

Range Resolution

$$\frac{c\tau}{2} = \frac{c}{2B}$$

τ : effective pulse width

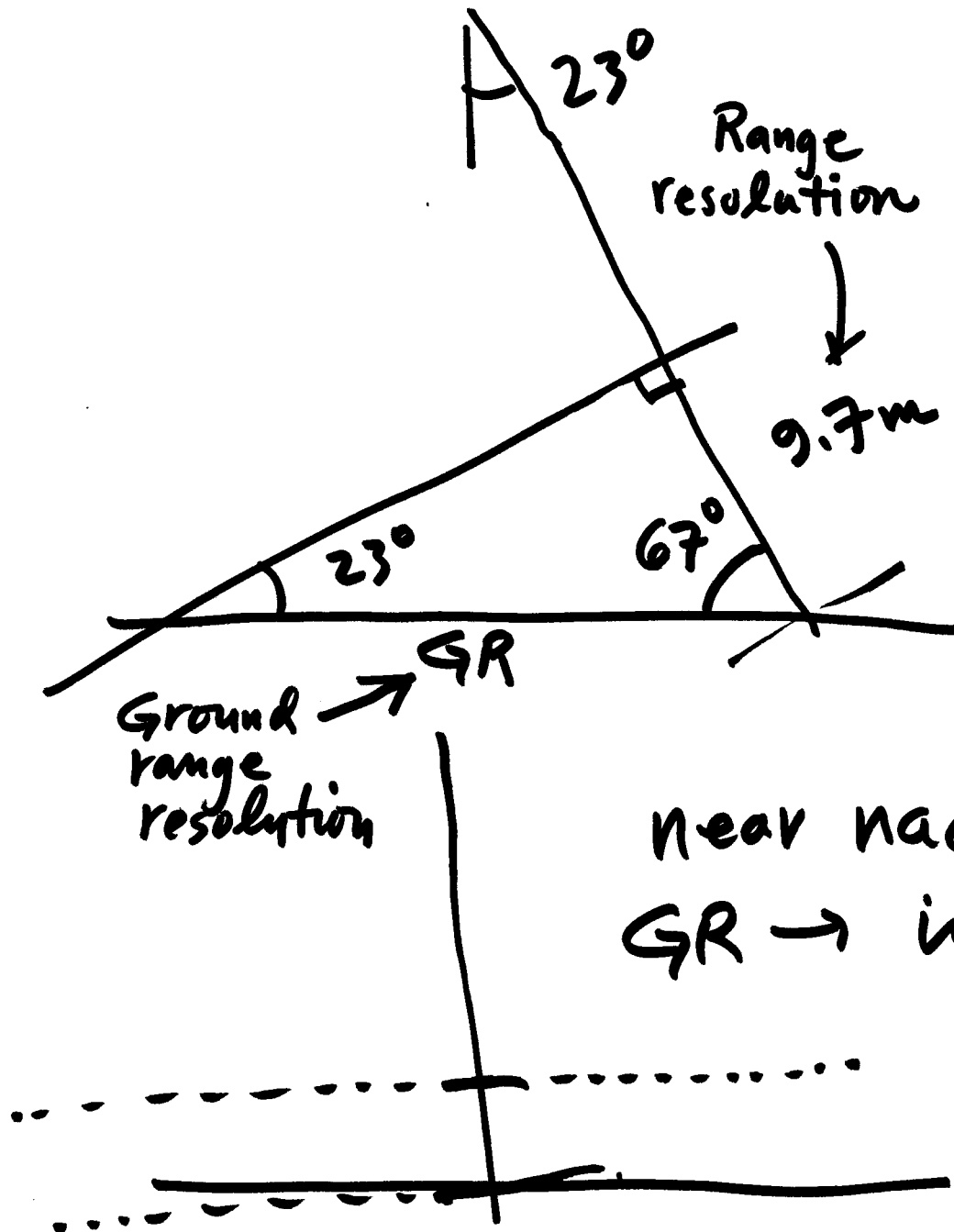
B : bandwidth

$$B_{ERS} = 15.6 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\text{Range Resolution} = \frac{c}{2B}$$

$$\frac{3 \times 10^8}{2 \cdot 15.6 \times 10^6} = \underline{\underline{9.7 \text{ m}}}$$

