

Doppler Time-of-Flight Rendering

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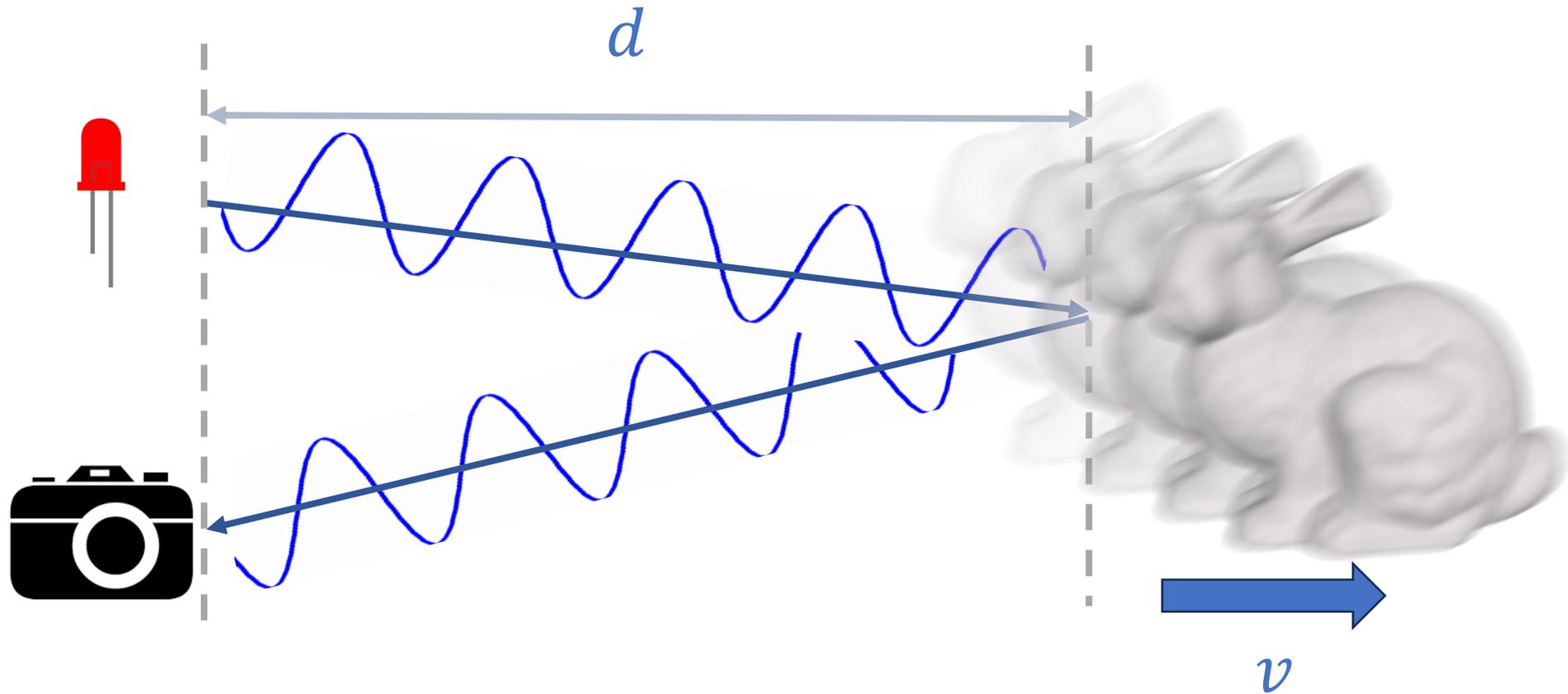


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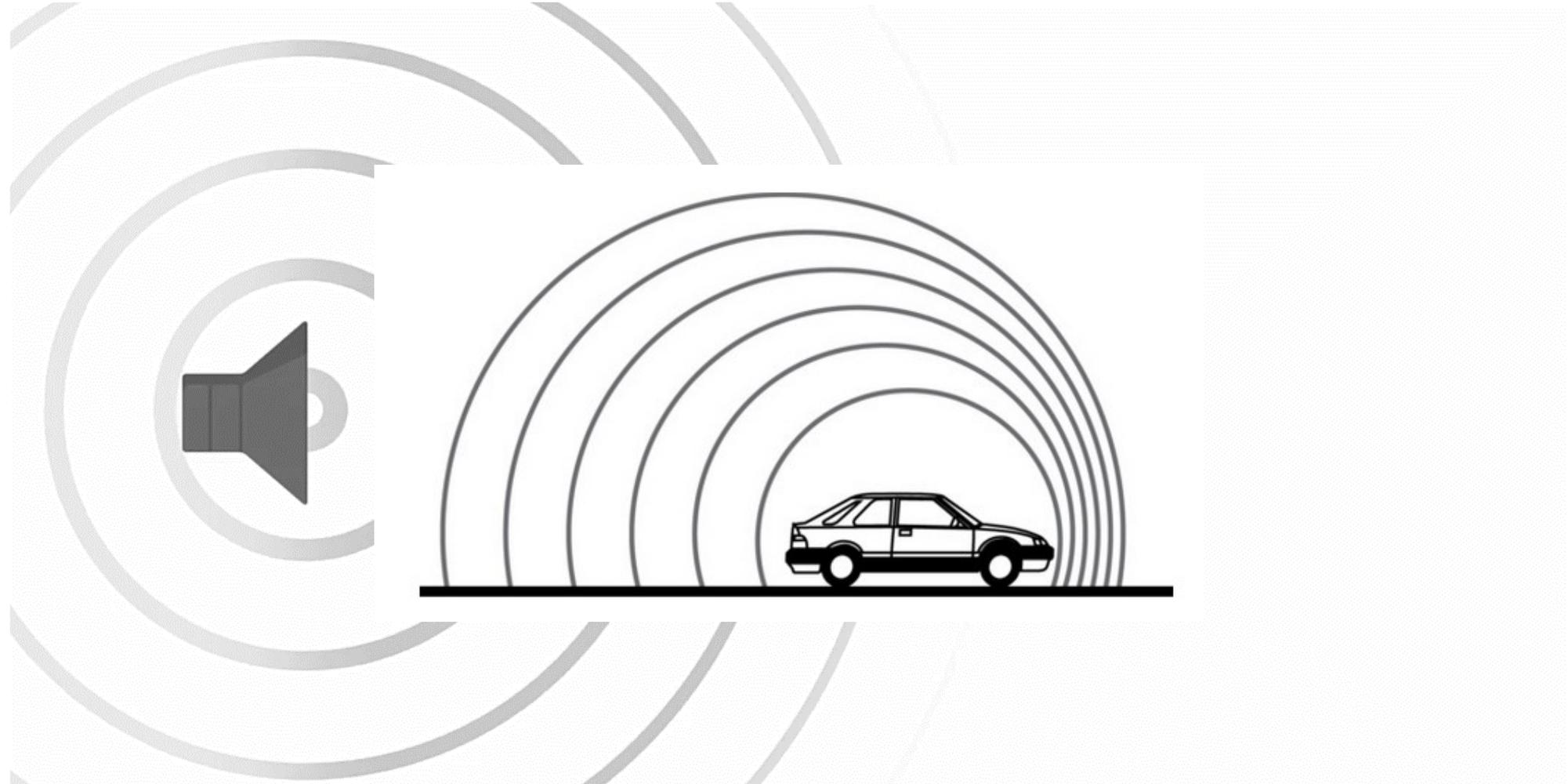
Doppler Time-of-Flight (D-ToF) Imaging [Heide 2015]



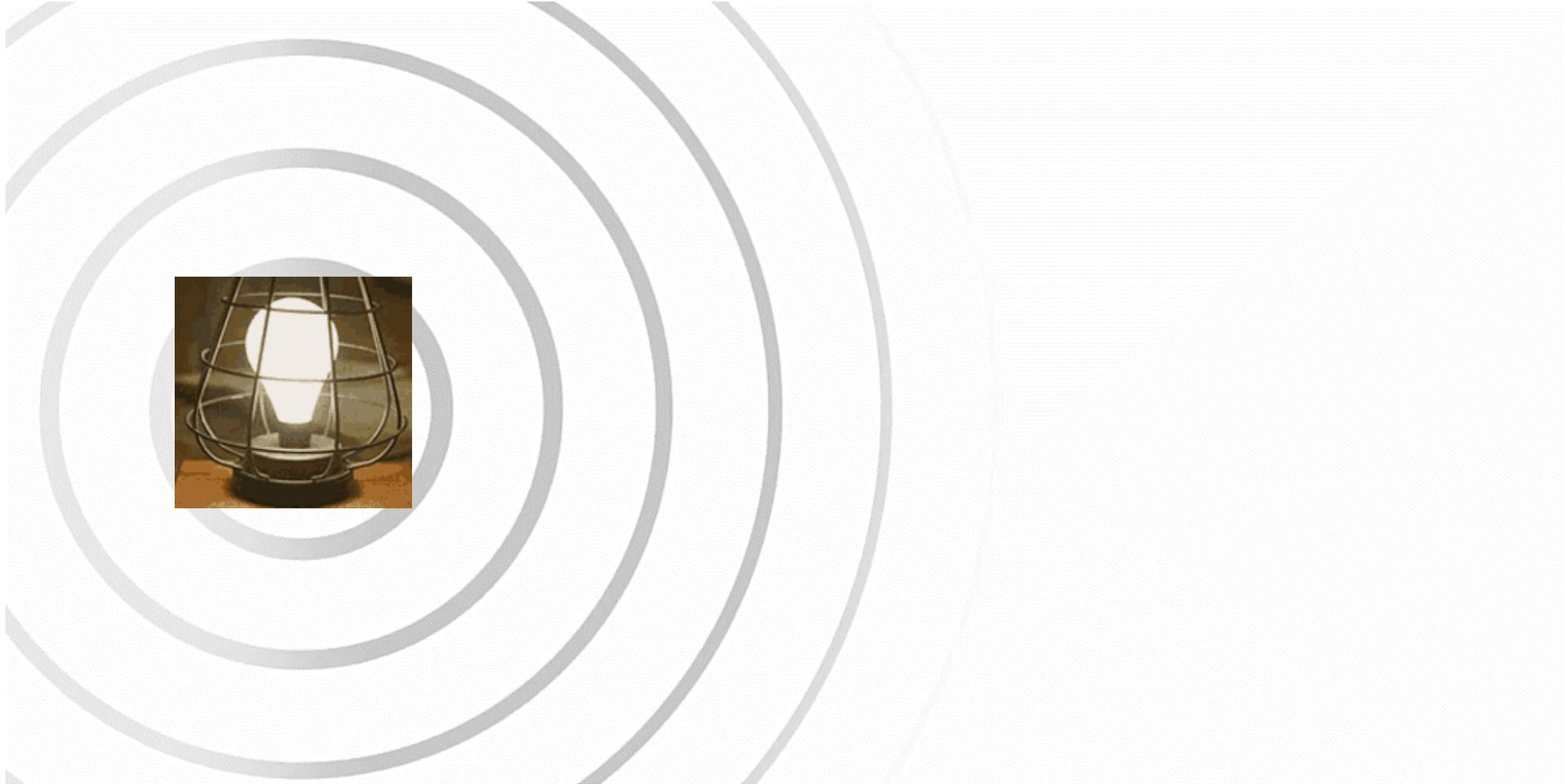
$d \propto$ Time-of-Flight

$v \propto$ Doppler Effect!

What is Doppler Effect?



Doppler Effect on Amplitude Modulation



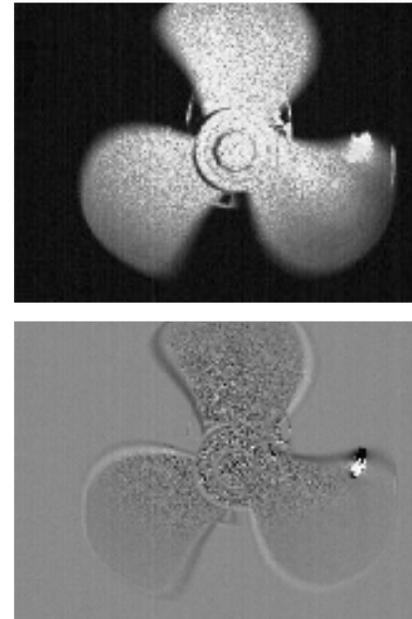
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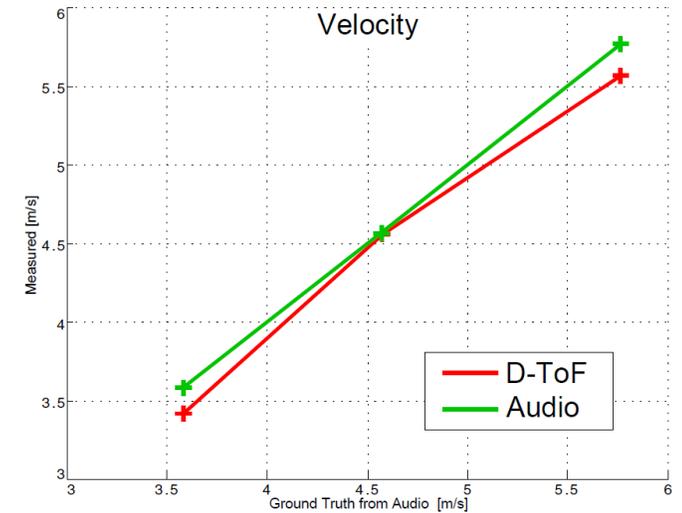
Amplitude Modulated!



Imaging system setup for D-ToF camera



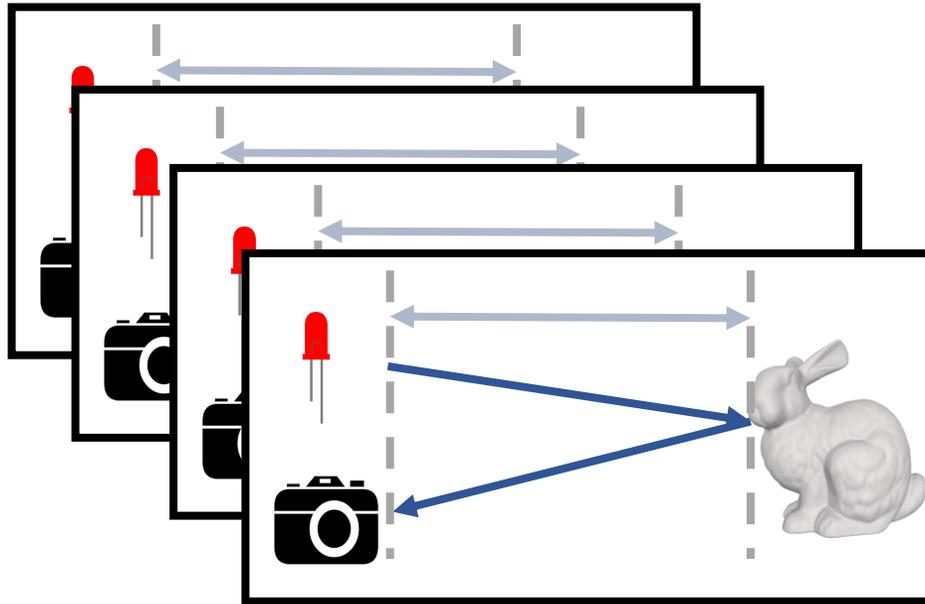
D-ToF measurements



Radial Velocity Estimation

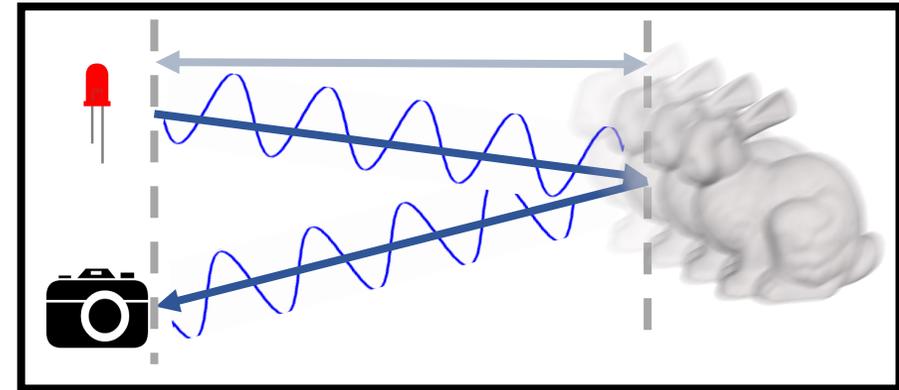
All images are from [Heide 2015]

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

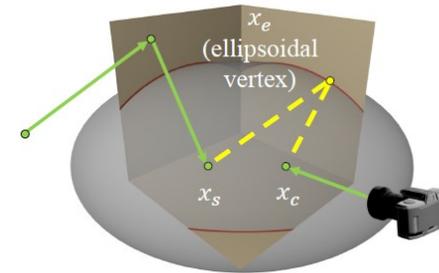
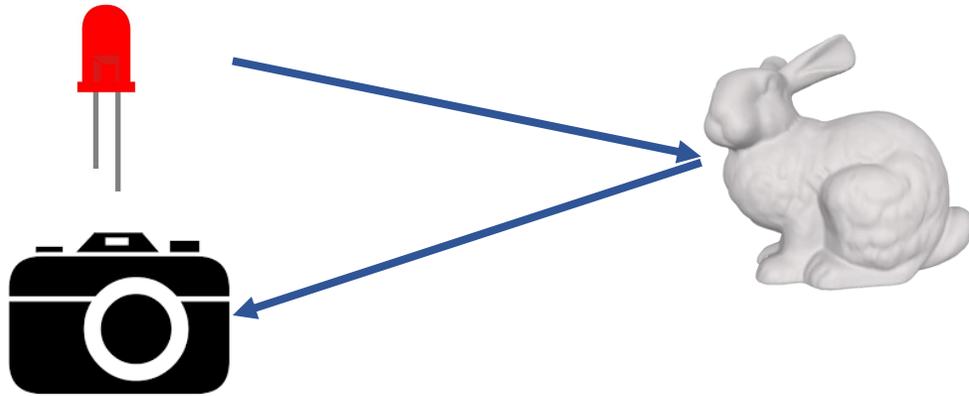
Digital Twin for D-ToF Imaging System

Digital Twin

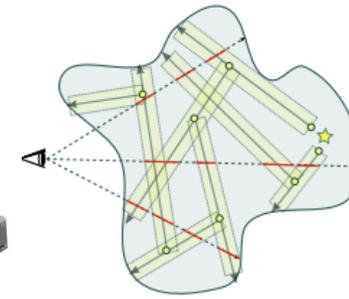
Imaging / Hardware

Rendering / Software

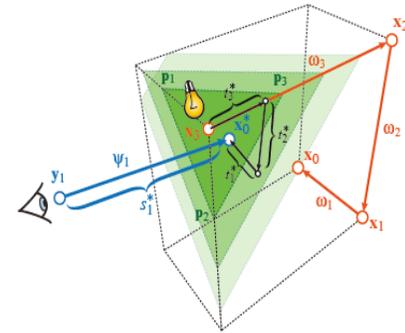
ToF



[Pediredla 2019]

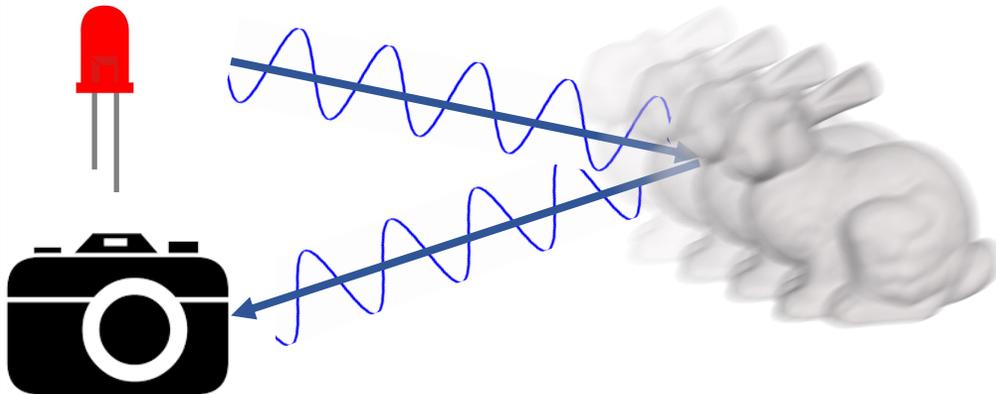


[Marco 2017, 2019]



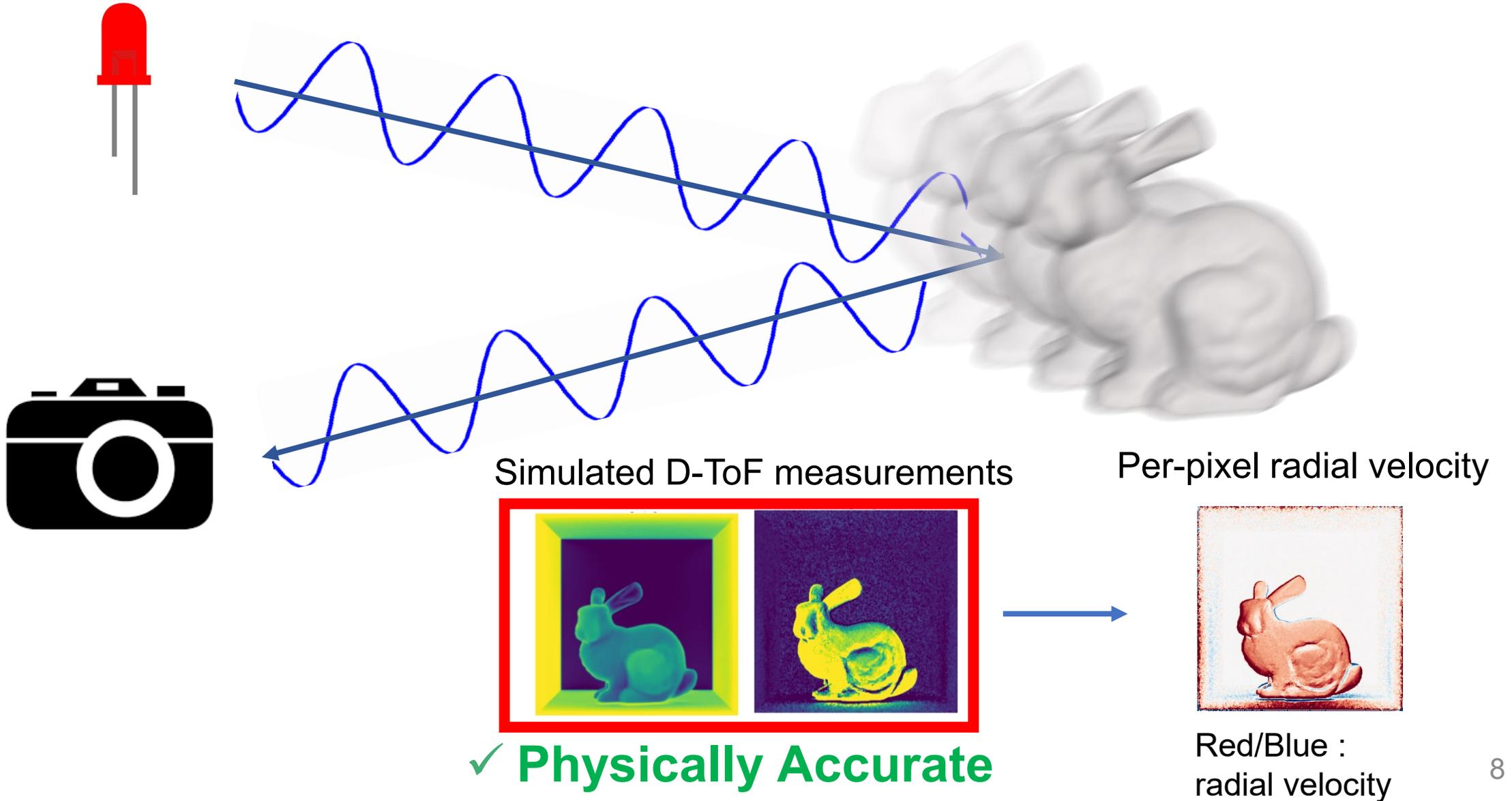
[Liu 2022]

D-ToF



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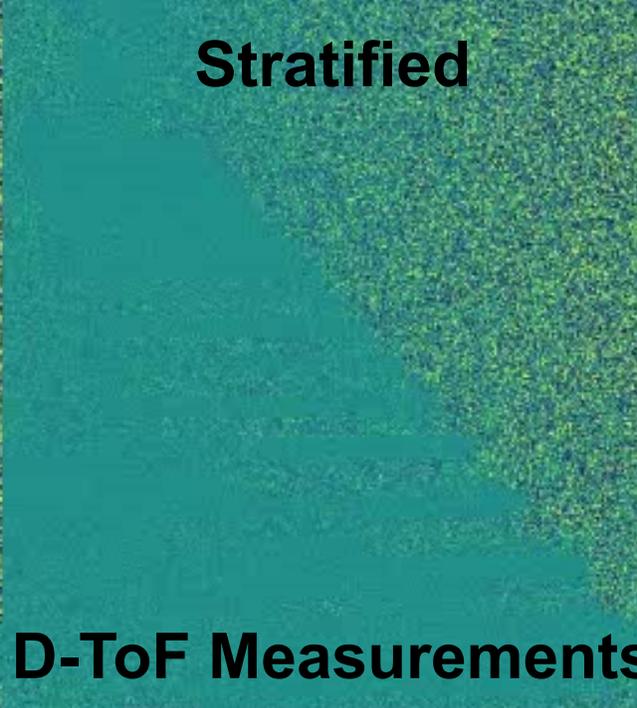
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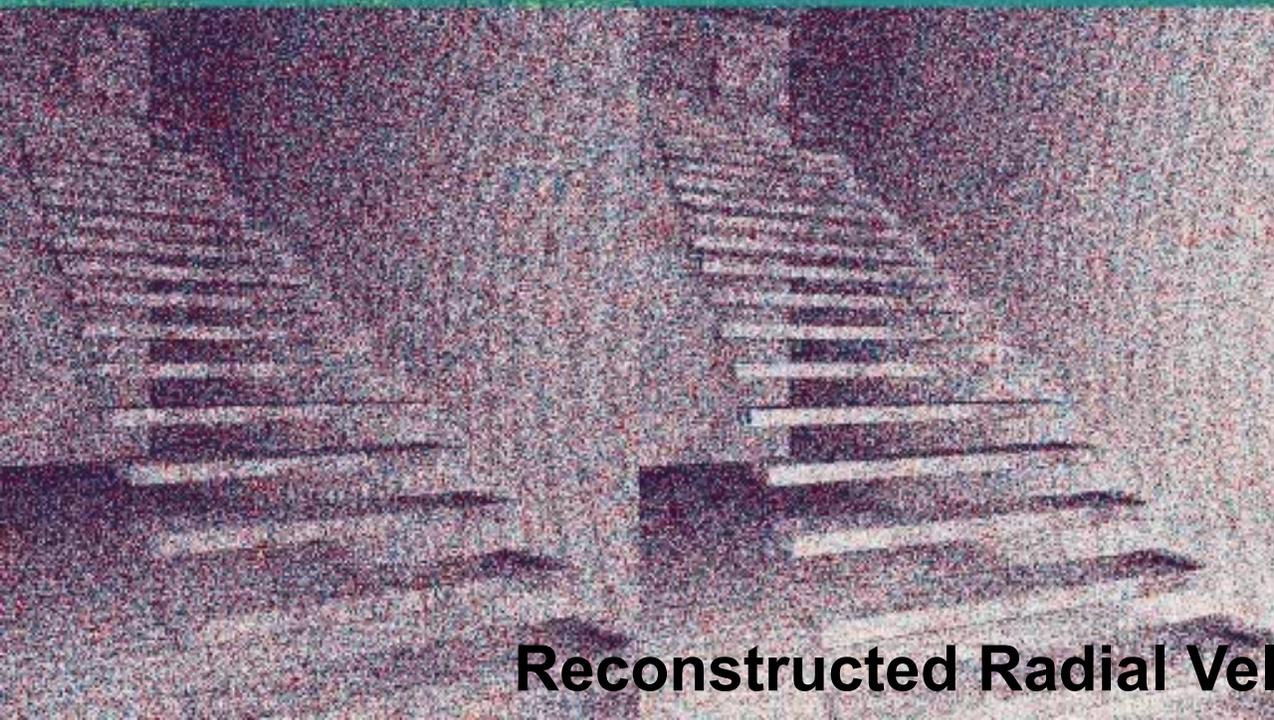
Uniform

