

360 video

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Agenda

Examples from authors projects

Image projections
(Perspective - Fisheye - Cylindrical panorama - Cube maps - Equirectangular panorama)

Camera summary
(One - Two - More than two)

The fundamental problem
(Parallax)

Solutions to the fundamental problem
(Mirrors - Optics - Optical flow)

Miscellaneous topics

Current project

The Atlas of Maritime Buddhism





RoundShot



Gigapixel





Gigapixel





3D reconstruction



360 video



Repurpose: HMD



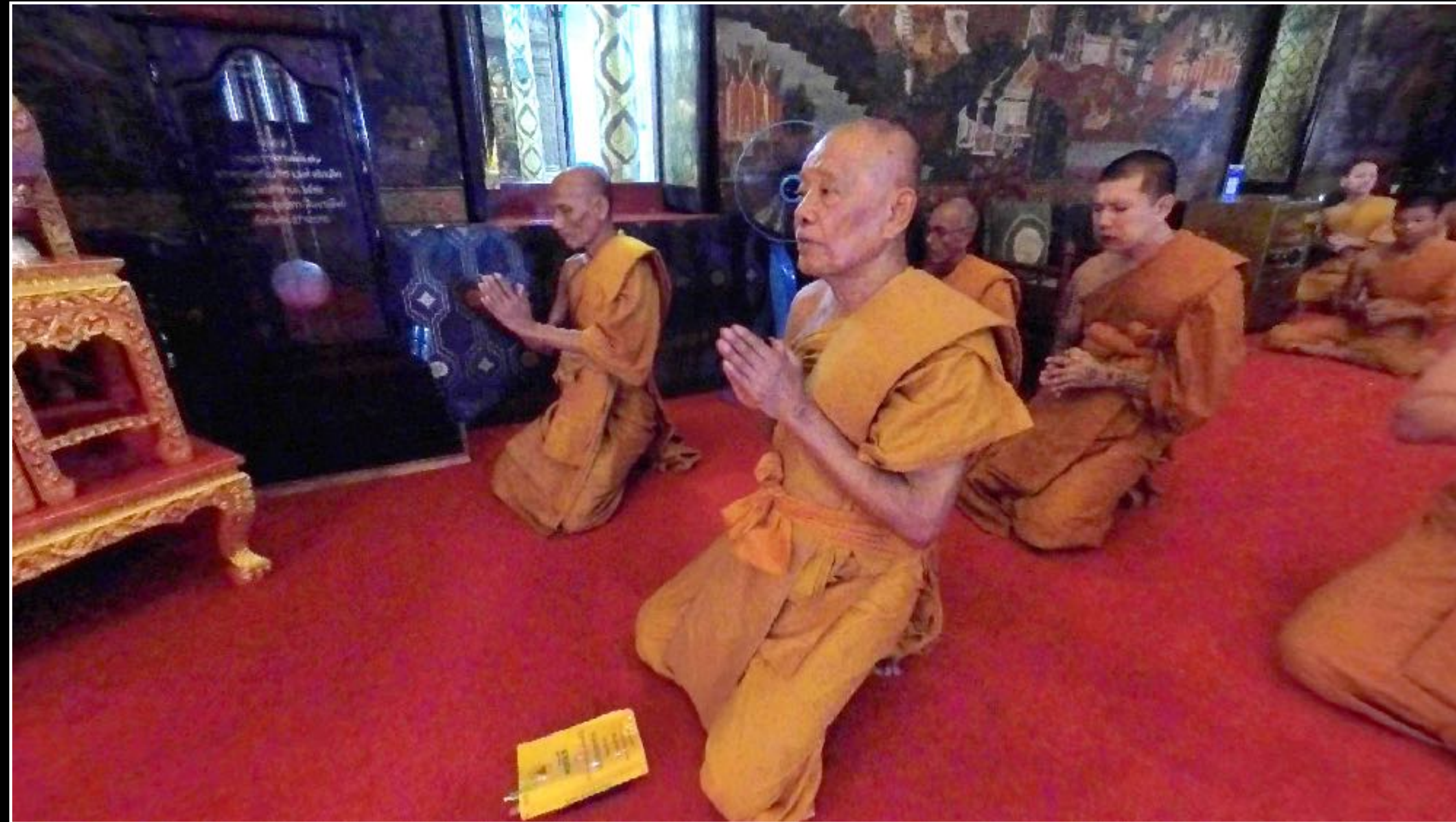
Repurpose: Cylindrical



Repurpose: Fisheye (domes)



Repurpose: Perspective









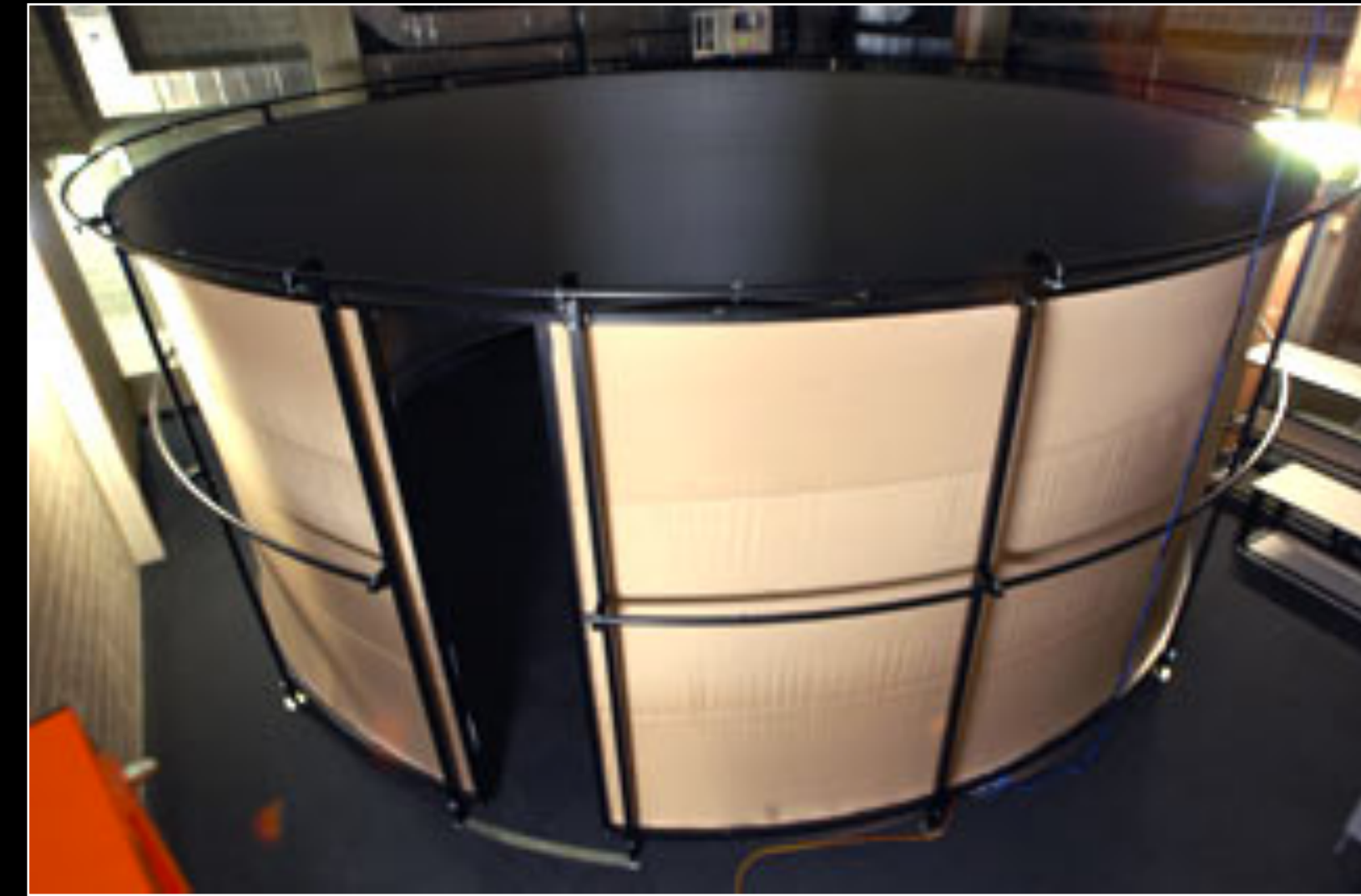
Insta360Pro2

- 6 Cameras in a horizontal line
- Each camera 190 degrees in order to capture the north pole and lots of overlap for optical flow work (see later).
- 30fps at 8K resolution.
- Controlled by App over wifi network.
- Surpassed now by the "Titan", same company.



