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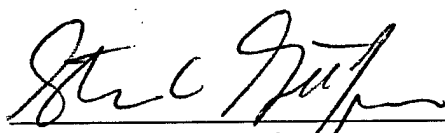
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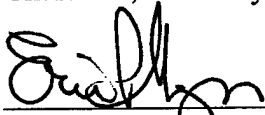# ENHANCEMENT OF OPEN SKIES PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGERY

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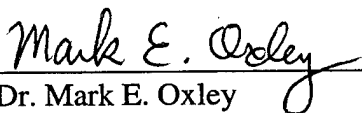Dr. Steven C. Gustafson
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ABSTRACT

The Treaty on Opens Skies allows any signatory nation to fly a specifically equipped reconnaissance aircraft anywhere over the territory of any other signatory nation. For photographic images, this treaty allows for a maximum ground resolution of 30 cm. The National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC), which manages implementation of the Open Skies Treaty for the US Air Force, wants to determine if post-processing of the photographic images can improve spatial resolution beyond 30 cm, and if so, determine the improvement achievable. Results presented in this thesis show that standard linear filters (edge and sharpening) do not improve resolution significantly and that super-resolution techniques are necessary. Most importantly, this thesis describes a prior-knowledge model fitting technique that improves resolution beyond the 30 cm treaty limit. The capabilities of this technique are demonstrated for a standard 3-Bar target, an optically degraded 2-Bar target, and the USAF airstar emblem.

Post-Processing Resolution

Enhancement of Open Skies Photographic Imagery

I. INTRODUCTION

The Treaty on Opens Skies is an international effort to promote goodwill and openness. The treaty allows any signatory nation to fly a specifically equipped reconnaissance aircraft anywhere over the territory of any other signatory nation [12:4]. For photographic images, the treaty allows for a maximum ground resolution of 30 cm. Unfortunately, due to advances in technology, post-processing may increase this maximum ground resolution. The goal of this research is to develop Matlab models that demonstrate post-processing resolution enhancement of Open Skies photographic imagery.

Chapter II provides background on Open Skies and the data set of aerial images used for this research. Chapter III presents some relevant previous research, results, and Chapter IV reviews super-resolution theory. Chapter V discusses results, and Chapter VI presents conclusions and recommendations.

II. BACKGROUND

History

The United States, along with 26 other nations, signed the Treaty on Open Skies (OS) on 24 March 1992 as part of an international effort to promote openness and trust building; however, "The Treaty is not an arms control program [12:5]." Each country allows overflights of their entire national territory, including territorial waters and islands by other countries. The treaty enters into force (EIF) when twenty countries that include Canada, Germany, Russia, Belarus, US, France, UK, Italy, Turkey, and Ukraine ratify it; this has not happened yet [37]. Table 1 gives examples of items that are and are not visible under the treaty resolution limit of 30 cm. The OS aircraft are equipped with an approved suite of sensors.

Table 1. Items Visible Based on the 30 Centimeter Ground Resolution Limit [37]

CAN	CANNOT
Identify small aircraft by type (such as F-14s, F-15s, F-16s) when singly deployed.	Identify a specific model fighter (such as an F-16A versus F-16C) by small details such as dielectric patches on wings.
Read call letters and numbers on wings when 3 feet high.	Identify the pitot tube on a fighter aircraft.
Detect uploaded weapons on aircraft wings.	Identify a specific weapon type.
Identify an F-16 fighter from an F-16 trainer by canopy configuration.	Identify on the appropriate model fighter, wing flap actuator fairings and yaw vanes.
Detect presence of shipboard weapons and major electronics (guns, missiles, surface search radar).	Accurately identify by specific type shipboard weapons and major electronics.
Detect the presence and pattern of mooring lines.	Identify draft marks.
Detect presence of life rails when raised.	Identify mast configuration.
Accurately distinguish smaller vehicle types (for instance, pick-up trucks versus sedans).	Identify small ground support equipment by type, such as dollies, tow bars, and fire extinguisher carts.
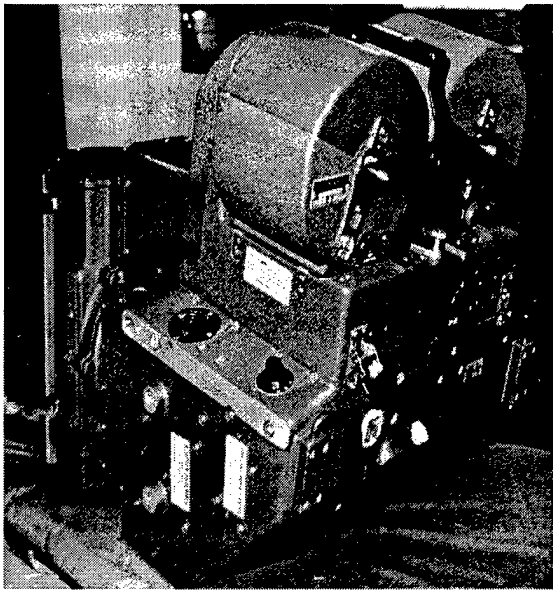
KA-91C Panoramic Camera   KA-87E Framing Camera
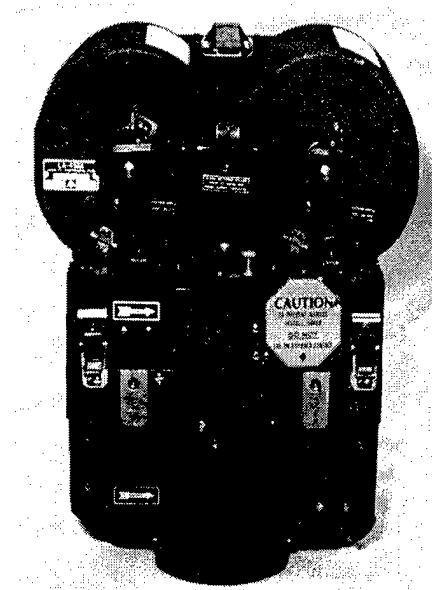
Figure 1. US Optical Cameras

Data Collection and Aircraft Operations

The Treaty allows three types of sensors: optical, infrared, and Synthetic Aperture

Radar (SAR). Optical cameras (Figure 1) include one vertically mounted framing

camera, two obliquely mounted framing cameras, one panoramic camera, and one video

camera. Infrared sensors include a line scanner and a side-looking SAR. Currently, and

until EIF, the Treaty allows only optical sensors (cameras) [12:5]. The optical and SAR

sensors may be used during the first three years after EIF, but the infrared (IR) may not

be used until three years after EIF unless otherwise agreed. During an observation flight,

sensor operation is suspended if the aircraft altitude is below the minimum altitude, or if

the flight deviates more than 50 km from the planned flight path. Both parties receive

copies of the data, and any other treaty signatory may get a copy by written request and

payment for reproduction. Both ground resolution distance (GRD) [12:9-10], shown in Equation 1, and safety of flight restricts the lowest operating altitude over a particular area.

$$GRD = \frac{height * resolution}{focal\ length * theta} \qquad (1)$$

where *height* is the altitude difference between the camera and target, *resolution* is the distance between observable cycles on the film substrate, the *focal length* is that of the camera, and *theta* is the tangent angle when the target is not directly under the camera (Figure 2). The GRD, which is the minimum distance on the ground between two closely

Camera

Theta

Height

Target
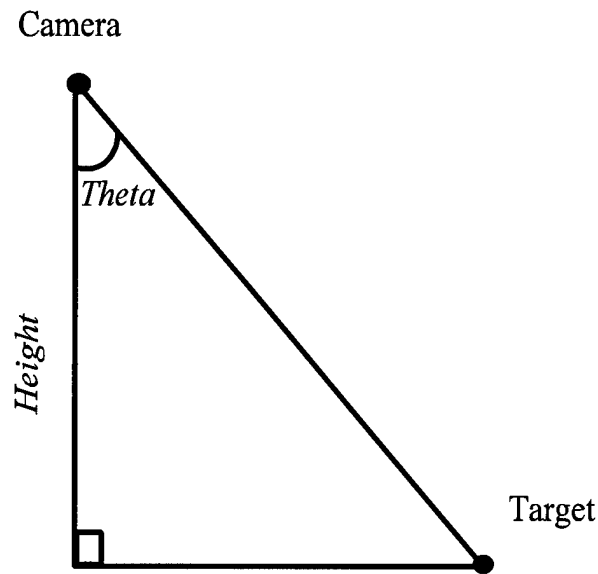
Figure 2: Ground Resolution Distance

located objects at which they are distinguishable as separate objects, defines the altitude that allows maximum resolution for the operating sensors (the lower the altitude, the better the spatial resolution because the sensor is closer to imaged objects). The aircraft's service ceiling restricts the maximum operating altitude [37]. The country being overflown has the right to supply the aircraft (taxi option), otherwise, the observing

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country may use its own aircraft. In either case, an inspection at the OS point of entry ensures treaty conformance of aircraft and sensors. The United States uses OC-135B aircraft as depicted in Figure 3.

Figure 3. US Open Skies OC-135 Aircraft [37]

Imaging Test Objects

The United States Air Force (USAF) uses a 3-Bar target (Figure 4) which includes horizontal and vertical bar groups of various sizes and spacings. The two triangles show which bar group meets the treaty spatial resolution limit of 30 cm, which means that objects at least 30 cm apart on they can distinguish ground from each other [12:8-9].
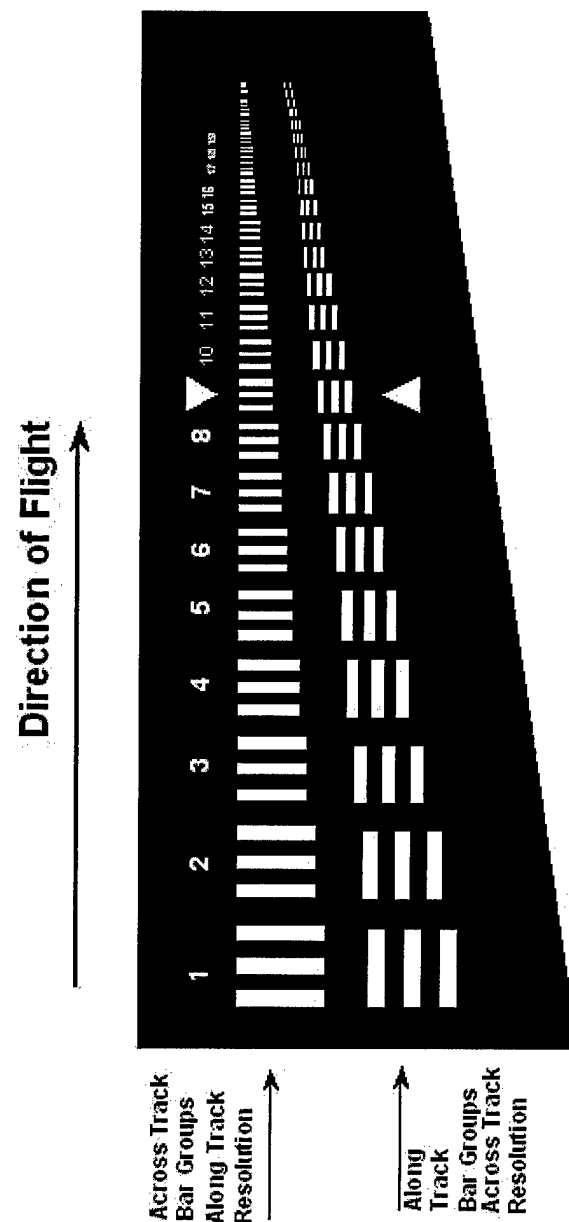
Figure 4. 3-Bar Target

The airstar emblem (Figure 5) is a painted object on all US military aircraft; it consists of a blue field with a white star and white and red stripes. This colored version of the airstar emblem has been phased out and replaced with a grayscale version to reduce visibility and increase survivability.
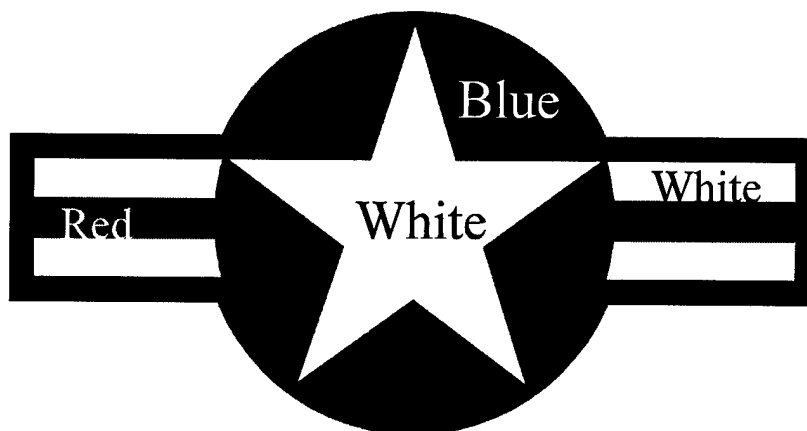
Figure 5. Airstar Emblem

For this research the data set is a series of aerial negatives from an altitude of approximately 1,250 m provided by NAIC (Appendix B). The images in these negatives are of the 3-Bar target, the USAF Museum, and surrounding area in Area B at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and a 2-Bar target located in Europe. These images were digitized using a scanner with a pixel resolution of 5.7 microns. An example of one of these images (66target.tif) is given in Figure 6. Since multi-frame resolution was not the goal of this thesis, frames were chosen (checkmarked in Appendix B) and the relevant regions of interest were extracted. For example, an area that contained the 3-Bar target was extracted from 66target.tif (Figure 7). The grain sizes on negatives are usually uniform and submicron in size, but the grain size can be up to 4 microns [30]. Since the

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resolution of the negatives is much finer than the scanner's 5.7 micron resolution, the

negatives were optically enlarged and digitized to provide more samples. For example,

the group 9 bar group in the original negative yielded a 21 by 21 pixel matrix (Figure 8),

whereas the enlarged negative yielded a 200 by 200 pixel matrix (Figure 9). Enlarging

the negatives added some noise but did not affect the results, which are discussed in
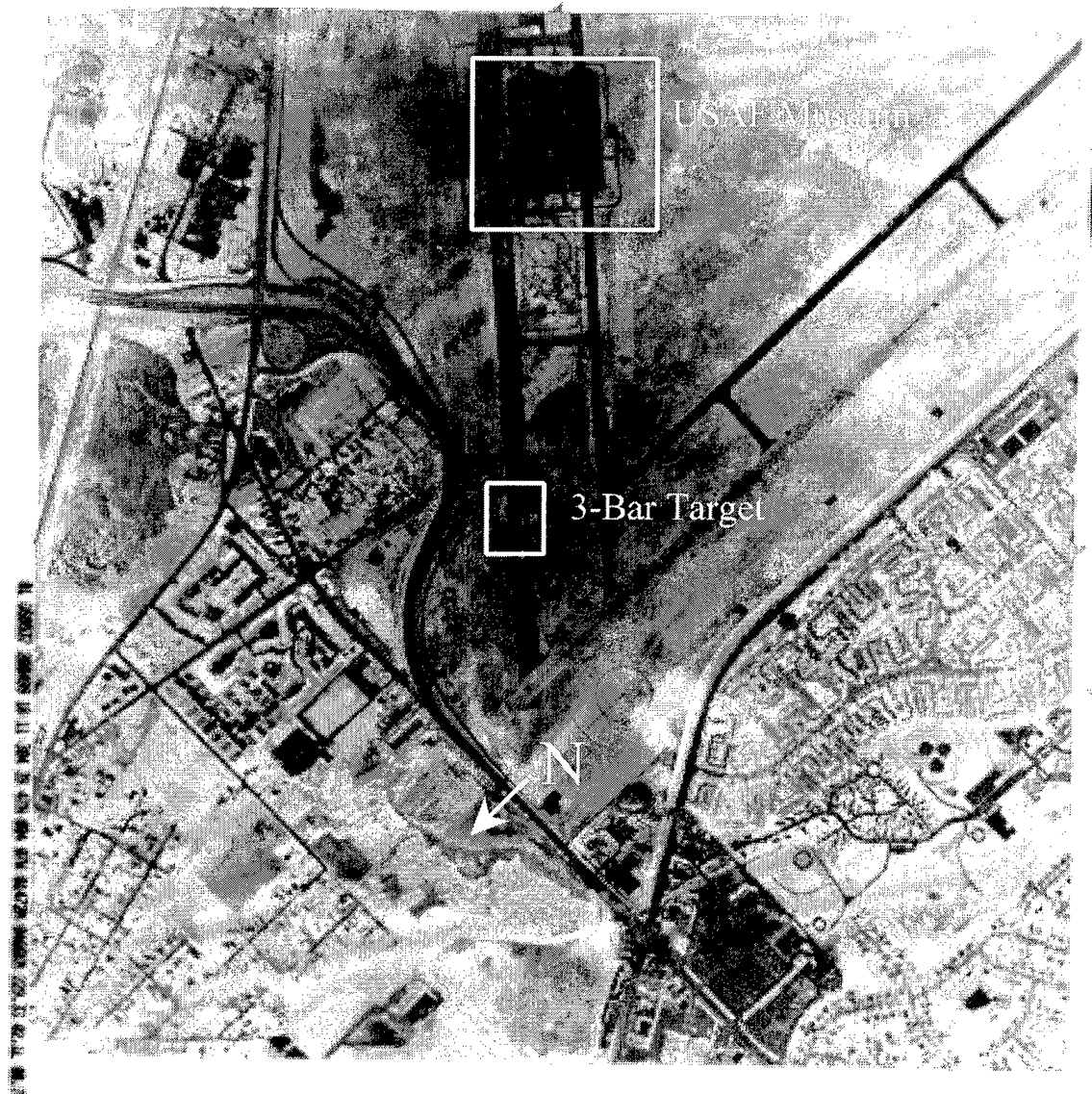
Figure 6. Aerial View of Area B, WPAFB

Chapter IV. Additionally, the data set includes images of aircraft on static display at the

USAF museum, a C-119 cargo plane (Figure 10) and a B-1A bomber (Figure 11), and a

2-Bar target (Figure 12), which was optically degraded by a German phase filter [35].

For the B-1A and C-119, the measured width across the stripes in the airstar is 28.2 cm

(red: 6.2 cm, white: 6.2 cm times 2, and blue: 4.8 cm times 2) and 57.8 cm (red: 13.0 cm,

white: 12.8 cm times 2, and blue: 9.6 cm times 2) respectively. The bar groups next to

the white rectangular region (Figure 12) are both 30 cm and satisfy the Treaty

requirement. The images of the planes and the 2-Bar target were also optically enlarged

