Quantifying Sky Signals: Simulating Visibility Correlations in Radio Interferometry

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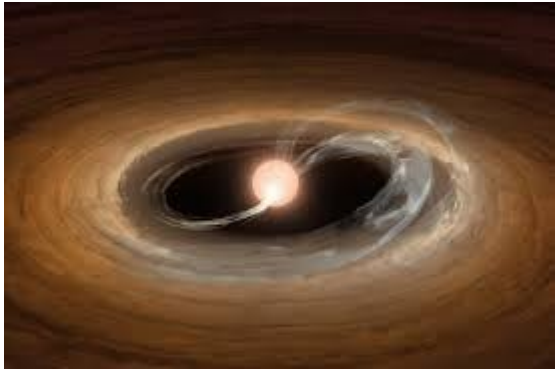

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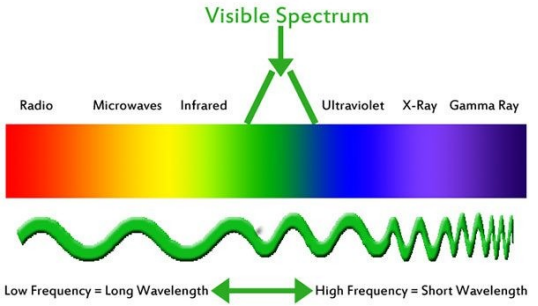

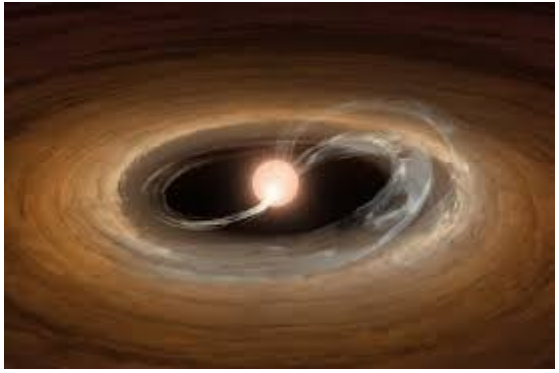

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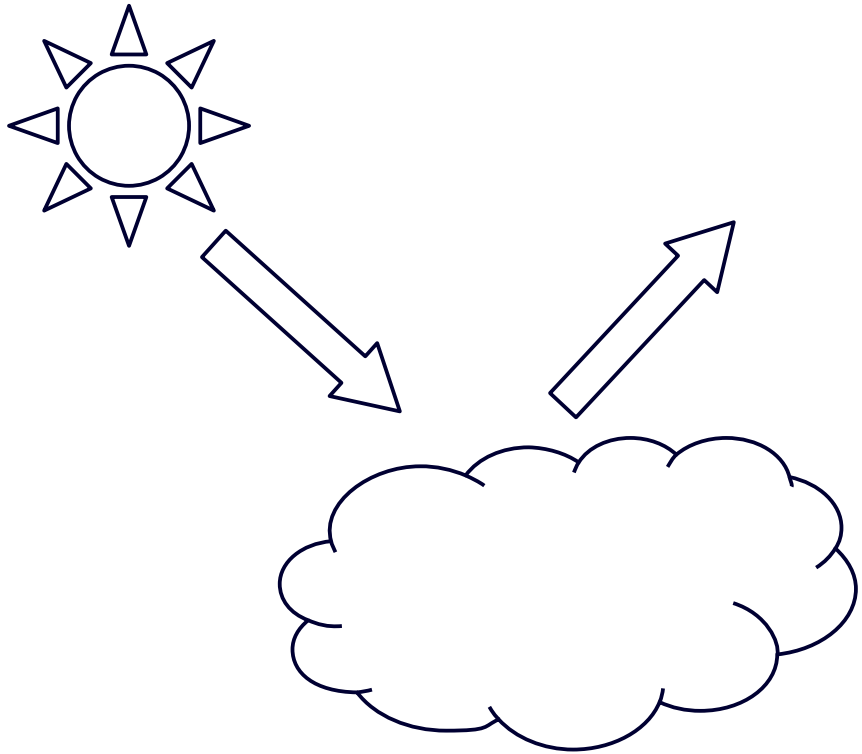

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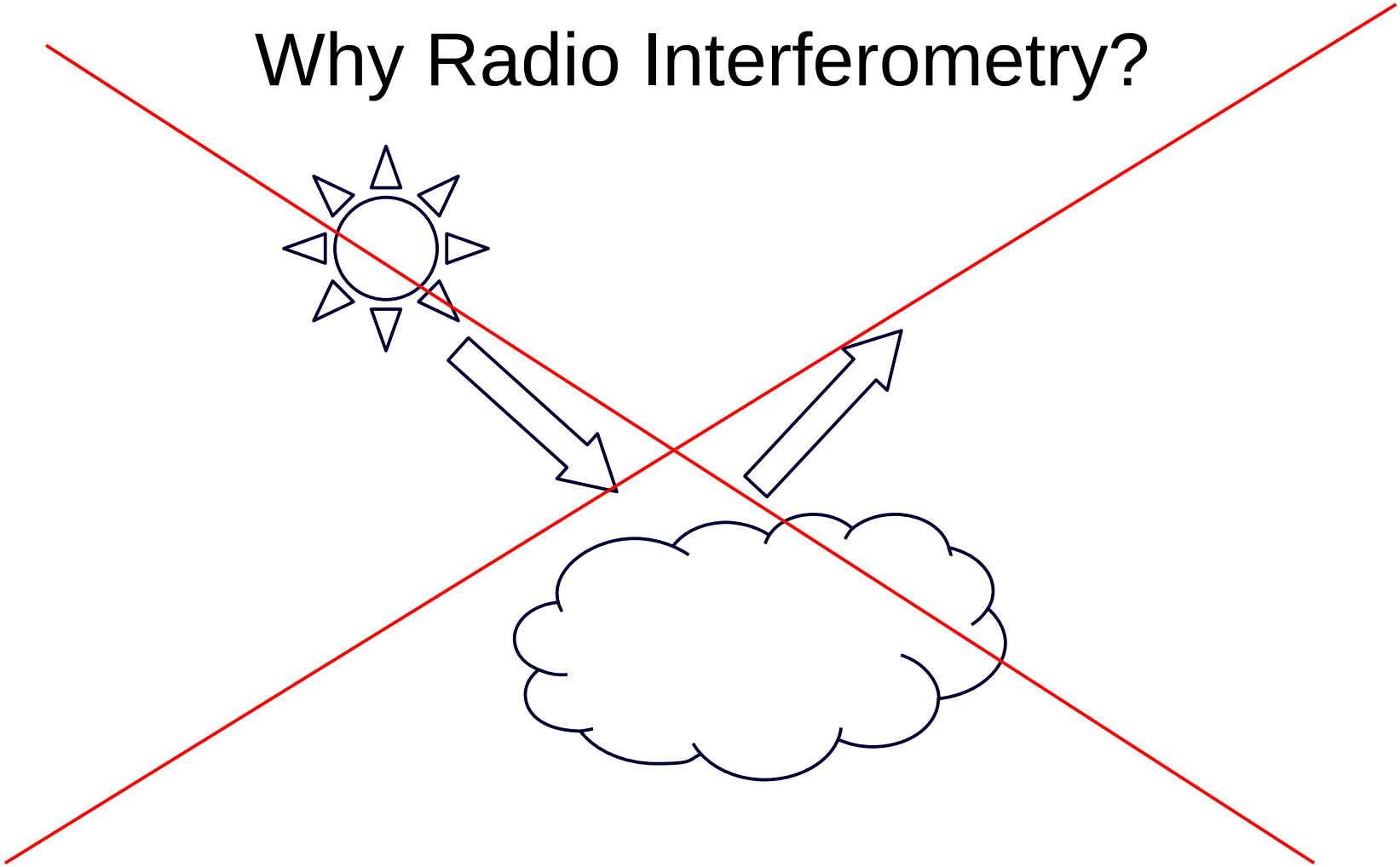

