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Correction Concerning Reflecting Objects in Coherent Illumination

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In a recent paper, the author analyzed and discussed the noise-like structure in images of diffuse objects in coherent illumination.* While the author's interest and discussion concerned objects viewed in reflection, a model illustrating a diffuse object was unfortunately shown in Fig. 1 as a granular transparency viewed in transmission. It turns out that the analysis presented is not sufficiently general to cover transparencies viewed in transmission. The object must be viewed in reflection because:

- (i) The direct beam, that is, the unscattered component, is not included in the fundamental equation (1).
- (ii) The relative phase angles θ_i of the individual scatterers in equation (1) are not unqualifiedly random in the forward scattering direction.

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