

# Doppler Time-of-Flight Rendering

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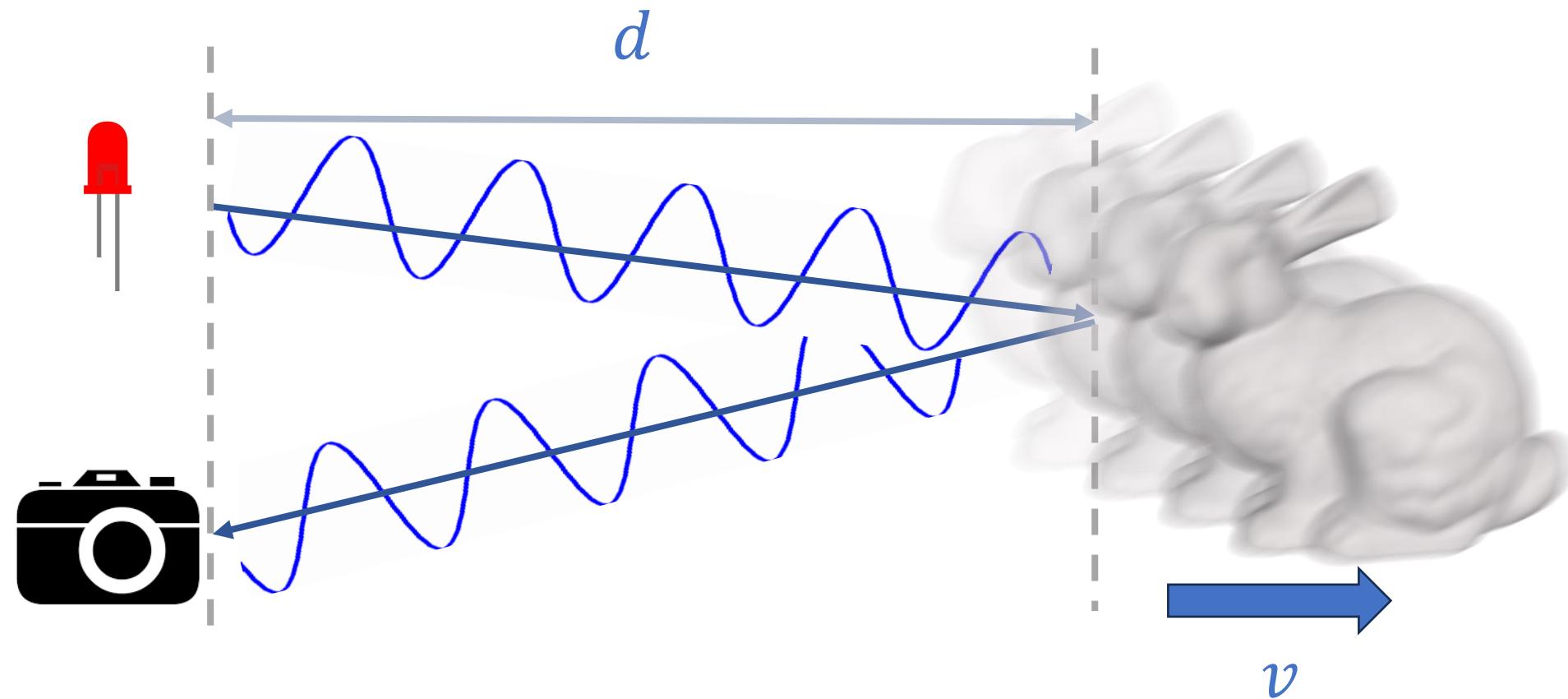
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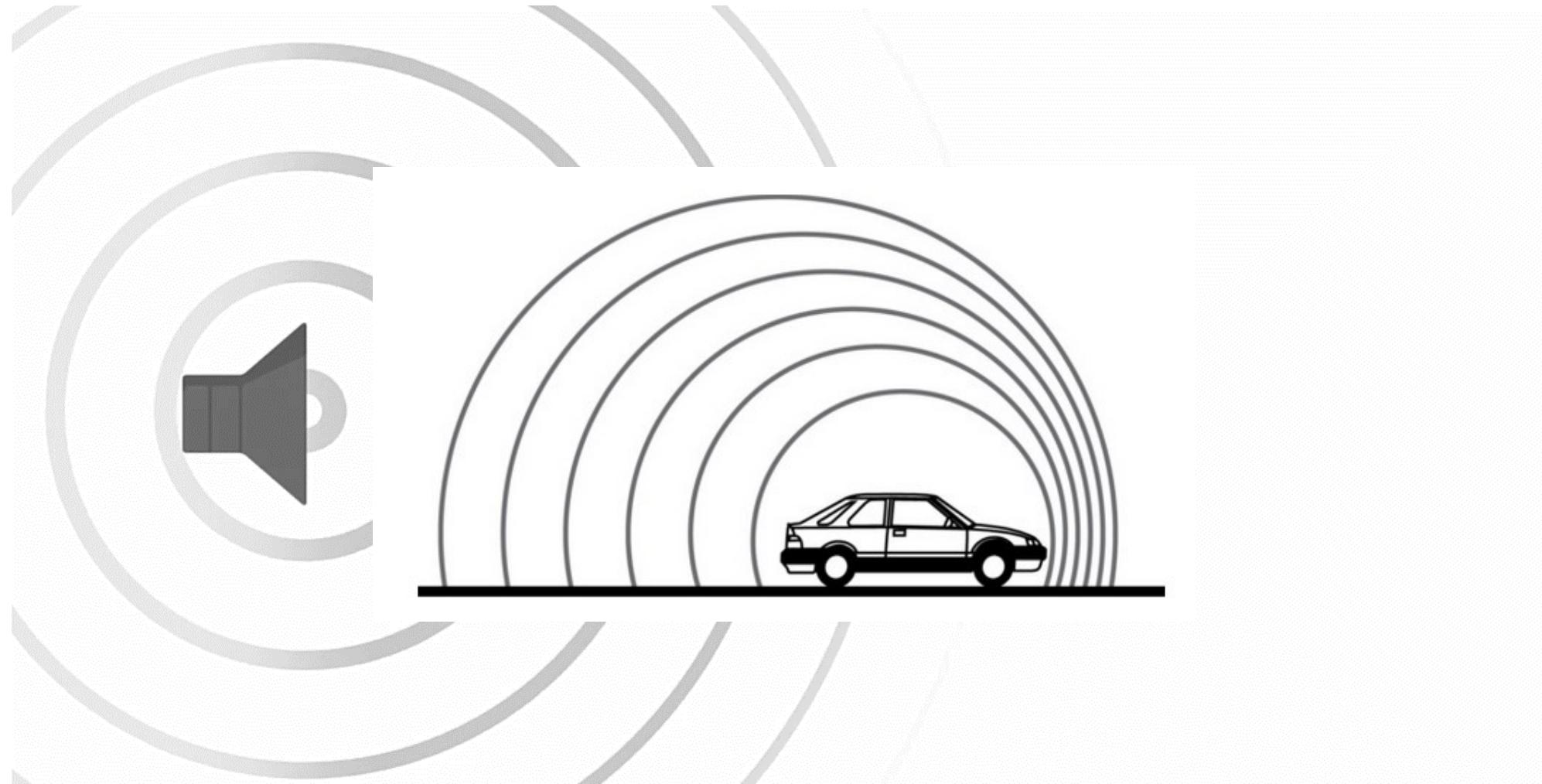
# Doppler Time-of-Flight (D-ToF) Imaging [Heide 2015]



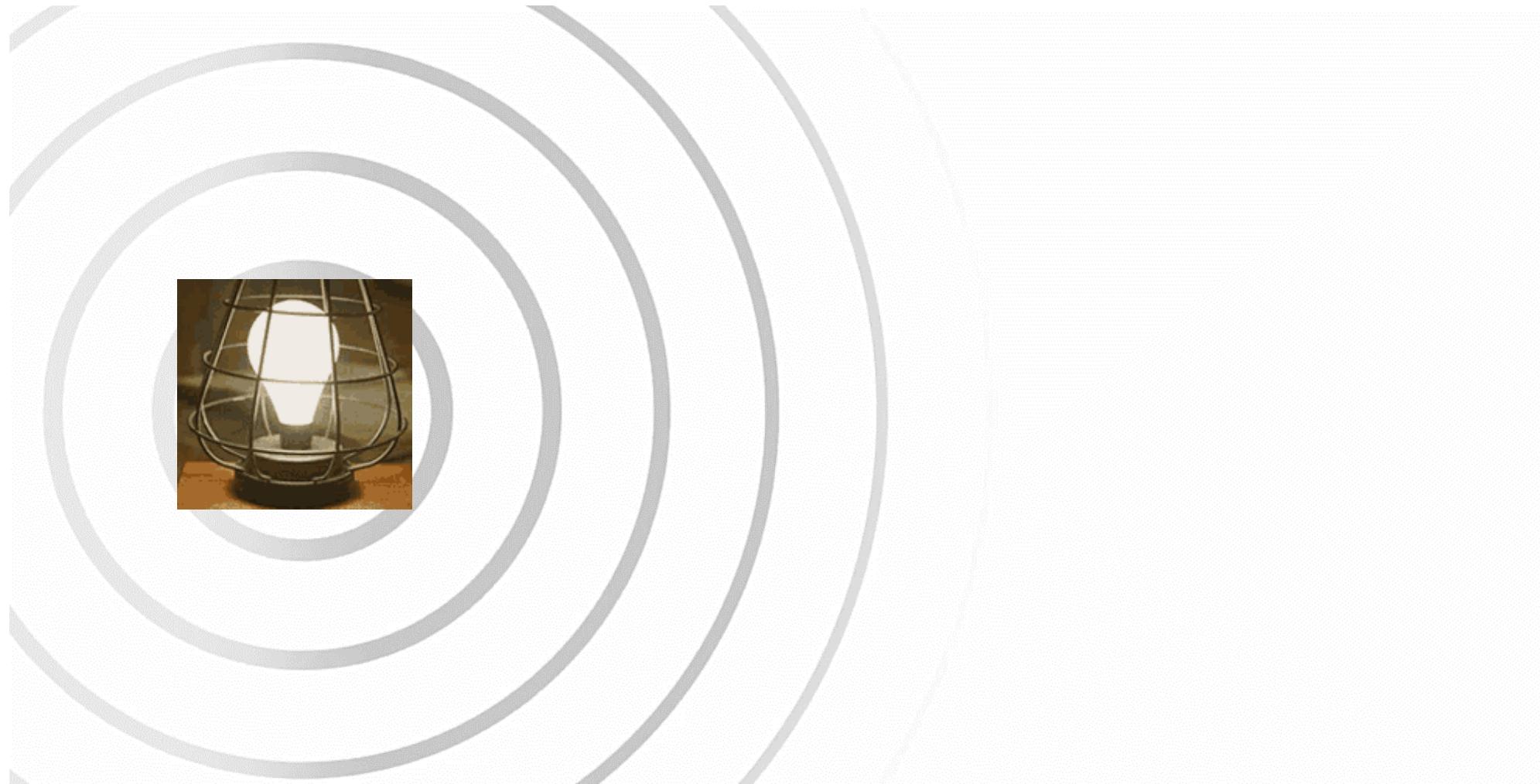
$d \propto$  Time-of-Flight

$v \propto$  Doppler Effect!

# What is Doppler Effect?



# Doppler Effect on Amplitude Modulation



# Doppler Time-of-Flight Imaging [Heide 2015]

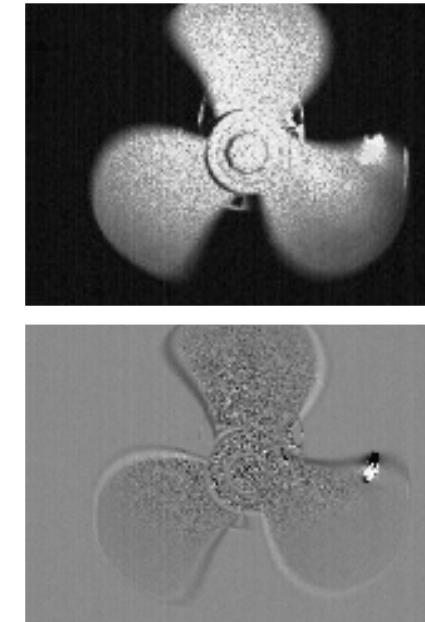


Amplitude Modulated!

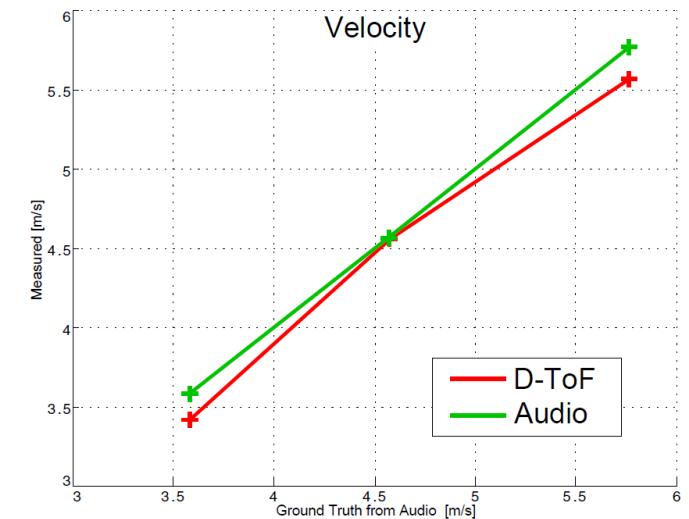
Light  
Source  
Camera



Imaging system setup for  
D-ToF camera



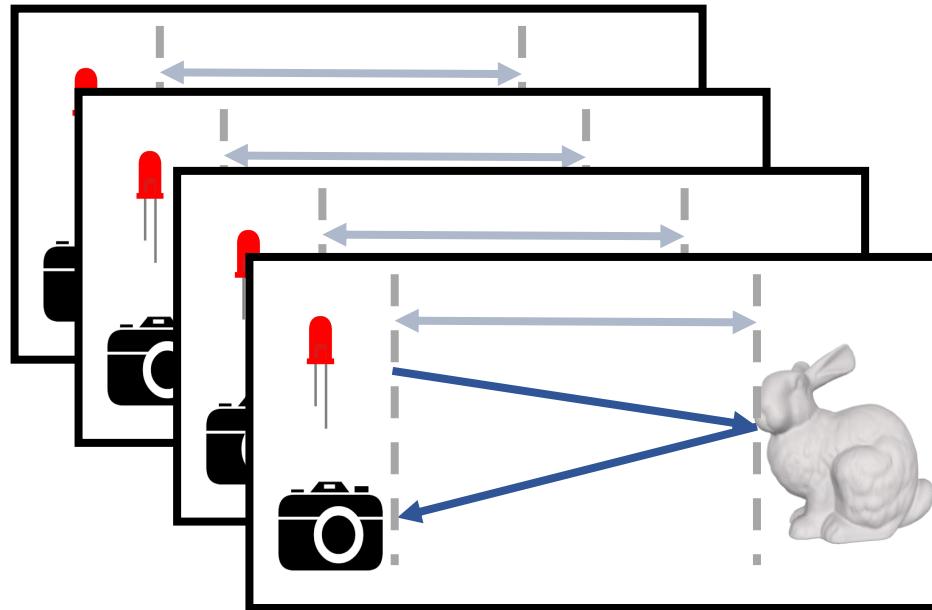
D-ToF measurements



Radial Velocity  
Estimation

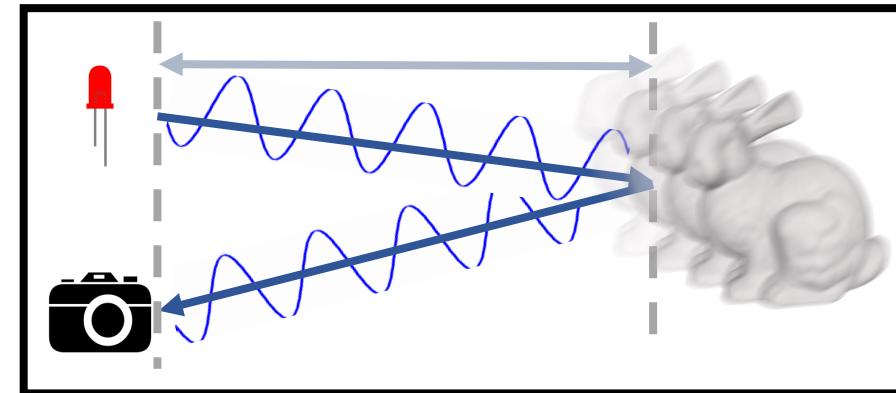
All images are from [Heide 2015]

# Doppler Time-of-Flight Imaging : Advantage



**Inter-frame method**

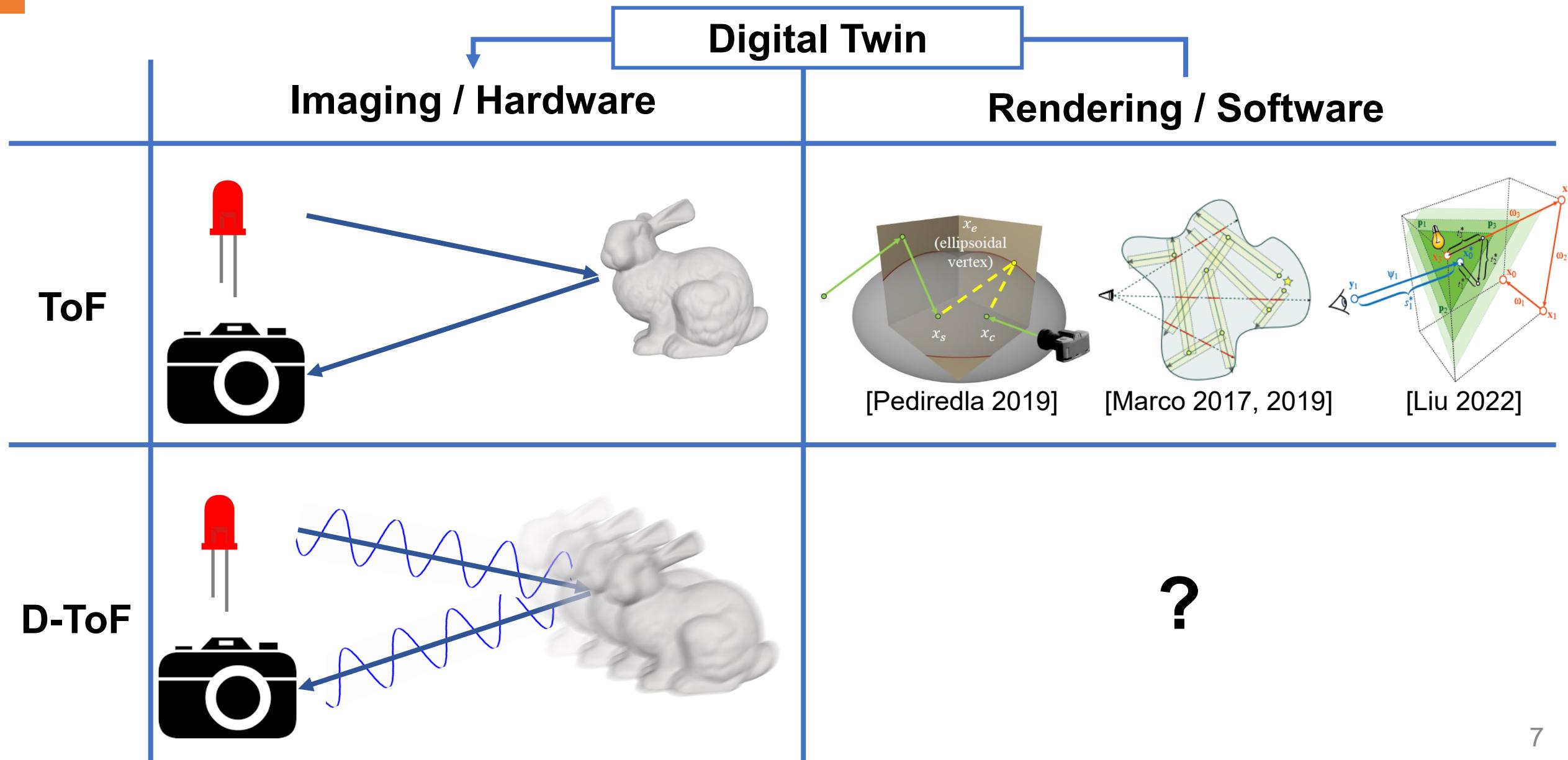
- ✗ **Multi-frame sensing**
- ✗ **Long time interval**



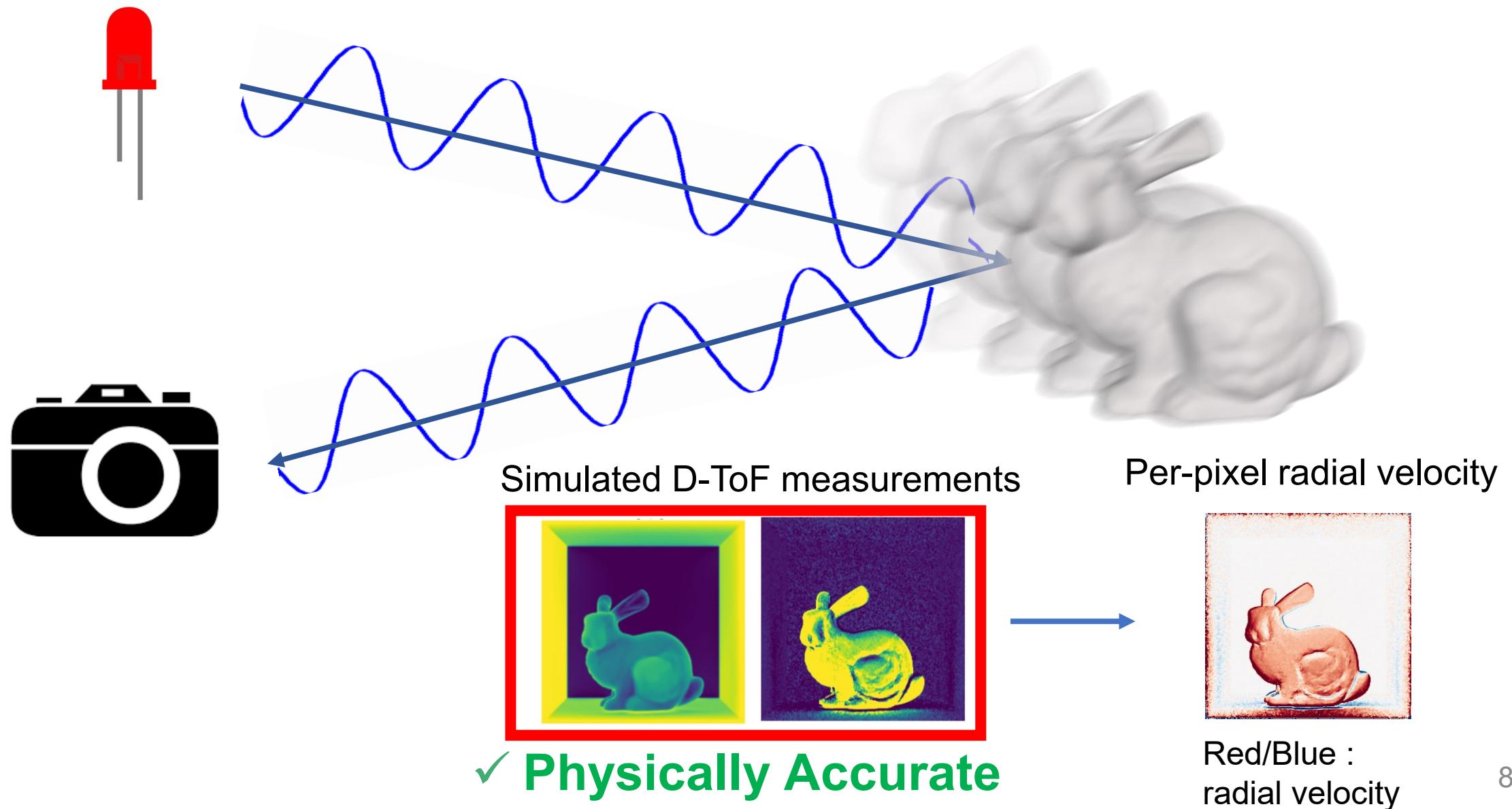
**D-ToF camera**

- ✓ **Instant sensing**
- ✓ **Good for high-speed applications**

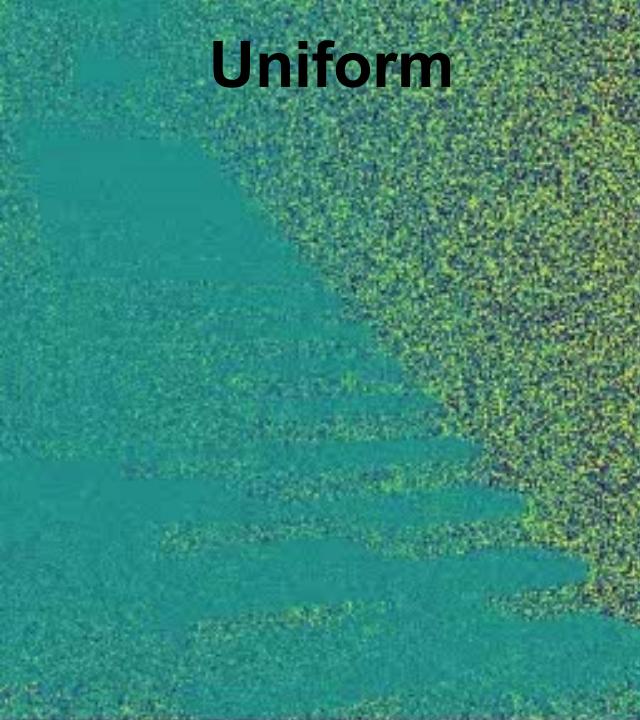
# Digital Twin for D-ToF Imaging System



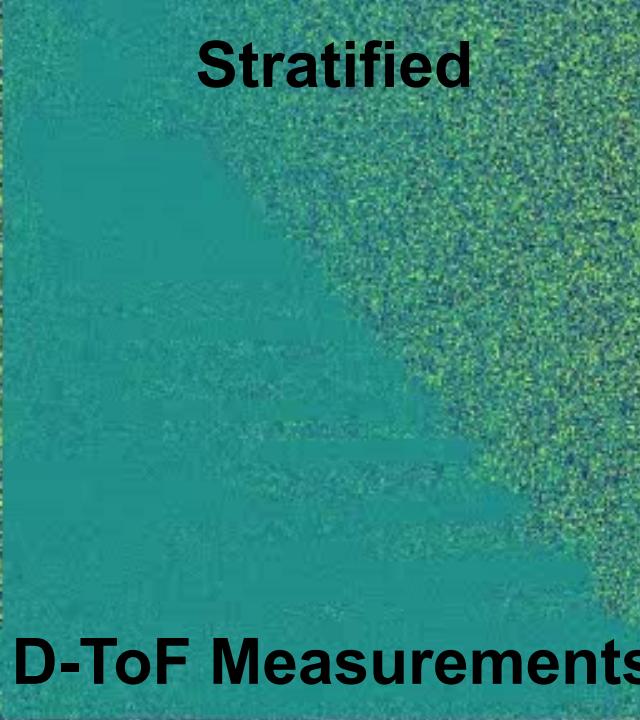
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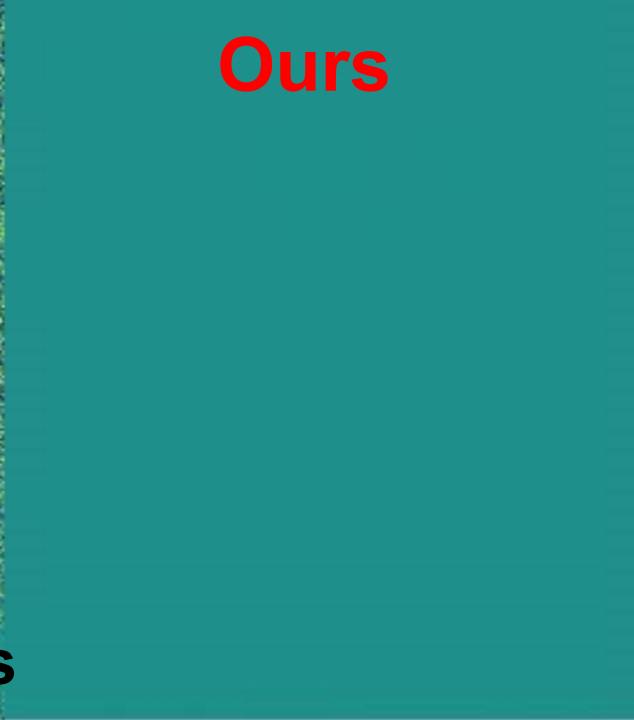
**Uniform**