to provide additional samples.
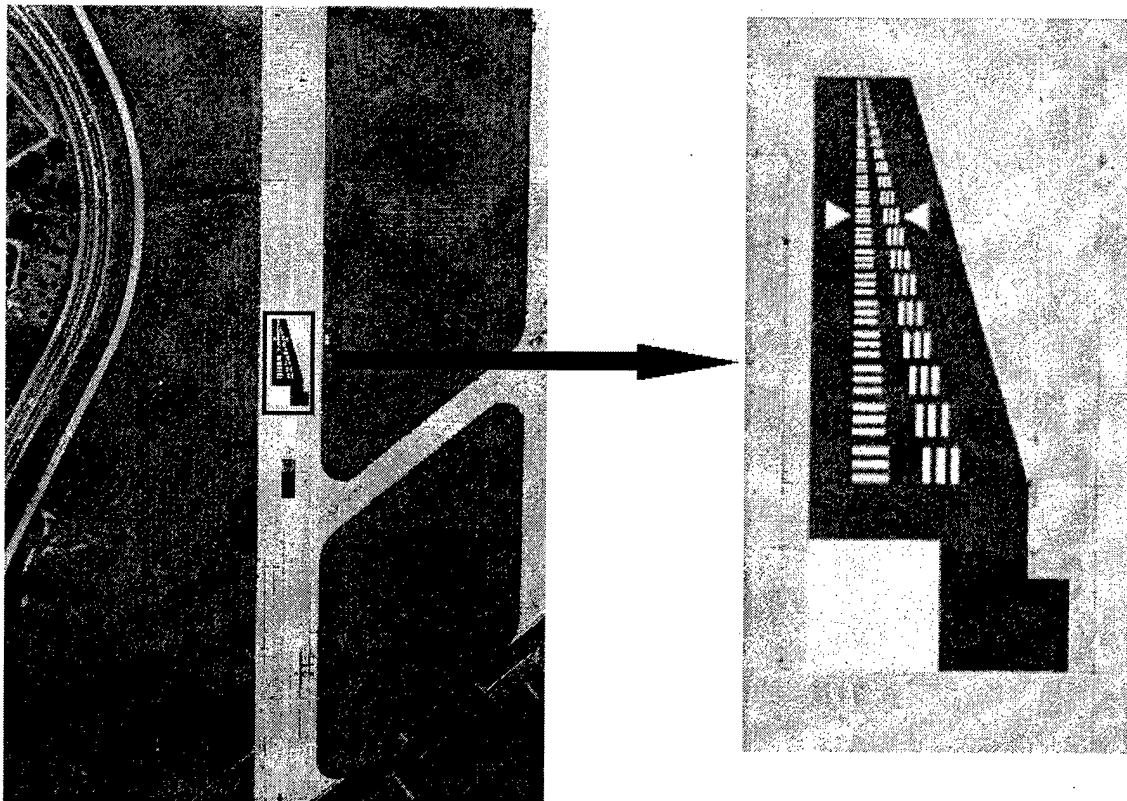
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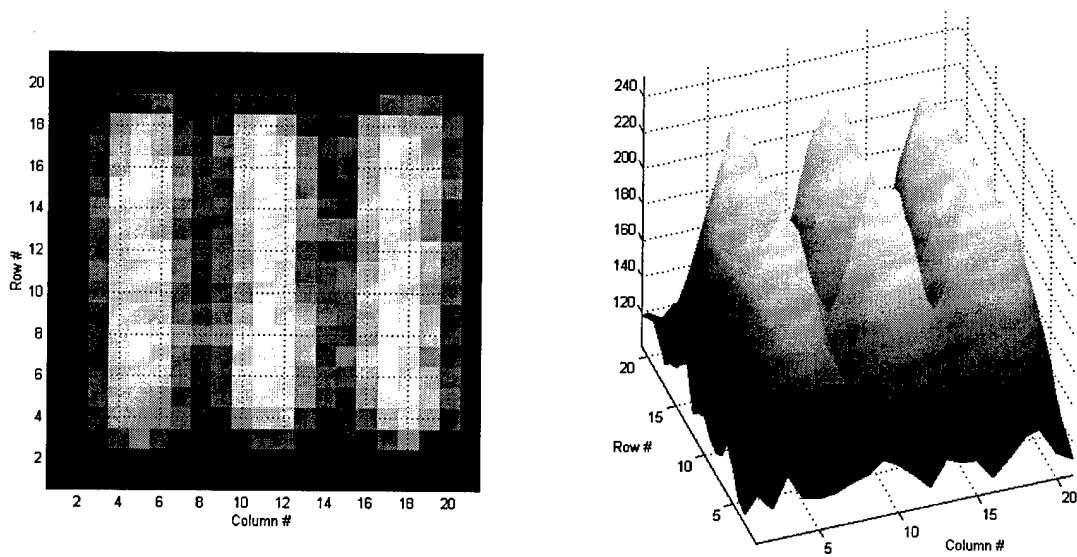
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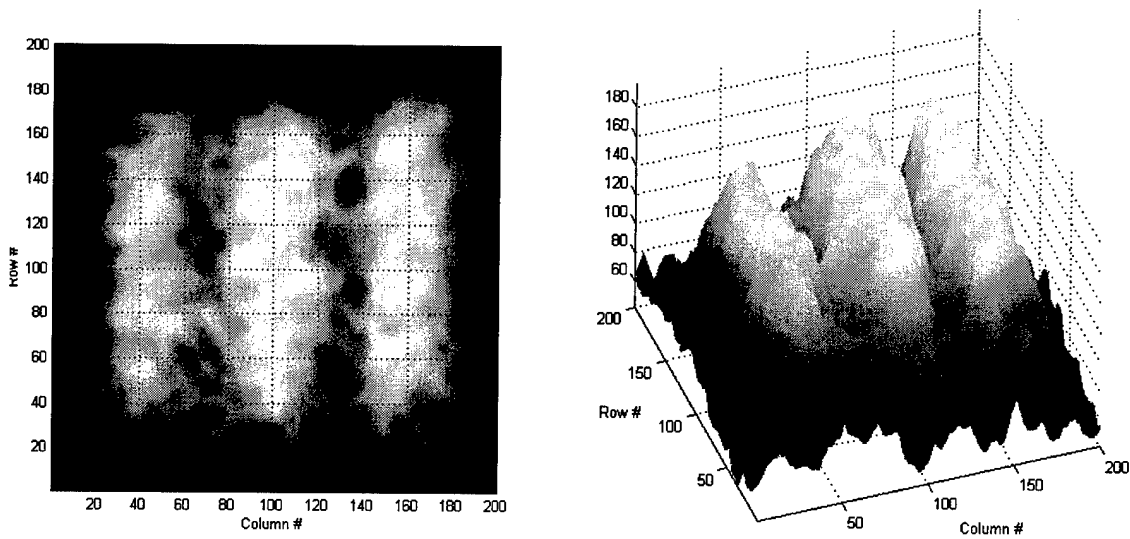
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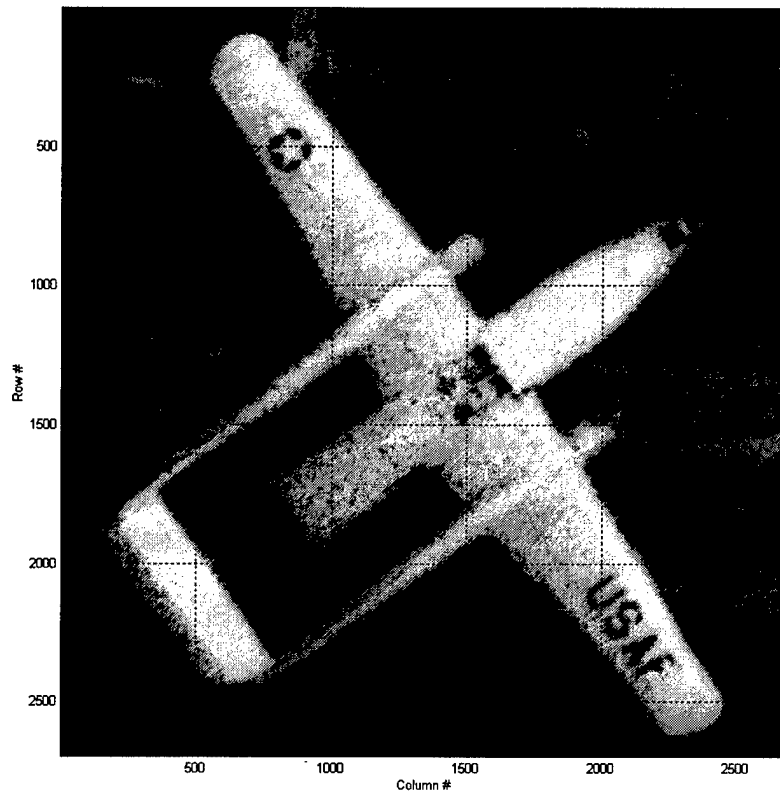
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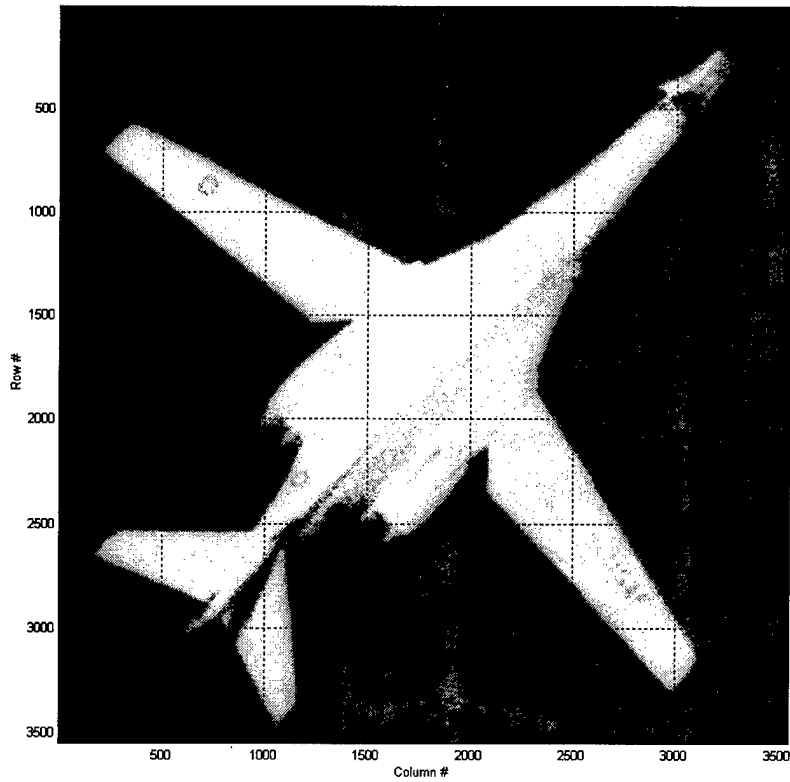
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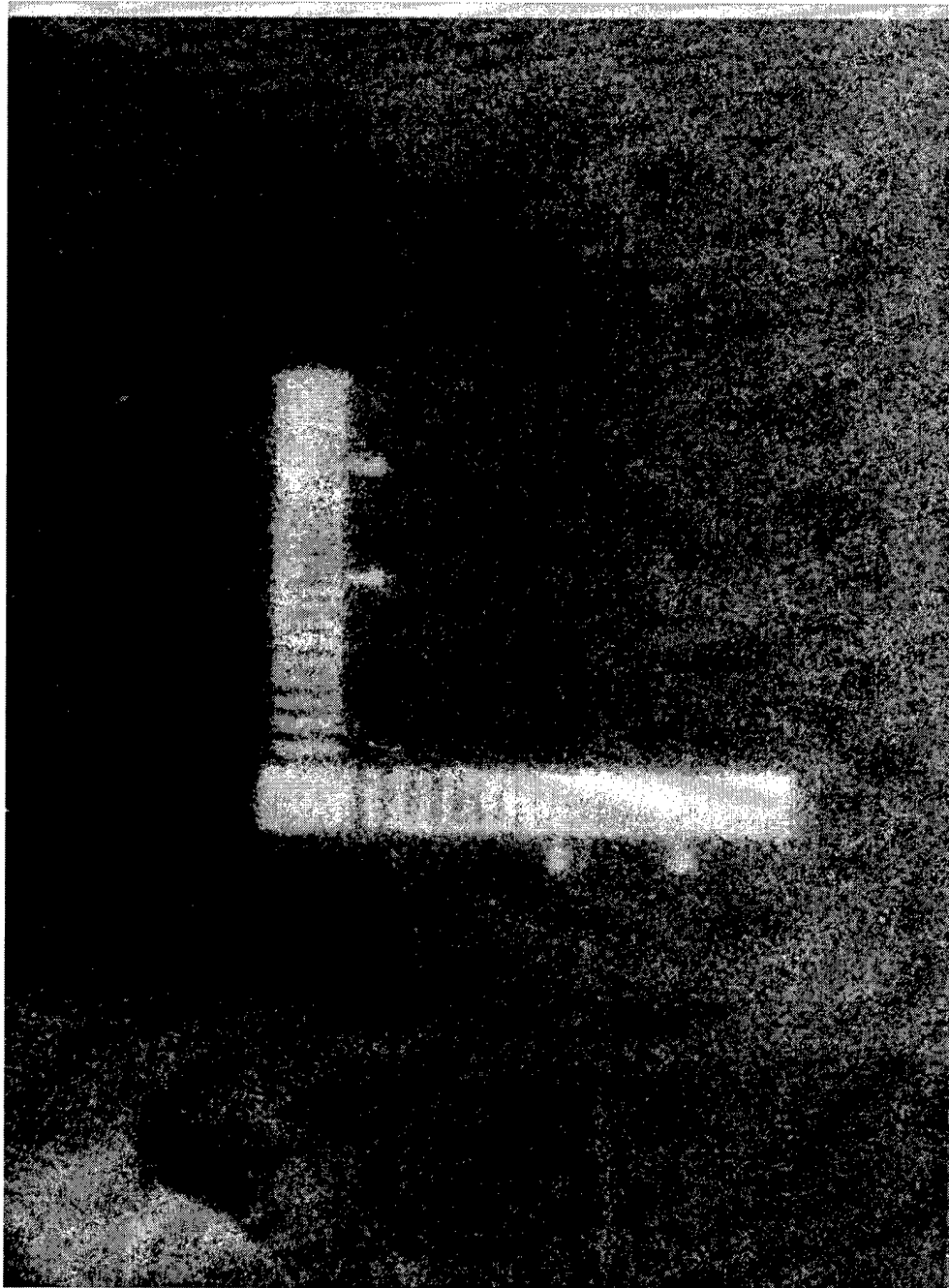
Figure 12. Image of 2-Bar Target Degraded with German Filter

III. REVIEW OF RELEVANT LITERATURE AND RESEARCH

The review given here is based upon information available from libraries, the Internet, and the National Air Intelligence Center.

Super-Resolution of Images: Algorithms, Principles, and Performance

Many technical documents relating to image enhancement [3, 4, 7, 10, 14, 15, 32, 38, 39], blind deconvolution [28, 29], and super-resolution [1, 9, 11, 17-22, 24-27, 34, 41-47] present methods for improving the resolution of multi-frame sequences. Unfortunately, these documents do not apply to this research, because image registration [1, 8, 19, 20, 23, 26, 25-27, 43, 45] is assumed, and the data set used in this research is not registered. Image registration is an area of research beyond the scope of this thesis. From these documents, only two are relevant to this research.

The first relevant article to this research is a paper on the super-resolution of images by Hunt [22], which provides a good overview of super-resolution principles and techniques. This paper discusses diffraction as the key motivation for performing super-resolution, and it indicates that the use of prior information is one critical principle that enables super-resolution:

- "The spatial frequencies that are captured by image formation below the diffraction limit contain some of the information necessary to reconstruct spatial frequencies above the diffraction limit;

- Using additional information about the object (e.g., compact, hence possessing an analytic Fourier transform) provides a means to use the information below the diffraction limit to reconstruct information above that limit [22:298-299]."

This paper also lists some features that affect the performance of super-resolution

algorithms:

- Object, size, shape, and location - "Usually the image of an object is adequate to make an estimate of the approximate size, shape, and location of the object. The size and shape characteristics of the object can be inferred from measured size and shape of the image and optical system PSF [22:301]."

- Bounds on object intensity - "The minimum intensity level of an object is zero, because negative light is meaningless in incoherent optical image formation[22:301]."

The other article that is relevant to this research is by Matson [33] and discusses error reduction in images through use of perfect prior knowledge. The technique is based on the notion that "part of an image may be known exactly, and this can be used as a constraint to decrease noise levels in the image outside the region of perfectly known data [33]." Matson's algorithm requires multiple iterations between the spatial and frequency domains until the noise is minimized outside the region of prior knowledge. "The algorithm's steps are: (1) in the image domain, replace the measured data with the prior knowledge in the region where prior knowledge is available; (2) Fourier transform; (3) if the real (imaginary) part of the measured Fourier data is less noisy than the imaginary (real), replace the iterated real (imaginary) part of the Fourier data with the measured data, but leave the imaginary (real) part unchanged; (4) inverse-Fourier-transform; (5) go back to step (1) until the noise is minimized outside the region of prior knowledge [33]."

The use of prior information, positive image intensity, object size, error reduction, and shape relationships are the basis for the super-resolution techniques discussed in the next chapter.

IV. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The Open Skies treaty requires a calibration flight to be flown over a 3-Bar target before a signatory nation performs data gathering missions. Data from the calibration flight is used to set the minimum altitude and GRD at which the data gathering missions are flown. Due to weather constraints (i.e., clouds, storms, etc.), the National Air Intelligence Center wants the capability to fly at lower altitudes while still maintaining the 30 cm spatial resolution limit. Flying at lower altitudes increases spatial resolution. Therefore, the optics used to record images must be degraded to the treaty requirement. Since the optics are artificially degraded, it is also necessary to ensure that the increased spatial resolution from flying at lower altitudes cannot be recovered (e.g., by post-processing). This research demonstrates that the resolution of Open Skies photographic imagery can be increased beyond the treaty limit of 30 cm if certain a priori knowledge of the image exists. The methods reported here deal with a 3-Bar target (Figure 4) and an airstar emblem (Figure 5).

Enhancement Using Commercial Software

Resolution enhancement was attempted using three commercially available programs for editing photographs: Ulead PhotoImpact 4.2, Scion Image, and Micrografx's Picture Publisher. All three programs contain image enhancement functions for sharpening, edge detection, and contrast adjustment.

Enhancement Using Model Fit

One classic approach to increasing the resolution of an image is to use the Gerchberg algorithm [22], which requires multiple iterations and transformations between the spatial and spatial frequency domains. Since enough prior information exists about the 3-Bar target and the airstar emblem, employing a spatial domain model fit algorithm is appropriate.

Resolution enhancement using the model fit method may be justified by extending the rationale presented by Hunt [22] and Matson [33]. Suppose that a given gray level digital image consists of an underlying model plus additive noise, but that no prior knowledge is available about the model. Then the most unbiased (equivalent to maximum entropy) choice for the underlying model is the image mean (i.e., the mean of all pixel level values), and the standard deviation about this mean may be chosen as the variance in the given data. Now suppose that prior knowledge about the model exists (i.e., the model is a known object) and that the knowledge is perfect except for linear transformations. Then the only unknowns are the relative translation, rotation, and scale of the object and the linear scaling of the image intensity. Thus, six parameters may be evaluated to fit the model to the image: horizontal and vertical placement, rotation angle about the horizontal axis, size of the object, and minimum and maximum gray level values. Some of these parameters may be fixed (e.g., the rotation angle is assumed zero). The values of the six parameters that minimize the mean squared error (MSE) [5:11] between the model and given data may be chosen to specify the fitted model where the minimized quantity is:

$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \left[\left(Given_{ij} - Model_{ij} \right)^2 \right]}{nm} \qquad (2)$$

Where *Given* represents the input data (image) matrix, *Model* represents the model data matrix, and *n* and *m* denotes the number of rows and columns in the matrices. Note that the two matrices have equal dimensions. When the MSE equals zero, the model fits the data perfectly. Depending on the situation, a perfect fit may or may not be desirable. For example, if the given (original) image of a 3-Bar target is well-defined and free of distortions (i.e., atmospheric, scanner, camera, etc.), then a MSE that equals zero is highly desired because the given data and the model are very similar. The Open Skies imagery falls is not well-defined, which means that the MSE for the best fit model cannot be equal to zero. Therefore, finding the best fit model becomes a bias/variance tradeoff
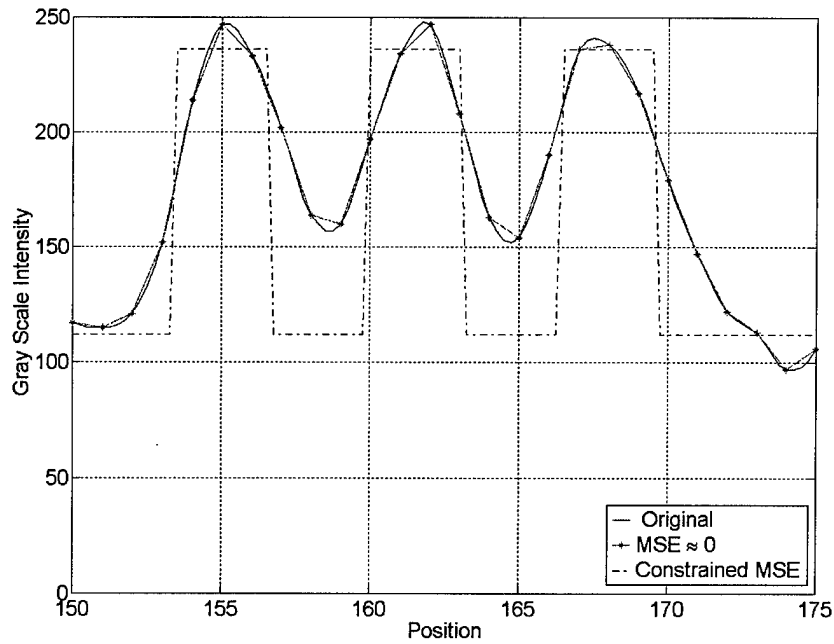
Figure 13: Bias/Variance Tradeoff

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(i.e., fit vs. smoothness of fit of the model to the given data) [5, 13] with the minimum

MSE contrained by prior knowledge (see Figure 13). The standard deviation about the

fitted model (i.e., $\sqrt{MSE}$) may then be chosen as a measure of the added noise, and this

standard deviation will generally be less than the standard deviation [5:34] about the

image mean ($\overline{Given}$):

$$STD \; Given = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{m}\left[\left(Given_{ij} - \overline{Given}\right)^2\right]}{nm}} \tag{3}$$

where

$$\overline{Given} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{m}\left(Given_{ij}\right)}{nm} \tag{4}$$

Therefore, the following expression may be chosen to specify a processed image that

incorporates the prior knowledge:

$$New_{ij} = Given_{ij} + \left(Model_{ij} - Given_{ij}\right)(\Gamma) \quad for \; 0 < \Gamma < 1 \tag{5}$$

where New is the processed image, and $\Gamma = \sqrt{MSE}/STD \; Given$, is the ratio of

standard deviations for the given data about the fitted model to the given data (or image)

mean. This ratio is a scale factor that measures the extent to which available prior

knowledge reduces noise and enhances resolution. Note that Equation (5) is applied to

each pixel independently, and when necessary, the new data is re-scaled for gray level

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values outside the 0-255 range. The model fit method matches a model (procedure in Table 2, Matlab code in Appendix A) of the object to the given data in the spatial domain only. Finally, for modeling purposes knowing the altitude and speed of the aircraft, or the camera parameters (focal length, etc.) is not necessary; the only required information is some prior knowledge about the imaged object.

The 3-Bar target has a height to width ratio of 5:1 and equal spacing within each bar group (i.e., the widths of the white bars and the black spacing between them are equal, see Figure 4). The minimum contrast ratio (white/black) is 2:1, which means that the minimum/maximum gray levels in the optimized image should be close to the minimum/maximum gray levels in the original image. Each row of pixels across a bar group has uniform gray intensity levels, and therefore the same model. By using this prior knowledge, the model fit method can generate a model of each row or the whole bar group. In addition, since the 3-Bar target consists of simple objects (rectangles), generating the model is straight-forward because the algorithm adjusts only a few variables. Adjusting five variables (bar width, horizontal and vertical bar placement,

Table 2. Generic Model Fit Procedure

1. Extract the region of interest from the given image.
2. Estimate initial parameter values (horizontal and vertical placement, the rotation angle about the horizontal axis, the size of the object, and the minimum and maximum gray level intensity).
3. Perform an exhaustive search to minimize the mean squared error between the given data and the model (using the initial estimates from Step 2).
4. Incorporate the prior knowledge into the given data using Equation 5.
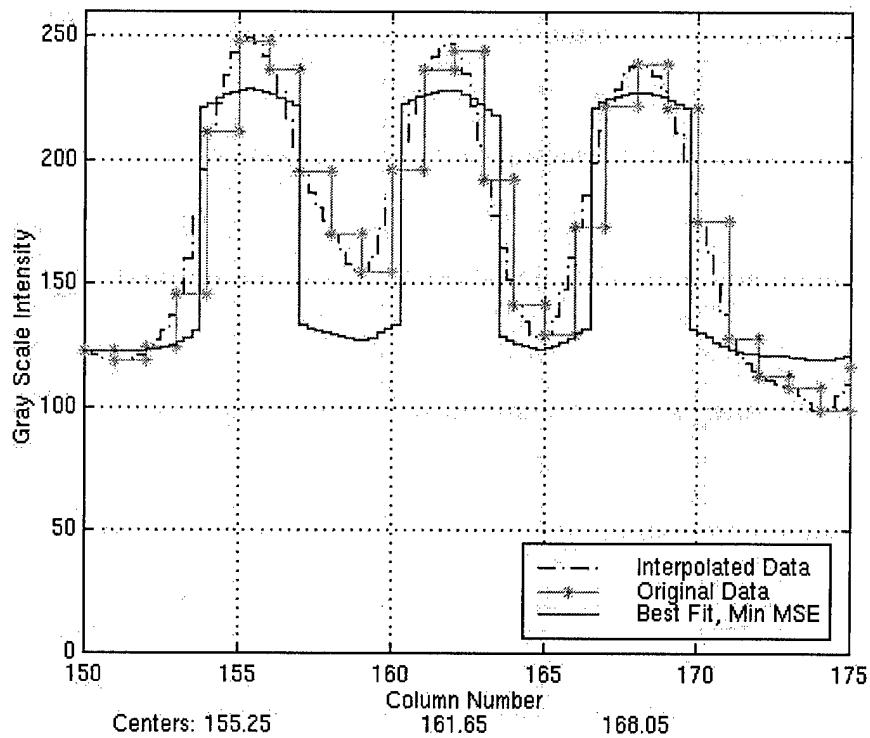
Figure 14. Line Scan of an Image Row

minimum and maximum gray value) minimizes the mean squared error (Equation 2)

between the model and the given data (rotation is assumed zero for the 3-Bar target

images). Since the number of bars in each group is the only difference between the 2-Bar

and 3-Bar targets, modeling the 2-Bar target follows the same process. The algorithm

applies two types of models to a Bar target image: an image model (Figure 15) and a line

scan model (Figure 16).

