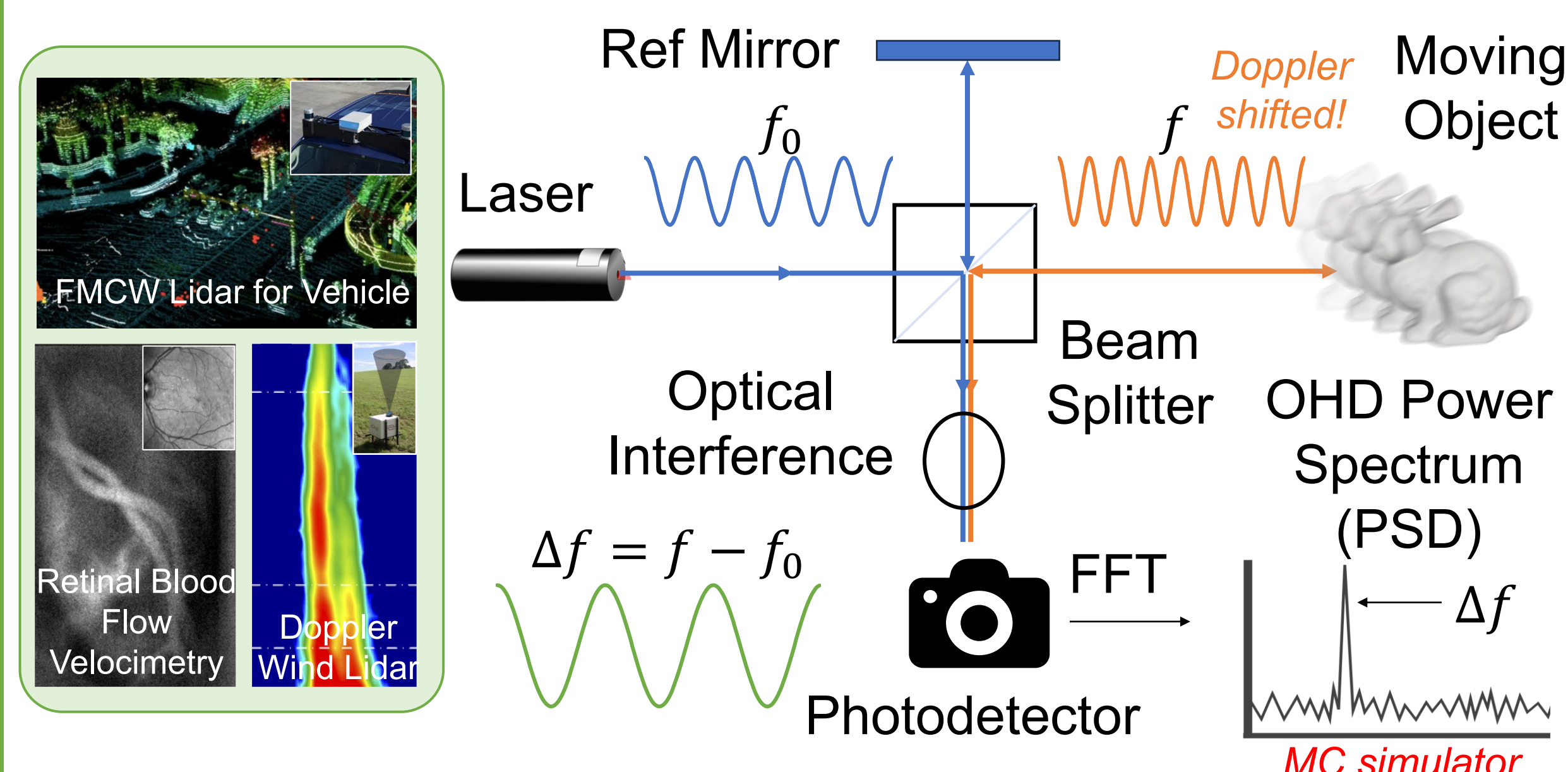




A Monte Carlo Rendering Framework for Simulating Optical Heterodyne Detection

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1. Optical Heterodyne Detection



A broad range of imaging systems—including FMCW LiDAR, blood flow velocimetry, and wind Doppler lidar—can be understood within the unified framework of **optical heterodyne detection** (OHD). We developed a scalable **Monte Carlo (MC) simulator** that accurately models multipath effect in complex OHD scenarios. The key idea is to express the OHD measurement as a **path integral**, enabling the use of existing physically based light transport techniques.

