

EECE 301  
Signals & Systems  
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**Discussion #9**

- Illustrating the Errors in DFT Processing
- DFT for Sonar Processing

# **Example #1**

Illustrating The Errors in  
DFT Processing

## Illustrating the Errors in DFT processing

This example does a nice job of showing the relationships between:

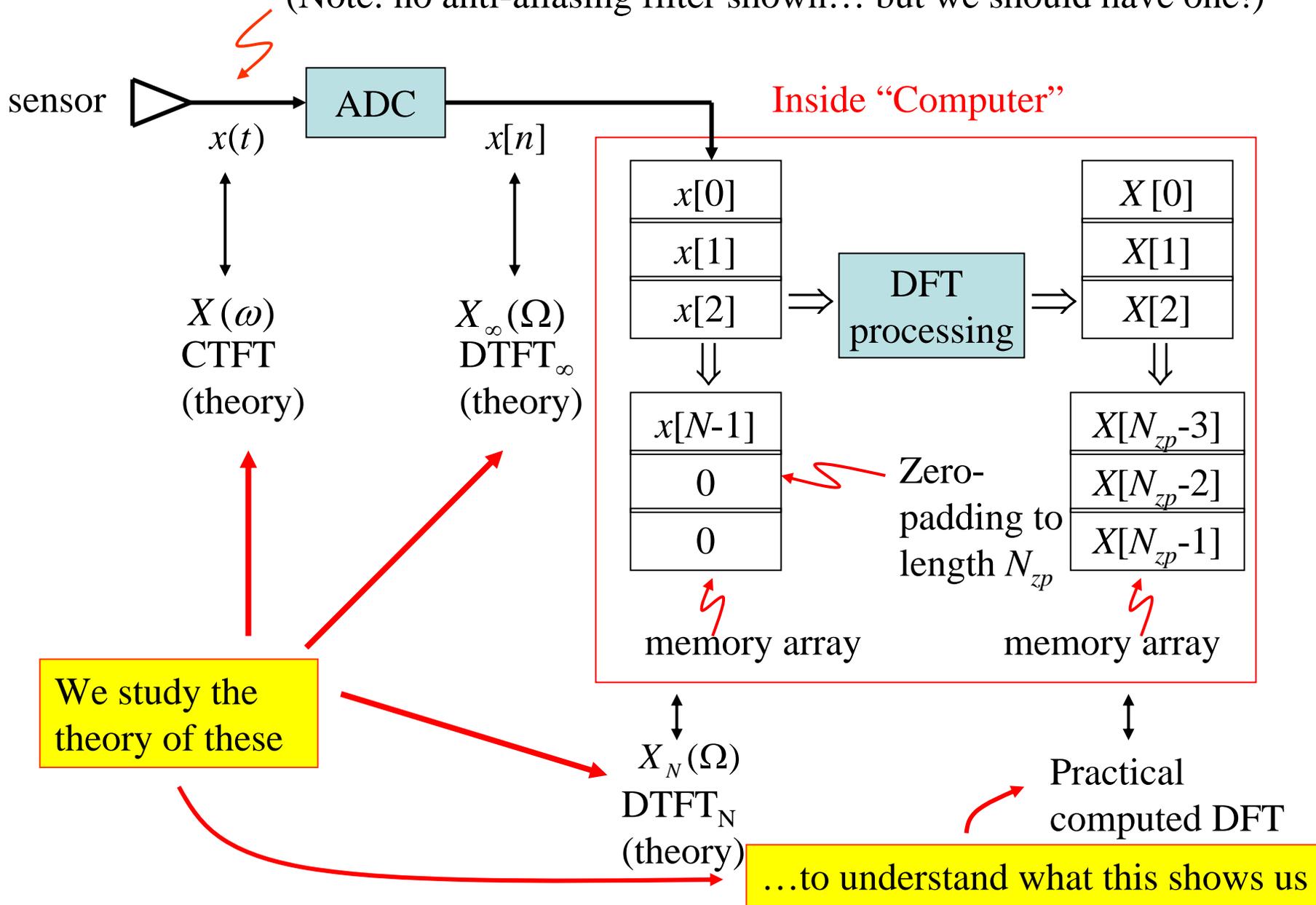
- the CTFT,
- the DTFT of the infinite-duration signal,
- the DTFT of the finite-duration collected samples,
- and the DFT computed from those samples.

However, it lacks any real illustration of why we do DFT processing in practice.