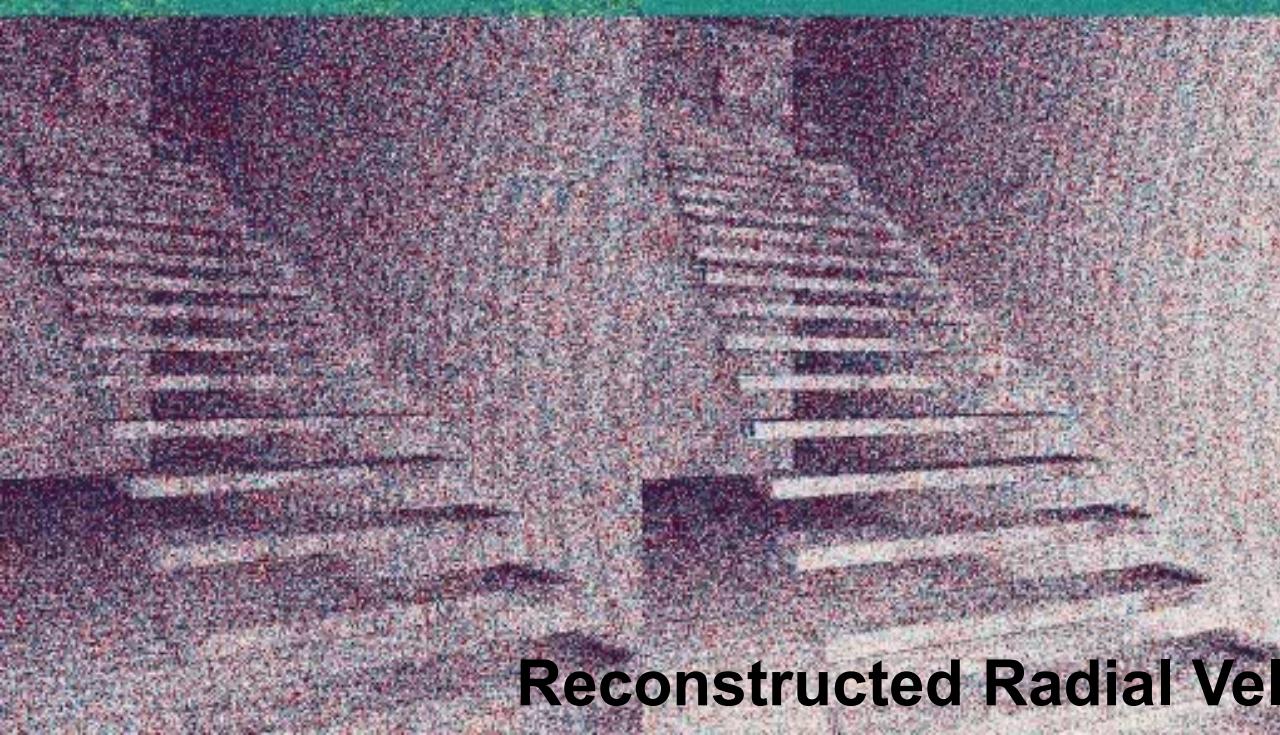
**Stratified**



**Ours**



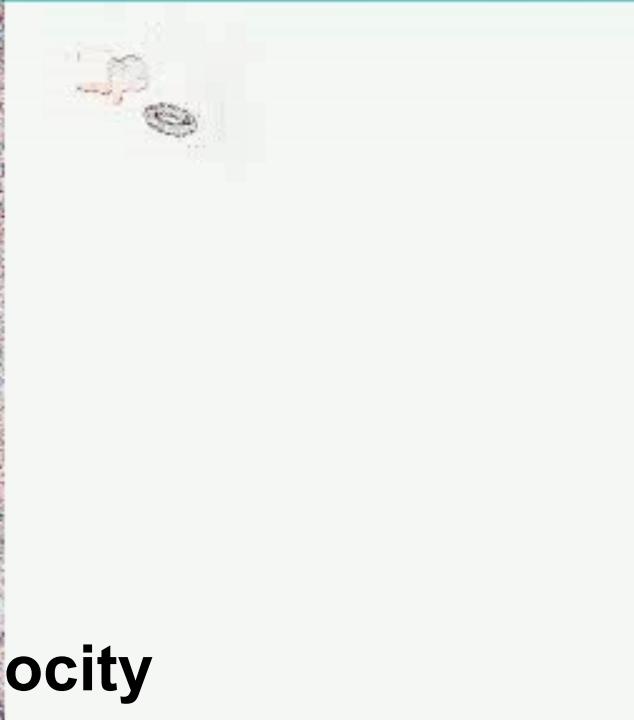
**D-ToF Measurements**



**Reconstructed Radial Velocity**

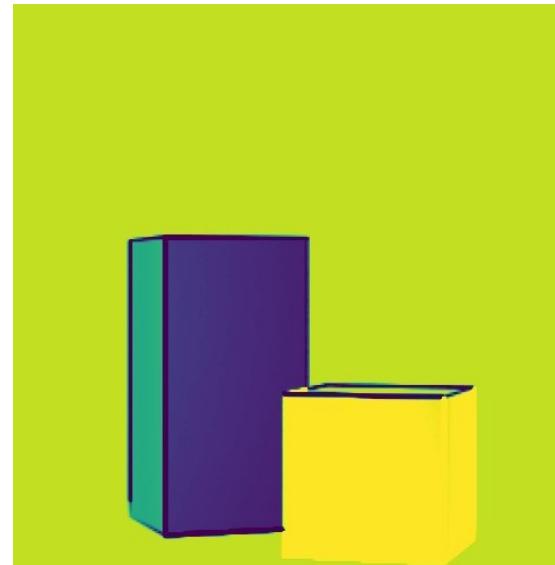
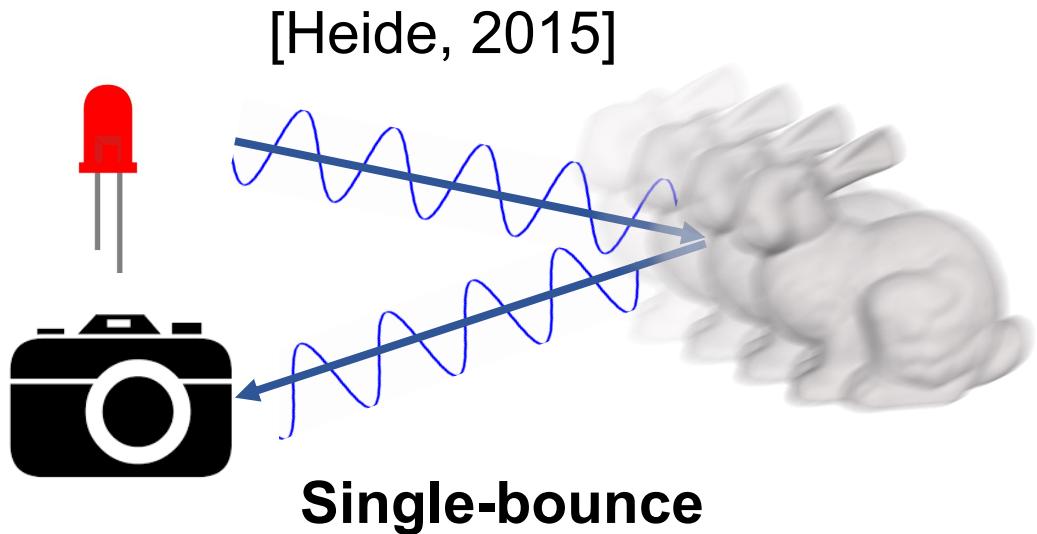


**Standard  
Rendering**

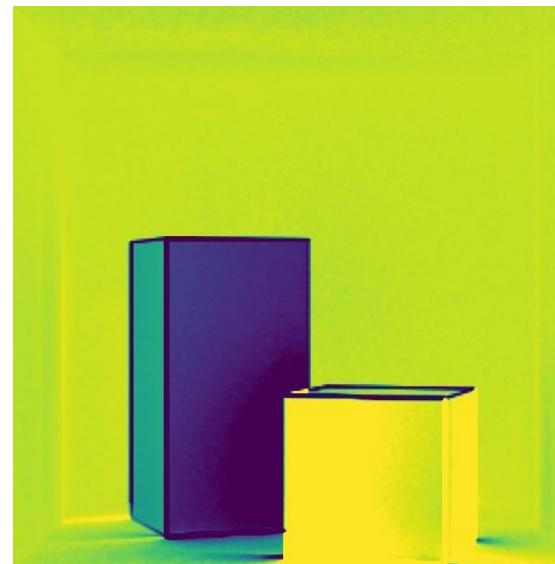
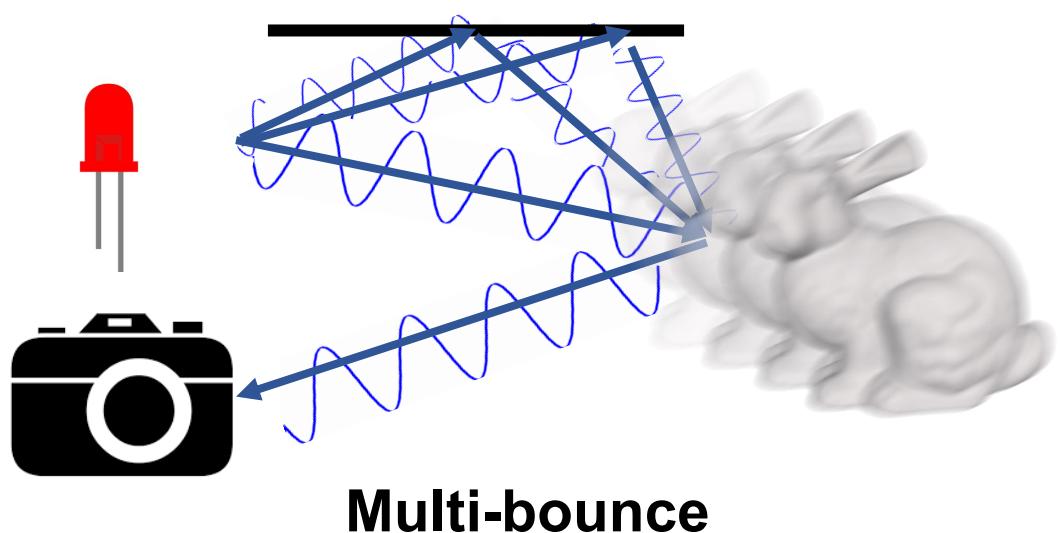


**GT Radial  
Velocity**

# Why Physically-based Rendering Required?

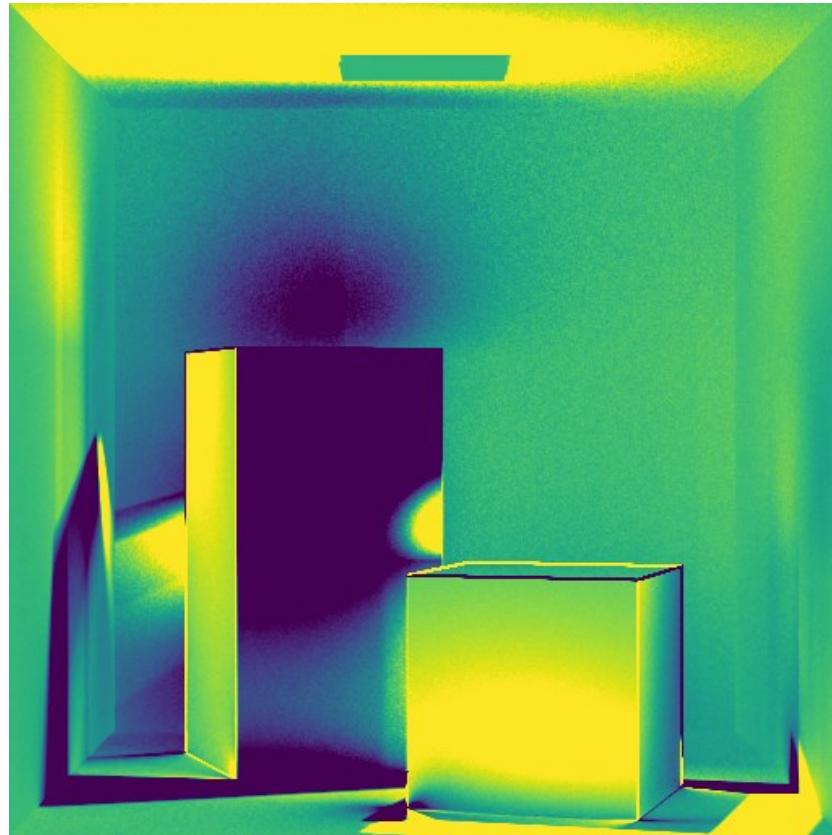


✗ Physically  
Not Accurate



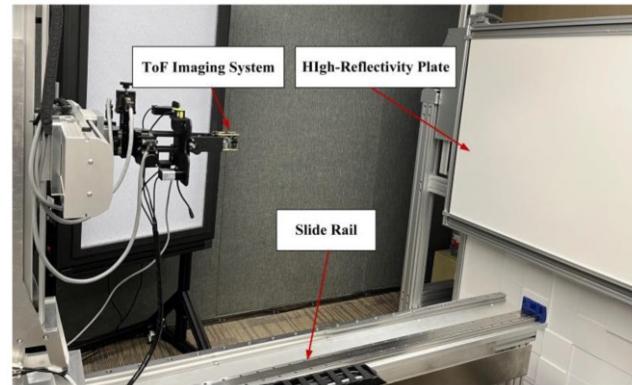
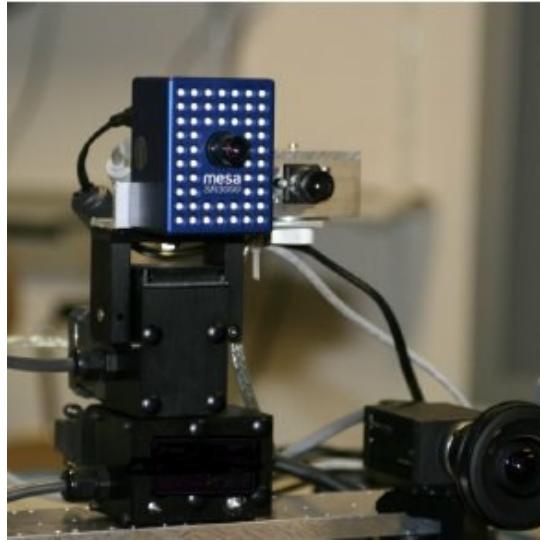
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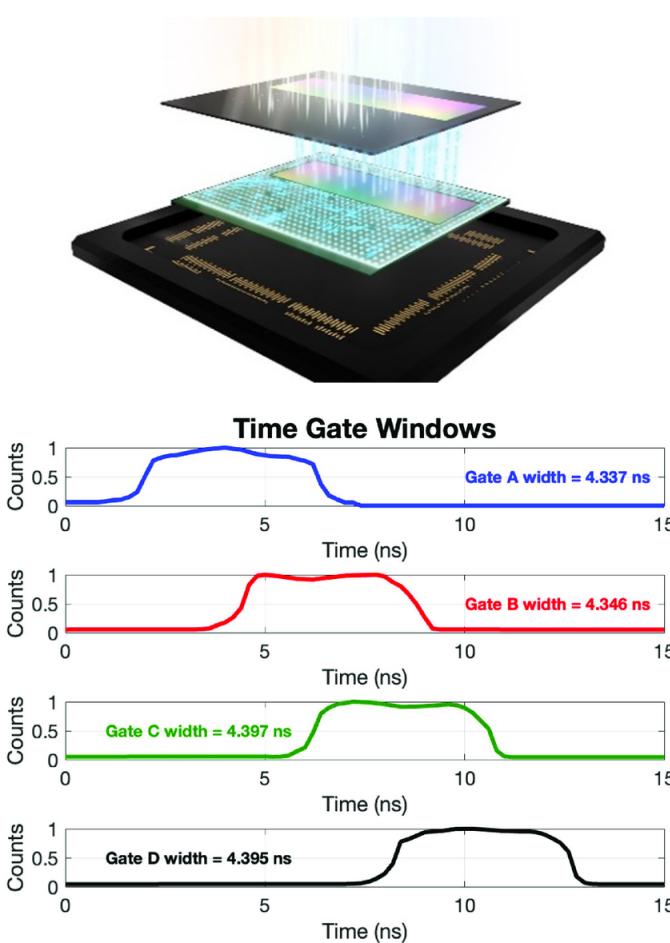


Extreme Multi-bounce Cases

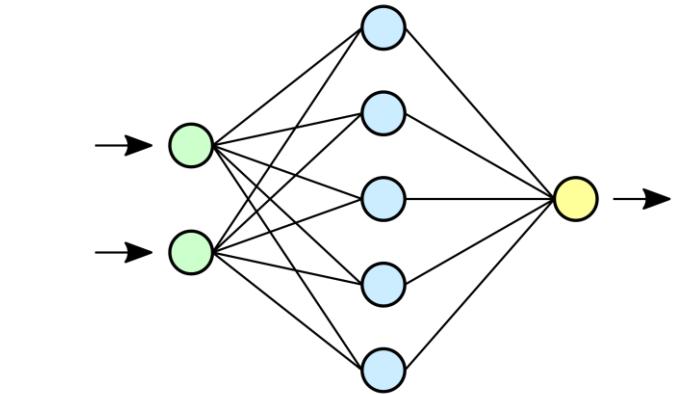
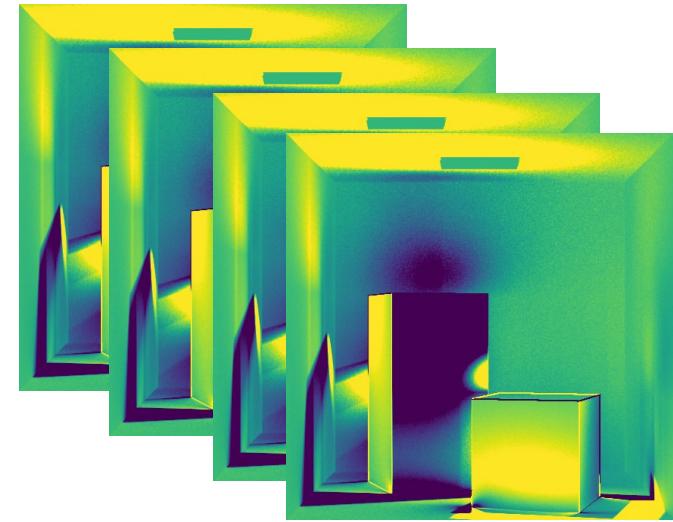
# Why Physically-based Rendering Required?



**Imaging System  
Design & Simulation**



**Sensor Design**



**Large Dataset Generation  
for Machine Learning**

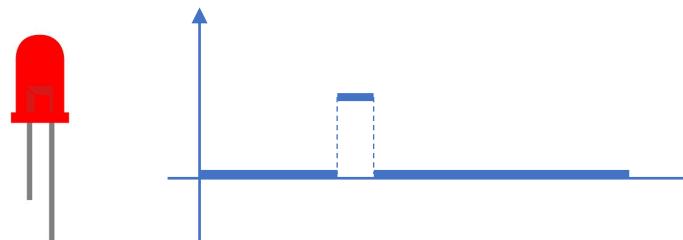
# Two Challenges of Doppler Time-of-Flight Rendering

## ToF (Transient / Time Gated) Rendering

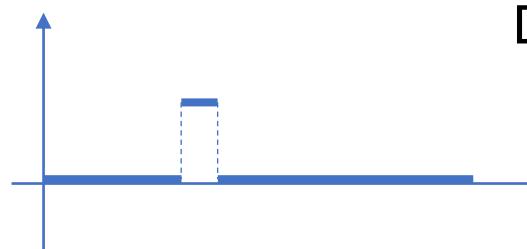
[Jarabo 2012, 2014; Marco 2017, 2019; Pediredla 2019; Liu 2022]



Static Scene



Delta-Modulation



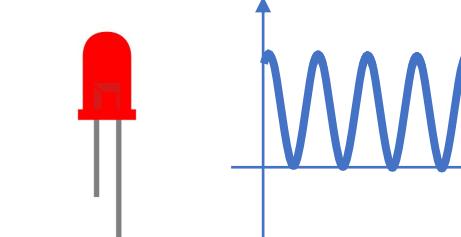
Antithetic Sampling

## Doppler ToF Rendering

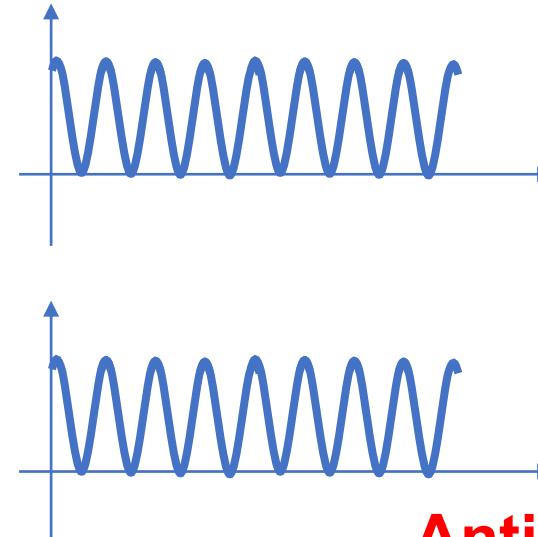


Dynamic Scene

Path Correlation



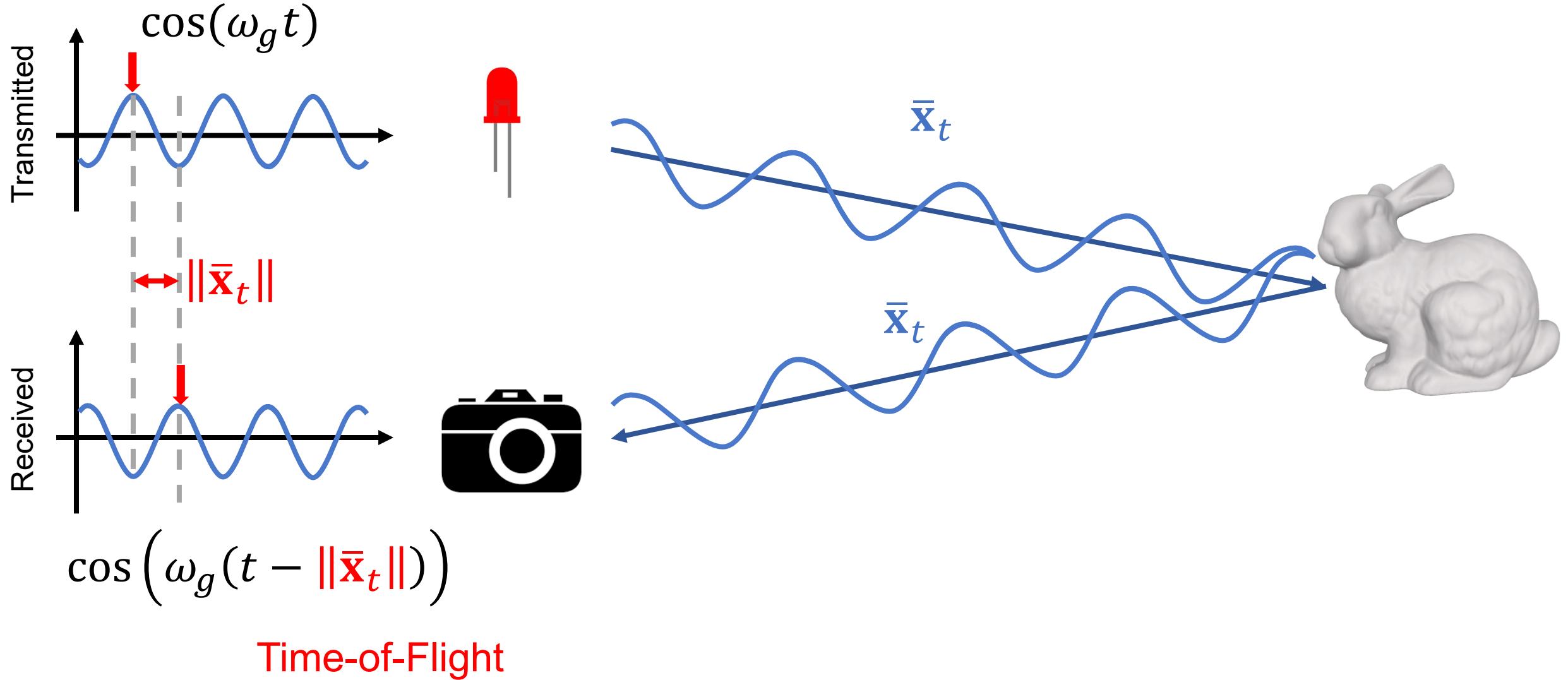
High-frequency  
Modulation  
(10-1000 MHz)



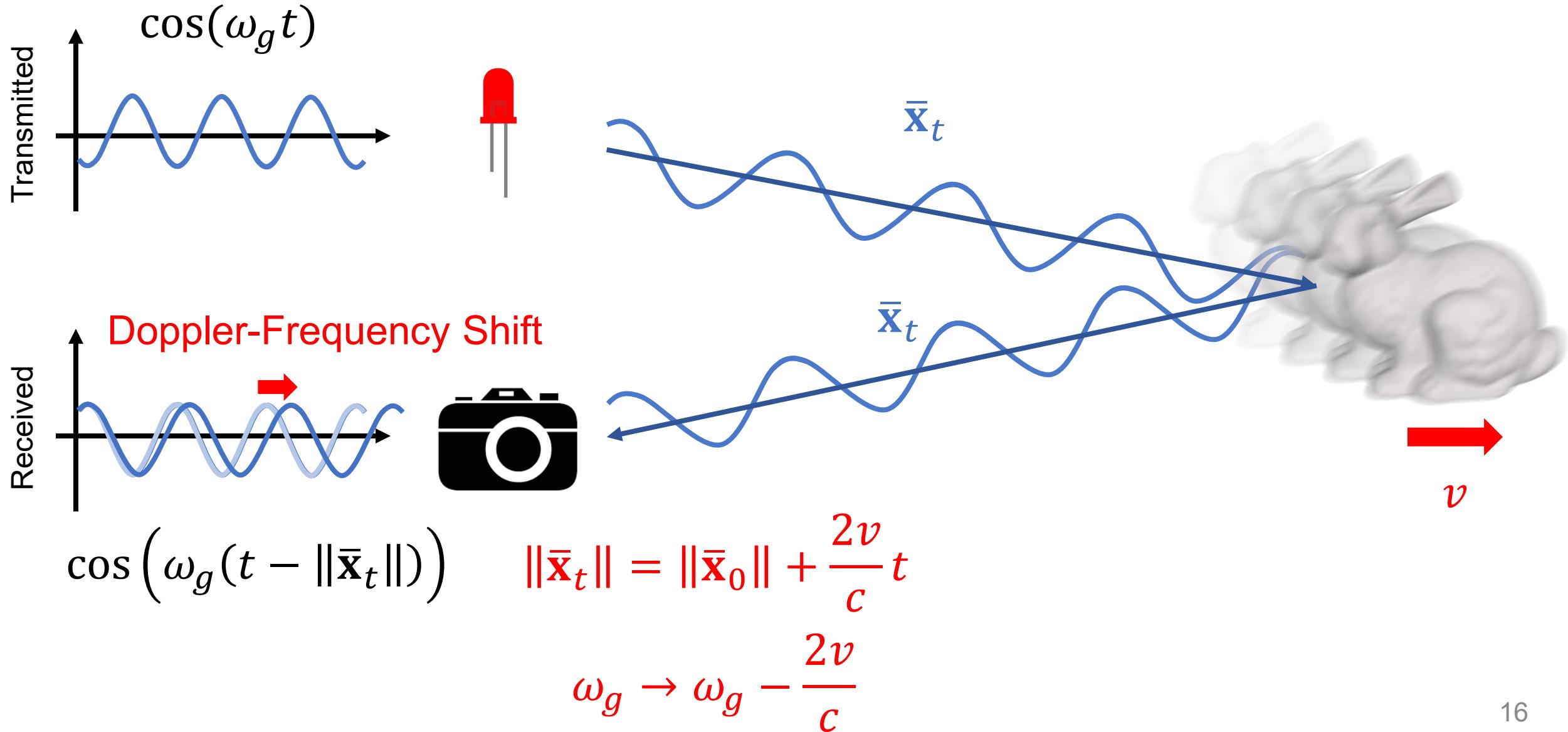
# Simulation of D-ToF Camera

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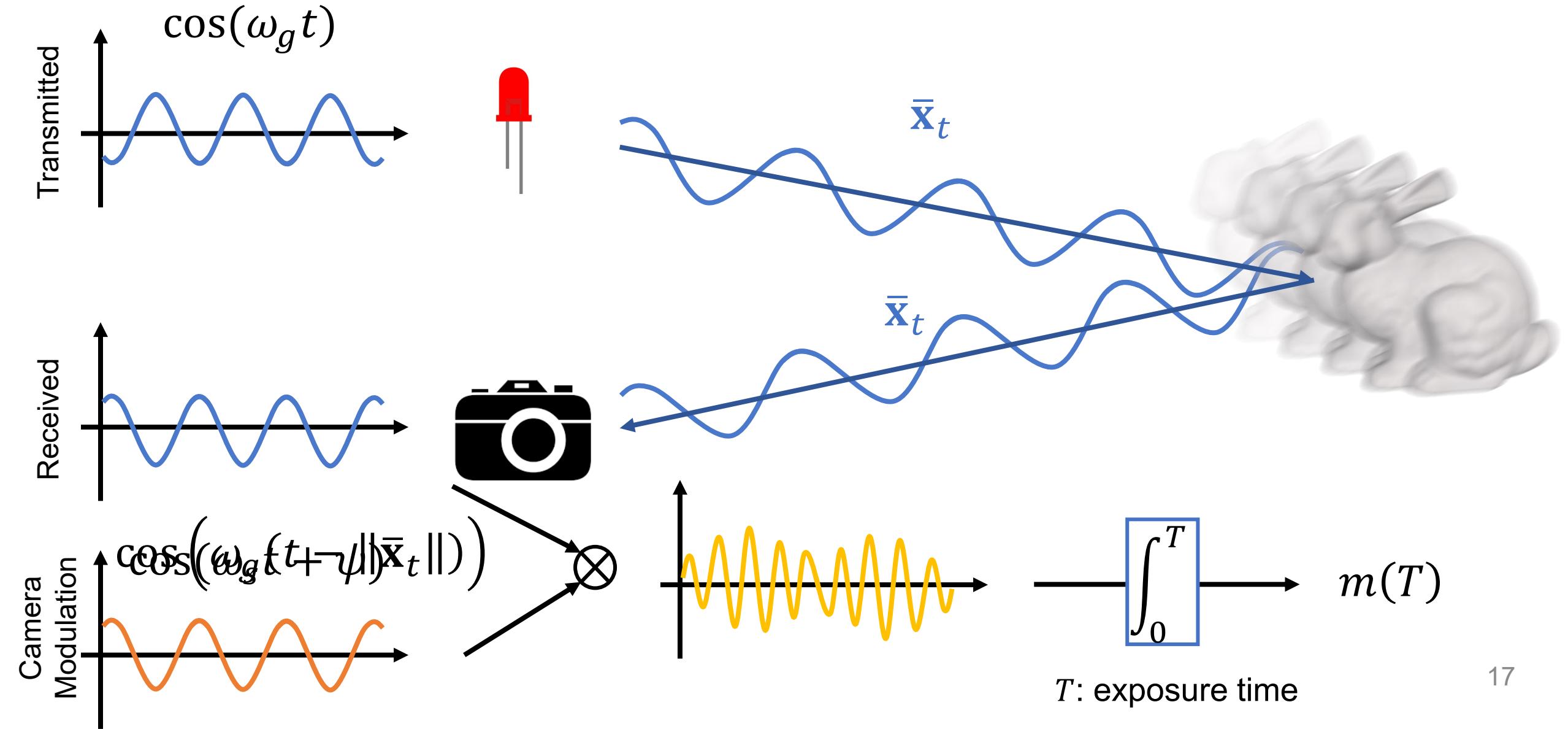
# Backgrounds: D-ToF Camera



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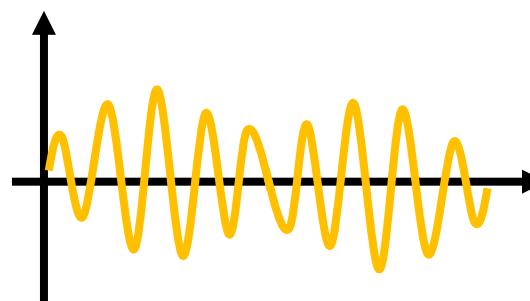
# Backgrounds: D-ToF Camera



# Backgrounds: D-ToF Measurement

$$A = \omega_s t + \psi$$

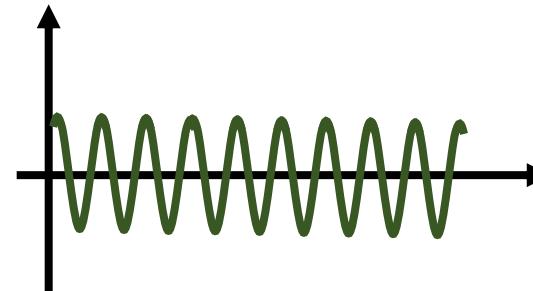
$$B = \omega_g(t - \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t\|)$$



$$\cos A \cos B$$

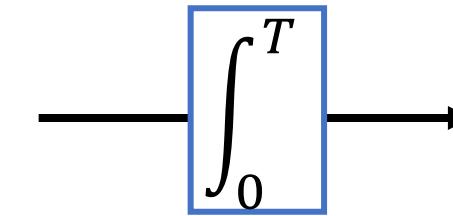
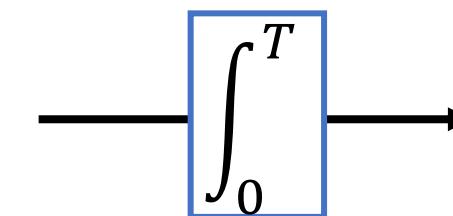
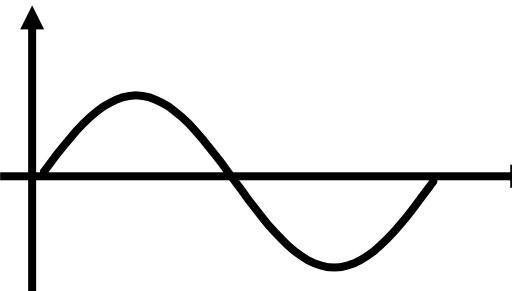
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$$\cos(A + B)$$