Stratified

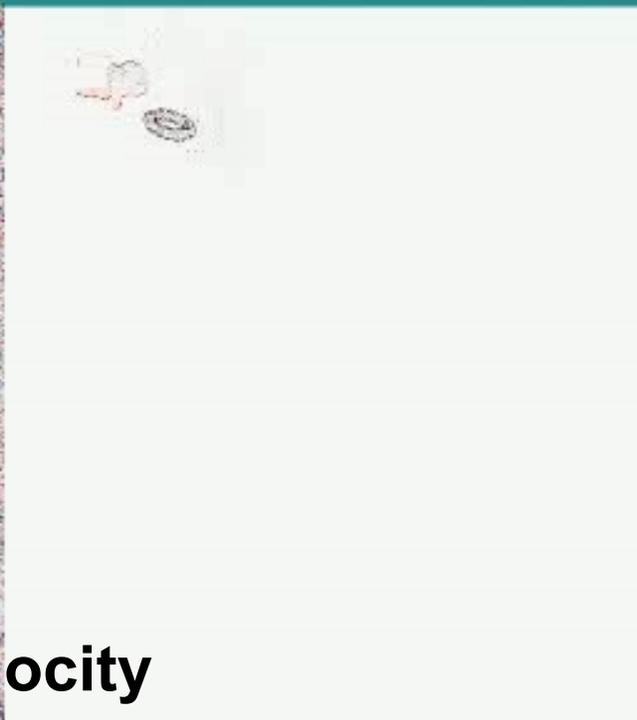
Ours



**Standard
Rendering**



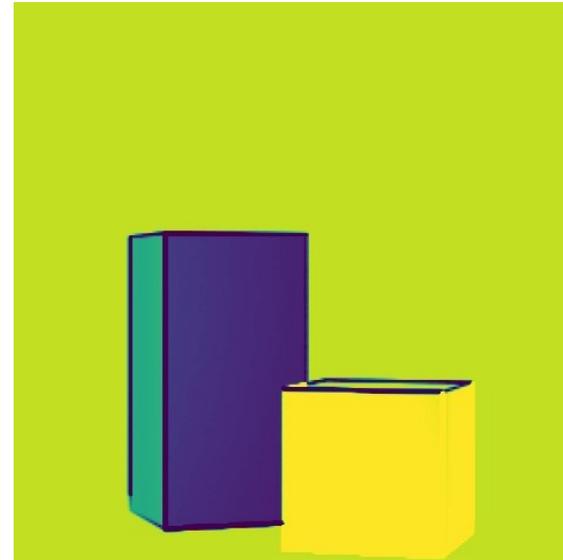
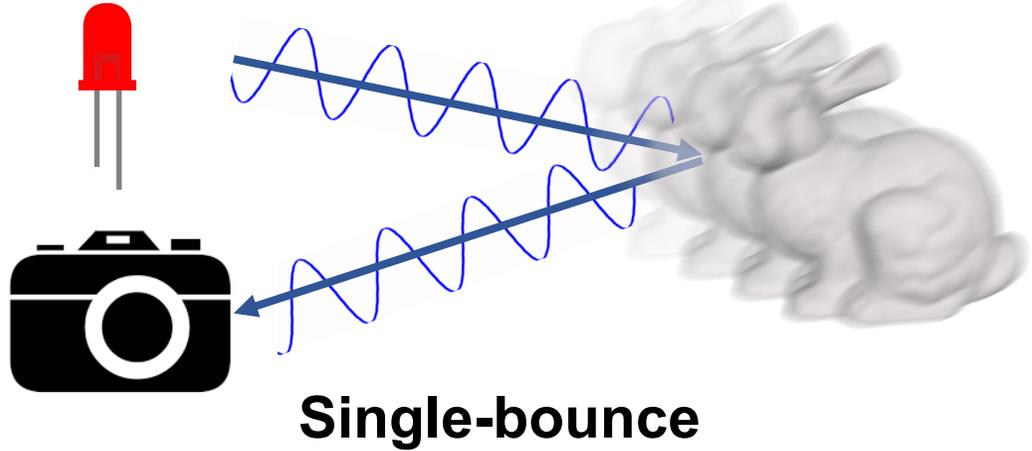
Reconstructed Radial Velocity



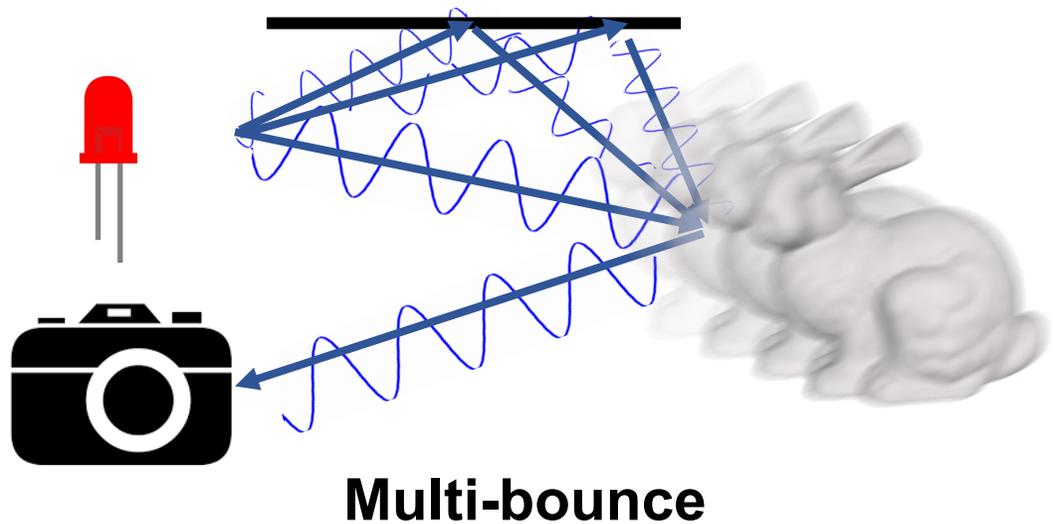
**GT Radial
Velocity**

Why Physically-based Rendering Required?

[Heide, 2015]

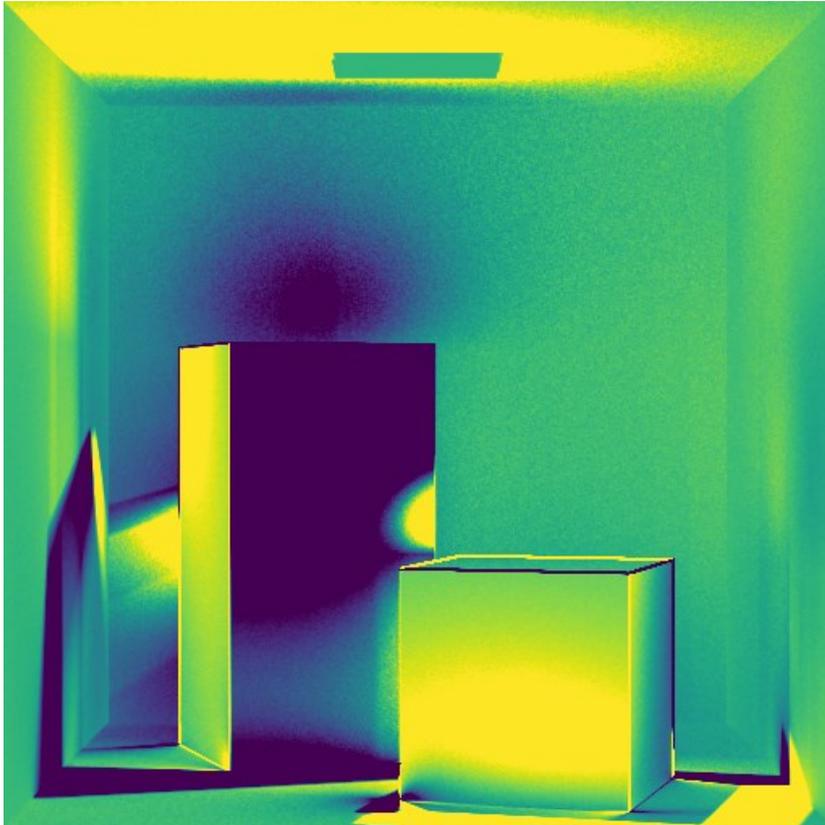


× Physically
Not Accurate



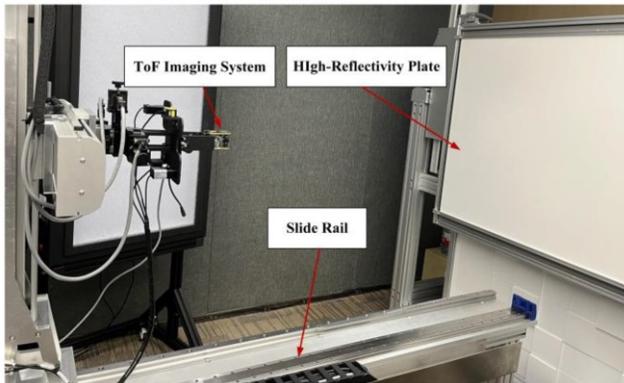
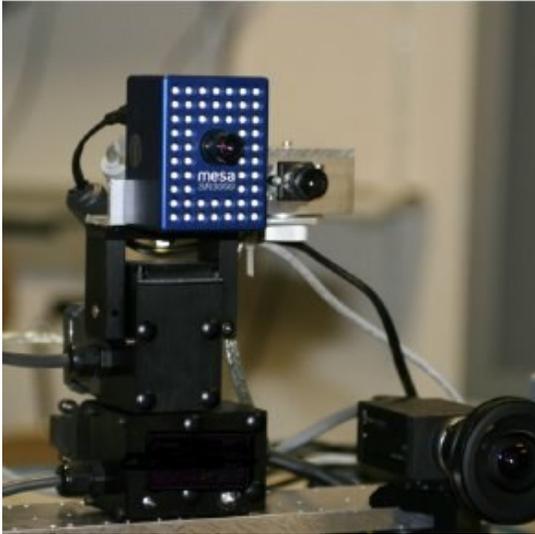
✓ Physically
Accurate

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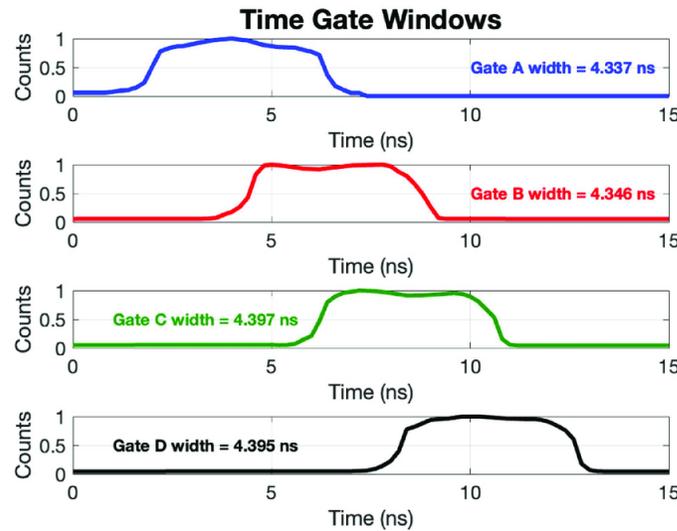
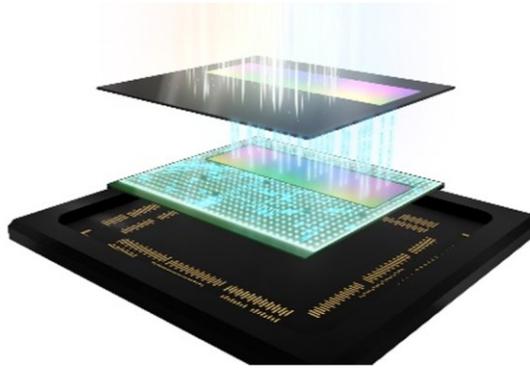


Extreme Multi-bounce Cases

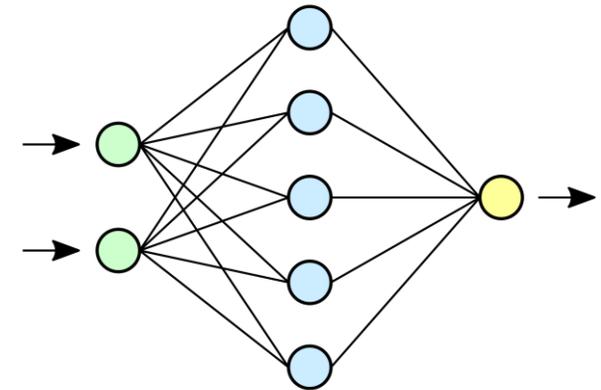
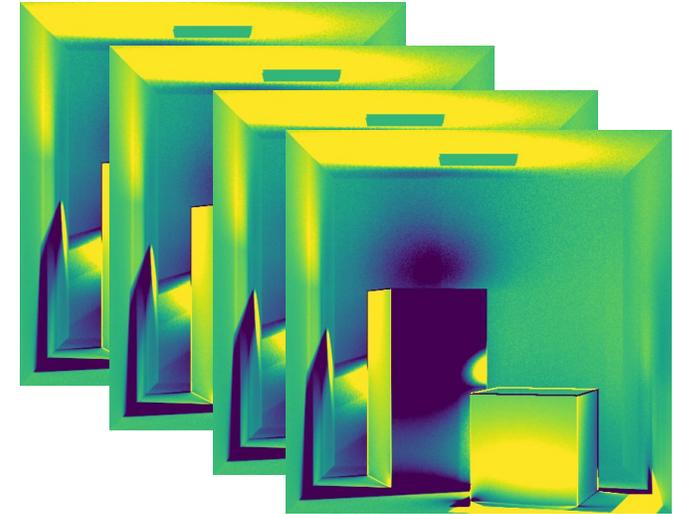
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Imaging System
Design & Simulation



Sensor Design



Large Dataset Generation
for Machine Learning

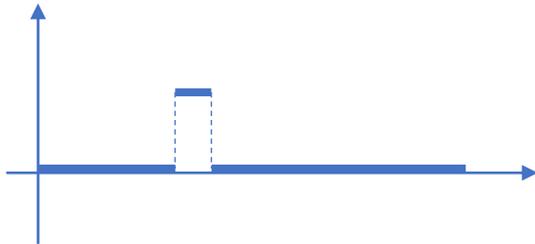
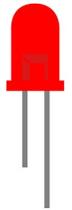
Two Challenges of Doppler Time-of-Flight Rendering

ToF (Transient / Time Gated) Rendering

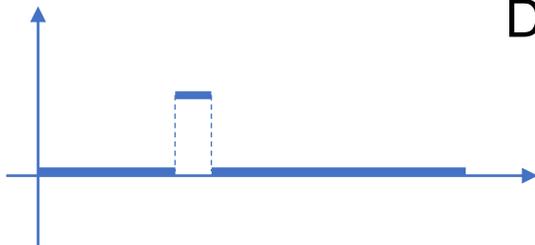
[Jarabo 2012, 2014; Marco 2017, 2019; Pediredla 2019; Liu 2022]



Static Scene



Delta-Modulation

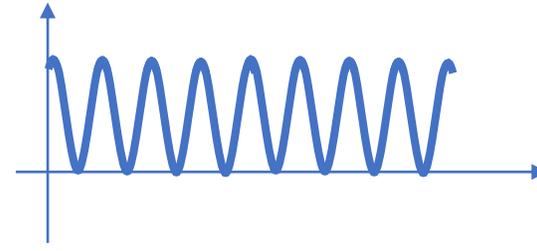


Doppler ToF Rendering

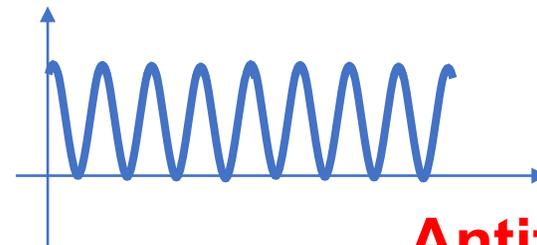


Dynamic Scene

Path Correlation



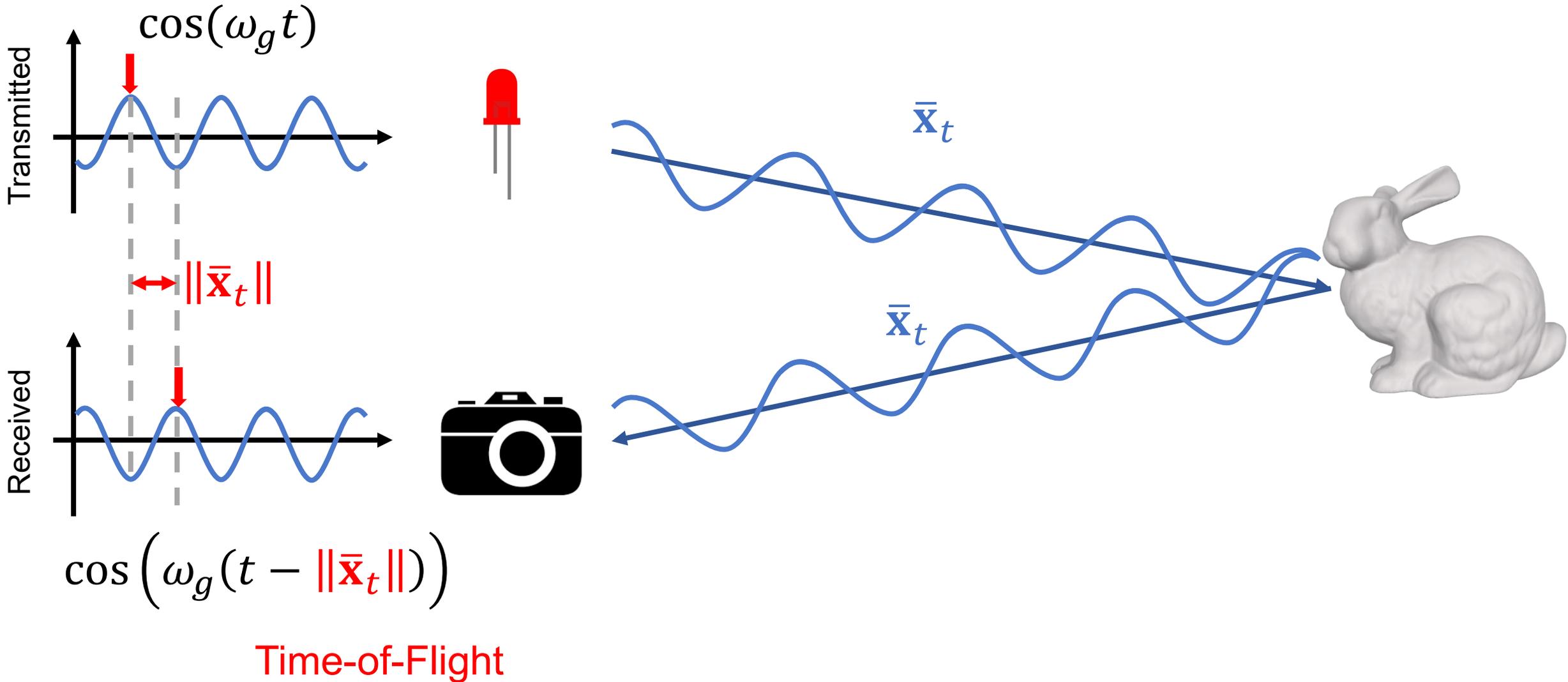
High-frequency
Modulation
(10-1000 MHz)



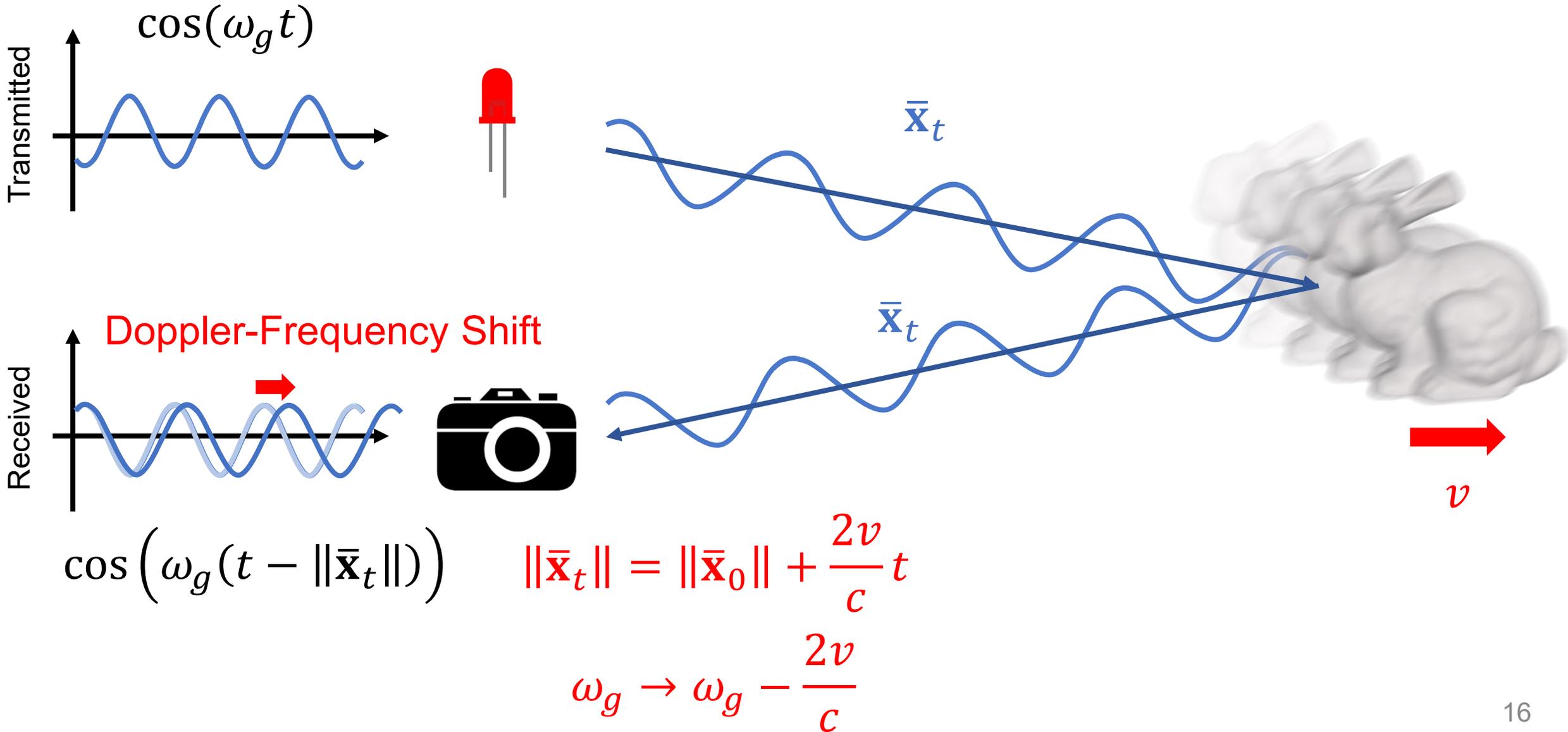
Antithetic Sampling

Simulation of D-ToF Camera

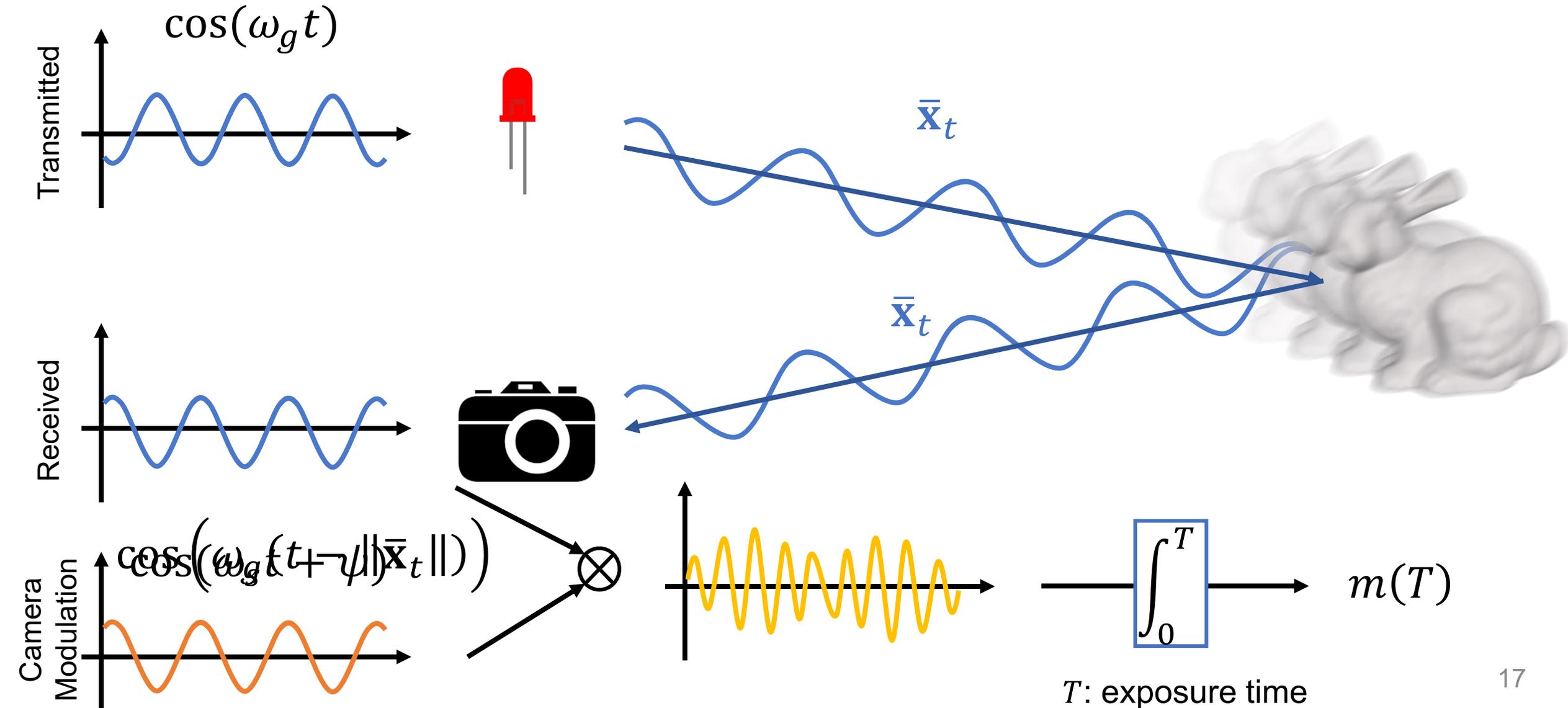
Backgrounds: D-ToF Camera



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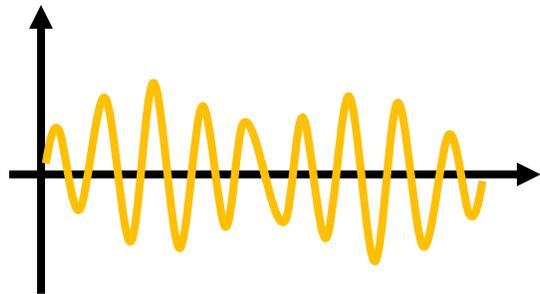


Backgrounds: D-ToF Camera



Backgrounds: D-ToF Measurement

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

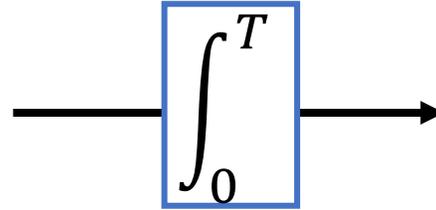
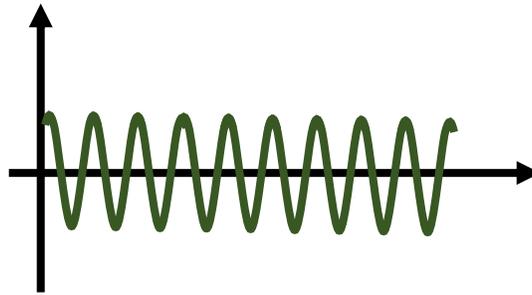


$\cos A \cos B$

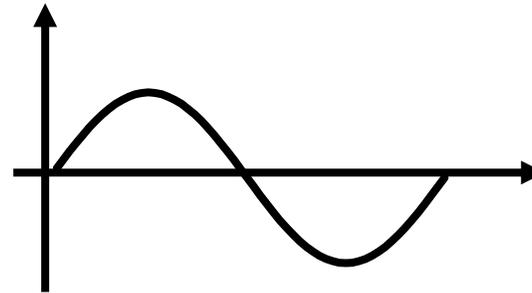
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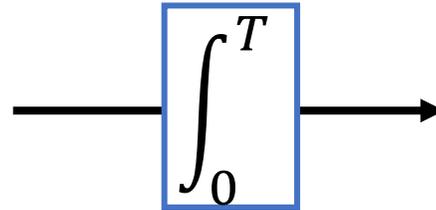
$\cos(A + B)$