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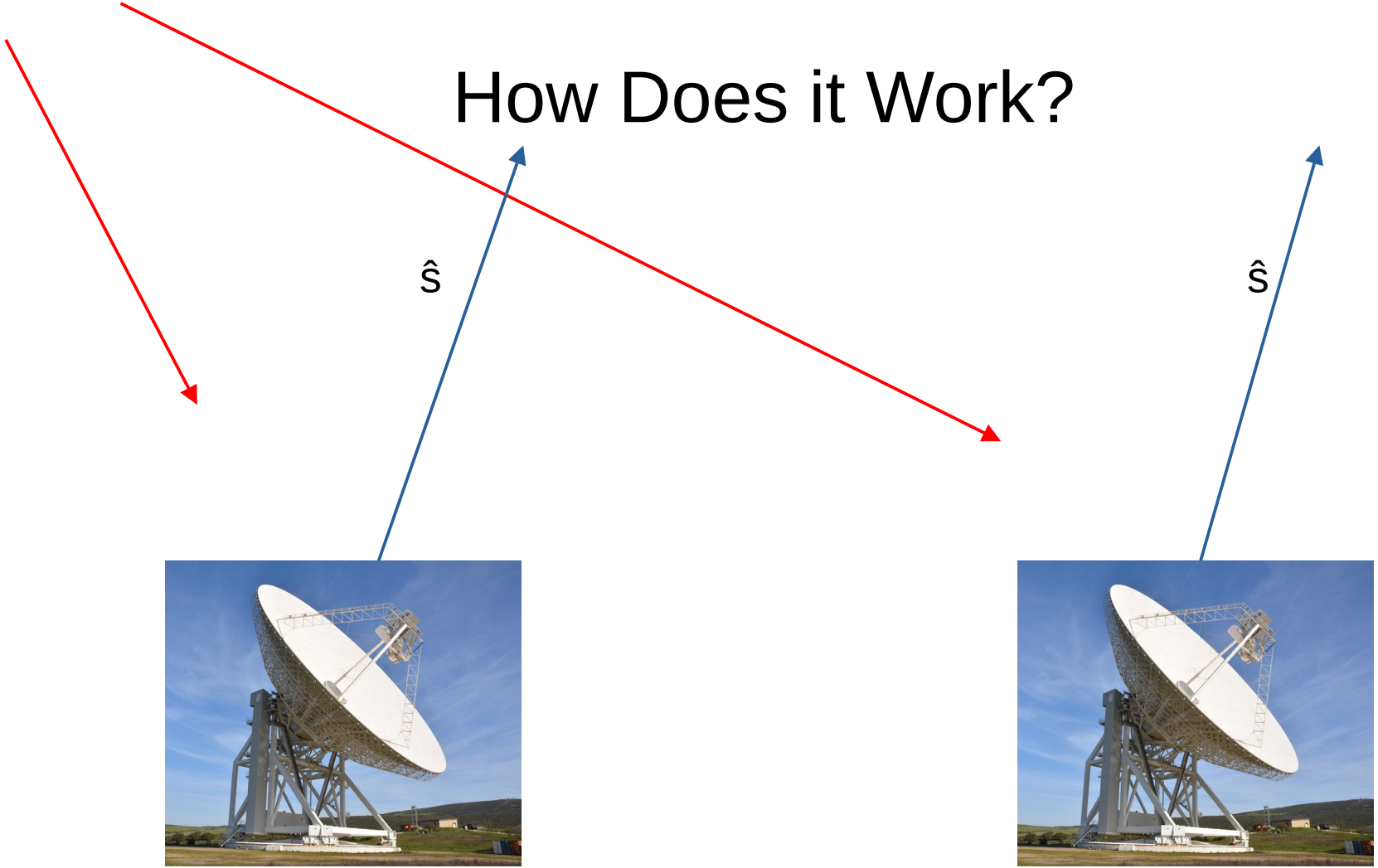