The procedure for increasing resolution begins with the extraction of a square

matrix. The image model begins by applying a line scan algorithm to estimate minimum

and maximum gray scale values, bar width, and bar starting position (Figure 14). By
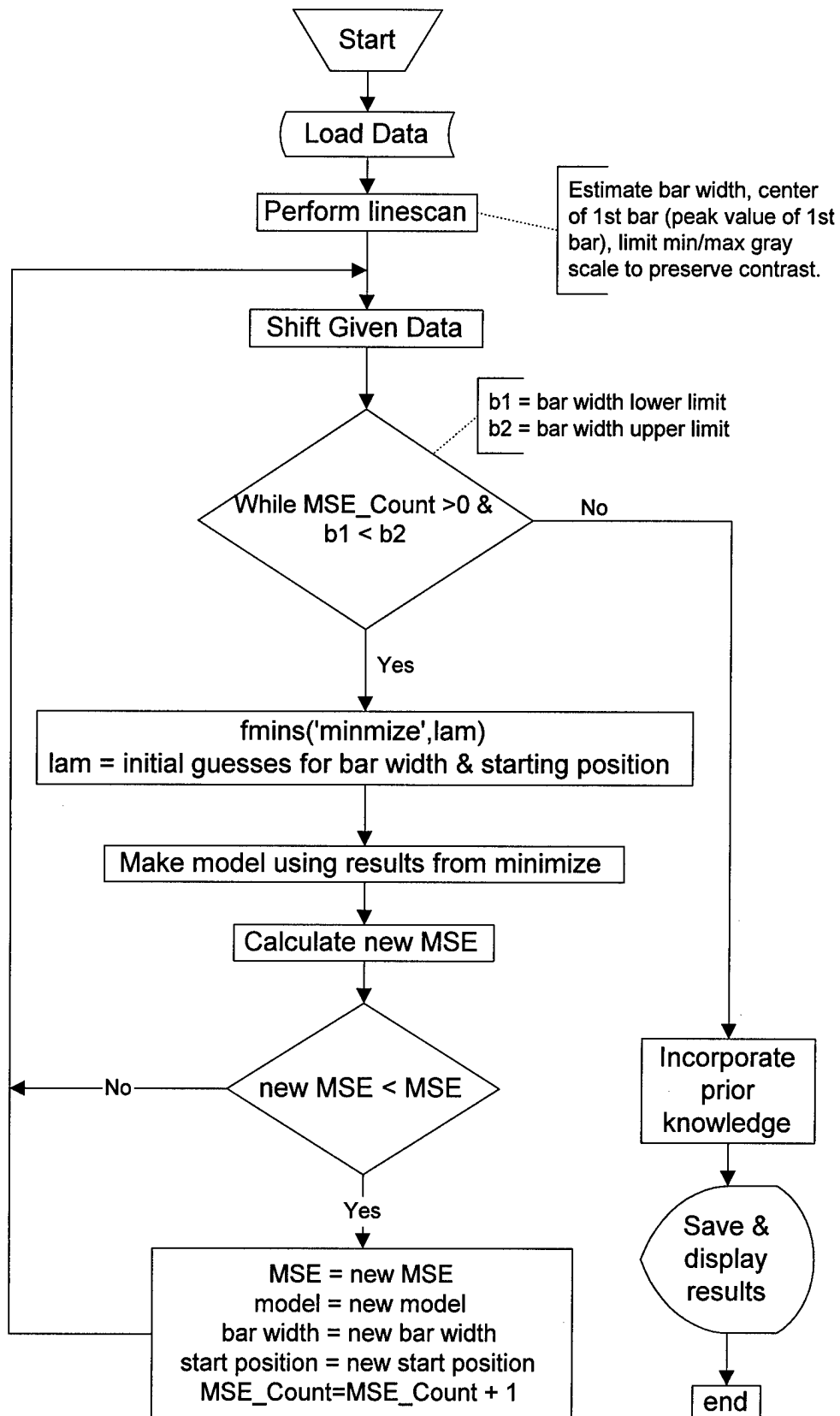
Figure 15: Flowchart for 3-Bar and 2-Bar Target Model Fit
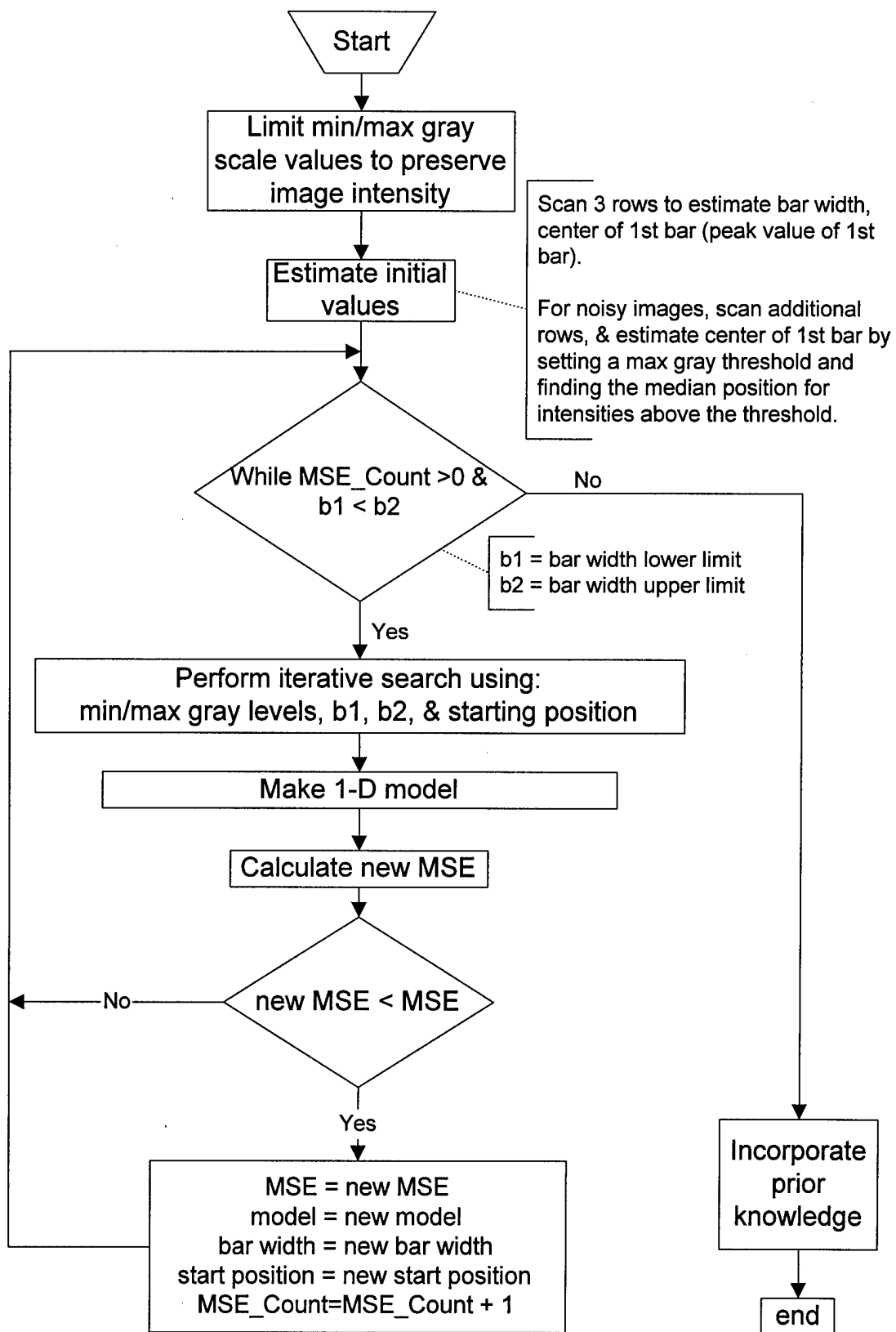
Figure 16: Linescan Flowchart for 3-Bar and 2-Bar Target Model Fit

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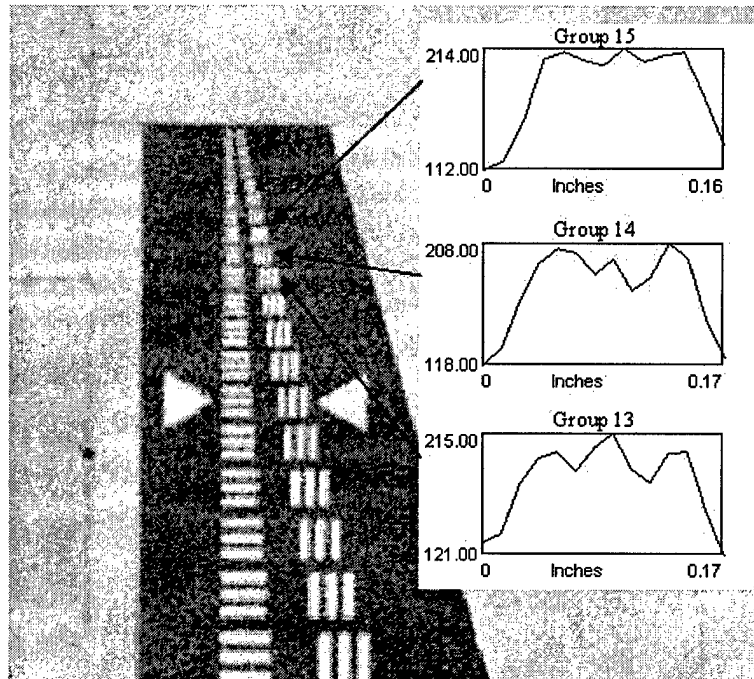
Figure 17. Line Plots of Bar Groups 13, 14, & 15

iterative search, models are generated from these estimates to minimize the MSE

between the model and the given data, with Equation 5 incorporating the prior knowledge

into the given data. Any of the adjustable parameters can be a source of possible fit

error, but measuring this error is impossible because an original perfect image does not

exist.

An optimized image could be generated for any of the smaller bar groups (13 and

up) using prior knowledge. However, the accuracy or confidence level of the model fit

method would be lower because the smaller bar groups do not show any distinguishable

bar separation (Figure 17). Therefore, the method was not used for bar groups that do not

show relative separation between bars.

Obviously, there are many more variables for complex objects such as airplanes or

buildings, and generating a model is much more difficult. For such objects, developing the model for a small region of interest (ROI) limits the number of variables. For example, instead of developing a model for a whole aircraft, or even an aircraft wing, the ROI is limited to a part of the wing. For this research the ROI was limited to the area surrounding the airstar emblem.

Modeling the airstar is much more difficult than the 3-Bar target because each row of pixels is different and there are multiple gray levels that represent the red, white, and blue colors. Although the airstar shape is more complex due to the stripes, circle, and the star, it has known characteristics. The general procedure for modeling the airstar (Figure 18) is similar to modeling the bar target. Estimates are made for rotation, minimum and maximum gray scale values, and placement. An iterative search is performed using these estimates to minimize the MSE between the model and the given data, and Equation (5) then incorporates the prior knowledge into the given data. As before, the adjustable parameters can be a source of fit error, but the use of prior knowledge allows development and application of a robust model while processing only in the spatial domain.
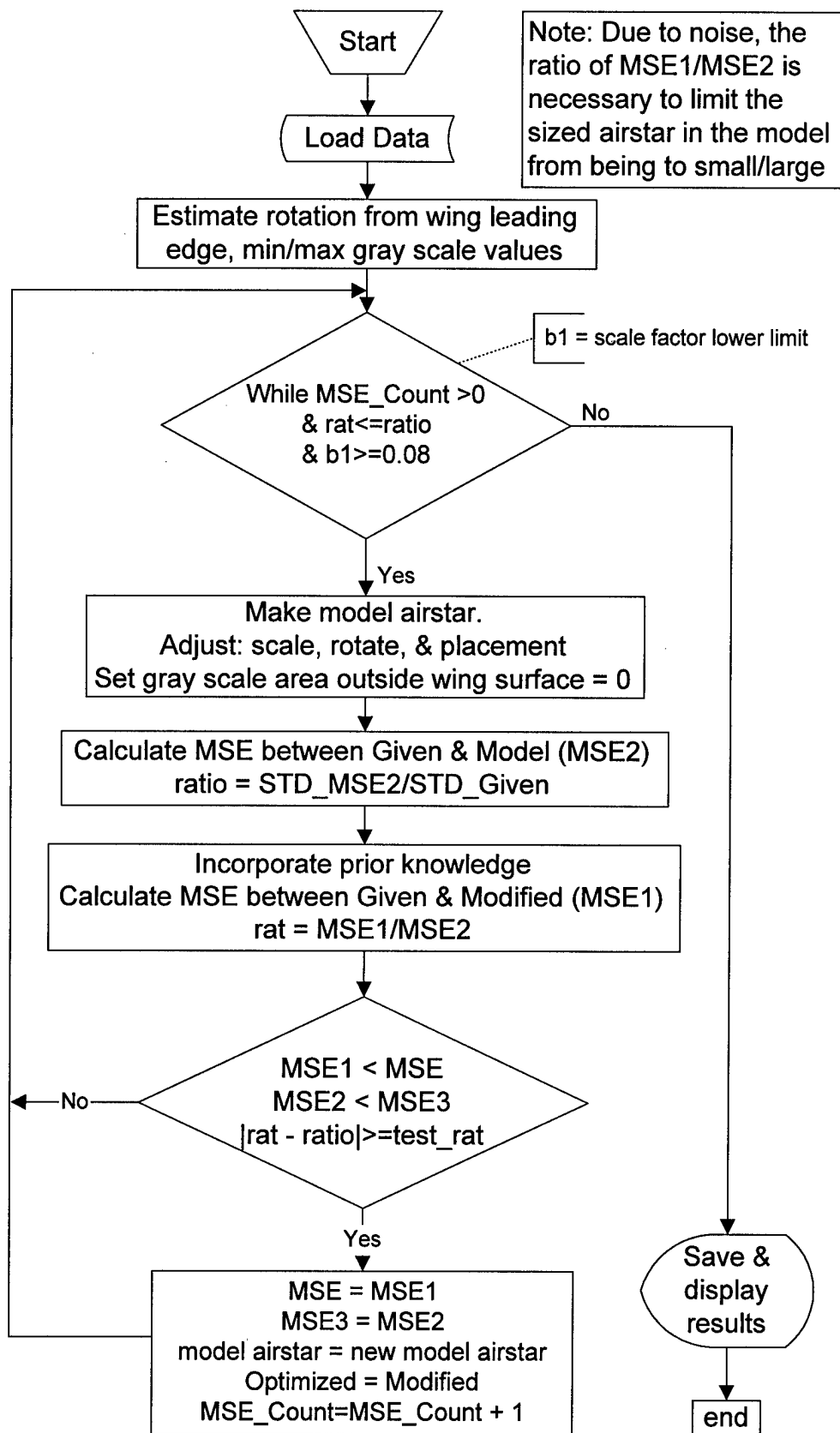
Figure 18: Flowchart for Airstar Model Fit

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V. RESULTS

Enhancement Using Commercial Product

At best, the three commercial products produced marginal results (Figure 19) using

the generic filters included in each product. Only two of the programs, Ulead's

PhotoImpact and Scion Image, allowed for the creation and use of custom filters. The

generic filters generally enhanced image resolution, but also amplified image noise as

evidenced by speckling. Results also indicate that a darkening contrast adjustment had

Original   Enhanced
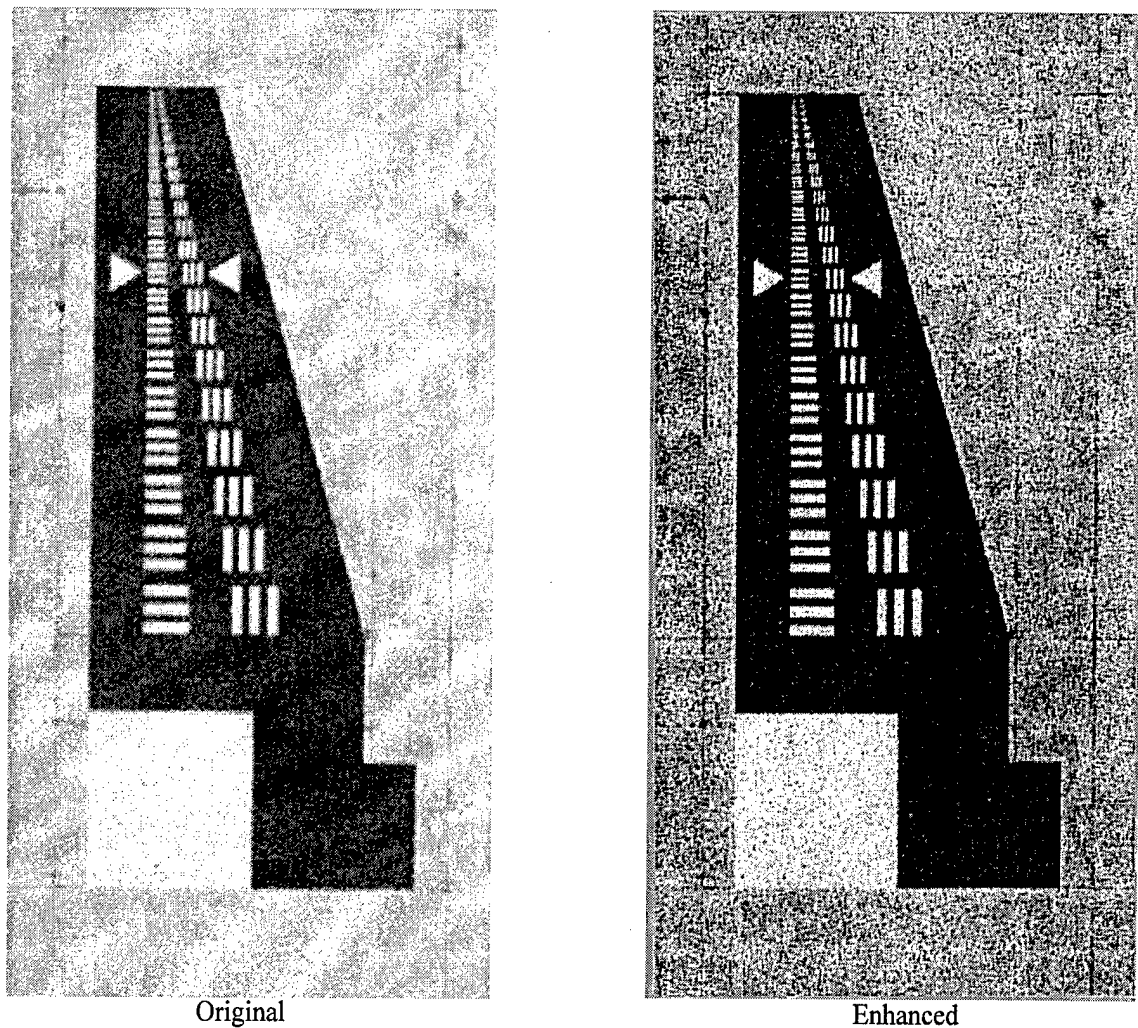
Figure 19. Enhancement by Commercial Software

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the greatest enhancement effect. The bar targets in Figures 19 and 20 are the same, but the latter displays line plots for selected bar groups that show resolution before and after enhancement. Enhancement was also tried on the image of a C-119 (Figure 21) with the same noise amplification results.
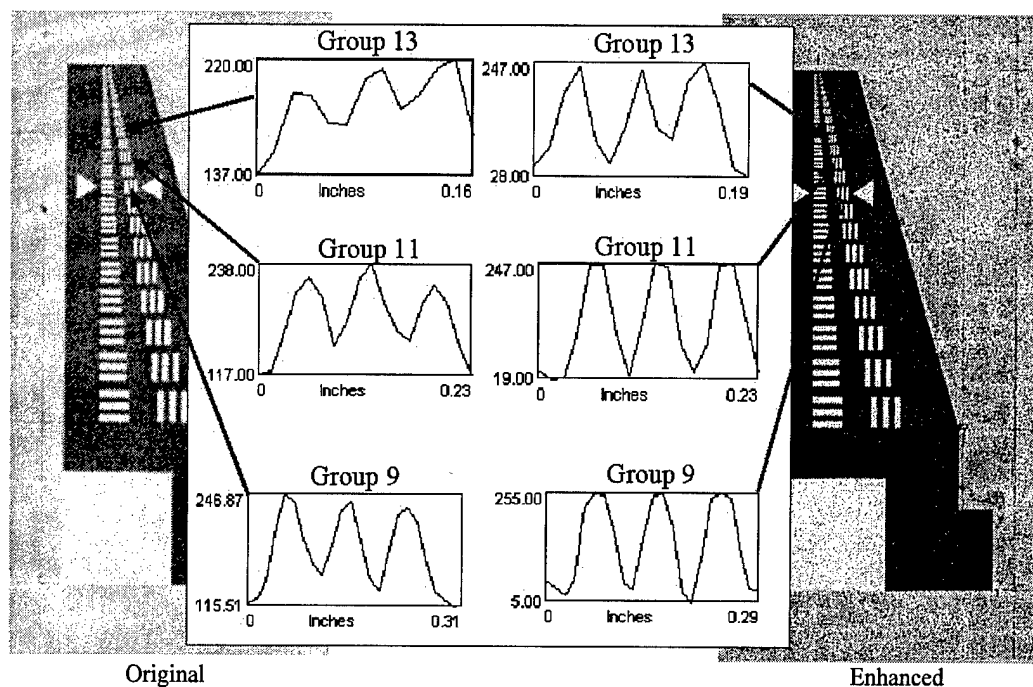
Figure 20. Line Plots for Bar Groups 9, 11, &13

Original   Enhanced
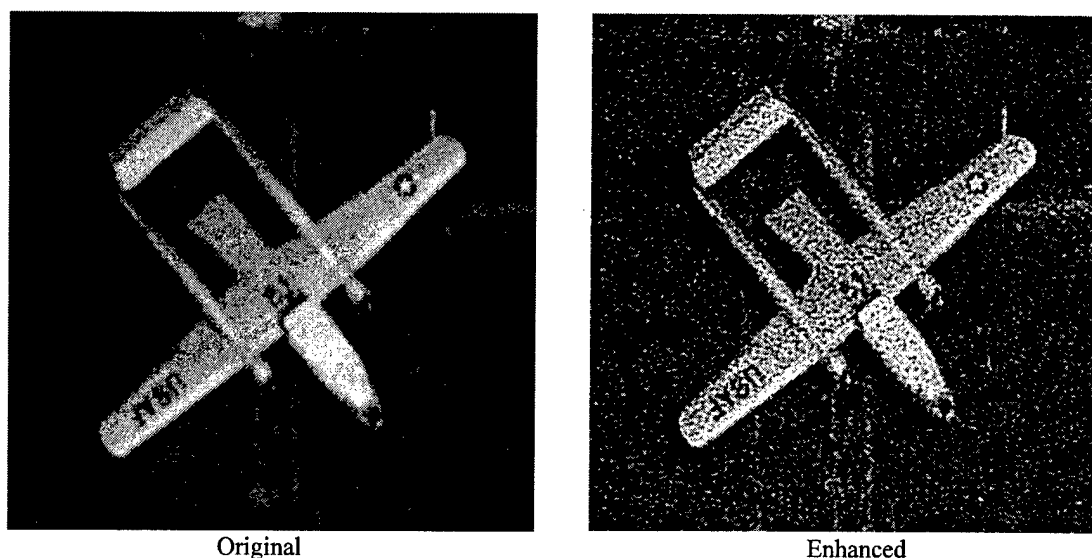
Figure 21. Enhancement of a C-119 Cargo Plane

Enhancement Using Model Fit

Results from the model fit technique were far better than the results obtained

through use of the commercial software. The procedure in Table 2 was applied to the

extracted group 9, bar width 30 cm[36] (Figure 22) and produced an optimized image

(Figure 23). A side-by-side comparison (Figure 24) of line plots for group 9 shows that

the original image does not have well defined peaks and valleys, whereas the optimized

image is visually well defined. The original contains blurring due to aircraft motion and

atmospheric effects not present in the optimized group 9 image. Furthermore, the line

plots show that the overall intensity (62-192 vs. 67-188) did not change during the

optimization process.

The same algorithm was applied to group 12, bar width of 21 cm [36] (Figure 25)

of the same image with different results. A comparison of Figures 22, 25, and the first

line plot in Figure 27 shows an almost nonexistent separation between bars in the bar

group. Since the original enlarged negative showed some separation of the bars,

suspicion arose that the scanning process undersampled some data. Consequently,

application of the algorithm failed to produce a good optimized image (Figure 26).

Scanning group 12 at a 5.7 micron resolution produced a 150 by 150 pixel matrix (Figure

25), while scanning at a 4 micron resolution produced a 200 by 200 pixel matrix (Figure

28). Figure 28 shows more noise (due to the scanner), but the algorithm produced a very

well defined bar group (Figure 29). Here, the algorithm adjusted the noise elements and

the optimized image is visually almost perfect. As before, the overall intensity (65-180

vs. 67-175) did not change. The results (Figures 27 and 30) show that the model fit

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algorithm is highly dependent upon the number of available samples (i.e., scanning at 5.7 microns vs. 4 microns). In addition, the results indicate that sampling limits the amount of increased resolution (i.e., the resolution of the film used to record the original image, or the digital scanner used). For example, Figure 17 shows line plots of groups 13, 14, and 15 that are unresolved. Prior knowledge insures that the object contains three bars, but the film does not have the resolution to record three separate bars at an altitude that satisfies the Treaty limit of 30 cm. Since the image satisfies the Treaty limit and the bar group 12 width is 21 cm [36], post-processing increases the resolution by 9 cm, or a 30 percent increase.

Applying the model to the degraded image (Figure 31) introduced some new challenges due to the added noise introduced by the German phase filter. The three-dimensional plot in Figure 31 and the upper line plot in Figure 33 indicate that little or no separation exists between the two bars. Modifying the model to handle two bars instead of three was straight-forward, but handling the additional noise required a different approach to finding the center of the first bar. For example, in the undegraded 3-Bar target images (Figure 22) the bars have defined peaks and valleys, whereas the degraded 2-Bar target image (Figure 31) has much noise where the first bar should be. Therefore, modifying the algorithm was necessary to find all values above a threshold in the first 130 positions of each row to estimate the starting bar width and bar position. In addition, the algorithm used five rows instead of three to generate these estimates. Application of the modified algorithm to the degraded 2-Bar target image (Figure 31) removed or adjusted the added noise to produce an optimized image (Figure 32) for the 30 cm bar

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group. Like the results from the 3-Bar target, the line plots (Figure 33) show that the overall intensity (140-200 vs. 140-196) did not change during the optimization process.

Noise in the image made the model fit of the airstar on the B-1A wing and on the C-119 wing more challenging, but produced results just as dramatic. Adding more constraints to the algorithm was necessary due to noise problems. For example, while the bar group algorithm minimized only the MSE between the given and model data, the airstar model fit algorithm minimized two different MSEs: the MSE between the given and model data (*MSE1*), and the MSE between the given and optimized data (*MSE2*). *MSE1* decreased as the size of the airstar used in the model decreased while *MSE2* decreased as the size of the airstar increased. Therefore, the ratio of $MSE1/MSE2$ was applied to further constrain the size of the model airstar from getting to small or to large. Part of the B-1A wing (Figure 34) extracted from an enlarged negative (plane55b.tif) shows an almost unintelligible airstar. Through application of the model fit algorithm with the necessary constraints, a model (Figure 35) generated an optimized image (Figure 36) with a well-defined airstar. Again, the image satisfies the treaty limit of 30 cm and post-processing increased the resolution by 25.2 cm to 4.8 cm (the width of the blue stripe in the airstar), or 84 percent.