Vanish



$\cos(A - B)$



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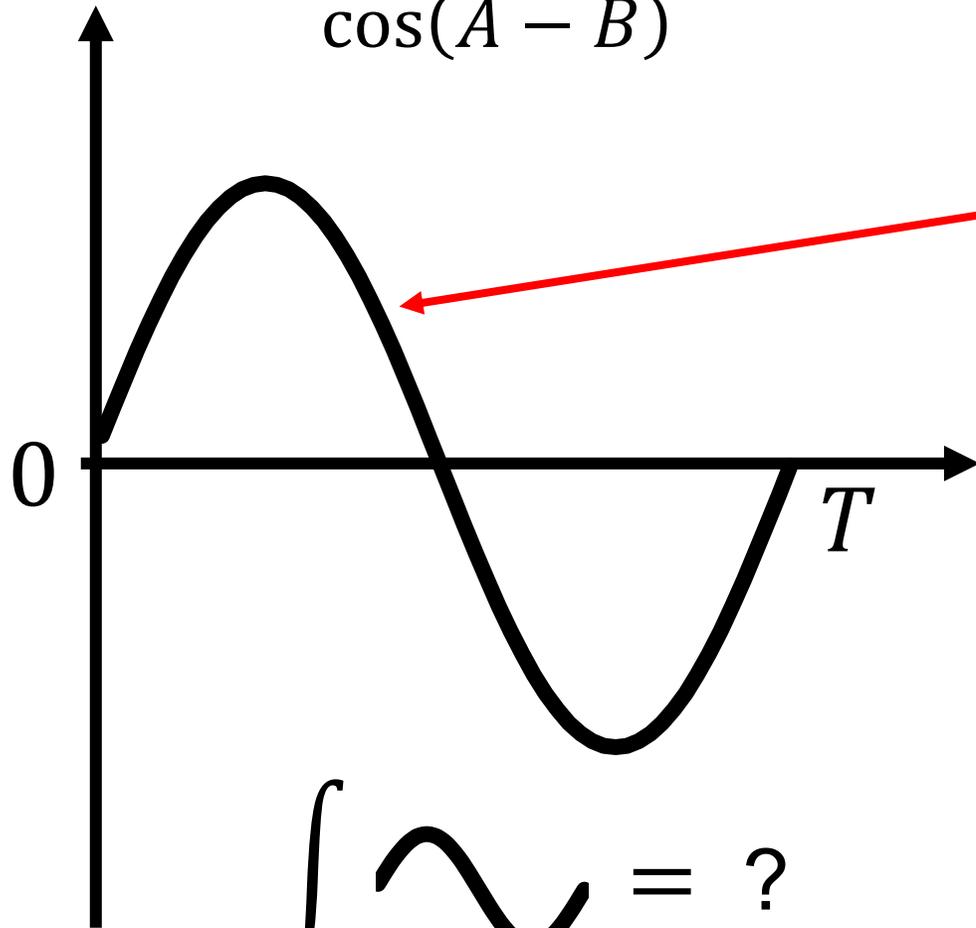
Backgrounds: D-ToF Measurement

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

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

$\cos(A - B)$

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



Heterodyne
frequency

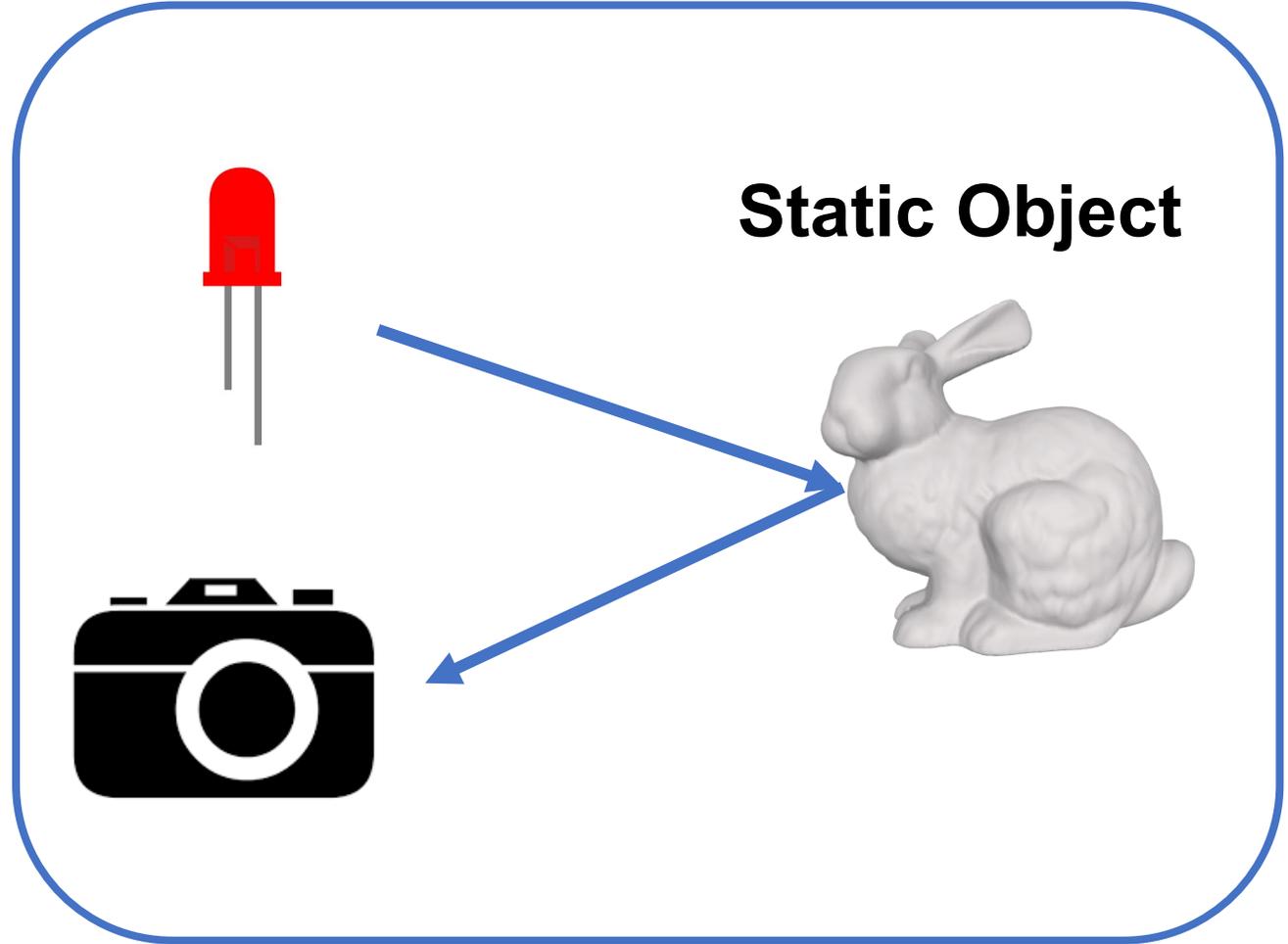
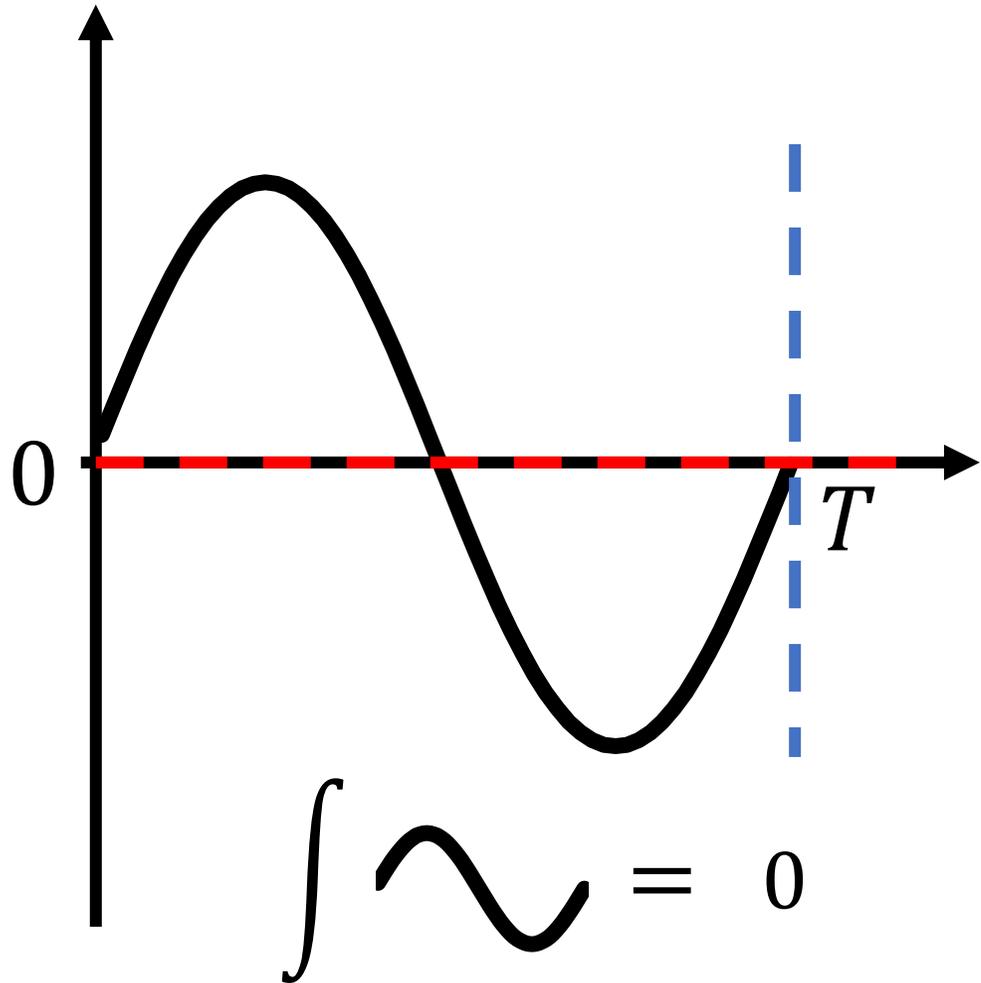
$$\omega_d = \omega_s - \omega_g$$

One-period sinusoidal [Heide 2015]

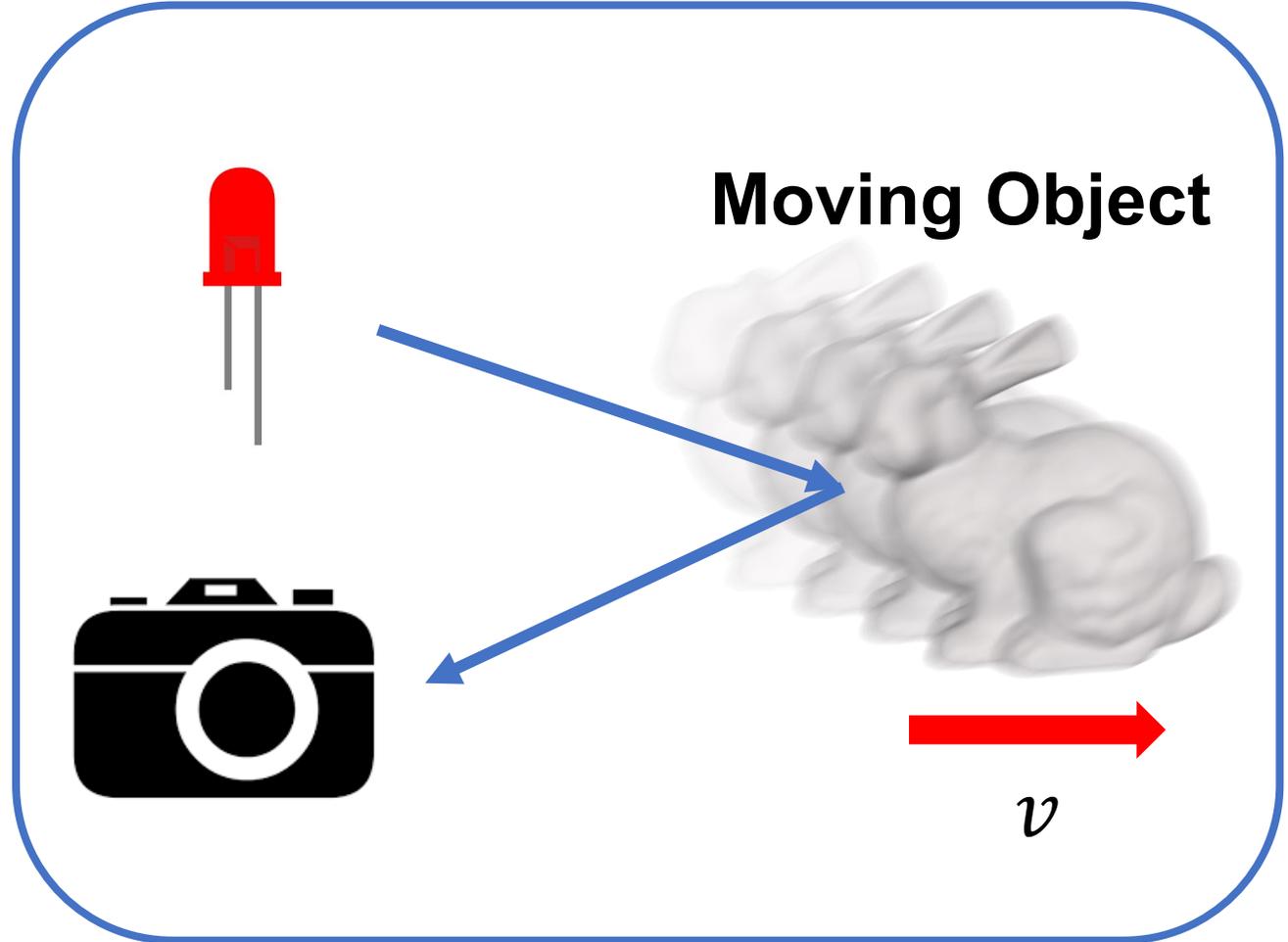
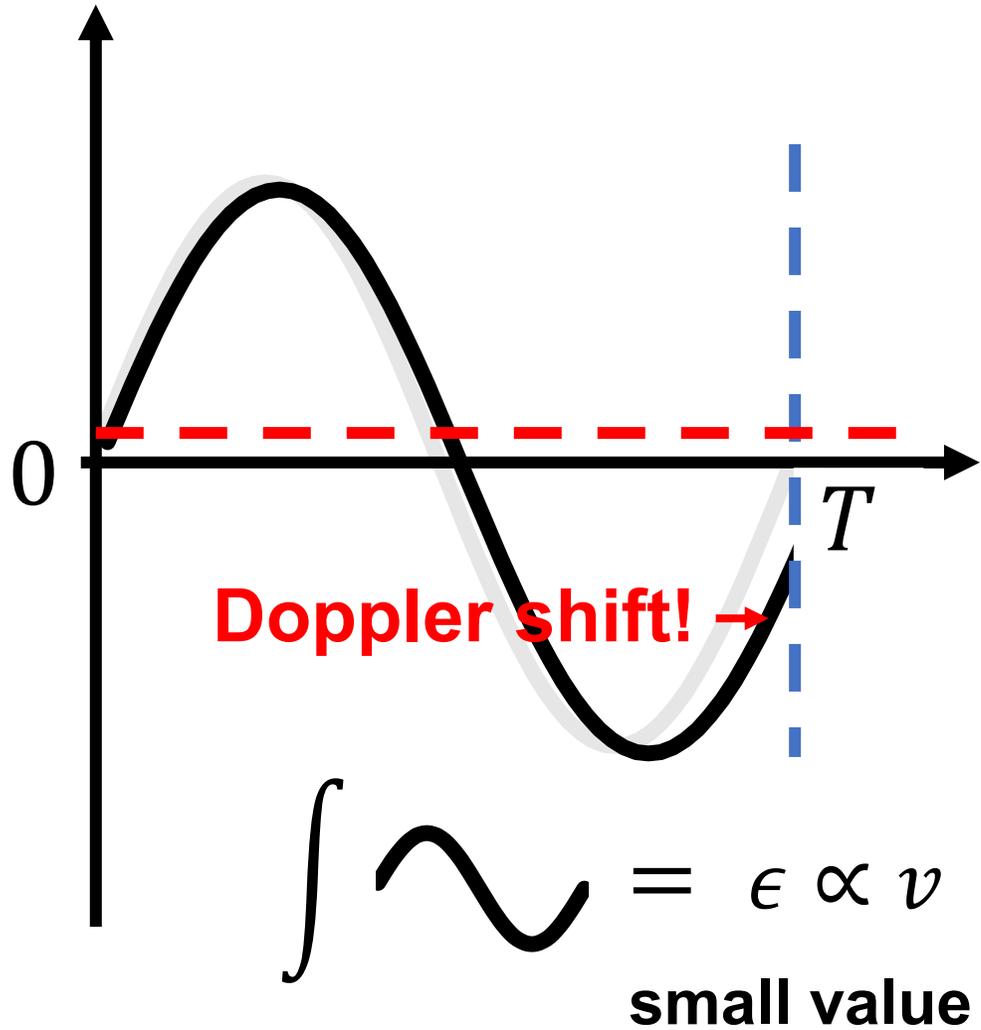
$$\int \text{~} = ?$$

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

D-ToF Measurement – Static Object



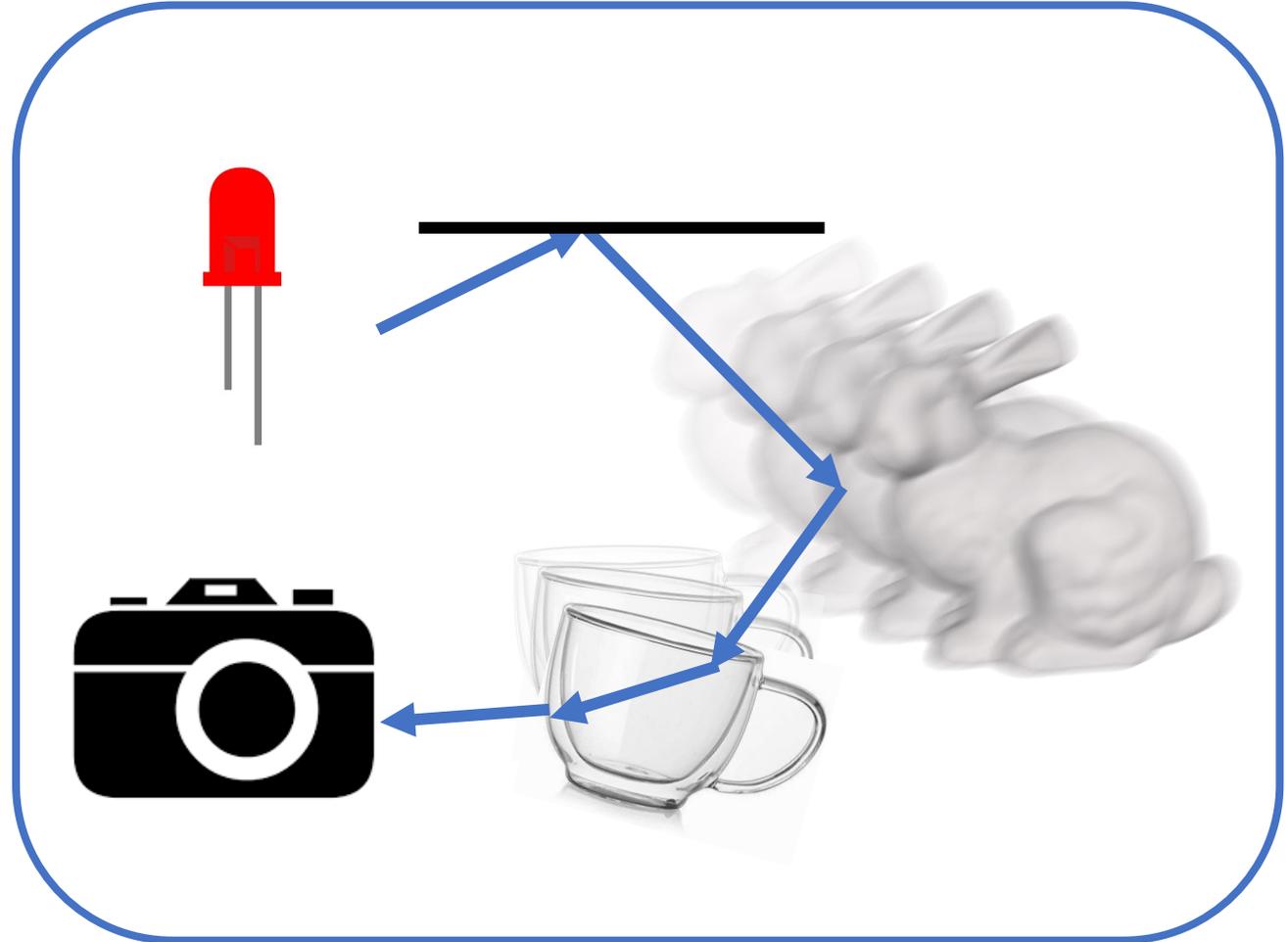
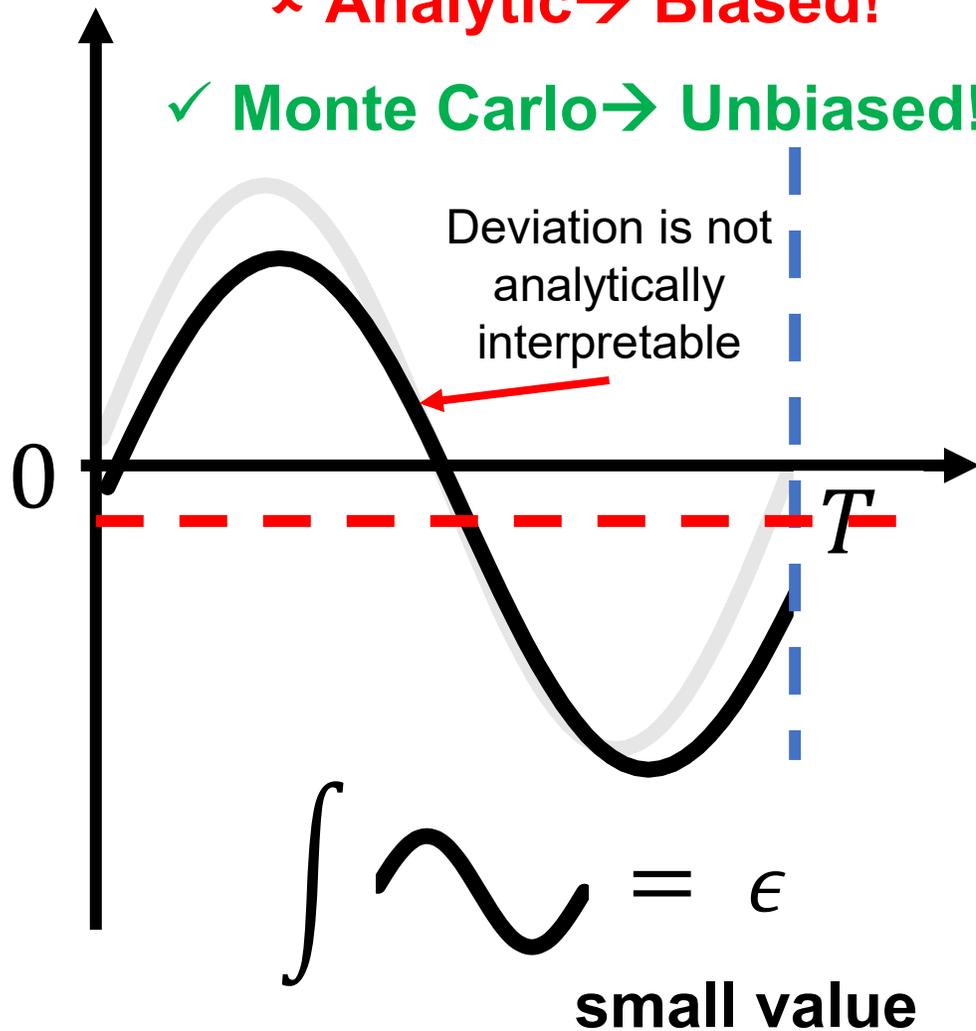
D-ToF Measurement – Dynamic Object



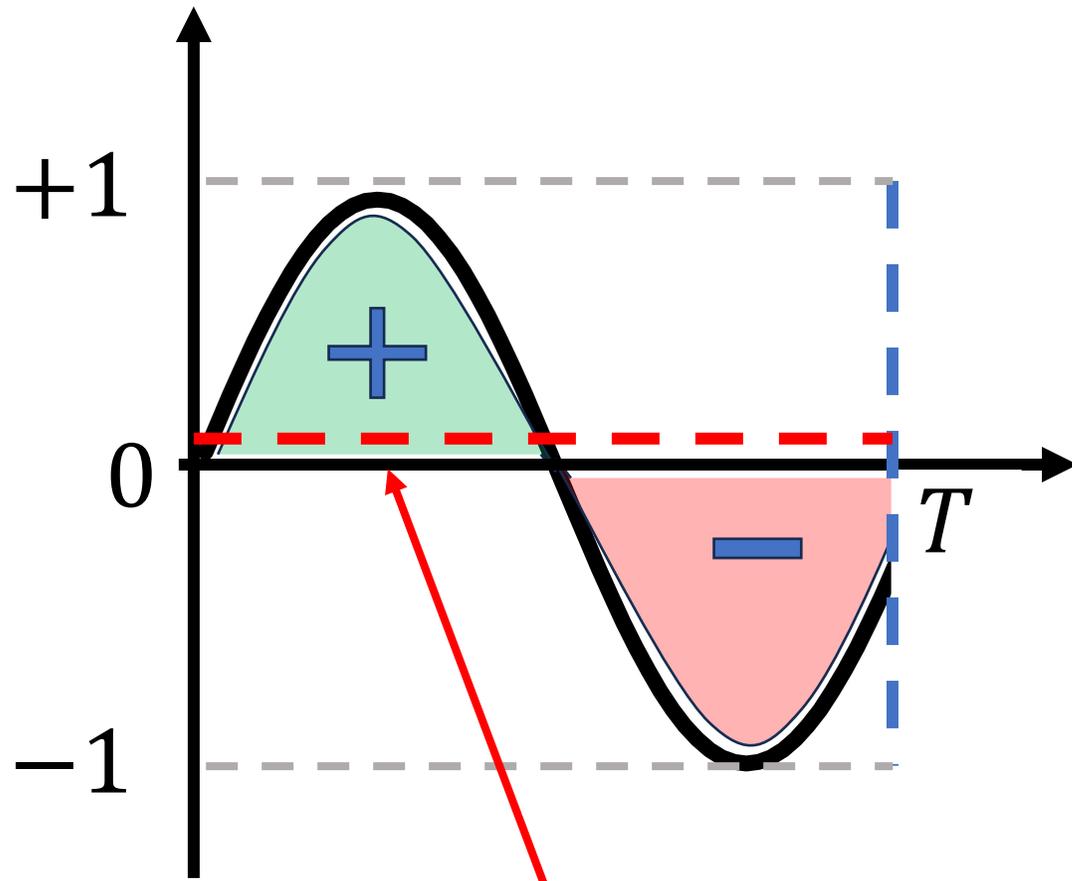
D-ToF Measurement – General Cases

× Analytic → Biased!

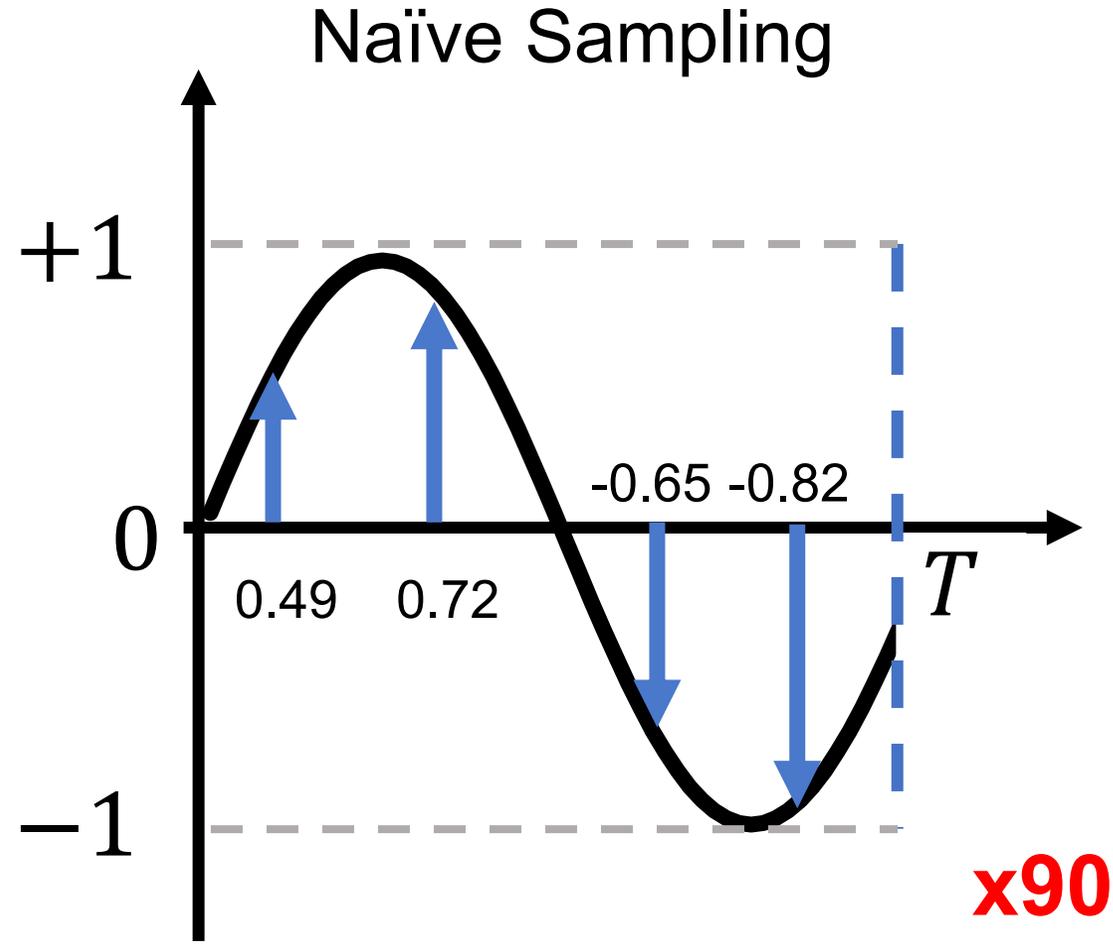
✓ Monte Carlo → Unbiased!