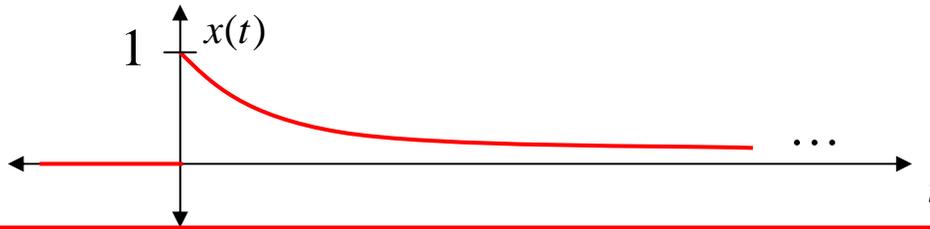
There are many practical applications of the DFT and we'll look at one in the next example.

# Recall the processing setup:

(Note: no anti-aliasing filter shown... but we should have one!)



Let's imagine we have the following CT Signal:  $x(t) = e^{-bt}u(t)$  for  $b > 0$



**Now... analyze what we will get from the DFT processing for this signal...**

From our FT Table we find the FT of  $x(t)$  is:

$$\boxed{A} \quad X(\omega) = \frac{1}{j\omega + b} \Rightarrow X(f) = \frac{1}{j2\pi f + b}$$

CTFT Result...(Theory)

If we sample  $x(t)$  at the rate of  $F_s$  samples/second – That is, sample every  $T = 1/F_s$  sec – we get the DT Signal coming out of the ADC is:

$$x[n] = x(t) \big|_{t=nT} = x(nT)$$

For this example we get:

$$x[n] = \left[ e^{-bt}u(t) \right]_{t=nT} = e^{-bTn}u[n]$$

$$= \left( e^{-bT} \right)^n u[n] \triangleq a^n u[n]$$

Note:  $|a| < 1$

Now imagine that in theory we have all of the samples  $x[n]$   $-\infty < n < \infty$  at the ADC output.

Then, in theory the  $\text{DTFT}_\infty$  of this signal is found using the DTFT table to be:

$$\boxed{\text{B}} \quad X_\infty(\Omega) = \frac{1}{1 - ae^{-j\Omega}}$$

For  $|a| < 1$  which we have because:

$$a = e^{-bT} \quad \& \quad b > 0, T > 0$$

  $\text{DTFT}_\infty$  Result...(Theory)

Now, in reality we can “collect” only  $N < \infty$  samples in our computer:

$$x_n[n] = a^n, \quad 0 \leq n \leq (N - 1)$$

("Assume"  $x_n[n] = 0$  elsewhere)

 Necessary to connect the DFT result to the theoretical results we'd like to see.

The DTFT of this collected finite-duration is easily found “by hand”:

$$\boxed{\text{C}} \quad X_N(\Omega) = \frac{1 - (ae^{-j\Omega})^N}{1 - ae^{-j\Omega}}$$

Note that we think of this as follows:

$$x_N[n] = x[n]w_N[n] \quad w_N[n] = \begin{cases} 1, & 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1 \\ 0, & \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

..and DTFT theory tells us that

$$X_N(\Omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} X_{\infty}(\Omega - \lambda)W_N(\lambda)d\lambda = X_{\infty}(\Omega) * W_N(\Omega)$$

A form of convolution (DT Freq. Domain Convolution)

**...and this convolution has a “smearing” effect.**

Finally, the DFT of the zero-padded collected samples is...

$$x_{zp}[n] = \begin{matrix} x[0] \\ x[1] \\ \dots \\ x[N-1] \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{matrix} \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} x[0] \\ x[1] \\ \dots \\ x[N-1] \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 0 \end{matrix}} \right\} \begin{matrix} \text{Total of } N_{zp} \\ \text{“points”} \end{matrix}$$

$$X_{zp}[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N_{zp}-1} x_{zp}[n] e^{-j\frac{2\pi kn}{N_{zp}}} \quad \mathbf{D}$$

(The only part of this example we'd really “do”)

Our theory tells us that the zero-padded DFT is nothing more than “points” on DTFT<sub>N</sub>:

$$X_{zp}[k] = X_N(\Omega_k)$$

where  $\Omega_k = \underbrace{\frac{2\pi k}{N_{zp}}}_{k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1}$

