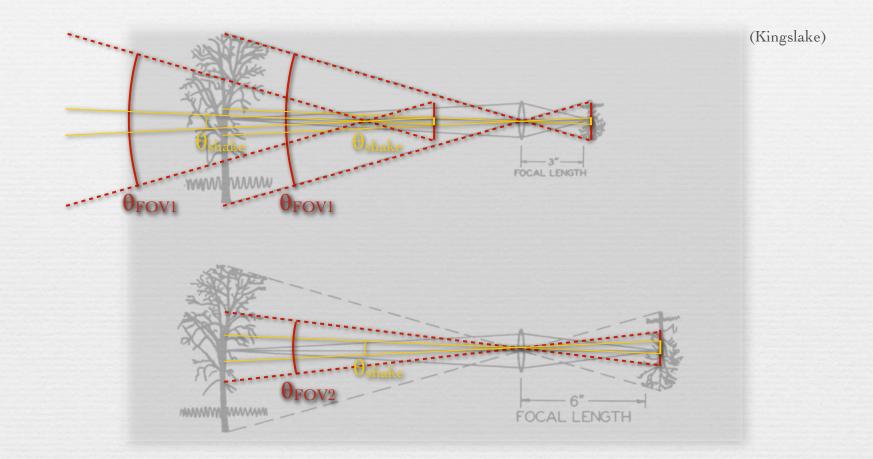
 no, cropping the image is like increasing the focal length; handshake becomes a larger fraction of the angular FOV

Q. How does sensor size affect handshake?

# Effect of changing the sensor size

- as sensor shrinks, you typically decrease focal length to maintain the same angular FOV
- if you do this, then since handshake is a constant angular arc, it remains a constant fraction of the FOV
- as sensor shrinks, total # of megapixels typically stays constant, and pixels get smaller
- since distance to sensor is smaller, and pixels are smaller, # of pixels covered by handshake stays constant
- under these assumptions, which are typical, changing sensor size has no effect on handshake
- for small sensors, use 35mm equivalent focal length in formula for minimum exposure time

# Effect of moving towards the object



- to avoid increasing focal length and suffering handshake, keep focal length constant and move towards the object
- perspective and occlusions will change

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- keep the focal length constant and move towards the object
- lock up the mirror
- get a better tripod
- + drink less coffee

# Recap

 $T = \frac{1}{f}$ 

- camera shake can be modeled as a 2D convolution of the scene by a filter derived by treating handshake as translation
- + the best way to avoid handshake is to hold the camera right
- as focal length increases, use a shorter exposure

✤ for small sensors, use 35mm equivalent focal length in formula



# Image stabilization systems

- mechanical image stabilization
  - Steadicam
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  - for aligning & averaging bursts of still shots (Casio EX-F1)
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  - reduces the field of view
  - hot research topic
- optical image stabilization during a single exposure
  - shift the lens, or
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• Steadicam



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# Biological image stabilization



(http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_dPlkFPowCc)

# Poor man's steadicam



built by Benjamin Levoy material: welded steel camera: Canon DSC



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#### iPhone 4, single HD video frame