Monte Carlo Evaluation for D-ToF Measurement



GT of $m(T)$: 0.001



$\langle m(T) \rangle$: $(0.49 + 0.72 - 0.65 - 0.82) / 4 = -0.09$

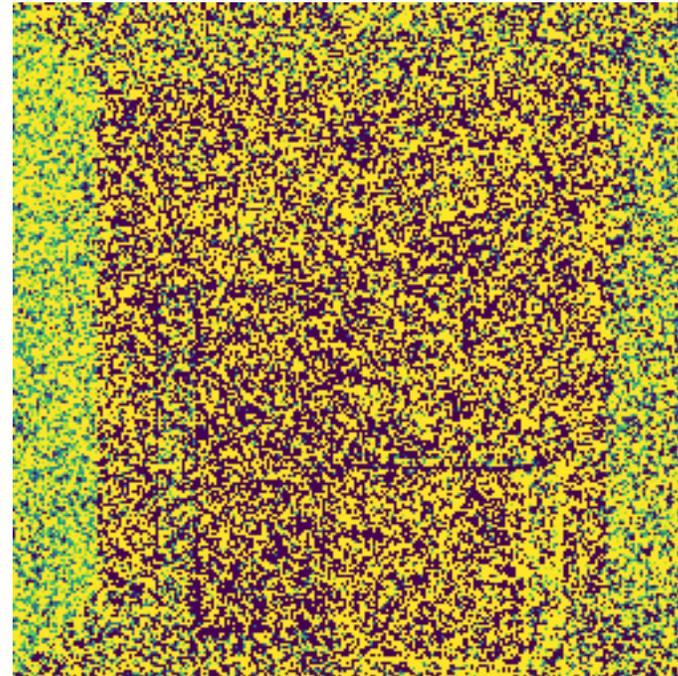
Extremely Low SNR

Evaluation of the Integrand using Monte Carlo Method



Typical Motion Blur Scene

D-ToF Rendering



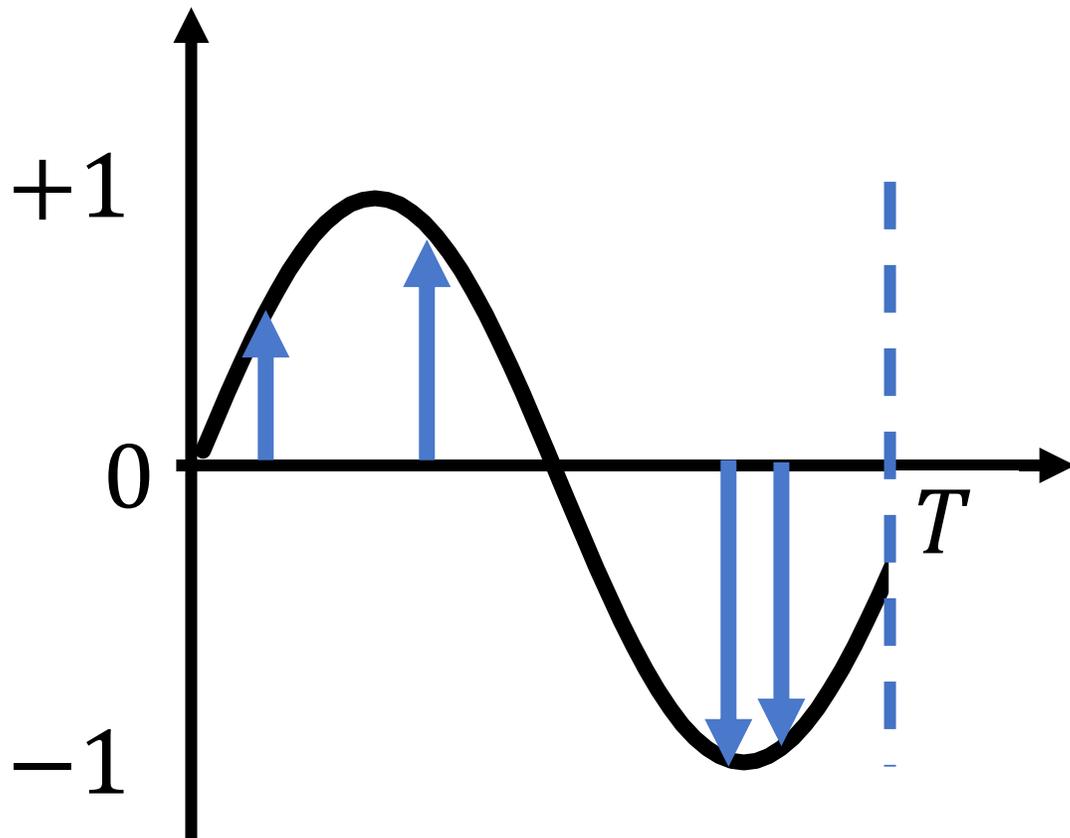
Motion Blur with
Uniform Time Sampling



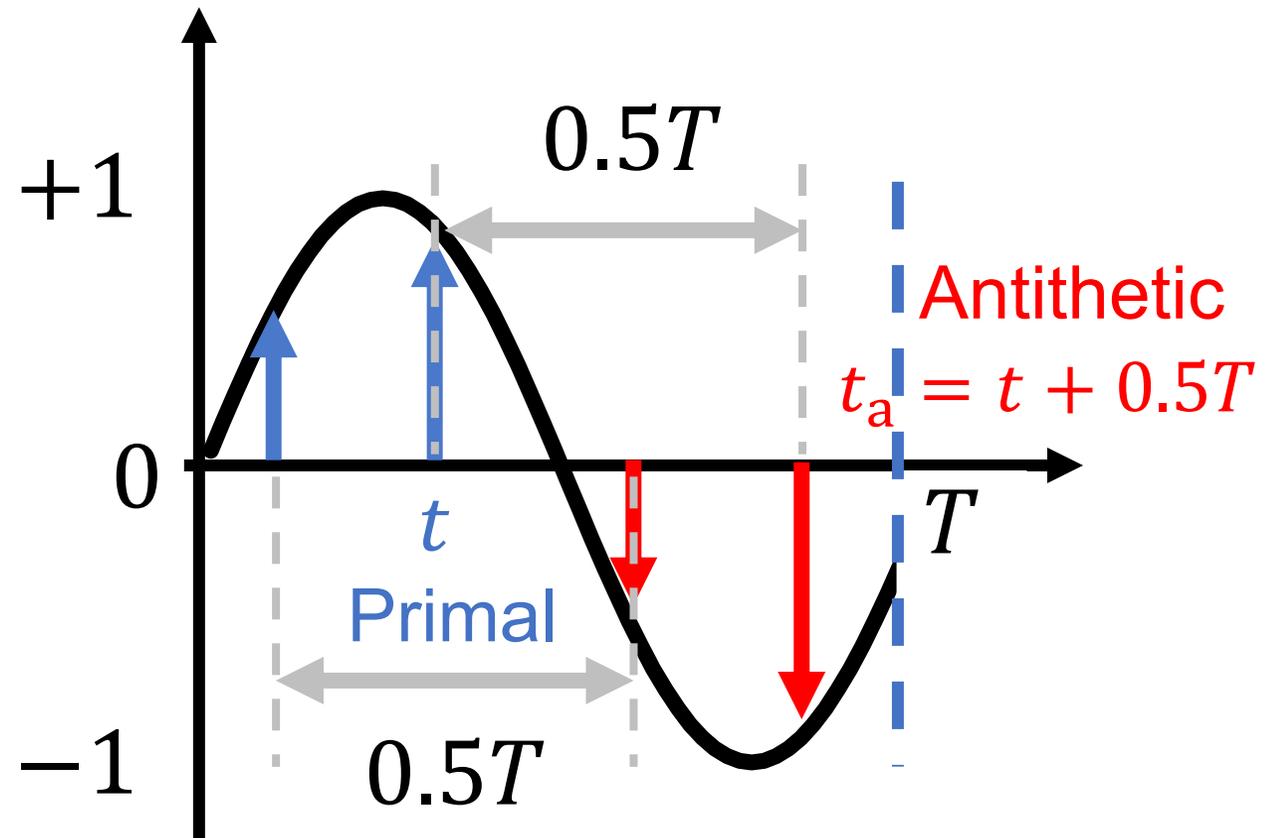
Ground Truth

Proposed Method : Antithetic Time Sampling

Naïve Sampling



Antithetic Sampling



$$\cos x + \cos(x + \pi) = 0$$

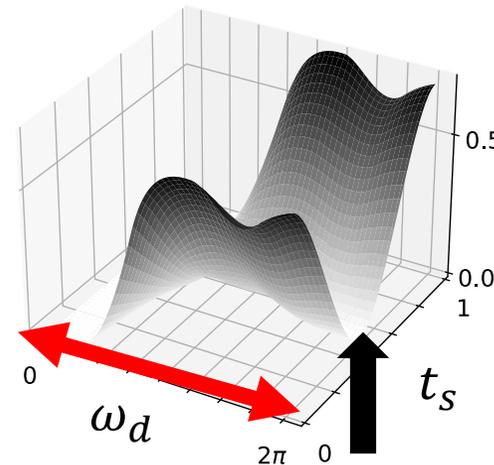
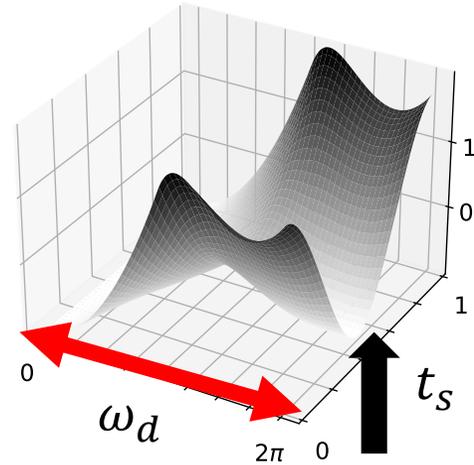
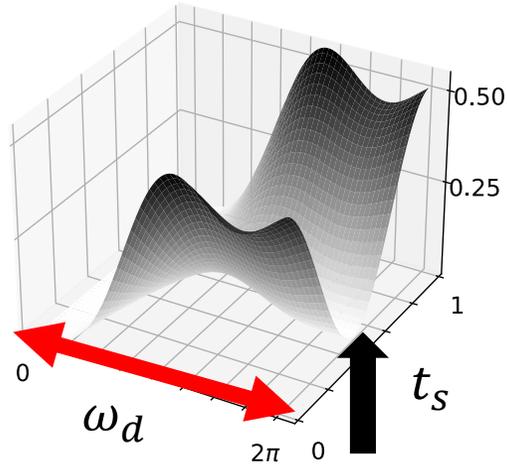
Proposed Method : Antithetic Time Sampling

Sinusoidal

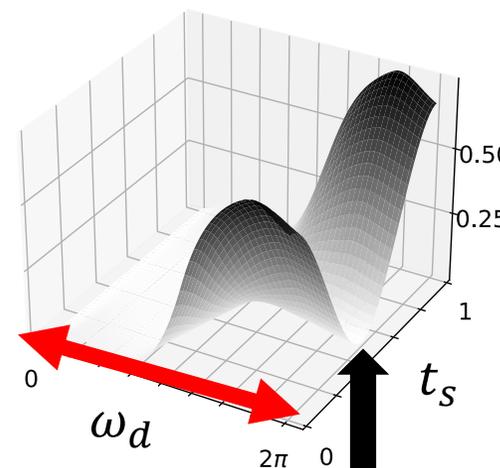
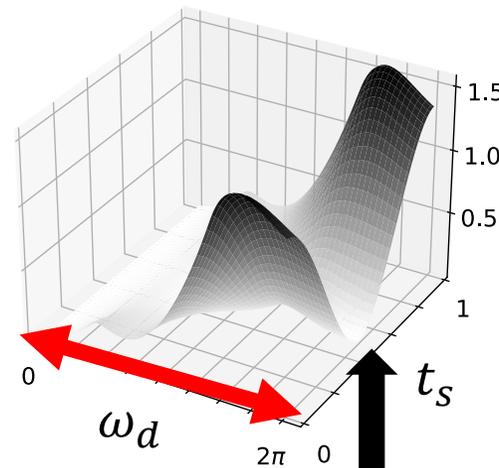
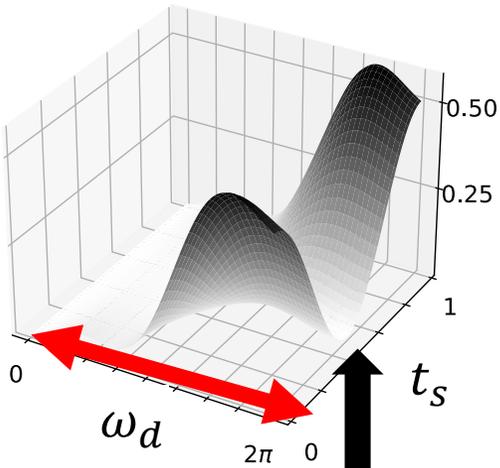
Triangular

Trapezoidal

$\text{Var}(\omega_d, \theta = 0, t_s)$



$\text{Var}(\omega_d, \theta = 0.6\pi, t_s)$



$0.5T$ shift is useful
regardless of

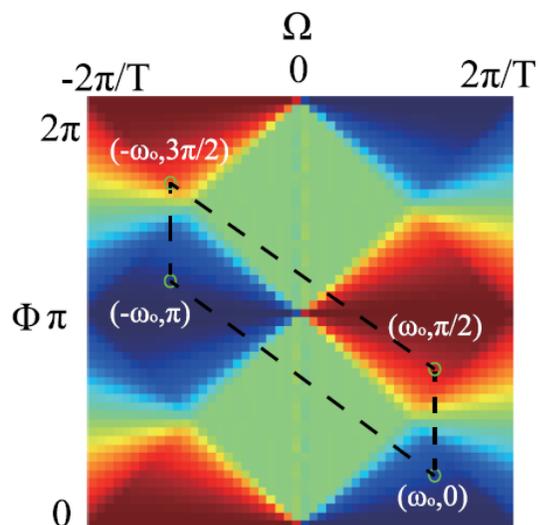
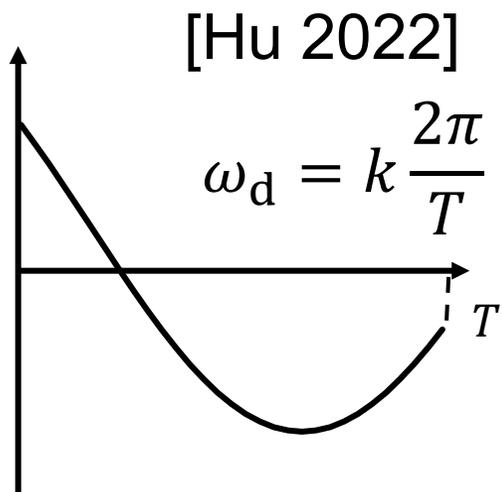
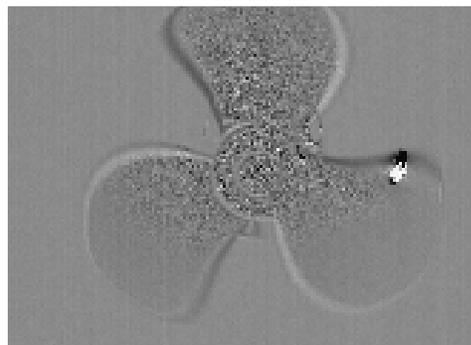
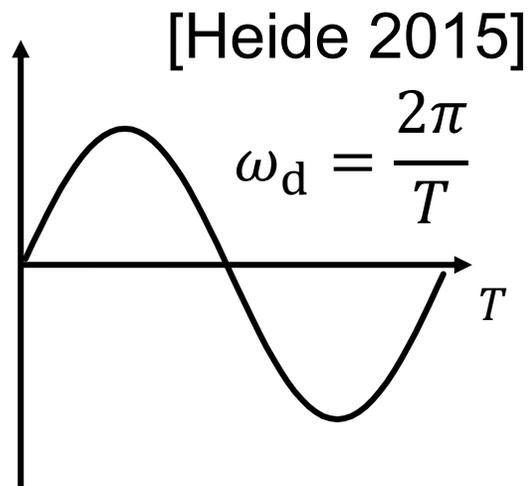
✓ Frequency

✓ Phase Offset

✓ Waveform
(only some)

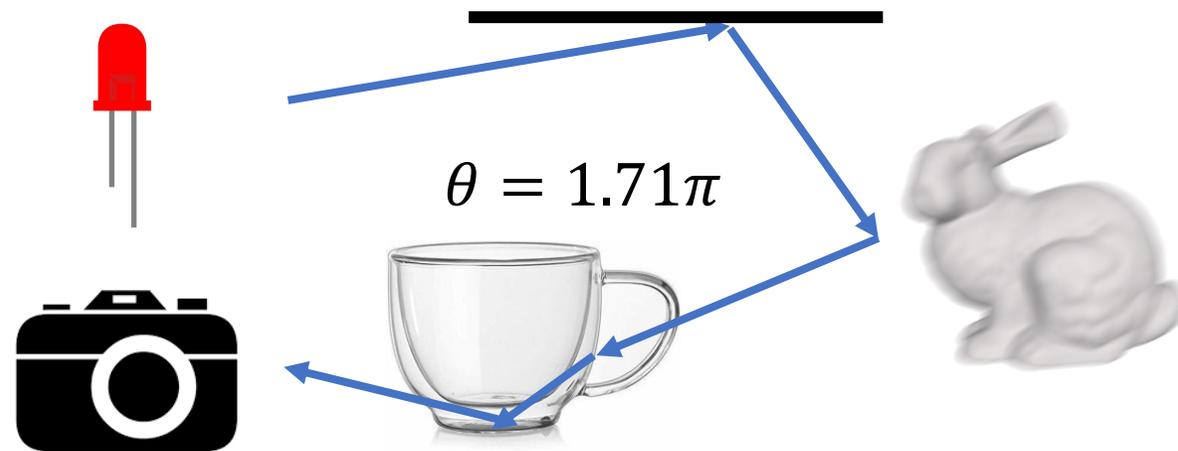
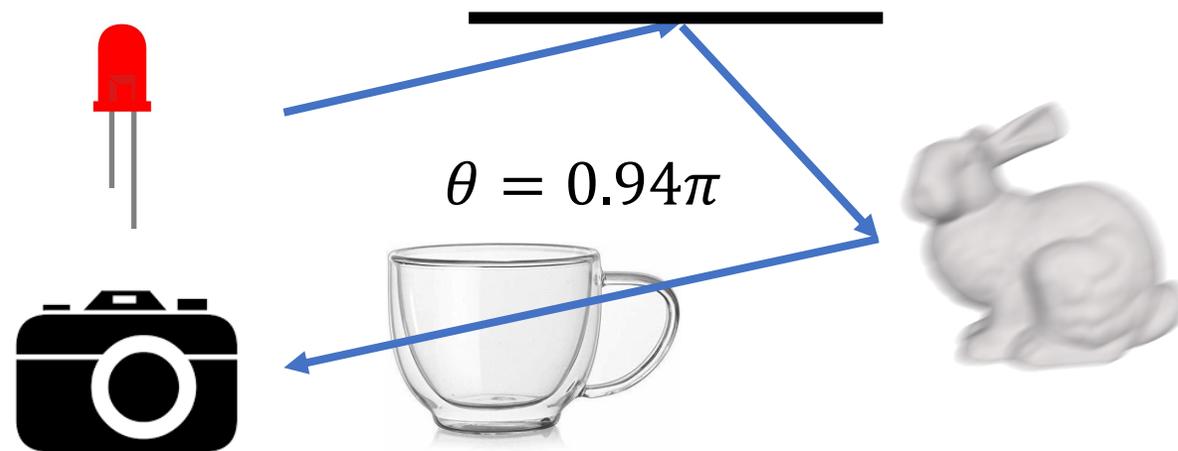
Mathematically
provable!

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

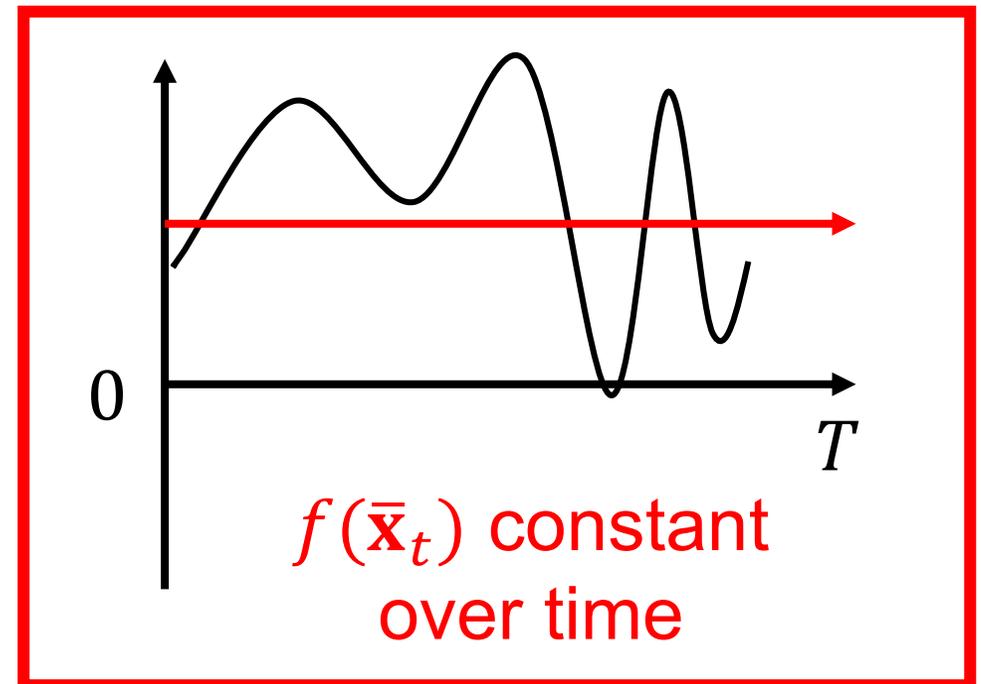
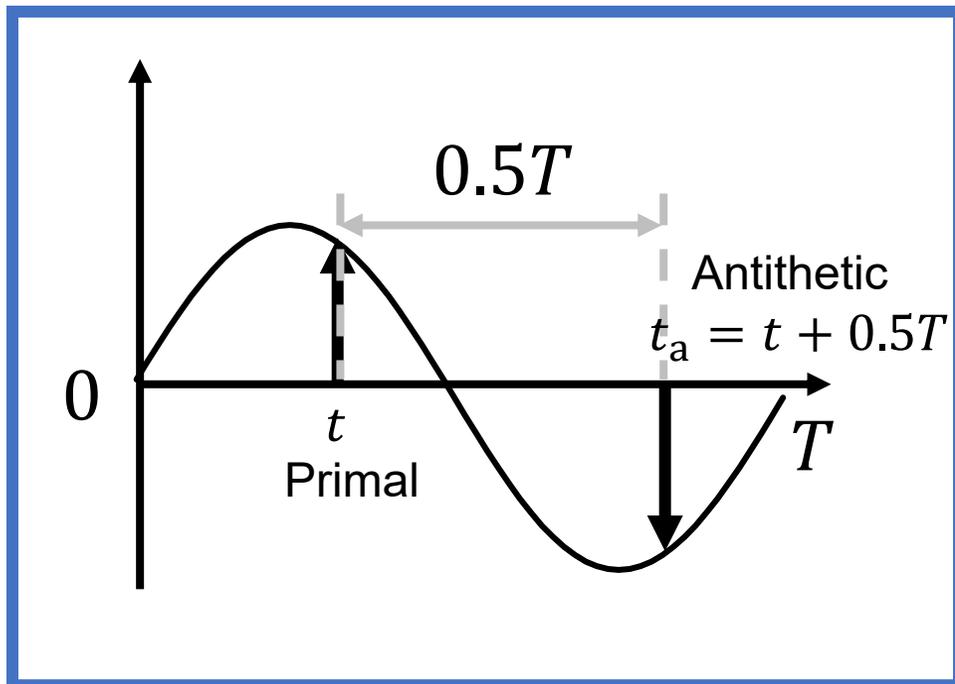
$$\int_0^T \int_{\mathcal{P}(t)}$$

Modulation

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

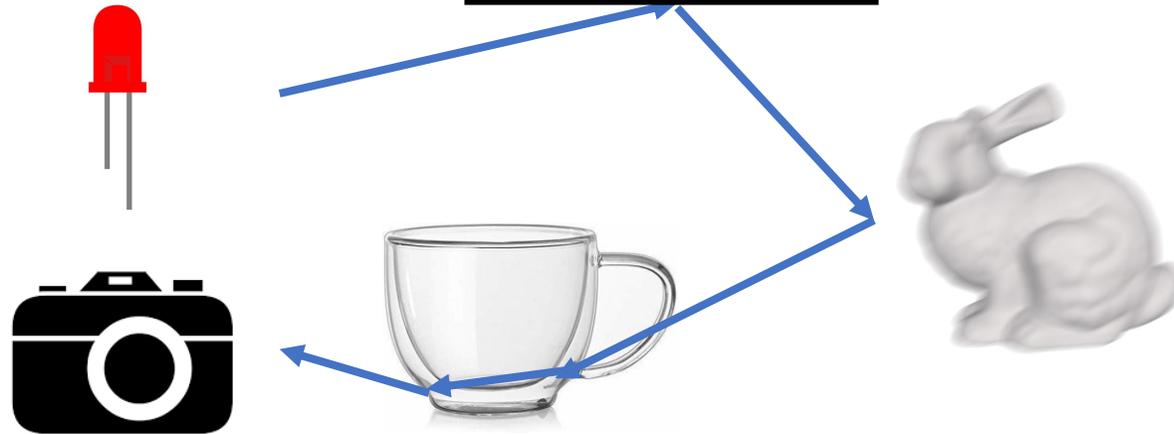
Path throughput

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



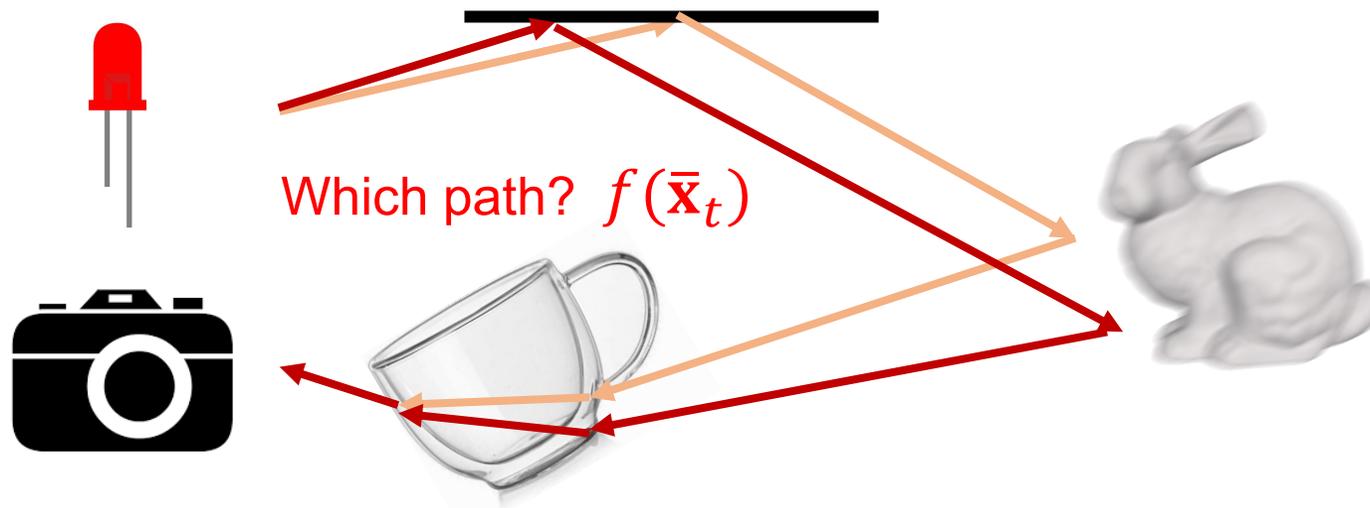
Aligning Path over Time

Time : t



Primal Path

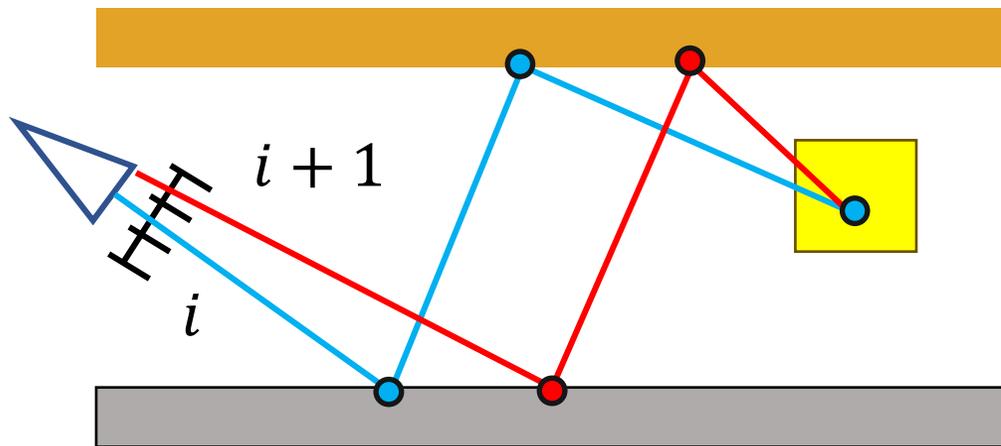
Time : $t_a = t + 0.5T$



Antithetic Path

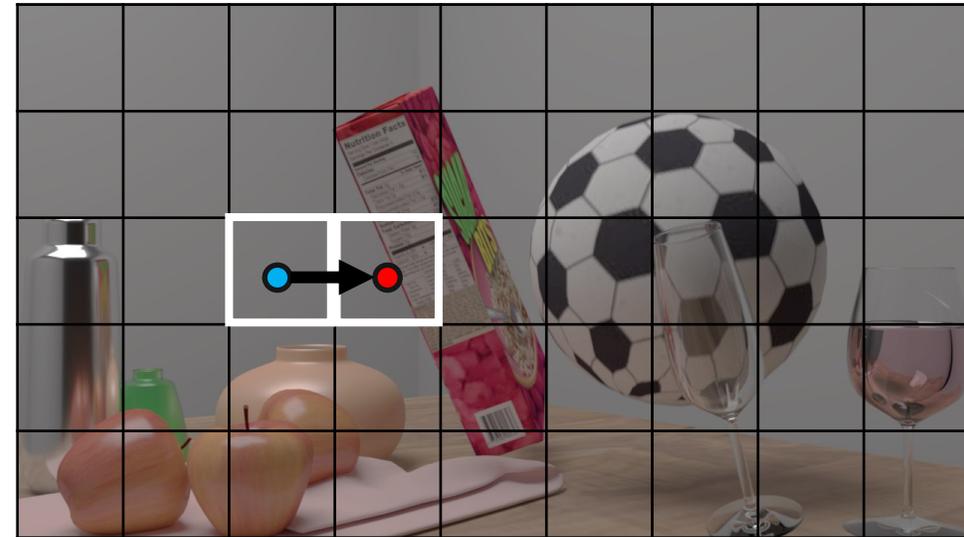
Aligning Path over Time using Shift Mapping