3. Proposed Monte Carlo Simulation

(1) OHD Path Integral

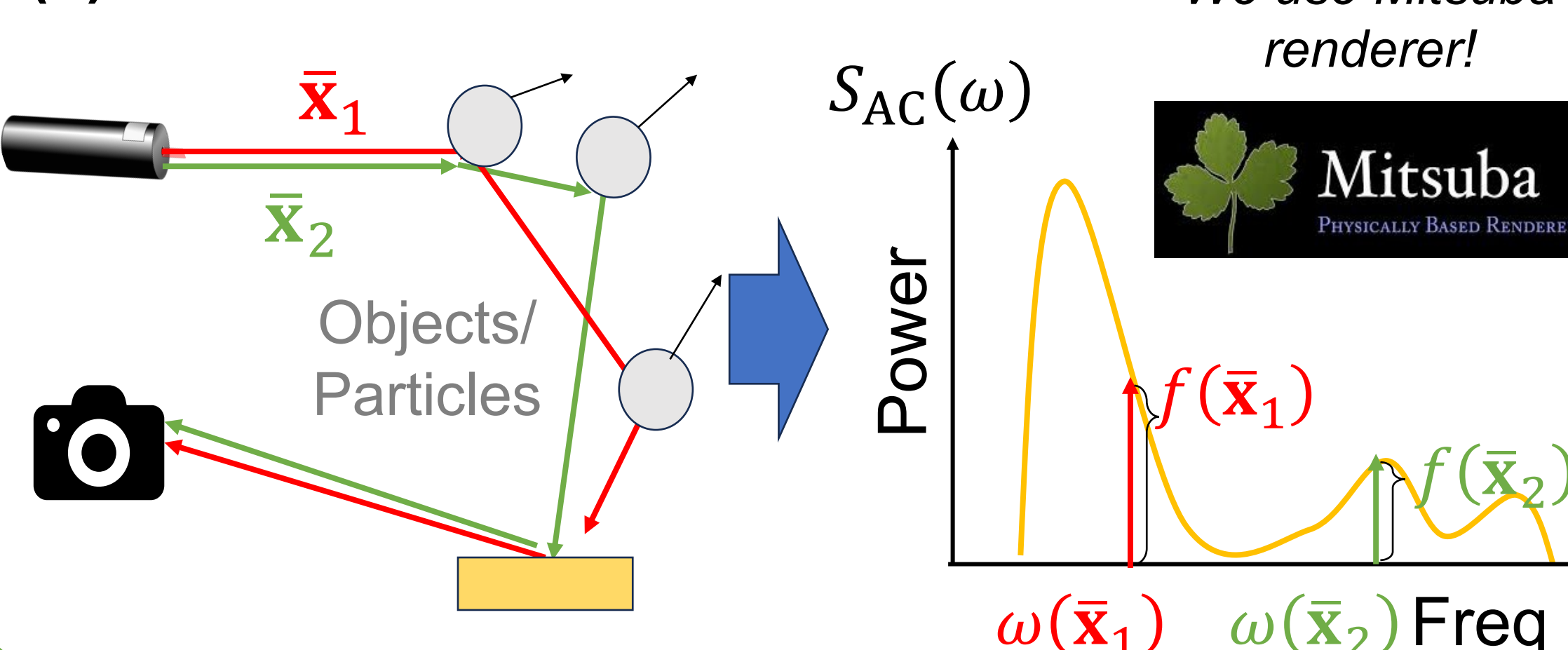
$$S_{AC}(\omega) = \eta_h \int_{\mathcal{P}} f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \delta(\omega - \omega(\bar{\mathbf{x}})) d\mu(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

OHD Power Spectrum, Heterodyne efficiency (constant), Path Domain, $\omega(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$ is calculated from path length, velocity, radiometric path throughput, path frequency.

$$I(t) = \int_{\mathcal{P}} f(\bar{\mathbf{x}}) \delta(t - t(\bar{\mathbf{x}})) d\mu(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$$

Transient Path Integral [Jarabo et al. 2014], $t(\bar{\mathbf{x}})$ is calculated from path length.

(2) OHD Monte Carlo Simulation

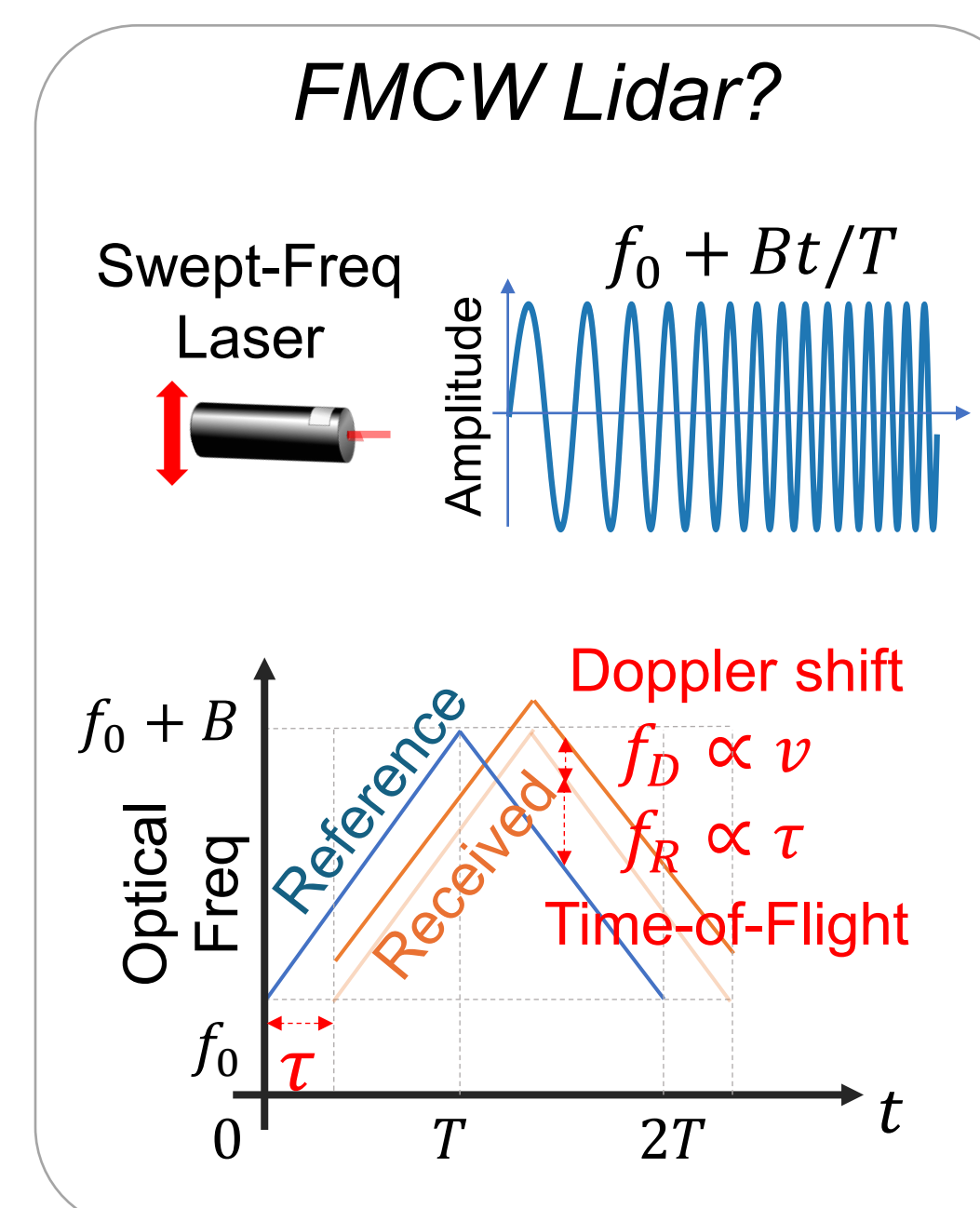


We use Mitsuba renderer!