blurry due to long exposure time and handshake; noisy nevertheless

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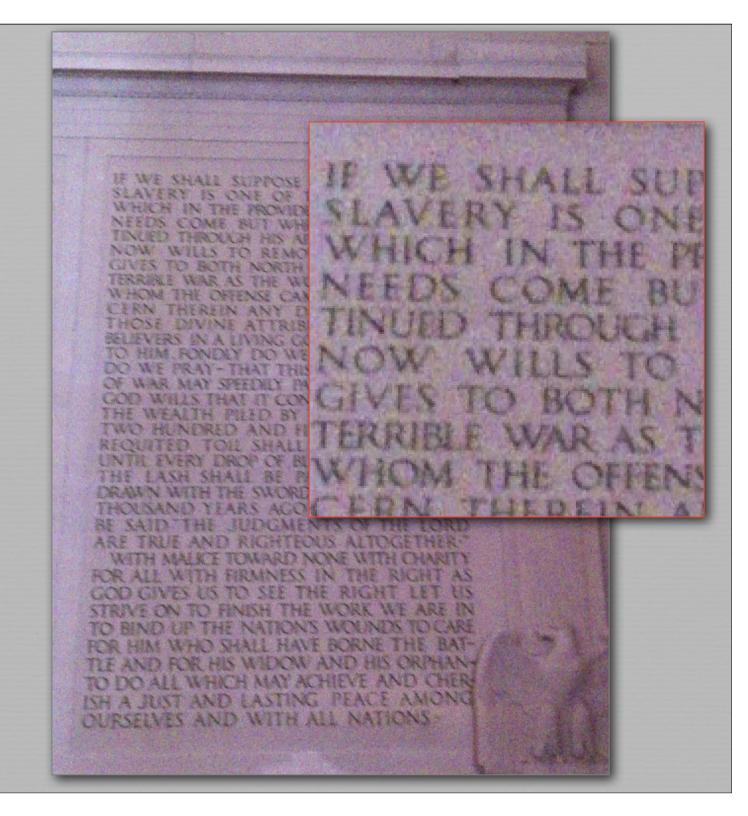
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SNR increases as sqrt(# of frames)

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### 2D video stabilization [Karpenko 2011]

- gyro-based
  also corrects for rolling shutter
- real-time on iPhone 4





• can correct for rotation of camera, but not for translation

# 3D video stabilization

[Agarwala 2011]

image-based
warps imagery to infill disocclusions





corrects for translation as well as rotation
not real-time

(http://web.cecs.pdx.edu/~fliu/project/subspace\_stabilization/demo.mp4)

# Optical image stabilization

#### ✦ lens-shift

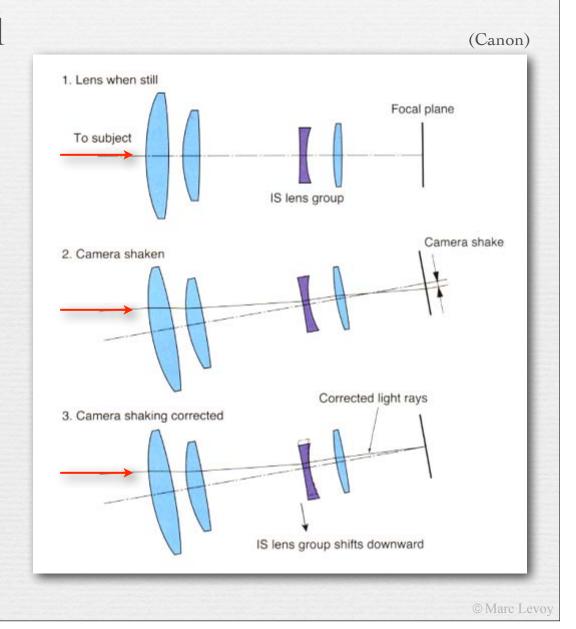
Canon	IS (Image Stabilization)
Nikon	VR (Vibration Reduction)
Panasonic, Leica	MegaOIS
Sigma	OS (Optical Stabilization)
Tamron	VC (Vibration Compensation)

#### ★ sensor-shift

Konica Minolta	AS (Anti Shake)
Sony	SSS (Super Steady Shot)
Pentax	SR (Shake Reduction)
Olympus	IS (Image Stabilization)

## Lens-shift stabilization

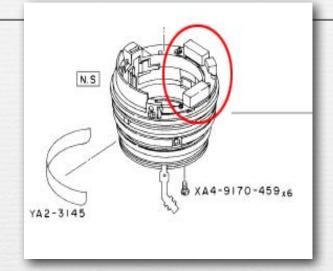
- camera shake is treated as rotation around the center of perspective
- can be offset by translating a lens the other way
- must be done at the same instant in time!