Shift Mapping
[Kettunen 2015]



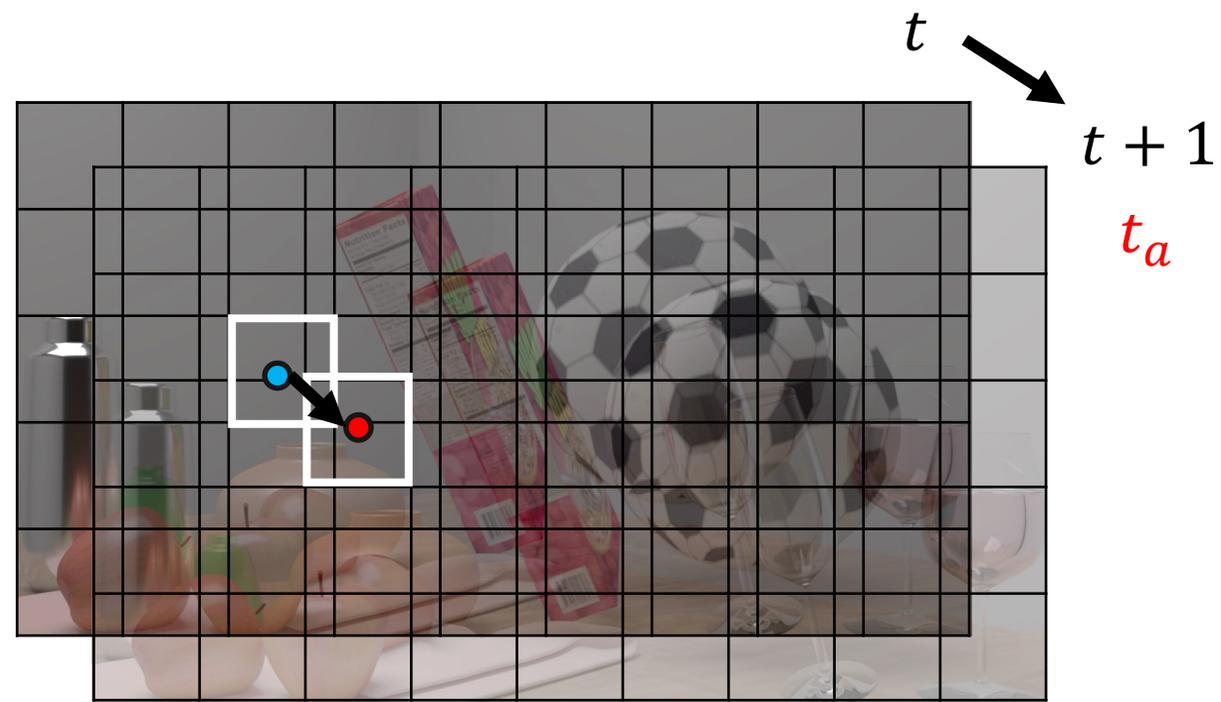
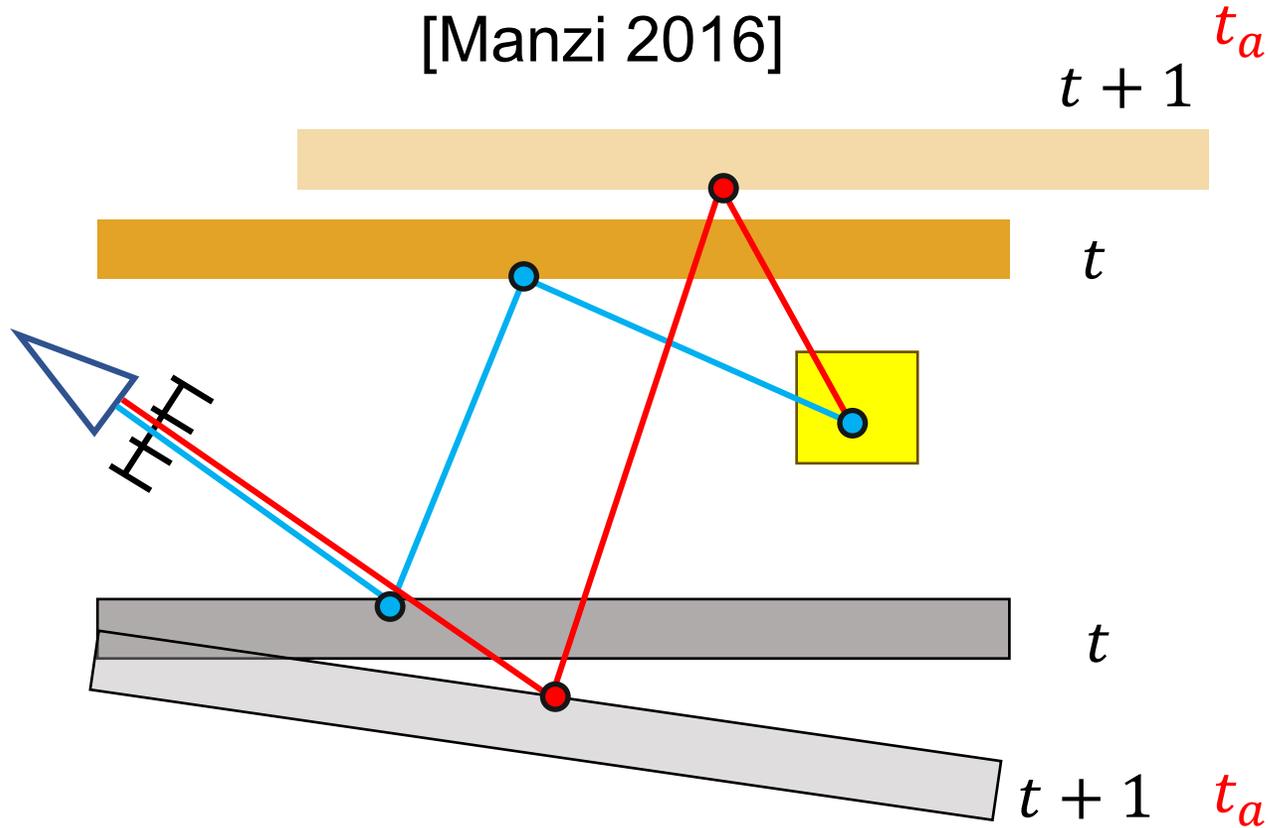
- Base Path
- Offset Path

Gradient Domain Rendering



Aligning Path over Time using Shift Mapping

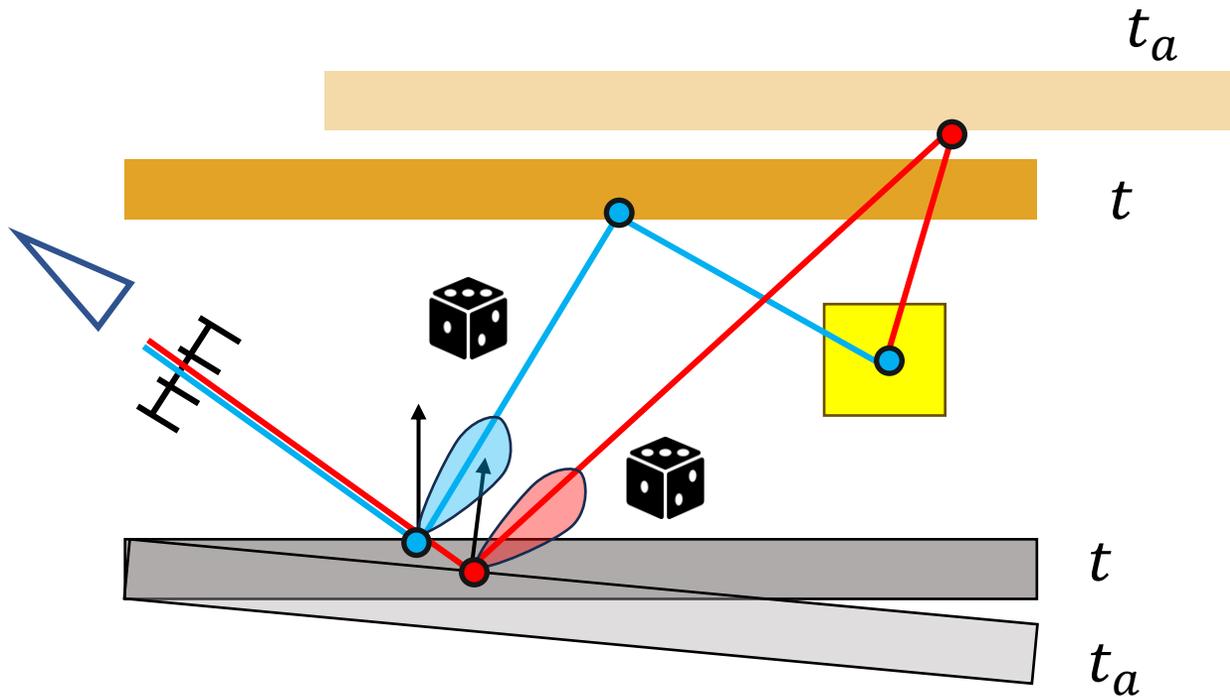
Temporal Shift Mapping
[Manzi 2016]



- Base Path
- Offset Path
- Primal Path*
- Antithetic Path*

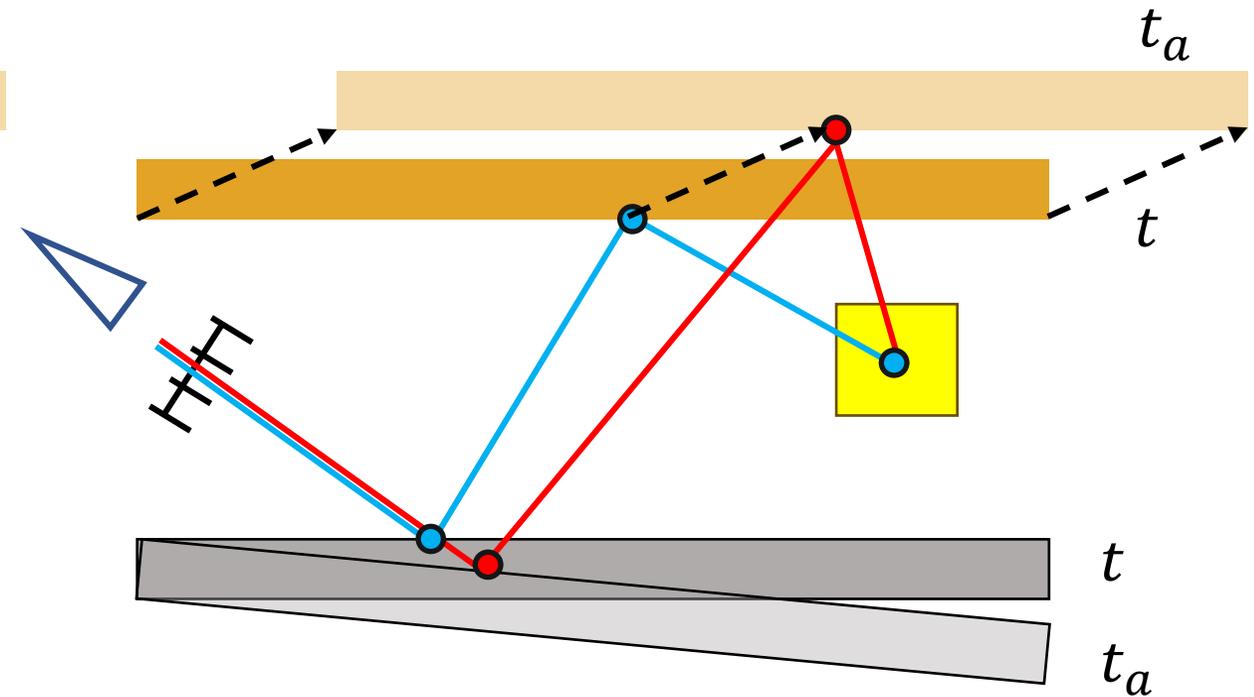
Aligning Path over Time using Shift Mapping

Random Replay
[Hua 2019, Manzi 2016]



Generally good for **specular**

Path Reconnection
[Kettunen 2015]



Generally good for **diffuse**

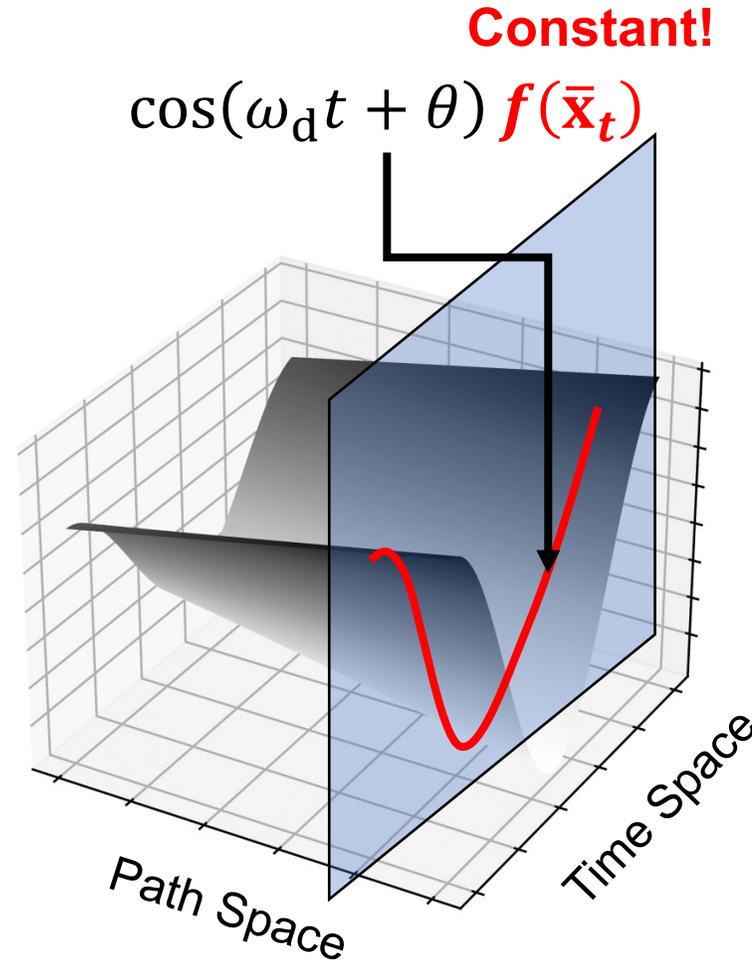
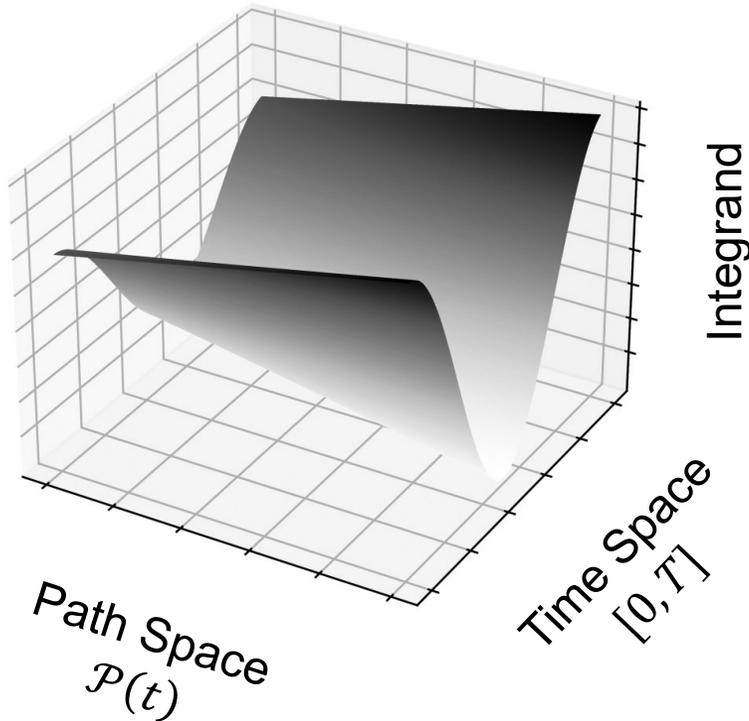
Mixed strategy based on surface material!

Proposed Sampling Strategy Overview

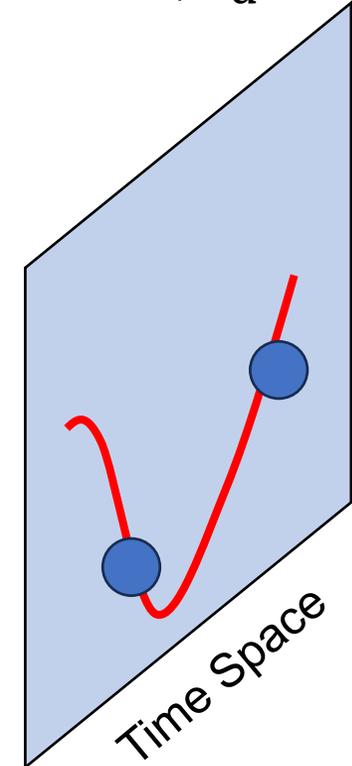
Goal : Integrate

$$\cos(\omega_d t + \theta) f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t)$$

$$\theta = \psi - \omega_g \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}_t\|$$



Efficient time sampling for
 $\cos(\omega_d t + \theta)$



Path Correlation

Antithetic Sampling

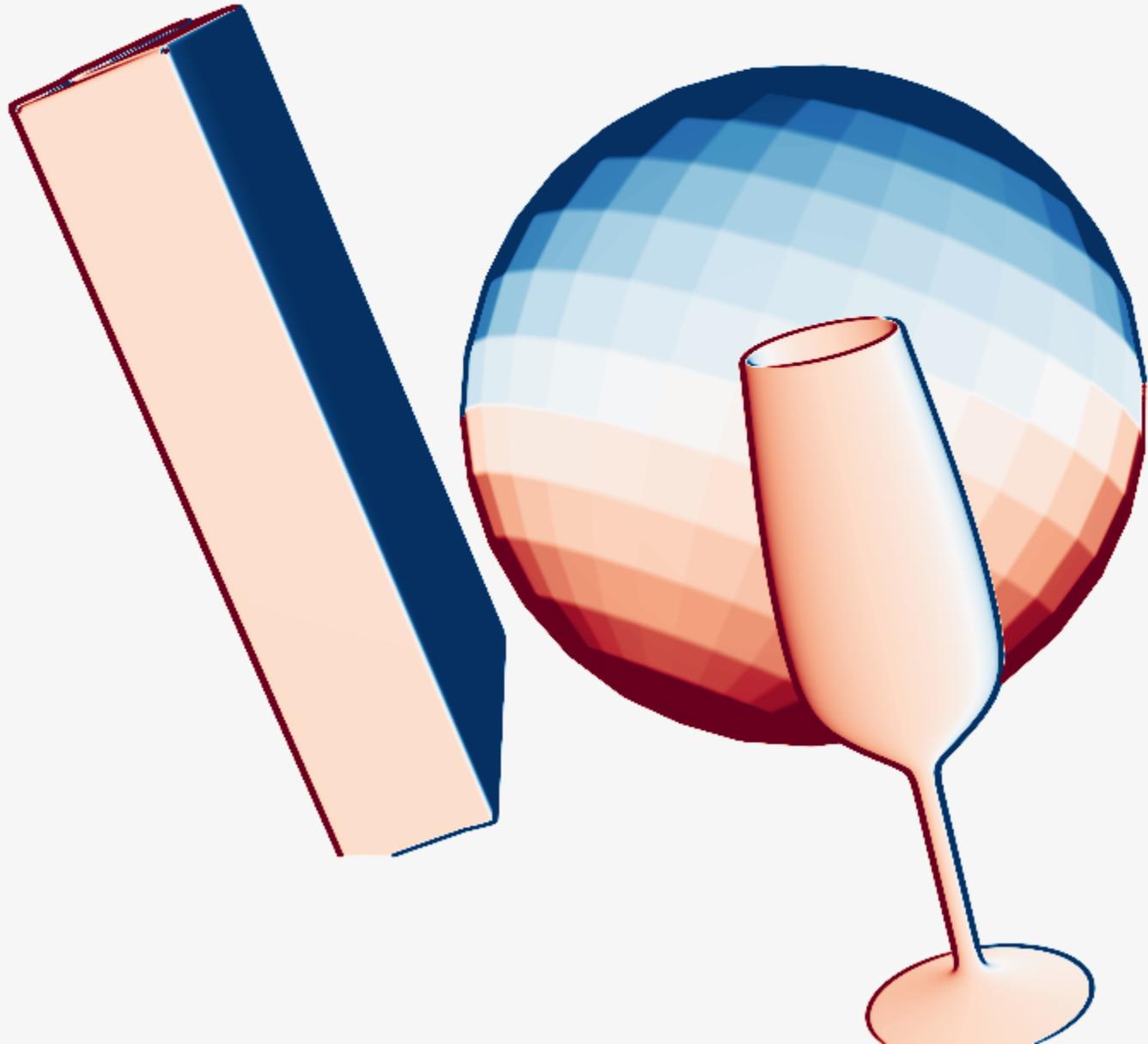
Unbiased Monte Carlo Estimate

Experiments & Result

Standard Rendering



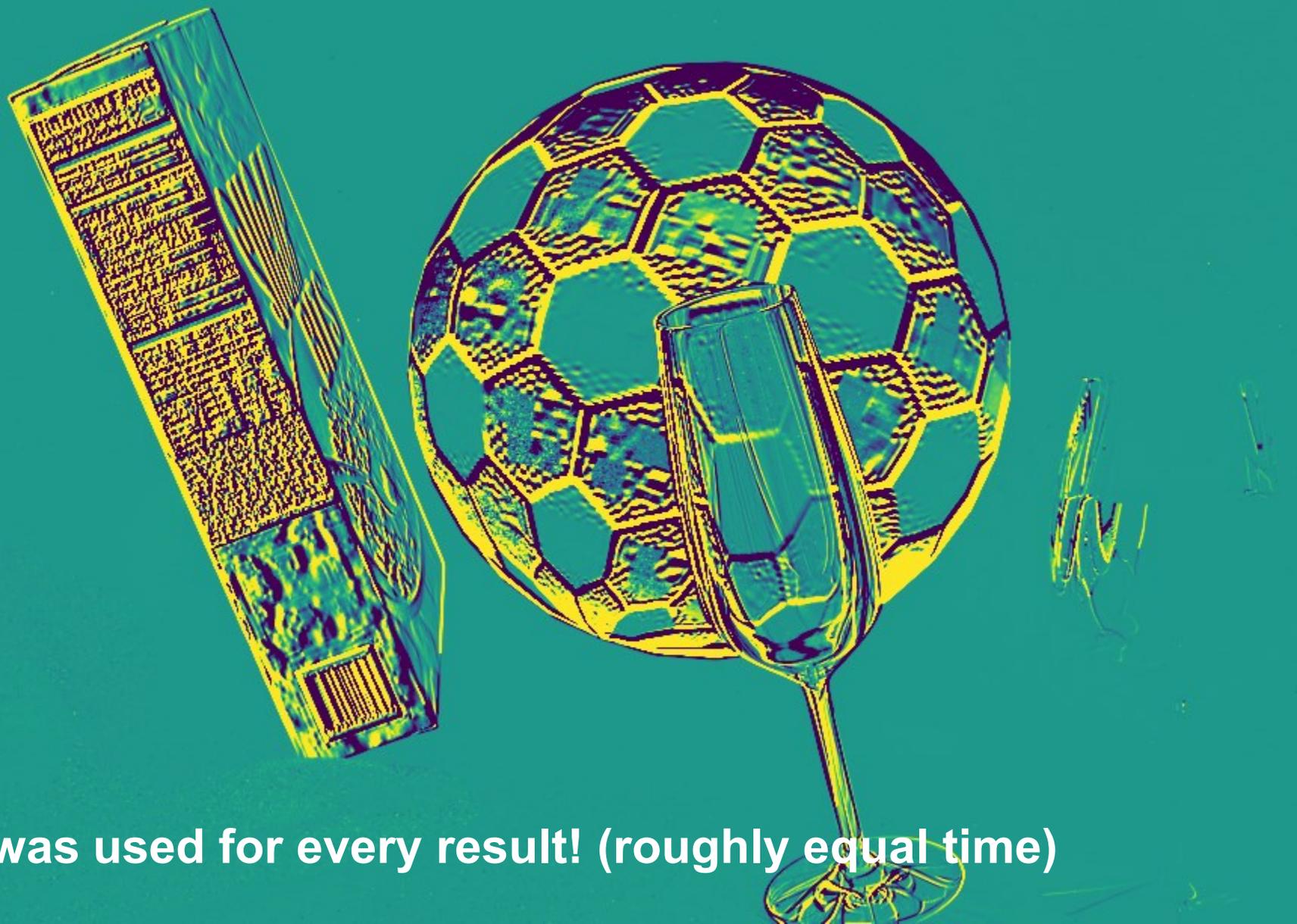
Per-Pixel Radial Velocity



Reference D-ToF Image at

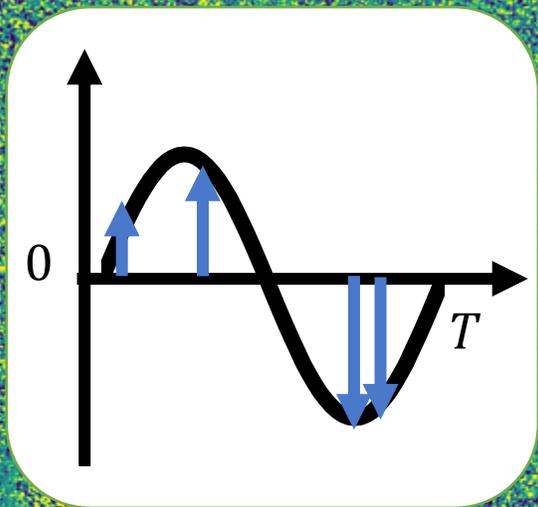
$$\omega_r = 1.0$$

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

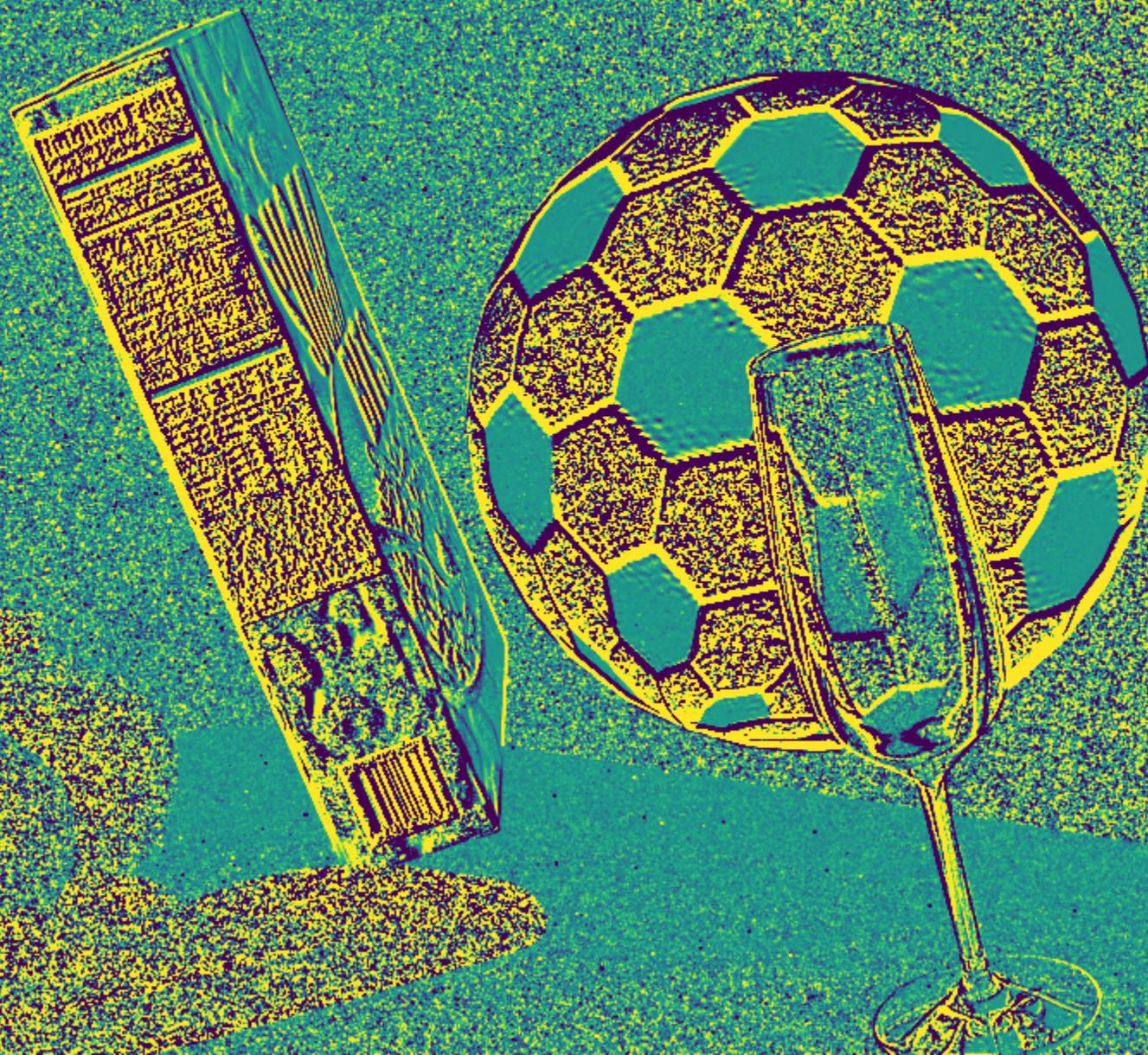


Equal sample per pixel was used for every result! (roughly equal time)