The algorithm produced similar results when applied to the airstar on the C-119 wing. As before, part of the image containing the airstar (Figure 37) was extracted from an enlarged negative (plane55a.tif). After an exhaustive search, a model (Figure 38) of the wing section optimized (Figure 39) the given data with a resolution increase of 20.4 cm to 9.6 cm (the width of the blue stripe in the airstar), or 68 percent. Comparing the

original images (Figures 34 and 37) shows more definition in the C-119 airstar than the B-1A airstar. The five points of the star on the C-119 are identifiable, and a fairly uniform rectangular region on each side faintly outlines the stripes of the star. None of these features are clearly visible on the B-1A. The star on the B-1A is (for lack of a better term) a blob in the middle of what should be a blue circular background, and the stripes are not present. A comparison of the optimized images for the B-1A and C-119 with their respective original images indicates that the algorithm produced a better fit for the C-119 than the B-1A. However, this is not so: A visual inspection of Figures 34 and 36 shows that the star is centered in the optimized image just as the blob is centered on the original. Likewise, Figures 37 and 39 show that the star is centered in both the original and optimized images. Therefore, the algorithm performed correctly when minimizing the MSE.
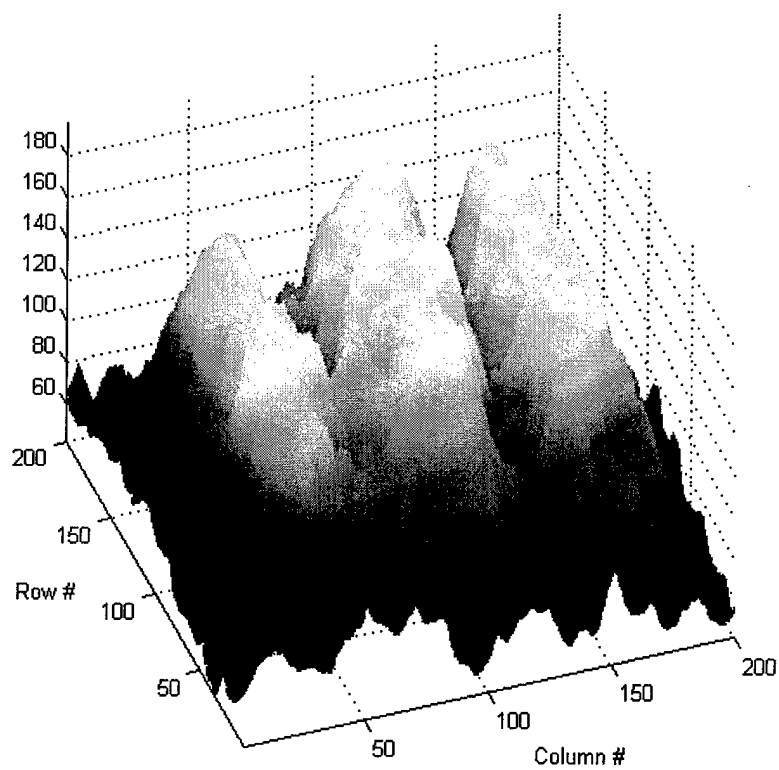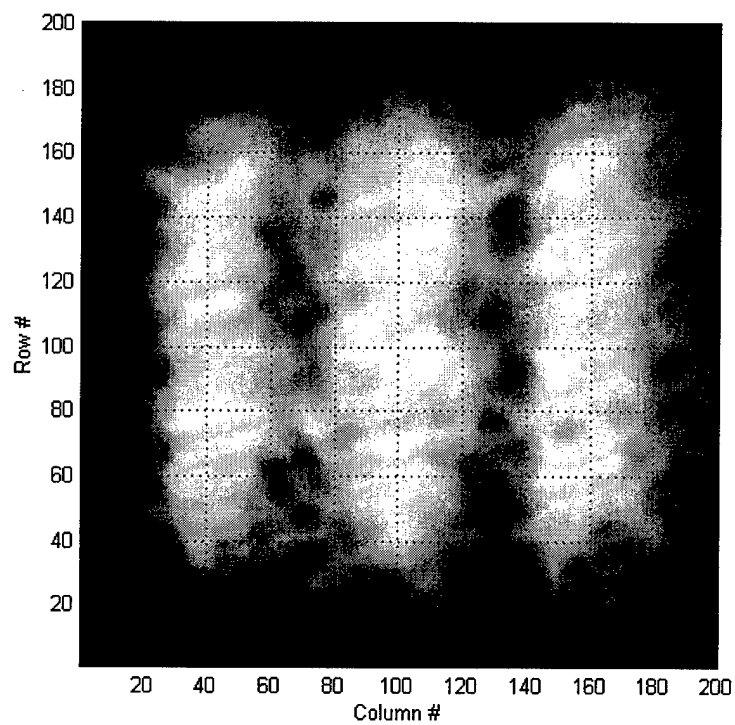
Figure 22. Original Image of Group 9, tar66a.tif, 2D & 3D Views
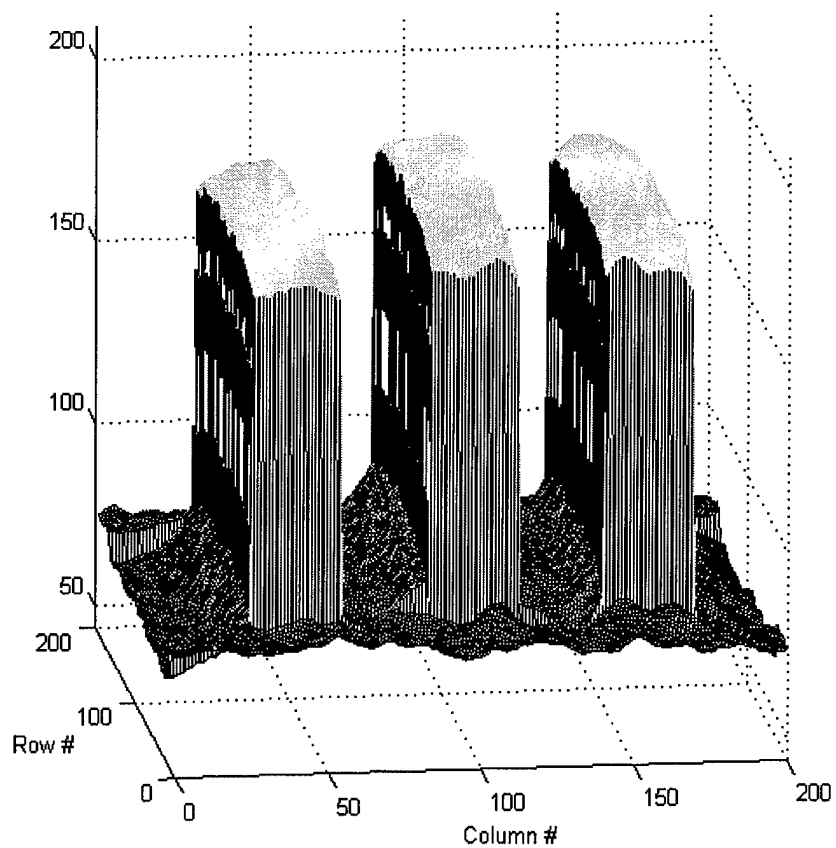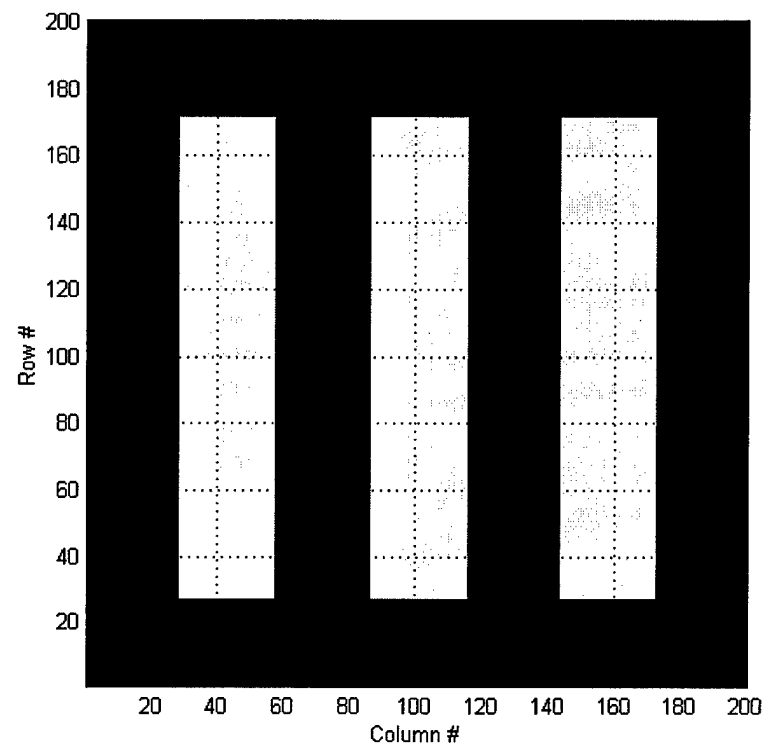
Figure 23. Optimized Image of Group 9, 2D & 3D Views

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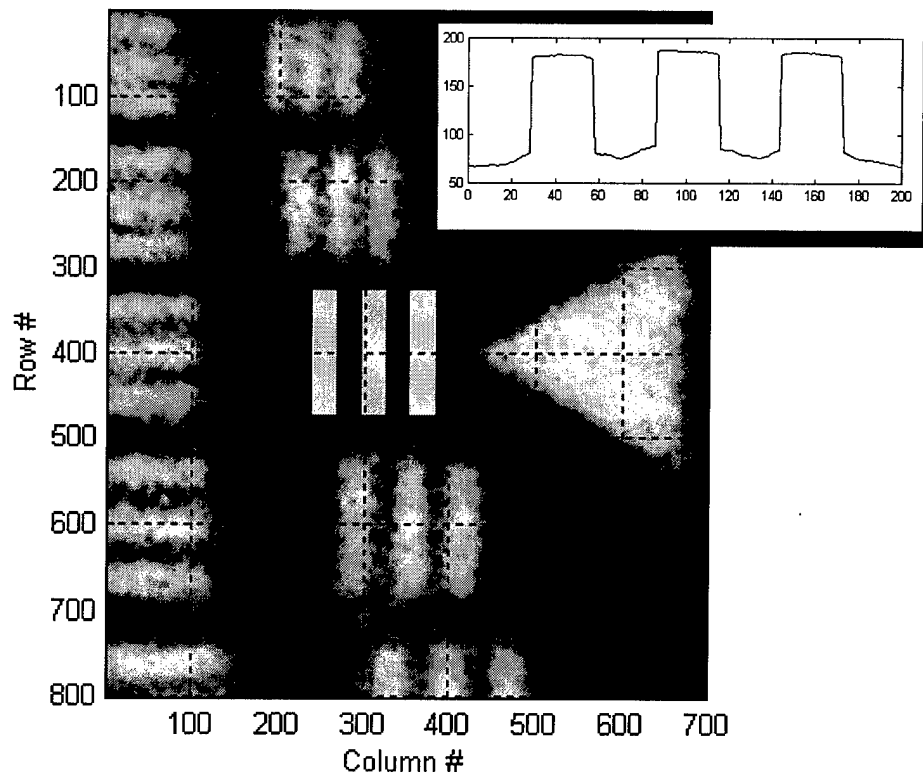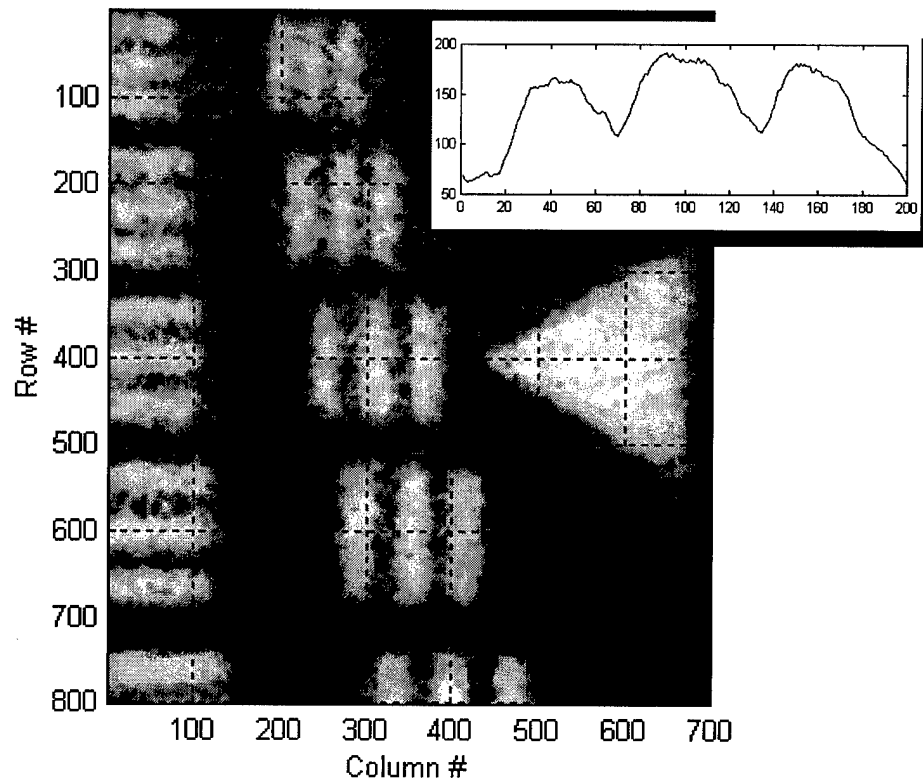
Figure 24. Original & Optimized Images of Group 9
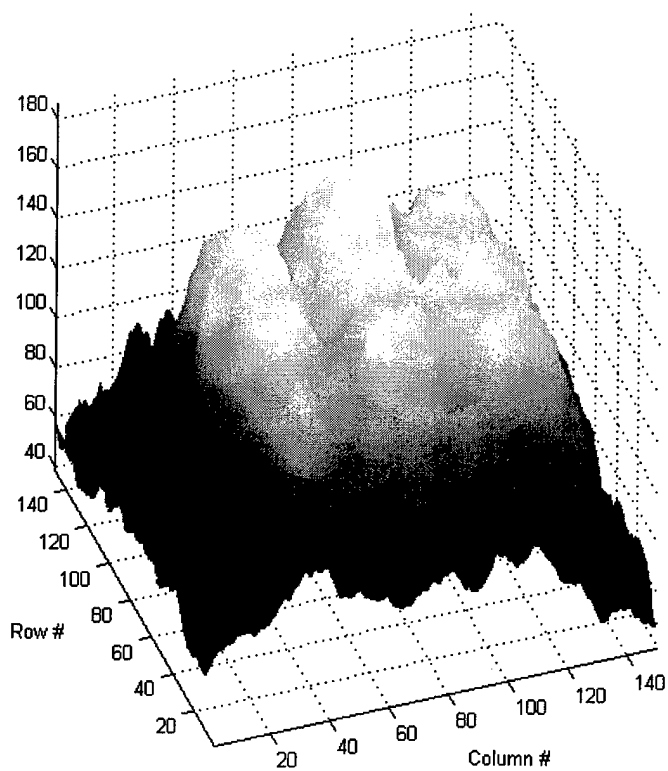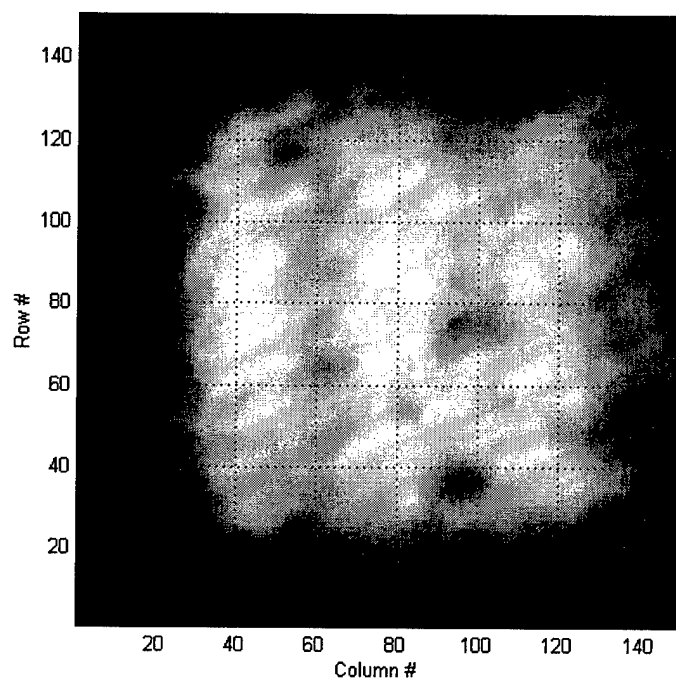
Figure 25. Original Image of Group 12, 5.7 micron scan, tar66a.tif, 2D & 3D Views
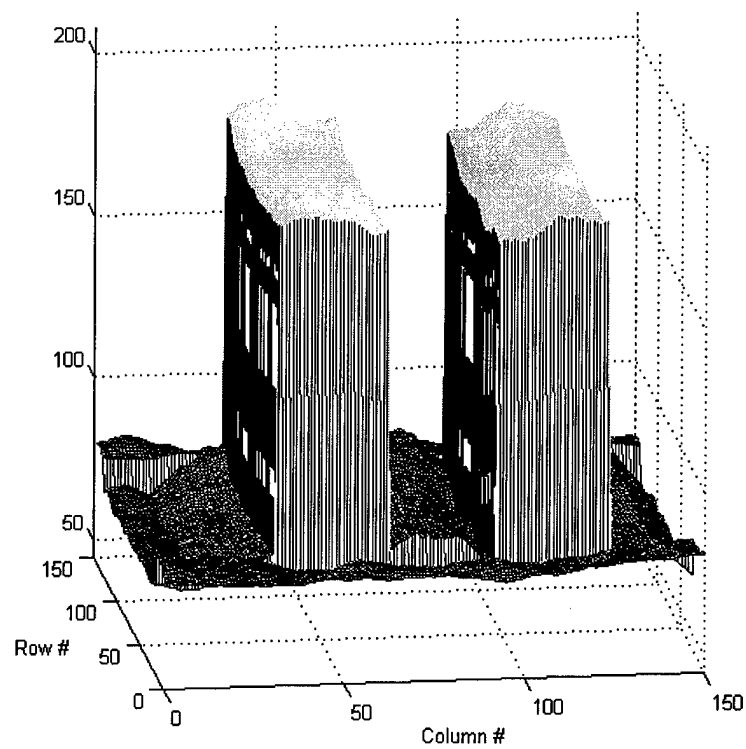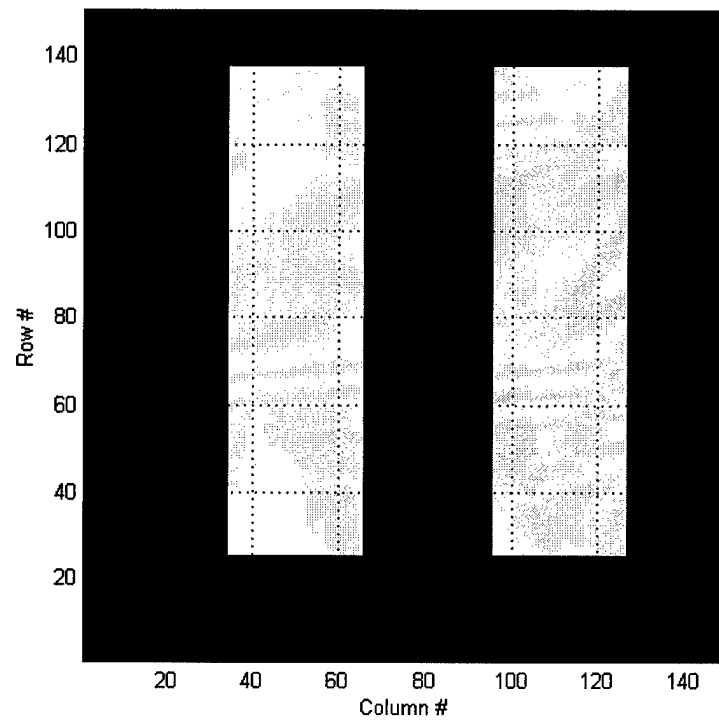
Figure 26. Optimized Image of Group 12, 2D & 3D Views