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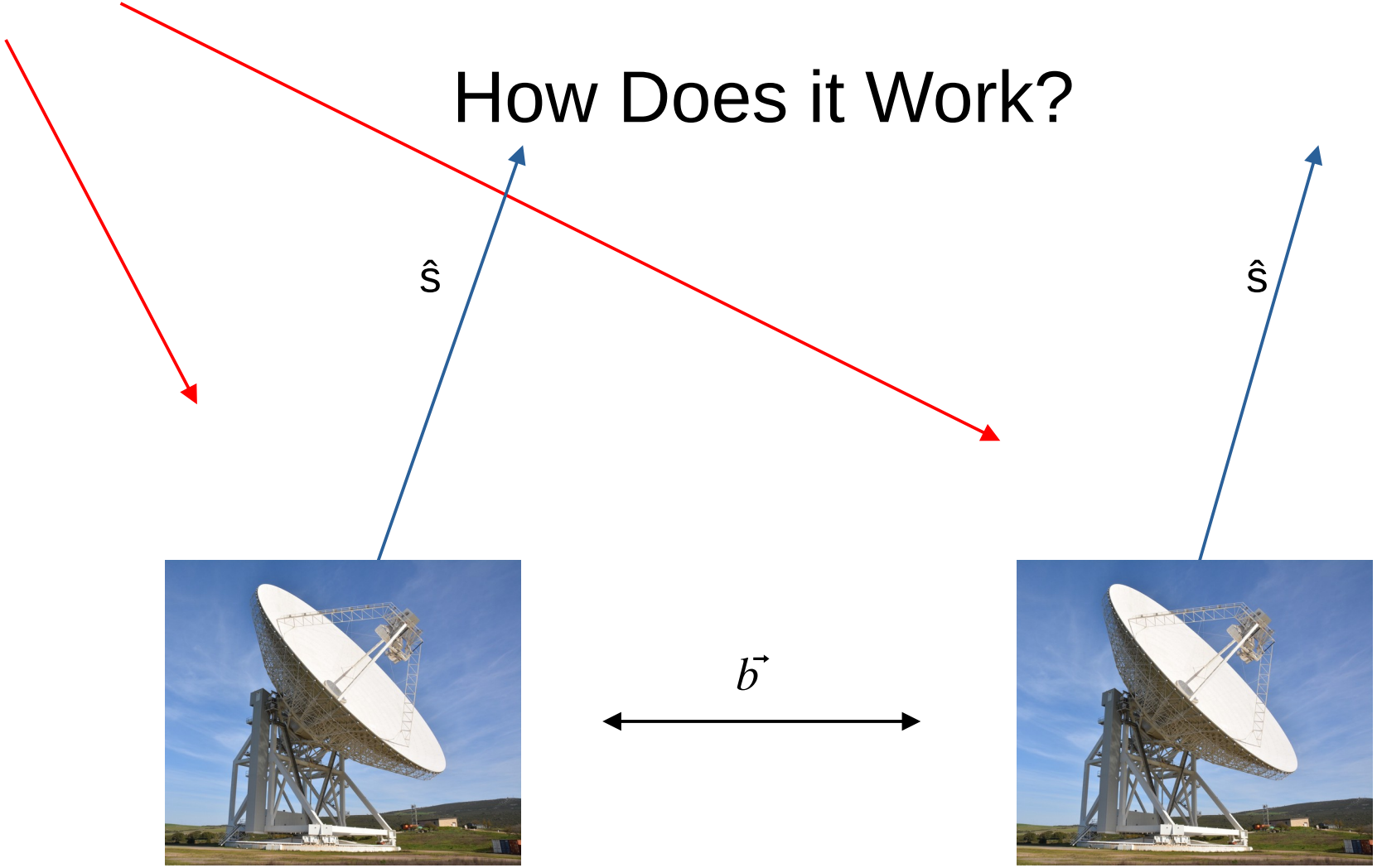

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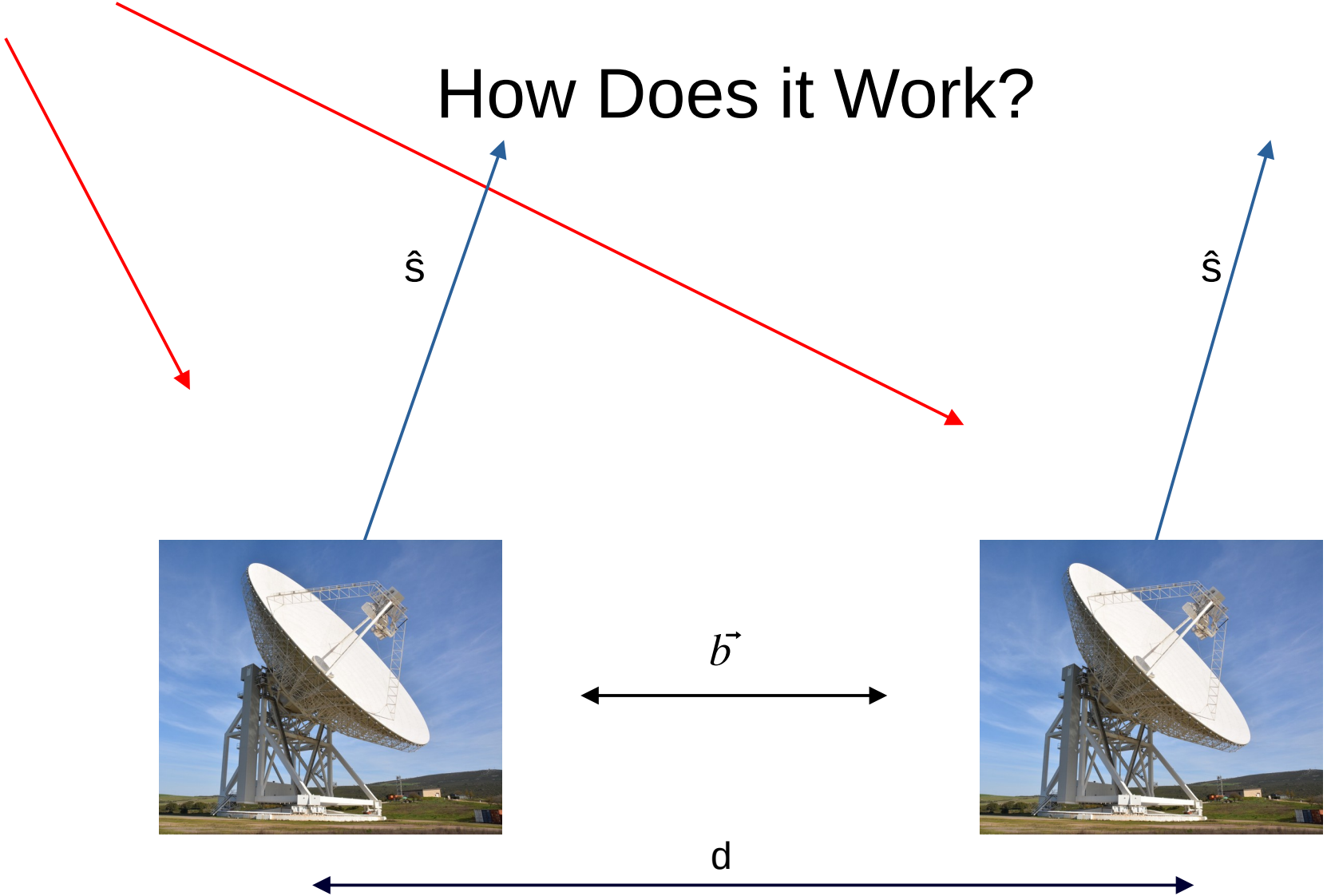