Personal history

iCinema





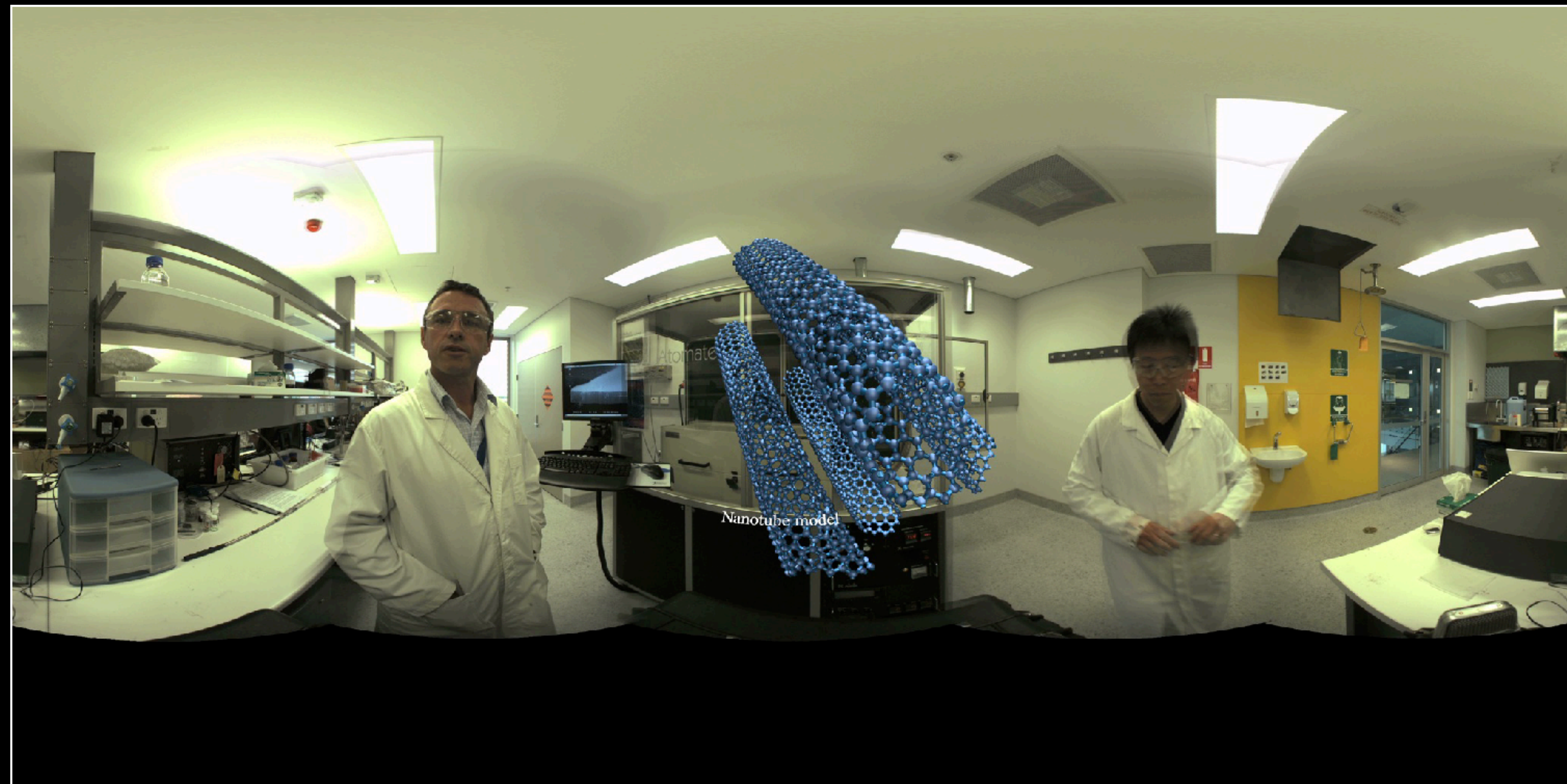
Whirling Dervish, Turkiye



Karratha iron ore ship loader



Mah Meri, Malaysia



Nanotechnology, Wollongong



Sheep shearing, Barossa valley



Pig farming in Hong Kong



Sahet-Jetavana, India

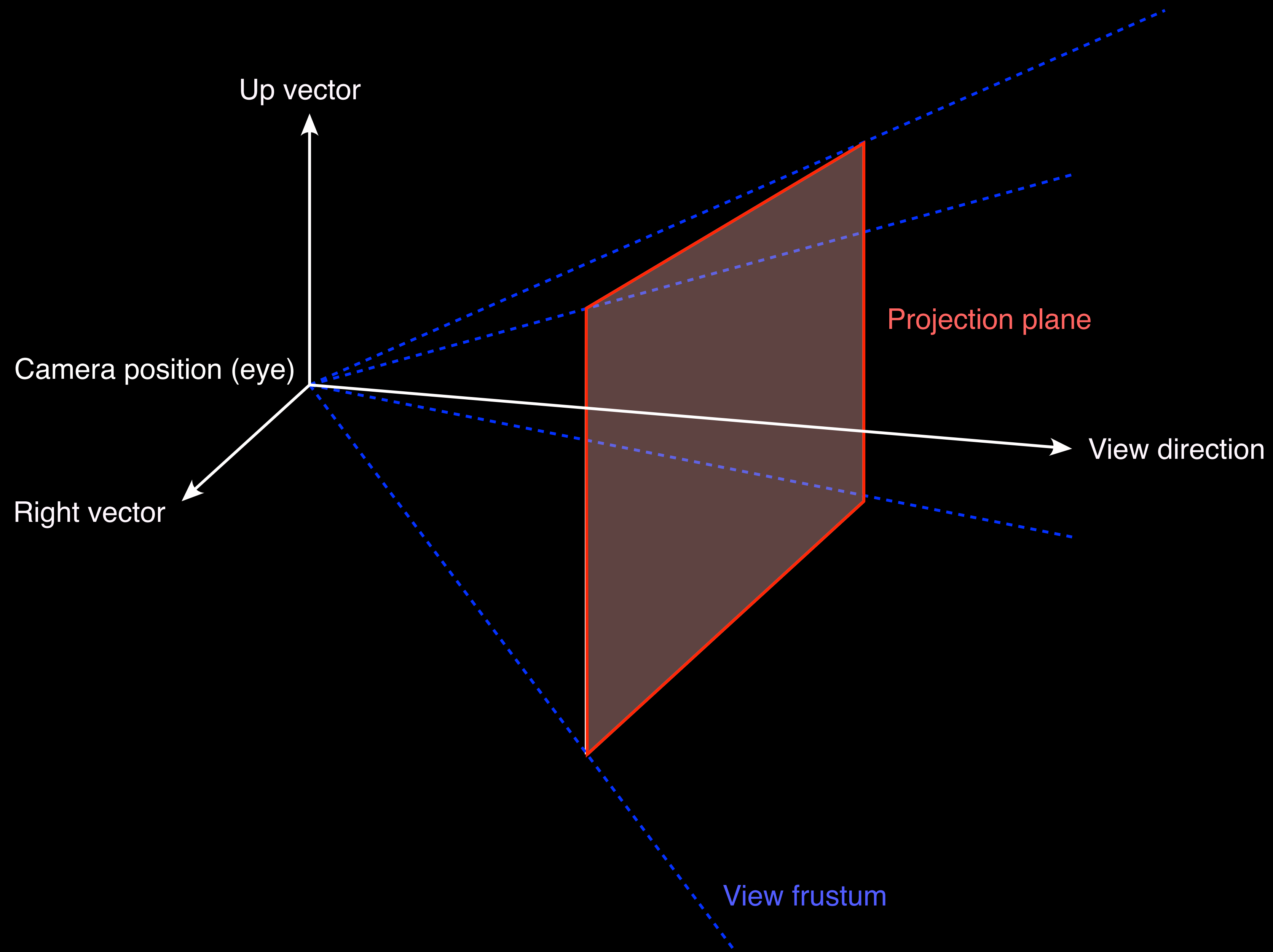


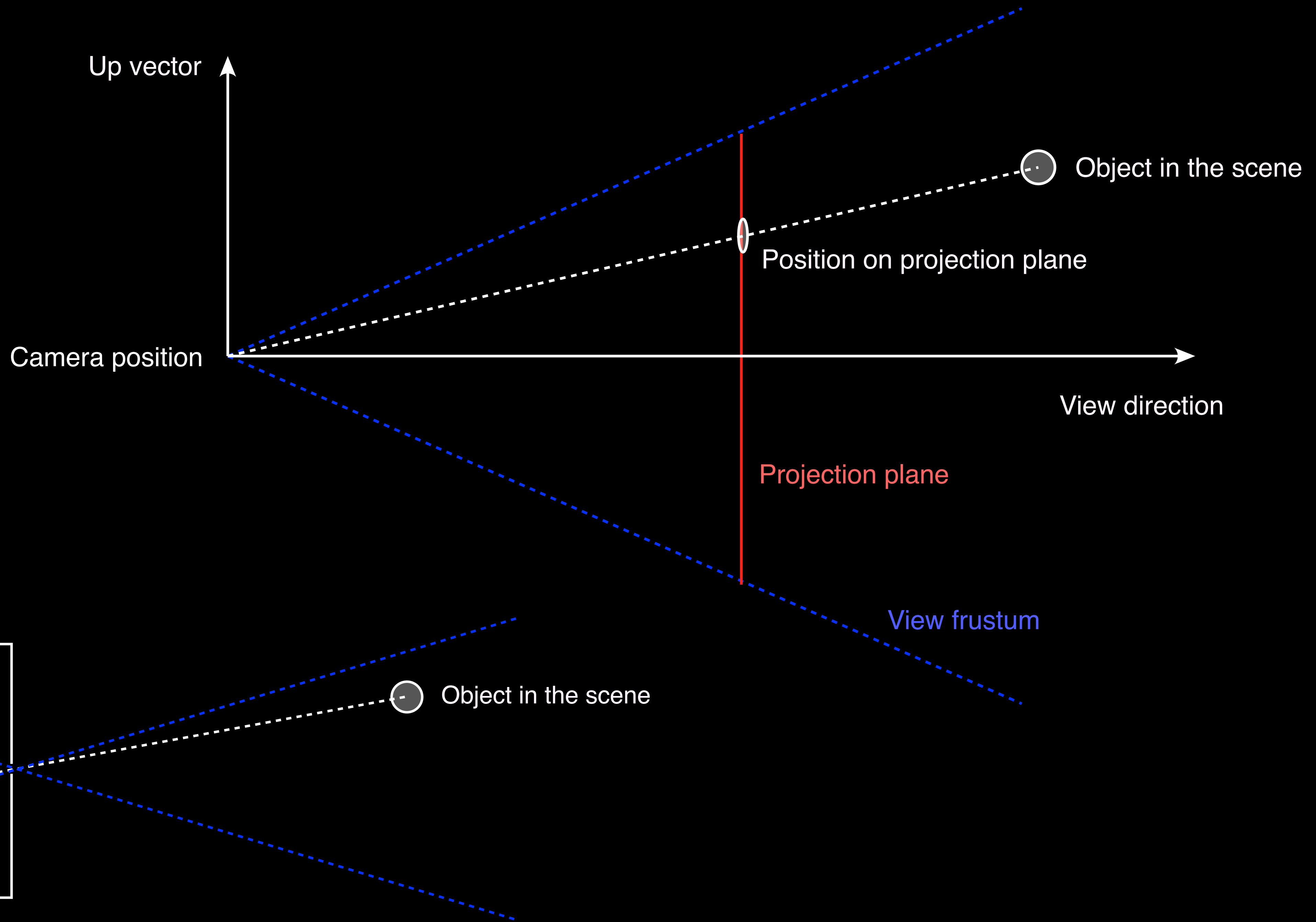
Clothing Buddha, India



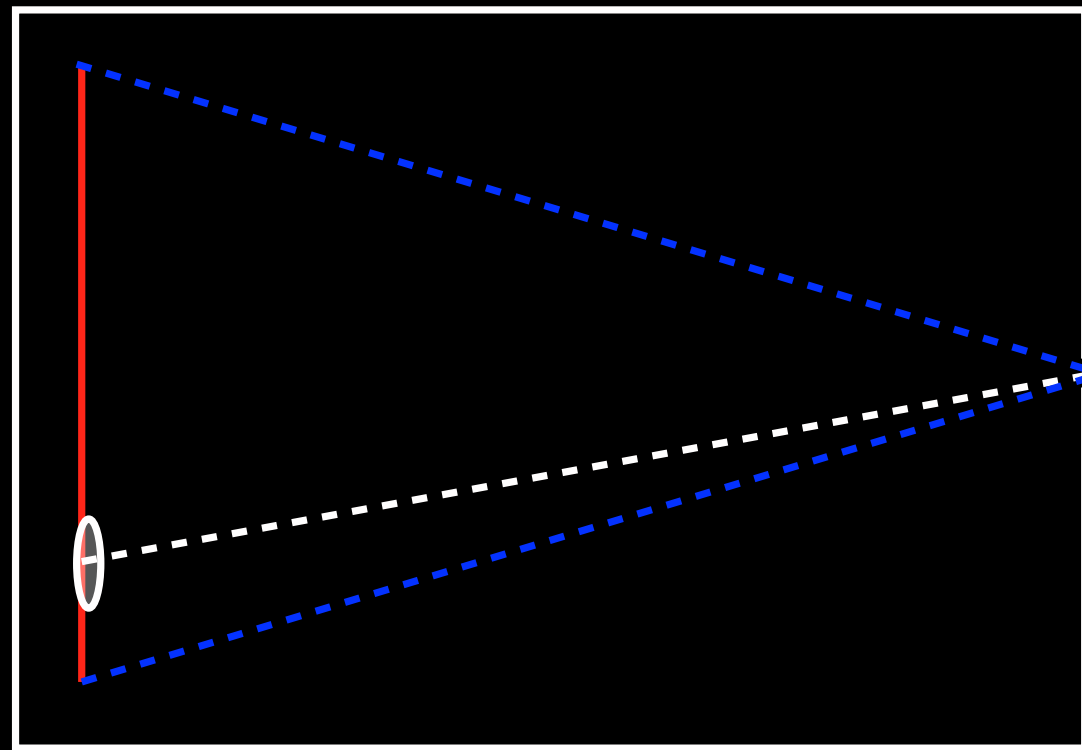
Micro and Nano Technology, EPFL, Switzerland

Image projections - Perspective





Film



Pinhole camera





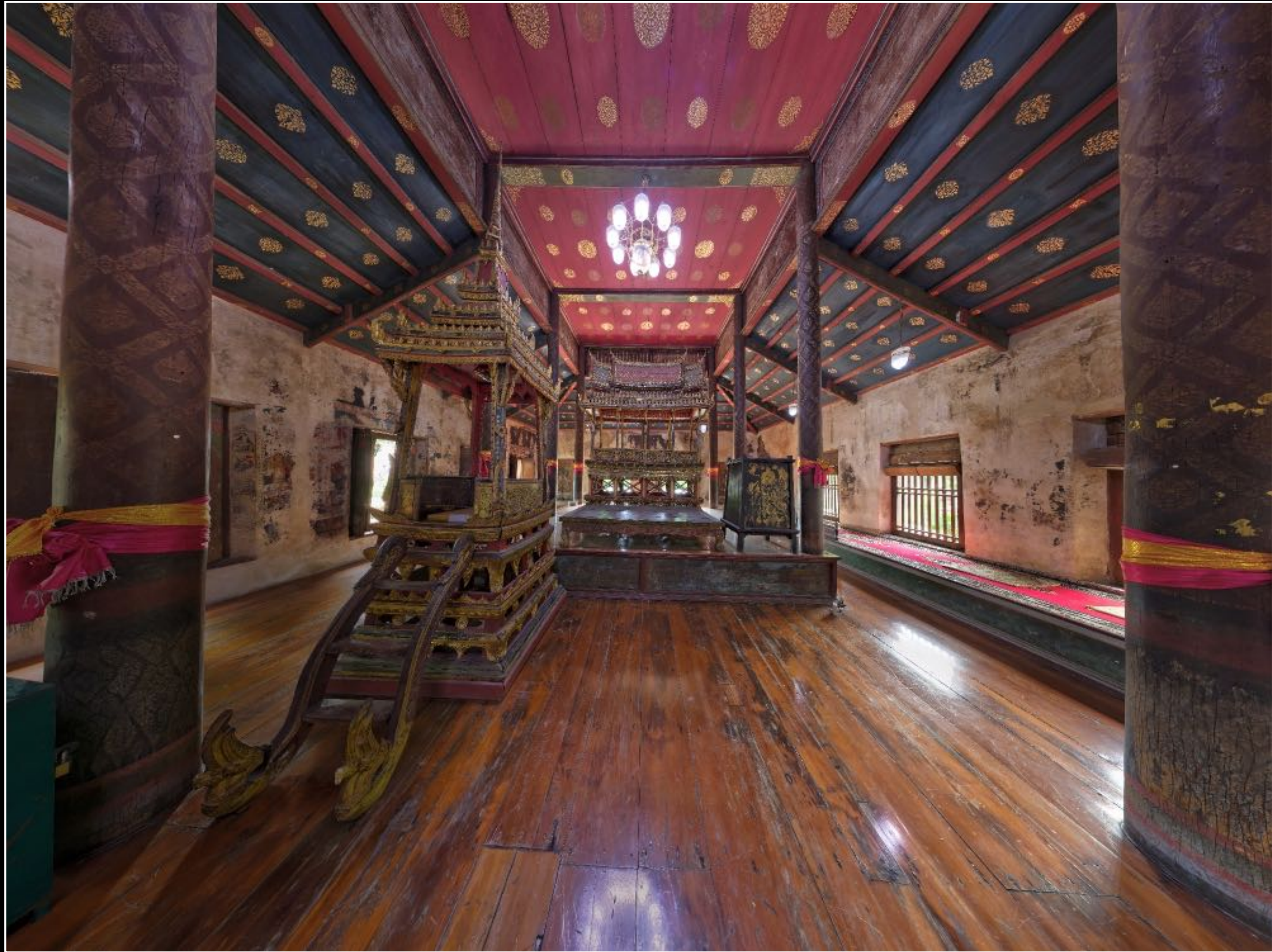
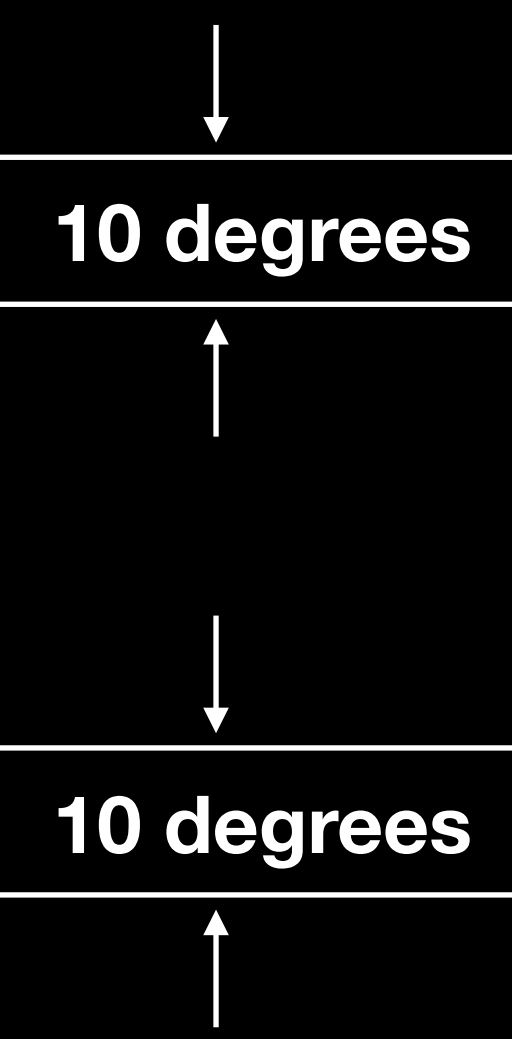
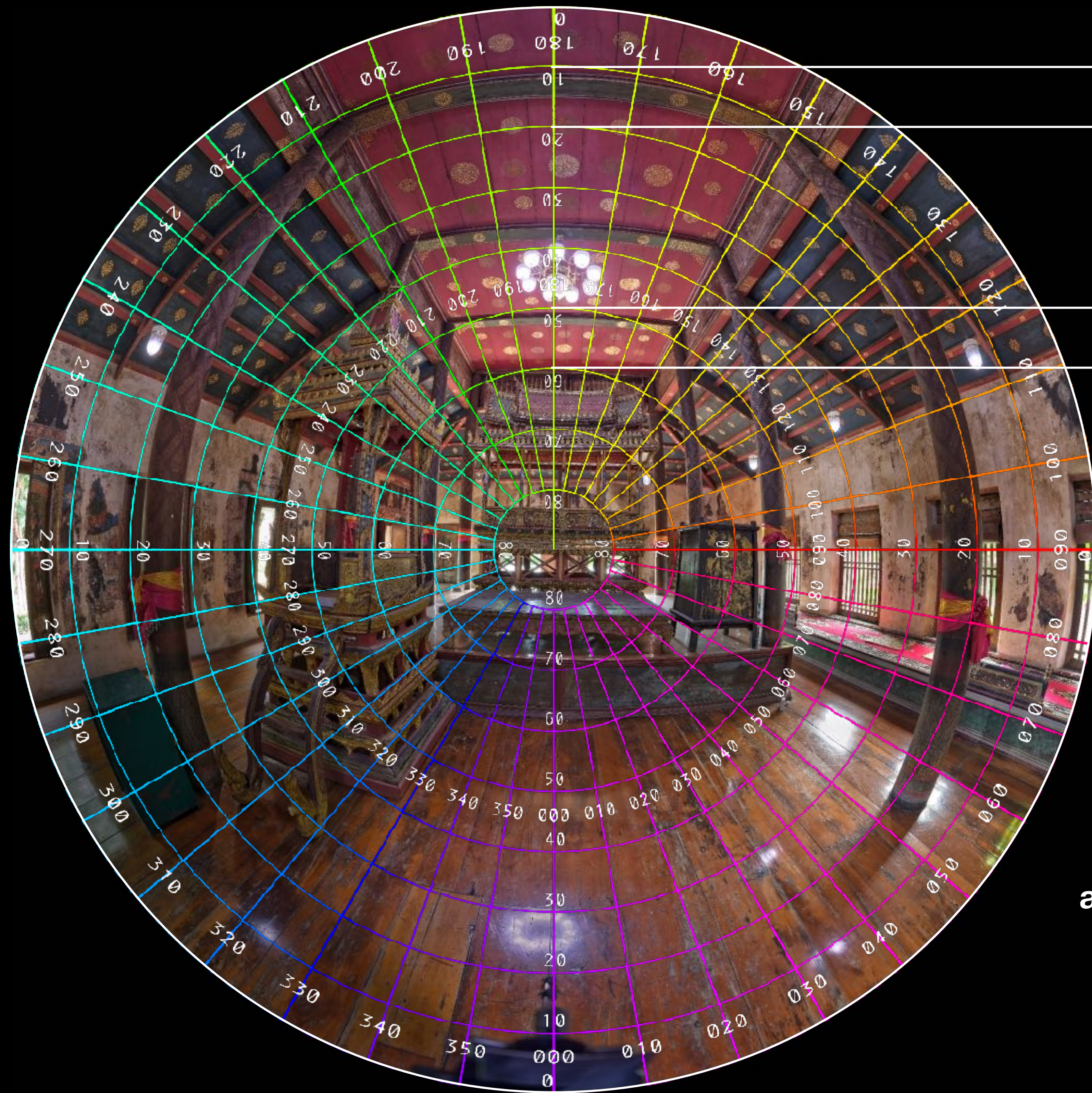


Image projections - Fisheye





Equal radial distances correspond to equal angles of corresponding vector into the scene



Image Projections - Cylindrical panorama

360 degrees



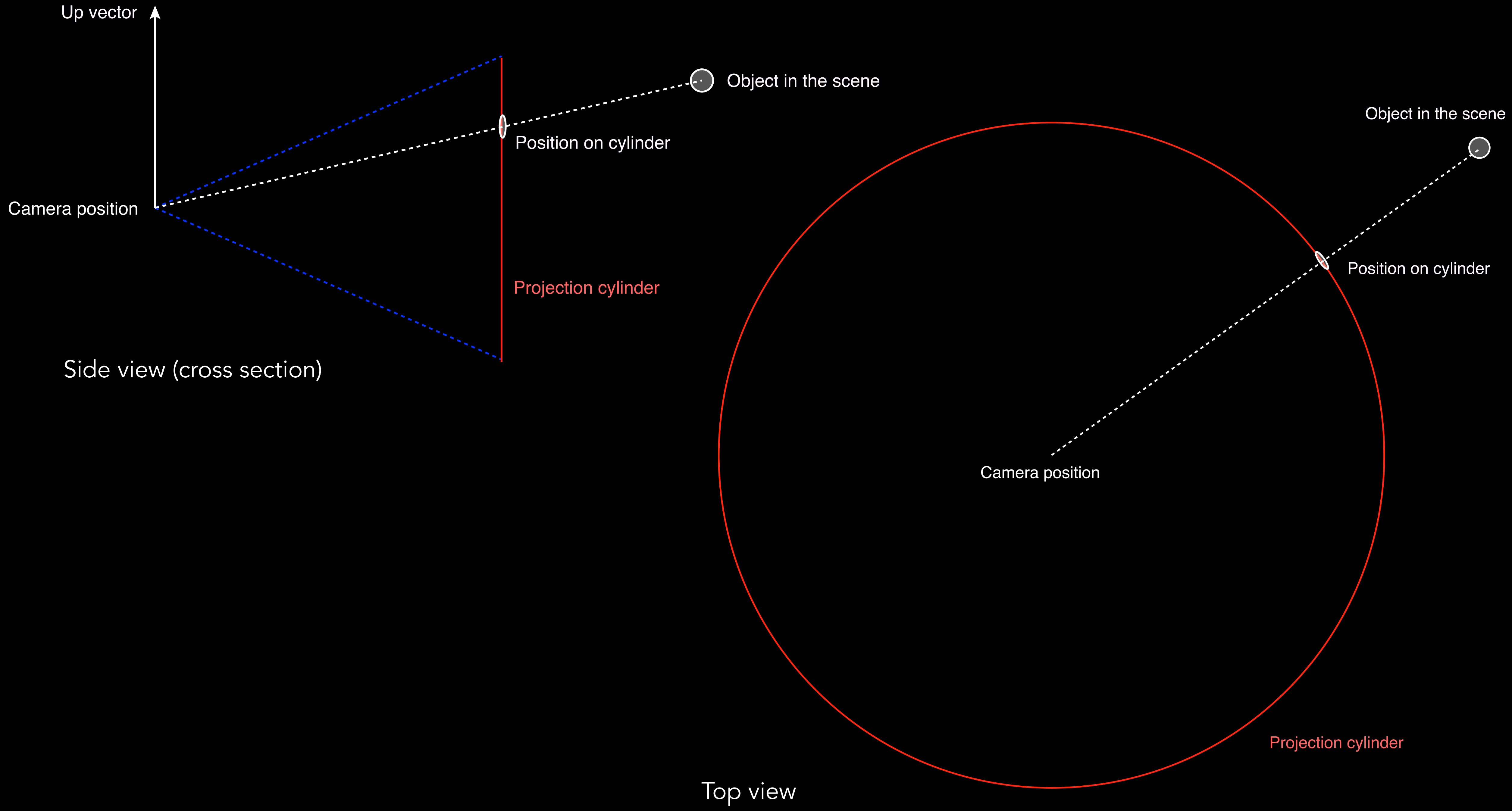






Image projections - Cubemaps

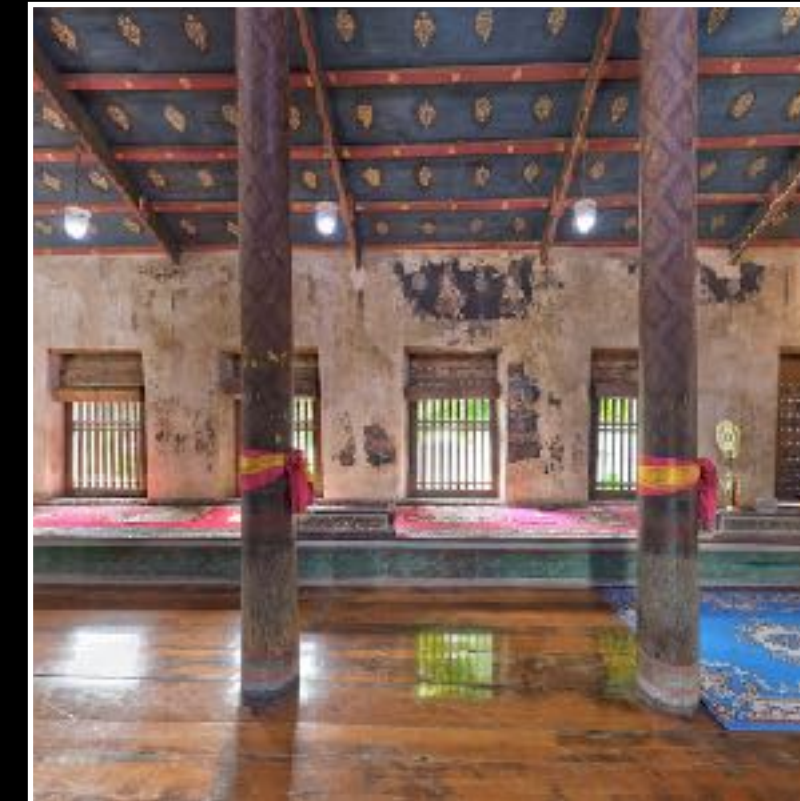
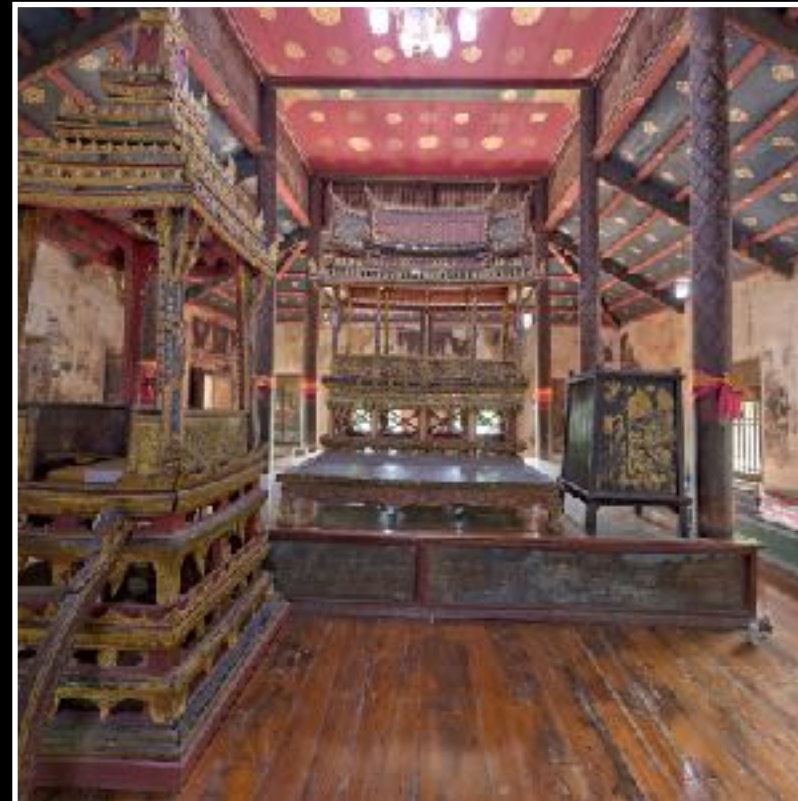