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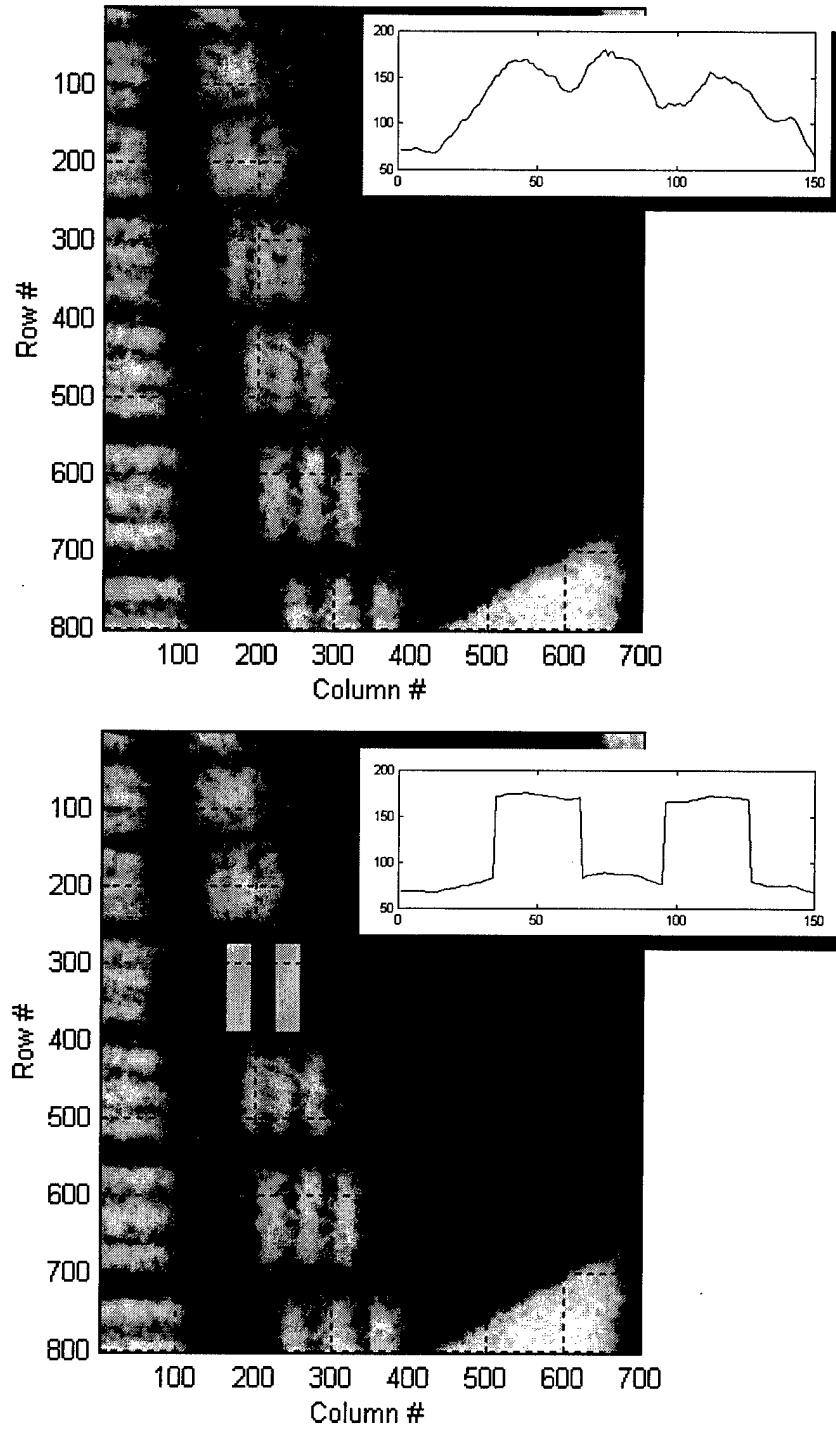
Figure 27. Original & Optimized Images of Group 12
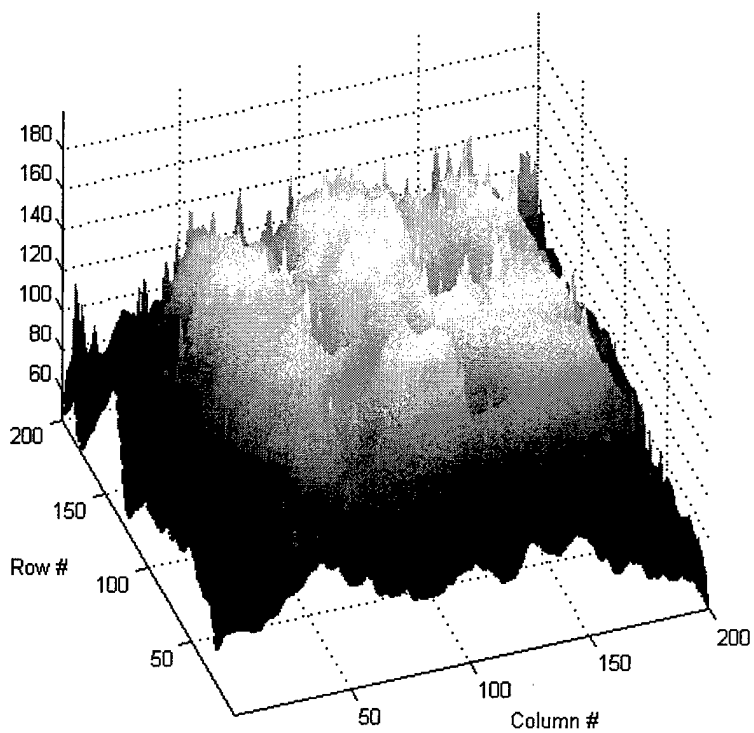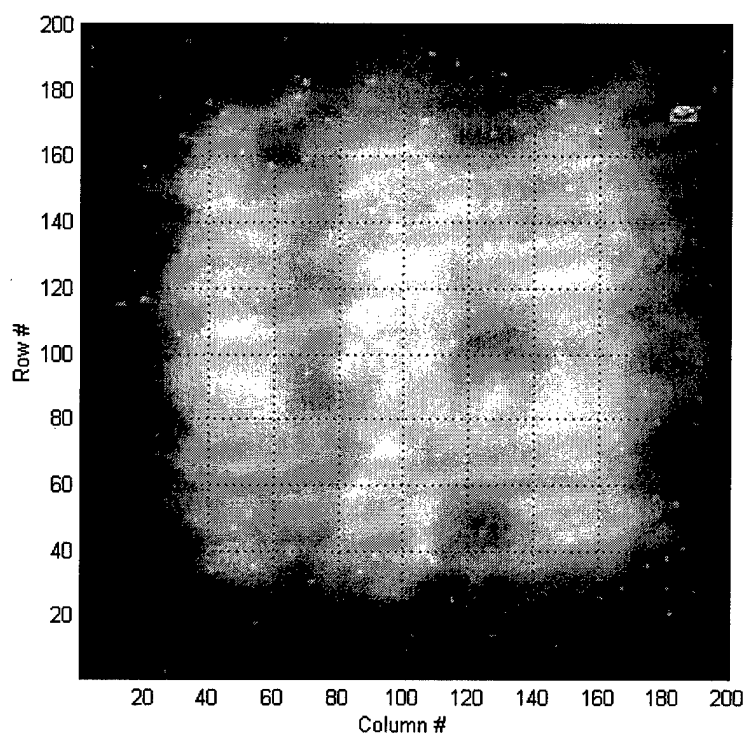
Figure 28. Original Image of Group 12, 4 micron scan, target66u.tif, 2D & 3D Views
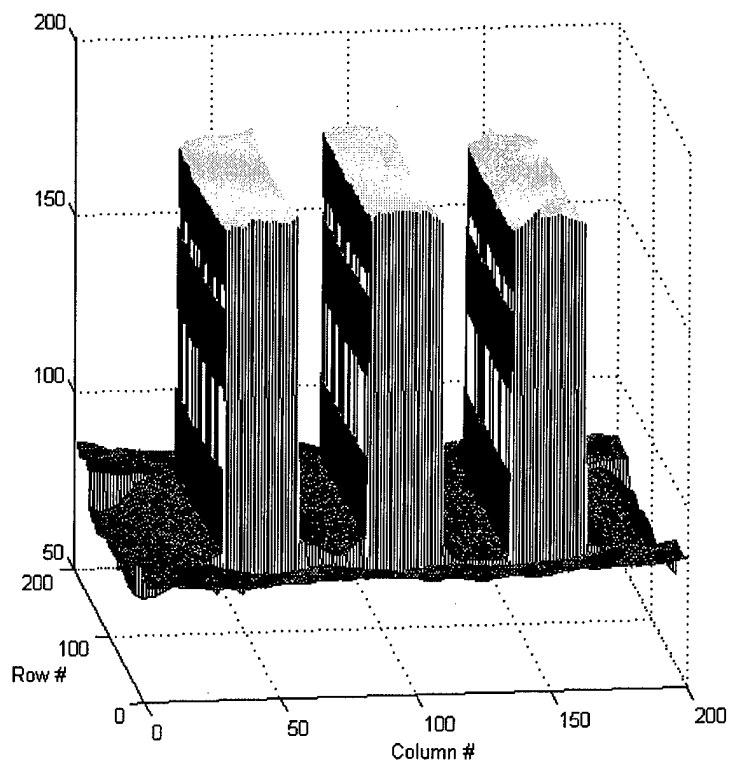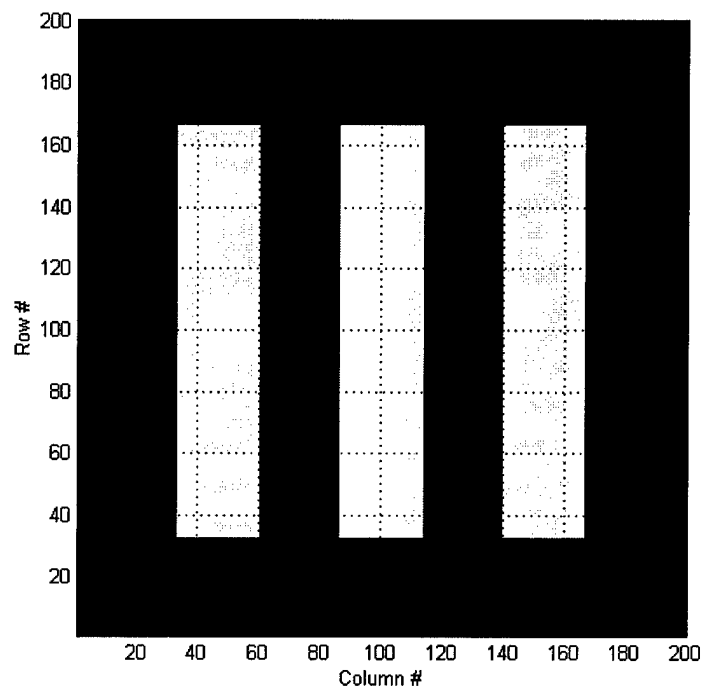
Figure 29. Optimized Image of Group 12, 2D & 3D Views
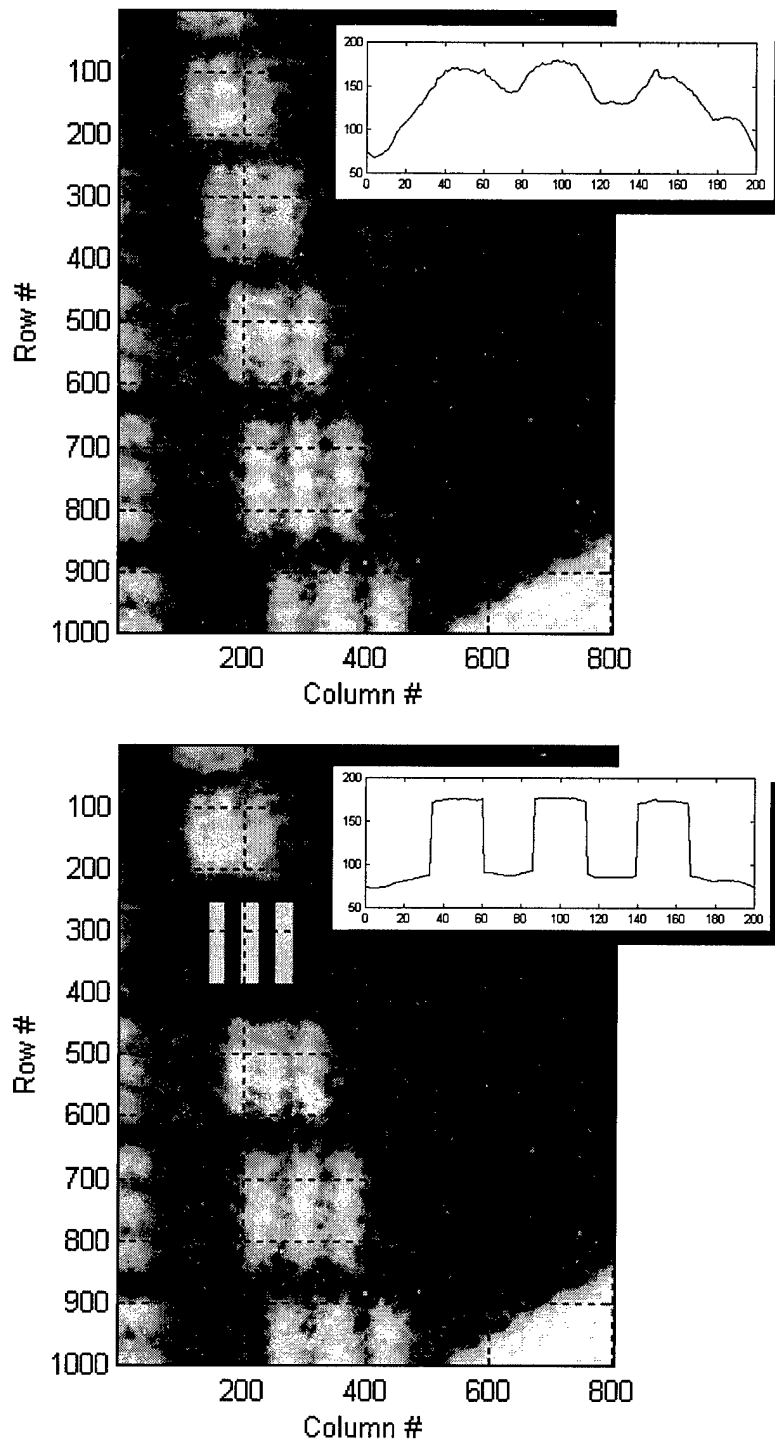
Figure 30. Original & Optimized Images of Group 12
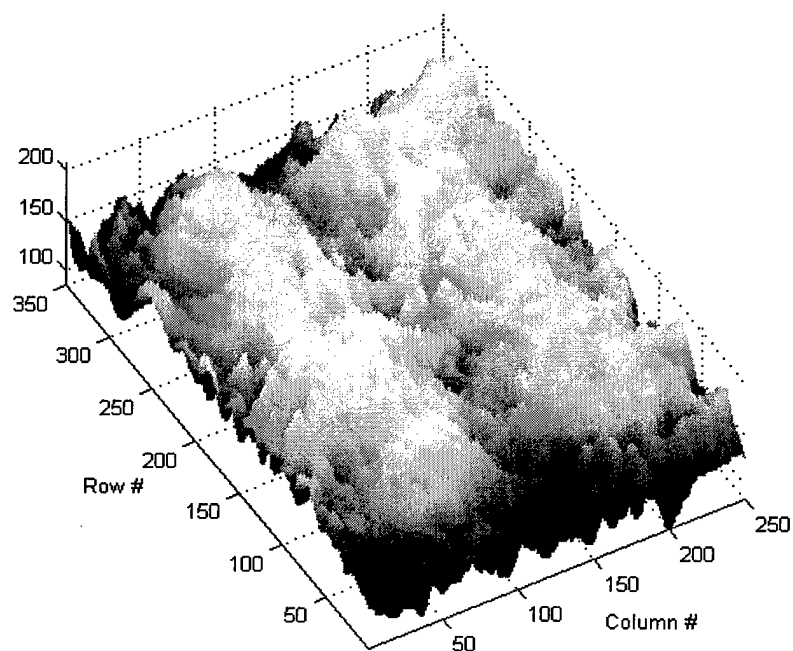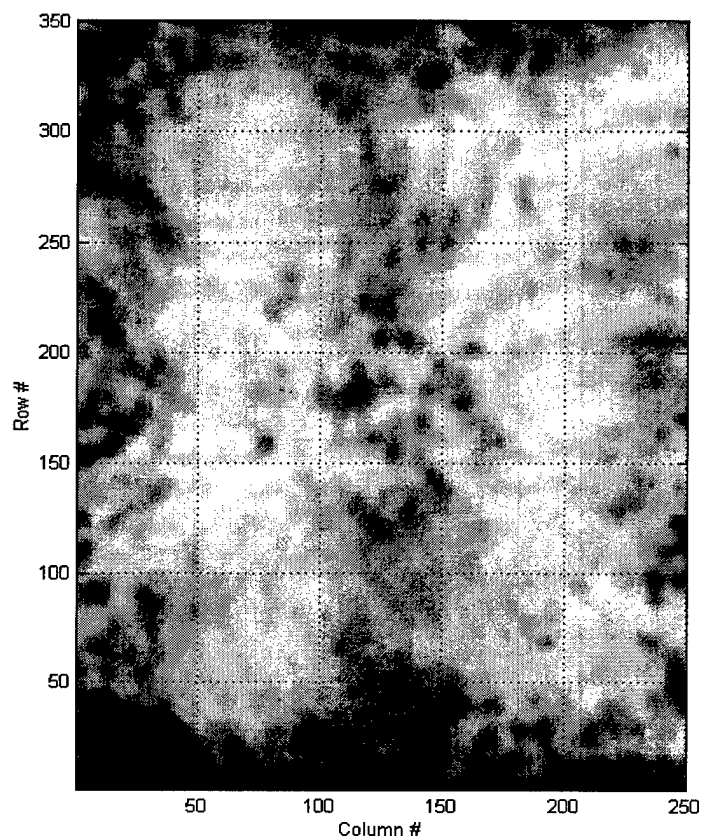
Figure 31. Original Image of 2-Bar Target, German S1 Filter, ges1a.tif,
2D &3 D Views
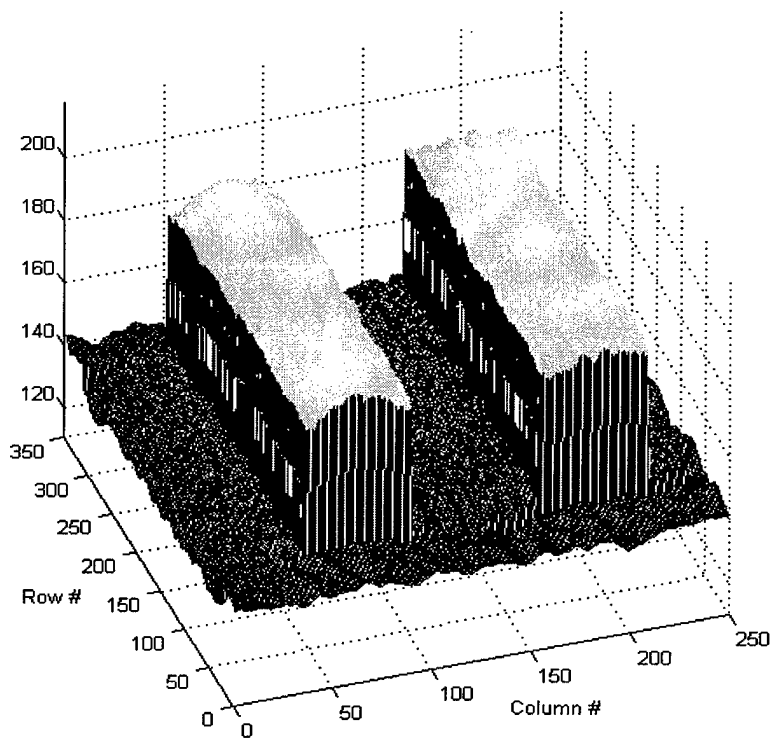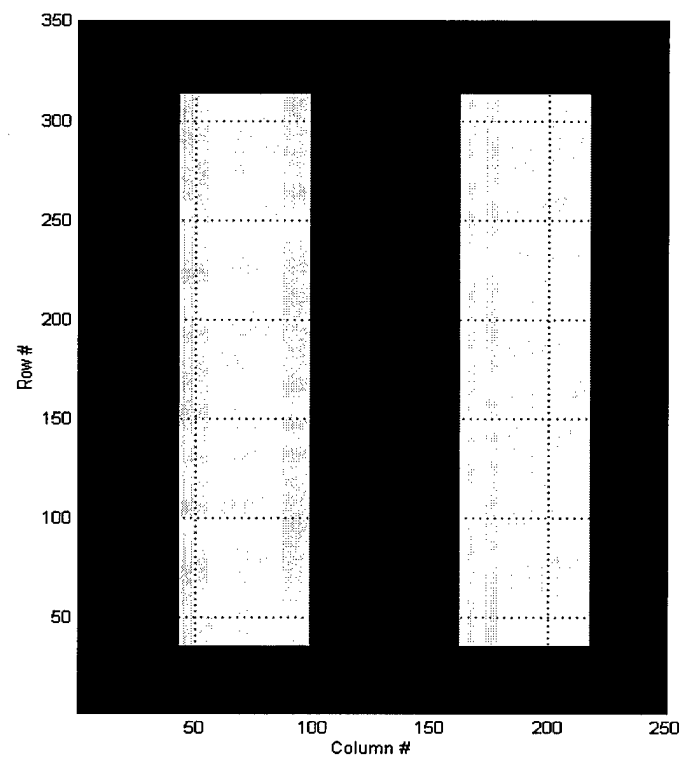
Figure 32. Optimized Image of 2-Bar Target, German S1 Filter,
2D & 3D Views

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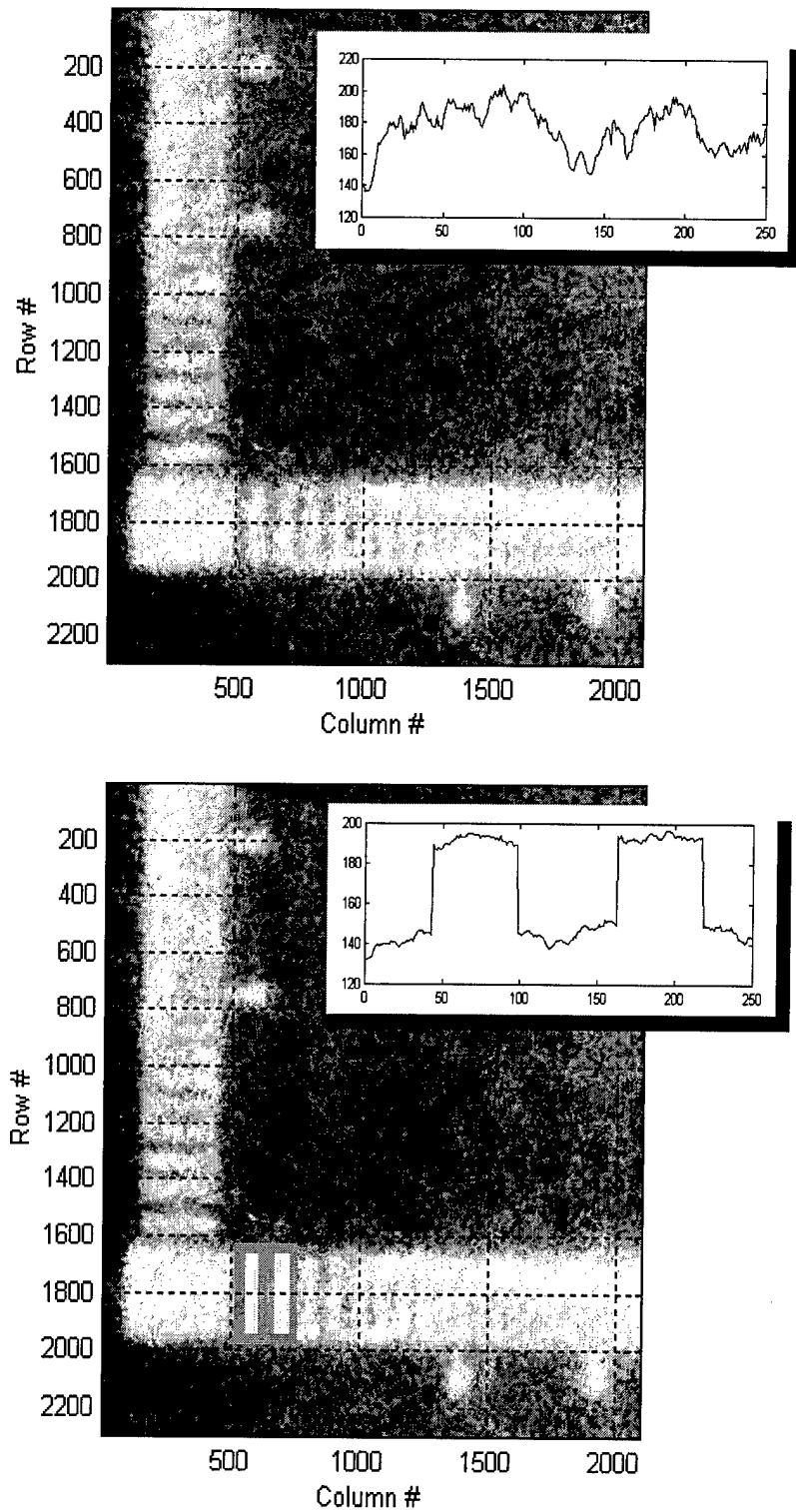
Figure 33. Original & Optimized Images of 2-Bar Target, German S1 Filter

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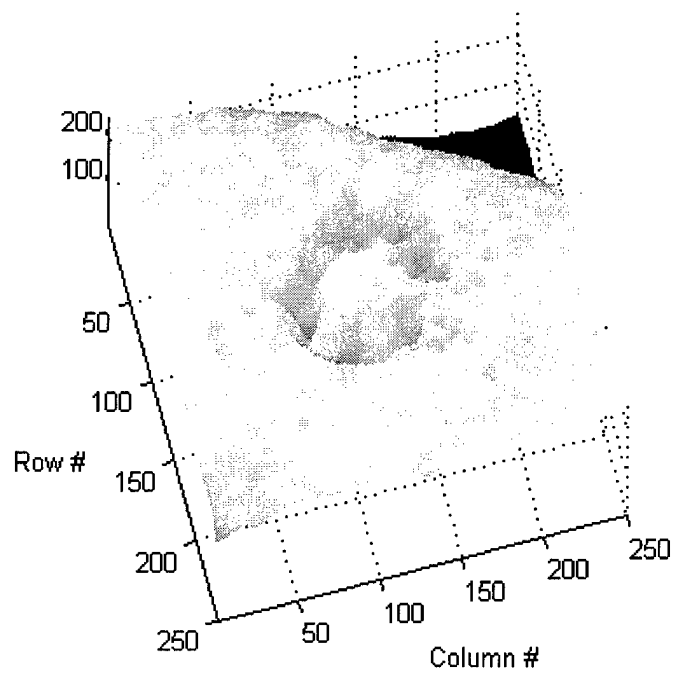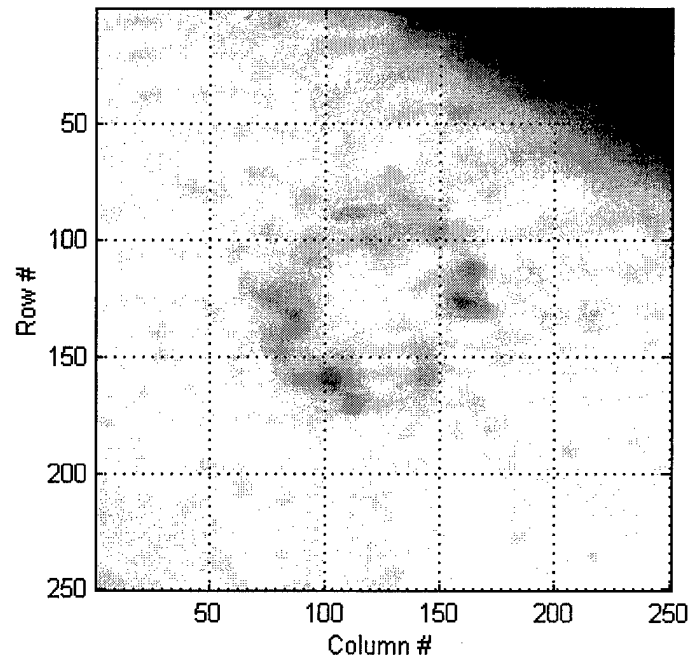
Figure 34. Original Airstar, B-1A Bomber, plane55b.tif, 2D & 3D Views