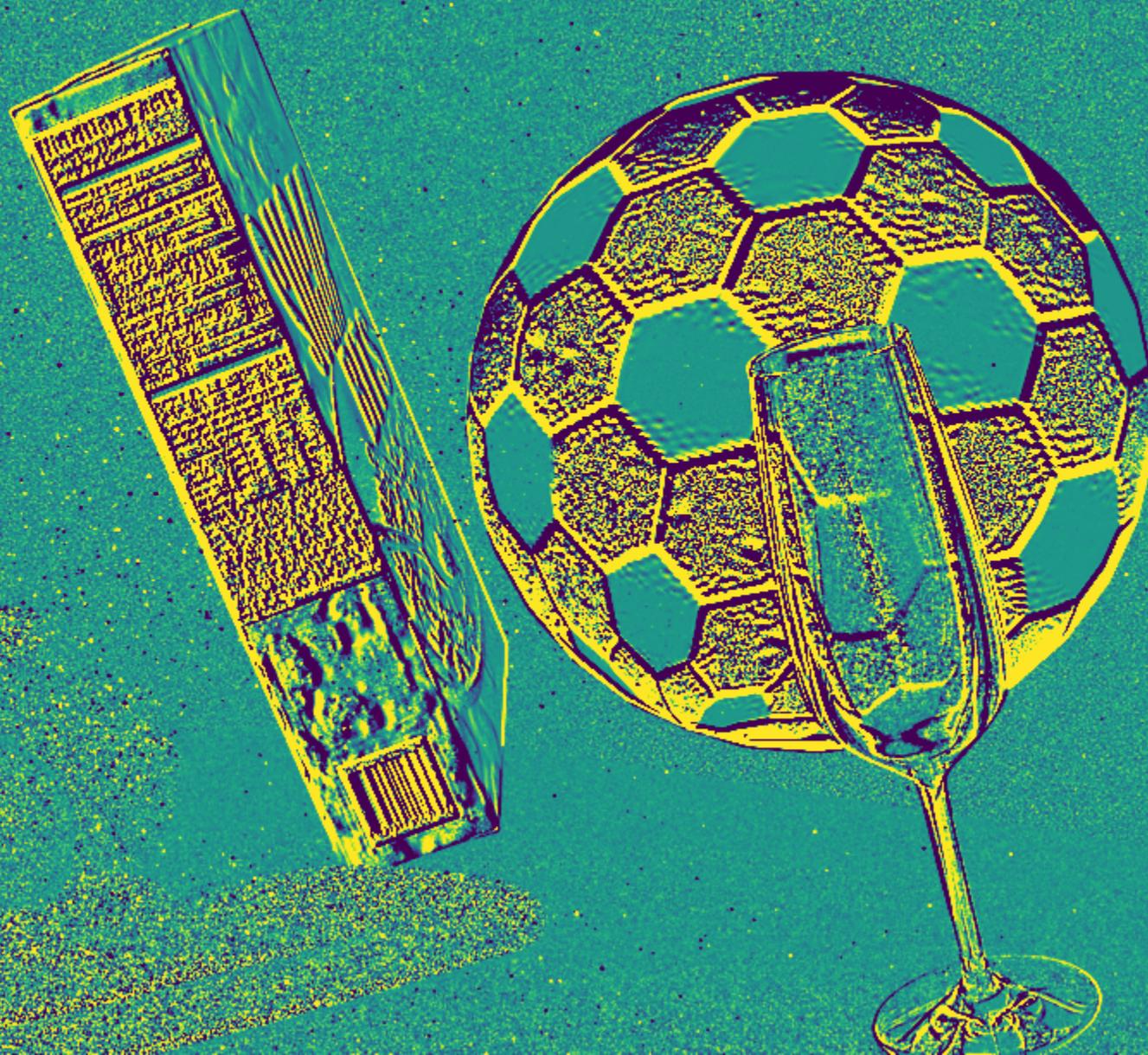
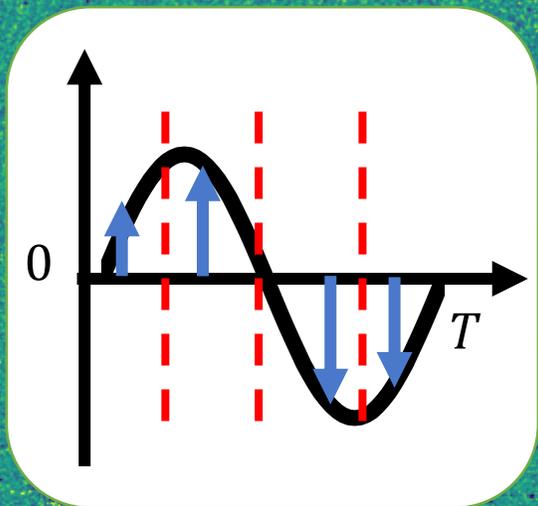
Uniform



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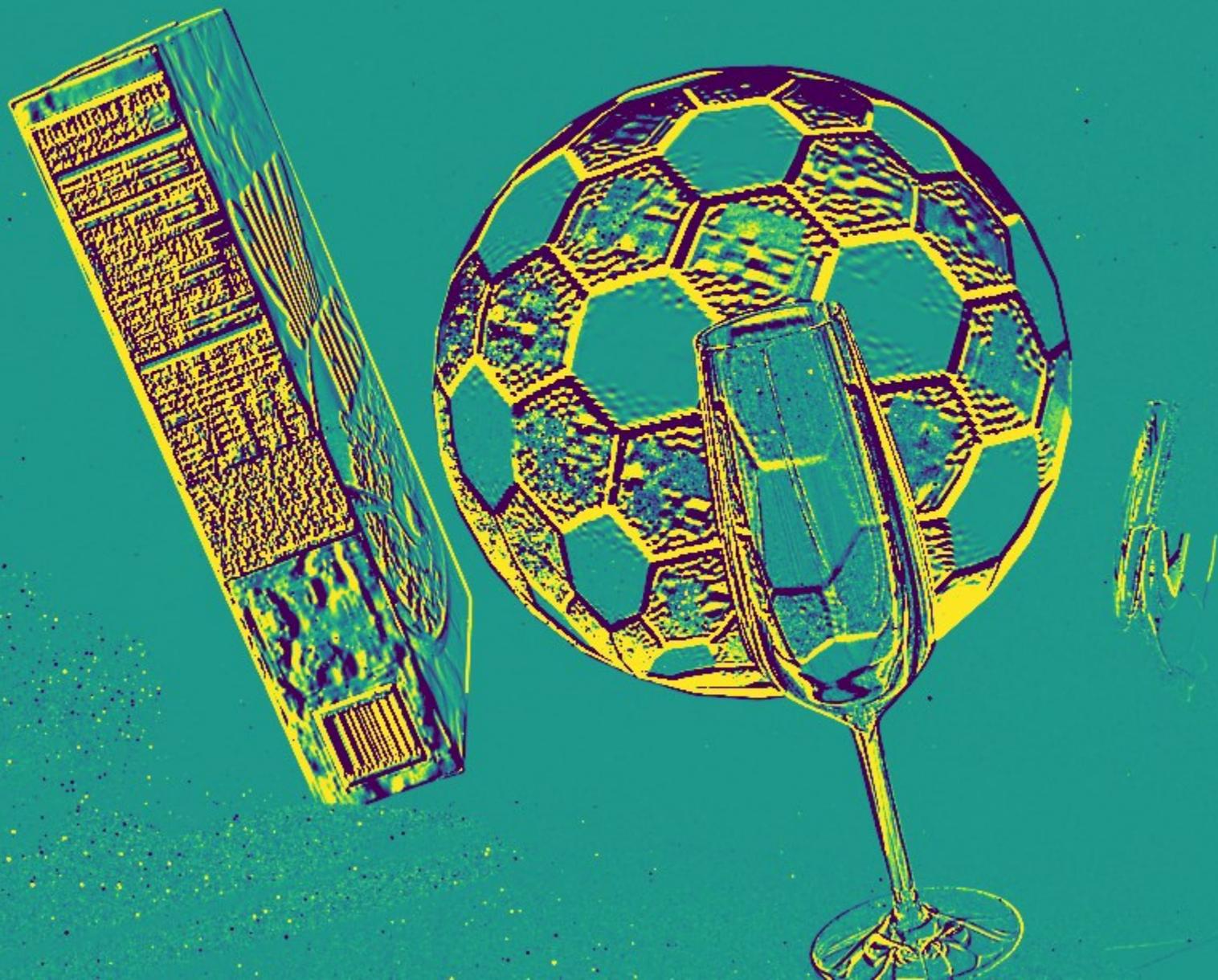
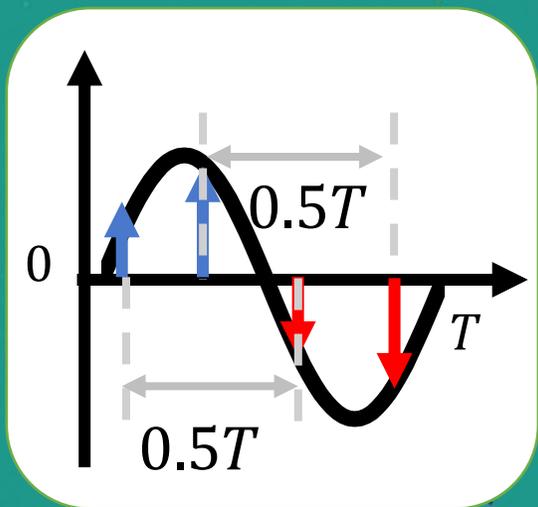


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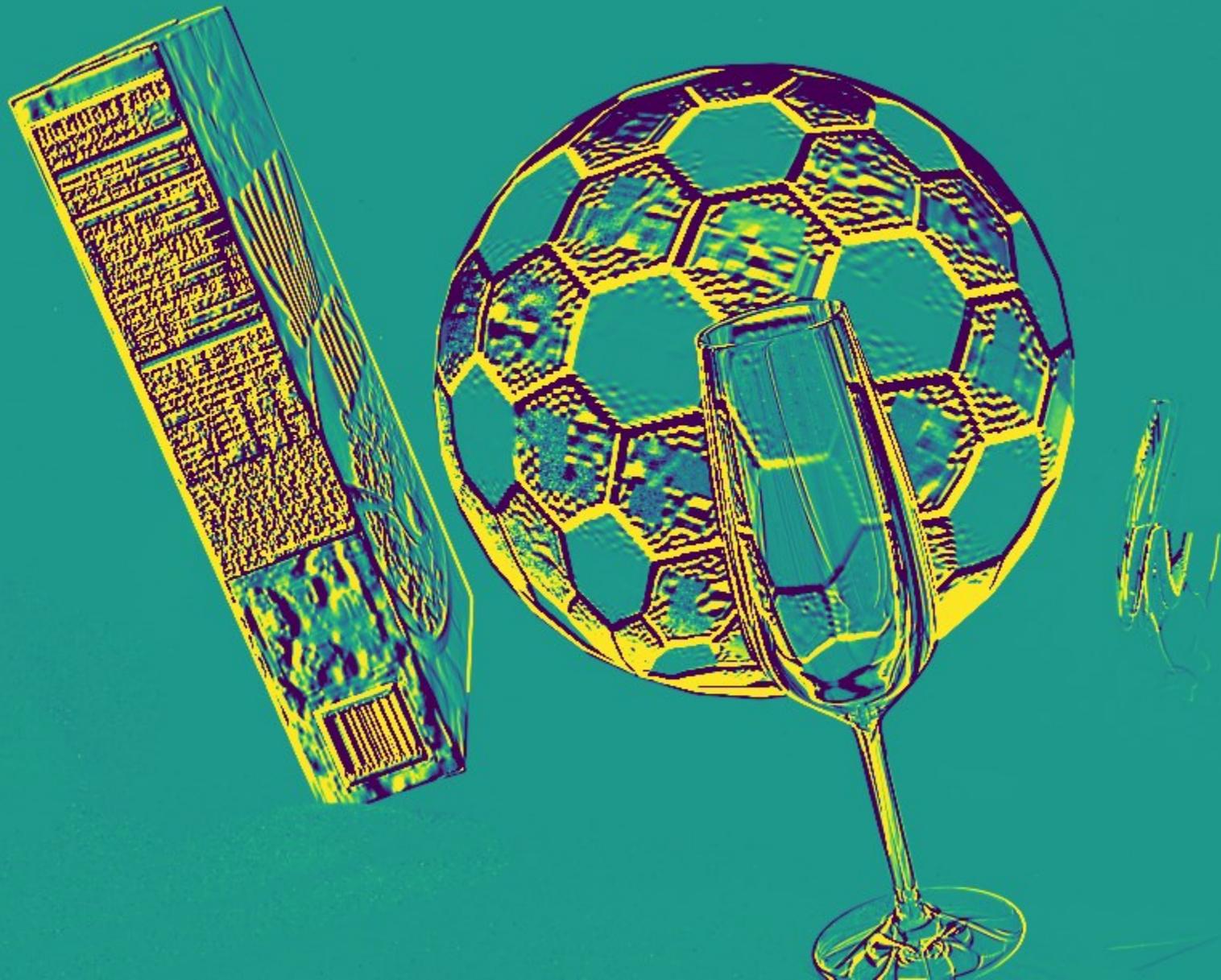
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Antithetic (Proposed)



spp=1024

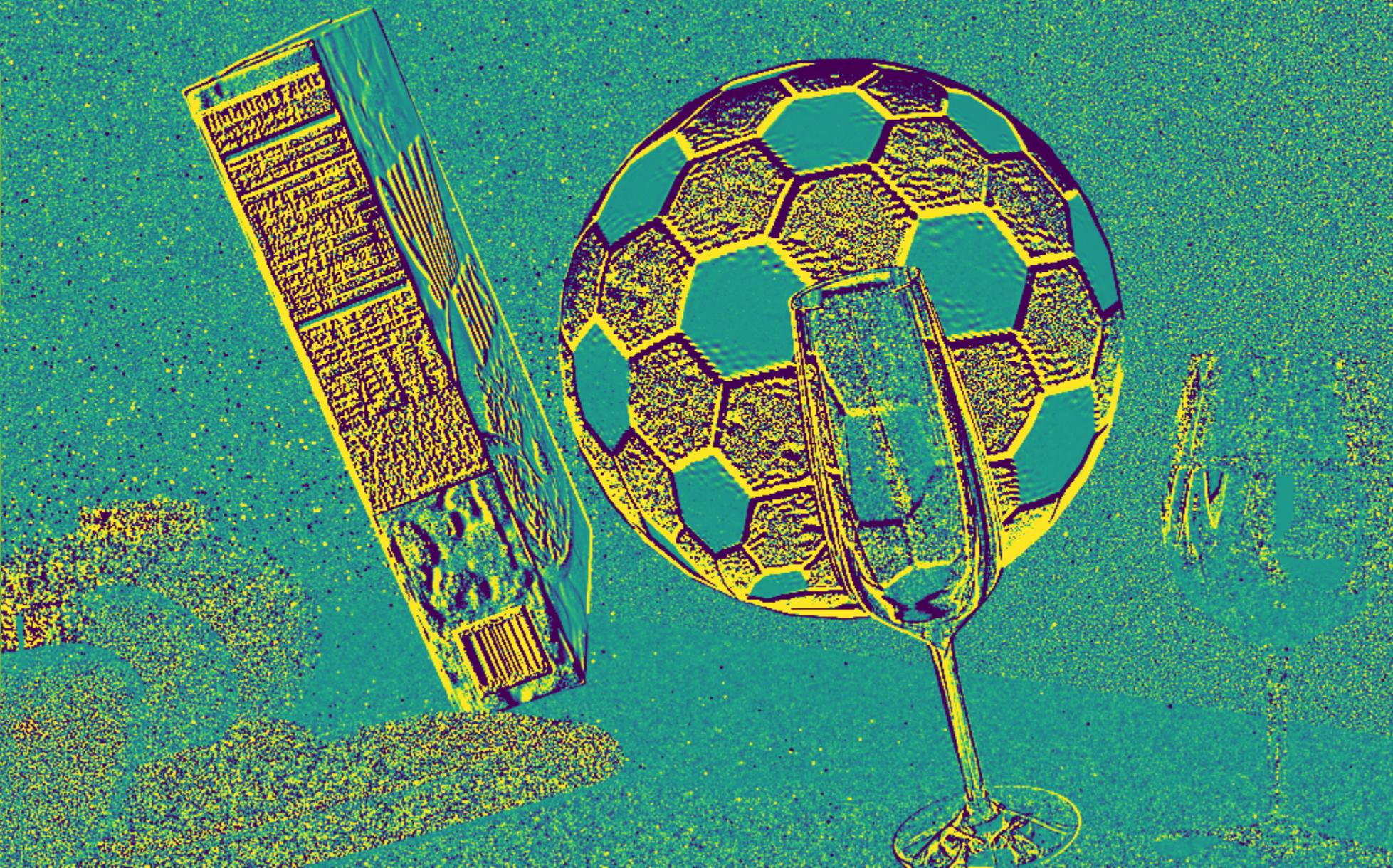
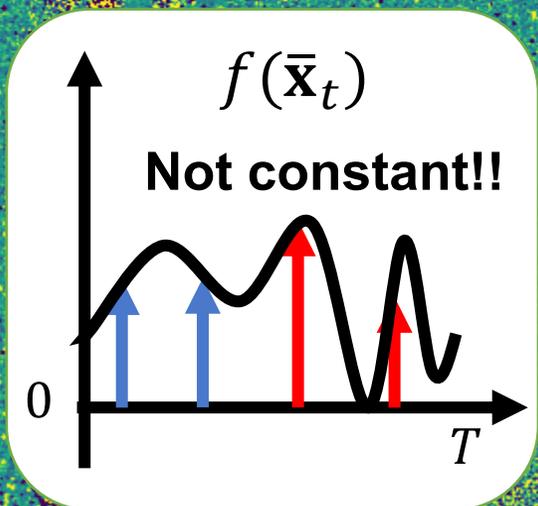
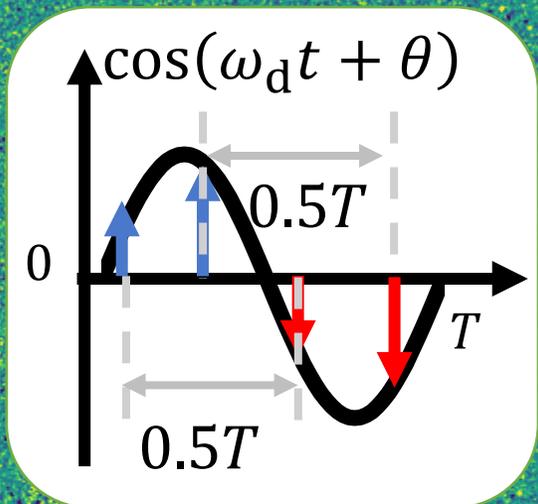
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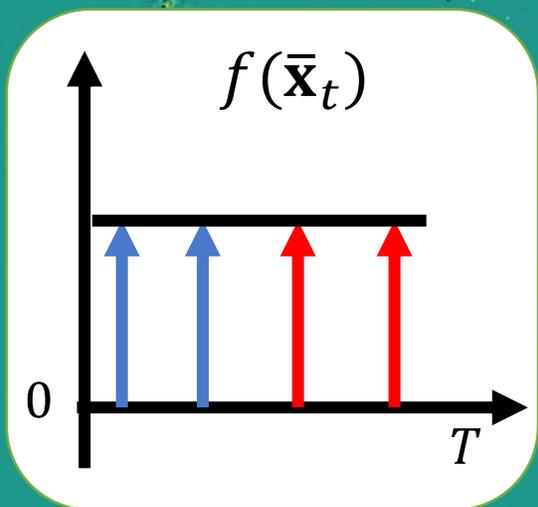
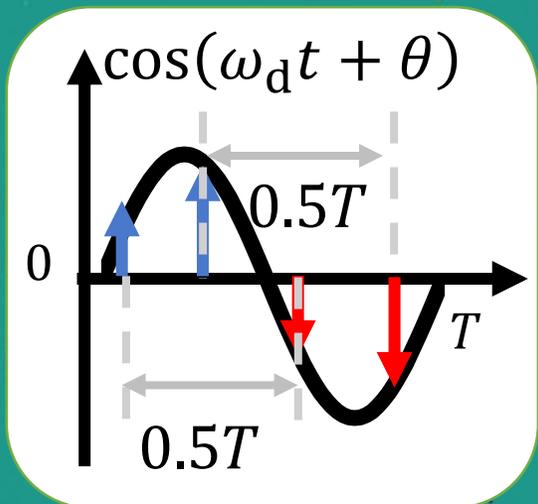
Antithetic

Without Shift Mapping



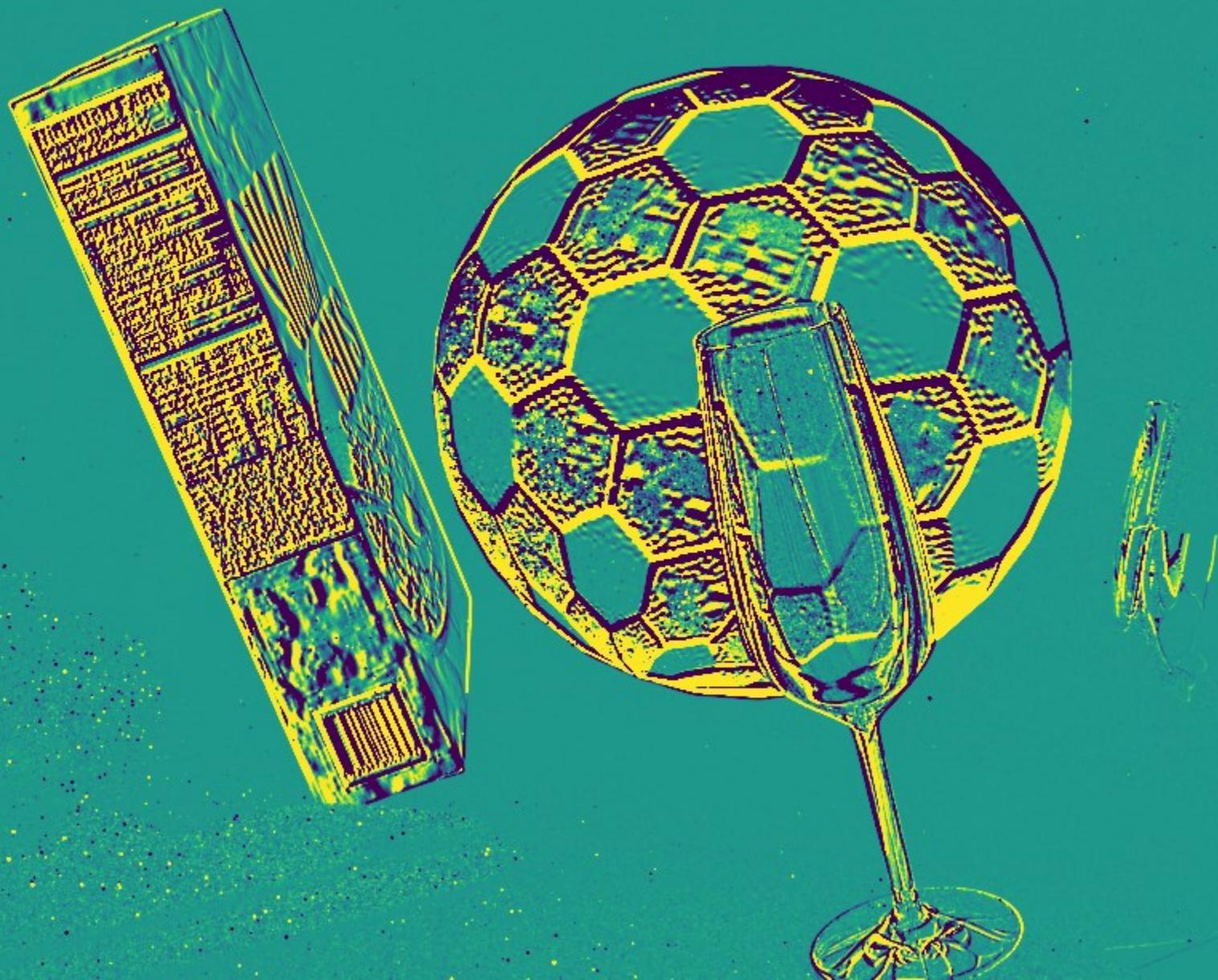
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Antithetic