Really Slant Range Resolution



$$\frac{9.7}{GR} = \cos 67^\circ$$

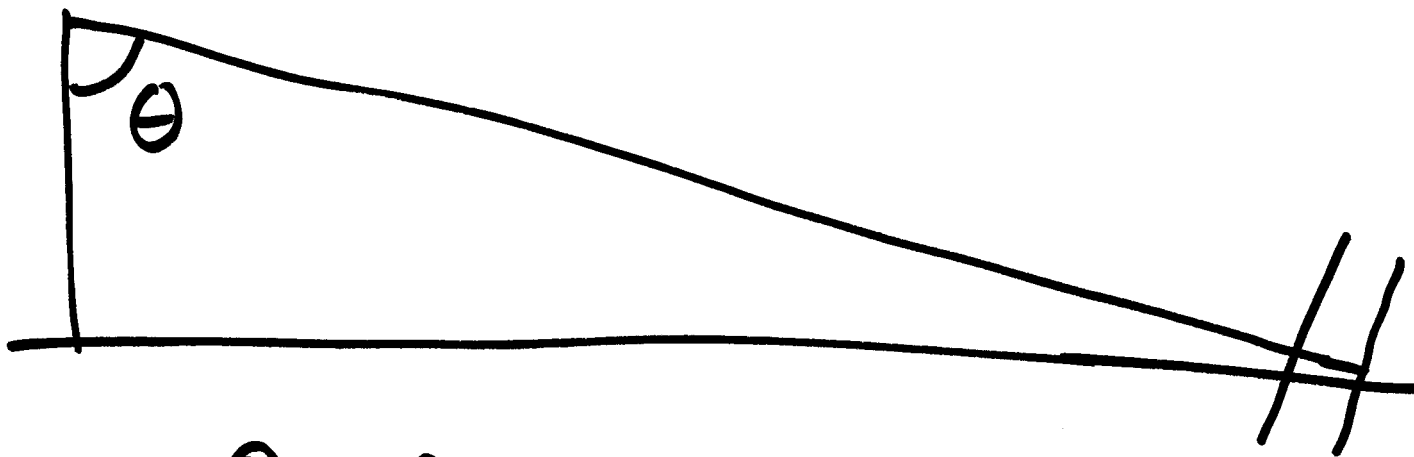
$$GR = \frac{9.7}{\cos 67^\circ}$$

$$GR = \underline{\underline{24.8m}}$$

near nadir line of sight