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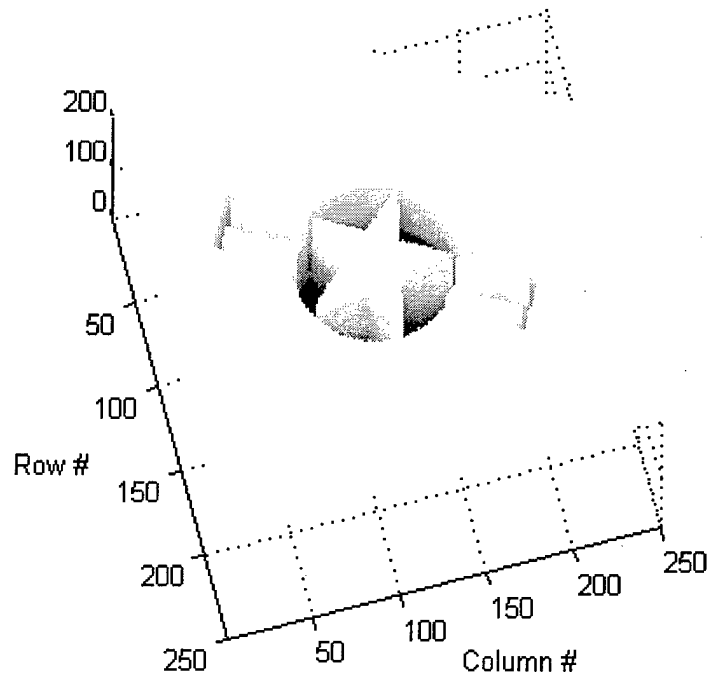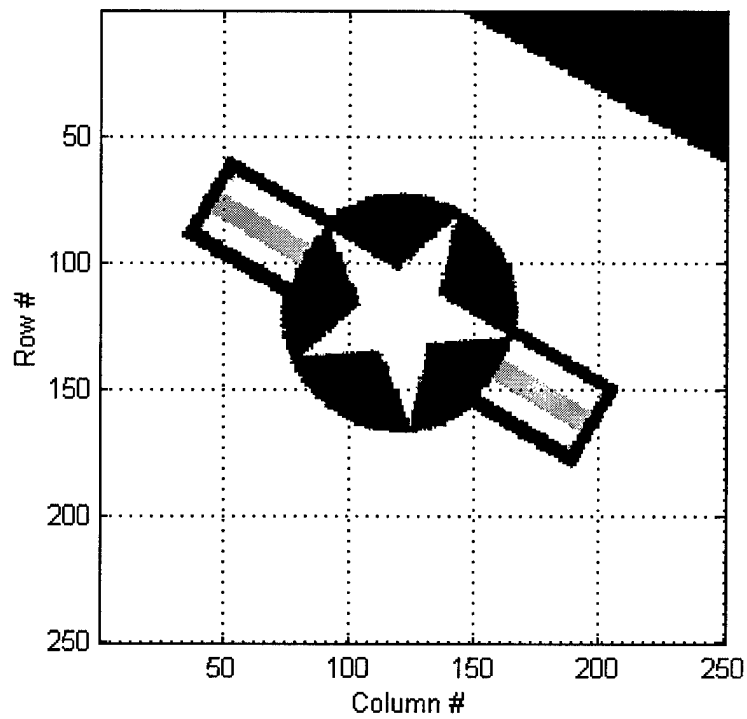
Figure 35. Model Airstar, B-1A Bomber, 2D & 3D Views
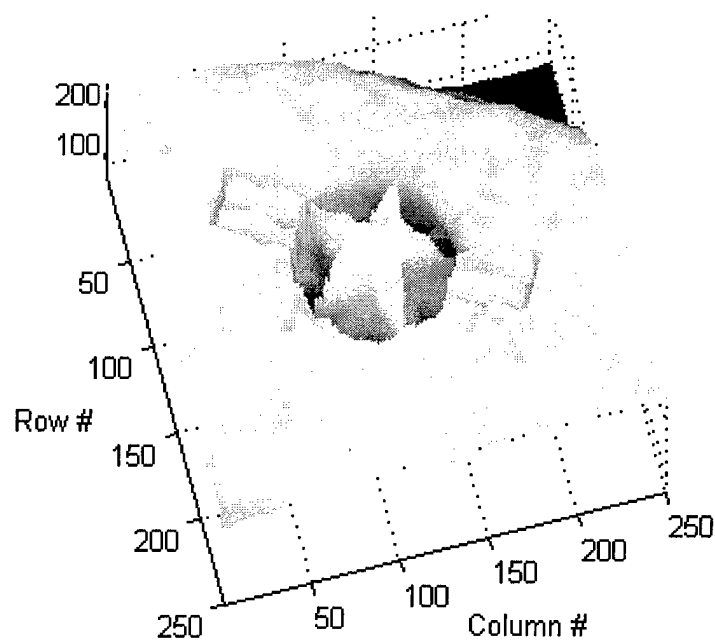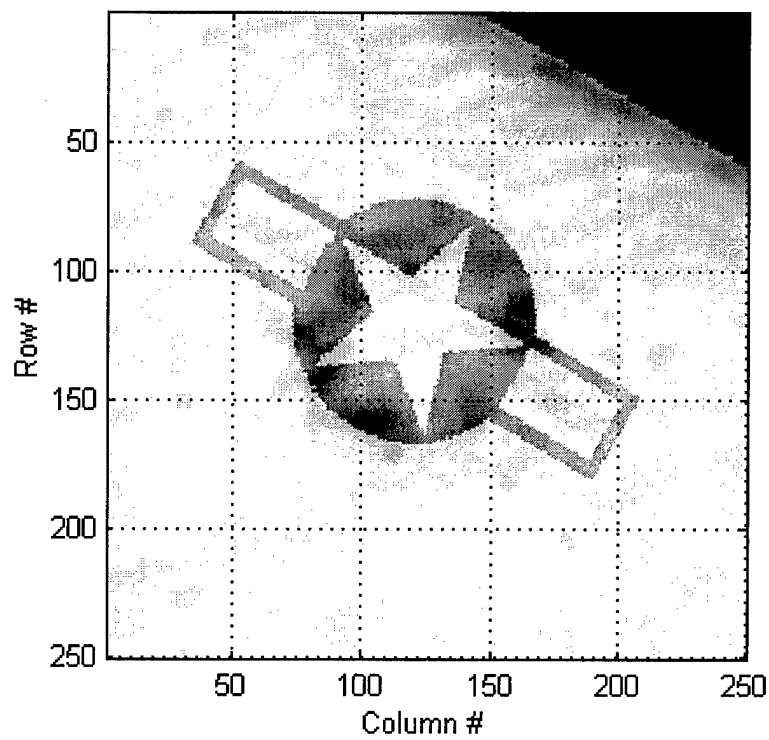
Figure 36. Optimized Airstar, B-1A Bomber, 2D &3D Views
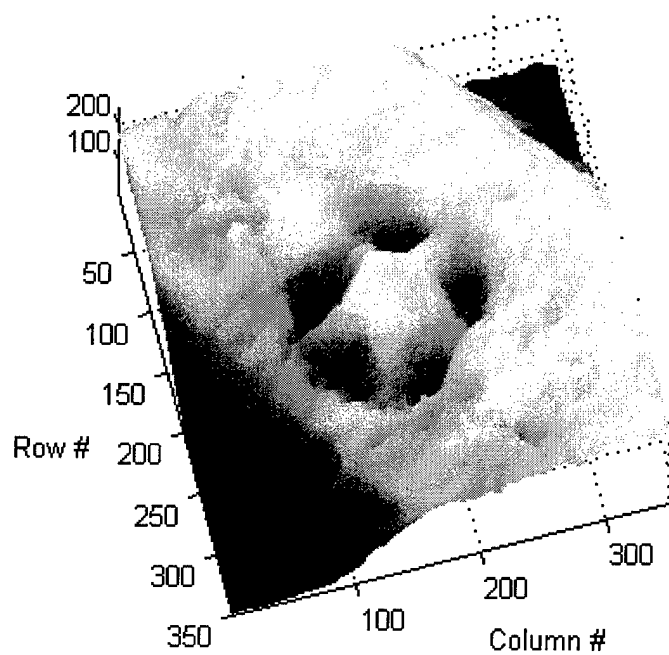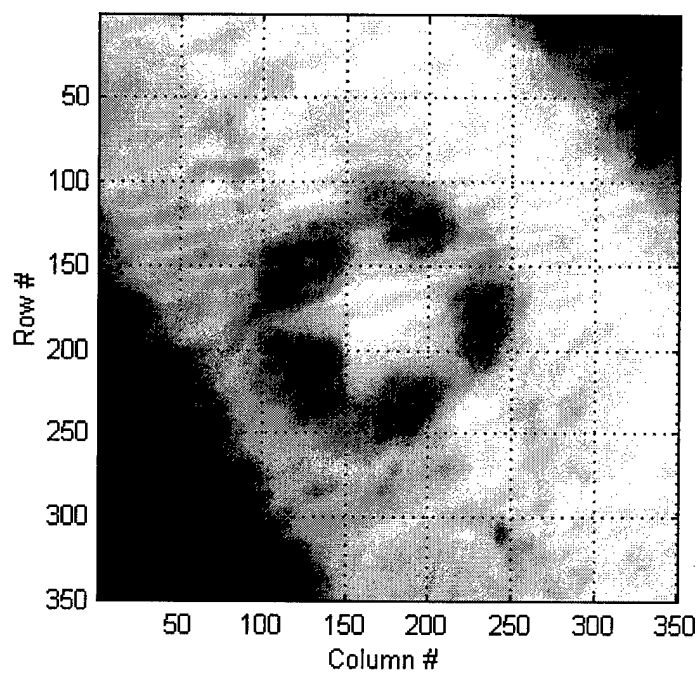
Figure 37. Original Airstar, C-119 Cargo Plane, plane55a.tif, 2D & 3D Views
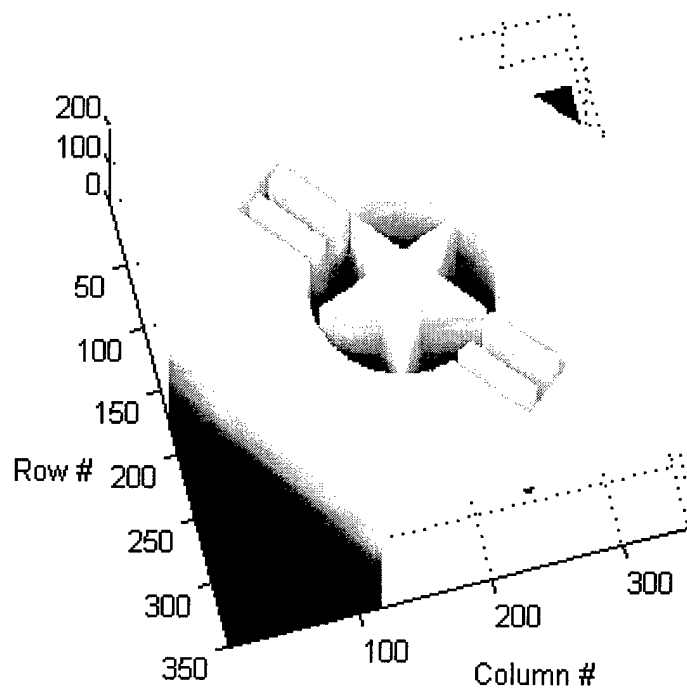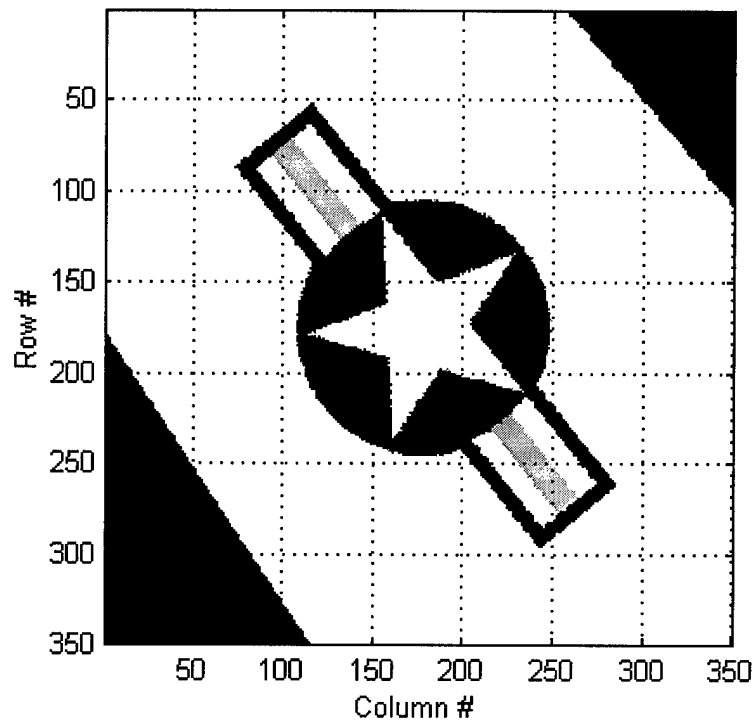
Figure 38. Model Airstar, C-119 Cargo Plane, 2D & 3D Views
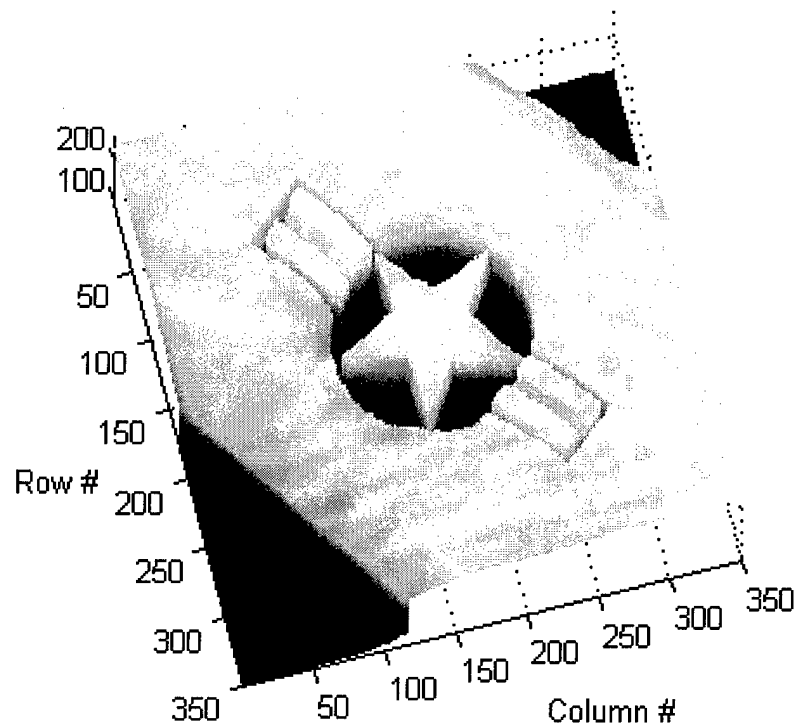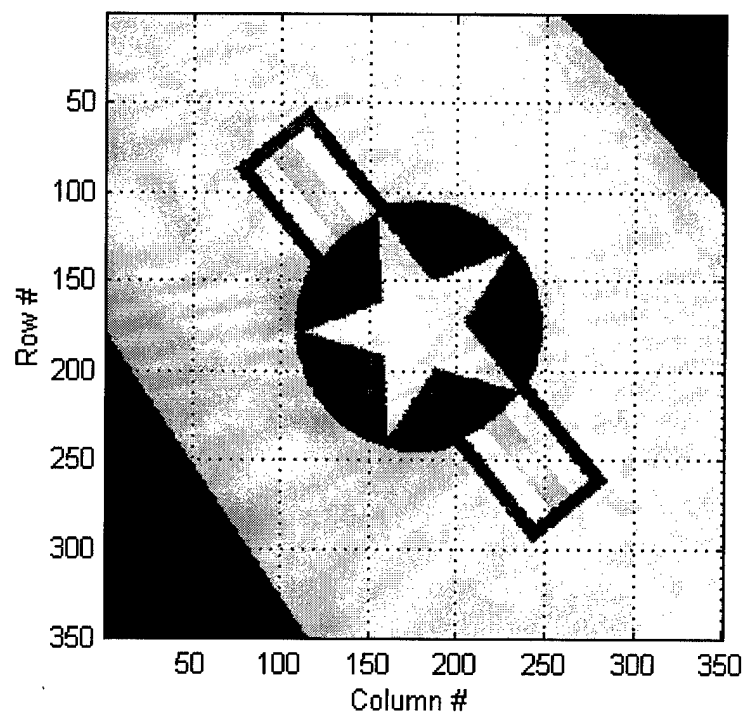
Figure 39. Optimized Airstar, C-119 Cargo Plane, 2D & 3D Views

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VI. CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

The results clearly show that using prior information to develop a model fit super-resolution algorithm *can increase the resolution of any* Open Skies aerial photographic image (including optically degraded images) by processing only in the spatial domain. This conclusion is evident from the sharp edges in the optimized images when compared to the original images. Also, use of a model fit algorithm can produce results that are almost perfect compared to the original or compared to the results achievable with commercially available photograph editing software. Furthermore, this research shows that increasing the resolution of OS photographs is dependent upon sampling: if the original images were not optically enlarged, there would have been insufficient samples for processing. For example, using the 5.7 micron scanner on group 9, the original negative produced a 21 by 21 pixel matrix, while scanning the enlarged negative produced a 200 by 200 pixel matrix. Scanning group 12 at 5.7 microns produced a 150 by 150 pixel matrix (Figure 25), while scanning at 4 microns produced a 200 by 200 pixel matrix (Figure 28). For group 12, the algorithm successfully optimized a 4 micron scan, but failed when applied to the 5.7 micron scan. The algorithm also increased the resolution of the airstar emblem present on the B-1A and the C-119 aircraft found outside the USAF Museum by 84 and 68 percent respectively. In both cases the optimized images show less noise (e.g., due to speckling) and more feature definition. In addition, the results indicate that sampling limits the amount of increased resolution.

The robustness of the model fit method is tied to prior knowledge (i.e., the better

the prior knowledge, the better the results). In this application, prior knowledge allows generation of specific models for specific images. When these models are applied to the wrong object (i.e., 3-Bar target model applied to an airstar image), the algorithms fail and the finished product may be nonsensical. For example, due to prior knowledge the 3-Bar target model is coded to find the first bar in a 3-Bar target within the first third of the image, while the 2-Bar target model finds the first bar within the first half of the image. Since the first third in a 2-Bar target image should not contain a bar (or at best, should contain only a portion of a bar), the 3-Bar target model fails when applied to a 2-Bar target image. Likewise, the 2-Bar target model fails when applied to a 3-Bar target image.

Follow-on research could easily extend this spatial domain prior knowledge model fit method by incorporating wavelet-based noise reduction, the error reduction technique developed by Matson [33], and developing additional models. Another area of research could develop methods that limit the amount of increased resolution achievable using prior knowledge.

APPENDIX A. *Matlab Code*

Table 3. List of Matlab Code and Data Files

Models	Input Data	Output Data
BarModel_3d.m	group9_tar66a.mat group12_tar66a.mat group12_target66u.mat tar66a.mat target66u.mat	tar66a1_group9.mat tar66a1_group12.mat target66u_group12.mat
astar_model_plane55.m	airstar.mat plane55a.mat plane55b.mat	astar_plane55b_B1.mat astar_plane55a_C119.mat
BarModel_GE_S1.m	ges1.mat	ges1_vbar.mat
Functions		
makemodelc.m rect3.m scale_intensity.m line_MSE.m minmize.m minmize_2bar.m suptitle.m roundoff.m* makemodelc_2bar.m rect_2bar.m line_MSE_2bar.m fmins.m** shiftu.m* shiftl.m* shiftr.m* shiftd.m* * Files are available at www.matlab.com ** Matlab built-in function		