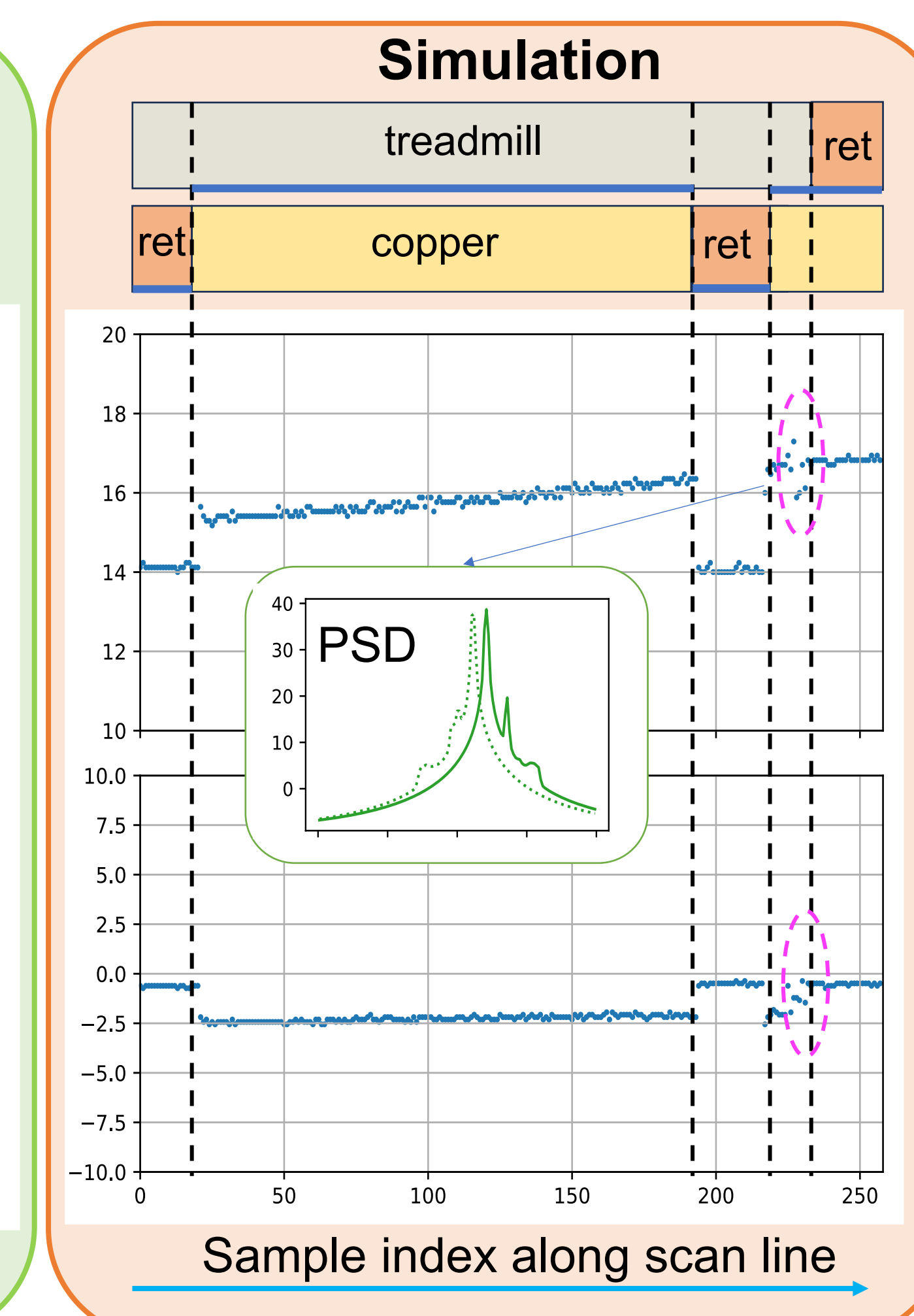
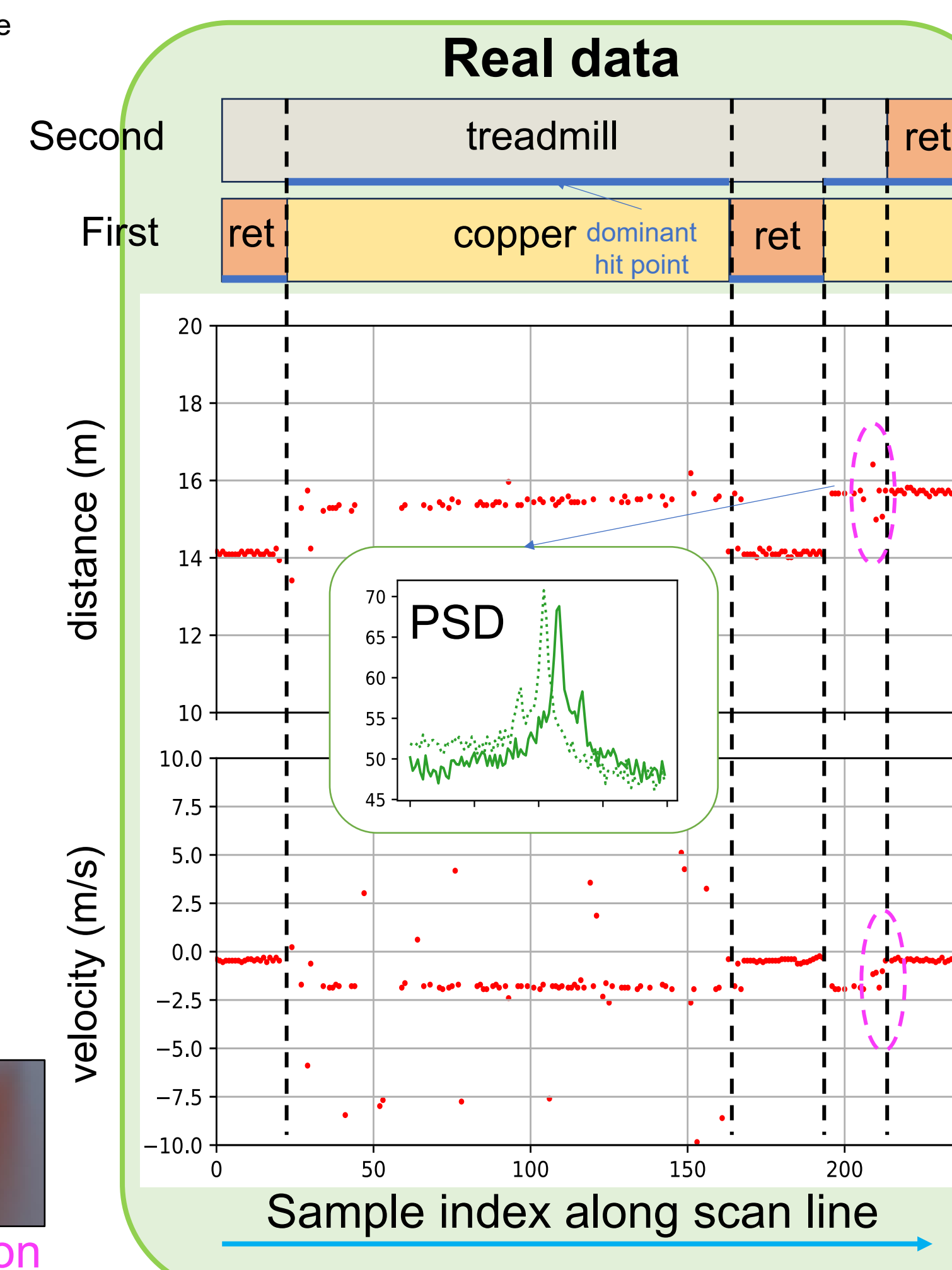