 GR \rightarrow infinite

\Rightarrow cannot look at nadir
 must look to side

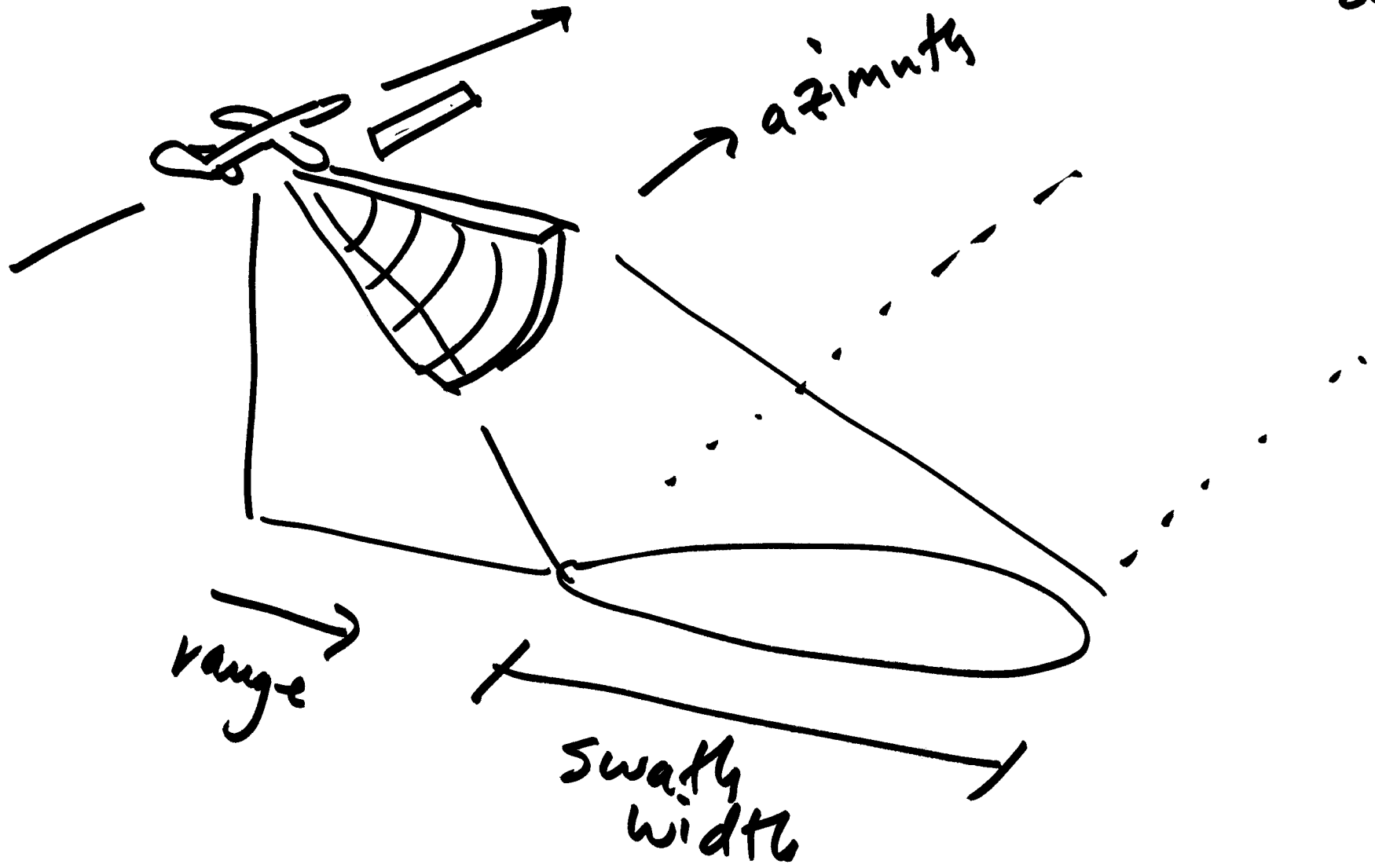
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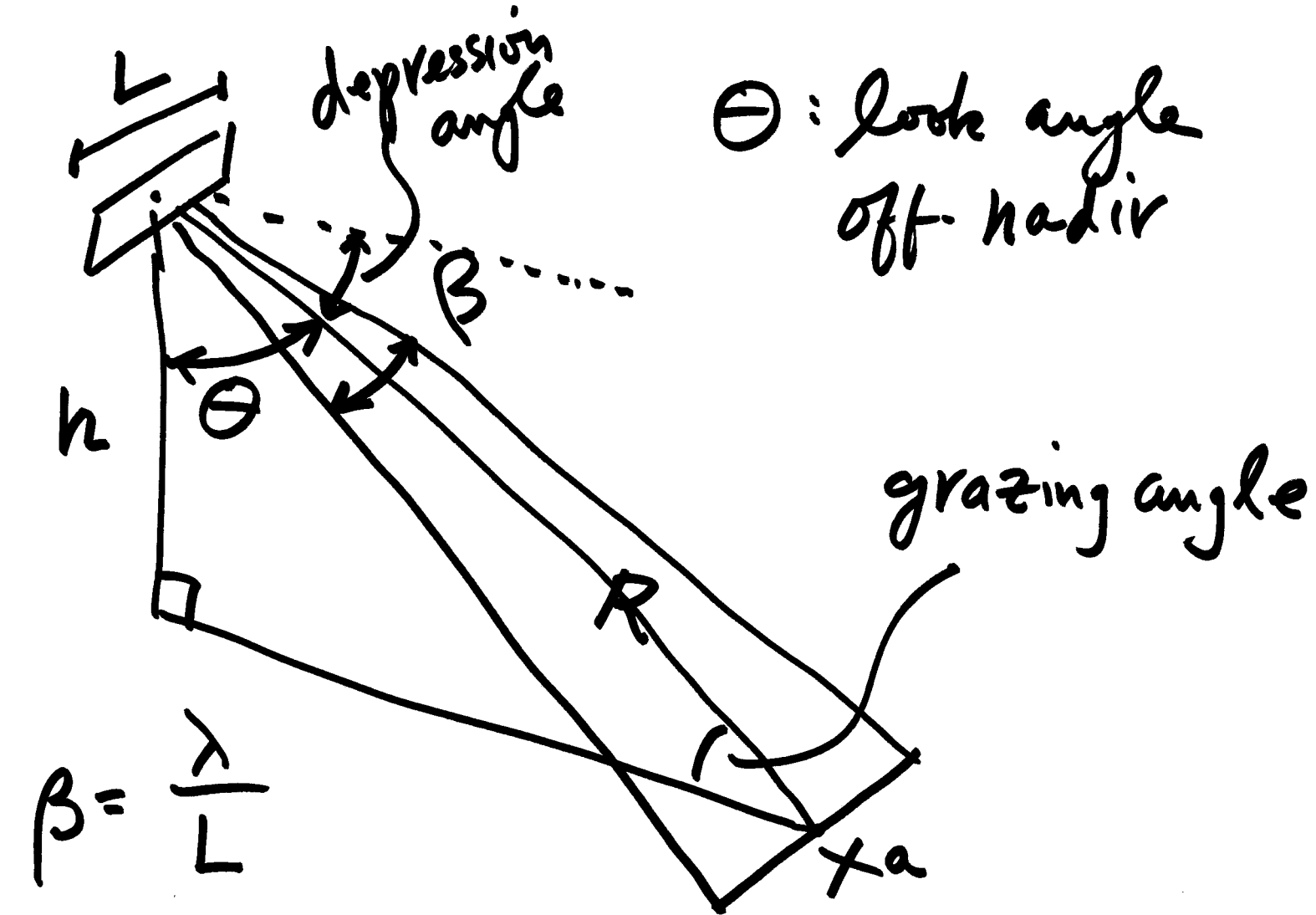