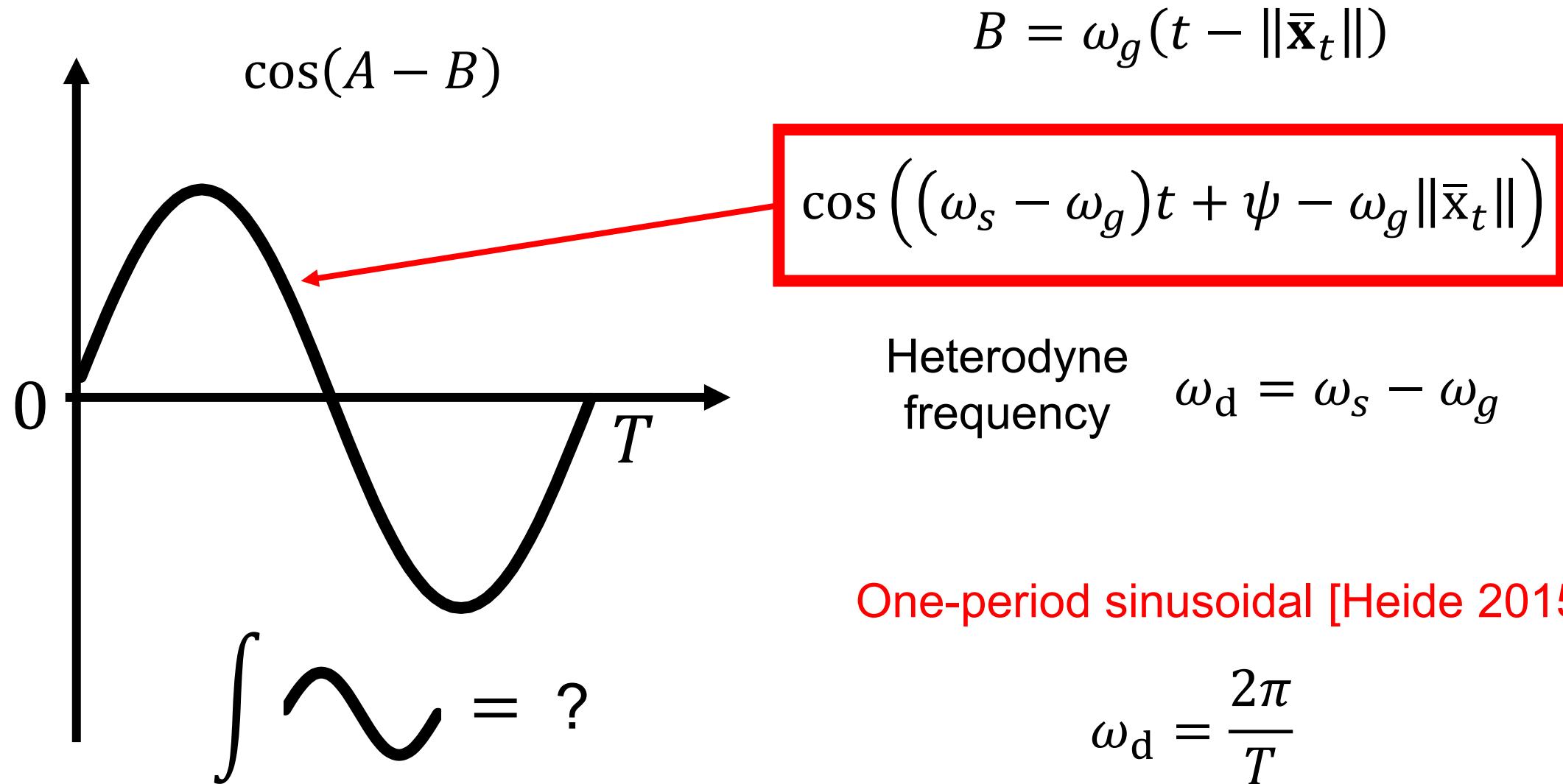


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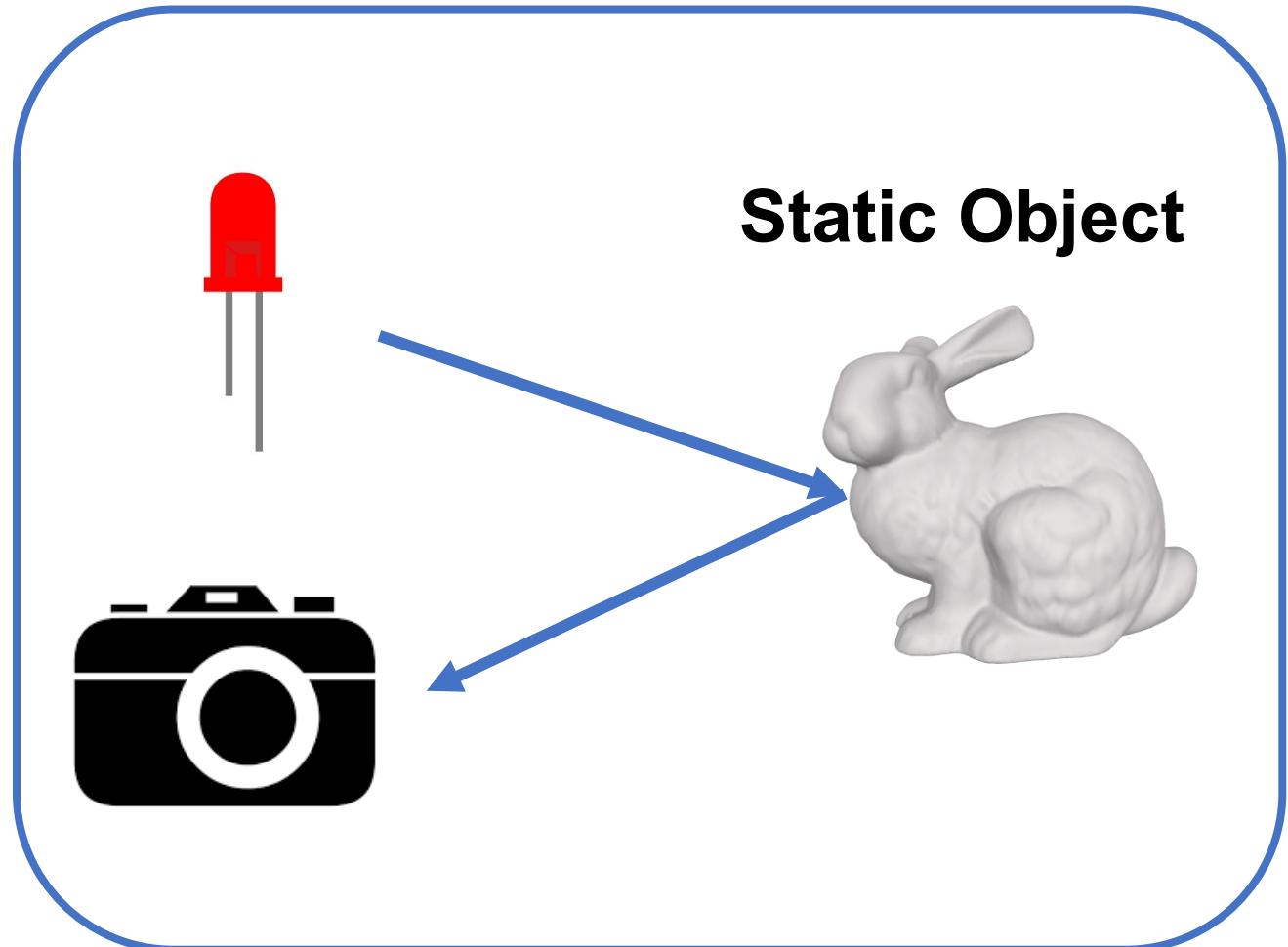
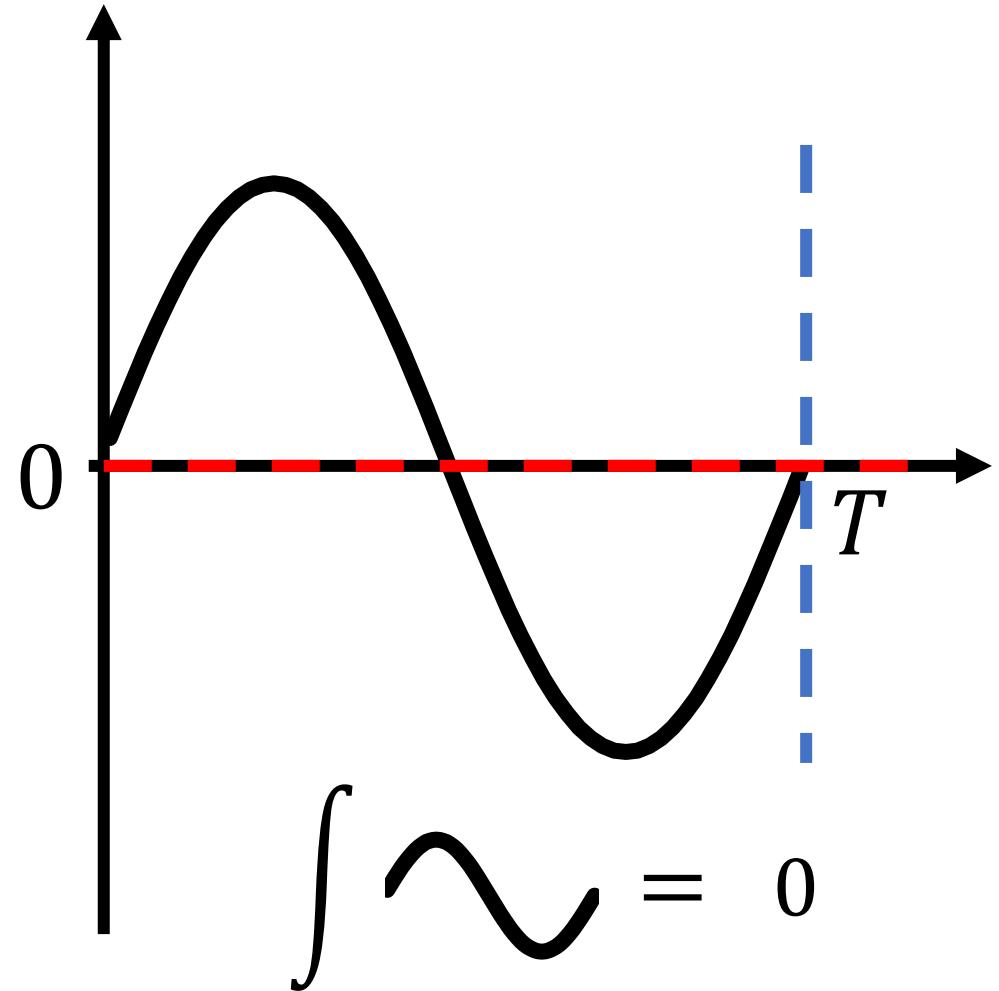
$$\cos(A - B)$$


**Vanish**

**?**

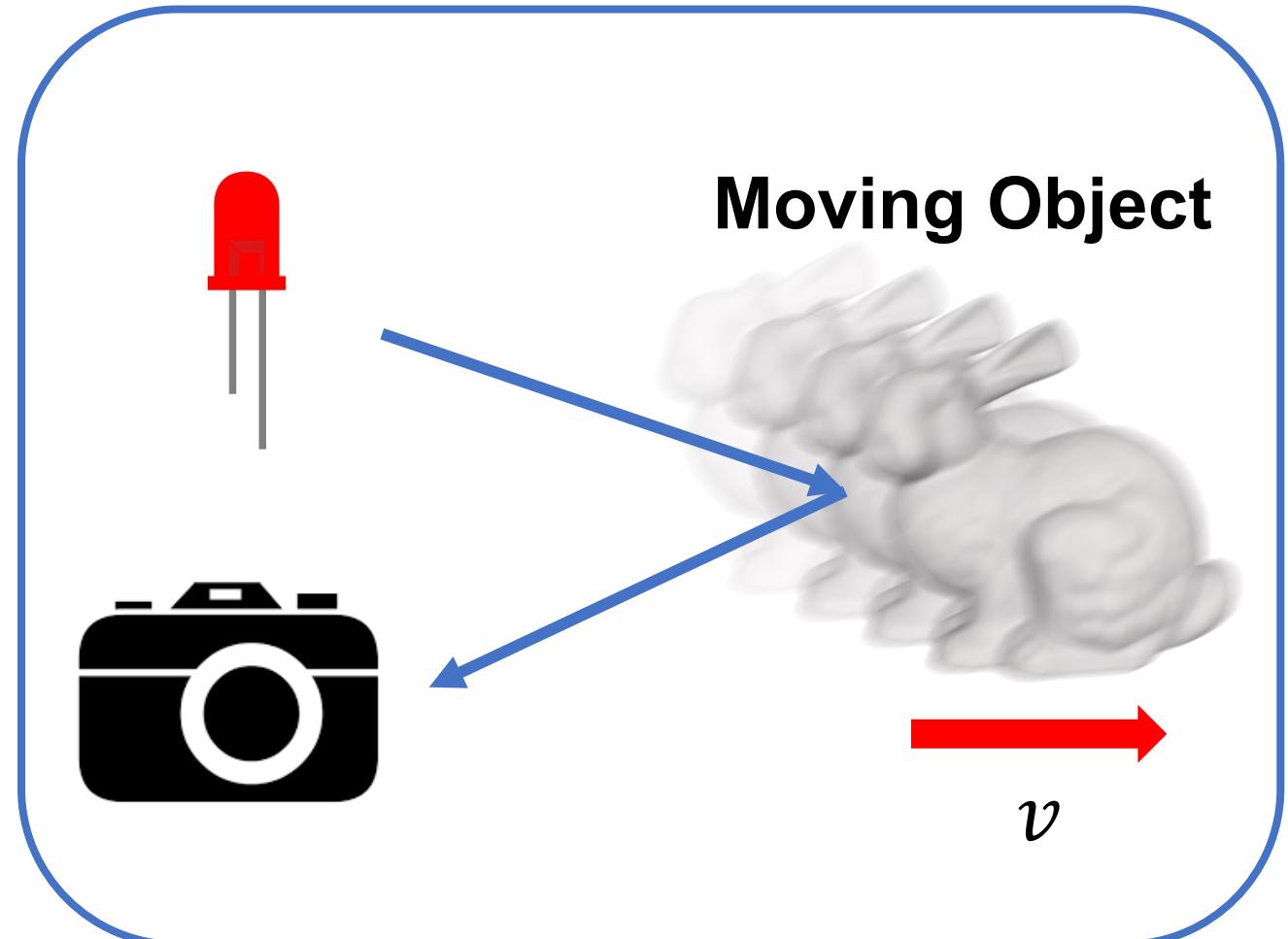
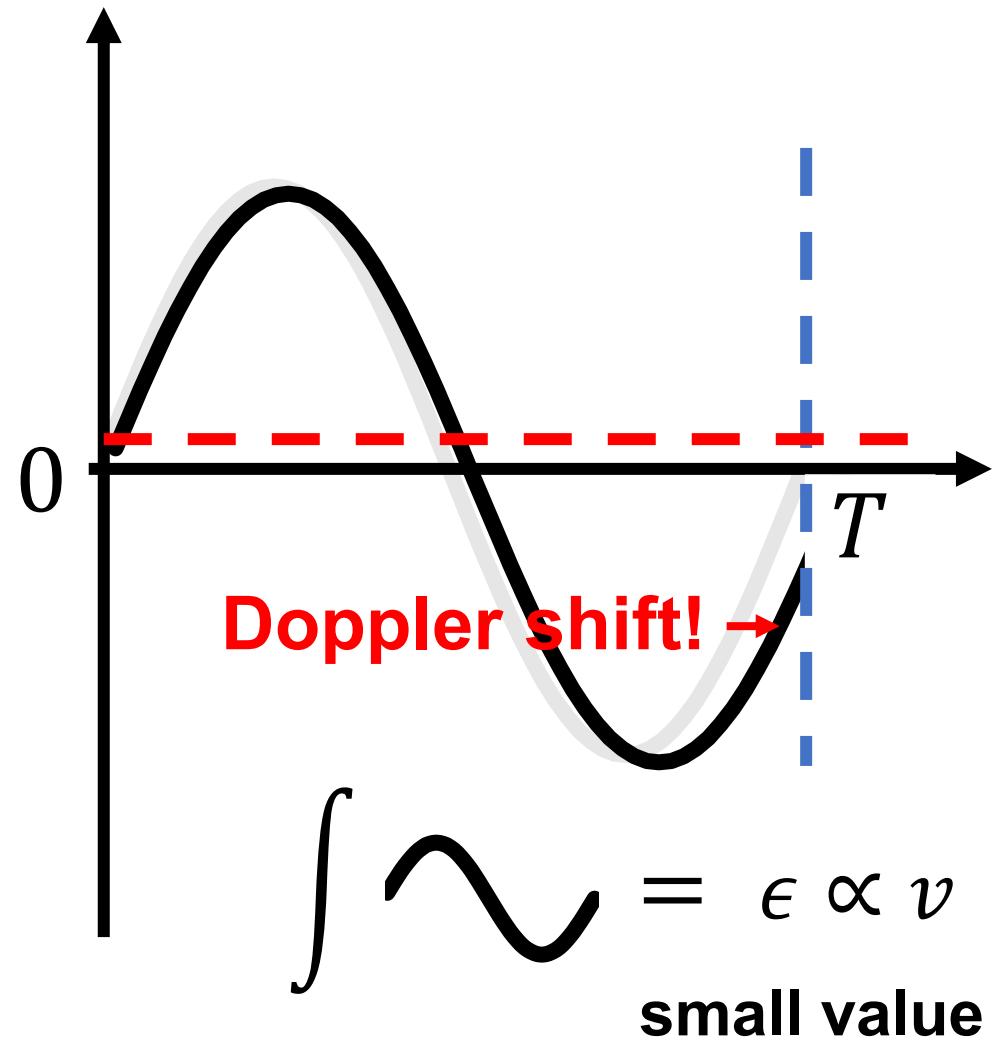
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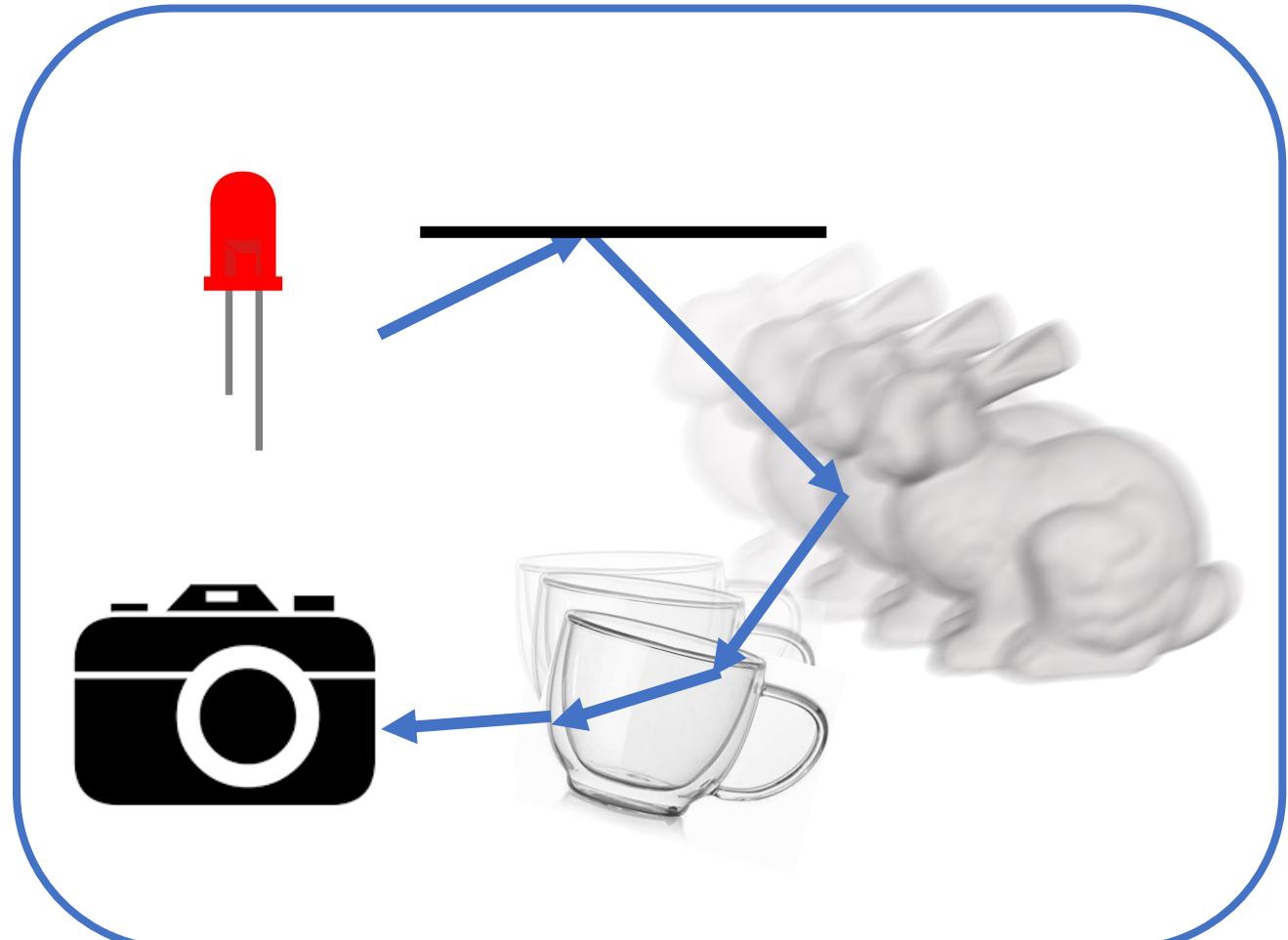
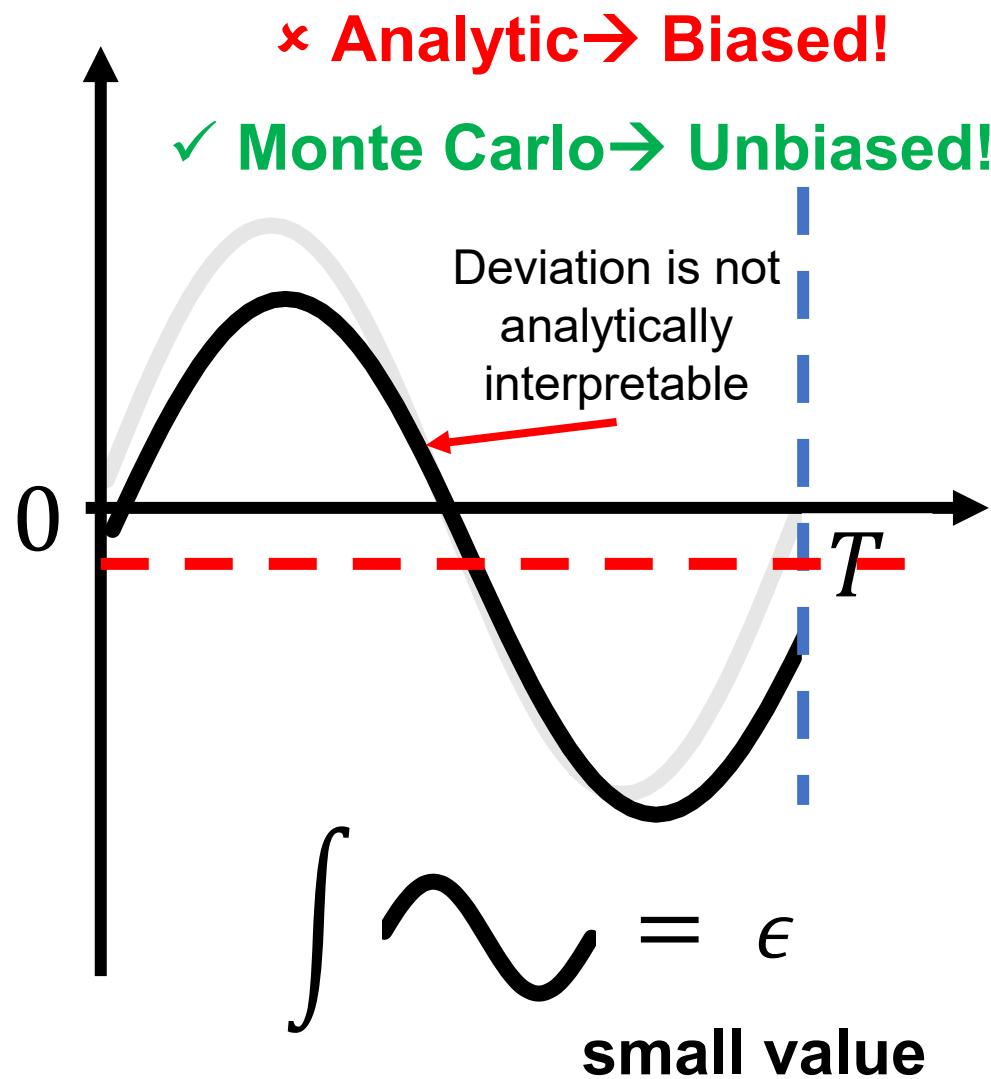
# D-ToF Measurement – Static Object



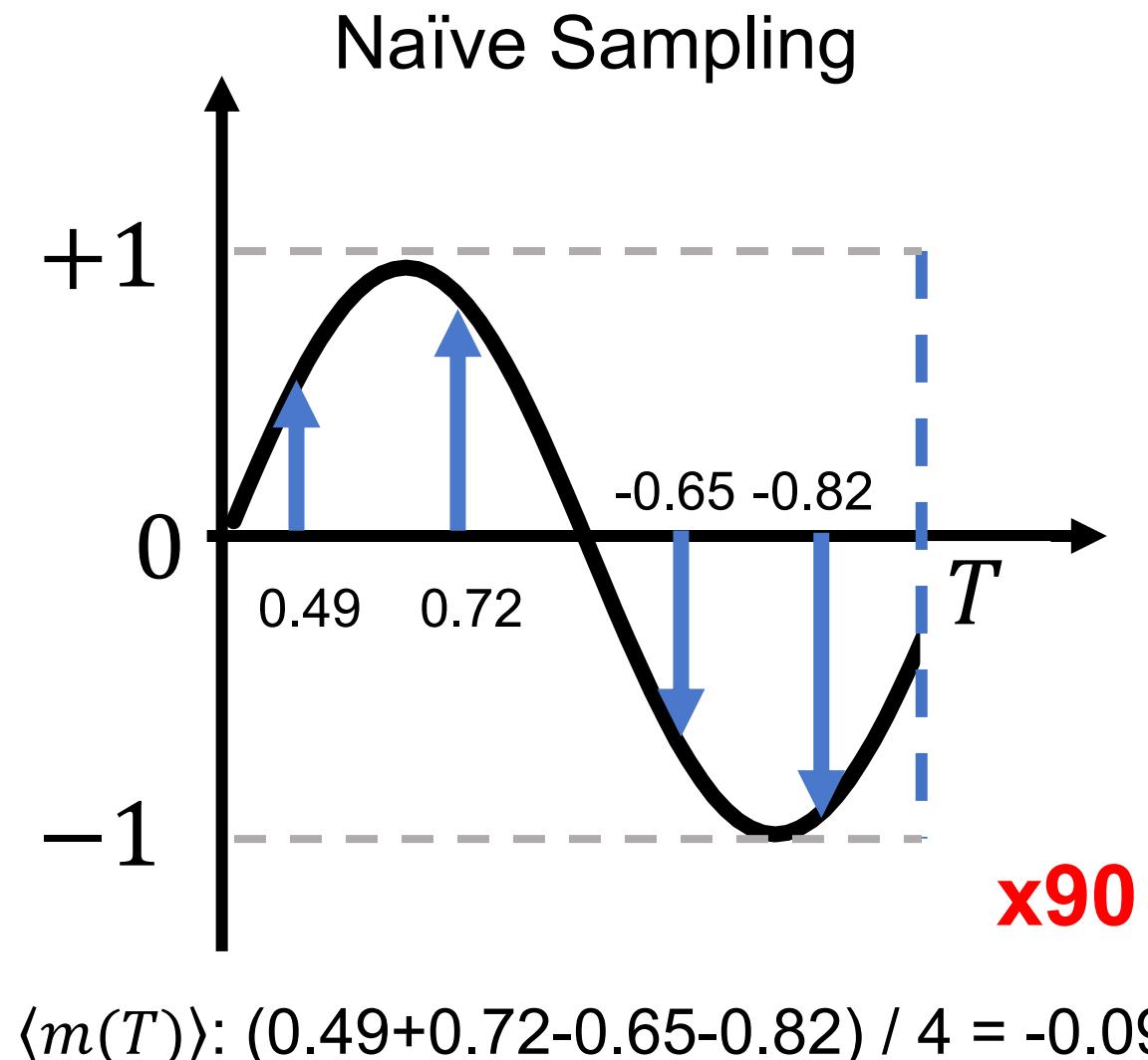
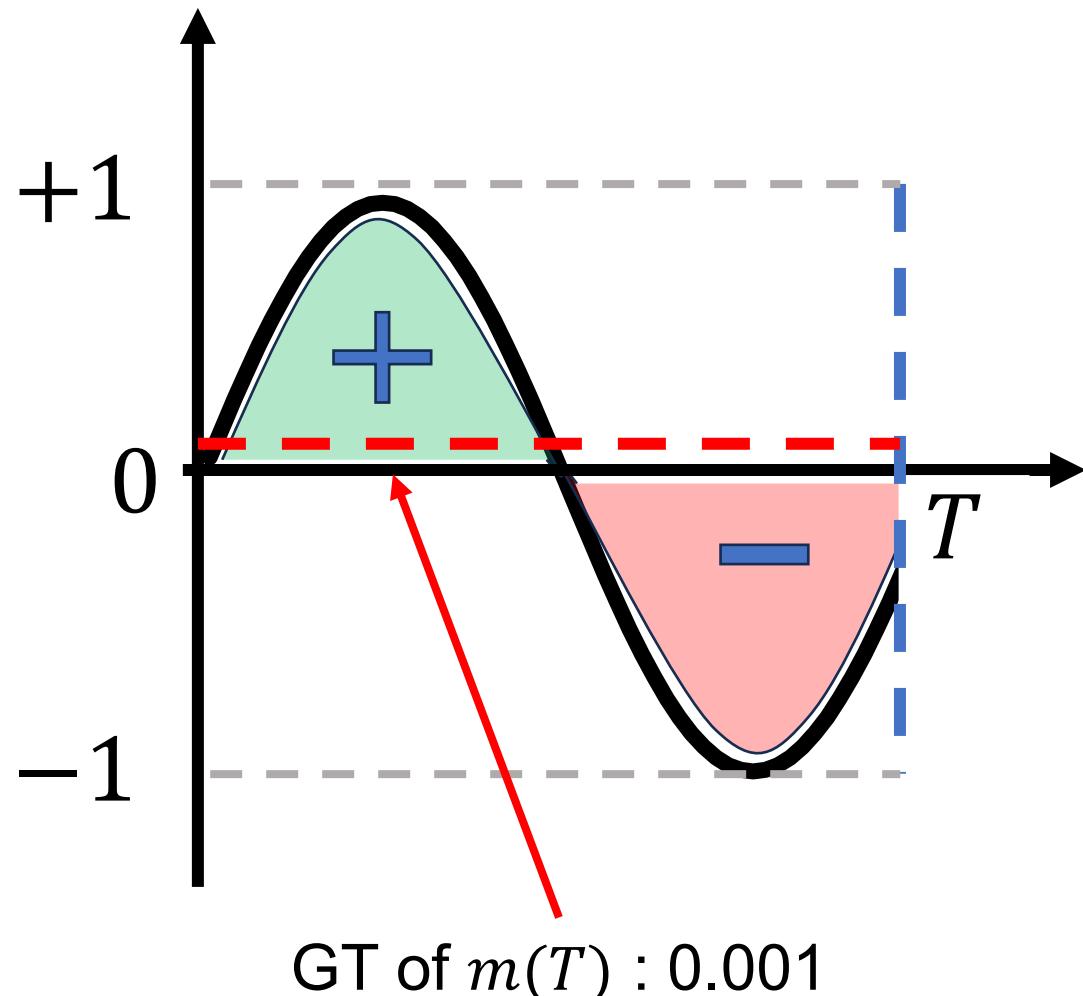
# D-ToF Measurement – Dynamic Object