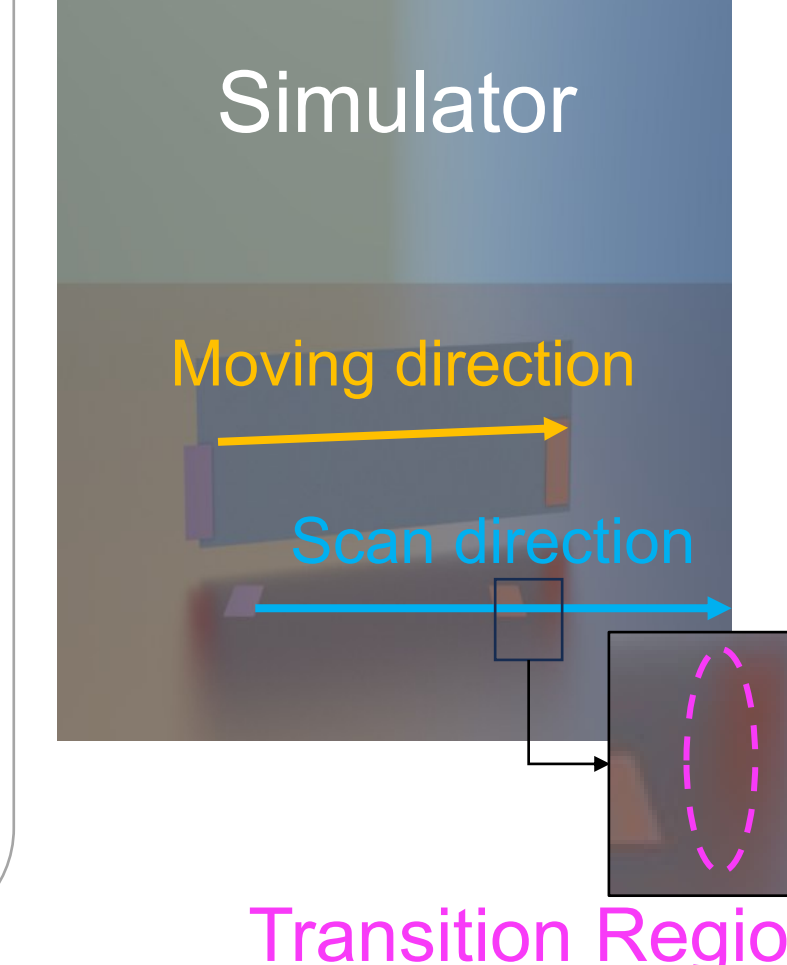
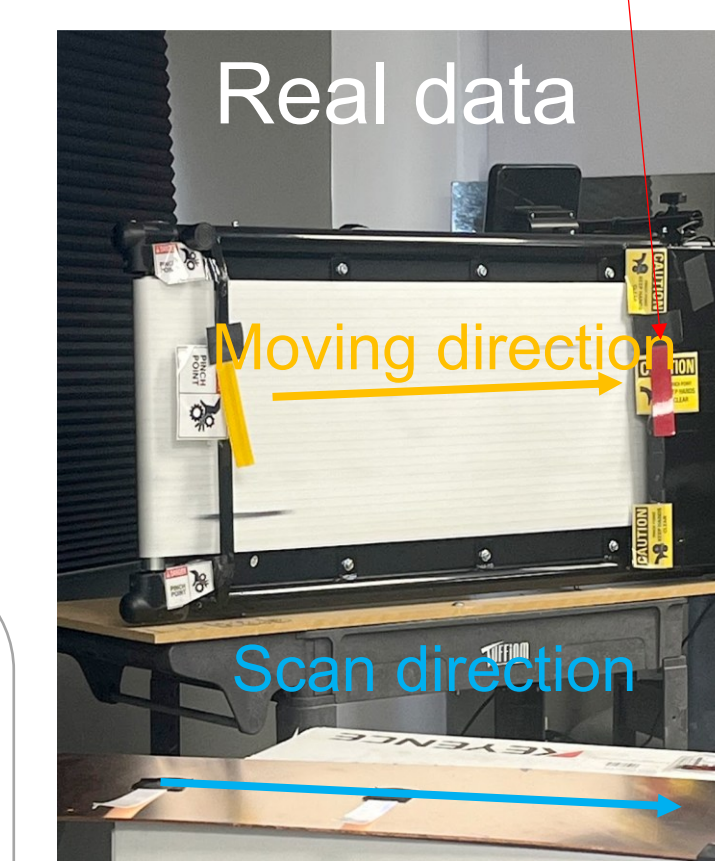