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With Shift Mapping



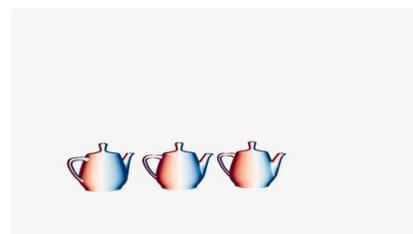
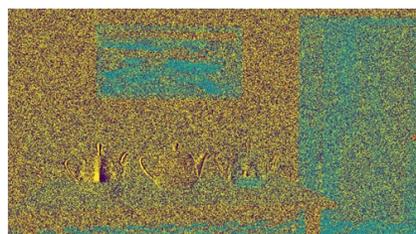
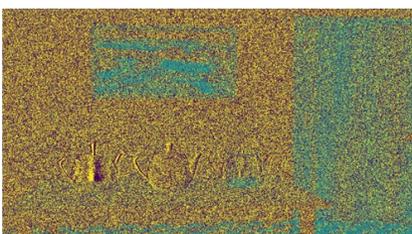
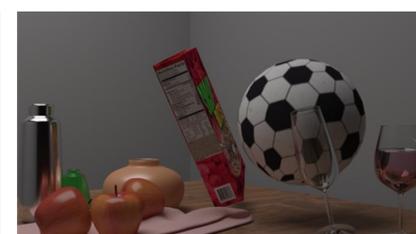
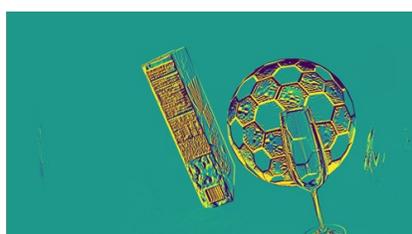
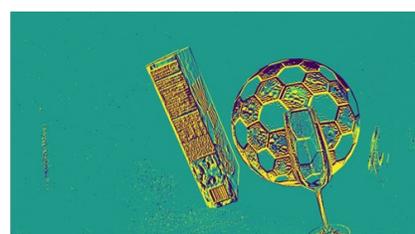
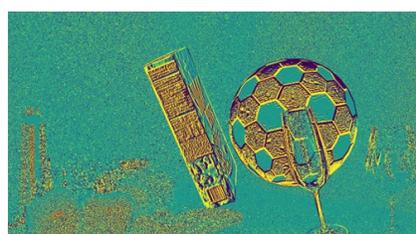
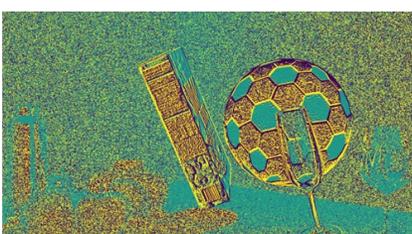
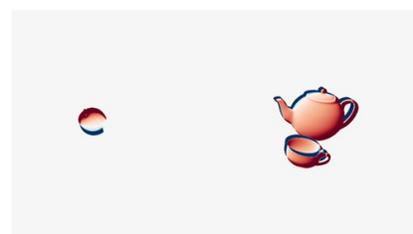
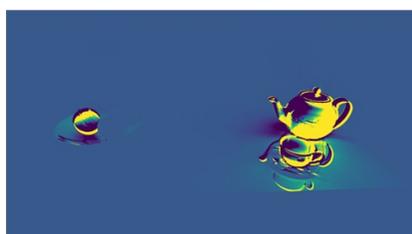
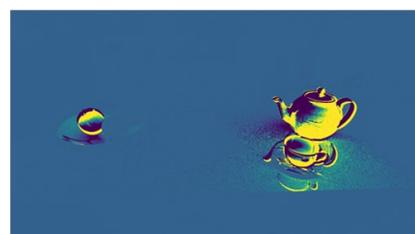
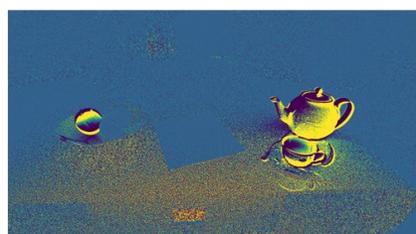
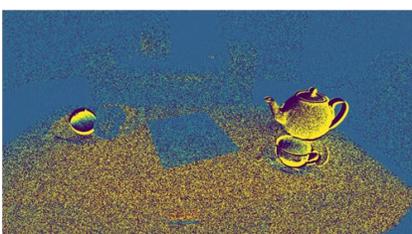
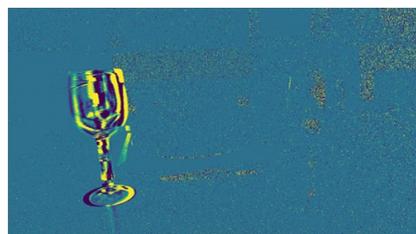
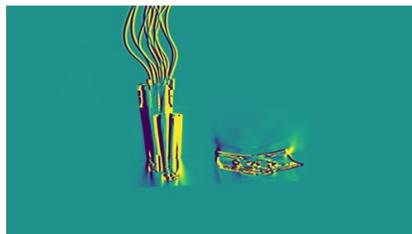
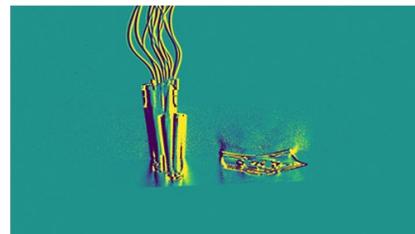
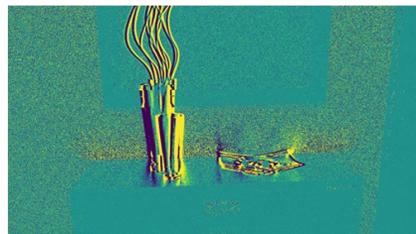
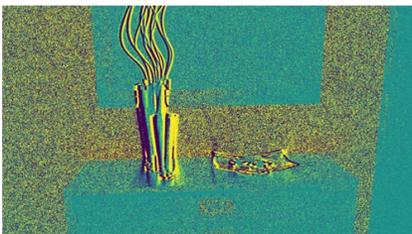
Uniform

Stratified

Antithetic (Ours)

G.T.

Radial Velocity

Standard
Rendering

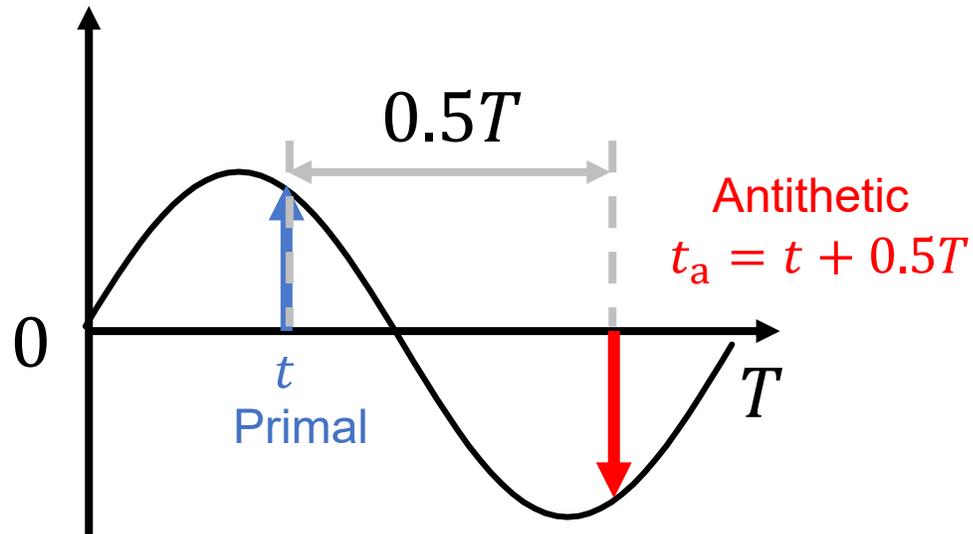
spp = 1024

Result 1: Comparison on Various Heterodyne Frequencies

[Heide 2015]

Perfect Heterodyne

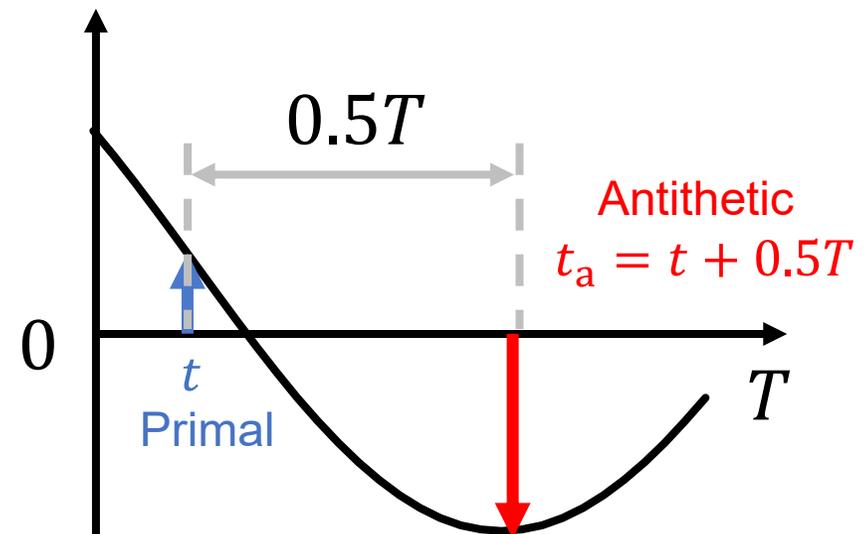
$$\omega_r = 1$$



[Hu 2022]

Arbitrary Heterodyne

$$0 < \omega_r < 1$$



Does our method work well for other heterodyne frequencies?

spp = 1024

Homodyne ←

→ Heterodyne

0.0

0.1

0.2

ω_r

0.8

0.9

1.0

0.0046

0.0063

0.0107

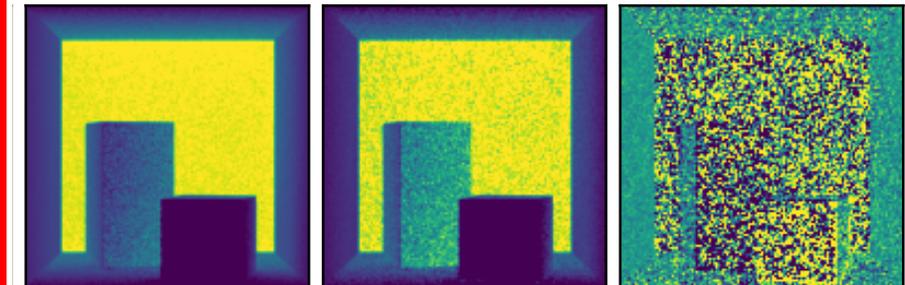
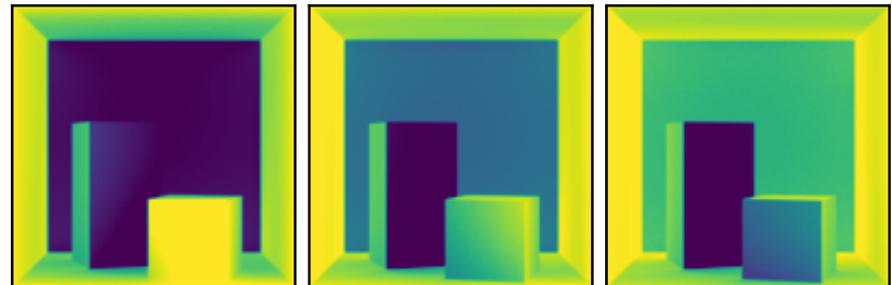
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0.1829

5.6115

rMSE

Uniform



0.0058

0.0060

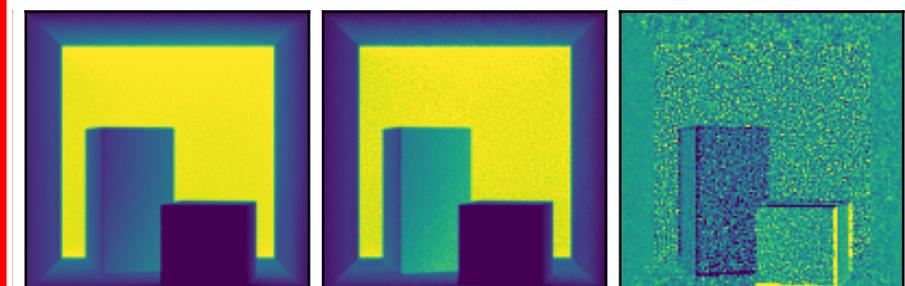
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Stratified



...

x 8~30 lower

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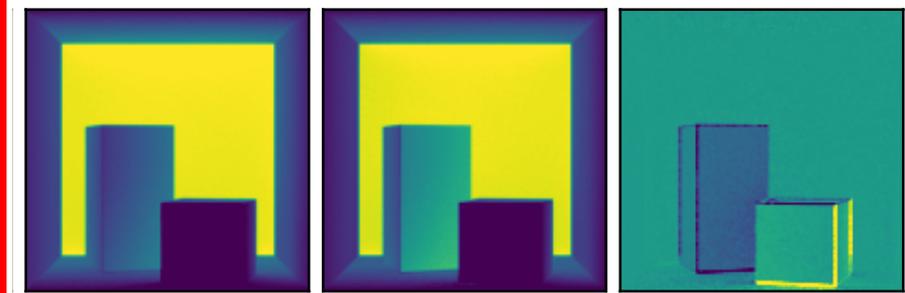
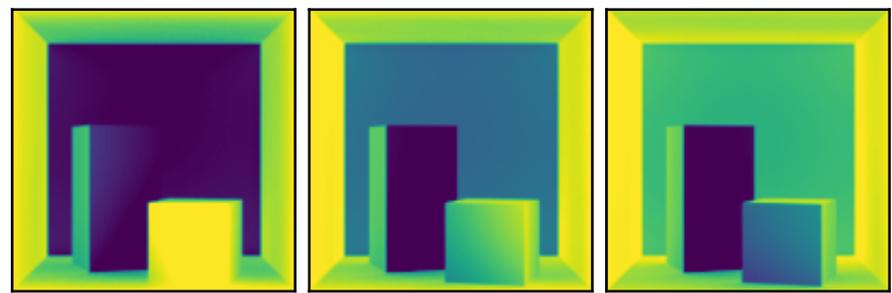
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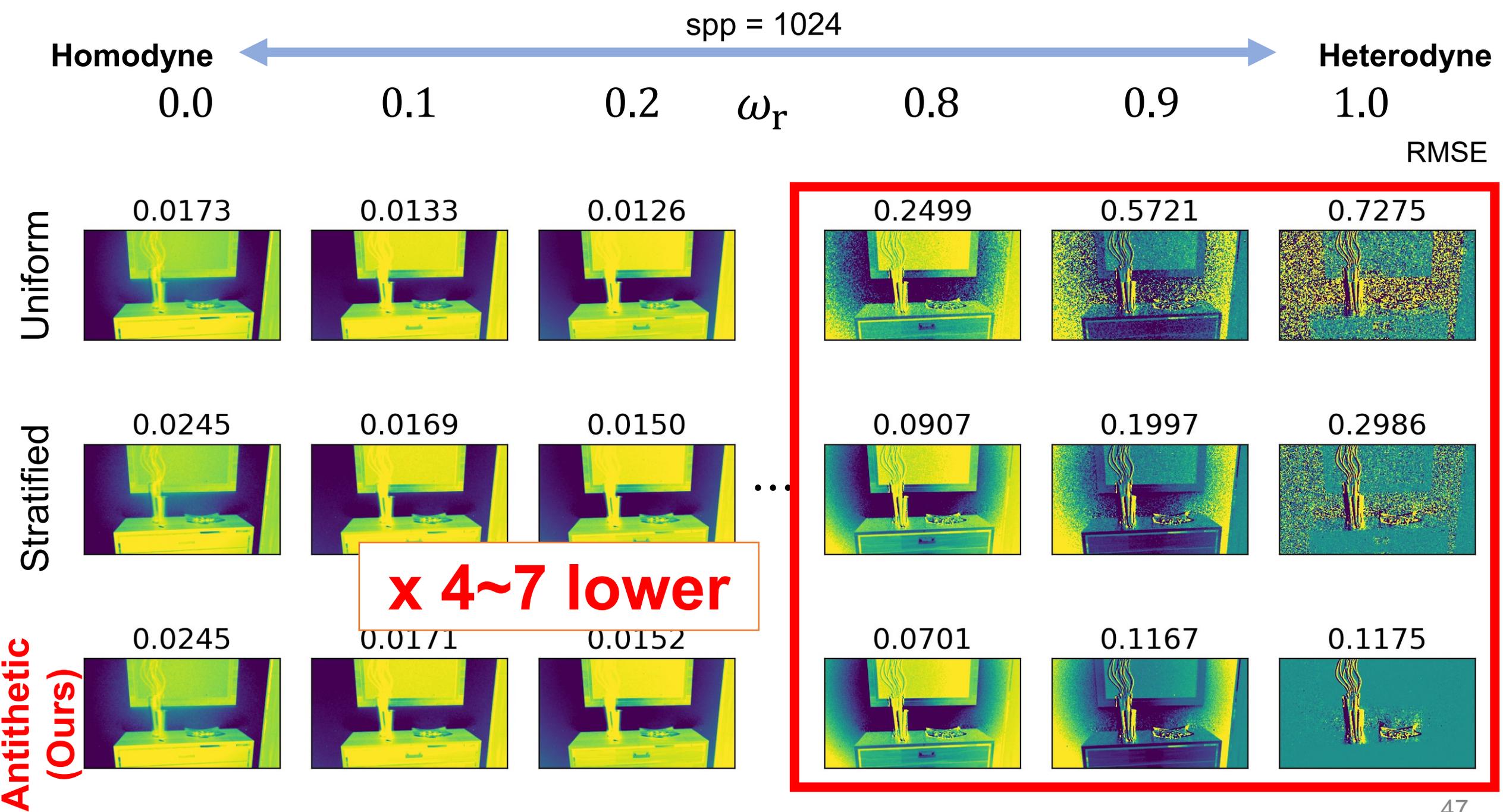
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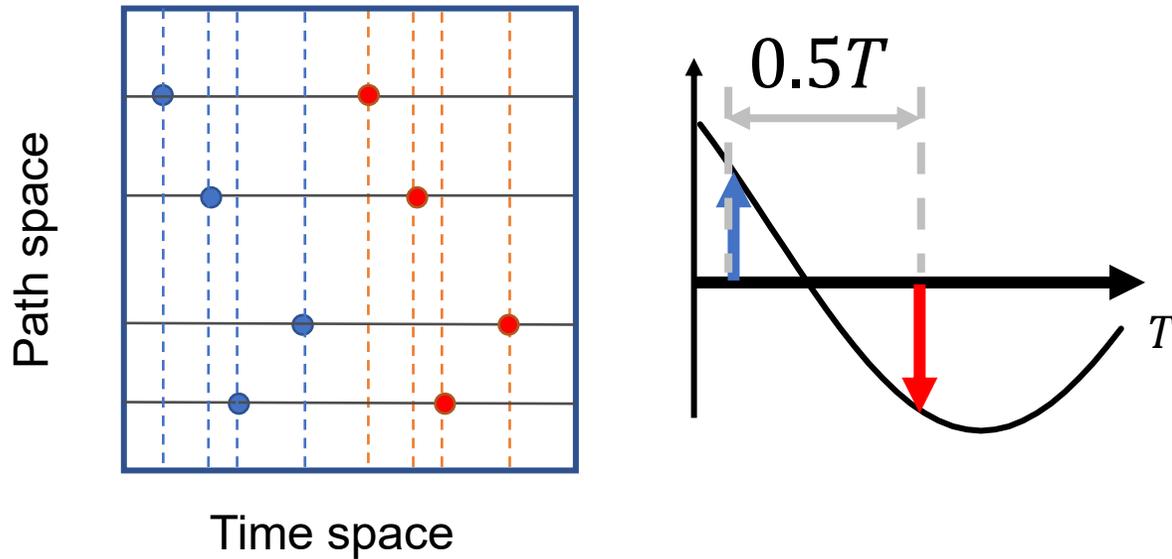
**Antithetic
(Ours)**



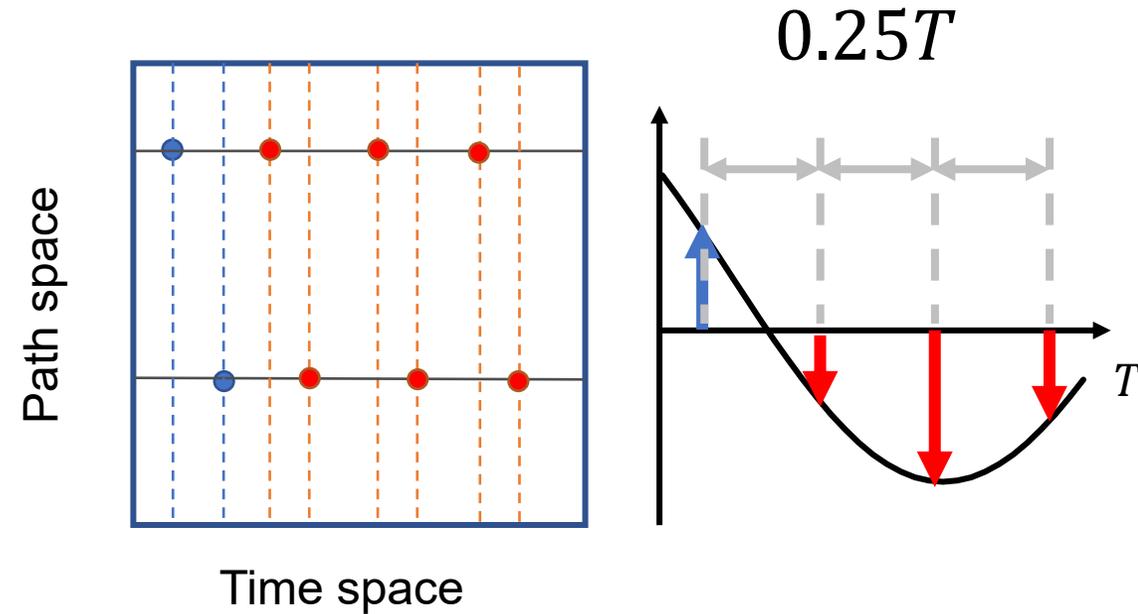


Result 2 : Comparison of Number of Time-Samples

$$N_t = 2$$



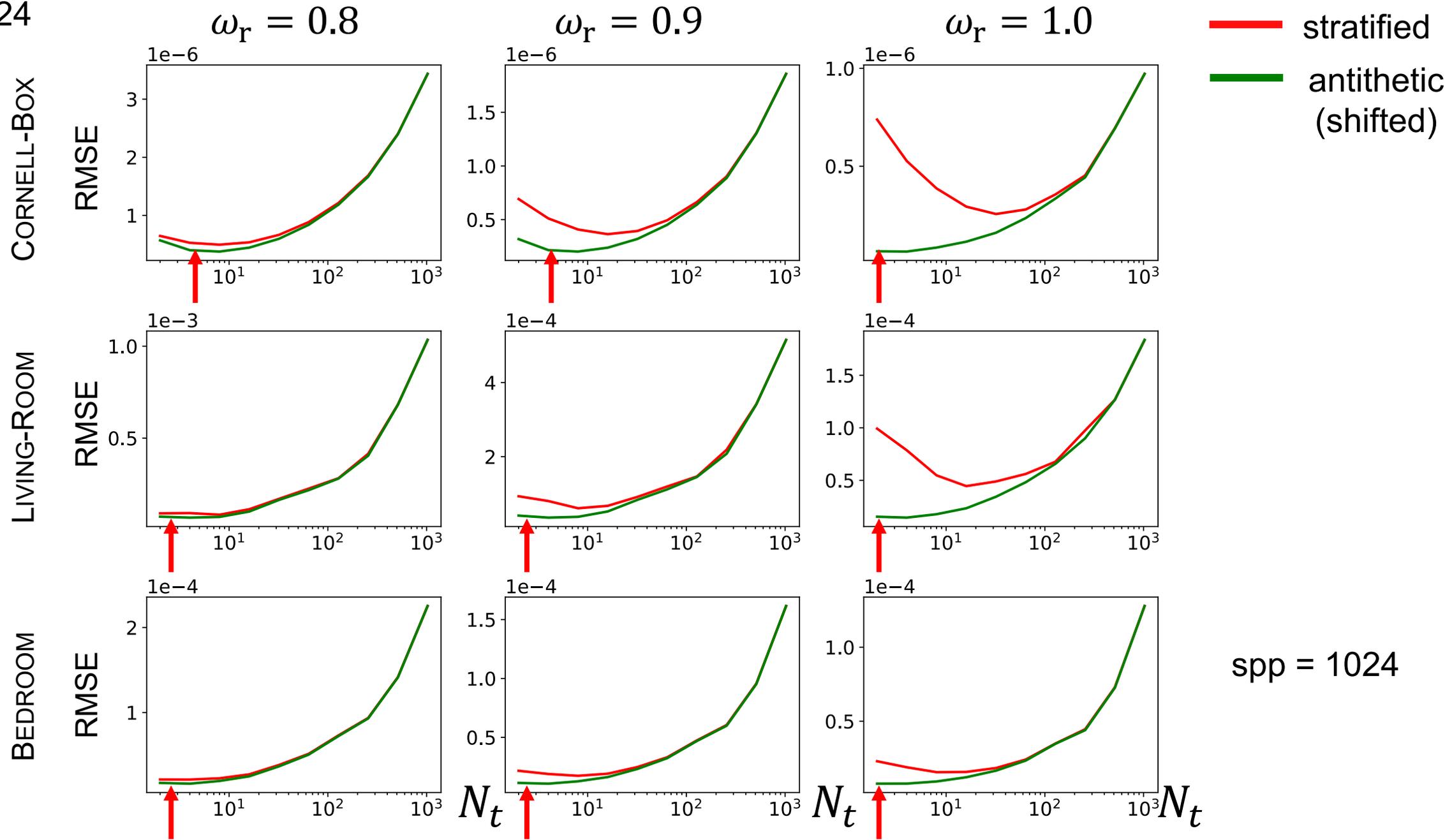
$$N_t = 4$$



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

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

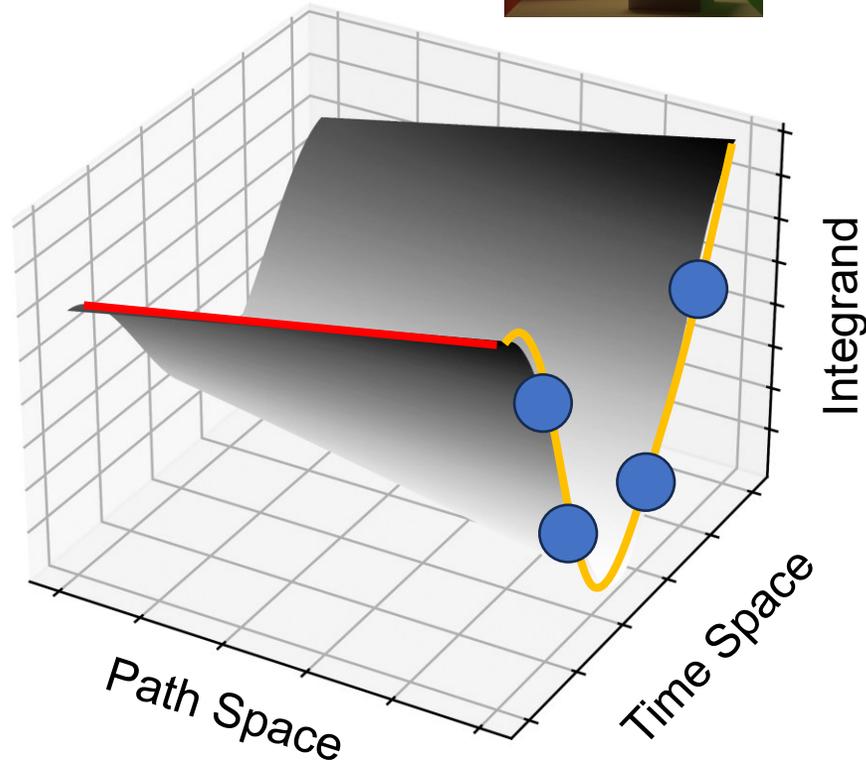
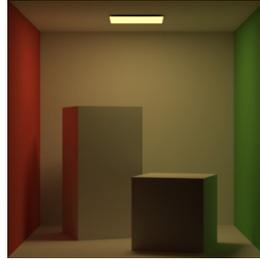
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Antithetic sampling with only **one** sample ($N_t = 2$) works best in most of the cases

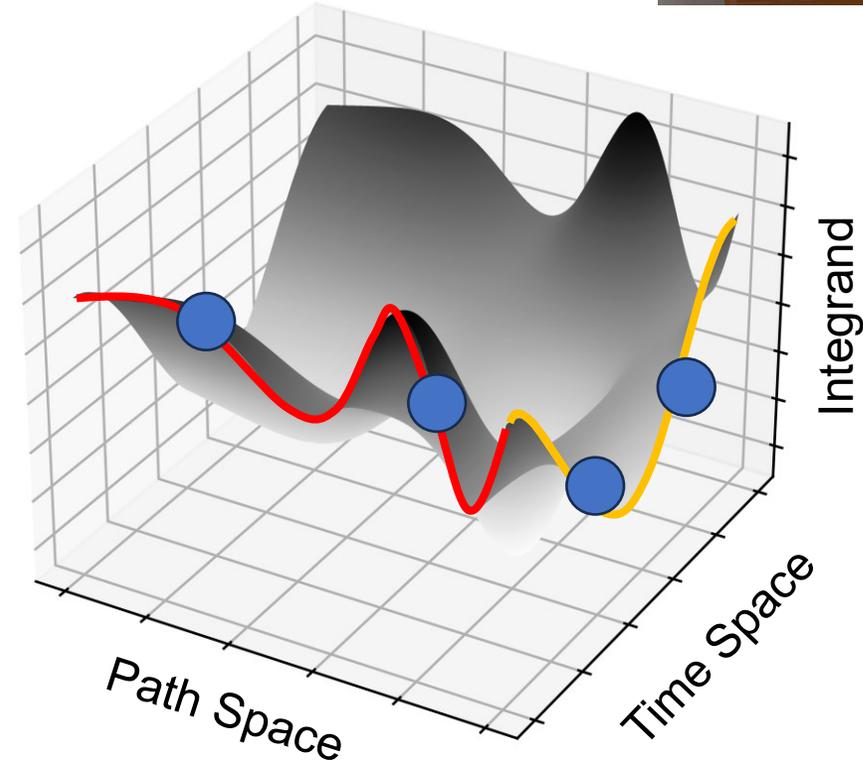
Result 2 : Comparison of Number of Time-Samples