# D-ToF Measurement – General Cases



# Monte Carlo Evaluation for D-ToF Measurement



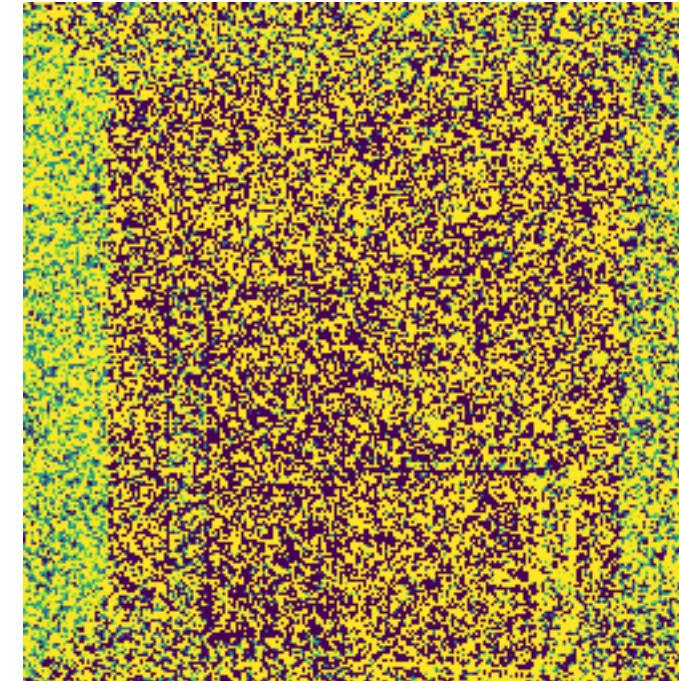
Extremely Low SNR

# Evaluation of the Integrand using Monte Carlo Method

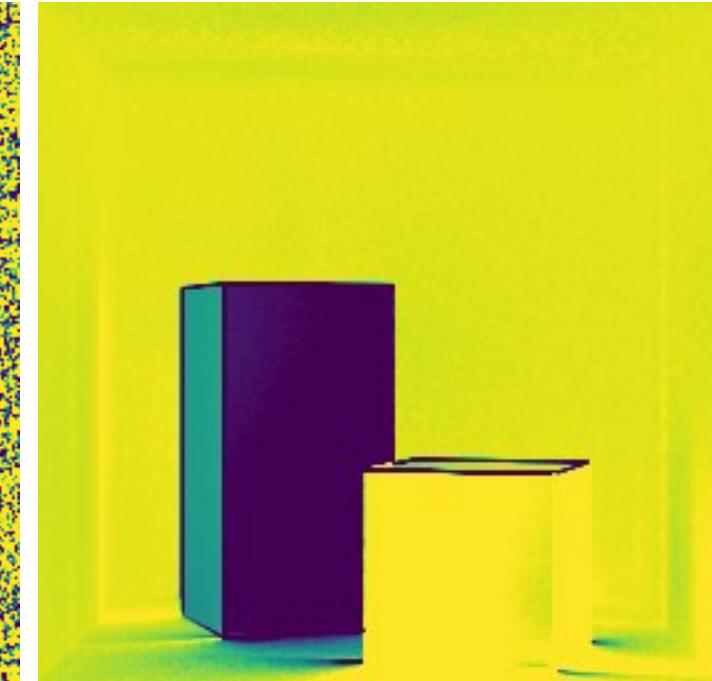


Typical Motion Blur Scene

D-ToF Rendering



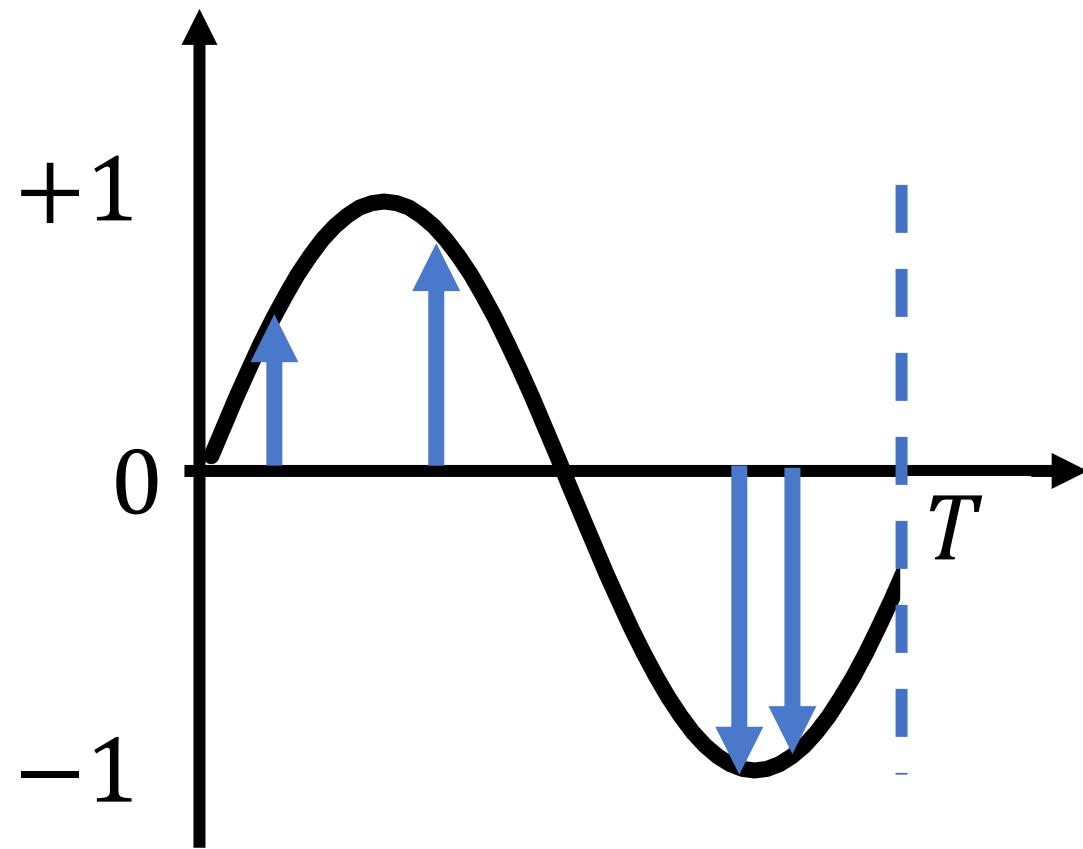
Motion Blur with  
Uniform Time Sampling



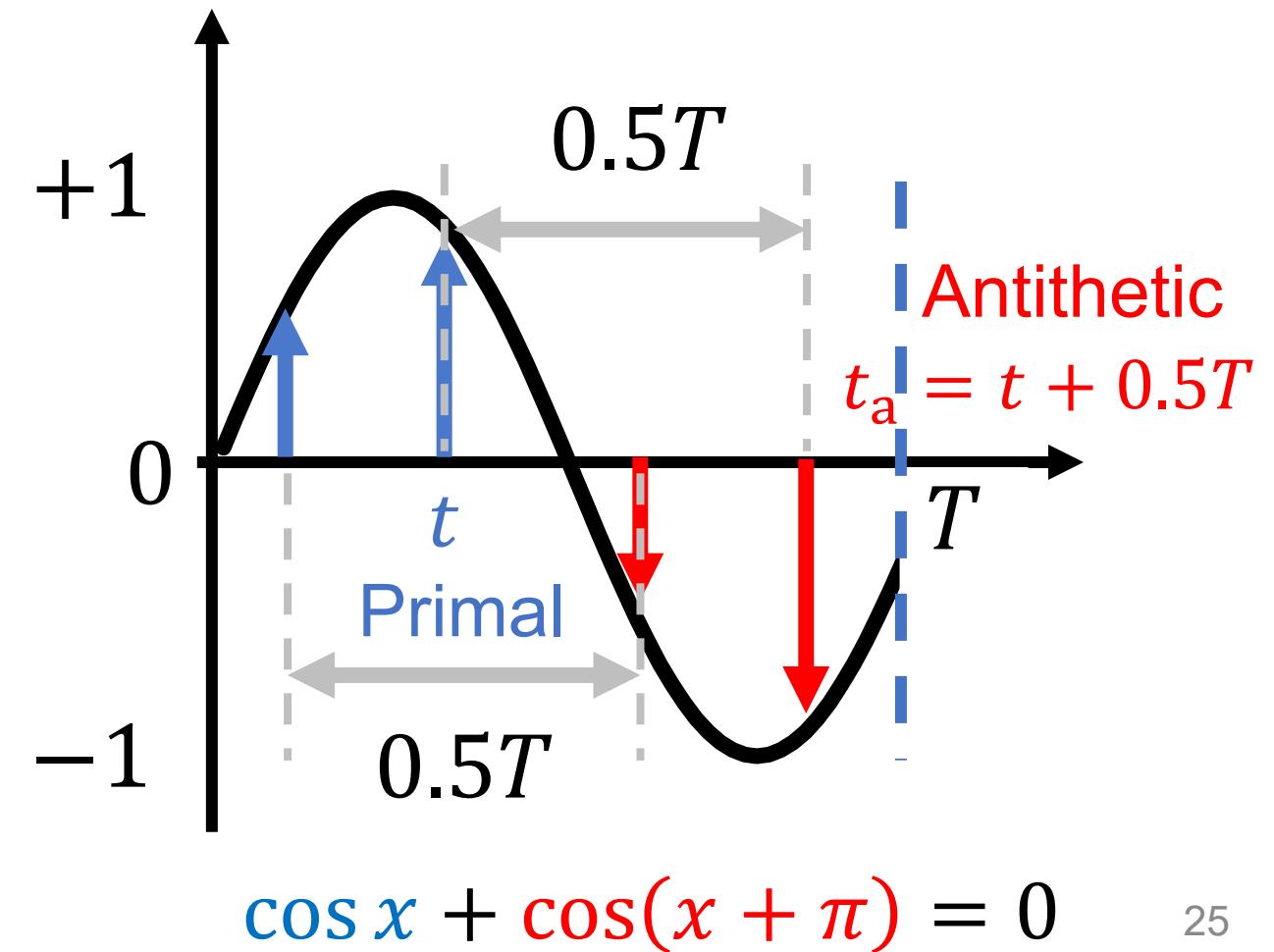
Ground Truth

# Proposed Method : Antithetic Time Sampling

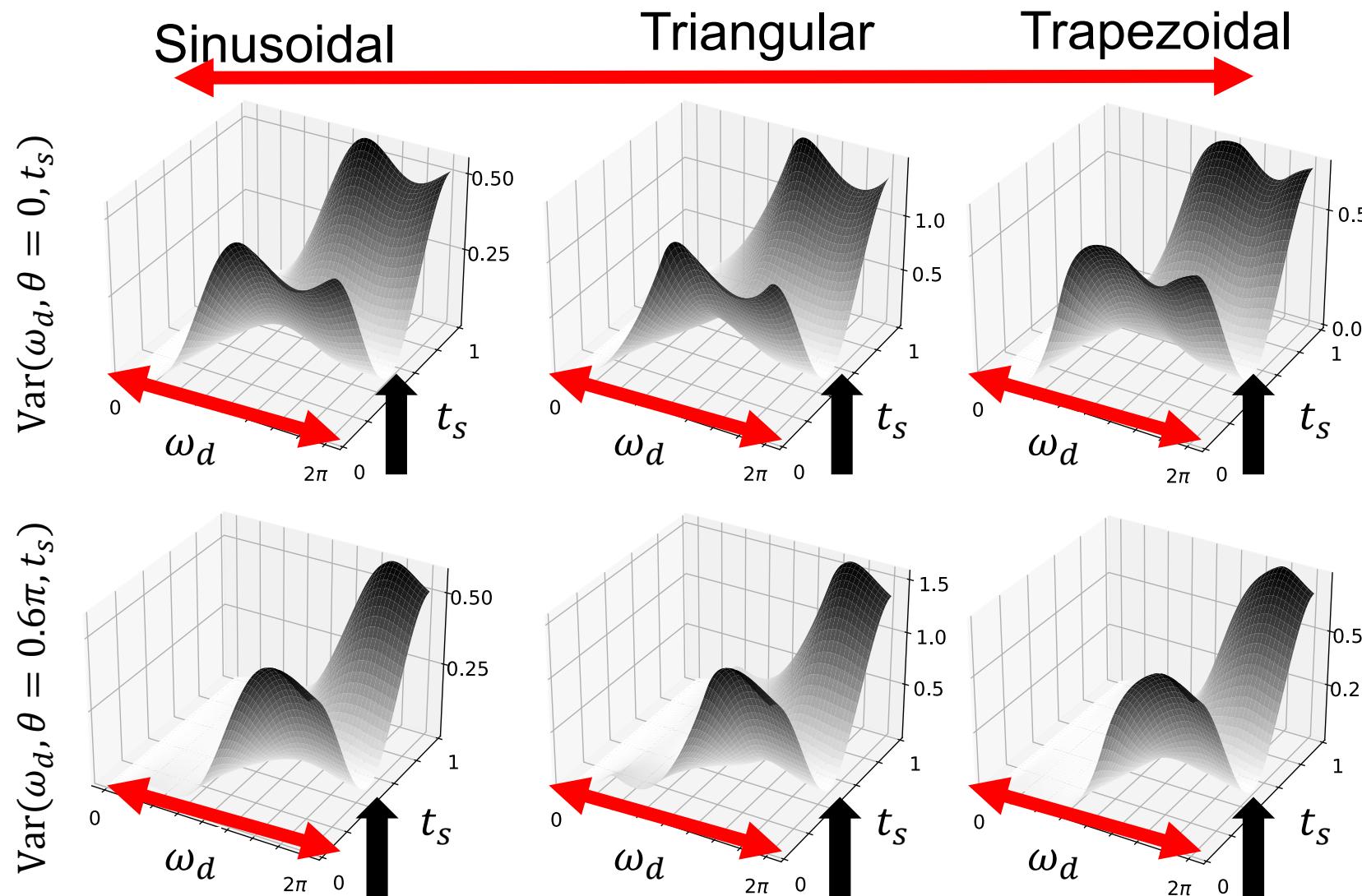
Naïve Sampling



Antithetic Sampling



# Proposed Method : Antithetic Time Sampling

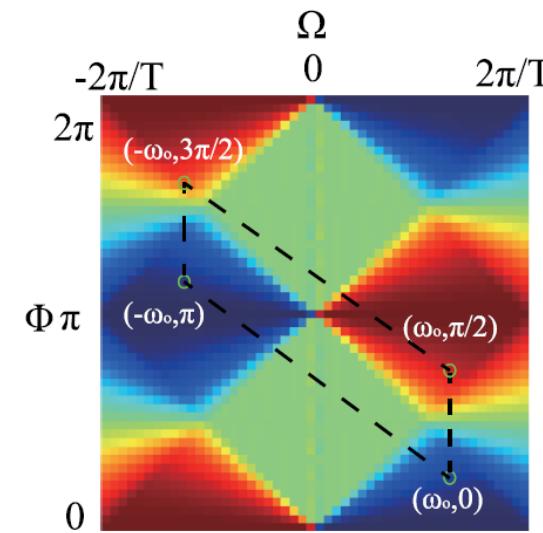
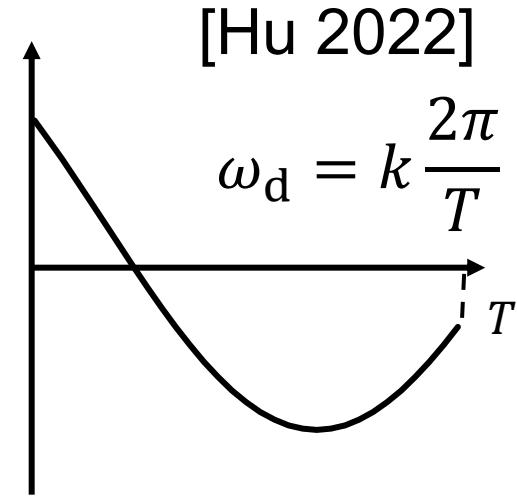
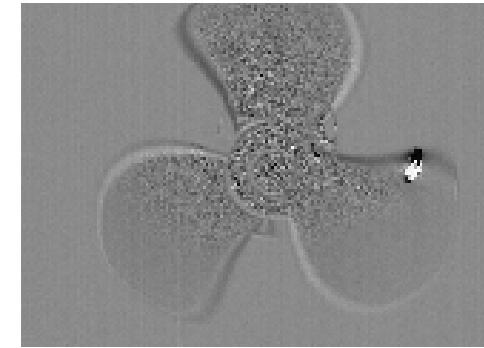
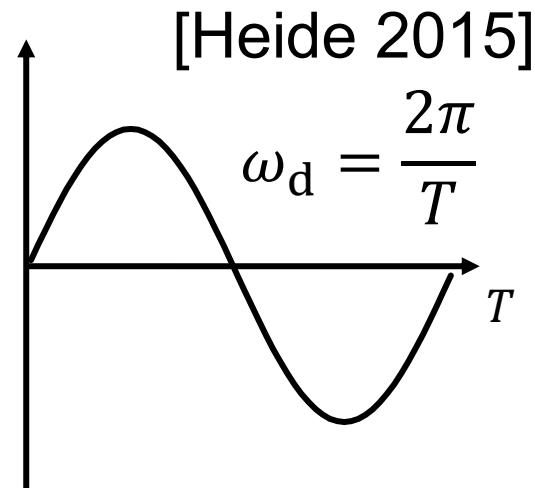


0.5 $T$  shift is useful  
regardless of

- ✓ Frequency
- ✓ Phase Offset
- ✓ Waveform  
(only some)

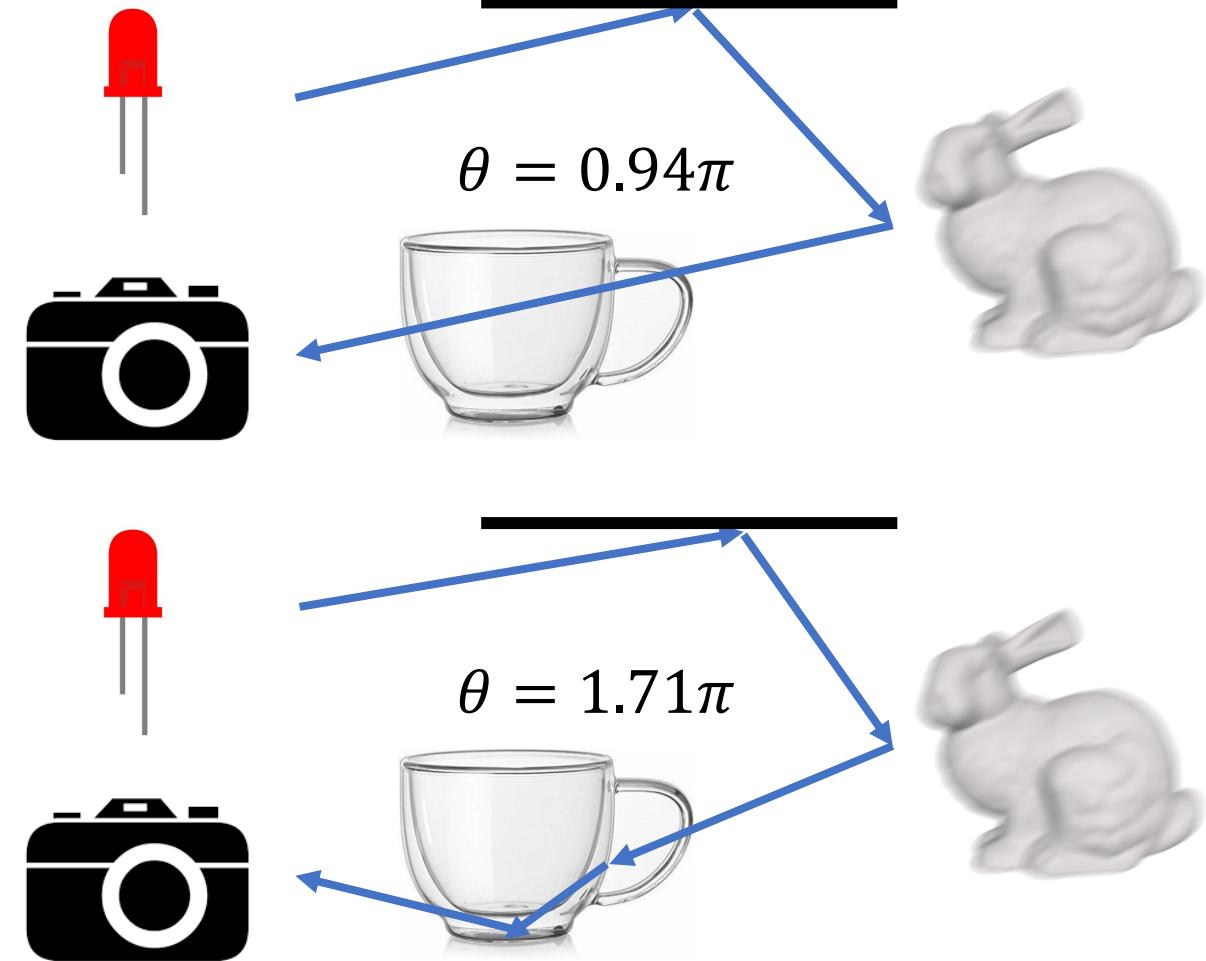
Mathematically  
provable!

Arbitrary **frequency**  $0 < \omega_d < \frac{2\pi}{T}$



✓ Applicable to arbitrary modes!

Arbitrary **phase offset**  $0 < \theta < 2\pi$



✓ Useful for multi-bounce simulation

# Aligning Path over Time

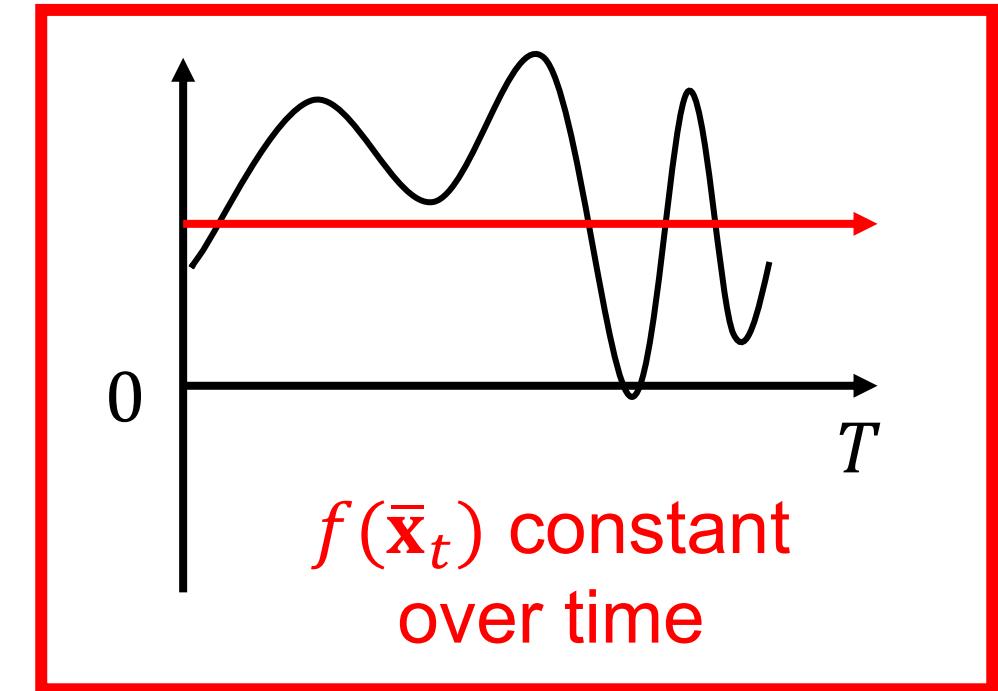
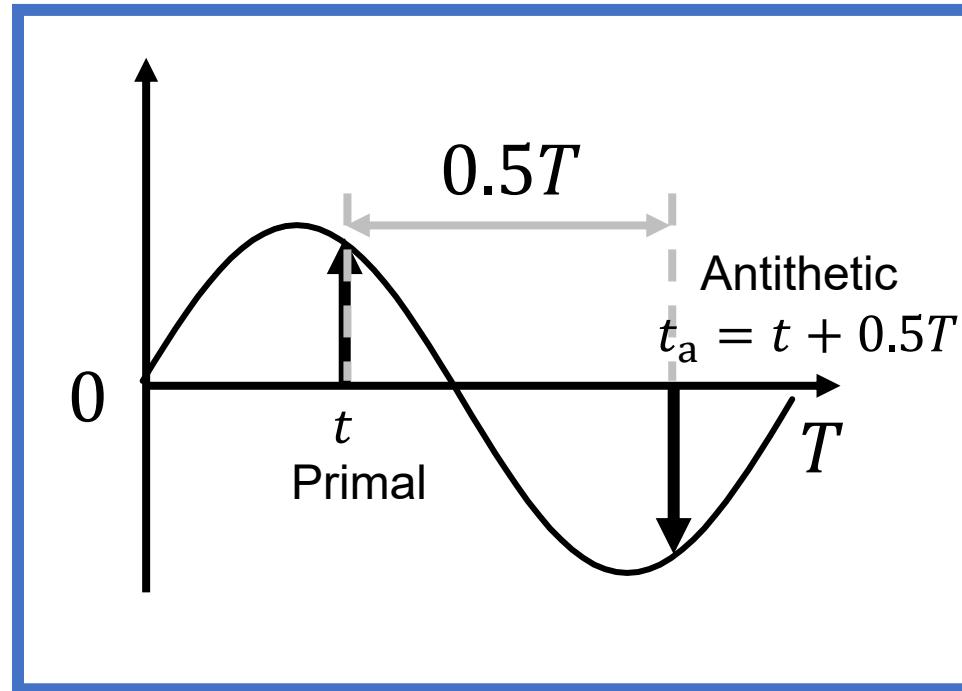
$$\int_0^T \int_{\mathcal{P}(t)}$$

Modulation

$$\cos(\omega_d t + \psi - \omega_g \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t\|)$$

Path throughput

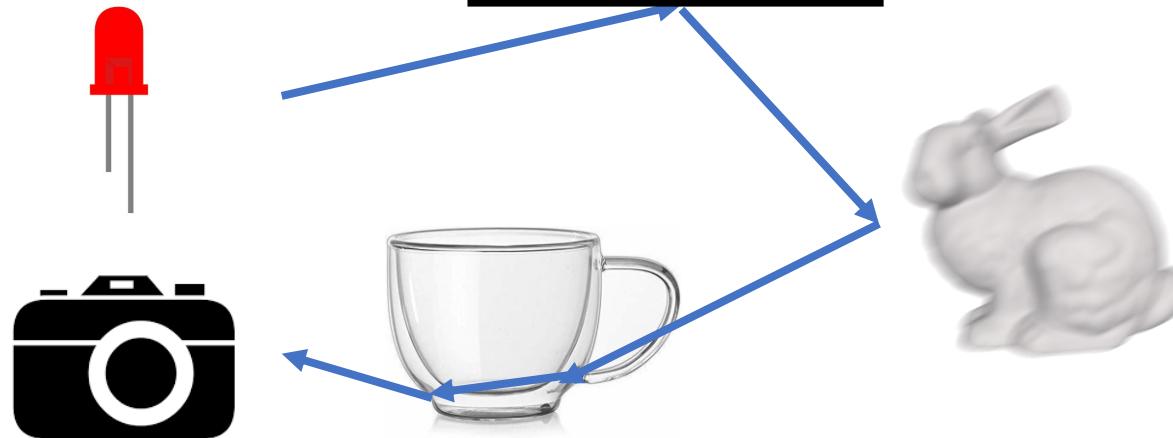
$$f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t)$$