Image Projections - Equirectangular



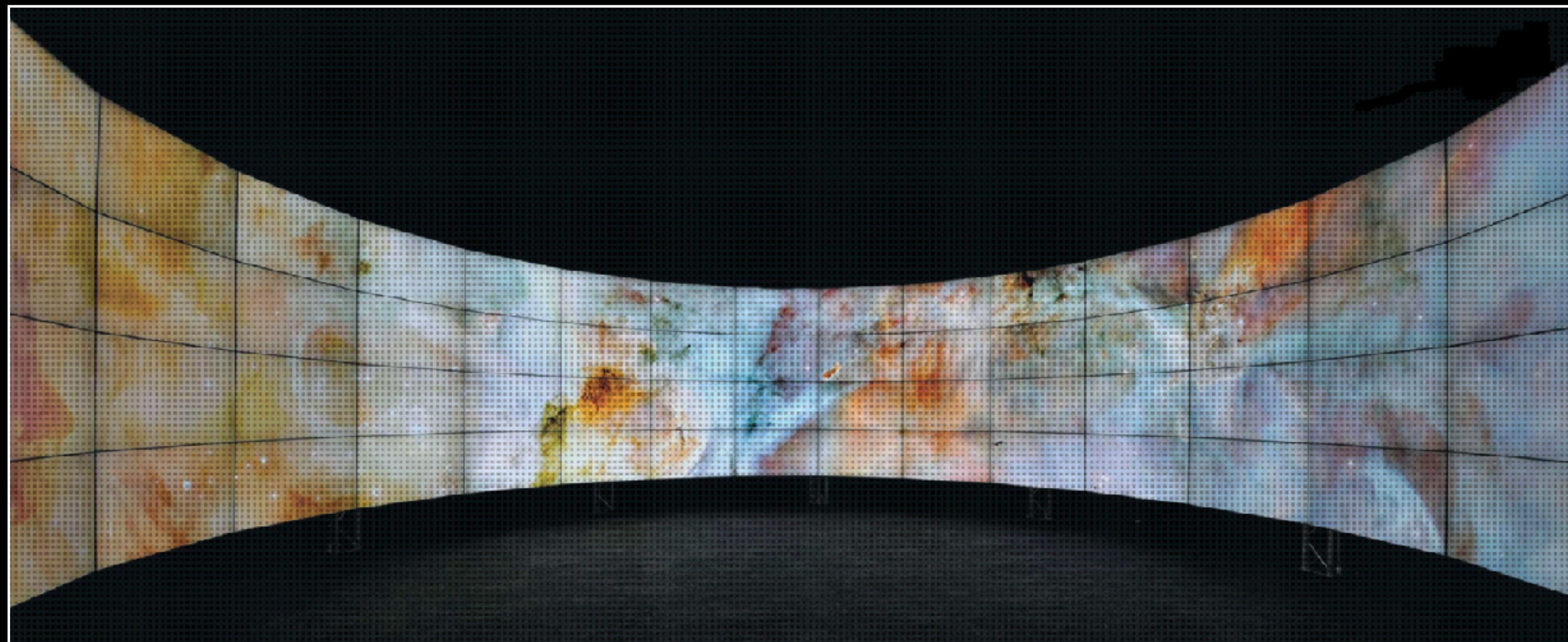
180 degrees

360 degrees

Display environments

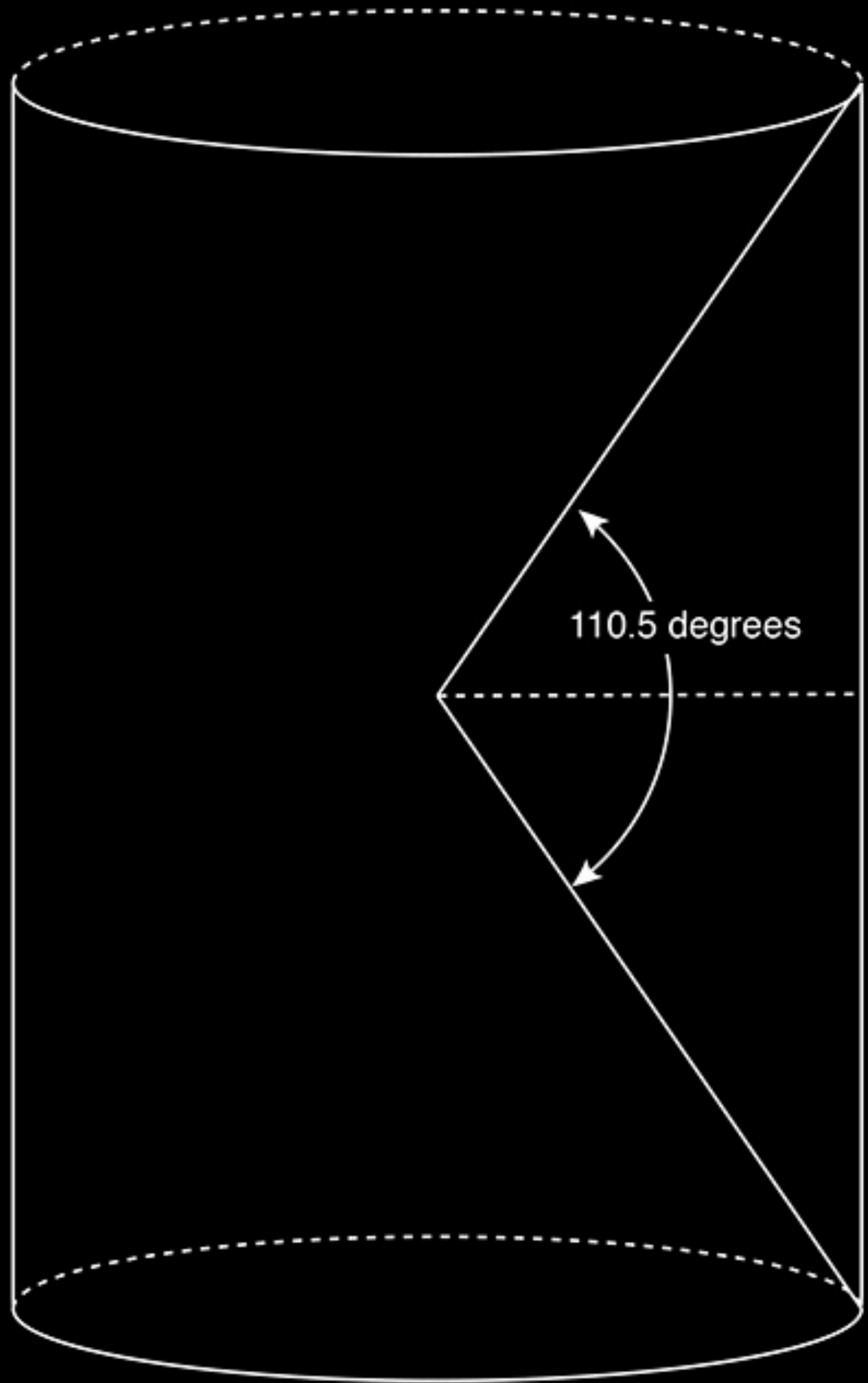


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Domes








Perspective

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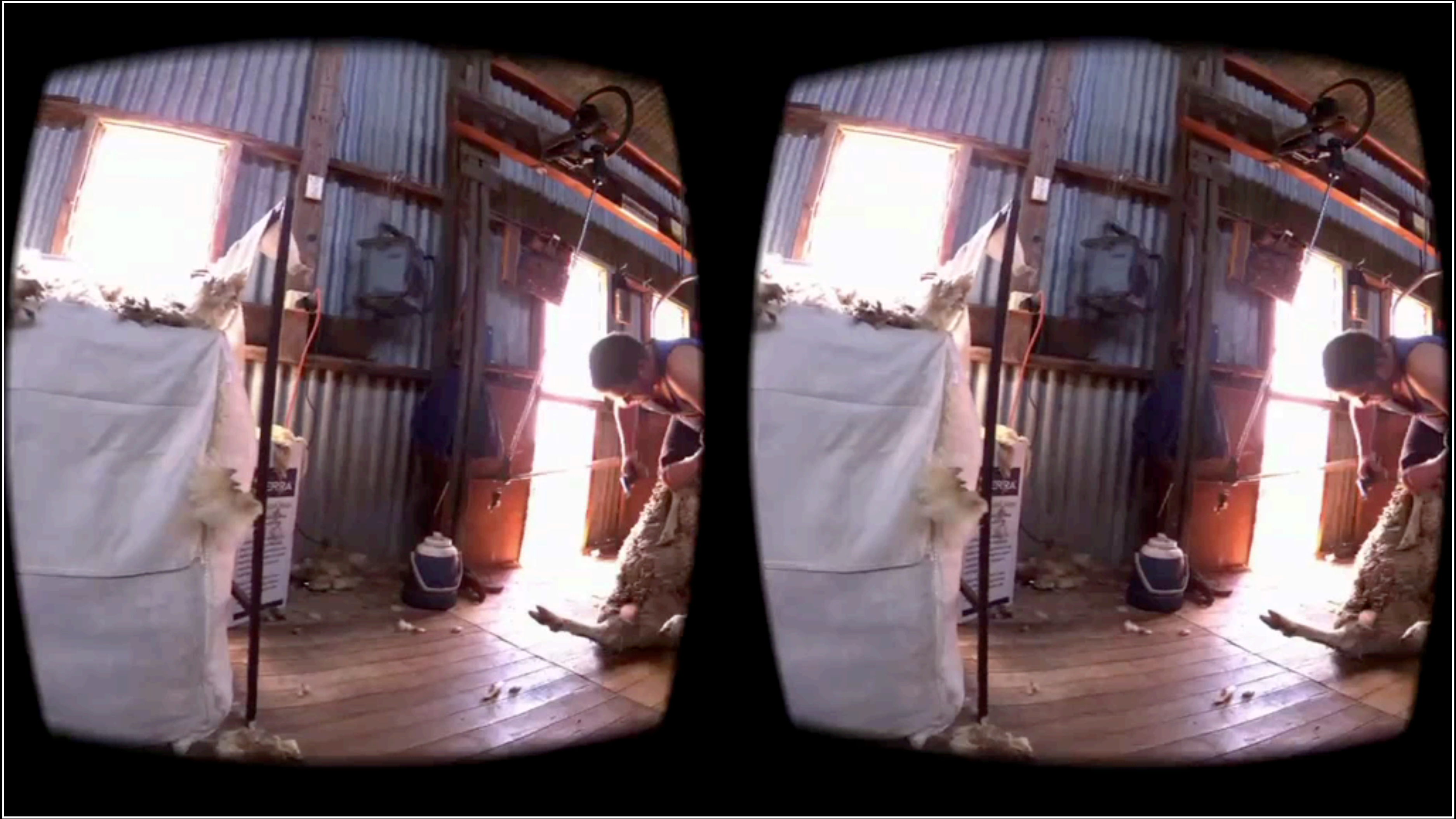
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The video shows a wide-angle perspective of a large outdoor gathering. In the center, a golden stupa is being surrounded by people. Many individuals are wearing bright orange robes, characteristic of Buddhist monks. The ground is paved with cobblestones, and the background features lush green trees and a clear sky. The scene is captured from a low angle, emphasizing the scale of the event and the central stupa.