5. Applications

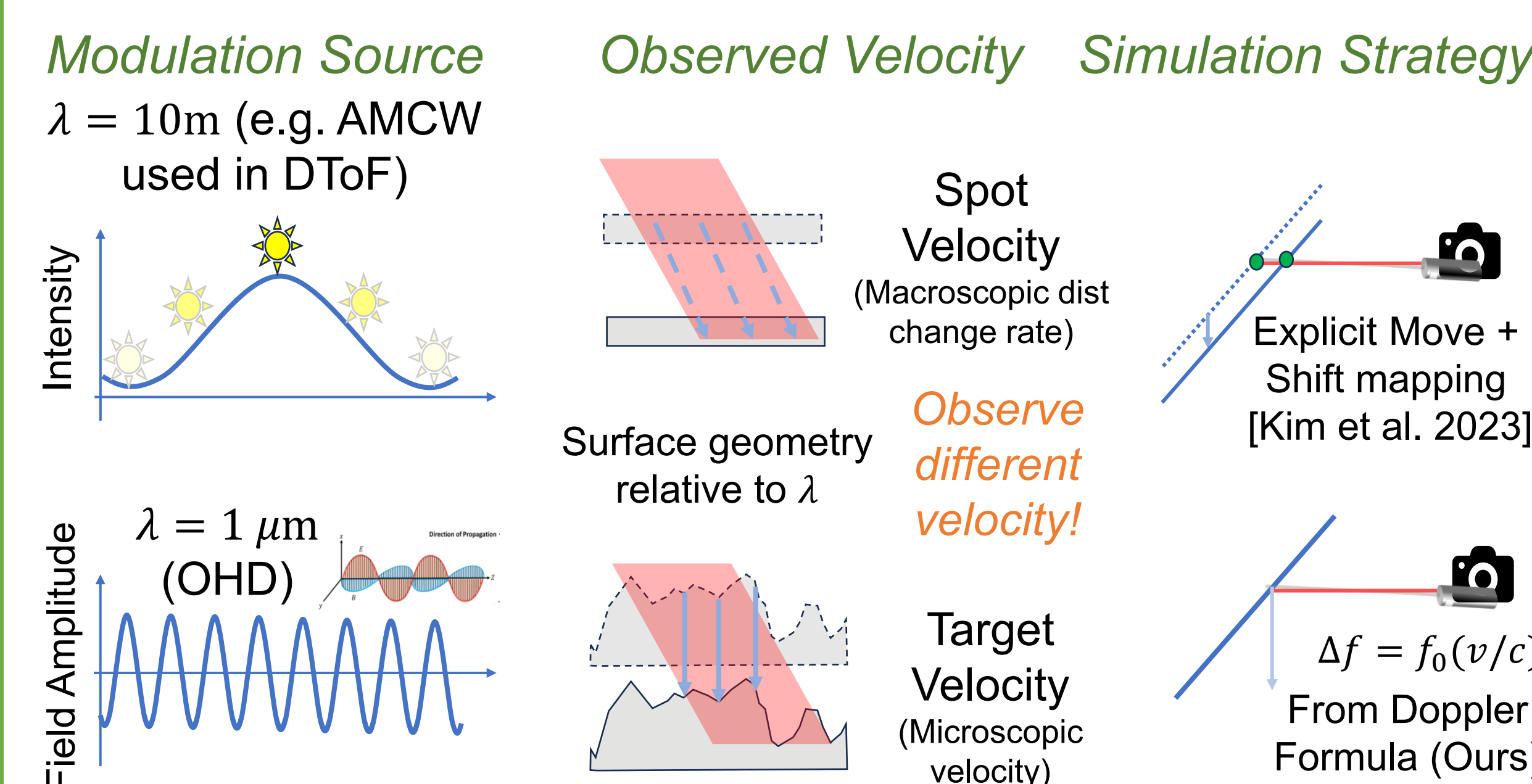
(1) FMCW Lidar on a Glossy Surface



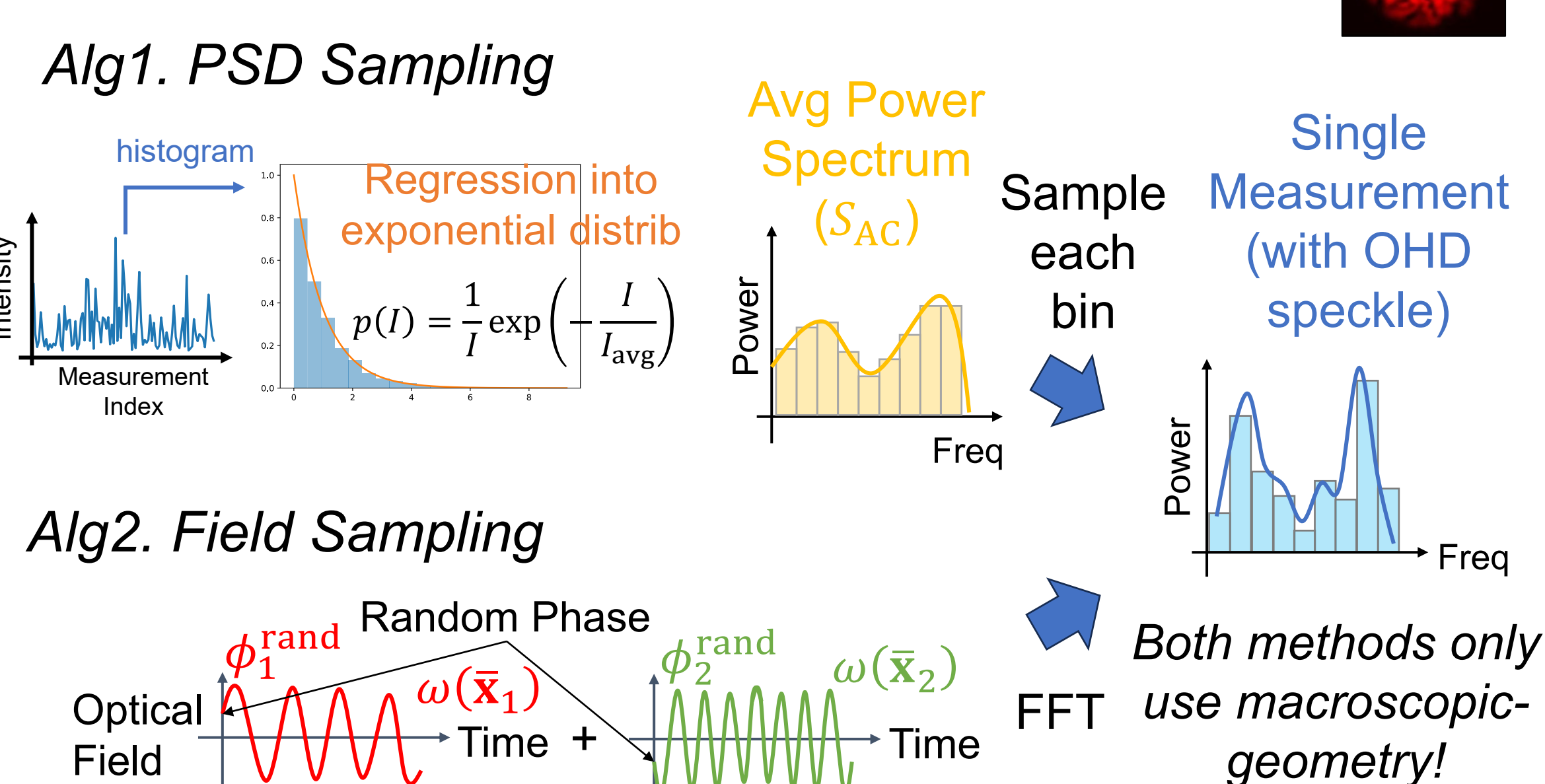