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%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% program astar_model_plane55.m
% By Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% subroutines called
% suptitle.m     fmins.m      roundoff.m
% shiftd.m       shiftu.m     shiftl.m      shiftr.m
% scale_intensity.m
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% This program compares the airstar extracted from an image of a C-119 or a B-1A to a airstar model.
% The program begins by estimating the degree of rotation in the original, then resizes the model
% until it is smaller than the extracted section.  Then the algorithm slides and rotates the model
% until the MSE is minimized.  Finally, the results are plotted.
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
clear all
close all
format compact
% Uncomment selection, either C-119 (default) or B-1A
% Comment the others
plane='C-119';
%plane='B-1A';
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load airstar.mat
if strcmp(plane,'C-119')
    load plane55a.mat
    fig1_tit='C-119 Cargo Plane';
    fig_tit='C-119 Airstar';
    data_out=' astar_plane55a_C119';
    test_rat=.1; rat=0.9;    ratio=1.5;
    MSE=1E100; MSE3=4E100; qt=20;MSE_count=1;
    scale_test=0; count=20; count_y=5;
    angle=0; scale=0; adjust=0.04;
    b1=.2; b2=.4;    a1=-2; a2=2;
else strcmp(plane,'B-1A')
    load plane55b.mat
    cargo=B1A;
    fig1_tit='B-1A Bomber';
    fig_tit='B-1A Airstar';
    data_out=' astar_plane55b_B1';
    test_rat=0.16;    rat=0.9;   ratio=1.5;
    MSE=1E100; MSE3=4E100; qt=20;MSE_count=1;
    scale_test=0; count=20; count_y=3;
    angle=0; scale=0; adjust=0.03;
    b1=.1; b2=.15; a1=-1; a2=1;
end; % if
%-----------------------------------------------------------------------------
airstar=airstar.*255;
star_wing=double(star_wing);
k=double(star_wing);
p4=k;
%-----------------------------------------------------------------------------
%determine spacing for x and y axis
[yk,xt]=size(p4);
%-----------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Determine degree of rotation
[a,b]=size(k);
angle=-atan((row2-row1)/(col2-col1));
angle_deg=angle*180/pi
%-----------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Begin main program
'Performing Best Fit'

while ((MSE_count>0)&(b1>=.08)&(rat<=ratio))
    x=linspace(b1,b2,count);   y=linspace(a1,a2,3);
    MSE_count=0;
    for scale=length(x):-1:1
        for angle=1:length(y)
            test_sc=x(scale)
            test_angle=(angle_deg+y(angle))
            air=zeros(yk,xt)+max(max(airstar));
            airstar_test=imresize(airstar,(test_sc));
            [a,b]=size(airstar_test);
            ax=floor(yk/2-a/2); bx=floor(xt/2-b/2);
            if ((ax+a-1>yk)|(bx+b-1>xt)|ax<1|bx<1)% test size
                'do nothing'   %move on to next case
            else    % test size
                air(ax:ax+a-1,bx:bx+b-1)=airstar_test;
                airstar_rotate=shiftu(air,0,25,1);
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airstar_rot=imrotate(airstar_rotate,test_angle,'crop');
[a,b]=find(airstar_rot==0);
air=abs(airstar_rot);
clear airstar_rotate airstar_test
k=max(max(airstar));
for q=1:length(a)
    if air(a(q),b(q))==0, air(a(q),b(q))=k; end;    % if
end;   % for q
p4=air;
for s=1:9      % shifting procedure
    for t=1:4:qt
        switch s
        case 1,    if t==1    % 'No shift'
            p4a=p4;  end;
        case 2 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) up']
            p4a=shiftu(p4,0,t,1);
        case 3 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) down']
            p4a=shiftd(p4,0,t,1);
        case 4 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' colums(s) left']
            p4a=shiftl(p4,0,t,1);
        case 5 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' columns(s) right']
            p4a=shiftr(p4,0,t,1);
        case 6 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) up & column(s) left']
            p5=shiftu(p4,0,t,1);  p4a=shiftl(p5,0,t,1);
        case 7 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) up & column(s) right']
            p5=shiftu(p4,0,t,1);  p4a=shiftr(p5,0,t,1);
        case 8 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) down & column(s) left']
            p5=shiftd(p4,0,t,1);  p4a=shiftl(p5,0,t,1);
        case 9 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) down & column(s) right']
            p5=shiftd(p4,0,t,1);  p4a=shiftr(p5,0,t,1);
        end;   % case
        air1=p4a;
        %--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
        % Redo the banding for trailing edge
        if strcmp(plane,'C-119')
            rise=length(rowt1:rowt2);
            run=length(colt1:colt2);
            xcol=length(run:rise);        %number or column adjustments
            shift=run/xcol;
            count=0;  col=1;
            for q=rowt1:rowt2
                count=count+1;
                col=col+1;
                if count>shift, col=col-1;  count=shift-round(shift); end;
                air1(q,1:col)=0;
            end;
        end;   % if
        %--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
        % Redo the banding for leading edge
        rise=length(row1:row2);  run=length(col1:col2);
        count=0;  col=col1;
        if strcmp(plane,'C-119')
            xcol=length(run:rise);
            for q=1:length((row1):row2)
                count=count+1;
                if count==xcol
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```matlab
                air1(q,col:end)=0;  col=col-1;  count=0;
            else
                col=col+1;  air1(q,col:end)=0;
            end
        end; % for
    else
        xcol=rise/length(rise:run);
        for q=1:length((row1):row2)
            count=count+1;
            if count>=xcol
                air1(q,col:end)=0;  col=col+2;  count=count-xcol;
            else
                col=col+1;  air1(q,col:end)=0;
            end
        end; % for
    end; % if C-119
    [a1,a2]=size(star_wing);
    %-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    % Calculate MSE between given data and model
    MSE2=sum(sum((air1-star_wing).^2))/(a1*a2);
    qrms=sqrt(MSE2);
    model_diff=(air1-star_wing);
    %-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    % scale intensity of model_diff if greater than 255 or less than 0
    model_diff=scale_intensity(model_diff);
    %-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    mean_given=(sum(sum(star_wing)))/(a1*a2);
    std_given=sqrt(sum(sum((star_wing-mean_given).^2))/(a1*a2));
    ratio=(qrms/std_given);
    y_minz=(star_wing+ratio);
    %-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    % scale intensity of y_minz if greater than 255 or less than 0
    y_minz=scale_intensity(y_minz);
    %-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    % Calculate MSE between given data and modified image
    MSE1=sum(sum((y_minz-star_wing).^2))/length(star_wing);
    rat=MSE1/MSE2;
    if (((MSE1<MSE)|(MSE2<MSE3))&(abs(rat-ratio))>=test_rat)
        MSE=MSE1;
        MSE3=MSE2;
        ratio_test=rat;
        ratio;
        airstar_new=y_minz;
        airstar_model=air1;
        shift_angle=test_angle;
        scale_new=test_sc;
        qrms_min=sqrt(MSE1);
        MSE_count=MSE_count+1;
    end;    % if
    %-------------------------------------------------------------------------
    end;    % test size
    end; % for t
    end; % for s
    end; % for angle
end; % for scale
if MSE_count>0
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```matlab
        b1=scale_new-adjust;
        b2=scale_new+adjust;
        count=20;
    end; % if
end; % while
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Save variables
variables=' star_wing airstar_model airstar_new MSE MSE3 shift_angle scale_new ratio_test';
eval(strcat('save ',data_out,variables))
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Plotting routines
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------
eval(strcat('load ',data_out))
az=75; el=78;
figure(11), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1])
subplot(121)
imagesc(star_wing),axis image, grid on;
title('2D View'),ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #')
subplot(122)
surf(star_wing'),axis image, grid on, view(az,el), shading interp;
title('3D View'),ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #')
set(gcf,'PaperType','usletter'), set(gcf,'PaperOrientation','landscape');
set(gca,'ZTick',[0;100;200])
set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[ .25,  .25,   10.5,  8]);
                        % left  bottom  width  height
colormap(gray(256))
suptitle(strcat(fig_tit,' - Original Image'));
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------
figure(12), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1])
subplot(121)
imagesc(airstar_model),axis image,grid on
title('2D View'),ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #')
subplot(122)
surf(airstar_model'),axis image, grid on, view(az,el),shading interp;
title('3D View'),ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #')
set(gcf,'PaperType','usletter'), set(gcf,'PaperOrientation','landscape');
set(gca,'ZTick',[0;100;200])
set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[ .25,  .25,   10.5,  8]);
                        % left  bottom  width  height
colormap(gray(256))
suptitle(strcat(fig_tit,' - Model'));
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------
az=75; el=78;
figure(13), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1])
subplot(121)
imagesc(airstar_new),axis image, grid on;
title('2D View'),ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #')
subplot(122)
surf(airstar_new'),axis image, grid on, view(az,el),shading interp;
title('3D View'),ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #')
set(gcf,'PaperType','usletter'), set(gcf,'PaperOrientation','landscape');
set(gca,'ZTick',[0;100;200])
set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[ .25,  .25,   10.5,  8]);
                        % left  bottom  width  height
colormap(gray(256))
suptitle(strcat(fig_tit,' - Modified Image'));
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%------------------------------------------------------------------------------
%------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Program BarModel_3d.m
% By Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03
%------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% subroutines called
% makemodelc_2bar.m      rect_2bar.m     suptitle.m      fmins.m
% line_MSE_2bar.m        roundoff.m      shiftd.m        scale_intensity.m
% minmize_2bar.m         shiftu.m        shiftl.m        shiftr.m
%------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% This program compares an extracted square matrix from the 3-Bar Target to a model.
% The program begins by scanning three rows to get an average estimate of the bar width and the
% the starting position.  Using these estimates, the program calls subroutine 'makemodel.m'
% to create a model.  The program then tries to minimize the mean square error (MSE) by varing the
% placement of the model by shifting the matrix (left, right, up, & down), width, starting
% position, as well as adjusting the minimum and maximum gray levels in the given matrix..
% The results are then plotted.
%------------------------------------------------------------------------------
clear all
format compact
% Uncomment selection, either Group 9, tar66a.tif (default), Group 12, tar66a.tif, or Group 12, target66u.tif
% Comment the others
test_bar='Group 9, tar66a.tif';
%test_bar='Group 12, tar66a.tif';
%test_bar='Group 12, target66u.tif';
if strcmp(test_bar,'Group 9, tar66a.tif')
    fig_tit=' Group 9, tar66a.tif';
    data_in_1=' tar66a.mat';
    data_in_2=' grp9_tar66a.mat';
    data_out=' tar66a1_group9';
    av=1200; bv=2000; cv=1400; dv=2100;
    eval(strcat('load ',data_in_1))
    eval(strcat('load ',data_in_2))
    k=bar;
    b_width_est=[40];
elseif strcmp(test_bar,'Group 12, tar66a.tif')
    fig_tit=' Group 12, tar66a.tif';
    data_in_1=' tar66a.mat';
    data_in_2=' grp12_tar66a.mat';
    data_out=' tar66a1_group12';
    av=800; bv=2000; cv=1400; dv=2100;
    eval(strcat('load ',data_in_1))
    eval(strcat('load ',data_in_2))
    k=bar;
    b_width_est=[];
elseif strcmp(test_bar,'Group 12, target66u.tif')
    fig_tit=' Group 12, target66u.tif';
    data_in_1=' target66u.mat';
    data_in_2=' grp12_target66u.mat';
    data_out=' target66u_group12';
    av=1; bv=1300; cv=350; dv=1100;
    eval(strcat('load ',data_in_1))
    eval(strcat('load ',data_in_2))
    k=bar;
    b_width_est=[];
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else
    'do nothing'
end; % if
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Declare global variables
global max_gray_floor min_gray_ceil x yk xt yt min_gray max_gray p1 ab_max_p ab_min_p ...
    scale_factor max_gray_floor min_gray_ceil p4 p4a y2 x0 b_width
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% setup initial conditions
s1=a;        % Start Row
s2=c+a;    % End Row
x1=b;       % Start Column
x2=c+b;   % End Column

p=double(k(s1:s2,x1:x2));
p4=p; xx=x1:x2; beta=0.05;
y_min1=[]; y_rms=[]; bf=[]; x0_rms=[]; y_min2=[];
ab_max_p=max(max(p)); % maximum gray scale value
ab_min_p=min(min(p));    % minimum gray scale value

%determine spacing for x and y axis
[yk,xt]=size(p4);
x=linspace(x1,x2,xt);        %y axis spacing
yt=linspace(s1,s2,xt);        %x axis spacing
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% determine min and max gray levels
max_gray_floor=round(ab_max_p-beta*ab_max_p);            %determine floor and ceiling values
min_gray_ceil=round(ab_min_p+beta*1.5*ab_max_p);        %for gray scale threshold
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Perform the linescan of the three rows to obtain estimate
% Pass variables row data
'Performing Line Scan to Determine Estimate of Width and Starting Position'
rows=[round(yk/3) round(yk/2) 2*round(yk/3)];
p1=p4(rows,:); x0_est=[];
for t=1:length(rows)
    p1=p4(rows(t),:);
    [b_width,x0,MSE,qrms,y_min]=line_MSE(p1);     % data to estimate bar width & starting position
    b_width_est=cat(2,b_width_est,b_width);
    x0_est=cat(1,x0_est,x0);
end;
% determine estimate for bar width & starting position
if (strcmp(test_bar,'Group 12, tar66a.tif')|strcmp(test_bar,'Group 12, target66u.tif'))
    if mean(b_width_est(1:2))>mean(b_width_est(2:3))
        b_width=mean(b_width_est(2:3));
        x0=mean(x0_est(2:3,1));
    elseif mean(b_width_est(2:3))>mean(b_width_est(1:2))
        b_width=mean(b_width_est(1:2));
        x0=mean(x0_est(1:2,1));
    else
        b_width=mean(b_width_est);
        x0=mean(x0_est(:,1));
    end; % inner if
else
    b_width=mean(b_width_est);
    x0=mean(x0_est(:,1));
end; % outer if
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p1=p4(rows(2),:);
%---------------------------------------------------------------
% Begin main program
'Performing Best Fit'
MSE=1E12; q=10;
for s=1:9
    for t=1:q
        switch s
        case 1,    if t==1    % 'No shift'
            p4a=p4;  end;
        case 2 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) up']
            p4a=shiftu(p4,0,t,1);
        case 3 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) down']
            p4a=shiftd(p4,0,t,1);
        case 4 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' colums(s) left']
            p4a=shiftl(p4,0,t,1);
        case 5 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' columns(s) right']
            p4a=shiftr(p4,0,t,1);
        case 6 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) up & column(s) left']
            p5=shiftu(p4,0,t,1);  p4a=shiftl(p5,0,t,1);
        case 7 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) up & column(s) right']
            p5=shiftu(p4,0,t,1);  p4a=shiftr(p5,0,t,1);
        case 8 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) down & column(s) left']
            p5=shiftd(p4,0,t,1);  p4a=shiftl(p5,0,t,1);
        case 9 %,['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) down & column(s) right']
            p5=shiftd(p4,0,t,1);  p4a=shiftr(p5,0,t,1);
        end;   % case

        count=11;    b1=b_width-.5;  b2=b_width+.5;
        MSE_count=1;

        while (MSE_count>0&(b1<b2))
            MSE_count=0;
            lam=[b_width, x0(1)];
            MSE1=double(fmins('minimize',lam));
            b_test=MSE1(1);
            x0=MSE1(2);

            [y2,x0]=makemodelc(b_test,x0,p4a);
            MSE1=sum(sum((y2-p4).^2))/(xt*yk);        %Determine MSE
            if (MSE1<MSE)
                MSE=MSE1
                y_min=y2;
                x0_min=x0;
                b_min=b_test;
                qrms_min=sqrt(MSE1);
                MSE_new=qrms_min+MSE;
                MSE_count=MSE_count+1;
            end; %if
            if MSE_count>0'MSE Lowered';   end; % if
        end;   % while
        %---------------------------------------------------------------
        % Collect variables
        bf=cat(2,bf,b_min);
        x0_rms=cat(1,x0_rms,x0_min);
        mean_given=sum(sum(p4))/(xt*yk);
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            std_given=sqrt(sum(sum((p4-mean_given).^2))/(xt*yk));
            ratio=(y_min-p4).*(qrms_min/std_given);
            y_minz=p4+ratio;
        end; %for t
    end; %for s


    bf=roundoff(bf,4);
    x0_rms=roundoff(x0_rms,4);
    %------------------------------------------------------------------------
    % Replace optimized section in Original matrix
    k_up=k;
    k_up(s1:s2,x1:x2)=y_minz;
    %------------------------------------------------------------------------
    % Save variables
    var1=' y_min1 y_rms x0_rms bf p1 x xx y_min y_minz y_min2';
    var2=' ab_min_p ab_max_p s1 s2 qrms_min k_up p4 xt yk b_min';
    eval(strcat('save ',data_out,var1,var2))
    %------------------------------------------------------------------------
    % Plotting routines
    %------------------------------------------------------------------------
    eval(strcat('load ',data_in_1))      % Load data file
    eval(strcat('load ',data_out))       % Load data file

    if strcmp(test_bar,'Group 12, target66u.tif')
        k=target;
    else
        k=bar;
    end;
    % Display upsampled image
    az=-20;   el=38;
    figure(12), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1])
    subplot(121)
    imagesc(p4),grid on,axis image,ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #');
    set(gca,'ydir','normal');
    subplot(122)
    surf(p4),shading interp,view(az,el),axis image,ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #');
    colormap(bone),axis square
    set(gcf,'PaperType','usletter'), set(gcf,'PaperOrientation','landscape');
    set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[ .25,  .25,   10.5,  8]);
                            % left  bottom  width  height
    suptitle(strcat(fig_tit,' - Original Image'));
    %------------------------------------------------------------------------
    az=-7.5; el=14;
    y_minz1=y_minz;
    %scale intensity if greater than 255 or less than 0
    if max(max(y_minz1))>255
        y_minz1=y_minz1-(max(max(y_minz1))-255);end;
    if min(min(y_minz1))<0
        [a,b]=find(y_minz1<0);
        for q=1:length(a), y_minz1(a(q),b(q))=0; end
    end;
    z1=min(min(y_minz1))-20;   if z1<0, z1=0;   end;
    z2=max(max(y_minz1))+20;  if z2>255, z2=255; end;
    figure(2), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1])
    subplot(121)
    imagesc(y_minz1),grid on,axis image,ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #');
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set(gca,'ydir','normal')
subplot(122)
mesh(y_minz1),view(az,el),axis square,axis([0 yk 0 xt z1 z2]);
ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #')
set(gcf,'PaperType','usletter'), set(gcf,'PaperOrientation','landscape');
set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[ .25,  .25,   10.5,  8]);
                        % left  bottom  width  height
colormap(bone)
%colormap(copper)
suptitle(strcat(fig_tit,' - Optmized Image'));
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
figure(4), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1])
subplot(121)
imagesc(k(av:bv,cv:dv)),colormap(gray(256)),grid on,axis image,ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #');
subplot(122)
imagesc(k_up(av:bv,cv:dv)),colormap(gray(256)),grid on,axis image,ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #');
set(gcf,'PaperType','usletter'), set(gcf,'PaperOrientation','landscape');
set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[ .25,  .25,   10.5,  8]);
                            % left  bottom  width  height
suptitle(strcat(fig_tit,' - Original and Optmized Images'));


%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Line plots
figure(1), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1])
subplot(211)
plot(p4(round(yk/2),:))
subplot(212)
plot(y_minz1(round(yk/2),:))
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%---------------------------------------------------------------------------------
%---------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Program BarModel_GE_S1.m
% By Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03
%---------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% subroutines called
%  makemodelc_2bar.m      rect_2bar.m     suptitle.m      fmins.m
%  line_MSE_2bar.m        roundoff.m      shiftd.m        scale_intensity.m
%  minmize_2bar.m         shiftu.m        shiftl.m        shiftr.m
%---------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% This program compares an extracted square matrix from the 2-Bar Target to a model.
% The program begins by scanning five rows to get an average estimate of the bar width and the
% the starting position. Using these estimates, the program calls subroutine 'makemodel.m'
% to create a model. The program then tries to minimize the mean square error (MSE) by varing the
% placement of the model by shifting the matrix (left, right, up, & down), width, starting
% position, as well as adjusting the minimum and maximum gray levels in the given matrix..
% The results are then plotted.
%---------------------------------------------------------------------------------
clear all
format compact
load ges1.mat       % necessary data file
%---------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Declare global variables
global max_gray_floor min_gray_ceil x yk xt yt min_gray max_gray p lab_max_p ab_min_p ...
   scale_factor max_gray_floor min_gray_ceil p4 p4a y2 x0 b_width
%---------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Setup initial conditions

k=bar;
% Uncomment selection, either v_bar (default) or h_bar
% Comment the others
test_bar='v_bar';
%test_bar='h_bar';
if strcmp(test_bar,'v_bar')
    fig1_tit='Vertical Bars';
    fig_tit='German S1 Filter';
    data_out=' ges1_vbar';
    a=av; b=bv; c=cv; d=dv;
    p=double(v_bar);
else strcmp(test_bar,'h_bar')
    fig1_tit='Horizontal Bars';
    fig_tit='German S1 Filter';
    data_out=' ges1_hbar';
    a=ah; b=bh; c=ch; d=dh;
    p=double(h_bar');   % transpose data to calculate
end; % if

s1=a;      % Start Row
s2=c+a;    % End Row
x1=b;      % Start Column
x2=d+b;    % End Column
p4=p;  xx=x1:x2;  beta=0.05;

y_min1=[]; y_rms=[]; bf=[];  x0_rms=[]; y_min2=[];
ab_max_p=max(max(p));
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ab_min_p=min(min(p));

%determine spacing for x and y axis
[yk,xt]=size(p);
x2a=x1+xt;
x=linspace(x1,x2,xt);        %y axis spacing
s2a=s1+yk;
yt=linspace(s1,s2,xt);       %x axis spacing


%------------------------------------------------------------------------------
%determine min and max gray levels
max_gray_floor=round(ab_max_p-beta*ab_max_p);        %determine floor and ceiling values
min_gray_ceil=round(ab_min_p+beta*1.5*ab_max_p);     %for gray scale threshold


%------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Perform the linescan of the five rows to obtain estimate
% Pass variables row data
'Performing Line Scan to Determine Estimate of Width and Starting Position'
rows=[round(yk/6) 2*round(yk/6) 3*round(yk/6) 4*round(yk/6) 5*round(yk/6)];
p1=p(rows,:);
x0_est=[];
b_width_est=[];
for t=1:length(rows)
    strcat('row ',num2str(t))
    p1=p(rows(t),:);
    [b_width,x0,MSE,qrms,y_min]=line_MSE_2bar(p1);
    b_width_est=cat(2,b_width_est,b_width);
    x0_est=cat(1,x0_est,x0);
end;
b_width=mean(b_width_est)
x0=mean(x0_est(:,1))


%------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Begin main program
'Performing Best Fit'
MSE=1E12; q=10;
for s=1:9
    for t=1:q
    switch s
        case 1,    if t==1    'No shift'
            p4a=p4;  end;
        case 2,    ['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) up']
            p4a=shiftu(p4,0,t,1);
        case 3,    ['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) down']
            p4a=shiftd(p4,0,t,1);
        case 4,    ['Shift ',num2str(t),' colums(s) left']
            p4a=shiftl(p4,0,t,1);
        case 5,    ['Shift ',num2str(t),' columns(s) right']
            p4a=shiftr(p4,0,t,1);
        case 6,    ['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) up & column(s) left']
            p5=shiftu(p4,0,t,1); p4a=shiftl(p5,0,t,1);
        case 7,    ['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) up & column(s) right']
            p5=shiftu(p4,0,t,1); p4a=shiftr(p5,0,t,1);
        case 8,    ['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) down & column(s) left']
            p5=shiftd(p4,0,t,1); p4a=shiftl(p5,0,t,1);
        case 9,    ['Shift ',num2str(t),' row(s) down & column(s) right']
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        p5=shiftd(p4,0,t,1); p4a=shiftr(p5,0,t,1);
     end;    % case

     count=11;    b1=b_width-.5;  b2=b_width+.5;
     MSE_count=1;

     while (MSE_count>0&(b1<b2))
        MSE_count=0;
        lam=[b_width, x0(1)];
        MSE1=double(fmins('minimize_2bar',lam));
        b_test=MSE1(1);
        x0=MSE1(2);

        [y2,x0]=makemodelc_2bar(b_test,x0,p4a);
        MSE1=sum(sum((y2-p4).^2))/(xt*yk);
        if (MSE1<MSE)
           MSE=MSE1
           y_min=y2;
           x0_min=x0;
           b_min=b_test;
           qrms_min=sqrt(MSE1);
           MSE_new=qrms_min+MSE;
           MSE_count=MSE_count+1;
           end; %if
           if MSE_count>0'MSE Lowered';   end; % if
     end; %while
     %------------------------------------------------------------------------
     % Collect variables
     bf=cat(2,bf,b_min);
     x0_rms=cat(1,x0_rms,x0_min);
     mean_given=sum(sum(p4))/(xt*yk);
     std_given=sqrt(sum(sum((p4-mean_given).^2))/(xt*yk));
     ratio=(y_min-p4).*(qrms_min/std_given);
     y_minz=p4+ratio;
   end; %for t
end; %for s

bf=roundoff(bf,4);
x0_rms=roundoff(x0_rms,4);
%----------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Replace optimized section in Original matrix
k_up=k;
k_up(x1:x2,s1:s2)=y_minz;
%----------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Save variables
var1=' y_min1 y_rms x0_rms bf p1 x xx y_min y_minz y_min2';
var2=' ab_min_p ab_max_p s1 s2 qrms_min k_up p4 xt yk b_min';
eval(strcat('save ',data_out,var1,var2))
%----------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Plotting routines
%----------------------------------------------------------------------------
eval(strcat('load ',data_out))
load ges1.mat

k=bar;
% Display upsampled image
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az=-30;   el=50;
figure(12), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1]),subplot(121)
imagesc(p4),grid on,axis image,ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #');
set(gca,'ydir','normal')
subplot(122)
surf(p4),shading interp,view(az,el),axis image,ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #');
%colormap(copper)
colormap(bone)
set(gcf,'PaperType','usletter'), set(gcf,'PaperOrientation','landscape');
set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[ .25,  .25,   10.5,  8]);
                    % left  bottom  width  height
suptitle(strcat(fig_tit,' - Original Image'));
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
az=-19; el=40;
y_minz1=y_minz;
% scale intensity if greater than 255 or less than 0
if max(max(y_minz1))>255
    y_minz1=y_minz1-(max(max(y_minz1))-255);end;%(255-ab_max_p); end;
if min(min(y_minz1))<0
    [a,b]=find(y_minz1<0);
    for q=1:length(a), y_minz1(a(q),b(q))=0; end
end;
z1=min(min(y_minz1))-20;   if z1<0, z1=0;    end;
z2=max(max(y_minz1))+20;  if z2>255, z2=255; end;
figure(2), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1])
subplot(121)
imagesc(y_minz1),grid on,axis image,ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #');
set(gca,'ydir','normal')
subplot(122)
mesh(y_minz1),view(az,el),axis square,axis([0 xt 0 yk z1 z2]);
ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #')%,set(gca,'ydir','rev')
set(gcf,'PaperType','usletter'), set(gcf,'PaperOrientation','landscape');
set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[ .25,  .25,   10.5,  8]);
                    % left  bottom  width  height
%colormap(bone)
colormap(copper)
suptitle(strcat(fig_tit,' - Optmized Image'));
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
figure(4), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1])
a=2000; b=4300; c=1000; d=3100;
subplot(121)
imagesc(k(a:b,c:d)),colormap(gray(256)),grid on,axis image,ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #');
subplot(122)
imagesc(k_up(a:b,c:d)),colormap(gray(256)),grid on,axis image,ylabel('Row #'),xlabel('Column #');
set(gcf,'PaperType','usletter'), set(gcf,'PaperOrientation','landscape');
set(gcf,'PaperPosition',[ .25,  .25,   10.5,  8]);
                    % left  bottom  width  height
suptitle(strcat(fig_tit,' - Original and Optmized Images'));
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Line plots
figure(1), set(gcf,'color',[1 1 1])
subplot(211),plot(p4(round(yk/2),:))
subplot(212),plot(y_minz1(round(yk/2),:))
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%--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
%--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
function [B_MIN,X0_MIN,MSE,qrms_min,y_min]=line_MSE(P1)
% Program line_MSE
% by Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03
%--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
global max_gray_floor min_gray_ceil x yk xt yt
%--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Begin main program
    PX=sort(P1);MSE=1E12;        MSE2=0;
    count=5;     b1=1; b2=60;        MSE_count=1; b_min=b2;