Head mounted displays





Camera summary

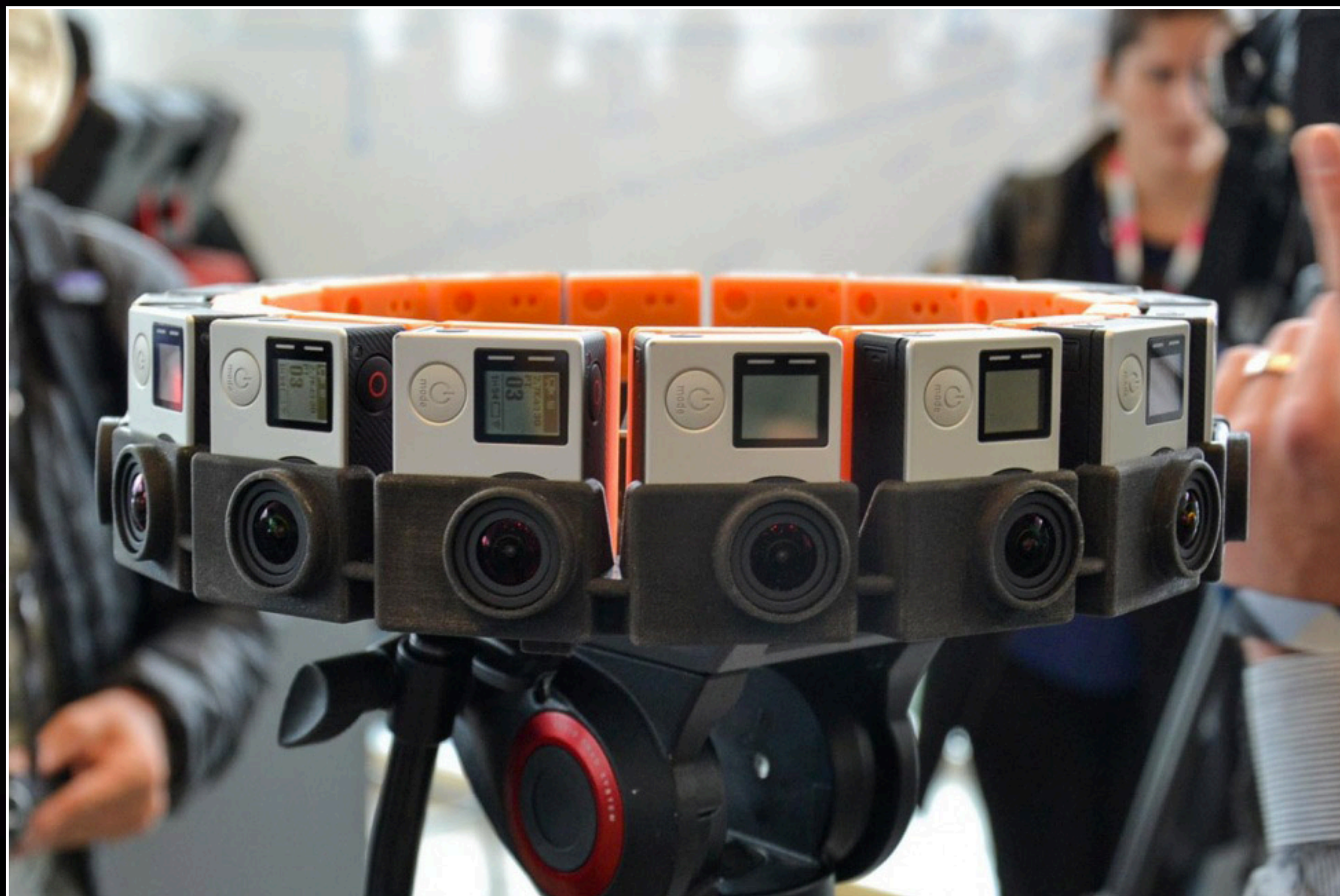
















Ladybug-3



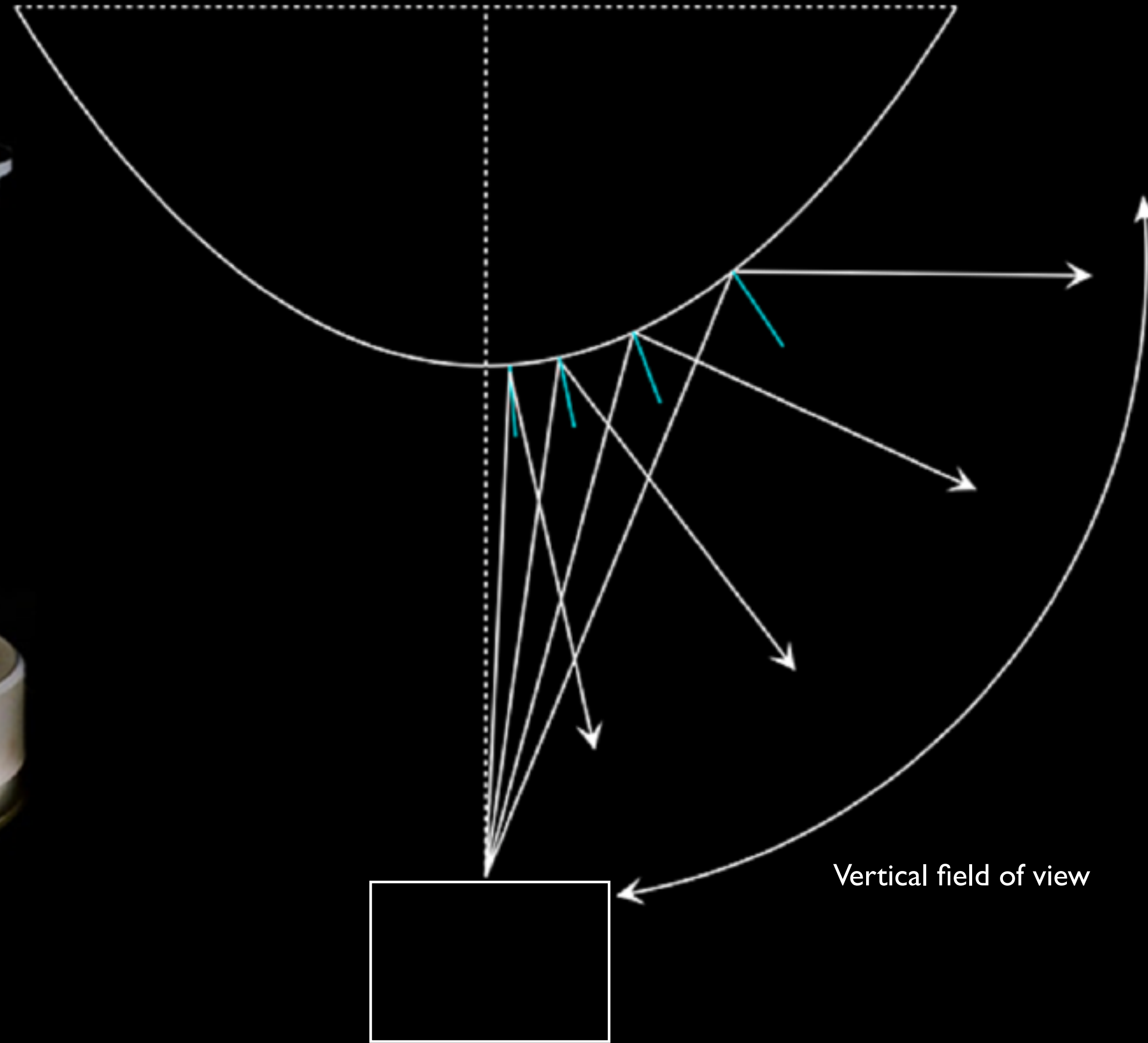
Insta360Pro-2



Garmin Virb

Single camera

360 degree horizontal field of view

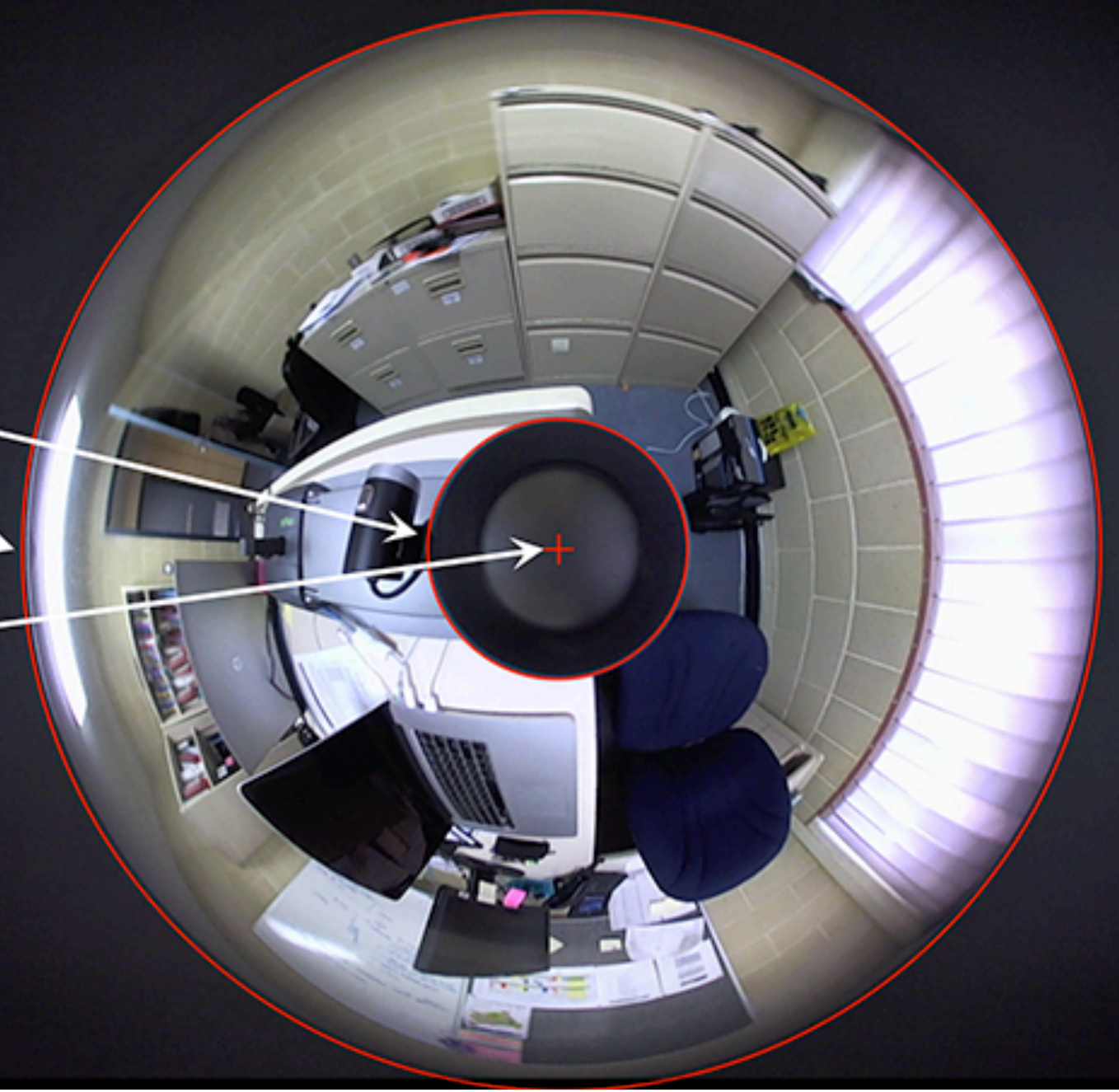


Vertical field of view

Camera lens

HD resolution frame
1920x1080

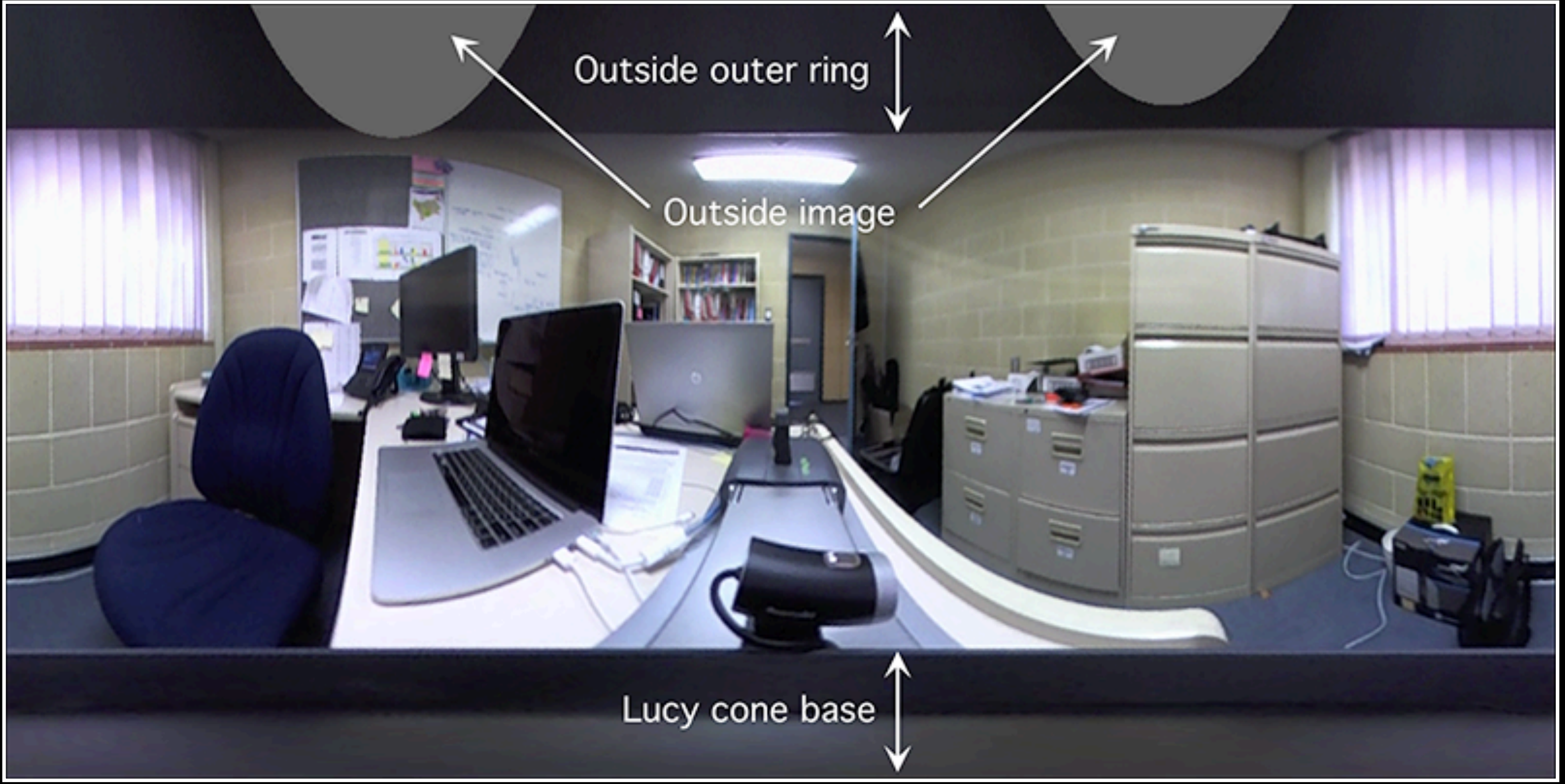
Inner ring
Outer ring
Center point



Outside outer ring

Outside image

Lucy cone base





Entaniya 250 degree fisheye





Single camera merits

Advantages:

Simple - Small - No blending - No parallax errors

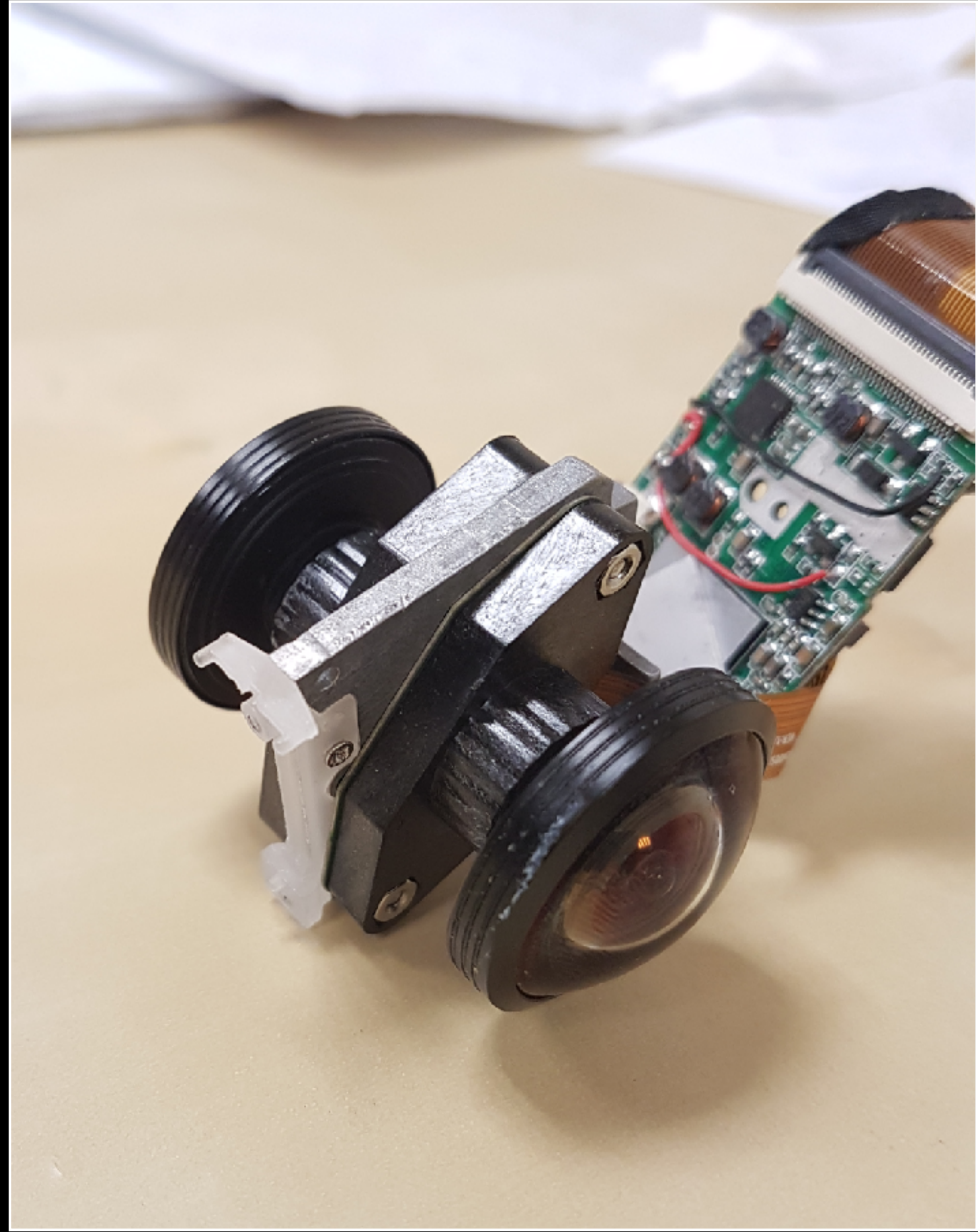
Disadvantages:

Doesn't capture whole 360x180 field of view

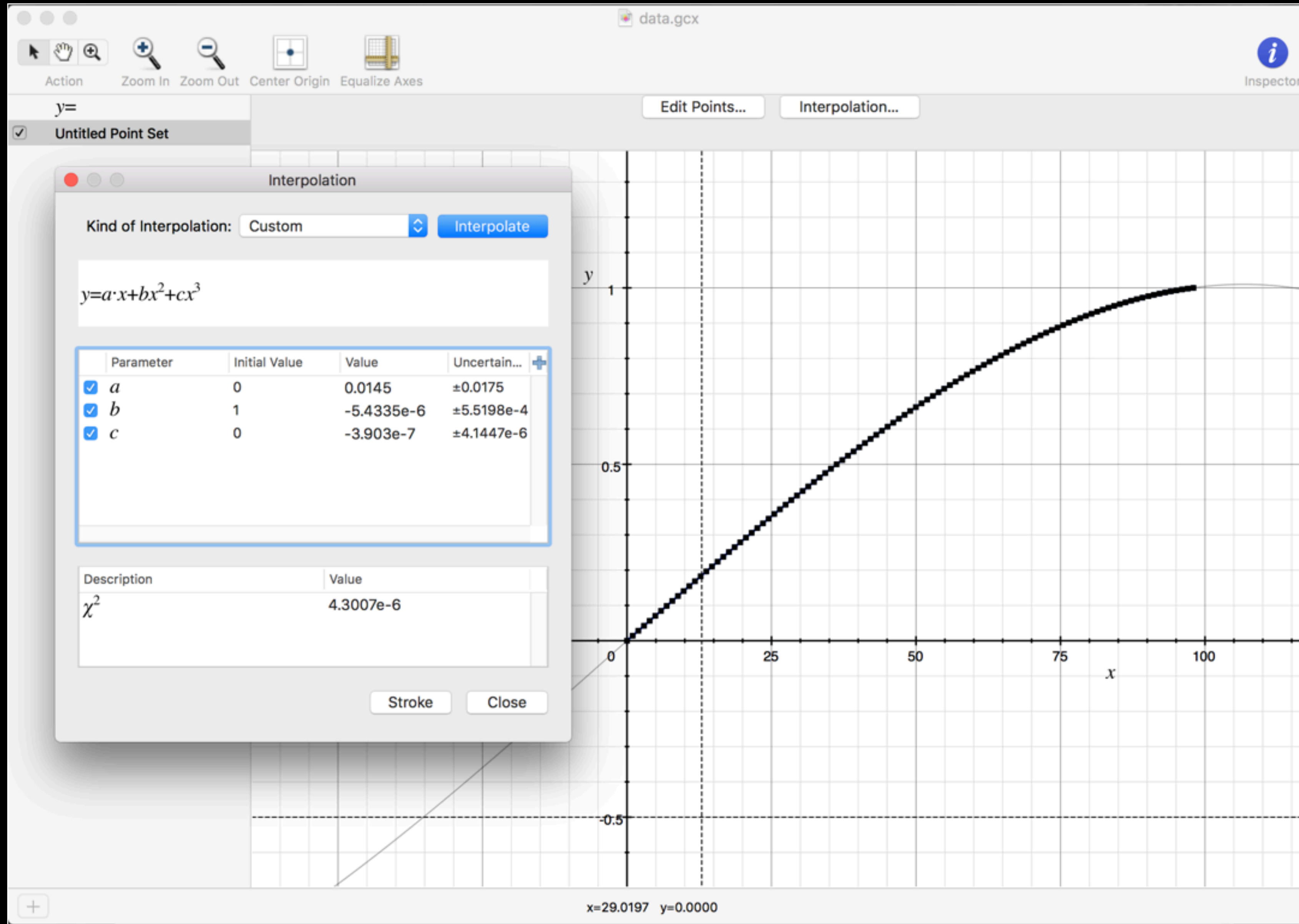
Doesn't scale!