Spacing between DFT  
“points” is  $2\pi/N_{zp}$

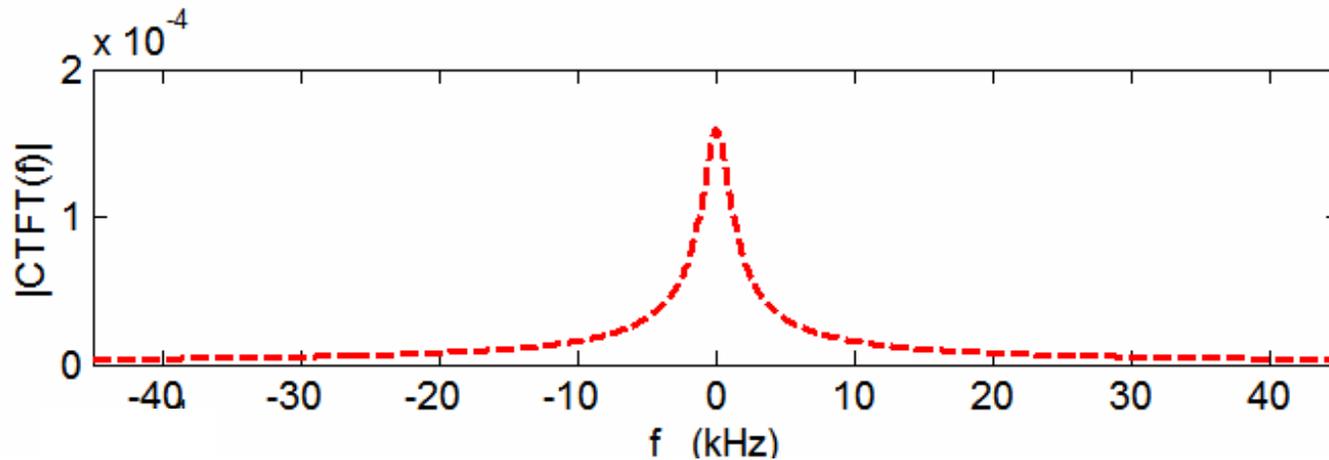
⇒ Increasing the amount  
of zero-padding gives  
closer spacing

Now run the m-file called DFT\_Relations.m for different  $F_s$ ,  $N$ , &  $N_{ap}$  values

## Results from DFT\_Relations.m

**Plot #1:** shows CTFT computed using:  $X(f) = \frac{1}{j2\pi f + b}$  A

Notice that this is not ideally bandlimited, but is essentially bandlimited.



**Plot #2:** shows DTFT<sub>∞</sub> computed using:

$$\text{(For plotting)} \quad X_{\infty}(\Omega) = \frac{1}{1 - ae^{-j\Omega}} \quad \boxed{\text{B}}$$

Our theory says that:

$$\text{(For analysis)} \quad X_{\infty}(\Omega) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X \left( \underbrace{\left( \frac{\Omega + k2\pi}{2\pi} \right) F_s}_{\text{(CTFT rescaled to } \Omega \text{ and then shifted by multiples of } 2\pi)}} \right)$$

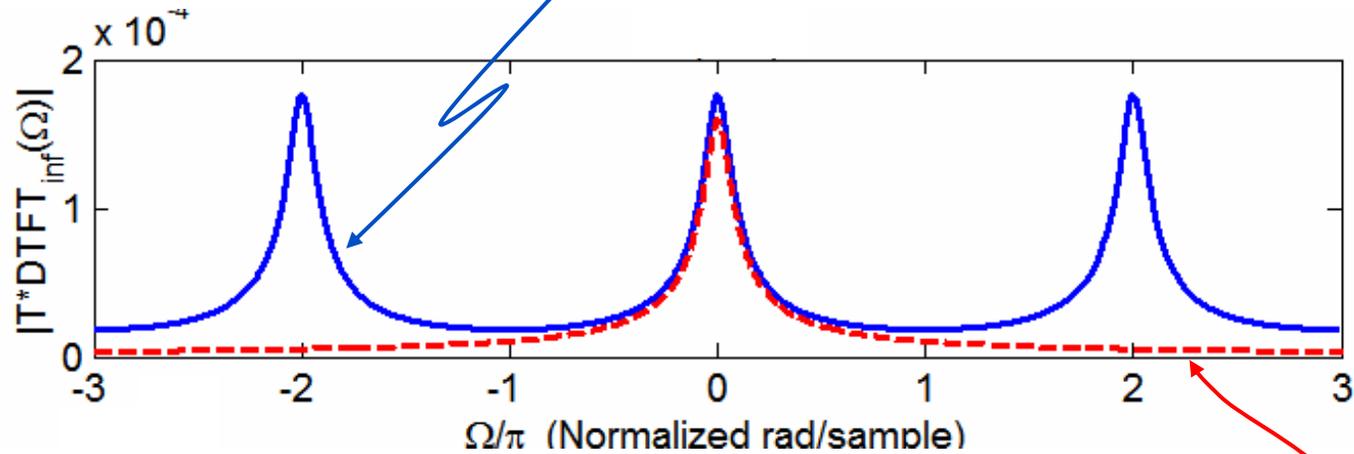
(CTFT rescaled to  $\Omega$  and then shifted by multiples of  $2\pi$ )