$f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t)$  constant  
over time

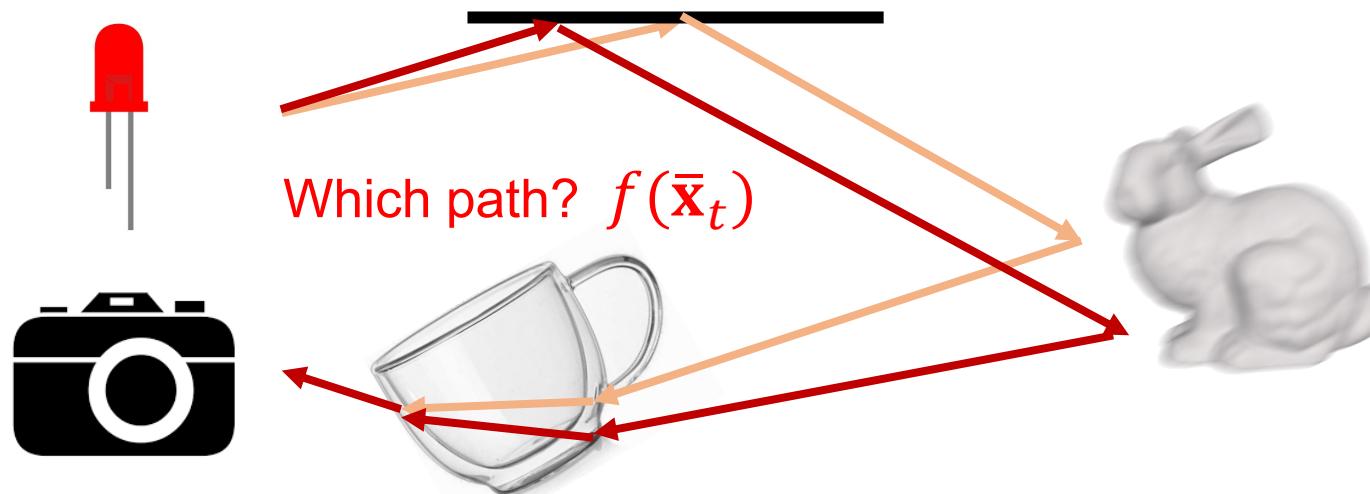
# Aligning Path over Time

Time :  $t$



Primal Path

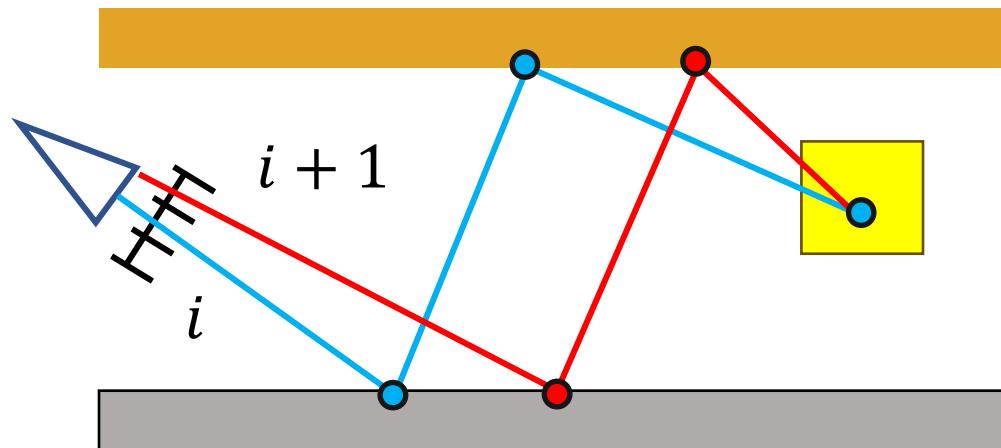
Time :  $t_a = t + 0.5T$



Antithetic Path

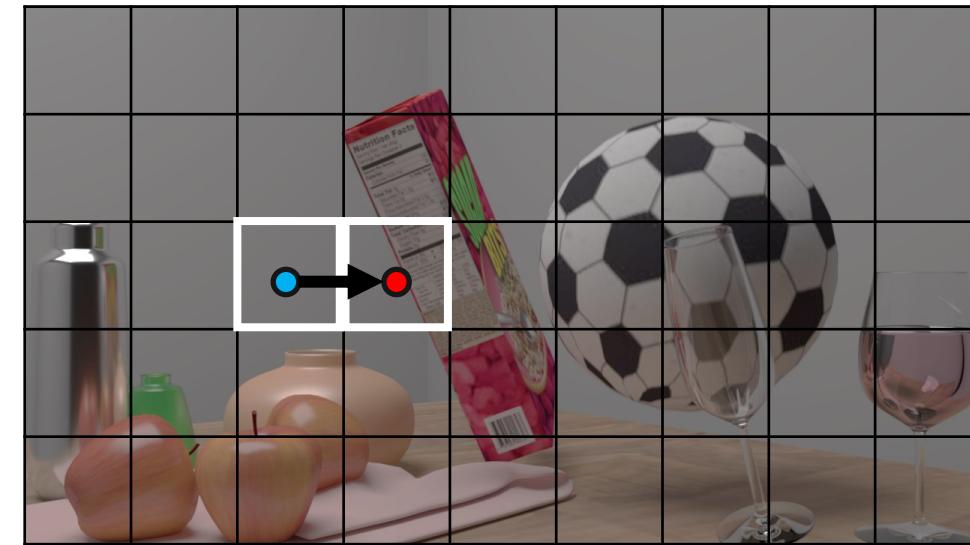
# Aligning Path over Time using Shift Mapping

Shift Mapping  
[Kettunen 2015]



— Base Path  
— Offset Path

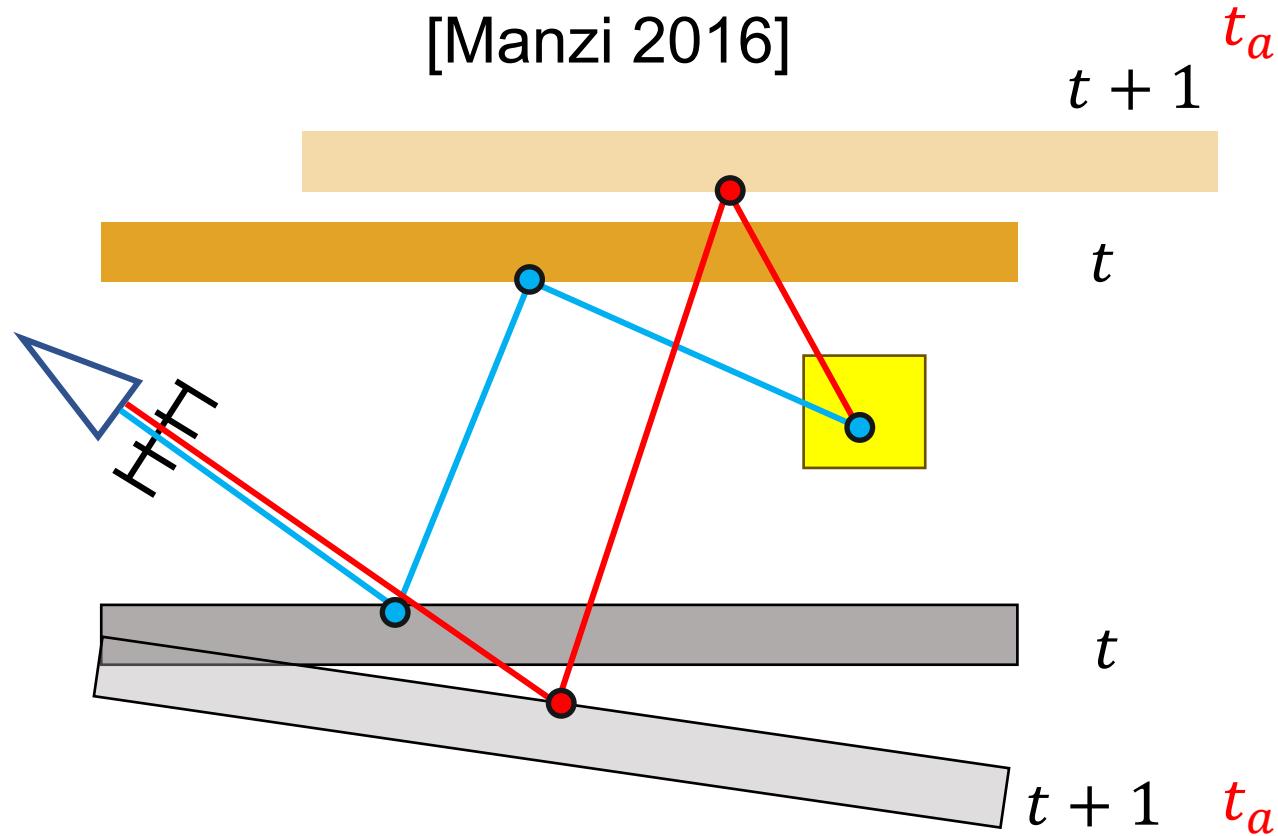
Gradient Domain Rendering



# Aligning Path over Time using Shift Mapping

Temporal Shift Mapping

[Manzi 2016]

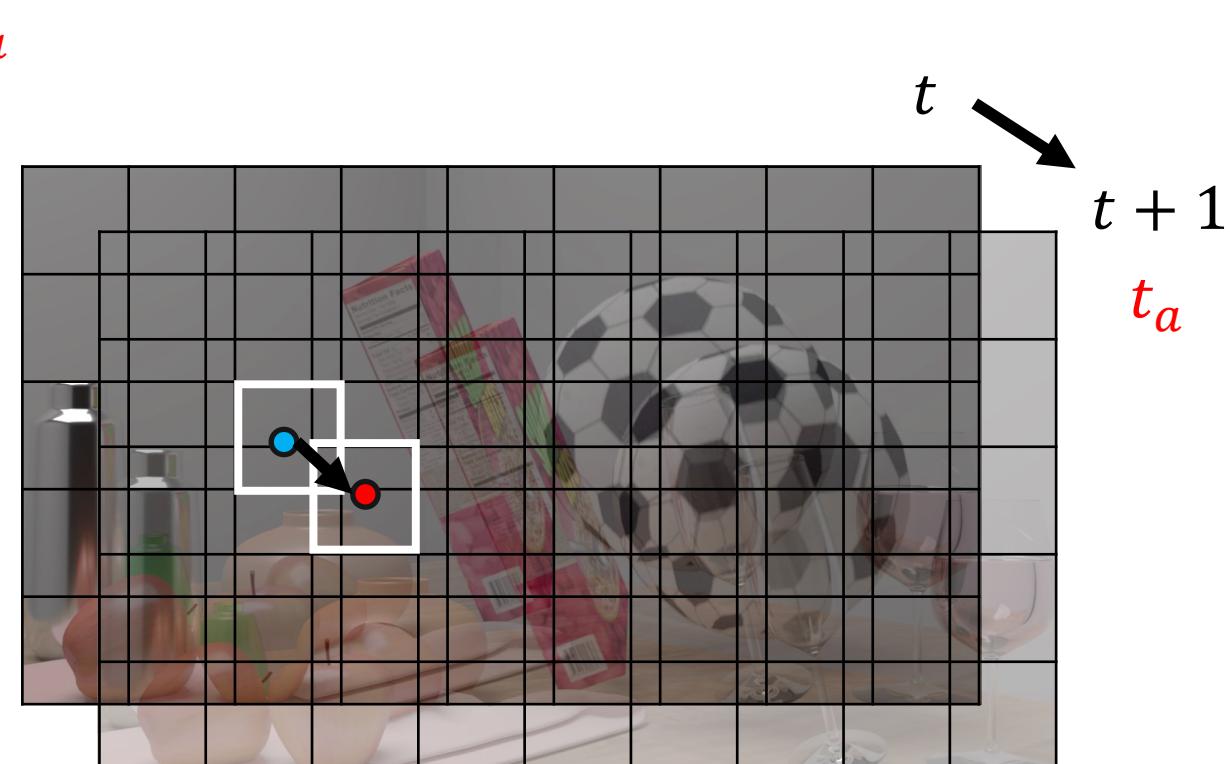


Base Path

Offset Path

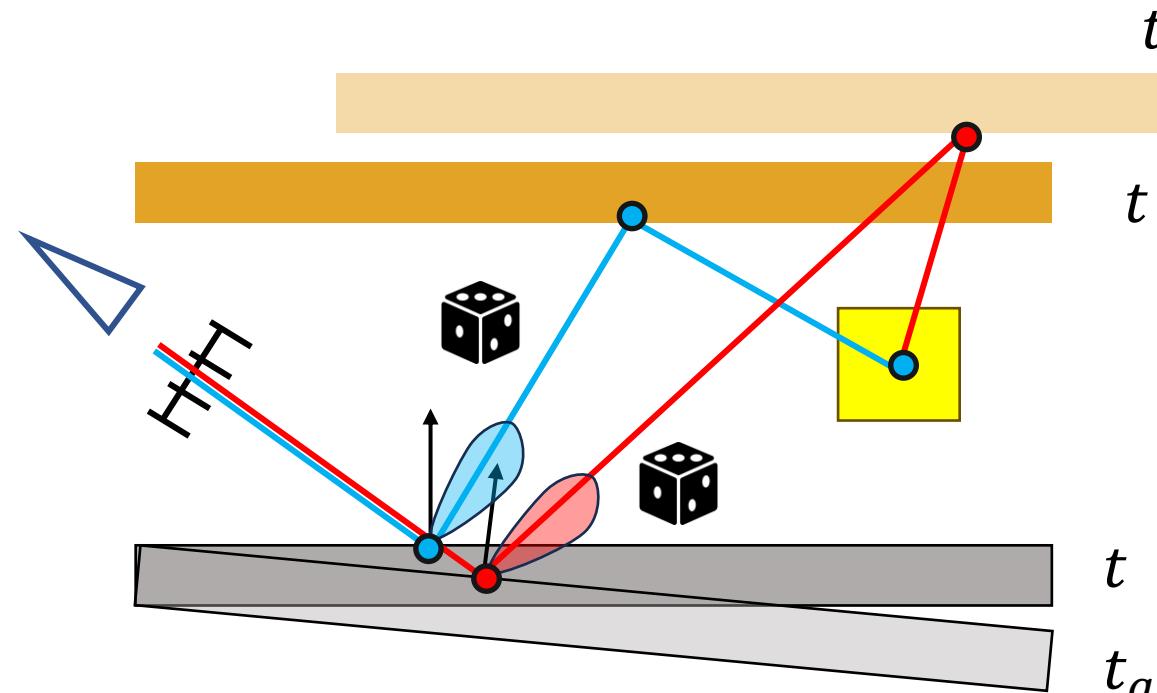
*Primal Path*

*Antithetic Path*



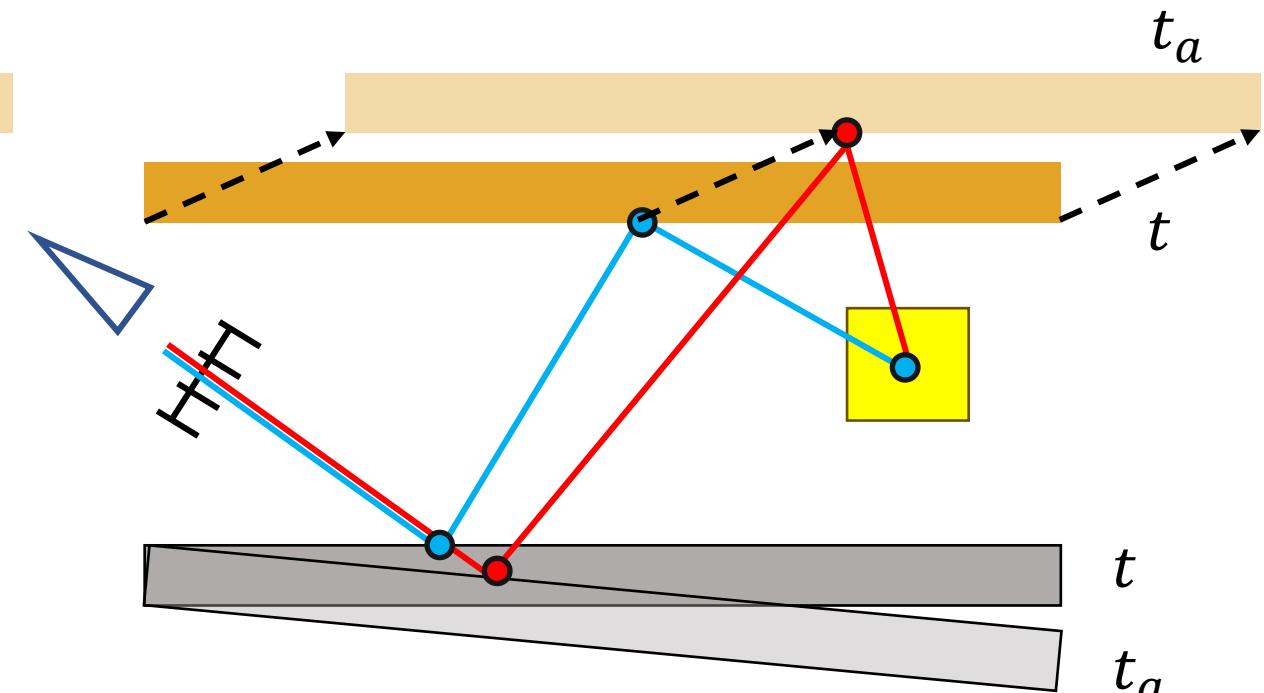
# Aligning Path over Time using Shift Mapping

Random Replay  
[Hua 2019, Manzi 2016]



Generally good for **specular**

Path Reconnection  
[Kettunen 2015]

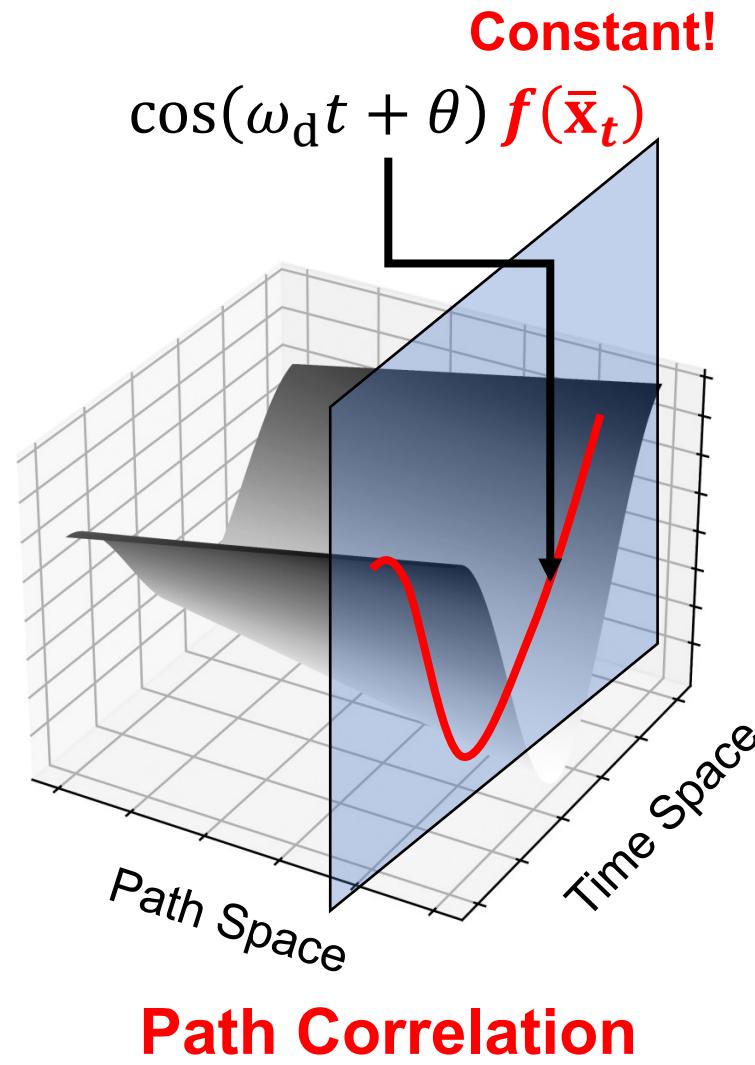
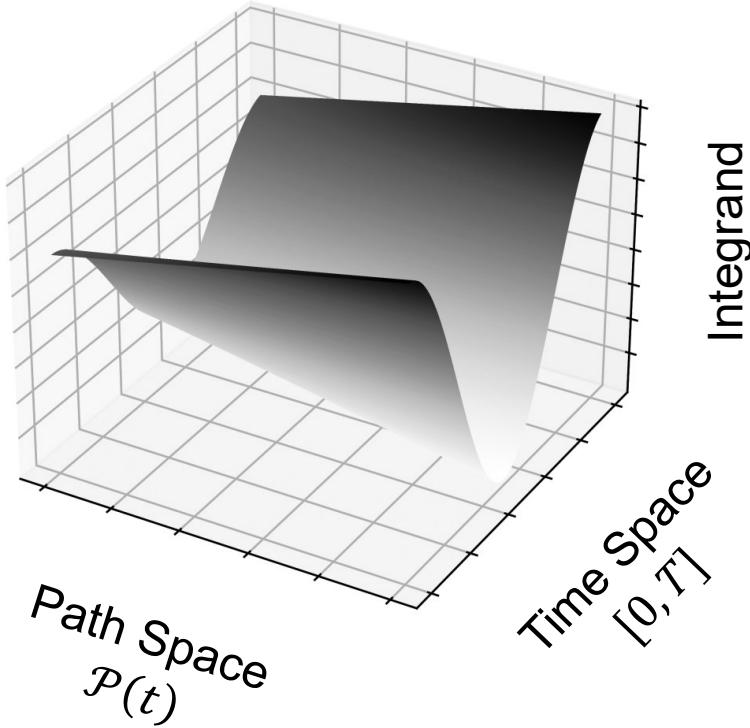


Generally good for **diffuse**

Mixed strategy based on surface material!

# Proposed Sampling Strategy Overview

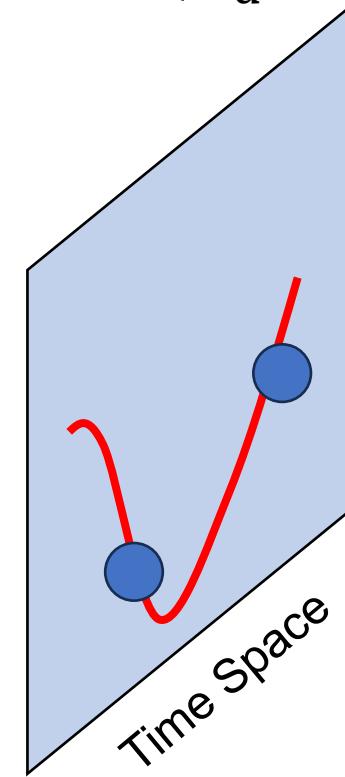
Goal : Integrate  
 $\cos(\omega_d t + \theta) f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t)$   
 $\theta = \psi - \omega_g \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t\|$



Unbiased Monte Carlo Estimate

Efficient time sampling for

$\cos(\omega_d t + \theta)$



Antithetic Sampling

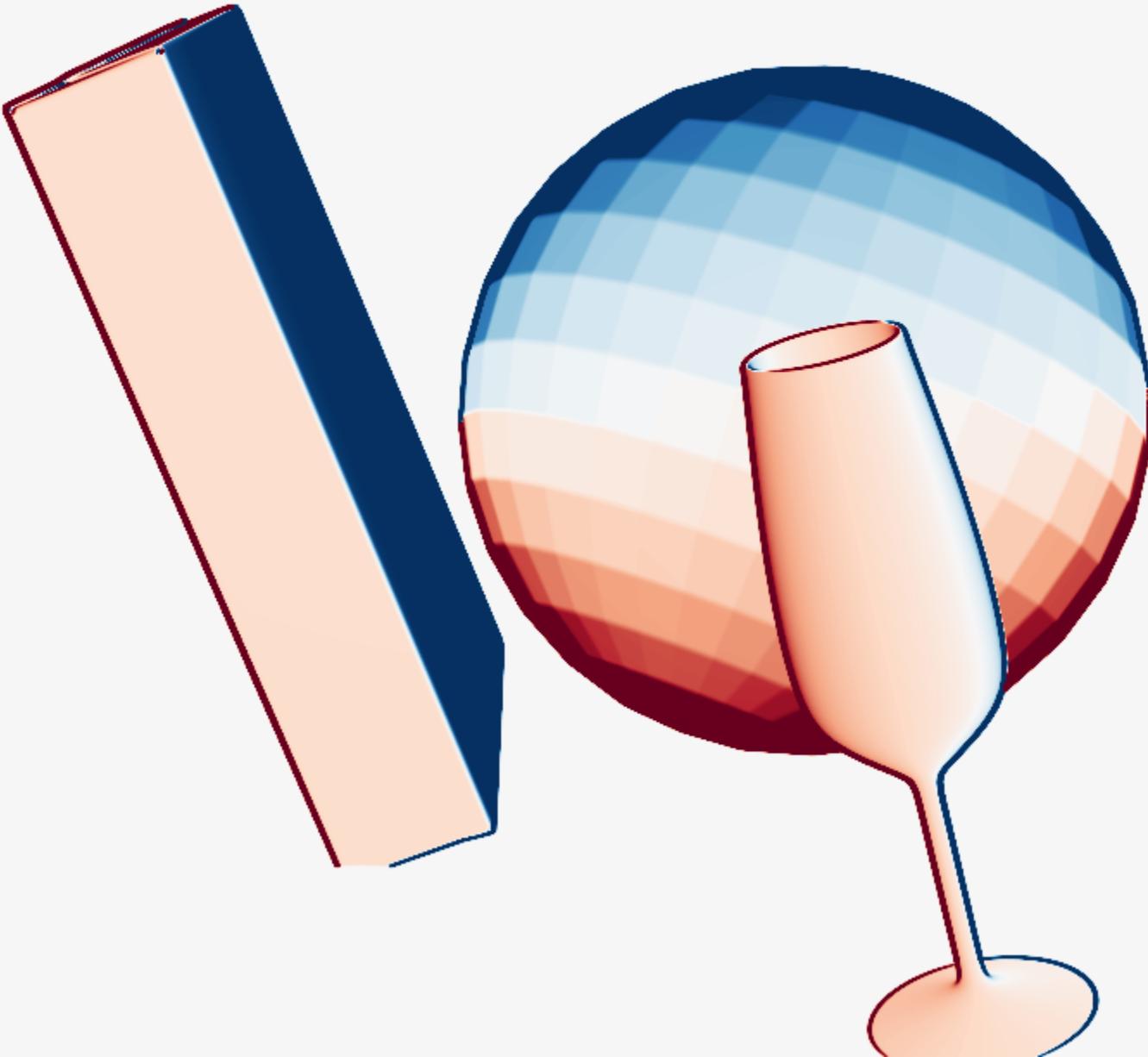
# Experiments & Result

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# Standard Rendering



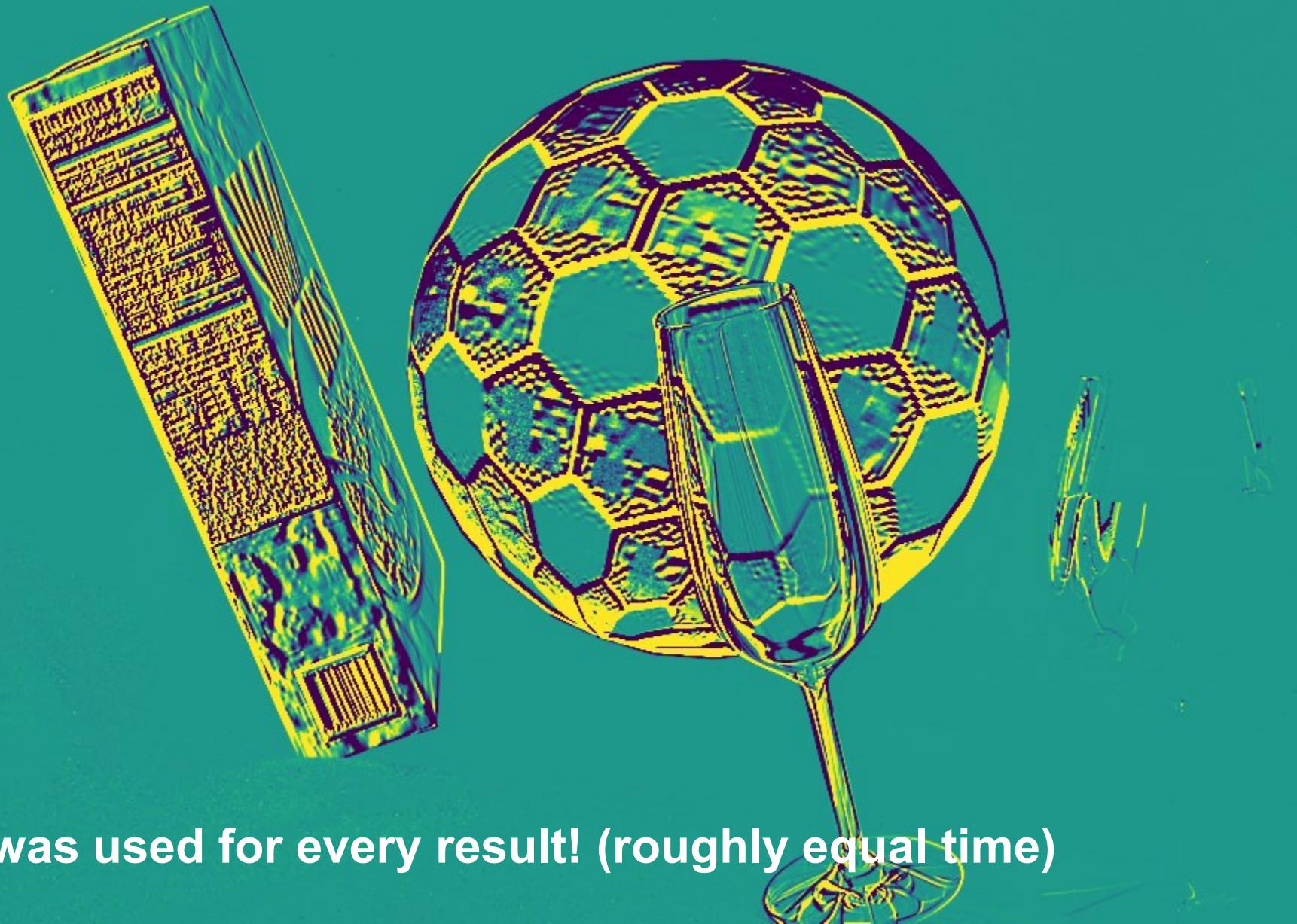
# Per-Pixel Radial Velocity



# Reference D-ToF Image at

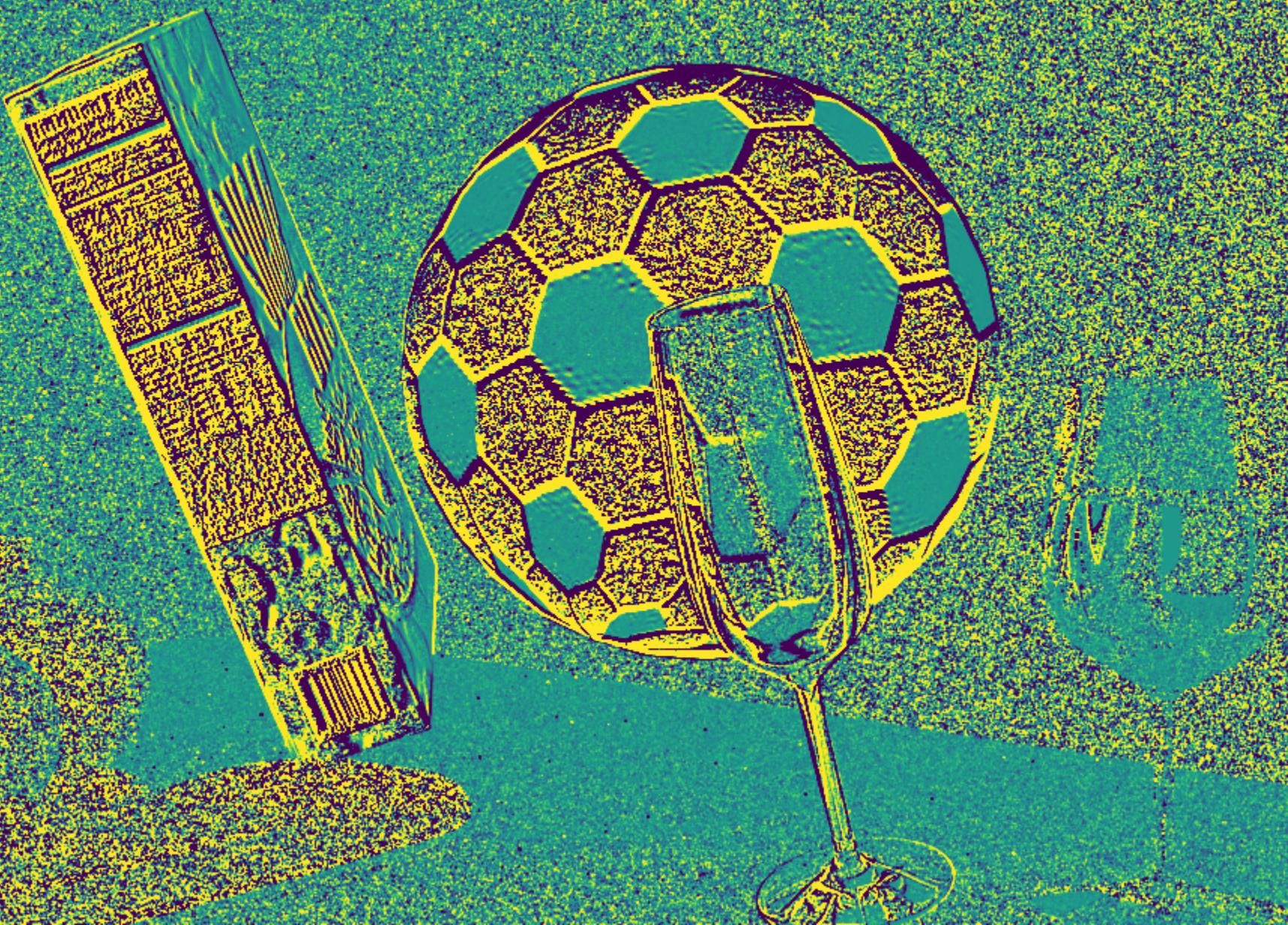
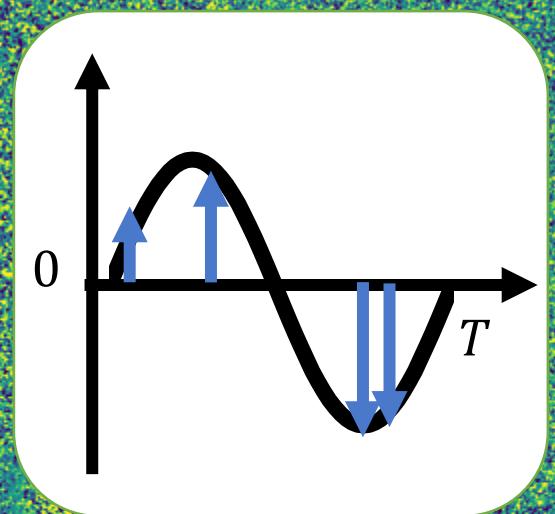
$$\omega_r = 1.0$$

