6.003: Signals and Systems

Modulation

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Communications Systems

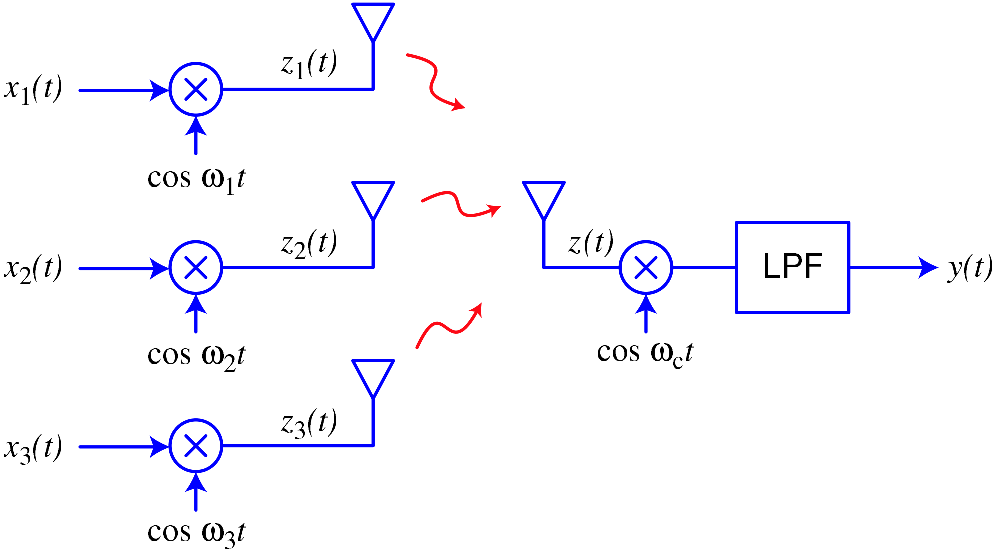
Signals are not always well matched to the media through which we wish to transmit them.

signal	applications
audio	telephone, radio, phonograph, CD, cell phone, MP3
video	television, cinema, HDTV, DVD
internet	coax, twisted pair, cable TV, DSL, optical fiber, E/M

Modulation can improve match based on **frequency**.

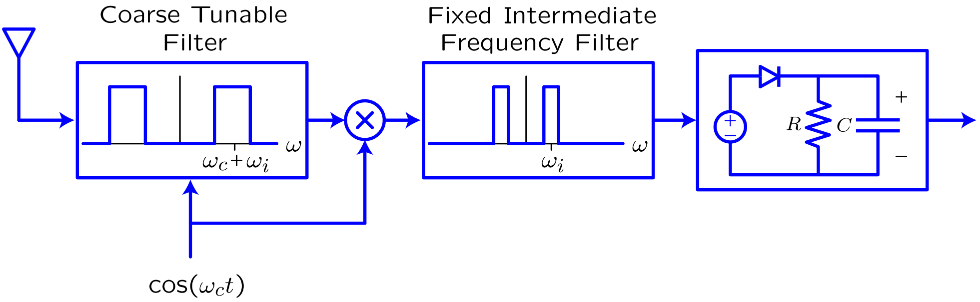
Amplitude Modulation

Amplitude modulation can be used to match audio frequencies to radio frequencies. It allows parallel transmission of multiple channels.



Superheterodyne Receiver

Edwin Howard Armstrong invented the superheterodyne receiver, which made broadcast AM practical.



Edwin Howard Armstrong also invented and patented the "regenerative" (positive feedback) circuit for amplifying radio signals (while he was a junior at Columbia University). He also invented wide-band FM.

Amplitude, Phase, and Frequency Modulation

There are many ways to embed a "message" in a carrier.

Amplitude Modulation (AM) + carrier: $y_1(t) = \big(x(t) + C\big)\cos(\omega_c t)$

Phase Modulation (PM): $y_2(t) = \cos(\omega_c t + kx(t))$

Frequency Modulation (FM): $y_3(t) = \cos\left(\omega_c t + k\int_{-\infty}^{t} x(\tau)d\tau\right)$

PM: signal modulates instantaneous phase of the carrier.

$$y_2(t) = \cos(\omega_c t + kx(t))$$

FM: signal modulates instantaneous frequency of carrier.

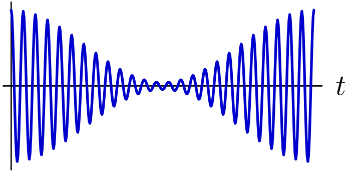
$$y_3(t) = \cos\Bigg(\omega_c t + \underbrace{k\int_{-\infty}^{t} x(\tau)d\tau}_{\phi(t)}\Bigg)$$

$$\omega_i(t) = \omega_c + \frac{d}{dt}\phi(t) = \omega_c + kx(t)$$

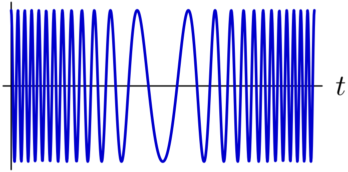
Frequency Modulation

Compare AM to FM for $x(t) = \cos(\omega_m t)$.

AM: $y_1(t) = \left(x(t) + C\right) \cos(\omega_c t) = (\cos(\omega_m t) + 1.1)\cos(\omega_c t)$



FM: $y_3(t) = \cos\left(\omega_c t + k\int_{-\infty}^{t} x(\tau)d\tau\right) = \cos(\omega_c t + \frac{k}{\omega_m}\sin(\omega_m t))$



Advantages of FM:

- constant power
- no need to transmit carrier (unless DC important)
- bandwidth?

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Small $k \rightarrow$ small bandwidth. Right?

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$$y_3(t) = \cos\left(\omega_c t + k\int_{-\infty}^{t} x(\tau)d\tau\right)$$
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If $k \to 0$ then

$$\cos\left(k\int_{-\infty}^{t} x(\tau)d\tau\right) \to 1$$
$$\sin\left(k\int_{-\infty}^{t} x(\tau)d\tau\right) \to k\int_{-\infty}^{t} x(\tau)d\tau$$
$$y_3(t) \approx \cos(\omega_c t) - \sin(\omega_c t) \times \left(k\int_{-\infty}^{t} x(\tau)d\tau\right)$$

Bandwidth of narrowband FM is the same as that of AM!
(integration does not change the highest frequency in the signal)

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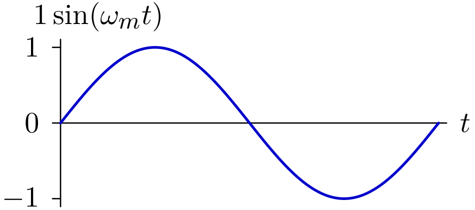

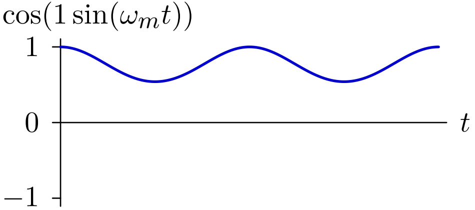

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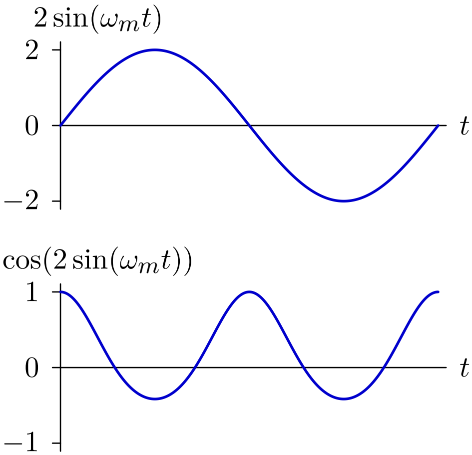

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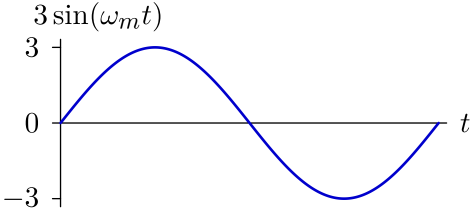

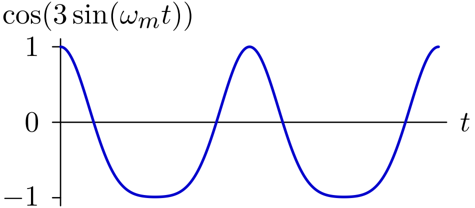

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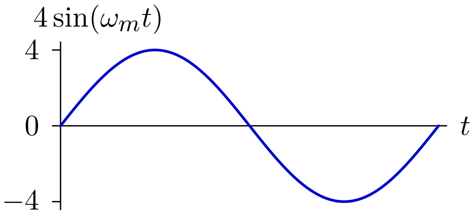

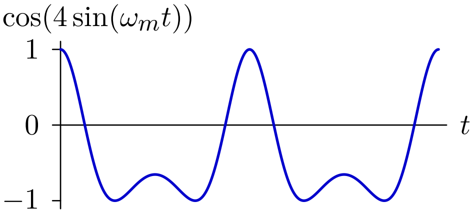

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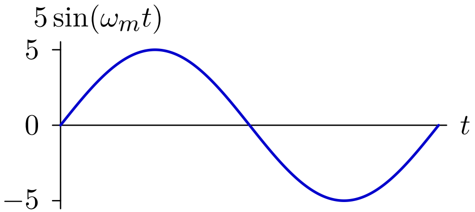

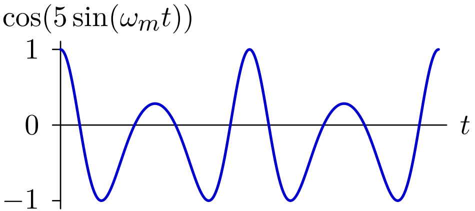

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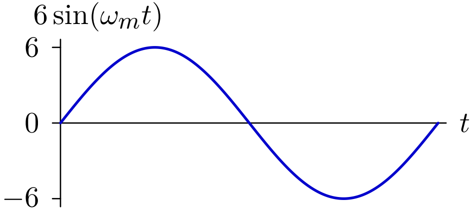