Dual cameras



















Dual camera merits

Advantages:

Small - Single blend line - Higher resolution than single camera

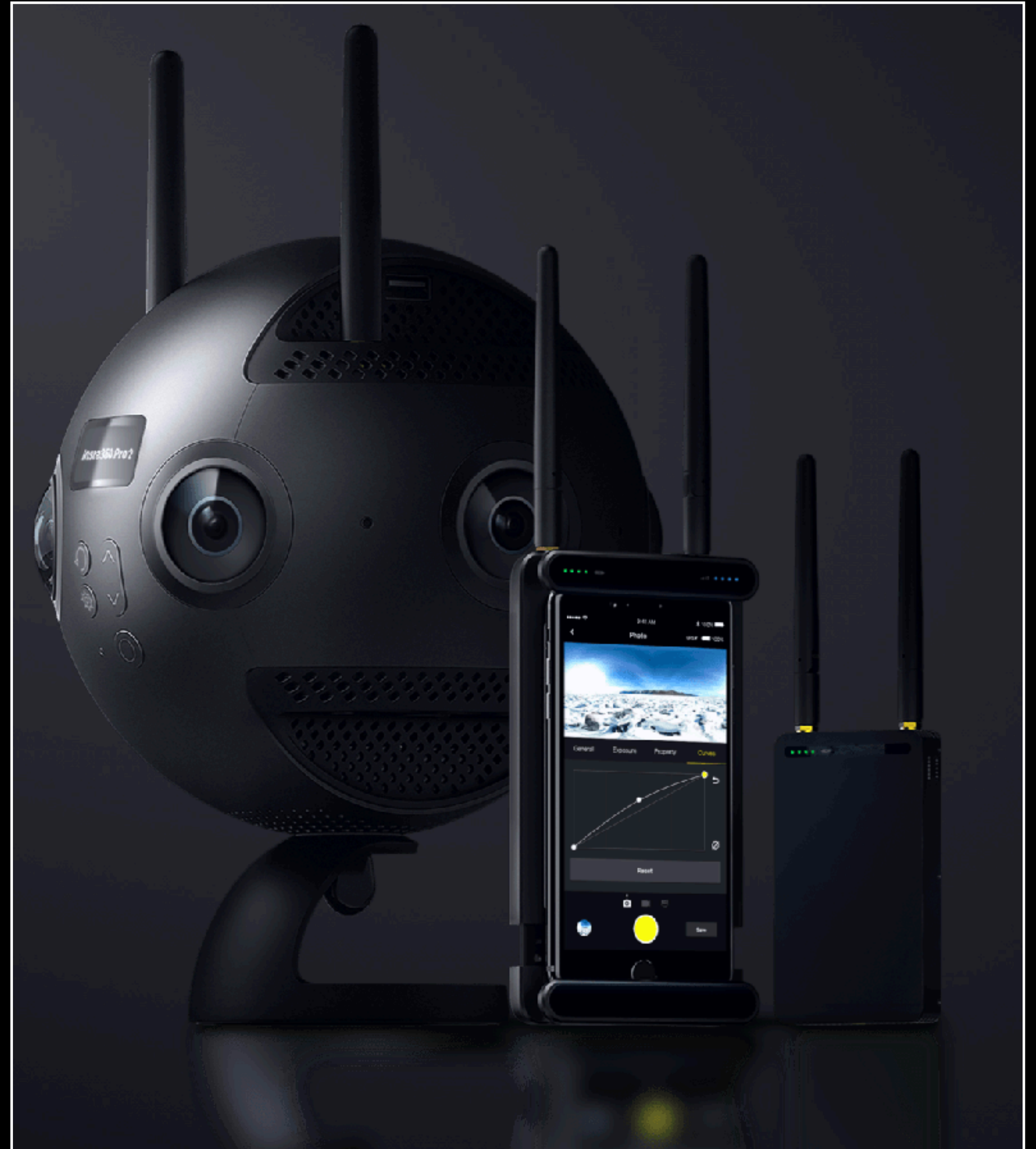
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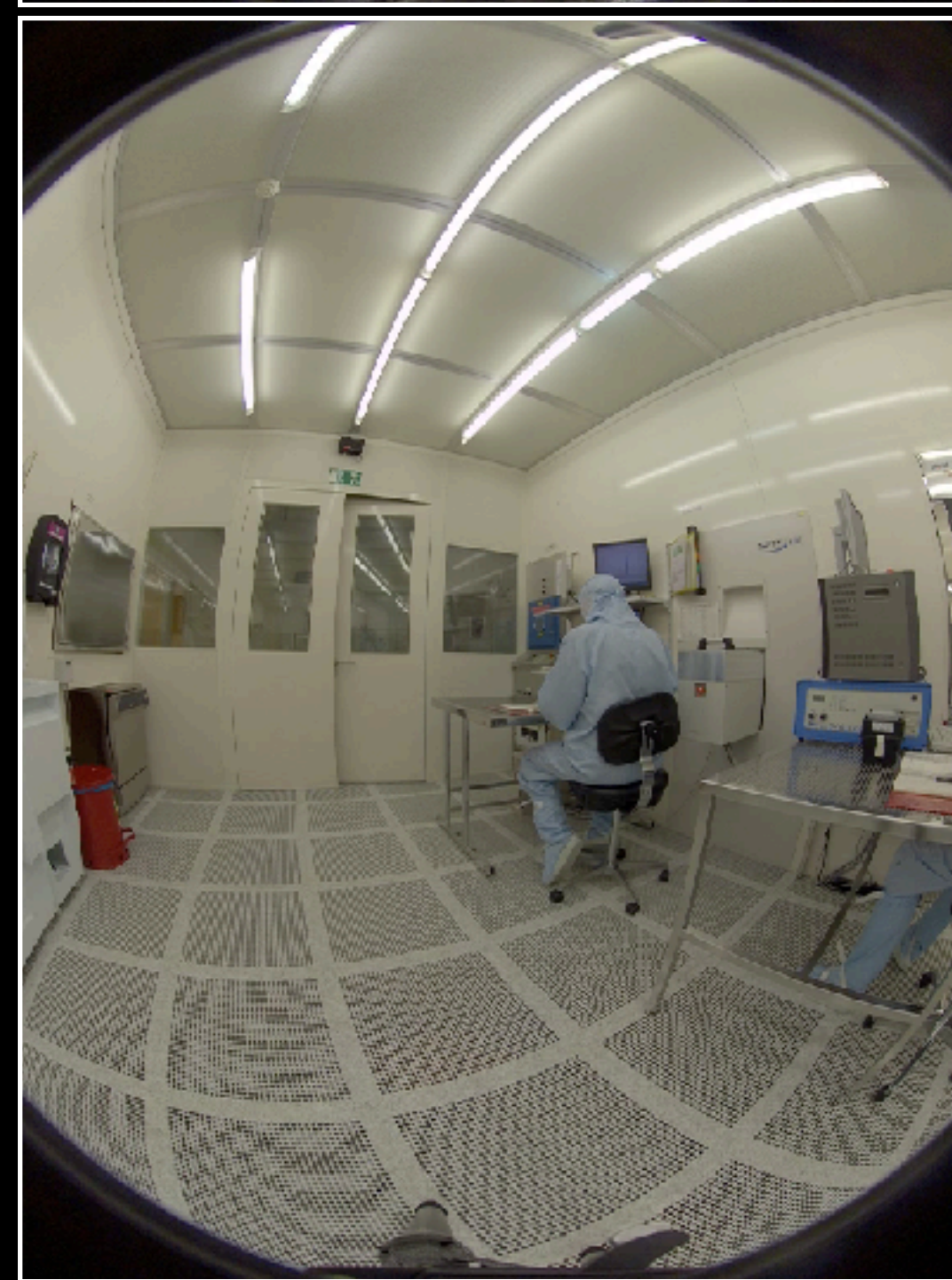
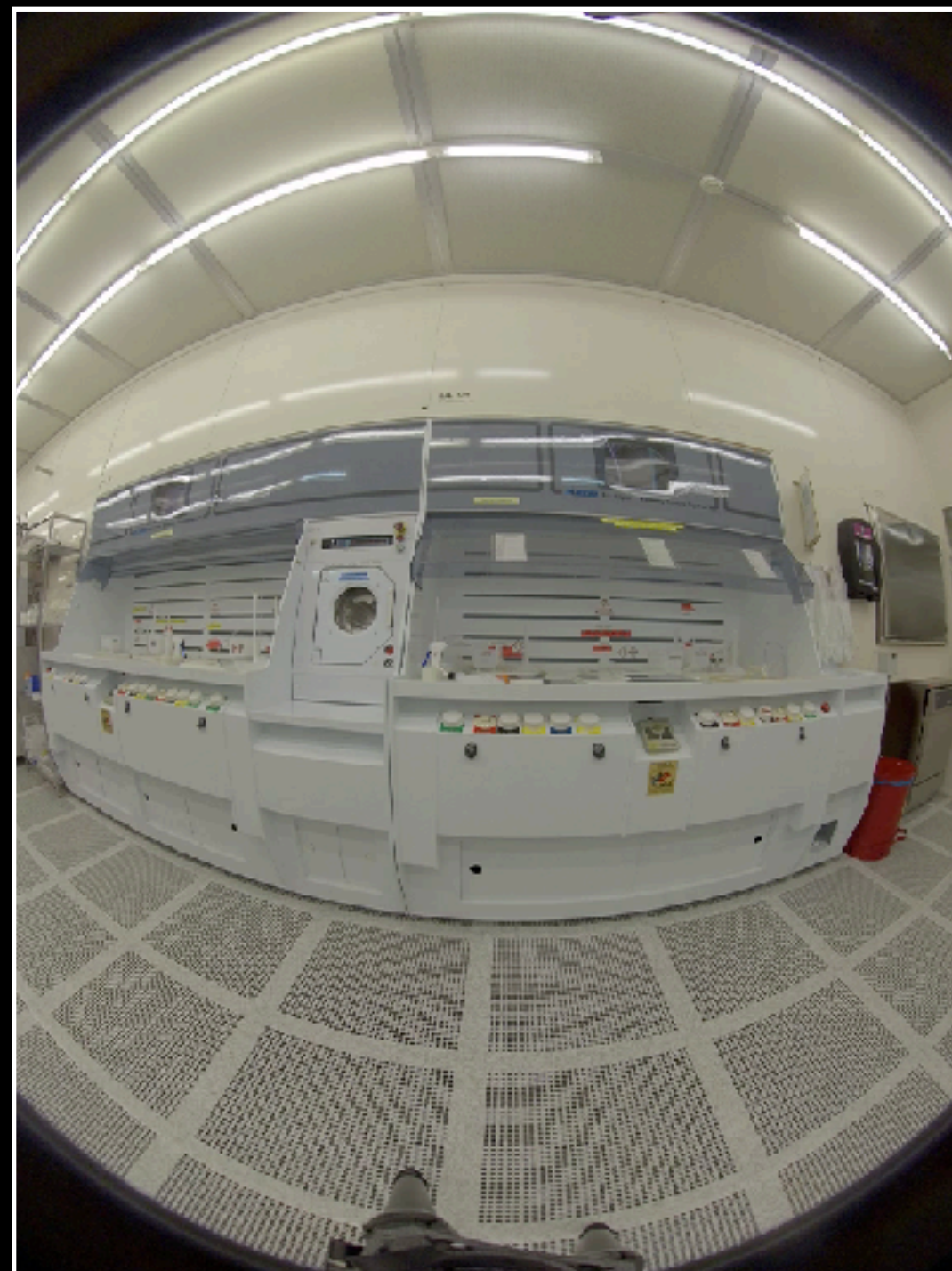
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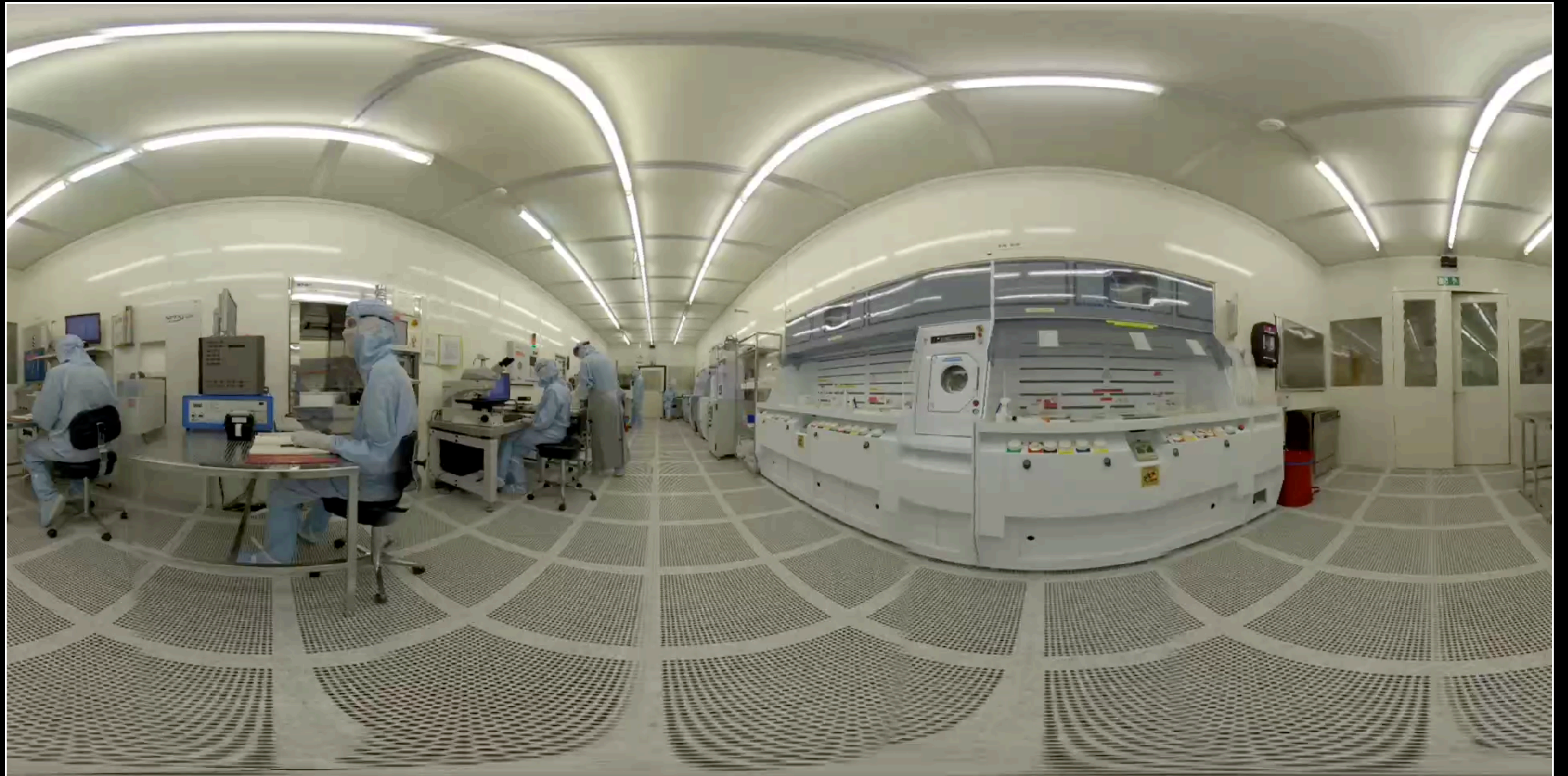
Cannot support stereoscopic 3D

Multiple cameras (>2)

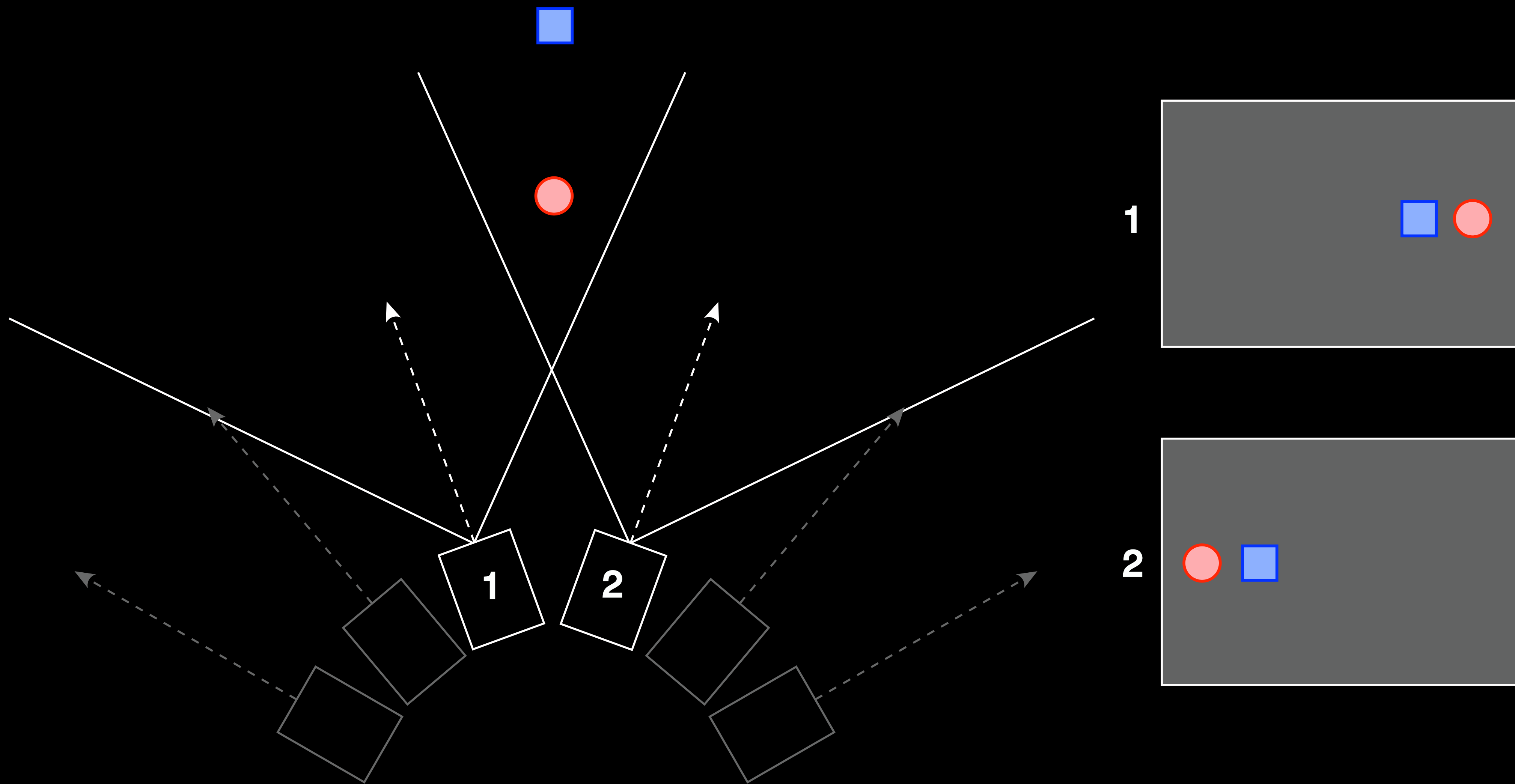
- Will focus on the Insta360Pro2
- 6 Camera/lenses
- One microSD card per camera
- Maximum resolution 7680 x 3840 @ 30fps
- Long range live feed and control
- Built in stabilisation