Equal to  $\omega_d = \frac{2\pi}{T}$



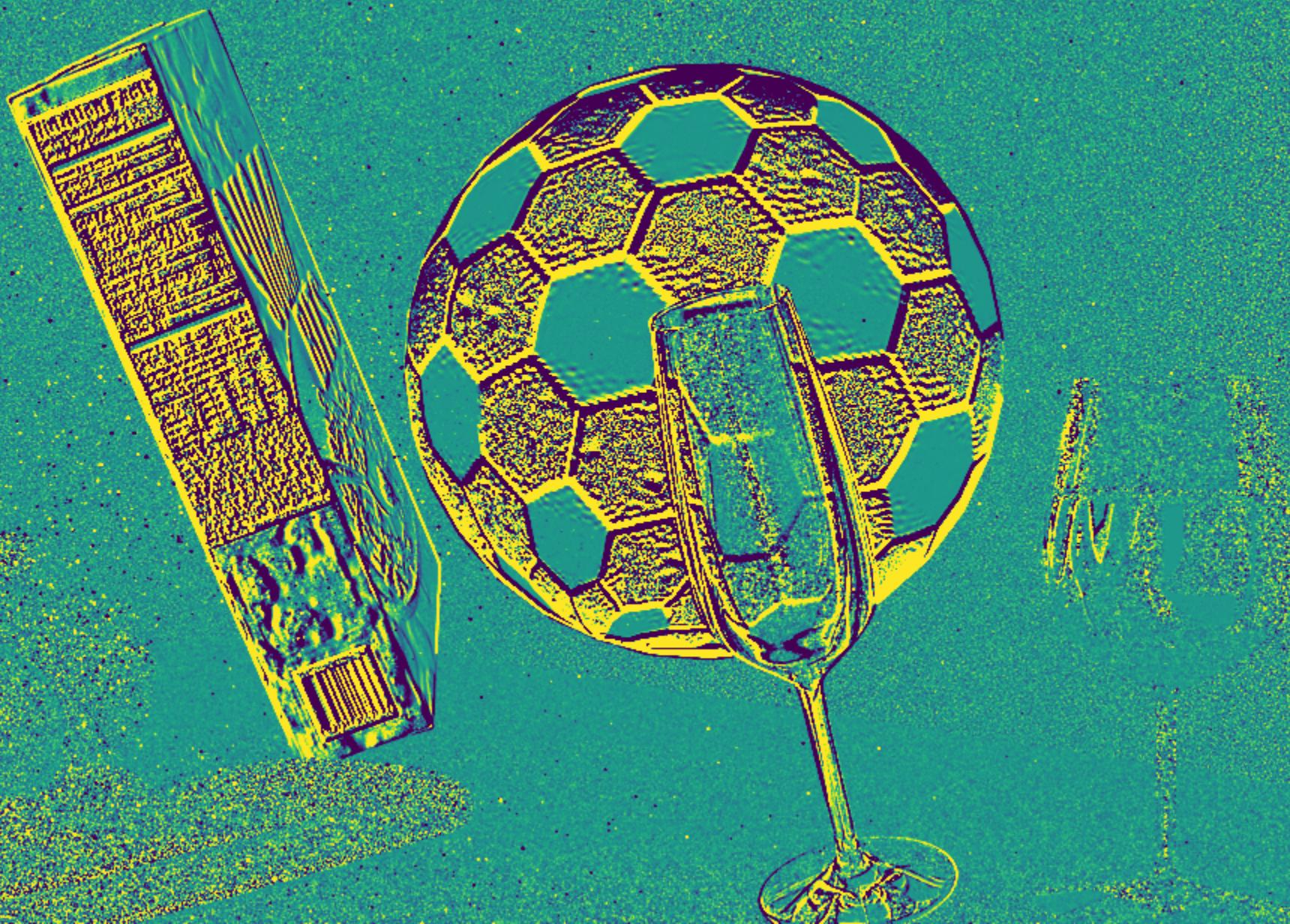
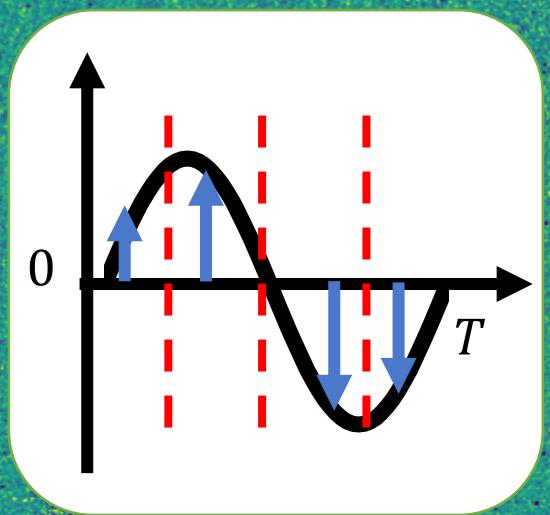
Equal sample per pixel was used for every result! (roughly equal time)

# Uniform



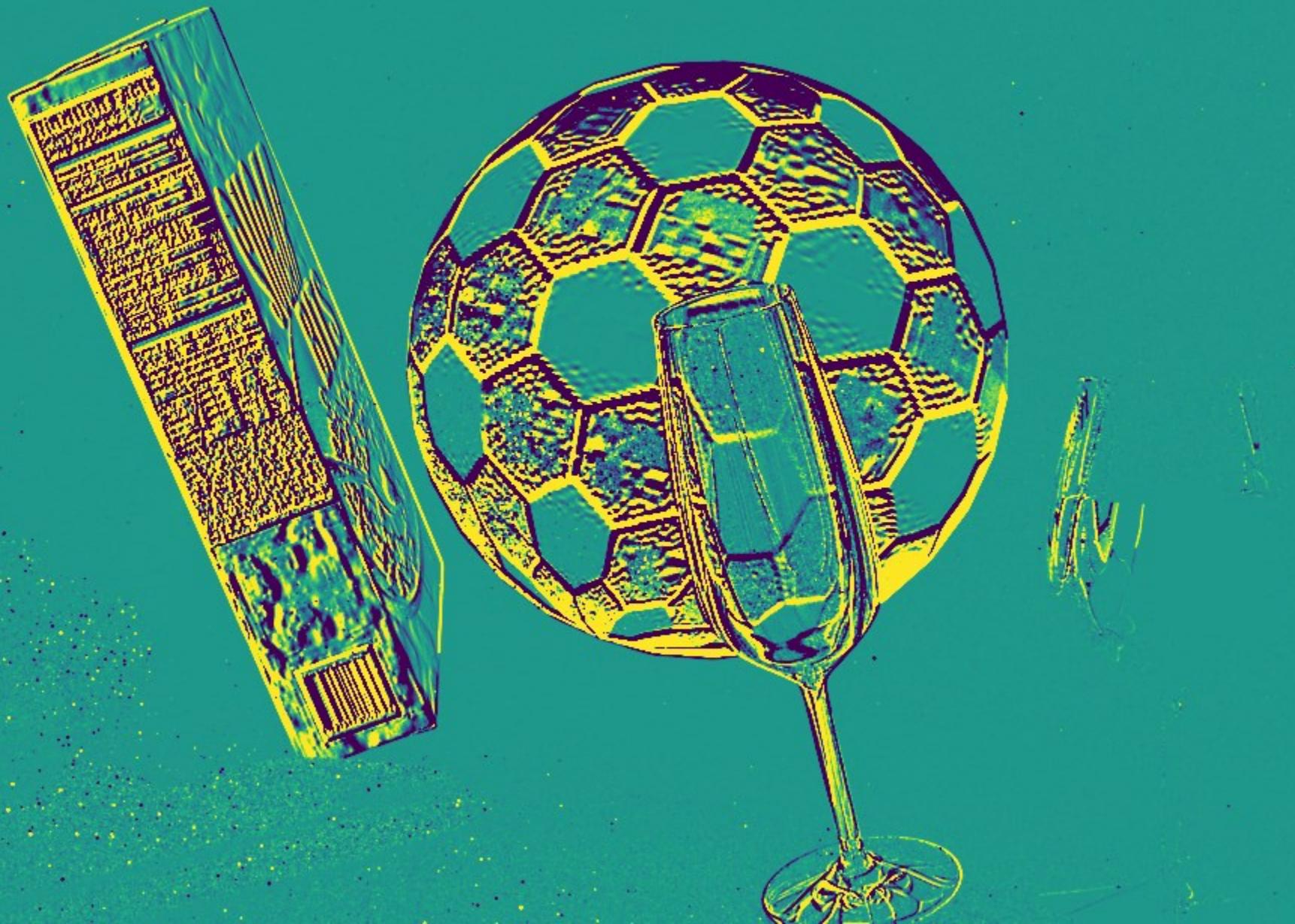
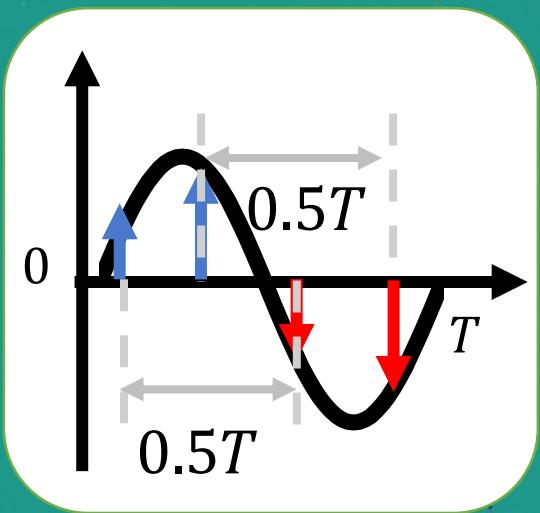
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# Stratified



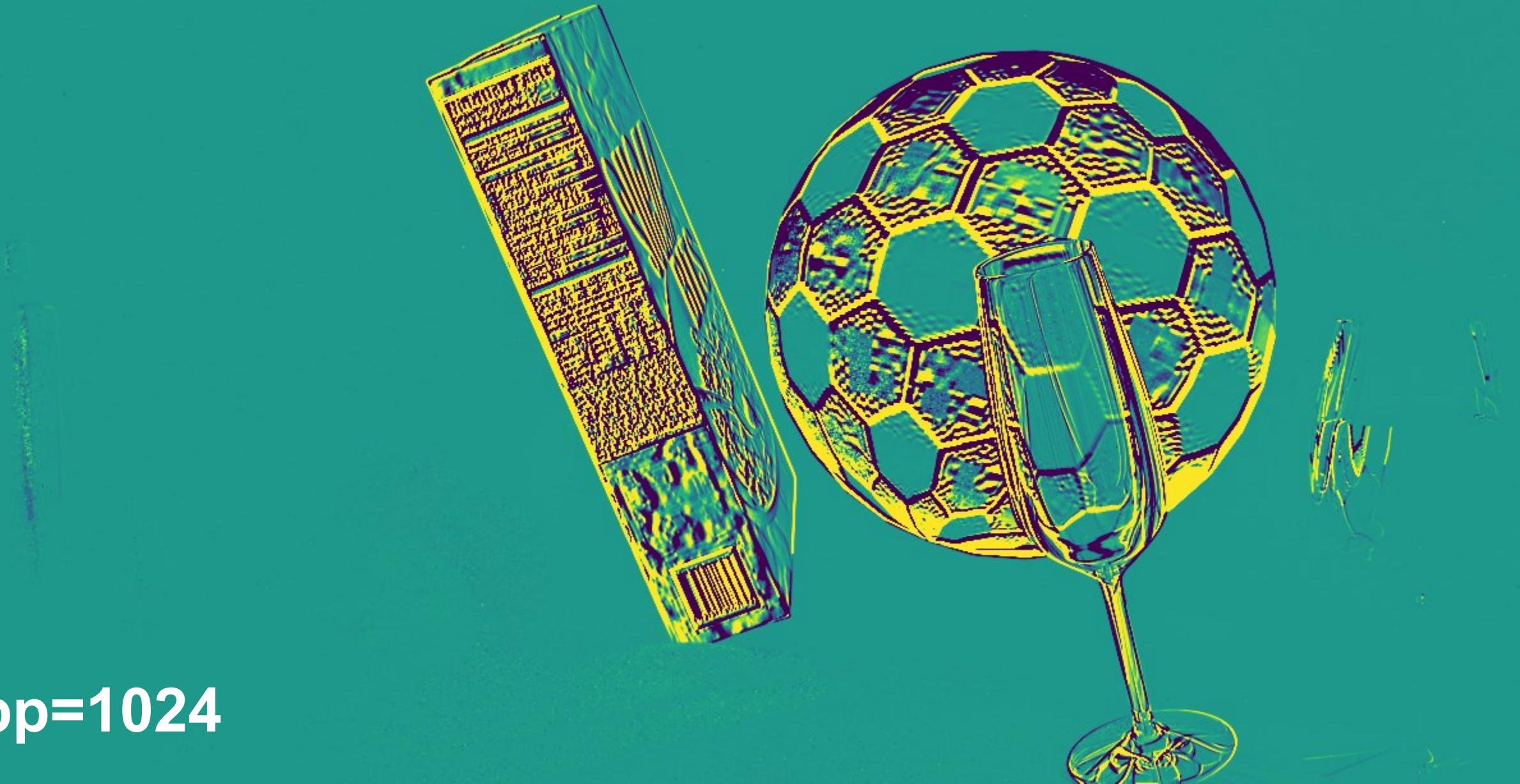
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# Antithetic (Proposed)



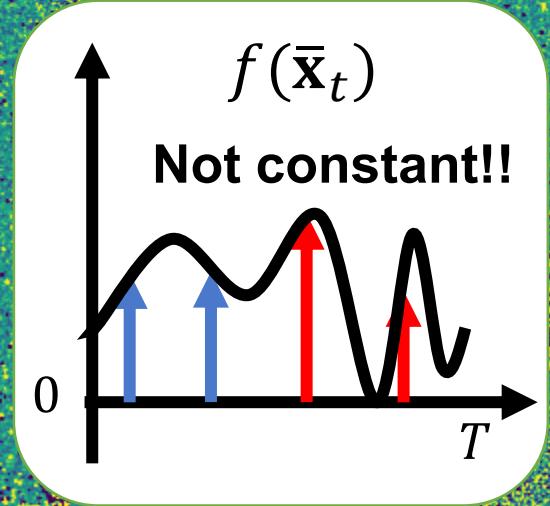
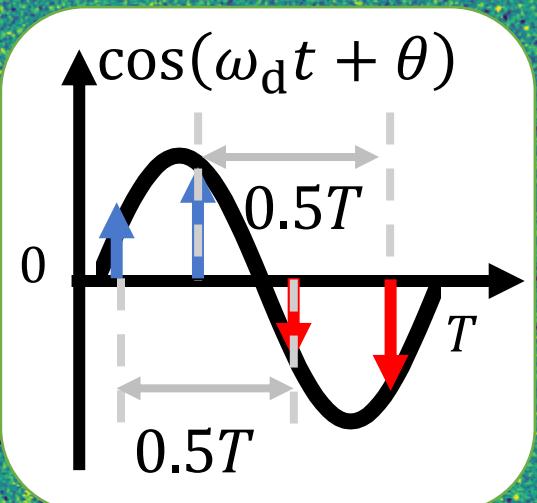
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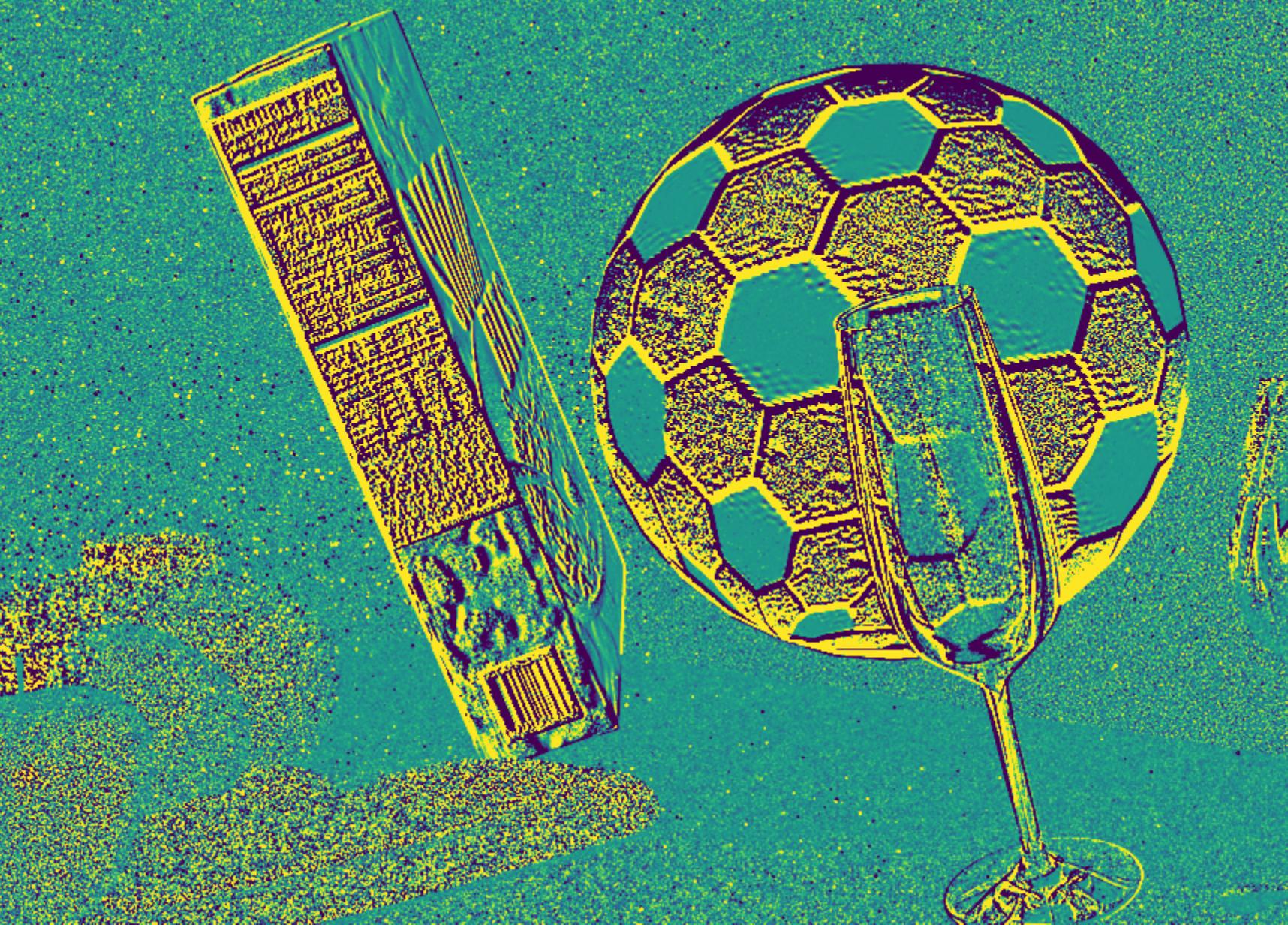
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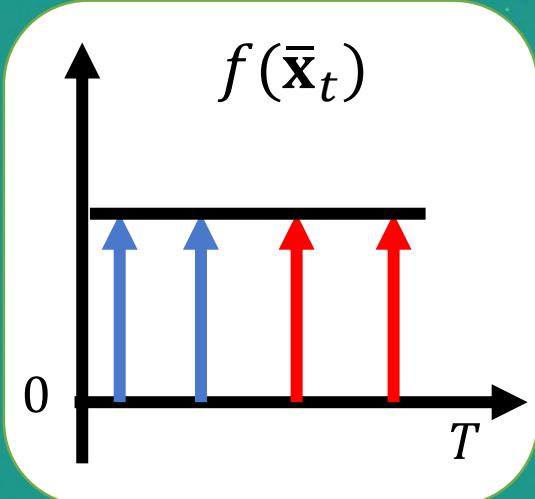
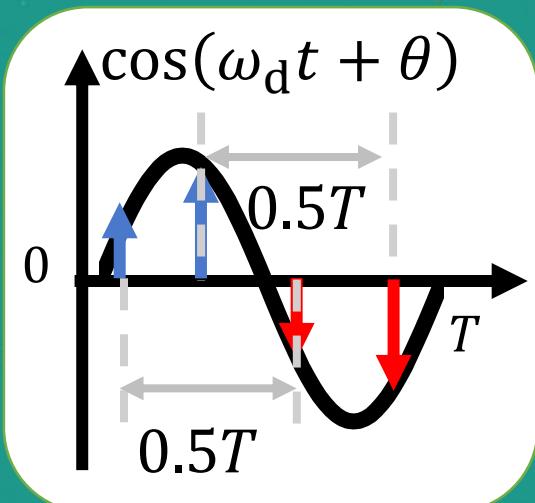


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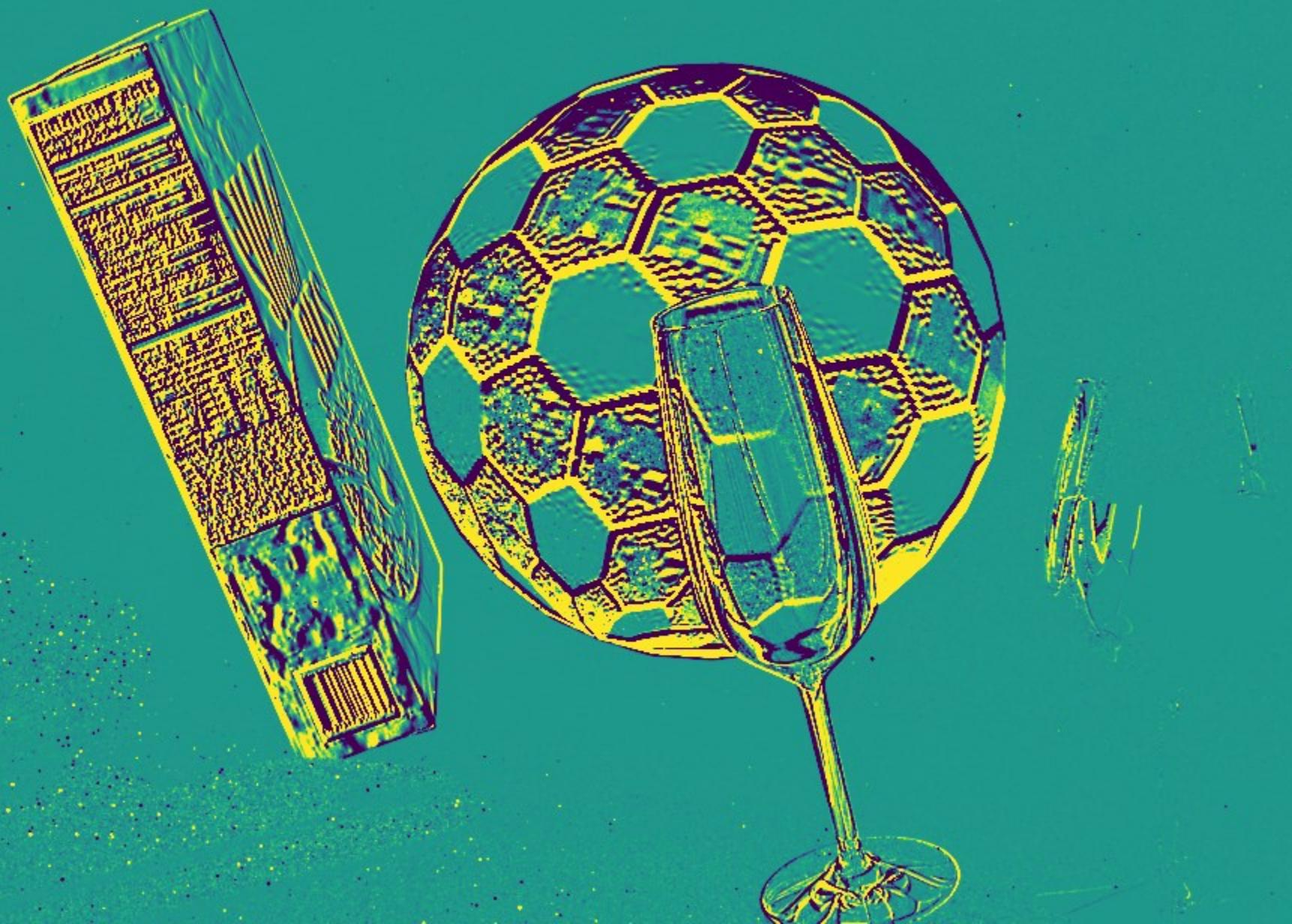


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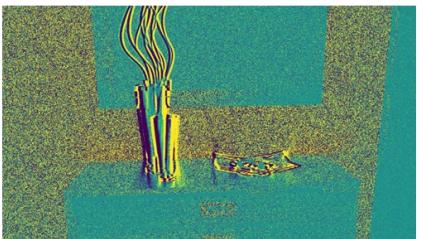


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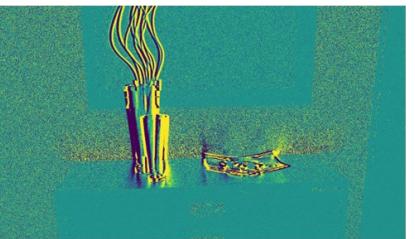
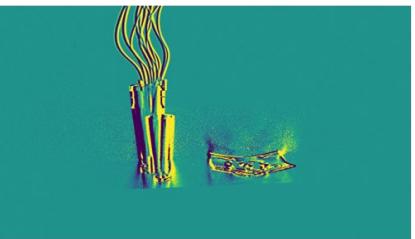
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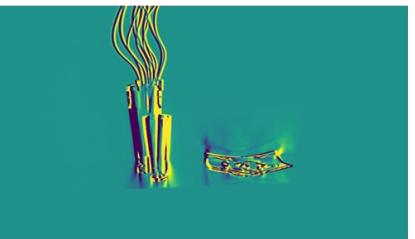
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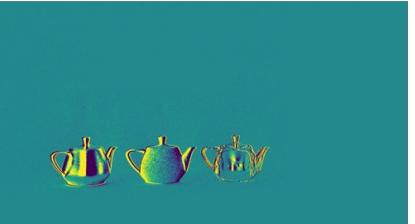
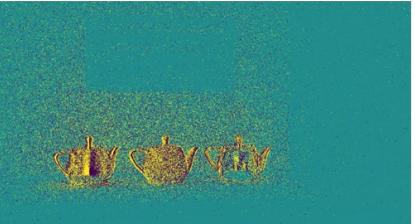
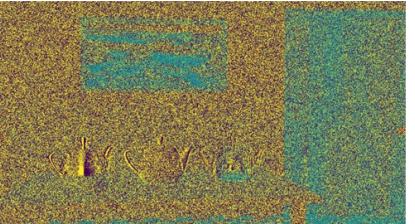
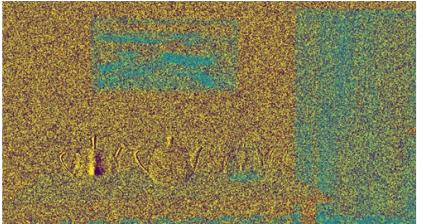
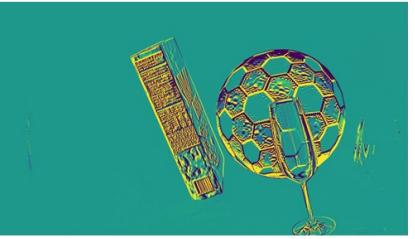
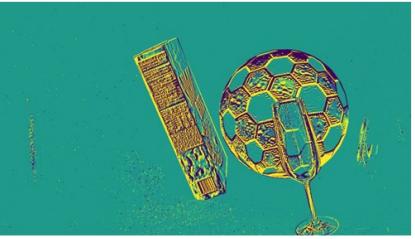
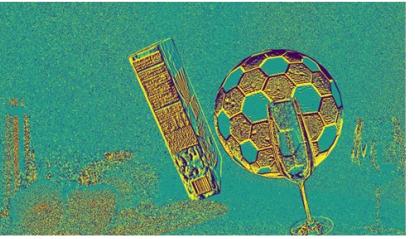
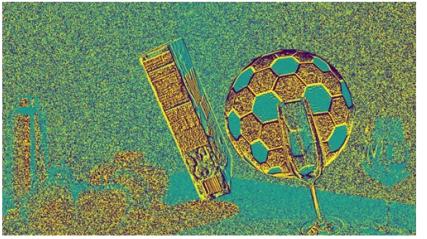
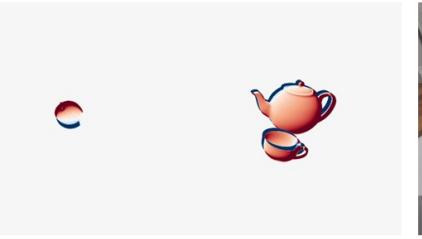
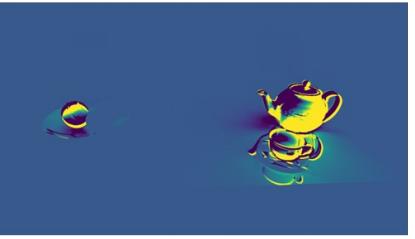
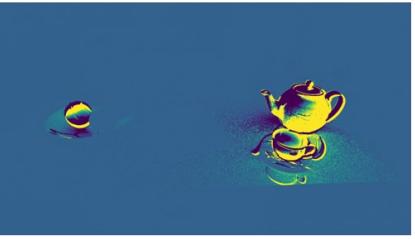
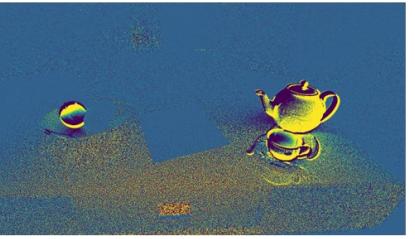
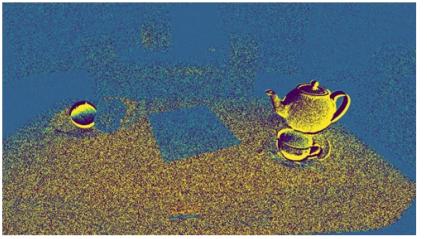
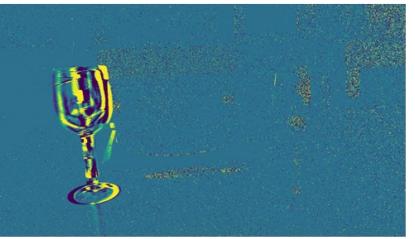
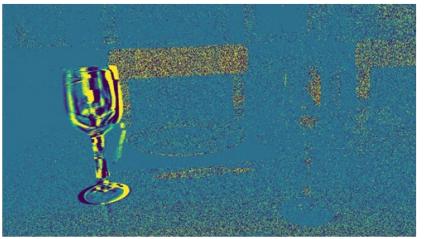
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**Antithetic (Ours)**

G.T.