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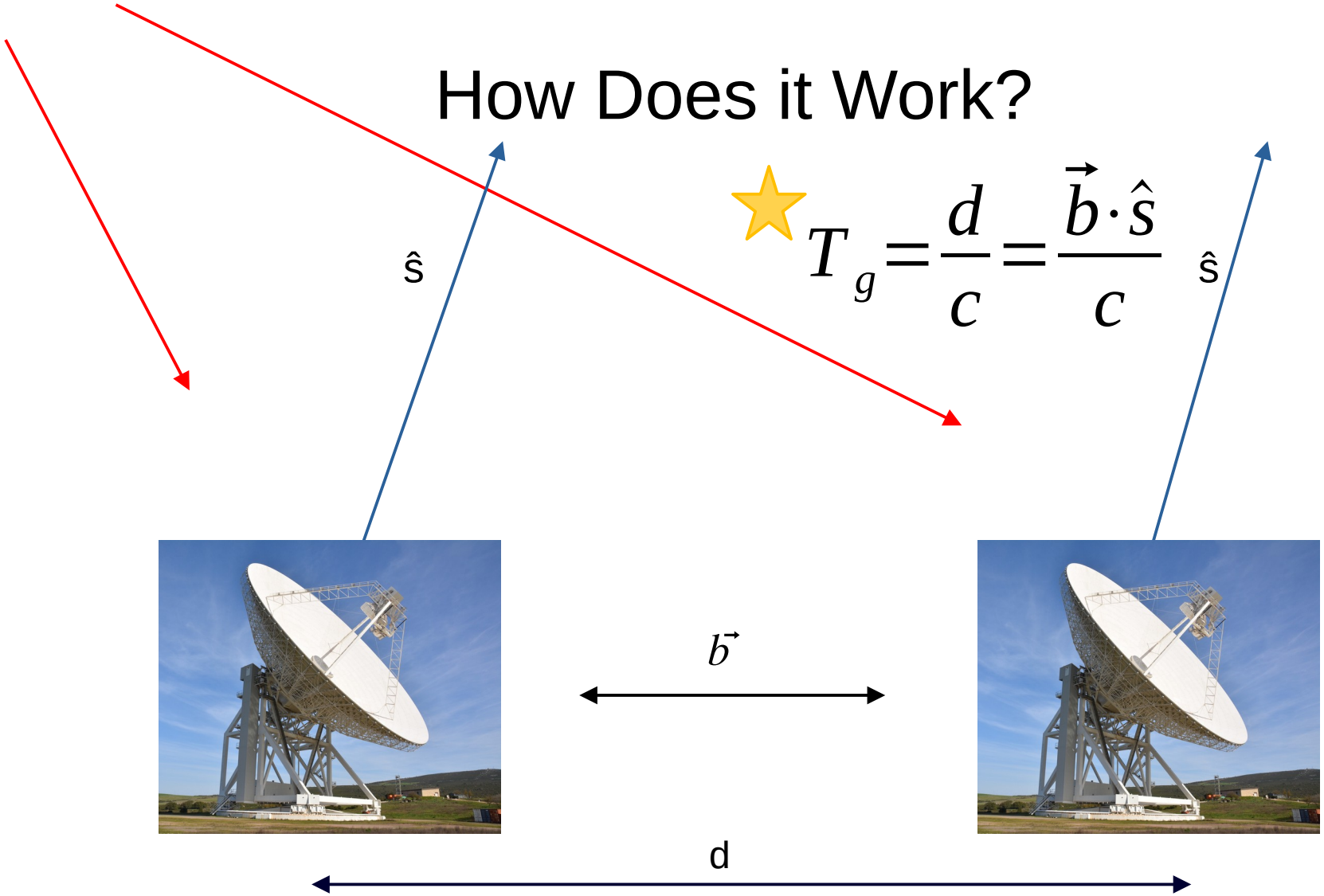

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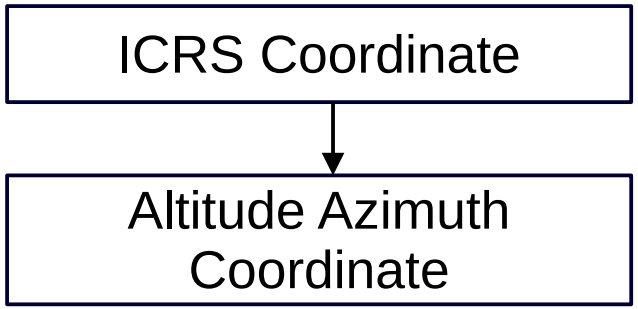

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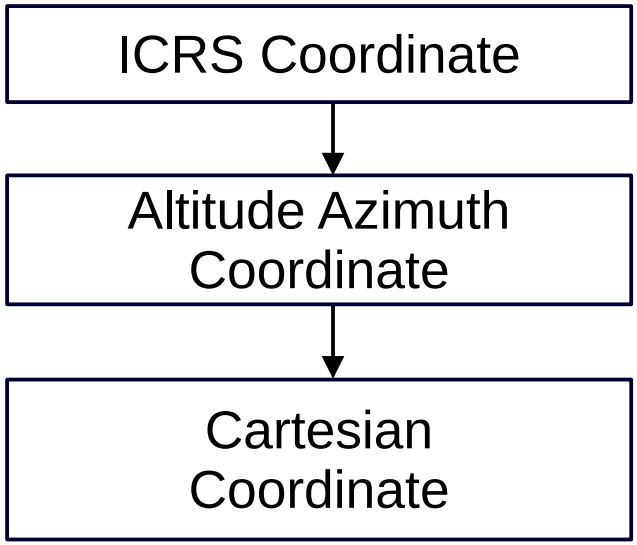

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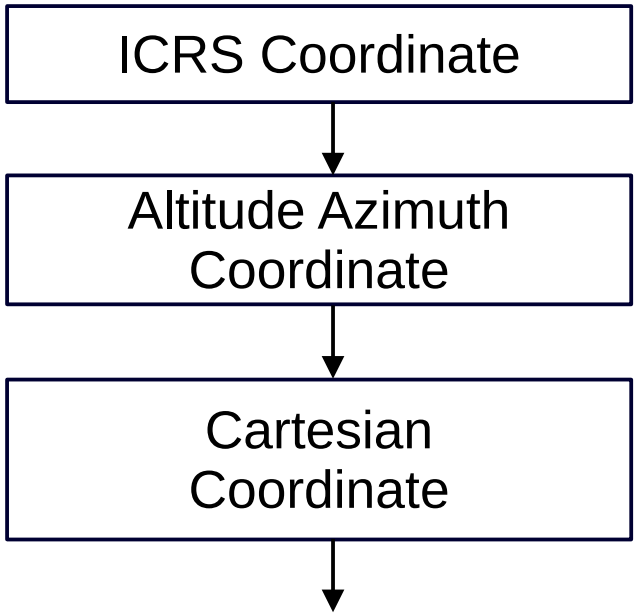

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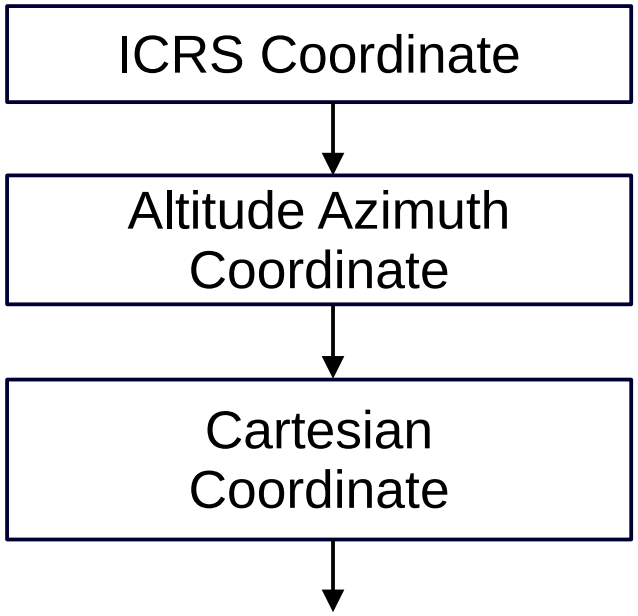