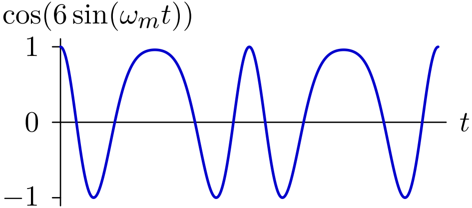

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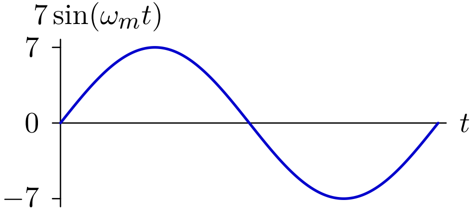

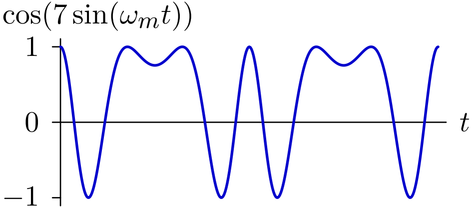

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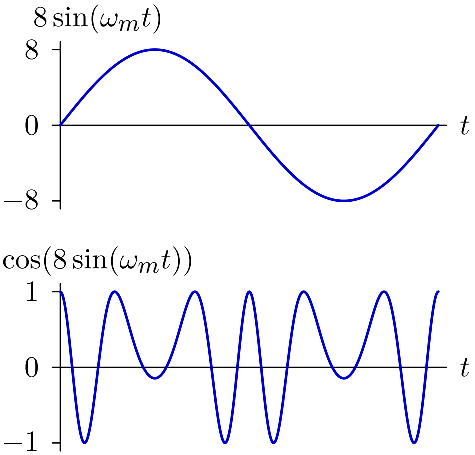

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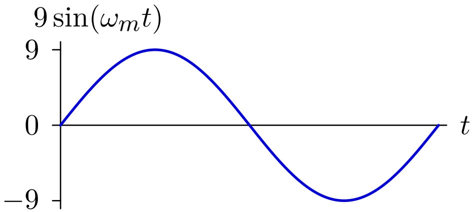

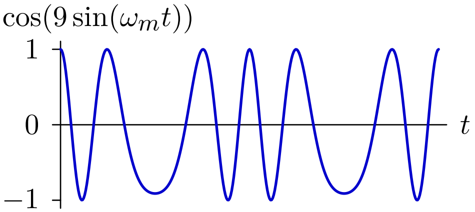

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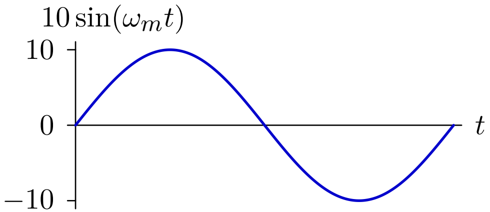

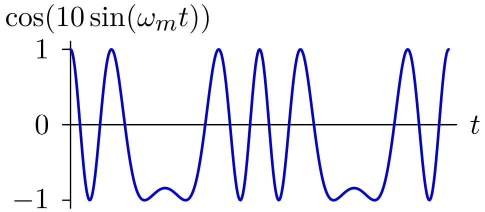

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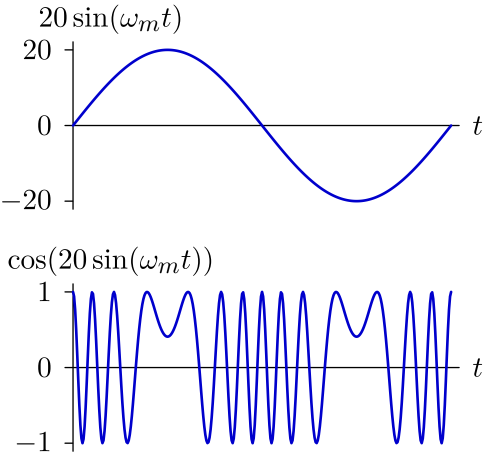

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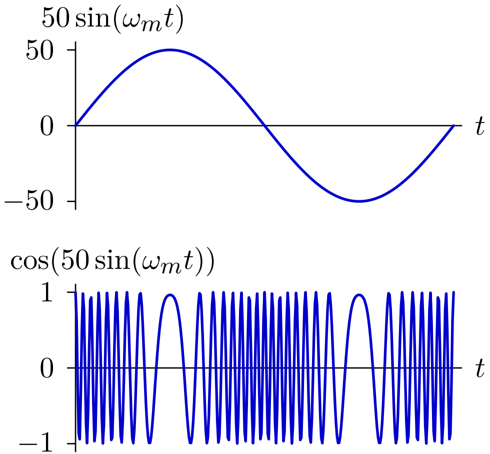

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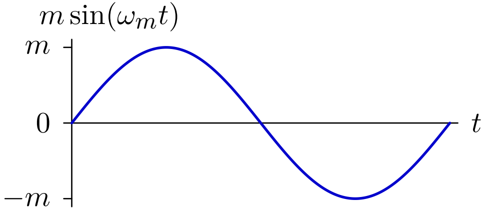

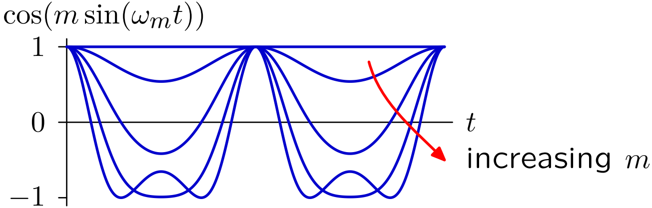

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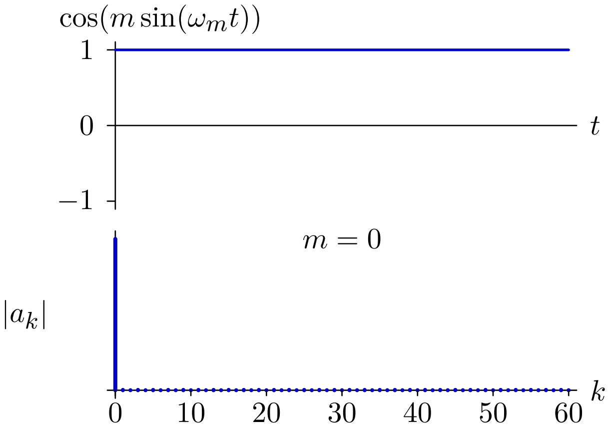

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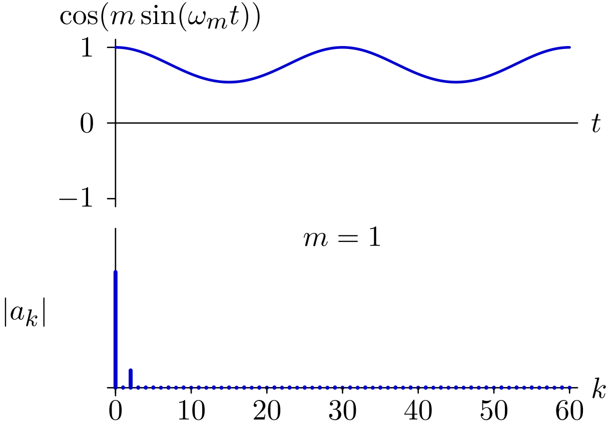

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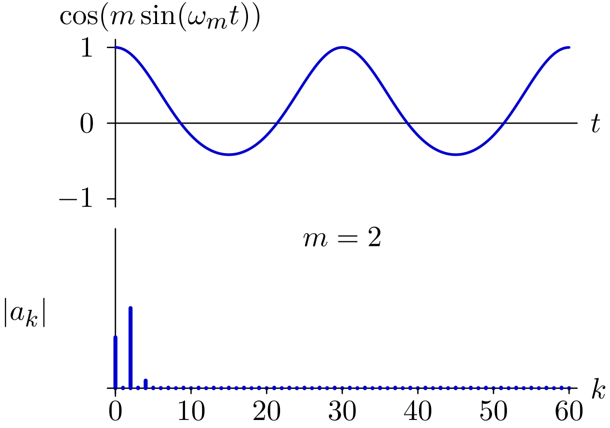

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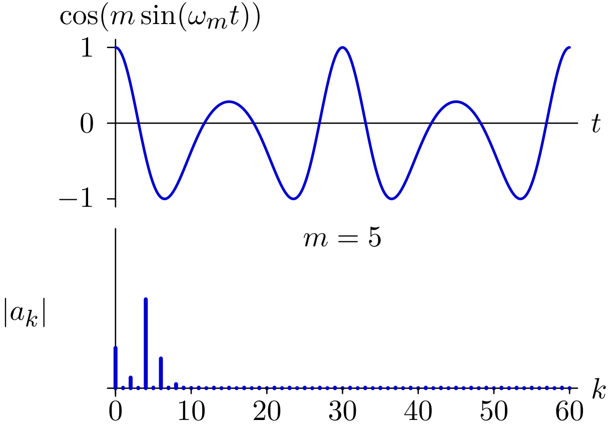

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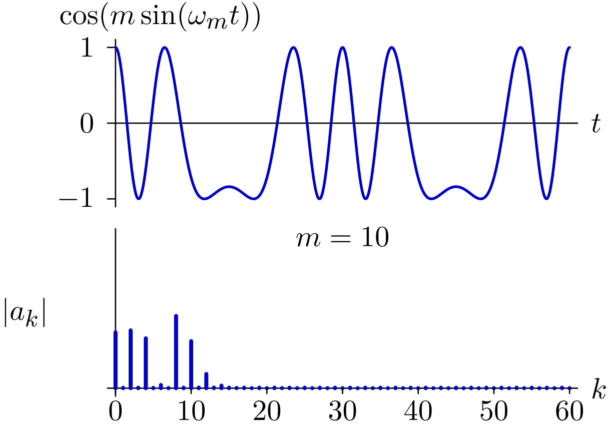

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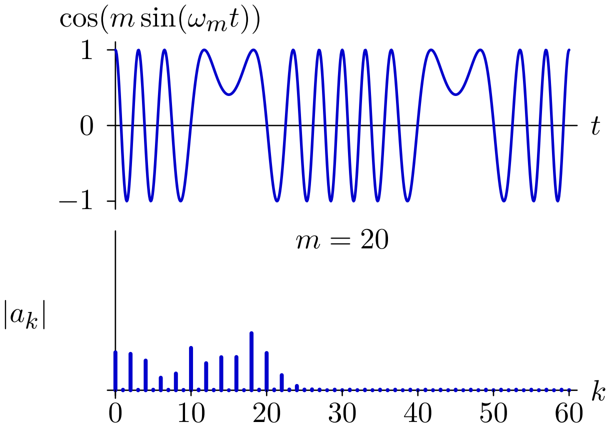