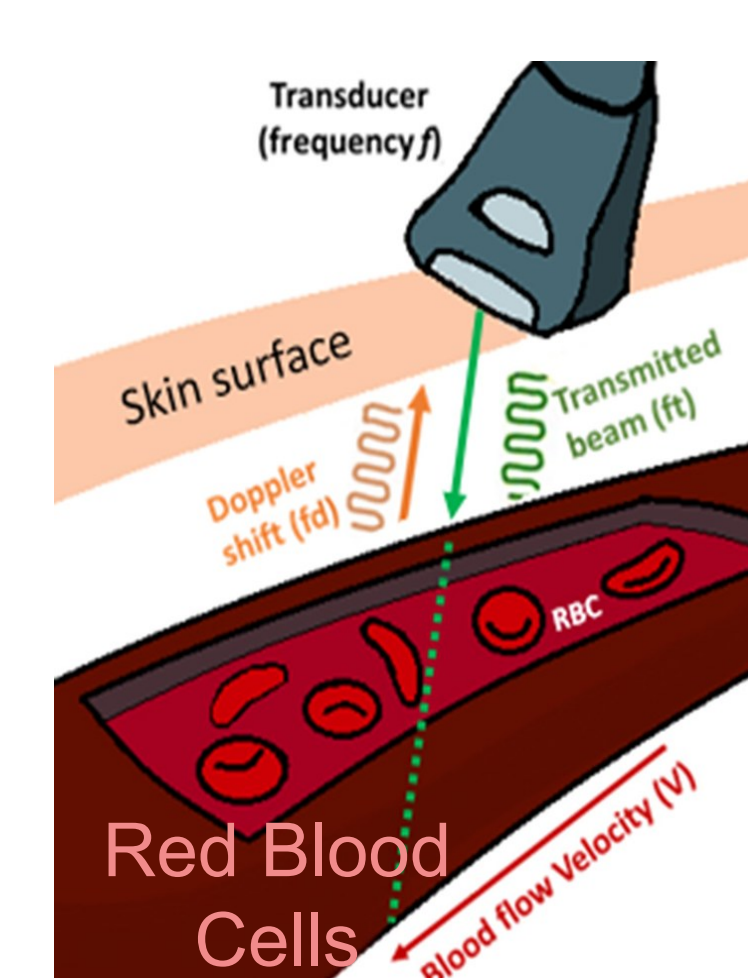
Retroreflector bars are used to indicate starting and ending points