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dot_product = np.dot(baseline_vec, unit_vector[[1,0,2]])
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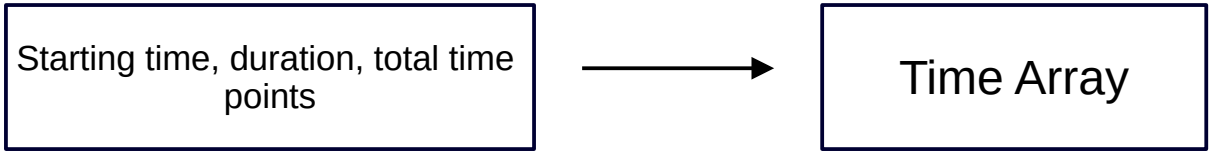

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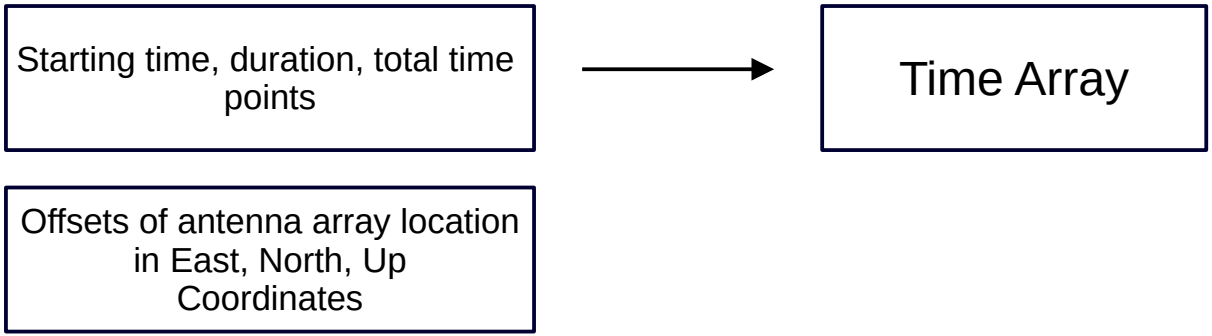

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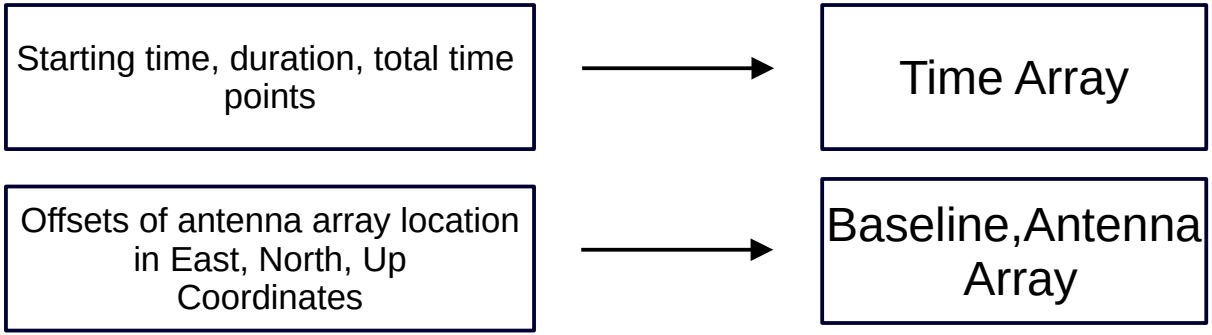

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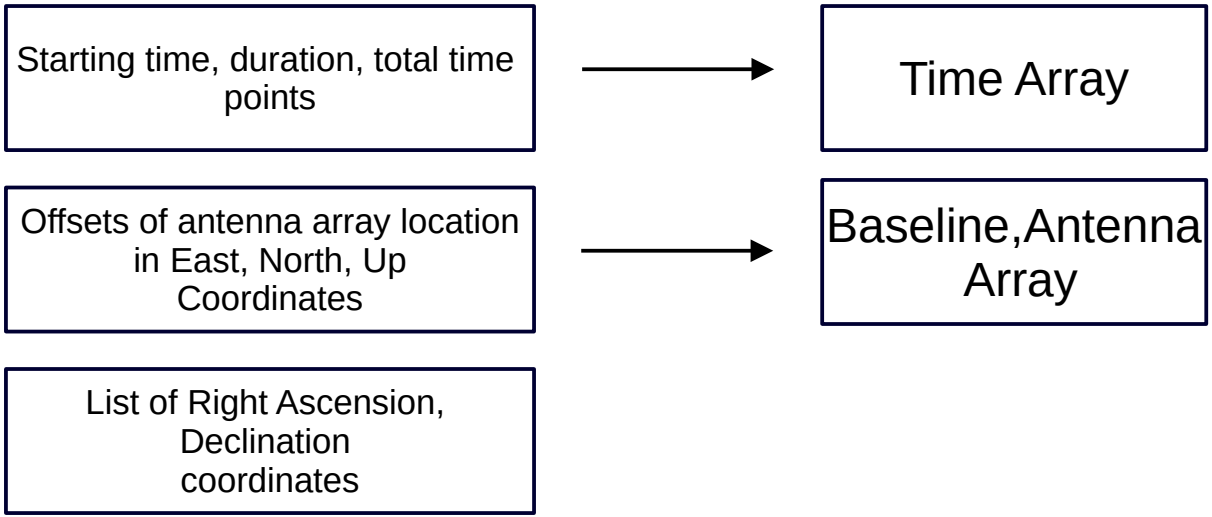

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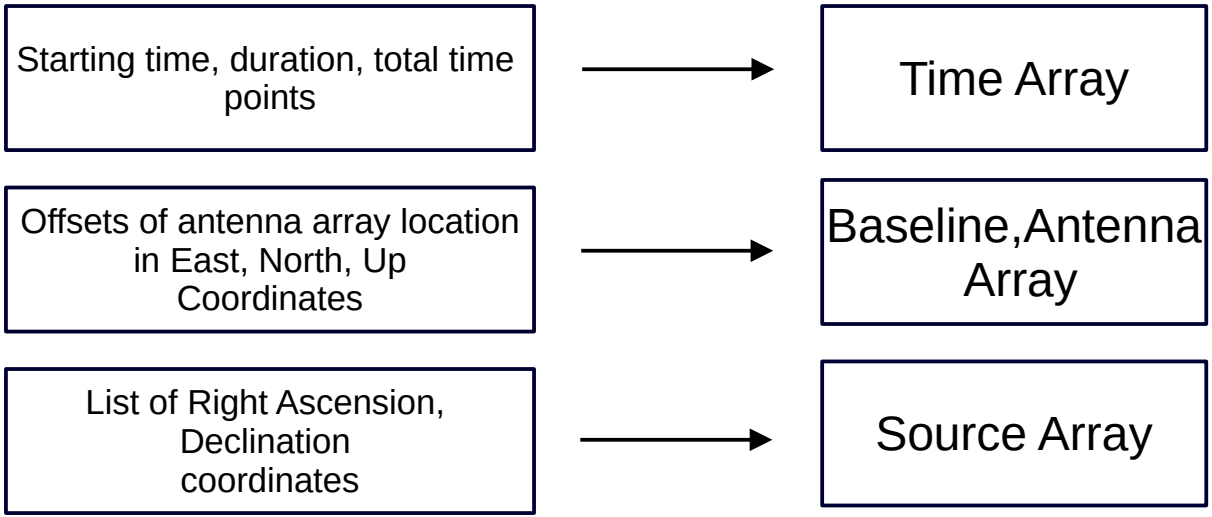