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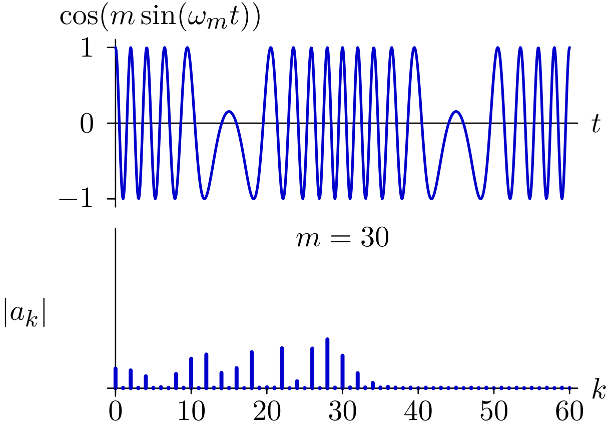

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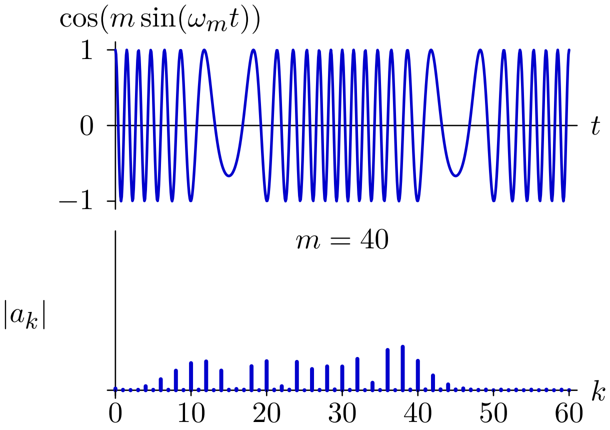

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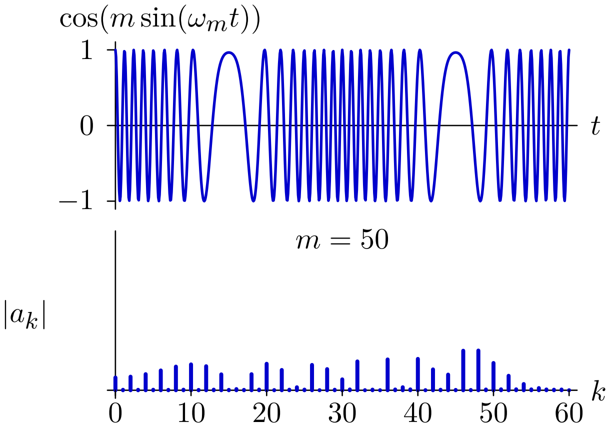

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Fourier transform of first part.

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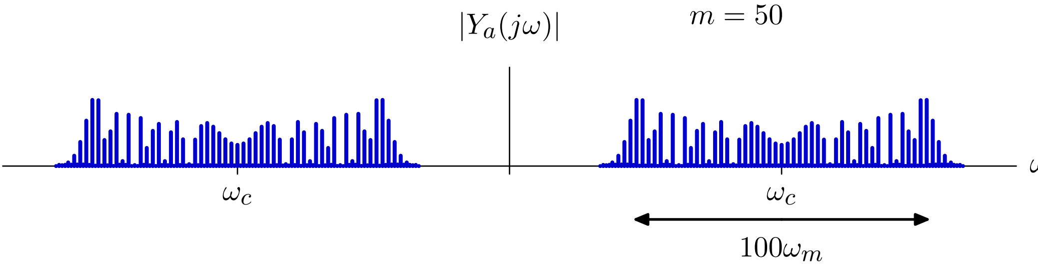

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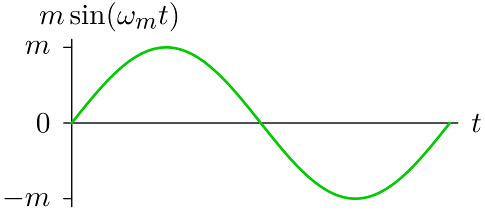

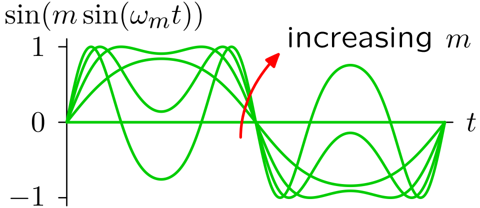

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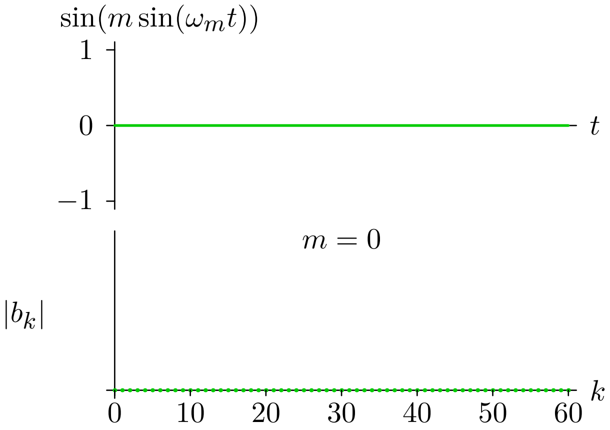

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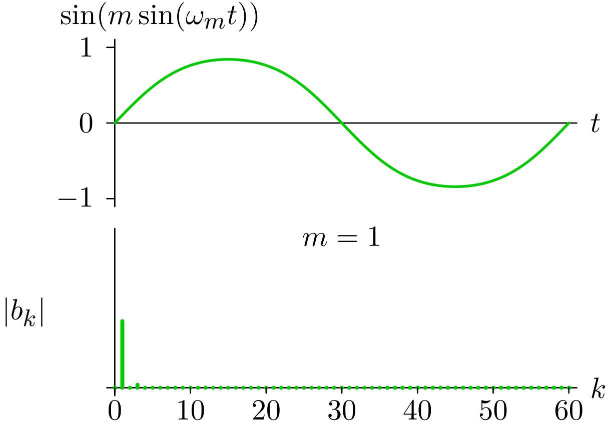

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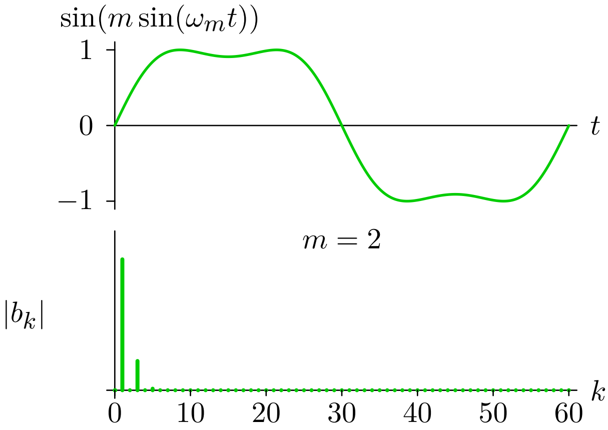

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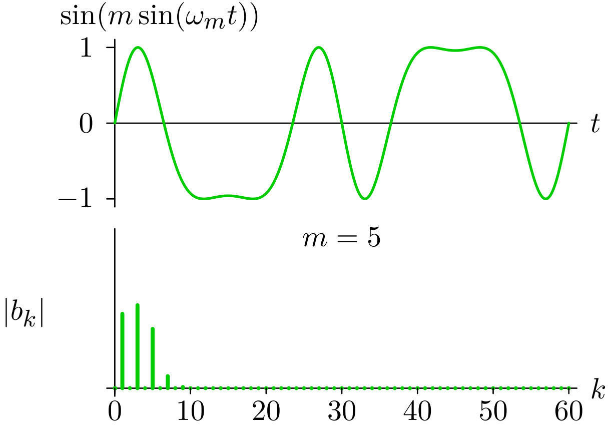

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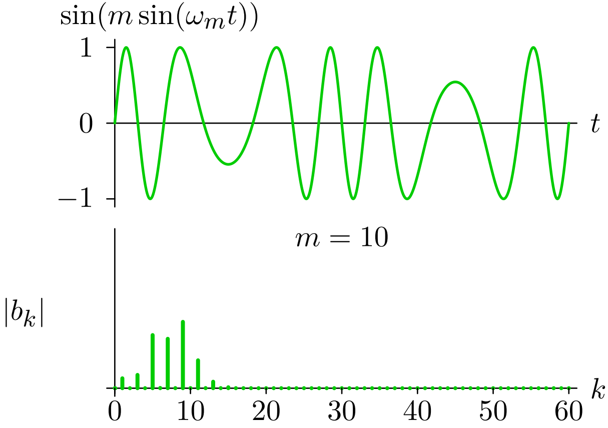

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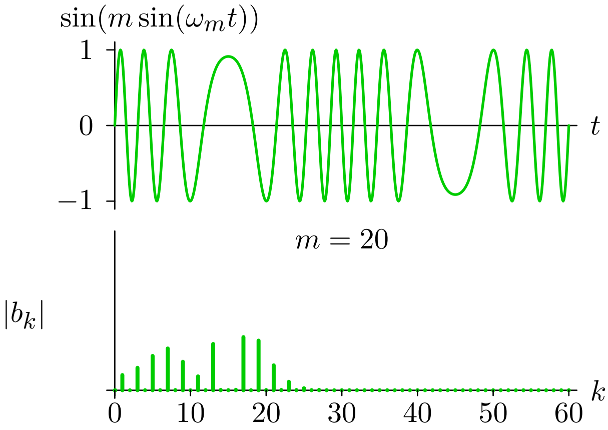

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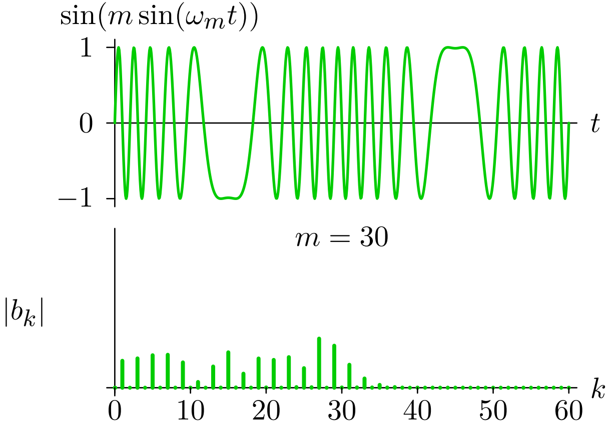