**So we should see “replicas” in  $X_{\infty}(\Omega)$  and we do!**

We plot  $TX_{\infty}(\Omega)$  to undo the  $1/T$  here

## Plot #2:

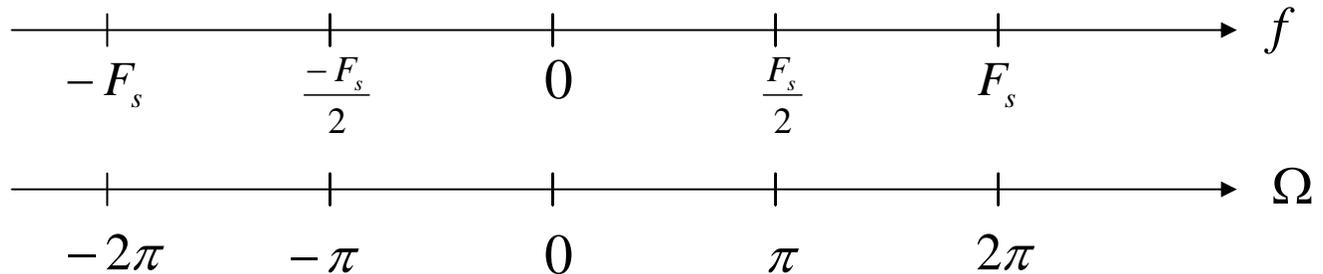
$$\text{DTFT}_{\infty}: X_{\infty}(\Omega) = \frac{1}{1 - ae^{-j\Omega}}$$



We also plot the CTFT against  $f \times \left( \frac{2\pi}{F_s} \right) = \Omega$

$$X(f) = \frac{1}{j2\pi f + b} \Rightarrow X(\Omega) = \frac{1}{j2\pi(\Omega \times F_s / 2\pi) + b}$$

Recall the two  
equivalent axes:

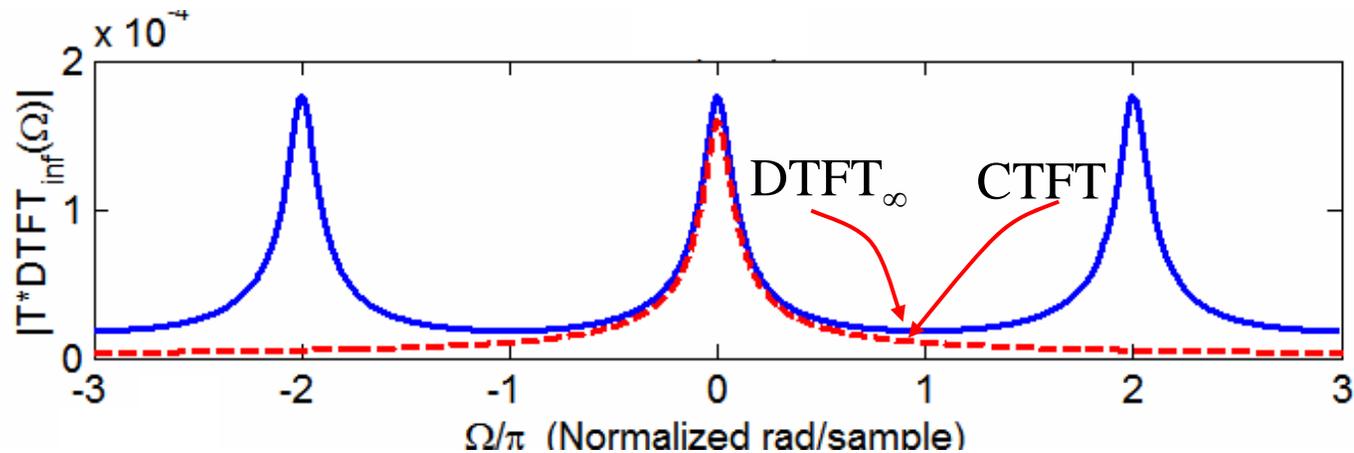


The theory in

$$X_{\infty}(\Omega) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X\left(\left(\frac{\Omega + k2\pi}{2\pi}\right)F_s\right)$$

says we'll see significant aliasing in  $X_{\infty}(\Omega)$  unless  $F_s$  is high enough