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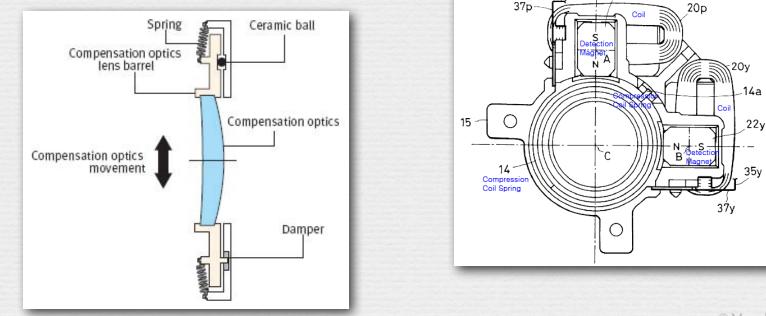
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- detect pitching and yawing using two gyroscopes at 90°
- move spring-mounted lens laterally using two electromagnets at 90°



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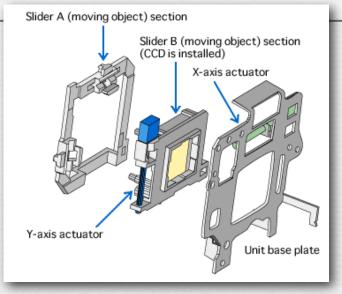
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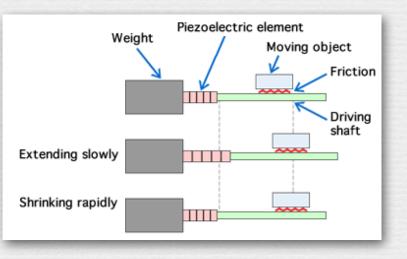


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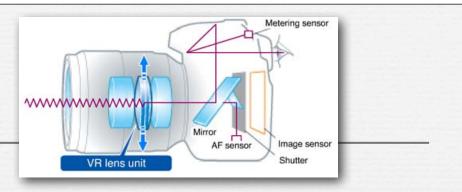
- detect pitching and yawing using two gyroscopes, as before
- move sensor laterally on sliders using two piezo actuators at 90°