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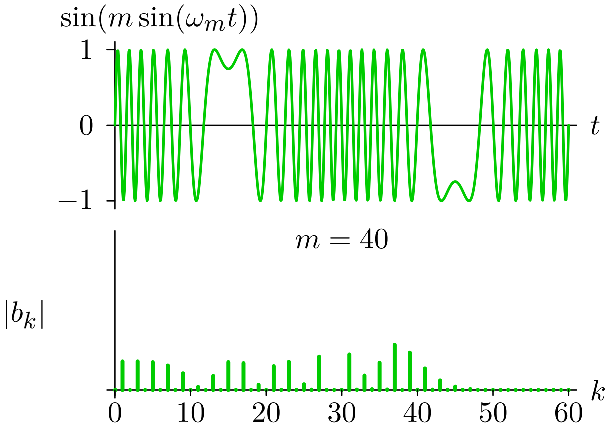

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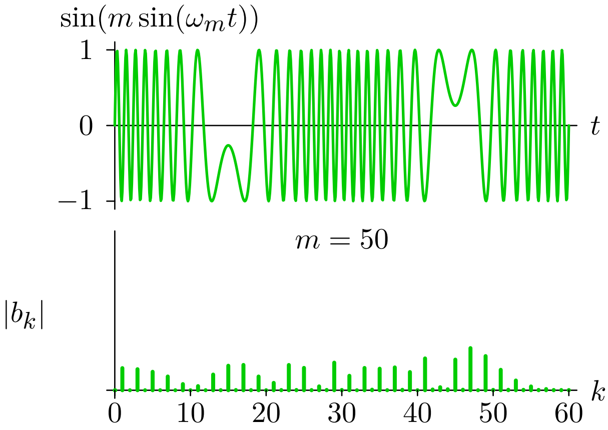

Phase/Frequency Modulation

Fourier transform of second part.

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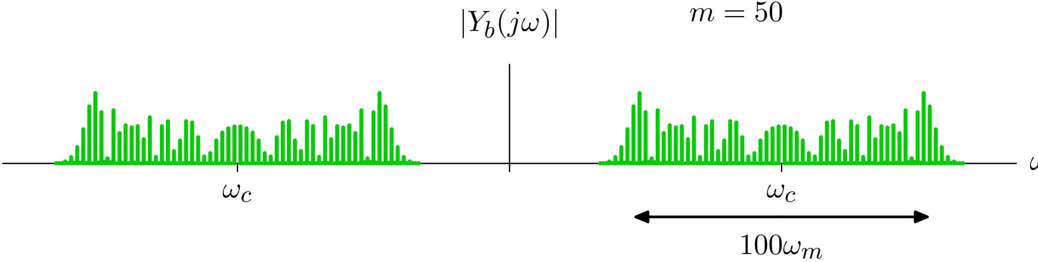

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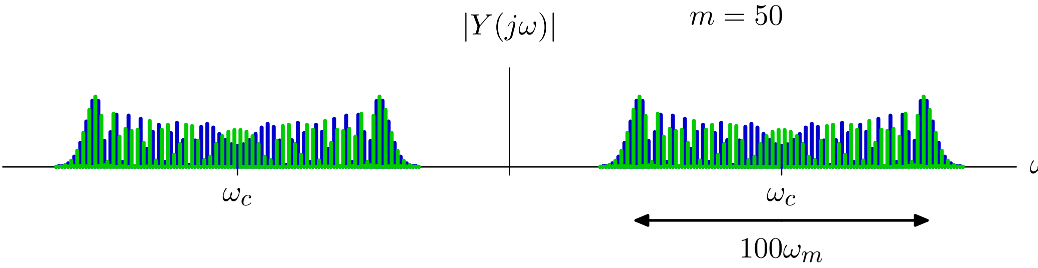
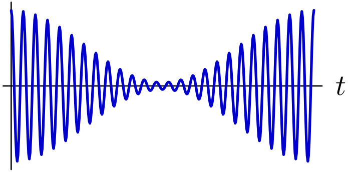


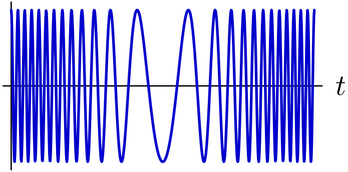
Frequency Modulation

Wideband FM is useful because it is robust to noise.

AM: $y_1(t) = (\cos(\omega_m t) + 1.1)\cos(\omega_c t)$



FM: $y_3(t) = \cos(\omega_c t + m\sin(\omega_m t))$



FM generates a redundant signal that is resilient to additive noise.

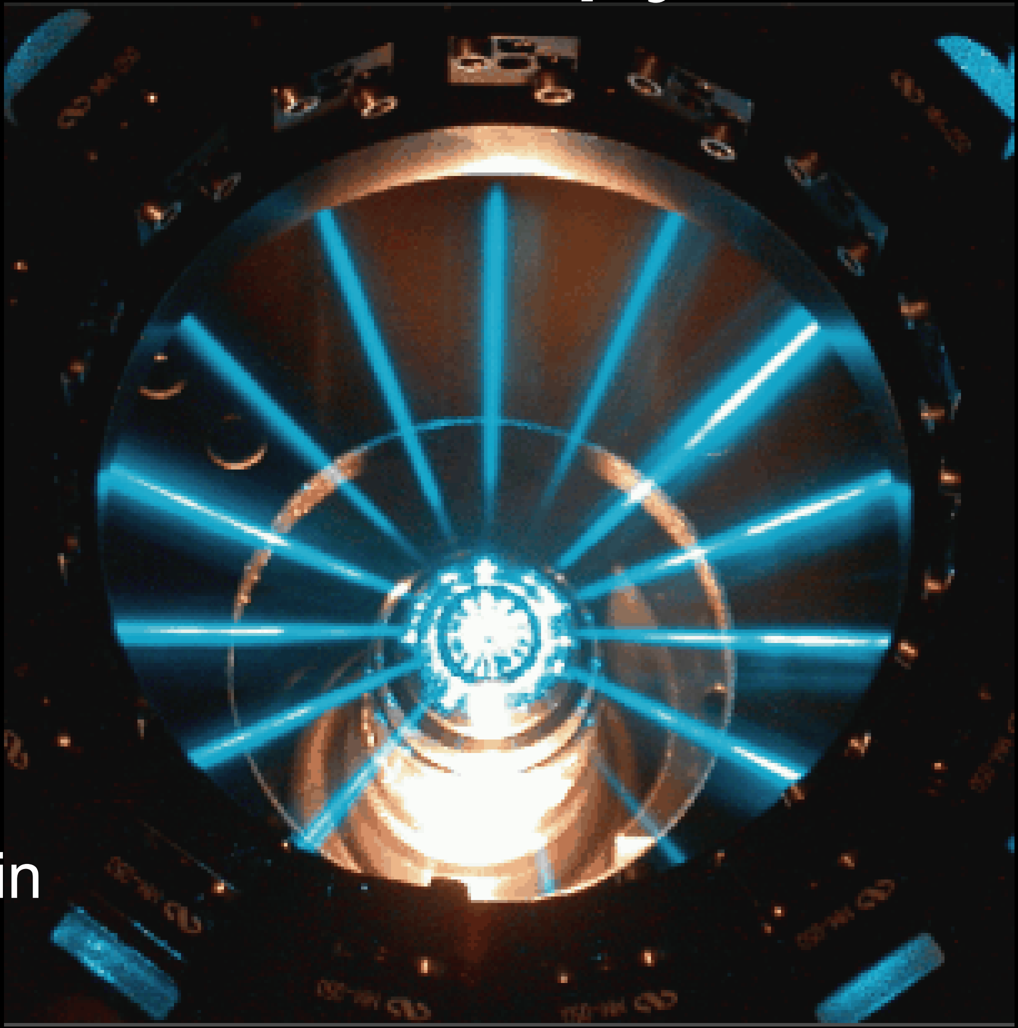
Summary

Modulation is useful for matching signals to media.

Examples: commercial radio (AM and FM)

Close with unconventional application of modulation – in microscopy.

6.003 Microscopy



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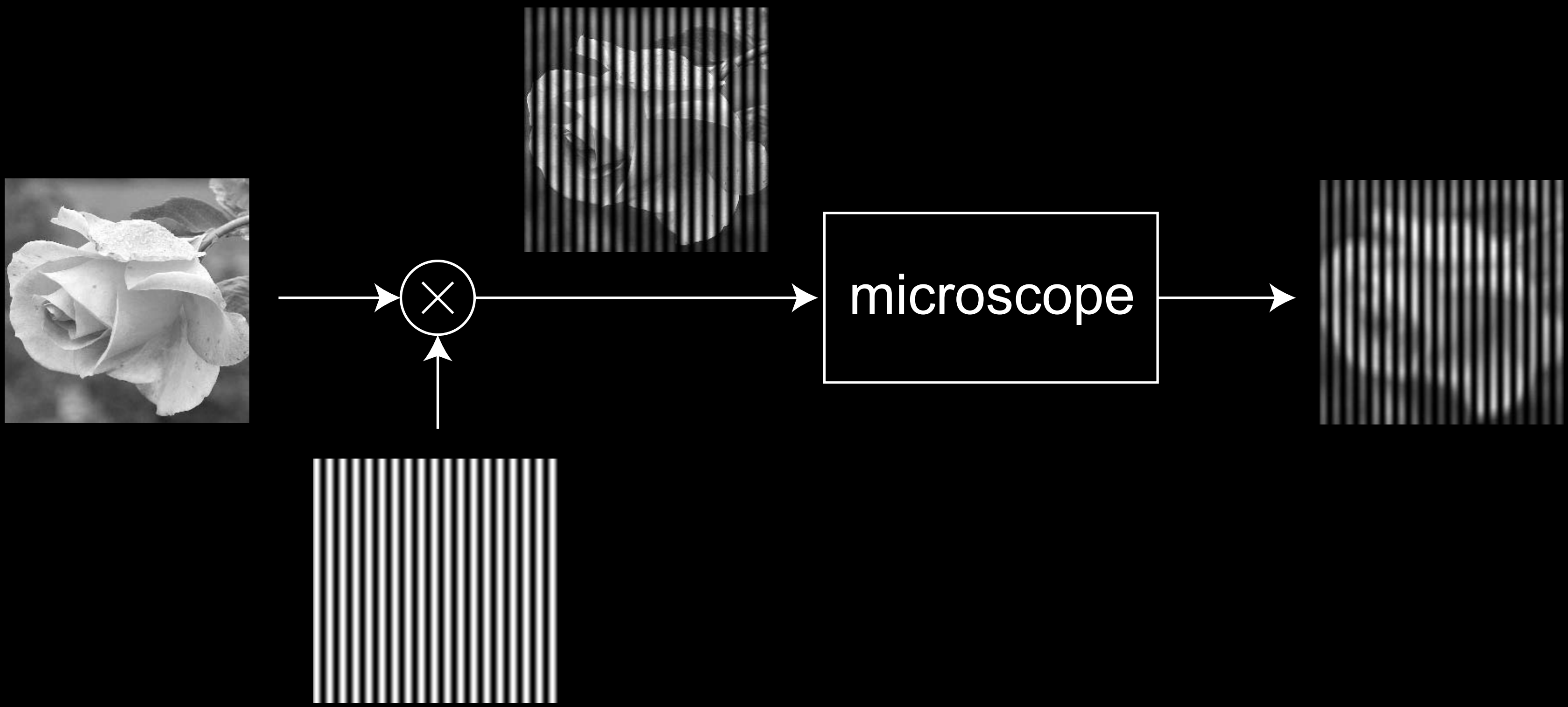
6.003 Model of a Microscope