The first error – visible in plot #2

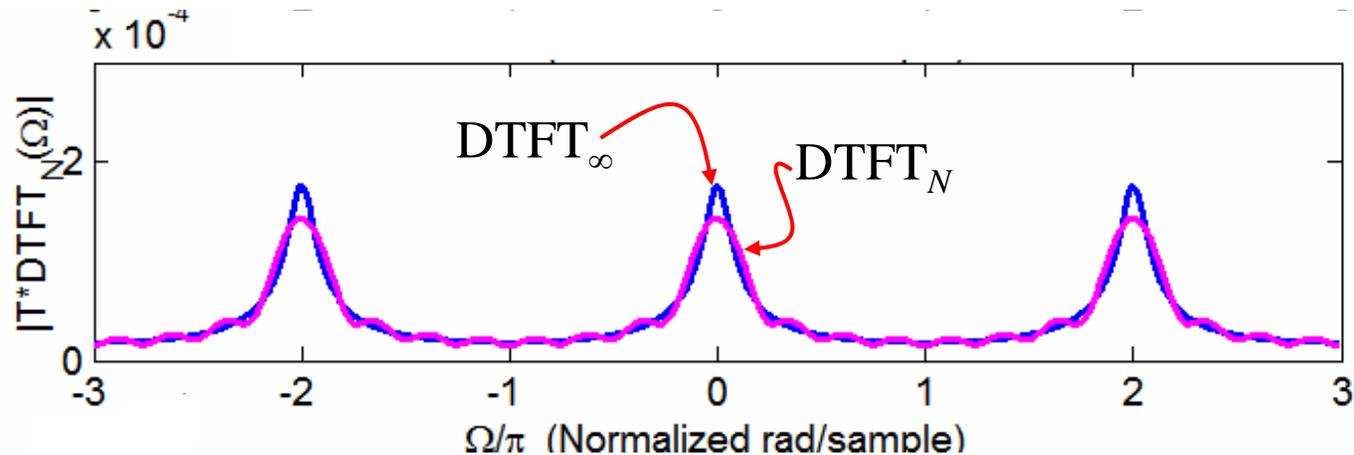


**Plot #3** shows  $\text{DTFT}_N$  computed using  $X_N(\Omega) = \frac{1 - (ae^{-j\Omega})^N}{1 - ae^{-j\Omega}}$  C

We see that  $X_N(\Omega)$  shows signs of the “smearing” due to:  $X_N(\Omega) = X_\infty(\Omega) * W_N(\Omega)$

Also called “leakage” error

The second error – visible in plot #3

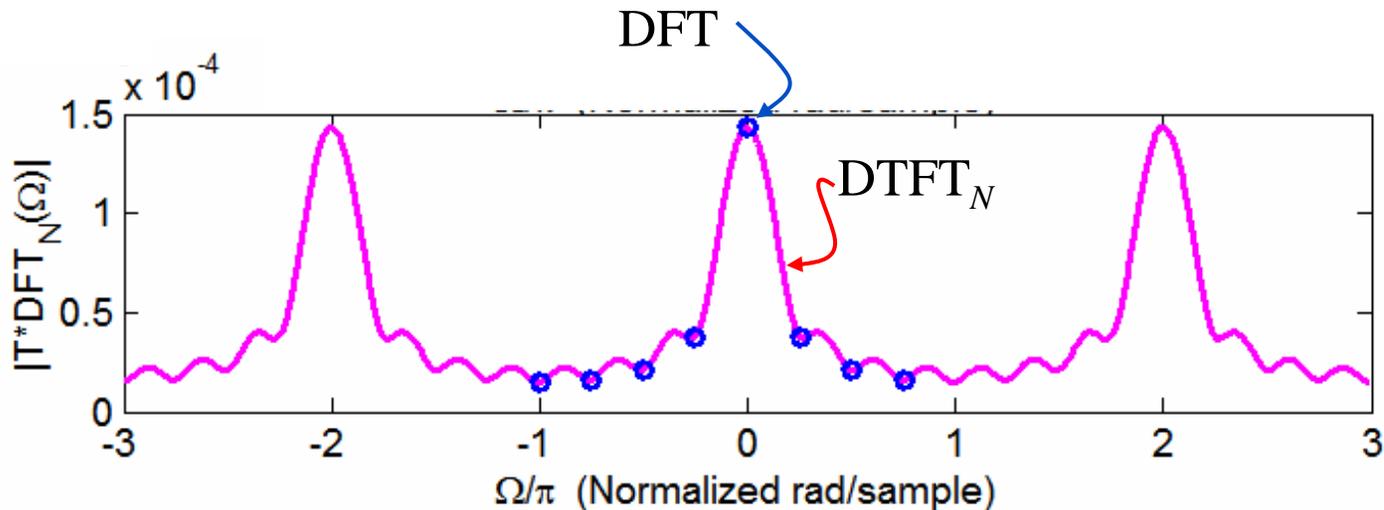


**This “leakage” error is less significant as we increase  $N$ , the number of collected samples**

**Plot #4** shows DFT computed using:  $X_{zp}[k] = \sum_{n=0}^{N_{zp}-1} x_{zp}[n] e^{-j2\pi kn/N_{zp}}$  D

It is plotted vs.  $\Omega_k = \frac{2\pi k}{N_{zp}}$  ...but with the “right half” moved down to lie between  $-\pi$  &  $0$  rad/sample