Simple scene



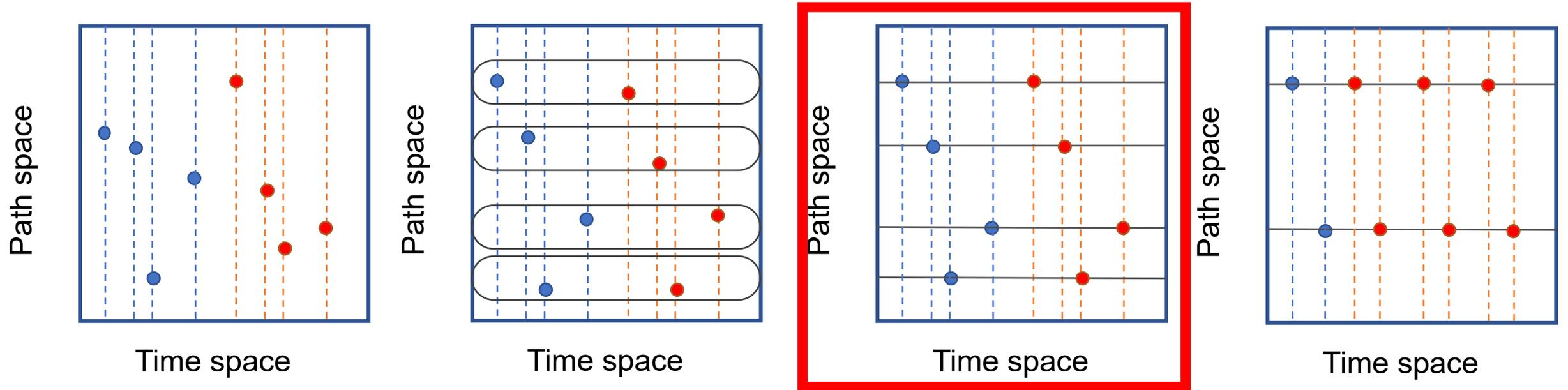
Can use **more time samples**

Complex scene



Need to consider **path space!**

Result 2 : Comparison of Path Correlation Strength



Less correlation

Variance in time space **decreases** ✓

→

Variance in path space **increases** ✗

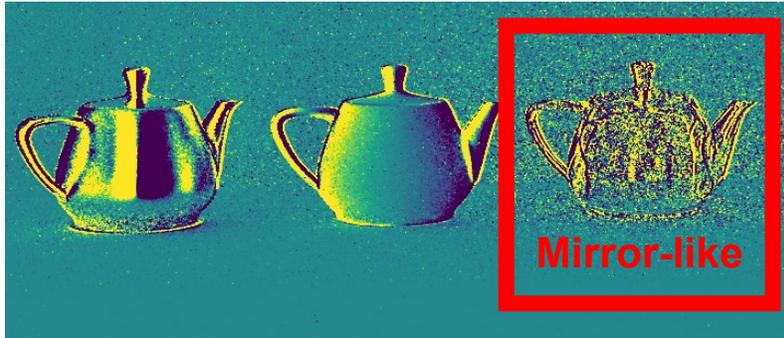
More correlation

More result & discussion in main paper

Result 3 : Comparison of Shift Mapping Methods

spp = 8192

Path Reconnection



Adaptive



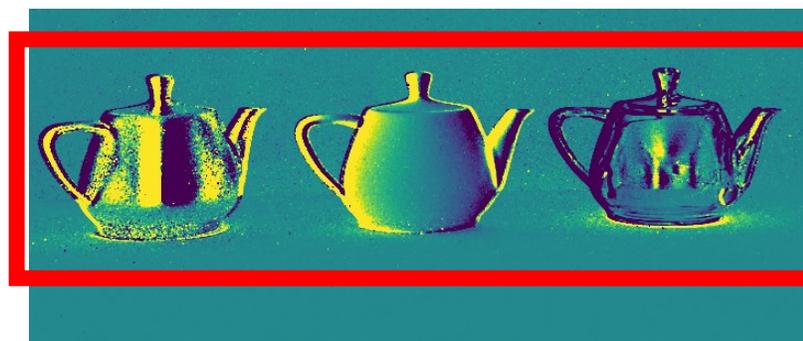
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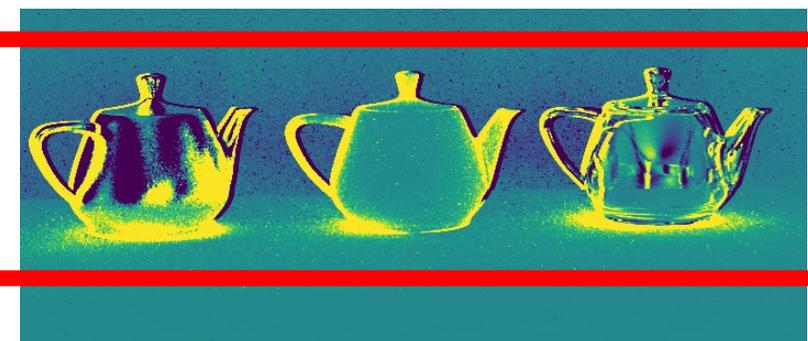
Random Replay



Adaptive (analytic)



Adaptive (analytic by [Heide 2015])



Considering Path Evolution
(1st Taylor Approximation)

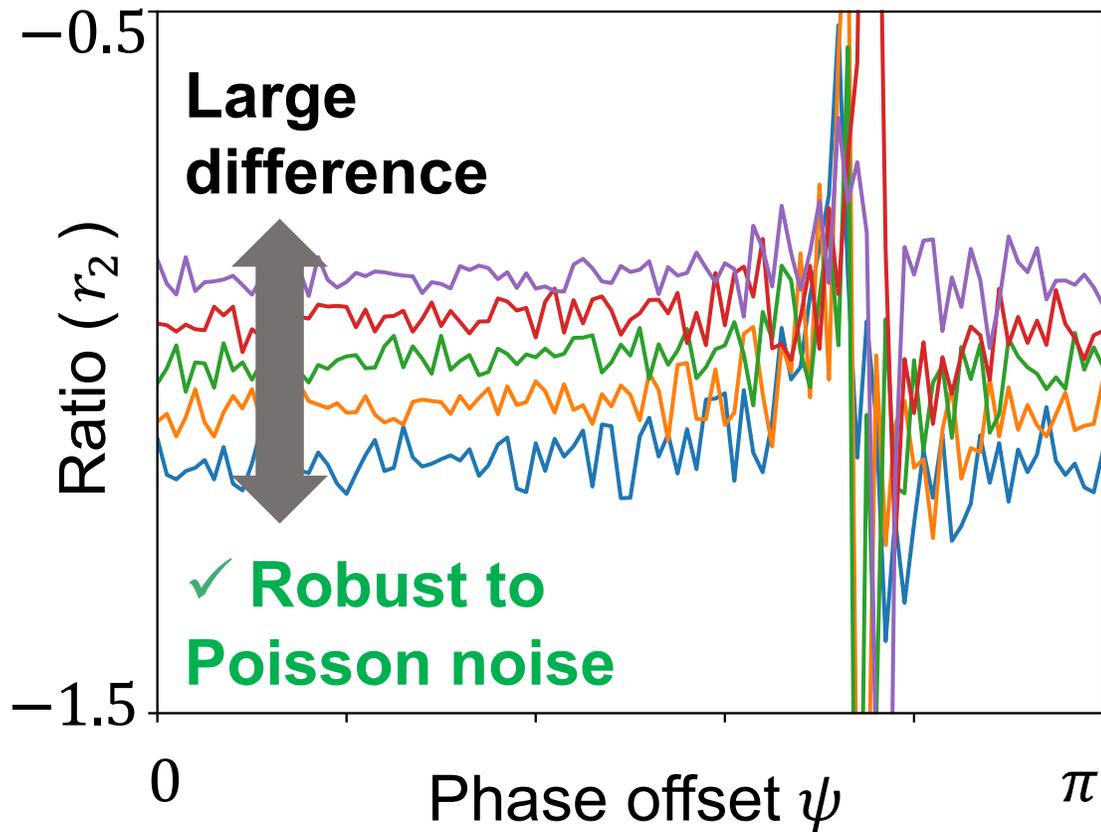
Not Considering Path Evolution
(0th Taylor Approximation)

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

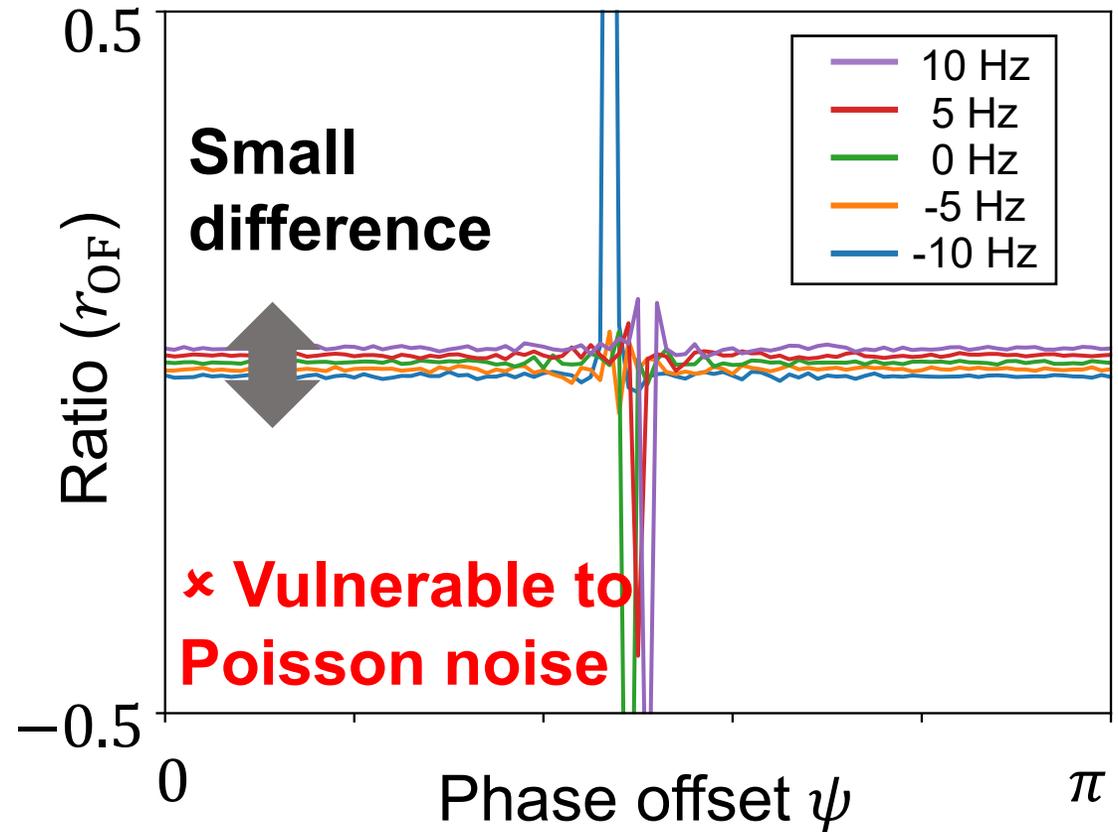
Applications of D-ToF Simulator

Reproducing D-ToF Paper Results (Simulation)

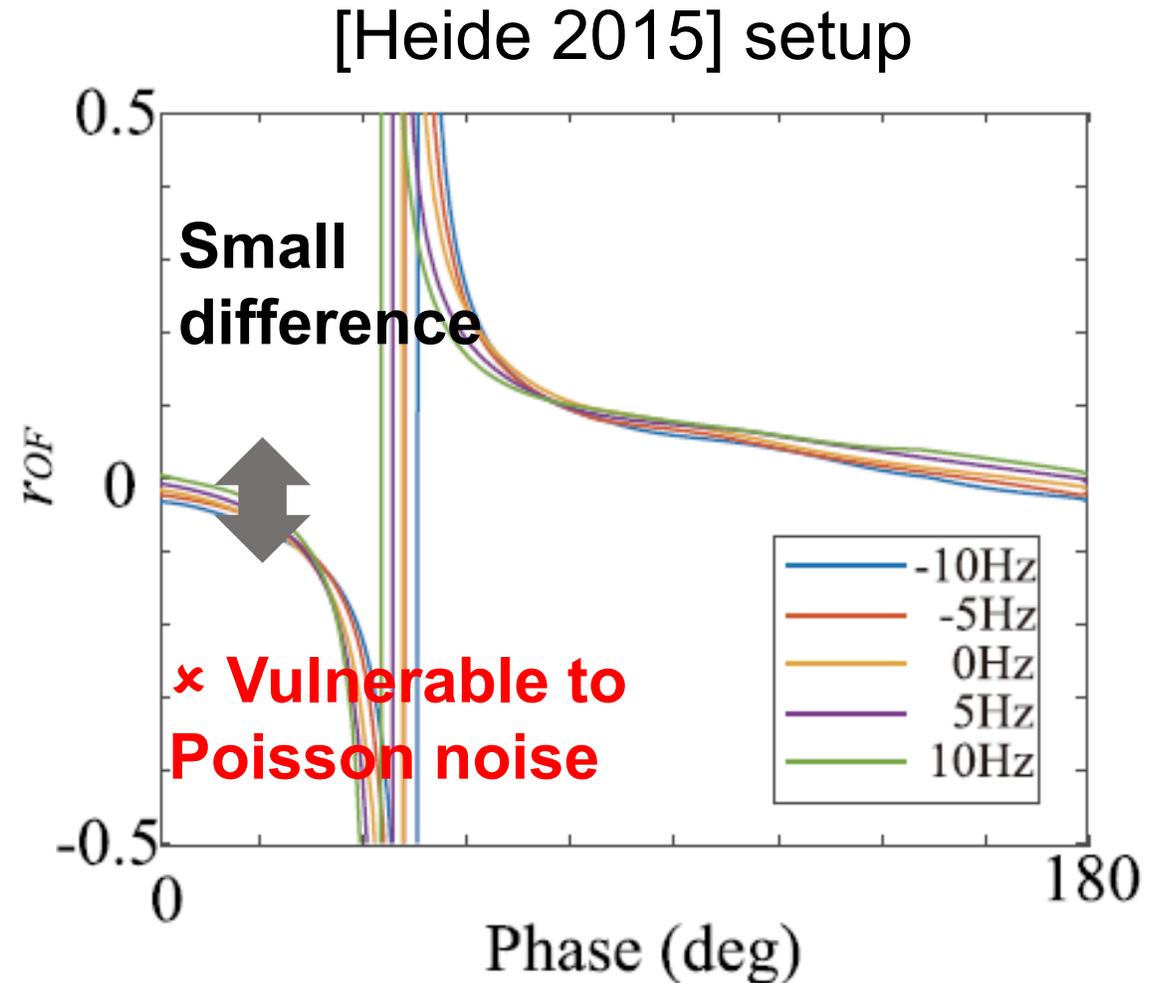
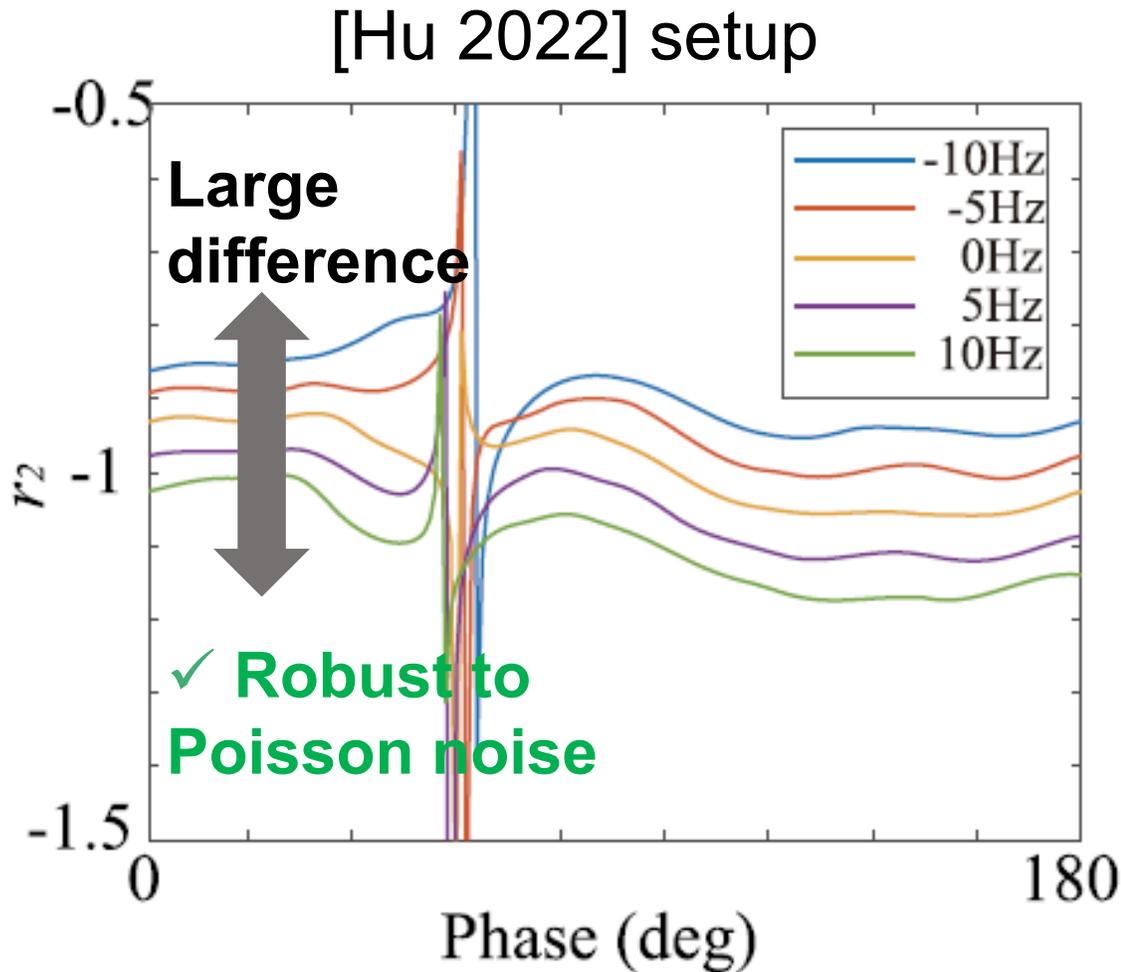
[Hu 2022] setup



[Heide 2015] setup



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



[Hu 2022], Fig 8.

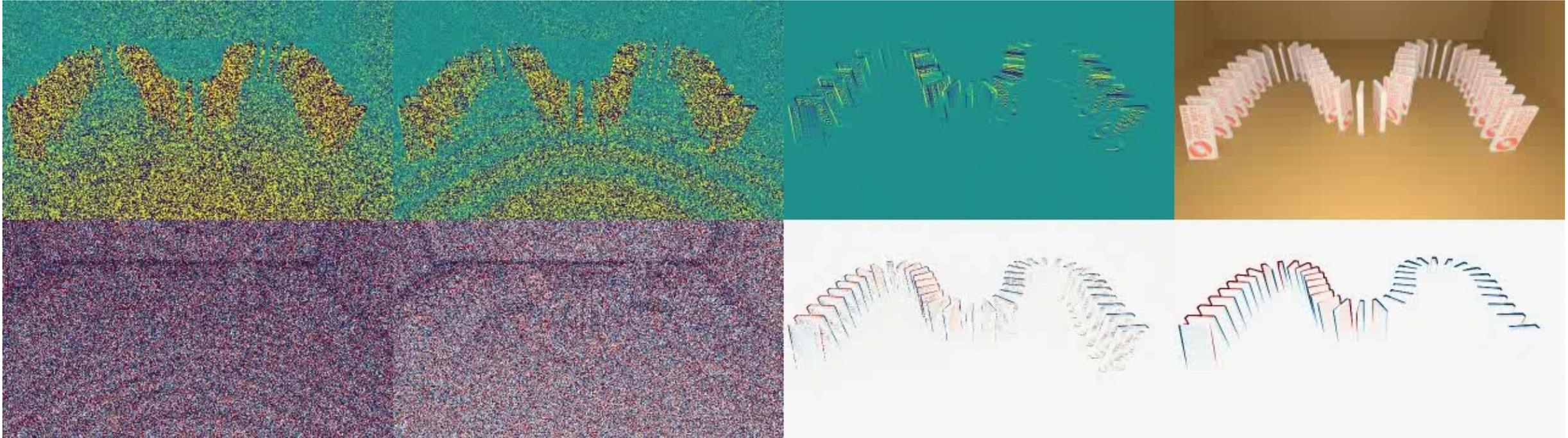
More Results: SIGGRAPH DOMINO (SPP=4096)

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Reconstructed Radial Velocity

GT Radial
Velocity

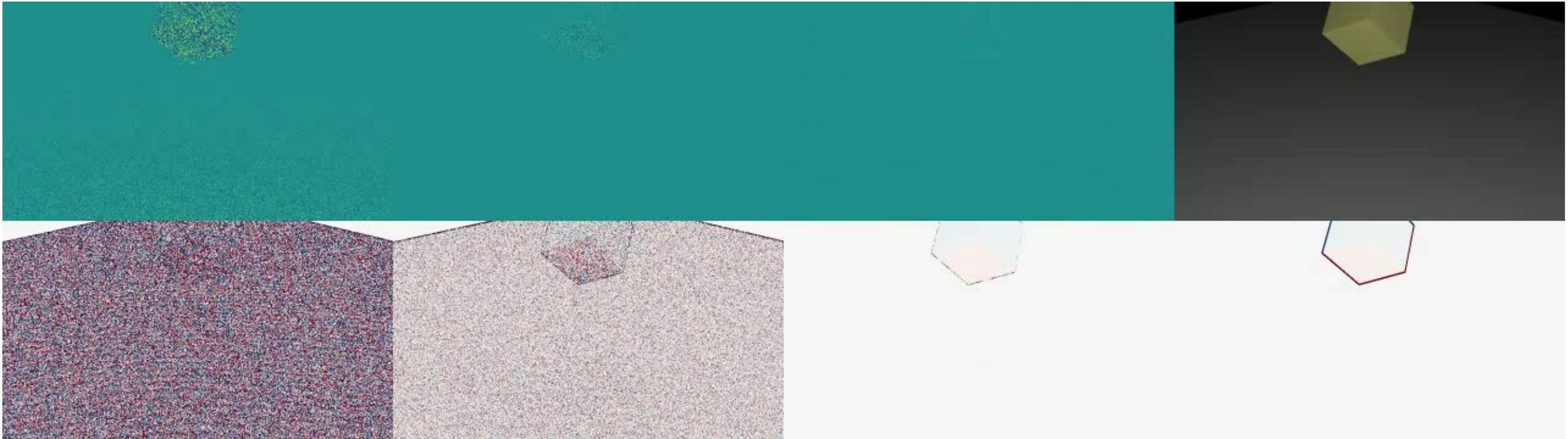
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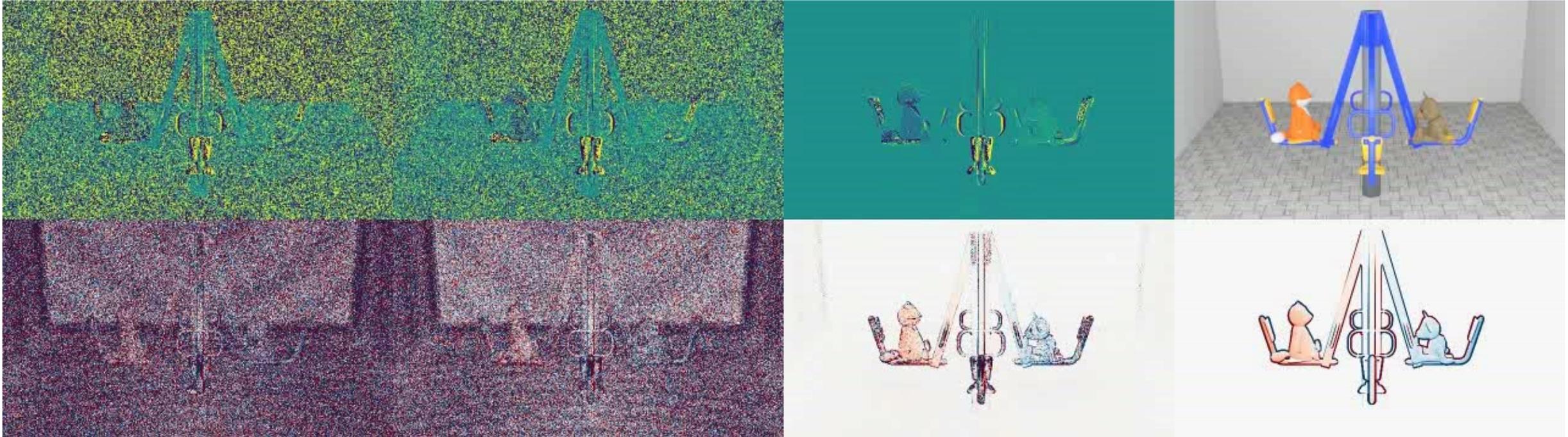
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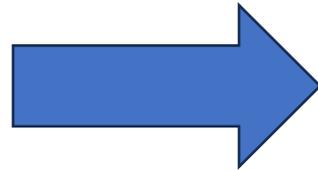
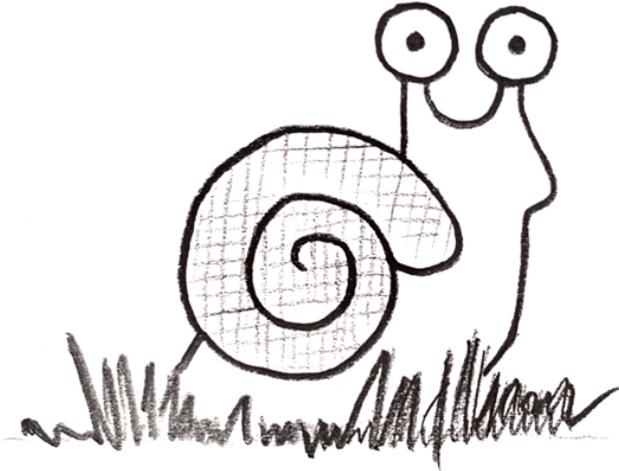


Reconstructed Radial Velocity

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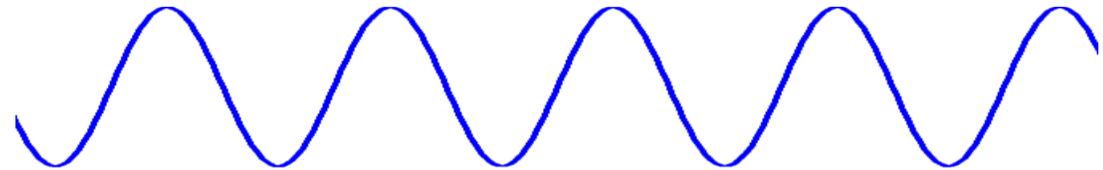
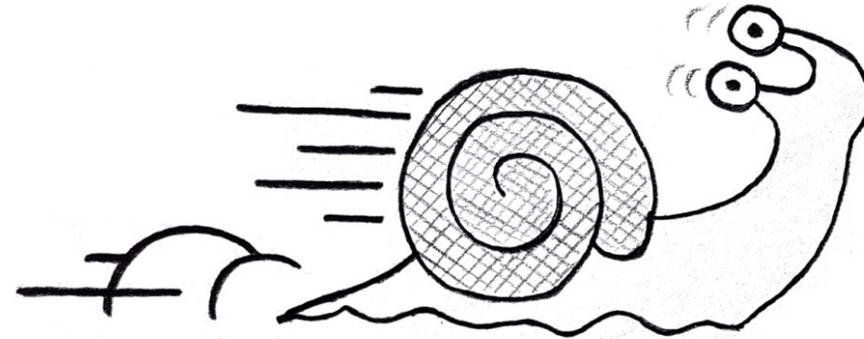
Conclusion

Static



Dynamic

Path Correlation



Amplitude
Modulation

Antithetic Time Sampling

Thank you

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Code for both



Mitsuba0.6 (CPU)

Mitsuba3 (CUDA)

are available!



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