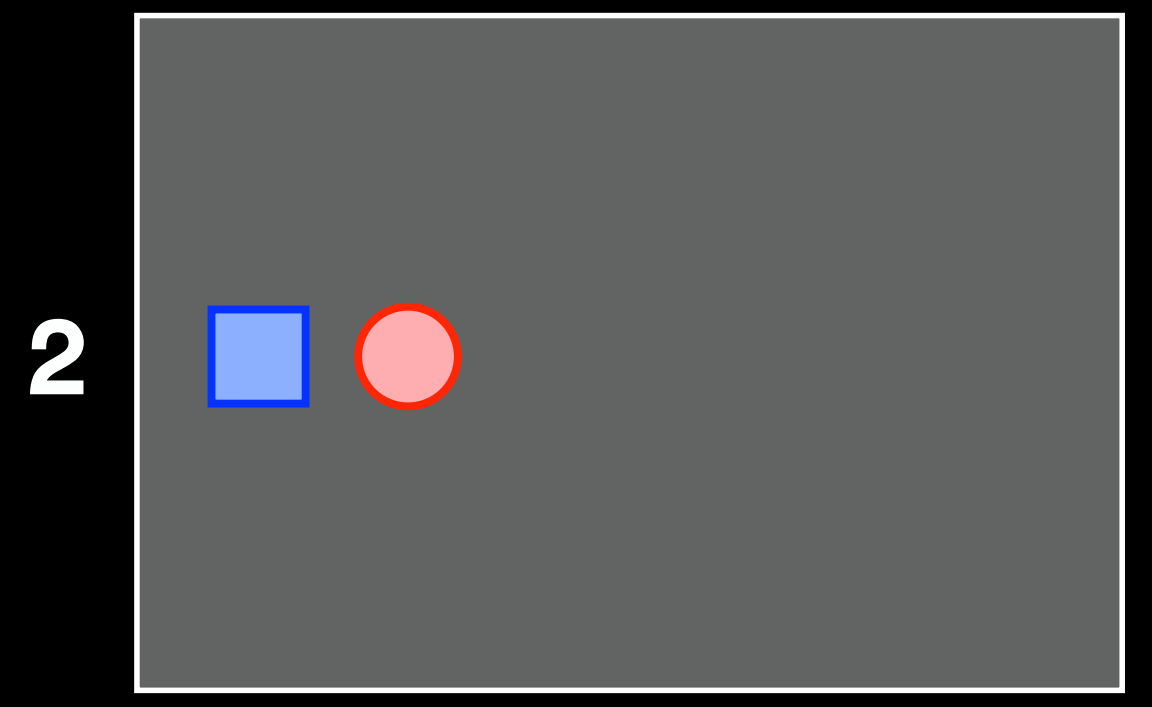
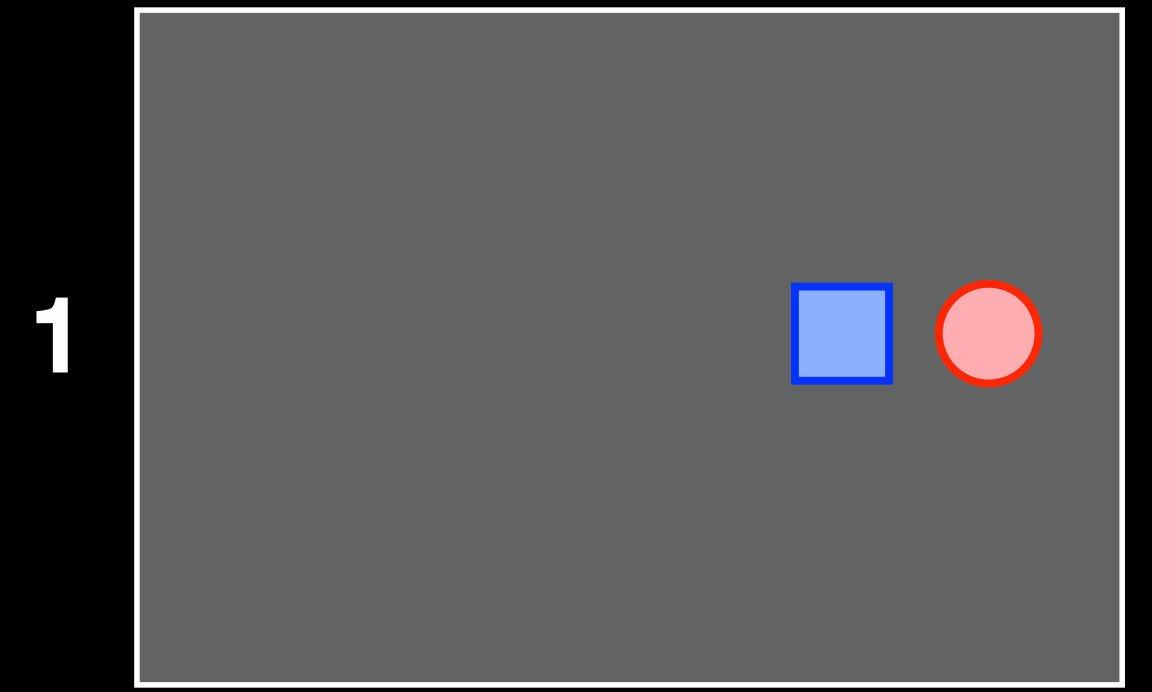
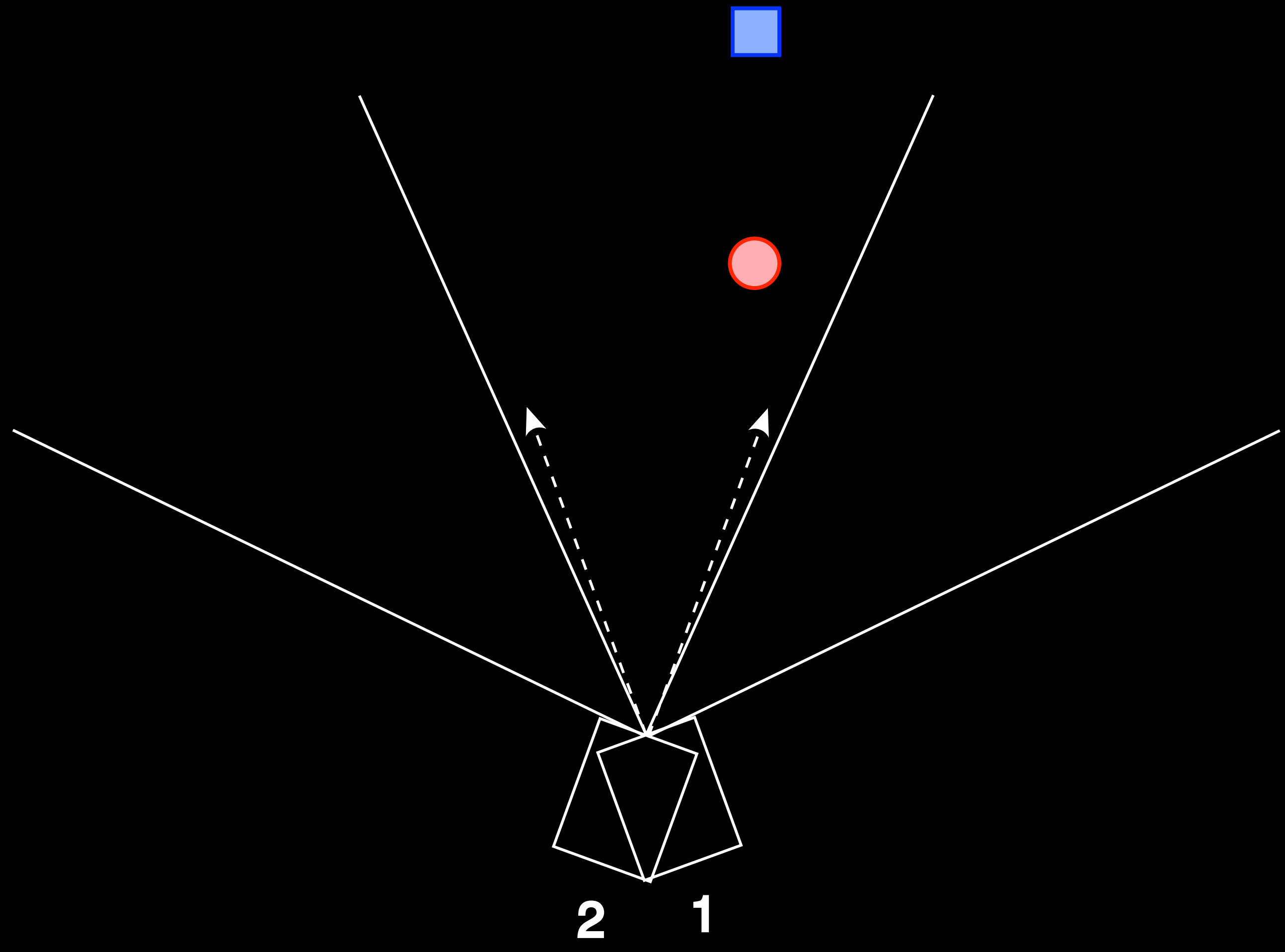




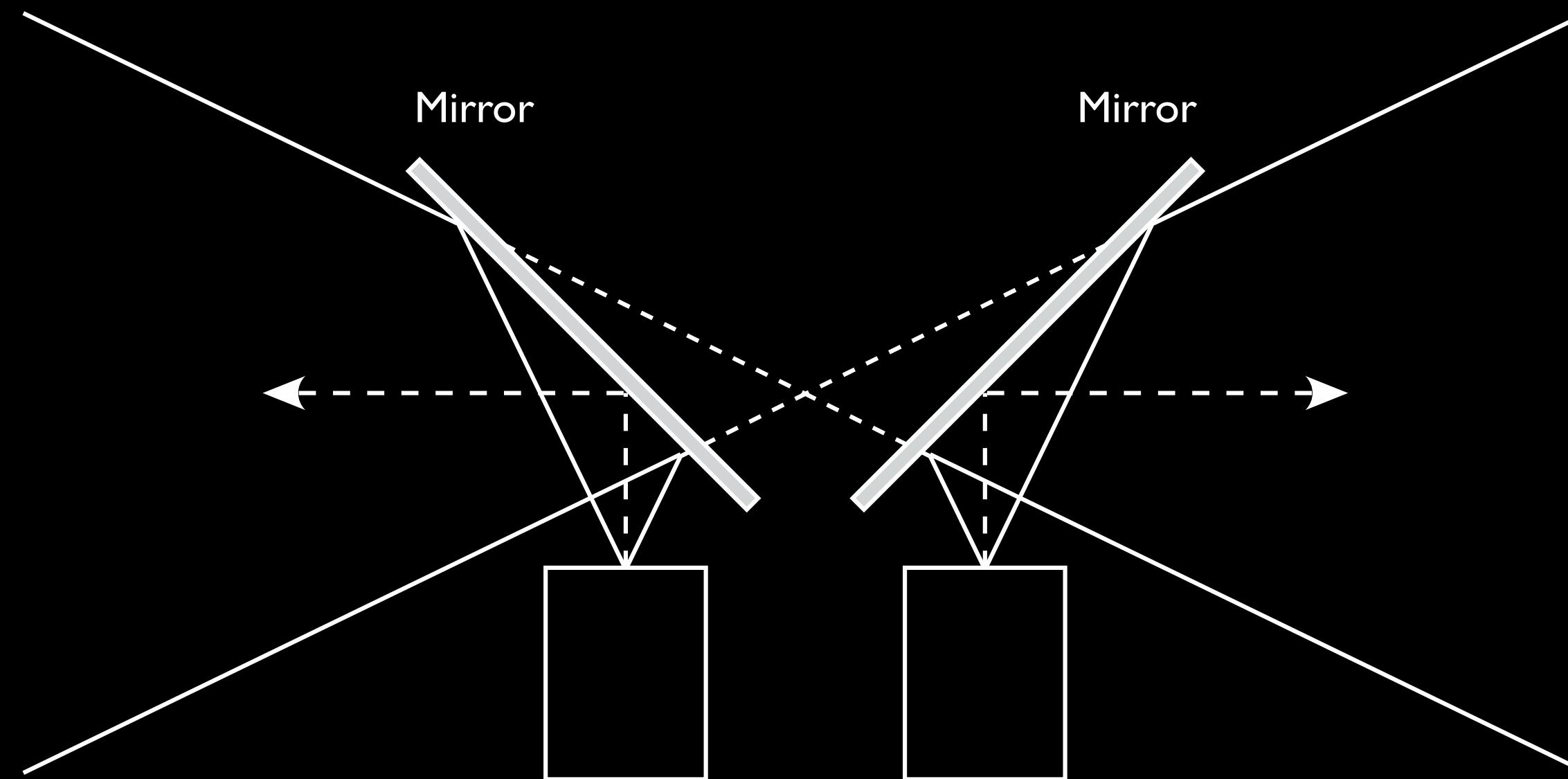
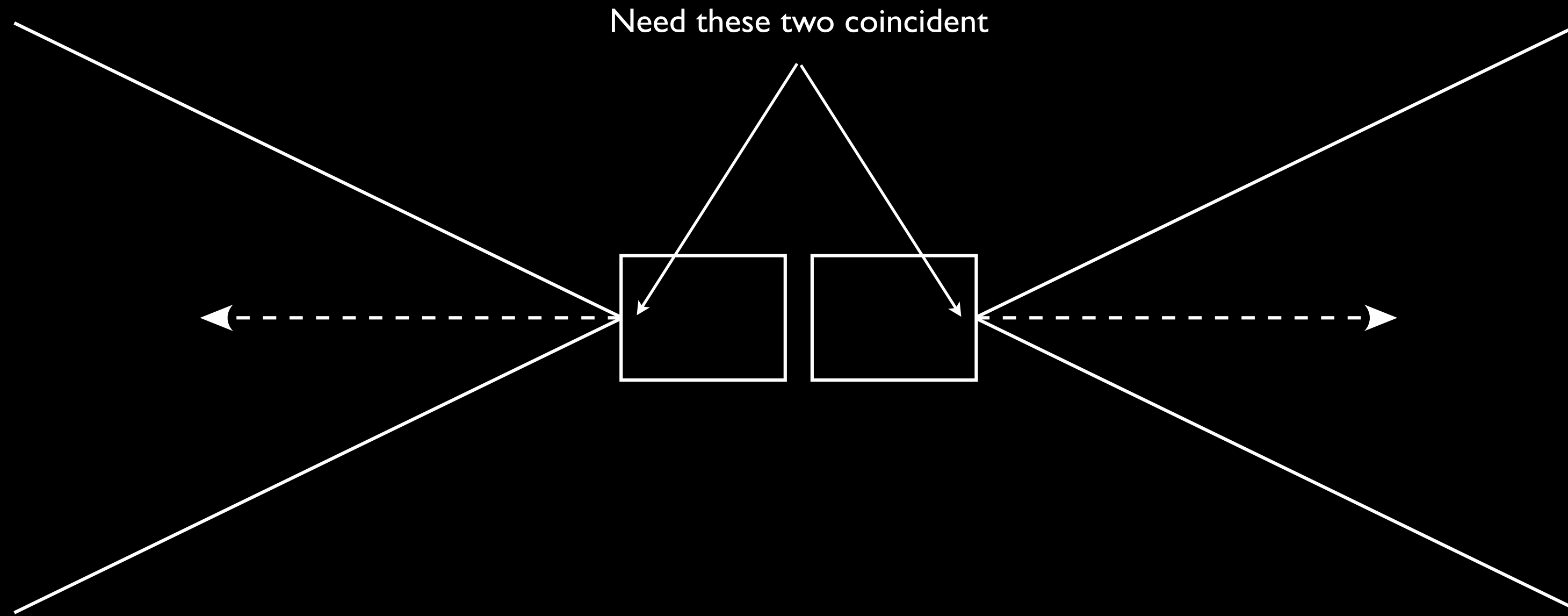