For comparison we also plot  $X_N(\Omega)$



**Note: We show an artificially small number of DFT points here**

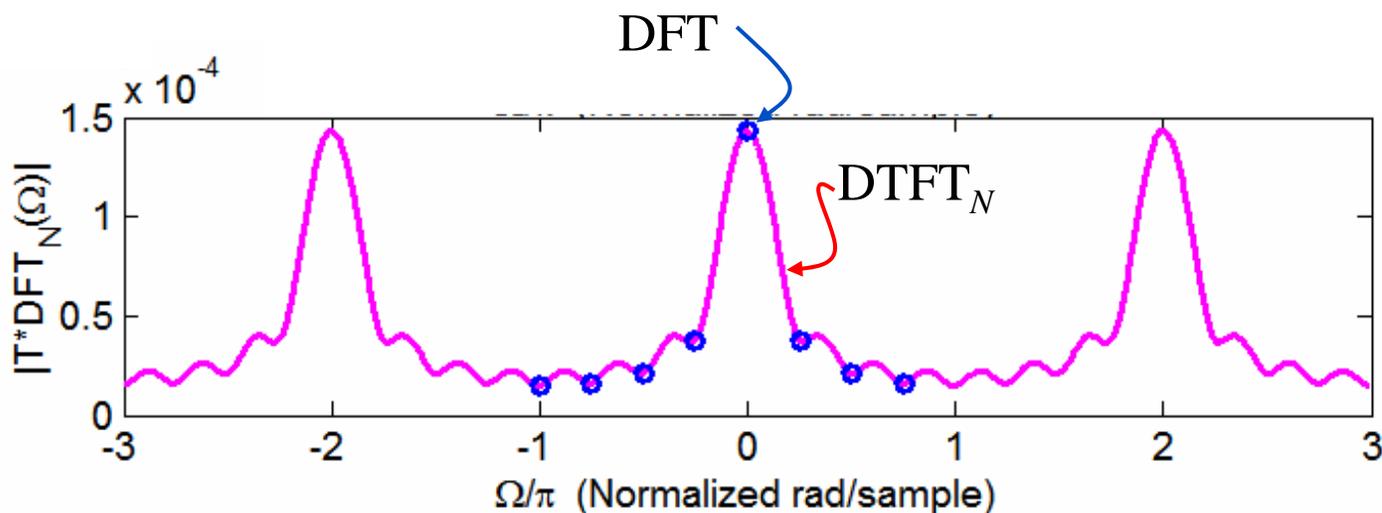
Theory says...  $X_{zp}[k]$  points should lie on top of  $X_N(\Omega)$ ... not  $X_\infty(\Omega)$  !!