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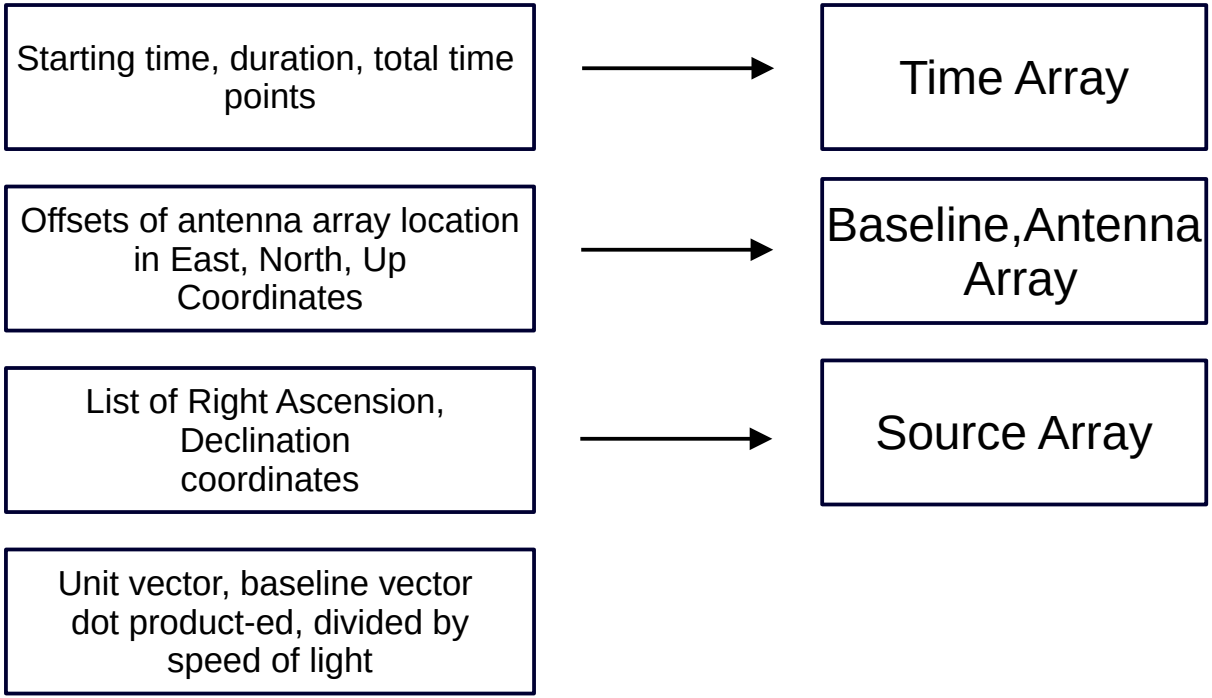

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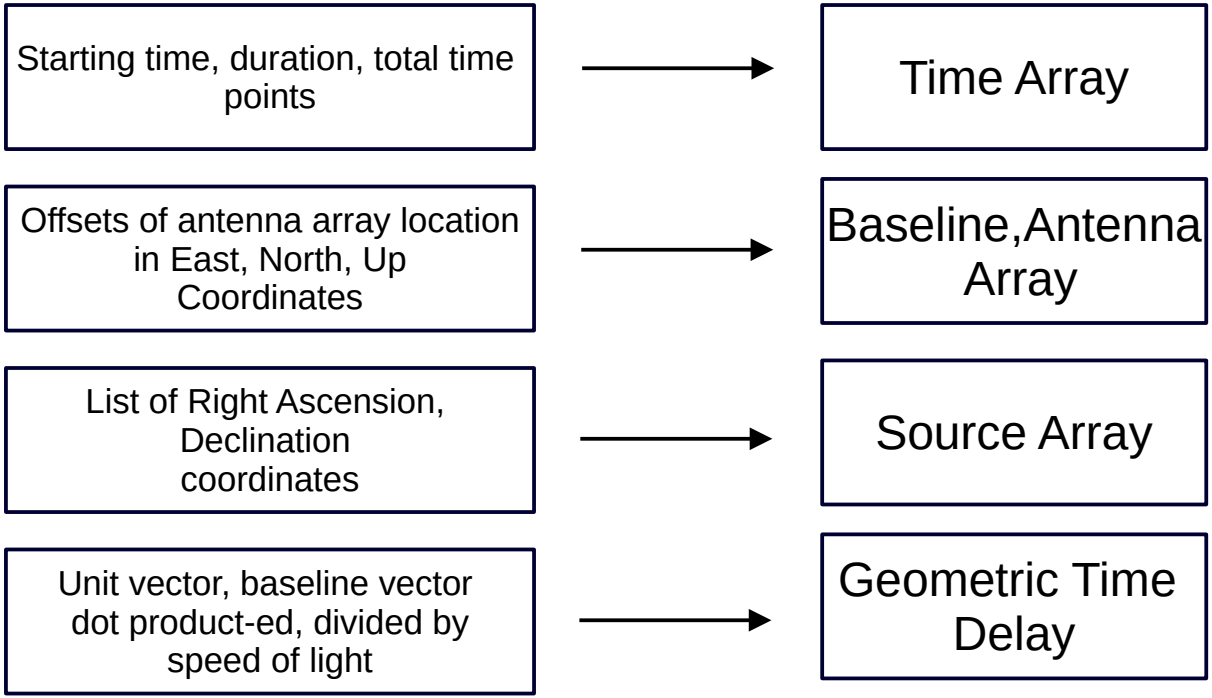