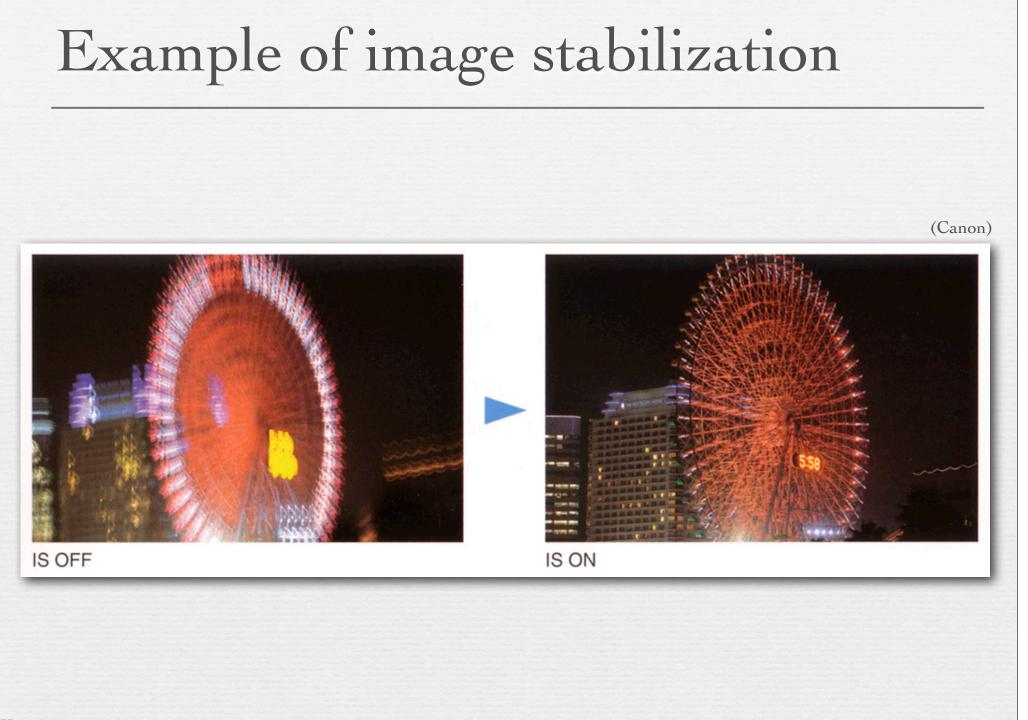


# Which is better?

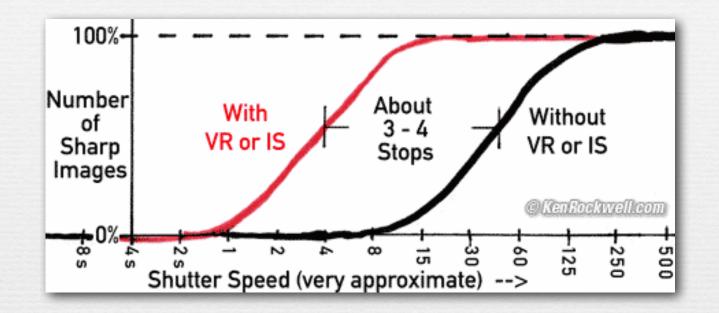


- ✦ lens-shift
  - stable viewfinder
  - better autofocus and metering for SLRs than sensor-shift
  - optimized for each lens
- sensor-shift
  - works for every lens, so cost effective
  - stabilizes autofocus and metering for mirrorless cameras, but not for SLRs
  - reduces size and weight of lenses
  - better optical performance?





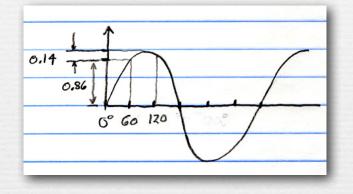
# How much does stabilization help?



if you don't have image stabilization (IS), take lots of shots
some of them will be sharp, due to sinusoidal nature of camera shake
without IS, half your shots at 1/60 sec will be sharp (black curve)
with IS, half your shots at 1/4 second will be sharp (red curve)
between these exposure times, stabilization helps a lot

• 3-4 stops seems optimistic; your mileage may vary

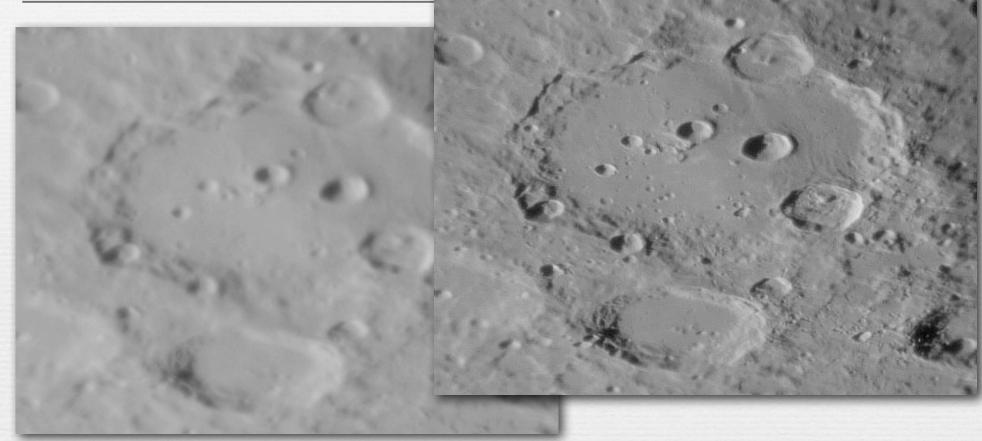
# Sinusoidal nature of camera shake (contents of whiteboard)



- muscle tremor is sinusoidal, at about 10 cycles per second
- ♦ this means 1/10 sec per sine wave period, or 1/60 sec per 60°
- + change in y over first  $60^{\circ}$  is sin(60) sin(0) = 86% of maximum
- change over second  $60^{\circ}$  is  $\sin(90) \sin(60) = 14\%$  of maximum
- so some shots are definitely luckier than others

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# Lucky imaging in astronomy



(http://www.ast.cam.ac.uk/~optics/Lucky\_Web\_Site/LI\_Amateur.htm)

quality of "seeing" varies with atmospheric turbulence
select sharpest parts of sharpest frames, align and average

### Aligning on a foreground object using the Casio EX-F1



# Recap

- camera shake can be stablized optically by moving a lens or the sensor laterally during the exposure, in response to sensed motion of camera body
- + optical stabilization allows longer exposures, by 3-4 f/stops
- also, take lots of shots and hope you're lucky



### Slide credits

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