We see that this is true

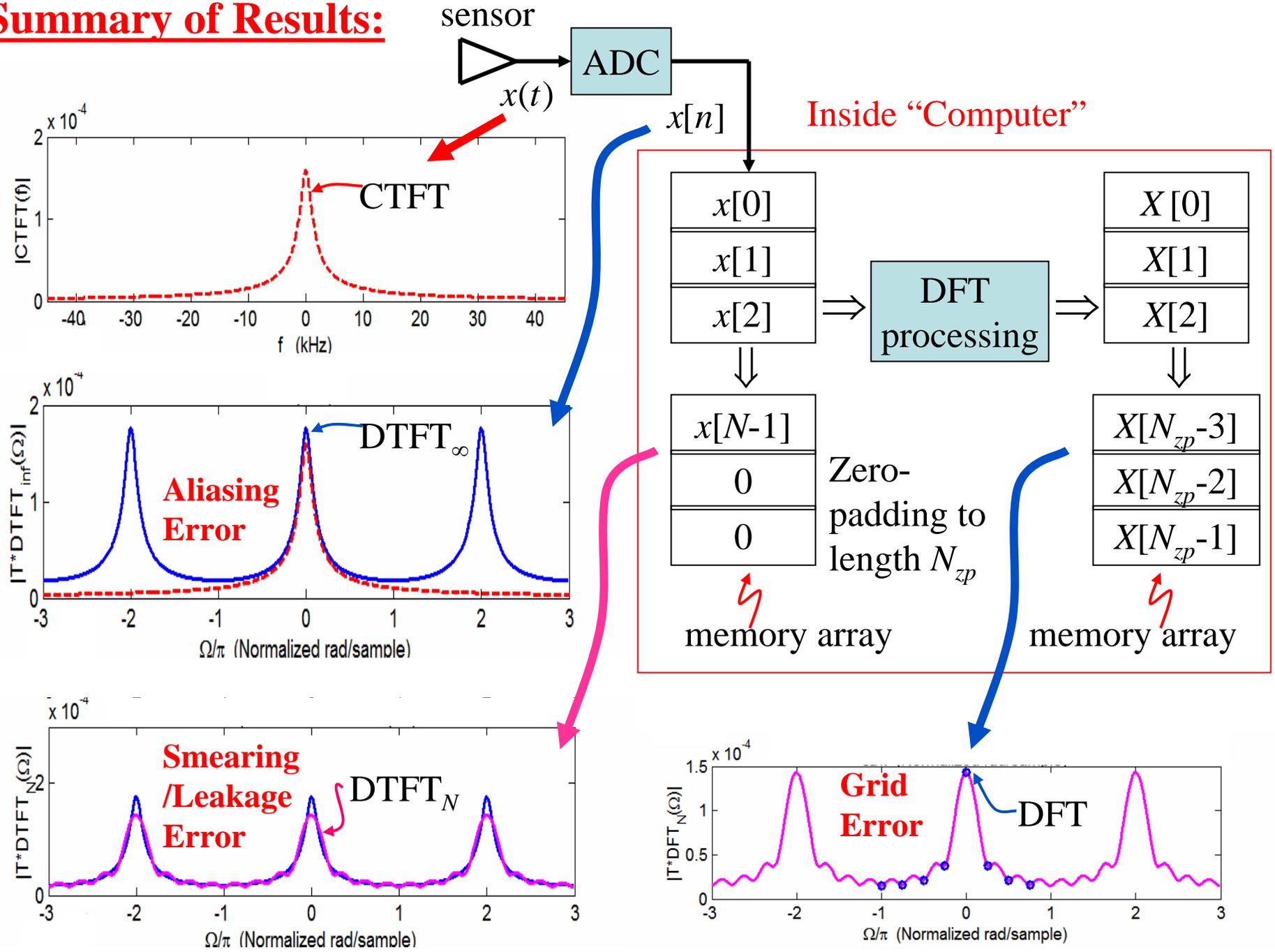
If  $N_{zp}$  is too small (i.e.  $N_{zp} = N$ ) then there aren't enough "DFT points" on  $X_N(\Omega)$  to allow us to see the real underlying shape of  $X_N(\Omega)$

This is "Grid Error" and it is less significant when  $N_{zp}$  is large.

The third error – visible in plot #4



# Summary of Results:

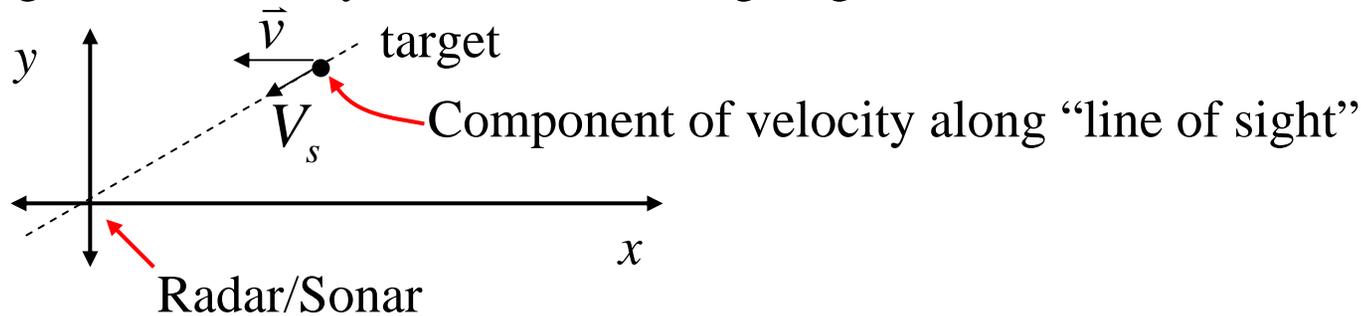


# **Example #2**

Sonar Processing  
using the DFT

# Radar/Sonar Processing using the DFT

Imagine a stationary sonar and moving target



Say we transmit a sinusoidal pulse:

$$x_{TX}(t) = \begin{cases} A \cos(2\pi f_o t), & 0 \leq t \leq T_o \\ 0, & \textit{else} \end{cases}$$

“Tx” = Transmit

“Rx” = Receive

Physics tells us (Doppler effect) that the reflected signal received will be:

$$x_{RX}(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha A \cos\left(2\pi \left(f_o + \underbrace{\frac{f_o V_s}{c}}\right) t + \phi\right), & 0 \leq t \leq T_o \\ 0, & \textit{else} \end{cases}$$