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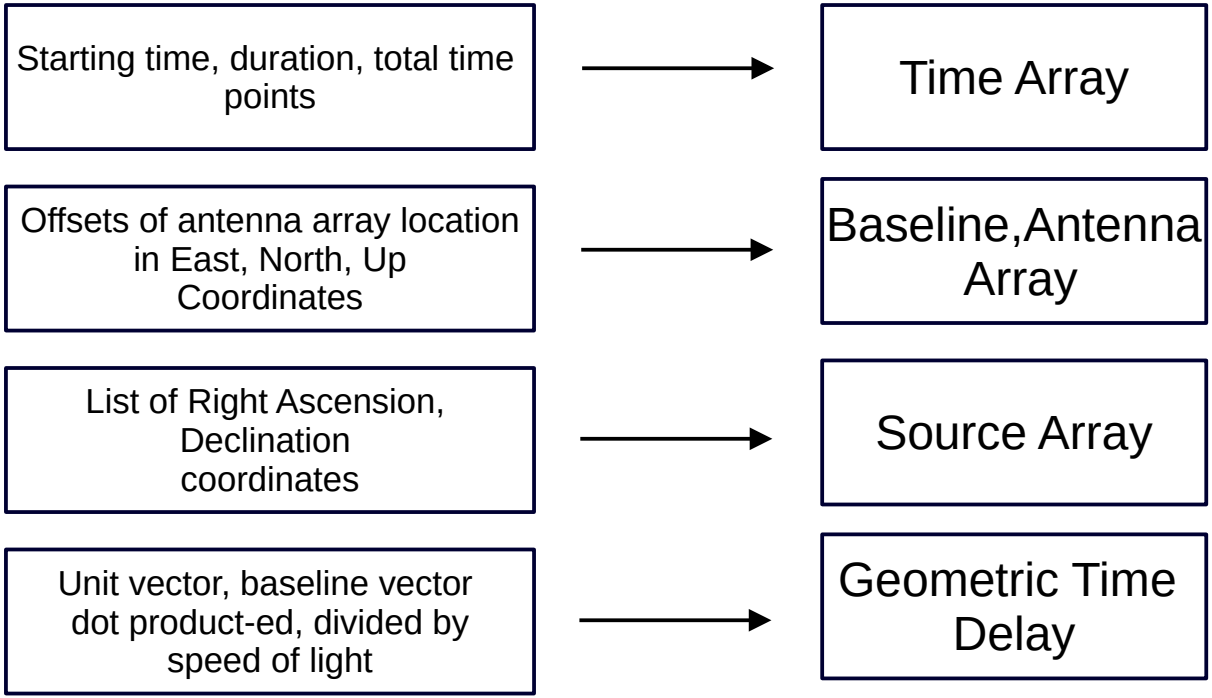

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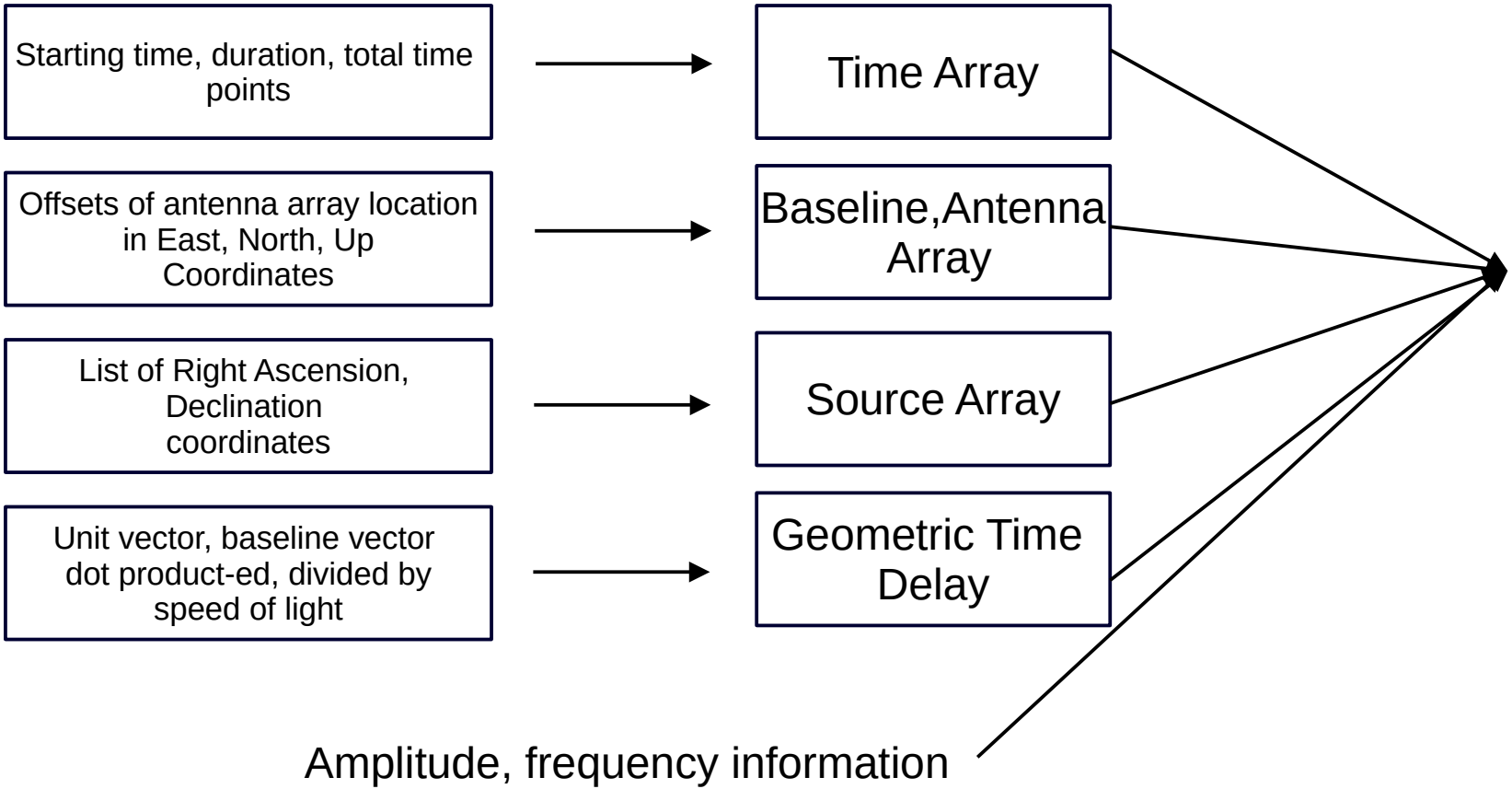