near $\theta \approx 90$

GR becomes = Slant Range resolution

Azimuth Resolution





Θ : look angle off-nadir

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda}{L}$$



$$h/R = \cos(\Theta)$$

$$\frac{x_a}{R} = \tan \beta, \quad x_a = R \tan \beta$$

$$R = \frac{h}{\omega \sin \theta} \quad X_a = R \tan \beta$$

$$X_a = \frac{h}{\omega \sin \theta} \cdot \tan \beta \quad \text{assume small } \beta$$

("β")

$$X_a = \frac{h \cdot \beta}{\omega \sin \theta}, \quad \beta = \frac{\lambda}{L}$$

$$X_a = \frac{h \lambda}{L \omega \sin \theta}$$

Azimuth Resolution for
Real Aperture

EXAMPLE (1) (airborne)

$$h = 2000 \text{ m}, \quad \theta = 35^\circ$$

$$\lambda = 27 \text{ cm (L-Band)}, \quad L = 3 \text{ m}$$

$$X_a = \frac{2000 \times 0.27}{3 \cdot \cos(35^\circ)} = \underline{\underline{220 \text{ m}}}$$

$$(1a) \quad h = 2000 \text{ m}, \quad \theta = 35^\circ$$

$$\lambda = 27 \text{ cm}, \quad L = ?, \quad X_a = 1 \text{ m}$$

$$1 = \frac{2000 \cdot 0.27}{L \cdot \cos 35^\circ} \quad \underline{\underline{L = 659 \text{ m}}}$$