Radial Velocity

Standard  
Rendering

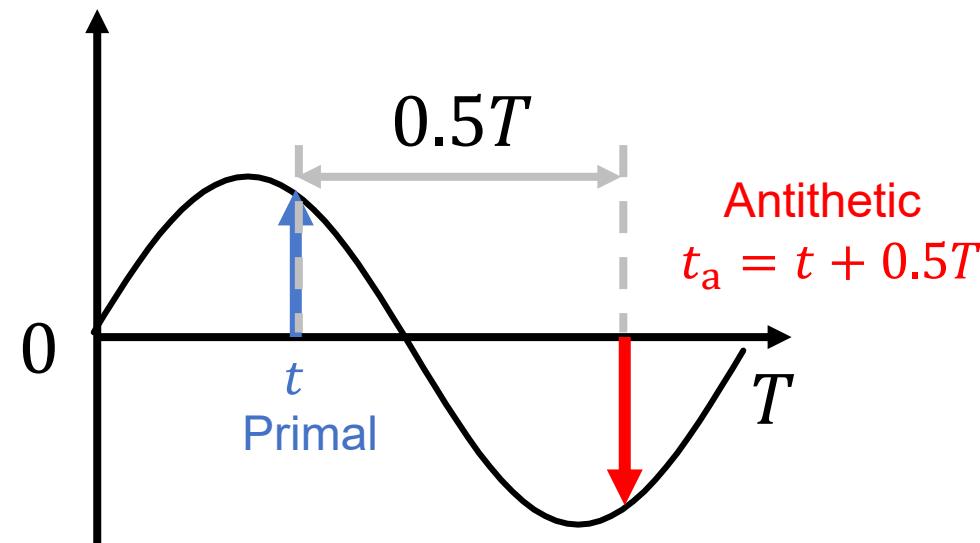
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# Result 1: Comparison on Various Heterodyne Frequencies

[Heide 2015]

Perfect Heterodyne

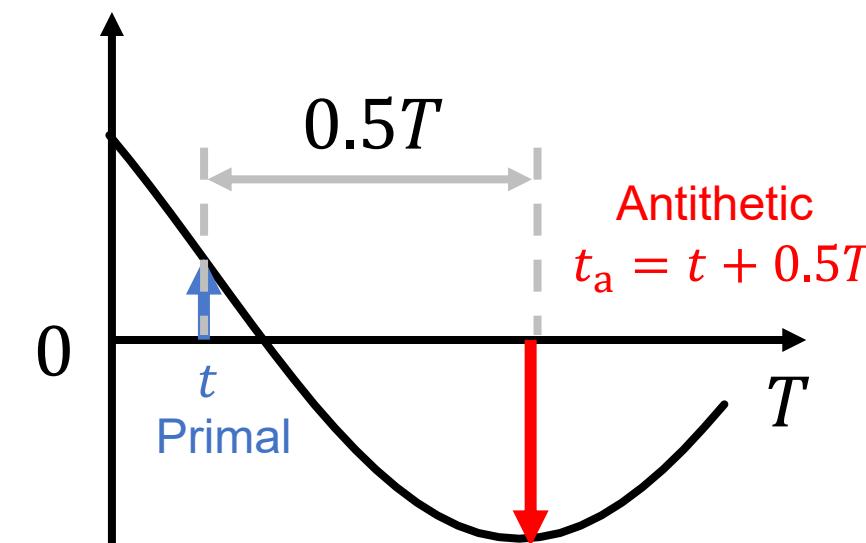
$$\omega_r = 1$$



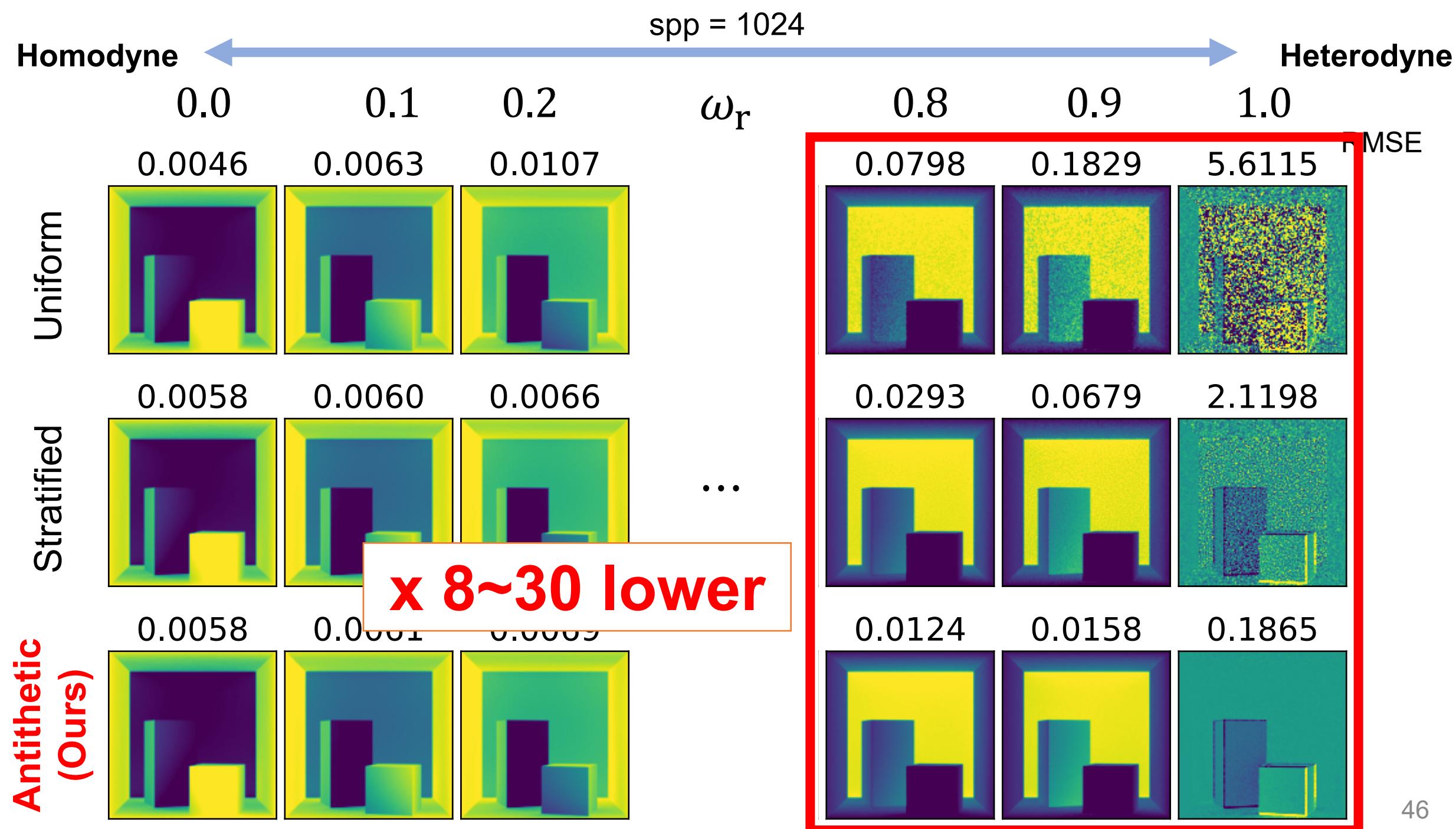
[Hu 2022]

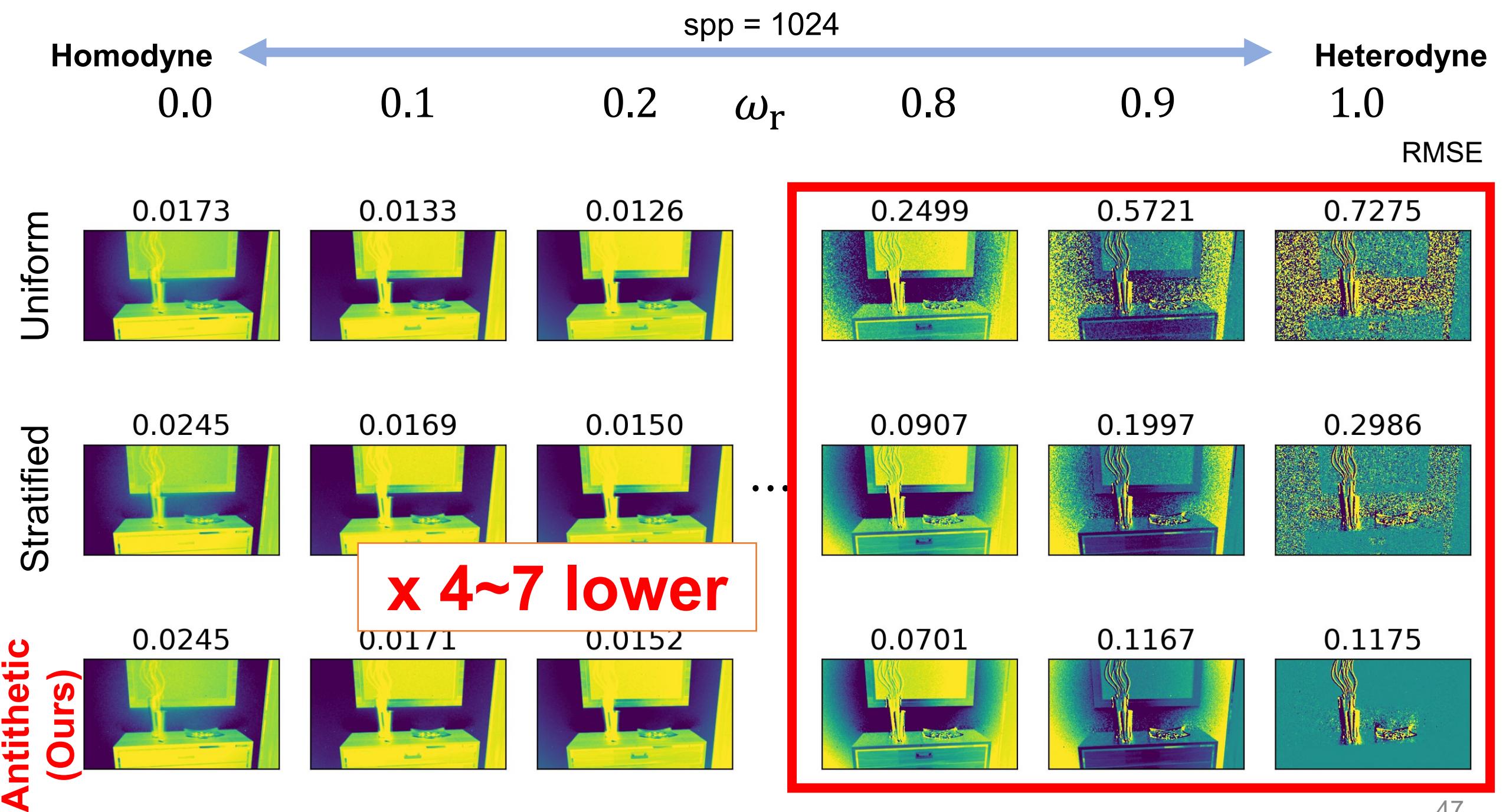
Arbitrary Heterodyne

$$0 < \omega_r < 1$$



*Does our method work well for other heterodyne frequencies?*

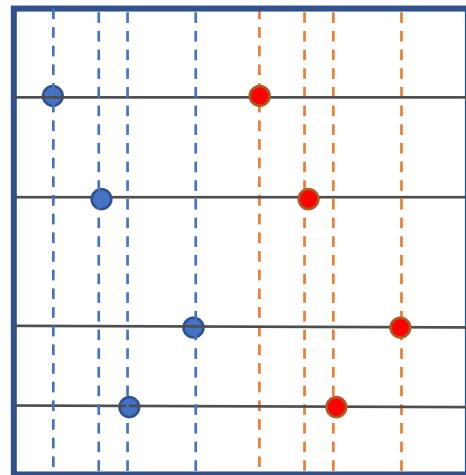




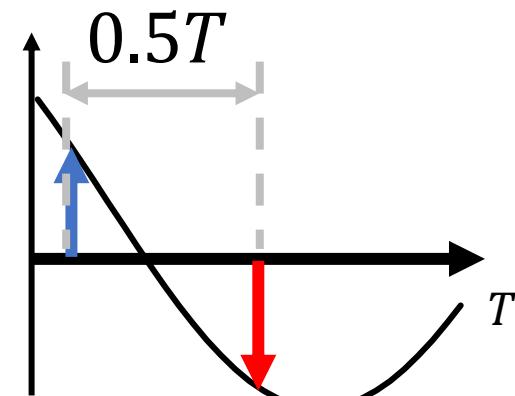
# Result 2 : Comparison of Number of Time-Samples

$$N_t = 2$$

Path space

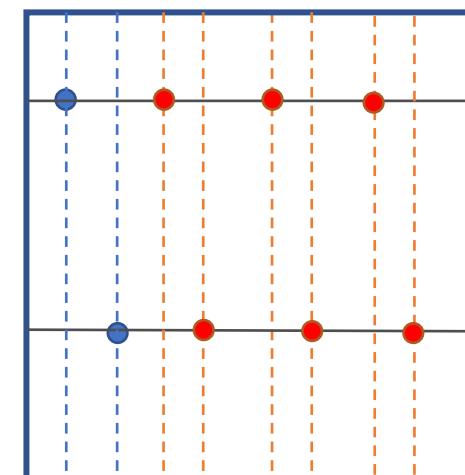


Time space



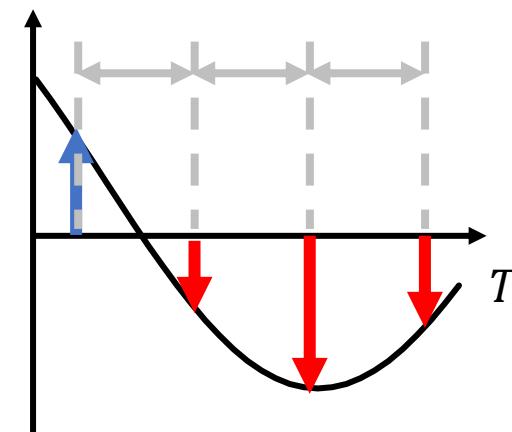
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Path space



Time space

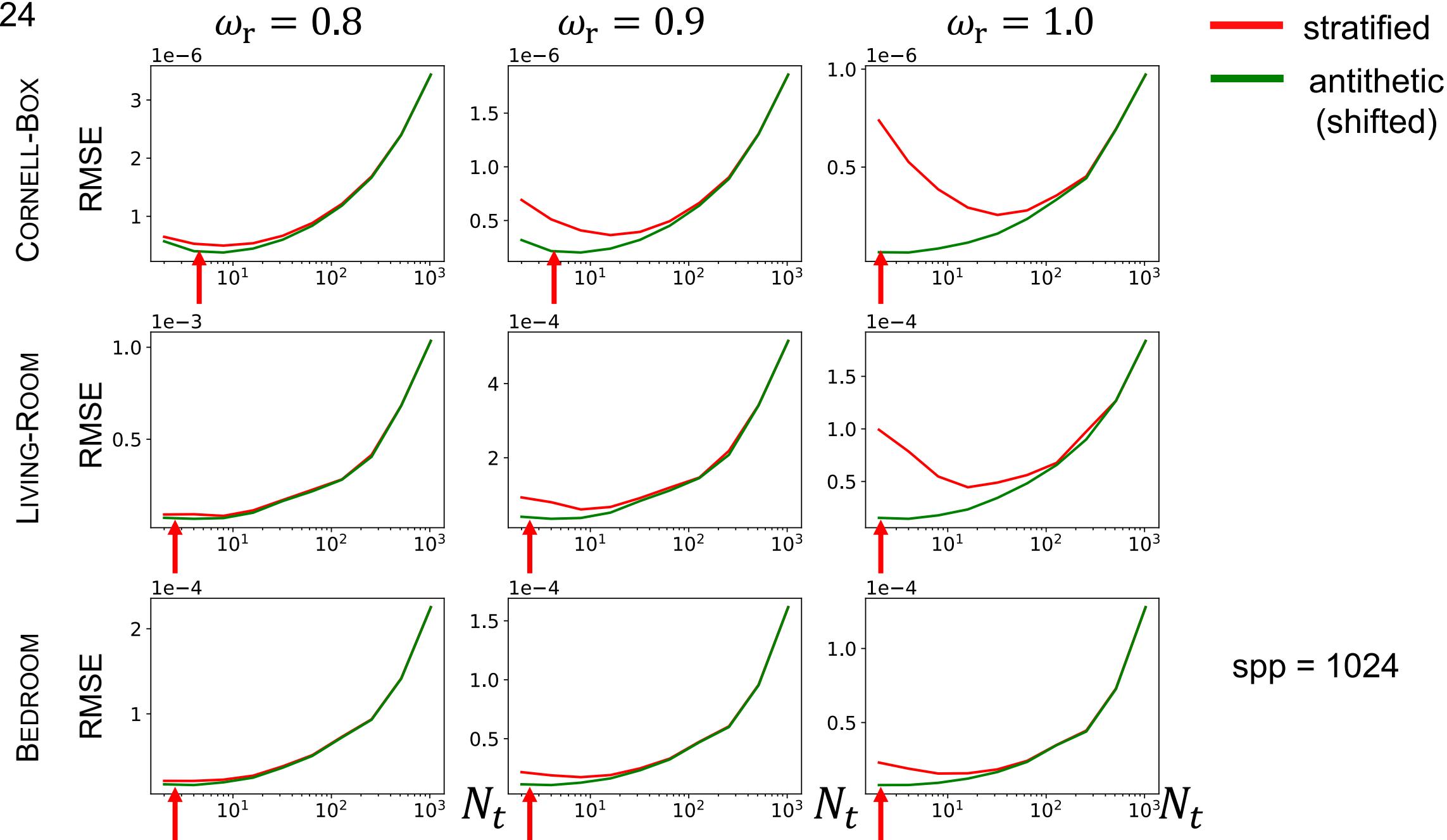
$$0.25T$$



*Why only 2 time-samples? Can't we use more for better estimate for*

$$\int \cos(\omega_d t + \psi - \omega_g \|\bar{x}_t\|)$$

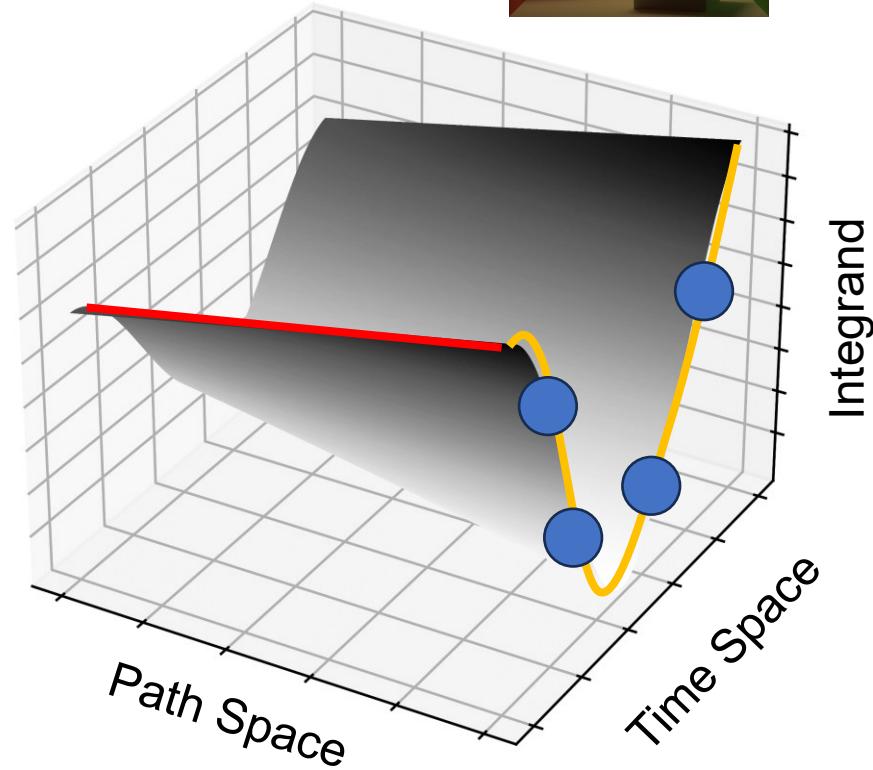
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Antithetic sampling with only **one** sample ( $N_t = 2$ ) works best in most of the cases<sup>49</sup>

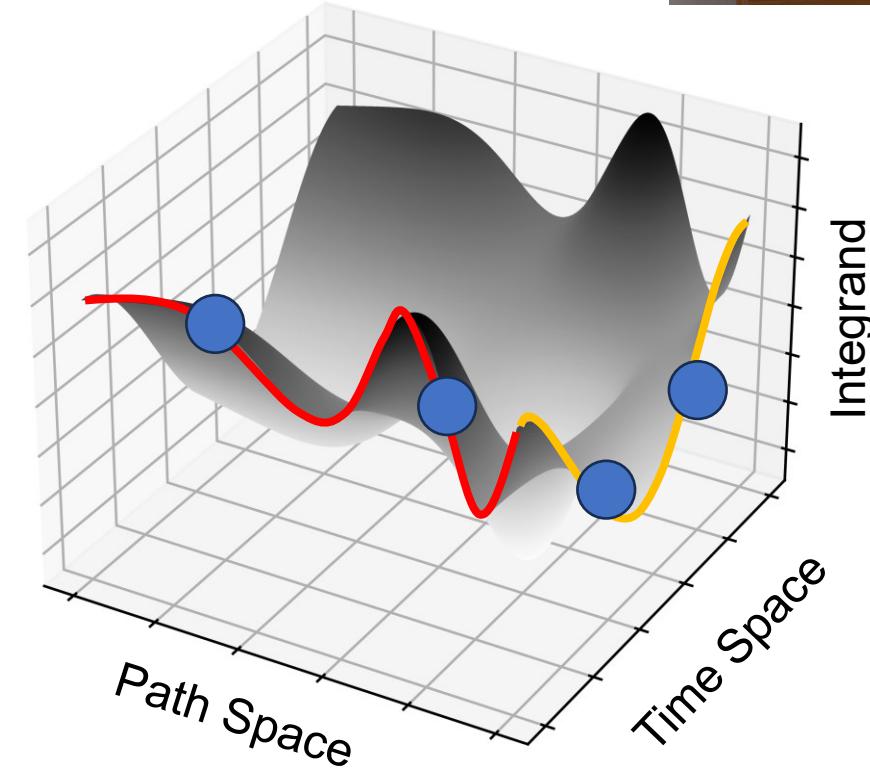
# Result 2 : Comparison of Number of Time-Samples

Simple scene



Can use **more time samples**

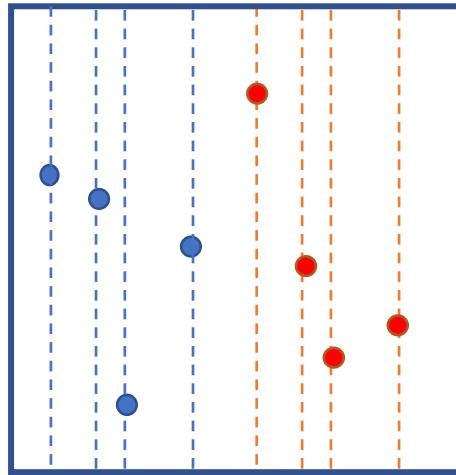
Complex scene



Need to consider **path space!**

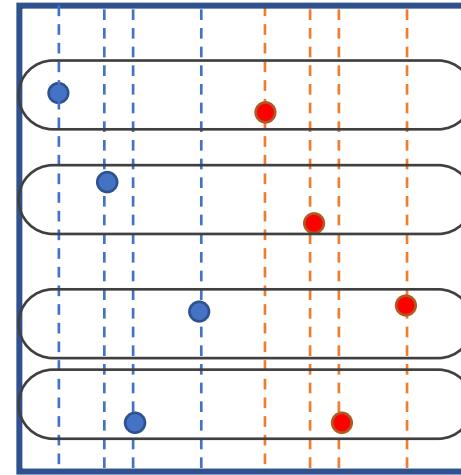
# Result 2 : Comparison of Path Correlation Strength

Path space

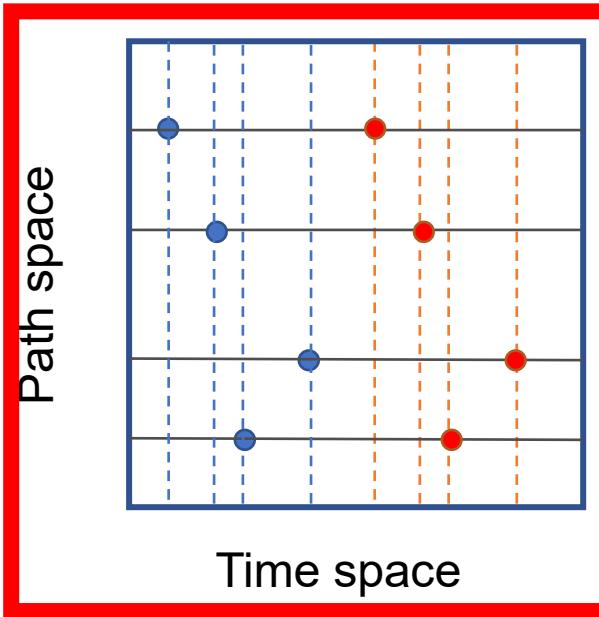


Time space

Path space

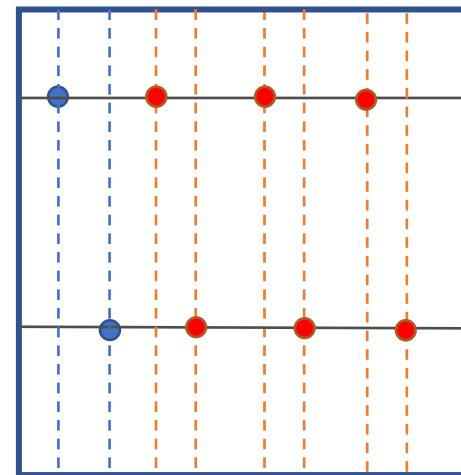


Time space



Time space

Path space



Time space

Less correlation

Variance in time space **decreases ✓**

More correlation

Variance in path space **increases ✗**

More result & discussion in main paper

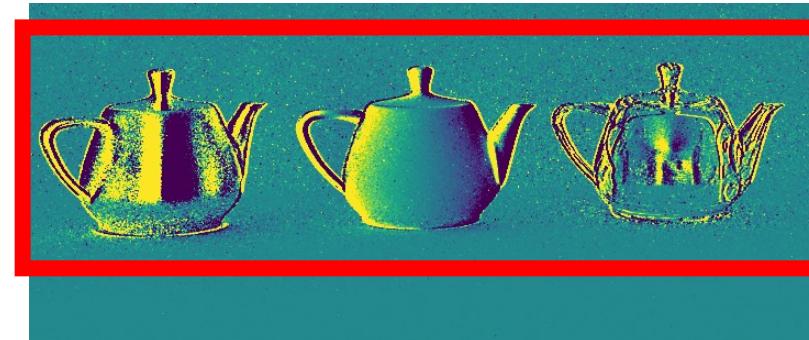
# Result 3 : Comparison of Shift Mapping Methods

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Path Reconnection



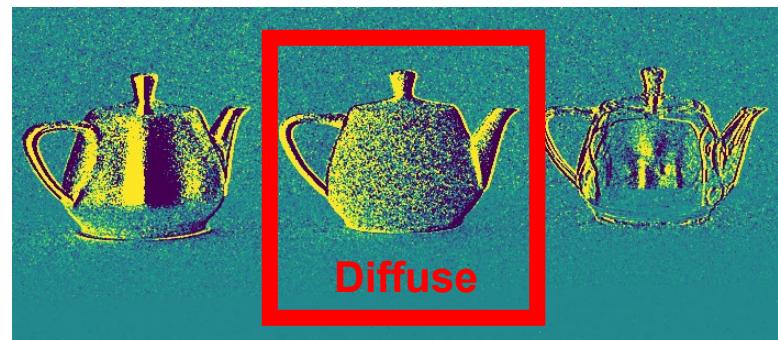
Adaptive



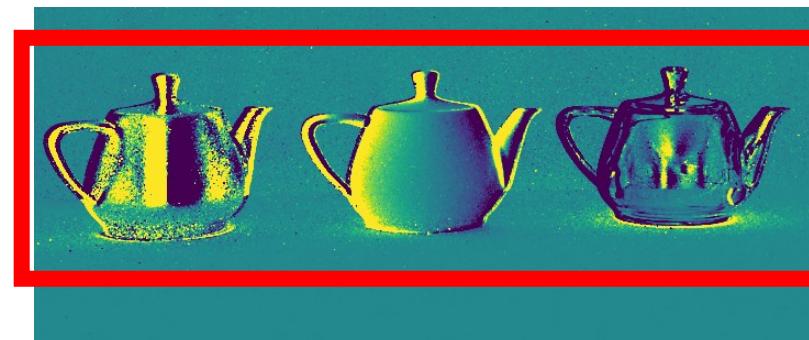
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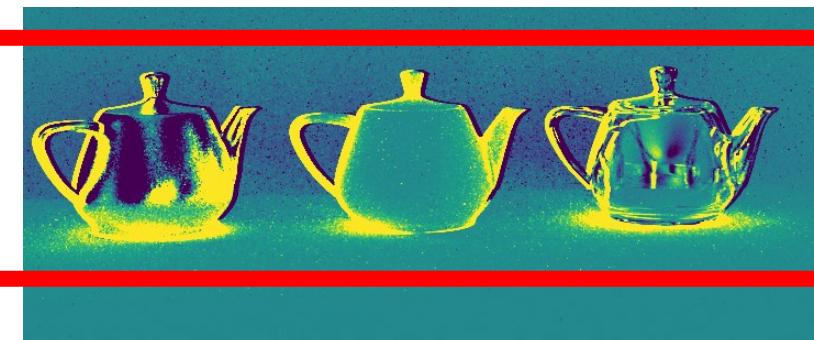
Random Replay



