

Most probable estimates of parameters of optical signals with allowance for shot and background noise

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Abstract

Based on the example of a Gaussian pulse, a likelihood equation is derived for optimal evaluation of the parameters of optical signals with allowance for shot and background noise. The Fisher information matrix and the Cramer-Rao boundaries were developed as characteristics of the quality of the estimates obtained. An algorithm for the numerical solution of the likelihood equation is proposed. By means of a model experiment, the possibility of its implementation is shown, and the quality parameters of the resulting estimates are determined.

Keywords: Optical Signal, Shot Noise, Background Noise, Gaussian pulse, Fisher information matrix, Cramer-Rao boundaries.

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