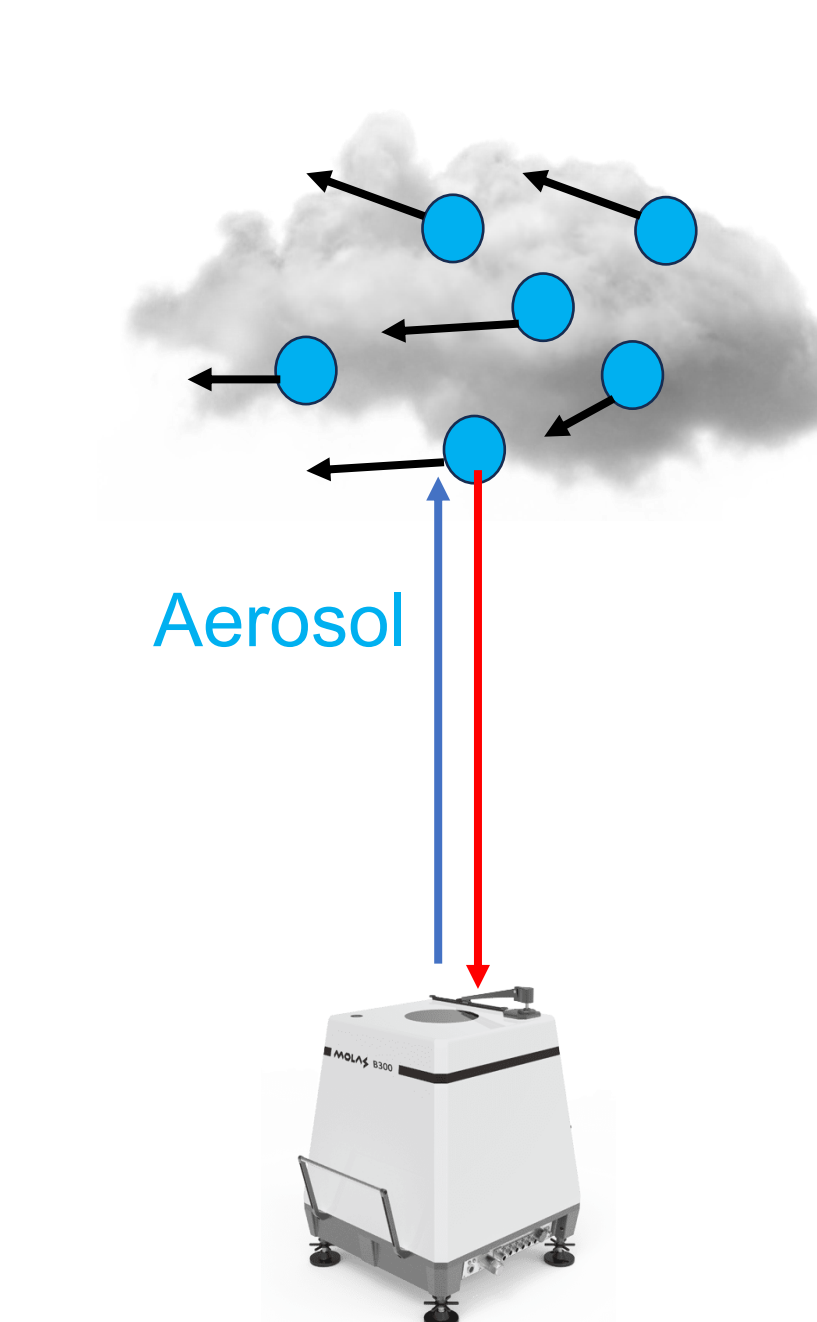
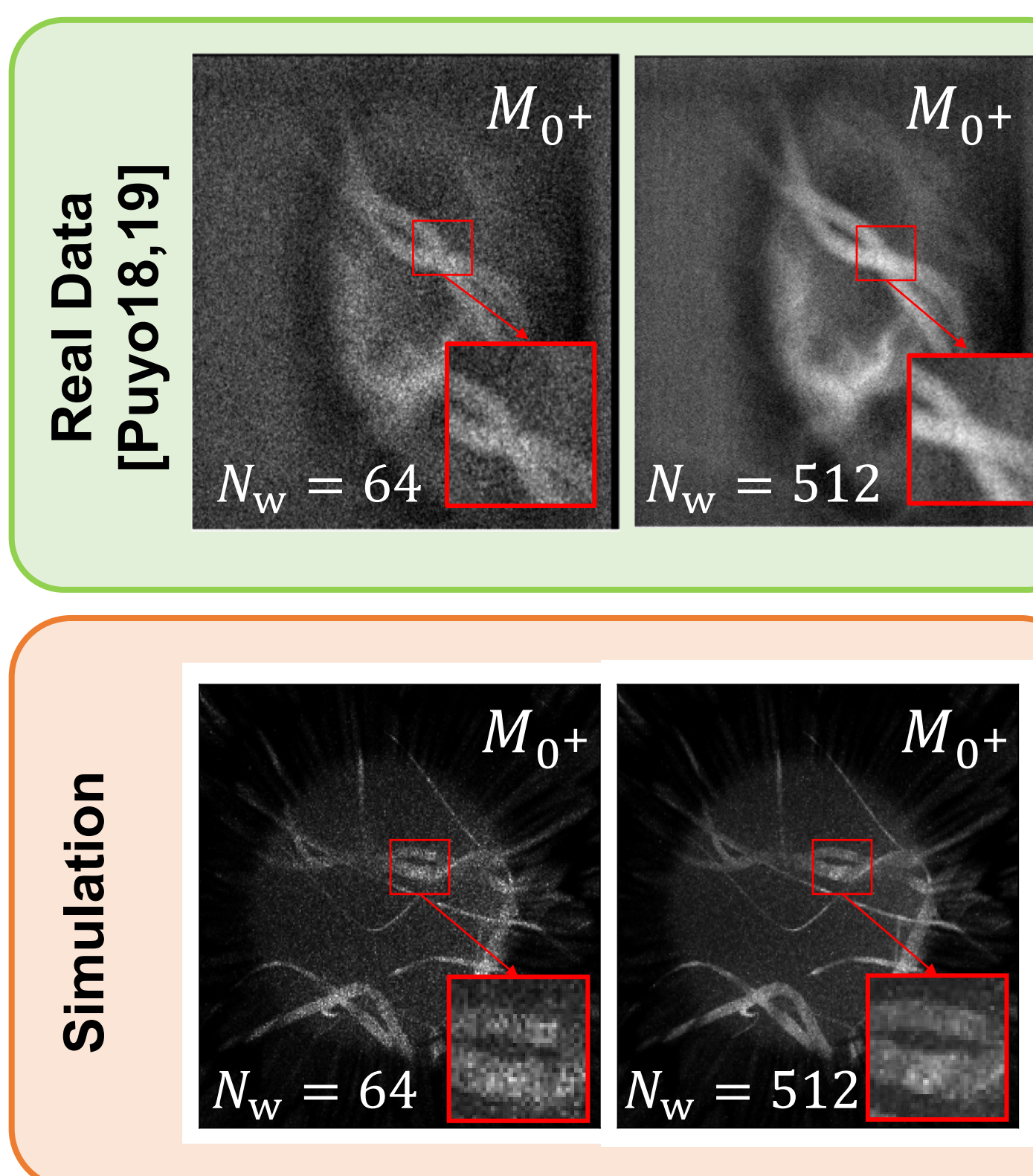
2. Field (OHD) vs Intensity (DToF) Doppler