Microscope = low-pass filter

Phase-Modulated Microscopy



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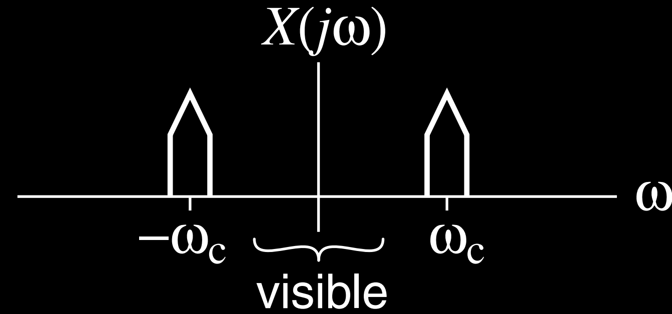
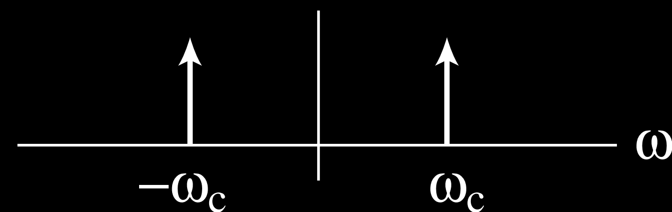
Phase-Modulated Microscopy

Poster: $\cos(\omega_c y + f(x,y))$



Projector: $\cos(\omega_c y)$



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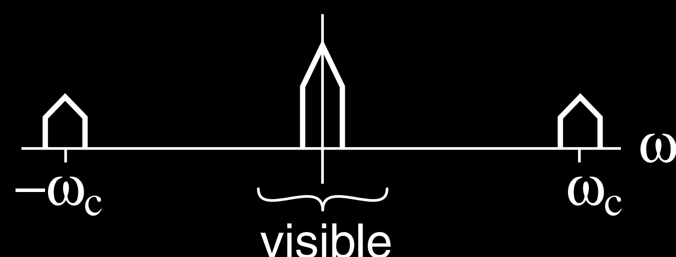

Modulated illumination enables low-pass system (eyes) to detect high spatial frequencies

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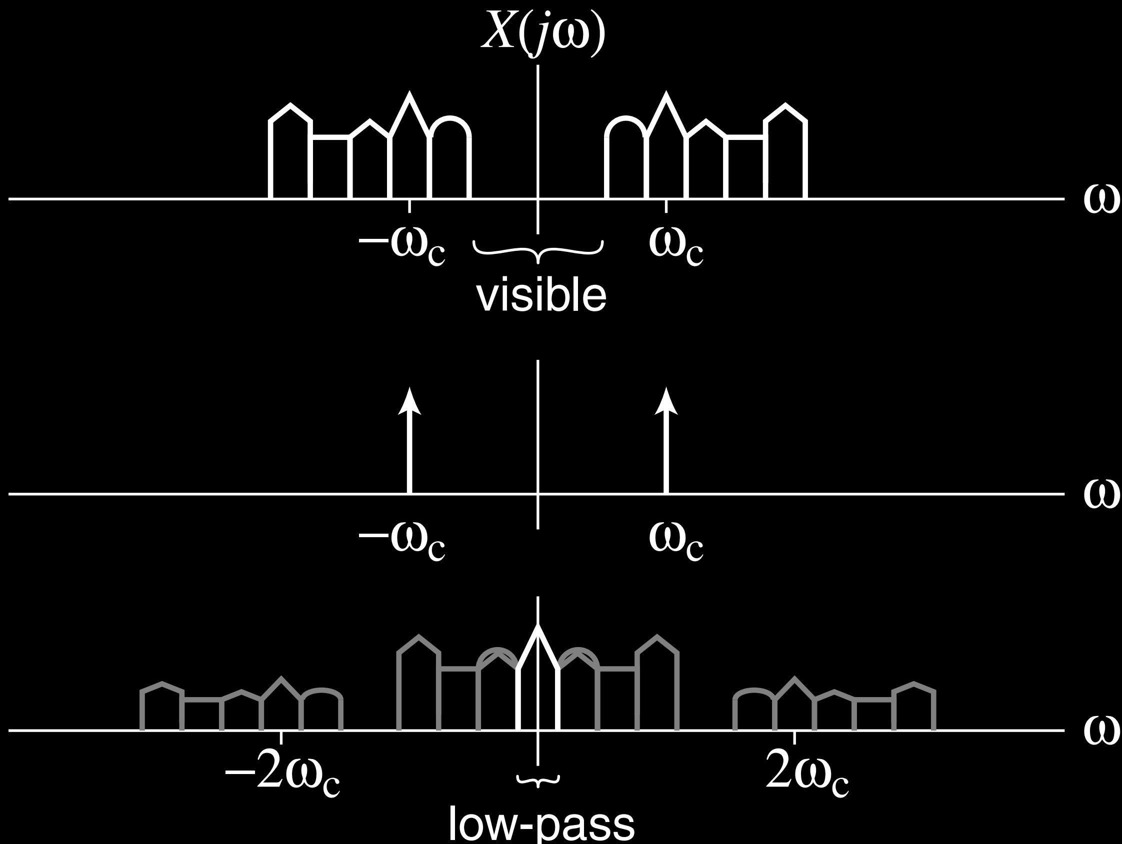