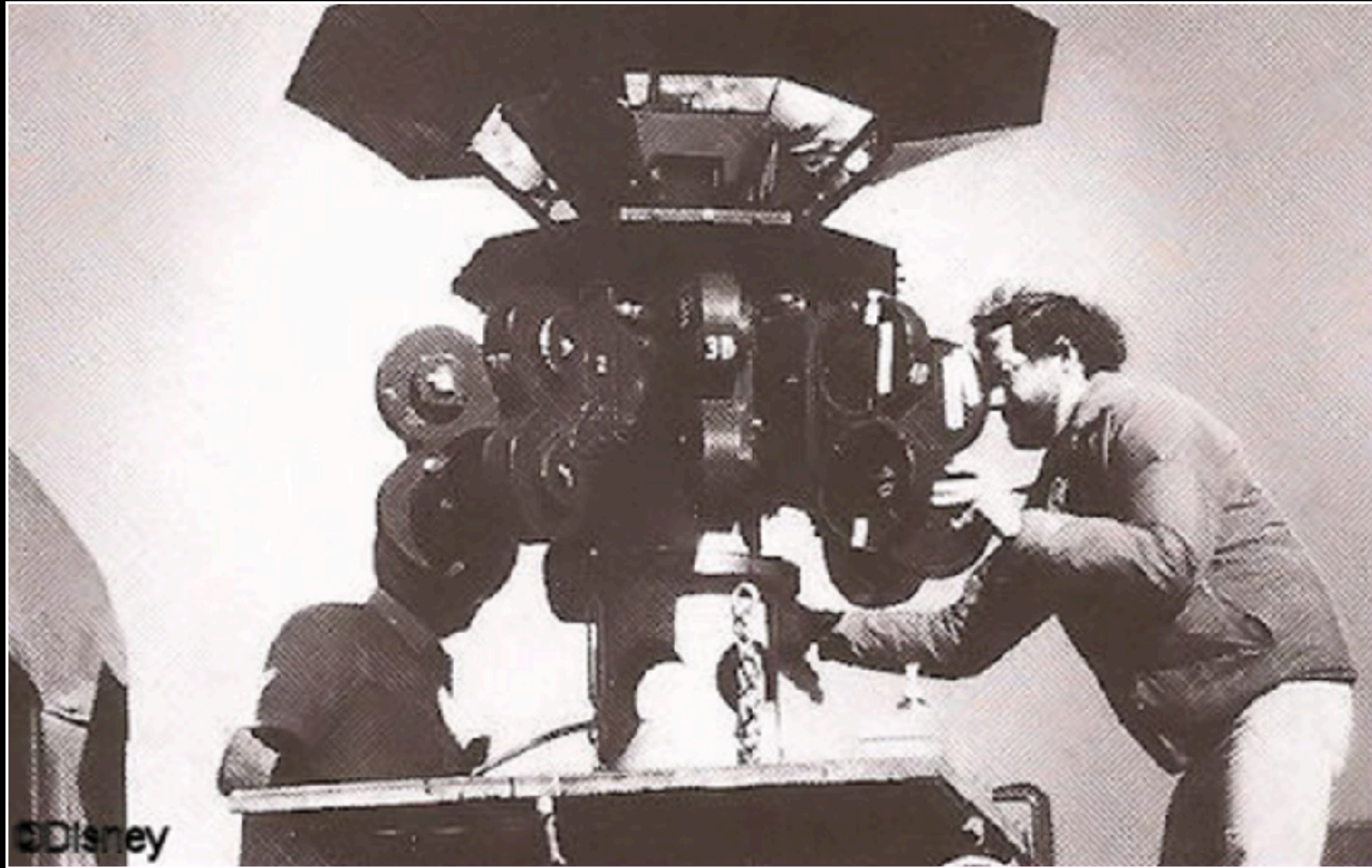
The fundamental problem





Solutions - Mirrors

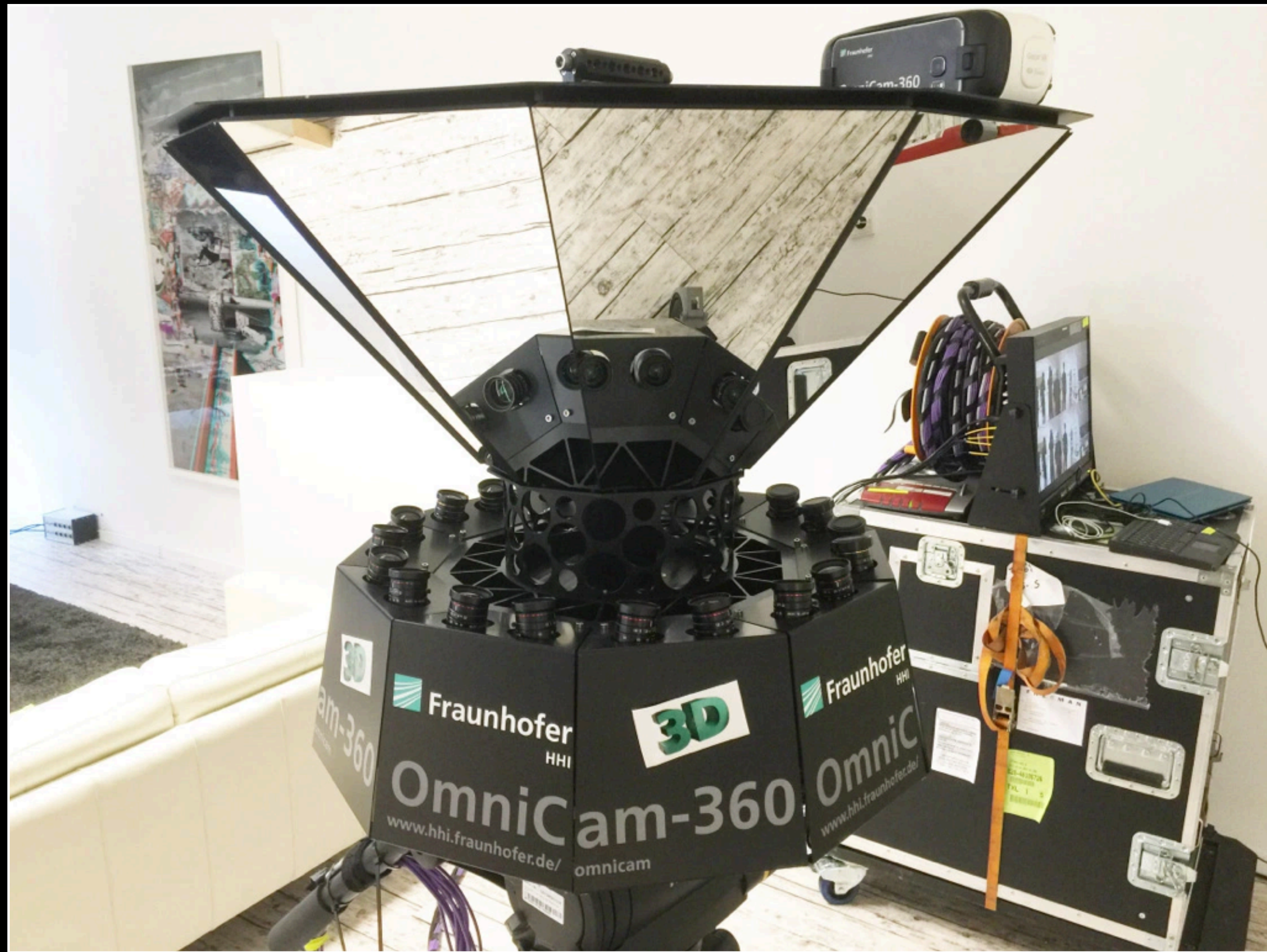




Circlorama camera #2 (Disney)

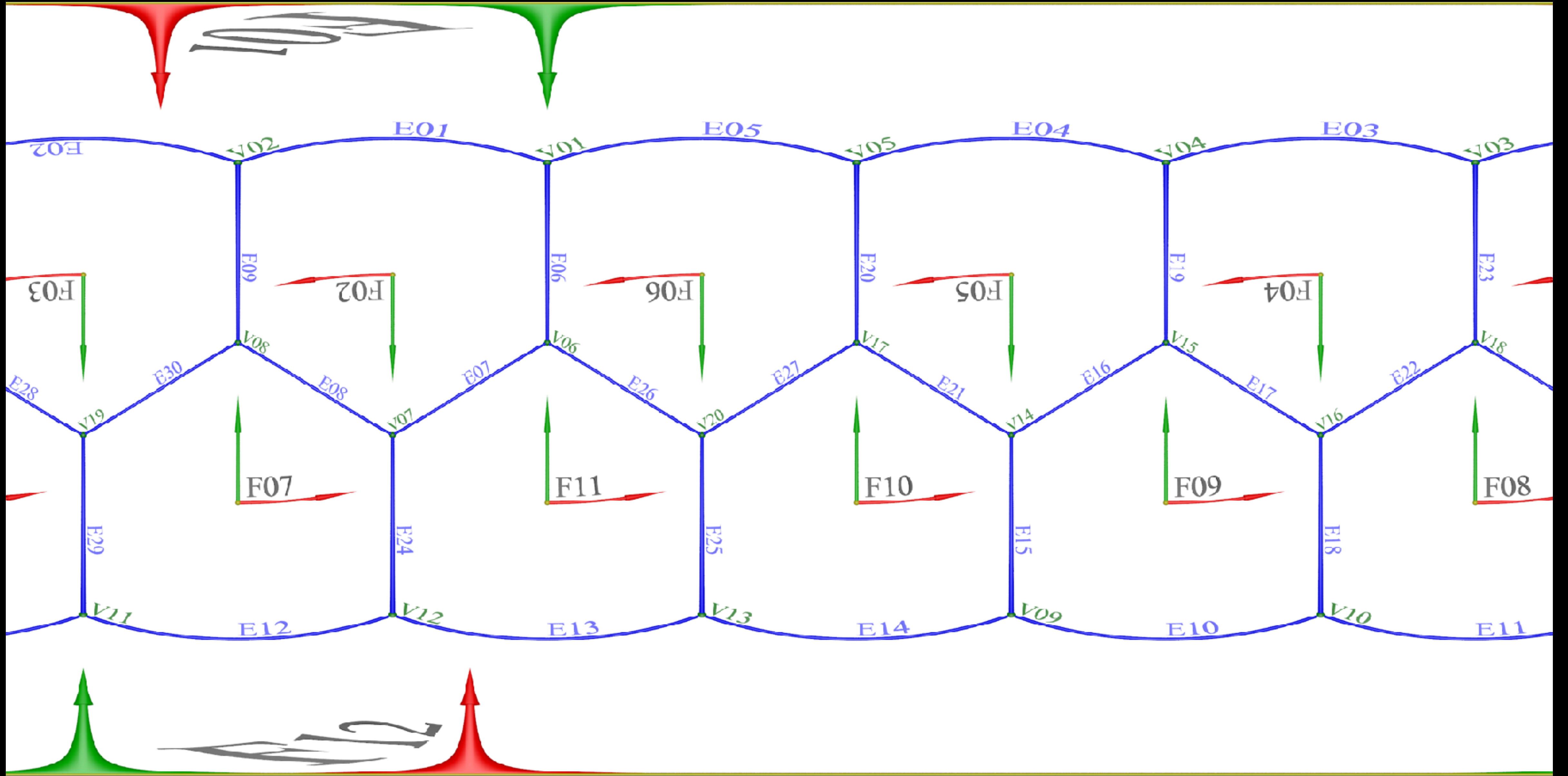


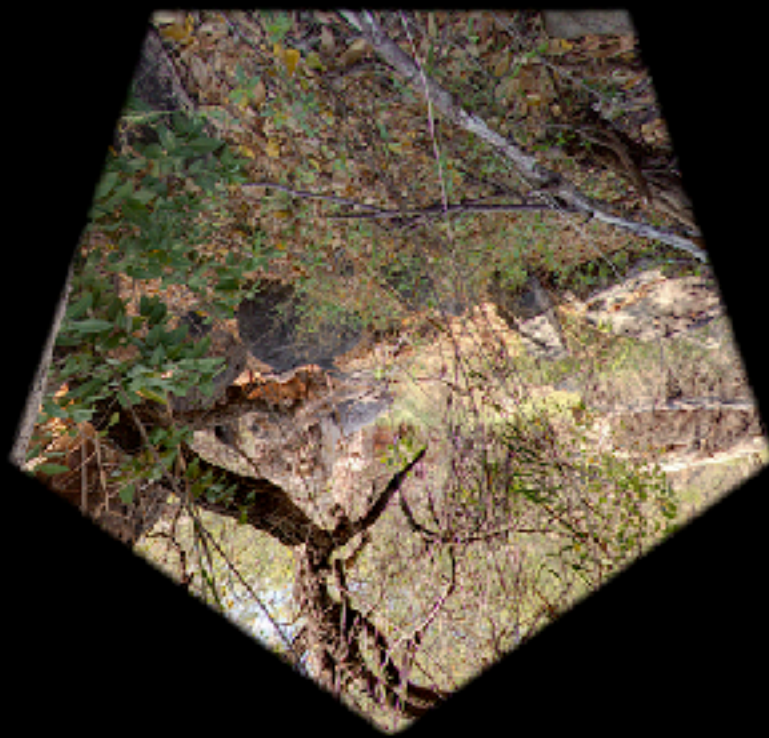


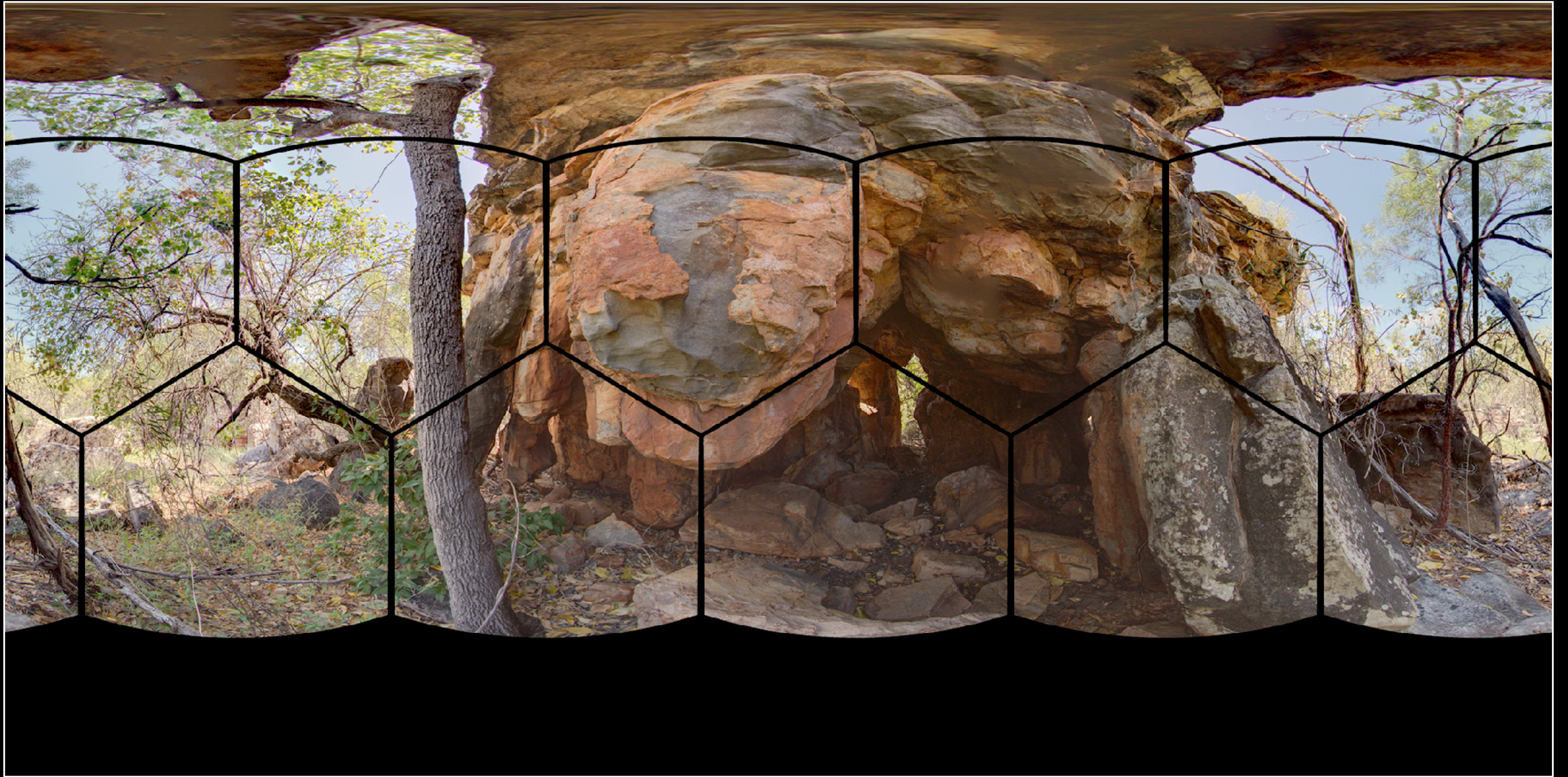


Solutions - Custom Optics











Solutions - Optical Flow

- Tracks image content between frames and performs local warping to maintain continuity.
- Pretty much the standard solution today in all multiple camera rigs and associated software.
- Perhaps one of the leaders is MistakaVR.
- NOTE: It is not perfect, the parallax issue cannot always be corrected/hidden.

Origin_1 840x2880 0

Origin_2 840x2880 0

Origin_3 840x2880 0

Origin_4 840x2880 0

Origin_5 840x2880 0

Origin_6 840x2880 0



Sync Stitch Color

Positions Edge Points

2000 4000 6000 8000 10000 12000 14000 16000 18000 20000 22000 24000 25963

00:02:48:24

Options

Use Optical Flow Fill Holes Black

Stitch Feather 20.000 Convergence 0.000

Gamma Curve ITU-BT 709 / ITU-BT 2020

Input Levels Auto

Vertical Balance 0.000

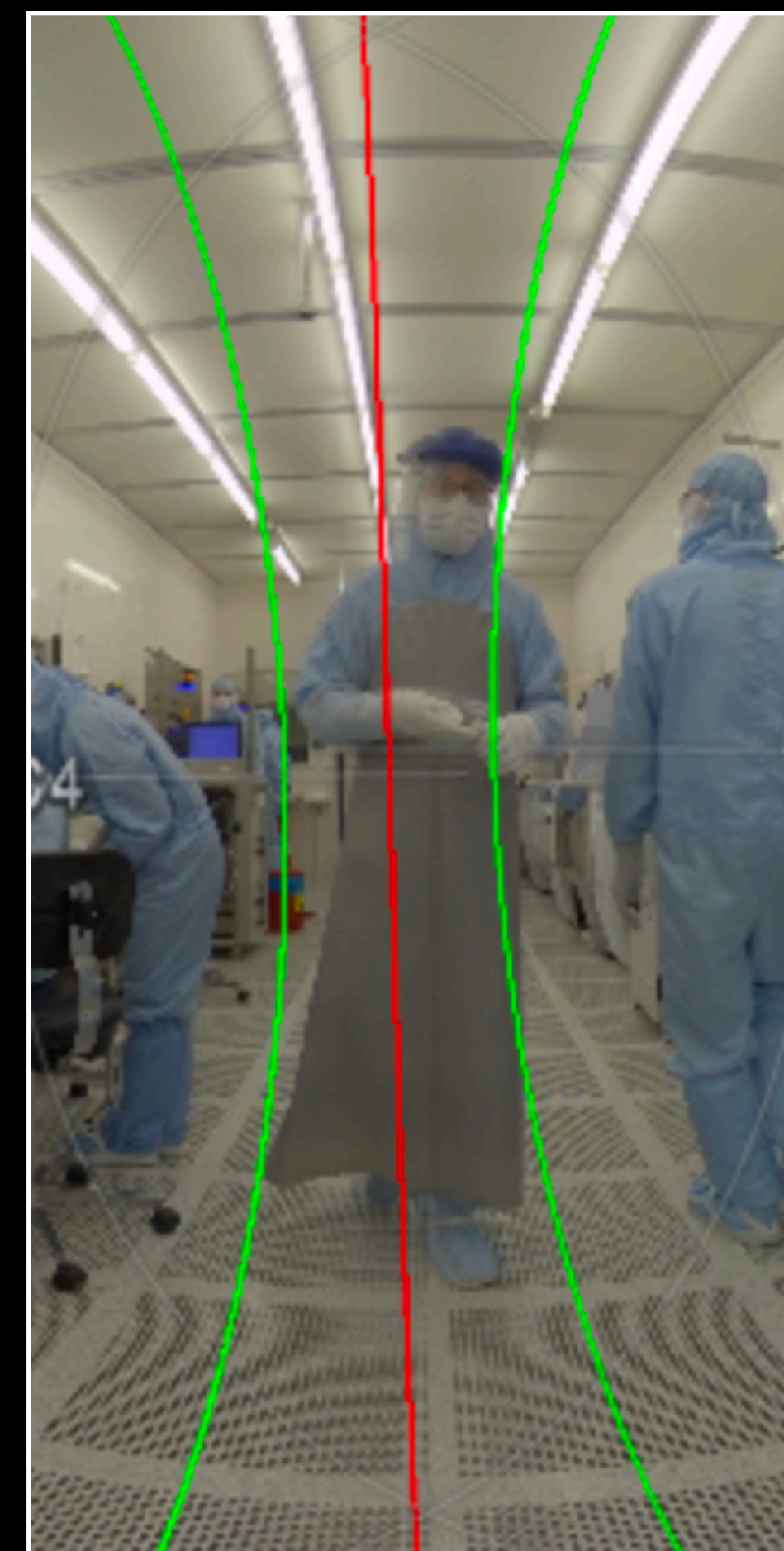
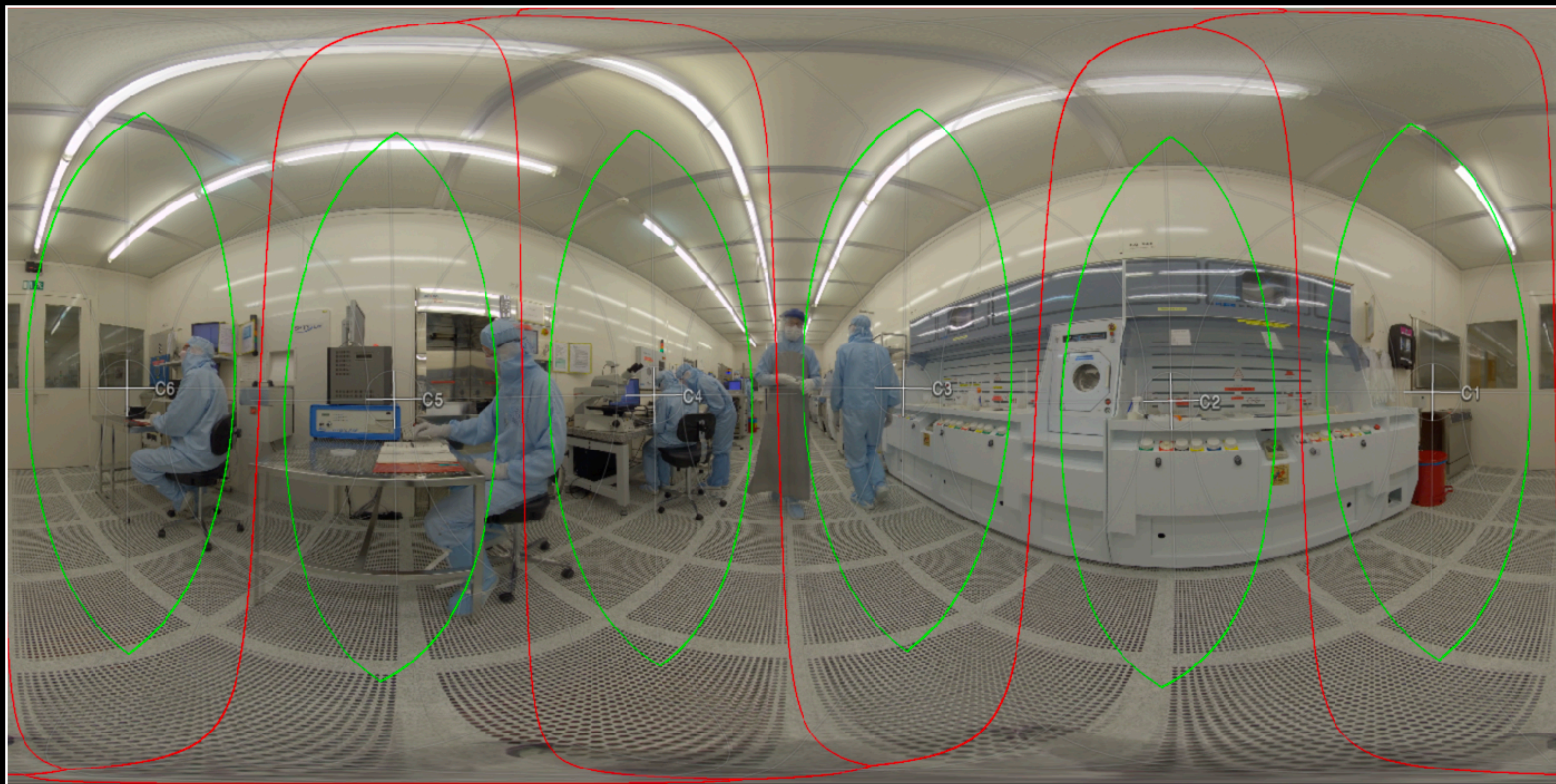
Output Camera