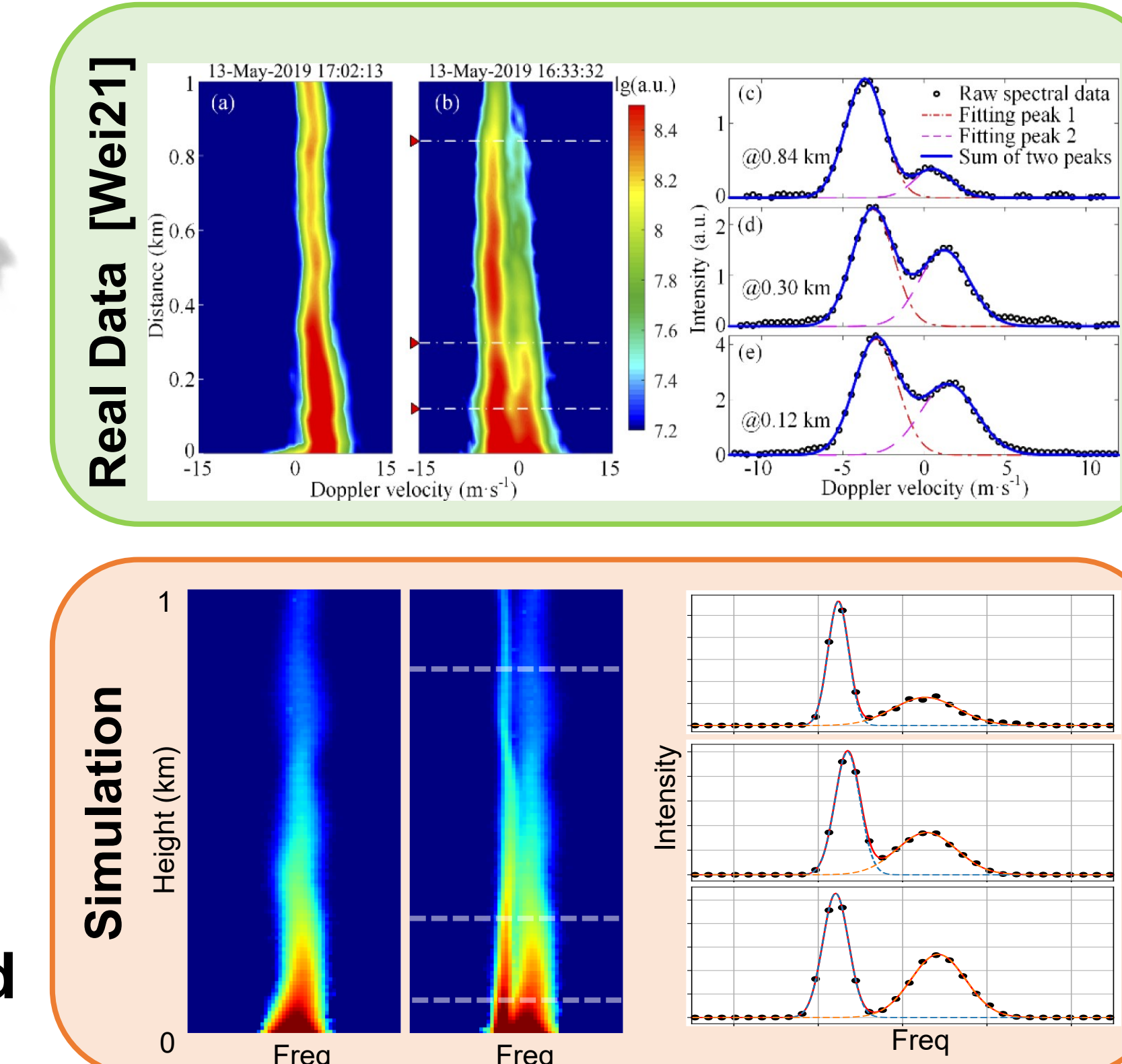
4. OHD Speckle Simulation

 N_w : number of FFT windows

(2) Laser Doppler Velocimetry



(3) Coherent Wind Doppler Lidar



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