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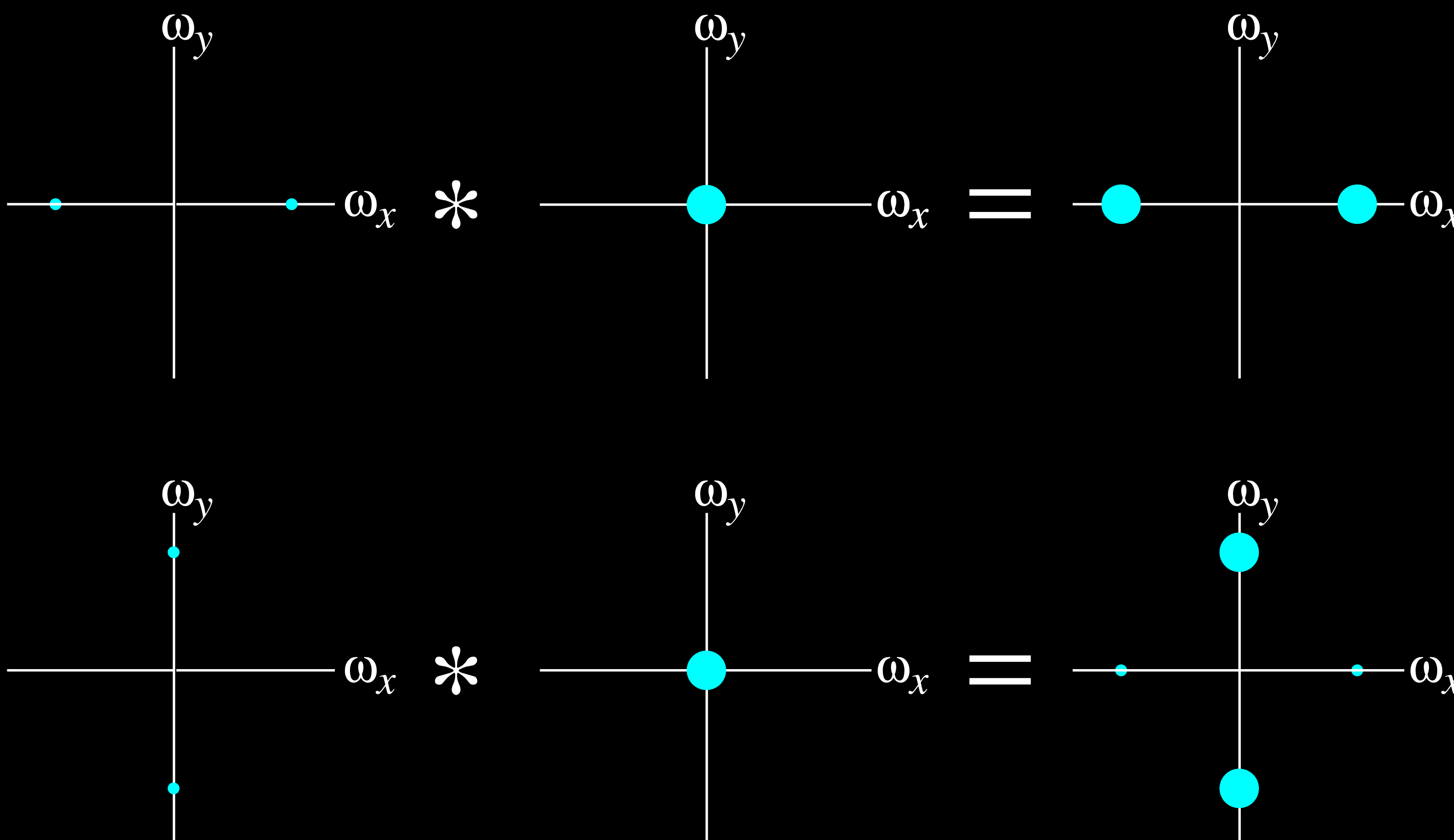
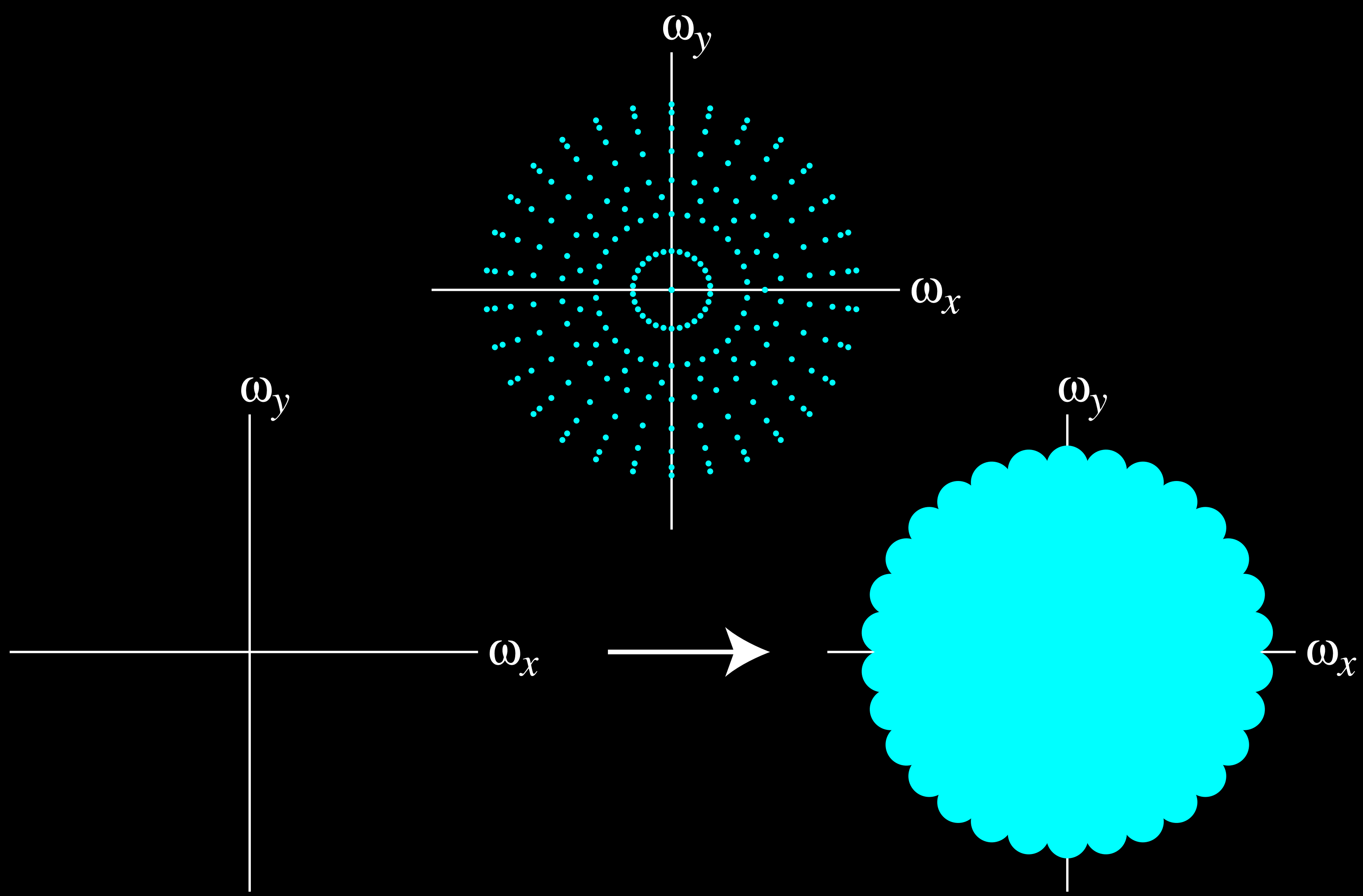
Images are 2 dimensional
→ need 2D Fourier Transform



many frequencies + many orientations = many images



low resolution

high resolution

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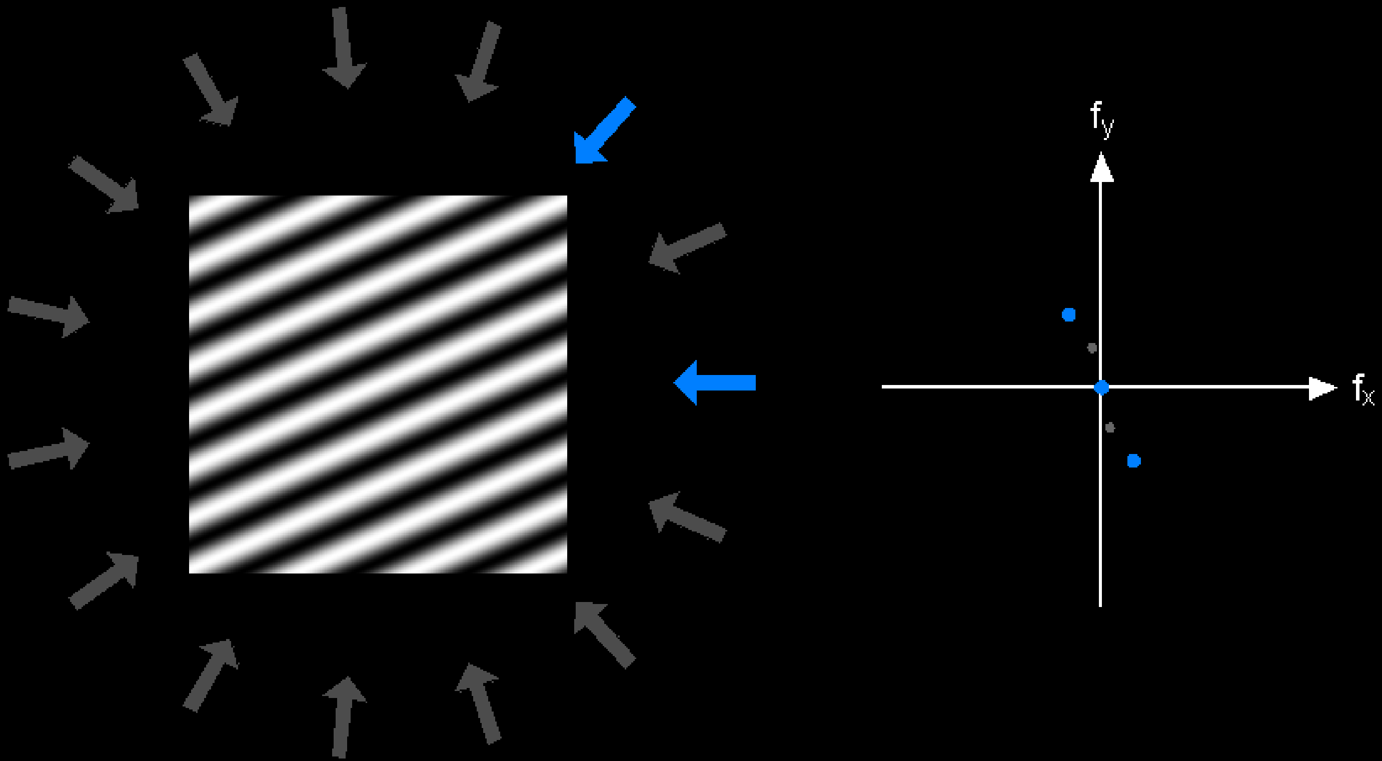
Standing-wave illumination spectrum