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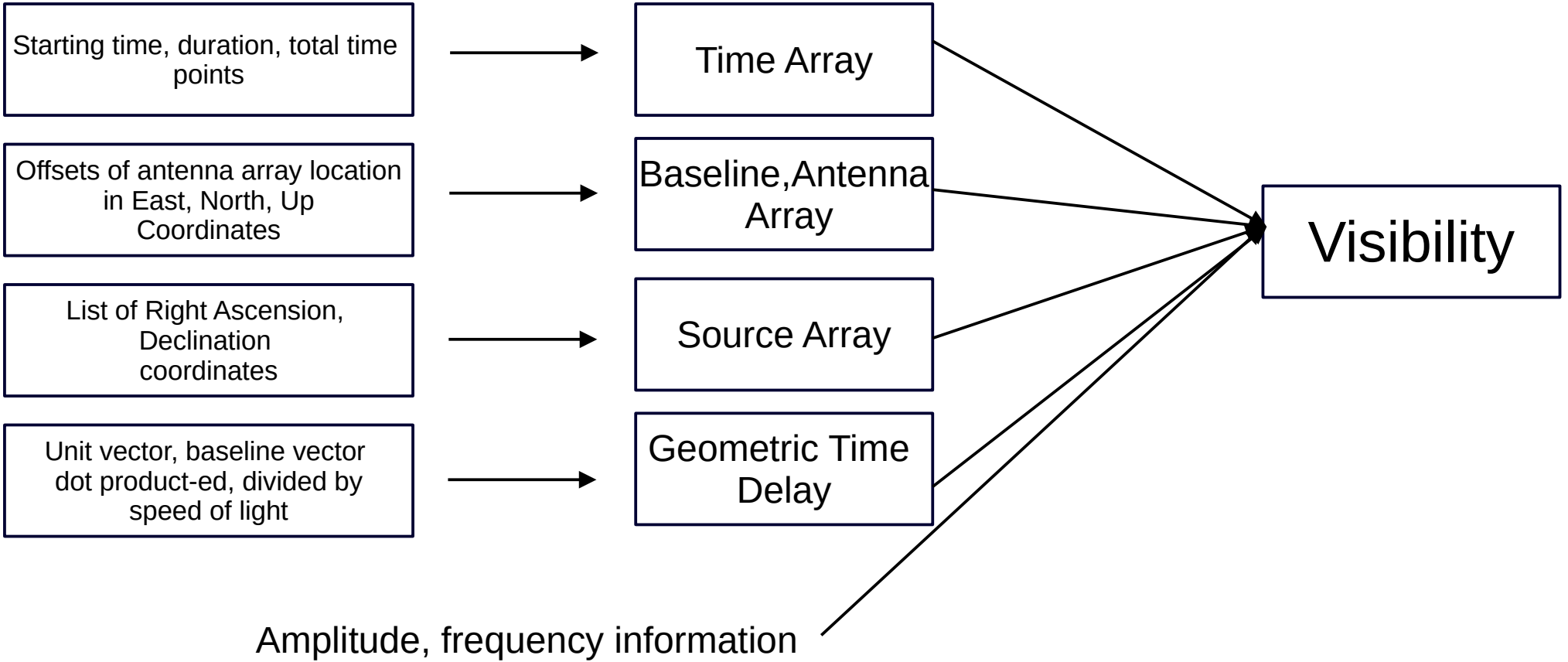

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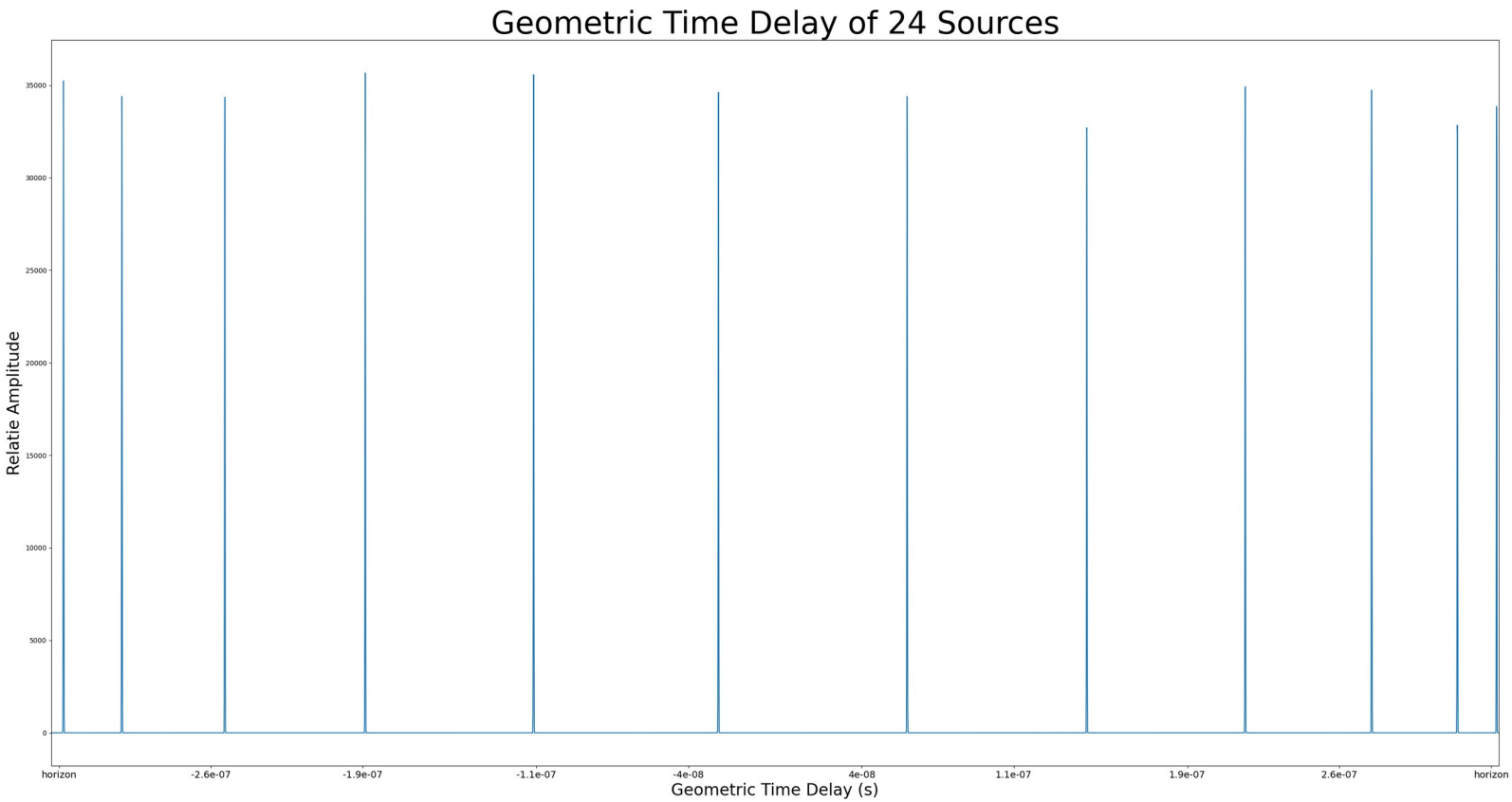
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User Input

Closing

- Radio waves / Radio interferometry lets us observe the sky in more detail
- Simulation inputs amplitude, time, frequency,antenna positions, source locations, array location. Computes visibility
- Use visibility for analysis, like geometric time delay analysis

Thank you!

Questions?

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