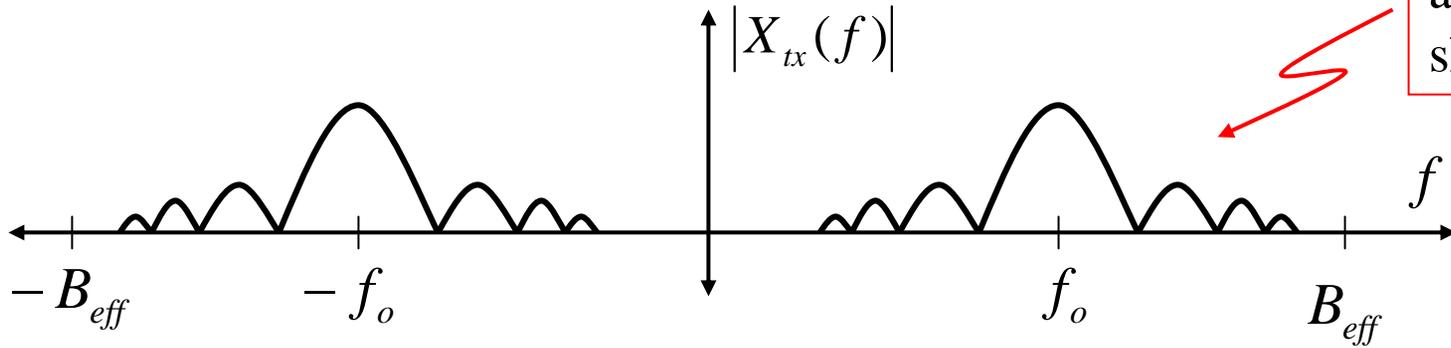
Doppler shift in Hz

( $c$  – speed of propagation  $\approx 331\text{m/s}$   
for sound in air)

(for radars, this is generally in the kHz range)

(for sonar, this is in the 100’s of Hz range)

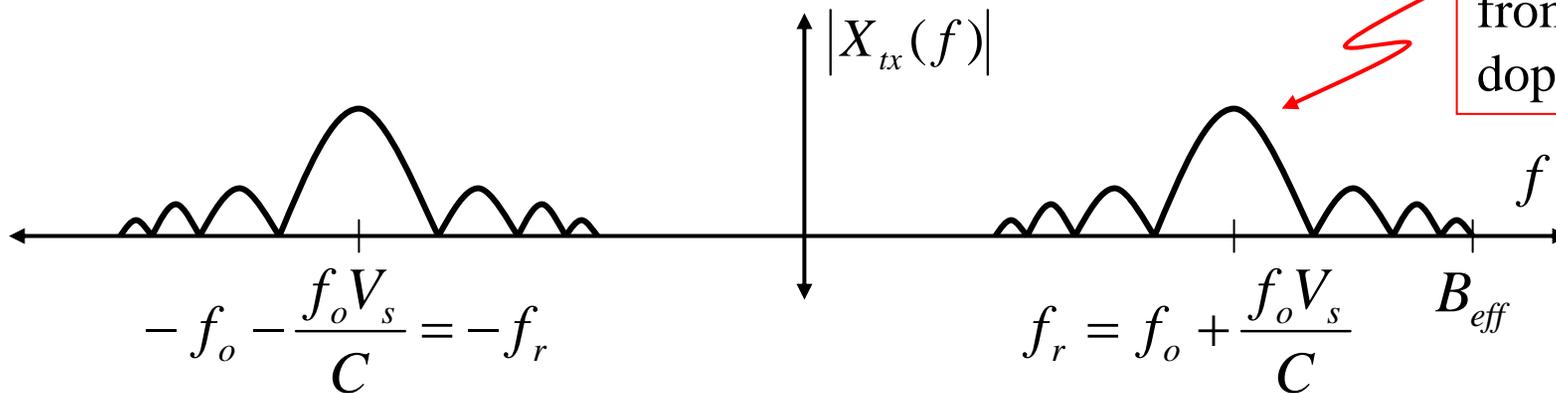
Our CTFT theory tells us that the CTFT of the Tx signal will be:



Assume that  $f_0$  is large enough that this decays to a negligible level by  $f \approx 0$  Hz and by  $f \approx \pm B_{eff}$

$\Rightarrow$  "Center"  $f_0$  between 0 and  $B_{eff} \Rightarrow F_s \approx 2 B_{eff}$

Also CTFT theory tells us that the CTFT of the Rx signal will be:



If we know  $f_0$  and we can find where this peak is... then we can find  $V_s$ :  $V_s = c \left( \frac{f_r}{f_0} - 1 \right)$  (m/s)