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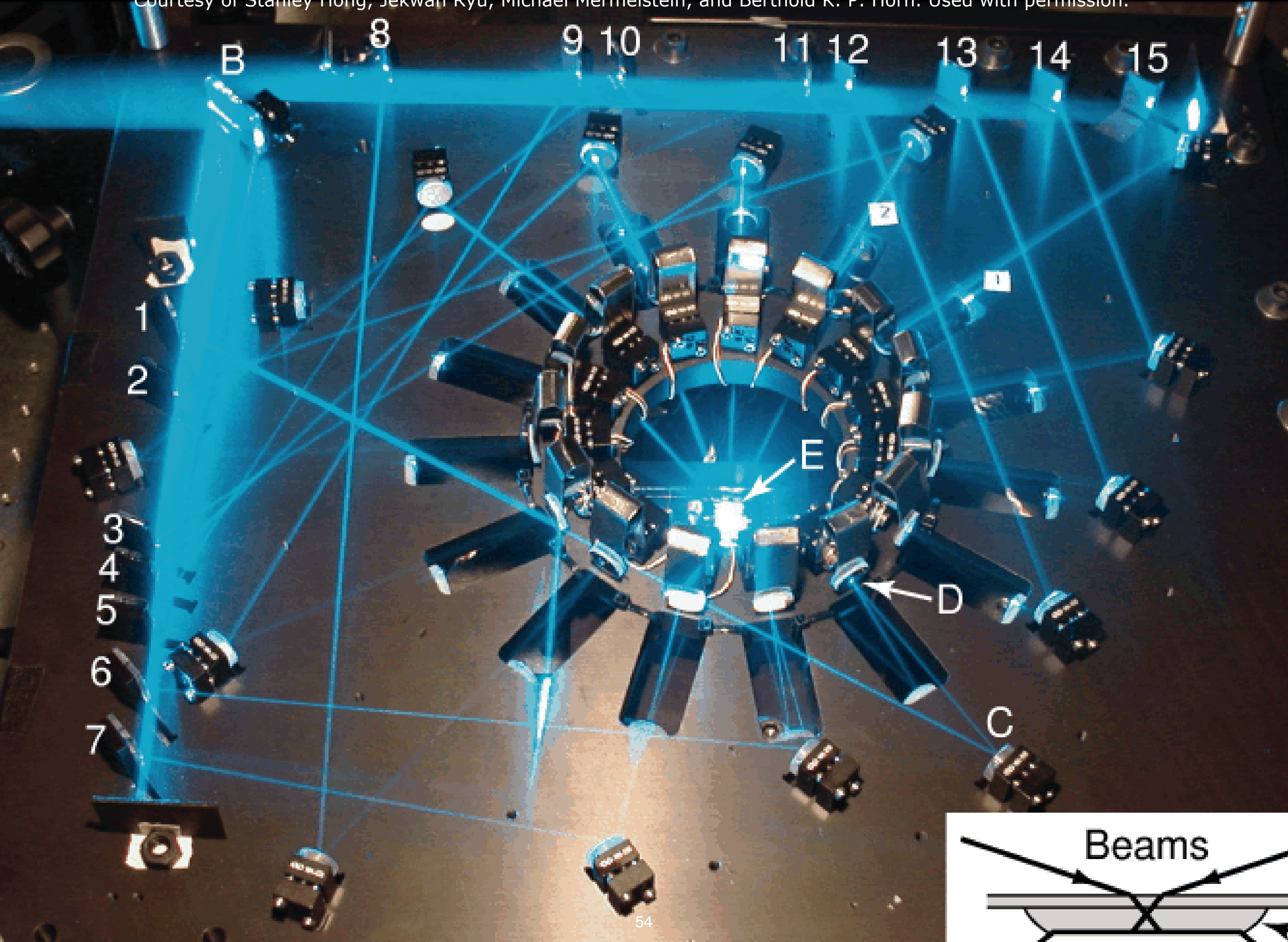
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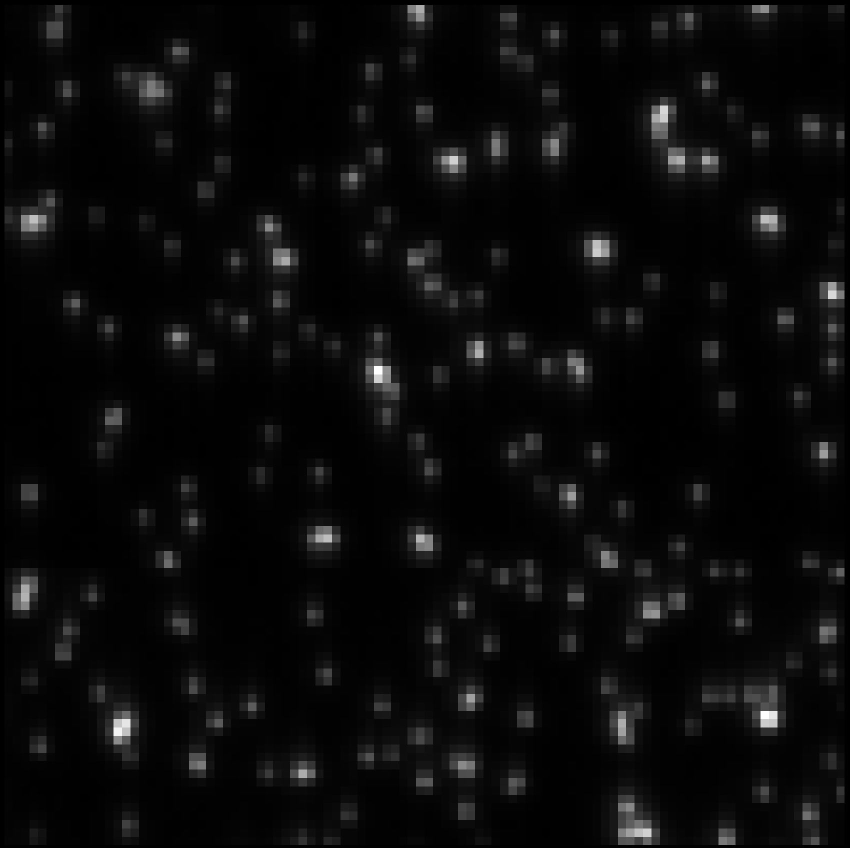

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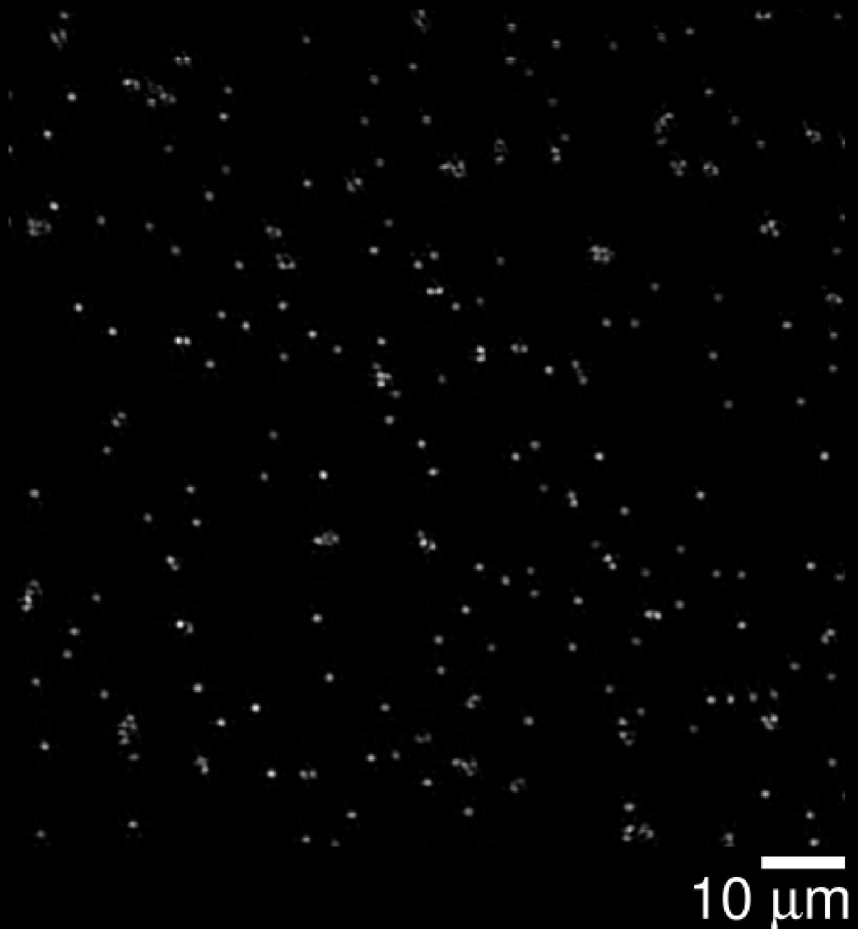

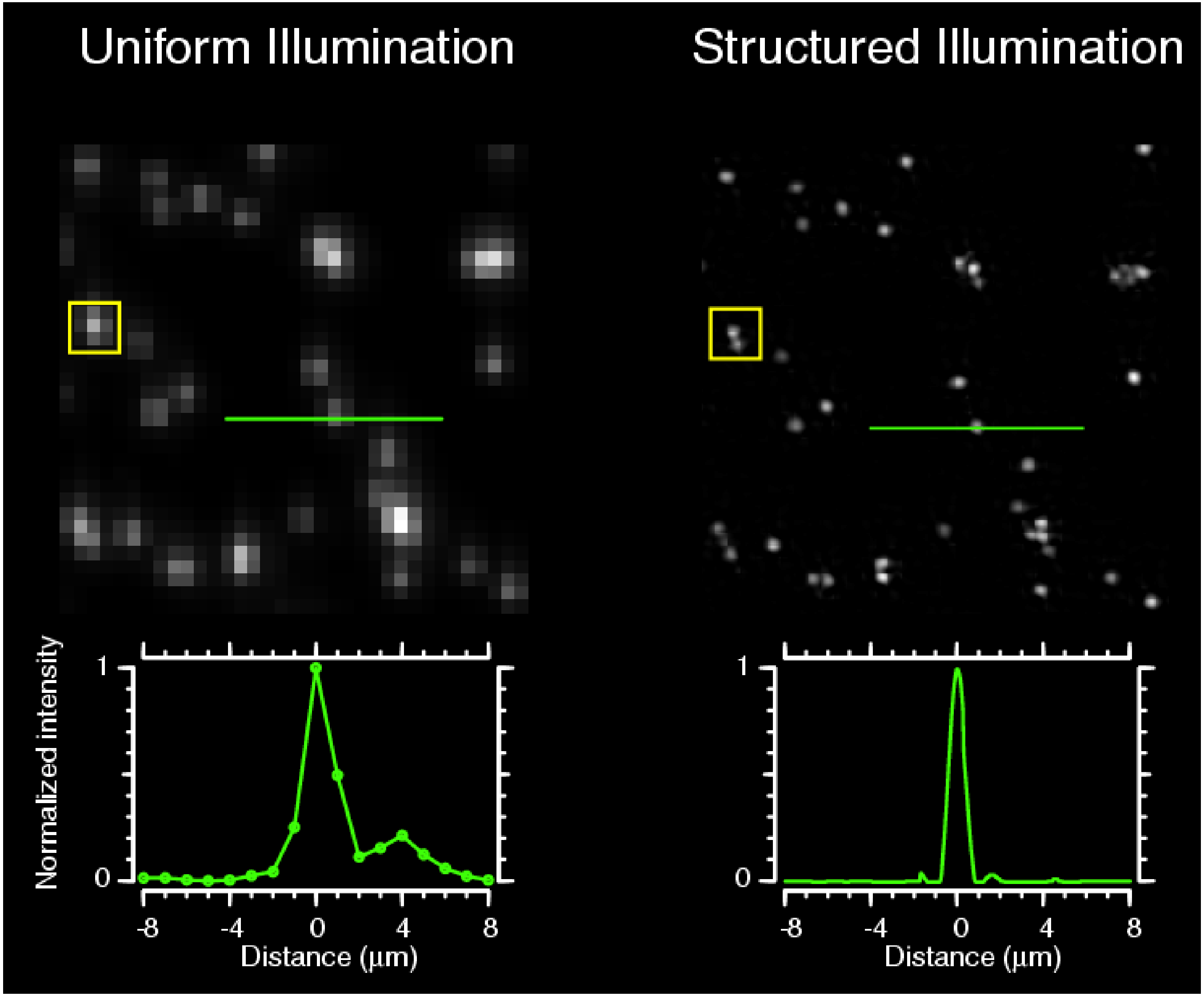
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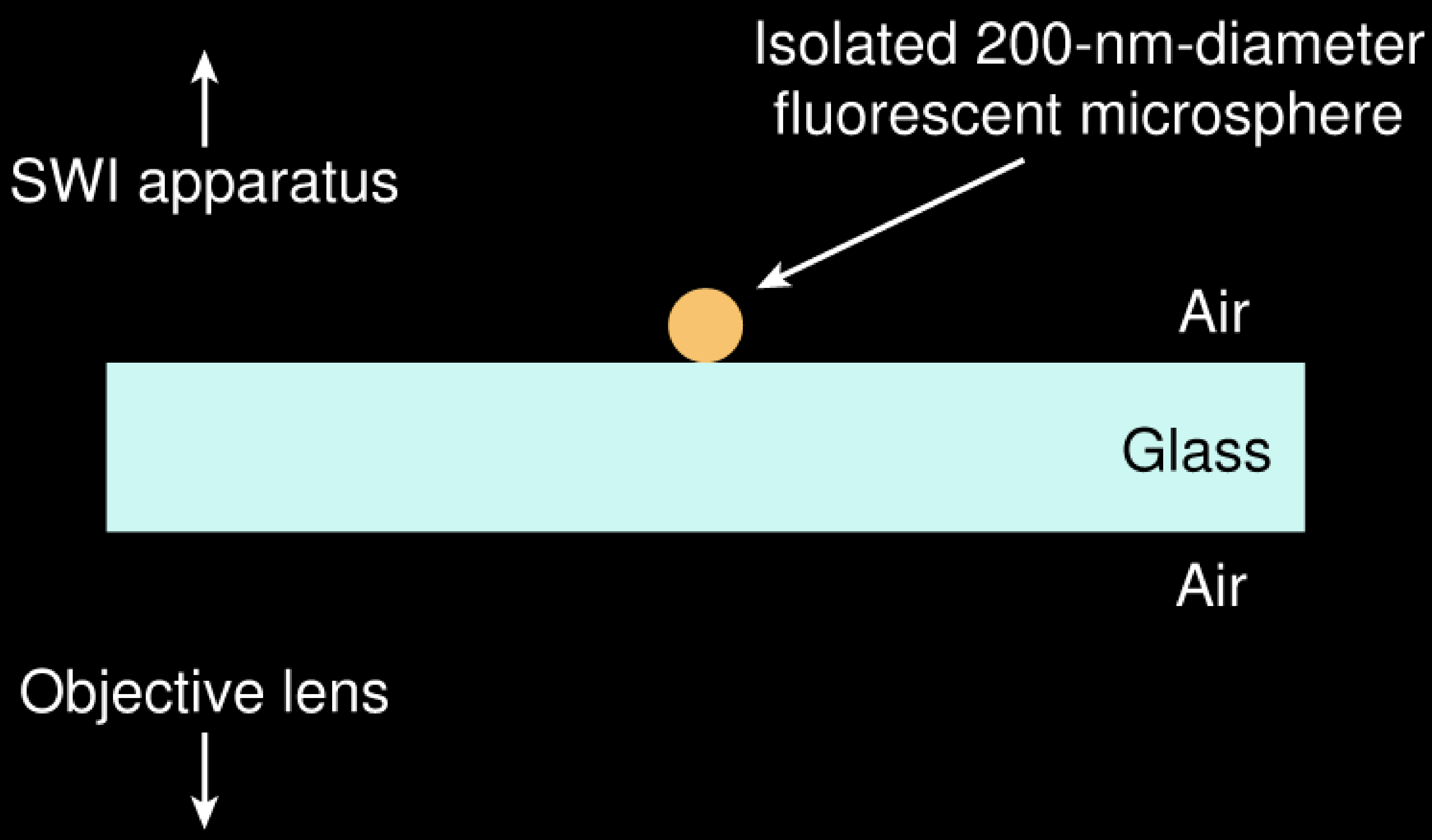