% determine zz
zz=1;  aa=1; bb=1;
max_gray=255; min_gray=0; % initialize gray levels for while loop
while max_gray>max_gray_floor&min_gray<min_gray_ceil
    max_gray=round(mean(PX(length(PX)-aa:length(PX))));
    min_gray=round(mean(PX(1:bb)));
    zz=zz+1;   aa=aa+1;      bb=bb+1;
end;

kz=linspace(1,zz,count);
y2x=zeros(count^4,length(x));    MSE1x=zeros(1,count^4);    b_x=zeros(1,count^4);      y_minx=[];
qrms_x=zeros(1,count^4); min_gray_x=zeros(1,count^4);
aa_count=1; bb_count=1; y_count=1; y1=[];
max_gray_x=zeros(1,count^4);
t1=find(P1==max(P1(1:round(yk/3)+2)));
t2=x(t1(1));  % starting point for rectangle
x1a=linspace(t2-1,t2+1,count);

while (MSE_count>0&(b1<b2))  %&(b_min<b2)
    z_count=1;
    MSE_count=0;
    %use 'for loops aa and bb' to minimize MSE for min_gray and max_gray
    for aa=1:length(kz)
    for bb=1:length(kz)
            max_gray=round(mean(PX(length(PX)-aa:length(PX))));
            min_gray=round(mean(PX(1:bb)));  %detrmine min/max gray scale for each iteration

            % find desired square wave that minimizes the MSE with P1
            b=linspace(b1,b2,count);       % set width dimensions for rectangle
            %use 'for loops y and z' to minimize MSE for rectangle width
            for y=1:length(x1a)
                for z=1:length(b)
                    z_count=z_count+1;
                    [y2,x0]=rect3(x1a(y),b(z),x);  % rectangle function
                    y2xb=find(y2==1);  y2(y2xb)=max_gray;     % replace one values with max_gray values
                    y2xa=find(y2==0);  y2(y2xa)=min_gray;     % replace zero values with min_gray values
                    y2=y2+(P1-y2)/(sqrt(std(P1)));

                    MSE1=sum((y2-P1).^2)/length(y2);
                    qrms=sqrt(MSE1);      % calculate root mean square error

                    if ((MSE1<MSE))
                        MSE=MSE1;
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                    y_min=y2;
                    x0_min=x0;
                    b_min=b(z)
                    gray_min=min_gray;
                    gray_max=max_gray;
                    qrms_min=qrms;
                    MSE_new=qrms+MSE;
                    MSE_count=MSE_count+1;
                end; % if
            end; % for z
        end; % for y
    end; % for bb
end; % for aa
mk=abs((b2-b1)/8);
if MSE_count>0
'MSE Lowered'
    b1=((b_min))-mk-0.2;          % reduce rectangle testing width
    b2=((b_min))+mk+0.2;      % reduce rectangle testing width
    if (b2-b1)<3, count=21; end;
    if (b2-b1)<=1.5, count=41; end;
end; % if
end; % while
B_MIN=b_min;
X0_MIN=x0_min;
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%-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
%-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
function [B_MIN,X0_MIN,MSE,qrms_min,y_min]=line_MSE_2bar(P1)
% by Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03
%-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
global max_gray_floor min_gray_ceil x yk xt yt
%-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% Begin main program
    PX=sort(P1);MSE=1E12;        MSE2=0;
    count=5;      b1=1; b2=60;       · MSE_count=1; b_min=b2;

% determine zz
zz=1;  aa=1; bb=1;
max_gray=255; min_gray=0; % initialize gray levels for while loop
while max_gray>max_gray_floor&min_gray<min_gray_ceil
    max_gray=round(mean(PX(length(PX)-aa:length(PX))));
    min_gray=round(mean(PX(1:bb)));
    zz=zz+1;   aa=aa+1;     bb=bb+1;
end;

kz=linspace(1,zz,count);
y2x=zeros(count^4,length(x));    MSE1x=zeros(1,count^4);    b_x=zeros(1,count^4);    y_minx=[];
qrms_x=zeros(1,count^4); min_gray_x=zeros(1,count^4);
aa_count=1;  bb_count=1; y_count=1; y1=[];
max_gray_x=zeros(1,count^4);
t1=find(P1==max(P1(1:round(yk/3)+2)));
t2=x(t1(1));  % starting point for rectangle
x1a=linspace(t2-1,t2+1,count);

while (MSE_count>0&(b1<b2))
    z_count=1;
    MSE_count=0;
    %use 'for loops aa and bb' to minimize MSE for min_gray and max_gray
    for aa=1:length(kz)
    for bb=1:length(kz)
        max_gray=round(mean(PX(length(PX)-aa:length(PX))));
        min_gray=round(mean(PX(1:bb)));  % determine min/max gray scale for each iteration

        % find desired square wave that minimizes the MSE with P1
        b=linspace(b1,b2,count);        % set width dimensions for rectangle
        %use 'for loops y and z' to minimize MSE for rectangle width
        for y=1:length(x1a)
            for z=1:length(b)
                z_count=z_count+1;
                [y2,x0]=rect_2bar(x1a(y),b(z),x);  % rectangle function
                y2xb=find(y2==1);  y2(y2xb)=max_gray;      % replace one values with max_gray values
                y2xa=find(y2==0);  y2(y2xa)=min_gray;      % replace zero values with min_gray values
                y2=y2+(P1-y2)/(sqrt(std(P1)));

                MSE1=sum((y2-P1).^2)/length(y2);
                qrms=sqrt(MSE1);      % calculate root mean square error

                if ((MSE1<MSE))
                    MSE=MSE1;
                    y_min=y2;
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                    x0_min=x0;
                    b_min=b(z)
                    gray_min=min_gray;
                    gray_max=max_gray;
                    qrms_min=qrms;
                    MSE_new=qrms+MSE;
                    MSE_count=MSE_count+1;
                end; % if
            end; % for z
        end; % for y
      end; % for bb
  end; % for aa
  mk=abs((b2-b1)/8);
  if MSE_count>0
  'MSE Lowered'
      b1=((b_min))-mk-0.2;          % reduce rectangle testing width
      b2=((b_min))+mk+0.2;      % reduce rectangle testing width
      if (b2-b1)<3, count=21; end;
      if (b2-b1)<=1.5, count=41; end;
  end; % if
end; % while
B_MIN=b_min;
X0_MIN=x0_min;
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%--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
%--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
function [Y,X0]=makemodelc(B_ROWS,B_X0,Y_MIN1)
% by Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03
%--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
global x yk xt yt min_gray max_gray p1 ab_max_p ab_min_p scale_factor ...
  max_gray_floor min_gray_ceil
%--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
X=x; YK=yk;   XT=xt; MIN_GRAY=ab_min_p; %min_gray;
MAX_GRAY=ab_max_p; %max_gray;
P1=p1;
start_row=1; end_row=1;
[QQ,RR]=size(Y_MIN1);

% Scan each to find beginning and ending row above threshold
for t=1:QQ
  PX=sort(Y_MIN1(t,:));
  aa=1;   bb=1;
  max_gray=255; min_gray=0;   % initialize gray levels for while loop
  while max_gray>max_gray_floor&min_gray<min_gray_ceil
    max_gray=round(mean(PX(length(PX)-aa:length(PX))));
    min_gray=round(mean(PX(1:bb)));
    aa=aa+1;   bb=bb+1;
  end
end;   %for
start_row;
end_row;

% determine # of rows and average starting position
K1=round(YK/2-1);   %use middle row
NUM_ROWS=round(B_ROWS*5);
% calculate values for optimum square wave
MIN_GRAY=round(min(Y_MIN1(K1,:)));
MAX_GRAY=round(max(Y_MIN1(K1,:)));
[Y2,X0]=rect3(B_X0,B_ROWS,X);   % rectangle function
Y2xb=find(Y2==1);   Y2(Y2xb)=MAX_GRAY;      % replace one values with max_gray values
Y2xa=find(Y2==0);   Y2(Y2xa)=MIN_GRAY;      % replace zero values with min_gray values
Y2=Y2+(P1-Y2)/(sqrt(std(P1)));
Y_min2=zeros(YK,XT)+min(Y2)+10;

for t=round(K1-NUM_ROWS/2+1):round(K1+NUM_ROWS/2)
  Y_min2(t,:)=Y2;
end;

Y=Y_min2;
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%----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
%----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
function [Y,X0]=makemodelc_2bar(B_ROWS,B_X0,Y_MIN1)
% by Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03
%----------------------------------------------------------------------------------
global x yk xt yt min_gray max_gray p1 ab_max_p ab_min_p scale_factor ...
   max_gray_floor min_gray_ceil
%----------------------------------------------------------------------------------
X=x; YK=yk;   XT=xt; MIN_GRAY=ab_min_p;%min_gray;
MAX_GRAY=ab_max_p;%max_gray;
P1=p1;
start_row=1; end_row=1;
[QQ,RR]=size(Y_MIN1);

% Scan each to find beginning and ending row above threshold
for t=1:QQ
  PX=sort(Y_MIN1(t,:));
  aa=1;   bb=1;
  max_gray=255; min_gray=0;   % initialize gray levels for while loop
  while max_gray>max_gray_floor&min_gray<min_gray_ceil
    max_gray=round(mean(PX(length(PX)-aa:length(PX))));
    min_gray=round(mean(PX(1:bb)));
    aa=aa+1;   bb=bb+1;
  end;
end;   %for
start_row;
end_row;

% determine # of rows and average starting position
K1=round(YK/2-1);   %use middle row
NUM_ROWS=round(B_ROWS*5);
% calculate values for optimum square wave
MIN_GRAY=round(min(Y_MIN1(K1,:)));
MAX_GRAY=round(max(Y_MIN1(K1,:)));
[Y2,X0]=rect_2bar(B_X0,B_ROWS,X);                %rectangle function
Y2xb=find(Y2==1);   Y2(Y2xb)=MAX_GRAY;          % replace one values with max_gray values
Y2xa=find(Y2==0);   Y2(Y2xa)=MIN_GRAY;          % replace zero values with min_gray values
Y2=Y2+(P1-Y2)/(sqrt(std(P1)));
Y_min2=zeros(YK,XT)+min(Y2)+10;

for t=round(K1-NUM_ROWS/2+1):round(K1+NUM_ROWS/2)
%for t=start_row:end_row
  Y_min2(t,:)=Y2;
end;

Y=Y_min2;
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%------------------------------------------------------------------------
%------------------------------------------------------------------------
function MSE1=minimize(lam)
% By Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03
% This function is called by the Matlab command 'fmins' to minimize the mean
% squared error

global x yk xt yt min_gray max_gray p1 ab_max_p ab_min_p scale_factor ...
   max_gray_floor min_gray_ceil p4 p4a y2

b_width=lam(1);
x0=lam(2);
y2=makemodelc(b_width,x0(1),p4a);
MSE1=sum(sum((y2-p4).^2))/(xt*yk);   %Determine MSE


%------------------------------------------------------------------------
%------------------------------------------------------------------------
function MSE1=minimize_2bar(lam)
% By Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03

global x yk xt yt min_gray max_gray p1 ab_max_p ab_min_p scale_factor ...
   max_gray_floor min_gray_ceil p4 p4a y2
b_width=lam(1);
x0=lam(2);

y2=makemodela_2bar(b_width,x0(1),p4a);
MSE1=sum(sum((y2-p4).^2))/length(y2);   %Determine MSE


%------------------------------------------------------------------------
%------------------------------------------------------------------------
function [Y]=scale_intensity(X)
% By Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03

% This function scales the intensity of an matrix to values between 0 and 255
if min(min(X))<0
   X=X+abs(min(min(X)));
end;
if max(max(X))>255
   scale_X=max(max(X))/255;
   X=X/scale_X;
end;
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%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
function [YY,X0]=rect3(X1A,B,X)
% By Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03

X0=[];
for w=1:3% this for loop determines the placement of the 3 rectangles
    X01=double(X1A+2*B*(w-1));
    X0=cat(2,X0,X01);
end; % for w

% Optimum Rectangle Function
Y2=zeros(1,length(X));
for t=1:length(X0)
    q=(X-X0(t))/B;
    for r=1:length(q)
    if abs(q(r))>0.5
            Y1(r)=0;
        else
            Y1(r)=1;
        end; % if
    end; % for r
    Y2=Y2+Y1; % sum the 3 iterations to get a vector with 3 rectangles
end; % for t
YY=Y2;

%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
%-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
function [YY,X0]=rect_2bar(X1A,B,X)
% By Dan Sperl
% AFIT/GEO/ENG/00M-03

X0=[];
for w=1:2% this for loop determines the placement of the 3 rectangles
    X01=round(double(X1A+3*B*(w-1)));
    X0=cat(2,X0,X01);
end; % for w
%X0=x(X0);
adj=.2;
% Optimum Rectangle Function
Y2=zeros(1,length(X));
for t=1:length(X0)
    q=((X-X0(t))/B);
    q=roundoff(q,3);
    for r=1:length(q)
        if abs(q(r))>0.5+adj
            Y1(r)=0;
        else
            Y1(r)=1;
        end; % if
    end; % for r
    Y2=Y2+Y1;  % sum the 2 iterations to get a vector with 2 rectangles
end; %for t
YY=Y2;
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%------------------------------------------------------------------------
% This function was obtained from www.mathworks.com
%------------------------------------------------------------------------
function hout=suptitle(str)
%SUPTITLE Puts a title above all subplots.  SUPTITLE('text') adds text to the top of the figure
% above all subplots (a "super title"). Use this function after all subplot commands.
% Drea Thomas 6/15/95 drea@mathworks.com
% Warning: If the figure or axis units are non-default, this will break.
% Parameters used to position the supertitle. Amount of the figure window devoted to subplots.

plotregion = .92;
titleypos  = .95;      % Y position of title in normalized coordinates
fs = get(gcf,'defaultaxesfontsize')+4;      % Fontsize for supertitle
fudge=1;      % Fudge factor to adjust y spacing between subplots
haold = gca;
figunits = get(gcf,'units');

% Get the (approximate) difference between full height (plot + title + xlabel) and bounding rectangle.
    if (~strcmp(figunits,'pixels')),
        set(gcf,'units','pixels');
        pos = get(gcf,'position');
        set(gcf,'units',figunits);
    else,
        pos = get(gcf,'position');
    end
    ff = (fs-4)*1.27*5/pos(4)*fudge;

        % The 5 here reflects about 3 characters of height below
        % an axis and 2 above. 1.27 is pixels per point.

% Determine the bounding rectange for all the plots
% h = findobj('Type','axes');
% findobj is a 4.2 thing.. if you don't have 4.2 comment out
% the next line and uncomment the following block.

h = findobj(gcf,'Type','axes');  % Change suggested by Stacy J. Hills

% If you don't have 4.2, use this code instead
%ch = get(gcf,'children');
%h=[];
%for i=1:length(ch),
%  if strcmp(get(ch(i),'type'),'axes'),
%    h=[h,ch(i)];
%  end
%end

max_y=0;
min_y=1;

oldtitle =0;
for i=1:length(h),
    if (~strcmp(get(h(i),'Tag'),'suptitle')),
        pos=get(h(i),'pos');
        if (pos(2) < min_y), min_y=pos(2)-ff/5*3;end;
        if (pos(4)+pos(2) > max_y), max_y=pos(4)+pos(2)+ff/5*2;end;
    else,
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            oldtitle = h(i);
        end
    end

    if max_y > plotregion,
        scale = (plotregion-min_y)/(max_y-min_y);
        for i=1:length(h),
            pos = get(h(i),'position');
            pos(2) = (pos(2)-min_y)*scale+min_y;
            pos(4) = pos(4)*scale-(1-scale)*ff/5*3;
            set(h(i),'position',pos);
        end
    end

    np = get(gcf,'nextplot');
    set(gcf,'nextplot','add');
    if (oldtitle),
        delete(oldtitle);
    end
    ha=axes('pos',[0 1 1 1],'visible','off','Tag','suptitle');
    ht=text(.5,titleypos-1,str);set(ht,'horizontalalignment','center','fontsize',fs);
    set(gcf,'nextplot',np);
    axes(haold);
    if nargout,
        hout=ht;
    end
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%------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% This function was obtained from www.mathworks.com
%------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
function y = shiftd(A,column,shift,type)

%  PURPOSE:  y = shiftd (A, column, shift) moves #column of matrix A downwards by #shift positions.
%  INPUT ARGUMENTS:
%  'A' is the input matrix. ('A' can be a vector).  'column' is the number of the column to be shifted. If
% column' is zero, then all columns in the matrix are shifted. 'shift' is the number of positions by which the
% column is shifted down.  'type' is an optional argument.  The shifted matrix-elements are discarded if
% this argument is 0 or is omitted, then vacated spaces at the top are filled with zeroes.  The shifted
% matrix-elements are retained if 'type' is 1or any other non-zero value, then vacated spaces at the top are
% filled with the shifted column-elements from the bottom (i.e. "wraparound").
%
[M,N] = size(A);
if column > N | column < 0, error('Invalid Column'); end
if shift < 0, error('Negative shift value - use "shiftu" instead'); end
if shift > M, error('Shift value exceeds number of rows'); end

if column == 0
   if nargin == 4 & type ~= 0
      A = [A(M-shift+1:M,:); A(1:M-shift,:)];
   else
      A = [zeros(shift,N); A(1:M-shift,:)];
   end
else
   if nargin == 4 & type ~= 0
      A(:,column) = [A(M-shift+1:M,column); A(1:M-shift,column)];
   else
      A(:,column) = [zeros(shift,1); A(1:M-shift,column)];
   end
end
y = A;
Y=X;
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%-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
% This function was obtained from www.mathworks.com
%-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
function y = shiftr(A,row,shift,type)

% PURPOSE:
% y = shiftr (A, row, shift) moves #row of matrix A to the right by #shift positions.
% INPUT ARGUMENTS:
% 'A' is the input matrix. ('A' can be a vector). 'row' is the number of the row to be shifted. If 'row' is zero,
% then all rows in the matrix are shifted.   'shift' is the number of positions by which the row is shifted
% to the right. % 'type' is an optional argument.  The shifted matrix-elements are discarded if this
% argument is 0 or is omitted, then vacated spaces to the left are filled with zeroes.  The shifted
% matrix-elements are retained if 'type' is 1 or any other non-zero value,
% then vacated spaces to the left are filled with the shifted row-elements from the right (i.e. "wraparound").
%
[M,N] = size(A);
if row > M | row < 0, error('Invalid Row'); end
if shift < 0, error('Negative shift value - use "shiftl" instead'); end
if shift > N, error('Shift value exceeds number of columns'); end

if row == 0
    if nargin == 4 & type ~= 0
        A = [A(:,N-shift+1:N)  A(:,1:N-shift)];
    else
        A = [zeros(M,shift) A(:,1:N-shift)];
    end
else
    if nargin == 4 & type ~= 0
        A(row,:) = [A(row,N-shift+1:N)  A(row,1:N-shift)];
    else
        A(row,:) = [zeros(1,shift) A(row,1:N-shift)];
    end
end
y = A;
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function y = shiftl(A,row,shift,type)

% PURPOSE:
%  y = shiftl (A, row, shift) moves #row of matrix A to the left  by #shift positions.
% INPUT ARGUMENTS: 'A' is the input matrix. ('A' can be a vector). 'row' is the number of the row to
% be shifted. If 'row' is zero, then all rows in the matrix are shifted.  'shift' is the number of positions by
% which the row is shifted to the right.  'type' is an optional argument.  The shifted matrix-elements are
% discarded if this argument is 0 or is omitted, then vacated spaces to the right are filled with zeros.
% The shifted matrix-elements are retained if 'type' is 1 or any other non-zero value, then vacated spaces to
% the right are filled with the shifted row-elements from the left (i.e. "wraparound").
%
[M,N] = size(A);
if row > M | row < 0, error('Invalid Row'); end
if shift < 0, error('Negative shift value - use "shiftr" instead'); end
if shift > N, error('Shift value exceeds number of columns'); end

if row == 0
   if nargin == 4 & type ~= 0
     A = [A(:,1+shift:N) A(:,1:shift)];
   else
     A = [A(:,1+shift:N) zeros(M,shift)];
   end
else
   if nargin == 4 & type ~= 0
     A(row,:) = [A(row,1+shift:N) A(row,1:shift)];
   else
     A(row,:) = [A(row,1+shift:N) zeros(1,shift)];
   end
end
y = A;
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function y = shiftu(A,column,shift,type)

%  PURPOSE:
%  y = shiftu (A, column, shift) moves #column of matrix A upwards by #shift positions.
%  INPUT ARGUMENTS: 'A' is the input matrix. ('A' can be a vector). 'column' is the number of the
%  column to be shifted. If 'column' is zero, then all columns in the matrix are shifted. 'shift' is the number
%  of positions by which the column is shifted vertically. 'type' is an optional argument.  The shifted
%  matrix-elements are discarded if this argument is 0 or is omitted, then vacated spaces on the bottom are
%  filled with zeroes.  The shifted matrix-elements are retained if 'type' is 1 or any other non-zero value,
%  then vacated spaces on the bottom are filled with the  shifted column-elements from the top (i.e.
%  "wraparound").
%
[M,N] = size(A);
if column > N | column < 0, error('Invalid Column'); end
if shift < 0, error('Negative shift value - use "shiftd" instead'); end
if shift > M, error('Shift value exceeds number of rows'); end
if column == 0
   if nargin == 4 & type ~= 0
      A = [A(1+shift:M,:); A(1:shift,:)];
   else
      A = [A(1+shift:M,:); zeros(shift,N)];
   end
else
   if nargin == 4 & type ~= 0
      A(:,column) = [A(1+shift:M, column); A(1:shift, column)];
   else
      A(:,column) = [A(1+shift:M, column); zeros(shift,1)];
   end
end
y = A;
```

```
function y = roundoff(number,decimal_places)

% Rounds a number (vector) to a specified number of decimal places

decimals = 10.^decimal_places;
y = fix(decimals*number + 0.5)./decimals;
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APPENDIX B. List of Scanned Negatives

3-Bar Targets	USAF Museum
55target.tif	55aircraft.tif ✓
56target.tif	56aircraft.tif
57target.tif	56aircraft.tif
58target.tif	57aircraft.tif
59target.tif	58aircraft.tif
60target.tif	59aircraft.tif
61target.tif	60aircraft.tif
62target.tif	61aircraft.tif
63target.tif	62aircraft.tif
64target.tif	63aircraft.tif
65target.tif	64aircraft.tif
66target.tif ✓	65aircraft.tif
67target.tif	**Enlarged Negatives**
68target.tif	tar66a.tif ✓
69target.tif	target66u.tif ✓
70target.tif	plane55a.tif ✓
71target.tif	plane55b.tif ✓
72target.tif	ges1a.tif ✓
73target.tif	(7,283 feet)
74target.tif	
75target.tif	
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The Treaty on Opens Skies allows any signatory nation to fly a specifically equipped reconnaissance aircraft anywhere over the territory of any other signatory nation. For photographic images, this treaty allows for a maximum ground resolution of 30 cm. The National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC), which manages implementation of the Open Skies Treaty for the US Air Force, wants to determine if post-processing of the photographic images can improve spatial resolution beyond 30 cm, and if so, determine the improvement achievable. Results presented in this thesis show that standard linear filters (edge and sharpening) do not improve resolution significantly and that super-resolution techniques are necessary. Most importantly, this thesis describes a prior-knowledge model fitting technique that improves resolution beyond the 30 cm treaty limit. The capabilities of this technique are demonstrated for a standard 3-Bar target, an optically degraded 2-Bar target, and the USAF airstar emblem.

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