FRS satellite

$$h = 780 \text{ km}$$

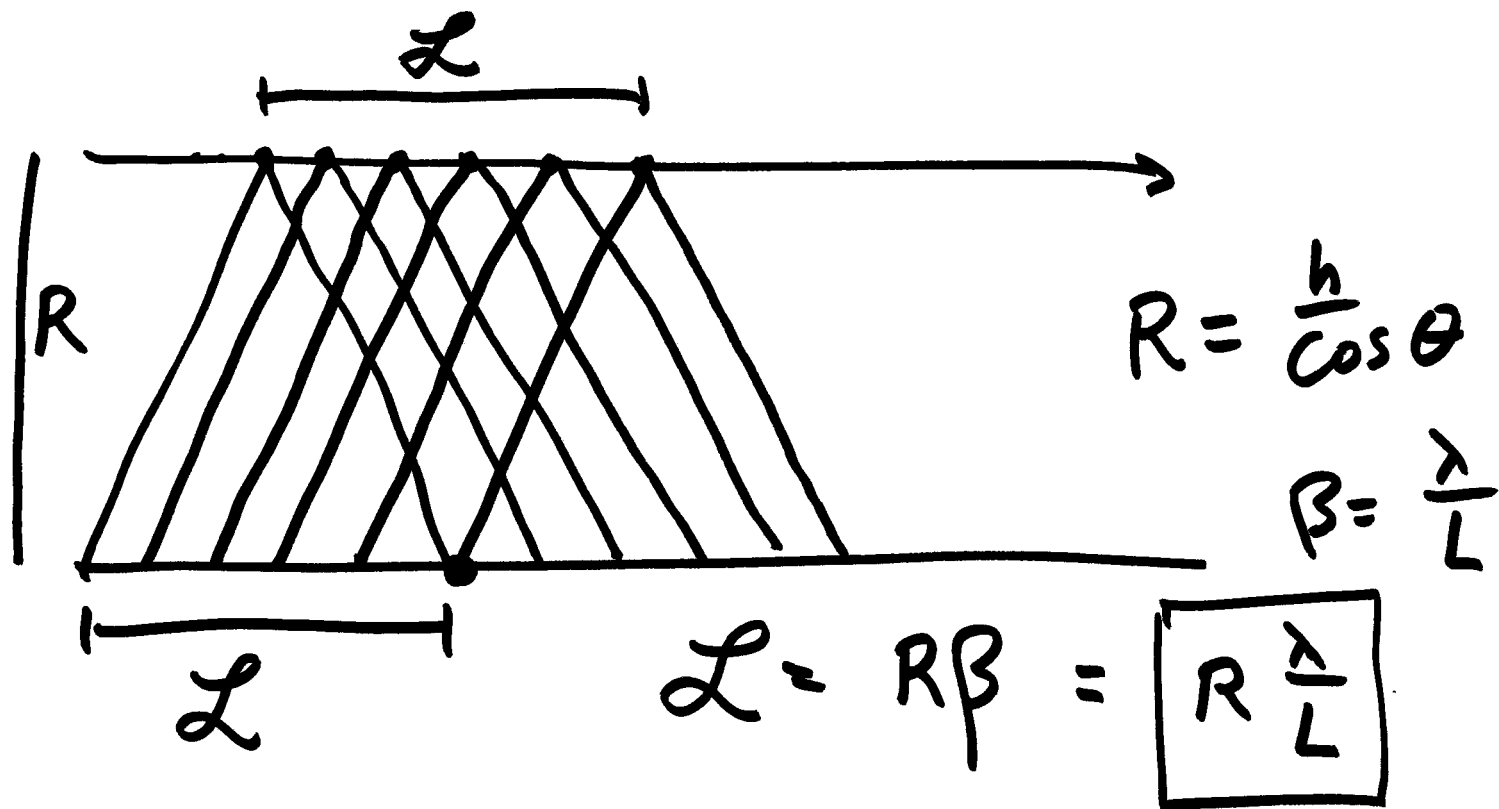
$$\lambda = 5.6 \text{ cm}$$

$$L = 10 \text{ m}$$

$$\theta = 23^\circ$$

$$X_a = \frac{780000 \times .056}{10 \cdot \cos 23^\circ} = \underline{\underline{4.7 \text{ km}}}$$

To improve azimuth resolution:



beamwidth on ground

$$L = \frac{h}{\cos \theta} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{L}$$

What if antenna length is L rather L ?

$$\beta_s = \frac{\lambda}{L}$$

$$X_{a(s)} = \beta_s R = \frac{\lambda}{L} \cdot R = \frac{\lambda R}{R\lambda} = L$$

Synthetic Aperture

azimuth resolution is $\underline{\underline{L}}$

(1) independent of R

(2) proportional to antenna length

Range Resolution
 $\frac{c}{2B}$

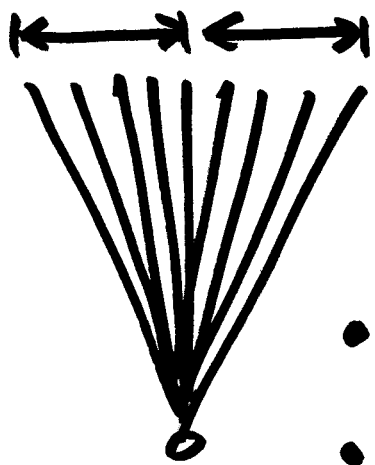
Azimuth Resolution
 L

} both are independent
of range

ERS Range: slant 9.7m
ground 24.8m

Azimuth: 10m

"resolve" discrepancy 10m vs 25m



look 1, look 2

multi-look image

- Range + Az. consistent
- diminish speckle