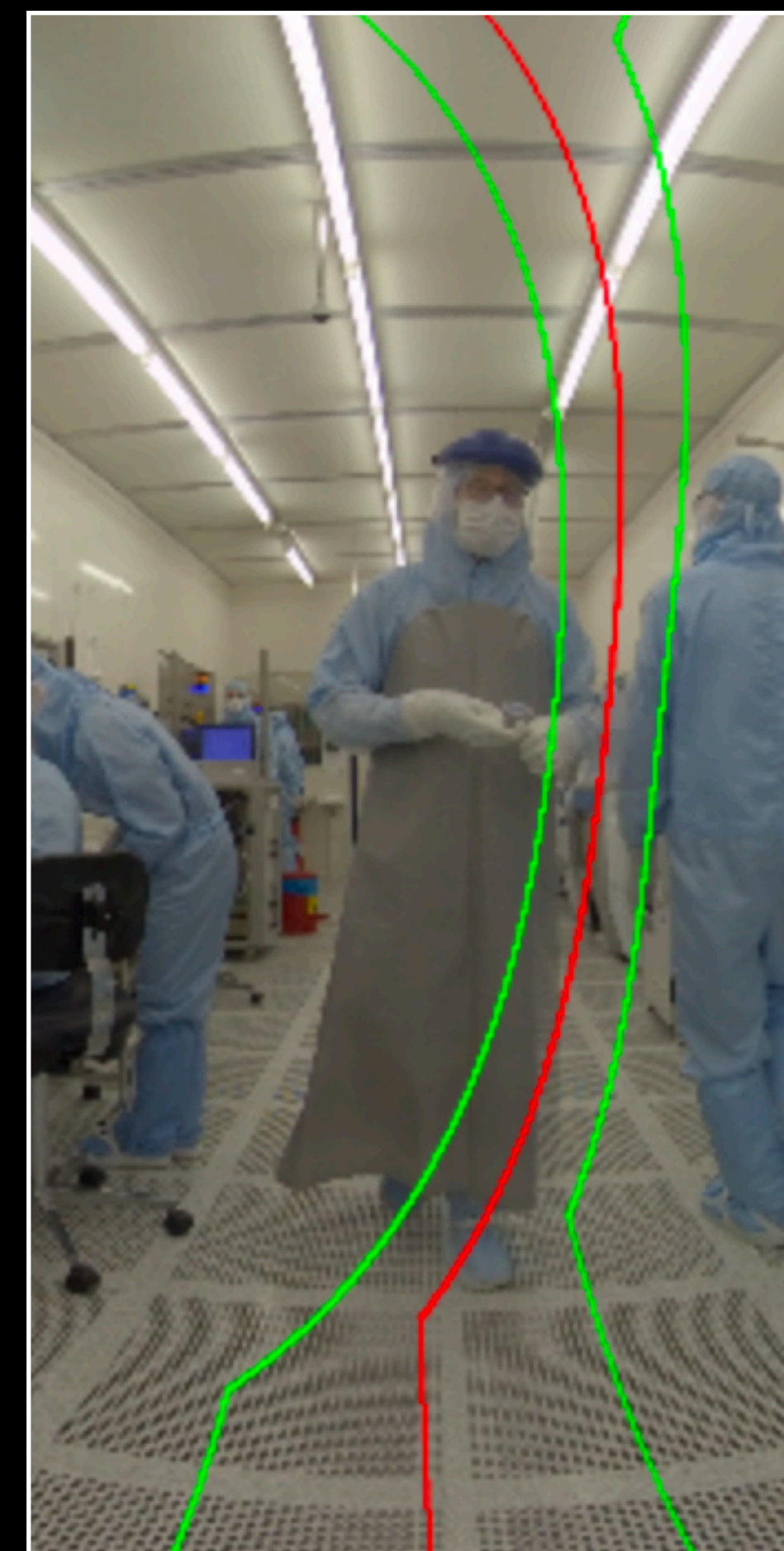
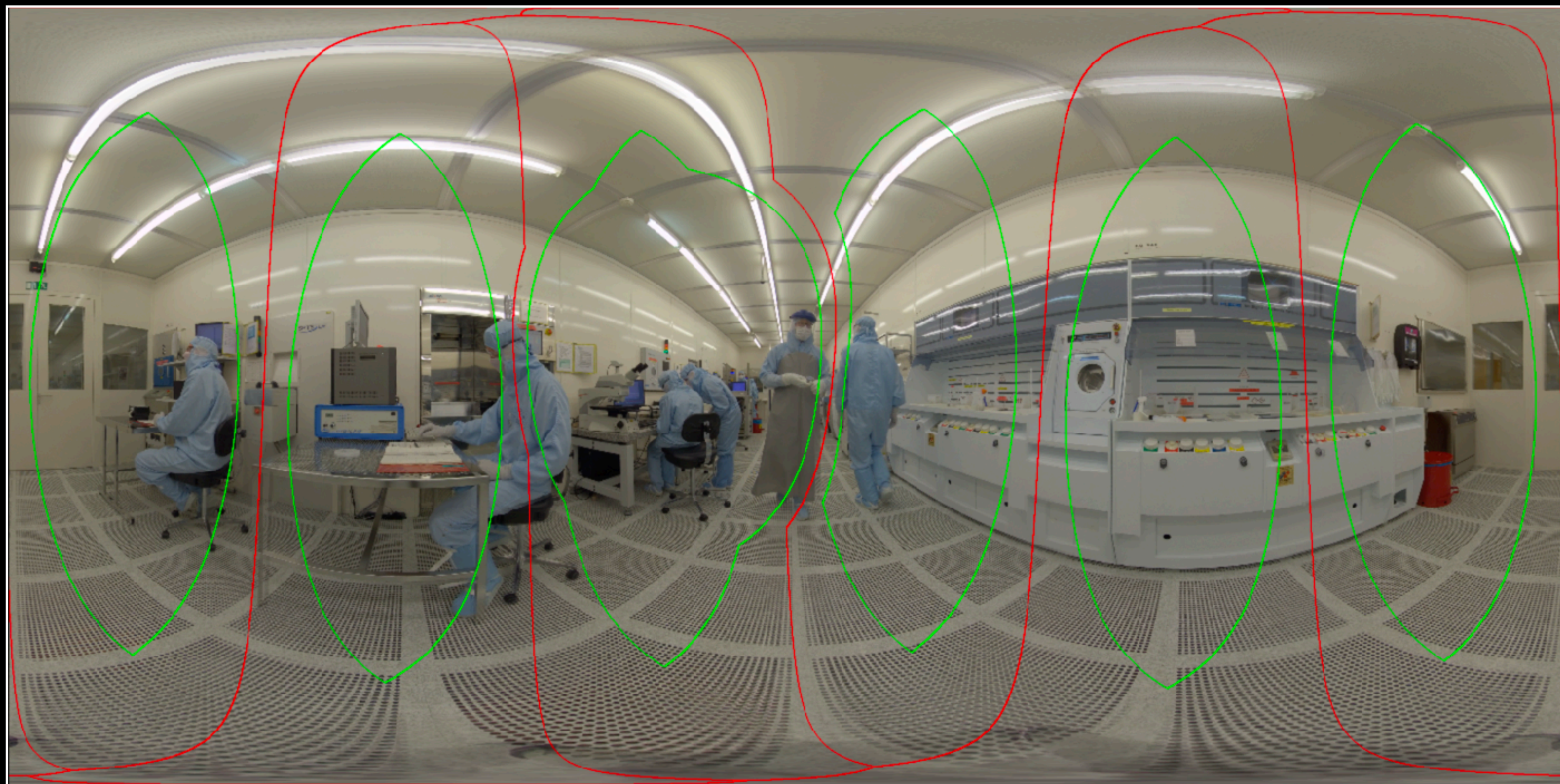
Mapping LatLong

Yaw: 152.000 Pitch: 0.000 Roll: 0.000

Focal Length: 0.000 Offset X: 0.000 Offset Y: 0.000

Undistort a: 0.000 Undistort b: 0.000 Undistort c: 0.000





Miscellaneous topics

- Resolution
- Zooming
- Wrapping
- Non-linear space
- Dynamic range
- Hiding
- Stereoscopic 360 video

State of the art: Resolution

4K



State of the art circa 2010
Commodity cameras per 2015

5.7K



Current commodity cameras

8K



Current state of the art

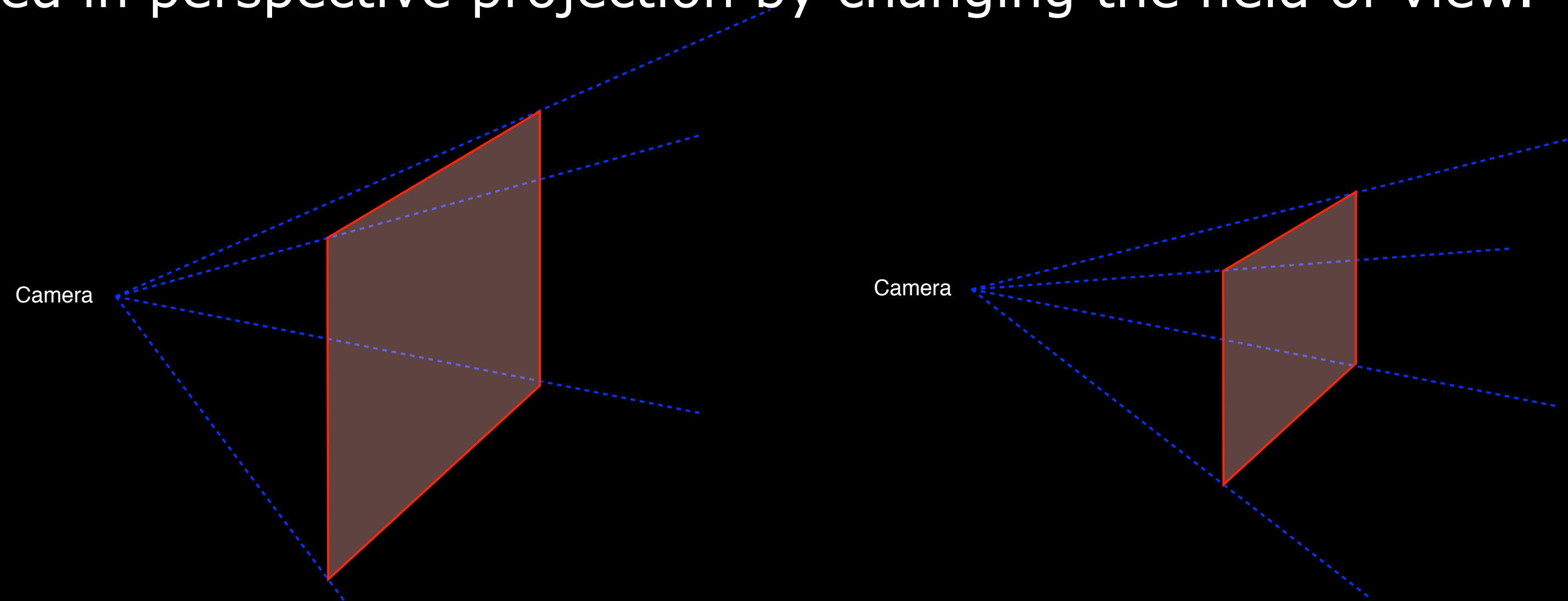
11K



Leading cameras

Miscellaneous topics - Zooming

- There is no such thing as a zoom.
Zoom is achieved in perspective projection by changing the field of view.



- To magnify something or to see more detail the camera needs to move closer towards it.
- Actually it is the notion of zoom in traditional film that is the strange case, our eyes cannot zoom in real life. So when one creates displays that are closer to the way we see the real world, we lose some of the artificial devices ... like zooming.

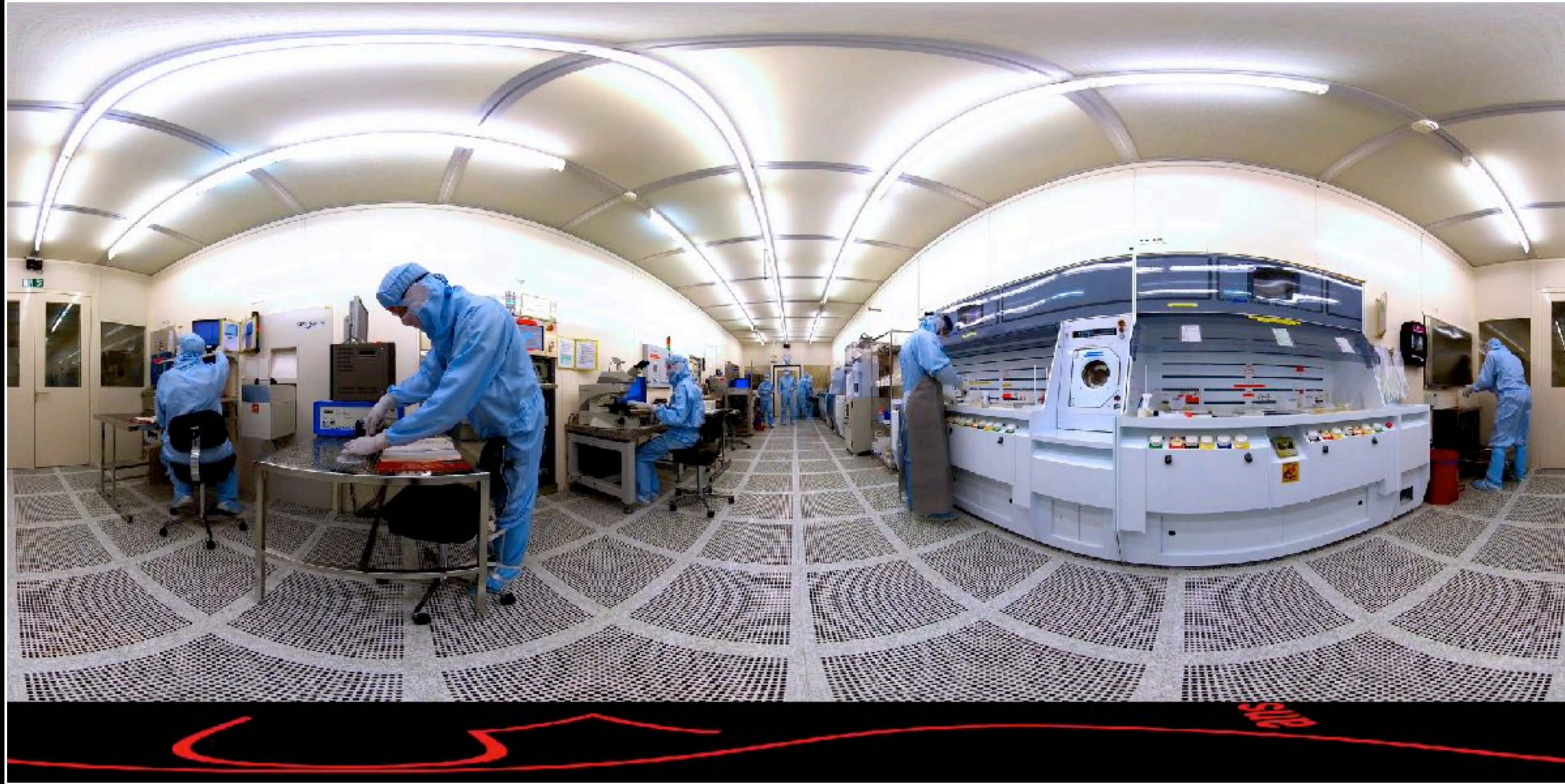
Miscellaneous topics - Wrapping

- Equirectangular images wrap horizontally so pixels to the right of the right edge are actually on the left edge.
- Need to be careful with imaging effects that affect neighbouring pixels. For example, colour changes generally don't, but operations like sharpening do.
- Compositing also needs to occur across the wrapping zone.
- Note also the expansion at the poles. Editing software needs to be equirectangular aware.



Miscellaneous topics - Nonlinear space





Miscellaneous topics - dynamic range

- Colour fidelity, depth and dynamic range more important than for standard limited field of view video.
- One is capturing everything, if outside during the day then the sun is always in shot.
- Increasingly once cameras get above 8K the more important metric is bit depth.

Miscellaneous topics - Hiding

- There is no place for the traditional shoot for boom mics, lighting, choreographer, director, etc.

Room for ambisonic microphone

Room for radially outfacing lights
or microphones



Stereoscopic (VR)

- Stereoscopic filming is a whole topic in itself and should start with a good understanding of stereoscopic theory for flat screens first.
- Obviously head mounted (VR) displays are geared to support this.
- Well understood for computer generated content (still not always done well!).
- Hugely problematic for video recording despite lots of camera rigs (including the Insta360Pro-2) supporting it.
- Quality is generally not of a high standard and is only accepted due to novelty and low user expectations.
- Happy to take questions on this now or later.

End - Questions?