Adaptive (analytic)



Adaptive (analytic by [Heide 2015])



**Considering Path Evolution  
(1<sup>st</sup> Taylor Approximation)**

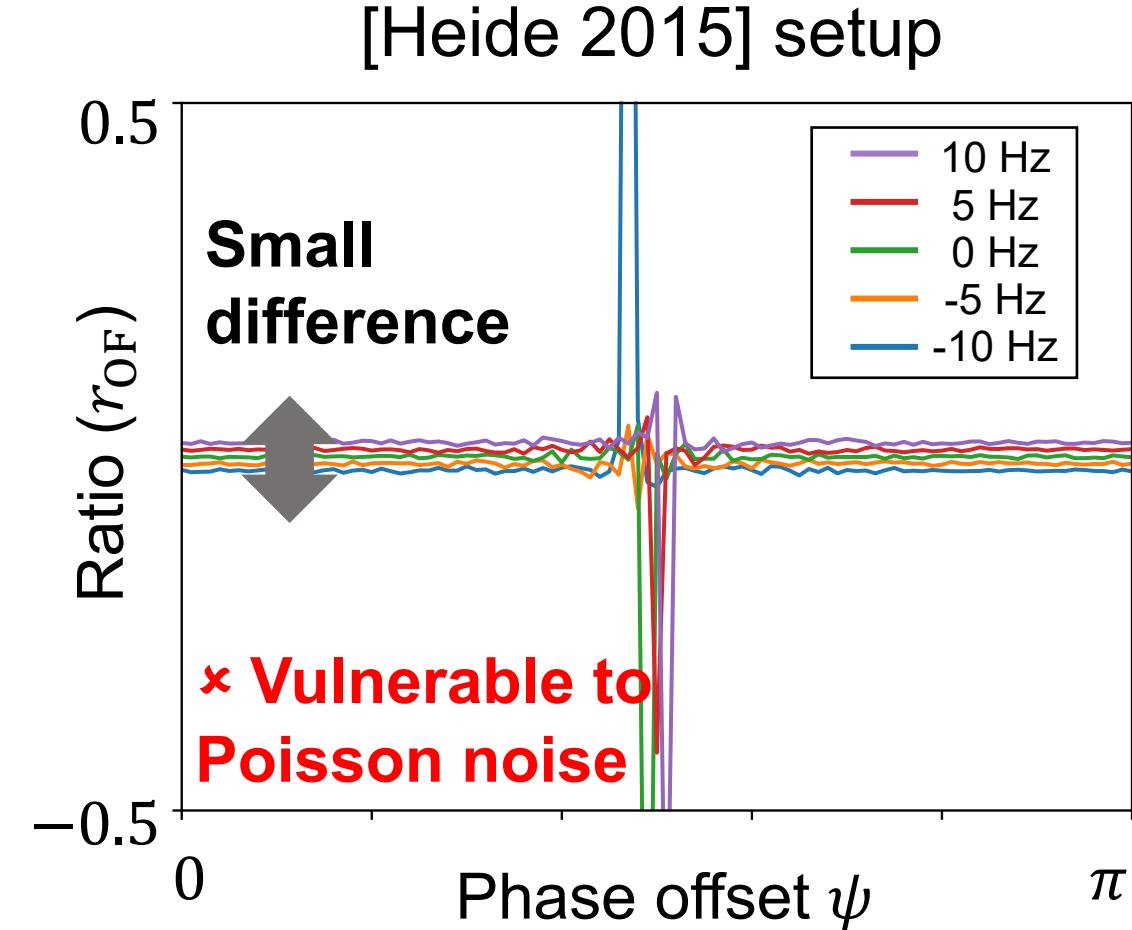
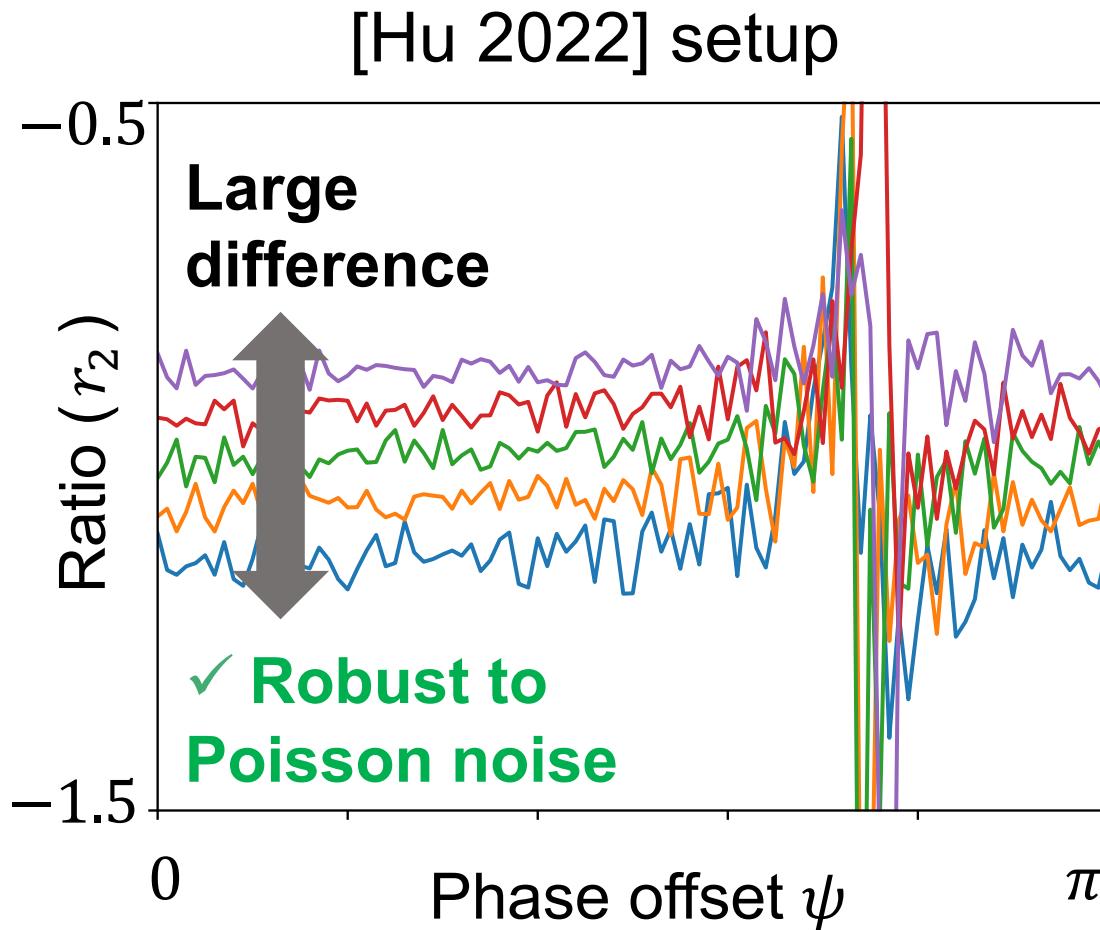
Path evolution : non-constant  $f(\bar{x}_t)$

**Not Considering Path Evolution  
(0<sup>th</sup> Taylor Approximation)**

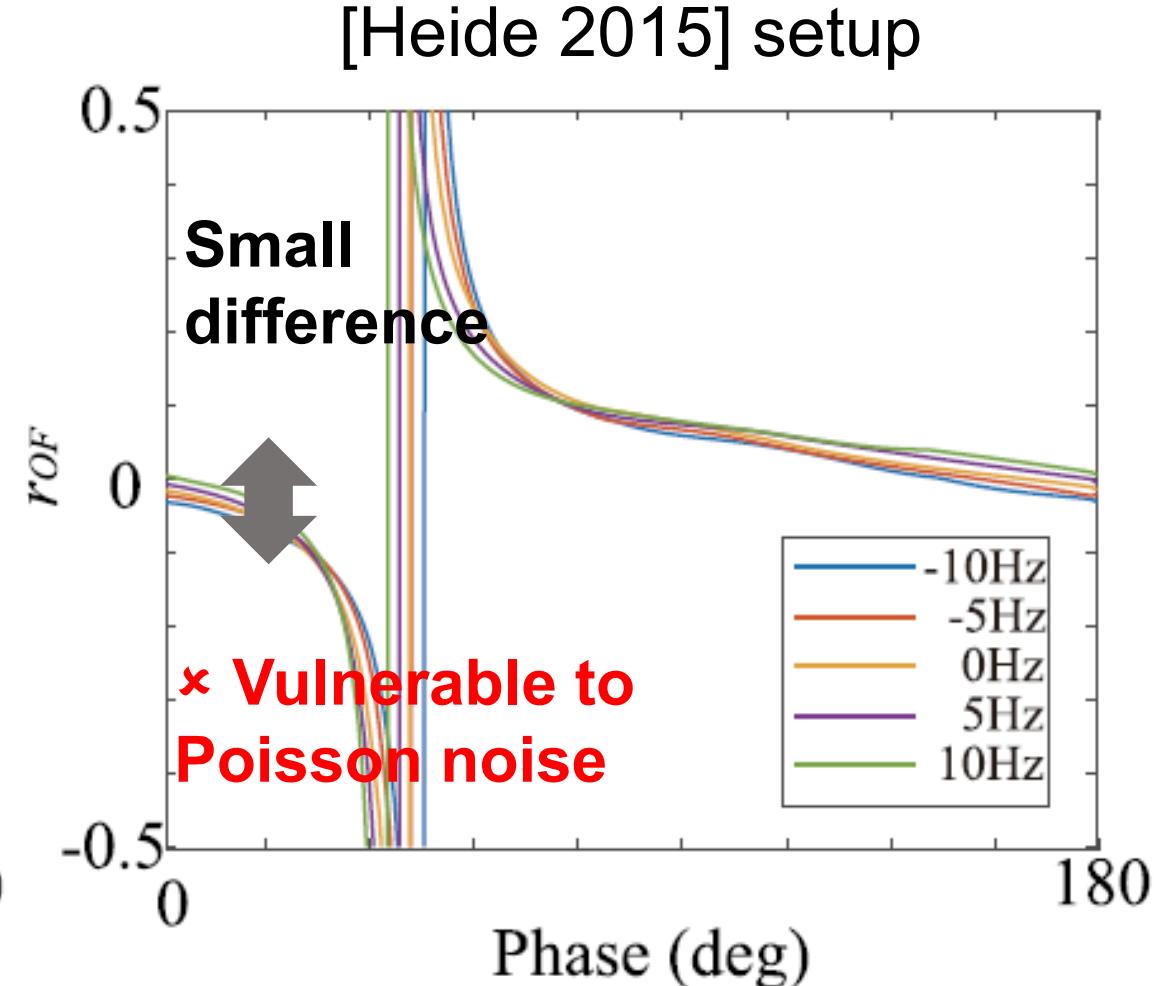
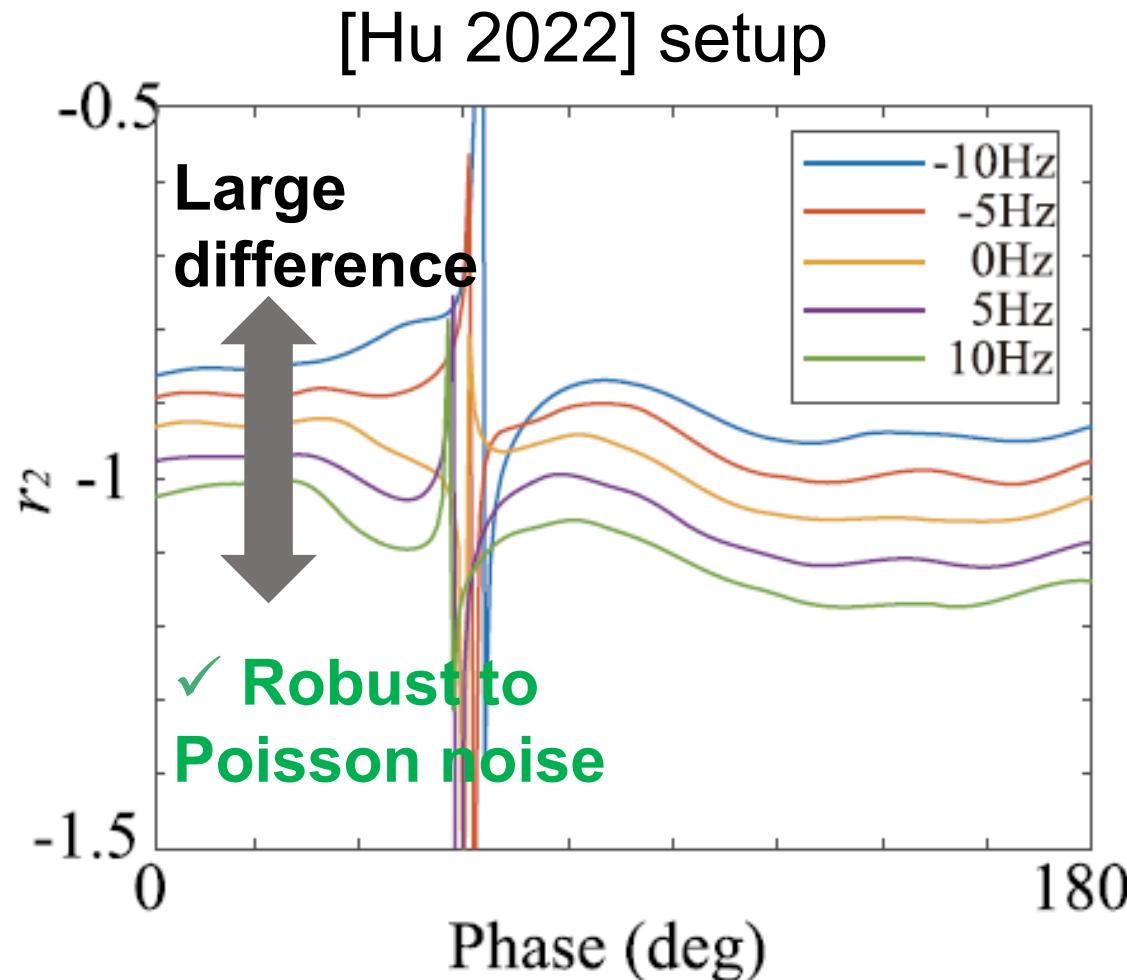
# Applications of D-ToF Simulator

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# Reproducing D-ToF Paper Results (Simulation)



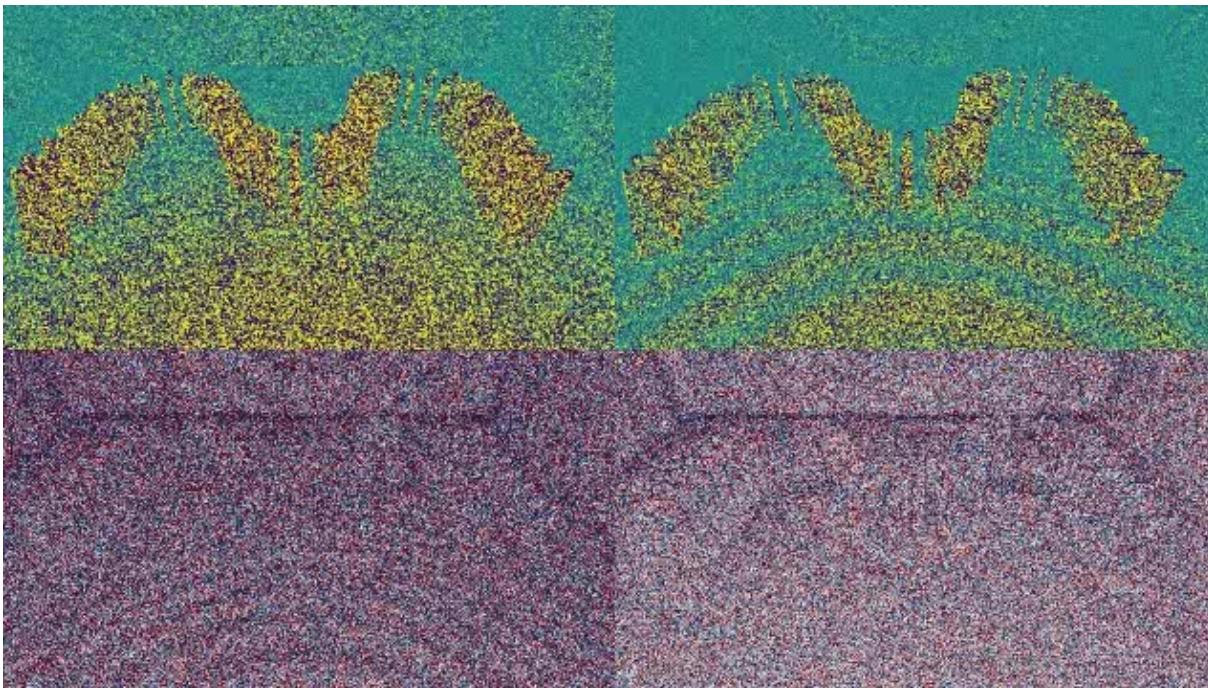
# Reproducing D-ToF Paper Results (from [Hu 2022])



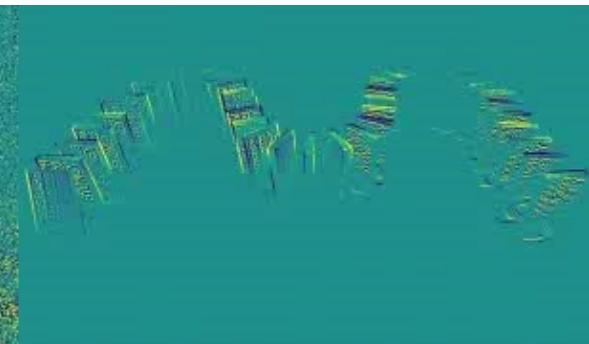
[Hu 2022], Fig 8.

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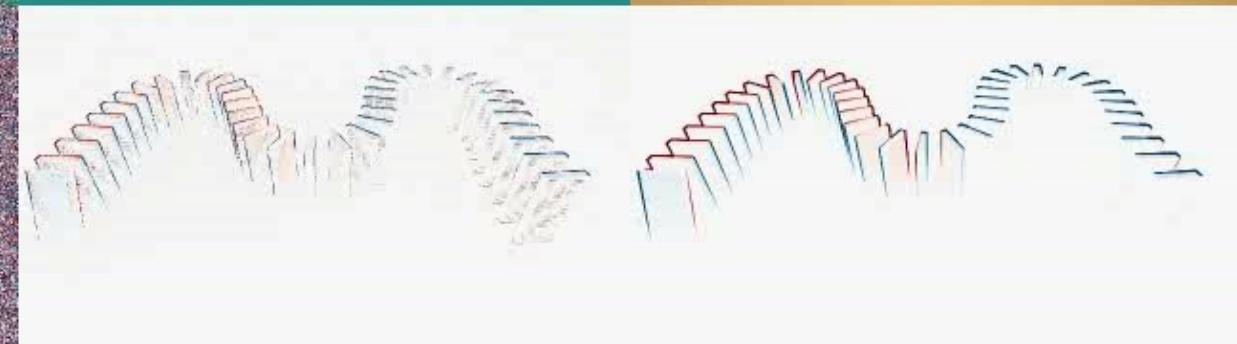
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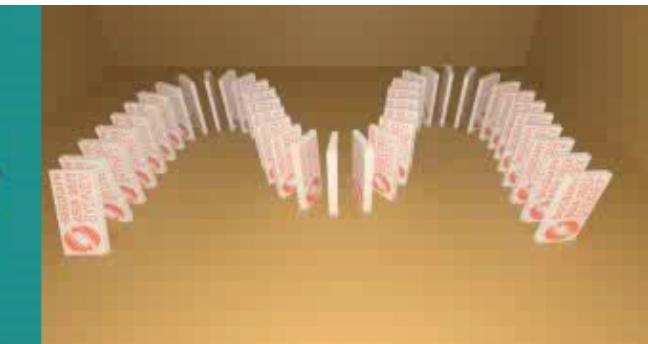
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Proposed



Standard  
Rendering



Reconstructed Radial Velocity

GT Radial  
Velocity

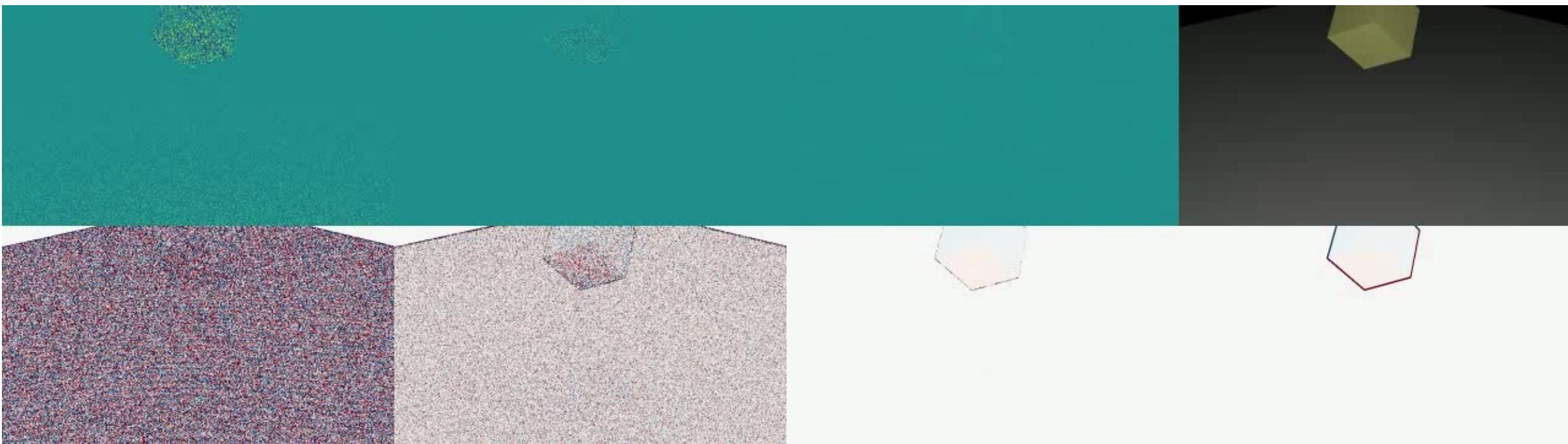
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Stratified

Proposed

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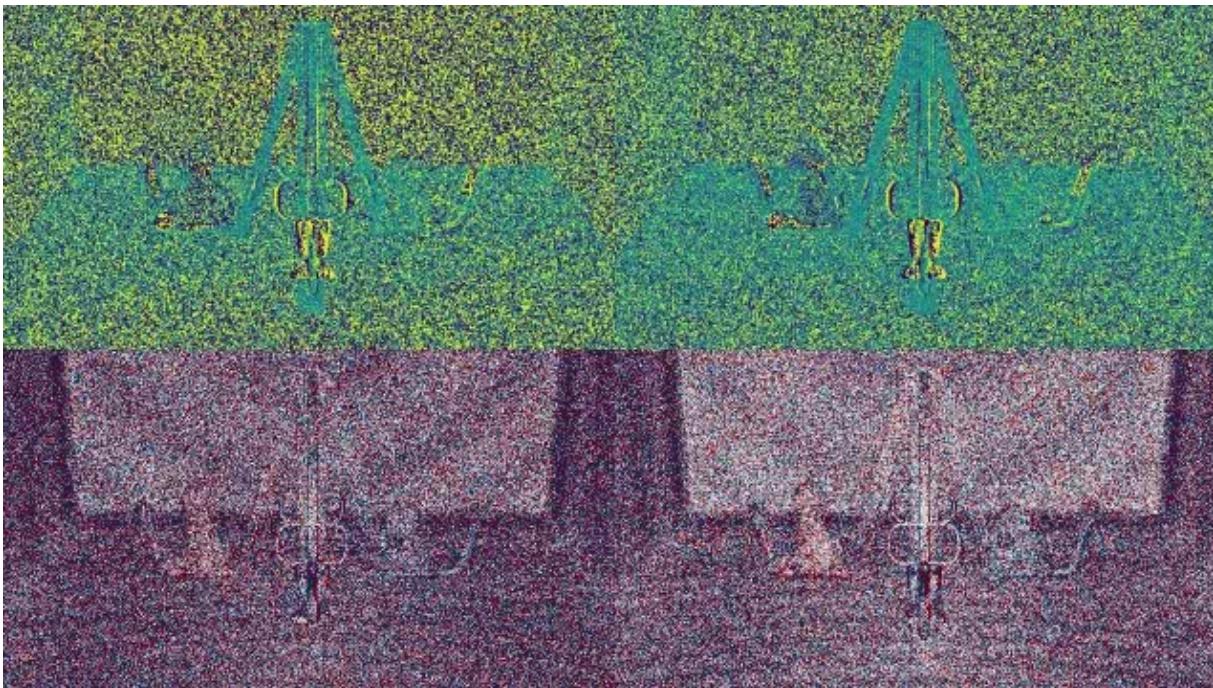


Reconstructed Radial Velocity

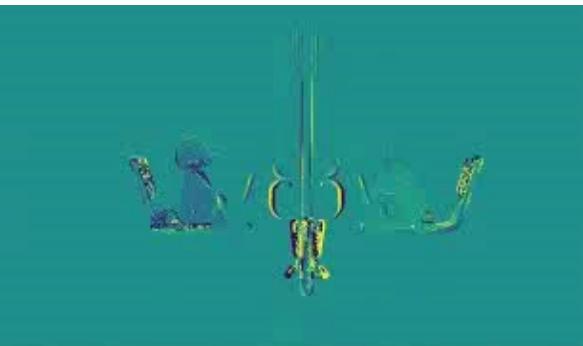
GT Radial  
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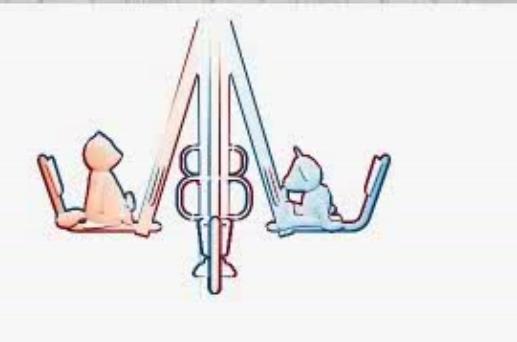
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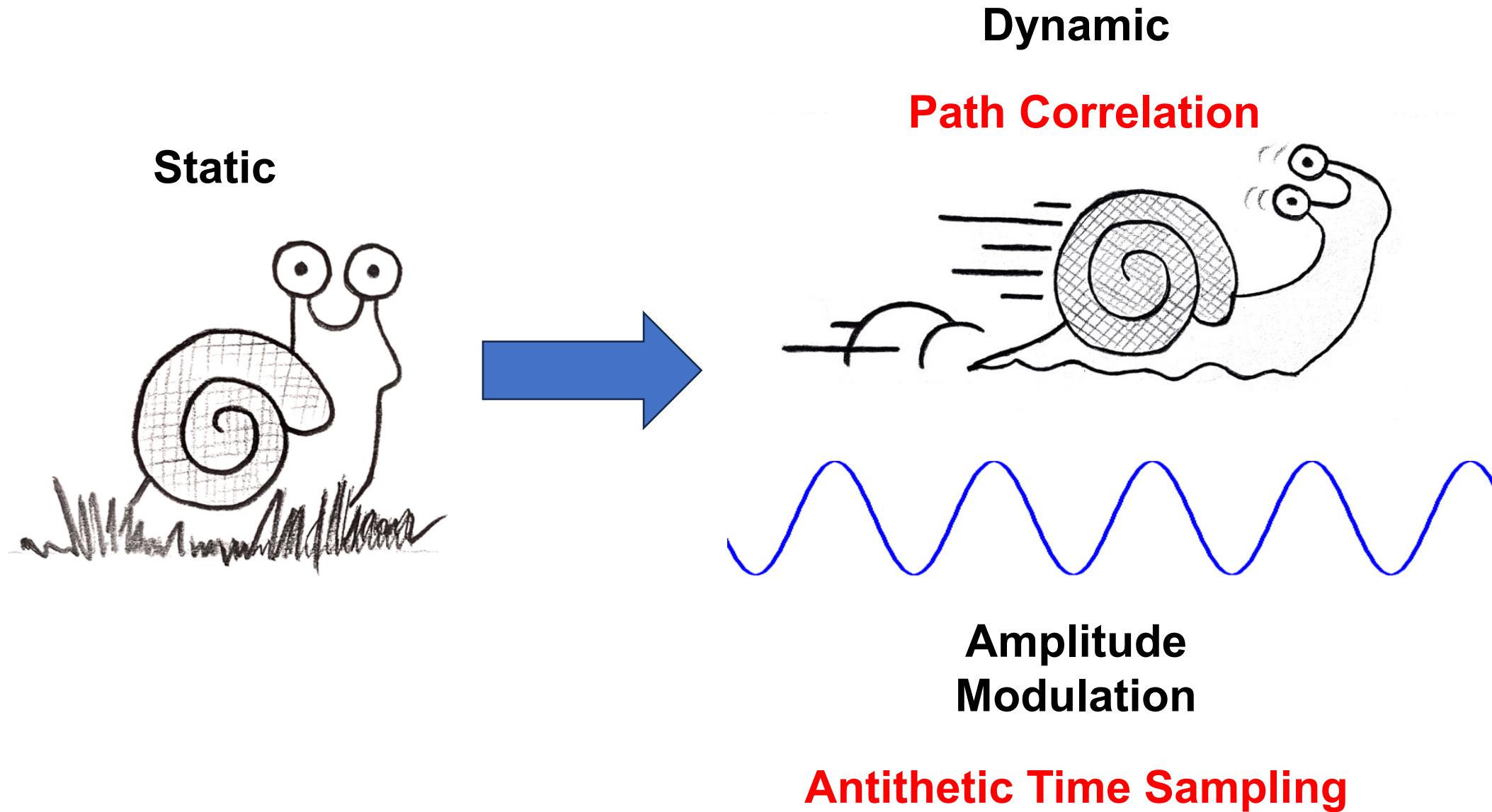
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Reconstructed Radial Velocity

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# Conclusion



# Thank you

Project Page : <https://juhyeonkim95.github.io/project-pages/dopplertof/>



Code for both

**Mitsuba0.6 (CPU)**

**Mitsuba3 (CUDA)**

are available!



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