(Cross section, not to scale)

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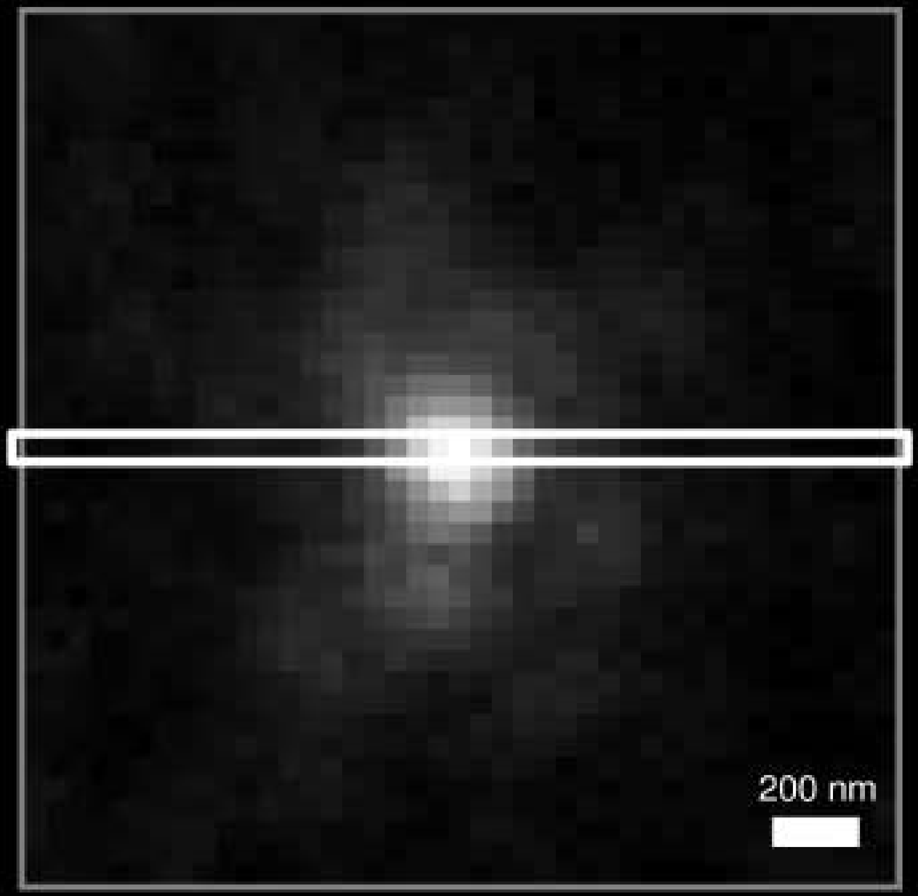

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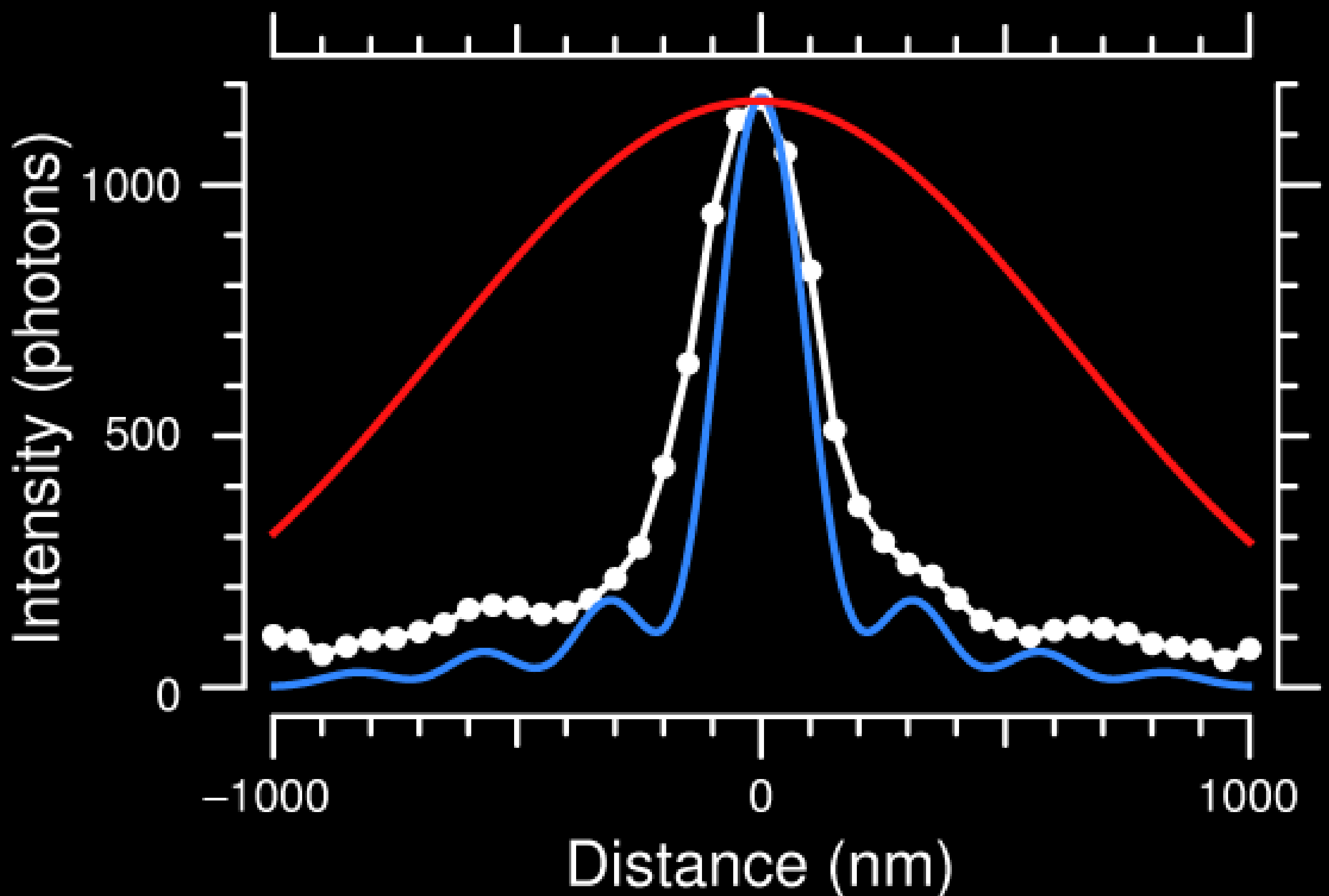

Measured diameter = 290 nm

Predicted diameter = 250 nm

Diameter lens alone = 1,500 nm

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